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Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it, we are almost at the end of August? Where did the summer go? This week I was able to attend a major education event in Penticton as one of the speakers. I also had the privilege of introducing two people who are champions in very different ways. The first was Silken Laumann who as you would know is an Olympic rowing champion. Her story is inspiring as she battled back from a significant injury and overpowered a US rower to astound everyone and win a medal at the Olympics. The second was Senator Romeo Dallaire, the human rights advocate and military general who wrote the book "Shake Hands With the Devil" a powerful account of the shocking events that took place in Rwanda. Both these Canadians shared their stories with more than 500 delegates that included parents, trustees, educators and administrators. During both presentations you could hear a pin drop in the convention hall and at the conclusion people rose to their feet to show how profoundly they had been impacted. If you haven't read their histories, I urge you to do just that. I will not forget the messages that these two inspirational leaders delivered.

I wanted to remind and encourage each of you to provide input to the City in the development of the Parks Master Plan. The input deadline has been extended to August 26th. This important process will guide the disbursement and development of parks and open spaces within our

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465-4911

Victim Link: 7 days a  
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community. You can share your views by going to the City of Prince George website.

I also wanted to take a moment to congratulate the Prince George Service Canada Centre for Youth on its 40th Anniversary. This excellent program has assisted young people for 4 decades in Prince George as they search for a summer job. I actually worked as a student employment counselor in this program for a summer, many years ago!! A big thank you to everyone who has made this service such a resounding success, especially this year's very energetic and active team.

I know many of us are already filling up our September calendars and I wanted to be sure that you put the Breakfast of Champions in right away. This year's Breakfast will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Hotel. The speaker will be Randy Gregg, five time Stanley Cup winner and orthopedic doctor. You don't want to miss this opportunity to support our UNBC athletic programs and hear a great speaker at the same time. Bill and I attended last year and will certainly be there again this year. You can call Kelly Sharp ([sharpk@unbc.ca](mailto:sharpk@unbc.ca)) at (250) 960-5335 for more information, to purchase a ticket or buy a table for you and your friends.

Tomorrow we are heading out to the Robson Valley for our regular visit. It will be a long day and will include meetings with constituents, visits to the libraries in both McBride and Valemount and will end with some time at the Bull-A-Rama rodeo event. I always enjoy the drive through this beautiful part of British Columbia and it is particularly nice now that over 7 million dollars worth of road work has been completed between McBride and Tete Jaune. More about our trip in next week's AYMLA.

The weekend is absolutely packed as always with community events and a little family time. My family team will be golfing in the CNIB twilight golf tournament tonight and we will be participating in the Rivermania celebration on Sunday. Why not join us at these important events? I look forward to seeing you out and about!

Until next week,  
Shirley

## **Question of the week:**

### **WHAT NEW ANNOUNCEMENT WILL HELP TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN PRINCE GEORGE AND THE PROVINCE?**

The B.C. government is investing \$600,000 over three years to better protect air quality by exploring new techniques and technologies to manage woody debris from logging and land development, Environment Minister Barry Penner and Forests and Range Minister Pat Bell announced.

Protecting and improving our air quality is one of our greatest priorities. By exploring and promoting alternatives to the open burning of logging debris, we'll be able to significantly reduce air pollution from that source, and to better protect the health of British Columbians.

The funding allocated by the Ministry of Forests and Range is part of the \$28.5-million BC Air Action Plan released in June by the provincial government. The project will be co-ordinated by FPInnovations' Feric Division, a non-profit research and development organization that promotes the sustainable development of forestry operations.

With higher energy prices, there is an opportunity to make better use of this fibre by converting it to bio energy and other products. By better utilizing the resource, we can promote economic diversification, ensure healthy forests, and improve air quality – it's a real win-win for rural communities and the environment.

Burning very fine woody debris like twigs and stems does not generate as much particulates and it can help keep forests healthy. Burning the larger pieces leads to poor air quality.

The B.C. forest sector is actively taking steps to reduce its environmental footprint. This program is a great opportunity for researchers to work with forest operations managers to create and showcase science-based innovations that will

reduce wildland fire risk while protecting B.C.'s air quality.

Submissions for funding under the grant will be open to researchers with relevant experience in alternatives to burning, burning techniques or smoke management. The program will be administered in three phases, with phase one covering funding for field trials and demonstration projects in collaboration with B.C. forest companies.

Organizations interested in demonstrating concepts or tools that can be applied to this program are invited to submit a letter of intent outlining proposed projects to FPInnovations by Aug. 29, 2008.

For more information, log on to [www.feric.ca/en](http://www.feric.ca/en)

For details on the provincial government's initiatives to improve and protect air quality, please visit [www.env.gov.bc.ca/pac/airquality.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/pac/airquality.htm) and the BC Air Action Plan website, [www.bcairsmart.ca](http://www.bcairsmart.ca)

## **News Around the Province**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS HELPING BC STUDENTS TO BECOME GLOBAL CITIZENS**

A new Premier's One World scholarship to support up to five B.C. students pursuing post-secondary studies abroad and its first recipients were announced by Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

Studying abroad allows students to gain a fresh perspective, to exchange ideas and learn from other cultures – important skills needed by tomorrow's leaders.

The Premier's One World scholarships are funded from the returns on a \$13 million endowment fund for international education established by the Province in 2006. Depending on the amount of revenue generated by the endowment fund, up to five scholarships of \$20,000 each will be awarded annually to support students wishing to pursue post-secondary education abroad.

The international scholarships endowment fund also supports three other scholarship programs – two more that help students from B.C. study abroad, and one that supports students from a foreign country to study in B.C.

These scholarships recognize that, in our increasingly interconnected world, it is necessary to foster cross-cultural understanding. Our province has a lot to gain by supporting students in their studies abroad.

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society, in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, manages the endowment and awards the scholarships based on eligibility criteria and an application process.

The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society supports post-secondary education by providing easy to access scholarships for students attending public institutions. These scholarships are an investment in students in B.C. that will enrich their learning experience and help them to succeed.

For more information about this scholarship, the society's other scholarship programs, or to donate to the international scholarships endowment fund, visit [www.bcscholarship.ca](http://www.bcscholarship.ca) or call the Victoria Foundation at 250 381-5532.

## **This week's bouquet of recognition goes to...**

**Carol Huynh**, of Hazelton BC, who won Canada's first gold medal of the Beijing 2008 Olympics in women's wrestling. Great job Carol!

## **Community Announcements**

**PG Air Quality Emissions and Efficiency Testing**  
Free testing of your vehicle to let

you know your impact on the environment and ways to reduce the amount of harmful emissions from your vehicle.

Hosted by the PG Air Improvement Roundtable and sponsored by the Government August 21-23 at the CN Centre Parking Lot

## Mark your calendar...

- ❖ August 23- **Carefree Society Seniors Fashion show & Luncheon**, 1-4pm at 950 Kerry Street – Help raise funds for new bus. Entertainment, door prizes. Admin \$20, Srs-\$15
- ❖ August 23 – **Breast Cancer Garage Sale Fundraiser** – Large Garage sale with proceeds going towards “Run for the Cure.” Runs through until August 24.
- ❖ August 24 – **A Summer Night of Seasonal Delights**-join local food producers, chef and food artisan for a taste of summer. Afternoon Tastings and Explorations 4pm to 6pm -\$25. Dinner at 6:15pm -\$55. Community Garden 1540 Milburn Ave. Info-564-3859
- ❖ August 24 – **BC 150 Rivermania** - Come celebrate the culture and Peoples of the Fraser River. Every BC community is invited to take part in this event. The launch in Prince George takes place August 24. Visit <http://www.bcrivermania.com/index.html> to find out what’s going on in Prince George and to see how you can be part of the flotilla
- ❖ August 29<sup>th</sup> – **Fun Day** – Hart Pioneer Recreation Centre. All seniors over the age of 50 are welcome to attend. All games free and lunch only \$4. 250-962-6712 for information.
- ❖ September 5<sup>th</sup> - **Cops for Cancer-Tour de North Starting Line Event** at Re/Max Centre City, 1679 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Prince George. Event is on Friday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> starting with a Pancake Breakfast by donation at 8:00 AM hosted by Re/Max Realtors. Everyone invited to come out and meet the RCMP Tour de North Riders and see them off as they begin the 7 day cycling tour to Prince Rupert.

- ❖ September 6<sup>th</sup> – **ECRA Garage Sale** – Fall garage sale and bake sale. 1692 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Call 250-964-1118 or ECRA 250-561-9381 for info.
- ❖ September 12<sup>th</sup> – **Spirit of the North Radiothon** – Join 101.3 the River during a full day broadcast fundraiser in the atrium of PGRH. Come and make a donation to generate much needed funds for our hospital. Contact Debie Byl at 565-2522 for info.
- ❖ September 20 – **Evening of Pink** – A community fundraiser to support education and equipment in our community for the fight against breast cancer. For info call Monica Peacock (552-4114)
- ❖ September 20 – **Breakfast of Champions** – Come and support UNBC athletics at this breakfast held in the Ramada Hotel. The speaker will be Randy Gregg, five time Stanley Cup winner and orthopedic doctor. Call Kelly Sharp (sharpk@unbc.ca) at (250) 960-5335 for more tickets and information.

***If you are a non profit organization and would like to advertise an upcoming event or share a story please email [Shirley](mailto:Shirley)***

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