



Working with communities, First Nations, local government and businesses to build a stronger North by investing in economic development in central and northern British Columbia, Canada

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New Bridge Connects Clinton to Wells



Through the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program, The Trust granted \$30,000 to the Wells Snowmobile Club to improve on an existing trail with the construction of the Blair Street Bridge.

The bridge serves as the main entrance to a large snowmobile trail network in the Wells area and is the entry point to the Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail. The Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail is located in south-central British Columbia, extending from the Village of Clinton to the District of Wells. It is approximately 463 kilometres in length incorporating the communities of 70 Mile House, 100 Mile House, Horsefly and Likely.

This project also facilitates safe crossing for all users across the Willow River. The Blair Street bridge replaced two pre-existing bridges, one of which was in severe disrepair. Improving accessibility to this network brings in tourists for outdoor activities in every season.

(Photo credit: Geoff Moore)

A Prince George high tech company's software gets a marketing boost



Noratek Solutions, a software development company based in Prince George, is seeing new interest in its products through our Competitiveness Consulting Rebate program. Our trials are up 60% this year and the Trust's program helped do that" – Steven Findlay, president of Noratek Solutions Inc.

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Moving operations online makes this Northern B.C. business ready for growth



Sibola Mountain Falling Ltd is ready to realize bottom-line benefits thanks to the Trust's Competitiveness Consulting Rebate. This timber falling and bucking company based in Prince George accessed the Trust's Competitiveness Consulting Rebate program in 2014.

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The sky is the limit for Lillooet with new funding approved to support airport upgrades



Funds approved through Northern Development's Economic Diversification Infrastructure program will transform the Lillooet Municipal Airport into a long-term asset that will generate benefits for the local economy.

Northern Development's Economic Diversification Infrastructure program has previously been used to fund airport upgrades in Masset, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Burns Lake, Fort St. John, Prince George, Dawson Creek, Quesnel, Anahim Lake and elsewhere.

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The 2016 Gold Country Geocache Event is our 2,000th project!

Northern Development has funded our 2,000th project! The 2016 Gold Country Geocache event was granted \$2,500 through the Fabulous Festivals and Events program.

This event will run from September 2-5. New Geocachers are invited to familiarize themselves with the Gold Country geotour. The Gold Country geotour hosts 144 geocache sites through the area that highlights places of significance, including historical sites, geological wonders and tourist spots of interest.

Participants of the event will be encouraged to visit small communities including Lillooet, Clinton, Loon Lake and Cache Creek.

Bringing Community Together in the Northeast

Tumbler Ridge and Hudson's Hope have accessed The Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program for their Community Centre and Arena respectively. Both communities were granted \$30,000 to upgrade their facilities.

The pre-existing lighting system in the Tumbler Ridge Community Centre is a 33-year-old florescent system that no longer met the requirements for the facility. This upgrade assisted with the maintaining of our Community Centre, which is the hub of activity for the community. Currently the facility is well used by organizations including their Arts Council, Library and Youth Centre for an array of activities ranging from Craft Fairs and Mass Registration nights to weddings and concerts.

The District of Hudson's Hope pre-existing Zambonis were purchased in 1980 and 1990 respectively and both were in need of replacement. The District applied to Northern Development for funding to support the

purchase of an ice re-surfacer for the maintenance of the arena ice surface.

Facilities such as community centres and arenas is are integral to any small community. They are the places that bring people together in the dead of winter and the brighter summer months to celebrate what it means to be a community. By upgrading their facilities, Tumbler Ridge and Hudson's Hope can carry a proud legacy of home-town pride into the future.

Welcome new board members!



We are proud to introduce our two new board members, Margo Wagner and Mark Rogers. Wagner has been with the Cariboo Regional District

(CRD) since 2011. Rogers has served as a Councillor with the City of Dawson Creek since 2015.

We would like to thank Mayor Mitch Campsall and Mayor Bill Streeper for their time and service to the Board of Directors. All the best to both of you in your endeavours.

Celebrate our region with these Fabulous Festivals



Northern Development is proud to be supporting unique festivals and events throughout our region with the Fabulous Festivals and Events funding program.

The program provides non-profit organizations \$2500 to help build the sustainability and expansion of local events to attract tourism and build communities. Save the date and check out these events coming soon in Northern B.C.

- Clinton | Clinton Annual Ball | May 21
- Chetwynd | International Chainsaw Carving Championship | June 9 - 12

- Atlin | Atlin Arts and Music Festival | July 8 - 10
 - Quesnel | Billy Barker Days | July 14 - 17
 - Francois Lake | Grassy Plains Summer Festival | July 18 - 19
 - Hazelton | Kispiox Valley Music Festival | July 22 - 24
 - Bella Coola | Discovery Coast Music Festival | July 23 - 24
 - Terrace | Terrace Riverboat Days | July 29 - August 7
 - Haida Gwaii | Edge of the World Music Festival | August 5 - 7
 - Wells | Moonrise Film Festival | August 19 - 21
 - Barkerville | Mid-Autumn Moon Festival | August 20
 - Lillooet, Clinton, Logan Lake, Loon Lake | Gold Country Geocache Event |
September 2 - 5
 - Lytton | Lytton River Festival | September 2 - 3
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Upcoming Application Intake Deadline

May 13 2016 @ 4:30PM

Please visit our website for application forms for the following funding programs:

[Economic Diversification Infrastructure](#)

[Community Halls and Recreation Facilities](#)

[Capital Investment Analysis](#)

[Marketing Initiatives](#)

Community Foundations Matching Grants

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Share Your Story...

Do you have an update or personal story about a project undertaken in central and northern BC that has made a positive difference for you, your family, or organization?