



Bulkley Valley CREDIT UNION *NEWS*

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All About being Involved in Our Communities

Many of our staff, management and directors actively participate on local committees and boards because we really believe that actions speak louder than words in many circumstances. Bulkley Valley Credit Union believes in the power of volunteerism in local communities and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you a few members of our management team and provide some information about how they are personally committed to our communities.

Max Starr, Manager – Lending Services, has worked for BVCU for 14 years and is a member of the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board. The key roles of the Board are to monitor the development, implementation and effectiveness of the Land and Resources Management Plan (and associated plans) to ensure that resource development protects environmental and other values and also that proposed development projects provide the most benefit possible to residents of the Bulkley Valley.

Tamia Hattler, Branch Manager - the Hazeltons, has worked for BVCU for over 11 years and is a member of the Upper Skeena Development Board. Tamia moved from Smithers to New Hazelton earlier this year when she took on her new position as

Branch Manager. The Upper Skeena Development Centre assists with the development and implementation of initiatives that promote and enhance economic sustainability in the Upper Skeena. The Centre offers access to technology and other resources to sustain social, economic, and educational development in the Hazeltons.



Our newest member of the Management Team, Tamia Hattler.

Cindy Stuckberger, Branch Manager - Smithers, began her career with BVCU in 1981 and is on the Executive of the Rotary Alpine Club in Smithers. Rotary clubs around the world consist of members of the community that are of good character and have an interest in serving their community.

Tanya Hackle, Branch Manager - Houston & District, has worked for BVCU for almost 14 years and is the Treasurer of the Houston & District Chamber of Commerce and also a director of the BV Foundation. The Chamber of Commerce's focus is to support and strengthen the provincial chamber network and to develop local programs aimed at creating a high level of economic awareness and maintain an entrepreneurial spirit in the community. The Bulkley Valley Community Foundation's goal is to improve quality of life by awarding grants to local organizations that are generated through responsibly managed donations and legacies in our communities.

Ron Hooper, Branch Manager – Lakes District, has worked for BVCU for more than 10 years and is the Vice-President of the Burns Lakes & District Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Lakes Legacy Fund, and a director on the Burns Lake & District Community Foundation. Ron actively participates in community events and is a member of a number of local committees including: CASARA (Civil Air Search & Rescue Association); the Overwaitea Bathub Race Committee; Village of Burns Lake Spirit Square Committee; and the Burns Lake Merchant Association.

From the Hazeltons to the Lakes District

Bulkley Valley Credit Union



With Smithers up and running, the focus then changed to the Houston operation. Plans were drawn up to add office space on to the existing Bulkley Valley Credit Union building. Construction started in the fall and the office was up and running in December.

What was once two, has now become one. 2007 was a very busy year for Bulkley Valley Insurance. The construction of the new building on Main Street was completed this summer and the two offices of BVCU moved on the long weekend in August into our new home. The project overall was a huge success with the final product being a beautiful showcase building.

2007 marked the first full year of operation with the combined offices of Bulkley Valley Insurance and the previous Pioneer Agencies operation. It is always a challenge when combining two separate offices with different operating procedures and different computer systems. The fact that everything went so smoothly and successfully is a testament to the commitment of the staff at BVCU and has laid a solid foundation for many years to come.

BVCU was very fortunate to employ Dustie Fernie as the Branch Manager for Houston. Dustie has come to us with 10 years experience in the insurance industry and as luck would have it, she is also a resident of Houston. We felt that one of the keys to achieving our goal of excellent service was to employ people from the Houston area. Dustie's first project was to build the team she felt she needed to help make the office a success. As a result we are very

happy to have the addition of Megan Bailey and Kelsey Smith to BVCU. Both are current residents of Houston. Kelsey comes to us with previous experience while Megan is new to the industry. Good luck to our new Houston team.

With all this construction and team building that has taken place in 2007, we at BVCU look forward to doing what we do best in 2008; providing insurance protection to our clients in the Bulkley Valley.

66th Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 beginning at 7:00 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.

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The new logo was approved this summer by our Board of Directors and we have been proud to introduce it to you over the past few months.



We are in the process of updating our website and are looking forward to presenting it to the membership early in 2008.

Call for Nominations

An election will be taking place to fill **four** positions on the Board of Directors (**two positions for the Smithers area, one for the Hazelton 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, 2008**. 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 **Saturday, February 16, 2008**. 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.

Community Builder is BACK!

Bulkley Valley Credit Union will once again offer a **Community Builder Term Deposit for Registered and Non-Registered funds in 2008**. For every dollar invested in your 2008 Community Builder account between January 1 and February 29, 2008, **Bulkley Valley Credit Union will make a donation to the following community group in your area:**

**The Hazeltons': Ken Trombley Ice Arena
Houston & District: Morice-Bulkley Heritage Museum Society
Lakes District: Lakes District Fall Fair Association
Smithers: Smithers Regional Fire Training Center**

Funds are donated locally in each of our branches' service area based on the total dollars deposited to the Community Builder products at each location. 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.

In 2007, over \$26,500 was donated to the four local groups who were the beneficiaries of the Community Builder campaign. The groups were the Silverthorne PAC—Playground Project in Houston, the Eagle Down Trail in the Hazeltons', the Meadows Assisted Living Facility Project in Smithers, and the Lakes District Arts Council in Burns Lake.



Fall 2006 Northline Credit Union Meeting in Prince George. Directors Diane Macaulay, Patty Peterson, Randy Brandvold, Janet Willson and guest Oyunchimeg Togoodorj from Mongolia.

This information will be sent at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **April 22, 2008**. 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.

The Power of Membership.



During 2007, the Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed over \$160,000 to more than 165 local groups through in-branch donations, the RRSP Community Builder Campaign and donations from the Economic Development Committee and the Community Support Committees. Our local Community Support Committees meet on a regular basis throughout the year to review donation requests. The request form 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 2007.

3 in 1 Open Breed Horse Show
AAA Atoms Hockey
BC Barrel Racing Association
BC Book Prizes - Adopt a Library Program
Bulkley Valley Archery Club
Bulkley Valley Christian School
Bulkley Valley Christian School - Choir and Band
Bulkley Valley Exhibition
Bulkley Valley Kid's Triathlon
Burns Lake Band
Burns Lake Figure Skating Club
Burns Lake Native Development Corp
Burns Lake Public Library
Burns Lake Soccer Association
Burns Lake Soccer Association
Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic
Burns Lake Youth Committee
BV 4-H Youth Exchange
BV Brain Injury Association
BV Cattlemen's Association
BV Christian School
BV Cross Country Racers
BV Cross Country Ski Club
BV Drag Race Association
BV Fall Fair Run
BV Folk Music Society
BV Genealogical Society
BV Historical and Museum Society
Canada World Youth – Devon Flynn
Canadian Cancer Society- Cops for Cancer
Canadian Deaf Sports Association – Derek Rodgers
Carrier Nation Drum and Dance Group
College of New Caledonia -FADS Awareness Day
Credit Union Foundation of BC Bursary Fund
District of Houston – BMX Competition
District of Houston – Canada Day Celebration
Ducks Unlimited
Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Community Dinner
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Eagle Down Trail
Festival of Nations
Francois Lake Elementary School
Francois Lake Elementary School PAC
Friends of the Smithers Library
Girl Guides of Canada
Gitnaamax Band Council
Gitnaamax Torchmen Junior Boys Basketball
Gitsegukla Cougars 17&Under Basketball
Gitsegukla Social Development
Gitsegulka Masters
Gitwangak Christmas Tree Committee
Gitwangak Sports Committee
Gitxan Nation Atoms Team
Gitxan Treaty Society
Gitxan United Female Soccer Club
Gitxan Woman's Day
Gospel Mountain Music Festival
Granisle Lions Club

Hazelton Area Theatre Society
Hazelton Figure Skating Club
Hazelton Grade 7 French Immersion
Hazelton Minor Hockey
Hazelton Minor Hockey Team - Novice
Hazelton Salvation Army
Hazelton Secondary Girls Soccer
Hazelton Secondary School Drama Club
Hazelton Secondary Senior Girls Basketball
Hazelton Secondary Senior Girls Volleyball
Heart & Stroke Foundation
HLL – Community Garden
Hog Wild About Reading
Houston & District Chamber - Penny Press
Houston & District Chamber - Christmas Light up
Houston & District Chamber of Commerce
Houston & District 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Houston Drags
Houston Figure Skating Club
Houston Girls Soccer
Houston Luckies
Houston Public Library
Houston Retirement Housing Society
Houston Ringette Association
Houston Secondary School Breakfast Program
Houston Vipers
Houston Volunteer Fire Fighters
Houston Women's Soccer
International Women's Day Dinner
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Ksan Historical Museum
Kidney Foundation
Kinsmen Club Hallowe'en Fireworks
Kispiox Band Council
Kispiox Basketball Association
Kispiox Community School
Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club
Ladies Auxiliary 249 Royal Canadian Legion
Lake Babine Nation Youth Forum
Lake Kathryn Elementary School
Lakes District 4H Council
Lakes District Arts Council
Lakes District Cattle Penning Association
Lakes District Chamber of Commerce
Lakes District Christmas Hamper
Lakes District Community & Southside Choir
Lakes District Fall Fair
Lakes District Festival Performing Arts Association
Lakes District Food Bank
Lakes District Kennel Club
Lakes District Secondary School Snowboard Team
LOGS
Miss BV Horsewoman Teen Pageant Carrie Blackwell
Meadows Assisted Living Facility Project
Moricetown Arrows
Moricetown Band Office
Northern BC Tourism Association
Northern BC Winter Games

Northern Saddle Club
Northern Society for Domestic Peace
Northern Taekwon-do Academy
Northwest Animal Shelter
One Sky - Cooperative Composting Project
Operation Good Deed
Pacific Northwest Science Fair
Pleasant Valley Horse Club
Pole to Pole Leadership Institute - Klara Schwab
Quick Elementary School PAC
Regional District Bulkley Nechako-Airport Society
Relay for Life
Salvation Army Food Bank
SCSA - FASD
SCSA - Youth Volunteer Corps
Serving H.A.T.
Silver Threads Br100
Silverthorne Elementary School PAC
Skeena Eco Vision Adventures Society
Smithers Art Gallery
Smithers CRC Youth Ministries
Smithers Exploration Group—NWCC
Smithers Gallery Association
Smithers U17 Boys Soccer Team
Smithers U17 Girls Soccer Team
Smithers Junior Golf Program
Smithers Minor Hockey Association
Smithers Snowmobile Club
Spirit of the Mountains Event
South Hazelton Women's Institute
Southside Health & Wellness Centre
Southside Volunteer Fire Department
Spring Heavy Horse Pull
SSS Boy's Soccer Team
SSS Cuba Tour 2008
SSS DAF Grad 2007
SSS Girl's Volleyball Team
SSS Jazz Retreat
SSS Leadership Group/Student Council
SSS Order in the House Campaign
SSS Snowboard Team
SSS Third World Travel Group
Sustainable Farming Practices
St. James Soup Kitchen
St. Joseph's School Grade 7 trip
Telegraph Trail Saddle Club
Telkwa and District Senior's Association
Telkwa Elementary School
Terry Fox Foundation
The Sparrows' Christian Housing Society
Treehouse Housing Association
Twin Sullivan Elementary School Grade 5 class
Tyhee Lake Triathlon
Walnut Park Elementary Grade 4 Trip
Walnut Park Elementary PAC
William Konkin Elementary School
World Mountain Hockey Championships
Youth Challenge International – Laura Krossen

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