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to Northern
Strength.”*

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<http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/newsletters.html>

Welcome

We are pleased to present the June 2011 newsletter of the Community Development Institute (CDI) at UNBC. We hope that this quarterly newsletter will help to keep you informed about developments at the CDI. If you have any comments on how we can improve the newsletter, or if you have news that you would like us to include in our next edition, feel free to contact our coordinator at manson@unbc.ca

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The CDI at UNBC

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in two fundamental issues for communities in northern BC: community capacity and community development. By undertaking research, sharing information, and supporting education outreach, the Institute is becoming an important partner to communities interested in making informed decisions about their own futures.

The Institute emphasizes the importance of capacity-building, collaboration, learning, and complementarity. Research that is undertaken balances academic credibility with practical relevance. Beyond research, the Institute is involved in outreach activities and serves as a conduit to expand local educational opportunities related to community development.

For more information please visit: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/>

Notices

BC Food Systems Network

BC Food Systems Network's 13th Annual Gathering, 100 Mile House, July 7 – 10. For more information visit: www.fooddemocracy.org

McBride Infrastructure Eco project

The village of McBride B.C will be celebrating the Grand opening of the EDABC 2010-2011 award winning Infrastructure Eco project and the Phil & Jennie Gaglardi park. July 31st, 2011, Raven Road, McBride (Hwy 1 6& Fraser River Bridge) 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact: Margaret Graine, Economic Development Officer, 1-877-569-7556 edo@mcbride.ca

The Social Economy Research Network of Northern Canada

The Yukon Social Economy Spring 2011 newsletter is available at:
<http://ycdl4.yukoncollege.yk.ca/frontier/files/sermnoca/YukonSEspring2011FINALFINAL.pdf>

2011 BC Oil & Gas Conference

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality is pleased to be hosting the 2011 BC Oil & Gas Conference, September 7th through 9th. Contact Judy Kucharuk, Event Coordinator at 250-784-4237 or email OilAndGasConf2011@northernrockies.ca.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry and Regional Partners of the Healthy Forests-Healthy Communities initiative

The Canadian Institute of Forestry and Regional Partners of the Healthy Forests-Healthy Communities initiative are hosting Community Dialogue Sessions to capture the public's vision for a sustainable future. Information can be found at: www.bcforestconversation.com

Community/Corporate Roles and Responsibilities in Rural Development is a compilation of data collected about corporate social responsibility programs in the minerals industry and challenges and opportunities for communities in northern BC. For more information visit:

www.csrguide.wordpress.com

The New Horizons for Seniors Program Call for Proposals

The New Horizons for Seniors Program is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in their communities and in the lives of others. For more information visit:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml

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***“Research Having an
Impact,
People making a
Difference”***

Institute News

Northern Community Visits this fall

We are pleased to announce that we have reinstated the ‘northern loop’ for the fall of 2011. With the exception of fall 2010, Don Manson, Institute Coordinator of the CDI, has had the opportunity to visit communities in the Southern Yukon and Northern BC. The people of these communities have provided valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities faced by small town, rural, and remote communities. The warmth of the welcome, the generosity of the people, and the magnificent geography, has contributed significantly to our knowledge of community development. Don calculates that he has driven close to 10,000 km on these visits. We would like to thank all of our friends who have made these visits so valuable and look forward to renewing these contacts in September.

Community Education Videos/Tools

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is pleased to extend its information sharing and knowledge mobilization tools. As you know, sharing information and supporting educational outreach are two of the cornerstones of our work. In this new section of educational videos and companion tools we bring these tasks together. For more information visit: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/commed.html>

Understanding Indigenous Economic Development

In the fall of 2010 the Community Development Institute hosted a small workshop featuring participants from northern BC as well as international researchers to talk about “**Understanding indigenous economic development in northern, rural, and remote settings**”. The workshop was part of the University of the Arctic’s Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development. Speakers explored the framework of current indigenous economic development actions, key barriers/opportunities related to successful development, and the actions needed to achieve desired changes. The CDI has produced an edited volume of the presentations.

<http://www.unbc.ca/assets/cdi/uied/uied.pdf>

For copies of the presentations and more information on the workshops:

<http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/uied.html>

Northern BC Economic Development Vision and Strategy Project 2 (NEV2): The Recession Response Project

With the support of the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, the CDI has completed the next phase of the community discussions. The draft policy recommendations for government will be available this fall.

For further information visit: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/nev2.html>

or contact Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca

The District of Clearwater Community Economic Development Strategy plan is now complete.

This partnership between the District of Clearwater and the Community Development Institute at UNBC worked with local residents to create a new Community Economic Development plan. The Community Development Institute has a longstanding relationship with the people and communities of the North Thompson Valley.

The plan is available at the District of Clearwater website:

<http://www.districtofclearwater.com/news/225>

CDI Publication Series

One of the initiatives launched by the Community Development Institute (CDI) at UNBC is a peer reviewed “Publication Series”. This focuses upon invited reports on a range of topics relevant to the mandate of CDI and important to northern British Columbia. The peer review aspect of the Series ensures that only high quality research is published. <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/publications.html>

Community Speakers Series

The Community Development Institute at UNBC will be holding its next Speakers Series this fall. We will be providing further details in September.

If your community would like to co-host our next Community Speaker's Series event, please contact:

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Past Community Speakers Series presentations are available at:

http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/speakers_series.html