

SUNSATIIONAL SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Fun is where it's at! That's why YOU have to be there! The Vanderhoof District's SunSational Summer Kids Program will run from July 2 to August 23 at Evelyn Dickson Elementary School, providing fun summer activities such as crafts and games for kids from ages 4-11. This year we will have two programs; the SunSational Tots Program, as well as the SunSational Summer Kids Camp.

TOTS This drop-off program is for children ages 4-6. The sessions run for two hours a day, with snacks provided.

July: 9:00 am- 11:00 am sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm sessions run Tuesdays and Thursdays.

August: 9:00 am – 11:00 am sessions Tuesday and Thursday. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm sessions Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Each session is \$7.00 per child. Parents can sign in and pay for drop-ins at the District of Vanderhoof office up to one hour before the desired session begins.

KIDS The older children's program is for ages 7-11 (age 7 by December 31 of this year) and it will run from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, 5 days a week.

Kids will get to experience many new adventures, all while making new friends and having fun. Children will make crafts, play games, and go on excursions to places such as the Prince George Aquatic Centre, and Integris Credit Union. There will also be a number of special guests to teach children skills such as dance, art, sports and wilderness safety. Each week will have a different theme to keep a variety of children interested. If your child is unsure about the theme, keep in mind that there will be a variety of activities available each day, and that these activities will open their eyes to a world of new experiences without pushing them out of their comfort zone.

The price per day is \$20.00 per child and can be paid at the District of Vanderhoof office. Weekly prices range from \$70.00 - \$95.00 depending on statutory holidays and the trips planned. The price for the entire summer is a great deal at \$625.00. A kids camp T-shirt can be purchased for \$7.00.

About the Recreation Coordinators

Taryn Montague: Currently a student at UNBC enrolled in Health Science. Taryn plans to eventually become an elementary school teacher. Her interests include sports, crafts, and cooking. She is a returning summer student to the Recreation Program and is looking forward to the upcoming summer camp!

Tara Kurucz: Currently a student at UNBC, Tara is working towards a degree in English Literature. Tara eventually plans on becoming a high school teacher. Her interests include music, writing, and hiking. This is her first year working for the Recreation Program and she is very excited to learn as much as she can while providing a great summer for the kids!

Contact: Email ~ recsummer@district.vanderhoof.ca Phone ~ Arena 250-567-4555

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:30 pm Mondays

JUNE 10

JUNE 24

• AIR SHOW • August 10, 2013 Vanderhoof Airport

Flight demonstrations, static aircraft displays, and a hangar party. A great event for the whole family.

• NECHAKO VALLEY EXHIBITION • August 16-19, 2013 Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds

Catch the excitement of our community's annual country fair. Visit www.nvesociety.com for more details.

• HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERISM •

The SunSational Summer Recreation Program is a great opportunity for high school students to volunteer if they are interested in gaining experience with children and education. To pursue volunteer hours, contact the Recreation Coordinators at 250-567-4555.

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COUNCIL MESSAGE *P3's - Pool, Paving and Planning*

When you Google P3 you get a dozen different responses. For Council this year P3 means **Pool, Paving and Planning**. These are the main areas that Council has been working on for 2013.

P1 Following the very successful **Pool** Referendum in February, Council immediately started planning our next steps. We decided we needed to work on two fronts, first the planning and construction of the Aquatic Centre, and secondly on fundraising for the remaining capital costs required to build the facility. Council realised that in order to get the capital required we would need financial assistance from the province. Often there are things outside of Council's control and this spring that was the provincial election. Our new MLA and the new Minister responsible for municipalities need a little time to get settled. Another funding source that Council is looking at is local corporations; in preliminary discussions they were all very encouraging about working with us. Unfortunately 2013 is a time of exploration in mining and retooling in forestry and other industry. We have been asked to come back this fall, at that time we will present a formal application to both government and local companies.

This spring, Council entered into a contract with Venture Pacific Construction Management in partnership with Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. (these companies are associated with PERC Consulting the firm that prepared the Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study). Venture Pacific will coordinate the geotechnical site analysis and the Schematic Design Phase. We feel that some strong decisions have been made, and we are excited as we move forward step by step on making the Aquatic Centre a reality.

P2 You will have noticed a number of streets getting a new layer of **pavement**. Council spent a number of evenings working on the 5 year capital plan. This outlines Council's plan for renewing our infrastructure, which includes water and sewer. We were pleasantly surprised when staff came back last week and informed us that if we added a bit more to the paving budget we could get a fair bit more paving this year. Paving is almost complete and seal coating will happen later in the summer.

P3 **Planning**, this year seems to have a full case load. Not only the 5 year plan on infrastructure, and then last week we approved our 2014 Statement of Goals and objectives. Now we are back doing our Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP is the document that helps Council to define the direction for the municipality for the next five to ten years. Over the next couple of months Council will be offering the community a number of opportunities to provide input into this process. This really is a community plan and it requires community involvement or else it will be just Council's plan. It is important that we hear from you about the direction you believe that Council should go. Please watch for the opportunities for public input and let us know what you think. Once Council has completed the First Draft of the OCP it will be available on our web site. We hope you take the time to review it and then take advantage of the opportunity to provide Council feedback.

Yes P3 can mean just about anything, but today in Vanderhoof it stands for Pool, Pavement and Planning!

~ Mayor Gerry Thiessen



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COMMUNITY EVENT

Snowbirds Flyover

On August 1 watch the Vanderhoof sky for the Snowbirds and F-18 Demonstration teams flyover. They are on their way to the Quesnel Airshow and have agreed to do a flyover Vanderhoof on the way!

The Snowbirds are a Canadian national icon, a symbol of pride and unity for all Canadians.

The Snowbirds have flown the CT-114 Tutor jet since 1971. The aircraft was designed and built in Canada and was used by the Canadian Forces as its basic pilot training aircraft until 2000.

The jets are painted in a distinctive red and white paint scheme symbolic of Canada's national flag. As members of the nation's military, the Snowbirds are proud to fly Canada's colours across North America.

The CF-18 Demonstration Team is ready to tear up the skies across North America this summer! The 2013 schedule has our team participating in 19 Canadian air shows, seven in the United States and a deployment to Colombia.





2013 TAX NOTICES

By now you should have received your District of Vanderhoof 2013 property tax notice. If you have not received your notice please call the District Office at 250-567-4711.

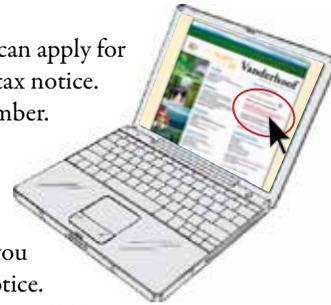
The due date for 2013 property taxes is July 2 at 4:30 pm. Any outstanding taxes after that date and time will be subject to at 10% penalty. This penalty also applies to your home owner grant if it is claimed late.

For those who do online banking you may:

Apply for your Home Owners Grant Online

If you pay property taxes to the District of Vanderhoof, and are eligible, you can apply for your annual Home Owners Grant (HOG) online. You will need your 2013 tax notice. On the upper left corner you will find your roll number and eHOG PIN number.

Go to www.vanderhoof.ca and click the link to access your online HOG, this will take you to a new page where you will use your roll number and eHOG PIN. You are then taken to a secure page where you can complete your information and apply for your HOG. If you claim your HOG online you do not need to complete and send us the HOG form attached to your tax notice. Remember that property taxes are due July 2 by 4:30 pm. You must claim your HOG prior to the due date to avoid paying a 10% penalty.



Pay your Property Taxes Online

You can pay your property taxes online with either CIBC, Royal Bank, or Integris Credit Union. To pay online with one of these banks, you will need your 2013 tax notice.

You must set up the District of Vanderhoof as a payee to be able to pay online. There are two payee accounts available for the District of Vanderhoof. To pay property taxes, select the **Vanderhoof (District) Tax** payment option. Use your roll number from your property tax notice as the account number, found in the upper left corner of the tax notice. If you have arrears or delinquent taxes, you will owe interest that is not on the tax notice, so please call us at 250-567-4711 to get the exact amount you need to pay.

To avoid late penalties please submit your online HOG or online payment at least three banking days early.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Sprinkling restrictions are in effect from June 1 to September 30. Lawn and yard sprinkling can only be done from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Even numbered addresses may sprinkle on even numbered days, and uneven numbered addresses may sprinkle on uneven numbered days.

If you live on the North Side of the Nechako River these restrictions do not apply to you. Northside Water Services will provide their own watering restrictions.

Contact the District of Vanderhoof for more information 250-567-4711.



Photo by Roz Harper.

U P D A T E R



The Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Facility is under-construction! The site preparation for the facility is well underway. Please take caution as you drive along Burrard Avenue, as there are a number of large trucks working across from Riverside Park.

NECHAKO WHITE STURGEON RECOVERY FACILITY

"Protecting the White Sturgeon"

The \$10-million sturgeon recovery facility has begun construction and is expected to be fully operational by the spring of 2014.

The facility will feature automatic systems for feeding hatchlings, and controlling water quality. The site will also feature energy-efficient recirculation water pumps, backup generators, and holding tanks for emergency water supply. The facility will primarily use river water with de-chlorinated municipal water as a backup. When the facility is operational, up to 12,000 sturgeon will be released every year.

Gravel cobble has already been added to the spawning sites. The gravel will give the 15 day old hatchlings an area to hide from predators after release.

The facility is expected to operate for at least the next decade, and will hopefully rebuild the white sturgeon population.

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