

Did you know...

The CRD's solid waste pilot project at Lac La Hache has been successful at reducing greenhouse gas emissions while also reducing the cost of operations at the same time. From January to May, 2012 the site was serviced 239 times as compared to only 46 times for the same time period in 2013 since moving to compaction processes. For a five month period, by compacting waste prior to shipping, 193 truck hauling trips have been avoided saving 5,790 litres of diesel fuel from being burned and reducing costs by \$25,321. Reduced emissions and operational savings will continue to grow as other CRD sites are converted to compaction operations.



The Cariboo Regional District will also continue with its subsidized backyard composter sales with advance sales in the spring of 2014. Watch the CRD website at cariboard.bc.ca or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/CaribooRegion for updates.



New Solid Waste Management Plan in Place

The CRD's approved Solid Waste Phase One, which spans from 2013 to 2015, Management Plan includes improvements to solid Butte Watch Lake and Interlakes sites (2013) and 150 Mille House, Wildwood, Frost Creek and Baker Creek (2014). Access to recycling facilities, will be handled in the Regional District for the next 10 years. Highlights include:

- recycling access for all CRD residents
- improved operation of nine of the CRD's refuse sites to improve diversion, achieve greater efficiencies, and reduce environmental risks
- organics diversion
- improved woodwaste management
- increased education, including easy access to waste management information

South Cariboo & West Chilcotin Search and Rescue units now supported by CRD

Feasibility studies and referendums held in the south Cariboo and Chilcotin mean that two volunteer Search and Rescue (SAR) groups will now have the basic funding they need to help keep their doors open and the people in their communities' safe.

The South Cariboo and West Chilcotin SAR groups found training, insurances and equipment too much to handle through

traditional fundraising and provincial grants. They approached the CRD to seek the basic funding that would enable them to keep their doors open for business should grant funding cease to be available. The CRD took the question to the public through two separate successful referendums. Residents living in the areas of these services voted in favour of supporting the volunteers that give their time freely to look for lost people, provide rescue services and participate in regular training to do these things well and safely.

2013 marks the first year of the Invasive Plant Management function's pilot 50/50 cost share program. The program supplements existing landowner assistance services by offering landowners a rebate of up to 50% of the cost to purchase herbicide for use controlling invasive plants on their ownland or a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of invasive plant control done by a contractor on their private land. This year the program facilitated the treatment of 320 acres for a total cost to the Cariboo Regional District of \$4,889.81. Species treated included Canada Thistle, Burdock, Yellow Hawkweed, Orange Hawkweed, Mustard, Foxtail Barley, Oxeye Daisy, Sulphur Cinquefoil, Knapweed, and Scentless Chamomile.

The program will be available to all rural residents and participating municipal residents for 2014. Please contact the Invasive Plant Management team if you would like more information or are interested in participating.

Are you ready for this flu season? Some tips to help you fight the flu from Northern Health

You can protect yourself and those around you from getting sick this flu season. Every year, about 1,400 people in BC die from the flu and pneumonia (a serious complication of influenza). That number can be reduced through preventive measures. The flu shot is one way to fight the virus. It is free for those most at risk, such as: children under five, seniors, and people with existing health conditions, including pregnancy. Proper hand washing can also help prevent the flu from spreading. When washing, use soap and warm water, wash all parts of your hands for 20 seconds. Lastly, if you are sick, stay home to protect your coworkers and limit the spread of the virus. For additional preventive information, please visit northernhealth.ca.

New Website on the way for the CRD

Watch for the new CRD website coming in 2014. The new website will feature a much simpler navigation, an improved search engine, will be mobile compatible and much more. The goal of this redesign is to provide

Accessible Wilderness Trails Development

The Cariboo Regional District, in partnership with local community groups, the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development, Northern Development Initiative Trust, and the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition, is developing its construction of accessible wilderness trails in the Claymine site in 2013. The BLRC developed an accessible wilderness trail at the Claymine site in 2013. The 200m trail meanders through forest until ending in sight of a heron's nest. The BLRC plans to add on another 475m to the trail in spring of 2014, in order to make the trail a complete loop. The CRD and the Cariboo Ski Touring Club (CSTC) also partnered to create an accessible wilderness trail at the Halis Lake Ski Centre. The approximately 450m trail begins at the ski lodge, traverses through woods to overlook a scenic viewpoint on Hallis Lake, before looping back to the trailhead. The CSTC will put the finishing touches on the trail in early 2014. Accessible trails development is a priority for the CRD in order to provide those with mobility issues the opportunity to enjoy varied wilderness areas in the region.

In 2010, five accessible trails, located at the Cottonwood House and the Churn Creek Protected Area in collaboration with the Cariboo Regional District, the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission (BLRC) completed its construction of accessible wilderness trails in the Interlakes Community Complex in Roe Lake in the south Cariboo; Quesnel Forks and Gavin Lake in the central Cariboo; the Clammy site and Kosta's Cove on 10 Mile Lake in the north Cariboo; and the Churn Creek Protected Area found at cariboard.bc.ca.

Sam Ketcham Pool Upgrades Referendum

Residents within the Central Cariboo Recreation services boundary will be heading to the polls next November for a borrowing referendum for major renovations to the Sam Ketcham Pool at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex in Williams Lake.

The referendum, which will be held in conjunction with local government elections on Nov. 15, 2014, will ask voters if they approve borrowing \$10 million over 20 years. The remainder of the cost of the approximately \$11.3 million project will need to be made up from grants, fundraising, and capital reserves. Proceeding with the project would result in an increase for Central Cariboo Recreation services of approximately \$40/\$100,000 of residential assessment, including operating costs of the expanded facility.

If the proposed major upgrade does not proceed, a \$2 million project to replace the main pool tank is urgently required and would still need to be undertaken within the next few years.

Opening of the Anahim Lake Airport Terminal Building

The grand opening of the Anahim Lake Airport's new terminal building will take place on December 16. The terminal was built with support funding from the Cariboo Regional District, the Province's Towns for Tomorrow Program, Northern Development Initiative Trust, the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition, and the Federal Government's Community Works Fund Program. The terminal will be a valuable asset at the airport as it will serve the scheduled flight service, act as the airport office, and improve service levels for visitors, tourism operators, medical personnel, RCMP and other users. During emergency events, the terminal also will provide office space and a meeting area for use by emergency personnel.



The Cariboo Regional District would like to acknowledge the many volunteers throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin who continually make a difference in our communities. Many programs which are offered throughout the region and the enjoyment and benefits they offer wouldn't be nearly as successful without the countless hours put in by these volunteers that serve our communities. The CRD Board of Directors and staff salute all volunteers in the Cariboo Chilcotin and thank you for your tireless hours and commitment to your communities which help make the Cariboo Chilcotin a great place to live, work and play.