

WellSpring

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Northern Development and Small Business BC to provide unlimited webinar access to small businesses

Small businesses who participate in the Love Northern BC shop local program and the Supply Chain Connector procurement platform will now have unlimited access to educational webinars, thanks to a one-year partnership between Small Business BC and Northern Development Initiative Trust.

The partnership will provide nearly 4,000 eligible businesses unlimited access to close to 300 small business webinars covering more than 40 business topics.

The partnership follows a four-month pilot project late 2017 that saw more than 50 businesses register for 481 seminars at a value of more than \$21,000.

Accessing practical business education can be a challenge for small businesses throughout the region as many who require the training may not have the financial resources to access it. In-person training is often delivered in the lower mainland requiring both time and money to attend, which many small businesses in northern B.C. can't afford.

The partnership between Northern Development and Small Business BC will help businesses in the region access premier practical education via webinar, which reduces the need for costly travel and provides increased flexibility for busy business owners via live recordings of the sessions.

Small Business BC webinars provide up-to-date information and tactics on current business trends and strategies designed to help small businesses

improve, succeed, and remain competitive, which can have an immediate impact on business operations.

Northern Development is dedicated to supporting the economic growth of small businesses across the region. Through this partnership with Small Business BC, businesses in the north will be able to continue being leaders in job creation, new revenues and the improvement of the quality of life in the region.

Eligible businesses will be able to register for the webinars through the Small Business BC website using special codes provided by Northern Development. Members can participate in the webinars from home via Adobe Connect and will have access to live recordings of the webinars for up to seven days.

Access to this program will run through to December 31, 2018 and will be reviewed in an ongoing basis. For a complete list of current webinar offerings, please visit smallbusinessbc.ca. ✨



PRESS RELEASE

Prince George, BC, January 10, 2018

Wells Museum and Historical Society



The Wells Museum and Historical Society is pleased to invite you to our first event of the year!

B.C. HERITAGE WEEK COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 19, 6 – 8 PM

For BC Heritage Week, the museum will be hosting an open house on February 19, 2018. We will provide personal tours of the museum and will have never before displayed artifacts for viewing!

The Wells Museum has been collecting local history for over thirty years and is happy to showcase some rarely displayed artifacts and documents for the community. These will include a glass table in pieces with inscribed geological levels and historical photographs.

We will also be announcing the "Adopt an Archival Photo" program. To learn more about the museum's collection and become a part of the museum community, join us any time from 6 - 8 PM.

This year is ramping up for the museum and we are pleased to invite you to the Wells Museum Community Open House on February 19.

We will also be celebrating the new Wells Museum website launch at the open house. Refreshments will be available and donations are welcome! ✨

Wells Museum and Historical Society

by Kaitlyn Puffalt, Wells Museum Intern

Wells holds within it a torrent of memory for the people who have had the fortune to call it their home. The amazing landscape, exciting events, and wonderful community have kept people coming back. Owing to this the Wells Museum has no lack of stories amassed from past citizens. In 1984 the Wells community held a golden anniversary, inviting people and their memories back to the town for a summer weekend of good food and even better company. Many people came and many sent in their recollections of the town and the people they knew. One of those people was Thomas H. Munn.

Thomas Munn lived in a logging camp in his earliest days after his birth in 1908. He and his family left for Vancouver in 1922 but Tom returned to his boyhood stomping grounds each summer holiday during high school and university. After graduating as a civil engineer in 1931, Tom joined the federal government and began drafting roadways. With two years of the Great Depression under the govern-

ment's belt and another ten to go, the make work project of road construction ground to a halt and closed down six months after it began. Although civil engineering careers were hard to come by, Tom worked many odd jobs in the first years after his graduation. Then, in 1934, the Roosevelt administration implemented the Gold Reserve Act which raised the price of gold from \$20.67 to \$35.00 per Troy ounce.

With no other prospects and an eagerness to find permanent employment, Tom and a friend decided to chance their luck in the Cariboo where tales of a gold rush were flowing to the south. Hopping into a like-minded stranger's car, Tom and his friend left for Barkerville in May of 1934. The old sedan, loaded with camping gear, luggage, and more bodies than room, made its way over many miles of ruts, potholes, and spring mud. Once settled in a tent outside Barkerville, Tom found work with the Newmont Mining Corporation as a surveyor for the early exploration of Island Mountain.

Tom Munn resided in the Wells-Barkerville region until 1941. He witnessed the rise of the Island Mountain Mine, Cariboo Gold Quartz Mine, and the town of Wells.



Heritage
Stands the Test
of Time

Heritage Week
February 19 - 25, 2018

Inspirably woven through Indigenous identity and life, Indigenous heritage is conveyed through ideas, objects, language, and artistic practice.

Reaching into the past, Indigenous heritage exists in living memory, passed from one generation to the next.

Through the passage of time, cultural heritage endures, remaining essential and meaningful, and standing the test of time.

HeritageBC
heritagebc.ca

This Heritage Week, celebrate your community by visiting the many unique places and spaces in your community and share your experiences with the world.
#MyBCis #MyCanadais

Let's do this! We're doing something. The Government of British Columbia



Tom met his wife in Wells and settled down, even playing Santa at Christmas for children at the community hall. He rose to manager at Island Mountain and saw tragedy and happiness blossom in this little mining town.

Wells owes its founding to the enterprising people of the depression searching for a future and its survival to those in recent years searching for a place to belong. It represents the dream and reality of Canada and maintains its pride of place in the memories of the people who know it. 🌸

COMMUNITY NEWS

CCCTA

One of the things we've learned from talking to you this past year is that many of you know you should be using social media to enhance your marketing, but maybe you just don't know how. That's why we've put together some workshops tailored to your own level of expertise to show how you can make it work for you.

Register directly at the following links:

INTERMEDIATE

February 15, 2018, 10:30-11:30am
www.attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7193346305644316930

ADVANCED

March 15, 2018, 10:30-11:30am
www.register.gotowebinar.com/register/7081563356495117314

The workshops will be fully interactive and you can join from either our office, or from the comfort of your own home/business. Just click the link to register and you'll be given all the instructions you'll need to join the workshops!

For questions or support please contact kelly@landwithoutlimits.com

WILDFIRE RECOVERY TEAM

10 STEPS TO PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS FOR EVACUATION

The Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Quesnel Wildfire Recovery Team, is pleased to be hosting BC Economic Development Association President and CEO, Dale Wheeldon, to review the 10 Steps to Prepare Your Business for Evacuation.

The 2017 wildfires presented challenges for businesses and many were not ready to evacuate. In an effort to help businesses prepare for possible evacuations in the future, the BC Economic Development Association has prepared a list of steps to follow. We will review these steps including protecting your information, preparing for an insurance claim, communicating with staff, and much more.

Date February 13th, 2018

Time 11:00am - 2:00pm

Location Billy Barker Showroom

For more information, feel free to contact the Chamber office at 250.992.7262

Online registration here: www.events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eenvzj77f74b-21c0&oseq=8c=8ch=

WILDFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

In response to the 2017 wildfires in the Cariboo Chilcotin region of the Province, the Wildfire Recovery Support Program (WRS) has been launched. In a coordinated effort, it is being delivered throughout the region by three Community Futures offices, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Ashcroft. Each office will cover its local and regional mandated area.

The main purpose of the program is to offer hands on support to businesses in the region who have been affected by the wildfires. The program which is sponsored by Northern Development Initiative Trust and CCBAC will offer affected businesses both referrals to supporting agencies as well as personal administrative help. During the recovery process, many businesses have failed to apply for or seek out

the available grants such as the Red Cross Phase I and II, Agricultural Supports, Health & Wellness programming and other financial opportunities such as supplemented business loans. The reasons for this are mixed and include lack of time, lack of resources, limited internet access, English barriers and lack of information.

To overcome these barriers, the program Ambassadors will focus on meeting owner/operators from all business sectors in their regions. Once the specific needs of the business have been identified via a short questionnaire, referrals and assistance will be offered. Statistics from these meetings will be gathered and submitted to the funders for tracking purposes. The results will also be used to identify current and future assistance which may not yet be identified. The program will run until October 2018 and will make available ongoing information to businesses as programs and funding come on line.

QUESNEL & AREA

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UPDATE: Simon and Laurie will be coming to Wells in **February 15** for a meet and greet. Please look for posters and FB announcements of this upcoming event!!!

RED CROSS — SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

The second phase of the Canadian Red Cross Support to Small Business / Cultural Livelihood Program, funded by the Government of B.C., will provide additional financial assistance for Small Businesses and First Nations Cultural Livelihoods impacted by the British Columbia 2017 fires. This additional financial assistance is to support fixed and new expenses that are uninsured and that have occurred as a result of interrupted business operations due to the fires.

This program opens Nov. 20, 2017 and is available until April 6, 2018.

Wells was fortunate to have a member of the Red Cross come to the community

on December 13 to answer questions and take application and a number of businesses and non-profits took advantage of this. We are hoping to make this available again in the new year, but have yet to book a date for this. If this is arranged additional bulletins will be sent out.

UPDATE: The Red Cross will be visiting Wells again in February. If you missed them the first time this would be a good opportunity to get your application answers or filed with their assistance. Look for the posters and FB updates for the exact date later in February.

UNMET NEEDS

Have you seen the UNMET NEEDS survey?

www.surveymonkey.com/r/27HLTBJ

Check this link out for information and what the next step will be.



The image shows a survey titled "WILDFIRE RECOVERY - UNMET NEEDS". The survey asks "What is an 'Unmet Need'?" and provides a definition: "Unmet needs" refers to those needs that are not met, cannot be met, or have not been met, through a variety of service organizations (e.g. Red Cross), or Federal, Provincial and Local Authority or First Nations programs. Typical unmet needs can include the following: water, power, access, financial assistance, housing, food, transportation, home furnishings, medical, debris removal, counseling. In Wells, unmet needs would also address services or support that local businesses need. To aid in the identification of unmet needs, we are requesting that you take the time to answer the following five (5) questions and return this survey to the Wildfire Recovery Manager as soon as possible. There is an "OK" button at the bottom.

WELCOME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY POTLUCK

February 22, 2018

"People who love to eat are always the best people" —Julia Child

Held on the 4th Thursday of each month the Community Potluck will be held in the Banquet Room of the Community Hall.

We encourage everyone to join together for good food, stories and laughter.

In the tradition of prior community potlucks you are encouraged to bring something to share and to bring your own plate and cutlery. 🌱

WELLS CORRIDOR ANALYSIS

PL 415/615 – UNBC URBAN DESIGN

In the fall of 2017, the professors and students from UNBC Ecologic Design class visited Wells to develop a design to improve the connectivity in Wells. They made a full presentation at the Council meeting on December 12, 2017, but the information was both interesting and valuable and so, we will reproduce parts of it in upcoming Wellsprings. The students addressed four target areas:

1. 1.5 km Corridor that connects commercial districts of North and South Wells (Pooley Street and Highway 26)
2. 2.7 hectare riparian area separating North and South Wells
3. Significant slope along Pooley Street
4. South Wells commercial district fronts onto Highway 26

This is a part of the of the report where they reported on Climate, Solar Access and Shadow Analysis.

The District of Wells is located in a valley and is divided by a riparian area created by the Willow River. Connectivity and accessibility for the town's elderly, parents with strollers, and those with limited mobility

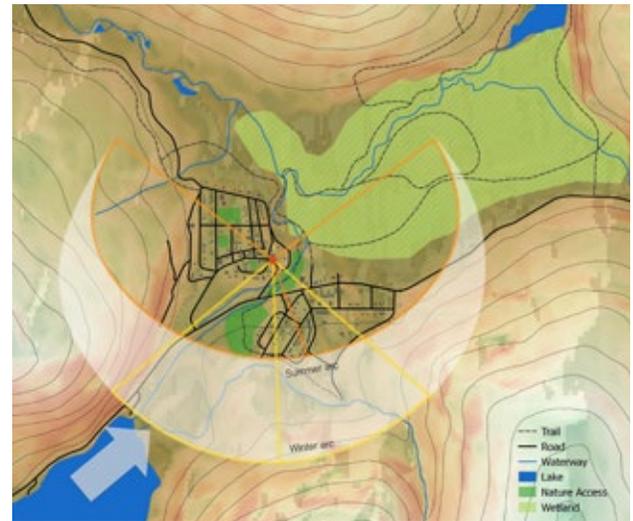
issues presents a range of daily challenges. Our team performed a corridor analysis on the two main thoroughfares in Wells with the objective of informing a corridor design that can improve quality of life for town's residents and encourage passing visitors to "stop-off" in the town!

MICROCLIMATE

The small mining and cultural arts community of Wells lies deep in the heart of the Cariboo Mountains of Central British Columbia. Due to the local topography, the community and surrounding mountains create a distinct microclimate. The winters are long, with the first snows of winter usually arriving towards the end of September and lasting until the end of April or May the following year; during which time some of the heaviest snowfalls in the whole of Canada can be found. Summers are short and warm, and growing fresh vegetables can be a challenge. The valley that houses the Willow River and the Jack of Clubs Lake to the southwest of the town funnels

the Prevailing Wind from that direction year-round. The wind blows up the hill

SOLAR ACCESS



onto Pooley Street, and along across the marshland to the northeast of the town.

Solar Access along the project corridor can be approximated by examining the sun's position at sunrise and sunset on the summer and winter solstices. On the summer solstice the sun rises to the northeast of the town (47°) at 04:45 and sets to the northwest of the town (298°) at 21:33. On the shortest day of the year, December 21st, sunrise is 08:19 from the southeast (129°), and sets at 15:51 over the Jack of Clubs Lake (215°). Wells receives 7 hours and 32 minutes of daylight on the shortest day of the year, compared to the 17 hours and 48 minutes of sunlight on the longest.

To examine the influence of solar access on the design of the corridor a Shadow Analysis was conducted looking at shading from buildings on the summer and winter solstice and the equinoxes. In general, most of the properties receive adequate sunlight and are not overshadowed by other buildings. If Pooley Street is to have an enhanced streetscape that encourages tourists to linger, then the provision for sunshade in the form of trees may prove a useful addition. Also, during the public engagement session it was stated "the north side of Pooley street gets all the sunshine", making it a suitable place for public seating, planters or a play area for children.

SHADOW ANALYSIS

June 21st 20:00 hours



December 21st 16:00 hours



Summer Solstice



Winter Solstice



Next month in the Wellspring, some ideas from the students on Pedestrian and Accessibility Audit and Sightlines.

CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM – SHOVELLER

The District of Wells received a grant from the Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program to provide snow shoveling services in the District of Wells. As such, the Snow Removal Program is a new pilot program and is totally subsidized by the grant.

The Snow Removal Shoveller contract will be from February 19 – April 30, 2018

Responsibilities:

Reporting to the Public Works Superintendent, the Snow Shoveller will:

- > Be assigned program participants;
- > Remove snow around participants houses, consisting of one door, path to door and front path to roadway or driveway. For additional requests, fees may be negotiated between participants and the Shoveller;
- > Be available and respond to general service calls within 12 hours of snow fall and be able to respond to urgent calls within 6 hours, as required;
- > Check-in socially with program participants during service calls;
- > Keep accurate records of service and report to the Public Works Superintendent regularly;
- > Maintain professionalism and confidentiality at all times;
- > Access for shovels, scoops, salt and grit/de-icer will be through the Public Works Superintendent;
- > Other duties as reasonably assigned and agreed upon.

Requirements:

- > Reliable, flexible and responsive to service calls;
- > Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with diverse groups of people, particularly seniors and persons with disabilities;

- > Demonstrated ability to maintain a courteous and professional demeanour;
- > Experience with snow removal and applying de-icing salt around houses;
- > Awareness of and ability to follow safety guidelines while shoveling snow;
- > Physically able to shovel snow from several houses, continuously, in possibly severe weather;
- > Access to full winter apparel such as winter coat, boots, gloves and hat to work outdoors in winter weather;
- > Access to vehicle or means to travel to participant houses.

Interested and qualified persons are asked to forward resumes to office@wells.ca, Attention: Snow Removal Program, Shoveller. Resumes can also be hand delivered to the District of Wells office at 4243 Sander Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0.

Deadline to apply for this contract is **Thursday, February 15 at 4:30 pm**

CRD BOARD HIGHLIGHTS from January 12, 2018

NEW CCRHD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTED

At today's meeting, the CCRHD Board elected Director Bob Simpson as Chair and Director Al Richmond as Vice-Chair of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District for 2018.

FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON CCRHD PROVISIONAL BUDGET

The CCRHD Board endorsed its provisional five-year financial plan. Tax requisitions will be maintained at a residential tax rate of \$70 per \$100,000 of net taxable assessed value for each year of the 2018-2022 Five Year Financial Plan. The CCRHD maintains its debt-free status.

Residents are encouraged to review the documents and provide feedback prior to their final adoption on March 23, 2018. Hard copies of both the CCRHD and CRD budgets are available for viewing at all three CRD offices and in the CRD Branch Libraries in 100 Mile House, Quesnel and Williams Lake. The budgets can also be viewed at cariboord.ca under Services > Finance > Business & Financial Plans.

WILDFIRE & RECOVERY PRESENTATIONS

The Cariboo Regional District Board heard two presentations regarding the 2017 wildfires and recovery efforts. Jeff Kelly of Safeguard Training gave a presentation on effective community wildfire preparedness, planning and response plans.

Albert Nussbaum, from the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, provided a detailed update on fire recovery progress, Annual Allowable Cut determinations and the resulting impact from this summer's wildfires.

CANADIAN RED CROSS UPDATE

Three representatives from the Canadian Red Cross shared with CRD Board about their recovery efforts to date after the 2017 wildfires and their funding programs.

Red Cross has active support centres in Williams Lake and 100 Mile House. Organizations should consider applying to the Community Partnerships Program for funding towards welcome home events, mental health support, traditional food and outstanding fire season expenses. The Support to Small Business program is in Phase Two and businesses are encouraged to apply; a third phase is also in development. Additional programs are in development related to home repair and reconstruction and disaster risk reduction.

Contact Red Cross at 1-800-863-6582 or visit redcross.ca for more information. Residents can also contact the CRD's Recovery Manager at recovery@cariboord.ca or 1-866-759-4977.

CELEBRATING THE CRD'S 50TH

2018 marks the Cariboo Regional District's 50th anniversary. The Board is planning several celebratory events and activities, including birthday parties at all CRD libraries, a photo contest and a float for community events and parades. Look for more details throughout the year as the Regional District commemorates serving the Cariboo region for 50 years. ❁

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Community Bus Bingo Seniors Centre: 7pm BGM Community Information Mtg Banquet Room 7pm	2 Curling Surprise Bon Spiel	3 Library 1 – 4:30pm Recycling 11 – 2pm Curling Surprise Bon Spiel Tiger Moon Concert Sunset Theatre 8pm
4 Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	5 Library 6:30 – 9pm	6 Library 6:30 – 9pm District Council Meeting 7 pm Curling 7pm	7 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice Fire Hall: 7pm	8 Community Bus Curling 7pm	9	10 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
11 Recycling Open 11 – 2pm Wells Snowmobile Poker Run	12 FAMILY DAY	13 Library 6:30 – 9pm Curling 7pm	14 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice Fire Hall: 7pm Jacks Dinner Theatre 7pm	15 Community Bus Curling 7pm Wildfire Recovery Meet and Greet	16 Mini Mural Exhibit IMA Gallery Jacks Dinner Theatre 7pm	17 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm WATS Gourmet Ski
18 Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	19 Library 6:30 – 9pm Wells Museum Open House	20 Library 6:30 – 9pm District Council Meeting 7 pm Curling 7pm	21 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice Fire Hall: 7pm	22 Community Bus Community Potluck 6–8pm Curling 7pm	23	24 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Recycling Open 11 – 2pm
25 Recycling Open 11 – 2pm	26 Library 6:30 – 9pm	27 Library 6:30 – 9pm	28 Library 1:00 – 4:30pm Fire Practice Fire Hall: 7pm			

REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

RESIDENTIAL

2325 Bowman Crescent

Double lot, 4 bedrooms,
2 full bathrooms.

\$150,000 250-994-3328

2335 Bowman Crescent

\$77,000 250-596-8018

4275 Blair Avenue

Timber Frame Home for Sale
\$230,000 250-994-3323
or shaz_brown@yahoo.ca

4215 Margaret Avenue

\$25,000 (open to offers)
778-885-7856 (Sheree)
canadianwest@shaw.ca

Lot on Blair

behind Wells Hotel
\$20,000 250-994-3427

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)

4387 Mildred Avenue

\$125,000 250-981-1416

Various Crown Lots

(Mildred and Solibakke)
250-398-4259

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

4299 Burnett Avenue

\$325,500
Box 96, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

COMMERCIAL

"The Good Eats" 4214 Blair Avenue

Unique heritage building
3 x Self Contained Units +
Full Basement/Workshop
\$215,000 604-817-1996

Two Commercially Zoned Lots

On Barkerville Highway west of
the RCMP station.

\$30,000 each.
Call 250-994-3340 or email
rtwright@goldrushbc.com

2338 Bowman Crescent

3700 sq.ft. renovated
live-work-retail space
\$298,000
www.amazingspacestudio.com

RENTALS

Good Eats Main Floor

2x units available for short term
from March 1 until June 30
Details: Dave at 250-994-2320