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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 March 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 Community Forest Association 2011 Conference and AGM

The BCCFA annual conference and AGM will be held in 100 Mile House, June 9-11 Hosted by the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District (CRD). For more information visit:

http://www.bccfa.ca/index.php?option=com_k2&view=itemlist&task=category&id=3:conferences&Itemid=5

2011 BCRN AGM and Workshop

The BC Rural Network will partner with Thompson Rivers University to host the 2011 BCRN AGM and Workshop. Entitled *Bridge to the Future: Youth and Rural Community Development*, this two day event will be held at TRU's Williams Lake Campus.

For more information visit: <http://www.bcruralnetwork.ca/node/905>

BC Rural Tourism Conference

The BC Rural Tourism Conference: Broadening our horizons: Amenities, regional development and collaboration - which will be held from April 19-21st at 108 Mile House (Hills Health Ranch). For more information visit: www.ruraltourismconference.com

Community Development Program

The Canadian Rural Partnership's Community Development Program is a federal initiative

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

that encourages and supports the development of rural Canada. The goal of the Program is to increase the capacity of rural and northern communities to build on local assets and competitive advantages. For more information visit:

<http://www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/display-afficher.do?id=1299516906622&lang=eng>

Institute News

Coming Soon: 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.

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 will be producing an edited volume of the presentations.

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 will be launching the next phase of the community discussions in May and June. The draft report from phase one will provide the bases for the next round of discussions.

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

or contact Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca

CDI Publication Series

Multi-Sectoral Collaboration and Economic Development: Lessons from England's Regional Development Agencies

by Marleen Morris

The challenges of economic transformation are being felt around the world. Prospering in this shifting environment requires an approach to economic development that recognizes that this issue cannot be addressed by one organization or one sector acting independently; collaboration between the public, private, and non-profit sectors is required. While England's regional development agencies were selected as the focus for this research into economic development, the purpose was to translate lessons learned to the British Columbia context. This article and other CDI publications are available at:

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

Community Speakers Series

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is pleased to announce that this spring’s Speakers Series speaker is Marleen Morris. Marleen’s talk is entitled; ***Collaboration in Regional Economic Development: Why Should We Bother?*** The Talks will be held Wednesday, April 06 in Prince George at the UNBC Campus, room 8-166 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, April 07 at the Hazelton Campus of Northwest Community College at 1:00 pm.

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

Past Community Speakers Series presentations are available at:

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