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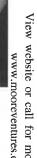


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SHANK YOUS

THANK YOU to the participants and the health practitioners (Deb Cochrane, Barbara Faust, Liz de Vries, Sue Gehring, Beth Fredrick, Bridget Uhl, Nancy Taylor, Penny Rivard, Micha Yoder, Jennifer Quan and Alesha Kelley) who made Wellness Week at the McBride

Cuam and Alesna Kelley) who made Wellness Week at the McBride Trading. Co. a success.

The McBride Mustangs Senior Boys basketball team - Erich, Mathue, Mathew, Justin, Kyle, Jarett, Brandon, Hank, Jesse, and Alex, would like to thank their community for the tremendous support helping them get to the Provincial Championships in Langley, BC. The boys played hard, had fun, and made old rivals into new friends. The attendance of our fundraising efforts was overwhelming and heart warming. The list to thank is very long and very appreciated. Thank you to Home Hardware, IGA, Village of McBride, McBride AG Foods, Odds 'n Ends, Dr. And Mrs. Jackson, Sandman Hotel, Heartland Restaurant, Spindrift, JNR Auto Services, Kilin Restaurant, CMH, Beaver Creek and Jill Philpott, Gigglin' Grizzly, Crescent Spur Holidays, McBride Mountain Sports, Advantage Insurance, Vanderhoof Co-op, Stedmans, E-Free Church, Sirens, Alpineview B & B., Farm Store, LCR Holdings, Lottic Schiefelbein, Sharron Schiefelbein, Willow Heart, Carrie Krenzler, Clara Appleby, Julie Monroe, Adrenaline Services, Scotiabank, Gary McFarland Cont., Bill Arnold, Shellagh Foster, John Peterson, Nadine Shovar, Hauer Creek Power, Peter and Lisa Hulka, McBride Secondary School PAC, Oldtimer's Hockey, Memory of Linda Bird, Regional District, McBride Trading Co., Gerri Wayslow and Ray Ault, Lakes District Maintenance, Craig Arnold, AJAK signs, Joy and Andy Keim, Linda Wood, Jocelyn Monroe, McBride District Volunteer Fire Dept., McBride Secondary School and staff, Derek Shaw, Darrell and Diane Roth, McBride Broom Factory (Broomhilda), Gerald Porrier, Sonia Carmont, Scott Keim, Spencer Kimpton, Lauren Monroe, Dian Monroe, Julie Vizza, McBride Husky, Carrier Lumber, and to all those who attended, donated and supported our fundraising functions. The turnouts for the movie night, carwash, dinner and liveslient auction, and finishing up with a dance and live auction of the team was amazing. A very special engine of the movie might, carwash, dinner and liveslient shows and bey

MGBRIDE ROUNDHOUSE NEWS

The Barra-McNeils Concert March 24 is Cancelled. Watch f posters and tickets for our next concert, *The Gruft*, April 7th.

MFSG MEETING

McBride Figure Skating Club is holding their AGM Sat., March 27th at 10 am in the Sandman Dinning room. We have many positions opening up and if we want this club to run we need these positions filled. All parents that have existing skaters in our club and anyone interested in joining the new season please come to this meeting. Any info needed please call Jodi Littlechild 250-569-0079.

School News

Ready, Set, Learn, a pre-literacy programme for 3 and 4 year olds, accompanied by a parent or a caregiver, will again be offered at McBride Centennial Elementary. The spring programme will run for 8 weeks on Tuesdays from April 13 - June 1 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please phone the school sy 250-569-2721 if you have any questions and to register. Ready, Set, Learn will be hosted by McBride Centennial Elementary, Dunster Fine Arts School, and the McBride and District

MINOR HOGKEY NEWS

McBride Minor Hockey Association Year End Wind Up and Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 6pm in the McBride Elks Hall. This event is for all players, parents, coaches, managers, concession managers, and executive. Please plan to stay for the AGM for a chance for you child to win a week long summer hockey school package.

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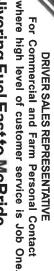
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Our Mission:

The Economic Development Office serves all citizens and non-profit organizations in McBride & District by assisting in the creation and retention of jobs and stimulating local economic growth to ultimately enhance the quality of life in McBride & District.

Our Goals:

Goals provide identifiable points of reference for making decisions and developing strategies. As a result of performed analysis and reflecting on your input via survey the following goals & objectives have been identified:

- **Build Infrastructure**
- Build 'critical mass' (increase population)
- 3. Attract Tourism
- **Attract Emerging Industries** 4.
- Support Agriculture
- Support Local Small Business
- Create Partnerships
- Improve Communication Channels
- Be Open to New Ideas

To learn more about how we plan to tackle our goals, review McBride Economic Development Action Plan 2010-2015 available at the local library and the McBride Village Office.

Survey 2010 - your comments matter

Thank you for participation in the 2010 Economic comfortable setting. **Development Survey!**

Your feedback provides the essential tools to work on your behalf, in the directions most important to the community. McBride's Economic Development Officer and the Village Council have carefully reviewed the feedback and comments provided. Many of the comments raised issues outside of the local jurisdiction, and these have been shared with the Regional District Fraser-Fort George.

We acknowledge the importance of your request for increased communication and access to information. In response the EDO has created the Economic News - McBride Newsletter, and it is now available on the EDO website: www.mcbride.ca/edo. In addition we have started regular monthly public forums. The forums take place on first Thursday of each month at the Sun Valley Restaurant between 7:00 and 8:00 PM.

This allows for open, face to face communication in a

Share your ideas and listen to other community members. Use these resources to find out what has been accomplished and what projects are "on the go".

Keep in mind that the **Economic Development Office** works to attract new businesses and create an environment that can support them. **EDO** identifies community needs and assets, designs sustainable programs and projects, works to attract re-location and investment and obtains funding. Businesses, in turn, create employment.

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McBride's Economic Development Action Plan 2010-2015

Our Vision

"To build a legacy for future generations, by creating a healthy and sustainable community through a positive economic development attitude where entrepreneurs can flourish, while preserving our pristine environment".

Successful economic development goals, strategies and action plans build on local strengths and mitigate weaknesses which differ from community to community.

Creation of economic stability can only be accomplished if the community has land, infrastructure, finances, technical support and labour.

Development strategies proposed in the new Action Plan reflect community needs, availability of resources and the fit with the local competencies. The first step toward engaging in the implementation of the actual projects is obtaining support and cooperation of the public and private sector. Although there may be projects that improve peoples well being, increase economic viability or enhance the quality of life, there may be NO markets for such projects.



Our resources are very limited and we must find a tactical way to stimulate economic development in McBride. This will require compromises and trade-offs.

The Economic Development Office has an obligation to set clear and attainable economic development goals and objectives that serve all residents.

Community Leaders should design policies and programs to help achieve those economic development goals and create a positive business climate.

Communities cannot work alone. We need to align the aspirations that suit our area with the needs of the region in order to build capacity and leverage scarce resources. Collaboration will enhance the credibility of the proposed projects and assure future

It is essential that we recognize our strengths and weaknesses to form a basis for our competitive advantage. Strengths:

- Transportation (our location)
- Quality of Life
- **Business Climate**
- Sustainable Wood Fiber

Weaknesses:

- Site & Facilities
- Lack of Stable Power
- Limited Labour Market
- 4. **Education & Training**
- Declining Population (critical mass)

In our Economic Development Action Plan we have evaluated possible opportunities in the following industries: Agriculture,

Tourism, Forestry, Emerging Industries and Retail & Service.

Our recommendations were guided by your comments (survey), available finances, market opportunities and our capacity.

To fairly assess all proposals the EDO developed a point-scoring system which was used to prioritize all projects. The scoring system is based on the following criteria:

- Job Creation (# of jobs created)
- Timeline (shovel ready?)
- Cost (funds availability)
- Benefit (who benefits?)
- Economic Impact
- Infrastructure availability, and
- Subsidies requirement (financial)

The proposed projects will be reevaluated every year and re-prioritized based on the arising new funding opportunities or other material changes.

Want to learn more?

The full plan is available on our website: www.mcbride.ca/edo, or a copy of the Economic Development Action Plan 2010-2015 can be borrowed from the local library or the village office. (following your suggestions to reduce our printing costs, additional copies will NOT be made).

Margaret Graine EDO



You are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly public forum held at the Sun Valley Restaurant on Thursday, April 1st 2010 between 7-8p.m. This is your opportunity to provide your opinions and comments to the Village of McBride staff and Council about the future of your Community.

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Anyone is welcome to come help tie a quilt going to Siyabonga, Uganda.

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