



## STUDENT SUMMER JOBS

The District of Vanderhoof is seeking student employees for its Summer Beautification Program. Applicants should have been enrolled in full-time post secondary education and be enrolled in post secondary education for the fall of 2011. The position will require working outdoors and operating various pieces of equipment. Shifts may vary from weekdays to weekends. Valid BC driver's license preferred. **Closing Date is April 29, 2011.** Apply to: Shallon Touet, Arena Manager - District of Vanderhoof, 160 Connaught St, Box 900, Vanderhoof, BC, V0J 3A0.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The District of Vanderhoof Recreation Department is looking for Expressions of Interest from Early Childhood Education qualified instructors for before school, after school and preschool programs. If you are a certified Early Childhood Educator and would like more information, please contact Ashley Kuznak Raby at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office at 250-567-4711 or by email at [recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca).

## SUMMER RECREATION POSITIONS

The District of Vanderhoof is currently seeking a Summer Program Coordinator, Summer Program Leader and a Special Needs Assistant. Job details and deadlines can be found at [www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) and click on Career Opportunities. For more information contact Ashley Kuznak Raby, Recreation Director at 250-567-4711 or [recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:recdir@district.vanderhoof.ca) with subject line reading "Summer Employment". Apply via mail, email or fax.

## UPCOMING CNC PROGRAMS

- Excavator Operator Certificate: Vanderhoof, 9 Weeks, Starting in April
- Road Builder and Heavy Construction – Foundation Level: Vanderhoof, 4 Weeks, April 23 – May 18
- Aviation Business Diploma: Vanderhoof, 20 Months, Starting in May.

Call the Vanderhoof Campus today at 250-567-3200 for information or to register. Course descriptions available at [www.cnc.bc.ca/vanderhoof](http://www.cnc.bc.ca/vanderhoof).



Kimberli Unger of the Kinettes presents a cheque to members of the Vanderhoof Volunteer Extermination Association. The funds were raised during the Kinettes 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Wild West Casino and Dance held in 2010.

## AQUATIC CENTRE - PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Come out and learn about the proposed Aquatic Centre. Tuesday April 26, 7:00 pm at the Friendship Centre. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



## READY SET LEARN CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Success by 6, in partnership with the District of Vanderhoof Recreation Department, SD 91 and Strong Start are inviting families with young children to join us at the "Ready Set Learn Children's Fun Fair" on **Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at WL McLeod School Gymnasium.**

You and your preschoolers will enjoy lots of fun activities (including inflatable tent and clowns) and you will have lots of opportunity to check out the many services available to preschoolers in our community. A health screening will be provided for 3 year olds. Free lunch included.



# UPDATER



The wind can create beautiful sculptures in the snow, as captured by 11 year old **Caleb Derksen**. These snow sculptures don't last long, especially with the warm spring weather we have had recently. Thank you Caleb and everyone else for submitting photos for the Updater's Photo Contest. Next issue's topic is **Spring is in the Air**. Email your photo (taken between now and April 19) to [updater@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:updater@district.vanderhoof.ca).

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## NECHAKO VALLEY SEARCH AND RESCUE

Nechako Valley Search and Rescue (NVSAR) is a volunteer organization based in Vanderhoof. We provide search, rescue and recovery services in an area that encompasses Vanderhoof, Saik'uz, Cluculz Lake and Fort Fraser. We also provide mutual aid assistance for other SAR groups throughout the province.

Training is provided through the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) and the Justice Institute. NVSAR generally trains twice a month, with regular training sessions on the first Thursday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm. NVSAR members learn a range of skills including outdoor survival and safety, search techniques, map, compass and GPS usage, rope rescue, radio usage and more. We have specialty teams equipped and trained in Swiftwater and Flat Ice Rescue, tracking as well as rope and high angle rescue.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Chris (567-5194 or [mushuman@telus.net](mailto:mushuman@telus.net)) or Daryl (567-3148 or [taybra68@yahoo.ca](mailto:taybra68@yahoo.ca)).

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

### March 9, 2011

Council asked that administration draft a zoning amendment bylaw which designates certain areas as view lots where the backyard will be designated as between the road and the principle building. The current bylaw does not permit building an accessory building in the front yard which is defined as the area between the principle building and the road. There are areas of town that naturally have the front of their house facing a view point and their backyard is on the road side.

Council passed a resolution that establishes that the Water and Sewer Frontage Court of Revision be set for Tuesday April 12, 2011 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers and that Mayor Thiessen, Councillor Levy and Councillor Read are appointed as members and that Councillor Carpenter is appointed as an alternate to any member.

Council passed a resolution that establishes a task force to review Council Remuneration and report back to Council with their recommendations. Any changes to the Council Remuneration would not take effect until after the municipal election in November.



Trinda sorts recyclables collected and donated during the 2010 Community Clean-up in Vanderhoof.

### March 23, 2011

Council decided not to provide funding for the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative Habitat Restoration Project. Council supports the efforts to restore the Nechako white sturgeon but does not feel that they can support this project with Vanderhoof tax dollars.

Council agreed to send the request from the Vanderhoof Youth Centre to budget discussions next month. The Youth Centre needs funding to continue operating and have requested \$20,000 from Council.

Council directed administration to draft amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws to include a category for Airport Related Development at the Vanderhoof Airport.

Council gave first three readings to the Council Procedure Amending Bylaw. Once passed the amendment defines a time on the Regular Meeting Agenda for public comment on items that are on the agenda.

Council directed administration to check into the process that is required to have CNR initiate a whistle cessation in Vanderhoof. The report will explain the rules regarding whistles and what action can be taken, if any, to have the trains stop blowing their whistles in town.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

April 16 - 10am - Riverside Park

Drop by Riverside Park at 10:00 am on April 16 to choose your route and pick up garbage bags. Then head out on the town to make Vanderhoof a cleaner place to live! Return to the park to drop off your collected garbage and recyclables and stay for a complimentary 'Green Event' BBQ of local food organized by the Nechako Valley Food Network. Tips and information available at [www.nechakowri.ca](http://www.nechakowri.ca).

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:00 pm Wednesday

APRIL 13

APRIL 27

MAY 11



If you are over 18 years old and can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now.

Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment.

To download and submit an online application, visit the website at [www.census2011.gc.ca](http://www.census2011.gc.ca).

### • COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP •

April 16 - 10am - Riverside Park

### • NHCA AGM •

April 16 - 1pm - Riverside Park  
(Vanderhoof Library if raining)

The Nechako Healthy Community Alliance is holding their Annual General Meeting on April 16, 1pm at Riverside Park. Visit [www.nechakohca.ca](http://www.nechakohca.ca) for more info.

## UPDATER

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## COUNCIL MESSAGE *A Note on Volunteering*

Now that spring is clearly on its way we can start to look forward to participating in different and perhaps new activities as the weather changes. I admit as I am writing this it is snowing outside but hopefully by the time it goes to print we will have significant MELT.

That brings to mind an important project that Council has been working on for some time now: flood mitigation. We recently reviewed the new Flood Mitigation Strategy for Vanderhoof and will be moving forward with its implementation. This means your Council will be approaching the Provincial Government for support on this important issue. As the spring freshet starts I am sure many of us cast our minds back to 2007 and the stress of that year. The good news is that so far this year the snow pack is not even close to that of the record level of 2007.

Along with the trying times, thoughts of the flood also bring to mind the unbelievable community support we experienced. The volunteers that worked tirelessly to make the outcome of that summer a good one were amazing. I still think back with admiration and gratitude to the people who helped.

We have many volunteers that work in our community all the time. Some of the groups I am personally acquainted with are the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative, the Friends of the Library, and Nechako Valley Search & Rescue. These are just a few groups of a huge community of volunteers and volunteer organizations in Vanderhoof.

The Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative has been working now for several years to improve recycling and waste reduction opportunities in Vanderhoof. Please consider joining in on the upcoming Community Clean up on April 16. We have a great town but it can be better with your participation.

The Friends of the Vanderhoof Public Library is another group that has quietly been making a difference by raising money for items the library needs that are not covered by grants. They hold several fundraising events each year including the Library Garden Tour & Tea, the Loonie Book sale, and, for the past couple of years, "A Reading of a Christmas Carol". Please continue to support these efforts, which in turn support our local library.

Nechako Valley Search & Rescue is always on call in the event someone goes missing, but they also join together with the Volunteer Fire Department to make up our Swiftwater Rescue and Flat Ice Rescue Teams.



Flat Ice Rescue Team during a training session this winter.

I can not possibly list all the volunteer groups that make our community such a vibrant and healthy place to live, so please look around you, ask questions and perhaps consider participating in a volunteer activity this summer that you are interested in. You can contact Volunteer Vanderhoof ([vlntrvanderhoof@gmail.com](mailto:vlntrvanderhoof@gmail.com)) for more information about volunteering. Through volunteering, you will meet great people, you will be doing something you enjoy, and you will be making a positive contribution to our community.

Remember council meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month starting at 5:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

*Councillor Louise Levy*



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### COUNCIL FACTS:

#### *Assent & Referendums*

Under the Community Charter Section 83, Council may seek the opinion of the community through a referendum on any topic Council deems is appropriate. The results are not binding on Council.

Council must have the approval of the electors if they intend to borrow money and take more than five years to pay it back, and can do so through an Alternative Approval Process. If more than 10% of the eligible electors indicate they are opposed to the borrowing, Council must seek the assent of the electors. If less than 10% oppose the borrowing, Council may go forward without further assent of the electors. The assent of the electors is done the same as a referendum but in this case it is binding on Council. Unless a majority of votes cast are in favour, Council may not proceed with the borrowing.