

Water Wise in the Cariboo Chilcotin



It has been a busy year for Water Utilities in the Cariboo Regional District with activity around the region.

In the Chilcotin, the community of Alexis Creek will be receiving a new water system in the spring of 2009, as they have been on a boil water advisory for many years now. The new Central Alexis Creek water system project is moving forward and the contract has been awarded for the construction of the new system.

In the Central Cariboo, an agreement between Fetters Development Ltd. and the Cariboo Regional District for the acquisition of the Russet Bluff Water system has been completed and signed. The Cariboo Regional

District will be taking over the system as a new function on January 1, 2009.

In the South Cariboo, petitions have been sent to the residents of the Canim Lake and Horse Lake Water systems about the CRD acquiring these systems. The votes are in, and as of January 1, 2009, the Regional District will be taking over both systems and providing the appropriate services.

The utilities department would like to remind everybody to conserve water. Turning the water off while brushing your teeth can save three gallons a day; fixing any leaky faucets and plumbing joints can save 20 gallons per day; fixing leaky toilets can save 400 gallons per month; and, installing low flow shower heads or flow restrictors can save 500 to 800 gallons per month. Conserving water is not only environmentally friendly, it also saves energy! Let's all do our part.

You've Come Across the Scene of an Accident - Now What?

With the rise of motor vehicle incidents within our region, many may wonder about the appropriate actions to take when you come across the scene of an accident. Below are several items to consider when arriving at a motor vehicle accident/incident:

1. Check for injured people and notify 911 - Police ASAP - Render assistance, first aid as necessary and appropriate.
2. Observe anything that is not normal, odour of alcohol/drugs - vehicle condition.
3. Direct traffic as necessary - obtain assistance from bystanders - wear a high visibility vest if someone has one.
4. Avoid walking through the accident/incident scene as not to destroy evidence.
5. Do not tamper with anything unless it is necessary to save life and limb.
6. Assist police and emergency personal as you can and are directed.

Please also note the duties of a driver as described in the Motor Vehicle Act Sec 68.

(1) The driver or operator or any other person in charge of a vehicle that is, directly or

indirectly, involved in an accident on a highway must do all of the following:

- (a) remain at or immediately return to the scene of the accident;
- (b) render all reasonable assistance;
- (c) produce in writing to any other driver involved in the accident and to anyone sustaining loss or injury, and, on request, to a witness:
 - (i) his or her name and address,
 - (ii) the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle,
 - (iii) the licence number of the vehicle, and
 - (iv) particulars of the motor vehicle liability insurance card or financial responsibility card for that vehicle, or such of that information as is requested

For more information, visit the link (below) to read the Motor Vehicle Act.

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/M/MoTorVehicle/26_58/26_58_06.htm

Submitted by Sgt. Bob Verbree - Cariboo Chilcotin Traffic Services - RCMP - Williams Lake Detachment



Emergency Planning Services

Paul McCarthy has joined the Cariboo Regional District's Protective Services department as the new Emergency Planning Assistant. The Emergency Planning Assistant will aid the Manager of Protective Services in planning for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies throughout the Region. He will also work to recruit, organize and train a compliment of volunteers to work within the Emergency Program. Paul has been a member of the 150 Mile House volunteer fire department since 1992 and is the department's training officer. For more information about the CRD's Emergency Planning Services or to get involved, contact the Cariboo Regional District at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.



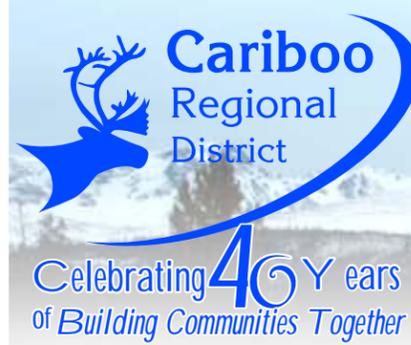
Paul McCarthy

Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers

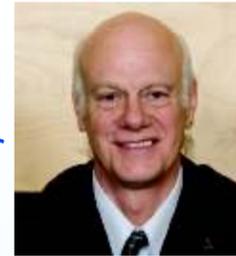
With the cold weather coming on, some residents are thinking about installing an Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler. If you are considering such a purchase you should be aware that these boilers must be installed in a location on the property that complies with the setbacks to the lot lines as described in the zoning for the property (confirm setbacks with the CRD Planning Department). If your property is within the Building Inspection Services Area, then you will also need to apply for and receive a valid building permit for the installation of a solid fuel fired appliance. For further information on installing these heaters call the CRD Building Department at 250-392-3351 or toll free 1-800-665-1636.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

- test and change batteries if needed in all smoke detectors;
- clean your wood burning chimneys often;
- store firewood away from your house;
- keep a fire extinguisher near your kitchen;
- practice your fire escape plans;
- never leave lit candles burning when no-one is in the room;
- check your Christmas lights and discard any that show signs of wear;
- Keep real Christmas trees well watered.



From the Chair



On behalf of the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors and staff, I would like to welcome you to the CRD's Winter 2008 UpFront newsletter. I am confident that you will find the information both informative and useful.

In this issue you will find valuable facts about the CRD's recent wheelchair accessible trail study, lakeshore management updates and information about the new Cariboo Chilcotin promotional DVD. You will also find useful fire safety tips, and meet some of our new community contacts.

Over the past year, the Cariboo Regional District celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing local government services. Thank you for welcoming us to your communities and sharing in our celebrations.

As many of you are aware, I am stepping down from my political career. I want to thank you for your support and let you know that it has been both a pleasure and an honour to serve you as a Director and Chair of the Regional District. On behalf of the CRD Board of Directors and staff, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,
Jon Wolbers

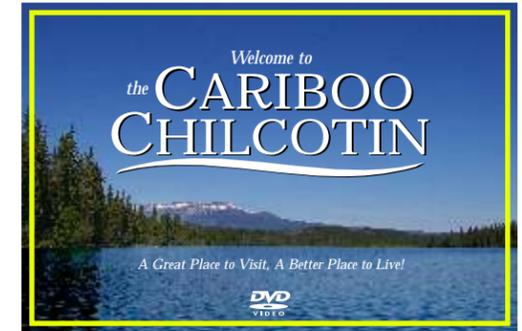
Welcome to the Cariboo Chilcotin

The highly anticipated Cariboo Chilcotin Promotional DVD is now available and will be used as a tool to promote tourism and economic development in our region.

In 2006, the CRD Board of Directors determined that the entire Cariboo Chilcotin needed a tool to help promote tourism, economic development and investment opportunities throughout the four seasons of the year. In collaboration with its four member municipalities; Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House and Wells, along with the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association, the project was completed in the fall of 2008.

To date, no other project of this nature, combining staffs of both local governments and private sectors has ever been attempted and marks a new era of regionalism within the Cariboo Chilcotin.

The video is being distributed through



each of the member municipalities and the regional district, and is available at all tourism information centres in the region. It is also being utilized as a tool by the partner associations as a focal point for displays at home and trade shows. The production will be available soon on the partners' websites.

This video is directed to an audience of people who wish to visit the Cariboo Chilcotin, relocate, skilled trades, entrepreneurs, retirees, families and people of all walks of life. Corporations and health authorities are already using the DVD as a recruiting tool to attract skilled professionals and trades people to our region.

Introducing your New CRD Board

Six new directors were elected to the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors on Saturday, November 15th as part of the local government elections taking place across the province. The 2009-2011 Board of Directors will be as follows;

Area A	Ted Armstrong	Area G	Al Richmond
Area B	Roberta Faust	Area H	Art Dumaresq
Area C	John Massier	Area I	Jim Glassford
Area D	Debbie Bischoff	Area J	Alex Bracewell
Area E	Steve Mazur	Area K	Richard Mumford
Area F	Duncan Barnett	Area L	Bruce Rattray

Representatives from the CRD's four member municipalities including the District of 100 Mile House, the City of Quesnel, the City of Williams Lake and the District of Wells will be appointed during their respective inaugural meetings.

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First Nations Liaison



Geraldine Solomon

The Northern Shuswap Treaty Society, City of Williams Lake and Cariboo Regional District (CRD) have appointed Geraldine Solomon as the First Nations/Local Government Liaison. In this new role, Ms. Solomon will work on behalf of the three partner agencies to develop a process for land use and development consultation and will

assist the First Nations communities in responding to referrals from the City of Williams Lake and the CRD. This innovative position is intended to improve communications and working relationships between the local governments and member communities of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council.

The City, CRD and Treaty Society have been engaged in a series of forums over the past four years which have been funded in part by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). These Community to Community (C2C) Forums have served as a catalyst for meaningful dialogue between all levels of government, resulting in a better understanding of respective goals, interests and mandates. Due to the success and benefits of these past forums, the UBCM was willing to support a joint proposal to hire a staff member dedicated to enhancing working relationships between local government and First Nations.

Local governments have a legal and moral obligation to ensure land use decisions do not impact on the interests and rights of First Nations. This position will help to ensure those obligations are met in a timely and effective fashion and at the same time foster strong and lasting relationships. The project is funded by the UBCM and the First Nations Summit.

Olympic Torch Relay

The 2010 Olympic Torch relay will be winding its way through Canada for over 100 days leading up to the Opening Ceremony in Vancouver on February 12, 2010. The relay will be making stops in the following Cariboo Communities along its route

Lone Butte	150 Mile House
100 Mile House	Williams Lake
108 Mile Ranch	Kersley
Quesnel	

For the complete parade route visit the Vancouver 2010 website at www.vancouver2010.com



"Working in partnership with communities, large and small, to make the Cariboo-Chilcotin a socially, economically and environmentally desirable region to live, work and play."

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On October 10, 2008 the CRD Board of Directors approved changes to the Shoreland Management Policy. The changes pertain to the Onsite Effluent Disposal Guidelines associated with the requirement for adequate septic systems for shoreland property. Shoreland property is defined as surveyed properties or Crown land within 150 to 250 metres of watercourses.

This change means that residents involved in rezoning or subdividing of property resulting in the creation of parcels less than 2 hectares in size, will no longer be required to provide an on-site sewage site assessment at the rezoning stage. This change will save residents both time and money.

The Board further supported a change to the policy's Sewage Disposal covenant to permit an engineered sewage system even if a Type 1 (conventional septic system) can be accommodated on the property. This change will provide developers and future landowners with the opportunity to implement innovative or best available technologies associated with on-site sewage disposal systems.

More information on shoreland management can be viewed by visiting the CRD website.



Photo Matt Wood

Mayor Nate Bello, Mayor Elect Mary Sjostrom & CRD Director, Ted Armstrong

Changes to Central Cariboo Waste Management

Commencing mid 2009, improvements to waste management practices will occur in the Central Cariboo in order to decrease the amount of material going to landfill and to reduce the cost of operations. The program changes will focus on the City of Williams Lake and surrounding urban fringe areas.

Residents and businesses will be challenged to take a greater role in reducing waste by utilizing existing and new recycling facilities for newspaper, office paper, cardboard, all plastic containers, glass and metal cans. Industry stewardship products such as electronic products, deposit beverage containers, tires, used oil; oil containers, oil filters and various household hazardous wastes will not be accepted at

CRD Committed to 210 By 2010

The vision of the Cariboo Regional District to create 210 km of wheelchair accessible trails in the Cariboo Chilcotin by 2010 is closer to being realized thanks to the completion of the Wheelchair Accessible Trails Inventory and Assessment Study. The study, produced by CARE Consulting, a local company specializing in creating accessible recreation opportunities, will not only help establish a niche tourism market in the Cariboo Chilcotin, but will also increase the well-being and health of local residents with mobility challenges.

Forty-six trails and viewpoints were assessed and graded throughout the region. CARE Consulting assessed trails of differing scenery and difficulty in order to offer visitors a variety of experiences. From the initial trails, seven are presented in the study as the most promising and recommendations for adapting them into wheelchair accessible trails are given. Each trail is located in a different part of the region which offers a wonderful sample of



the facilities and will have to be taken to the various industry depots. Concrete and asphalt products will no longer be accepted and directed to a dedicated recycling facility.

Landfill tipping fees will double for poorly separated products such as wood waste bins containing metal products. The share shed at the main facility on Frizzi Road will be enlarged to accept additional products. Further details regarding the up coming changes and ways and means by which to participate will be provided over the next few months.



the diverse scenery in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

One wheelchair accessible trail network has already been completed. The Tatlayoko Accessible Trails opened August 9, 2008 to great applause. Other wheelchair accessible trails are currently being developed in Horsefly, Kersley and at the Cottonwood House Historical Site. Using the Wheelchair Accessible Trails Inventory and Assessment Study as a guide, the Cariboo Regional District hopes to partner with community groups and the province to adapt as many of the recommended trails as possible by 2010. The Cariboo Chilcotin will soon be a region where outdoor enthusiasts of all levels can feel welcome.

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100 Mile House
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Join Your Local Fire Service

Fire departments throughout the CRD are always looking for interested volunteers to join their local departments and serve their community. Many communities throughout the Cariboo Regional District offer fire protection and first responder services.

Recruits are supplied with all the necessary protective equipment and are involved in fire department training programs. Training will consist of structural and wildfire techniques, first aid and much more. The opportunity to be a part of a hard working organized team is something many new members enjoy.

Once you have the firefighting "bug" and experience the camaraderie, you can't imagine not being a member of your local fire protection service.

Pre-Fabricated Buildings

Over the past year, the CRD Building Inspection department has seen an increasing volume of issues with pre-engineered metal buildings, patio covers and sunrooms. These products are built from pre-engineered components, and sometimes come from provinces that have differing provincial building codes than British Columbia. The CRD reminds you to check your local or provincial building codes prior to purchasing and installing a prefabricated structure. For further information, contact the Cariboo Regional District Building Inspection Department at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

Heritage Advisory Committee Formed

The Heritage Advisory Committee will provide the Cariboo Regional District Board with recommendations on matters relating to the designation and preservation of natural and cultural heritage buildings, sites, structures, land and neighbourhoods. Committee members are as follows;

South Cariboo	Brent Rutherford Graham Leslie
North Cariboo	Branwen Patenaude
Central Cariboo	Joan Sorley Jim Gibson
Chilcotin	George Atamanenko

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