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City's Top Ten on the Sanding and Plowing Priority List:

1. **Moffat Bridge and APPROACHES**
(both ends including North Fraser Drive on ramp)
2. **Lewis Drive hill**
3. **Abbott Drive** (including the top hill)
4. **Flamingo Avenue / Perry Street / Lark Avenue** (from Bettcher to Voyageur School / Bettcher and Blair loop)
5. **Marsh Drive / Anderson Drive / West Fraser Road** (to Ruric Spring Road)
6. **Elliott Street**
7. **North Fraser Drive** (to Mills Road)
8. **Front Street loop / Legion Drive**
9. **Johnston Bridge loop**
10. **Johnston Avenue / North Star Road** (to pulp mill property)

ourQuesnel: Sustainability in Action

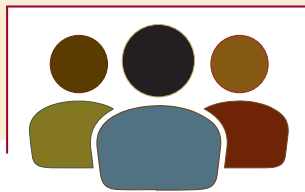


ourQuesnel reached a major milestone in 2013. The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan was finalized and endorsed by Council. The document provides a vision for a successful and sustainable future; describes the community's priorities for success in the long term; and maps out a series of strategy areas that contain actions of how to reach that sustainable future.

A Special Edition Q-City News will be delivered to City residents in February. Watch for it.

To obtain a copy of the Community Sustainability Plan, visit the City's website and download a copy from <http://www.quesnel.ca/ourquesnel.html> or call City Hall at 250-992-2111.

Below is an excellent example of how community partners can make a difference and benefit our community!



Better at Home

Better at Home is a new program designed to help seniors remain independent at home. In helping local seniors, the staff and volunteers support a diverse, inclusive and vibrant neighbourhood for everyone.

The United Way supports seniors to age with dignity and with money provided by the BC Government, they have managed to bring Better at Home to the residents of Quesnel.

Seniors are an important and growing part of our community and their active involvement enriches everyone's lives.

To ensure that seniors continue to play an active part in the community, they often need support to live independently in their own homes, surrounded by friends, families and neighbours. Better at Home helps seniors with simple day-to-day tasks, thereby helping them maintain their independence and stay connected with the community.

The specific services offered by Better at Home reflect the different needs of our community and include:



- Friendly visits
- Grocery shopping
- Yard work
- Housekeeping
- Home repair
- Snow shovelling
- Transportation to appointments

Fees for Better at Home services are determined on a sliding scale based on an ability to pay. Some are offered for free.

All seniors living in a Better at Home community can apply for service. The service provider will help to determine which services are most appropriate for the individual's circumstances.

To apply for these services, simply contact Brenda Gardiner by e-mail at bgardiner@longname.ca or BAH@longname.ca, by telephoning 250-992-9156 or stop in to the office located at 275 Reid Street.

Volunteers for the service are always in demand. Please contact Brenda Gardiner (at the contact information noted above) if you are interested in volunteering and can spare 2 to 5 hours a month.

Quesnel Regional Airport

Central Mountain Air has a new flight schedule to make flying from Quesnel that much easier with earlier morning and afternoon flights on Thursday and Friday and a direct flight to and from Vancouver on Saturday. Central Mountain Air now provides 19 flights each week to choose from!

Enjoy free parking, friendly and helpful staff in a comfortable setting inside. Enjoy the free WIFI in the terminal while you wait for your flight to leave or wait for your guest to arrive!

For CMA reservations, call 1-888-865-8585 or 250-992-3212 or book online at www.flycma.com. Go ahead and book from Quesnel to anywhere WestJet or Air Canada flies. To book flights from Quesnel using your Air Miles, call Air Miles at 1-888-247-6453 or visit www.airmiles.com.

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Winter Carnival

West Fraser Timber Park
Saturday February 1

1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

- Crazy Toque Contest
- Krafts 4 Kids Centre
- Snow Sculpture
- Fireworks
- Geo caching *NEW*
- and more

For all of the event details, visit their Facebook page - *Quesnel Winter Carnival*.

WELCOME TO WINTER

Our Public Works Department has been extremely busy these past two months as a result of the inclement weather conditions. Over one meter of snow fell in the beginning of December and there have been multiple snowfalls since. Crews have been running at full capacity, with every piece of equipment on the road and labourers are being called in to help with winter clean up.

We appreciate your patience in times like these and residents too, can assist the City's crews during the winter months.

- Expect minor delays after a snowfall and allow extra travel time.
- Do your part to ensure safe road travel, i.e. use quality snow tires, reduce your speed and only travel if necessary during and after major snowfalls, giving our operators more time and room to complete operations.

- When approaching snow equipment give them plenty of room to operate.
- Do not attempt to flag down our operators to explain a point or request a favour, this only slows down our snow removal process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call the Public Works Department.
- Do not shovel snow from your driveway or windrow out into the street.
- In residential areas, after a snowfall, park your vehicles in your driveway so that when the snow

plow does your street they can do a neat and thorough job.

Public Works snow removal crews follow a Snow Operations Manual which has sanding, plowing and hand shoveling priority lists. For the top ten areas on the Sanding and Plowing

surrounded with a new show of foliage this summer.

The Ministry of Transportation has a multi-million dollar paving contract that will start at the beginning of spring. Sections of Highway 97 will be paved, including the North Star



City Crews at Work

Priority List for call outs and early starts, see page 4.

For a complete list of areas, visit <http://www.quesnel.ca/SnowClearing.html>.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2014

This year Public Works will be busy paving, renewing water mains, and sewer and storm drains through their capital works program.

The Billy Barker statue standing outside of the Museum will be

Interchange and Carson Avenue to the Hospital.

2013 REVIEW

- Roddis Street underwent a major rebuild;
- Dixon Street was repaved;
- Nadeau Avenue was repaved and a new sidewalk was built;
- Moffat Bridge deck was repaired;
- South Quesnel now has residential garbage service.

...see priority list on page 4



Moving the Community Forward

It is the time of year to reflect on some highlights for 2013 and look ahead to 2014. On behalf of Quesnel City Council, Happy New Year!

Business at City Hall has been diverse and challenging. It has provided great learning opportunities as well as opportunities for change. As the only constant in life is change, that's what we did! This past year saw some notable community highlights:

- North Cariboo Multi-Centre referendum;
- Residential garbage collection in South Quesnel;
- Enhanced flight schedules for CMA;
- Skyfest Airshow complete with the Snow Birds and F18s;
- Completion of Phase I of the West

- Quesnel Land Stability program;
- Two new BC Transit "Vicinity" buses offering public transit to those with accessibility needs;
- Adoption of our long-term sustainability plan "ourQuesnel";
- Hosting the North Central Local Government Association conference;
- Community consultation on secondary suites;
- Our Museum's 50th anniversary;
- St. Joseph's Residential School Commemoration Project and subsequent first annual "orange shirt day";
- Freemason's 100th anniversary; and
- Billy Barker Days' 40 anniversary.

On a personal note, my year as Union of BC Municipalities President provided a

considerable amount of travel, experience and education. Although I was very busy, the position was rewarding and I continue to engage with those organizations that benefit our City in the provincial and federal forums.

The community transition around the closure of the Canfor Mill continues, working collaboratively with local and regional organizations, our MLA, the provincial government, and Canfor to assist in the transition.

I would like to thank staff, my fellow Councillors, local businesses, our Regional District and our community as a whole for their support throughout the year. I wish you and your families all the best in 2014.



Barkerville Brewing Company's Makeover



Prepared for an Emergency?

Personal preparedness. It's everyone's business. The City of Quesnel is prepared. Are you?

You can never schedule an emergency, but you can plan ways to cope with one. The City, along with fire, police, other emergency personnel and support agencies have an emergency plan that can be set in motion for large-scale emergencies and disasters.

Our website at <http://www.quesnel.ca/EmergencyPreparedness.html> is designed to assist you in achieving your level of personal preparedness. Included are links to information pages and other websites.

Remember, personal preparedness is everybody's business! For questions, comments or suggestions, please contact the City's Emergency Services Director, [Sylvain Gauthier](mailto:Sylvain.Gauthier@quesnel.ca) at 250-992-5121 or sgauthier@quesnel.ca.

Façade Improvement Grants

The City of Quesnel, in partnership with Northern Development Initiative Trust provided an opportunity for funding to local businesses to assist with improvements to the façade of their buildings.

A successful grant application was received from Barkerville Brewing Company and improvements included refinishing the exterior, adding windows to the building and new signage.

The Business Façade Improvement Program offers assistance to business

property owners to improve the physical appearance of buildings. Eligible projects include murals, new siding or paint and signage, adding extra windows or a new or improved entryway.

To be eligible, the project must comply with certain requirements such as noticeable improvements from the outside, must be a business or commercial property, and bring the building or property into greater conformance with the Development Permit Area Standards.

For information on upcoming 2014 grant opportunities, contact Jillian Stockburger at 250-992-2111.

Budget 2014 Timetable

The following is an outline of the City's 2014 Budget Timetable. Dates are subject to change and will be posted on the City's website. All of the meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. We encourage everyone to attend and participate in the process. If you cannot attend a public meeting and wish to provide your input with respect to the budget, please e-mail the Director of Corporate and Financial Services Kari Bolton at kbolton@quesnel.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Jan 27, 2014 | BUDGET Review of Operating Budget Package |
| Feb 17, 2014 | BUDGET Review of Capital Budget |
| Feb 24, 2014 | BUDGET Public Input Meeting |

West Quesnel Land Stability - Next Steps

The water quality sampling of all the pumping wells and horizontal drains continues. This process will continue until April 2014. The sampling results are used to compare them to water quality guidelines for the protection of aquatic life. One of the things we are looking for as testing continues is to see if the water quality improves with the amount pumped. The City of Quesnel is working closely with the Ministry of Environment ("MoE") and recognizes their concerns of the long term effects the discharge water has on Baker Creek. A final report on the water quality discharge and the effects will be made on June 2014 as part of our Environmental Impact Study, currently in progress.

The volume of water that is being discharged from the pumping wells and horizontal drains since they were started is 259 million liters.

The compensation wetland design and costs to replace the two ponds that have dried up due to the dewatering is being finalized. The construction of this wetland will take place in the summer of 2014.

As part of the major infrastructure work, AMEC (the City's consulting, engineering and project management firm) has gradually developed draft portions for the formal completion report for the sub-surface drainage activities (pumping wells/horizontal drains) for the Phase 1 Dewatering Program since implementation began in mid-2012. Minor revisions/additions were done prior to the end of 2013; however most of the final analysis and documentation of the results will be completed when the

pumping wells have been in production for about one year. The target date for a draft version of the report is late April 2014. A final assessment of the effects of the dewatering on the slide movement will be made in mid-summer after monitoring through the spring season. The City plans to host a public meeting for all interested residents in early fall to present the results of the program to that date.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Annual monitoring report – February 2014
- Sub-surface drainage (draft) report – April 2014
- Water quality sampling report – June 2014
- Wetland construction – July/August 2014
- Public Meeting – September 2014

Social Media Coming to the City of Quesnel

The City of Quesnel will soon be on Facebook and Twitter. The Communications Department is excited to bring you the latest news from the City. We look forward to providing residents with information in emergency situations and frequent updates on Capital Works projects and City meetings and events.

This is a public page to serve the residents of Quesnel and is maintained by the City during regular office hours being 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (except for statutory holidays).

When the media pages are launched at the end of January, please visit the ABOUT page on Facebook to view our Posting Policy. Be sure to like us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter**. Stay tuned!

A Message from the RCMP

Quesnel RCMP would like to wish the residents of Quesnel a safe and very happy 2014.

As this new year begins, the Quesnel RCMP are asking the public to do their part in reducing property crime in our community by locking their doors and removing valuables from plain sight.

The majority of property crime CAN be prevented by locking the doors to vehicles and residences and by ensuring that valuables are stored out of view of passersby. Don't make your home or your vehicle a target for criminal activity. An unlocked door is often viewed as an opportunity by property thieves.

Do your part by locking your doors, securing your valuables and reporting any suspicious or criminal activity to police.



Lewis Drive Pond

Quesnel & District Museum and Archives

When does something become history?

In addition to preserving our past, the Museum plays an important part in documenting our community as it grows and changes. History encompasses everything that has passed, and what we consider 'recent' may be of interest to future generations. If you have pictures or objects that help tell our story, we would be happy to consider adding them to our collection. Photographs of local recreation groups and community events are also welcome. Contact 250-992-9580 or ehunter@quesnel.ca.