



# UPDATE AFTER



One of the new trailhead signs marking the beginning of the Riverside Nature Trail at Riverside Park. This trail is part of the overall Vanderhoof Community Trails network.



## VANDERHOOF COMMUNITY TRAILS

The District of Vanderhoof, in partnership with the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce, is proud to present to residents and tourists the Vanderhoof Community Trail system and information signs.

At Riverside Park you may have already noticed the new educational signs about the river and park that are located near the parking lot. These signs are just part of our overall goal of enhancing the community through education, awareness and access to the natural resources in our community.

At present we have installed signs along the Riverside Nature Trail and the Vanderhoof Community Museum Heritage Trail that provide facts about the history of the area and the nature and wildlife of the area. More signs will be installed at the McLeod Wetland, an initiative of the Vanderhoof Fish and Game Club.

If you want more information about our natural history, visit the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce and pick up trail cards that have maps and more information about the trails, or take a copy of the Nature Guide we produced that is specific to our area.

An additional note: Watch for the motorized club car on the path and trails around Riverside Park. The club car is owned and operated out of Riverside Place. Look for the official announcement of the Riverside Place Club Car coming soon.

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### 911 COMING SOON!

911 service will be operational in Vanderhoof in late October, it is important to make sure we have your correct physical address!

Please take a minute to look at your municipal property tax notice. If the address on your tax notice is different from what you think your house number is, please contact the District Office at 250-567-4711.

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

### July 21, 2011

Council received a report on this year's Canada Day Celebrations. Council approved the District's involvement in Canada Day Celebrations for next year again with fireworks.

Council agreed to support the Vanderhoof Curling Club's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust-Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program and the use of \$30,000 in grant funds from Vanderhoof's share of the Prince George Regional Account.

Council approved the Unopened Road Allowances to be adopted as a policy of the District with an amendment making it clear about pedestrian trail access and possibly picnic tables.

Council authorized the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Victoria Street from the high school to the Elks Hall.

Council approved Council Policy 4.3 Executive of External Boards and Societies as a policy of the District of Vanderhoof.

Council approved the expenses for a spouse accompanying District of Vanderhoof Council or Administration to the 2011 UBCM Convention in Vancouver to be paid for by the municipality.

Council approved a license to occupy agreement with the Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resources for fuel and equipment storage at the Vanderhoof Airport.

### August 17, 2011

Council agreed to provide a business license at no fee as part of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Start-up Business Contest.

Council waived the building permit fees for Nechako Valley Exhibition Society for the construction of a pole barn.

Council gave the Nechako Valley Dandelion Dusters permission to use an area at the Vanderhoof Airport for the purposes of operating radio controlled model aircraft.

Council agreed to provide a letter of support for the Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Association's grant application to the Direct Access Public Safety Community Gaming fund for \$98,514.27.

Council decided that the speed limit on Nechako Ave. will be 50 km/hr from the bottom of the hill to Nichiporuk Rd. and then 80 km/hr to the municipal boundary.

Council decided to withdraw from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Planning Function starting in 2012.

Council supported the concept of Northern Development providing loan funding to School District #91 Business Company to develop certification approval for offering international education in China and BC.

Council gave Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 1101, 2011 and District of Vanderhoof Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 1102, 2011 first, second and third readings.

Council approved the Design-Build Contract for the construction of the "Community Trail - Phase II Project" be awarded to W.D. McIntosh Land Surveying and David Fehr.

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:00 pm Wednesday

**SEPTEMBER 14**

**OCTOBER 12**



Thursdays  
11am-3pm  
Riverside Park

### • AGRICULTURE PLAN WORKSHOP •

September 20, 6:30-8:30pm  
District of Vanderhoof Office

Interested producers are invited to attend this workshop about the Agriculture Plan and discuss issues affecting local agriculture.

More info on the Agriculture Plan can be obtained from the Regional District's website or by visiting the Agriculture Plan Facebook Page.  
[www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca)

### • RECREATION AND LEISURE FAIR 2011-2012 •

Rec & Leisure Fair: September 17  
NVSS gym 12:00-3:00pm.

Booth Registration due: September 14  
[www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) > Recreation

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### • UPDATER PHOTO CONTEST •

Email your best photo of **harvesting and hay bales** to [updater@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:updater@district.vanderhoof.ca) for a chance to have your photo featured in the next Updater.

## COUNCIL MESSAGE

*You don't know what you've got till it's gone.*

Joni Mitchell sang these words many years ago; they seem to have more meaning than ever.

This past week an elderly gentleman came to see me. I had not seen him for nearly a decade. He used to live on Victoria Street; this was around the time I was born. When I was playing out on the street as a child, I was always aware that even though my parents may not see me, every adult on Victoria Street was looking out for me, and if I did something that I shouldn't, not only would I hear about it, Mom and Dad would hear about it as well. My friend reminded me of this as I enjoyed hearing his stories, especially one of me at one year of age where I avoided getting into trouble because of the quick thinking of one parent. The community looked after itself.

We have come a long way since then, Vanderhoof has grown and matured. In the past few years in our community, through many hours of volunteer time, a number of new initiatives have made Vanderhoof a better place to live:



- Two years ago we had the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative come to Council and talk to us about their ideas on reducing the amount of waste that we as residents had been landfilling for years. Shortly after, the community cardboard and paper recycling program started.



- Last fall a group of residents came with their dream of establishing a walking trail through the wetland behind WL McLeod School and connecting it to our trail system. This project is almost at its completion and soon you will see educational signs at the deck and along the trail, and a finished mural on the back of the water treatment plant.



- Council and the Nechako Valley Historical Society have been working together to make sure that our Museum site on Hwy 16 is as modern and attractive as possible. The Vanderhoof Community Museum continues to grow and expand with new exhibits, the historic park and nature trail behind the museum site.



- Over the last three years the Rip'n the North group of volunteers have worked hard to establish an activity for young people in our community. The result is a state of the art BMX bike park.

Unfortunately, each of these community initiatives has experienced being vandalized in recent months. The police do a good job, they care, but we need to do our part. When we see motor bikes on our walking trails or at the BMX park or someone breaking into the Caboose at the museum, or someone starting a fire in the recycling bins we need to take the time to report it. I find the process of reporting these things as frustrating as anyone but unless we all do our part we will see the undoing of a lot of hard work.

I believe we have made it through this last recession in better fashion than any other community in Northern BC; we did it because we worked together. As a community we need to work together to hold on to things that we value. Let's not wait until it's gone to realize how important something is to us. Do as my wise friend reminded me of the other day—look out for your community.



Mayor Gerry Thiessen

## COUNCIL FACTS! *Election Year*

2011 is a General Local Government Election year, being held on Nov. 19, and advance poll on Nov. 9.

Anyone may run for Mayor or Councillor, although there is a restriction against an employee of the District of Vanderhoof running for office in the Vanderhoof municipal election. A completed nomination package is required to be filed with the Chief Election Officer during the nomination period. Each candidate must be nominated by two persons who are eligible voters in the District of Vanderhoof Local Government. The nomination period for both Mayor and Councillor opens at 9:00 am on Oct. 4 and ends at 4:00 pm on Oct. 14.

There are two elections, one for Mayor and one to elect six Councillors. Eligible voters may cast a single vote for Mayor and may vote for up to six candidates for Councillor. The Mayoral candidate with the most votes is declared as elected. The six Councillor candidates with the most votes are declared as elected.

See [www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) 'Council' page for more information on voter eligibility, etc.

Set your  
sights high

September to  
December 2011

College of New Caledonia  
NECHAKO REGION  
Fort St. James Fraser Lake Hazelton

## REGISTER FOR CNC PROGRAMS

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER - REGISTER NOW!

- Administrative Assistant Certificate (ABT)
- Aviation Business Diploma
- Business Administration Certificate
- Electrical – Foundation Level
- Mine Industry Certificate (October start)
- Targeted Initiative for Older Worker

Contact the College of New Caledonia Vanderhoof campus for more information, 250-567-3200. The new calendar will be out at the end of August. Watch for it in your mailbox! Note: All programs are subject to funding and sufficient student enrollments.

## PAPER RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Paper product recycling is now located at the Waste Transfer Station on Dump Road. Paper products to recycle in the large blue bin at the Transfer Station include:

- newspaper
- paper (envelopes, craft paper, regular paper)
- non-corrugated paper products, such as cereal boxes.

Corrugated cardboard can be recycled in the grey bin next to the Co-op Mall (along the mural wall). For more information on recycling visit the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative website at [www.nechakowri.ca](http://www.nechakowri.ca).

## RECREATION AND LEISURE FAIR

The purpose of the Recreation Fair, being held on September 17, is to provide an opportunity for local groups and businesses to showcase their services within our community. **Registration (\$25) is due by Wednesday, September 14.** We are also looking for sports demonstrations, if you are interested please let us know!

New this year is **SportZ XtravaganZA!** The goal is to bring awareness and participation opportunities of the 2015 Canada Winter and Summer Games sports to youth.

Contact the Rec Director to register and for more info at 567-4555. Go online at [www.vanderhoof.ca](http://www.vanderhoof.ca) > **Recreation Department** to download the registration form and poster.

## BC RIVERS DAY

BC Rivers Day is on September 25 at Riverside Park. Come down between 11:00am and 2:00pm for

fun at the river. Learn about river ecology, freshwater fish, the Nechako White Sturgeon, and more. Activities planned include a BBQ, a community art project, games for kids, music and dance, and educational booths. Mark it on your calendar - it is sure to be a great event!



Mila and Cora Manwarring were just two of the many children who were excited to get an up close look at the baby goats in the Small Animal Barn during the Nechako Valley Exhibition. The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Nechako Valley Exhibition's theme was "Back to our roots" in honour of the countless volunteers and sponsors of the fair over the past 45 years. The fair was a great success, with many attendees and participants in the wide range of events at the fair.