



## Paper and Cardboard Recycling

There are two bins, one for cardboard and one for paper located behind the Co-Op. The grey bin is for cardboard and the blue bin is for all mixed paper, including magazines, newspaper, office paper, wrapping paper, etc. Sort your cardboard separately, and everything else can go together in the blue bin.

The openings for the bins face the tracks.

You can drive through to Co-Op parking lot at the front of the mall and out through the back by the Co-Op Home Centre. Stay to the right as you go through.

The paper bin is open all the time and the cardboard bin is open during Co-Op's regular hours.

The Recycling Bins are a joint partnership with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako, the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative and Co-Op.

**(Not accepted in either bin:** Waxed cardboard (milk cartons, tetra packs, etc.), food contaminated products.) The waxed cardboard drink products can be recycled at NVSS Bottle Depot.



## Ready, Set, Learn Children's Fun Fair

Saturday, March 6th from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Gospel Chapel Gymnasium  
(2210 Rainbow Avenue)



Come and enjoy interactive activities, games, inflatable bouncy tents, balloons, face painting, Scooter and Blooberry the clowns, prizes, free healthy lunch, service provider information and activity booths for all pre-school aged children!

Please contact Wendy for more information at 250-567-3906 or email: [wendy44@telus.net](mailto:wendy44@telus.net)



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[www.successby6bc.ca](http://www.successby6bc.ca)



The Ready, Set, Learn Children's Fun Fair is a partnership between Success by 6 Vanderhoof, the District Recreation Department, SD 91's Ready Set Learn program and StrongStart, with funding assistance from Make Children First



## Council Meeting Notes - January 27, 2010

Councillor Levy reported that the Riverside Park Committee has finalized the survey questions on use of Riverside Park. Katimavik volunteers will be helping the committee conduct a phone survey on February 20, 2010.

Councillor Little reported that the Pool Committee received four responses to the request for proposal for a consultant to assist the committee with a feasibility study for an indoor pool in Vanderhoof.

Councillor French reported that the Vanderhoof Public

Library has completed a draft strategic plan. The Historical Society held their AGM and have a new president.

Council adopted the District of Vanderhoof Water Conservation Strategy. This strategy will provide guidance and direction on the use of water within the District of Vanderhoof over the coming years. The plan calls for strategies that will ensure that there is an adequate supply of potable water.

## Council Meeting Notes - February 10, 2010

Council agreed to hire a consultant to perform a feasibility study for an indoor pool in Vanderhoof. The consultant will assist with garnering public input into the design of a pool as well as provide costs for the building and operation of a pool. It is expected that the feasibility study will be done by the end of summer.

Council gave final reading to amend the Official Com-

munity Plan with goals and objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHC) in Vanderhoof. The plan includes goals of promoting the farmers market, encouraging more walking and cycling in the community, implementing a water conservation strategy, creating idle free zones and encouraging energy retrofit of 90% efficiency in 75% of buildings in the downtown core.



## Signing of the Community Accord

The Spirit of Vanderhoof Demonstration Project officially kicked off with Mayor Gerry Thiessen and Saik'uz First Nation Chief Jackie Thomas jointly reading the Community Accord. There were opportunities for members of both communities to sign the Accord after the speeches during the Torch Relay Celebration on January 30th

## Murray Ridge Ski Trip Friday, February 26th

Enjoy a day out skiing or snowboarding!  
(Snow and weather permitting) Ages 12 and up  
Meet at the NVSS gym parking lot at 8:30 am  
\$5 dollar bus fee and \$15 day pass. Equipment rentals are \$15  
**Pre-register at the District of Vanderhoof office by  
Tuesday, February, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Last run is at 3:00 pm students must be on the bus by 3:30 pm  
Concession will be open, please bring a lunch or lunch money

**Call the District of Vanderhoof at 250-567-4711  
to register or for more information**



## Upcoming Regular Council Meetings:

District Council  
Chambers  
5:00 pm  
Wednesday  
March 10, 2010  
March 24, 2010  
April 14, 2010

# District of Vanderhoof Recreation Day Friday, February 26th

**Murray Ridge Ski Trip** (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)  
(Snow and weather permitting) Room for 52 students ages 12 and up. Meet at the NVSS gym parking lot at 8:30am. \$5 dollar bus fee and \$15 day pass. Equipment rentals are \$15.  
Pre-register at the District of Vanderhoof's office by Tuesday, February, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Last run is at 3:00 p.m. students must be on the bus by 3:30 p.m.  
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*\* Rules given by leaders are to protect and guarantee safety for all students and leaders. Participants who do not follow the rules will be sent home without a refund, and will not be allowed to participate or sign up for further programs. Bullying, profanity and illegal substances will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will result in a call home. It will be the parent's responsibility to find a way home for their child.*

**Kindercamp** (9:00 am -11:30 am)  
This Crazy Little Preschool (15 spots available)  
Olympic activities, make your own Olympic torch pictures and paintings  
Ages 3-8, cost \$6

**Books, Cook and Gook** (12:30 pm - 3:00 pm)  
This Crazy Little Preschool (15 spots available)  
Olympic activities, make gold medal cookies  
Ages 3-8, cost \$6

*\* All day option \$20.00 per child, please bring snack for your child and dress for outside play.  
Please note "This Crazy Little Pre-School" has moved to 2371 Burrard Ave located above NuGrowth Therapeutics.*



## Torch Relay Coloring Contest Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the Torch Relay Colouring Contest and great job on all the entries!

Age 11 Madison M from Sinkutview

Age 8 Landon D from Prairiedale  
Age 5 Sarah Gill

And Dalin W from Prairiedale who won the pizza party for his class!



**Vanderhoof Public Library** (10:30 am - 1:30am)  
"Tropical Vacation" theme  
Stories, Crafts & Games  
For more information call 250-567-4060 or email Jenn at: vhpjlb@telus.net  
Free. No registration required, ages 5 and up

**Bowling** (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)  
Vanderhoof Bowling Lanes  
All ages \$2.50 a game  
Free Shoe Rentals!

**Drop in Hockey** (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)  
Vanderhoof Arena  
Admission \$5.00

**Loonie Skate** (1:30 pm - 3:00 pm)  
Vanderhoof Arena. Everyone welcome!  
Ice Scooters are available for children needing help skating  
Admission \$1.00

**Grand Reo Theatre** (3:00 pm matinee)  
Please stay tuned for which movie will be playing!  
"Tooth Fairy" or "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief"  
Both rated PG  
Cost \$4.00

**Call 250-567-4711 to register  
or for more information**



# District of Vanderhoof Updater

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**Councillor  
Jack French**

## Council Update

Council has embarked on an ambitious Economic Development Plan which will have, over time, major implications for Vanderhoof.

This is an important initiative as projections clearly indicate a continuing decline in population as people age and the youth continue to leave. The economy of the region is heavily dependent on the forest industry and we have been well served, but as a result we are also vulnerable to problems that occur in this one industry.

Council hired Peak Solutions Consulting Inc. to help develop the plan. We have been working through the process since last August, including putting out proposals, choosing the consulting team, assessing the current state of affairs, consulting with the community, and now finalizing the plan.

The plan will mesh with our Official Community Plan and our local Energy Plan. We will also work with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako, the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, and the Northern BC Tourism Association.

The summarized mission of the plan is to enable existing and new businesses to do well. The goal is to enhance the

local infrastructure for business and residents and to establish partnerships and programs.

The 12 initiatives fall into two categories:

**Foundations:** Improve the business climate; ensure land and infrastructure services are available; grow the economic importance of education; support infrastructure and services critical to the quality of life and to attract 'amenity migrants'; Improve regional transportation infrastructure; and develop a collaborate regional sustainability approach.

**Projects:** Support agriculture diversification and stability; capitalize on the growing mining sector; grow and diversify tourism activities; assist in manufacturing development; foster business development at the airport; and develop a community brand.

This is the most comprehensive attempt yet at an Economic Development Plan for Vanderhoof, and its success will be determined by the degree of follow-up activities that occur. The final plan has yet to be completed, once done the priorities will be established with the cost for each initiative and the timelines for implementation.

There is much work ahead but the future of this community looks brighter already as a result of this plan-in-the-making. Many more details are available by reading the 8 page Executive Summary or the 90 page draft plan available online at [www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca)

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**Crowds gathered on Burrard Street to cheer on Vanderhoof's Torch Bearers**

## Torch Relay Celebration

The Torch Relay brought out many Vanderhoof residents January 30th . A big thank you to all who helped out! Over 300 people attended the celebration at the arena.