



Community Contacts Newsletter

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**"Northern
Strength to
Northern
Strength."**

Welcome

We are pleased to present the June 2009 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/>

Northern BC Economic Development Vision and Strategy Project (NEV) UPDATE

Completed in 2004, the community driven "Northern BC Economic Development Vision and Strategy Project" changed the way we approach community and economic development in northern BC. It provided the foundations for regional collaborations, enhanced resource revenue sharing programs, consideration of new energy issues, relationship building among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, and attention to the key foundations (human, community, physical, and economic) needed for our communities to be flexible and responsive in the global economy.

Details and reports from the original NEV project can be found at:

<http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg/research/edvs/index.html>

In September 2009, the CDI will launch NEV2. The economic downturn is forcing public and private sector interests to make difficult choices and adopt what they think are the best coping strategies so that they are poised, equipped, and ready to take advantage of the next economic upswing. In partnership with selected small local governments in northern BC, we will explore:

- the choices and decisions being made in response to the 2008/2009 economic downturn
- the impacts of those choices / decisions as the economy begins to recover
- recommendations on how small local governments can and should respond to dramatic economic change

Notices

Northwest Community College's House of Learning and Applied Research is hosting **Challenging the Paradigm 2009** June 21 -25 in Terrace. This summer, the focus will be on *community engagement, innovations in pedagogy, and successes.*

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***"Research
Having an
Impact,
People making a
Difference"***

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Northern Development's Expanded "Community Funding Resources" Section Now Online

The Northern Development Initiative Trust website now includes a Community Funding Resources section.

Visit Northern Development's Community Resources section at:

<http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/community-funding/resources-2>

For further information on Northern Development's programs and initiatives, visit:

<http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

Aboriginal Peoples Technical Report, Census year 2006

As a follow-up to the January 15, 2008 release of the Aboriginal people's data, the 2006 Census Dissemination Project is pleased to announce the official release of part 1 of the Aboriginal Peoples Technical Report for the 2006 Census. This report provides explanations of census concepts, data quality and historical comparability.

To read the Aboriginal Peoples Technical Report, please visit:

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/rp-guides/rp/ap-pa/index-eng.cfm>

The Exploring our Roots: Forest History in our Communities Conference

The UNBC Northern BC Archives & Special Collections and the Aleza Lake Research Forest are hosting the BC Forest History Association 'mini-conference' one day event this Sept 19 at UNBC. Registration details coming soon!

For more information on the Forest History Association of BC please visit:

<http://www.fhabc.org/>

For more information on this upcoming conference, please contact:

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Community Transition Toolkit

The CDI has combined available community transition best practices with its own Economic Emergency Transition Toolkit (created in partnership with the District of Mackenzie). In partnership with Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC), we now have a suite of tools for assisting community transition and preparedness planning.

Community Transition Toolkit reports are available at: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/toolkit.html>

CDI Publication Series

Many researchers and communities alike are interested in the topic of Community Based Research. Similarly, many are also interested in creating respectful research partnerships with Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal communities. UNBC has supported one very successful research partnership through the Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) between Tl'azt'en Nation and the University of Northern British Columbia.

Supporting information sharing on topics important to northern British Columbia's communities is a key CDI mission, and we are pleased to announce the release of our latest contribution in the peer reviewed CDI Publication Series.

The new report is titled "Co-Managing Research: Building and Sustaining a First Nation-University Partnership", and is co-authored by Gail Fondahl, Pamela Wright, Deanna Yim, Erin Sherry, Beverly Leon, Wayne Bulmer, Sue Grainger, and Jane Young. It is available at: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/publications.html>

Service Industry Sector Project

The need for workers in all components of the Service Industry sector will be crucial to extracting increased value and GDP from the traditional basic sectors of the economy. With funding from the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement, our project examined this labour market issue and identified practical responses to addressing gaps/needs in both the short and long term.

Project reports are available at: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/research.html>

Community Speakers Series

For information on past Community Speakers Series presentations please visit:

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

If your community would like to co-host our next Community Speaker's Series event, please contact: Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca or phone (250) 960-5018.