

CRD Heritage Committee Update

The Heritage Steering Committee has had a busy fall, working to seek a new home for the heritage buildings at 150 Mile House.

In addition, the CRD Board of Directors recently supported a recommendation from the Heritage Steering Committee to place the 108 Mile Heritage Site on the CRD Heritage Registry. Research was also completed on this site to ensure that it will be included on the Provincial and Federal Historic Site Registries.

Calling All North Cariboo History Buffs

The CRD's Heritage Committee is looking for representatives from the north Cariboo. If you are interested in the region's history and want to be involved in its preservation, please visit us online at www.cariboord.bc.ca or contact the CRD at 250-392-3351 or toll free at 1-800-665-1636. We want to hear from you!

All Nations Heritage Forum to be Held this Spring

The CRD's Heritage Steering Committee is planning an All Nations Heritage Forum at the Longhouse in Williams Lake April 19, 2011. Visit the CRD website at www.cariboord.bc.ca for more details as they become available, or contact the CRD at 250-392-3351 or toll free at 1-800-665-1636.

February 21 to 27, 2011 is Heritage Week in BC

HOMETOWN HEROES

Dave Dickson



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 we like to feature in the CRD's UpFront newsletter! This edition's Hometown Hero is none other than Mr. Dave Dickson of Williams Lake.

After a career with the RCMP and ICBC, Dickson was named the Safety Community Coordinator for the City of Williams Lake. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for both Thompson Rivers University and the Canadian Red Cross in Northern BC and the Yukon. He volunteers as a trainer for the Canadian Red Cross in Western Canada and is the current Emergency Social Services Director for the City of Williams Lake. Dickson was recently awarded with the Individual Crime Prevention & Community Safety Award presented at the 12th Annual Solicitor General Crime Prevention and Community Safety Awards. He also volunteers for many community programs as an active Williams Lake Rotarian. Our hats off to you Dave for your countless hours of volunteerism and for your passion to help others.

Tell us about your Hometown Heroes and maybe they will be featured in future editions. Email your stories to hometownheroes@cariboord.bc.ca or fax them to the CRD at 250-392-2812.



Heritage Committee members Phyllis Webstad, Brent Rutherford & Joan Sorley on a recent trip to visit the Dog Creek Historic Site. Photo by Brundrige

On The Road Again with The CRD

The Cariboo Regional District takes public consultation seriously. Each year, the Board and staff conduct a series of Town Hall meetings in each of its 12 electoral areas and four member municipalities; the District of 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Wells and Williams Lake. During these meetings the CRD seeks public input into the proposed budget for the upcoming year and the five year financial plan. The meetings also provide residents with an opportunity to meet their local elected officials and CRD staff to discuss issues and questions about local topics that are specific to that electoral area or municipality.

Meeting dates and times will be announced soon on the CRD website and through the media. Be sure to watch the mail for a flyer announcing the time location and date of the meetings in your area. For a complete listing of meetings, please visit our website.



In celebration of the Forest Capital of Canada and 100 Mile Community Forest, the CRD and the 100 Mile Development Corporation are hosting the 2011 BC Community Forest Association Conference, June 9-12 in 100 Mile House. The conference will bring approximately 100 community-minded foresters to the south Cariboo however, everyone is welcome to register. Sponsorship and trade show opportunities are available, for more information please contact the District of 100 Mile House at (250) 395-2434.

Thank you to all of those who participated in our National Forest Week (NFW) celebrations! NFW was September 19-25 and the CRD Forest Capital Committee (FCC) was proud to present three new community events; the Live Ken Sheen Chainsaw Carving, Celebrating Our Forests Storefront Business Challenge, and Forest Week with the CRD Library Network. Congratulations to our Storefront Business Challenge winners; Inferno Automotive of Williams Lake, and Harkins Appliances and Rocky Peak Adventure Gear/Cycle Logic of Quesnel!

The FCC looks forward to another exciting year for the Forest Capital Program!

During its first year, the CRD has been the proud recipient of:

- 2010 Wood Works! (Canadian Wood Council) Community Leader Award for its 100 Mile House Library
- 2010 Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) Best Tourism Marketing Initiative, The BC Street Experience
- 2010 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Excellence Award – Tourism Partnerships, Honourable Mention for the BC Street Experience
- 2010 Williams Lake Chamber of Commerce *Newsmaker of the Year Award.*



Local artisan, Ken Sheen carving at the National Forest Week Celebration



Emergency Social Services From the Chair



ESS Volunteers throughout the CRD were kept busy this past season.

In British Columbia, local authorities are responsible for planning and operating emergency responses within their jurisdictional areas, including Emergency Social Services (ESS). ESS provides short-term assistance to residents who are forced to leave their homes because of an emergency such as fires, floods, or other emergencies. This assistance includes food, lodging, clothing, emotional support and family reunification.*

The CRD has entered into Memorandums of Understanding with its member municipalities 100 Mile House, Williams Lake and Quesnel, to share and support volunteer ESS groups. These agreements ensure:

- existing groups receive funding necessary for ongoing training, supplies and equipment
- volunteer base is not overtaxed with too many groups performing the same service
- existing groups have the opportunity to use the acquired skills
- residents being served by ESS receive help from experienced and well trained volunteers
- agreements in place between local suppliers and ESS are set up for emergency situations

These agreements which are the first of their kind in BC are being studied by the Province as a possible best practice that could change the way ESS services are delivered throughout BC.

During evacuations people are directed to report to an ESS reception centre where trained volunteers will meet them and provide assistance.

This past summer saw the volunteers from Williams Lake, Quesnel and 100 Mile House all called into action to assist close to 800 people affected by fires. On behalf of the CRD Board of Directors, staff, and all of the people that received help – Thank you!

*Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, www.ess.bc.ca



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

In this edition you will find information on some of our exciting projects underway such as our Forest Capital of Canada program, the new Central Cariboo HandyDART service and an update on the Heritage Committee. You will also find updates on various services such as emergency planning, library services and the solid waste management review.

In January and February, 2011, the CRD will be holding its annual Town Hall Meetings in all 12 electoral areas and four member municipalities. Watch the CRD website at www.cariboord.bc.ca for dates, times and locations of your local meeting.

From the CRD's Board of Directors and staff, I wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season and a joyous and prosperous 2011.

Sincerely,

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100 Mile Library Celebrates Opening



The 100 Mile House Branch of the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Library had its much anticipated Grand Opening on July 8, 2010. On hand were several dignitaries including CRD Chair Al Richmond, Cariboo Chilcotin MLA Donna Barnett, Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo MP Cathy McLeod, 100 Mile House Mayor Mitch Campsall,

Quesnel Mayor Mary Sjostrom along with CRD Board members and councillors from 100 Mile House.

Library patrons were treated to tours of the new building which contains many green and energy efficient design elements, while the Friends of the Library hosted a barbecue at the front entrance to the building.

Opening of Four Accessible Trails

The Cariboo Regional District, in partnership with CARE Consulting and local community groups, has officially opened four wheelchair accessible recreation trails in the communities of Horsefly, Kersley, and 108 Mile Ranch and at the Cottonwood House Historic Site. The opening of the Horsefly River Salmon Spawning Channel Accessible Trail, the Sisters Creek Recreation Site Accessible Trail, the Sepa Lake Accessible Trail, and the Cottonwood House Historic Site Accessible Trail Network offers a variety of landscapes and recreation opportunities that were previously hard to access for persons with low mobility. An accessible trail for the Parkland/Ten Mile Lake area is scheduled for completion in 2011.



Horsefly River Accessible Trail Opening Celebration

The trails are all part of the Regional District's strategy and vision to create accessible tourism opportunities throughout the region. The initiative received a 2010 Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association President's Award and a 2010 North Central Municipal Association Measuring Up Honourable Mention.



Accessible trail at Kersley

HandyDART Service

Based on the results of the referenda held on September 25, 2010, HandyDART, which is currently available for portions of Electoral Areas D, E and F surrounding the City of Williams Lake under a pilot project, will be established as a permanent service in January 2011.

HandyDART is a transportation service for persons who have a disability that is sufficiently severe that the person is unable to use conventional transit service without

assistance. Passengers must register to use the HandyDART service. Registration is free and can be done by contacting the Williams Lake Transit Office.

Fixed transit service, which is also currently available under the pilot project, will cease in January 2011 based on the referenda results.

For more information regarding HandyDART, including schedules and service area, call 250-398-7812 or visit www.transitbc.com

Planning for the Future – An Official Community Plan Regional Update

South Cariboo - Green Lake & Area OCP

After two years of continuous work, the Green Lake & Area Official Community Plan had its formal public hearing on November 6, 2010. This OCP is unique in BC as both the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the CRD partnered on this project, in conjunction with the BC government. This is the first time in BC history that two neighbouring regional districts have worked cooperatively with the community to develop a joint OCP. Recognizing the sensitivity of the watershed that flows into Green and local area lakes, the OCP boundary was based on the watershed to seek land uses that would not undermine lake water quality. It is expected that this OCP will be put forward to the CRD and TNRD Boards in December for consideration, then advance to the province for ministerial approval. Adoption of this OCP is expected in early 2011.

Central Cariboo-150 Mile House Area OCP

A second public information meeting was held in early October, 2010 to present a draft of the OCP since the previous public meeting. Staff are now referring the amended OCP to government agencies and First Nations, with a target of presenting the OCP to the CRD Board in December for consideration of first and second readings. If these readings are given, a formal public hearing would be anticipated in early 2011.

North Cariboo - Quesnel Fringe Area OCP

The Quesnel Fringe Area OCP planning consultant and CRD staff met with the four northern Directors of the CRD and their Advisory Planning Commissions in early October to present a draft of the new OCP. Revisions are being made based on this meeting and a second meeting is being scheduled for December or January. A public meeting is expected to be held in early 2011.



Electoral Area F Residents Head to the Polls Jan. 15th

A by-election is being held to fill the vacant position of Cariboo Regional District Director – Electoral Area F.

General Voting Day will be **Saturday, January 15, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm** for QUALIFIED ELECTORS of ELECTORAL AREA F of the CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT at the following locations:

- 150 Mile House Fire Hall** - 3038 Pigeon Road
- Big Lake School** - 4060 Lakeview Drive
- Likely School** - 6163 Keithly Creek Road
- Horsefly School** - 3045 Boswell Street

Advance voting opportunities will also be available at the Cariboo Regional District boardroom in Williams Lake, on Wednesday, January 5 and Friday, January 7, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm

House Numbering - Time Saves Lives

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



What can you do to help protect yourself?

- Have your lettering and numbers a minimum of four (4) inches in size, on a contrasting background or in reflective material, and be visible from at least 150 feet.
- 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.

Don't know your house number or recently built a new home or business? 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. Remember – Times Saves Lives!**

Community Grant Writing

Did you know? The CRD provides community groups with grant writing research, application development and technical support through our Community Grant Writer. If your community group has a project to get off the ground, contact the CRD Community Grant Writer today at (250) 392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

Coming in 2011! The CRD Community Grant Writing program will be starting a monthly electronic newsletter for subscribing community groups highlighting new grant programs, deadlines, grant writing tips, and other useful tools and resources. To subscribe, please contact us at grantwriter@cariboord.bc.ca

Resident electors will be required to produce two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity. There are additional requirements that non-resident electors must meet. Please call in advance for details.



For more information, please contact the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officer as follows:

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Watch the CRD's website at www.cariboord.bc.ca for further updates and information.

RECENTLY ADOPTED BYLAWS

4569 - 108 Greenbelt Regulatory Bylaw

Adopted March 26, 2010 - A bylaw to regulate the use of 108 Greenbelt Community Use Property.

4636 - Building Bylaw

Adopted October 7th, 2010 - A revised building regulation bylaw.

Visit the bylaw section under documents at www.cariboord.bc.ca for more information or to view frequently referenced bylaws.

We're Talking Trash!

Thanks to the great response to our Let's Talk Trash survey on recycling and garbage, and the work of our Solid Waste Advisory Committee. We've received some great input to use in developing our Solid Waste Plan for the region. This plan will help guide future decisions about new services to better manage our waste – and tax dollars.

The Advisory Committee, made up of residents, community group representatives, local politicians, the recycling sector, First Nations, local business, local environmental/sustainability group representatives, a Ministry of Environment representative and local professionals from a number of different fields, has been working hard to ensure the review will meet the wants and needs of CRD residents.

Over 860 surveys were completed from June to July providing insights on what

people think about their current waste, recycling and landfill services, as well as what they'd like to see in the future. Highlights include:

- provide more access to recycling for both rural and urban areas;
- investigate "waste to energy" (using a form of combustion for waste disposal); and
- improve solid waste and recycling education and information programs.

This information will be used to develop management options which will be presented to communities for feedback at open houses across the region in the spring of 2011. For more information, and the survey results, visit www.cariboord.bc.ca

