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Hello everyone,

Wow - what an unbelievable day in Prince George!! An early start as I took part in the annual Drive Thru Breakfast. Lots of people stopped by to support this great event. Congrats to everyone for a job well done. I also attended the early convocation and installation ceremony at UNBC. There were lots of exceptional graduates surrounded by very proud families and friends. Special congratulations to Becky Blixrud, who has worked in our office in the past, on her graduation from UNBC. I was also able to participate in a luncheon that marked the launch of Red Fridays in Prince George. My staff and I wore red in support of military families and their loved ones. This is a great initiative that we hope will catch on in Prince George and the rest of the North. Another important announcement with the start of a transition program for Baldy Hughes clients at the newly expanded Rona store. As you know I have been working to support the hard work that has been done at Baldy Hughes and this transition program involves work experience at the Rona store. Other businesses including Art Knapps, GM, and Canadian Tire will have similar programs in place. This new program allows residents who are undergoing long term addiction treatment at the Baldy Hughes facility to participate in transitional practicums with the partner companies. Thank you to all the partners for helping to create an inclusive, caring community.

Last Friday I made my regular trip to the Robson Valley. As

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BC Nurse line: 24 hour,
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Pharma Net Hotline:
Mon-Fri (8:30-4:30pm)
1-800-387-4700

Health Info Line: Mon-Fri
(8:30-4:30pm)
1-800-465-4911

Victim Link: 7 days a
week,
24 hours, 1-800-563-0808

part of this visit, Mr. Dan Doyle, the chair of BC Hydro and I presented a special "Shadow Box" gift of appreciation to the McBride Community Forest for the contribution of wood used for podiums at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The twenty-three official podiums used at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games were made from eighteen wood types donated from community forests from around the province. The Western Hemlock podium used at the Whistler Medals Plaza was harvested and donated by the McBride Community Forest for individual victory ceremonies including alpine skiing, luge, and ski jumping events. The wood podiums highlight the importance of forestry in British Columbia. A global leader in sustainable forest management, the provincial government works with community forests to maintain and celebrate the future of B.C.'s forest industry. The Olympics provided a great platform to show what BC has to offer in wood products. This is certainly something that McBride should be very proud of.

On Tuesday I had an opportunity to participate in a event on the front lawn of the legislature to promote an organization that I am very proud to support. The Canadian Cancer Society held an event to promote upcoming Relays for Life around the province. MLA's, including me, threw paint-filled balloons at a wall that read "CANCER" in large letters, symbolically "taking a shot" at eradicating cancer. As Prince George has already held the Relay for Life this year, I was asked to speak about participating and supporting the event both this year and in years past. We had a team this year that raised over \$5,000. The total raised for Prince George through the Relay for Life is over \$400,000 this year. The Relay for Life was very successful, and Team Bond will continue to support the Relay for Life in the years ahead.

As summer approaches the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will begin delivering a number of road improvement projects throughout the province. Specifically, in the north the ministry has begun construction on the Holy Cross Passing Lane and intersection improvements located six kilometres east of Fraser Lake. The scope of the project includes the construction of a 1.5 km east bound passing lane between Holy Cross Forest Service Road and Orange Valley Road as well as a right turn lane onto the highway at the Holy Cross FSR and improved overhead lighting at Orange Valley Road. In response to localized concerns from

industry the passing lane and intersection improvements are timely. Demands to harvest timber impacted by mountain pine beetle has lead to an increase in industrial traffic accessing Hwy 16 at the intersections of the Holy Cross Forest Service Road or entering the Highway from local mills. Overall, the Highway 16 corridor west of Prince George has a high percentage of industrial, commercial and tourist traffic. Projects like the Holy Cross Passing lane will make a big difference in Fraser Lake.

This weekend I am looking forward to a visit to the temple on Davis Rd. to deliver a certificate for the Vaisakhi celebration. I have made many visits to the temple in the past and always look forward to joining with families as they attend on Sunday morning. Lots of other great events to attend including a BBQ tonight to celebrate my nephew Adam's graduation. Enjoy your week ahead and I look forward to seeing you out and about . . .

Until next week,

Shirley

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

*2010 Graduating Classes
It's your time to shine,
Congratulations on your hardwork
Wishing you all the best and a very
Successful future!*

Community Announcement

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince George is looking to grow! This agency is committed to providing quality mentors for children and youth living in Prince George. They are looking into the possibility of opening a child care centre.

The first step is to determine what the need is in our community. They are currently conducting a *needs assessment survey*. This is a quick 10 question survey that will only take you a minute to complete but will allow us get an idea of any gaps that exist in our

community and help us move forward. Click here to access the survey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thankyoufrombbbs>

Thank you for your assistance in completing this survey. Could you please forward this to all of your local contacts who have children and youth? The more responses they receive the better they can understand the current state of childcare in our community.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Bennett at 250.563.7410.



Did you know that the Canada Winter Games is one of the largest multi-sporting events in the world and hosts more participants than the Olympics? Imagine what the 2015 Canada Winter Games could bring to our community. You are invited to join the Prince George Bid Committee, along with Co-Chairs Les Waldie and Mayor Dan Rogers to show your support and learn more about the Games.
Wednesday, June 2, at 5pm to 7pm
Presentation at 5:45pm
At the Prince George Civic Centre
For more information email: 2015wgames@city.pg.bc.ca



Work Safe BC
Public Hearings into Proposed amendments to Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.
Hearings take place at five locations across the Province from May 4th to Jun 3rd
Interested parties can make oral presentations to a public hearing or written submissions until June 4th, 210
Full information on each proposed amendment is available on website home page under
Title: 2010 Public Hearings
At www.worksafefbc.com



Children First, Prince George is hosting
A community presentation at the
UNBC Conference Centre, Rm 6-205 at 7pm,
Guest speaker is Dr. Paul Kershaw

Presentation will be of interest to Business, Educators
And Community
Please RSVP to Kathy.Basaraba@northernhealth.ca by June 1, 2010

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## Order of British Columbia -2010 call for Nominations

Nomination forms are available from the Honours and Awards Secretariat  
(Office of Protocol) in Victoria at [www.protocol.gov.bc.ca](http://www.protocol.gov.bc.ca) and  
Following the link for the order of British Columbia  
or by calling 250-387-1616

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FUNDRAISING RAFFLE TICKETS **Prince George Metis Community Association** **After Hours Drop In Center**

Prizes

1st. \$500.00

2nd. \$300.00

3rd. \$200.00

TICKETS \$2/EACH

All Proceeds to Help the After Hours Drop In Center
A Safe haven for the Homeless and Street People

If anyone wishes to sell tickets for us
Please Contact Patrick Pocha 250-561-9484

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**Spring Raffle at ECRA**  
**1<sup>st</sup> prize - Handmade Quilt,**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Gift basket-value \$200.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$25.00**  
**Contact ECRA at 250-561-9381**

**Mark your calendar...**

❖ May 20-22 and May 25-29 - Judy Russell Presents The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

- Putnam County Spelling Bee-** Prince George Playhouse. Tickets and information available at 250-563-2880
- ❖ **May 22 – Country Rock Dance** at Hart Pioneer Centre, 6986 Hart Hwy, music starts at 8 pm, Evening snack, admission \$10
  - ❖ **May 23-24 - Humble Homestead Spring Fling**, Visit [www.hubblehomestead.ca](http://www.hubblehomestead.ca) for details.
  - ❖ **May 24 –Barkerville Historic Town hosting High Tea on Victoria Day**, Join Queen Victoria and Albert, Prince Consort, for High Tea at Wake Up Jake Restaurant in honour of the Queen's Birthday. For info please call 1-888-994-3332, email [barkerville@barkerville.ca](mailto:barkerville@barkerville.ca) or visit website [www.barkerville.ca](http://www.barkerville.ca) .
  - ❖ **May 27 – Immigrant & Multicultural Services Society** hosting a **Job Fair** at 1633 Victoria Street inside the Redwood square. Meet potential employers, find out about career & employment opportunities, for more info contact Adeana at 250-562-2900 or [jobcoach@imss.ca](mailto:jobcoach@imss.ca)
  - ❖ **May 27- Bad Art, for Good Pets** event at Nancy O's on 3<sup>rd</sup> ave, 7pm, cost is \$10 per person silent auction until 10pm, event closes at 11pm. Tickets available at Nancy O's and Books and Co.
  - ❖ **May 28 – CNIB – United Way Drive Thru Breakfast** fundraiser. 7am to 9am. Healthy breakfast in a re-usable cloth bag by donation. Drive Thru in the Costco wholesale parking lot, 2555 Range Rd. For more info contact Jeff at 250-563-1702
  - ❖ **May 29 & 30 – Railway and Forestry Museum Garage Sale**, to donate or volunteer email [admin@pgrfm.bc.ca](mailto:admin@pgrfm.bc.ca) or call Ranjit 250-563-7351
  - ❖ **May 29 – Flea Market** – 9am – 3pm at Hart Pioneer Centre, tables Rentals available call 250-962-6712
  - ❖ **May 29 – REAPS** – will be holding their **annual plant sale** at 1950 Gorse Street, also will host a backyard composting workshop at 2pm and vermicomposting workshop at 3pm. 1950 Gorse Street from
  - ❖ **May 29 – PGMCA- After Hours Drop in Center, Pancake Breakfast** by donation, mim donation \$5, held at Blade Runners, 1074 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Also Garage Sale and Flea Market
  - ❖ **May 30 – Rail and Forestry Museum Garage Sale** – to donate items please call 250-563-7351
  - ❖ **June 3 - 5, – Resources Expo 2010-** Keynote speakers and up-to-date information on major issues. Job Fair, Contractor Fair, Trade Fair, Networking events and much more. Please visit new website for more info [www.bcresourcesexpo.com](http://www.bcresourcesexpo.com) .
  - ❖ **June 6 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prince George Family YMCA Healthy Kids Marathon 10:30 am to 3pm** at Masich Place Stadium for more info visit [www.pgymca.com](http://www.pgymca.com) for registration forms & running logs!
  - ❖ **June 6- YMCA Annual Road Race**, open to individuals and corporate teams, for more info visit [www.pgymca.com](http://www.pgymca.com)
  - ❖ **June 6 – BC Children's Hospital Foundation annual Golf Tournament** at Alderhills Golf Course. To volunteer or participate call Laurie at 250-561-2573

- ❖ June 6 – **Scotia Bank MS Walk** at Fort George Park. Go to [mswalks.ca](http://mswalks.ca) to register to be a walker or pledge a walk or email [info.princegeorge@mssociety.ca](mailto:info.princegeorge@mssociety.ca) or call Joann at 250-564-7074.
- ❖ June 6- Songs of youth & Love, A unique performance in support of the **Prince George Symphony Orchestra**, performing artists, Sarah Kirsch, Soprano and Tina Chan, Pianist at the Prince George Playhouse at 2pm, Invitations are available by phone for a minimum donation of \$25, which allows for a charitable donation tax receipt. for info call 250-277-1804 or 250-562-0800 or 778-890-0450
- ❖ June 9 – June 16 Prince George Theatre workshop presents An evening of **Dinner Theatre Comedies**, tickets are \$35/adults, \$32.50/seniors and students, for reservations call 250-562-4526
- ❖ June 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – **Sandman Community Involvement Days** – Gigantic Garage Sale with Proceeds going to Senior recreation Centers in Prince George, Pancake Breakfasts, BBQs, Bake Sale, silent Auction, Crafts and entertainment provided – come out and support your community.
- ❖ June 12 – **Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers** at the Prince George Playhouse. Doors open 6:30pm, show at 7pm. Tickets for adults \$15, Students/seniors \$10, free from children under 5yrs.
- ❖ June 12 – **Latin Festival** – The Latino-Canadian Association of Northern BC will hold its Latin Festival on June 12 at the Hart Community Centre. Ticket includes dinner, dancing, live entertainment and prizes, priced at \$60ea, are available at Books and Company. For more information call Giulliana Tamblyn at 250-962-5054.
- ❖ June 19- A Scholarship fund has been established for Cpl Darren Fizapatrik, **Scholarship dinner** planned to raise funds for the bursary at the Civic Centre, doors open at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, live auction at 8pm \$50/person Table of 10/\$450. For info call Rice at 250-612-9856
- ❖ June 20 – **Dunk Tank**, held at Ft. George Park while the PGMCA are having hertiagge Day at the park Come out dunk one of the local Celebrities. Proceeds go to PGMCA.
- ❖ June 26 – **Dinner and Dance** at the Kinsmen Hall, 777 Kinsman Way, \$20 per person for more info contact Patrick Pocha at 250-561—9484

***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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