



APRIL 23, PRO-D DAY EVENTS FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY

Do you have Friday, April 23 off and want something to do? Well... get your kids, friends and neighbours together and come to the Arena for the day.

If you feel like burning some energy grab your gear and join in on the **Floor Hockey Tournament**. Or, if you are looking for something relaxing sign-up for the **Day at the Spa** event. Be sure to come for a hot dog and beverage outside at the back of the Arena from 11:00am-2:00pm.

Pro-d Day events for children include **Kinder Camp** where you'll be exploring airplanes; and **Crazy Science** where you'll learn about bottle rockets. For both events make sure to bring a snack and dress for outside play. Can't decide? Why not sign up for the **full day option** from 9:00am-5:00pm (\$20/child) that includes both morning and afternoon camps and care over the lunch period. Please supply a lunch for your child.

Pre-register at the District of Vanderhoof office for all events.

Kinder Camp

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Ages: 3-8
Cost: \$6/child
Bring a snack and dress for outside play.

Crazy Science

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Ages: 3-8
Cost: \$6/child
Bring a snack and dress for outside play.



Sandy Boivin leading Pro-D day activities.

Pro-d Day Full Day Option

Time : 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Ages : 3-6
Cost : \$20.00/child

Kinder Camp and Crazy Science plus more! Bring a snack and lunch, and dress for outside play.

Floor Hockey Tournament

Be sure to bring: sneakers, refreshments, equipment (sticks, padding, etc) and most importantly your friends!!

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Ages: 9 & up
Cost: \$1 per person



Day At The Spa!

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Ages: 8 & up
Cost: \$5/person

Fruit and water will be provided. Bring your favourite shade of nail polish.



UPDATER



Photo by Wayne Salewski

COUNCIL MESSAGE

"It takes individuals to make a difference."



Mayor
Gerry Thiessen

Council had a very busy time this past winter. We worked on updating a number of bylaws, and Council commissioned several new studies, strategies and reports. These will help determine what attracts people and businesses to Vanderhoof, and what it will take to keep them here.

We were fortunate to get funding to create these reports, but the true success was with the involvement of the citizens of Vanderhoof. This work will have a long standing impact on the community of Vanderhoof, and was in a large part due to the many of you who found time in your busy lives to get involved on Council committees. Some of the groups that met this winter were the Economic Development Committee, the Riverside Park Committee, and the Pool Committee.

A number of you spent many hours helping prepare the District's presentation to the Chief Forester on the Timber Supply Review (TSR). The forestry sector is highly impacted by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic; the TSR process determines the annual allowable cut that will determine the volume of wood available to our local licensees. This decision will determine if our forest industry will be able to continue to operate successfully. The TSR will also determine if other businesses will find opportunities with the Mountain Pine Beetle wood.

We all have the ability to make a change in our world. It is an honour to be part of a community where individual's step up to the challenge no matter what the commitment is.

On a more personal note, I would like to give my condolences to two families in our community on the loss of loved ones: the Thomas family and the Fitzpatrick family. Sophie Thomas was a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who lived a long and wonderful life. Sophie's impact reached far outside her community. She was widely recognized for her works and contribution to traditional practices and knowledge. She was an author, healer and Elder. Our hearts go out to the Thomas family and the Saik'uz First Nation community.

The Fitzpatrick family lost a grandson, son and nephew when Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick gave his life serving his country in Afghanistan. Simple words cannot convey the sorrow that is felt by the Fitzpatrick family at this time. Gone too young but he still made a difference.

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COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

February 24, 2010

The Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce was granted the use of the Arena at no cost on Saturday July 17, 2010 for a summer musical event.

Council endorsed a resolution on Timber Supply Constraints in the Interior Forest Districts for consideration at the 2010 North Central Local Government Association Convention.

March 10, 2010

Randy Sunderman of PEAK Solutions presented the final draft of the Economic Development Plan to Council. Council received the plan and will now begin to work on implementing the recommendations. More information and the plans are available at pics.vanderhoof.ca/edc.html.



Council endorsed the District's bid to host the Minerals North 2012 Conference and approved submitting an application to the Host Bid Committee for their consideration. If successful the District will host the conference, which will bring several hundred people for four days to the community in 2012.

Council passed a resolution recognizing National Public Works Week from May 16 to May 22, 2010. The District will hold a public event during Public Works Week that highlights the role of Public Works in the community.

March 24, 2010

Council received the recommendation from the Riverside Park Committee. The recommendation resulted from the telephone survey in February. A special thank you goes to the Katimavik Team that provided invaluable assistance with the phone survey. The recommendation is to permit new development for organized activities at the park as long as the current nature of the park is maintained. Council will be giving further consideration to this issue during the upcoming budget discussions.

Council gave first two readings to the District of Vanderhoof Firearms and Hunting Regulation Bylaw, No. 1073, 2010, Council agreed to hold off consideration of third reading until the April 28, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council to allow time to receive written comments from the general public on the proposed bylaw. Copies of the bylaw are available at the District Office during regular business hours and on our web site at pics.vanderhoof.ca/documents.html. Written comments will be received at the District Office until noon on April 23, 2010.



The dreary skies and recent windy weather hasn't deterred residents from enjoying some outside exercise at Riverside Park.

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:00 pm Wednesday

APRIL 14

APRIL 28

MAY 12



WILD GOOD CHASE

May 2, 2010

Start time 10:00 am "Sharp" at
W. L. McLeod School

It's Our 32nd Anniversary!

Come join the fun. Many prizes to be
given away.

For more information contact:
Brian Nemethy at 250-567-5324

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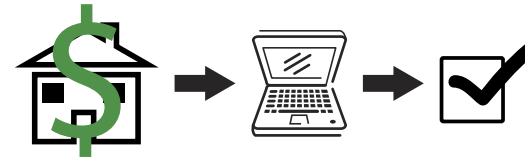
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PAY YOUR TAXES AND CLAIM YOUR HOMEOWNER GRANT ONLINE

The District of Vanderhoof is initiating a new online service this year. We are adding the ability to pay your property tax bill and your water sewer garbage utility bill online. If you bank with the CIBC, Royal Bank or Integris Credit Union you will be able to set-up the District of Vanderhoof as a payment option. Each bank handles on-line payments differently but you should be able to search District of Vanderhoof and set us up as a payee and pay your property tax bill on-line at your convenience.



You will also be able to claim your 2010 Home Owner Grant online. Instructions on how to do this will be included with your 2010 District of Vanderhoof Tax Notice. We are excited about being able to provide you this new and convenient service.



Support Earth Week and Vanderhoof in the community-wide litter pick-up April 24.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

To celebrate Earth Week, the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative, in partnership with the District of Vanderhoof, is holding a **community litter pick-up day starting at 10am on Saturday, April 24**. Volunteers will pick up litter from public areas in town starting from Riverside Park. A BBQ will follow in the park at noon. If you would like to help, please contact Zoe Dhillon at 250-570-0027.

In addition, the District of Vanderhoof has planned a **community clean-up week from April 26-30**. The District will pick up any type of yard debris from Vanderhoof residences (except tires, paint cans and old fridges). This is an opportunity for all residents to spring clean their property. Simply place items to be picked up on the side of the road (we will not drive into your yard). Please bag all yard clippings and pile branches separately. The pick up days and locations are:

- Monday, April 26 - North Side, east of Hospital Hill
- Tuesday, April 27 - North Side west of Hospital Hill
- Wednesday, April 28 - Downtown Core between Nechako River and the railway tracks.
- Thursday, April 29 - All areas south of the Railway Tracks and east of Nechako Avenue.
- Friday, April 30 - All areas south of the Railway Tracks and west of Nechako Avenue.

The District of Vanderhoof Council is looking forward to all residents taking part and showing their community pride. Helping keep Vanderhoof free of litter builds a healthier and more aesthetically pleasing community.

RECREATION & LEISURE GUIDE *new look, new calendar, better info*

The District of Vanderhoof is creating a brand new bi-annual recreation and leisure guide. The first edition will be the Summer/Fall 2010 Recreation & Leisure Guide. The new guide will cover the exciting months of July through to December with newly updated events, activities, contacts, maps and more!

If you have any events, activities, lessons, sporting groups, clubs, or other recreational activity that will run during the months of July to December 2010 please let us know. This is a great opportunity to promote your group or event, so be sure to meet the **deadline for submissions on May 14, 2010**. Send your information to Ashley Kuznak, Recreation Director at the District of Vanderhoof (recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca, or call 250-567-4711). Please feel free to send us your photographs too - we like to use current photographs to illustrate the various events and activities that take place in Vanderhoof.

Expect to find the new Summer/Fall 2010 Recreation & Leisure Guide in your post box, the District of Vanderhoof office, and at schools in June 2010! We will let you know in the fall what the deadline will be for the Winter/Spring 2011 issue that will be available to the community in December 2010.