

### Economic Development Plan

#### We want to hear from YOU!

The District of Vanderhoof has hired Peak Solutions Consulting Inc. to work with the community and surrounding area to develop a local vision for sustainability. The vision will include economic, social and environmental objectives. The consultant will develop economic objectives into a strategic plan with short term (1-3 years), medium term (3-5 years) and long term (5+ years) opportunities. The consultant will report to Council by 31 January 2010.

There will be numerous opportunities for input into this process including public meetings, focus groups and the enclosed survey. We encourage you to participate and have your ideas for economic growth in Vanderhoof heard.

Complete the enclosed survey and return it to the District of Vanderhoof Office at 160 Connaught Street. Or visit

<http://pics.vanderhoof.ca/edc.html>  
and complete the survey online.

Each survey received will be entered into a draw for one of four \$50.00 gift certificates.

For more information contact Kathie LaForge at  
(250)567-4711, [edo@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:edo@district.vanderhoof.ca)

### BC Hydro—Important Safety Information

If you see a fallen power line, please call 1-888-POWERON (769-3766) with the exact location. Keep back a minimum of 10 metres (33 feet) from the wires or anything in contact with them and warn others of the danger. Always assume the lines are energized.

Report all power outages to 1-888-769-3766, don't assume that BHydro is aware that your power is out. The more calls they get the more they know that the outage is a priority.

[www.bchydro.com/safety/work/work671.html](http://www.bchydro.com/safety/work/work671.html)

### Public Skating

Sunday	4:15 – 5:15pm
Monday	12:00 – 1:00pm
Tuesday	12:00 – 1:00pm
Wednesday	12:00 – 2:00pm
Thursday	11:00 – 12:00pm
Friday	7:15—8:15pm

Drop in hockey Fridays 12:00 – 1:00pm  
\$5.00each

### November Tournaments and events

7 – 8 Omineca Ice vs. Hazelton  
14 – 15 Old-timers hockey tournament  
21 – 22 Pee wee hockey tournament  
28 – 29 Omineca Ice vs. Williams Lake

College of New Caledonia  
BRITISH COLUMBIA • CANADA

### Trade Up!

Here are some of the trades programs offered at CNC Nechako this winter:

**December 2009**  
Carpentry – Level 1

**February 2010**  
Electrical Foundations  
Electrical – Level 2

Heavy Duty Mechanic – Foundation  
Plumbing – Foundations

**Register today!**  
Call CNC at 250-567-3200  
for more information.



# District of Vanderhoof Updater

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## Councillor Carpenter - Council Update

It was a great honor to be elected to council and to represent our community last December, the support of so many fellow citizens of Vanderhoof was most welcome and very much appreciated. Mayor and Council continue to strive each and every day to address the many needs and concerns facing our community.

It has been my privilege to assume responsibilities in a number of exciting portfolios and I would like to share with you some of the goals reached by Mayor and Council to date.

### Vanderhoof Fire Department

The continued support of our well trained and professional orientated local fire department is critically important. During budget deliberations, Council supported the purchase of a \$9,000 foam system upgrade to one of the trucks. Council will be hearing future initiatives from the by the VFD to enhance its training centre and to improve/enhance the hall to serve in the role as the primary emergency operations command centre.

### Volunteer Extrication Association

The VEA provides critical support when accidents occur and it is vital that efforts continue to support this highly dedicated group of volunteers. Council was pleased to see that the VEA fundraising efforts were successful towards the purchase of new extrication equipment. Council continues to provide its support and acknowledgment to this organization and its vital role it plays throughout our region. Council will be hearing from the VEA its future efforts to purchase a new Fire/Rescue vehicle.



### Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce plays an integral role in the enhancement of the business community in our town. It also serves as an important collector and distributor of community based events. During budget deliberations, Council supported the allocation of \$27,000 towards an LED electronic community events board and \$5,000 towards the construction of an information kiosk at Riverside Park. Council and the Chamber of Commerce will continue to work closely on initiatives to enhance the business community of Vanderhoof.

### Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative



in Vanderhoof

Moving towards the establishment of a permanent sturgeon hatchery in Vanderhoof has been a long sought goal. Council has supported past and current efforts to make this a reality. These efforts have included an extensive feasibility plan outlining the ecological and economic benefits of such a facility in Vanderhoof. Council will continue to support initiatives to construct a permanent sturgeon hatchery

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## Wishes of Winter Fair - Saturday November 28th

International Food Court

Pictures with Santa

Crafts and home made goods

Home based business booths and many more interesting booths



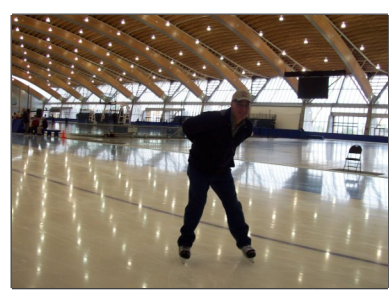
For more information or to book a booth Contact Sarrah at (250)567-4711

## UBCM Update

On September 29th to October 2nd Mayor Thiessen and Council attended the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Vancouver. During the week Council members attended workshops and participated in the resolution process.

The UBCM is also an opportunity for Council to meet face to face with Cabinet Ministers and bring forward concerns and ideas. This year Council met with the following:

- Minister of Forests & Range Pat Bell and discussed the Vanderhoof Timber Supply.
- Minister of Tourism Kevin Kruger and discussed access to back country roads.
- Minister of Environment Barry Penner and discussed the sturgeon release program.
- Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Kash Heed



While the week was full of meetings and workshops there was opportunity for some enjoyment. Councillor Little took the opportunity to skate around the new Olympic Oval in Richmond.

**Join In. Be Active. Have Fun!**



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## Councillor Carpenter (Continued from front page)

### *Murray Creek Project*

The rehabilitation of the Murray Creek system is large and audacious plan. It is a plan and vision that has a great deal of positive ecological and economic potential for our community. Council has supported efforts by the Murray Creek Project stakeholders to erect signage on municipal land and their efforts towards assessing the number of culverts on municipal land affecting stream flow.

### *W.L. McLeod Wetlands Initiative*

This initiative is in its very infancy; however, Council supports the concept of enhancing the viewing, educational, and economic opportunities this centrally located wetland offers our community.

Council will continue to support this evolving wetland development project.

### *Pool Committee*

The economic, social, and health benefits of a pool facility will be a positive one for our community. With the support of Council, the pool committee is moving towards the holding of a referendum on the construction of a pool facility.

### *Good Neighbours Committee*

The Good Neighbours Committee has accomplished a great deal in a very short period of time. The community accord acknowledging the respect for diversity was signed, \$20,000 in grant monies has been received to date with a potential for \$250,000 additional funds. Council supports the efforts of the GNC in enhancing and promoting the inherent diversity of our community.

In a very short period of time a great many things have been accomplished in our community. I feel with great confidence that this trend of "action" will continue with even greater pace, vision, and focus. Coupled with expanded communication to you, the citizens of Vanderhoof, Council anticipates great things happening in our community. New ideas, new insights, and new challenges have been the driving force pushing this Council forward. It has been an exciting ten months, Mayor and Council look forward in partnership with, local business, industry, community organizations, and the citizens of Vanderhoof to the many challenges and opportunities we as a community are to face in the future.



## Council Meeting Notes - October 14, 2009

**Upper Nechako Wilderness Council** was given permission to install a sign on District property. The District will assist with the installation of the sign. The sign will highlight "Big River Country".

**Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Association** - the District of Vanderhoof will submit a funding proposal for a JEP Grant to assist with training costs. The District of Vanderhoof will cover half of the funding.

**The Omineca Ice's** request for a reduction in their ice costs as well as their request to have a beer garden in the Arena Stands was denied. Council felt that the ice costs are in line with other municipalities and that the mezzanine was a better place for a beer garden.

## Council Meeting Notes - October 28, 2009

**The joint use agreement with SD91** was endorsed by Council. The agreement sets out the parameters for sharing of facilities between the School District and the Municipality. In particular the agreement addresses cost sharing for expenses related to the operation of the new Sports Field.

**The District will request funding** from the Regional District Bulkely-Nechako and the Northern Development Initiative Trust. The funding will help pay for a consultant to assist the Pool Committee to engage public opinion on and establish a design for a pool. It is anticipated that a referendum on a pool in Vanderhoof will be held in the fall of 2010.

**Riverside Park Committee.** Council struck a Committee to conduct a survey of the community and report back to Council by January 31, 2010. This comes as a result of a request from Vanderhoof Minor Soccer to construct two new soccer fields at Riverside Park. The current policy is that the Riverside Park should remain in its *natural state*. The survey will seek input from the public on whether the park should remain as is or whether other uses should be allowed.



### **Katimavik Update**

The 11 Katimavik residents have just finished their first 2 weeks of work and we are all happy and enjoying our volunteer placements. We are anxious to see what the next few months will bring in our Katimavik life and volunteer placements.

We are all looking forward to meeting our billeting families. It will be a great opportunity to experience how a Vanderhoof family lives and experience their traditions compared to our own.

Traveling has been a learning experience and a great journey for all of us. Some of us have travelled a great distance and are excited about traveling further around BC.

We are eager to try all the activities the community of Vanderhoof and area has to offer and can't wait to go skiing, snow shoeing, and see all the other events that are available here during the winter. Being in this program has already showed and taught us more than we could have imagined.

Each and every one of us is excited about the rest of our time here. We want to thank everyone who has taken the time to welcome us to Vanderhoof. - submitted by Jessica (Katimavik volunteer)

For more information on Katimavik visit <http://www.katimavik.org/>



**Katimavik groups met at the Ness Lake Bible Camp in Prince George and separated into 4 groups one staying in Prince George with the other three going to Quesnel, Williams Lake, and Vanderhoof.**