



# 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 ▲



## Community Organization WORKSHOP

This year's Community Organization Workshop was held on Saturday, June 7th. In the morning, Lillian Whitmore of Lighthouse Consultants, Vancouver, gave an informative session covering topics such as risk assessment, steps to managing risks and how to apply these lessons to community events. A forum was held in the afternoon during which attendees talked about common challenges such as declining membership and potential solutions, ideas for community events and fundraisers and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy issues. Chairman Art Kaehn and Area 'G' Director Terry Burgess also took part in the event. Feedback received from attendees affirmed that the workshop was time well-spent. ▲

## Former Chair REMEMBERED

Former Regional District Board Chair Levi Johnson passed away on June 20. Levi served on the Regional District Board from 1968 to 1973 representing Area C, Chilako River-Nechako.



He was Chair of the Board from 1971 to 1973. ▲

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## Residents OK EASTLINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES Service Establishment

A referendum was held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 for eligible voters to consider if they were in favour of the establishment of the East Line Community Facilities Service in Electoral Area F. Voting locations were at the Willow River Fire Hall as well as in Aleza Lake using the Regional District's Mobile Unit. The referendum results indicated that 75.7% of those who voted, support this community facilities service which will provide:



- Operating funds for the East Line Activity Centre attached to the new Giscome Elementary School
- Operating funds to support future community facilities within the service area
- Long-term assurance that funding is available for operating and unexpected expenditures; and
- The ability to access grant funding that may only be available to local governments

The Regional District and School District No. 57 are working on a community use agreement for the use of the East Line Activity Centre and in turn, the Regional District will coordinate an agreement with the Willow River Recreation Association for the operation of the Activity Centre. ▲

## Regional District Multi Material Recycling Program – CHANGES ARE COMING SOON...

On September 1, 2014, Multi-Material BC (MMBC) will begin a curbside recycling program for packaging and printed paper for residents in Prince George (who currently receive curbside garbage collection). Residents will be provided with two blue recycling boxes; one for paper, the other for container recycling. For a list of what is accepted in this recycling program refer to the recycling guide that was included with the bins or visit [www.RecyclinginBC.ca](http://www.RecyclinginBC.ca)

Are you one of the many Regional District residents that do not receive service through this new program? Are you still looking for more recycling opportunities? Don't worry, the Regional District is adjusting the multi-material recycling program to allow for the inclusion of a greater number of materials accepted for recycling. The current multi-material recycling program that has been in place for 20 years, only accepted mixed paper, cardboard, milk jugs and metal food cans. The adjusted program will see the inclusion of packaging materials which includes residential plastics 1-7.

Starting October 1, 2014 you will be able to recycle your numbered residential plastics in the green multi-material bins located in Regional District Transfer Stations in Prince



George including; Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill, Vanway Transfer Station and Quinn Street Recycling Depot. There will be a number of rural transfer stations that will provide the multi-material recycling service for the first time. These include: Bear Lake, Buckhorn, Chief Lake, Hixon, West Lake and Willow River transfer stations. The expanded service of the multi-material bins will also be available at the Cummings Road and Shelley transfer stations.

Residents throughout the Regional District will continue to take their glass recycling to the bottle depots as neither the curbside collection or the multi-material bins are set up to take glass.

**For more information stay tuned to the Regional District website [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca) ▲**





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## BCNE 2014

**(1) Carli Boyden and Ryan McKenney of Huble Homestead Historic Site in Heritage Lane** at the B.C. Northern Exhibition (BCNE), sponsored by the Regional District. Also featured were The Exploration Place, The Railway and Forestry Museum and the Fort St. James National Historic Site.

**(2) Brian Wich, Park Manager for the Railway and Forestry Museum** in Prince George, checks the mini-rail track during the BCNE.

**(3) Jillian Merrick of the "Beyond the Market" program** at the B.C. Northern Exhibition, (formerly the Prince George Exhibition). Her booth featured a mobile bookstore with detailed information on many agricultural topics. She said the bestsellers are books on beekeeping, butchering and fencing.

**(4) Firefighter Games at the BCNE** Photo by Anthony van-Poppelen

Once again at the BCNE spectators and volunteer firefighters enjoyed participating in and watching the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George Firefighter Games organized and judged by the Fire Life and Safety committee. The games included the individual combat challenge, a media challenge and the mixed team events of bucket brigade, make and break and hose ball, as shown in the picture. A total of \$900 raised through the event was donated to the pediatric ward at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia. ▲

## New Swift Creek VIEWING PLATFORM



Above-top: Regional District employees Nikayla Crichton, Vivian Miller and Clayton Rhinhart during construction of the new viewing platform at George Hicks Regional Park in Valemount.

Above-bottom: The new viewing platform overlooking Swift Creek.

An attractive viewing platform has been installed in Valemount's George Hicks Regional Park located next to salmon-bearing Swift Creek. A \$20,000 grant from the Columbia Basin Trust paid for the construction of the cedar platform and fencing to separate the park from private land. The Regional District donated labour and in-kind support. Valemount resident Bruce Wilkinson, who is President of the Swift Creek Watershed Society, applied for the grant. He has also received other funding and assistance to do repairs at two sites upstream of the park that will improve fish habit and water quality in the creek. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has donated a kiosk for the park, and new signage will be installed. ▲



## SPOTLIGHT ON AREA F, Willow River-Upper Fraser

### Harold Mann Park

Electoral Area F is located east of Prince George and occupies 12,679 square kilometers. It is home to 1207 residents and includes the communities of Shelley, Giscome, Willow River, Upper Fraser, Sinclair Mills, Longworth and Penny. Area F is represented by Director Kevin Dunphy. Region-wide services provided include solid waste management, 9-1-1 emergency response, fire services coordination, regional parks, land use planning, building inspection and heritage conservation.

Street lighting service and sewage holding tanks are provided in communities where residents have opted to pay for the service. Sinclair Mills has a community hall that is owned and operated by the Regional District. Area F has a Regional Park named

after former resident Harold Mann located 50 kilometres northeast of Prince George on Eaglet Lake. ▲

Recycling bins that have been installed at George Hicks and Wilkins Regional Parks. The bins are for bottles and cans with deposit and are part of a Regional District pilot project to examine the level of use. ▲



## 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. In 2013 total operating expenditures 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. ▲