



From the Hazeltons to the Lakes District

Celebrating 70 Years



Your locally owned and operated Financial Cooperative was very excited about celebrating its 70th Anniversary this spring and wanted to spread the excitement somewhat by awarding a total of \$70,000 to not-for-profit groups in our service areas. The celebration contest ended with the communities voting for their favorites and the results were announced at the AGM held on April 26, 2011!

\$17,500 was donated to each of the successful applicants from our four branch offices.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union thanks EVERYONE who submitted an application to help us celebrate our anniversary this year. We are once again elated to announce the four winning entries just in case you missed the news earlier this year!

In Lakes District:

The upgrading project at the Fall Fair Grounds to rebuild the cattle show rings and install new gates on the livestock barns and a new sound system. Congratulations to the Lakes District Fall Fair.

In Houston:

The project for the Legion loft to make it wheelchair accessible allowing the entire community to better use the facility. Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary #249.

In the Hazeltons:

The development project for the front entrance of the Roche View Lodge to be more accessible by building a new sidewalk and installing automatic doors. Congratulations to the Roche View Lodge Society

In Smithers:

The renovation project to upgrade the washroom, kitchen and service areas of the Driftwood Hall to keep this historic asset available for the community. Congratulations to the Glenwood Hall Committee.



A BVCU representative from the board, management and staff were on hand to make the presentation to the Roche View Lodge Society in New Hazelton for \$17,500 in celebration of the 70th Anniversary.

70th Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held **Monday, April 16, 2012** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Summit Room at the Hudson Bay Lodge in Smithers.

The meeting will review financial statements and other activities of the past year, as well as the election results of directors for the upcoming year.

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Call for Nominations

An election will be taking place to fill three positions on the Board of Directors (**two positions for the Smithers area and one for the Burns Lake area**). To be eligible to vote, you must be over the age of 19 and a Bulkley Valley Credit Union member in good standing as of **January 1, 2012**.

Candidates for the Board must be nominated by at least three members in good standing with BVCU who are over the age of 19. Written submissions for proposed candidates may be forwarded to the Nominating Committee, which determines whether the nomination complies with the Financial Institutions Act and Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Submissions must be received by the end of the day on **Friday, February 17, 2012**.

The Nominating Committee will inform each candidate of the provisions with respect to the conduct of the election and provide each candidate with a copy of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Candidates must complete a

personal information return, a requirement of the Superintendent of the Financial Institutions Commission. Candidates may submit a photo, a resumé and a policy statement (250 words or less) with biographical information, occupation, credit union affiliation, experience and qualifications. The Nominating Committee will forward the candidates' photos, resúmes and policy statements, if submitted, along with clear and precise voting instructions, to eligible members. This information will be sent at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **Monday April 16, 2012**.

Voting will take place at the branch or by a requested mail-in ballot. Election results will be announced at the AGM and posted for a minimum of three days in the appropriate branches. If you are interested in becoming a candidate and wish to know more about provisions and requirements for doing so, contact any of the four branches of BVCU for further information.

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Welcome to BVCU Kimberley!

When I first arrived in Smithers for the job interview back in August, I instantly fell in love with this town. I was thrilled to be offered the role of Manager, Human Resources and quickly made arrangements to relocate my family from Coquitlam. Since starting in September, I have been inspired by the wonderful people who work at Bulkley Valley Credit Union and feel motivated every day to contribute to the team.

I grew up in Vancouver, went to University in Toronto (where I met my husband, but he will quickly add that he is from Winnipeg) and returned to Vancouver to start a family. We have two daughters and they love our new life in the Bulkley Valley.

My HR experience is in tourism and hospitality so I have a tremendous passion for service. I believe that a career in service can be extremely rewarding and meaningful. I have learned that providing service in any setting, even some of the everyday activities we see in our work, can have

a significant impact on the lives of those we serve. I vividly remember my parents taking me to open my first account when I was a child. I was amazed by the service I received when I got my first mortgage and the thrill and stress of buying my first home. We are often serving people in joyful, stressful, and complex moments in life and I believe that *how* we do that is what sets us apart.

I have had a chance to visit our branches and get to know our team. I have seen many examples of exemplary service here at BVCU and am so very proud to say that I work here. We have a wonderful history and a very bright future; but that all comes down to our people. That's where I come in. I am here to help continue our legacy of hiring and promoting top talent and being an employer of choice in British Columbia.

I am inspired by the talented people that I work with every day and my hope is that I can support everyone in having an excellent employment

experience. Thank you to all the staff for supporting me in my transition and ensuring our HR practices are a perfect fit for our team.

I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me and my family so warmly. We have settled in nicely and look forward to all that there is to enjoy in the Bulkley Valley.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Mulla



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Supporting our Communities

During 2011, the Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed over \$310,000 to more than 185 local groups through in-branch donations, the 70th Anniversary Event, the RRSP Community Builder Campaign and donations from the Economic Development Committee & the Community Support Committees. Our local funding Committees meet on a regular basis throughout the year to review donation requests. The request forms can be picked up at your local branch or by visiting www.bvcu.com.

In addition to donations made to local groups and organizations, six high school bursaries of \$1000 each were awarded to students in our communities in 2011.

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| Bantam Provincials 2011 - hosted in Smithers | Hazelton Secondary School Science Department | Pink Ball Scramble at Willow Grove Ladies Club |
| BC Book Prizes | Hazelton Secondary Social Justice Club | Pioneer Place |
| BC Children's Hospital Foundation | Hazelton Secondary Volleyball | Pleasant Valley Horse Club |
| BC Co-operative Association | Hazelton Wolverines | Positive Living North/Gitxsan Health Society |
| BC Seniors Games | Heart and Stroke Foundation | Quick Community 4-H & BV District 4-H |
| Books for Babies | Heavy Horse Pull | RCMP Houston -Positive Ticketing Campaign |
| Broadway House | Helen Sullivan Walk | Regional District Start Up Business Contest |
| Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society | High Road Services - Project Voice | Relay for Life |
| Bulkley Valley 4H District Council | High Road Services Society | Roche View Lodge |
| Bulkley Valley Backcountry Ski Society | Houston and District Chamber of Commerce | Royal Canadian Legion - Burns Lake |
| Bulkley Valley Bowmen Association | Houston Christian Hockey Program | Rural Writers in Residence |
| Bulkley Valley Bruins | Houston Community Garden—Linked to Learning | Salvation Army Food Banks |
| Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club | Houston Drag Race Association | SCSA - Community Server Project |
| Bulkley Valley Exhibition | Houston Figure Skating Club | SCSA Good Food Box |
| Bulkley Valley Learning Centre | Houston Fire Department | SCSA Summer Step Up Program |
| Bulkley Valley Youth Soccer | Houston Ladies Auxiliary RCL #249 | SCSA/BVDCDC Parent to Parent Support Group |
| Burns Lake Christmas Hamper/Food Bank | Houston Minor Hockey Association | Silverthorne Elementary Breakfast Program |
| Burns Lake Fire & Rescue Service | Houston Public Library - Community Place | Silverthorne Elementary Gr. 4&5 Class |
| Burns Lake Minor Hockey | Houston Retirement Housing Society | Skeena Steamers Active Living Club |
| Burns Lake Police Based Victim/Witness Program | Houston Ringette Association | Smithers Charity Golf Tournament |
| BV Child Development Centre | Houston Secondary School Breakfast Program | Smithers Curling Club Junior Program |
| BV Childcare Society | Houston Secondary School Girls Rugby Team | Smithers Downtown Gateway Project |
| BV Community Arts Council/Expanding Circles | Houston Senior Secondary Senior Boys Basketball | Smithers Farmers Institute/BV Local Food Directory |
| BV Cross Country Ski Club | Houston SS Community Wellness Space | Smithers Gallery Association |
| BV Exhibition/Trainer of the North | IFOODS | Smithers Junior Curling Program |
| BV Fair | International Woman's Day—Houston | Smithers Junior Golf |
| BV FASD Conference | Invest Northwest BC | Smithers Merchants Association/Relay for Life |
| BV Folk Music Festival | John Field Elementary French Immersion Program | Smithers Navy League |
| BV Historical and Museum Society | John Field Elementary School | Smithers Rotary Club |
| BV Kinsmen | 'Ksan Performing Arts | Smithers Rugby Football Club |
| BV Otter Swim Club | Kidney Foundation | Smithers Senior Citizen's Association |
| BV Senior Co-Housing Feasibility Study | Kispixox Valley Rodeo Association | Smithers Squash Club |
| BV Soccer Society | Kordyban Lodge - Canadian Cancer Society | Smithers Volunteer Fire Fighters |
| BVFMS Adult Guitar Camp | Kyah Wiget Fastball League | Smithers Volunteer Ski Patrol |
| Camp of Champions | Ladies Northern Open | South Hazelton Women's Institute |
| Canadian Parents for French/Muheim School | Lake Babine Nation BEST Program | Southside Economic Development Association |
| Central Park Building Society | Lakes District Arts Council | SPANX Houston Women's Fastball Team |
| Chamber of Commerce BCCE Conference | Lakes District Community Choir | SSS DAF Grad 2011 |
| Christian School Society | Lakes District Fall Fair | SSS Jr. Girls Volleyball Team |
| Cops for Cancer | Lakes District Kennel Club | SSS Senior Boy Soccer Team |
| Credit Union Foundation - Mike Tarr Memorial | Lakes District Mother Millie Fund | SSS Sr Girls Basketball Team |
| Cut Loose Quilters | Lakes District Senior Secondary Ski & Snowboard Team | SSS Wrestling Program |
| District of New Hazelton | LOGS | St. Anthony's Parish Community Event |
| Ducks Unlimited | Misty Rivers Community Arts Council | St. Joseph's Grade 7 Trip |
| Evelyn Community Association | Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club | St. Joseph's School |
| Festival of Voices | Moricetown Band Elders Gathering | Storytellers' Foundation |
| Forum For Young Canadians/Yingjie Quin | Moricetown Grizzlies Fastball Team | Team Moricetown Beggars |
| Francois Lake Community Club | Moricetown Mud Races | Telkwa Community Initiatives |
| Girl Guides of Canada International Camp | Moricetown Place Society | Telkwa Elementary School |
| Gitsegukla Christmas Tree Committee | Mountain View United Church | The Yes Camp |
| Gitsegukla Youth Drop-In | Movember | Three in One Breed Show |
| Gitwangak Sports Committee | Muheim Elementary | Topley Community Club |
| Gitxsan Cultural Days | New Hazelton Elementary School | Treehouse Housing Association |
| Gitxsan Treaty Society | New Hazelton RCMP (D.A.R.E.) | Twain Sullivan Elementary Grade 4 |
| Gitxsan Volleyball | Northern Sky Stables/Smithers Pony Club | Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun Club |
| Glenwood Community Hall | Northern Society for Domestic Peace | University of Northern BC |
| Golf for the Cure | Northwest Animal Shelter Society | Valley Youth Fiddlers |
| Groundbreakers Community Agriculture Co-op | Northwest Community College-Hazelton Campus | Victims' Assistance Program |
| Hazelton Cultural Society – Gitxsan Dancers | NSDP/Pregnancy Outreach | Village of Hazelton |
| Hazelton Figure Skating Club | Oldtown Storytellers' Society | Walnut Park Grade Four |
| Hazelton Gun Club | One Sky | Walnut Park School Divisions 5&6 |
| Hazelton Novice "Bulldogs" Hockey Team | Pacific Northwest Science Fair | Young Woman's Project |

100 Years for Telkwa to Celebrate



December 8, 2011 saw the Telkwa contingent of BVCU staff at the Telkwa barbeque grounds to assist in the presentation of a major donation of \$30,000.00 to the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen Club as the Platinum sponsor of the Band Stand Legacy Project that will be built in the spring and early summer of 2012.

The Telkwa BBQ Grounds Improvement Project is planned in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Telkwa BBQ!

The Bulkley Valley Kinsmen host a community event that helps the club raise money each year on the barbeque grounds. All the money raised at the Telkwa (Kinsmen) BBQ is put back into the community through community projects, bursaries, grants and gifts to not-for-profit organizations. The Bulkley Valley Kinsmen have been hard at work making plans for the 100th Anniversary of the Telkwa BBQ that will take place in 2012. The plans include working to make improvements to the Telkwa barbeque grounds.

The goals of the improvement project are to:

- Maintain and improve the grounds and the community hall to increase use.
- Maintain and improve the grounds to increase users satisfaction/experience.
- Maintain a safe venue for the annual Kinsmen BBQ.
- Create a concert venue for the Village of Telkwa, the Town of Smithers & the Bulkley Valley.

As of the beginning of December 2011, the BV Kinsmen raised \$173,500 (of the approximate \$220,000 needed) towards the Improvement Project. The Bulkley Valley Credit Union is proud to be the Platinum Sponsor of the Bandstand Legacy Project with a \$30,000 donation.

The Improvement Project includes the construction of a bandstand, the construction of bleachers and improvements to the Community Hall.

Bandstand:

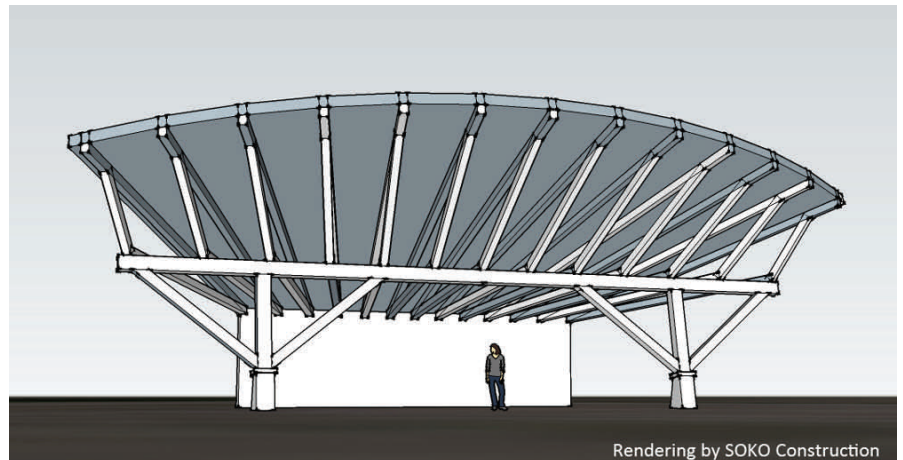
This component of the project will see the BV Kinsmen manage the material procurement and construction of the stage. The log preparation and material procurement (from local sources) will take place during the winter months. Construction of the log shell is planned to take place in May 2012 and a completion date of July 2012.

Bleachers:

This component of the project is to see five sets of bleachers built for use on the barbeque grounds. The bleachers will be constructed to allow them to be transported around the grounds and even moved to the Telkwa ice rink on occasion. The completion date is May 2012.

Community Hall Improvements:

The Telkwa Community Hall is currently closed to the public due to its condition. The proposed renovations will upgrade the existing kitchen to commercial grade kitchen. The project will also repair some windows, install new flooring and upgrade the electrical system to the current standards. This project is planned to begin in January 2012 with a completion date of April 2012. The BV Kinsmen are donating some of the commercial kitchen appliances and installing them in the new kitchen. The work will be completed with a portion of the labour costs being donated from a number of individuals.



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Bulkley Valley
Kinsmen Club

