



EXCLUSIVE INVITATION

CONTRACTOR – SUPPLIER BOOT CAMP

How local businesses can access
the major projects supply chain

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Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce

District of Vanderhoof

There are over \$50 billion in major projects and investment opportunities planned in northern BC over the next ten to fifteen years. Millions of dollars of goods and services are needed to support these projects. Local contractors and suppliers can take advantage of this economic boom. Are you ready?

You should attend if:

You are a business owner who is interested in learning about the many major industry projects - mining, hydro-electric, LNG terminals, construction, port development – planned and underway in your region. You want to know how your business can take advantage of these major projects and become part of the local supply chain of commercial goods and services. You want to find out who can help you get prepared and what it takes to get on the preferred local supplier lists of major companies.

Agenda Topics:

- Major projects in northern BC
- Major industry – buying locally
- Opportunities and obstacles
- Preparing your business
- Getting on the supplier list
- Understanding the bid process
- How do I get ready?

When and Where:

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 » 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The Village Inn, 144 Columbia St. West, Vanderhoof, BC

Attendance is limited! Please reply by email to admin@vanderhoofchamber.com to register and reserve your seat.

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BY-ELECTION

Councillor Louise Levy has resigned from Council as of October 31, 2012. Councillor Levy has moved to Prince George and does not feel that she is able to perform the duties as Councillor as well as she would like. Mayor Thiessen and the rest of Council thank Louise for her service to the community as a Councillor and prior to that for her volunteer work on the Library Board. We all wish her the best in the future.

As a result of the vacancy on Council a by-election is necessary. Council has set February 16, 2013 as the date for the by-election. The by-election will be to fill the vacant seat until the next municipal election in the fall of 2014.

The nomination period is from January 2, 2013 to January 11, 2013. Nomination papers will be available starting December 5, 2012.

To be eligible to be nominated and be a candidate in the by-election for the vacant seat on Council you must be:

- Age 18 or older, or will be on general voting day of the election;
- A Canadian citizen;
- A resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government Act, for at least 6 months immediately before today;
- Not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or otherwise disqualified by law;
- Not subject to any of the disqualifications set out in Sections 66(2) or 67 of the Local Government Act.

You do not have to be a resident of the District of Vanderhoof to be a candidate, but you must be nominated by two eligible electors from the District of Vanderhoof.



The pool referendum is set for
Saturday, February 16, 2013.



The Vanderhoof Arena is busy again with a variety of user groups. Shown here, students from WL McLeod School walk to the arena every Friday to get some exercise and have fun on the ice.

BEING PREPARED AT HOME

It is likely that most residents of Vanderhoof and area felt the recent 7.7 earthquake off of Haida Gwaii. Fortunately everything turned out fine, and no damage was reported as a result of the tremor. This event along with the affects of Hurricane Sandy on the east coast, are good reminders that we need to be prepared in our homes to be safe and survive for several days in the event of a natural disaster. Below are a number of links to websites that provide excellent information on how to prepare our homes and family members to be safe in the event of a natural disaster in this area.

Emergency Management BC:
<http://www.pep.bc.ca/index.html>

Government of Canada - Get Prepared:
<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

The Great British Columbia Shake Out:
<http://www.shakeoutbc.ca>

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AQUATIC CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

The public is welcome to the upcoming Aquatic Centre Referendum Open House on November 20, at 7:00 pm at the Friendship Centre. There will also be one at the Cluculz Lake Community Hall on November 21 at 7:00 pm.

Come out and learn about the proposed Aquatic Centre, ask questions and be part of the discussion.

The Referendum is set for Saturday, February 16, 2013.

You can also visit www.vanderhoof.ca and click the link to the Vanderhoof Pool Committee.

Call the Vanderhoof Campus at 250-567-3200 for information and/or to register. Check the website at www.cnc.bc.ca/nechako for complete course descriptions.

Business Administration Certificate Program at CNC. **Register Now** for evening courses starting in January 2013.

ABST100	Introduction to the World View of First Nations People	ECON201	Microeconomics
ACC151	Accounting 1	LAW294	Business Law
COM222	Management and Organizational Behaviour	MATH157	Business Statistics
		MKT152	Principles of Marketing

COUNCIL NOTES

October 9

Councillor Young was appointed to the Partnering for Healthy Communities Committee.

Administration was directed to meet with School District Staff to discuss the concerns regarding the condition of the tennis courts on School District property.

A letter was sent to the B.C. Passenger Transportation Board opposing the proposed reduction in service to Vanderhoof by Greyhound Canada Transportation.

The date for the By-Election and Aquatic Centre Referendum was set as February 16, 2013.

The speed limit along Church Ave. and Lampitt Ave. from Victoria St. to Columbia St. was established at 30 km per hour.

Council did not approve the inclusion of 6246 Lake District Road in the District of Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Area.

Council approved the Development Variance Application for 109 E 5th Street for Lots 34, 35 and 36 on Plan 1135 allowing the interior side parcel line to be reduced from 1.5 m to 1.23 m, the Variance Application for lots 37 and 38 Plan 1135 was not approved.

October 29

Administration was directed to investigate the costs associated with leasing St. Joseph School and report back to Council at the 10, 2012 regular meeting on all costs such as leasing, operating, renovating and any other costs that may be incurred and further that administration provide Council with updates on their progress at each Council meeting in November.

Councillor Frenkel and the EDO were appointed as the District of Vanderhoof representatives on the New Gold Community Liaison Committee.

A letter was written to the organizers of the Children's Hospital Fundraising event congratulating them on a successful event.

A letter of congratulations was sent to Dr. Shaun Ebert on being given the Award of Excellence from the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

The District of Vanderhoof Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1122, 2012 was adopted.

The District of Vanderhoof 2012 - 2016 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1123, 2012 was adopted, this added \$12 million for the construction of an Aquatic Centre to the five year financial plan.

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:30 pm Mondays

NOVEMBER 13 (TUESDAY)

NOVEMBER 26

• PARADE OF LIGHTS & MIDNIGHT MADNESS •
Friday, December 7, 2012
PARADE 7pm
Stores open to MIDNIGHT

A much anticipated event by the whole community - the Parade of Lights and Midnight Madness are just around the corner, on the first Friday of December.

Starting at the Vanderhoof Arena, the parade goes down Stewart St. to Lampitt Ave., then turns at Victoria St. and again on Burrard St. before returning to the Vanderhoof Arena via Stewart St.

Stay out late and shop til you drop!
Participating retailers offering discounts all night long.



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UBCM REPORT FOR 2012 - Mayor Thiessen

There were a number of meetings held with government agencies and cabinet ministers this year at UBCM annual conference. Some of the meetings were constructive and we saw significant commitments, but others were ones that more informational in nature.

In my mind the meetings we had with the Minister of Advanced Education, John Yap, were really good. We presented the findings of the business case for post-secondary education in Vanderhoof. The Minister listened intently to our need for making sure we are prepared for the new opportunities that are coming our way with the new mines as well as our manufacturing.

We also met with Minister Bill Bennett regarding funding opportunities' for the building of an aquatic centre for Vanderhoof should the referendum be approved at the vote in February. Minister Bennett was very impressed that we have worked hard on our infrastructure, and our need of recreation if we are going to attract and retain industry to our community.

Minister Terry Lake took a keen interest in Vanderhoof desire to see our community take steps in becoming more environmentally sustainable. We talked a lot about recycling opportunities and about our goals to reduce the waste that goes to our landfill. The sturgeon recovery center is also a concern as it is on the species at risk list.

The sturgeon topic was also our topic with Minister Thompson; we have a commitment to work with us to try to find a solution to the demise of this species if nothing is done. We spent a lot of time talking about the mid-term timber supply and what the recent report would mean to Vanderhoof. We want to make sure that the investment that companies have made in our community, and the jobs that are here don't become in jeopardy because of changes in government policies.

Lastly, we met with three more ministers; our meeting with Minister Bell, de Jong and Coleman were centered on revenue sharing of the resources that come out of our region. For far too long we have seen our resources leave Vanderhoof, and we are left holding the bag when it comes to all the social issues that come from busy work schedules, and camps, these policies don't encourage families to live here.

We also met with Northern Health regarding an expansion to our hospital. We hope to hear an announcement soon as our emergency room seems to always run at capacity. At the meeting with CNR we discussed our concerns about some of their properties in Vanderhoof, as well as those annoying late night whistles.

Then realizing that we will have an election this coming year we met with the Leader of the Opposition, Adrian Dix. We spoke to him on all the issues that we covered with the ministers. We were very encouraged with how well he knew Vanderhoof, and the support we felt for our resource based community.

There were 3 resolutions that Vanderhoof brought to the UBCM convention. They covered the need to redevelop brownfields along our Highway 16 corridor, how to attract more professionals to the north and phase three power.



UBCM

UBCM stands for Union of British Columbia Municipalities. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities is an organization that has served and represented the interests of local governments in BC since 1905.

Each year, there is a convention that all municipal leaders, provincial government representatives and the Premier attend to talk about issues related to communities; to discuss and vote on resolutions that affect policies related to communities such as fire protection, grants, business taxation, health, and the environment; and, to network with each other to learn about what is happening in other communities around the province. The 2012 Convention was held in Victoria, BC from September 24 - 28 at the Victoria Conference Centre. Mayor Thiessen along with Councillors Frenkel, Little, Moutray and Young attended the conference this year.

Visit www.ubcm.ca for more information.