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CHAMBER NEWS

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REMINDER!!!

It is another new year, with lots of activities and news to share. This is a reminder that our deadline to have community announcements, coming events, news, advertising, thank you's, stories, etc. is by the Monday of that week. We would like to thank the community in advance for supporting our paper, we've had many great years and are looking forward to many more. You can drop off items in the drop box at 455 King Street. Email: sglines3@telus.net, mail us at Box 441, McBride, BC, V0J 2E0. fax: 250-569-0220 or phone and leave a message 250-569-3110. Thank You!

COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association's next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4th, 7:00 pm at the Heartland Restaurant Meeting Room. Everyone Welcome. The Dunster Family Dance has been cancelled for the month of January. Regular Dunster Family Dances will begin again the first Saturday of February.

Aerobics is back starting January 9th. Mondays 5:15-6:15 & Thursdays 6:00-7:00 at the Community Hall. Call Jenny at 250-569-8840 with any questions.

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THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

Here is another history lesson!

Did you ever wonder why people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering them a drink that contained poison in it. To prove to a guest that a drink was indeed safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of their drink into the glass of the host. Both people would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted their host, they would only touch or clink the host's glass with their own.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—(Marketwire -11/16/11)- ecoTECH Energy Group, Inc. (OTC:BB: ECTH.OB - News), headquartered in Seattle, WA, is pleased to announce that it hosted a Jobs Fair in the Village of McBride, BC Canada for the Company's Green Technology Industrial Park development around McBride. This was an ecoTECH event with support from the Economic Development Office of the Village of McBride, the ScotiaBank, the Robson Valley Home Support Society, The College of New Caledonia and McBride Realty Center Ltd. Mayor Mike Frazier was in attendance to offer his support to the project. ecoTECH fulfilled many of the 200 permanent and temporary jobs it was seeking to place beginning 2012. The breakdown of the positions is as follows; 140 jobs in construction over an 18 month period, 70 jobs in general construction, 48 jobs for the construction of the aquaculture systems and 2 jobs for the construction of the horticulture systems. Permanent positions are to include 74 jobs in aquaculture, 56 jobs in horticulture, 7 jobs in the 5-megawatt horticulture/ aquaculture Combined Heat and Power (CHP) energy generation, five jobs in vermiculture, 7 jobs in cold storage as well as 13 jobs in general labour positions.

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Regional Economic Investment Pilot

The BC Jobs Plan aims to create long-term jobs and investment across the province by building on key competitive advantages.

To achieve this, the provincial government will engage with communities and support them in developing strategies to create lasting economic benefit and boost job creation.

Piloting the approach in a small number of regions allows more focus on key initiatives. It will also enhance government's understanding of how best to assist and streamline communities' economic development.

The four selected communities represent the diversity of community needs across the province, and include: Campbell River (medium size city), the Barriere to **McBride corridor** (small rural communities), North Fraser (small urban area) and a First Nations community.

Pilots were selected using the following considerations:

- Diverse community locations.
- Range of population sizes.

- Diverse economic challenges and opportunities.
- Strong indication of investment-ready projects.
- Demonstrated commitment to planning for the future.
- Strong local leadership.
- Community-level recognition of the value of non-monetary assistance.
- Alignment with key competitive sectors identified in the BC Jobs Plan.

Economic forums with key stakeholders will be held in each of the four pilot regions, concluding by March 2012. Through these sessions economic investment opportunities in each pilot area will be identified.

The province will assist communities by providing expertise, and facilitating community and regional linkages to key partners, stakeholders and programs to advance investment opportunities. No funding will be provided to communities.

Selected projects will be implemented in the following six to 18 months. Once the pilots are complete, additional communities will have the opportunity to partner the government on investment opportunities.

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BC Economic Outlook 2011-2015

Highlights

- Moderate growth in 2011 and 2012 for B.C.'s economy at 2.4% and 2.8%, respectively.
- B.C. economy grows at a faster pace after 2012, partly due to tax system change but also to due higher U.S. economic growth lifting B.C. exports.
- Reverting to the PST/GST tax system alters the spending profile in residential and machinery/equipment spending in B.C.
- Construction industry growth will lead domestic-oriented industries.
- Job growth will be moderate and unemployment slow to decline until after 2013.

The global economic slowdown is lasting longer and is more severe than anticipated in the previous forecast due to the natural disaster in Japan earlier this year, the worsening of the European debt crisis and the U.S. debt ceiling political wrangle negatively affecting confidence and equity markets. Also, unseasonable weather in the U.S. affected economic activity in the first half of 2011.

Signs point to the recovery continuing, but at a modest pace with a higher risk of recession. A return to normal production in Japan's supply chain, lower oil prices, healthy corporate balance sheets, and near-zero interest rates helps the recovery in the second half of this year and into 2012. Another round of fiscal stimulus in the U.S. is likely. U.S. economic growth will gain momentum after 2012 and along with

Japan's reconstruction efforts help lift B.C. exports and overall economic growth.

Without more robust U.S. economic growth, B.C.'s economy will grow at less than 3% annually, which is expected in 2011 and 2012. Stronger export growth will largely depend on a recovery in U.S. demand for B.C.'s lumber, natural gas, and tourism services.

This forecast sees these conditions begin to emerge in 2013 and gain momentum through 2015 at which time there is a strong revival in B.C. wood products and energy exports.

B.C.'s mining sector will continue to benefit from the high growth Asian economies and new mining developments later in the forecast period. High coal and metals prices help offset the negative impact of the strong Canadian dollar.

The high Canadian dollar also makes imports less expensive and increases the demand for imports, leading to a larger trade deficit even with the forecasted gain in exports. Rising import demand from B.C. consumers and businesses also reflects more income to spend on goods and services, though personal income growth will remain moderate, reflecting a similar performance in the labour market. Consumption and investment will be aided by low interest rates into 2012 and only gradually rising rates thereafter.

The province's domestic economy will generate most of the growth between 2011 and 2013 before exports contribute more significantly in 2014 and 2015.

Government spending declines during the forecast, particularly capital spending. Private sector domestic demand spending will grow at a faster pace than the overall economy growth rate, led by residential and non-residential construction spending. Not surprisingly, the construction industry will have the highest growth of all domestic-oriented industries in this forecast.

The return to the 12% PST/GST tax system in 2013 from the current HST tax system has many effects. The economy receives a boost from more personal consumption and residential investment spending, though business investment and exports are slightly lower, along with corporation profits.

Productivity is lower under the PST/GST. In general, the provincial economy grows modestly faster in the medium term as it becomes more consumption-oriented but with less machinery and equipment investment and a larger trade deficit. However, longer term economic growth (10 plus years) is lower under the PST/GST than with the HST.

Forecast risk is on the downside since the U.S. economy may not revive to the extent foreseen in 2013 to 2015.

Another forecast risk is a possible financial crisis in Europe causing a credit crunch not only in Europe but also spreading into North America leading to weaker economic growth. A macro-policy misstep is another possible risk since there is a delicate balance between fiscal consolidation and promoting economic growth, while monetary policy is stretched to its practical limits. Political manoeuvrings could cause a policy error.

(Helmut Pastrick Chief Economist, Central 1 Credit Union, Vancouver - authorized for re-print)

McBride & District

January 2012

Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CHURCHES Happy New Year	2 CHURCHES	3 7:00 pm RC Legion@ Legion Hall 1-3 pm /7-8 pm DORCAS 1-3 pm AUCW Thrift Shop 6:30 pm TOPS @ HithUnit	4 6:30 pm Bingo @ Legion Hall	5 2-4 pm OAPO Stitch & Knit 3:30-5:30pm Dome Ck Reading Room 6:30 pm Srs Bingo @ BVLodge 7:00pm Free Dance Lessons @Elks Hall	6 Cafe Show and Tell @North Country Lodge 10am-12 Everyone Welcome 1-3 pm AUCW Thrift Shop Curling @ Rec Centre 7 pm - midnight	7 SDA Church
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29 CHURCHES	30 CHURCHES	31 1-3 pm AUCW Thrift Shop 1-3 pm /7-8 pm DORCAS 6:30 pm TOPS @ HithUnit	ICE LENS PHOTOGRAPHY/POTTERY DISPLAY MUSEUM/LIBRARY Tuesday: 10am - 5pm & 7 - 9 pm Wednesday: 10am - 5pm Friday 2 - 9pm; Saturday: 2 - 5pm TUESDAY STORY TIME 10:30 AM Check out our new titles at the Library!		Robson Valley Support Society Employment Counseling, Job support, child care and more Call: 250 569 2266	

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Tues Wed Closed

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

McBride Recreation Centre - Open Call 569-3360 for more information on programs or go to www.rdtfg.bc.ca and follow the links

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