



BVCU News

The Newsletter of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union

Winter 2004

Some major branch changes in 2004

After years of hard work in Houston for Tim Bernard, his family and friends joined directors and staff of Bulkley Valley Credit Union to wish him a very happy retirement in April 2004.

Tanya Hackle relocated from the Hazeltons' Branch to assume the position of Houston and District Branch Manager.



Tanya Hackle

Long time employee at the Smithers Branch,



Laurie Beaton

Laurie Beaton was very pleased to take the position of the Hazeltons Branch Manager. Both Tanya and Laurie have had a busy year and look forward to 2005 and continuing to work with the members in their communities.

Community Builder continues local support

Bulkley Valley Credit Union will once again offer the Community Builder RSP account during 2005. For every dollar invested in the Community Builder RSP between January 2 and March 1, 2005, we will make a donation to a local charity. Funds are donated locally in each of our four communities based on the dollars deposited to the Community Builder product at each branch. During 2004, over \$12,000 was contributed to the local charities chosen to be the beneficiaries of the campaign.

The Community Builder is offered as a 2 year term deposit (available for registered and non-registered funds) with a special bonus interest rate plus the annual option to renew early if rates increase in the future. Plus: Whether you make a new RSP contribution, renew your existing RSP investment or transfer RSP funds from another



financial institution into our Community Builder, we will make a donation to the designated local charity in your community.

The 2005 benefiting charities will be advertised in January.

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

New Committee formed for 2005

Economic Development is important to all of the local communities that we serve. A healthy local community means a healthy local financial institution in the long term.

To assist in this important process, the Board of Directors of Bulkley Valley Credit Union has decided to form an Economic Development Committee.

The committee will consist of five individuals with at least one representative from each of our four branch locations. In addition, each branch office will recruit a local sub-committee that will encourage and review proposals for funding economic development.

The sub-committees will then forward

these recommended proposals to the committee who will provide funding through an annual budget established at the beginning of 2005.

The selection of successful proposals will be

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This may sound "corny," but BVCU is the proud owner of a popcorn machine at each of our locations. If your organization is planning some fundraising events in the new year,



please contact your local branch to reserve the popcorn machine. We will provide you with the machine, a stand, some popcorn, and the popcorn bags for your special fundraising event, you supply the sales people and the smiles. This invitation is offered to all clubs and groups belonging to the credit union and is just another way of offering support to the communities we serve.

63rd Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 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 election results of directors for the upcoming year.

Call for nominations — BVCU Board of Directors for 2005

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 Hazeltons' area).

To be eligible to vote, you must be over the age of 19 and a Bulkley Valley Credit Union (BVCU) member in good standing as of January 1, 2005.

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 12, 2005.

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 state-

ment, 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 20, 2005.

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.

Living our motto — "People before profits"

During 2004 the Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed over \$48,000 to more than 60 local groups.

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 visit the website, www.bvcu.com where the form can be found on the Community page.

In addition to the charitable donations to the local groups and organizations, bursaries of \$750.00 each are awarded to six deserving secondary school students each year in our communities.

2004 COMMUNITY SUPPORT RECIPIENTS

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| BC Barrel Racing Association | Hazeltons' High School Bursary | R.C.L. Ladies Auxiliary - Houston |
| BC Senior Games Zone XI – Bulkley Valley - Lakes | Hazeltons Salvation Army | SK8 Skateboard Competition |
| Bulkley Valley Credit Union Atoms Hockey Team | Houston 4-H Club | Smithers Community Services Assoc- Book Bags for Babies |
| Bulkley Valley Exhibition | Houston Christian School Bursary | Smithers Community Services Assoc- Medi-Alert machine |
| Bulkley Valley Folk Music Festival | Houston Community Concert Association | Smithers Gryphon Wrestling Team |
| Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society | Houston Community Services-medical responder program | Smithers High Schools - Driving Presentation |
| Bulkley Valley Regional Pool - Hot Tub project | Houston Figure Skating Club | Smithers Junior Girls Softball Association |
| Bulkley Valley Science Fair | Houston Kid's Triathlon | Smithers Retail & Service -Christmas skating/swimming |
| Burns Lake Community Garden | Houston Public Library | Smithers Secondary School Bursary |
| Burns Lake Public Library | Houston Retirement Housing Society | Smithers Secondary School DAF Grad 2004 |
| Burns Lake Rodeo | Houston Salvation Army Food Bank | Smithers Secondary School Track & Field Team |
| Burns Lake Rotary Club Tennis Court Project | Houston Secondary Bursary | Smithers Secondary School P.A.R.T.Y. program |
| Burns Lake United Youth Soccer | Houston Secondary School Road Sense Team | Smithers Volunteer Fire Department |
| BV 4-H Youth Exchange | John Field Elementary School – School Concert program | Smithers Winter Carnival |
| BV Christian School Bursary | John Field Elementary School – Playground Equipment | South Hazelton Elementary School |
| BV Youth Soccer Society - Houston | Kispiox Valley Rodeo | Storyteller's Foundation - Hazeltons |
| Chandler Park Middle School Grade 8 Band | Hazeltons' Kuldo Warriors Jr. Girls Basketball Team | Telkwa Gold Dog Sled Races |
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| Evelyn 4-H Club | Lakes District Fall Fair | Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department |
| Hagwilget Village Council - Winter Carnival | Lakes District Secondary School Bursary | The Pretenders Choir |
| Hazelton Bandits Women's Hockey | LDSS Art Students to Mexico Trip | Twain Sullivan School - Trip to Barkerville |
| Hazelton Esso Bees Hockey Club | Moricetown Band Sports Days | Whispering Pines District - Girl Guides of Canada |
| Hazelton Figure Skating Club | Muriel Mould Elementary School - Road to Literacy program | William Konkin Elementary School Book Fair |
| Hazelton Minor Hockey Association | Northern Light Pathfinder Club | Youthfulistic Inc. |
| Hazelton Secondary School Grade 8 Basketball Team | Old Church Project | YouthQuest Smithers |
| Hazelton Secondary Seniors Girls Basketball Team | Palling Recreation Commission | |
| | Positive Living Northwest | |

New Committee

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based on their impact on local economic development. Ideas generated locally and funded locally, just one more way Bulkley Valley Credit Union remains truly committed to the communities we serve.

Please contact your local branch for additional details.

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