



## 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.

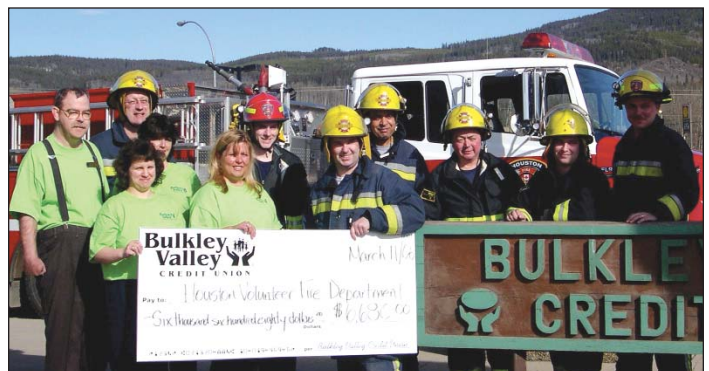
Lynn Harder has joined Bulkley Valley Insurance as Smithers Branch Manager. Lynn comes to the organization from Chilliwack, where she was employed by Envision Insurance Services, and brings over 20 years of insurance experience with her.



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](http://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  
Gitwagak Sports 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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