

New Economic Development Office for the Bulkley Valley

The Town, in collaboration with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, have agreed to form a Society: The Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association (BVEDA) in order to develop a sustainable Economic Development office for the Bulkley Valley. The Town of Smithers will be appointing 3 members to the 7-member Board of the BVEDA and anticipates the Economic Development Office will be established before the end of the year. The Town of Smithers has been working on the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative over the past year. At the Council meeting of May 25th, Council approved the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative Strategic Plan dated May 10, 2010, completed by Lions Gate Consulting, and authorized up to \$170,000 annually as the Town of Smithers' contribution to the BVEDA. The Town of Smithers will be winding down the Tourism Advisory Committee by the end of the year and moving all tourism initiatives under the umbrella of the new BVEDA. To view the BVEDI Strategic Plan, go to www.smithers.ca.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

The Town of Smithers will soon be selling off its surplus equipment. This annual process allows interested parties to view

the surplus items prior to submitting a bid. Items range from a used vehicle to small equipment and office furniture. Please watch for the advertisement in *The Interior News* listing the items that will be up for sale.

Summer Rec Programs

We have added more activities to our summer programs. We have our fantastic children's camp at Ranger Park (with staff Matt Ripmeester, Stacey Irvine, Laura Duursma, and Samantha Van Horn) and a great summer preschool program at Ranger Park (with staff Jane McCord).

Super Summer Day Camps at Ranger Park

- Anything Goes (ages 5 – 8) July 5 – 9
- Go for the Gold (ages 8 – 11) July 12 – 16
- Splash into Summer (ages 5 – 8) July 19 – 23
- No Boundaries (ages 8 – 11) July 26 – 30
- Time Travellers (ages 5 – 8) Aug 9 – 13
- Beat the Heat (ages 8 – 11) Aug 16 – 20
- Where in the World (ages 5 – 8) Aug 23 – 27

Ranger Park Summer Preschool

Ages 3 – 5. July and August weeks are still available.

Sports Camps at Walnut Park School

Soccer, basketball, floor hockey, archery, volleyball, rugby, tennis, badminton, football, Frisbee, disc golf, and softball

- July 5 – 9: ages 8 – 11
- July 12 – 16: ages 5 – 8
- July 19 – 23: ages 8 – 11
- July 26 – 30: ages 5 – 8

Wakeboarding Camps at Tyhee Lake

Ages 8 – 12 and ages 12 – 16

Skateboarding Camps at Heritage Park

Ages 5 – 8 and ages 8 – 12

Summer Construction Projects

Summer construction projects underway, or soon to be, include patch paving, line painting (please take note of the new crosswalks on Princess Street), Riverside Park sewer and power upgrades, cemetery upgrades, and Watson's Landing strata subdivision with water and sanitary sewer services via the Airport. South Storm Trunk construction will last through to September. The benefits of this project are to eliminate ponding in roadside ditches, provide storm service to Frontage Road property owners, and enable storm sewer service to future phases of Willowvale Subdivision from the highway to Railway Avenue. The Town apologizes for any inconvenience caused by traffic delays. The Town would like to remind property owners and contractors to notify BC One Call (1-800-474-6886) at least 48 hours prior to digging, so that Town staff may locate water shut-offs, sanitary sewer and storm sewer connections. The Town's Development Services Department is currently reviewing forms and brochures to make website information more user friendly.

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■ = Council meeting at 7:30 pm

Lawn Watering and Water Conservation

Water your lawn only when needed! In hot weather two to three times per week for thirty minutes is usually plenty. Your lawn can only absorb 2.5 centimetres of water at one time. This is equivalent to thirty minutes of watering. Any more than thirty minutes results in the water running off the lawn into the storm sewer, or evaporating. The time of day you water also affects absorption of water into the roots. By watering between 6 pm and 9 am, you are maximizing water absorption into the roots. If you water outside those times, you are losing much water to evaporation and may actually 'sunburn' your lawn. One way to keep your lawn green and healthy is to set your lawnmower between five and eight centimetres and leave the cut grass on the lawn as fertilizer. If everyone voluntarily conserves water, the Town of Smithers can continue without water restrictions as it has in the past.