



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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Rebate program enables growth of SpeeDee Office Experts



Three years ago, SpeeDee took advantage of Northern Development's Competitiveness Consulting Rebate program to improve internal reporting systems, which has resulted in the expansion into new locations, creation of jobs and support for the local economy.

[View full story here](#)

Upgrading Glenwood Hall

Glenwood Hall was recently revitalized with the help of Northern Development. The Trust provided \$30,000 in funding to upgrade the facility so that it can continue to host local events. Northern B.C. singer songwriter Mark Perry performs his classic song 'We Danced Here' to tell the story about what this hall means to the people of the Bulkley Valley.

Investment brochure helps Stewart sign three-year deal



Digital marketing might be the backbone of modern investment attraction strategies, but Stewart, B.C. just proved that an old fashioned brochure can still attract industry to town.

[View full story here](#)

Love Haida Gwaii

Haida Gwaii is home to more than a hundred locally-owned, independent businesses that you won't find anywhere else in the world. Watch the video to learn more about Love Haida Gwaii - a unique marketing initiative to encourage consumers to shop local!
www.lovehaidagwaii.com

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.

- Prince George | Coldsnap Winter Music Festival | January 22 - 30
- Bridge River | Bridge River Valley Winterfest | February 6 - 7
- Logan Lake | Polar Carnival | February 6
- 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

Launching soon: Love Fort St John



We're excited to launch lovefortstjohn.com this Spring, and celebrate locally owned, independent businesses in Fort St John.

We hope you'll join us for the launch event...stay tuned!

A Decade of Building a Stronger North



Thank you to everyone who joined us during the BC Natural Resources Forum for a reception that marked the conclusion of Northern Development's 10th Anniversary. CEO Janine North, Board Chair Evan Saugstad, and MLA Mike Morris welcomed guests and reflected on ten outstanding years of building a stronger North. The event was held in partnership with the Ramada Prince George Hotel.

For more event photos, please [visit us on Facebook](#).

Application Intake Deadline

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](#)

Explore hundred of projects...

and connect with the people who are building their communities and a stronger regional economy in central and northern BC.

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?