

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

January 11, 2012

Council adopted District of Vanderhoof Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1107, 2011 which changes the meeting dates and times for the Council meetings. Starting in February Council meetings will move to Monday night at 5:30 pm. Regular Council meetings are the second and fourth Mondays, while Committee of the Whole meetings are on the third Monday.

Council adopted District of Vanderhoof Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1105, 2011, which now permits a Veterinary Hospital in the Commercial Zone.

Council gave preliminary approval to the Pool Committee to receive a budget of \$25,000 for a Pool Referendum, final approval will be given once a full budget is presented to Council.

Council approved that the date for the Community Centre Committee to report back to Council be extended to May 31, 2012.

Council gave approval for the District of Vanderhoof to provide a letter of support to Northern Development Initiatives Trust application for funding to the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation to develop a new regionally focused investment attraction web portal for the north-central interior in 2012. They also approved that the District of Vanderhoof commit \$3,500.00 from its NDI Collaborative Funding for 2012 towards the development of an investment attraction web portal for the north-central interior.

Funding requests from Nechako Valley Search & Rescue and Rip'n the North Bike Park were deferred to budget discussions in February.

## VANDERHOOF MILK & MILK PRODUCT CONTAINER RECYCLING



Have you heard the phrase "wash & squash"? How about "capless, cleaned & crushed"? Or "swish & squish"? These are just a few of the slogans milk producers across the country are using to encourage and promote milk container recycling in their provinces.

Milk container recycling has been available in Vanderhoof since 2010 at the NVSS Bottle Depot. This includes both plastic and cardboard milk, cream and soy containers. The program, which is categorized as a voluntary stewardship program, relies on the goodwill of people to return their milk containers for recycling. There is no levy paid at the checkout when you purchase milk, and therefore no refund when you return it.

To recycle your milk containers, please be sure to rinse them well and remove the caps. Then flatten the containers and bring them to the NVSS Bottle Depot with your other bottles and cans for recycling.

The NVSS Bottle Depot is located at 294 East Third Street. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday & Friday, 11am to 5pm; Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Please only drop off your recycling during business hours. Thanks for doing your part!

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:30 pm Mondays

**FEBRUARY 27**

**MARCH 12**

### • REMINDER •

Council Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.



### • PUBLIC NOTICE • DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF

The **Public Pool Meeting** scheduled for February 22, 2012 has been **postponed**.

### • IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THEIR ANCESTORS •

Free slideshow by Craig Hooper  
Saturday Feb. 25 in the Library  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Everyone is Welcome!

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This winter has been wonderful for backyard skating rinks and playing in the snow. We have also had our first major cold snap of the year, which produced some very chilly days and frozen pipes for many. From top to bottom: Paul Hartwig, Georgia Wilkinson, Suzanne Campbell.

Email your best photo of Signs of Spring to [updater@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:updater@district.vanderhoof.ca) for a chance to have your photo featured in the next Updater.

## COUNCIL MESSAGE

*You don't know what you've got till it's gone.*

I would like to start off this Updater article by expressing the deepest sympathies and support from the District of Vanderhoof to the community of Burns Lake. A tragic event of this scale reverberates throughout our close knit region and I know many of you, including myself, have friends or family in Burns Lake that will need your support and understanding.

This past November saw the induction of a new council with new insights, new abilities, and new visions. It seemed only appropriate for Council to convene and determine how much of all this "new" Council aligned with short, midterm, and long-term goals. To that end, Council recently utilized the spacious meeting room capacity at the new Integris Credit Union and spent a great deal of time establishing strategies and goals upon which Administration has been tasked to action on over the coming weeks, months and years.

Firstly, many of the strategies discussed and outlined were not inherently new; such as, striving to diversify our local economy, improving communication, supporting health and education, addressing brownfield issues, identifying infrastructure needs, or ensuring taxation and services are proportionate, fair, and sustainable. More importantly, it was a great venue for Council members to hear the needs and opinions of everyone so that reasonable consensus, actionable strategies may be implemented. A great deal of work and planning over the coming weeks and months will need to take place, however, I believe, Council started off 2012 on the right footing for the community of Vanderhoof.

Over the coming weeks expect to hear a great deal of information from the Pool Committee as it ramps up for the referendum. In addition, this time of year Council starts its annual process in regards to the 2012 operating budget. Capital projects, operating funds, service rates, community group support dollars, recreation programs, and taxation levels are just some of the many items up for discussion. Public input is always welcome as Council moves forward expanding, reducing, or eliminating a myriad of budget items, all of which, have direct financial and social impact on our Community.

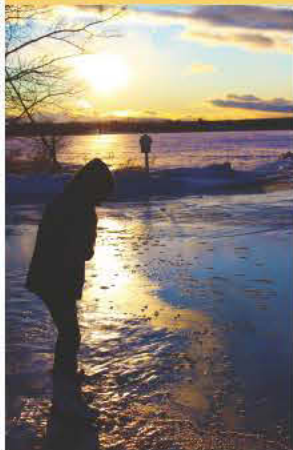
In closing, there is much a community can control and influence; however, as we all know there are so many things outside all of our control. 2012 beckons to be an exciting year; therefore, let us strive to continue to work together, to harness our inherent strengths, to continually explore new opportunities, and to never become complacent.

On behalf of the Mayor, Gerry Thiessen and Council, Happy New Year!!

*Councillor Darren Carpenter*



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## UNBC - NORTHERN HEALTH 'ECOHEALTH & WATERSHEDS'

### Free Workshop

**Knowledge to Action Workshop** — Vanderhoof, March 20 - 21, 2012

This two-day 'knowledge-to-action' workshop is designed for those interested in making the connections between health, environment, and community information, especially in the context of water governance. The workshop is part of a larger project entitled *'Ecohealth & Watersheds in Northern BC'*.

Attendance at this workshop is free and the availability of seats are offered on a first come first serve basis. Given that there is limited space, we request that all interested individuals register by with Courtney LeBourdais (cwood0@unbc.ca) by February 29, 2012. For more information visit [www.vanderhoof.ca/District/Comm\\_Notices.html](http://www.vanderhoof.ca/District/Comm_Notices.html)

### World Water Day Community Gathering

**Watersheds and Health: Working Together to support health, environment and community**

Date & Location: March 21, 2012, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Friendship Centre in Vanderhoof

Everyone is welcome to attend this community gathering and discussion on watersheds and health. Registration is required: Contact Courtney LeBourdais cwood0@unbc.ca or 250-301-8008.

## SPRING PROGRAMS AT CNC VANDERHOOF

**Road Builder & Heavy Construction – Foundation Level:** Take this 5-week pre-employment program if you plan to enter the road building and heavy construction industry. Mar 15 – Apr 20. \$679.

**Industrial Field Medic:** Unemployed? This government sponsored program will prepare you to work in large scale industrial settings or remote work sites. You'll get your Occupational First Aid – Level 3 and other safety certifications. In addition you'll leave the program with skills in career planning, job search and workplace readiness. Call to see if you qualify. Starting in March - call for details. Transportation assistance available.

### VOCATIONAL COURSES

- Simply Accounting – Mar 27 – Apr 5, Tues, Wed & Thurs, Noon – 3pm
- WorldHost – Mar 3
- Foodsafe – Level 1 – Mar 10 or May 12
- Foodsafe – Level 2 – Apr 21 & 22
- Grand Writing Workshop – Mar 21

### COMPUTER COURSES

- Word 2007 – Feb 20
- PowerPoint 2007 – Mar 12
- Excel 2007 – May 16

### SUPERVISION COURSES

- Recruitment & Selection – Mar 8 & 9
- Positive Discipline Process – Feb 22

Call the campus at 250-567-3200 for details and/or to register.

Radovan Thiessen-McKay submitted this self titled photograph 'Radovan' for this month's Updater. Radovan is in Grade 12 at NVSS.



Library Page Maylah Thompson enjoys the new "scroll chair" in the teen area at the Vanderhoof Public Library. The chair was purchased with funds donated by the Friends of the Library group.

Keep current with District of Vanderhoof events and meetings! Check out the **Community Notices** on the District of Vanderhoof website.

[www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) > Community Notices



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'Looking Up' submitted by Carly Scoville a Grade 12 student at NVSS. Look inside the Updater for more wonderful wintery images.

## SAIK'UZ AND SETTLERS LEGACY PROJECT

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Spirit of Vanderhoof Diversity Project - Legacy Initiative Looking Back & Moving Forward. As part of this project, we have been hosting a series of discussion groups that talk about specific events and time periods in Vanderhoof's history, as an extension to the Saik'uz & Settlers play that was performed in March 2011. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences, thoughts and memories. Your stories will help create a book and DVD that will be used by youth, newcomers, and residents alike to better understand our past so that our citizens, present and future, can embrace the philosophy of a welcoming and inclusive community

which promotes the full participation of all residents in the social, cultural, and economic life of the region without discrimination. [www.goodneighbours.wordpress.com](http://www.goodneighbours.wordpress.com).

Join us at the Neighbourhood Space at 7:00 pm on the following evenings.

**February 23 — The Time of the Silver Grill and Building of Kenney Dam 1950s**

**March 1 — Celebration 2012: Looking Back and Moving Forward (Taste of Culture Event to accompany the evening)**

