

Newsletter

District of Clearwater

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Community Update

The McBride to Barriere Corridor Economic Forum:

Representatives of Clearwater participated in a one-day economic development forum on Monday, January 16.

The forum, which took place in Valemount, is part of a regional/community economic investment pilot organized and hosted by the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation as part of "Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan", which aims to create long-term jobs and investment across the province by building on key competitive advantages.

According to a government press release, working with employers and communities to enable job creation is one of the key pillars of the BC Jobs Plan announced by Premier Christy Clark in September. To accelerate growth, the BC Jobs Plan leverages the strengths of B.C.'s most competitive sectors to bring new dollars into the economy from the province's most important trading partners. Those sectors are forestry, mining, natural gas, agri-foods, technology, tourism, transportation and international education.

As one component of community engagement under the BC Jobs Plan, four communities/regions have been selected to pilot an approach aimed at identifying opportunities, attracting investment, increasing economic diversification, and fostering job creation.

The McBride to Barriere Corridor (small rural communities) is one of the selected regions, largely based on its strong local leadership and focus on investment attraction.

The pilot projects begin with a local economic development forum hosted by Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, where representatives from local government, business, industry, First Nations and academia will explore investment opportunities and share solutions in overcoming barriers in moving the chosen projects forward in the next 6 to 18 months.

The District of Clearwater submitted 8 projects with 7 put forth on the round table discussions and 3 hitting the top to work on – the North Thompson Valley Power Source, Back Country Roads and Land Use Inventory / Agriculture Planning. Minister Bell noted "yes Power is important, it is pivotal to today's projects moving forward". The participants rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

At the end of the day Minister Bell closed with the three arching themes – Power (which takes in the mining), Fibre and Destination Tourism – the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation staff are to provide a report back to the group by Feb 3rd and a second session will be scheduled to keep the continuum moving for mid April in Blue River.

Property Assessments:

You will have recently received your property assessment. To check your assessment is accurate, to appeal your assessment, to compare assessments or view property sales, contact details are as follows:

Toll Free: 1-800-806-6788

email: kamloops@bcassessment.ca
www.bcassessment.ca

The deadline date for appeals is January 31st 2012

District Services:

- Bylaw Enforcement
- Cemetery/Columbarium
- Development Services
- Economic Development & Tourism promotion
- Fire Protection
- ICBC/Motor Vehicle Appointed Agent
- North Thompson Sportsplex
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Street Lighting
- Transit Service

Mayors Message

In order to communicate effectively with the residents of the District of Clearwater, information on the District services, events, Council plans and achievements are highlighted on the Districts' website www.districtofclearwater.com on Facebook and in the "Highlights" section of The North Thompson Times Newspaper. We are now pleased to announce that as part of our communication plan a monthly newsletter will also be distributed in order to expand our communication horizons.



As always, we offer an "Open Door Policy" here at the District and your comments and input are always welcomed.

Mayor John Harwood

Important Associations the District of Clearwater belong to:

Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA)

The Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFA) was created in 1970 to contribute to the financial well-being of local governments throughout BC. The MFA pools the borrowing and investment needs of BC communities and through a collective structure is able to provide a range of low cost and flexible financial services.

The MFA is responsible for financing municipal infrastructure in the province of British Columbia (BC), Canada. It operates as a cooperative 'municipal bank' representing local government in BC. It is independent of the Province of BC, and offers municipal credit with a provincial scope.

The MFA credit ratings are among the highest in Canada and are rated by Standard & Poor's, AAA; Moody's Investor Services, AAA; and Fitch Ratings, AAA.

Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC)

The Municipal Insurance Association is member owned and operated, and contributes to the financial security of local government in British Columbia by providing:

- Broad liability insurance coverage at stable and best value costs
- Risk management services which assist members to identify and minimize risks, and to prevent and manage losses.

Over 150 Municipalities and Regional Districts are members of the MIABC.

Junior Council

The purpose of having a Junior Council is to provide an opportunity for the Youth of Clearwater to acquire a greater knowledge of and an appreciation of the local government system through active participation in decision-making and implementation systems.

The Junior Council assists the Mayor and Council of the District of Clearwater to collaborate and accomplish the goals established by the youth organization and they serve the youth of the District of Clearwater by:

- A. communicating to the municipality regarding the issues, needs and recommendations of the youth
- B. planning and implementing Social, Educational, Cultural and Recreational activities
- C. working with the Mayor, the Council Standing Committees, Provincial Administration, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, interest groups and Service Organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities
- D. to instill a feeling of positive self worth
- E. to teach respect for the rights and property of others
- F. to promote community pride and eliminate potential negative influences among the youth

The current Junior Council Members are:

Alex Brown, President	Cassie Brown, Activities Coordinator
Dayna Koroll, Vice-President	Robert Wallington, Public Relations
Allison Patterson, Treasurer	Joey Pastorek, Secretary

What has Council been up to?

Since December 5th, 2011 the new Council have been busy getting up to speed with operations and procedures. Orientations have been undertaken with:

The District of Clearwater on

- Municipal Services
- Budget Process

The District's Engineers Urban Systems on

- Sewer
- Water
- Roads
- Development & Planning

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

- Working to secure access off Hwy #5
- Safety of Intersections/Hwy#5

Thompson Nicola Regional District on

- Planning & Development
- Building Inspections
- Bylaw Enforcement

Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) a Seminar for Newly Elected Officials with keynote speakers from Local Government, Municipal Insurance Association and Local Government Leadership Academy covering topics including

- Decision making in Local Government
- Local Government
 - Law
 - Community Planning
 - Financial Management

Meeting Procedures

Roles & Responsibilities

Communications and the Media

Municipalities and Regional Districts

Strategic Planning

Is it a 'Secret' that our Council is "In-Camera"

Closed "In-Camera" meetings are held with Council and senior staff in attendance. Council is authorized to hold in-camera meetings under the circumstances set out Section 90 of the **Community Charter**.

Closed meetings may occur to discuss matters pertaining to land, labour, legal or matters of negotiation with another level of government.

WINTER FESTIVAL

Fun for the Family

February 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2012

Contact admin@docbc.ca or 250-674-2257

FREE SKI DAY – Clearwater Ski Hill

Feb 4th 9:30am-3:30pm Rentals Available

www.clearwaterskihill.com



8 TEAM BANTAM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Feb 3rd, 4th & 5th – North Thompson Sportsplex

FREE FAMILY SKATING & REFRESHMENTS

Feb 5th 4:30-6:00pm – North Thompson Sportsplex

ICE MAN FISHING DERBY – Dutch Lake

Feb 5th 9:00am-noon

Register at Dutch Lake, Super Save or Aspen Auto

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - No Trail Fees for the Days

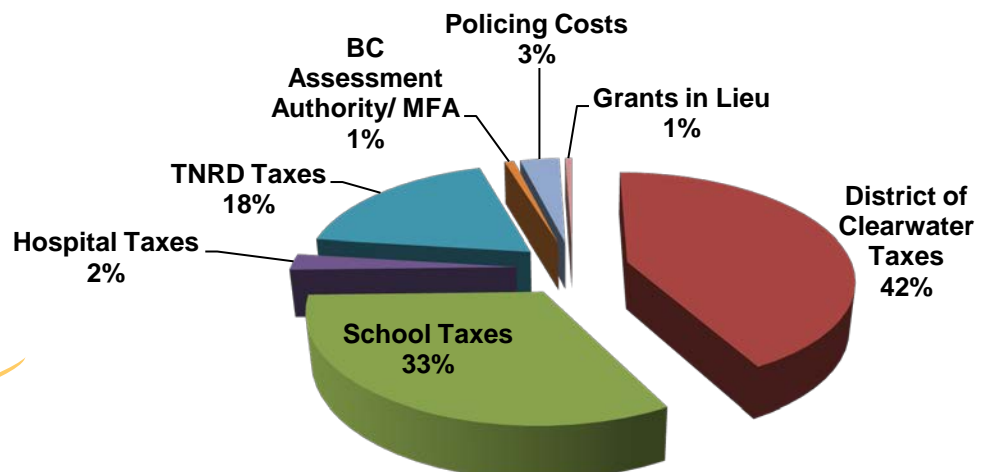
Feb 4th & 5th www.wellsgrayoutdoorsclub.ca

Where do the taxes go?

As outlined on page 2, the District is currently undertaking the 2012 Budget process which will lead to tax rate setting for 2012.

The diagram opposite illustrates the distribution of property taxes for 2011.

Taxes Collected on Behalf of Other Authorities 2011



Fire Inspections:

In accordance with the BC Fire Services Act the Clearwater Fire Department will be conducting fire inspections of **Public Buildings and Hotels** to help mitigate any fire hazards in buildings within our community.

As stated under the **BC Fire Services Act (RSBC 1996):**

“Municipal duty to inspect hotels and public buildings:
26 (1) A municipal council must provide for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings in the municipality.”

During the last week of January, the District’s Fire Chief Mike Smith will visit and inspect buildings. The inspections are not pre-scheduled and will occur between the hours of 9am-5pm. Letters have been sent to those businesses whose premises will be visited.

Key Resolutions from the January 17, 2012 regular Council meeting

Res #12-023
That Council supports in principle the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure concept of a Northern Gateway Roundabout at the intersection of Clearwater Valley Road and Park Drive along the Yellowhead Highway No. 5.

CARRIED

Res #12-024
That Council hosts an Open House in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to present the Northern Gateway Roundabout concept to the public in the month of February.

CARRIED

Res #12-014
That the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to Council to approve the hiring of a Coordinator on contract for the 2012 Canoe Regatta by March 1st, 2012

CARRIED

2012-2016 Financial Plan Public Input

The District of Clearwater is preparing its Five Year Financial Plan for the period of 2012-2016 and would like public input.

Members of the community that are interested in the process and would like to contribute can attend the following meetings at which there will be a chance to participate:

- Public Presentation of Draft Financial Plan scheduled for April 3rd, watch paper and website for time.
- Public Finance and Audit Committee Meetings and Council Meetings, please refer to the published meeting schedule.

In addition to attending the meetings input can be provided through the District of Clearwater website, dropping information at the office, mailing to Box 157, Clearwater or email to Sheila Thiessen, Director of Finance at sthiesse@docbc.ca

Winter Driving - Keep winter under surveillance - Don't know? DON'T GO

Snow and ice push our driving skills to the limit

Do you know how to drive properly in winter conditions? The following tips could save you from problems when you are out on the road:

- **Maintain a safe following distance**
- **Drop your speed to match road conditions.**
- **Watch for black ice**
- **Accelerate and brake slowly.**
- **See and be seen** - Always drive with your headlights on.
- **Be extremely cautious when approaching highway maintenance vehicles such as snow plows and salt or sand trucks**

Know how to handle a skid:

A skid happens when your wheels slide out of control on a slippery surface and is a result of driving too fast for road conditions. If you start to skid, ease off the brake or accelerator, look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go. Be careful not to over steer. If you are on ice and skidding in a straight line, step on the clutch or shift to neutral.

Visit www.drivebc.ca for current road conditions.

The District of Clearwater roads are maintained by the Province under contract with Argo Road Maintenance. For service and maintenance concerns contact: 250-674-3132

Community Outreach Program:

A collaborative program that generates life-long learning through social, recreational, cultural and educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and stages of life with the goal of making Clearwater the “best place to live, work and play”. The program will focus on assisting youth in building skills and abilities they need to grow socially and emotionally through expanded social, recreational and cultural opportunities and positive mentoring. It will also work toward strengthening and improving the wellness of our community by providing more opportunities for citizens to be active and involved.

For further details contact Christine Parsons, Community Outreach Coordinator – 250-674-7082

Recycling & Landfill:

Clearwater Landfill

www.tnrd.ca

Open Sunday-Thursday from
9am-5pm

Eco-Cards can be purchased from:

- The District of Clearwater
- Home Hardware
- Safety Mart or
- Super Save Gas Station

Recycle your Batteries



Call2Recycle, a program of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), promoting environmental sustainability by providing free battery and cell phone recycling has a recycle box at the District of Clearwater for anyone to recycle their batteries and cell phones. Take this opportunity to “Recharge your planet – by recycling your batteries.”

Small Appliance Recycling Program

Unplugged is BC's small appliance recycling program. Unplugged has a wide network of recycling drop-off locations across B.C.

For more information visit:

www.unpluggedrecycling.ca



Unplugged Recycling Centers closest to Clearwater Are:

- General Grant's North Shore Bottle Depot,
611 Fortune Dr., Kamloops, V2B 2K2
1-250-376-9600.
Mon-Sat 8am-6pm,
Sun 9am-5pm,
Closed Holidays
- Lorne Street Bottle Depot,
270 Halston Road, Kamloops,
V2H 1N6.
1-250-372-3721.
Mon-Sat 8am-6pm,
Sun 10am-5pm,
Holidays 10am-4pm

Encorp Return it www.return-it.ca

Bottle Depot:

Super Save Bottle Depot
#10 Old N Thompson Hwy
(Super Save Gas Station)
250-674-2160
Tues-Sat 9am-5pm



Clearwater Eco Depot

The new eco depot will provide a one stop drop-off for refuse and recyclable materials. Both the refuse and recycling areas will be enclosed in large steel buildings and materials will be tipped on the tipping floors for transfer to large trailers that will be used to haul the material away for recycling or disposal.

The site will also have a truck weigh scale so loads can be weighed and charged based on TNRD tipping fees (\$60 per tonne at present).

In addition there is planned to be an outlet for re-use of some materials by constructing a share shed where usable items can be set aside for pick-up by others.

Much preliminary work has been undertaken during 2011 including Geotechnical testing and reporting, archaeological and environmental assessments, detailed site designs, structural designs and site preparation. The complete final designs and other tenders to be complete by March 2012 and construction work scheduled to start in spring (weather pending).

At this time it is hoped to have the site operational by the end of September 2012.

Upcoming Community Events

When	What	Where	Contact
Jan 16-22	Clearwater Hockey Days	NTSP	
Mon Jan → 15:30	Junior Curling	NTSP	Roger Mayer
Mon-Thur Jan → 19:00	Curling Leagues	NTSP	250-674-2143
Mon & Thur Jan 19 → 10:00-11:00	Parents & Preschool Skating	NTSP	
Fri & Sun Jan 20-Mar 2 16:30	Family Skating	NTSP	
Mon Jan 23 → 10:00-11:00	Parent-Child Mother Goose	Yellowhead Community Services	250-674-2600
Mon & Wed Jan 23 → 19:30-21:30	Badminton	CSS - Gym	250-674-2518
Mon Jan 23-Mar 12 18:30-19:30	Family Fun Night	CSS Gym	
Tues Jan 24-Mar 13	Session 1 15:15-16:15	Zumba – Latin Dance inspired fitness	CSS Pit
Tues Jan 24-Mar 13	Session 2 18:15-19:15		
Tues Jan 24-Mar 13 19:30-20:00	Community Volleyball	CSS Gym	
Wed Jan 25-Feb 15	Session 1 15:15-16:15	Fitness Resistance Training	CSS Weight Room
Wed Feb 22- Mar 14	Session 2 15:15-16:15		Christine Parsons 250-674-7082
Wed Jan 25-Feb 15	Session 1 15:15-16:00	Tiny Tot Ballerinas (2-4yrs)	NTSP Lounge
Wed Feb 22-Mar 14	Session 2 15:15-16:00		
Wed Jan 25-Mar 14 16:00-17:00	Ballet (5-8yrs)	NTSP Lounge	
Thur Jan 26-Mar 14 15:15-16:15	Girl Power (11-14yrs)	NTSP Lounge	
Thur Jan 26-Mar 15 18:30-20:00	FREE Drop in Floor Hockey (10-18yrs)	CSS Gym	
Wed Jan 23-Feb 13	Session 1 16:30-17:30	Preschool Stage Theatre	CSS Pit
Wed Feb 20-Mar 12	Session 2 16:30-17:30	(3-5yrs)	
Jan 25	12:00-13:00	Friendly Club Pot Luck Lunch	Evergreen Acres Seniors Hall
Last Thur of Month Jan 26	14:00-15:00	Wells Gray Seniors Book Club	The Library Sandra Holmes
Sun Jan 29 09:30	Walk for Memories (Alzheimer Society)	The Elk's Hall	250-674-3615
Thur Feb 2	Wellness Workshop	CSS	Christine Parsons
Thur Feb 23-Mar 15 17:30-18:30	Parent & Tot Sports of Sort	CSS Gym	250-674-7082
Sat Feb 4 10:00-16:00	6 th Annual Arts, Health & Wellness Expo	CSS	Cindy Wilgosh 250-674-2939
Sat Feb 11 18:00-22:00	2 nd Annual Chocolate Festival	Clearwater Ski Hill	Christine Wright 250-674-3562

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