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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
2 Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	3 Library 6:30 – 9pm	4 Library 6:30 – 9pm WBCF Public Board Meeting 6pm	5 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice 7pm at the Fire Hall	6 Wells Community Bus Pancake Breakfast 8–9am	7 Songwriting Contest Deadline midnight	8 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
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DISTRICT NEWS

COUNCIL UPDATE

At the March 14, 2017 Council meeting, new Councillor Birch Kuch was sworn in by Andrew Young, CAO. This completes our District Council at five members: Councillors Birch Kuch, Mandy Kilsby, Lorraine Kozar and Virginia Wilkins and Mayor Robin Sharpe.

WBCF CALLING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Ltd is calling for nominees to

stand for appointment to its Board of Directors.

WBCF Board Members are expected to attend board meetings, which are scheduled as needed and can be as frequent as once per month. Meetings are held in Wells, BC. The WBCF Board is a governance board that is expected to make higher level policy decisions to provide the best direction for the Community Forest and the corporation, to protect the corporation's assets and limit its liability. For additional details regarding application requirements please go to the WBCF

webpage: www.wells.ca/wells-barkerville-community-forest

Please note that the deadline for nominations is May 5, 2017 at 5 PM.

DISTRICT OF WELLS POST-SECONDARY BURSARY

The District of Wells with the Wells Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Poppy Fund and the Evan Williams Foundation provides an annual bursary of \$1,000 to a resident of Wells that is pursuing post-secondary education.

The application deadline is 5:00 pm May 31, 2017 and applications are available at the District office and on our website. Enquiries can be directed to the District at 250-994-3330.

NEW CLEAN WATER WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR WELLS

The District of Wells was successful in its application to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) and will receive \$290,500 in 2017 (83% of the project value) towards its accepted project.

The governments of Canada and British Columbia have approved a new list of projects under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF), which supports the rehabilitation of community drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and the planning and design of future systems that meet drinking water and wastewater effluent standards.

The Wells' project will consist of the following:

- > Reconstruct water system on Mildred Avenue between Pooley and Dawson Streets;
- > Rehabilitation of road works impacted by project works;
- > Replace aged chlorine pumps at the Districts' water filtration system and purification plant; and
- > Installation of a chlorination system to help disinfect effluent flowing from the single lagoon primary sewage treatment system into the adjoining Willow River.

The District intends to pursue additional funding applications for other necessary infrastructure improvements and is pleased to have the opportunity to begin revitalizing District infrastructure.

The District will ensure that the community is informed of additional developments as construction plans and timelines are confirmed.

CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board highlights from March 24, 2017

SUPPORT GIVEN TO GOLD RUSH TRAIL

CRD Directors committed \$2,750 to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association for the marketing of the Gold Rush Trail tourism initiative. The Gold Rush Trail tourism initiative focuses on developing and marketing the historic Gold Rush Trail from New Westminster to Barkerville and includes a number of visitor attractions and points of interest within the Regional District. Promoting the Gold Rush Trail as a travel experience has the potential to increase tourism in the region thereby providing economic benefit to communities and businesses. The CRD intends to reclaim this expense from the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) under the 2017 Economic Development Capacity Building program.

UPDATE ON BLACKWATER PROJECT

Claudette Gouger, Community Manager for New Gold Inc., gave the CRD Board an update on the Blackwater Project. New Gold Inc. is proposing a new open pit gold and silver mine in CRD Area I in the Kluskus area. New Gold anticipates hiring about 1,200-

1,500 people during its two to three year construction period and about 500 people during mine operations. The Blackwater Project has historically hired 65 per cent local employees, with 23 per cent of those being Indigenous employees. Currently the project is in the Environmental Assessment and permitting phase.

CARIBOO STRONG

New economic development project launches in the Cariboo

Cariboo-Chilcotin—Elected officials from the Cariboo region met last month as part of the official launch of Cariboo Strong, a new program to capitalize on economic opportunities in the region. With a goal of growing a strong region through strong communities, the program will support the region's communities towards economic diversification, transformation and growth.

Leading to its official launch, Cariboo Strong has slowly been building momentum throughout 2016 and into 2017. Initial meetings and conversations have begun in all three Cariboo sub-regions with local community members, businesses, industry, municipalities and First Nations regarding the economic opportunities present in the Cariboo. To date, Cariboo Strong has met with about 100 individuals and organizations. Key themes discussed have centred on housing, Aboriginal tourism, recreation trail development, age-friendly opportunities, agriculture and forestry innovation.

The program is grounded in the three Cariboo sub-regions – South Cariboo, Central Cariboo & Chilcotin, and North Cariboo. In each sub-region, the work begins with one-to-one conversations and small group meetings to discuss the economic opportunities and challenges in the area. Through these conversations, Cariboo Strong identifies opportunities and forms action groups with community members to take action on those opportunities. Structured around specific themes such as Housing or Tourism, each action group finds opportunities for collaboration and identifies actions for the short, medium and long term. The region's elected officials and three sub-regional economic advisory tables provide support to the action groups.

As Cariboo Strong progresses, the program will include community-to-community collaboration and action where there is common ground and the potential for mutual benefit. The program will also work at the regional level to develop strategies to take advantage of the opportunities created by shifts in the global economy.

Throughout 2017, Cariboo Strong will continue meeting in all three sub-regions to discuss opportunities for economic diversification and

community capacity, form action groups and facilitate on-the-ground action.

Cariboo Strong is a partnership between the Cariboo Regional District, the District of 100 Mile House, the City of Williams Lake, the City of Quesnel, the District of Wells, the Village of Clinton, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia. The program has been made possible with support and funding from the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition, Northern Development Initiative Trust, West Fraser Mills and the Province of B.C.'s Rural Dividend Fund.

"The District of Wells fully supports the Cariboo Strong Project. In this time of economic uncertainty for our region it is important that all communities work together to ensure the economic well-being of our residents. By working together, we can attract far more resources to the area than we could as individual communities. We are pleased to work alongside the larger municipalities realizing that, if they are doing well, there will be many economic benefits for us as well."

— Robin Sharpe,
Mayor of the District of Wells

For more information on this program, please see the link to the CRD website:

www.cariboord.ca/services/community-economic-development-2/cariboo-strong

BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The District of Wells has once more been successful in accessing \$20,000 from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for a Business Façade Improvement Grant program.

Applications will be posted on the District of Wells website.

Final Deadline for applications is May 1, 2017.

The purpose of this program is to help property and business owners renovate, restore and repair retail or commercial building façades in the "1930's Mining Town Development Permit Area." The goal of the program is to encourage owners of buildings to invest in upgrades that create a more appealing streetscape and an environment that attracts new visitors and businesses and renews interest of residents and returning visitors.

The goals of this program are to:

- > Make the heritage District of Wells a more inviting and interesting place to eat, shop, walk and stay

- > Promote the marketability of retail and commercial businesses
- > Improve the quality of life for residents, workers and visitors to Wells
- > Build civic pride among the business community and citizens.

GRANT AMOUNTS

The program can provide grants of UP TO 50% of the eligible improvements to a MAXIMUM of \$5,000. Depending on the budget, demand and number of applications that meet the requirements, a portion of the application may be approved.

For home-based way-finding signage, the program can provide UP TO 50% of eligible costs to a MAXIMUM of \$500.

ELIGIBLE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Eligible improvements may consist of but are not limited to:

- > Exterior lighting (new but not replacement);
- > Exterior architectural features;
- > Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims etc.);
- > Windows (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone window replacement);
- > New siding;
- > Façade Painting;
- > Awnings;
- > Entrances and doorways (only if part of larger enhancements, no stand-alone entrance/doorway replacement);
- > Signage (affixed to the building); and
- > Way finding signage (sign located on the business property, i.e. at the bottom of a driveway). Signs are eligible for a 50% grant to a maximum of \$500 and must adhere to any signage bylaws and regulations.

If you would like to do something that is not on this list, please contact the District of Wells Office for discussion as this is not a complete list of eligible projects.



BUSINESS

BARKERVILLE GOLD MINES LTD.

During the month of April, Barkerville Gold Mines Ltd. (BGM) will continue drilling north of the Jack of Clubs Lake, testing drill targets in the historical Tailings Zone area. For approximately one month, BGM will have four drills in the area, located approximately 250 meters north east of the Jack of Clubs Lake. BGM

continues to respect the recreational sites in the area and will minimize disturbance wherever possible by working along existing roads and trails and limiting the cutting of trees and shrubs. Reclamation will be ongoing throughout the program. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Maggie Layman, Exploration Manager or Chris Pharness, Vice President of Environment and Sustainability at (250) 994-0002.

FOR SALE

FIRE CADDY WITH HONDA MOTOR AND DAVEY PUMP

150 gallon capacity tank on a trailer. Has fire retardant foam injection to greatly reduce the amount of water needed to extinguish fire.

Comes with two 5 gallon foam totes.

Like new, never used. Well maintained, stored in shop. Extra fire hoses negotiable. Paid \$13,000 brand new.

Asking \$6,000 OBO. May consider trades for hunting vehicle, Toyota/Suzuki, etc

Contact Donna 250-316-6526 (text/cell) or email dforseille@gmail.com

Or Jay at 250-316-6525 (text/cell)

WELLS BEST SENIOR ASSOCIATION

Community Bingo has been changed from April 6 to April 13 — make sure you join us for a fun evening in April — just a week later

WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Wells Chamber of Commerce just celebrated its 81st birthday! Huge thanks go out for all of the efforts put in over the years by businesses, institutions, and the individuals who have supported the Chamber efforts to promote local businesses and the community of Wells over the last 81 years.

The Wells Chamber of Commerce has received the funding from Destination BC to run the VIC at the highway location. We are looking to open by the Victoria Day weekend... which means... The VIC is Hiring! We are looking for students who are enrolled in courses for next year! Please see our hiring notice or contact jobs@wellsinfo.ca for more information.

CHAMBER MEETING! Come on down if you are curious what is coming up next. If you want a voice, please join! April 13th at 7pm location TBA.

Please email admin@wellschamber.ca if you have any questions. Join the Chamber!

Price is \$135 for the year, please pay Norma at the BNC mercantile by cheque or cash, we'd be happy to have you.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Branch 128 Ladies Auxiliary

Thursday, April 20th

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Northwoods Restaurant

Come and have some fun at Bingo Night!

Age 19 and over are welcome.

ISLAND MOUNTAIN ARTS

BILL BOURNE LIVE IN CONCERT

Wednesday, April 26th

Sunset Theatre, doors at 7pm, show starts at 7:30pm
\$20 tickets — cash concession & bar open

WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL EXHIBITION

Thursday, April 27th

IMA Gallery, starts at 5:30pm

Snacks and refreshments provided

SONGWRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline April 7 at Midnight

Island Mountain Arts and the ArtsWells Festival are pleased to announce a contest to win a scholarship to attend a four-day Pre-Festival Songwriting Workshop, August 1–4 with Canadian songwriters, Oh Susanna (Suzie Ungerleider), Don Kerr and Paul Linklater. Along with the scholarship the winner will be given a solo set at the 14th Annual ArtsWells Festival, August 4–7, 2017. The contest is open to emerging and professional songwriters who submit entries. Please see our website for more details.

2017 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Putting Life into Your Painting with Gesture

Saturday, May 20 – Monday, May 22, 2017

Lurking in the Belly of Poetry

Saturday, July 8 – Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Toni Onley Artists' Project for Professional and Emerging Artists *Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 16, 2017*

Songwriting with Oh Susanna

Tuesday, August 1 – Friday, August 4, 2017

Songwriting & Rhythm Day Camp for Ages 6-18

Tuesday, August 1 – Friday, August 4, 2017

Sing About It

Tuesday, August 1 – Thursday, August 3, 2017

31st Annual International Harp (& Cello) School

Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18, 2017

Life Drawing

Saturday, August 26 – Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Parts of the Whole: Nonfiction, Short Fiction and Poetry Narratives *Saturday, August 26 – Tuesday, August 29, 2017*

Painting Your Inner Mandala

Saturday, August 26 – Tuesday, August 29, 2017

IMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & 40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Sunday, May 14

Please join us at the Island Mountain Arts Gallery at 12pm on May 14 (Mother's Day) for the IMA Annual General Meeting. Later that evening join us at the Sunset Theatre at 6pm for a complimentary BBQ and cake to celebrate the 40th Anniversary season of Island Mountain Arts, then enjoy a concert with IMA Artists-in-Residence, Tiger Moon.

\$40 X 40 YEARS CAMPAIGN

Show Your Love for IMA

Island Mountain Arts is 40 years old! We've been growing a grassroots arts economy and creative community for decades, and we still need your help to keep doing the work we do!

Help fuel the fire... so we don't burn out! Your gift of \$40 to mark our 40 years will help support our continuing work with emerging and established artists from across the country and around the world. Any donation of \$40 or more will receive an historic Island Mountain Arts postcard in the mail. IMA is a registered Canadian charity. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

GROWING NORTH CARIBOO SOCIETY

GNCS is pleased to announce that the P4HC: NC / Partners for Healthier Communities Committee: North Cariboo has been awarded \$7500 from Northern Health under Stream Two: Imagining Community Resilience—Partnering for Healthier Communities Grant.

This grant will enable the work begun under Phase 1 of the Empowering Family Health project to be continued. The P4HC: NC is a stakeholder committee with representatives from a wide range of North Cariboo based agencies, organizations and non-profits. Co-Chaired by Cariboo Regional District Director Robin Sharpe, Mayor of Wells and Lynnette Winsor, Environmental Health Officer with Northern Health, its 2014 establishment was led by the Growing North Cariboo Society / GNC. Its mandate is to support programs and develop strategies that promote healthy eating, local food security, and physical activity. Much of its focus is on collaboration and supporting the development of partnerships as can be seen from its Terms of Reference and diverse membership.

The project "Empowering Family Health" was initiated in 2016 and was very successful. Under Phase 1, outreach to the communities occurred with a focus on the North Cariboo rural communities. Twenty-five workshops were held (with a total of 255 registrants), food preservation equipment purchased, a Country Club formed in Bouchie Lake, and the development of a Resource Inventory. The tagline for the project is "Growing North Cariboo Food & Community".

Phase 2 will build on the successes of Phase 1 with resources going to support workshops at Seedy Saturday 2017, the creation of a lending library to accompany the equipment in the 5 rural communities that received the equipment, the purchase of capital equipment for the Bouchie Lake Country Club's community food garden, the development of workshops related to harvesting and preservation to be held in four rural communities, and activities at the Quesnel Fall Fair.

"As co-chair of the Partners for Healthier Communities Committee: North Cariboo and Mayor of the District of Wells I am pleased that Northern Health has awarded our group additional funding for part two of our Empowering Family Health project. As many good projects began in our first phase I feel it will be a benefit to many small communities in the North Cariboo to see the projects continue and be expanded on."

— Robin Sharpe
Mayor of the District of Wells

"I am so impressed with what this group has done with the first phase of the project. Enjoy working with this group and excited to see what they can accomplish with the second phase of the project"

— Lynnette Winsor
Northern Health

For additional information on this project and its partners, please contact Heloise Dixon-Warren, GNC Director / Program Resource Development and Workshop Facilitator at empoweringfamilyhealth@gmail.com or check out www.empoweringfamilyhealth.blogspot.ca

COMMUNITY FUTURES – COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDS

Community Futures is now accepting applications for the following grants. Application deadline for this next round is April 30th, 2017:

1. BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP FUND

The Business & Entrepreneurship Fund provides up to \$5000 in funding for projects that directly support job creation and economic diversification in the North Cariboo region. Examples include projects that result in:

- > The replacement of goods and/or services that are being purchased from outside the region with locally-sourced goods and/or services;

- > Export opportunities for local businesses;
- > Increased tourism/visitor revenues;
- > New revenues and/or cost savings for business, and/or
- > Increased business and entrepreneurial skills.

For more information on the Business & Entrepreneurship Fund, please visit www.cfquesnel.com/community_support/businessandentrepreneurshipfund

2. FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

The Facilities & Equipment Fund provides up to \$2500 in funding for projects that support business and employee recruitment and retention by making Quesnel a better place to live.

For more information on the Facilities & Equipment Fund, please visit www.cfquesnel.com/community_support/facilitiesandequipmentfund

3. SPONSORSHIP FUND

The Sponsorship Fund provides up to \$500 in funding for projects or events that help make Quesnel a better place to live and/or support business and economic development.

For more information on the Sponsorship Fund, please visit www.cfquesnel.com/community_support/sponsorshipfund

These projects will also be evaluated for the extent to which they provide marketing or promotional opportunities for Community Futures training, counselling, and loans programs. Examples of potential marketing opportunities include:

- > Presentations and/or relationship building opportunities with potential business clients and key influencers – i.e. banks; accountants; bookkeepers; lawyers; real-estate agents; Quesnel Downtown Association; South Quesnel Business Association; West Quesnel Business Association; Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce; and First Nations groups.
- > Advertising/promotional recognition – i.e. published articles; signage; events; or social media.

The application deadlines for each of these funds are January 31st, April 30th, July 31st, and October 31st of each year.

To apply for any of these funds, please visit the links above. For more information, call our office at 250-992-2322 and ask to speak to our General Manager, Greg Lawrence.

REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

RESIDENTIAL

4387 Mildred Avenue

\$125,000

250-981-1416

4281 Sanders

\$119,000

250-962-6366

4215 Margaret Avenue

\$25,000 (open to offers)

778-885-7856 (Sheree)

canadianwest@shaw.ca

3933 Solibakke Street

Two bedroom, partially furnished

\$79,000

250-994-3449

4224 Blair

\$26,000

250-994-3384

2325 Bowman Crescent

\$191,000

250-994-3328

2335 Bowman Crescent

\$77,000

250-596-8018

Lot on Blair behind Wells Hotel

\$20,000

250-994-3427

Various Crown Lots

(Mildred and Solibakke)

250-398-4259

Timber Frame Home for Sale

4275 Blair Avenue

\$230,000

250-994-3323 or

shaz_brown@yahoo.ca

3771 Reduction Road

2bdm house on 6 lots

\$265,000

250-994-3245

Undeveloped view lots

2 to 3 lots for sale between 4390 and 4275 Blair Avenue

Most of the property has had the willows removed

\$30,000 for each lot

250-994-3323 (Sharon)

RENTALS

2x units available for short term from March 1 until June 30 in Good Eats Main Floor. Call Dave at 250-994-2320 for details.

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

4299 Burnett Avenue

\$249,000

Box 96, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

COMMERCIAL

2338 Bowman Crescent

3700 sq.ft. renovated live-work-retail space

\$298,000

amazingspacestudio.com

Willow River

\$125,000

250-994-3245

"The Good Eats"

4214 Blair Avenue

Unique heritage building 3 x Self Contained Units + Full Basement/Workshop

\$215,000

604-817-1996 (Dave)