



# Letter B

Serving the communities of Ahbau Creek, Baker Creek, Bouchie Lake, Cinema, (lower) Cottonwood, Dunkley, Hilborn, Milburn Lake, Moose Heights, Parkland, Quesnel-Hixon, Riverpark, Strathnaver, Ten Mile Lake and many areas in between!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Jan.**—Community Planning 101 (date to be announced)

**Jan. 15th**—North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee, City Hall

**Jan. 18th**—CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake

**Jan. 21st**—Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission Meeting, Bouchie Lake Hall

**Jan. 31st**—North Cariboo Budget / Business Plan Presentation, Canadian Legion

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## NEWS FROM YOU TO ME... across Electoral Area B!

Greetings to all Area B Residents. HAPPY NEW YEAR! I trust everyone had a fabulous Christmas and enjoyed some holiday time with family and friends. With it now being January, I am buckling down and trying to set some goals for 2013. I anticipate it is going to be a great year. I hope you are finding these newsletters informative. If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter or a topic expanded on, please let me know. I will do my best to provide the information requested.

One of my goals as your Area Director is to try my best to understand processes and pass information onto residents, that is applicable. Transparency and disclosure are both important so residents can make their own decisions. Something I would like to pursue within a community, or two, within Area B is a Community / Neighbourhood Plan. This process could be as simple or as complicated as desired by residents. Community members would come together to discuss their goals and future direction for

their community. This could include safety, transportation, demographic issues, economic development, recreation, infrastructure, emergency planning, etc. Through planning, residents would be able provide some direction as to what they view as important and once completed, the plan could be implemented. This would be a great task to do under the a community association. If you are interested in learning more such a process and /or participating, please let me know.

## The Wonders of Social Media

Often we curse it, but so much can be found out about what's happening in the world around us through Social Media. In particular, more and more organisations and individuals are using it. FACEBOOK is particularly useful and many groups are using it. Here are a few of them specifically of relevance to Area B:

- Parkland Community Association
- Bouchie Lake Community Association
- Bouchie Lake Hall & Recreation Grounds (Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission)
- Bouchie Lake Watercolour Group
- Due West Dancers
- Bouchie Lake Gymkhana
- Bouchie Lake Foodies
- Bouchie Lake Family Film Club
- Baker to Bouchie Network
- Heloise Dixon-Warren—CRD Director Area “B”
- Cariboo Regional District
- Cariboo Regional District Emergency Operations Centre
- ourQuesnel



# UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

## BOUCHIE LAKE PIONEER PARK COMMITTEE

Are you interested in assisting with beautifying the "GATEWAY" to the Bouchie Lake / Milburn Lake Communities? If "YES", please consider joining the Bouchie Lake Pioneer Park Committee.



Pioneer Park is located at the the junction of Blackwater and Nazko Roads. The Park is home to the "Bouchie Milburn Community Park" sign, picnic tables, and a kiosk. There is huge potential for this park to be an incredible site which welcomes people to the area.

The park is currently managed by the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission but a plan is needed which, is supported by the community, which then can be implemented. The commission welcomes interested community members to become involved to make the park all that it can be. Discussion for the park have included the use of indigenous plants, an arboretum, a memorial cairn to honour the pioneers, the inclusion of artifacts, and some interpretive signage.

If you are interested in getting involved , please contact me, your Area B Director at 250.249.5329 or [hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca)

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO  
BECOME INVOLVED!**

## UPDATE CRD BUDGETS AND BUSINESS PLANS North Cariboo — Jan. 31st

The Cariboo Regional Hospital District (CRHD), the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) and the Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) 2013 provincial Budgets and Business Plans will be presented to CRD residents at three sub-regional consultation meetings taking place in the South Cariboo (100 Mile House at Creekside Seniors' Centre) on January 30; North Cariboo (Quesnel at Quesnel Legion Hall) on January 31; and the Central Cariboo (Williams Lake at the Pioneer Complex) on February 2.

The CRD's traditional Town Hall Meetings for 2013 will be held at the beginning of the budgeting process in September and October in each of the electoral areas and municipalities. The budgets are listed on the CRD website under What's New and Agendas on the **Regular Board Agenda—December 14, 2014**, agenda item Section 21.6 Finance/Budget Committee Minutes—November 15, 2012. A link to the Agenda is <https://caribooregionaldistrict.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=12431>

## RECREATION IN AREA B

### WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S UPCOMING?

#### RECREATION COMMISSIONS

For many residents of the Electoral Areas, recreation is the regional service we are taxed for the most. As such, I feel it's important that we understand it, support it, and become familiar with the opportunities and limitations of the system that we work within.

The 2 recreation groups solely within Area B that are funded through taxation are the Parkland Recreation Commission / PRC and Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission/BLRC. PRC is responsible for managing the Parkland Community Centre and Kostas Cove where BLRC has the Bouchie Lake Hall and Recreation Grounds, Claymine Trails, and Pioneer Park. Both commissions are entirely volunteer based and their role is primarily limited to facility management and operation.

For community activities to be easily offered at the facilities, it is ideal if there are well functioning community groups, with their own mandate, which the commissions can partner with. It is not the role of the commissions to take on program development and offer activities; rather, this is where Community Groups can really be involved and ultimately

benefit by raising funds and building community.

Volunteers have been working hard to manage the facilities and develop programs within our facilities. Here is a snapshot of what's happening...

*Please support !*

**BLRC STRATEGIC PLANNING:** The BLRC will be meeting this month for a Strategic Planning Meeting. This meeting will focus on (i) the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) of the BLRC as viewed by those managing the facilities and (ii) the 2013 Budget. Upon completion, this Strategic Plan will be released so residents know what the priorities are of the BLRC for 2013. If this process is found to be beneficial, it will be recommended that a similar process be followed for the PRC.

#### PROGRAM REGISTRATION DAY— BOUCHIE LAKE

**Saturday, January. 12, 2013, 10 am—noon**

Plan to pop by the Bouchie Lake Hall for Registration Day. The **Bouchie Lake Community Association** has been working incredibly hard to bring some programs and classes to the residents of Area B, especially Bouchie and Milburn Lake. The following classes / groups are planned. Details of

each of these programs will be emailed out and is being posted on the **BOUCHIE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** facebook page.

***Bouchie Lake Watercolour Group***

***Due West Dancers - adult / teen dancing***

***Yoga***

***Zumba***

***Children's Dance***

***Bouchie Lake Family Film Nights***

***Fitness for Young Ladies***

It is hoped that similar activities and events will become available in the 10 Mile Lake area through the Parkland Community Association. As activities are organized, please let me know and I am happy to promote them as I am able.

#### *Benefits of Rural Recreation*

*Build Community*

*Stay Healthy*

*Meet Your Neighbours*

*Stay off nasty, winter roads*

*Green as you travel less & use less fuel.*

*Get Involved... Be a Leader.*

*Volunteer is excellent career development for young people.*

*More economical*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ELECTORAL AREAS A, B, C AND I

**Did you know that as residents of Electoral Areas B you contribute to an Economic Development Function?** Through discussions with residents, I have learnt that most do not.

Economic Development, in the North Cariboo, is governed by the **North Cariboo Economic Development Function** which was established in 1992 through Bylaw 2586. The purpose of this function is to provide funding support for economic development activities in the sub-regional service area, including Electoral Areas A, B, C and I. The directors of Areas A, B, C, and I are responsible for the governance of this service. That would be Directors Armstrong, myself, Massier, and Glassford.

Areas A, B, C and I participate in the service and taxation is based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is the greater of **\$10,000 or \$0.0257 / \$1000** of assessment. In 2012, the total tax requisition from the 4 Electoral Areas was **\$20,000.00**. The same is proposed for 2013 with a tax rate of **\$ 0.0167 / \$1000.00**.

The service is provided by means of a contract under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel to support the Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation / QCEDC (QCEDC is a subsidiary of the City of Quesnel). Some funds are also allocated to tourism infrastructure at Deserter Creek (south-west of Quesnel; Area I), Stanley Cemetery, and Blessing Grave (Hwy. 26; Area C). These latter 3 features are supported through maintenance agreements with Lynn's Contracting and the Friends of Barkerville.

The financial components of this function are as follows:

**\$17,000.00**— transferred to the City of Quesnel to assist with funding QCEDC.

**\$3000.00**— allocated to the maintenance of Tourism Infrastructure.

At present, no new goals have been set for 2013.

The manner by which Economic Development is done throughout the CRD varies by Electoral Area. Some areas (e.g. Areas D and F) have their own Economic Development functions whereby funds

collected within an Area, through taxation, are spent within the Area. The business plans for these Electoral Areas refer to agreements with local groups which are responsible for delivering a service or overseeing an activity which have been identified as "economic development". I am investigating the option of having a similar model for economic development within Area B.

I see value in supporting both models—shared, centralized economic development which the Electoral Areas and the City of Quesnel contribute to in addition to more grassroots economic development which is of direct benefit to the Area's rural communities.

To view a copy of all the Business Plans for all CRD Economic Development Functions, refer to Section 21.6 (Finance / Budget Committee Minutes—November 15, 2012) of the December 14th CRD Board Meeting Agenda. This Agenda can be found online at <https://caribooregionaldistrict.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=12431>

**OPEN MEETINGS IN THE NORTH CARIBOO INCLUDE *NORTHERN RURAL CAUCUS* (CRD DIRECTORS AREAS A, B, C & I) & *NORTH CARIBOO JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE* (NORTHERN DIRECTORS & CITY OF QUESNEL COUNCILLORS). THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD ONCE A MONTH AND, UNLESS THEY ARE "IN CAMERA", THEY ARE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**