



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

February 16, 23; March 2, 9th
Pirates of the Carribean, Bouchie Lake Hall
February 19—22—Electoral Area Forum / LGLA Forum (Richmond)
March 1st—CRD Board of Directors Meeting
March 4th —Parkland Recreation Commission Meeting
March 11th —Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission Meeting
March 13th—Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting (Langley)
March 18-22: Spring Break
March 18—Senior’s Luncheon, Bouchie Lake Hall.

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

From Bouchie Lake to all of Area B... “Hello”! As the days begin to become noticeably longer, coupled with the mild temperatures, it truly feels that spring is enroute. January was a busy month with a considerable amount of focus on budgets. This year, the CRD opted to not hold Town Hall Meetings in each of the Electoral Areas. Rather, just 3 meetings were held with 1 being in the North Cariboo. I am considering holding at least one Budget Meetings specific to Area B if there is a demand and /or a need for

this. This meeting would focus on budget issues specific to the Electoral Area— e.g. Recreation, Fire Protection. *Please let me know if you feel these is value in having such a meeting to attend.*

This coming month I have off to Richmond for 3 days to attend some seminars hosted by the Local Government Leadership Academy. In March, I will be attending a 1 day Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting in Langley. This latter workshop is one that the CRD Board approved me

to attend by accessing some “Director Initiative Funds”.

Did you know that many residents in the northern reaches of Electoral Area B receive their fire protection services from the Hixon Fire Department in the Regional District of Fraser Fort George. I am learning more about this service and hope to report more on it in the March issue of “Letter B”. I always appreciate hearing from residents so please do contact me, if you have a questions and /or concern. I will do my best.

2013 CRD Budget Consultation

As part of the public consultation process, the CRD held a Budget Consultation meeting in the North Cariboo on January 31st at the Royal Canadian Legion in downtown Quesnel. 13 people were in attendance which included 2 City of Quesnel councilors and a representative from The Rush / Wolf Radio. Of the 10 people remaining, at least 4 of them were Area B residents. During this meeting, the CRD presented the proposed 2013 budget and five-year financial plan. If you missed this meeting, you still have an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the budget and services provided in your area. The presentation can be viewed online at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/Services/Finance/BudgetConsultationMeetings.aspx>

There is also an **Online Survey** which can be completed to provide feedback to the Cariboo Regional District. It is recommended that you review the information online and do the survey!



AREA B RECREATION

BOUCHIE LAKE RECREATION

www.bouchielakerec.ca
Website, Online Calendar, Pioneer Park

Website: Bouchie Lake will soon have a website (www.bouchielakerec.ca) focused on recreational opportunities within the community. This website will be managed by the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission / BLRC and is being designed and constructed by Southill Graphics (www.southhillgraphics.ca). In the latter months of 2012, the BLRC released an RFP / Request for Proposal to several local website developers and the contract has been issued to Southill Graphics.

Online Calendar: The Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission is now hosting an online calendar which will be used to promote events and inform residents and potential renters what is happening at the Bouchie Lake Hall & Grounds, Claymine Trails and Pioneer Park and their availability. This calendar will be linked to the website. Check out the calendar... there are lots of activities and events at the hall these days which are being hosted by the Bouchie Lake Community Association in partnership with the BLRC. The calendar can be viewed online:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=bouchielakerc%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Vancouver>

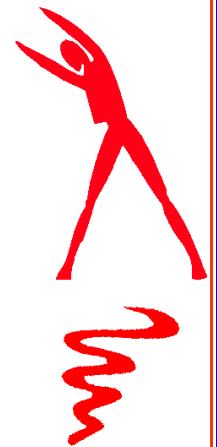
Pioneer Park: The BLRC is still hoping to establish a Pioneer Park Committee to assist with planning the development of this park. Several residents have expressed interest in this; we need to now move forward with it. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me at 250.249.5329 or hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca

PARKLAND / TEN MILE LAKE RECREATION

Parkland Community Centre
5018 Bjornson Rd. 10 Mile Lake



Sign up NOW for
'Anything Goes'
Fitness Classes with
Tara Fookes



Place: *Parkland Elementary School Gym*
When: Wednesdays, Feb. 6 - April 17, 2013
(except Mar. 20)
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Open to all Adults 19+
Pre-registration Fee: 10 sessions/\$75
Drop In Fee: \$9.00 per session - First come first served when space is available. Space is limited to 25 participants

Forms can be picked up at Parkland Elementary School office, M-F 8am - 3 pm or print on-line form from [Parkland Community Association Facebook page](#).
Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 1, 2013. Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at Parkland Elementary or mailed to:

Parkland Community Association
5018 Bjornson Rd.
Quesnel, B.C.
V2J 6X7

For more information call 250-992-5400 or send email to:
parklandrecomm@netbistro.com

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Parkland Recreation Commission: Mo. day, Mar. 4th; 6:30 —8:30 pm; Parkland Community Centre

Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission: Mon., Mar. 11th; 7-9 pm; Bouchie Lake Hall

GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE

AVAILABLE FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS IN THE NORTH CARIBOO

Cariboo Regional District / Quesnel Community & Economic Development Corporation

For those residents of the North Cariboo involved with not for profit organizations, we are very fortunate to have options available to us to assist with accessing grant funds. Too my knowledge there are 2 avenues available should your group wish assistance:

CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT GRANT WRITER PROGRAM

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has a Grant Writer Program.

The objective of this program is to build grant writing capacity and expertise that leads to a direct increase in funding for projects and programs throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin. The Grant Writer is available to assist local registered non-profit groups and / or charities groups with the following:

Grant research
Grant application development and submission
Technical support

Groups wishing to access funds should be looking to fund a well-supported project (support from within the community & with some matching funds or in-kind support) project, and should be able to provide the Grant Writer

with the who/what/where/when/why of the project. Submitting the information in point or bullet point form is fine.

Groups should also have a realistic expectation about how much funding dollars they can receive based on the population of the community and scope of the project.

The Grant Writer is also available to proof read, and provide edits, to any grant application a group has completed and wishes to submit to the funding agency.

To contact the CRD's grant writer and/or subscribe to the monthly newsletter (which highlights upcoming grants and deadlines) please e-mail grantwriter@cariboord.bc.ca with "Subscribe" in the subject line.

For additional information on the program, check out <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/Services/GrantWriterProgram.aspx>

The Grant Writer position is funded in part by Northern Development Initiative Trust's Grant Writer Support Program.

QUESNEL COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION GRANT WRITER PROGRAM

QCEDC also has a grant writer on staff. All groups wishing to access the support QCEDC offers must complete a "Not For Profit Information Form" which is provided by QCEDC. This form includes contact information for the group and highlights the groups's governance structure (e.g. Society Number, Bylaws, Board of Directors), Financial Information, and the groups five (5) top priority projects. For additional information on QCEDC's grant writing assistance, please contact Erin Dzielak, Grant Writer / Marketing Assistant at 250.992.3522 or edzielak@quesnelinfo.com.



Bouchie Lake Family Film Club



Pirates of the Caribbean

The Curse of the Black Pearl	Dead Man's Chest
Sat., Feb. 16th, 7 pm	Sat., Feb. 23rd, 7 pm
At World's End	On Stranger Tides
Sat., Mar. 2nd, 7 pm	Sat., Mar. 9th, 7 pm



**NOW PLAYING AT THE
BOUCHIE LAKE HALL**



Admission by Donation. Recommended Donation:
\$3.00 / person or \$10.00 / family (2 adults / 2 children)
SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE / NO OUTSIDE FOOD PLEASE

For more info., contact Holoise or Ty 250.249.5329 / mmfarm@goldcity.net or
check out the Bouchie Lake Family Film Club on FACEBOOK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

The January issue of "Letter B" included an article on "Economic Development in Electoral Areas A, B, C and I". In this issue, I am providing an overview on how Economic Development is funded through the Cariboo Regional District. As you will note, there are several different funding formulas and projects funded vary from Electoral Area to Electoral Area.

The manner by which Economic Development in the Cariboo Regional District / CRD operates varies with Electoral Area and function. Currently there are two shared functions (South Cariboo, North Cariboo) and 2 electoral area specific functions (Areas D and F). See Table 1 for information on these functions in terms of Electoral Area, population, and tax rates.

Electoral Area(s)	Pop. (2011 Canada Census)	2013 Tax Rate / \$1000	Residential Tax Rate / \$100,000 of Residential Assessment (Lands & Improvements)	Tax Requisition	Taxes Collected/ Person	Surplus / Reserve
A, B, C, I (North Cariboo)	12,992	\$0.0167	\$1.17	\$20,000	\$1.54	\$636
D	2988	\$0.0140	\$0.84	\$5,000	\$1.67	\$25,053
F	4564	\$0.0303	\$2.35	\$20,000	\$4.38	\$28,466
G, H, L (South Cariboo)	10,701	\$0.0292	\$2.51	\$66,500	\$6.21	\$23,457

2011 Census Total Population Results – Municipalities by Regional District
<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/2011Census/PopulationHousing/MunicipalitiesByRegionalDistrict.aspx>

In the North Cariboo, economic development is a function shared by Electoral Areas A, B, C and I. The function is supported through taxation. In 2012, **\$20,000** was collected through taxation with **\$17,000** being transferred to the City of Quesnel to support **Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation / QCEDC** (www.quesnelinfo.com). The remaining \$3000.00 is used to support tourism structures in Areas C and I (e.g. Blessings Grave, Stanley Cemetery, Deserter Creek outhouses).

Using the % contribution by Electoral Area for the donation in 2011 and 2012 to the Quesnel Community Foundation (through Grants for Assistance), and applying it to Economic Development, the contribution by Electoral Area for the North Cariboo can be determined. This is captured in Table 2 below.

Electoral Area	2012 Donation to Quesnel Community Foundation (%)	Existing Tax Requisition for
A	47.7	9540
B	37.6	7520
C	7.5	1500
I	7.2	1440
	100	20,000

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT (Con't).

I am investigating the avenues available for more grass roots economic development in our rural communities. Although I support the shared model of economic development currently in place for the North Cariboo and wholly value the work QCEDC does for the Electoral Areas, I see benefit in manipulating the model whereby rural community groups are encouraged to consider opportunities for economic development within their neighbourhoods. There are some excellent examples of this occurring in some of the other Electoral Areas within the CRD. Following is a summary of how Economic Development is throughout the CRD:

NORTH CARIBOO (AREAS A, B, C & I)

Function established in 1992. The delivery of service provided by the Quesnel Community & Economic Development Corporation (\$17,000). Through QCEDC, the North Cariboo is able to take advantage of economic growth opportunities—e.g. accessing federal and provincial grant funding is one way that economic development corporations can add value to local initiatives. Function also supports Tourism infrastructure at Deserter Creek, Stanley Cemetery, and Blessings Grave on Highway 26 (\$3,000.00). The maximum requisition is the greater of \$10,000 or \$0.0257/\$1,000 of assessment. As per the 2012 and 2013 Business Plan for the function, no new goals were identified for 2012 nor the upcoming year.

SOUTH CARIBOO (AREAS G, L, AND H)

Function established in 2000. In 2004, service was limited to Electoral Areas “G” and “L”. In 2007, Electoral Area “H” was added back into the function. There is no requisition limit for this service. The delivery of service is provided through agreements with 100 Mile Development Corporation and South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce. Agreements in place to support the South Cariboo Tourism Marketing Strategy, the Visitor Information Centre, the Valley Room Martin Exeter Hall Conference Centre, and to make contributions to the 100 Mile House sani-dump to support tourism infrastructure and an advertising agreement with the Rotary Club of 100 Mile House for its mobile stage. 2013 goals include: (i) Review a new agreement with the Rotary Club of 100 Mile House for advertising on its mobile stage and (ii) Sponsor conferences and events in the south Cariboo. In 2012, the CRD approved contributions to the Lac La Hache Community Club to host the South Cariboo Garlic Festival and towards the Fall Fair.

AREA D ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ELECTORAL AREA D

Function established in 2003. Delivery of function is by means of agreements with several local organizations to support their economic development initiatives. There is no requisition limit for this function. The 2013 goals for this function are (i) Contribute to the Revitalization Committee of the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society for local improvement projects (e.g. kiosk); (ii) Contribute to the development of a disc golf course in Wildwood and other revitalization projects identified by the community; (iii) Invest in capital improvements or marketing and promotional activities at the Bull Mountain Cross Country Ski Area; (vi) Continue to work with local recreation groups on opportunities to invest in local trail network improvements to increase tourism.

AREA F ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ELECTORAL AREA F

Established in 2002. No requisition limit for this service. Service provided through contracts with the Williams Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, the Horsefly Board of Trade, the Likely Chamber of Commerce, the Big Lake Community Association and the 150 Mile Greenbelt, Trail and Heritage Society. The tourism support agreement with Visitor Information Centres in Likely, Horsefly and Williams Lake was renewed in 2012 for a three-year term. 2013 Goals include: (i) working with the communities of Horsefly, Likely and Big Lake to develop trails and sites for tourism activity. (ii) Continue to work with the 150 Mile Greenbelt, Trail and Heritage Society on a heritage tourism site in 150 Mile House (iii) Support the installation of community signs in Big Lake. (iv) Support the installation of heritage plaques at historic sites. (v) Sponsor conferences and events in the service area.; (vi) Develop a framework to allow the communities of Big Lake, Miocene and Horsefly to benefit from the proposed community forest to be located surrounding the communities.

Additional information is available online in the Agenda of the CRD Board Meeting of December 14, 2012, Section 21.6 Finance / Budget Committee Minutes November 15, 2012. <https://caribooregionaldistrict.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?Id=12432>

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