



## BALDY HUGHES RECEIVES DONATION



NCLGA 1st Vice President Art Kaehn presents a cheque for \$744.75 to Executive Director Marshall Smith of the Baldy Hughes Addiction Treatment Centre & Therapeutic Community. Most of the funds were raised at the recent NCLGA

Convention in Smithers when a bit of our Association history was auctioned off in the form of the fabric NCMA banners. Incoming President Mike Bernier and MC Kevin Brown officiated at the lively impromptu auction.

The remainder of the donation honours the tradition of giving a small gift of appreciation to the outgoing NCLGA President. This year, outgoing President Karen Goodings suggested that she would appreciate a donation being made to a worthy cause in the region, rather than receiving a personal gift. She was very pleased to hear that a \$50.00 donation had been made on her behalf to the Baldy Hughes facility.

For more information about the Baldy Hughes Treatment facility visit their website at:

<http://www.baldyhughes.com/Welcome.html>

## NCLGA 2011 CONVENTION - PRINCE RUPERT

The 2011 NCLGA AGM & Convention will be held in Prince Rupert May 11th-13th, 2011.

It is not too soon to book your accommodations! Room blocks have been set up at:

- Crest Hotel (800) 663-8150
- Coast Prince Rupert Hotel (250) 624-6711
- Inn on the Harbour (250) 624-9107
- Highliner Plaza (250) 624-9060

For more options visit the Tourism Prince Rupert website: [www.tourismprincerupert.com/placestostay](http://www.tourismprincerupert.com/placestostay)



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



In most parts of the north, mother nature has blessed us with summer. That also means it is a great time to get out and discover more of our NCLGA region with your families. Take a trip to Barkerville, travel Highway 16 to enjoy some fabulous seafood in Prince Rupert, or take a trip up the Alaska Highway, just to name a few! It is always exciting to get out and see the diversity and beauty of all our communities and regions.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome MLA Ben Stewart as the new Minister of Community Development, thank MLA Bennett for his time in this Ministry, and wish him success in his new role as Minister of Energy Mines, and Natural Resources. It is very important for our organization to have a good working relationship with the Minister, and we will be attempting to arrange for a meeting between Minister Stewart and the NCLGA Executive at or prior to the UBCM conference.

Just a reminder to everyone that there are some deadlines quickly approaching. Anyone interested in joining the UBCM Executive has until July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to submit their nomination. As well, the UBCM is accepting applications for the Community Excellence Awards until July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All details for these are on their website [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca). Hopefully everyone has booked their room in Whistler for this year's AGM September 27 to October 1.

Enjoy the Canada Day celebrations, along with all the festivities that surround them, and have a safe month of July. Until next month.....

Mike Bernier  
President NCLGA

*Canadian Coat of Arms, the present design was approved in 1994 and shows a ribbon behind the shield with the motto of the Order of Canada, Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam (They desire a better country). The Royal Proclamation describing the arms was issued November 21, 1921.*



**FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB RECYCLING**



A recycling program for compact fluorescent lights and fluorescent tubes (residential use only) will begin on July 1st. The program has been developed by the Product Care Association and the Electrical Equipment Manufacturers Association of Canada. An online list of fluorescent light recycling depots is currently being developed in advance of July 1st. Contact: Andrea Kennedy Ph:(604) 592-2972 Ext 208 andrea@productcare.org www.productcare.org/lights

**BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

British Columbians can now recycle any household battery through Call2Recycle. As long as the battery weighs less than 5kg it can be recycled through this program! As well as ordinary household batteries, these types of batteries can also be recycled:

- Laptop Computer
- Cell Phone
- Rechargeable Power & Gardening Tools
- Hearing Aids
- Digital Camera



There are nearly 1,500 collection points throughout the province. To locate a battery drop off point visit [www.call2recycle.ca](http://www.call2recycle.ca) punch in your postal code and a list of the closest depots will pop up. There is also a toll-free telephone line: 1 (888) 224-9764

**SUIT BAGS FROM NCLGA CONVENTION**



We have a few of the suit bags left over from our recent Convention in Smithers. They are available for \$20 each (plus postage if applicable). Contact the NCLGA office if you are interested in purchasing one! These were a very popular delegate gift and will sell out fast!



**PRINCE GEORGE RECEIVES CLEAN AIR AWARD**

The City of Prince George was recognized for "Outstanding Public Education and Outreach" for its Clean Air Ambassador program by the Clean Air Day (CAD) Advisory Committee. The Clean Air Day awards were established in 2006 to celebrate outstanding contributions to clean air issues in Canada. Prince George created the Clean Air Ambassador pilot project in recognition of air quality issues in the city. Congratulations Prince George!



**QUESNEL CELEBRATES!**



The City of Quesnel has much to celebrate, with 3 organizations that will mark their 100th year of service in 2010!

- Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department
- Auxiliary to the G.R. Baker Memorial Hospital
- Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce



**FORT ST. JOHN NAMED SOLAR COMMUNITY**

The City of Fort St. John was one of seven BC communities to be named a "Solar Community by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Fort St. John will receive \$5,000 to enable further development of solar initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote clean energy and a sustainable energy future. Congratulations!



**WELLS BARKERVILLE MOUNTAIN TRAILS WEBSITE LAUCHED**



The District of Wells has launched a new website to showcase the Wells Barkerville Mountain Trails. [www.wellsbarkervilletrails.com](http://www.wellsbarkervilletrails.com)

The website is touted to be the "definitive source" for trail and backcountry information for the entire area. The site contains trail information, printable maps, event and accommodation details as well as photographs. There are also links to various social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Vimeo and Flickr. The website project was made possible by grants through Western Economic Diversification Canada and the Northern Development Initiative Trust.





**MEASURING UP THE NORTH  
CITY OF TERRACE**  
by Denise Walter



**Measuring Up Terrace Coordinator**

In 2008 a committee was selected by Terrace City Council and work began, with assistance from Measuring Up The North, to make Terrace a more accessible, inclusive city for all.

A survey was prepared and distributed to community members, asking them to identify where they felt the shortfalls were. The City began by making changes to their facilities. Some were small, such as changing the tension on doors and adding grab bars in washrooms, plus modifying some of the equipment in the fitness centre. They then moved on to more complex changes such as cutting curbs at intersections, adding audible traffic signals at crosswalks, and then on to adding an accessible washroom and elevator at the Sportsplex and more recently, adding a new lift at City Hall. The lift connects the ground floor entrance to the Administration floor and Council Chambers. City Hall is now completely accessible to the public.



The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, when asked, were quick to respond by having their contractor modify the ramps to the sidewalks on two of the bridges into Terrace. They also improved the curb cuts at

the intersections on the Sande Street Overpass.

As an awareness campaign, the Committee invited some of the councilors and the local MLA to participate in a “walk” throughout sections of town, using wheelchairs. This certainly made them realize some of the difficulties that people with disabilities faced every day by trying to get around their community.

The committee approached some businesses and asked them to make changes to their buildings and most were happy to comply. This included the Skeena Mall modifying their doorway to the men’s washroom to make it wheelchair accessible, Tim Hortons adding an automatic door opener, and lately Save on Foods and Canadian Tire have made changes to their washroom

doors to make them easier to enter and exit. When one of our local restaurants (Hot House) relocated, they included many features in their renovations to make their building accessible.

A Seniors’ Park was recently opened with equipment that can be used by all fitness levels. It was funded by ActNow BC and is located behind the Library in the newly renovated George Little Park.

With assistance from the Provincial LocalMotion funding grant, Terrace was able to extend their accessible walkway through town. The Grand Trunk Pathway travels from the east side of downtown Terrace past Canadian Tire on the west side of town (along Highway 16 towards Prince Rupert). There are benches placed along the walkway, plus the path is lit so can be used during the evening hours as well.



The City of Terrace created a Snow Removal Program for seniors and people with disabilities, by offering an annual subsidy of \$250 to assist them in clearing snow from their sidewalks and driveways. The City has also applied to BC Transit to have the Taxi Saver Program in Terrace, and they have the installation of more audible traffic signals planned for the near future. The City is working closely with BC Housing to ensure the development of 24 accessible and subsidized housing units for seniors and disabled adults.

The Committee recently conducted a walk around the City owned camp ground and made some suggestions for a more enjoyable camping experience for seniors and persons with disabilities.



The Committee for Measuring Up Terrace is continuing to work towards education and awareness for local businesses. We are also creating a recognition program to acknowledge the local businesses that make changes to become more accessible and inclusive for all.



**Canada Day  
July 1st, 2010**