

# Telkwa

**FEBRUARY 2011  
NEWSLETTER  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**



## Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather

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#### After Hours

#### Emergencies

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### Telkwa Fire Dept.

#### Emergency

846-5555

### Telkwa School

846-5851

### Reading Centre

846-9286

### Telkwa Post Office

846-5676

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846-6805

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Sat. & Sun.  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

### Bylaw Officer

250-846-5928

### **WE'RE ON THE WEB**

[www.telkwa.com](http://www.telkwa.com)

Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Statutory Holidays excluded.

The public is welcome to attend.

The next Council meetings are Feb. 14 and 28 at 7:00 pm.

The agenda may be viewed at the Village Office.

### **COUNCIL NEWS** From Previous Minutes

#### **Dec. 13th, 2010 General Agenda**

- **TO** write a letter requesting that Canada Revenue Agency reverse its policy change relating to the definition of medical "travel" costs using the provided sample letter from Regional Hospital District.
- **TO** respond to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako with interest in principle of the BC Hydro Sustainable Communities Program.
- **TO** award the Treehouse Housing Association with the requested \$1200.00 Grant-in-Aid for the Children's Music Festival.
- **TO** apply to the Towns of Tomorrow 2010 Program and any appropriate partner programs for the next stage of the New Water Reservoir Project. TO upgrade the waterlines on the Bench Area including the connection to the new infrastructure on Highway 16 in the downtown area.

#### **Jan. 14th, 2011 General Agenda**

- **TO** accept Adam Ethier as a member of the Telkwa Volunteer Department.
- **TO** permit The Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department the use of the Dockrill Arena on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the Muscular Dystrophy Family Fun Day and defer to staff to allocate a prize.
- **TO** award the Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department Association with the requested \$1000.00 Grant-in-Aid for the Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser. This fund is to be allocated from the 2010 Community Grants Budget.
- **TO** allocate any Grant-In-Aid funds applied for, prior to December 31, from the 2010 Community Grants budget.
- **TO** select and appoint Andrew Watson, Matthew Cooke, and Derek Meerdink to serve on the Village of Telkwa's Board of Variance.
- **TO** appoint Kim Martinsen as Chief Elections Officer and Stacey Price as Deputy Chief Elections Officer for the 2011 Municipal Election.

### **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**

Are you between the ages of 13 and 18 and interested in training to become a firefighter? The Telkwa Volunteer Fire Dept. is organizing a training program for junior firefighters, and is looking for interested trainees. Training nights will occur every second week. Come and have some fun, challenge yourself, and learn new and valuable skills. Please contact Darcy Reppen at (250)846-9590, Chief Corey Kortmeyer at (778) 210-0263 or Deputy Chief Randy Cunningham at (778) 210-0264 for more information.



**SEE BACK PAGE FOR  
the Telkwa & District  
Volunteer Fire  
Department's 2nd Annual  
"MUSCULAR  
DYSTROPHY FAMILY  
FUN DAY"**

### **TELKWA'S ICE RINKS**

The residents of Telkwa can be proud of all the amazing volunteers who take the time to upkeep the rink in Woodland Park. We're talking about people - young, old and in-between. The community pride in Telkwa just keeps getting better. This is evident in so many areas including the Joseph Dockrill downtown rink.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
AMAZING  
VOLUNTEERS!**



### **2011 CANADIAN CENSUS**

The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada.

If you are over 18 years old and can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now.

Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment.

Please tell friends and family about opportunities to work on the census. Visit the 2011 Census website for more information.

To download and submit an online application, visit the website at [www.census2011.gc.ca](http://www.census2011.gc.ca).

### Telkwa Reading Center

The Telkwa Reading Center newsletter article will be back next month.

Don't forget to visit the Reading Center and take the time to enjoy a great book.

Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 - 5 pm and 7 - 9 pm and Saturdays from 2 - 4 pm.

See you at the Library

### Lost and Found

A pair of boots were found at the Skating Rink at Woodland Park on the evening of Sunday, January 9th. If you think these may be your boots, you can pick them up at the Village office.

### Newsletter Feedback

If you would like to contribute anything or make some suggestions for the monthly newsletter please email Helen at reception@telkwa.com.

### 14 Signs That Prove "You've Grown Up"

1. You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
2. Your car insurance goes down.
3. You watch the Weather Channel.
4. Your house plants are alive and you can't smoke any of them.
5. A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff".
6. You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
7. You no longer take naps from noon to 6 pm.
8. Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
9. You hear your favourite song on an elevator.
10. You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonalds leftovers
11. 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is for real work
12. Your friends marry and divorce instead of hookup and break up
13. Older relatives feel comfortable telling dirty jokes around you
14. You read this entire list looking desperately for one sign that doesn't apply to you.

### TELKWA & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Community Needs You!



The Telkwa and District Volunteer Fire Department is now recruiting personnel to join the department. If you are interested in the rewards of saving lives, learning new skills, meeting new people, being on a team that serves your community and the tremendous comradeship - then this is for you! Telkwa's firefighters are essential to the well-being of our community. They're a proud, caring, selfless and courageous team. There have recently been a few members that have retired and/or relocated. The Fire Department is urgently in need of new members.

**Please make the call to Fire Chief Corey Kortmeyer at 778-210-0263 or Deputy Chief Randy Cunningham at 778-210-0264.**

### TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY - Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wed., February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. followed by our regular meeting. Election of officers will take place at this time. Members are encouraged to attend to get the year off to a good start.

Membership fees are now due for our current members . . . \$5.00 for the year. We welcome new people at any time of the year. Why not consider coming on board! (P.S.- it doesn't mean you need to attend meetings).

At a cost of \$100,00 for a full day, St. Stephens Heritage Church is available year round for that special occasion. The back room of the Church can be rented for a meeting area, 20-25 people is comfortable.

There is a small modern kitchen with fridge, stove, microwave and an up-to-date washroom. Cost for an evening session would be \$20.00.



For info/bookings please call 846-9093. If you wish to visit the Museum/Church call one of our members listed below & we'll do our best to accommodate you. Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm.

For information regarding the Museum or church call Janet G. at 846-5282, John or Janet McD. at 846-9093 or Doug B. at 846-9642.

### Telkwa Seniors' Housing Society

Telkwa Seniors Housing Society has been awarded the contract to manage "Telkwa House" - the Senior Housing Complex located on the bench on First Avenue. The tenant selection committee is working on the application process.

Expressions of interest can be forwarded to:

Telkwa House  
PO BOX 46  
Telkwa, BC  
V0J 2X0

Or for general information you may call Janet McDivitt at 846-9093.

### TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club) Contributed by Marilyn Visser

Items this month are:

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| Feb. 1 at 1:00 pm      | Annual Gen. Mtg.        |
| Feb. 2 at 7:00 pm      | Bingo                   |
| Feb. 5 at 8-11 am      | Pancake Breakfast       |
| Feb. 11 at 9 am - 4 pm | Tri-City Carpet Bowling |
| Feb. 11 at 7:30 pm     | Square Dancing          |
| Feb. 18 at 6:00 pm     | Pot Luck Supper         |
| Mondays at 1:30 pm     | Carpet Bowling          |
| Wednesday at 11 am     | Sip and Stitch          |

Please note that Thursdays are no longer set aside for Carpet Bowling due to low participants on that day. This may change if more interest is shown.



The year's activities are in the planning stages at present and we will keep you advised.

### CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

It's never too early to start planning for a remarkable celebration! We are looking for enthusiastic supporters and volunteers to make this year's Canada Day an even bigger success than last year. Plans are underway for a parade, float decorating contest, bike decorating contest, Kidzone, live entertainment, food, cake and much more.



Get your creative energy flowing and give us a call at 846-5212.

## CHURCH WORSHIP

- Telkwa Christian Reformed Church (next door to BV Home Center) has Sunday services at 9:30 am & 11:00 am. Pastor Stan's new topic at 11 am is prayer and the difference it makes.
- Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa 846-9710 Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm.
- Mt. Zion Lutheran Congregation at St. Stephen's 847-3364 Sunday 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these services.

## ANIMAL CONTROL



The Village of Telkwa requires that all dogs be registered. The dog tags are \$20.00 for non-spayed/neutered and \$15.00 for spayed/neutered dogs.

The 2011 dog tags are now available. Please ensure that your pet is licensed by the end of February.

For the safety of others and the peace and enjoyment of your neighbourhood please be in control of your pet at all times. Do not let them run loose, bark all day and night or let them make a mess of other yards.

## FROM NEWSLETTER OF FEB. 21, 1965 WHAT'S GOING ON IN TELKWA?

### A BLAST FROM THE PAST

February has been a quiet month in the Village. Loggers are working at top pressure before the break-up, and the new T. F. & M. Mills Sawmill is nearing completion. An announcement about the Houston Pulp Mill is expected daily.

The chief topic of conversation locally has been the "dog-menace". Canadians think the ancient Egyptian cult of Cat-worship barbaric and uncivilised: they call it primitive and uncivilised. The Hindu worship of the Sacred Cow, which is permitted to lie down in the Chowringee of Calcutta and leave "cow-pats" all along the Main thoroughfare is most unpleasant. Oddly enough though, the Western Civilisation is not in any way opposed to the cult of the dog - the fouling of streets and footpaths by them is apparently much to be desired.

Lately, however, in Telkwa there have been several cases of child-biting by some of these beloved pests, and the Village Council is having to take action.

With effect from Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a dog-catcher has been appointed. He will take **any** dog found wandering uncontrolled to the Village Pound. Residents owning dogs that they do not wish to keep are urged to take them along to Dr. Proctor for painless destruction. Above all, females in heat **must be kept under control at all times.** Allowing these animals to run loose is the cause of much of the dog-trouble and street fouling that goes on.

At the February Council Meeting another matter discussed was the replacement of Street lights. The B.C. Hydro & Power Authority will replace the incandescent bulbs with Mercury vapour lights along Highway 16: it is hoped that by the time 1965 is over all existing incandescent lamps will be replaced.

Taxes, so far as the Municipal Council is concerned, will remain unchanged. The rates are the lowest of any Municipality in British Columbia, and it has always been the policy in Telkwa to keep them down to the minimum. It is noted though, that school taxes will again be on the increase, and so it is certain that residents will have the usual annual increase to face when the 1965 tax notices reach them in May or June.

## Village of Telkwa Obstruction Bylaw No. 602, 2011

Please be advised that the Village of Telkwa Obstruction Bylaw was adopted at the General Meeting of Council held on January 24, 2011. The following are some excerpts from the bylaw"

"Obstruction" means snow, ice, trees, shrubs, weeds, grass, leaves, refuse, or any other obstructing materials.

You are in violation of the provisions of Village of Telkwa Bylaw No. 602, 2011 as follows:

- Placing snow and/or ice on village road/property
- Placing trees, scrubs, grass, leaves on village road/property
- Placing refuse or other obstruction on village road/property

If you fail to comply under section 4.1 of Bylaw No. 602, 2011, the Municipality, by its employees, contractors and agents, may take action under section 17 of the *Community Charter* to remove the obstruction and to recover the costs from you.

## HOME SHARE PROGRAM

A new program has launched in Telkwa and across the Northwest. It is called the Home Share Program. While there is a range of possibilities that Home Sharing may take, it is usually when an individual, couple or family shares their home and life with an adult who has a developmental disability. Among the options for living arrangements, it is now the most popular choice in the province for adults who have developmental disabilities. Home sharing allows an individual the opportunity to be part of a family and a community rather than living in an institutional setting. Home sharing can take the form of a long-term, full-time living arrangement, or it can be short-term respite. Respite ensures that the individual and his or her full-time Home Share providers stay healthy and happy. People come with a wide range of abilities and needs; Home Share providers are carefully screened and matched with individuals, and are offered ongoing training and support, in order to make sure the situation is successful for everyone who is involved. Our company has hosted programs for adults who have developmental disabilities since 1987. For more information on this program please contact Theresa Mohr, Home Share coordinator at 250-643-4500 or email [tmohr@dengarry.bc.ca](mailto:tmohr@dengarry.bc.ca).



**FEDO'S MARTIAL ARTS** - New drop in classes - please call ahead. Next session starts Feb 3 to June 23. For more info call Fedo's Martial Arts at 250-846-5289.

**PIANO LESSONS** Desiree van der Meulen is offering piano music lessons for ALL ages. Please call 846-9109 for further details about available lesson times & days. All inquiries are welcome.

**TELKWA READING CENTRE** - Mother Moose - a free program for parents and tots featuring songs, rhymes and stories will begin on Thurs., Jan. 27th. The winter session of Mother Moose will run every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:15 am until March 31st, 2011.

**THE GRENDDEL GROUP** is offering an evening of appetizers, theater and dessert at St. Joe's School on Saturday, February 5th, beginning at

7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 13 years old. For more information please contact Valerie Laub at: [vattlaub@telus.net](mailto:vattlaub@telus.net).

**NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC** with Glenn Stewart in Smithers at the Fairgrounds on from April 15 -17, 2011. Early bird prices are valid until January 31, 2011. For more information please contact Anika at 250-846-5495 of [gattiker@telus.net](mailto:gattiker@telus.net) or check out [www.thehorseranch.com](http://www.thehorseranch.com)

**ROUND LAKE NEWS** The community has certainly enjoyed the winter activities with many exciting hockey games, young ones taking their first tentative skates, ice fishing, etc. There have been some glorious skiing at the Bulkley River Recreation Site. Round Lake Hall has hosted a carol sing, hymn sing, numerous quilting events, company retreats, parties and each Monday morning the hall rocks with

children at play. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure continues to work on the Quick Bridge situation exploring all options. Their latest report to the community can be viewed at our website [www.roundlakebc.com](http://www.roundlakebc.com). Looking for a special place to go for a special Valentine's evening? Round Lake Community Association will be hosting a film night at the Round Lake Hall on February 14th. The doors open at 7 pm with the film being shown promptly at 7:30 pm. You are encouraged to bring a delectable dessert to share. Check our web site for more info.



**IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND IT TO [www.reception@telkwa.com](mailto:www.reception@telkwa.com) OR DROP IT OFF AT THE OFFICE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE ROOM FOR IT.**

# The Telkwa & District Volunteer Fire Department

Invites you to

## The 2nd Annual Family Fun Day

A Fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy

**FEBRUARY 5, 2011 2:00pm - 8:00pm**

Behind the **ALL FOR LESS Warehouse** - beside the River

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE BY HAVING FUN**

**Puck drops at 4:00pm Telkwa Fire Department vs. RCMP**

- FIRE TRUCK RIDES
- SLEIGH RIDES
- COSMIC SKATE
- GAMES AND PRIZES
- BONFIRE
- BLIND CHAIR HOCKEY
- CAKE AUCTION
- WASABI CONTEST
- CONCESSION

### Village of Telkwa 2nd Application Intake for the 2011 Grant-in-Aid

The Village of Telkwa 2nd Grant-in-Aid (GIA) application process is in place for the 2011 year. The deadline for this application will be June 30, 2011.

If you are interested in funding to support your community project, applications are available on line at [www.telkwa.com](http://www.telkwa.com) or at the office for pickup. You can download our GIA application from the internet and mail, fax or bring it into the village office.

Guidelines are attached to the application. Contact the village office for more information

Grants are intended to provide a means for the Village to encourage and support local ventures, not to provide core or sustainable funding for a business venture or substantial funding for any significant undertaking.

### Water Conservation Tip

Just a few more months and the water restrictions will come into effect for the warmer season. It's never too early to start thinking about it. Here are a few everyday water conservation tips:

- Turn faucet off when brushing teeth, shaving
- Install a faucet aerator on your bathroom sink
- Install a faucet aerator on your kitchen sink
- Install a toilet tummy in your toilet tank
- Don't use your toilet as a waste basket.

These few changes can save you up to 57 gallons of water per day!