

# LETTER *B*



## Newsletter for CRD Electoral Area “B”

*Serving the Communities of Ahbau Creek, Baker Creek, Bouchie Lake, Cinema, Dunkley, 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!

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Greetings everyone! Since becoming your Area Director, I have been to 2 CRD Board Meetings and am now representing the CRD (& you) on several local and regionally based groups / committees—e.g. Quesnel Community & Economic Development, Joint Planning Committee, North Cariboo Recreation & Parks Commission, Quesnel Air Quality Roundtable, CRD Library, & CRD Policy & Procedure Committee. Early in March, I will be attending some seminars in

Prince George on local governance. I am very much looking forward to that.

One of the true joys of this “job” is meeting people that reside in the area. Although I know I will not be able to address everyone’s concerns, I do feel it is my responsibility to be as informed as possible and transfer information to people so they too can make informed decisions.

In the spring, after the snow has melted, I plan to go on a

few “field trips” to explore some of the regions of Area B which I am less familiar with.

My first trip will be to travel along the Quesnel-Hixon Road to Cinema. I would welcome meeting residents along the way so they can show me first hand the area they call home. I shall look forward to doing some exploring. I will most certainly stop at the area along the Cottonwood River where 3 homes were dismantled last year due to the flooding.

### Online Links

#### BLOG

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## AREA B TOWN HALL MEETING February 5, 2012, Parkland Elementary School

The **TOWN HALL MEETING** for **Electoral Area / EA B** was held on Feb. 5th at Parkland School. Due to severe cold temperatures, the meeting was postponed from its original date of **Thurs., Jan. 19th, 7pm**. I trust this did not cause too much inconvenience.

**25** people were in attendance not including myself and CRD staff. Director John Massier (Area C) and Director Art Kaehn, the Chair with Fraser-Fort George Regional District and Director of Electoral Area “E” (Woodpecker—Hixon) to the north were also in attendance and it was a pleasure having these

2 “seasoned” directors provide support and have their input. People attended from across the EA.

Following the EA Presentation by Janis Bell, CRD CAO and Shelly Burich, Mgr. of Communications, everyone present was able to participate in an open discussion. A few specific issues / concerns were discussed:

- (i) *Line of Duty Death policy for volunteer firefighters to attend memorial services of others who have died in the line of duty;*
- (ii) *The Firefighter’s Monument proposed for Lebourdais Park;*
- (iii) *Status of the properties along the Cottonwood River that had the homes dismantled due to flooding.*
- (iv) *A discussion of the proposed expansion of the North Cariboo Recreation & Parks taxation boundary.*

I have provided additional details on the Town Hall Meeting and the above concerns on my blog (<http://heloisedixon-warren.blogspot.com/>). The CRD Presentation can be viewed at: [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca)



### DATES TO NOTE!

**February 17, 2012**— CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake

**February 21, 2012**—Joint Planning Committee Meeting, Quesnel City Hall

**February 16, 2012**— Parkland Recreation Commission Meeting (6:30pm), Parkland Elementary School

**February 27, 2012**—Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission Meeting (7:00 pm), Bouchie Lake Hall

**March 19, 2012**—30th Annual Community Senior’s Luncheon, Bouchie Lake Hall

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Please support the  
**30th Annual  
 Community  
 Seniors  
 Luncheon**

**Monday, March 19, 2012  
 Bouchie Lake Hall**

On March 19th senior's from throughout the community will be invited to enjoy a meal at the Bouchie Lake Hall. What began in 1982 as a way of honouring the local pioneers has become an annual event which many look forward. **2012 is the 30th Anniversary since this event began.** This event is one of the largest hosted by the volunteers of Bouchie Lake and area and for 2012, it is proudly hosted by the Volunteer Women of Bouchie Lake (Lucky Loonie Ladies Lunch Bunch) and the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission / BLRC.

In order to ensure the continued success of this event, the BLRC is doing some fundraising. Small or large... all donations will be appreciated. If you are interested in donating to the event, please contact **Jennifer Linegar-Johnston (250.249.5845)** or **Angela Mezzatesta (250.249.5445)**. All financial contributions can be sent to the:

**Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission, 1975 Centennial Road, Quesnel, BC V2J 7G6**  
**Cheques payable to the BLRC** or dropped off at **Bouchie Lake Farm & Feed, 2338 Bonny Rd. (old Bouchie Lake Store).**



## 2011 CENSUS CANADA RESULTS North Cariboo



2011 Census results have now been released and "hot off the press". Here are some numbers for the North Cariboo (Electoral Areas A, B, C & I, the District of Wells, and the City of Quesnel). The census is completed very five years. The table below includes some ratios on the number of persons each elected official represents. As can be noted, Electoral Areas A and B have more than 2 times the number of persons per elected official.

Area / Municipality	# Elected Officials	Elected Official : Person ratio	2011 Population	2005 Population	% Change 2005 to 2011
Area A	1	1 : 6,250	6,250	5,859	6.7
Area B	1	1 : 4,006	4,006	3,858	3.8
Area C	1	1 : 1,225	1,225	1,164	5.2
Area I	1	1 : 1,511	1,511	1,661	-9.0
Quesnel	7	1 : 1,430	10,007	9,326	7.3
Wells	5	1 : 49	245	236	3.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1:1453</b>	<b>23,244</b>	<b>22,104</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

### Emergency Planning Community Capacity Response Public Meetings COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY!

Two Emergency Planning Community Response Open Houses were held recently within Area B. The first was held Feb. 1st at Bouchie Lake Fire Department whereas the 2nd was held at Parkland School following the Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 5th. These Open Houses were hosted by the Manager of Protective Services. The objective of the Open Houses was to collect information that will aid in emergency planning and during an evacuation. Maps of communities were on hand along with the opportunity to register equipment for hire, volunteer emergency contact information, provide information on the status of local roads and

routes and identify features in the area. ***There is a Survey online which all CRD residents are encouraged to complete.*** It is simple to do, does not take very long and can be accessed at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/Services/ProtectiveServices/EmergencyOperationsCentreEOC.aspx>. **The survey will remain open until Feb. 29, 2012!**



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## AREA B RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS

Electoral Area B has two Recreation Commission which function within its boundaries. These are the **Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission (BLRC)** and the other is **Parkland Recreation Commission (PRC)**.

Both commissions are essentially an extension of the Cariboo Regional District as their purpose is to manage CRD owned recreational properties as set out in their bylaws. Each commission is comprised of commissioners who have volunteered their time to give to their community. These people are your neighbours, friends, family members and as volunteers, they often wear many hats.

### BLRC

Currently, the BLRC must have between 4-10 community members at large to operate. For Bouchie Lake, these people are **Lisa Scott, Brenda Lebeck, Lisa Collins, Liz Montgomery, Maria Dawson, Jennifer Johnston, Bruce Johnston, Carolyn Blanchet, Sybille Muschik, and Jeff Lefebvre**. The "new" BLRC had its first official meeting on Jan. 30th at the Bouchie Lake Hall. It has opted to

operate a little differently to previous years. Rather than having a *designated* Chair, it will have a rotating Chair for the meetings. The BLRC has also decided to create Committees which will enable the commissioners to focus on certain responsibilities of the commission. These Committees are as follows: *Claymine, Pioneer Park, Marketing / Promotion / Communications, Devents / Program Development, Beautification, Area Recreation, Maintenance / Improvements / Security / Safety, Contract Manager—Maintenance / Facility Bookings, Procedures / Policy / Affiliate Groups, Fundraising / Volunteer Recruitment, and Outdoor Facilities*. Each Committee will choose a chair, set their own schedule, develop a Terms of Reference, be comprised of commissioners **AND** community members, and report to the BLRC.

**YOGA**  
Wed. nights from 7-8:15pm at Bouchie Lake Hall until March 14, 2012. Drop in \$8.00 / class

### PRC

**Parkland Recreation Commission** operates a little differently than BLRC in that it must have between 9 and 14 community members-at-large to operate. The existing members of PRC are:

**Norm Livingstone, Chad Swanson, Dede Scott, Karla Woeste, Robert Shkuratoff, Christine Piltz, Lian Wiggins, Paul Mednis, Peter VanLeusden, Rhoda Miller** (to be appointed at Feb. 17th CRD Meeting) and **Neil MacDougall** (to be appointed at Feb. 17th CRD Meeting). *As you will note there are currently **THREE** vacant seats on the PRC. If you are interested in learning more about the PRC, please contact me.*

**Andy McGibbons** recently resigned from the PRC. We are very much appreciative of the commitment and time he put towards the group.

The Parkland Recreation Commission has a very exciting year ahead with the development of a community centre within Parkland School and an equestrian park at Kostas Cove.

Here are a few notices for PRC:

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Sub-Committee for the Community Centre will be hosting **2 Cleaning Bees** at the NEW Community Centre (located at north end of Parkland School) on Thurs., Feb. 23rd & Fri., Feb. 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Anyone interested in bringing a little elbow grease is greatly appreciated!

An Open House will be held on 2 consecutive days to give the public the opportunity to see the centre. There will be beverages, snacks, door prizes & a short questionnaire which will give the public the opportunity to express general ideas. Membership forms will be available.

A bug in your ear... Spring Cleaning?? We are planning a swap meet for the spring. Date & times to be announced. So... don't throw out your junk!!

Parkland Equestrian Group are looking for members, also interested persons to run a Gymkhana.

*We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.*

*Winston Churchill*

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## Area B Residential Tax Rate Summary

Numbers are based upon the amount residents will be paying for the following services per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Service	2011 Rate / \$100,000 assessed property value	2012 Rate / \$100,000 assessed property value	% Change	\$250,000 assessed property value	\$350,000 assessed property value
Electoral Area Admin.	\$18.50	\$19.23	4%	\$48.08	\$67.31
Admin. Services	\$11.53	\$11.57	0%	\$28.93	\$40.50
Feasibility	\$0.20	\$0.15	-25%	\$0.38	\$0.53
Rural Feasibility	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Governance	\$1.91	\$1.94	2%	\$4.85	\$6.79
Planning	\$7.05	\$6.98	-1%	\$17.45	\$24.43
Bylaw Enforcement	\$1.95	\$3.82	96%	\$9.55	\$13.37
Building Inspection	\$23.10	\$23.33	1%	\$58.33	\$81.66
Rural Refuse	\$55.81	\$56.26	1%	\$140.65	\$196.91
Solid Waste Management	\$0.13	\$0.13	0%	\$0.33	\$0.46
Invasive Plant Management	\$2.23	\$2.24	0%	\$5.60	\$7.84
North Cariboo Economic Development	\$1.17	\$1.20	3%	\$3.00	\$4.20
North Cariboo HandyDART (improvements only)	\$1.11	\$1.10	-1%	\$2.75	\$3.85
North Cariboo Cemetery	\$3.91	\$3.87	-1%	\$9.68	\$13.55
Bouchie Lake Fire	\$66.18	\$67.68	2%	\$169.20	\$236.88
Barlow Creek Fire (improvements only)	\$65.99	\$66.31	0%	\$165.78	\$232.09
Ten Mile Fire (improvements only)	\$95.99	\$79.20	-17%	\$198.00	\$277.20
North Cariboo Highway Rescue	\$0.70	\$0.71	1%	\$1.78	\$2.49
North Cariboo Search & Rescue	\$0.72	\$0.73	1%	\$1.83	\$2.56
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone	\$8.34	\$8.55	3%	\$21.38	\$29.93
Electoral Area Emergency Planning	\$1.82	\$1.55	-15%	\$3.88	\$5.43
North Cariboo Recreation & Parks	\$125.64	\$128.10	2%	\$320.25	\$448.35
Library Network (improvements only)	\$42.32	\$42.59	1%	\$106.48	\$149.07
Heritage	\$0.08	\$0.08	0%	\$0.20	\$0.28
Area B Electoral Area Administration	\$0.10	\$0.14	40%	\$0.35	\$0.49

Based upon the proposed 2012 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan Overview  
 Information based upon 2012 CRD Town Hall Meeting held at Parkland School, Feb. 5, 2012.  
 The complete presentation can be viewed online at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/WhatsNew/TownHallMeetings.aspx>