

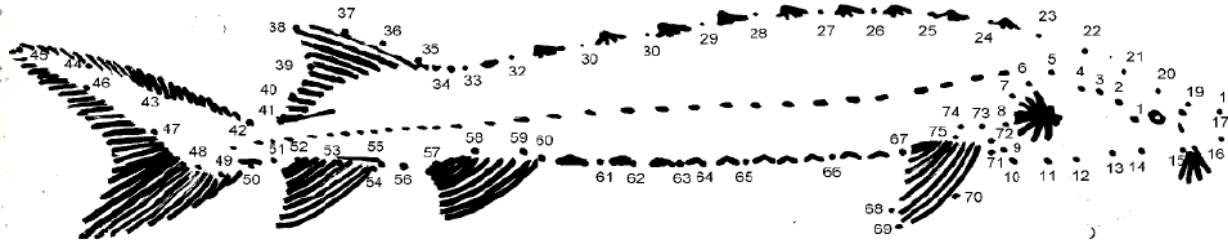
Nechako White Sturgeon—FACTS

- The white sturgeon has been around since the age of the dinosaurs
- The white sturgeon is the largest freshwater fish in North America
- It is ranked as **Critically Imperiled** by the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre and is an **Endangered Species** according to the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)
- The Nechako white sturgeon is unique from all other sturgeon in British Columbia
- A large white sturgeon can reach 3 metres in length and live to almost 100 years old
- There are less than 600 white sturgeon remaining in the Nechako Watershed
- White sturgeon do not begin spawning until they are between 15 and 30 years old. The lack of young sturgeon in the river means that a whole generation is already missing.



For more information on the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative visit:

<http://www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org/sturgeon/index.php>



The Vanderhoof Integris Credit Union Community Foundation promotes and provides charitable assistance that contributes to the vibrancy, sustainability and well being of the community as a whole. In 2009 the foundation contributed to the Nechako Figure Skating Club helping pay for a new sound system for the arena, supported Vanderhoof Minor Hockey with the purchase of a Trophy Cabinet and helped the Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Society purchase Extrication Equipment.

Thanks to the Vanderhoof Integris Credit Union Community Foundation. Its contributions have improved the quality of life in Vanderhoof and made our community a better place to live, work and play.

Visit www.vanderhoof.ca for more information, events and updates



Council Update—Councillor Louise Levy



It already has been 9 months since the municipal election and I continue to be amazed at how much is happening here in Vanderhoof. We are well into a long hot summer of exciting things happening around town.

I am fortunate to have both Recreation and Recycling as part of my responsibilities on Council. It has been my privilege to work with the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative group. This remarkable group of people is working very hard to get more recycling options for our community. They have put in a proposal to access funds from the Regional District for mixed paper and cardboard recycling. They have also received a grant from the Integris Credit Union Community Foundation to start providing milk and soy container recycling. A bin will be available starting this fall at the Bottle Depot with Encorp picking them up regularly, so start saving those containers. Proposals for educational presentations as well as a comprehensive community composting initiative are also being worked on.

This group welcomes new members. The next meeting is September 13. For more information, check out their Wiki site at <http://nvwri.ca/wiki>.

The District Summer Recreation programs are in full swing again this year. Young people of all ages are taking advantage of our well-organized, fun programs. Look for more information on what is still available inside this edition of the Updater as well as posters around town. Also take note of the upcoming Recreation and Leisure Fair on September 26th at McLeod Elementary School. More details are available on the District of Vanderhoof Web site at www.vanderhoof.ca.

The Rip'n the North Bike Club is another group that Council has supported. They have done an excellent job in establishing the new Skills Bike Park off of 7th Street. If you have not already had a chance drop by to see the great job they have done and see how much fun they are having there.

This summer has also seen the re-introduction of a Vanderhoof Farmer's Market. The market has a selection of local products that change weekly. Be sure to check it out on Thursdays from 12:00 to 5:00 PM at Riverside Park.

On August 21, 22 and 23, the Vanderhoof Fall Fair will take place at the Exhibition grounds featuring great events, displays and local vendors. The District of Vanderhoof will have a booth so drop by and take the opportunity to chat with Council members and staff.

If you miss us there, you are welcome to attend the next regular council meeting on September 9th @ 5:00 PM in the District Office Council Chambers.



Rip'n the North Bike Park located at the west end of 7th Street.

Visit our web site www.vanderhoof.ca for the complete Summer Guide

SunSational Summer Programs

Join In. Be Active. Have Fun!



Mondays

Drop in parks – FREE

Ferland Park

Time: 11:00am – 2:30pm.

Crafts from 11:00-12:30, lunch break is from 12:30-1:00 (please bring own lunch) and games are from 1:00-2:30

Age: Ages 6 and up unless accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free Bring your own lunch.

Aug 17- Slime Day - Jell-O tag and slime games, come down in old clothes and get messy with us!

Aug 24- Rock Painting- Come pick a rock or bring a rock to decorate or paint your own pet.

Tuesdays



Creative Arts – \$6

PRE-REGISTER- Snack's provided, Arts Unlimited Building from 11:00am-1:00pm, ages 6 and up

Aug 18 - Soap - Make your own soap, different shapes colors and fragrances!

Aug 25 - Sand Art - Come play in the sand! Make pictures and more using coloured sand!

Kids on the Move - FREE

Ages 8 and up, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Aug 18- Mini Golf - Come on down to Riverside and play a round of mini golf!

Aug 25- Ball Hockey - Drop in to the Vanderhoof Arena and get active with some fun Ball Hockey!

Wednesdays

Kids in the Kitchen - \$6

Please **PRE-REGISTER**

Vanderhoof Arena Mezzanine, 11:30am-1:30pm ,ages 6 and up, cost \$6

Aug 19 - Homemade Hamburgers and Dirt Cups

Aug 26- Pizza and Ice Cream



Thursdays

Aug 20- Exploration Place & Fort George Park - Exploration Place! & Fort George Park for an afternoon on the playground and water park, bring your bathing suit and lunch. Bus leaves NVSS parking lot at 9:00am and returns around 3:30pm. Ages 6 and up, \$12/person

PRE-REGISTER.

Aug 27 - Family Swim Trip to Four Seasons. Get your swim suit and get ready to swim the day away. Bring your own lunch! 9:00 - 4:30. **PRE-REGISTER** Bus leaves NVSS at 9:00am and returns around 4:30pm. Ages 8 & up unless accompanied by an adult. Children under 3 are free with one paying adult. All families are welcome! \$10/ person.



Fridays

Aug 21 - Waterslide Vanderhoof Style- Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. No need to register. Join us at Evelyn Dickson Elementary School from 1:00-3:00. All ages. **FREE!**

Aug 28 - Bowling - 5 Pin and 10 Pin Bowling. The Vanderhoof Bowling Alley. 10am-2pm. Everyone welcome! Come down with family and friends and end summer with a bowling blast! 5 pin \$2:50, 10 pin \$3:00, Shoes \$0.50

Special Events:

August 22 (Saturday) -Beginner Horse Riding Day Camp - Have you always wanted to learn how to ride horses? Come Join Courtney Volts in a 4 hour horse riding camp at the Riverside Stables. There will be snacks and prizes provided, and one adult leader for every two kids. Maximum of 10 kids so **PRE-REGISTER** at the District of Vanderhoof to guarantee a spot. (Liability waiver must be filled out by parents); Ages 8-13 \$65/person. Call 250-567-7976 for more information.



Drop in Ball Hockey 6:30pm - 8:30pm -Teens/Adults drop in at the Vanderhoof Arena on Wednesday nights for Ball Hockey.

Recreation and Leisure Fair

Best Booth Awards!

Saturday, September 26, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

McLeod Elementary

Check out what Vanderhoof has to offer.

Register with your favorite sports and fine arts organizations, take advantage of equipment swaps, pick up concert tickets and much more...

Door prizes !!

Free Admission!

Register your volunteer, leisure, cultural and recreational groups at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office by August 26th

District of Vanderhoof Grant Writer

Is your organization or society looking for funding assistance with a community project?

Contact Fiona Lamprecht at 250-567-1172 or grantwriter@telus.net



Arena Update

There has been plenty going on in the arena since the ice was taken out in March.

• An overhead roll up 12' x 14' door was installed on the east side of the building. We can now accommodate semi trucks and trailers. This door was very useful for the tradeshow, high school graduation as well as the circus that came to town.

• The timekeeper's booth has been rebuilt with a media centre. This will benefit all ice users and their photographers.

• The old ammonia refrigeration plant has been removed and we are in the process of installing the new environmentally friendly Freon 507A ice plant.

- Modifications to the public washrooms in the lobby as well as in the mezzanine, the old counter tops have been cleaned up and a special rhino lining put on.
- The Zamboni room as well as the net storage area is prepped and ready to rhino line after the new ice plant is installed.
- The acrylic that was in the south end of the arena will be replaced with temper glass once the new brine headers are installed.

Farmers Market

Every Thursday from 12:00 noon until 5:00pm at Riverside Park - Local produce and products



The Museum's newest addition the Smithers House is finished and ready for visitors

Council Meeting Notes - August 12, 2009

Community Accord Council agreed to the Memorandum of Understanding detailing the commitments from each of the partners of the Community Accord. Administration was instructed to help identify possible commitments from the District.

Vanderhoof Emergency Preparedness Bylaw Council gave first three readings to the bylaw to provide a comprehensive management program to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters.

Economic Development Strategy Council endorsed the Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to conduct visioning sessions and prepare an Economic Development Strategy for the District.

Disposal of used equipment Council approved the disposal of a number of pieces of older equipment that have been replaced with new. The old equipment will be sold at public auction at a later date.

Pool Committee Council approved \$5,000 for the Pool Committee to use as needed. Council also approved an expression of interest be developed for consulting services to assist the pool committee with a feasibility study, gathering public support, helping with planning and operations, a facility design and preparation for a referendum for a Vanderhoof Community Pool. This approach has been used by other communities that have had community pools built.

Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Society Council agreed to send a letter of support for the VVES's funding applications for a new rescue truck. Council will also raise the issue of ongoing funding for the VVES at the Regional District.

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