

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!

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Greetings from me to you!

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The Summer Solstice is amongst us marking the first official day of summer. I often refer to June as the "monsoon season in the Cariboo"; given the amount of rain we have received lately, this seems quite appropriate. This is my 6th issue of "Letter B".

One of the most positive comments I have received since becoming a CRD Director is my approach to open communication through email, this newsletter, and my BLOG. Residents

have stated how much they value hearing from their Director. To become as informed as possible on the issues and to transfer this information to residents is one of my goals. As a CRD resident, I believe I was fairly typical. I did not truly know what was going on, how things worked, and did not know where and /or how to access information. Although information is available, it is not always readily available. At times, one has to flip through page and pages of Minutes and /or documents.

Although this can be a daunting task, much of the information is online.

Since the May issue of "Letter B", I have travelled to the Fraser Valley to attend a Fraser Basin Council tour and meeting, attended a CRD Directors meeting in Barkerville, a JPC meeting, a Quesnel Air Quality Roundtable Meeting and two public meetings in Area B on the proposed boundary expansion of the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks taxation function. It's been a busy month..

Online Links

BLOG

 [heloesedixon-warren/
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BOARD ON THE ROAD

JUNE 14th CRD MEETING HELD IN BARKERVILLE

On July 14th, the CRD Directors held their Board Meeting at the Wake Up Jake Restaurant in the Historic Town of Barkerville, British Columbia. The board donned their finest 1860 clothes and did some shopping. On the 15th the CRD was joined by Directors from the Regional District of Fraser Fort George for a joint meeting. 2012 is

the 150th Anniversary of Barkerville. 1862 was the year that English prospector Mr. Billy Barker spearheaded a 20 yr. multi-million dollar industrial revolutions that literally helped build BC. Check out www.barkerville.ca for more info.



DATES TO NOTE!

June 27th—Special CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake, BC

June 29th—NCRP Commission Rural Recreation Tour

July 6th—SPECIAL COMMITTEE TIMBER SUPPLY MEETING, Quesnel, BC

July 12/13th—CRD Board of Directors Meeting, Williams Lake

THANK YOU TO QUESNEL CLEAN UP FOR LOOKING AFTER THE GARBAGE CANS, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, AT THE BOUCHIE LAKE BOAT LAUNCH!

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UPDATE

Proposed Changes to *North Cariboo Recreation & Parks Taxation Boundary*

Two meetings were held this past month in Area B as part of the consultation process on the proposed boundary expansion of the **North Cariboo Recreation & Parks (NCRP) taxation function.**

A summary of these two meetings can be found on my **BLOG** at <http://heloisedixon-warren.blogspot.ca>

Two other meetings were held; one at Barlow Creek Hall (Area C) and another at West Fraser Fire Hall (Area I).

I received many letters from residents which I have posted onto my **BLOG** and forwarded onto the other 3 Northern Directors (Directors Massier, Armstrong, and Glassford) and Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services at the CRD office.

On June 12, 2012, the 4 Northern Directors met at the Quesnel CRD Office for the monthly meeting of the Northern Caucus. The agenda can be viewed online at <http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/WhatsNew/Agendas.aspx> The Proposed Expansion of the NCRP taxation boundary was on the Agenda to be discussed.

A delegation of concerned residents attended this meeting and expressed their concerns regarding the proposed NCRP taxation boundary expansion. Following the delegation, the 4 Northern Directors discussed the issue and decided that a recommendation be put forth to the Joint Planning Committee/ JPC (Cariboo Regional District and City of Quesnel) to **not proceed with a NCRP Taxation Boundary expansion at this time.** This recommendation will be submitted to JPC,

to review, as part of a report. The Agenda for the JPC Meeting can be viewed at <http://www.quesnel.ca/> A copy of the report will be available online as part of the Agenda.

From a review of the comments and concerns heard, I believe there will need to be a review of the NCRP Taxation Function. I will inform Area B residents as to when this may occur. In closing, I appreciate the time and effort residents took to attend the meetings, contact me and write the letters. The intent of the meetings was engagement and it certainly appears that this objective was met even though it may not have been a perfect process.

THANK YOU!

CRD Board of Directors approves funds for public outhouses through Area B Director Special Project Funds

At the June 14th CRD Board of Directors Meeting in Barkerville, BC the Board approved the spending of up to **\$800.00** to have the public outhouses pumped out on Milburn Lake and Bouchie Lake. These two outhouses were installed by local residents and have been maintained by volunteers and through "in kind" donations. Both are located on the right-of-way accesses to the lakes and are used year round by fishermen, recreational boaters, swimmers, and others. In recent years, the outhouse at Milburn Lake has been used as a garbage and now, in order to clean it out thoroughly, the contents need to be taken to a special lagoon for dumping. As such, the cost to pump it out is no longer a simple annual maintenance task. The funds approved also includes the provision of some supplies.

Area Director Special project funds are discretionary funds to be used on a limited basis for projects that have broad benefit to an Electoral Area, that arise during the course of the year and that could not reasonably be foreseen far enough in advance to access the annual grant for assistance program.

Eligible projects may include: (1) capital projects generally of an emergency or otherwise time-sensitive nature; (2) operational expenditures of an emergency nature; (3) special events that occur in response to the needs of an Electoral Area and that would provide a demonstrated benefit to the Electoral Area. Annual or recurring special events are not eligible for funding for more than year.

For 2012, the Special Project Fund for Area B was set at \$5,000.00.

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MID-TERM TIMBER SUPPLY REVIEW

On May 16, 2012, the BC Legislative Assembly agreed that a Special Committee on Timber Supply be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to mid-term timber supply for BC resulting from the pine beetle epidemic-related loss of timber supply in the central interior. The special committee will also be responsible for conducting consultations on this issue with the public and local governments, including communities and First Nations, with a final report due August 15, 2012.

Speaking as a Registered Professional Forester, I encourage people inform themselves on this issue as

much as possible. Forest management is much more complex than simply managing for timber. There are environmental, ethical, social and cultural values which need to be addressed; not just economical.

The committee will be hosting a meeting in Quesnel on Friday, July 6th. I recommend that as many residents attend as possible. Below are a few websites which provide good and current information on this topic:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TIMBER SUPPLY:

<http://www.leg.bc.ca/timbercommittee/index.asp>

ASSOCIATION OF BC FOREST PROFESSIONALS / ABCFP web-site

<http://www.abcfp.ca/>

MLA BOB SIMPSON'S blog:

<http://www.bobsimpsonmla.ca/>

MEETING IN QUESNEL

Date: Friday, July 6, 2012

Time: 8:00 am— 1:00 pm

Location: Banquet Room,

Denny's Restaurant

(Sandman Hotel), 940

Chew Ave.,

Quesnel, BC

PLANS FOR PARKLAND

During the NCRP Proposed Boundary Expansion Meetings, several Area B residents enquired about the plans for the 10 Mile Lake Area in terms of recreation.

In 2011, the Parkland Recreation Commission / PRC presented a Management Plan to the Joint Planning Committee to open a Community Centre at Parkland Elementary School, develop an Equestrian Arena, and establish more trails. **\$31,650** was allocated for operating expenses with **\$17,500** for capitol. In 2011, the PRC was allocated **\$6298.00** in operating funds in the NCRP budget so 2012 is a substantial increase to previous years! A sign of a good plan!

The PRC is now in the position to move forward with their plans. The Community Centre was opened in February. If you live in the 10 Mile Lake / Moose Heights / Quesnel-Hixon area and would like to participate in this community building project, please contact the PRC at info@parkland-crd.com. Community minded people are needed; especially those who can allocate some time to any of the projects.

NCRP Commission Tours Rural Recreation Sites

On Friday, June 29, 2012, the **North Cariboo Recreation & Parks Commission (NCRPC)** will be touring all 3 rural recreation site funded through the NCRP Taxation Function. The sites are *Barlow Creek Hall & Ranger Ball Grounds, Parkland Community Centre & Kosta's Cove, and Bouchie Lake Hall & Recreation Grounds & Claymine Trails*. The Commission is comprised of the following persons: *Director Massier (Area C), myself (Area B), Councillor Roodenburg (City of Quesnel), Councillor Thapar (City of Quesnel), 2 members at large (Kelly Austin, CRD and Dwayne Sales, City of Quesnel)*.

The NCRPC was formed in 2008 under **Bylaw 4391**. It's purpose is to provide governance to the NCRP function concerning the delivery of Services and operations of the Facilities and to provide recommendations to the CRD Board with respect to the annual financial plan and fees and charges related to the function. The NCRPC meets regularly. It's next meeting is scheduled for September.

Thank you for reading "Letter *B*"!