

Car Cutting Ceremony

The Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Association invites you to attend a Car Cutting Ceremony. This is to thank our donors and have a public demonstration of the capabilities of our new extrication equipment. Come out and see the new Jaws of Like equipment in action.



Saturday October 3rd, 2009
11:00 am—12:00 noon
Co-Op Parking Lot

Fire Prevention Week October 4th to 10th

On October 6th at 6:00 pm the Fire Department will be sounding the Fire Siren for 30 seconds. When the siren goes off take the opportunity to practice your House Fire Escape Plan. Visit our website www.vanderhoof.ca for more events.



"Reproduced from NFPA's Fire Prevention Week Web site 2009 NFPA."
www.firepreventionweek.org

Local Funding Opportunity!

The Vanderhoof **Success By 6**® committee is looking for projects to fund!



The Vanderhoof **Success By 6**® committee is inviting local groups who need help with projects that improve outcomes for children and their families, develop and encourage community partnerships around child development, increase community collaboration and sharing of resources and/or improve access to services to apply for this funding.

Completion of a straightforward application is required. The applications, due by **November 15, 2009**, will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of members of the local **Success By 6**® committee, and funding will be distributed by mid-December.

Applications are available for pick-up at the Public Library (230 E. Stewart St.) and at Nechako Valley Community Services (157 W. Victoria St.). They can also be accessed on-line by emailing a request to the Success By 6® coordinator, Wendy Clement at wendy44@telus.net or call (250)567-3906.

Success By 6® in BC is a joint initiative of the United Way, Credit Unions of BC, the BC Government, and community leaders. The initiative is dedicated to ensuring that children ages 0 to 6 have access to programs that support their healthy growth and development.

Airport Upgrades

The District has received approval for additional funds to perform further upgrades to the airport. A new weather observation system and an automated aircraft tracing system will be installed. The District will also have an Airport Development Plan done to establish more use of the airport lands.

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



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Message from Council

Fall has returned and cooler weather is upon us. Vanderhoof has enjoyed one of our warmer summers in recent memory.

Over the past few months Council has spent a fair bit of time working on issues of safety in our community.

You will probably have heard of concerns this school year regarding children walking on Fourth Street on their way to Evelyn Dickson School. This is troubling for Council, we have plans to see Fourth Street upgraded first thing next spring. There are plans for a proper sidewalk, the intersection crosswalk on



Nechako Avenue will be highlighted better, the road will be widened and street lighting will be installed, all of which will make it much safer for pedestrians.

The District was able to purchase property on a section of road known as the 'S' corners of Silversmith Ave. We plan to build a sidewalk and straighten out the road. Many of you walk that part of our community while you're out there, stop by the Museum and take a look at the Smithers house and the work being done on the new Heritage Park.

We have received comments on the traffic changes at the corner of Hwy 16 and Burrard. Council has spent a lot of time working with the Ministry of Highways and consulting with businesses in the area. Work should be completed by the end of October, so please let us know your thoughts once work is completed. The changes are intended to make it safer for those who use that major intersection on a daily basis.

Council continues to liaise with the RCMP and to address your safety concerns. Make sure that you stay informed about how to make our community as safe as possible and report any concerns you have to Council. We have been looking at technology such as FlashCams designed to curb vandalism and working with organizations such as Crime Watch. Council wants us all to be able to enjoy our wonderful community.

In closing on behalf of Council I would like to congratulate Marianne Funk, Kathy Fitzpatrick and the many others who worked hard this summer to build the bike park at the end of Seventh Street. This is a great asset for our town. We have already had television crews filming it! This is a great way of getting our youth involved in a fun outdoor activity.

Remember we want to hear from you, email me at mayor@district.vanderhoof.ca or join us for our Council meetings which are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 5pm. The next regular Council meeting is Wednesday October 14th.

Thanks Mayor Gerry Thiessen

Join In. Be Active. Have Fun!



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

Recreation and Leisure Fair—2009

The District of Vanderhoof would like to thank all the participants, volunteers and visitors who attended this year's 2009 Recreation & Leisure Fair. The Fair was a great success with over 200 attendees and 21 different booths. We would also like to thank the Vanderhoof Co-op for their continued support as well as the McLeod Elementary School for the use of the Gymnasium again this year.



Councillors Little and Carpenter promote the Pool Committee at the Leisure Fair

Congratulations to Nordic Skiing on their first place win for best booth and the HSP Ranch and Vanderhoof District 4-H in their tie for 2nd on best booth as well. First place won \$100.00 Vanderhoof Dollars and 2nd place winners both received a \$50.00 gift certificate donated by the Vanderhoof Co-op. Thank you once again to all the participants for the wonderful support and ongoing volunteer work you do for your community.

Katimavik



Eleven Katimavik volunteers will arrive in Vanderhoof on Oct 7th. They will be volunteering with different groups and businesses in the community.

On Thursday October 15th there will be a "Welcome to Vanderhoof" meet and greet at the Bean on Burrard at 7pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and come and say hello. Everyone is welcome!

During their stay here each participant be billeted for one week living with a Vanderhoof family will give the Katimavik participants an opportunity to experience our culture and life style. If you are interested in billeting one of these volunteers during the week of November 30th – Dec 6th please contact :Tristan at vanderhoof@katimavik-bcyk.org or 250-567-2172.

Woodheat and the Air We Breathe

The leaves are changing and winter is around the corner. With the woodshed full of dry firewood and the chimney swept clean, we're ready for the coming cold. Wood heat is an affordable, reliable and pleasurable way to heat our homes. But while we enjoy the fire, we should also be aware of the smoke.

Wood smoke from residential heating is one of several sources of air pollution and is a localized concern as the smoke is created right in the neighbourhoods where we live and breathe. During inversions when the air doesn't vent, all that smoke hovers in the valley bottoms and contributes to respiratory health problems. So, what can you do if you want to enjoy your fire and also be a good neighbour this winter?

It starts with properly seasoned firewood. Firewood should be bucked, split, stacked and covered for at least six months to be ready to burn. When wood is too green so much energy is used to evaporate the water that the fire can't get hot enough to burn clean. To minimize smoke, try to get the stove good and hot as quickly as possible, and don't damp it down too soon. A "top-down" fire is a great way to start a fire with minimal smoke. Some good tips can be found at www.woodheat.org.

And if you're still using an old, inefficient wood stove, then you can burn 1/3 less firewood, reduce risks of chimney fire and produce up to 90% less smoke by upgrading to a new EPA emission-certified wood stove or pellet stove. The Regional District Bulkley Nechako and the BVLD Airshed Management Society have rebates adding to \$750 when you exchange your wood stove. These rebates are first-come, first-serve and will only be available until next spring.

Don't miss out! Visit a local retailer, contact the Woodstove X-Change Hotline at (250)847-7256, or email Colin.Macleod@gov.bc.ca to find out how you can use less wood, be good to your neighbourhood, and enjoy the fire this winter!



Council Meeting Notes - September 9, 2009

FlashCam Deterrent System Council considered a request from the RCMP to review the possibility of purchasing a FlashCAM Deterrent System. This system is a portable camera that is used successfully in other municipalities to deter vandalism. Council will ask the Chamber of Commerce Board for their input as well as ask the RCMP to come to a future Council meeting to discuss this idea further.

Vanderhoof Emergency Preparedness Bylaw Council gave final readings to District of Vanderhoof Emergency Measures Regulatory Bylaw No. 1047. The bylaw provides a comprehensive management program to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters.

Fireworks Regulation Bylaw Council gave first three readings to District of Vanderhoof Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 1059. This bylaw prohibits the sale and use of fireworks within the District of Vanderhoof without prior consent of Council.

Council Meeting Notes - September 23, 2009

2010 Hooterville Hoot Car Show Organizers made a presentation to Council. They are looking at making the car show a family event. Next year's event is scheduled for June 6th and will be held at Riverside Park.

Senior Housing Council agreed to waive the building permit fee for the Nechako View Senior Citizen Home Society's new three plex. The society has received a grant from the federal government to provide affordable seniors' housing in Vanderhoof.

Waste Reduction Week On the request of the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative Mayor Thiessen declared October 19-25 as *Waste Reduction Week in Vanderhoof*. This coincides with National Waste Reduction Week in Canada. This year's theme is *Too Good to Waste*.

Figure Skating Competition Council agreed to help support the Nechako Figure Skating Club's "Cariboots and Blades Competition" by reducing the cost of the ice by 50% for the weekend of the event. This is a regional event that will bring many visitors to Vanderhoof for the weekend.

Omineca Ice Council postponed discussion on the Omineca Ice's request for a reduction in ice costs as well as their request to hold a beer garden in a sectioned off portion of the stands during games. Council will discuss this again at the October 14th Regular Meeting of Council.

Fireworks Bylaw Council gave final reading and passed the District of Vanderhoof Fireworks Regulation Bylaw. The bylaw prohibits the sale or discharge of fireworks within municipal boundaries. Fireworks displays will be permitted when approved by the Fire Chief.

Tax Exemptions Council gave three readings to the District of Vanderhoof Tax Exemption Bylaw. This bylaw provides tax exemptions for non-profit and churches permitted under the Community Charter. Council will consider final reading of this bylaw at the October 28th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

Learn to Skate Instructor Needed

The District of Vanderhoof Recreation Department is looking for a Learn to Skate instructor please contact our Recreation Coordinator Sarrah Storey for more information. (250)567-4711

Gymnastics

There will be a 6 week gymnastics program every Saturday with instructor Lan Gill starting Oct 17th and ending Nov 21st at Northside Christian School. Times will be subject to number of classes per group. Parent and Tot ages 2-3 \$30.00, ages 4-5 \$35.00, ages 6-8 \$40.00 beginner & \$42.00.00 intermediate, ages 9-12 \$45.00 beginner & \$47.00 intermediate and teens and cheerleading \$52.00, classes will all run with 2 or more classes depending on registration. **Please register at the District of Vanderhoof office by Oct 13th.** For more information please call Sarrah Storey at (250)-567-4711.