



Call for NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of Bulkley Valley Credit Union is pleased to advise that an election of directors will take place to fill three (3) positions on the Board: two (2) positions in the Smithers area and one (1) in the Hazelton area.

Commencing January 2, 2014, nomination forms will be available at every branch of Bulkley Valley Credit Union. Candidates must be nominated by at least three members in good standing who are over the age of 19. Submissions for proposed candidates will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee to ensure the nomination complies with the Financial Institutions Act and Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Submissions must be received by the end of the business day on Monday, February 17, 2014. 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 the candidates' information, if submitted, along with the voting instructions to eligible members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on April 21, 2014. Voting will take place at the branch or by a requested mail-in ballot. 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, 2014.

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 for further information.

For more information and to review the Director's position description, please visit our website: www.bvcu.com



72nd Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held on **Monday, April 21, 2014** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Summit Room at the Hudson Bay Lodge in Smithers.

The meeting will review financial statements and highlight on some activities of the past year. The directors' election results for the upcoming year will also be announced.

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GO GREEN—GET GREEN!

Have you met April Robinson?

**Congratulations to April Robinson who is the new
Branch Manager for the Bulkley Valley Insurance Office in Houston!**



April began her career at Bulkley Valley Insurance Services in September of 2008 in the Smithers Office. Mike Henfrey, the General Manager of BVIS, knows that April is excited to be working with the great staff in the Houston Branch, even though he admitted that the staff in Smithers are going to miss her!

April is very excited to be taking on this new role, and is looking forward to meeting and working with all of the BVIS clients in Houston.

Here are April's thoughts on this new phase of her life:

"It seems rare to find an organization that supports its staff through education and mentoring in order to achieve individual career goals, and I know that I am lucky to have found one. I am very proud to say that I work for Bulkley Valley Insurance and I am very excited to be the new Branch Manager of our Houston office".

Her commitment to service and quality will no doubt serve her well in her transition to Branch Manager.

Our entire organization wishes April all the best in her new position!

Economic Development in Houston—Irrigation Lake

Irrigation Lake (also known as Dunalter Lake) is a popular recreation spot in Houston that has been enjoyed by generations of locals over the years. From the first owner who settled in the area after working on the Telegraph Trail, to the current caretakers of the Park, the District of Houston, the lake has seen many changes.

The current challenge facing Irrigation Lake, which could have seen its downfall, is the condition of the dam which was built in 1939. Although the dam is secure, a change in legislation in 2011 means that it no longer meets the current standards. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations inspected the dam, and if upgrades were not made the dam, and a party or parties did not step up to take over the water license, the dam would have to be removed. Removal of the old dam would effectively have reduced the lake to a marsh.

A newly formed user group and interested parties worked together



to create and submit a rehabilitation plan and design upgrade compiled by a qualified engineer. The engineer, Carl Pentilchuk, surveyed the dam back in October, and hopes to have the new design plans prepared for the new year.

The estimated costs for the upgrades to the dam are \$80,000 but there have already been commitments from local residents for heavy equipment, operating time and the necessary materials. Once the engineering phase is complete, applications to other funding sources can be made.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union proudly donated \$10,000 to this project for the engineered design plans for the new dam at Irrigation Lake.

Stakeholders hope that construction on the dam could begin in 2014

Supporting the Communities we serve



The Bovill Legacy Stage was the recipient of a \$10,000 donation from Bulkley Valley Credit Union. The Bovill Stage hosted many performances during the Smithers Centennial Celebrations in August of 2013.

Pacific Northwest Science Fair
 Smithers Youth Council
 Moricetown Elementary PAC
 BV Christian School—After Grad
 Smithers Jr Boys Basketball Team
 Three in One Breed Show
 Smithers Mountain Bike Association —Sprockids
 SSS Music Department Concert Band Retreat
 Smithers Farmer's Institute
 Smithers Ski Club
 BV Otters Swim Club
 St. Joe's Grade 7 Vancouver/Victoria Trip
 The Young Woman's Project
 Lake Kathlyn School Grade 6/7 Trip
 Telkwa and District Senior's Society
 Canadian Parents for French
 Treehouse Housing
 Smithers Secondary Sevec Exchange
 Smithers Wrestling Club
 Wet'suwet'en Heartbeat Elders Group
 Spring Heavy Horse Pull
 BV Folk Music Society Midsummer Festival
 Sing Smithers Choral Workshop
 Groundbreakers Agriculture Association
 Walnut Park Elementary
 SCSA—Step Up Program
 BV Outdoor Recreation Society
 BV Agricultural and Industrial Association
 Smithers Scouts
 Team Moricetown Beggars
 Smithers Dodgers
 SSS DAF Grad
 BV Pool and Recreation Otters Swim Meet
 BV Historical & Museum—Smithers Culture Crawl
 Bulkley Valley Bowmen Mountain Madness
 Bulkley Valley Athletics
 The Blue Green Plant Project
 Smithers Public Library Signage
 Bulkley Valley Rapids—U18 Provincials
 Back Country Horsemen Centennial Ride
 SCSA—The Meadows
 Positive Living Northwest—Smithers Aids Walk
 BV Drag Race Association
 Smithers Community Radio—CICK
 Moricetown Volunteer Fire Department
 BV Folk Music Society Guitar Camp
 Smithers Action Group Association
 Northwest Institute—BC Rivers Day
 Evelyn Community Association Harvest Dinner
 SCSA—Breakfast Program
 Smithers Ski & Snowboard—Schussboomer
 Treehouse Housing—Adventure Month
 Positive Living Northwest—'No Fixed Address'
 Northern Saddle Club
 SSS—'Thoroughly Modern Millie' Production
 Muheim Elementary Breakfast Program
 Dze L'Kant Friendship Centre

Grendel Group—Catering Supplies
 BV Gymnastics—Pit Foam
 Bulkley Valley Social Planning Society
 Smithers Food Bank
 John Field Elementary—Basketball Playday
 Hazelton Minor Hockey Association
 Storytellers' Foundation—International Women's Dinner
 Gitsegukla Elementary School—Science Club
 Gitxan Health Society—Marathon
 Hazelton Secondary School Grad 2013
 Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club
 Hazelton Secondary School—athletic uniforms
 John Field Elementary—Grade 6 Class Trip
 Hazelton Area Theatre Society
 District of New Hazelton—Canada Day
 Northwest Region Tryouts Soccer Camp
 Positive Living North/Gitxan Health Society Aids Walk
 Aboriginal Justice Program
 Gitsegukla Predators Ladies Soccer Team
 Skeena Steamers Turkey Trot
 South Hazelton Women's Institute
 Hazelton Secondary Cross Country Team
 Hazelton Secondary Senior Boys Soccer
 South Hazelton Kids Club
 District of New Hazelton Winterfest
 Gitxan All Clan Dancers
 LOGS—Gift of Literacy Project
 Book Bus
 Salvation Army Food Bank
 Lakes District Festival Association
 Lakes District Fall Fair Association
 Lakes District Secondary—Indigenous Festival of the Arts
 Lakes District Kennel Club
 Lakes District Arts Council
 National Aboriginal Day Celebrations
 Burns Lake Mountain Bike 'Big Pig Festival'
 Village of Burns Lake—Rock the Cause
 Lakes District Secondary—Senior Girls Volleyball
 Children's Christmas Film Party
 Houston Secondary School Music Program
 Houston Minor Hockey—Houston Flyers
 Pleasant Valley Horse Club
 Houston Safe Grad
 Skeena Regional Cattleman
 Old Timers Hockey Tournament
 Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club
 Rugged Edge Rep Hockey Team
 Houston Ringette Association
 Love by the Bowl Soup Kitchen
 Topley Community Club
 Northwest Select Hockey Team
 Silverthorne Elementary School
 Twain Sullivan Elementary—Fort St. James trip
 Strong Start—Let the Children Play
 Willow Grove Ladies Golf Club
 2nd Annual Chip Run
 Nadina Off Road Society
 Houston Link to Learning

Houston Ambulance Association
 St. Anthony's Parish
 District of Houston—Halloween Party
 Houston Figure Skating Club
 Houston Curling Club
 Houston Christian Rays Hockey Program
 Houston Minor Hockey Association
 Twain Sullivan Elementary School "Warm Inside And Out"
 Houston Community Christmas Dinner
 Houston Secondary School Luncheon
 BV Historical and Museum Society
 5 Rivers Culture Crawl Website Design
 BV Economic Development Association
 Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society (LORS)
 Bulkley Canyon Ranch
 Grassy Plains Community Hall
 Bulkley Valley Bowmen Storage Facility
 Irrigation Lake
 Claude Parish Memorial Arena
 Hankin Evelyn Backcountry Recreation Trails
 Lakes District Community Services Society
 Cops for Cancer
 Smithers Second Sheet of Ice Committee
 Relay for Life
 Smithers 2013 Centennial Celebrations
 BV Cross Country Ski Club
 Smithers Charity Golf Tournament
 BV Christian School Charity Golf Tournament
 Wolverines Hockey
 Telkwa Christian Reformed Church Elevator
 Salvation Army Food Bank
 Salvation Army Smithers
 Salvation Army Houston
 Salvation Army Hazelton
 Rotary Auction
 Ducks Unlimited
 Kordyban Cancer Lodge
 BV Cross Country Ski Club
 Yes Camp
 Burns Lake 4H
 Bulkley Valley 4H
 Gitanmaax Career Fair
 Moricetown Career Fair
 Soccer Camp
 Hazelton Derby Car
 BV Healthcare and Hospital Foundation
 Smithers Second Sheet of Ice

Provided \$225,000 to over 170 Groups and Organizations in 2013!