



# THE REGIONAL REPORT

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**IN THIS EDITION, WE WILL RECAP SOME OF THE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITHIN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE. ▲**

## WELCOME TO THE REGIONAL REPORT,

a regular newsletter designed to keep residents aware of programs, initiatives and events underway in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. If you have comments, feedback or ideas for articles to be featured in future editions of Regional Report, please email us at [district@rdffg.bc.ca](mailto:district@rdffg.bc.ca), call 1-800-667-1959 or write to us at: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 155 George St., Prince George, B.C., V2L 1P8 ▲

### 2017 Fraser – Fort George ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Grant applications are now being accepted from community groups and organizations for the following Fraser-Fort George Endowment Funds:

- ▲ Salmon River-Lakes Endowment Fund
- ▲ Chilako River- Nechako Endowment Fund
- ▲ Hixon-Woodpecker Endowment Fund
- ▲ Willow River-Upper Fraser Endowment Fund
- ▲ Crooked River-Parsnip Endowment Fund

Grants of up to \$2,500 will be considered for eligible projects that will enhance the quality of life for residents living in Electoral Areas A, C, E, F and G within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Information for donors and applicants about these endowment fund opportunities and grant applications is available through the Regional District at [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca) and through the Prince George Community Foundation [www.pgcf.ca](http://www.pgcf.ca) websites. The deadline for receipt of grant applications is February 17, 2017.

A successful application from the 2016 round was from the Nadsilnich (West) Lake Community Association who received funding from the Chilako River-Nechako Endowment Fund in support of their community hall playground improvements project. Together with several other in-kind and financial contributions, the project was completed creating a long-term, enjoyable and safer community park for children and residents in the Nadsilnich Lake area. ▲



## Specialized 9-1-1 text service for Deaf and Speech-Impaired NOW AVAILABLE IN NORTHERN INTERIOR

Regional Districts in the northern interior are now providing people who are Deaf/ Deaf-Blind, Hard-of-Hearing or Speech Impaired (DHHSI) with the ability to contact 9-1-1 through a specialized text service called Text with 9-1-1 (T9-1-1). The service is available to residents living within the regional districts of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG), Cariboo, Kitimat-Stikine and Bulkley-Nechako who pre-register with their wireless providers. The service is provided by E-Comm — the emergency communications centre responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls in the northern interior.

T9-1-1 allows any DHHSI person who has pre-registered their cellphone with their wireless carrier to communicate with police, fire and ambulance call-takers via text during an emergency. Callers must first place a voice call to 9-1-1 in order to establish a voice network connection and initiate the special messaging technology. "We are pleased our DHHSI communities now have an improved way of

communicating with local police, fire and ambulance services," says Art Kaehn, RDFFG Board Chair. "I encourage people not to delay in registering for this service and to learn how to use it."

It is important to emphasize that this service is only available to the DHHSI community. Voice calling remains the only way to communicate with 9-1-1 services for a person who is not Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard-of-Hearing or Speech Impaired. Text messages sent directly to the digits "9-1-1" do not reach emergency services anywhere in Canada.

Text with 9-1-1 for the public-at-large is anticipated in the future as the nationwide 9-1-1 infrastructure evolves. Members of the DHHSI community should visit [www.TextWith911.ca](http://www.TextWith911.ca) to register their cellphones with their wireless service provider and to learn more about how the system works. ▲



**Of all the services the Regional District provides, solid waste management is the one that impacts the most people on a regular basis.**

It is also one of the most complex and scientific services provided. Most residents are not aware of what goes on behind the scenes once garbage is dropped off at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill. The Regional District wants to increase the public's understanding of how the landfill operates through a proactive communications program that seeks to put a spotlight on a number of different facets of the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill. With that, the Regional District engaged 6ix Sigma Productions to produce a series of four short videos that focus on different aspects of landfill operations.

The first video is a general overview of a typical day at the landfill, to give you an idea of everything that goes on at the site. Video 2 deals with the composting operations. The Foothills Landfill, along with a few other transfer stations accept yard and garden waste, and this video showcases what happens with that waste and the process involved in producing NorGrow compost. The third video explains the landfill gas capture process and the system that is in place to reduce environmental impacts of landfill gas. The final video deals with the entrance relocation project. This is a two phased project that provides the benefits of replacing aging infrastructure, improved public and commercial access, increased efficiency of operations and future support of landfill gas collection.

**Video 1 – A Day at the Landfill**

**Video 2 – Compost Operations**

**Video 3 – Landfill Gas Capture System**

**Video 4 – Entrance Relocation Project**

The videos are available on the Regional District's YouTube channel and Facebook page. Links to the videos are also available on the Regional District's website [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca)

Videos 1, 2 & 3 have been released to the public — stay tuned for the release of the final video. ▲

## **CANOE VALLEY REC CENTRE, Valemount**

Ice recreation services including hockey, figure skating and public skating are provided from September through April.

Activities offered on a drop-in basis (\$2. charge) include: pickle ball, badminton, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, and floor hockey, or inline skate, ride your bike, operate your radio-controlled cars.

There is a year round walking track and a community book exchange. The facility can also be booked for special events. For more information phone 250-566-4740 ▲

## **ROBSON VALLEY RECREATION CENTRE, McBride**

The Robson Valley Recreation Centre offers recreational activities year round. Opportunities include a regulation size hockey arena that seats five hundred, two sheets of curling ice and a 125 seat lounge.

The Recreation Centre fitness facility - the FITPIT, offers equipment such as steppers and treadmills, recumbent bikes, eight Paramount toning machines and a full line of free weights.

The Recreation Centre also offers a convertacourt. This moving wall system allows users to play squash, racquetball, wallyball and basketball. With the moveable wall system the area opens up for meetings and social events. Rink surfaces are used for roller hockey, tennis, indoor soccer and social events such as weddings and dances in the summer. For more information phone: 250-569-3360

Fitness Facility hours for RVRC and CVRC: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Open 7 days a week. Closed on all Statutory Holidays

For more information visit [www.rdffg.bc.ca/services/community/community-facilities/recreation-centres/overview-11](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/services/community/community-facilities/recreation-centres/overview-11) ▲



# EARTHQUAKE!

## Our community is not near the coast, why should we care about earthquakes?

True, most of the land mass within the Regional District is not considered High Hazard for Earthquakes, however we often travel to places where earthquake hazard risks are high. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is committed to safeguarding our communities through the provision of emergency management and preparedness. We live in interior BC, but we travel the world and preparedness knows no borders. Additional information and great videos can be found at: [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) ▲



## Landfill and Transfer Station WINTER HOURS

**WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION: NOVEMBER 1 – MARCH 31**

### FOOTHILLS BOULEVARD REGIONAL LANDFILL

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Monday to Friday .....                   | 7 am – 5 pm  |
| Saturday .....                           | 7 am – 4 pm  |
| Sunday .....                             | 10 am – 4 pm |
| Statutory Holiday Operating Hours: ..... | 9 am – 5 pm  |

### VALEMOUNT REGIONAL TRANSFER STATION

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Monday .....                             | 9 am – 4 pm  |
| Tuesday and Wednesday .....              | Closed       |
| Thursday - Sunday .....                  | 9 am – 4 pm  |
| Statutory Holiday Operating Hours: ..... | 10 am – 2 pm |

### MCBRIDE REGIONAL TRANSFER STATION

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Monday .....                             | 9 am – 4 pm  |
| Tuesday and Wednesday .....              | Closed       |
| Thursday to Sunday .....                 | 9 am – 4 pm  |
| Statutory Holiday Operating Hours: ..... | 10 am – 2 pm |

### QUINN STREET RECYCLE DEPOT & TRANSFER STATION

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|--|--------------|
| Monday to Friday .....                   | 7 am – 5 pm  |
| Saturday .....                           | 7 am – 4 pm  |
| Sunday .....                             | 10 am – 4 pm |
| Statutory Holiday Operating Hours: ..... | 9 am – 5 pm  |



### VANWAY RECYCLE DEPOT & TRANSFER STATION

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|--|--------------|
| Monday to Friday .....                   | 7 am – 5 pm  |
| Saturday .....                           | 7 am – 4 pm  |
| Sunday .....                             | 10 am – 4 pm |
| Statutory Holiday Operating Hours: ..... | 9 am – 5 pm  |

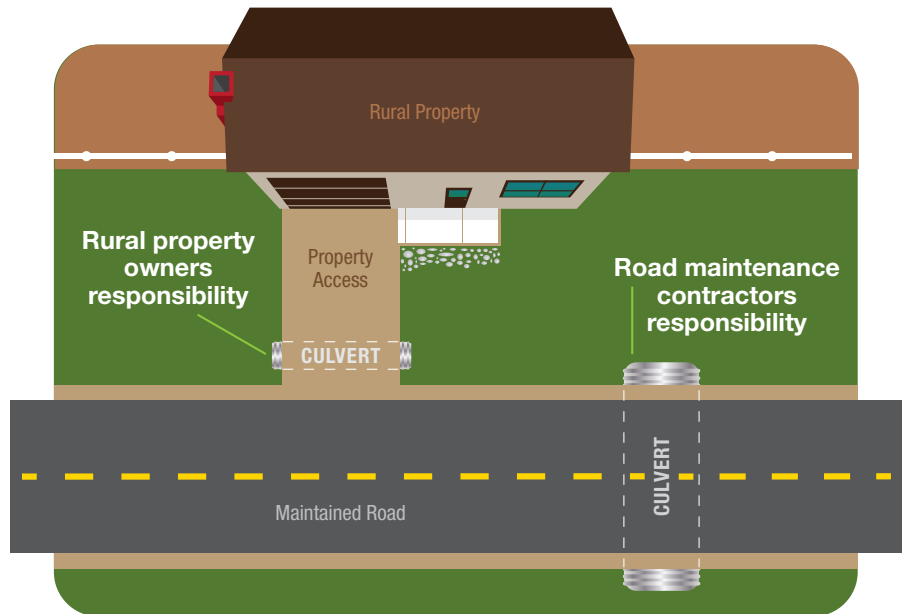
**Note: All facilities are closed on Christmas Day & New Year's Day. ▲**

# The Anatomy of the Rural Culvert

*Your culvert is your friend.*

## Who should I call when I have an issue with my culvert?

Residents in rural areas with culverts on their property are advised to make sure they are free of debris and working properly. A little preventative maintenance will go a long way in the spring.



- You are responsible for culvert maintenance. Culvert maintenance involves keeping both the inlet and outlet of the pipe free of debris to that it works properly, including removing snow and ice during the winter months whenever possible.
- Ensure your culvert is constructed of a recognized product.  
(For example we wouldn't accept a culvert that is manufactured out of wood).
- An individual who has an access point on a BC highway is responsible for all maintenance including clearing snow from highway plowing operations at the access entrance. ▲

## Regional Parks UPDATE

Regional Parks will be closed November 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. Huble Homestead is now closed for the season, however you may visit the site and the Giscome Portage for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and photography all winter long. The historic site re-opens with a full season of events on May 20, 2017. ▲

## ABOUT US

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is home to over 93,000 residents and covers 52,000 square kilometers in central British Columbia – an area almost as large as the province of Nova Scotia. It extends from the Pine Pass in the north to Hixon in the south, and from Bednesti Lake west of Prince George to the Alberta border. As a local government, the Regional District is accountable

to the residents of the region. Services provided include fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency services, solid waste management, community sewer and water systems, land use planning, cultural and recreational services and parks. Total operating expenditures in 2015 were \$36.3 million. The governing board of the Regional District has fourteen directors: four appointed by the City of



Prince George from its council, one appointed by each of the councils of the District of Mackenzie, Village of McBride and Village of Valemount, and seven directors elected from within each of the seven electoral areas covering the unincorporated portions of the Regional District. ▲