

## Solid Waste Management Plan Review

Commencing in the fall of 2009 the Cariboo Regional District will be undertaking a review of its Solid Waste Management Plan and developing a new plan to guide solid waste practices for the next ten years. The anticipated scope of work will include the following primary objectives:



- Review implementation status of current Plan;
- Review current waste management practices for the purpose of identifying operational improvements or efficiencies;
- Review current and evolving waste management strategies;
- Develop operating and capital budget requirements for implementation of specific initiatives;
- Facilitate consultations with joint CRD-municipal committees on Plan issues;
- Determine public acceptance of using Refuse Derived Fuel for energy generation;
- Conduct waste composition studies to characterize the effectiveness of curbside recycling programs, gauge success of product stewardship programs, and assess the potential for increased diversion from domestic and other waste streams;
- Identify options for recycling at rural refuse facilities with associated cost evaluations;
- Investigate opportunities for moving toward a long-term goal for achieving a Zero Waste Initiative.

Public meetings will be held throughout the Cariboo Regional District to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the existing solid waste management system and identify service improvements over the next term of the Plan. It is also anticipated that questionnaires will be distributed to the public in an effort to solicit broader input on solid waste issues.



### Alex Bracewell Earns Community Achievement Award

Earlier this year, CRD Area J Director Alex Bracewell was among the 45 individuals from across the province to earn a Community Achievement Award. Bracewell, who was nominated for his work in developing the Tatlayoko Accessible Trails, has championed accessible tourism opportunities throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin for persons with disabilities and others with accessibility challenges. He also played an integral role in the development of the Regional District's Wheelchair Accessible Trails Inventory and Assessment Study which was adopted by the Board in 2008.

## NOT Just Another Pretty Flower



Another long winter is over and spring is finally here; it's time to get outside and into the garden. Winter's remnants need to be cleared away and plans for another much awaited growing season need to be made. While you make preparations, and before you head to your local garden centre, please stop and ask yourself if you know what you are growing and if you know what you are planning to grow.

An invasive alien plant is a plant that is not native to British Columbia, and has the potential to pose undesirable or detrimental impacts on humans, animals, and ecosystems. Invasive plants have the capacity to establish quickly and easily and can have widespread negative economic, social, and environmental impacts. Some vendors within the horticultural industry are currently selling and

distributing invasive seed and plants, leaving it up to the consumer to educate themselves about invasive alien plants and which ones to stay away from at garden centres.

As homeowners, there are ten things you can do to prevent the establishment of invasive plants:

1. Learn about the potential invasiveness of new species before you grow them.
2. Do not purchase or grow invasive seeds or plants.
3. If you identify an invasive species, remove all of the plant parts and dispose of them carefully.
4. Avoid letting invasive plants fruit or set seed.
5. Properly dispose of yard and garden waste and hanging baskets.
6. Avoid using wildflower seed mixes.
7. Avoid picking plants from roadsides, gravel pits or other disturbed areas.
8. Grow regional native plants in your garden.
9. Discourage propagation of invasive species by friends and neighbours.
10. Contribute to local efforts to manage invasive plants. Contact the CRD's Invasive Plant Management Program at 1-800-665-1636 or visit [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca)

## Quesnel Fringe Area OCP

This OCP was adopted in 1985 and is the oldest of our current Official Plans. A review of this OCP commenced earlier this year, with an introductory meeting held April 18th for the four Electoral Directors, their Advisory Planning Commission members and representation from the City of Quesnel. Two public Open Houses are being scheduled in early June. As the Plan develops, we expect to post updates on the CRD webpage.

### Green-Watch Lake 70 Mile OCP

While most OCP's are settlement based, this OCP is watershed based. This new OCP is funded jointly by the Cariboo Regional District, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the provincial Ministry of Community Development. The consultant commenced the project in the later fall, and plans a series of three Open Houses, the first one occurred on April 25th. Information on the OCP and first Open House summary is available online at [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca)

In June, staff of both the Cariboo and Thompson-Nicola Regional Districts are doing a presentation on the OCP project at the BC Lake Stewardship Society annual meeting, being held this year at Watch Lake.

## Heritage Update

The Regional District is seeking funding for nominating up to 12 sites to its Heritage Register in 2009. In 2008, the CRD Board of Directors established a volunteer committee to assist with the heritage function, with the representatives comprising various geographical areas of the CRD. We are actively taking steps towards this goal and have hosted meetings with the Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Culture to help create awareness for the program. Watch the CRD website for more updates in the coming months.

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## From the Chair

On behalf of the Cariboo Regional District Board and staff, welcome to our summer 2009 edition of the UpFront newsletter. We trust you will find the information inside useful and informative.



In this edition, we have included information about many of our programs and services including invasive plant management, emergency planning, solid waste management and our library system. We have also continued our new Hometown Heroes column, profiling residents from the Cariboo Chilcotin who have made a difference in communities throughout the region. We look forward to receiving your nominations for future editions.

In these difficult economic times, I want to assure you that the Cariboo Regional District remains committed to providing our residents with the best in quality services in a cost effective manner. I encourage you to contact myself, or your local area Director if we can be of any service to you.

From the CRD's Board of Directors and staff, I wish you all a happy and safe summer season.

Sincerely,

Al Richmond

## Be Responsible - Be Prepared!

In an emergency, the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) coordinates with responding agencies to help minimize impacts to residents immediately affected during an emergency. To accomplish this, the Regional District works closely with the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP).

While the CRD has an Emergency Plan in place it does not replace personal responsibility for mitigating or planning for emergency events. Regional emergency planning does not reduce the requirement and responsibility of individuals to take actions available to them. Residents are responsible to protect and prepare their properties from the natural elements that are part of the allure of a Cariboo lifestyle such as waterfront properties or native wildlife and the hazards that come with both.

In addition, the ability to be self sufficient for at least the first 72 hours in an emergency is vital. In the event of a large scale incident, it may take emergency response agencies a minimum of 72 hours to provide assistance to you or your neighbourhood. This time frame may increase due to the large rural area of the Regional District and the nature of the event. By being able to fend for yourself at the onset of an emergency your chances of a positive outcome will significantly increase. Having said this, the best scenario for all will result when residents take responsibility for their own properties, preparing for the hazards they know exist and reducing those hazards.



For residents living in an area that may be threatened by an interface wildfire you can plan ahead to protect your homes and properties. By following the FireSmart guidebook, steps can be taken to reduce the chance of losing your home to a wildfire. Furthermore, when agencies are creating action plans or fighting the interface fire, a house that has FireSmart practices in place may be viewed as more viable to protect than a home that has no FireSmart protection. Recent events in British Columbia have shown that homes without FireSmart practices in place and those that have a lot of extra material on the property, are not only at greater risk of being lost to fire but also present greater risks to fire fighters.

Residents are urged to take steps to prepare their families and property for an emergency by initially reducing the hazards, and secondly by developing their personal emergency plan. FireSmart and flood information is available online at [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca) or for further information, contact the CRD's Emergency Planning Department 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

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## NEW CRD Libraries

The new CRD Quesnel Library, completed in 2008, celebrated its grand opening on January 24, 2009. The 12,000 square feet of brightly lit space houses over 50,000 items for residents to enjoy now and for years to come.

In the south, the CRD 100 Mile House Library moved and re-opened March 24th in its temporary location at #5-530 Pinkney Complex on Horse Lake Road.

The move was necessary to facilitate the building of the brand new library. Although the current library is smaller than the original one, the library still houses two thirds of the collections and receives new items every week. Staff is looking forward to moving into the brand new 7,000 square foot library at the end of March 2010.

The new facility will be located on the site of the former library and will more than double the existing space. In staying with the District of 100 Mile House's "Log Home Capital of BC" theme, the new facility will be a post and beam structure fully faced in log siding which will give the appearance of a complete log structure. All interior trim will be made of local Mountain Pine Beetle killed wood. The CRD has awarded the project to a contractor who will be using local sub trades people.

In the meantime, they look forward to seeing you in the storefront location next to the Veterinary clinic. The library continues to operate with the same hours as before. If you wish to drop off borrowed material after hours, there is a book bin located at the rear of the building. Library hours are: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am-8pm  
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10am-5pm  
Sundays, Mondays, Stat. holidays closed.



## CRD Welcomes LGMA Intern

Danielle Johnson has joined the Cariboo Regional District through the LGMA internship program for one year. The program is designed to recruit recent graduates from around the province into local government management positions. Upon completion of her Political Science degree at the University of British Columbia, Danielle became a resident of the Cariboo region to commence the program. Danielle will have the opportunity to work with various departments at the CRD, focusing on research and project management, gaining invaluable experience en route to a career in local government. Danielle plans to use her experience to promote local government jobs to students of the region and beyond.



## CRD Awarded Gold Star



This past month, the Cariboo Regional District was awarded with the 2009 Gold Star Award for its successful resolution "Continuation of the Union of British Columbia (UBCM) Community Tourism Funding Program" at the recent North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) Conference in Dawson Creek.

Every year, the NCMA executive awards a Gold Star and an Honourable Mention Award to members for the best-crafted resolutions. Last year the Cariboo Regional District was awarded the Honourable Mention Gold Star for its Carbon Tax resolution.

The CRD resolution spoke to the continuation of the UBCM Community Tourism Funding Program which has allowed for the development of many tourism based projects throughout the region. Some of the projects to benefit from the funding program included the Cariboo Chilcotin Promotional DVD, Deserter Creek Trail head improvements, the South Cariboo Economic Development program, the Tatlayoko Accessible Trails pilot project and wheelchair tourism study, a number of local rodeos and tourism information centres.

## House Numbering Time Saves Lives

Have you ever heard the saying time saves lives? It refers to the fact that in a fire, medical or police emergency, the quicker emergency responders get to you the better. However, sometimes precious minutes are lost because responders can't find the address.

What can you do?

- Make sure your address is clearly posted on your house and at the entrance of your driveway if your house is set back from the roadway.
- Keep bushes, plantings, and trees trimmed so as not to interfere with the view of your house number from the road.
- Have your lettering and numbers about 5" in size, on a contrasting background or in reflective material, and be visible from at least 150 feet.

Don't know your house number?

- Contact the Cariboo Regional District and we will be happy to assist you.

Make sure your address number is clearly visible from the street – day or night! Ensure emergency personnel are able to find you as quickly as possible.



## 911

911 is the emergency telephone number to get ambulance, fire or police assistance. Once you have been transferred to the appropriate emergency dispatcher, remember the following:

- Stay calm and give clear information
- Provide accurate directions to your location
- If it's a medical emergency, give as much information about the patient's condition as possible.

Remember, if you dial 911 by mistake, DO NOT HANG UP! Stay on the line to tell the 911 operator that everything is okay. If you hang up, the operator may unnecessarily dispatch a police vehicle to investigate.

## New Energy Efficient Lighting for Kersley Hall

In partnership with the Kersley Community Association, the Cariboo Regional District is working toward the replacement of all lighting systems at the Kersley Recreation Centre. The centre is a focal point for social activity in Kersley, boasting an indoor squash/racquetball court, a ceramic arts building, and a theatre used by 2 award-winning theatre groups. Replacing the aging lighting systems will serve to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs. This project is supported by \$35,000 of funding from the federal / provincial Community Works Fund program and is expected to achieve an increase of at least 25% in overall energy efficiency.



## New Building Bylaw Aligns with Green Building Code

On March 27, 2009 the Board of the Cariboo Regional District passed Bylaw No. 4374 which is very similar to the existing bylaw No. 3907 it has replaced. Most of the changes in the new bylaw are mainly housekeeping items to align the bylaw with the 2006 BC Building Code.

There is a change in the inspection schedules because the new Green Building Code introduced on April 5, 2008 requires that semi-heated and heated ancillary building must contain insulation and vapour barrier. This will require an additional inspection.

Seismic and snow load requirements had to be updated.

There is a slight increase to square foot costs of log homes, garages, carports and the hourly rate for cost recovery of site inspections.

There has been no change in the fee schedule for calculating the cost of scheduling permits.

A copy of this bylaw is available online at our website at [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca) or at any of the District's offices.

## HOMETOWN HEROES

Jim Mowery

Each community has them. They are always there, usually working hard behind the scenes. They are the ones that bring our communities together. Yes, we are talking about those unsung Hometown Heroes! The CRD's UpFront newsletter will now feature a regular Hometown Hero column, profiling those people in our communities throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin that make a difference in our lives with the special things they do.



Area E Director, Steve Mazur presents Jim Mowery with his CRD long term service award in May 2009.

This edition's Hometown Hero, Mr. Jim Mowery is a familiar face to many in the Central Cariboo. Mr. Mowery was recently recognized by the CRD Board with a Long Term Service Award for his years of service and dedication to the region.

In 2008 the CRD Board established a policy for recognition of retiring volunteers who have served on Cariboo Regional District Commissions for a minimum of 10 years. Mr Mowery, the first recipient of this award, has been involved with the CRD in a volunteer capacity since the early 70's. He was recognized and honoured for his hard work and commitment in providing over 35 years of service to the Area E Advisory Planning Commission and the CRD.

If you know someone who has made a difference in your community, we want to hear from you. Tell us about your Hometown Heroes and maybe they will be featured in future editions. Simply contact your local CRD Director, or email your stories to [hometownheroes@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:hometownheroes@cariboord.bc.ca) or fax them to the CRD at 250-392-2812.



Get Involved! Watch for community meetings in your area coming soon...

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## Esler Fuel Management

Since the late 1990s, the presence of Mountain Pine Beetle has increased drastically in Cariboo Chilcotin forests. This epidemic has created swathes of dead or partly dead forests, raising the probability of high intensity wildfires. Determined to reduce this threat, the Cariboo Regional District, with funding from Natural Resources Canada, commissioned a report in 2008 entitled "Fuel Management Plan for Lands Affected by Mountain Pine Beetle for Properties Controlled by the Cariboo Regional District". This report, authored by consultants from the UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest, examines 11 properties under CRD

control and offers recommendations to reduce the risk of wildfire. One property highlighted in the report is the Esler Sport Complex in Williams Lake. Esler is visited by hundreds of sport enthusiasts throughout the summer, and a high intensity wildfire at the property would pose a serious risk to lives and property.

In early 2009, with coordination from the UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest, the Cariboo Regional District began steps to remove dead and damaged trees from the Esler property. Further funding from Natural Resources Canada allowed the Cariboo Regional District to employ two locally based silviculture companies, Cedar Creek Silviculture and Nilsson Select Contracting, to perform the skidding and falling necessary to remove the trees. Altogether, 259 Green Metric Tonnes of potential wildfire fuel was extracted and the debris was removed by EPCOR to be used as biomass at the power plant. The Esler Sport Complex is now an even safer place for those who enjoy its excellent sport facilities.



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