

## COUNCIL NOTES

### June 11 Meeting

Council will be donating the Vanderhoof Arena dasher boards and tempered glass to Saik'uz First Nation, and further that the District of Vanderhoof will be responsible for the removal and transportation of all materials from the Arena.

Council approved signing of transfer papers permitting the sale of Rescue Vehicle #14 by the Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Society.

Council will submit a letter of invitation to the Official Opposition for the Province of BC to attend a Council Meeting.

### June 25 Meeting

Council received information on New Gold's Blackwater project from Tim Bekhuys and Kathie LaForge.

Council approved the request to provide items for the Vanderhoof International Airshow Society, including Fire Department resources appropriate to airport requirements, portable stage, portable washroom facilities, refuse containers, portable traffic control temporary barriers, portable delineators (plastic traffic posts), snow fencing and posts and further, that all fees and insurance requirements for the stage and washroom be waived for the August 11 Fly In Event.

Council requested that a letter be sent to W.D. McIntosh Surveyor to complete a site survey of the Redmond house at the Vanderhoof Museum and the proposed addition to establish the location of the house.

Council committed to reducing the amount of solid waste entering the Vanderhoof Transfer Station to 421 kilograms per person by December 31, 2014 and to 385 kilograms person by December 31, 2017.

Council authorized that District of Vanderhoof staff can install an irrigation system to water the newly renovated recreation area at Riverside Park.



Household mixed plastic recycling bins are now located at the Transfer Station on Dump Road in Vanderhoof. This initiative, brought forward by the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative, is one big step toward reducing the amount of solid waste entering our landfill to meet the target set by the District of Vanderhoof.

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:30 pm Mondays

**AUGUST 13**  
**SEPTEMBER 10**



### • NECHAKO VALLEY EXHIBITION - FALL FAIR •

August 17-19  
Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds  
on Northside Road

Come one come all to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fair. Come as a participant (4-H, cattle, light horse, small animal exhibits, table exhibits, musician, pet parade and more), or come as an observer (stock dog competition, draft horse pull, horse jumping, farmers market, magician, and more), or come as both! You'll have a weekend full of fun no matter what.

Pick up a fair book around town or visit:  
[www.nvesociety.com](http://www.nvesociety.com)

## UPDATER

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## COUNCIL MESSAGE *Summertime*

It is hard to believe that it is August already; I hope you have had a great summer so far. I thought I'd take this opportunity to update you on the aquatic centre. An aquatic centre for Vanderhoof remains one of Council's top priorities. While it has been some time since we have reported out on our progress, I want to assure you that things are moving towards a referendum by the end of 2012. For a variety of reasons it has been determined that the best way to move forward is to have the aquatic centre built in Vanderhoof but be a function of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. In order to move ahead the Regional District needs to hold a referendum in Vanderhoof and in Area "F" Vanderhoof Rural. The referendum will seek the elector's permission to borrow four million dollars to help pay for the cost of building the facility as well as permission to increase property taxes to assist with the annual cost of running the aquatic centre. It is expected that the facility will cost about twelve million dollars and require \$480,000 a year in additional taxes to operate. The Pool Committee is continuing to work on finding the additional capital funding needed to build the facility.

There will be more opportunity for you to get information about the referendum in the coming months. We will be holding several community information events where you will be able to have all of your questions answered.

Sunday September 30, 2012 is BC Rivers Day. Vanderhoof is partnering with Freshwater Fisheries and the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative to bring you an exciting event at Riverside Park. There are plans in the works for children's arts and crafts, fisheries demonstrations and information booths. The District will be hosting a community BBQ. This is a green event in partnership with the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative. I invite you to take this opportunity to learn about the Nechako River system and the work that is being done to insure it is a vital part of Vanderhoof's future.

On behalf of the District of Vanderhoof Mayor and Council I wish you all the best and hope that you have plenty of opportunity to enjoy this great region that we have the privilege to call home.

~ Councillor Steve Little

## BC RIVERS DAY

### Call for Booths

Along with its partners, the District of Vanderhoof are looking for Community Groups to participate in this year's BC Rivers Day Celebrations. All groups that have an interest in raising awareness related to freshwater fisheries and rivers through public education, demonstration, river/environmental stewardship and community involvement are invited to register. As well, all local governments, organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and arts and culture groups are encouraged to register for this opportunity to promote BC Rivers.

BC Rivers Day is held on the last Sunday of September each year. Since 2010, the District of Vanderhoof and its partners host a free BBQ for the community of Vanderhoof, as well as children's arts and crafts, demonstration and information booths with Nechako White Sturgeon Initiative



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and Freshwater Fisheries. In 2011, this community event went "green" with the help of the Nechako Valley Food Network and Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative providing food and reusable supplies for the free BBQ.

Registration fee for booths will be \$25/booth. Pre-registration is required by 4:30pm September 21, 2012.

Contact Ashley Kuznak Raby at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office to register your booth and for more information at 250-567-4711 or [recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca).

**BC River's Day**  
Sunday, September 30, 2012  
12:00pm - 3:00pm  
Riverside Park



## RECREATION AND LEISURE FAIR

Call for all Recreation and Leisure Community Groups and Businesses

To all Recreation, Leisure and Service Groups in the Vanderhoof area, the District of Vanderhoof would like to invite you to participate in the:

### Recreation & Leisure Fair

Saturday, September 15  
12:00pm - 3:00pm  
NVSS Gymnasium

The purpose of the Recreation Fair is to provide an opportunity for local groups and businesses to showcase their services within our community. There is a registration fee of \$25 per group or business. Registration is due by Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

## COMMUNITY ACHIEVER *Brian Nemethy*

Running, running and more running is what comes to mind when you hear the name Brian Nemethy. Brian has been running for the past 39 years, beginning when he was in grade 7. In that time he has completed 26 marathons, 53 half marathons, 6 Ironmans and 6 Ultra Runs, not to mention countless 5km, 10km and Olympic course triathlon. Yes, Brian certainly has a passion for running.

Brian and his wife Wanda, both teachers, moved to Vanderhoof in 1996 when Brian began teaching at Nechako Valley Secondary School. After three years at NVSS, Brian began coaching X-Country Running. The group started small with only 2 runners but now the group is close to 40. Many of the students join because they want to compete, stay in shape, or as a training tool for other sports such as basketball or hockey. Brian is extremely proud of this group with the girls winning the three Zone Championships and the boys winning their first this past year.

In 1998, Brian began the Masters Running Club (MRC) to do track workouts. After the first year of MRC and seeing "incredible results" as quoted by Brian, runners from all levels began to join the group for general fitness, training and motivation. Throughout the years, Brian has seen many successes by runners from the clubs and his own personal successes (at the age of 49 Brian ran his fastest half marathon, running 12 seconds faster than he did 23 years

We are also looking for **sports demonstrations**. If you are interested please let us know!

Booths are encouraged to bring door prizes or "treats" that promote participation. Snacks will be available to everyone during the fair.

To register your organization go to the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office.

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Everyone loves the Wild Goose Chase, held in May for the past 14 years.

prior at the age of 26), but he feels that the greatest success is "that people want to get fit and many want to challenge themselves as well."

For the last 14 years, Brian and Wanda have organized the Wild Goose Chase. The event has grown each year and has over 300 participants from age 3 and up. An amazing event and each year Brian is thankful to the community.

Brian is a person who has taken his passion in life as a runner and passed this on to all of us through his many endeavors. As a community we can be grateful for Community Achievers like Brian who take on great tasks because they love to do so. When Brian was asked about his future of running he said: "This year I was one of 48,000 runners in the Vancouver Sun Run. There was one woman between 95 and 99 and 3 guys between 90 and 94 who finished the 10km. I hope my wife Wanda and I will be one of them 40 years from now." I am certain that we all hope that we can continue with Brian as we all try to achieve a healthy active lifestyle in Vanderhoof.

# U P D A T E R



Here a young girl practices her casting off the dock at Nulki Lake. GoFishBC is hosting a number of "Learn to Fish" days at Nulki and Tachick Lakes in August. Go to [www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) > Community Notices to download their poster and information.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUNSATIONAL SUMMER BASH AND APPRECIATION PICNIC

The Summer Bash is put on by the District of Vanderhoof Recreation Department, and is fun fun fun for the whole family. There will be bouncy tents, a penny carnival (bring your pennies), popcorn, FREE BBQ and cake, clowns and much more!! The Bash and BBQ begin at 11:00am. There will be clowns and Magicians from 1:00-3:00pm.

The FREE BBQ and cake is part of the District of Vanderhoof and Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Picnic. Everyone is invited to join the Mayor and Councillors and Chamber Directors as they show their appreciation for our community!

### SUNSATIONAL SUMMER BASH DETAILS:

Saturday, August 25

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

All ages welcome!

\$5 for adults, FREE for children under 12

Vanderhoof Arena

Bring pennies for the Penny Carnival  
Clowns and Magician from 1pm - 3pm!

FREE BBQ and cake during the  
Appreciation Picnic

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