

Community Information

January 2012

*Burns Lake is a strong and resilient community.
We encourage residents to continue supporting one another.*

*Please keep Burns Lake in your thoughts and prayers
as we move forward with recovery efforts.*

How to Help

The Margaret Patrick Memorial Hall will remain open 24 hours a day for as long as necessary to provide support to the families of those injured and concerned residents. Volunteers willing to provide assistance and donations of food and supplies are encouraged to contact Bertha Michell at 778-669-0062 to make arrangements.

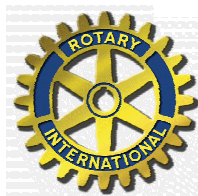


Burns Lake Tragedy Fund Donations

The Burns Lake Tragedy Fund will be used to provide assistance to those affected by the Babine Forest Products Fire and to offer community support.

Where to make donations:

- Any CIBC Branch across Canada (Transit No. 1050)
 - Village of Burns Lake Office (#15 3rd Avenue)
 - Burns Lake Rotary Club
- PO Box 616, Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0 or
Online at www.rotaryburnslake.org (using PayPal, Visa, or Mastercard)



Counselling Services

Sometimes it is helpful to talk to someone *outside* the situation. Counsellors— either over the phone or face to face— help you work through your experiences and feelings. They will listen and help you make sense of your feelings and work towards recovery.

**Counselling support is available to
community members**

by calling

1-250-564-4079

or

Northern Health

250-692-2400 ext. 8

or

Carrier Sekani Family Services

250-692-2387

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Recovery Strategy Task Force

A task force partnership has been established to develop a recovery strategy that will help our community work through the challenges ahead. This task force consists of representatives from the following organizations:

Hampton Affiliates
Village of Burns Lake
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Burns Lake Native Development Corporation (Chief Albert Gerow and Chief Wilf Adam)
Province of BC– Nechako Lakes MLA

The task force will be working together to address the Timber Supply Review, provincial and federal transition funding, and the recovery strategy to move the community forward. Communication with the public will continue via joint media releases weekly to begin with, and as necessary as time goes on. Joint media releases will be posted on the Village of Burns Lake website at www.burnslake.ca and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako website at www.rdbn.bc.ca.

Tragedy Relief Benefit Event



The Burns Lake Rotary Club is in the process of organizing a Tragedy Relief Benefit event on **February 4, 2012**. This event will consist of a silent auction and musical performances. Proceeds from the event will be contributed to the Burns Lake Tragedy Fund to assist recovery efforts.

Donations for the benefit and silent auction would be greatly appreciated. Please call Terri Dickson at 250-695-6684 for additional information.

Service Canada Employment Insurance Information

Babine Forest Products employees may submit their Employment Insurance (EI) application ONLINE at www.servicecanada.gc.ca using the special EI reference Code **5988-01-2012-123456** to expedite the application process.

Public computers are available at the following locations to complete your EI Application:

- Employment and Career Services
(132 Francois Lake Drive across from Outdoor Adventures)
- College of New Caledonia– Lakes District Campus
- Burns Lake Public Library

Visit www.burnslake.ca and www.rdbn.bc.ca
for updated communications.