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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find the November edition of the NCLGA Connector Newsletter.

Thank you,  
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# NCLGA CONNECTOR

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## BIOENERGY FOR THE VILLAGE OF TELKWA

The Village of Telkwa's new wood-fired bioenergy heating system is about to come online. When fully operational the bioenergy system will heat not only the village office, but also the elementary school, five private residences and a local pub.

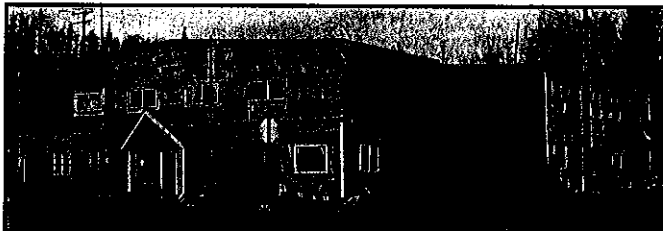
Much of the funding for the \$680,000 project came from the federal Gas Tax Fund, with \$400,000 being used for the bioenergy system and the remainder to retrofit the village office.

The village acted as its own contractor for the project, with about 90% of the work being done locally.

The system will include a 300kW chip boiler that will be housed in the municipal office space. The wood chips required will mostly come from mountain pine beetle killed wood found throughout the Telkwa region. Log harvesting and hauling is all to be done by Telkwa area contractors, which will help to keep the money within the local economy.

Another benefit of using the dry beetle kill wood is that it helps to protect Telkwa residents from the threat of wildfires in the surrounding forests by removing the tinder dry biomass.

The grand opening of the renovated village office will take place in the spring when the last of the siding is finished and the vestibule entrances have been added.



*Telkwa village office under renovation.*



*Boiler heating system.*



## *Lest We Forget*



*They shall not grow old,  
as we who are left, grow old.  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morn, we will remember them.*

Folks, it is already November. Not only are we expecting the first fall of snow anytime (and some parts of our region have already seen it!), it's time to put away the golf clubs and fishing rods, and it is also a time when we pause to remember.

We remember those men and women who gave their lives so that we could live in peace. We also remember those in our armed forces who continue to serve and place their lives on the line to protect freedom and to strive for peace.

We must also remember those men and women who have served our communities in the political way. Not always were their efforts appreciated by all, but they did what they thought was right. Their end goal was to build better communities for their children and grandchildren. I think they did a pretty good job and I say thank you. Thanks for everything you have done so that I, and my family, can enjoy a very high standard of life in a province where we all have the opportunity to work and provide for our families. We are blessed to live in a country where we enjoy such peace and prosperity.

Friends of NCLGA, there will be many tough decisions to be made in the near future, by local and provincial government representatives. These decisions will shape our lives for many years to come. I urge everyone to consider the memories of those who have gone before, consult often, and in a friendly way, so that our future, and our children and grandchildren's future, will be a safe and prosperous one.

*Bruce D. Christensen*  
NCLGA President

**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**

### CHETWYND WINS COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Congratulations to the **District of Chetwynd** who received a 2013 Communities in Bloom "5-Bloom Award" in the non-evaluated category.

Chetwynd's Community Showcase entries included:

- 2013 Chainsaw Carving Championship
- Spirit Park
- Beautiful Gardens Contest



Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program.

### PROJECT ORANGE THUMB NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUNDING



Have you heard of Fiskars Project Orange Thumb? If you are part of a community garden group or civic organization you can apply for a grant of \$5,000 in cash and garden tools to help reach goals of change through the community garden movement.

The **deadline to apply is December 31st**, grant recipients will be announced on March 31st, 2014.

For more information and inspiration visit:

[www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb/](http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb/)

There are two Canadian projects listed on the Fiskars website from last year:

- Milky Way Garden, Toronto
- Community Roots Urban Farm, Halifax

### WIRELESS EXPANSION IN THE NCLGA REGION

New expanded wireless services are coming online across several areas of the NCLGA region. The \$450,000 TELUS investment is part of the 10-year "Connecting British Columbia" agreement signed with the Province in 2011. This agreement will improve wireless access to more than 1,700 km of primary and secondary highways in BC.

Expanded services include stretches of:

- Hwy. 16 between Prince Rupert and Terrace
- Hwy. 16 Hazelton area
- Hwy. 97 Pine Pass near Tumbler Ridge
- Hwy. 97 Pine River Breaks Provincial Park
- Hwy. 77 North of Fort Nelson



### TD GREEN STREETS FUNDING

TD Green Streets funding is available to Canadian local governments and Aboriginal communities. Collaborative projects involving two or more communities are encouraged, and municipalities may apply in partnership with their community partners.

A minimum of 50 per cent matching funding must come from other non-TD Green Streets funding such as municipalities, Lions Clubs, donations, etc. In-kind contributions cannot exceed 25 per cent of the total program costs.

(Communities who have received TD Green Streets funding in the past are welcome to re-apply.)

**Applications must be received by:  
January 10, 2014**

For more information visit:

<http://treecanada.ca/en/programs/td-green-streets/who-can-apply/>



# Green Streets



### PRINCE GEORGE RANKS HIGH IN TOP ENTREPRENEURIAL CITIES

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business ranked Prince George 37 out of 107 Canadian cities when it comes to being an "entrepreneurial" city. Within British Columbia itself, Prince George placed even higher in third place behind Penticton and Kelowna. Congratulations!



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY DECEMBER 4, 2013 - VANCOUVER

CivicInfo BC and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) are presenting a one-day CivX session "Open Government, Open Data, and Open Future".

Featuring:

- A full day of amazing 20-minute presentations
- Cutting edge ideas for local governments
- A unique venue that fosters open dialogue

CivX events are one-day seminars designed to be an idea exchange for anyone within the BC local government sector. Each event focuses on a specific theme with short 20-minute presentations.

[www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/CivX2013](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/CivX2013)

Or call (250) 383-4898 for more information.

**AMTA FIRST GRADUATES FROM HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

The British Columbia Aboriginal Mine Training Association has recently graduated the first eight northwest Heavy Equipment Operator candidates. The training program took place in New Aiyansh and Terrace. Students were provided with foundational skills and hands-on knowledge for working on a variety of job sites requiring heavy equipment.

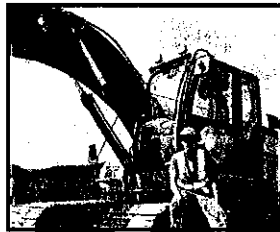


A combination of classroom simulator and on-site learning, with low student-to-instructor ratios allowed students to accumulate "in-seat" hours on each piece of equipment—including backhoe, bulldozer, grader, rock truck, loader, excavator and packer.

BC AMTA celebrated the completion of the program in New Aiyansh where local First Nations, AMTA staff, candidates and their families were in attendance.

BC AMTA's mission is to be the best team in Canada empowering First Nations to create economic health for themselves and their communities through skills training, education and career opportunities.

*Shane Fullarton,  
Ktunaxa Nation  
BC AMTA student*



[www.bcamta.ca/our-mission](http://www.bcamta.ca/our-mission)

**WOOD INNOVATION AND DESIGN CENTRE CONSTRUCTION WEBCAM - PRINCE GEORGE**

Do you find live webcam broadcasts as interesting as we do? You can watch the Wood Innovation and Design Centre being built in real time:

[www.unbc.ca/engineering/watch-construction-future-home-engineering-live](http://www.unbc.ca/engineering/watch-construction-future-home-engineering-live)



*Artist's concept of the WIDC building.*

**MAKING IT RIGHT**

The City of Williams Lake was inadvertently left off the list of the 2013 Community Excellence Winners that were given out at UBCM. Williams Lake was among those honoured in the Partnerships category for the Remembering, Recovering, and Reconciling - St. Joseph's Mission Residential School Commemorative Project. Our apologies for the oversight.

**ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS IN NORTHEAST**

Four adult literacy programs in northeast BC have received \$106,000 in funding from the provincial Community Adult Literacy Program:

- ◆ Sikanni Learning Centre, Fort Nelson \$31,000
- ◆ Fort St. John Literacy Society CALP \$32,000
- ◆ Fort Nelson Family Literacy Drop In \$22,000
- ◆ Dawson Creek CALP \$22,000



All of the funded programs help adult learners with everything from basic literacy to getting their high school diploma.

**UNBC TIED FOR 3RD MACLEAN'S RANKING**

Out of 19 small Canadian universities the University of Northern British Columbia has tied for 3rd place. UNBC ranked high in three categories:

- ◆ Student Awards - third in Canada in the number of students per 1,000 who have won national awards.
- ◆ Student/Faculty Ratio - second in Canada for number of teachers per student.
- ◆ Research Funding - third in Canada for total research dollars per faculty member.
- ◆ The university ranked fourth in Canada for the number of professors who have won national awards.

UNBC also ranked high in the Globe and Mail annual University report, receiving one of only six As for environmental commitment.

The Prince George Chamber of Commerce recently presented UNBC with the "Environmental Leadership" award as its annual Business Excellence Awards.

