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VANDERHOOF VISION 2016 COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

NOVEMBER 30, 2015

6 PM – 8 PM

VANDERHOOF FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

219 VICTORIA STREET, VANDERHOOF

Now is the time to make a difference in your community, come join Mayor, Council and Staff to provide feedback for:

- 2016 Financial Plan
- Community Forest
- Air Quality
- Aquatic Centre
- Community Projects
- Community Recreation Event

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF @ 250 567 4711



Marianne Wall

» Winter Reminders

Winter Tires

Winter is upon us and it is important to remember that winter tires are now legally required on vehicles.

Sidewalk Clearing

Business owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their businesses.

Street Parking

Please be aware that as the snow begins to fall overnight street parking should be avoided. Vehicles that are parked in areas that hinder winter snow removal operations may be towed at the owner's expense.

Check your Chimney

Be sure to check your chimneys. Ensure that your fires are receiving enough air and that your fireboxes are not overloaded. Chimney smoke should almost be invisible after the initial starting stage of the fire. Remember, the smokier the fire, the more heat that is being wasted. Be sure to make sure that your wood burning heating appliances are properly cleaned and maintained at least once per year.

» Northern Orchestra

**December 6, 2:00 pm Integris
Community Theatre (NVSS
Small Auditorium)**

"A Little Birdie Told Me" will showcase classical and festival music and features Kaia Andal in "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Plus there are some surprises in store for the concert. Tickets at the door.

Marianne Wall, a local photographer, has been sharing her amazing images of the Northern Lights on the Vanderhoof Sights and Scenes Facebook page. Have a look at her great photos, and see more images posted by residents of our community and the Nechako Valley.

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Just a sample of the amazing floats typical of the Parade of Lights in Vanderhoof. Sparkling lights, candy, carols, and community spirit all make up this cherished annual event.

Photo by Bill Dobbs.

» December 5th - Don't miss it!

**Parade of Lights & Midnight Madness
Parade 7:00 pm, Midnight Madness 7:00pm-midnight**

A fun community event to kick off the Christmas season is the annual Parade of Lights. Floats representing a wide variety of organizations and businesses, vividly decorated with hundreds of lights, drive through the residential streets of Vanderhoof after dark. Families come from near and far to take part in this festive evening, which includes Midnight Madness as most downtown retailers remain open until midnight that same evening, offering many great sales. Come out for some fun community time, and bag some great deals while you are at it!

**Wild Art Christmas Exhibit and Sale plus a VCT Play Performance
December 3-6, Burrard Market Square - open to 11pm on December 5th**

The Nechako Community Arts Council is proud to present their annual exhibit. Come pick up some great art and crafts, and chat with members of our diverse arts community. Arrive at 9pm to watch a comical play performed by the Vanderhoof Community Theatre.

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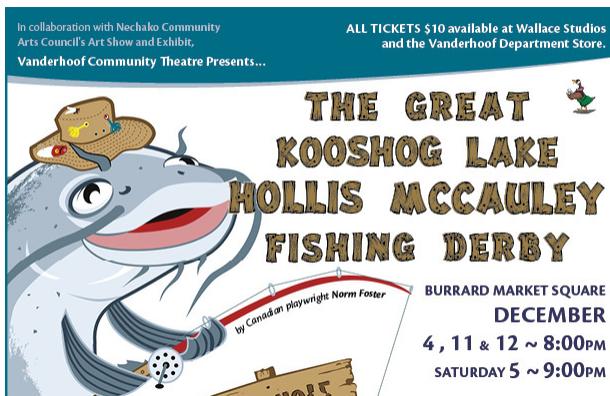
Inquiries to the UPDATER can be made to:
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» Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative

Go green at your next event! The Green Toolkit is a set of reusable dishes offered by the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative for use at your event in place of disposable Styrofoam, paper, or plastic place settings. The Green Toolkit has 200 complete place settings, including dinner plates, dessert plates, bowls, mugs, glasses and cutlery (soup spoons, teaspoons, knives, and forks). You can rent any part of the Green Toolkit or the whole thing, depending on your needs.

For more information, visit our website at www.nechakowri.ca/Toolkit.html. To book the Green Toolkit for your event, contact Bethany, the NWRI Sustainability Coordinator, at nechakowri@gmail.com or 778-840-8977.



UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 & DECEMBER 14,
5:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 160 CONNAUGHT STREET

» MAKE A SPLASH!

Submission provided by Glenda Olsen

A Call Out to the Seniors of Vanderhoof to Help Support the Pool



As we approach this holiday season it's important that we are thankful for the community we live in. Unlike many parts of the world that are plagued by war, famine or extreme weather; Vanderhoof is a close-knit community where people genuinely care about the welfare of one another. This is a healthy place to grow up, raise a family and grow old. Vanderhoof truly is a unique community.

Great communities don't just happen. They require strong leadership and people willing to go above and beyond for the things that they believe in. I believe in the Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre. This pool is not a luxury. It provides a location for low impact exercise and physical therapy for people of all ages, and especially seniors. It also provides a safe place for children to learn how to swim. The Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre will be a legacy to be enjoyed not only by our peers, but our children and our children's children. We need to continue to work towards this. To date the Pool Society has raised over \$300,000.00. This truly is a remarkable feat, but we still have a ways to go. Vanderhoof is a community of hard working people and I feel that we have the courage to believe in this goal and see it through to success. This holiday season I ask you to donate on behalf of your loved ones. Give them the gift of community, something far more beneficial than anything you might find under the tree. We have created a Christmas Greeting Card specifically for donating on behalf of a loved one.

If we all work together and give what we can, we can accomplish this goal. The support from the community so far has been spectacular. The stories of individual's contributions, both young and old, have been inspiring. It's made me proud to be a resident of Vanderhoof.

Please donate to the pool over the holiday season by making a contribution to the pool on behalf of loved ones. Share in the joy of including them in a project that requires the commitment of many to create. Please contact the District of Vanderhoof for more information or email vhfaquatic@hotmail.com.

This holiday season, help make the Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre a reality.

» Council Meeting Notes

October 13 – Regular Meeting of Council

Council approved to provide a letter of support to the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce's application to NDI's Fabulous Festivals and Events Program for the 16th Annual Pumpkin Walk and the Parade of Lights for the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce. The District proclaimed October, 2015 as Community Living Month in Vanderhoof. Council approved the Christmas Holiday closure for the municipal office from 2:00pm on December 24, 2015 until 8:30am on January 4, 2016. Council approved the allocation of an additional \$15,000 for the Bute Lift Station SCADA upgrade. Council directed staff to advertise the Arena Concession in conjunction with the Nechako Valley Historical Society's Ok Café to the public for food services. Council adopted Bylaw 1150, the District of Vanderhoof Permissive Tax Exemptions for 2016. Council approved the application for the Business Façade Program of 2016 for Burrard Avenue in addition to providing a letter of support to accompany the application.

October 19 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Council discussed adding clauses to the Community Forest application. Council reviewed a policy to allow for a yearly Alumni Hockey Game. The concept of creating a memorandum of understanding with the Saik'uz First Nation was raised. Council approved the creation of a round table event – Vanderhoof's Vision for 2016 – in order to gain public input. Council sought clarity in the creation of the building permit reporting. Council also sought to enact a policy for recognizing volunteers. Council selected a possible site for the addition of 2 soccer pitches to present to the Vanderhoof Youth Soccer Association. Nechako Valley Search and Rescue was granted permission from Council to remove the trees in the front of their building in order to place smaller more manageable trees in their place.

October 26 – Regular Meeting of Council

The Vanderhoof RCMP were a delegation at the meeting where they discussed the current conditions of the detachment and that it's the most staffed the detachment has been for years. In addition, the idea was moved forward that a community forum be organized where the public could better understand policing in Vanderhoof and to allow for the Vanderhoof RCMP detachment to better understand the needs of the community.

Council received an invitation from the College of New Caledonia for a community consultation. Council then motioned to have a new time, venue, and personnel for a public meeting. All of Council would be available from the times of 6-8pm on November 10th. Council then reviewed aspects of the Memorandum of Understanding created by L & M for the District of Vanderhoof. Council adopted a policy supporting an annual Alumni Hockey Game, and a policy for Volunteer Committee recognition. Council accepted the first three readings of Bylaw 1154, 2015 Financial Plan Amendment, in addition to the first three readings of Bylaw 1155, 2015 Procedure Amendment. A motion was moved to apply to NKDF for \$200,000 for the Aquatic Centre.

November 9 – Regular Meeting of Council

Council received delegations from the Vanderhoof Flying Club and the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce. The Vanderhoof Flying Club requested the use of municipal assets for the 2016 Vanderhoof Air Show. Council approved providing a letter of support for the NDI Fabulous Festivals and Events grant and directed staff to look into possible Municipal Insurance Association possibilities in addition to having staff explore the possibility of offering camping at the airport.

The Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce requested to have a number of roads closed for the Parade of Lights in addition to a request to use the portable stage for the Trade Show scheduled for May 13-14, 2016 at the Vanderhoof. Council approved a motion to provide 2016 animal licenses free of charge until January 31, 2016 and that unlicensed animals picked-up by the animal control officer would be issued a fine of \$100 per occurrence. Council received a skateboard site selection report, from which Council narrowed the selections down to two sites and will have them presented at the upcoming Vanderhoof's Vision for 2016. Council approved proposed amendments made to the 'Celebrate 90' terms of reference. Council approved Bylaw 1154, the 2015 Financial Plan Amendment and Bylaw 1155, an amendment that creates 6 month terms for where Councillors become acting Mayor in the event the Mayor is absent. Council approved sending two people to both the 2016 AMEBC Roundup in Vancouver and the 2016 BC Natural Resource Conference in Prince George and that the expenses occurred for these events be approved. Council declined membership to the BC Community Forest Association.