

Telkwa

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NEWSLETTER



Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather

INFORMATION

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Municipal Office

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Monday to Friday
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Telkwa Fire Dept.

Emergency
846-5555

Telkwa School

846-5851

Reading Centre

846-9286

Telkwa Post Office

846-5676

Transfer Station

846-6805

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8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat. & Sun.
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Bylaw Officer

250-846-5928

WE'RE ON THE WEB

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 April 12 & 26 -7:00 pm.

The agenda may be viewed at the

FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Notes February 22 and March 8, 2010 General Meetings of Council

Feb. 22, 2010

- Council approved the Development Variance Permit to Lawjan Holdings Ltd., property legally described as 1400 Highway 16, Plan 9225, Lot A, Sec. 14, LD 14, CR 5 Land District, PID #006-189-539, to increase the family dwellings on the property from four (4) to allow eight (8) single family dwellings. This is a variance from the current zoning C1 subject to R2.
- Council adopted the Village of Telkwa Council Remuneration, Fire Department Remuneration and Council, Officers, and Employees Expenses Bylaw No. 595, 2010.
- A motion was passed to clarify to the Northern Medical Programs Trust that The Village of Telkwa resolved, in 2002, that they were not in a financial position to contribute to this program and at this time do not have the resources to lead a fundraising campaign.

March 8, 2010

- A motion was passed to write a letter to the District Manager of the Min. of Forestry's Skeena-Stikine District, using Colin Macleod's recommendations for expansion of the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation.
- A motion was passed to advise potential partners and contractors that the Village of Telkwa will not be continuing with the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative.
- A motion was passed to support and apply for the UBCM Seniors Housing & Support Initiative on CAO's approval.

HST FREEDOM - Contributed by Maxine Douglas

- Mr. Bill VanderZalm recently held a meeting in Smithers to discuss the HST legislation. He has received approval from Elections BC for a Citizen Initiative Petition to repeal the HST.
- The petition drive will begin on April 6 and must conclude on July 5, 2010. We need to collect the signatures of 10% of registered voters in every Constituency (approximately 4,500 voters per constituency)
- First of all we need more Volunteer Canvassers to help with the petition. If you can be of assistance please call Maxine Douglas at 250-846-5506 to sign up. The plan for Telkwa is to have a petition available at a few businesses in town. The first business is All For Less Warehouse where you can start signing the petition on April 6th. We also hope to have a few local businesses available for all day Saturday signings. Midway Services has offered their restaurant space for a Saturday signing - date to be announced.
- This is an extremely important issue and we hope you will be informed and exercise your right to sign a petition!

CHECK OUT www.fighthst.com

Telkwa and District Volunteer Fire Department

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED !!!

Our Telkwa Firefighters are proud of their accomplishments, Our citizens count on the fire department for outstanding support and extraordinary services that members of the "Telkwa and District Fire Department" willingly deliver.

For more info Contact: Corey Kortmeyer, Fire Chief (778) 210-0263 or

Randy Cunningham, Deputy Chief (778) 210-0264

Join the Telkwa Fire Department and Make a Difference in Your Community

Notice from Bylaw Officer

Please note: From now on there will be a **zero tolerance** for owners whose dogs are running at large at the elementary school. The owners will automatically be fined \$100.00 for the first offence and more for any further offenses.

TELKWA HOMECOMING 2010 UPDATE

To those folks who lived in Telkwa and area prior to 1970, you are not too late to register for this special occasion, but don't wait too long as space is limited, especially in the Community Hall. Saturday night dance will feature Rocky Vanderwiel from Houston
Date: August Long Weekend July 30-31 & Aug. 1-2. Any questions? Call Janet Goheen. at 846-5282 or John & Janet McDivitt at 846-9093. email: telkwahomecoming@hotmail.com You may pickup a registration form from Chris at Telkwa One Stop.

TELKWA READING Center - Contributed by Christine Tessier



Here's what's new to the shelves this month:

The Road to Jerusalem by Jan Guillou - the first in a trilogy which follows a young man's life as he strives to be true to the religion he believes in. Arn Magnusson is a young boy when God gives his mother a sign that her son is destined for great things. Arn is given to the local monks to raise. Since they are not sure what his future is, he is given instructions in everything from sword fighting to Latin. Living with the monks gives Arn a different perspective on the world - a world where lying is unheard of and betrayal never exists. As Arn becomes a young man he must learn the ways of others and is made to join his

family again. This leads him to question his future and starts him on his path of destiny. Although the beginning of this novel proceeds slowly, I grew to enjoy it more and more. I am looking forward to the second in the series.

The Lizard Cage by Karen Connelly - a fascinating novel that has a very disturbing plot. The book revolves around a political prisoner in a jail in Burma. His day-to-day existence is lived in "the cage" - solitary confinement. How he copes and how other characters feature in his life is what draws the reader into this story. I found it very captivating and brilliant.

Lustrum by Robert Harris - the second in the series that tells the story of Cicero, one of the most famous orators in ancient Rome. During

Cicero's term in the senate, conspiracies and treason figure prominently. Cicero manages to keep Rome safe only to find himself in the centre of a murder plot. Just as good as the first one.

Labor Day by Joyce Maynard - a chance encounter with an injured man changes the life of 13 year old Henry and reclusive mom, Adele. During the course of a stifling hot Labour Day weekend, Henry learns some of life's most valuable lessons and Adele gains the courage to overcome her broken heart. This novel, written in the voice of a thirteen year old adolescent, will touch the emotions of all readers

The Swan Thieves by Elizabeth Kosovo - after the

brilliant painter, Robert Oliver, attempts to destroy a famous painting, he is placed under psychiatric care. Except for two sentences uttered upon admission, Robert refuses to speak. He spends his time continually reading a collection of old letters and repeatedly drawing a hauntingly beautiful female face. In order to help him, his psychiatrist traces the origin of the letters and discovers a tragedy dating from the time of the Impressionist.

See you at the library!

Quote by Dr. Sues:

The more you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY - Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Our AGM was postponed in February and the new date for the meeting is Wednesday, March 31st to accommodate as many members as possible. Election of officers will be announced in May's newsletter.

Why not consider becoming a member of the Museum - we're not all "work" and you'll find some rewarding moments.

A reminder of the Commemorative Service at St. Stephen's Heritage Church on Sun., June 13th at 11am. Watch for future newsletters and/or posters for further details closer to the date.

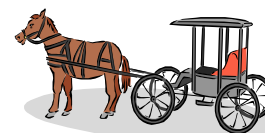
Old photos - especially class pictures (any year) are needed in conjunction with August Homecoming event.

Next mtg. is Wed. April 28th at 7:30 pm at the Museum

For info on the Museum or the Church, you may call Janet G. at 846-5282, John or Janet McD. at 846-9093 or Doug B. at 846-9642.

For a great sense of pride and accomplishment, become active in your community.

Some of the Museum Society's missions are to improve preservation, conservation and management of natural historic collections to ensure their continued value to society.



TELKWA SENIORS' SOCIETY (YOUNG AT HEART CLUB) - Contributed by Janet Goheen

Hi Everyone

Spring is in the air and it's time to start the spring cleaning and planting. Here's what's going on at the Telkwa Seniors' Center:

- **April 3** - Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am
- **April 7** - Bingo at 7 pm
- **April 9** - Dance at 7:30 pm
- **April 16** - Potluck Supper at 6 pm

- **Mondays & Thursdays**
Carpet Bowling - 1:30 pm
- **Tuesdays**
Games Day at 1 pm
- **Wednesdays**
Sip & Stitch 11 am - 4 pm

Watch for our Spring Tea coming in May. Come out for an afternoon of FUN! We will also be having a garage sale in June and are looking for

donations. If you have anything to donate for the garage sale please call Carolyn at 846-5542

For lot of entertainment and great socializing come on over to the Seniors' Center



Gramma's Visit

"Oh, I sure am glad to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother (on his mother's side) "Now Daddy will do the trick he's be promising.

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked

"He told Mommy that he'd climb the walls if you came to visit," answered the boy.

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church

contributed by Pastor Stanley Groothof

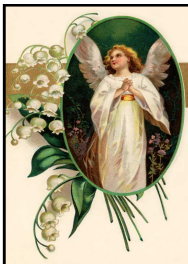
It's easy to talk about changing your life. How do you actually do it? Make some "seismic shifts" in your life when it comes to your joy, faith, health, relationships, wealth and community. Find out more at Telkwa Christian Reformed Church beginning April 18th at 11:00 am. Child care and refreshments are provided.

CHURCH WORSHIP

- Telkwa Christian Reformed Church - 846-5777 - Sunday 9:30 am and 11 am with a half hour coffee and conversation in between. Good Friday Service will be at 11:00 am

- Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa 846-9710 Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm. Easter Services: Good Friday 10am (remembering Jesus' death) Easter Sunday 10:00 (Christ has risen!)

- Mt. Zion Lutheran Congregation at St. Stephen's 847-3364 Sunday 10:00 am



Everyone is welcome to attend any of these services!

Thank You Volunteers

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that helped keep the skating rinks going throughout the winter months.

Volunteers are seldom paid - not because they are worthless - but because they are PRICELESS !!!

Children Playing

With longer, warmer days approaching the kids will be playing outside more often. Please slow down and watch out for the little ones. Let's keep Telkwa a safe Community

THE BEAR FACTS: Hungry as a Bear-contributed by Debbie Wellwood

In years past, as many as 50 black bears and three grizzly bears have been destroyed in the Smithers District in one year in response to human-bear conflicts. This area includes Granisle, Houston, Quick, Telkwa, Smithers, Moricetown, the Hazeltons and Kitwanga. Every year an unknown number of bears are killed and not reported. Failure to report, even in defense of life or property, is illegal. Many of those bears had learned they could get non-natural foods in areas where people live, work and recreate. They had damaged property or were considered a threat to public safety. Reacting to conflicts by destroying bears or moving them to another area is not a long-term solution. If the cause of the problem is not addressed, another bear is usually drawn into a similar situation and the cycle is repeated. The good news is that the majority of conflicts between people and bears are preventable.



Telkwa Community Initiatives Society, with the support of the Village of Telkwa, have initiated a bear hazard assessment of our community through a BC Ministry of Environment grant and volunteer contributions. The project will review local history of bear-human conflicts; identify high-value bear habitats and potential travel routes; and evaluate non-natural foods that attract and/or are accessible to bears in the community. This information will be used to develop a bear-human conflict management plan to support individual and community efforts to reduce conflicts between people and bears.

Over the coming months, watch for "The Bear Facts" in this newsletter. Learn about bear ecology and behaviour to understand why conflicts occur in our communities. Find helpful tips on what you can do to prevent conflicts.

Bears in Early Spring: How hungry can a bear be? Imagine spending 5 - 7 months a year with little or nothing to eat or drink. While denning, bears rely on stored fat for the energy they need. When Spring finally arrives, you can be sure they will be spending most of their time looking for food. Bear reports have been received for our area as early as mid-April. You may see them feeding on vegetation such as common horsetail, cow-parsnip and succulent grasses in areas that green-up first, for example south facing slopes. Bears are also seen along roadsides where green-up happens early. Several favourite food plants of bears can be abundant along roadsides, including red and white clover and dandelions which have been introduced to the area. With the mild weather, bears may be out even earlier this year.

Garbage Attracts Bears: Spring can be a peak period for problems with bears in communities because natural foods are sparse and fat reserves of bears are depleted. Many community-based conflicts with bears occur in areas where bears have access to predictable and reliable sources of human food or garbage that make return visits worthwhile. What can be more predictable than garbage day? Household garbage can be a powerful attractant and provide great rewards for a bear. Other common bear attractants in Spring include pet food, bird feeders and compost.

Prevent Bears from Getting into Your Garbage:

- Store garbage in a secure area such as your basement or an enclosed garage.
- Minimize odours. Seal garbage in a plastic bag & store in garbage cans with tight fitting lids. Clean garbage containers often.
- If you live inside the Village of Telkwa garbage pick-up area, only put your garbage out during daylight hours on the day of pick-up. **Do not** leave garbage out overnight
- **Do not** let piles of garbage accumulate. If you live outside the garbage pick-up area, consider coordinating with neighbours to make more frequent trips to the Telkwa/Smithers Transfer Station.

Conservation Officer Service: To report a serious wildlife conflict, call 1-877-952-7277

New at Fedo's Martial Arts - Little Sharks for children 5 years and up. Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm. Limited space. Please call 846-5289.

Piano Lessons Desiree van der Meulen is offering piano music lessons for ALL ages. Please call 250-846-9109 for further details about available lesson times and days.

Telkwa Potter's Guild Drop-in for those with experience is on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am - 10 pm. Tools, wheels, clay, glazes...IT'S ALL HERE! Call Nika (250) 846-9309.

The Trails at the Bulkley River Recreation Site on West End Road 11 km east of Telkwa are the perfect place to watch the changing season. These trails are maintained by the Round Lake Community Association and they extend a welcome to you to explore the new walk-in campsite along the river. A guest book is located in the chalet.

Thinking of a wedding or a family get together this summer? There are still a few weekends available on the Round Lake Hall calendar. For inquiries call Judy van der Meulen at 250-846-5296 or email vdmroundlk@bulkley.net

GOOD FOOD BOX Order your good food box at Smithers Community Services (250-

846-9515) by April 12th for only \$15.00 (pay at time of order) and enjoy your fresh fruit and vegetables on April 19th. It's easy, convenient and an excellent way to ensure your family is getting good nutrition in their daily diet. Go ahead and put your order in and pick it up at St. James Anglican Church - 1636 Princess Ave. in Smithers. Give it a try and see what you think! Just one more way to support local enterprise and reap the rewards while you're at it. For more information please call Janet at 250-846-5282.

2010 Perennial Plant Sale - the BV Genealogical Society has been helping the BV Museum with this fundraiser the last few years but this year the Museum has had to back out due to other commitments, so the Genealogical Society will be hosting it this year. We're asking for donations of plants, so if you're digging in your garden and dividing perennials, spitting shrubs, etc. please save your spares for us. We will be happy to pick them up or if need be dig them up. Please contact Marj Coupe at 846-9239 or Jan Smith at 847-9758.



Baseball, Fastball, Slowpitch, Soccer . . . It's that time of year to start thinking about outdoor activities. Don't forget to book the fields by calling 250-846-5212.



Bits and Pieces

- If Fed Ex & UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
- What's the difference between "fat chance" and "slim chance"?
- Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?
- I have the simplest tastes - I'm always satisfied with the best.
- It is better to remain silent and thought a fool than to speak up and remove all doubt.
- Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

1st Annual Summer Clothing Swap Shop (contributed by Carli Heinrich)

April 17th, 2010 at the Christian Reformed Church Across from Telkwa One-Stop
contributed by Carli Heinrichs

Are you a woman who wants to help reduce your carbon footprint by trading preloved, high quality summer clothes? Bring what you want to trade at 10:30 am, visit, check out items new-to-you and trading begins at 12 pm. Arriving at 12 pm will mean you'll have no chance to view the clothing, so arrive on time if you are savvy and want the best deal.

Appi's and non-alcoholic white wine is included as the party goes on.

If you are a woman in business, it's a great networking opportunity. You'll get info on recycling initiatives you can do in your own home, your office and your car.

Tell all your girlfriends. Join us!
\$5.00 at the door

(We're sorry, you must bring and take home clothing to participate)

Call Carli at 250-847-5985 for inquiries.

Greening Your Home Adds "Green" to Your Bank Account

It's human nature to look for the quick fix. However, along with personal fitness regimes and healthy eating, the environment is one of those things that require an ongoing commitment. It might seem like environmentally-friendly home improvements are expensive but in reality, being green puts green in your pocket. Depending on the home improvements in question, it might pay for itself within a matter of weeks by reducing your energy bills by an equivalent amount.

When you've been half-frozen on the way home, it's nice to be able to kick of your boots, drop the scarf, mittens and hat in the doorway, and stroll into a warm, cosy house. However, did you know that 54% of the energy consumed in your home stems from basic heating and cooling? That's more that lighting, cooking and all other appliances combined. So, if you and your family can reduce your energy use by the equivalent of turning down your thermostat by just two degrees, within one year you'll have prevented 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from being pumped into the atmosphere.

Note too, that if everyone in Canada switched just one bulb in their home to a Compact Florescent Lights, Canada would save over \$73 million in energy costs that year alone.

JOB POSTING

The Telkwa Museum Society is looking for a manager/interpreter for a minimum of eight (8) weeks.

Duties:

- To provide historical information to the visitors.
- Responsible for maintaining the safety and security of all museum buildings and artifacts.
- Supervise a summer student.
- Run the gift shop and info centre.
- Perform other related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Have an interest in history and tourism
- Enjoy working with the public
- Have good organizational skills
- Have completed high school, however a post-secondary degree is preferred
- Be competent with a computer

For more inquires please call Linda at 250-846-5472 or email: ranger@bulkley.net. Please send application with resume to same email address. Application deadline is April 15, 2010. This job is subject to funding approval.