

» Sprinkler Restrictions

Sprinkling restrictions are in effect from June 1 to September 30 for all residents on the municipal water system. Lawn and yard sprinkling may take place from **7:00 am to 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.**

- Even numbered address on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered address on odd numbered days.

» Master Running Club

For the past 16 years, The Master Running Club (MRC) meets at 5:50pm every Tuesday evening from April to early October each year. From April to June 30th the group meets at Nechako Valley High school front doors and from July 1 to October, the group meets at Carmen Hill Road East. The running workouts are geared to get people running faster and in better shape from one mile to the marathon. A person should be able to run for at least 15 minutes before coming out. The group has lots of experienced runners who love to do long runs on the weekend. Please contact Brian at 250-567-5324 if you might be interested in working out with the group or if you have questions. There are no fees for this community event.



The Wild Goose Chase is one of the events hosted by the Masters Running Club.

» 899 RCACS Vanderhoof Needs Your Help

899 RCACS Vanderhoof is looking for adult help for our squadron. We are currently looking for parents, or other sponsoring members who would like to take an active role in the Canadian Cadet Movement as CIC Officers. This volunteer position generally involves approximately three hours of your time during the week, and not during the summer! With your help we can make this a stronger and better squadron. Extra teams and activities need adult supervision and the more family and friends that help out the more that we can offer to the cadets.

If becoming a CIC Officer does not appeal to you, the Squadron's Sponsoring Committee is also looking for help. For more information contact Orlanthea Habsburg at 250-570-9319 or ohabsburg@yahoo.ca.

Your Cadet has begun an exciting career in the Canadian Cadet Movement; do you not think that it is time that you began your career as a CIC officer or a sponsoring Committee member?

» MAKE A SPLASH!

Wow – our fundraising total is now over \$211,000.00. This is just since September!

A huge “Thank you” and shout out to our many supporters. If you have been ‘thinking’ about a donation, now is the time. A donation of \$100.00 will put your name on a plaque at our new facility in perpetuity! Your grandchildren will know that you are the reason they are enjoying a swim.

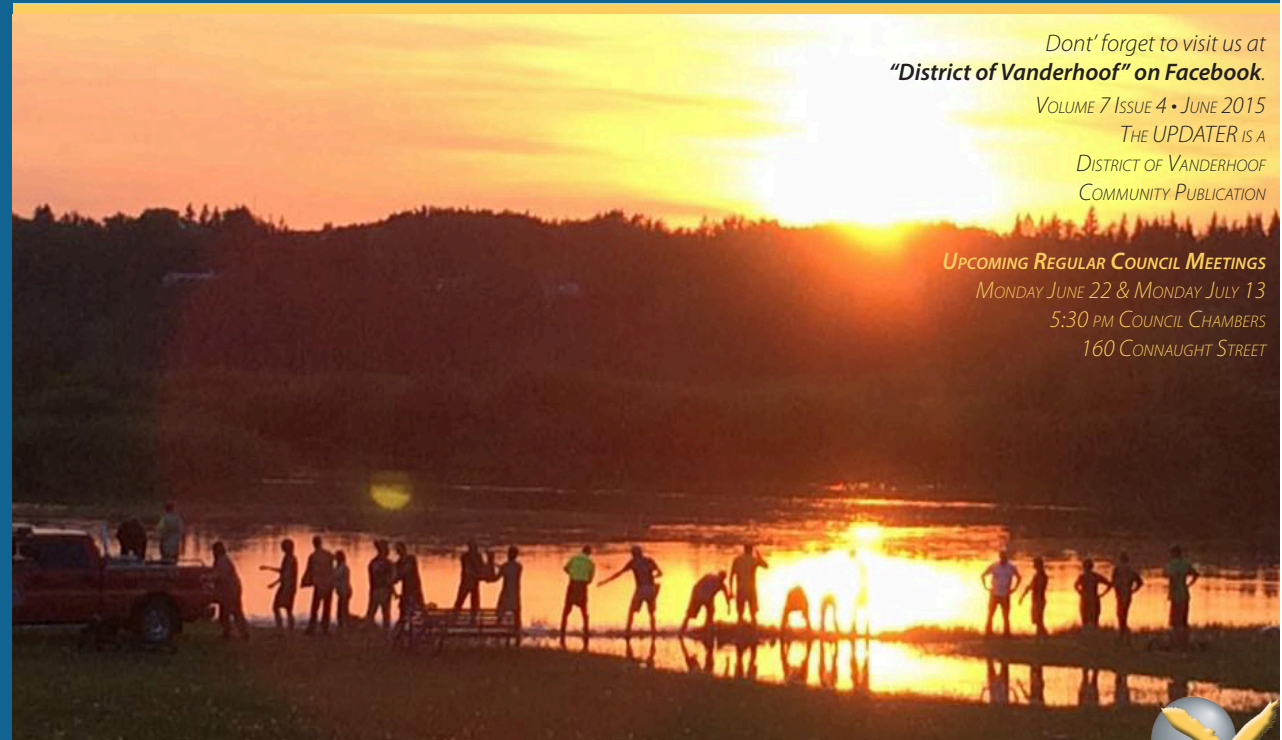
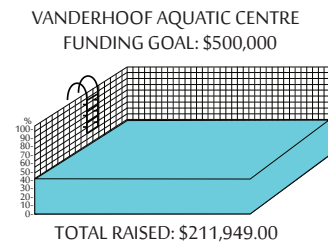
The Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre is getting ready for a fabulous Canada Day. The celebrations will begin early in the morning at the Vanderhoof Museum and move to the NVSS Sports Field. Some of the fun activities we are planning include a scavenger hunt, 3 legged race, sack race, spoon race, wheelbarrow race, bike decorating, bean bag toss, ring toss, tug of war and more! Please come and join us for Canada’s Birthday on July 1st. Look for posters around town for more information.

If you are interested in joining our merry band of fundraisers, our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 23rd at the Omineca Medical Clinic at 7 pm. Help make the Aquatic Centre a reality - we sure would love to see you there!

Please keep the donations coming! Donate directly at the District of Vanderhoof or online at: <https://www.investlocalbc.ca/campaigns/make-a-splash/>

Check out our website for more information: www.vanderhoofpool.ca.

Let’s make the goal of \$500,000 by the end of December 2015. We can do it, Vanderhoof!!



Sandbagging line at Riverside Park. Photo by Roberta Thiessen-Toth.

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» FLOOD WATCH

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a Flood Watch for the Nechako River at the District of Vanderhoof.

The District would like to remind boaters to stay off the river within municipal boundaries. Wakes from boats can damage flood protection works. The Vanderhoof RCMP has informed the District of Vanderhoof that boaters causing wakes can be charged with mischief, and boats can be impounded awaiting a court date (6-12 months).

Residents in low lying areas may be experiencing infiltration of ground water into basements and crawlspaces. In this situation, Northern Health recommends removing saturated

items from your basement. If standing water appears, mix it with a mild detergent.

For information about flooding and health: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthAlerts/EmergencyInfoFlooding.aspx>

For more information about river flows visit the River Forecast Centre: <http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/index.htm>

The District of Vanderhoof has a flood information page: <http://www.vanderhoof.ca/District/Departments/RiverFlows.html>

Don't forget to visit us at "District of Vanderhoof" on Facebook.

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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY JUNE 22 & MONDAY JULY 13

5:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

160 CONNAUGHT STREET



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» 2015 TAX NOTICES

By now you should have received your District of Vanderhoof 2015 tax notice. If you have not received your notice, please call the Municipal Office at 250-567-4711.

The due date/time for payment of 2015 property taxes is July 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. local time.

Any outstanding taxes at that date and time will be subject to a 10% late payment penalty. This penalty will also be applied to your Homeowner Grant if it is claimed late.

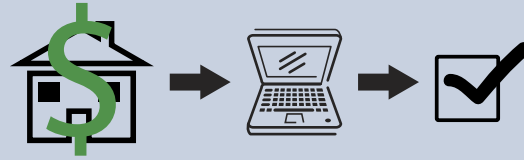
To avoid line ups you can submit your Homeowners Grant and payment via postdated cheque which will be processed on the tax due date.

For those who like to do business online, you may:

Apply for your Homeowner Grant online

If you are eligible for a District of Vanderhoof Homeowner Grant (HOG), you can apply online at www.vanderhoof.ca.

- Click the link on the right hand side of the page.
- When prompted, enter your tax roll number from the top left corner of your tax notice and your eHOG pin number which is located beneath your name and address on your tax notice.
- Confirm and answer questions by clicking the appropriate boxes when prompted.



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 the 10% late penalty will also be applied to your HOG amount if not claimed before the due date.

Pay your Property taxes online

You can pay your property taxes online with either CIBC, Royal Bank or Integris Credit Union. The District of Vanderhoof must be set up as a payee in the bill paying section of your online bank site. There will be two payee options available to choose from. **To pay taxes, select the Vanderhoof (District) Tax option.** When asked to enter an account number, use the tax roll number which is located on the top left corner of your tax notice.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When paying taxes online, you must ensure that your transaction is completed at least 3 business days before the due date. Even if your bank records show the payment coming out of your account immediately, it still may take a few days to reach our Municipal account. If your payment does not clear our Municipal account before 4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2015, the late penalty is automatically applied.

Please do not make Municipal tax payments over the counter at the bank. The bank will have to submit these payments to us manually and sometimes they do not arrive before the due date/time. If the payment is not received before the tax due date/time, the late penalty will still be applied.



» Nechako Valley Historical Society

The Nechako Valley Historical Society is looking forward to this summer and the tourist season. We are in the process of planning a few events for the community and have been giving tours to some of the local schools. Currently there are three university students working at the museum who are all from Vanderhoof. They are

excited to learn more about our area and being able to pass that knowledge on to others. The Vanderhoof Museum is a place for everyone to visit—locals and tourists alike. Take a walk on the Heritage Trail and ask Riley, Elisa, and Beth about the history of our community. We are open 7 days a week from 10 am to 5 pm.

» Council Message *The Beat Goes On*

The words from the 1960's song 'The Beat Goes On' are very appropriate to Vanderhoof this summer.

The flood is overwhelming on so many fronts. Even though we were prepared as much as we could be, no one expected not to be able to use their yards, no one expected to be working on flood control all summer, no one expected to have to move furniture and carpeting out of basements, no one expected that they would not be able to use large parts of their home. I have met with many of you and understand your stress. Through all of this I have seen an incredible community coming together to help each other. Many of you have postponed family events, or taken time off work in the desire to safeguard as much of the community of Vanderhoof as possible.

I'm at the FCM Annual Conference for a few days and will have the opportunity to take in a seminar on Flooding in Urban Communities. Once the crisis of the flood is over, we will need to work with our neighbours to address some of the impacts of this flood and where we go in the future. Your participation will be required as we go through that time of evaluation.

During all this, we still have some long term planning that Council and staff must continue to develop. We still have industry that needs secure access to resources, infrastructure that requires planning, opportunities that have to be explored, and needs that you as residents expect from your community leaders.

We have a lot of work still to do on recreation, the Community Forest, the Aquatic Centre, solid waste management and recycling, and finding new hotel space.

I'm extremely proud to say that Vanderhoof is a community that works together; "The Beat Goes On."

~ Mayor Gerry Thiessen



Mayor Gerry Thiessen

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» Council Meeting Notes

May 21: Special Meeting of Council

Council decided to call a public meeting as a result of receiving information from Rio Tinto Alcan that stated a 10% chance of river flows over 500 m³/s and a 50% chance of substantial flooding. Council opened the floor to questions. The issue of the White Sturgeon Recovery Centre operating boats on the river was raised. The response was that the boats would be off the river by May 23rd. An inquiry was made into the activation of sump pumps. The response provided by the Fire Chief Ian Leslie, was that Emergency Management British Columbia did not recommend continued pumping as it would compromise drainage around home foundations. Lianne Olson from Rio Tinto Alcan reminded everyone that they intended to have a meeting on Thursday, May 28th, 7 pm at the Friendship Centre.

May 19: Strategy Meeting of Council

Council received a delegation from Rio Tinto Alcan, who provided an update on potential flooding. Emergency Management British Columbia performed an audit in Vanderhoof, and stated that they would be requesting gabions. Fire Chief Ian Leslie provided an update on the fire at Canfor and said that the clean-up was underway. Director of Operations, Paul Carver presented five and ten year Capital Plans stating that the maps would be placed on the website. Council requested that Staff book a venue and advertise a Public meeting for May 21st at 7 pm.

May 11: Regular Meeting of Council

Council received a delegation from Rio Tinto Alcan who provided an update for council about the snow pack levels. Justus Benckhuysen provided summaries for three scenarios spanning three weeks. Council also received a delegation from the Nechako Figure Skating Club, who requested that council allow the club to sub-contract the Arena's concession. Ben Scott provided an update for the Maddy Awareness Campaign requesting permission to place signage and banners.