

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

### August 26: Official Community Plan Meeting

Council met with the District's municipal planner to further the OCP. During this meeting work on the agricultural portions of the plan were completed. Zoning maps were reviewed, and changes to zoning were discussed. Council also discussed the implementation of development permits, and revitalization tax exemptions. Council's work on the OCP is now finished until the draft version of the plan is brought for public review. The District will inform residents of when these meetings will take place.

### September 9: Regular Council Meeting

This was a busy council meeting, and Council Chambers were packed with delegations. Wayne Salewski presented an update on NEWSS, and the creation of a legacy fund for river stewardship. The Nechako Speed Skating Club presented to Council about the possibility of having the arena open earlier to preserve the club's ice time. Minor Hockey presented a number of their concerns to Council, including the use of advertising at centre ice, and the location of the referee room. The final delegation was from the Vanderhoof Air Show Society, which gave Council a final report on the overwhelming success of the air show.

During regular business Council waved the Vanderhoof Curling Club's building permit fee. Next Council appointed members to the housing committee, and accepted the District's funding application to the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund, and the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a housing needs assessment. Council also supported an application to Emergency Management BC to build flood protection works. Finally, Council opted out of Multi Material BC's curb side recycling program.

### September 10: Pool Design Meeting

Council, staff, and members of the public met with architects to discuss the design of Vanderhoof's Aquatic Centre. The meeting was very productive, and members of the public informed Council that 6 lanes were necessary to support swim clubs. Members of the public also informed council that a diving board would be necessary to have a diving team. It was also decided that a diving board was necessary so Vanderhoof could have a diving team. To keep the Centre from going over budget the architect will look into possibly limiting the size of the leisure side of the pool, and reducing the size of the second floor multipurpose area.

## ARENA UPDATE

The arena is gearing up for the skating season. The arena has been dehumidified, and the chill plant fired up on September 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> lines and logos were placed, including the new Bears logo at centre ice! The 1st of October saw the first use of the Zamboni. The first use of the ice will be by Sharper Edge Hockey School on October 4, 5, and 6. **The first public skate will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> at noon!** This year is looking to be a busy one with a wide variety of groups using the arena including, speed skaters, figure skaters, and of course hockey! Stay tuned to the Districts Facebook Page and website for an arena schedule.



Painting the new graphics on the arean floor.

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:30 pm Mondays

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 15**  
**OCTOBER 28**

### • FIRE PREVENTION WEEK • October 6-12

Vanderhoof is looking for a **Junior Fire Chief!**

The Junior Fire Chief will get to spend the day with Vanderhoof's Fire Chief Joe Pacheco on October 11. The Junior Chief and their parent/guardian will be picked up by a fire truck, tour the fire hall, have lunch, and have an all around great time!

Ballots will be given out by elementary schools in October, and can be dropped off at the child's school.

Fire Chief Pacheco will also be visiting local schools to discuss fire prevention. The theme of this year's fire prevention week is, "prevent kitchen fires."

Visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



This fire occurred this week in Vanderhoof. It started by a candle left unattended. Luckily no one was hurt. Remind yourself and your family about fire prevention.

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## COUNCIL MESSAGE

WOW! It is hard to believe that it has been seven months since the by-election. I must thank the voters for their overwhelming support at the polls. I am truly humbled. Being an elected official is very interesting and I am enjoying it very much.

I was amazed at the strong voter turnout, this was most likely due to the pool referendum, and the results were fantastic. Now the work begins. Over the past few months Council has met with the pool designers several times and plans are coming together quite nicely.

As you can see around town, the District has been very busy with paving projects. It is nice to see some of our streets in better condition. The District has also replaced the fencing at Riverside Park. The Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre is also in the process of being constructed.

Council is currently in the throes of putting together the Official Community Plan (OCP). Our OCP is a local government bylaw that provides objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management within the District of Vanderhoof. As part of the process Council will be holding a number of public meetings as a means of seeking your input into the plan.

Council recently welcomed Evan Parliament as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). As a result of internal staff structural changes Council decided that it was time to hire a person dedicated to the duties of CAO. For the past seventeen years these duties have been handled by Joe Ukryn who also has the duties of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Joe will be staying on and concentrating on his CFO duties. Other structural changes are the creation of the position of Director of Operations, Paul Carver, and the creation of the position of Director of Community Development, Tom Clement.

As I said, I am enjoying being a Councillor and look forward to continuing to serving the people of Vanderhoof. ~ *Councillor Murphy*



Councillor John Murphy

## COMMUNITY GROUP

### Vanderhoof Children's Theatre

The Vanderhoof Children's Theatre began in 1999 with its first play being Tom Sawyer. Since then we have preformed great shows such as Seussical, Annie, A Christmas Carol, Beauty and the Beast and Winnie the Pooh. In total, the Vanderhoof Children's Theatre has performed over 30 productions, and we've had over 400 students go through the program.

The Vanderhoof Children's Theatre is open to students in Grades 2 through 12. Experience does not matter; every child that auditions gets to be in the production.

Each production performs 6 public shows and 6 school shows. We perform in Vanderhoof and surrounding towns. We also travel to Prince George for a week, to perform at the Prince George Playhouse. During the week in Prince George we perform for over 2000 school children.

In 2013 the Children's Theatre was able to travel to Kelowna for its second tour. While in Kelowna we performed productions of Winnie the Pooh, Cinderella, Jungle Book and Sleeping Beauty. The Theatre community in Kelowna has embraced our children's theatre and whole heartedly supported our arrival.

We are currently in rehearsals for our Fall production of Alice in Wonderland. This is a very exciting venture which casts 42 local students, many of whom have performed in previous Children's Theatre productions.

Children's Theatre is looking forward to 2014, as the Theatre will be traveling to California where we will get to participate in a program run by Disney. During our eight day stay, students will have the opportunity to go participate in a number of workshops. These workshops will open eyes to the world of character building, dance and improv. This is exciting for me, for I've had this on my bucket list since I was a teen.

Without the support of our amazing community, Children's Theatre would not have been able to sustain its program for fourteen years. Without this program, many children would not have discovered their passion for theatre.

It is our plan to continue bringing together talent that will create performances that will touch both young and old. Again, thank you for all your support. ~ *Richard Wruth*

Taken at UBCM in Vancouver, shown here is Mayor Thiessen with other members of the UBCM cabinet, UBCM President, other mayors and the Rural BC project.





## SENIORS CONNECTED

### Another Gold Nugget from New Gold!

Thanks to New Gold's generosity and compassion for community, Seniors Connected (SC) was able to coordinate a day trip on August 29th for seniors and First Nations elders. 49 people enjoyed a day at Fort St James Historic Park where we visited the café and indulged in some scrumptious apple-pie and ice cream. New Gold's funding covered all of the costs of the trip, and Seniors Connected would also like to thank Northside Church for the use of their coach bus, which they let us use for a nominal donation.

The day was beautiful, the seniors had a great time, and we had lots of positive feedback from the seniors and elders. There were draws (gift cards supplied through New Gold's funding), joke telling, and of course lots of laughter.

The bridging of community is very important to both seniors and elders. We had with us the Saik'uz Elders' Coordinator, Riverside Place Recreation Coordinator, and a Liaison from the Vanderhoof Public Library (her goal was to gather input of topics of interest that would support programming at the Library geared toward the seniors and elders of our community).

Being able to honour our seniors and elders by providing them a trip like this is a privilege and great pleasure. We'd like to thank the support provided by New Gold and others; it is appreciated beyond words.

Seniors Connected is very excited to announce we have secured funding from UWNBC for another year. Our office is now located on the lower level of Riverside Place, and facilitated through Nechako Valley Community Services Society. We are delighted that we can continue with our services of outreach, transportation, day trips, workshops, Bingo, and supplying resource information. Seniors Connected looks forward to continuing partnerships with the GNC, CNC, New Gold and Northside Church. Seniors Connected welcomes new partners such as the District of Vanderhoof, The Vanderhoof Public Library, and Enbridge.

If you would like to utilize the program, volunteer, offer financial support, or provide business sponsorship please contact: Debra Ann Bishop, Seniors Connected Coordinator - 250-567-0623



Here Debra Bishop (Seniors Connected) and Barb Williams (Riverside Place) get ready to take local seniors to the National Historic Site in Fort St. James. Lots of fun was had on this trip. Thank you to New Gold for their support.

# UPDATER



Seniors from Vanderhoof enjoy an afternoon at the Fort St James National Historic Site. Seniors Connected organized the trip that was very well attended and received.

## THE DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF IS HOLDING A PHOTO CONTEST!

How does 50 Chamber bucks sound?

All you have to do is submit your photos to the District of Vanderhoof, and they will be put on Facebook for voting. Two prizes of 50 Chamber Bucks will be awarded. The first prize will go to the photo that receives the most likes on the District's Facebook Page, and the second will be chosen by the District.

The only criteria for photos are that they must be taken locally. Pictures can be of people, wildlife, or community events.

Chamber bucks are a program run by the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce, and are accepted by almost every locally owned business in town.

Submit your photos to [intern@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:intern@district.vanderhoof.ca). Your photos will then be uploaded to the District's Facebook Page, where they can be voted on.

The contest will end on October the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now get out there and take some pictures!



The washrooms at Ferland Park are getting replaced. The old building is now down. The new building will have more washroom stalls and lights. The new building is arriving on October 17.

If you see something around town that doesn't seem right - eg. someone recently emailed us that a manhole was loose near A&W - please let us know!! You can call the District at 250-567-4711, email [updater@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:updater@district.vanderhoof.ca) or go to [www.vanderhoof.ca/district](http://www.vanderhoof.ca/district) and click 'Submit a Concern' in the left menu bar.

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