



Waste Reduction Guide

Where to take it:

What: Paper, Newspaper, Cardboard
Where: Blue (paper) & Grey (cardboard) bins next to Co-op Grocery Store

What: Tin Cans, Metal, Appliances
Where: Vanderhoof Transfer Station

What: Items for Donation
Where: Act II Thrift Shop or Vanderhoof Transfer Station – Reuse Shed

What: Yard Waste
Where: Vanderhoof Compost Site (across from Maxine's Greenhouses)

What: Beverage and Milk Containers
Where: NVSS Bottle Depot

Other products & regional recycling information:
www.NechakoWRI.ca



Nechako **Waste Reduction Initiative**
 Vanderhoof, BC contact@NechakoWRI.ca

NECHAKO WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVE: FRIDGE MAGNETS

Recycling options in Vanderhoof made easy.

Did you know that on average only 18% of the stuff you put in your garbage is actual garbage? The remaining 82% can be recycled. The Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative (NWRI) has developed a handy fridge magnet that shows where the majority of regular household and yard waste can currently be recycled in Vanderhoof; coming to your mailbox soon. They will also be available at the Vanderhoof Public Library.

The NWRI, part of the Nechako Healthy Community Alliance, is a group of volunteers dedicated to waste reduction in our area. The NWRI receives the majority of their funding from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact them at contact@NechakoWRI.ca.



SISTERS IN SPIRIT VIGIL

The RCMP have listed eighteen women as officially missing or murdered along Highway 16 now dubbed as the Highway of Tears. The majority of these women are Aboriginal and communities along the highway state the number of women missing and murdered is significantly higher. The Native Women's Association of Canada has designated October 4 as a national day to honour missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

Vanderhoof, for the second year in a row, is hosting an event on that day. All community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about this issue, to show support to our Aboriginal communities and to give honour to the lives of Aboriginal women affected by violence.

A vigil will be held on Monday, October 4 at the bottom of Kenney Dam Road starting at 5:00 pm. Speeches and drumming will occur and then all will walk to Neighbourhood Space at 183 1st Street. At six o'clock a play will be presented at Neighbourhood Space followed by a supper. The whole event is free, and all are welcome.

For more information please contact Susan at Nechako Valley Community Services, 250-567-9205.

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The charred trees offer a striking background to the vibrantly coloured fireweed plants growing at the Greer Creek fire site.
Photo by Rod Nelson

COUNCIL MESSAGE



Councillor Louise Levy

With the return of the geese and the changing leaves, signs are everywhere that summer is over and fall has arrived. After a long, hot summer filled with many fun activities yet way too much smoke, I welcome the change in season.

Council will be attending the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention in late September. This is where we have the opportunity to pass along the concerns and needs of our community to provincial representatives, and to discuss various issues with other elected officials at the municipal level.

I am pleased to report that landscaping at the Vanderhoof Community Museum is finished. Be sure to go for a walk on the new trail behind the museum. Improvements to the Highway 16 Park have been made to better accommodate RV's. Free Wi-Fi is available in Riverside Campground. Check the information kiosk at Riverside Park for important messages.

Council continues to work with local groups to improve our community. We have recently created a Community Profile for people and businesses interested in our town. We also work closely with the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is having its AGM on October 5 and is seeking local business people to put forward their names to run for Director positions.

Research on ways to improve our recycling opportunities continue. The mixed paper and cardboard bins behind the Co-op are being well utilized. Thank you to all those dedicated recyclers out there. Your efforts are making a difference in reducing the demand on our landfill.

As a participating community of the Measuring up the North initiative, we have agreed to create a "liveable, age-friendly, disability-friendly, universally designed, inclusive community that benefits all citizens and visitors". Accordingly, Council supports a recommendation to apply to the Federal Government's "Enabling Accessibility Funding" program for the majority of the funds needed to increase physical accessibility to Municipal-owned public buildings (Municipal Office, Courthouse and Arena). If granted, the improvements would begin next year.

Regular Council meetings are held at 5:00 pm the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend; hope to see you there!

Councillor Louise Levy

QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Community Recreation & Leisure Guide** is ready for pick up at any of these locations - District of Vanderhoof, Chamber of Commerce, Co-op, Extra Foods, Vanderhoof Public Library, and Canada Post.

- **Pro-D Day - October 22 - Swim Trip** - All ages welcome. Ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bus leaves at 9am, and returns at 4:30pm. Pack a lunch!

- **Trivia Night - October 30**. Contact any Kinette for details.

- **The Great Pumpkin Walk and Fireworks October 31**, at Riverside Park. Starting at 5pm. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

September 8, 2010

Council agreed to include land owned within the municipality by the non-profit organization Ducks Unlimited in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for 2011. The Permissive Tax Exemption will be considered by Council at the September 22 Regular Meeting of Council.

Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Murray Ridge Ski Area's application to the Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society for the development of a Terrain Park and 4X Course for skiers and snowboarders.

Council received a petition from residents of Rivett Lane requesting that the lane be paved. Council agreed to pave Rivett Lane subject to the availability of grant funds.

Council approved an application to the Federal Government's Enabling Accessibility Funding program in the amount of \$25,623.00 to be used to increase public accessibility to municipal owned buildings. The municipality will contribute \$8,541.00 towards this project, which will go ahead next year if funding is granted.

Council agreed to postpone the paving of Fourth Street until 2011 in order to allow the ground to properly settle. This will help ensure the new pavement lasts for many years.

Council will ask the Ministry of Forests and Range to provide an audit/debriefing of both the Binta Lake and Greer Creek wildfires. They will be asking for an explanation of current fire fighting practices.

September 22, 2010

Council gave approval to the Nechako Valley Motors Sports Association to use the Vanderhoof Airport for a drag race again next year. This year's event was reported as very successful and they hope to expand the event next year.

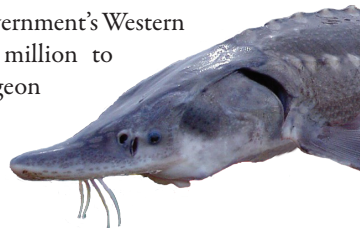
A request to pave the alley behind Scott Foods was deferred to the 2011 Budget. There is not enough set aside in this year's budget to do the work. Council will consider this request early next year.

There was also a request from the residents of Speedway and Ray Streets requesting that their road be upgraded. This was also deferred to next year's budget.

Council gave approval to the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce to use Riverside Park for their Great Pumpkin Walk. This is a great annual community event with fireworks.

Council gave first three readings to the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw. This bylaw provides a property tax exemptions to eligible non-profit organizations.

Council agreed to support an application to the Federal Government's Western Diversification Partnership Agreement requesting \$1.5 million to be used towards the cost of constructing a White Sturgeon Recovery Centre. This is a very preliminary application and if successful will be used in partnership with other funding that would be used to build a recovery facility.



UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:00 pm Wednesday

OCTOBER 13

OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER 10

UPCOMING EVENTS

• CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

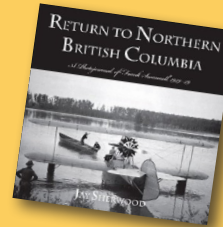
October 5, 6:00pm

Everyone welcome. Contact the Chamber for more info: 250-567-2414

• BOOK LAUNCH •

Author Jay Sherwood returns to launch his latest book "Return to Northern BC: a Photojournal of Frank Swannell 1929 - 1939".

Everyone welcome. Vanderhoof Public Library, October 13, 7:00pm.



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VANDERHOOF COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Vanderhoof Community Profile is designed to provide information to those interested in relocating to our community, or for potential investors. It provides information on demographics, real estate, labour force and income levels, economic sectors, transportation options, utilities, as well as quality of life issues and key contacts.

Since finalizing this document at the end of August, we have shared it with two potential new investors into our community and we anticipate it being well used over the next year. Our intention is to review this document annually and update as necessary.

The newest version of the document is available in hard copy from the Municipal Office, or on-line at <http://pics.vanderhoof.ca/edc.html>.

COMMUNITIES FIRST AGREEMENT

The Province of BC and the District of Vanderhoof have signed an agreement that will support Vanderhoof's economic development. The Communities First Agreement is an innovative approach to economic development that is being piloted in a number of communities across BC. Several priority projects have been identified including an educational component focusing on aviation, health care and mining/mineral exploration opportunities; supporting and developing our manufacturing and tourism sectors; exploring more productive use of airport lands, and; attracting investment and improving the business climate.

For more information contact Kathie LaForge, Economic Development Officer for the District of Vanderhoof, 250-567-4711.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Annual General Meeting October 5

The Chamber of Commerce AGM is October 5. All business owners and managers are encouraged to put their names forward for Director positions. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information, 250-567-2124.

HIGHWAY 16 PARK

The District of Vanderhoof wishes to acknowledge the funding support offered by BC Hydro and Tree Canada to allow us to purchase and plant the many trees and shrubs at the Highway 16 Park. The park is designed to encourage motorists to pull off Highway 16, which will hopefully lead to them exploring and shopping in our community.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: RECREATION POSITIONS

The District of Vanderhoof Recreation Department is seeking applicants for various recreation positions.

- Gymnastics Instructor for fall-winter 2010-2011. Part-time position.
- Skating Instructor for fall-winter 2010-2011. Part-time position.
- Casual Helper for special events i.e Pro-D Days (Swim trips, field trips, etc), Holidays, Spring Break. Suitable for high school students or those looking for casual work.

Ashley Kuznak Raby at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office at 250-567-4711 or by email at recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca



Highway 16 Park, the newest planted green space in Vanderhoof.