



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	Kispix 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

