

LETTER B



Newsletter for CRD Electoral Area "B"

Serving the Communities of Ahbau Creek, parts of Baker Creek, Bouchie Lake, Cinema, Milburn Lake, Moose Heights, Parkland, Quesnel-Hixon Rd., Stathnaver, Ten Mile Lake, lower Cottonwood River, & many areas in between!

Written by Heloise Dixon-Warren, Director Area B

Greetings from me to you!

Greetings to all Area B Residents and a very Happy & Healthy 2012. I trust you had a wonderful Christmas. This is the 1st issue of "Letter B" and I am hoping to "publish" it monthly or on an "as need basis". I am hopeful that this newsletter functions as a way of communicating with, and providing pertinent information to, Area B residents. This could include upcoming events / meetings, highlights on local volunteer groups, and policy and /or bylaw changes.

As the newly acclaimed CRD Director of Area B I recognize that I have plenty to learn. The learning curve is straight

up! Since deciding to drop my hat in the bucket for "Area B Director" I have been gathering information and learning from those who are willing to provide me with information.

On Dec. 8th, I attended an Orientation Workshop at the Cariboo Regional District Office in Williams Lake which was an excellent introduction & overview. The following day (Dec. 9), following the inaugural celebration at which time all directors were sworn in by a Judge, I participated in my first CRD Board of Directors Meeting. The Board Highlights from the December

9th Meeting can be viewed at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/WhatsNew/BoardHighlights.aspx>

As this is the 1st issue of "Letter B", I have also included some general information about me. As the new Director for Area B, I feel it important that area residents know a little bit about the person who now represents them on the CRD Board of Directors.

I am very interested in any ideas which will make where we live a better place to work, live, and play. I can be contacted via email to **Director AreaB@cariboord.bc.ca**.

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Online Links

BLOG

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DATES TO NOTE!

Jan. 10, 2012—North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee Meeting, Quesnel City Hall Council Chambers (5:30pm);

Jan. 19, 2012—Community Meet & Greet (5:30pm) with Area B Town Hall Meeting, (7pm); Parkland Elementary

Jan. 20, 2012—CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake CRD Office

Feb. 1, 2012—Bouchie Lake Emergency Planning: Community Capacity Response Checklists (Public Meeting); (5-8pm);

Feb. 15, 2012—Ten Mile Lake Emergency Planning: Community Capacity Response Checklists (Public Meeting); (5-8pm);

AREA B TOWN HALL MEETING—THURS., JAN. 19th, 7pm MEET & GREET Hosted by Parkland Recreation Commission 5:30 pm—6:45 pm

The **TOWN HALL MEETING** for **Electoral Area B** is scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 19th, 7pm** in the gymnasium at **Parkland Elementary School**.

ALL Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss issues that affect the Regional District and its services. During this meeting, CRD staff will speak on the 5-year financial plan and 2012 business plans. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbours, fellow constituents, and elected official

(that would be me!). Following the CRD presentation, there will be an opportunity to discuss issues & concerns specific to Area B.

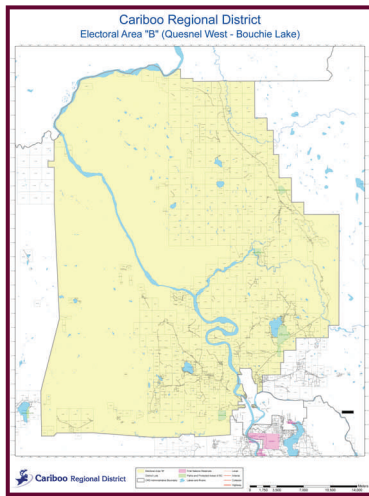
The **PARKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION** will be hosting a *Community Meet & Greet* from 5:30-6:45 pm prior to the Town Hall Meeting. This is **OPEN** to all everyone! Coffee / Tea will be provided. *Please bring a dessert treat to share.*

Town Hall meetings are held

in each of the 12 electoral areas and 4 member municipalities (Quesnel, Wells, 100 Mile House, Williams Lake). Upon completion of the 16 Town Hall Meetings, the CRD Board of Directors will review comments and suggestions received prior to the final adoption of the budget and business plans in March, 2012. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING ON JAN. 19th!** Additional information is available at www.cariboord.bc.ca

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MAP OF ELECTORAL AREA B

<http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/AboutUs/ElectoralAreas.aspx>

Where is Electoral Area B?

Electoral Area B of the Cariboo Regional District / CRD is located west & north of the City of Quesnel. It encompasses an area of **1419 km²** and includes the communities of *Strathnaver, Cinema, Parkland, Moose Heights, 10 Mile Lake, Bouchie Lake, Milburn Lake*, parts of *Baker Creek*, lower *Cottonwood River*, *Quesnel Hixon Road*, and many areas in between.

The population within this

area is approximately **4,338**.

The services provided by the CRD within Area B are as follows. These services are funded through taxations:

Regional Services:

Land Use Planning
Weed Control
Waste Management
Building Inspection
Bylaw Enforcement
Library System
Corporate Administration
Electoral Area Administration

Sub-Regional Services:

Quesnel Sub-Regional Recreation
North Cariboo Cemeteries
North Cariboo Economic Development

Local Services:

Bouchie Lake Fire
Ten Mile Fire Protection
Pacific Road Street Lighting

Additional information is available at www.cariboord.bc.ca

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN LOCAL PLANNING?? APC MEMBERS WANTED FOR AREA B!

The CRD is accepting applications from individuals interested in being a member of the **Advisory Planning Commission for Area B**. Each electoral Area can have an APC. APC's are governed by **Bylaw 4714** of the CRD.

The purpose of the APC is to be an advisory body that considers and reports on matters, such as rezoning and Agricultural Land Commission applications, referred to it by the Regional Board. APC members are selected by the applicable Electoral Area Director (for Area B... that would be me!) and are appointed by the CRD board. **APC members are to be appointed by February 17, 2012!**

The principal objective of the APC is to represent the community viewpoint and to evaluate individual development proposals to determine whether or not

they conform to community objectives. The recommendations made by an APC should take account of background knowledge of how the community as a whole is developing and should develop in the future.

Each APC shall consist of not less than 4 and not more than 10 appointed members, at least 2/3 of whom shall be residents of the electoral area. Although members must serve without remuneration, they may be paid reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of their duties. Unlike a Recreation Commission, the board director is not eligible to be a member of an APC but may attend at a meeting of the commission in a resource capacity. Minutes of all APC meetings must be kept and, on request, made available to the public.

Ideally, members of an APC should be a cross section of the community population so it is representative of the community the APC represents. According to **Bylaw 4714**, APC members will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- (i) *geographically, socially and occupationally diverse mix of residents;*
- (ii) *demonstrated community interest, availability, work experience, and knowledge; and*
- (iii) *preference should be given to citizens residing in the Electoral Area of the PAC, with the exception of those with special expertise in the Electoral Area.*

Please contact me at **DirectorAreaB@cariboord.bc.ca** for additional information and /or to become a member of the APC for Area B.

LOCAL PHOTOS &/or STORIES WANTED

for inclusion into subsequent issues of "Letter *B*"

Do you LOVE to take photos of where you live? If you would like to see them included in an issue of "Letter B", please email them to:

**Director
AreaB@cariboord.bc.ca**

Please remember to include photo credit (name of photographer) and subject matter.

There are two incredible volunteer based Recreation Commissions in Area B... more about these groups of dedicated people in the next issue of "Letter *B*"

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ABOUT ME...

Thank you for taking the time to read this snippet of information about me. As the new Director for Area B, I feel it important that you know something about the person who represents you on the CRD Board of Directors.

I have lived in the Milburn Lake / Bouchie Lake area west of Quesnel since April, 2002. I grew up in the lower mainland (Maple Ridge) in a family of 8 and after traveling abroad for a year, I attended Simon Fraser University graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Geography & Biology. Through participating in the Co-operative Education Program whereby I obtained work experience with the Ministry of Forests in 100 Mile House, I decided to return to university to study Forestry. In 1994 I wrote the Registration Exam and became a Registered Professional Forester. Since that time I have worked for both the private and public sector (including First Nations) gaining experience both in the field and in administrative duties. I have been fortunate

to live in a variety of areas within BC and Alberta experiencing both small and large town life. Although I have not been directly involved with “conventional forestry practices” since moving to the North Cariboo, I have retained by RPF status and practice forestry on our farm by managing for Non-Timber Forest Products and undertaking some forestry / agricultural diversification work.

I am married to Ted Traer and we have 2 school aged girls (ages 14 and 11). We relocated to the North Cariboo in 2002 when Ted received a transfer through work with the Ministry of Forests. We chose a rural area to reside as we felt that we could embrace the lifestyle in that it a good place to raise our girls **and** begin a home based farm business.

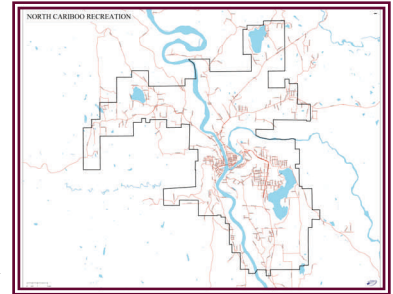
Quesnel and the surrounding area has been all that we have wanted in a place to live, work and play. We love where we live!

I am a strong believer and advocate of “local” in what-

ever sense “local” can be defined by. I also believe in the success of grassroots initiatives whereby people are encouraged to become engaged in activities and projects which benefit them directly. I believe that creating healthy, sustainable, local communities is one catalyst for creating neighbourhoods which people enjoy living in.

Since relocating to the North Cariboo I have been actively involved with several volunteer based groups. I am one of the founding members of FARMED (North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing Association / www.farmed) and have also held a volunteer position on the following organizations: Quesnel Agricultural & Exhibition Assoc., Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission, Baker to Bouchie Network, BC Agritourism Alliance, Quesnel Pony Club, and most recently, the Due West Dancers.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at DirectorAreaB@cariboord.bc.ca



FACT NORTH CARIBOO PARKS & RECREATION

Those Area B residents whose property is located within the Sub Regional Recreation Boundary which funds **North Cariboo Parks & Recreation / NCPR** will pay, in 2012, an estimated rate of **\$128.00** per **\$100,000** assessed value for the services provided. City of Quesnel residents also contribute to NCPR.

For those Area B residents residing outside of this defined boundary, they do **NOT** contribute to this service. To determine if you contribute to this service or not, refer to your 2011 Rural Property Tax Notice. NCPR is denoted as “N. CARIBOO REC” under the list of “Local Services”.

One of the goals set by NCPR for 2012 is to review the current taxation boundary for sub-regional recreation and make recommendations for appropriate changes. The current boundary is almost 30 years old and does not reflect property development occurring on the outside edge of the taxation area. The intent of the review is to ensure all residents benefiting from NCPR contribute to maintaining the services.

The map above delineates the taxation boundary for NCPF. A larger scale map which includes District Lot (property) boundaries will be available at the Area B Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Jan. 19th at Parkland Elementary.

Emergency Planning Community Capacity Response Public Meetings

Two PUBLIC MEETINGS will be held in Area B focused on Emergency Planning. The dates are Feb. 1st in Bouchie Lake and Feb. 15th in Ten Mile Lake / Parkland.

All members of the local community are encouraged to attend. Anyone and everyone with local knowledge will be able to assist. It is requested

that you add these dates to your calendar and plan to attend one of these meetings.

As additional information is made available, I will ensure it is circulated via email, through facebook and on my blog.