



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Oct. 25—CRD Finance / Budget Meeting

Oct. 26—CRD Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 31—Halloween Events at Bouchie Lake Hall and Parkland Community Centre

Nov. 13—Northern Caucus Meeting

Nov. 13—North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee Meeting

Nov. 19—Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission Meeting

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

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Greetings. Well... for those who have been receiving my newsletters, you may notice the new format. Earlier, this month... the computer I use for all my CRD business crashed and I lost everything! Luckily... most documents I create, for email ... so most of them were retrievable through email. None-the-less... note to self... **“back up computer hard drives”**. This was tough lesson learned.

Since my last issue of “Letter B”, it has been an incredibly busy time. I spent 5 days away late September in Victoria at the annual convention for UBCM / Union of BC Municipalities. I did not realize the value of this convention until I attended it. For local govern-

ment representatives, UBCM provides the opportunity to bring local / regional issues to the provincial stage. As a new member of the CRD Board of Directors, I now better understand the process. This will ultimately assist me in being more effective in that I can better navigate through the system. A highlight of UBCM was hearing Anna Maria Tremonti from the CBC “The Current” speak at the convention. As a CBC fan, I thoroughly enjoyed this. Other highlights was learning how resolutions are passed and attending some of the seminars.

Following my time in Victoria, I attended a 2 day LakeKeepers Course focused on Bouchie Lake, and have host-

ed 2 Open Community Meetings within Electoral Area B. A summary of these meetings is on page 2 of this newsletter.

The CRD is in the midst of setting the 2013 budget which is an interesting process. Thus far, I have met with the Chiefs of both volunteer fire departments in Area B (Ten Mile Lake and Bouchie Lake) to discuss budgets and have been actively involved in the budget process for the North Cariboo Recreation & Parks Service function budget.



LakeKeepers Course—Bouchie Lake, British Columbia, Canada



At the end of September, I attended a LakeKeeper’s Course hosted by the Bouchie Lake Stewardship Committee in partnership with Baker Creek Enhancement Society. The

LakeKeeper’s Course is two days in length of which one day is in the classroom and the second day on a lake learning how to do lake sampling.

Bouchie Lake is a very shallow lake and unlike most interior lakes, it does not stratify. Additionally, it has been impacted by residential development and upstream activities (e.g. agriculture, forestry) over the last 50 years. The lake is considered nutrient rich and at risk of fish kills.

The course was well worthwhile with the second day being especially fun. What a great way to build community by getting residents outside and learning how to tackle worthwhile activities such as lake sampling. For me, it was my very first time on Bouchie Lake.

The LakeKeeper’s course has been developed by the BC Lake Stewardship Society (<http://www.bclss.org>).

OPEN COMMUNITY MEETINGS—in review

Earlier this month, I hosted two Open Community Meetings in Electoral Area B. The first, held on October 14th, was at the **Parkland Community Centre** (10 Mile Lake) whereas the second was at **Bouchie Lake Hall** on October 20th. The topics chosen at each of the meetings were put forward by residents, in attendance, as worthwhile discussion topics. What follows is a summary of each of the meetings.

PARKLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Date: October 14th
in Attendance: 15

Topics Discussed:

1) Rural Recreation

- North Cariboo Recreation & Parks / NCRP Taxation Function
- overview of 2012 & 2013 budgets
- NCRP Boundary Expansion & Multi-Centre
- Recreation Pass for rural recreation
- Option for Parkland to have its own Recreation function

2) Moose Heights Manor Rehabilitation Centre

- zoning

3) Fire Protection

- status of Ten Mile Lake Fire Hall
- update on Advisory Planning Commission

4) Official Community Plan (OCP) - Quesnel Fringe

5) Neighbourhood Watch—Block Watch

5) Potential Seminar Topics

6) Kosta's Cove—potential longterm home for the Dragon Boat Team

BOUCHIE LAKE HALL

Date: October 20th
in Attendance: 16

Topics Discussed:

1) Rural Recreation:

- North Cariboo Recreation & Parks / NCRP Function overview
- NCRP 2013 Budget & 2012 Expenditures
- NCRP Boundary expansion vs. Bouchie Lake having its own recreation function
- Recreation Passes
- User Groups / Insurance

2) Bouchie Lake Recreation commission vs. Bouchie Lake Community Association

- how do they differ

3) Fire Protection

- Is there value in re-establishing Fire Commissions?
- Bouchie Lake Fire Protection Boundary & Budget

4) Bouchie Lake Update

- nutrient loading
- plans to improve lake quality

5) Multi-Centre Update

- Pre-tax—what's the plan if the Referendum expires & needed \$15 million is not raised?

- Fundraising Update

In Summary, I feel that these Community Meetings have great value both for myself and for those who attended.

My goal is to host similar meetings in other areas of Area B, in the spring, if suitable venues are available.

What was surprising was that at both meetings, similar topics were put forward to be discussed.

Thank you to all the residents who took time out of their day to attend. One resident attended both meetings... and this was not me!

Success by Six provides Indoor Playground Equipment...



Success by 6 recently provided some funds to establish an indoor playground in Quesnel. The playground is an initiative toward meeting a prioritized outcome to “increase the physical activity of children aged 0 to 6.” The playground provides an opportunity for children in this age group to engage in healthy physical activity during inclement weather.

Quesnel Leisure Services has agreed to provide the space for the equipment (three pieces have been placed at the Twin Arenas and the others in the Recreation Centre) as well as provide maintenance and insurance coverage.

In September, I attended the Opening Ceremonies of the playground equipment at the Quesnel & District Arts & Recreation Centre.

SPOOKTACULAR EVENTS IN AREA B



HAUNTED HOUSE at the Parkland Community Centre

October 26, 27th; 4-8 pm

October 28; 7-6 pm

October 29, 30, 31; 4-8 pm

Fireworks at 8 pm on Halloween

\$3.00 / person

Suitable for ALL ages.

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Hosted by the Parkland Community Association
in partnership with the Parkland Recreation

TAIL GATE TRICK OR TREATING at Bouchie Lake Hall Wednesday, October 31st

Trick or Treating—6:30 pm

Costume Parade—7:15 pm

Fireworks at Dark

Bring your candy, drop your tail gate, let the kids
enjoy, and have fun! Hot dogs & Hot Chocolate too.

Everyone welcome!

Hosted by the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission in partner-
ship with the Bouchie Lake School PAC

**Thank you to Rocky's Store for supporting
the Halloween Event at Bouchie Lake Hall**

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE...

Another one of my CRD responsibilities is being Chair of the CRD Library Committee. Recently, I went on a tour of the Quesnel Librarian with head librarian Barb McKenzie. What a fantastic facility the Quesnel Library is.



The Quesnel Library is part of the Cariboo Regional District Library (www.cln.bc.ca). It is

one of 15 libraries within the CRD. Here are a few facts about the CRD Library...

- it has 230,000 items, most of which can be borrowed.
- it has over 3000 DVDs
- has over 2000 music CDs?
- last year, patrons borrowed over 420,000 items
- annual inter-library loan traffic (the amount of books we lend to other libraries) has doubled since

2001

- add roughly 15,000 items to the collection each year?

The CRD Library is directly linked to British Columbia Libraries, which is your library without walls. CRD residents can borrow e-books directly off of this site. There is quite an assortment of e-books available ranging from children's literature to romance to science fiction.

QUESNEL COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Quesnel Community & Economic Development Corporation/ QCEDC works to facilitate economic, social and environmental wealth for all residents. Although QCEDC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the City of Quesnel, it receives some funding from the CRD via the 4 Northern

CRD Electoral Areas.

QCEDC has a board of directors comprised of 9-11 persons who represent a cross section of the business community. I am on the board as the CRD representative.

QCEDC takes on many different pro-

jects and assists the community in a great number of ways. It is currently managing the Multi-Centre Fundraising Project in addition to working on a great number of other projects. Additional information on QCEDC can be found at www.quesnelinfo.com