



Let's Talk Trash

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) is updating its Solid Waste Management Plan for the entire region. The previous plan was adopted in 1997 and much has changed since then. Many landfills

have been replaced by transfer stations and landfills have been made more secure by the installation of electric bear fences. Metal and/or wood marshall yards are available at most refuse sites, which can be reused as fuel or recycled instead of taking up space in the landfill. Share Sheds are located at most sites and allow for the reuse of gently used household items.

Once your garbage leaves your home or office, most of it ends up in one of the 15 landfills in the District. Some materials, including paper, cardboard, plastics and tin cans end up in one of our three recycling depots. Most importantly, it all has to go somewhere for safe disposal or recycling—and there's a cost to managing this waste.

The new Plan will provide direction to the CRD for developing future solid waste programs over the next 10 years. The goal is to create a plan with input from residents and businesses that will meet our needs for managing waste—for the good of our communities, our environment and our pocket books.

As part of this process, the CRD has set up a Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee made up of residents, industry, First Nations and elected officials from across the region. These volunteers will meet throughout the year to provide input on options and give feedback on any new ideas to help manage waste and keep a lid on taxes.

GHG Targets

The CRD has recently concluded six public hearings for eight Official Community Plan and Rural Land Use bylaws regarding Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction, as well as Climate Change for the entire region. The Province of BC mandated that all local governments in BC must establish targets, actions and policies for both GHG and climate change by May 31, 2010.

The CRD is committed to reach a 33 per cent reduction of GHG emissions by the year

2020, and an 80 per cent reduction by 2050 from 2007 levels. These targets will be addressed through a number of strategies such as increasing recycling options; reviewing opportunities for home-based business and industry to decrease dependence on automobiles; supporting local food security through local agricultural uses and food processing and encouraging community gardens and farmers markets to create more food independent communities;

and supporting a broader range of local goods and services to service settlement areas, and thereby decreasing dependence on automobiles.

For further information about the GHG emissions targets for OCPs and Rural Land Use bylaws, contact the CRD Planning Department at 250-392-3351, toll free at 1-800-665-1636 or visit us online at www.cariboord.bc.ca

Get Involved, Enter, Win Big!

In order to create a successful plan for managing waste now and in the future, the CRD needs to hear from you. Fill in our survey and provide your thoughts on what services you'd like to see in the future and comment on existing ones – then enter your name for a draw for a backyard composter or CRD prize package!

- Here's how to participate:
- Fill in the survey online at www.cariboord.bc.ca
- Pick up a copy at any CRD library
- Pick up a copy at the CRD offices in Williams Lake, 100 Mile House or Quesnel.
- Call us and we'll put a copy in the mail

The survey is available from June 1 - July 9, 2010.

Once possible programs and costs are worked out, the CRD will host open houses across the region to get more feedback and to help to shape the Solid Waste Management Plan to best serve your needs. For more information, visit us online at www.cariboord.bc.ca

The Challenges We Face...



Illegal dumping of household garbage at the Baker Creek Transfer Station metals yard is just one example of the challenges we face.

City of Quesnel Water Distribution Plant

If you currently haul City of Quesnel water in large volumes (anything more than a standard 18-litre bottle), you need to use the City's new bulk water distribution plant. The plant is in the cloverleaf of the North Star interchange, on the east side of Highway 97, near the turnoff to the municipal landfill.

There are a number of reasons the City built the plant, including safety of the water system, cost

recovery and user convenience.

The plant opened on May 3 and provides free water until May 30. After that, users will be expected to pay for their water at City Hall during regular business hours before filling up. For more information, please visit the City's website www.city.quesnel.bc.ca or contact the utilities department at 250-992-6330.



From the Chair



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

In this edition you will find information about the CRD's 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada program and how you can be involved in helping us support our Forest industries throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin. You will also find updates on various departments including protective services, invasive plant management, the CRD's Solid Waste Management Review and recreation throughout the region.

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

Sincerely,

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Keeping You Safe

The CRD takes the business of emergency management very seriously. Regional District staff work hard to make sure that the Emergency Operations Team is ready to respond if, and when, the need should arise.

In an emergency, the CRD activates an Emergency Operations Centre and, if necessary, declares a state of emergency over the area that is in peril. By declaring an emergency, the CRD is able to access funding and powers necessary to direct human and financial resources required to ensure the safety of responders and public alike.

The CRD does not manage the on-scene disaster. For example, during a forest fire, the Ministry of Forests; Wildfire Management Branch works to put out the fire. The Wildfire Management Branch advises the CRD if, and when, an evacuation is necessary. In turn, the CRD works with the RCMP to mobilize an evacuation. The Regional District is also responsible for communicating with the public to keep them informed about the emergency, and works with Emergency Social Services (ESS) groups to receive evacuees and arrange for food and accommodation for those people displaced from their homes during an emergency.

The Regional District is continually developing capacity for emergency response. It now has ESS mutual aid agreements with three of its member municipalities, including the District of 100 Mile House, and the cities of Williams Lake and Quesnel.

As most residents know, conditions throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin vary from dry to very dry. Snow packs are low and the summer forecast is for warm and dry weather. The Ministry of Forests, by instituting early and ongoing burning restrictions, has helped to greatly reduce the number of brush and grass fires which have been reported and required response.

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The Forest Capital of Canada (FCC) Committee encourages residents to get involved during the 2010/11 CRD Forest Capital program!

Upcoming events include the 100 Mile House Library Grand Opening and the Kersley Community Trail Grand Opening.

Calling all writers and artists! Stay tuned for a Request for Submissions for the FCC Commemorative Magazine. Essays, stories, artwork, poetry and other works will be selected to be included in this one-time, all-inclusive publication to celebrate forestry in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

We want to hear from you! If you would like to be involved with the committee or have an idea for a Forest Capital project or event contact the Project Coordinator at 250-392-3351 1-800-665-1636 or email djohnson@cariboord.bc.ca



Keeping You Safe (continued from page 1)

Everyone's diligence this summer will continue to assist in reducing fires caused by human activity. Be fire smart and keep your property and your community safe this fire season.

The best protection in an emergency is being prepared by following the FireSmart program. Preparedness starts at home. Make sure you and your family know what to do in an emergency. Help us to help you – "Be Prepared for the First 72 Hours". For further information on the CRD's Emergency Operations, visit us online at www.cariboord.bc.ca or contact the Protective Services department at 250-392-3351 or toll-free at 1-800-665-1636.



Water Conservation Tips

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler.
2. Deep-soak your lawn. When you water, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good.
3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weeds.
4. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
5. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Clean the car with a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only to rinse it off.
6. Advise your children not to play with the hose and sprinklers. Consider filling up a pool.
7. Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings. Leaks outside the house may not seem as bad, since they are not as visible. But they can be just as wasteful as a leak inside.

For more information, please contact the CRD's Manager of Environmental Services at 250-392-3351 or Toll-Free 1-800-665-1636



Green Lake OCP

Work on the Green Lake and Area Official Community Plan (OCP) is continuing. The deadline for submission of comments from government agencies and the public, April 30, 2010, has passed. The Executive Committee and consultant are reviewing the comments received to identify any revisions that need to be made to the OCP. Efforts to engage First Nations are also continuing.

The proposed process for the next steps is as follows:

Regional District staff will meet with the respective Electoral Area Directors of both regional districts.

A revised OCP should be ready for the public and posted on the CRD and TNRD web sites before the summer.

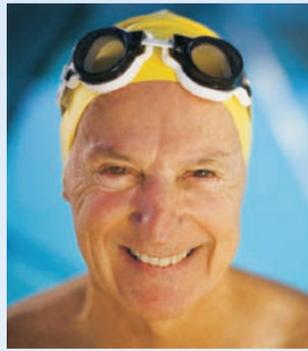
First and second reading are planned for early summer.

A public hearing is planned for 70 Mile House in late summer.

All current OCP public information is available online at www.tnrd.bc.ca or www.cariboord.bc.ca

Nifty 50s Program

A grant from the UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project program has been awarded to the Cariboo Regional District to support the Nifty 50s activity program at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre in 100 Mile House. The program will promote social and recreational opportunities for seniors in the south Cariboo through activities such as walking, curling lessons, cooking classes, and birding. The program will involve three six-week sessions with the first session beginning in September 2010.



HandyDART Service in the Central Cariboo

HandyDART services are now available for portions of Electoral Areas D, E, and F bordering the City of Williams Lake. The service offers three runs each week, with service to the 150 Mile House area on Tuesday, the Wildwood/Commodore Heights areas on Wednesday and the Mountview/Esler areas on Thursday. Pick up time is 11:00 am and return trips at 2:00 pm. The rate for service is \$4.00 per one-way trip. Call 250-398-7812 for registration information.

Accessible Trails

The Cariboo Regional District, in partnership with CARE Consulting and local groups, continues to develop accessible trails at five high-priority sites in the communities of Horsefly, Kersley, 108 Mile, Ten Mile Lake and at the Cottonwood Historical Site. Trails in Horsefly, Kersley and the Cottonwood Historical Site will be open in Summer 2010 and work continues on the sites at 108 Mile and Ten Mile Lake.

Indoor Turf Facility Feasibility Study

Indoor turf facilities are among the most popular recreation assets for communities, and Stantec Consulting recently completed a feasibility study on one for the City of Williams Lake and the Cariboo Regional District. The study presents options for building location, construction delivery, and site servicing while also providing cost estimates for construction and operation.

After the study is provided to various stakeholders for input and to encourage collaboration, a working group will be created to guide the next steps, such as site selection, building design, business plan development, and public consultation.



CRD Emergency Broadcast System In an emergency tune to 102.3FM



In 2009 the CRD acquired permission for emergency broadcasts from both NAV Canada and Industry Canada, and purchased a mobile FM broadcasting system. This system, the same one used during major disasters in other countries, will ONLY be used during emergencies and will always broadcast on 102.3 FM. When there is an emergency where people will be affected for a sustained period of time, the CRD will be able to have information broadcast, either live or recorded, on 102.3FM.

Qualified radio technicians have been testing the

Preserving Our Past

The CRD's volunteer Heritage Steering Committee is looking for some people with a keen interest in Cariboo Chilcotin Heritage. The CRD is seeking volunteers to fill two north Cariboo vacancies within the steering committee, which is comprised of representatives from across the region.

If you are interested and want to be a part of this exciting team, visit our website at www.cariboord.bc.ca

To learn more about the CRD's Heritage program, or to get involved, contact a steering committee member or the Manager of planning services.

Invasive Plant Management Update



Spring is upon us, and the Invasive Plant Management Program is gearing up for another busy year of events and programs to help Cariboo Chilcotin residents manage invasive plants.

- Transfer Stations in Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, and Quesnel will be hosting specified bins for the disposal of invasive plant material again this year. Bins will be in place in early June and residents are reminded to ensure the invasive plant material is bagged before being placed in the bin.
- An invasive plant informational field

tour and meeting will be held at Scout Island Nature Centre in Williams Lake on June 8, 2010. Admission is free; lunch and transportation will be included for all those attending. Further information and registration forms are available online at www.cccipc.ca

The CRD will be organizing Community Weed Pulls again this year. If you have a non-profit community group interested in learning about invasive plants and raising money for your group at the same time, contact the Regional District to learn more.

Become aware of the invasive plant species in your area and report any infestations to the CRD. If you are a landowner and struggling with an invasive plant problem, please contact us for help. We can provide you with information, equipment, herbicide, and treatments at no charge. Remember - invasive plants are not just another pretty flower!

CRD Fire Department Receives Certification

Fire Chief Doug Townsend and his many volunteers have worked hard over the past year to bring the Interlakes Volunteer Fire Department (IVFD) to a standard that is recognized by the Fire Underwriters Survey. Fire fighters' training, equipment, response records,

apparatus, call out procedures, regular practices and membership were all scrutinized as part of the certification process. Their hard work, countless hours of volunteered time, and past years of careful and thoughtful planning have now paid off. Congratulations Chief Townsend.

equipment, and are confident the radio will broadcast to a radius of 100 km over open ground. Our geography will limit this in some instances, but this is a huge step forward in our being able to reach people on an ongoing basis with current and relevant information.

Remember, if you find yourself in an emergency situation where the response time will be sustained, tune into 102.3FM. If we are able and aware, we will be on the air as soon as possible and as long as necessary.



Brent Rutherford

Brent Rutherford is a tireless south Cariboo supporter and volunteer. Upon his retirement as a long time educator in the Cariboo, Brent turned his effort towards promoting the tourism industry throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin. He was actively involved in the development of the operational structure of Barkerville, and currently sits on the Board of Directors for the New Pathways to Gold Society and the South Cariboo Tourism Advisory Committee. Brent is a long-time supporter of the Cariboo Chilcotin's rich heritage and was one of the first volunteers to serve on the Cariboo Regional District's Heritage Committee, which was formed in 2006.

Brent served as a long time member of the CRD's Area G Advisory Planning Committee and as the Alternate Director for Area G for 12 years. He is passionate about his community of Lac La Hache. When the Volunteer Fire Department was in need of restructuring, Brent spent countless hours working to gather volunteers to revive fire services. Not only was he one of the main drivers behind the initiative, but he also put his name forward and served as a volunteer firefighter and Deputy Chief for 8 years. Brent recently stepped down as Deputy Chief but remains an active volunteer firefighter in his community. Since 2009, Brent has also been a loyal volunteer with the Union Gospel Mission on the streets of Vancouver's East Side. Congratulations Brent on being the most recent CRD Hometown Hero!

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 or fax them to the CRD at 250-392-2812.