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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## HEATHER TURNER



**MY TWO** (now adult) daughters have often remarked about how they thought our dinner conversations were “cool” when they were children and young teens. We would ask them what new information they had learned and also what physical activity they had done. If they hadn’t had much activity and their schedules allowed, we tried to build some in before bed time. These daily conversations reinforced to them that physical activity was a family value along with school learning. They tell us that it made a difference in how they looked at play and movement as young people and it still influences them today.

I used to joke that I had children so I had an excuse to colour, make snowmen, swing high, and dance like no one is watching.

We give ourselves permission to do those things if we are with children, but why only then? I do think that current adults embrace their own right to play more than those of past generations when successful adults were seen as those that were always serious and hard-working but I have little doubt that we could all benefit from more play in our lives!

As this magazine celebrates the 150th birthday of our country, I considered what play may have looked like in the early years. Research reveals that exploration, risk-taking, getting lost and navigating elements of nature were the norm for children in play. There were very little organized sport or registered lessons, and certainly no fascinating technology. Compare this to today when

it’s common for play dates to be arranged and supervised by parents and children required to stay within arm’s reach of an adult at all times. Our sector has played a role in the shift to a focus on safety over fun and we now need to gently swing back the pendulum to a better balance. This movement is happening in communities that we all live and work in. It’s about time and very exciting!

We are so lucky to be part of the recreation and parks sector which positively impacts residents every single day. I look forward with optimism to 2017 and opportunities to excel, collaborate and play.

**HEATHER TURNER**

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

## REBECCA TUNNAcliffe



**CANADA'S** sesquicentennial will shine a year-long light on the value to communities of recreation and parks. The activities you plan that bring the neighbourhood together in celebration, the facilities, trails and open spaces you draw them to, will remind the less active of the physical, social, cultural, and health benefits of recreation and of connecting with each other.

I have strong memories of Canada's centennial celebrations in my small town. Recreation leaders created unique opportunities to come together with neighbours in activities to

commemorate 100 years. My passion for sewing was born then, as an 8 year old child, when all were invited to create an 1867 costume for the July 1st parade and fair. Making clothes remains a recreational pleasure that enriches my life and connects me with others.

As you plan your community's unique celebrations for 2017, know that you will be inviting memories, friendships, and the discovery of new pursuits. You are also enabling the unexpected connections that form when we participate in community-based recreation.

Canada's sesquicentennial will shine a year-long light on the value to communities of recreation and parks.

BCRPA, through CPRA's partnership with ParticipACTION, will be sharing with you ideas from the 150 Play List to galvanize your sesquicentennial celebrations.

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## INTRODUCTION TO WINTER 2017



CANADA 150

**FOR THOSE OF US** old enough to remember Canada's centennial year in 1967, you may recall attending local celebrations, singing the song 'Can-a-da', Centennial coins and bank notes, or the installation of the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. I remember well the family excursion in the station wagon to Expo '67, the big party that was held in Montreal that year.

For those not old enough to remember 50 years ago, 2017 will be about the making of memories for the next generations of Canadians. The year-long celebration for Canada 150 kicked-off on New Year's Eve with exciting performances held in 19 urban centres across the country including Vancouver and Victoria. As this issue of the magazine goes live, the sesqui-centennial year is underway!

To those connected to the field of parks, recreation and culture in British Columbia, Canada 150 has provided a stimulus for hundreds

of local BC initiatives, many of which have secured federal funding as an assist. This issue of Recreation & Parks BC profiles a number of local initiatives tied to Canada 150 and the national celebration.

The Canada 150 Infrastructure Program announced 115 successful projects (Round 1) in British Columbia that were selected based on establish priorities:

- Upgrade recreational facilities
- Advance a clean growth economy
- Impact on Indigenous communities and peoples

In addition, funding was made available via the Canada 150 Fund to "create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada." Most local municipalities will benefit from these additional funds in this milestone year of celebration.

With these priorities in mind, this issue of the magazine features projects, initiatives and resources that reflect each of these established priorities.

From the Cariboo Region, we will hear from the City of Williams Lake about the Sam Ketcham Pool Renovations project that

was successful in receiving the maximum \$500,000 federal Canada 150 infrastructure funding to upgrade its recreation facility.

From the Lower Mainland, we feature the City of New Westminister's Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway project that secured \$450,000 of federal Canada 150 infrastructure funding to further the vision for a clean growth economy in its community.

From Vancouver Island and South Coast Region, we profile Kwakwaka'wakw Nations and the community of Port Hardy. Read about their collaborative art project and unveiling event scheduled in 2017 that will nurture the growth of respect, recognition, and understanding of local First Nations' culture.

And finally, to serve as a 'tool kit' for our members, Abby Fortune has compiled a list of resources that you can access to ensure that your community is connected to the many resources available in 2017, including what she refers to as "the big database of fun!", the 150 Alliance.

I hope you will make station wagon (EV?) memories of your own as we celebrate Canada 150 in 2017!

# CANADA 150

## A LEGACY PROJECT FOR THE CARIBOO REGION



**IF ALL FOLLOWS SCHEDULE**, the City of Williams Lake will have a fully renovated and expanded pool and fitness facility open to the public in the fall of 2017, completed during the Canada 150 anniversary year. After almost 40 years of service the “old” Sam Ketcham Pool was showing its age and had developed numerous structural and mechanical issues and was not meeting changing program requirements. Based on this, a detailed public consultation process preceded the commitment to embark upon this \$13.1M project.

Funding from a number of partners including the Government of Canada’s Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, helped make this dream a reality. With the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex at the heart of the region, people from a large geographic area rely on the Sam Ketcham Pool for swimming lessons, lifeguard courses, swim club, aquafit, and lap and leisure swimming. For these reasons, the City and Regional District have made keeping the facility open during renovations a priority.

For almost two years leading up to the 2014 municipal election and referendum, City and Regional District staff and council members undertook a comprehensive communication and consultation strategy. Presentations to council, community surveys, and meetings with user groups initiated the process. The diverse population and large geographical area necessitated

creative ways to reach out. Engagement through social media provided an effective way to share clear facts about the project, plans and costs, information session dates, and a forum to answer questions and debunk myths. Staffed displays at local grocery and department stores provided an opportunity to engage with hundreds of people from every corner of the Cariboo.

In October 2014, one month before the election and referendum, West Fraser Timber Co., a local corporation, announced continued support for the proposed pool project with a \$500,000 donation. They supported the original construction in 1981 in the memory of one of the company’s founders Sam Ketcham, and were pleased to support the project again.

Following a successful public information process, the November 15, 2014

referendum that sought public consent for the Cariboo Regional District to borrow up to \$10M for the Sam Ketcham Pool upgrade passed with a support level of 68%. A working group, comprised of elected officials and staff from both the City and the Regional District, formed to guide the detailed design and construction process, including the procurement of architectural, engineering and other consultants as required.

On July 30, 2015, the City of Williams Lake was pleased to receive \$500,000 for the Sam Ketcham Pool upgrade under the Government of Canada’s Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Combined with other funding sources that include: \$4,427,500 through the Federal Gas Tax Fund (which included \$427,500 in Regional District Community Works Funds for specific energy efficiency upgrades), and \$4M from an internal Strategic Priorities Fund. Another \$250,000 in





BETH HOLDEN

support was secured from Northern Development Initiative Trust. Grants and donations now total over \$5.6M of the \$13.1M budget for the project. While the local governments continue to pursue funding from other sources to minimize the capital borrowing requirements, the diversity of the funding already secured is impressive. The significant reduction of borrowed funds required will reduce the pressure on the local tax base for years to come.

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Phase One of construction started in March 2016. This phase focuses on building a new lap pool, larger fitness centre, enhanced family change rooms, and resurfacing and expansion of the parking lot. All of this work is occurring while keeping the old pool open, a monumental and complex task given the lay-out of the existing facility. In these first stages of the project, much

of the construction was not visible to the public. To keep community interest and support, a web camera was installed and photos are available online. The camera takes a construction photo every ten minutes. Each month these photos are pulled together to create a short time lapse video showing the scope of work completed during the time period. By posting them on the Sam Ketcham Pool Project Facebook page the public can easily see the magnitude of the project.

As construction progresses, patrons are amazed by the limited disruption to service. With amenities reduced, no hot pool or steam room and a limited fitness centre, admissions fees have been reduced for the remainder of Phase One. The public have been very receptive to the renovations, appreciating the effort to keep facilities open and running, with their eye on the big picture: an updated and accessible facility with a lap pool, leisure pool, steam room, hot pool, lazy river, slide, new fitness centre and much more. Change rooms have been renovated to facilitate patrons with mobility issues and both pools will be zero entry. As of December 12, 2016 the new lap tank can officially hold water, a landmark step in this project.

The Cariboo story is a familiar one in the Province of British Columbia. All across the province, aging facilities are in need of renovation or replacement. It takes amazing spirit and cooperation to put these projects together, especially in smaller communities such as Williams Lake. Federal infrastructure grants are a crucial piece of the puzzle. By the end of 2017, dozens of capital infrastructure projects will have benefited from Canada 150 Infrastructure Program funding. It is expected that these federal infrastructure contributions will provide the kinds of community legacies that Canada's Centennial provided to a generation of facilities completed 50 years ago.

**BETH HOLDEN.** Recreation and culture have been the focus of both Beth's personal and professional life. She has been the Marketing & Events Coordinator at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex for over three years and previously worked in the Arts and Culture sector. Her work at the City of Williams Lake allows her to work closely with local organizations and businesses with the goal of stimulating the local economy by drawing in and retaining both tourists and new residents. Passionate about the outdoors, you can often find her mountain biking or skiing in the Cariboo with her partner Tom and her dog Mook.



ADVANCING A CLEAN GROWTH ECONOMY

# NEW BRUNETTE-FRASER REGIONAL GREENWAY WESTMINSTER'S



**WHEN ASKED** to contribute a piece on how greenways contribute to a clean economy, I recalled a paper I'd written for the 2004 Pro-Walk, Pro-Bike conference in Victoria called "Building Greenways in an Urban and Industrial Setting... the New Westminster Experience."

The paper started with:

"During a focus group on transportation proposals for a neighbourhood plan in an area predominated by heavy, water-dependent industry, a participant asked "How can you show a greenway going along the river? It'll take you years to acquire all that land!" It was pointed out that the City of Vancouver's popular Seaside Greenway route, which stretches around the downtown peninsula and all the way to the University of British Columbia, started out as a vision, a policy and a wide, dotted line on a map. If there is no vision, there will be no greenway."

There are many parallels between the Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway (BFRG), a demonstration project conceived as one of Metro Vancouver's initial regional greenways, and Vancouver's waterfront greenway network. Looking at Vancouver's network today, it can be hard to imagine its origins, much of which was originally heavy industrial areas like the False Creek flats. Although it took generations to evolve, this waterfront greenway network has

created one of the most envied urban environments in the world, one which has encouraged both residents and employers to establish nearby. A mapping of real estate costs per square foot shows that the closer you get to Vancouver's Seaside Greenway, the higher the property value, including both residential and non-residential properties. This higher property value relationship holds true both near fashionable residential neighbourhoods such as Kitsilano and the West End and near more commercial and industrialized areas.

The legacy of an industrial past, and present, introduces challenges to urban greenway development. The most attractive alignments, often along watercourses, are also places where industry historically wanted to be, to transport goods, to provide water for power or cooling or to quietly dispose of waste products. This industrial legacy has contributed to two of the twelve projects identified in Metro Vancouver's Ecological Health Action Plan being focused on restoring and enhancing the upper and lower Brunette River

ecosystems. The City, in partnership with Metro Vancouver and NGO organizations such as Evergreen and the Sapperton Fish and Game Club, has remediated a significant stretch of the river in close proximity to current industry along the BFRG alignment.

The BFRG is part of the Experience the Fraser (ETF) trail network from Hope to the Salish Sea. New Westminster is ETF's "Urban Portal," the point where residents of the Metro Vancouver region can most readily access the network. Unlike many greenways, which are primarily natural or primarily urban, BFRG has a number of character zones, each of which has its own economic attributes, from natural and touristic, to industrial and high density mixed-use urban areas. Some users want to get away from the City into nature, while enjoying the secluded Brunette River valley or the broad mountain vista along the Fraser River. Others are looking for convenient and pleasant human-powered access to work or a place to unwind during coffee or lunch breaks, while for others it's an integral part of their transit-oriented



MARK ALLISON



neighbourhood and lifestyle, a place to stroll and unwind after dinner or to go for an early morning jog. Regardless of the use, BFRG supports a variety of economic activities, including tourism, employment and the growth of our vibrant regional city centre.

Another unique feature of BFRG is its proximity to frequent transit. New Westminster has the highest density of SkyTrain stations per capita in the region and all five of the City's stations are within a one or two minute walk from either BFRG or the BC Parkway, the extension of BFRG to downtown Vancouver. In addition to easy transit access, which makes combined walking, cycling and transit trips more convenient, BFRG is also very central to the region and highly connected to greenways and bike routes that provide access to major employment areas in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Richmond, and Surrey.

An interesting case study of how the greenway is being used to leverage

economic activity is the City's Economic Health Care Cluster, known as the "IDEA Centre," which stands for "Innovation, Discovery, Education and Advancement." IDEA Centre is building on the current major expansion of the Royal Columbian Hospital, which is one of the BC's leading tertiary care facilities and takes on the province's most serious medical cases. To attract the top physicians and medical professionals needed for this level of care, the Fraser Health Authority has stressed the importance of a multi-modal transportation and neighbourhood amenities, including affordable housing and local parks and greenways. As a result, the IDEA Centre's strategic plan, which is designed to attract new research, development and business activity to the area, stresses the importance of an attractive public realm with parks and green space as well as improved pedestrian, bicycle and transit accessibility. BFRG is just steps from the hospital and, in addition to providing alternative transportation options, will provide easy access to nearby Cumberland Point Park and Sapperton Landing Park for staff use during breaks.

In conclusion, while greenways clearly have important recreational values, they are also supportive of economic growth, encouraging sustainable transportation modes for commuting and supporting

## Greenways clearly have important recreational values, they are also supportive of economic growth

the development of compact, mixed-use and transit-oriented employment centres and communities. The federal government recently recognized these values in awarding the BFRG \$450,000 from the Canada 150 infrastructure grant program to complete the Braid Street section of the greenway. Now there is access to Braid SkyTrain station from the Braid Industrial Area employment centre, continuing the vision of waterfront trail development in New Westminister and supporting a clean growth economy.

**MARK ALLISON** holds a Master's degree from UBC in community and regional planning and is New Westminister's Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability, overseeing corporate priority initiatives and the implementation of Envision 2032, the City's sustainability framework.

# CANADA 150 FUND HONOURS FIRST NATIONS HISTORY AND CULTURE IN PORT HARDY



**IN AUGUST 2015**, a group of North Islanders came together to have a conversation in response to the Canada 150 call for proposals. We envisioned a project that follows the path set out in the reconciliation process and contributes to healing the relationship between First Nations Peoples and fellow Canadians.

Over the course of a number of meetings, our goal became a collaborative art project that would live in a shared community space. We discussed many ideas of how this project might unfold and narrowed our vision down to the creation of a mural that would hang in the District of Port Hardy's Civic Center. Currently, in the Civic Center there is a beautiful carved wooden mural that depicts the history of fishing, mining, logging, a First Nations canoe, and some of the landscape of Port Hardy. It is our intention that by creating another large scale wooden mural of approximately the same dimensions as the current one (24 ft. by 5 ft.) that depicts First Nations history and culture on the north island, we will contribute to reflecting the First Nations communities in and around the municipality more fully. Elder and group-member Stan Wamiss named the theme of the project *Galgapōla*, which in Kwak'wala means holding each other up, coming together.

## The history of First Nations People is very important to the District of Port Hardy.

Last June, we received the good news that our application from the Department of Canadian Heritage's Canada 150 Fund for \$38,650 was successful. In late summer, Tłalibalis (Stan Wamiss) and Gaxastalas (Mervyn Child), the lead artists on the project, began preparing and executing the first steps of carving the wood. In January 2017, the carvings will be brought to a public location in Port Hardy to allow for people to view the completion of the carving and the painting of the murals. During this time, student carvers and painters will have the opportunity to come join and learn from the lead artists.

The murals will be completed by the spring and unveiled in a ceremony on Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2017. The

ceremony will include Kwakwaka'wakw dancing, singing, and the sharing of food and bring together the residents of Port Hardy with the surrounding Kwakwaka'wakw Nations. This celebration of the heritage and culture of the communities for all to witness will be a very important step in this project as we hope that it too will nurture the growth of respect, recognition, and understanding of local First Nations' culture in everyone who attends.

The history of First Nations People is very important to the District of Port Hardy. Through leaving a lasting visual impression that future generations can enjoy in the Civic Center, this project honours the First Nations contribution to the history of Port Hardy.



PAT CORBETT-LABATT

**PAT CORBETT-LABATT** is a District of Port Hardy Councilor and has lived in Port Hardy since 1975. After retiring as a North Island College mathematics instructor in 2014 (and receiving the Emeritus Designation), she was elected as a District of Port Hardy Councilor where she strives to do the best she can for the community.



CAITLIN HARTNETT

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## OTHER CANADIAN HERITAGE PROJECTS APPROVED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR CANADA 150:

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3	<b>DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY</b>	LOCAL FIRST NATIONS HISTORY MURALS	<b>\$38,650</b>
4	<b>INCLUSION BC FOUNDATION</b>	BC DISABILITY PRIDE CELEBRATION AND PARADE	<b>\$128,950</b>
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# CANADA'S 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION - JOIN IN!

**CANADA TURNS 150 YEARS OLD**, can you believe it? It certainly doesn't look a day over 139 years. All kidding aside, 2017 marks an interesting and exciting year for Canadians to show their pride. The Dominion of Canada was born on July 1, 1867. Having turned the calendar on the new year, there are a number of places to look for resources to help us all to work with our communities to celebrate the 150th birthday of our nation. Better get started!

According to the Government of Canada website, "Canadians are gearing up for the 150th anniversary of Confederation and are invited to take part in the year-long celebration! Be part of this exceptional occasion!" Works for me.

There is a lot of good information on the Canada 150 **website**. The key main themes for the Government of Canada's vision for the 150th anniversary of Confederation are diversity and inclusiveness, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, the environment and youth. Some of the programs they are highlighting are:

**INDSPIRE** will highlight exceptional accomplishments by Indigenous people, who will tell their stories to Canadians. This cross-Canada tour will showcase the great diversity that exists in this country's population, and engage and empower youth to participate in the movement towards reconciliation.

**EXPERIENCES CANADA 150 & ME** will provide hundreds of youth with an opportunity to travel and explore this country in ways they might never otherwise discover it. For thousands more, they will be given an unprecedented voice to speak to their peers, and to Canadians, about the country they want for their generation.

**RENEDEZ-VOUS 2017** More than 40 tall ships will be sailing Canadian waters to honour the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017. They are scheduled to stop at host ports in Ontario, Québec and the Maritimes, giving thousands of people the opportunity to admire the majestic beauty of these cathedrals of the seas. Hop on board and tour the ships... thrill to the brilliant thematic fireworks in one of the port cities...applaud the colourful parade of crew members...enjoy talented street performers...and much more!

The ParticipACTION group is also having some fun this year with their ParticipACTION 150 Play List. They have

compiled a list of 150 activities that define us as Canadian! They launched this list on January 1st of this year. Get more information on their **website**. Looks like a lot of fun.

Now for the big database of fun for 150 Celebration - Welcome to the 150Alliance!

This organization is an open network of groups, individuals and organizations, working together to make the most of Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. Their goal is "to reach across divides and

Canadians are gearing up for the 150th anniversary of Confederation and are invited to take part in the year-long celebration!





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make new connections. To build a national narrative that weaves together thousands of local stories.”

Kickstarted by Community Foundations of Canada, the 150Alliance is promoting action, engagement and impact around Canada’s 150th. They are inviting everyone to be a part of building new networks and strengthen those that already exist. They want to share knowledge, skills, and experience, both in-person and online.

They are building the biggest database of 2017 organizations and projects in Canada. “This digital platform will act as a hub for all 2017 activity, featuring across-Canada events calendar, ongoing storytelling, continuous newsfeeds from 150Alliance members and multiple digital working spaces where organizations can connect and collaborate.” This will include an extensive library of resources as well. Check out the 150Alliance **website** and register your program today. I love their slogan “the power of together”. Now that does sound very Canadian.

It’s a big year for Canada and I hope on July 1st 2017 you are able to be a part of Canada Day and are able to truly celebrate what it means to live in this amazing country of ours.

### HAPPY CANADA 150 TO ALL!

**ABBY FORTUNE** is the Director of Parks & Recreation for the District of Ucluelet. Abby has worked in the field for over 30 years. She has sat on the Board of Directors and various other Committees for BCRPA. Her current passion, besides running on the Wild Pacific Trail and her family, is Leadership Mentoring through Leadership Vancouver Island



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## WHEREABOUTS... PEOPLE AND PLACES OF BCRPA

In Prince George, **ROBYN MCCONKEY** and **SCOTT HUNYADI** have moved their roles as Community Coordinator and Facility Scheduling Coordinator over to Park and Solid Waste Services to better align the overall Parks functions. Again in PG, **MARTA GREGOR** has taken on the vacant role of Community Coordinator in Community Partnerships and her job share partner is **PAULETTE WILSON**. After many years of service to the communities of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, **DIANE CHAMBERLAIN** - Manager of Recreation & Culture, **JEFF LEMIRE** – Business Services Coordinator, **JACKIE SENCHYNA** – Program Coordinator and **RYAN SLEVIN** – Programmer, have joined the City of Pitt Meadows to lead their newly formed Parks & Recreation Department. **JESSIE DEMERS** has joined Saanich Parks and Recreation as the Visual Arts Programmer at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill. Jessie was previously the Programmer at Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History. **LOIS WALKING** retired from Ladysmith Parks, Recreation and Culture after over two decades of department leadership, most recently as Aquatic Supervisor. Whether at the prospect of long weeks on Florida beaches luring her away or imminent incoming new technology scaring her, she'll be missed!

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### CHILLIWACK

In October 2016, Recreation Excellence celebrated a successful first year as the operators of the City of Chilliwack recreation facilities: the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre, the Cheam Leisure Centre, and Rotary Outdoor Pool. In November 2016, the Recreation Excellence team received two awards from the City of Chilliwack Rotary Club for being an 'Inclusive Employer in the Community' at both the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre, and Cheam Leisure Centre.

### MAPLE RIDGE

October 31, 2016 marked the end of an era for the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows as the Joint Leisure Services agreement between the two communities concluded. The future is bright for both growing communities as they begin to shape programs and services for the unique needs of each municipality. Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture and Pitt Meadows Parks & Recreation departments will continue to collaborate in the future to support regional stakeholders and users.

Melanie Iddon, Marketing & Communications Assistant, was recently named as a finalist in the Print Marketing category of the Canadian Regional ("Redgee") Design Awards for the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Summer 2016 Arts & Recreation Guide. Melanie's unique design approach continues to influence branding of the Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture department.

### NORTH VANCOUVER

North Vancouver Recreation & Culture (NVRC) is continuing to offer its popular Pool & Play Pass for children and youth aged 3-18 years. Launched in 2015 to support NVRC's strategic objective to "encourage and enable healthy liv-



Figure 1 Recreation Excellence team wins awards from Chilliwack Rotary Club



Figure 2 North Vancouver Recreation & Culture's successful Pool & Play Pass continued this past winter holiday

ing and sustainable choices", the Pass provides unlimited access to public swims, public skates, and open gyms during three school breaks each year (summer, Christmas and spring break).

Over 2,750 Pool & Play Passes were sold during the Summers of 2015 & 2016 (\$25 per pass), Christmas 2015 (\$5 per pass) and Spring Break 2016 (\$5 per pass) resulting in over \$25,000 in revenue and noticeably increased attendance at public swims and skates. NVRC also surveyed parents of Pool & Play Pass holders and found:

- 84% rated the Pool & Play Pass as "excellent" or "good",
- 61% thought that their child was more active in the summer because they had the Pool & Play Pass, and
- 78% expected to buy a Pool & Play Pass the following year

Participation in the Pool & Play Pass program in winter 2016 and spring 2017 is expected to increase. Contact Anne Rodgers at 604-983-6346 or [rodgersa@nvrc.ca](mailto:rodgersa@nvrc.ca) if you would like more information on the program.

### RICHMOND

A community art project with the theme of "Past, Present and Future" was installed along the fencing surrounding the Minoru Complex construction site and unveiled during Richmond's Culture Days celebration in October. Responding to the theme of "Past", artist Caroline Elise Dyck invited community members of all ages to share their Minoru experiences in just six words. More than 120 memoirs in five languages were submitted and hundreds more memories were verbally shared at workshops. Each memoir was then digitally reconstructed as a graphic

inspired by the author's message. Responding to the theme of "Future", artist Rhonda Wepler engaged community members to sculpt objects, portraits or figures that represent activities that are anticipated to take place in and around the new Minoru Complex. Using a variety of clays, over 200 individual sculptures were created by participants. Community contributions were incorporated by the artists to create digitally printed banners to cover 400 linear feet of fencing along the east perimeter of the Minoru Complex construction site.



Figure 3 Art Installation at Richmond's Minoru Complex construction

Since the Garden City Lands Phase 1 - Legacy Landscape Plan was endorsed by Council in June 2014, an in-depth study of the site's hydrological and ecological conditions has been completed, as has the final design for the water management infrastructure and perimeter trails. Construction of the initial phases of the plan began in September 2016 and will continue through 2017.

An RFP process recently closed to retain a consulting team to complete two major strategies. The Community Wellness Strategy Update will be an overarching strategy, developed under the direction of a Project Leadership Team comprised of senior staff from the City of Richmond, Vancouver Coastal Health-Richmond and Richmond School District No. 38, that will provide a framework for a coordinated and systematic approach to impacting wellness across the community. The Recreation and Sport Strategy will be developed in tandem, in collaboration with core partners and the community. The objectives of this strategy include; increasing the

impact and reach of the Recreation and Sport Department in the community; addressing the learnings from the 2015 Community Needs Assessment; incorporating the focus of Richmond's Sport for Life Strategy within a more holistic framework, and activating the Community Wellness Strategy at an operational level.

The City received the Prince of Wales Prize, awarded by the National Trust of Canada, in recognition of its long history of celebrating and protecting its heritage assets, and an approach to heritage conservation described by the jury as "holistic" and "forward-looking." Richmond was one of the first municipalities in Canada to imbed heritage planning objectives into its Official Community Plan. It has preserved numerous heritage sites across the City and celebrates its community past through a variety of programs and special events. Recent projects include construction of the Steveston Tram building, home to an historic Interurban tram car now undergoing full restoration, and restoration of Branscombe House, a historic Steveston house that is currently home to Richmond artist-in-residence Rhonda Wepler and many popular arts programs. The City also continues to restore buildings and develop new exhibits and programs at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site, a beautiful waterfront site that celebrates Richmond and BC's maritime and fishing industry history.

## ABBOTSFORD

The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford has won a prestigious national award for its work to engage the local community—one of just two such awards to be presented nationally. The 2016 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming was awarded for their collaborative work entitled *Voices of the Valley*, a permanent museum exhibition and interpretive program, developed in collaboration with the MSA Museum Society. *Voices of the Valley* tells the story of the Abbotsford community through the eyes of individuals who have shaped it, and features on-site educational activities, interactive technologies, and engaging school programs.

The Communities in Bloom (Novice category) contest was entered in 2016 with the Judges noting areas of strength; in particular, Parks staff training. Staff will collaborate with community members and businesses to have a successful bid in the competitive category for 2017.



Figure 4 The City of Abbotsford's Canada 150 Mural Mosaic

The Abbotsford Centre was ranked top Canadian venue in 2016 in the category of arenas with seating capacity of less than 10,000 by Venues Today Magazine, a leading international trade journal serving management, owners, and suppliers to music, sports and meeting venues. The Abbotsford Centre hosted the Inaugural Champions Kabaddi League in August through September with live coverage on Channel Punjabi. The competitors represented India, Pakistan, Iran and Canada.



Figure 5 Abbotsford's Provincial Lifeguard Award Winners

Abbotsford PRC Lifeguards won the prestigious 2016 Provincial Lifeguard Award. The Lifeguard Championship, which consisted of four technical events and two fitness events, was held at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

The City of Abbotsford is proud to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Canada with its participation and completion of the Canada 150 Mural Mosaic project. The public was invited to participate in painting the tiles that created an 8'x8' mural representing the community. The mural, displayed within the MCA Auditorium, will be a lasting cultural legacy for future generations to enjoy.



## KOOTENAYS



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## TRAIL

The City of Trail has been able to make a new sewer line crossing of the Columbia River into a beautiful pedestrian walkway that will connect the East and West sides of the community. The "Columbia River Skywalk" will also hold a secondary water line, fibre optic line and possibly other utilities to serve the needs of the community. Beyond carrying much needed utility services, the pedestrian bridge is a vital part of the City's downtown revitalization plan, the pedestrian trail development plan, and the development along the Esplanade. One of the City's largest capital infrastructure projects in the history of the community, it is also one of the longest suspension bridges in Canada. As part of the Trans Canada Trail, this amenity connects to an urban walking/biking network that will go a long way to supporting the walkability of the community and the health and wellness of residents. The bridge was opened for public use on December 15. A community celebration of this new landmark will occur during the community's annual festival, Silver City Days, in May 2017.



Figure 6 The new Columbia River Skywalk in Trail

## CARIBOO



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## QUESNEL

The City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District continue the process of building the new West Fraser Centre arena. Things are moving along nicely and currently production is on the second level of construction. This West Fraser Centre will be an energy efficient "green" structure that will house a 1,600-seat arena with a regulation size ice surface and dry floor space for arena programs and events to be run year-round. The Centre will also feature an indoor walking track and rooms for community meetings and gatherings. The West Fraser Centre has a total budget of \$20.6 million and is expected to open September 2017.



Figure 7 City of Quesnel's new West Fraser Centre Arena

It took three years to complete with local fundraising and community involvement; but Quesnel residents now have a fully accessible playground to enjoy. With partial funding from the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks (CRD), it is located next to the Quesnel Arts & Recreation Centre and is a first of its kind for the city! The Habitat playground was designed by a local Parent Resources Team consisting of staff from the local Child Development Centre and local businesses stepped up to ensure its completion. Since the August opening it has been a very busy playground for all youth, and the ability for parents and children with mobility issues to play inclusively is a joy to watch.



Figure 8 City of Quesnel's new accessible playground

VDA Architecture has completed the initial design work for a Quesnel Arts & Recreation Centre swimming area expansion. The design includes the ability to tackle some needed gutter and deck maintenance as well as providing a larger leisure pool to incorporate swim lessons and water fitness programming. The design has incorporated a lazy river, tots area, a T-cup, vortex bubble pit and a 3-loop water slide.

## WILLIAMS LAKE

The Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex partners with various facilities to provide local fitness classes in schools, the university and community centers. The latest class has proven so popular it filled within two hours, and the second class that was added filled in four hours! This new cardio class is called POUND and it incorporates light-weight exercise drumsticks into the program. Instructors lead the class in following the beat, and pounding the sticks together in the air and on the ground. A whole new way to engage patrons has been found.

In the quest to always provide new and exciting programs to the community, a new free family fitness event has been held twice with a great turnout – the Harvest Run is an activity on the weekend after the Canadian Thanksgiving. This run, walk and wheel event is a joint program with local farmers and the Interior Health Authority. The event encourages healthy eating and active living. Along the route there are hidden pumpkins and participants must spot the pumpkin, locate the number, and write it on the draw sheet. Winners receive a fall harvest basket of fruit and veggies!

Through partnership with School District #27, the Recreation Department was able to offer a youth woodworking program. The course was held in the woodworking room at one of the local schools. The participants built a shelf unit for their room and a candle holder. The class introduced the kids to hand tool use and safety. Due to the success of this program, Hammer and Nails is now a continuing partnership in this area of skill development. Children hammer, paint, cut and assemble projects in wood, using simple tools and techniques, learn about math, tool safety and planning all in a fun new way.

Every summer the SummerSmartz program is full, teaching sun safety, aquatic survival skills, beach awareness, minor first aid and how to be responsible doing summer sports in hot weather. Due to this success, a WinterSmartz program is now offered. This program is in partnership with the Mount Timothy Ski Patrol Coordinator. It will teach children about skiing/snowboarding, ice fishing, pond skating and avalanche safety and winter emergency first aid. The first session was scheduled for December and the second in late January 2017.

Work on the expansion and renovation of the Sam Ketcham Pool continues full steam on all aspects of the project. Phase One (new six lane lap tank, new swirl pool, steam room, sauna, expanded change rooms and family change rooms, and enlarged fitness centre) of this \$13.1 million project is expected to open in Spring 2017 and Phase Two (large leisure Pool and water slide) is still on track for completion in Fall 2017. The entire community is truly excited for this project and the high visibility of the construction area makes it apparent every day of the progress being achieved. The public have also been kept right up to date with frequent updates, photos and insight on the Sam Ketcham Pool Project Facebook page. It is often updated with pictures from places no one is allowed to go during construction and time lapse videos of construction progress brings in thousands of views each month.

## PRINCE GEORGE

Music lovers and winter enthusiasts have a lot to look forward to following the announcement of the successful Celebrate Prince George Community Grant recipients. The grant program, funded by the City of Prince George and Tourism PG, helps to fund activities in Prince George during the Celebrate PG Winter and Summer Festivals each February and July. The Prince George Folkfest Society will be presenting a “Kick Off to Coldsnap 2017” in the Canada Games Plaza on February 3. This dance-oriented evening will help residents celebrate winter. In the week to follow, Coldsnap will feature first-class artists presenting dances, concerts, and workshops at venues throughout the entire city. On Sunday, February 12, Downtown Prince George will be presenting a Downtown Winter Carnival, a new event for Prince George, which will bring outdoor winter fun and entertainment right into the City’s downtown area. Both events will be part of the Celebrate Prince George Winter Festival line up to celebrate all things winter and bring the Prince George community together. For more information about the Celebrate Prince George Winter Festival, contact Diane Bilodeau, Civic Events Coordinator at 250-614-7880 or visit [www.tourismpg.com/celebratepg](http://www.tourismpg.com/celebratepg).

The City of Prince George has an exceptional network of parks and trails that help make for a great community. Residents of

Prince George value these parks and were invited to participate in the development of a Park Strategy which asked “What are your priorities for city parks?” Like many communities, the City of Prince George is challenged to keep up with a number of growing demands that are competing for park resources:

- Trails, bike/skate parks and riverfront access,
- Larger destination parks,
- New Park development, and
- Replacement of aging park infrastructures

The Park Strategy also included an assessment of parks in order to understand the inventory, how they measure up to standards, how they meet emerging community demands, and any challenges and opportunities for investment. A comprehensive community engagement piece was done through public meetings, stakeholder discussions and online survey forms. The priority setting exercise began by aligning each park with key themes identified through the community engagement. A draft Park Strategy was reviewed in the fall during the City’s Talktober neighbourhood conversations. This draft identified a number of creative solutions that could be explored in the strategic investment of park priorities. The City will look to finalize the strategy in January 2017 for Council’s adoption and include an Action Plan for investment. Visit the City of Prince George website at [www.princegeorge.ca](http://www.princegeorge.ca) for more information on the Park Strategy.

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## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

SEAPARC: Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) purchased the neighbouring DeMamie Creek Golf Course in the summer of 2016. The 23 acre golf course was successfully operated until a seasonal clos-

ing in October. SEAPARC also participated in the Capital Regional District People Power Initiative, which focused on motivating, supporting and encouraging residents to safely walk, roll and cycle more often. Youth workshops focused on the sport of mountain biking, learning bike safety and cycling as a mode of transportation. SEAPARC transitioned to a new recreation software system in December. This included introducing online registration. The new system has streamlined services and provided more flexibility to staff and users.

**WEST SHORE PARKS & RECREATION:** A Queenax Bridge in the Fitness Studio was recently installed, the first unit on Vancouver Island and the largest of its kind in Canada. The highly configurable Queenax system is the perfect way to complement strength and cardio offerings. Queenax is a space-efficient, modular functional training system that can be configured various ways to meet the needs of operators, exercisers, and personal trainers/fitness staff. Supplementary training equipment, including suspension training apparatuses and dip bars, can be added to the system to create endless programming and drop in options. Staff look forward to using this exciting fitness option in the facility!

**UVIC:** The University welcomed new faculty member Sam Liu, eHealth researcher and registered Kinesiologist, to study effective use of communication technology (e.g. Internet-based programs, mobile apps) to improve health and health services. From blood pressure management to reducing cardiovascular risks and strategies promoting engagement with eHealth programs, Sam explores optimizing technology use for enhancing healthy life choices. One study investigated loyalty rewards to promote use of an Internet-based heart health program. An expert in exercise training and prescription, Dr. Liu used his research to help create personalized exercise training programs tailored to children and for adults coping with health conditions including heart disease, diabetes, and metabolic disorders. Sam comes to UVic via Toronto and UCLA and looks forward to Victoria's fantastic opportunities for science education and healthy living! [www.cardiacehealth.uhnresearch.ca/sam](http://www.cardiacehealth.uhnresearch.ca/sam)

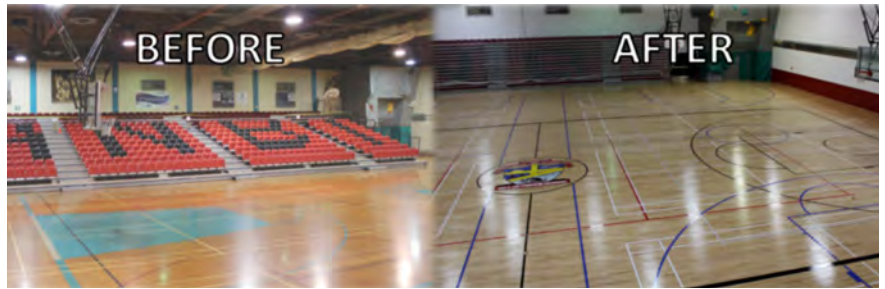


Figure 9 Prince Rupert's Russell Gamble Gymnasium

## COWICHAN

The Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council announced the official selection of Cowichan to host the 2017 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC), May 1-6, 2017. The championships will be held at CVRD's Island Savings Centre and Cowichan Lake Sports arena. The annual NAHC provides a forum for elite midget aged male and female Aboriginal hockey players from across Canada to compete with each other, as well as an opportunity to celebrate cultural unity and pride in an all-star format with top players selected to compete on behalf of their province or territory.

## LADYSMITH

The town saw another record turnout at Festival of Lights, when the population tripled to over 20,000...so the Parks, Recreation and Culture department's new responsibility for tourism marketing is not being taken lightly! Speaking of tourism, "Creating the Vision" community consultations for the new Ladysmith Waterfront Area Plan will happen throughout winter.

## NORTH COAST / NECHAKO



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## SMITHERS

Smithereens are ice skating outside again thanks to a complete rebuild of the Central

Park Outdoor Rink. The project was the latest to be managed through the Town of Smithers Community Partnership Program. The two year old program which "applies to projects undertaken by community organizations that result in infrastructure that is owned, managed and maintained over the long term by the Town" has been instrumental in the creation of a mountain bike park, accessible trails, and downtown park improvements.

## VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE

The Recreation Department had a busy summer and fall. The Arena ice replacement project was successfully finished and residents are now enjoying great quality ice again. In 2017, the first Recreation Master Plan will be developed to provide better services for community members.

## PRINCE RUPERT

The Prince Rupert Recreation Complex has completed the major refinishing project on the Russell Gamble Gymnasium. The floor was stripped down to the original wood with new lines painted, along with the feature of the City Crest at centre court. The Complex is excited to welcome back the All Native Basketball Tournament for their annual event, taking place February 12 – 18, which brings teams from various locations including Alaska and British Columbia. Basketball takes over the complex and the updated gymnasium will be on display and put to the test during some great games!



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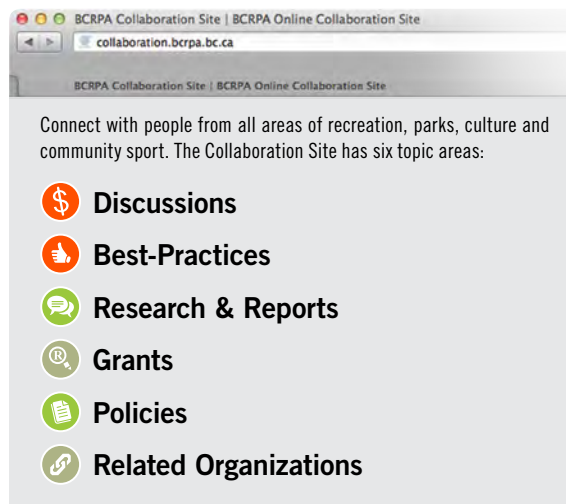
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  - In communities over 15k population
- Parks Excellence (includes Environmental Leadership)

*Nominees and their nominators in all categories must be members of the BCRPA in good standing to qualify for BCRPA Provincial Awards.*

**NOMINATIONS ARE ALSO BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AWARDS:**

- Honorary Life Membership is a special distinction given sparingly by the BCRPA Board of Directors to members who have made outstanding contributions to the parks, recreation, physical activity and cultural sector in British Columbia.
- The Friend of the Sector Award honours achievement, excellence, creativity, innovation and outstanding collaboration by those outside the field of recreation and parks.



\*NEW QUALIFIER



Nominations are now being accepted for the BCRPA Board of Directors

**THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 17**

Nomination forms are available on the

**WEBSITE**

Two Director positions are vacant for two-year terms (May 2017 to May 2019)

**Your participation is appreciated.**

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# PoolSafeBC

NEW ONLINE FORMAT

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**BCRPA**, in partnership with the BC Municipal Safety Association, WorkSafeBC, Lifesaving Society and CUPE BC, is proud to present the **PoolSafe BC** course.

#### New Online Format

- Take the courses whenever, and wherever is most convenient to you
- Stop and start at your leisure, it will remember where you left off
- Print out a certificate immediately after successful completion
- 24/7 access
- Fee: \$40

#### Target Audience

- Maintenance Staff
- Lifeguards
- Aquatic Programmers

*Suitable for anyone who works at an Aquatic Facility in British Columbia*

#### Course Content

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Hazards
- Chemical Safety
- Emergency Preparation and Response
- Injury and fatality statistics
- Print Certificate at completion



**Pool safety is everyone's responsibility!**



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For more information or to book a course, contact: BCRPA: 604 629-0965 or [education@bcrpa.bc.ca](mailto:education@bcrpa.bc.ca) [www.bcrpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca)

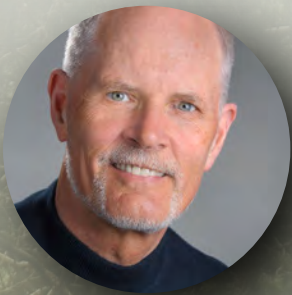
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Full Event Info & Registration Online: [www.bcrpa.bc.ca/spring-training-2017](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/spring-training-2017)

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