

# 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!

April, 2012

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Happy Spring... with April upon us many of us are waiting for the snow to melt so gardens can be tilled, birch trees tapped, bike tires pumped up, and horses tacked up. Summer comes quickly now with only 2 1/2 mos. left of school. Since the March issue of "Letter B", I have attended several events held within the Area. This includes the Parkland Community Centre Open House on March 17th and the Bouchie Lake 30th Annual Senior's Luncheon on March 19th.

Mid March I also attended an APC / Advisory Planning Committee Training Session which was excellent. Thank you to all members of the Area B APC for attending this session also. The training session was also attended by APC members from the other 3 northern Electoral Areas (A, C, and I). As part of my involvement with the Quesnel Air Quality Roundtable I was fortunate to tour Quesnel River Pulp and the Air Quality Measurement Station at Quesnel Jr. Secondary. Both were very interest-

ing. I also spent 1 week away travelling to see my mum who lives on Saturna Island, the most southern of the Gulf Islands. It was a lovely trip which included a day in Victoria.

Every 3 weeks I attend a CRD Board of Directors Meeting in Williams Lake. Immediately following these meetings, the CRD issues "Board Meeting Highlights" which can be viewed online and /or through email.

### Online Links

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA'S 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK— May 20-26, 2012

May 20-26th is **Local Government Awareness Week** across British Columbia.

Held in conjunction within National Public Works Week, it is held to generate awareness and educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government, including boards of education, and to encourage the public to participate in local government processes. Throughout BC, events and activities are being planned to celebrate **Local Government Awareness Week**. These

are often done in partnership with local organisations (e.g. schools, clubs, community groups, malls etc.). Activity ideas are endless but typically include colouring, photo, poster and /or essay writing contests, community flag designing, name a street contest, sporting event, open house, or a community event.

I am hoping to plan some activities within Area B to celebrate Local Government Week. If you are interested in being involved with any such activity,

please contact me. For additional information, please contact <http://www.lgaw.bc.ca/>

*Local Government Awareness Week is a program of the Union of BC Municipalities, working in partnership with a number of other public sector organizations, including CivicInfo BC; the Local Government Management Association of BC; the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; the BC School Trustees Association; the Ministry of Education, and the Public Works Association of British Columbia.*

### DATES TO NOTE!

April 5—Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission SOCIETY Meeting, 7pm, Bouchie Lake Hall

April 10—Northern Directors Caucus Meeting / Joint Planning Committee Meeting

April 17—Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission Meeting, 7pm, Bouchie Lake Hall

April 20—CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake

May 2-4—North Central Local Government Association Conference

May 3—Weeds & the Works Workshop, 10 am—3:30 pm

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARKLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION & THE BOUCHIE LAKE RECREATION COMMISSION

## PARKLAND COMMUNITY HALL NOW OPEN!

The **Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission / BLRC**) and **Parkland Community Association / PCA** were both awarded funds from the Quesnel Community Foundation / QCF at the QCF's Gala on March 24, 2012.

**BLRC** received **\$2000.00** for signage for the Claymine Road Trails. This grant was made possible through the CRD Area B Fund. **PCA** was awarded **\$2500.00** for wheelchair accessible washrooms at Kosta's Cove. This grant was made possible in part through the CRD Area A fund. For 2012, the QCF awarded a total of **\$34,450** in grants to the area's non-profit sector. A complete list of the grants awarded can be viewed at [www.quesnelfoundation.ca](http://www.quesnelfoundation.ca)

There are 4 CRD Electoral Area Funds within the QCF. These endowment funds were originally established in 2011 with an original donation of **\$100,000** pooled from Electoral Areas

A, B, C and I and \$100,000 from Northern Development Initiative Trust. Another **\$200,000** will be donated in 2012 from Areas A, B, C & I and NDI establishing 4 EA funds totaling \$400,000 (\$100,000 each).

The QCF grants support projects that benefit area residents. Funded projects provide a service to the community or take an innovative approach to needs and concerns within the North Cariboo. Projects in the following areas are eligible for funding: health sports & recreation, environment education, social programs arts & culture.

Although these funds are not restricted to EA residents, EA based groups are encouraged to apply for funds through the foundation to support projects which are of benefit to their community. The process by which groups can apply for these funds is described on QCF's website: [www.quesnelfoundation.ca](http://www.quesnelfoundation.ca)

Exciting things are happening in the 10 Mile Lake / Moose Heights area of Area B!! On Feb. 1st, the CRD and the Parkland Recreation Commission PRC entered into an Occupancy Agreement with School District #28 to open a **Community Centre** within Parkland School. This centre has its own entrance and includes 4 empty classrooms. The PRC has great plans for this centre and hopes it will become a meeting place for the community. More volunteers are always needed. On May 17th an Open House was held at the Centre. It had a "St. Patrick's Day" theme.



## NOMINATE A HOMETOWN HERO

More information on this CRD program available on my **BLOG** ([helousedixon-warren.blogspot.com](http://helousedixon-warren.blogspot.com)) and included in the May issue of "Letter B".

## 30th Annual Bouchie Lake Seniors Luncheon

Monday, March 19, 2012

Thank you to **ALL** the incredible volunteers who donated their time to very successful annual Senior's Luncheon. I believe the event was enjoyed by upwards of 230 people. This was my first time to attend this event and wow... well done everyone! This includes the fundraising committee of the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission and many incredible volunteers who prepared and served the food, promoted the event, assisted with set up and take down, and took photos.

2012 was the 1st year the event was supported through individual & business donations—both financial and "in-kind". In previous years, main supporters have been the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission, the BLRC Society, and Rotary Club of Quesnel.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS!**

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## CRD IS AWARDED \$401,250.00 FOR WHEELCHAIR TRAILS PROJECT – INCLUDES TWO SITES WITHIN AREA B!!!

The BC Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development recently announced that the Cariboo Regional District has been successful in securing **\$401,250** through the **Community Recreation Program / CRP** for 14 sites to help develop wheelchair accessible wilderness trails. TWO sites within Electoral Area B have been included in this project. This includes **KOSTAS COVE** at Ten Mile Lake and **CLAYMINE ROAD TRAILS** in the Bouchiel Lake Area. The projects include work such as:

- ◆ widening of trails,
- ◆ reduction of steep grades,
- ◆ improving trail surfaces,
- ◆ brush clearing, and
- ◆ the installation of wheelchair accessible outhouses, benches, and picnic tables.

Approval to apply for these funds was approved by the CRD at the Dec. 9, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.

The Community Recreation Program / CRP was established by the province to address the unique challenges faced by

BC communities with respect to sustainability and meeting their recreational infrastructure needs. The Program aims to invest in those capital projects that make communities healthier, more active places in which to live.

By providing communities with funding assistance for the construction of recreational infrastructure, the CRP supports healthier families through increased physical activity by providing greater access to recreation facilities such as recreation centres, trails, bike paths, walkways and playgrounds.

Success of the CRD project is based upon partnership with many locally based community groups throughout the CRD. For all sites, a local community organisation is committed to managing the project and ongoing maintenance of the site. For the sites within Area B, the groups are **Parkland Recreation Commission** and **Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission**.

# ZUMBA<sup>®</sup> YOGA

at Bouchie Lake Hall

## ZUMBA

Tues., April 10-May 29, 2012

7 pm

\$48.00 / 8 weeks (pre-registration)

Drop In: \$8.00

Min. # participants: 12

For additional info. / to register: contact Angela at 250.983. 3007 or [amezza@telus.net](mailto:amezza@telus.net)



## YOGA

Wed., March 28—May 2, 2012

7pm

\$30.00 / 6 weeks (pre-registration)

Drop In: 48.00

Min. # participants: 12

For additional info. / to register: contact Heloise at [hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca)

## WEED & THE WORKS WORKSHOP

The CRD Invasive Plant Management Program will be hosting the “Weeds and the Works” Workshop on Thursday May 3, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. The event will be taking place at the Pioneer Complex, 351 Hodgson Road in Williams Lake. Through the Invasive Plant Management program, the CRD assists area landowners, farmers and ranchers tackle invasive plant problems.

The session will cover herbicide physiology and product information, aerial applications, safe handling and usage of herbicides, the importance of calibration, and a hands-on demonstration of spray equipment calibration. Demonstrations of backpack, truck mounted and ATV mounted sprayers will be part of the practical session. A tractor boom sprayer will be on display during the workshop to show proper calibration techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their spray equipment if they would like some professional calibration assistance.

To register, or for more details please contact the CRD’s Invasive Plant Management Program at 250-392-3351, toll free 1-800-665-1636, or email [invasiveplants@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:invasiveplants@cariboord.bc.ca) before April 30, 2012.

## OPEN HOUSES PLANNED

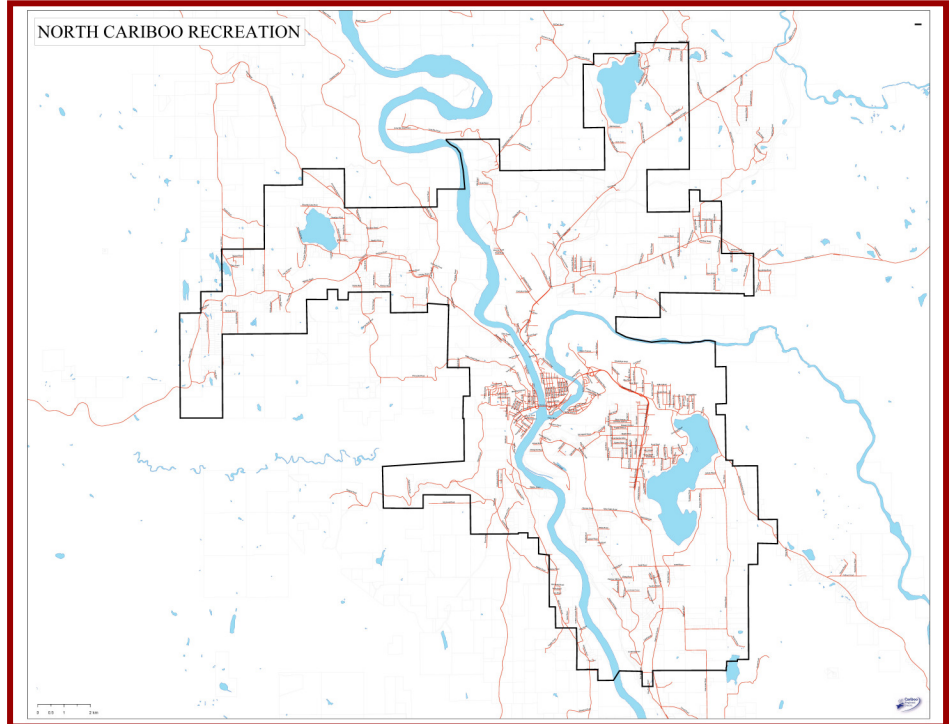
### PROPOSED EXPANSION OF NORTH CARIBOO RECREATION & PARKS TAXATION BOUNDARY

Exact dates have not been set but 2 Open Houses have been proposed within Area B to present the proposed boundary for **North Cariboo Recreation & Parks / NCRP** (also known as “*sub-regional recreation*”). The Open Houses will be held at **BOUCHIE LAKE HALL** and **PARKLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE** (Parkland School) and it is scheduled that they will be held in May / June, 2012.

NCRP is funded jointly by the CRD and City of Quesnel. Within Area B, only those residents within the NCRP boundary contribute to NCRP. It is through NCRP that the following facilities / services are funded:

***Quesnel & District Parks & Recreation Centre, Twin Arenas, Alex Fraser Park, Parkland Recreation Commission (Parkland Community Centre, Kostas Cove); Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission (Bouchie Lake Hall, Claymine Trails), and Barlow Creek Recreation Commission (Barlow Creek Hall & Rec. Grounds).***

For 2012, residents within NCRP will pay an estimated rate of \$128.00 per \$100,000 (based upon 2011 assessed value) for the services they receive through NCRP. If you are unsure of whether you currently contribute to this service or not, refer to your 2011 Rural Property Tax Notice (payable by July 1st of each year). NCRP is denoted as “N. CARIBOO REC.”



under the List of Services. The amount you pay will be denoted here.

The current boundary is approximately 30 years old and does not reflect how development has occurred. Many developed properties are now outside of the taxation area; as such, these residents are benefitting from, but are not contributing to the services provided through NCRP. It is proposed that the NCRP boundary be expanded to follow the “North Cariboo Handy Dart” boundary. Within Area B, this will affect some residents in the Bouchie Lake / Milburn Lake area and 10 Mile Lake / Parkland / Moose Heights area.

The map above delineates the existing NCRP boundary. A larger

scale map is available which can be viewed by contacting me at 250.249.5329 or [hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:hdixon-warren@cariboord.bc.ca). Copies of maps showing the existing vs. proposed boundary will be available to view at the upcoming Open Houses. Watch here for additional information on this subject.

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