



Bulkley Valley Insurance gains depth with the addition of Pioneer Agencies



Above are the BVIS staff from the Smithers offices presently located in two different facilities. Back row: Jill, Christine, Dale, Lynn, Natalie, Katie. Front row: Georgina, Justin and Fanny. Missing are Melissa, Gwen and Rhonda.

May 1, 2006 was a landmark date for the insurance industry in Smithers as Bulkley Valley Insurance Services purchased Pioneer Agencies Ltd. With the combining of R.W. Calderwood Ltd. initially purchased in early 2005, the two oldest agencies in the Bulkley Valley have joined forces with over 100 years of combined insurance experience.

Pioneer Agencies Ltd. has been operational in Smithers for over half a century, starting out originally as Spicer & Roumieu in the 1950s. It eventually became Pioneer and was owned and operated by Dave Roumieu and his children, Paul and Laurel, until May 2000.

For the past six years it has been owned and operated by local residents Dale Clarke and Natalie Trueit. Dale will stay on with Bulkley Valley Insurance as the General Manager and Natalie fills the role of Integration Manager.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the dynamic and growing team at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union," states Dale. "I can't think of any organization in the valley with more community spirit."

65th Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held Wednesday, April 25th, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ferguson 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.

Lynn Harder has joined Bulkley Valley Insurance as Smithers Branch Manager. Lynn comes to the organization from Chilliwack, where she was employed by Envision Insurance Services, and brings over 20 years of insurance experience with her.



2007 will be a very busy year for Bulkley Valley Insurance Services. Plans are currently underway for a new building at the corner of First and Main in Smithers and expansion plans are in the works for an insurance office in Houston as well.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union and Envision Insurance Services Ltd. jointly own Bulkley Valley Insurance Services Ltd.

Community Builder gives back



The Houston Volunteer Fire Department was the 2006 beneficiary for the Houston & District Branch. The amount of the donation was \$6680.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union will once again offer a Community Builder Term Deposit for Registered and Non-Registered funds in 2007.

For every dollar invested in your 2007 Community Builder account between January 1 and March 1, 2007, Bulkley Valley Credit Union

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Call for nominations

BVCU Board of Directors for 2007

An election will be taking place to fill **four** positions on the Board of Directors (**three** positions for the **Smithers** area and **one** for the **Houston** 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, 2007**. 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 Tuesday, **February 13, 2007**. 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 photograph, 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 a photograph, resumé and policy statement, 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 **April 25, 2007**. 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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will make a donation to the following community group in your area:

- The Hazeltons: Eagle Down Trail
- Houston & District: Silverthorne Parent Advisory Council - Playground Project
- Lakes District: Lakes District Arts Council
- Smithers: The Meadows Assisted Living Facility

Funds are donated locally in each of our branches' service areas based on the total dollars deposited to the Community Builder products at each location. During 2006, over \$37,500 was donated to the four local groups chosen as beneficiaries of the campaign.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union is dedicated to supporting each of our local communities and the Community Builder account is just one more way for us to do that.

People before profits

During 2006 the Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed over \$132,000 to more than 100 local groups through in-branch donations, the RRSP Community Builder Campaign and donations from the Community Support Committees. Our local Community Support Committees meet on a regular basis to review donation requests throughout the year. The request form can be picked up at your local branch or by visiting the website www.bvcu.com, where the form can be found on the Community page.

In addition to donations made to local groups and organizations, High School Bursaries of \$1000 each were awarded to six deserving students in our communities in 2006.

2006 COMMUNITY SUPPORT RECIPIENTS

4 - H Youth Exchange
Bulkley Valley Child Care Society
Bulkley Valley Exhibition
Burns Lake Christian Supportive Society
Burns Lake Curling Club
Burns Lake Figure Skating Club
Burns Lake Minor Hockey Association
Burns Lake Native Development Corporation
Burns Lake Public Library
Burns Lake Rodeo Association
BV Christian School Drama Group
BV Concert Association
BV Drag Race Association
BV Folk Music Society - Guitar Camp
BV Genealogical Society
BV Historical and Museum Society
BV Hospice Society
Canadian Cancer Society - Lakes District Unit
Carrier Nation Drum & Dance Group
Christmas Community Dinner (Committee)
Cold Smoke Snow Drag Race
District of Houston - 9th Annual Triathlon
District of Houston - Bear Project
District of Houston - Halloween Party
Festival of Nations
Finning Beefball Team
First Nations High School
Gitanaax Band Council
Gitsegukla 9 & Under Soccer
Gitsegukla Cougars Jr. Girls Basketball Team
Gitsegukla Ladies Soccer
Gitsegukla Youth Council
Gitwagak Christmas Tree Committee
Gitksan Totem
Granisle School PAC
Hazelton District Public Library
Hazelton Figure Skating Club
Hazelton Minor Hockey Association - Atoms
Hazelton Minor Hockey Association - Novice
Hazelton Secondary Dinner & Dance
Hazelton Secondary School
Hazelton Spartan Senior Girls Basketball
Hog Wild About Reading fundraiser
Houston & District Chamber of Commerce
Houston Figure Skating Club
Houston Flyers - Pee Wee "A"
Houston Friendship Centre Society
Houston Minor Hockey Association
Houston Minor Hockey - Pee Wee
Houston Minor Lacrosse
Houston Pumpkin Festival
John Field Elementary School
Karate Spain Team - World Karate Association
Championship
Kinsmen Club of Burns Lake - Hallowe'en
Fireworks Show
Kispiox Valley Rodeo
Lake Kathlyn Elementary PAC
Lakes District 4H Senior Council
Lakes District Arts Council
Lakes District Fall Fair - Northern Fairs Heavy
Horse Pull Event
Lakes District Festival of Performing Arts
Association
Lakes District Hamper Program
Lakes District Secondary Students
Mexico Art Trip
LDSS Snowboarding Team
L.O.G.S.
Miss BV Horsewoman Teen Pageant
Moricetown Elementary School
Mouse Mountain Playgroup
Muheim Memorial Elementary PAC
New Hazelton Skate/Bike Park Committee
New Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department
Northern Hockey Schools
Northern Lights Pathfinders
Northern Saddle Club/Quarter Horse and Breed
Show
Northwest Thunder - AAA Atoms Hockey Team
Old Hazelton Community Association
Pacific Northwest Science Fair
Panther Track Club
Pleasant Valley Horse Club
PVLCC - National Youth Week
Quick Elementary School
SCSA - Youth Volunteer Corps Summer Program
Silverthorne Elementary - Steelhead Jump Rope
Team
Silverthorne Parent Advisory Council
Skeena Eco-Vision Adventures Society
Skeena Ice Arena Association
Smithers Alpine Ski Team
Smithers Ambulance Part-Timers Association
Smithers Art Gallery - Summer Art Camp
Smithers Christian Reformed Church Youth
Ministries
Smithers Curling Club
Smithers Volunteer Fire Department
South Hazelton Elementary School
South Hazelton Elementary School Student
Council
South Hazelton Women's Institute
SSS DAF Grad 2006
SSS Drama Class
SSS Girl's Curling Team
SSS Grade 8 YMCA Exchange
SSS Senior Girls Volleyball Team
SSS Student Council/Leadership
St. Joseph's School Grade 7 trip
Storyteller's Foundation
Telkwa and District Seniors Carpet Bowling
Telkwa Brownie Unit#1
Telkwa Elementary School Grade 7 Trip
Twain Sullivan Elementary School
Valley Youth Fiddlers
Village of Burns Lake - Canada Day
Celebration
Village of Granisle - Granisle Days
Walnut Park Elementary School
Walnut Park School Grade 6 Sevev Exchange

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