



*Celebrating 40 Years
of Building Communities Together*

UP FRONT

SUMMER 2008

YOUR CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT NEWS

From the Chair



On behalf of
the Cariboo

Regional District Board of Directors and staff, I would like to welcome you to our summer edition of our UpFront newsletter. I am sure that you will find the information in it both informative and useful.

This publication includes a new column which will be featured in all future editions – Hometown Heroes. This column will profile individuals from across the Cariboo Chilcotin that have made a difference in your community. We look forward to seeing those nominations coming in.

You will also find updates on various departments including protective services, our library system, invasive plant management and some interesting facts about local government elections on November 15. Be sure to exercise your rights!

As many of you are aware, in 2008, the CRD will be celebrating its 40th anniversary with special events in communities across the Regional District. Watch for events coming soon in a community close to you.

From the CRD's Board of Directors and staff, I wish you and your families a fun filled and safe summer season.

Sincerely,

Jon Wolbers

Jon Wolbers, Chair
Cariboo Regional District

Partnerships in Protection



It's going to be a busy year for Protective Services in the Cariboo! In the north Cariboo, CRD volunteer fire departments are working with the City of Quesnel fire department to purchase and outfit a wild land/urban interface fire sprinkler trailer.

In the central Cariboo, City of Williams Lake staff and fire department are working with the CRD and the Wildwood, 150 Mile and Miocene volunteer fire departments to expand current fire protection agreements to encompass more of the currently unprotected subdivisions and properties surrounding the City of Williams Lake.

In the south Cariboo, District of 100 Mile House fire department and CRD, along with the Deka Lake, Lone Butte, Forest Grove, 108 Mile and Lac La Hache volunteer fire departments are working together on a number of fire protection agreements, and considering future projects that could benefit all of the southern departments and the people protected by them.

In addition, two independent departments in the south are exploring the possibility of becoming functions of the CRD. The Canim Lake Fire Society and the Interlakes Fire Department have been working hard for a number of years to build their infrastructure and manpower levels in preparation for the feasibility studies currently underway.

Central Cariboo Search and Rescue has been extremely busy over the last year and has much to show for its efforts. This group will complete a two year course this June that will see many of their members completely trained to respond to swift water rescue situations.

Whether it be fire, first responders, auto extrication, ice rescue, still water rescue, swift water rescue, tracking, searching, or emergency social services, there are a multitude of dedicated volunteers throughout the Cariboo Regional District that train selflessly to be prepared in case of emergency. Please support the volunteers in your community, go out and meet them, find out what they need, and if you can, become one of them.

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The Greening of the BC Building Code

With the new shift to concerns about energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions the Provincial Government is responding by introducing Part 10, Energy and Water Efficiency, of the 2006 BC Building Code. This means that after September 5, 2008 builders of new construction will be required to meet specific requirements to improve the energy rating of their buildings. There will be minor changes to the insulation values in some areas of these new buildings; specifically attic insulation in residences which will be increased from R44 to R52. There will now be a requirement for non-residential buildings: garages, shops etc., to be insulated if they are heated or semi-heated. This includes the walls and roofs of metal buildings, steel framed and wood framed buildings and even unheated concrete floors in these buildings.

The amount of water being consumed by residences has also become a concern with the global recognition of water shortages. As a result there will be changes to the flow rate of various plumbing fixtures. The maximum flow rates of these new fixtures will be as follows:

- Lavatory Faucets—8.3 ltrs/minute
- Kitchen Faucets—8.3 ltrs/minute
- Shower Heads—9.5 ltrs/minute
- Tank Type Toilets—6.0 ltrs per flush cycle
- Tankless Toilets—6.0 ltrs per flush cycle

These changes could be very important to anyone providing their own water from a well that may have a marginal, by today's standards, water supply. With the recent awareness of energy efficiency and water reduction a lot of new technologies have been developed. Now with the increased production of these technologies they will become more affordable and may be useful

in existing residences with limited water supply.

With the introduction of the 2006 BC Building Code, you do not have to follow the Code to the letter provided you are able to prove that the alternative meets the intent of what the Code requires. In the new sections being introduced, alternatives will be allowed provided the building will qualify to meet an Energuide rating of 77. This is the same measure of energy efficiency you see on many of the appliances you purchase today.

If you have any questions about these coming changes please contact your local CRD Building Inspection Department.



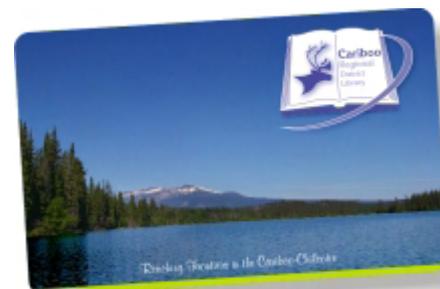
Library News:



2007 Summer Reading Club participants

Summer Reading Club

Children are invited to "Read All Over the Map" this summer at your local CRD library! This exciting and educational province-wide program encourages children to read over the summer holidays to help maintain literacy skills while they are having a good time. The Summer Reading Club reaches over 65,000 children in B.C. every summer and is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association. Children can read about the northern wilderness or maybe the railroad, climb into some cool mountain reading, dig into an exciting gold rush book, soak up a good book while on the riverbank, get swallowed in a whale of a tale, and soar away with high flying stories. The 2008 Summer Reading Club starts at the beginning of July. For more information contact your local CRD library and join in the fun!



New borrowing card coming soon

CRDL's newest library card, featuring a cool blue Chilcotin image of lake, sky and distant mountain by our very own Rick Brundrige, is the first of an anticipated series of library cards featuring Cariboo-Chilcotin landscapes. The card will soon be available at all three Area Branches and by late summer at the Community Branches. Watch for information on the new card at your local CRDL branch, and if you are curious, come in and "check-out" the new card.



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New Addition for Kersley Community Hall



North Cariboo residents will have the opportunity to enjoy a bigger and better Kersley Community Hall this summer. The expansion project underway in the small community 20 kilometres south of Quesnel will increase the size of the current hall by almost 1200 square feet including major renovations to the theatre stage, new dressing rooms and washrooms and an upgraded septic system.

Voting: It's Your Right

On Saturday, November 15th, across British Columbia and the rest of the nation, it is our chance to have a say in the future and direction of our regional and local governments.

For many people around the world, the voting process has emerged through the shrouds of war and pestilence. People who have gained the right to vote through these conditions realize the importance of this process and cherish this crucial right that sometimes we, as Canadians, take for granted.

Across BC, general elections are held every three years for offices such as mayors, councillors, and the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors. These public offices are all three-year terms.

General voting day is traditionally the third Saturday in November. If you are not able to make it to the polls on that day, you can still vote through the advance-voting stations that will be open on Wednesday, November 5 and Friday, November 7, 10 days prior to the general vote. All polls are wheelchair accessible and manned with helpful staff to answer any questions you may have about the election.

The original hall was built in 1956 and is the heart of Kersley; home to the well-known Kersley Players and Kersley Musical Theatre and other community groups such as Kersley 4H and the local women's and farmer's institutes.

Despite the not-quite-finished construction, the hall successfully hosted the Central Interior Zone Theatre Festival in May, which included five performances by three community theatre groups.

Construction will cost approximately \$275,000 and received funding support from the Northern Trust and the Union of BC Municipalities Community Tourism program. The general contractor completing the work is Shane McCann Contracting of Kersley, which had the successful bid. The planned completion date is July 31, 2008.

This year, as a result of new legislation, absent residents that wish to vote may be allowed to cast their ballot through the mail. Further details about this option will be available soon on the CRD website at www.cariboord.bc.ca

To be able to vote in this upcoming election, there are certain criteria that you will need to know. First and foremost, you must be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on the day of the election. Also, individuals must have lived within the electoral district of where they wish to vote for six months before general voting day.

Before you head out to vote, make sure that you bring along two pieces of government issued identification such as a driver's license and your CareCard that can confirm your current address and your signature. If you are not a registered voter, you can always register at the time of voting.

On November 15, don't forget to celebrate your right to vote, and make your voice count. After all, it is not only your right, but also your responsibility as British Columbians to help shape and guide our future.

HOMETOWN HEROES Roy Teed

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.

Many of you know a familiar face in the North Cariboo and for that matter throughout the province. This edition's Hometown Hero is none other than Kersley's own playwright, Roy Teed.

Roy Teed has been writing all his life and for the stage in particular since 1987. He is a graduate (BFA) of the University of British Columbia where he majored in creative writing. He believes he's written over thirty plays (he lost count after twenty-nine) and is currently working on a new script with a working title of "Sweet Song Farewell". Roy occasionally delves into fiction writing and recently had a short collection published under a pseudonym.



Annie Gallant photo

Gino deRose, Deleena Lovall and Rory Parr rehearse Roy Teed's "The Good Game", which won Best Production at the Theatre BC Zone festival and will be going on to Mainstage in Nanaimo to compete to be the best in BC.

Teed is the manager of the Kersley recreation function which includes the Arena and its programming as well as the Community Hall. He has lived in the Kersley area all his life and has been with the CRD since the New York Islanders ruled the Stanley Cup.

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 featured in future editions. Email your stories to hometownheroes@cariboord.bc.ca or fax them to the CRD at 392-2812

Celebrating 40 Years of Building Communities Together

The Cariboo Regional District is celebrating its 40th year of incorporation this year. Throughout 2008, residents from across the Cariboo Chilcotin will be able to participate in a number of events celebrating our birthday! Watch for an event coming soon to your community or visit our website at www.cariboord.bc.ca



Directors Al Richmond, Sue Zacharias, Alex Bracewell and Chair Jon Wolbers hold up a CRD birthday cake at the first of four 40th Anniversary Barbecues.

Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants

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. Many invasive plants are introduced unintentionally through horticultural activities. These plants grow rapidly, spread quickly, are tolerant of tough conditions, and can form dense patches choking out native or desired species. As homeowners, there are 10 things you can do to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive plants:

- Learn about the potential invasiveness of new species before you grow them.
- Do not purchase or grow invasive or legislated noxious weed seeds or plants.
- If you identify an invasive species, remove all of the plant parts and dispose of them carefully
- Avoid letting invasive plants fruit or set seed, as birds and animals can spread the plants to other areas.
- Properly dispose of yard and garden waste and hanging baskets into a properly functioning compost pile or facility, or by drying out any material sufficiently to kill remaining vegetative parts.
- Avoid using wildflower seed mixes as most consist of invasive species or species not adapted to local conditions.
- Avoid picking plants from roadsides, gravel pits or other disturbed areas. Many of the prettiest wildflowers growing on roadsides are aggressive invasive species that should not be moved to new areas.
- Grow regional native plants in your garden, as they are naturally adapted to the local environment and are non-invasive.
- Discourage propagation of invasive species by friends and neighbours. Talk with them about the impacts of invasive plants and the use of suitable alternatives.
- Contribute to local efforts to manage invasive plants. Contact the Cariboo Regional District's Invasive Plant Management Program at 392-3351 or Toll Free at 1-800-665-1636 or visit the website at www.cariboord.bc.ca



Wood Waste Volumes Out of Control



Dramatic increases in volumes of wood waste from 34,000 to 112,000 cubic metres per year are causing annual costs to rise from \$205,918 to \$672,125. The high volumes of wood waste are creating hazardous conditions at many Cariboo Regional District refuse sites, placing surrounding properties at risk. Residents are being asked to assist in reducing this growing problem by treating wood waste on their own properties whenever possible, rather than hauling the material to the nearest landfill.

Wood waste can be used for fire wood, chipped or burned, when safe to do so. Wood chippers can be rented for do-it-yourself operations or residents can hire tree service companies. The resulting chips should be composted or spread on site. Burning of brush piles under safe conditions can also be used to manage wood waste. Burning must occur in accordance with the Ministry of Environment Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, www.env.gov.bc.ca/air/particulates/bb_sgiyea.html. As well, the appropriate permits must be obtained from the Ministry of Forests.

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