



**Bulkley Valley
CREDIT UNION**

from the Hazeltons to the Lakes District

WINTER 2024 NEWS

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CALL for NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee of Bulkley Valley Credit Union is pleased to advise that an election of directors will take place to fill three (3) positions on the Board: two (2) positions in the Smithers area and one (1) in the Houston area.

Commencing January 2, 2025, nomination forms will be available at every branch of Bulkley Valley Credit Union. Candidates must be nominated by at least three members in good standing who are over the age of 19. Submissions for proposed candidates will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee to ensure the nomination complies with the Financial Institutions Act and Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Submissions must be received by the end of the business day on February 12, 2025. The Nominations Committee will inform each candidate of the provisions, with respect to the conduct of the election, and provide each candidate with a copy of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Candidates must complete a personal information return, as a requirement of the Superintendent of the British Columbia Financial Services Authority.

Candidates may submit a photograph, a resume, and a policy statement (250 words or less) with biographical information, occupation, Credit Union affiliation, experience and qualifications. The Nominations Committee will forward the candidates' information, if submitted, along with the voting instructions to eligible members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on April 14, 2025. Voting will take place by a requested mail-in ballot, or electronically. To be eligible to vote, one must be over the age of 19 and a Bulkley Valley Credit Union member in good standing as of January 1, 2025.

Election results will be announced at the AGM and posted for a minimum of three days in the appropriate branches. If you are interested in becoming a candidate and wish to know more about provisions and requirements for doing so, contact any of the four branches for further information, or visit our website at www.bvcu.com to review the responsibilities of our Directors.

83rd Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held on **Monday, April 14, 2025** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Summit Room of the Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers, BC.

The meeting will review financial statements, and highlight some activities of the past year. The directors' election results for the upcoming year will also be announced.





RENOVATIONS in Smithers!

Significant renovations are happening at the Smithers branch. In the spring, cash services moved to the east side of the building which is immediately accessed upon entering the branch. One of the six wickets is a seated desk for the members' convenience. Four light-filled offices were created along the Queen Street-side of the building providing the membership with more privacy and comfort. Bulkley Valley Financial Services expanded their footprint in the building, positioning itself for future

growth, including a dedicated front entrance. Cranes were busy in the fall installing equipment on the roof for a more efficient heating-and-cooling system, which has allowed the building to wean itself off fossil fuels. Smaller projects continue as the indoor portion of the renovations winds down for the year. Once the renovation comes to a complete, management will get busy adding flare, to create the warm environment members have come to appreciate.



BUILDING HEALTHY and Sustainable Communities

Northern Edge Sport Association Recreation Centre provides a large, indoor recreation facility fostering a positive and healthy lifestyle

for all residents. The 5,000 square foot expansion will create a year-round multi-use recreation facility, including an indoor walking track, for an active community. Bulkley Valley Insurance Services and Peace Hills General Insurance Company are proud to team up for a \$20,000 donation as a show of support for this community health initiative.



BURNS LAKE hours

Beginning February 3rd, the branch in Burns Lake will have new hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The Call Centre will be available to serve members outside of the branch hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

CHIEF RISK OFFICER

As Chief Risk Officer, Danielle plays a critical role in the implementation of Bulkley Valley Credit Union's Enterprise Risk Management framework; identifying, analyzing and mitigating both internal and external risks. She develops risk management strategies, policies and procedures, ensuring that risk management is embedded into all that BVCU does.

Danielle ensures that BVCU remains compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements, and staying cognizant of any new or emerging changes. She collaborates with Senior Management to address risks that may impact BVCU's strategic and operational objectives, reputation and financial stability.

As the Privacy Officer, Danielle ensures that there are safeguards in place to protect member information.

Danielle holds a Master's Degree in Forensic Accounting, a post Graduate Degree in Investigative and Forensic Accounting, as well holds several professional designations, including Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified in Financial Forensics and Certified Internal Auditor.

Danielle teaches a course on forensic considerations (fraud investigation) at the University of Toronto, developing expertise that contributes to her determination and dedication to protect BVCU and its members from bad actors who attempt to commit fraud.

A Gitksan, belonging with the Gitanmaax First Nation, Danielle holds strong family connections within our region.



SUPPORTING the Communities We Serve

124 Groups and Organizations received over \$90,000 in donations in 2024!



1st Smithers Group - Scouts Canada
4-H Livestock Sale Committee
Battle of the North 4 on 4
BC and Yukon Book Prizes
Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society
Bulkley Valley 4-H District Council

Bulkley Valley Agricultural & Industrial Association
Bulkley Valley Bowmen
Bulkley Valley Christian School
Bulkley Valley Collaborative Learning Society
Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council

Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society
Bulkley Valley Health Foundation
Bulkley Valley Kayak and Canoe Club
Bulkley Valley Pony Club
Bulkley Valley Pool & Recreation Centre

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Bulkley Valley Rod & Gun Club	Hazelton Shotgunners	St. James Soup Kitchen
Bulkley Valley Roller Derby Association	Houston Christian School	St. Joseph's School
Bulkley Valley Soccer Society	Houston Community Services Association	Sing Smithers
Bulkley Valley Tool Library Society	Houston Figure Skating Club	Skeena Blend Coffeehouse Society
Bulkley Valley Youth Sport Foundation	Houston Girls Rugby	Skeena Selects
Burns Lake Basketball Association	Houston Hospice Society	Smithers BC Helps Ukraine
Burns Lake Car Club	Houston International Women's Day Event	Smithers Community Radio Society
Burns Lake Community Garden Society	Houston Minor Hockey Association	Smithers Community Services Association
Burns Lake Festival Association	Houston Ringette Association	Smithers Exploration Group
Burns Lake Native Development Corporation	Houston Safe Grad	Smithers Figure Skating Club
Burns Lake Snowmobile Club	Houston Secondary School	Smithers Golf & Country Club
Burns Lake Youth Soccer Association	Houston Snowmobile Club	Smithers Men's Shed Association
BV Groundbreakers	Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club	Smithers Minor Hockey
Camp Caledonia	Lake Babine Nation Elders	Smithers Mountain Bike Association
Cheslatta Campout	Lakes District 4-H Senior Council	Smithers Multicultural Society
Chip Run	Lakes District Arts Council	Smithers Pride Society
Decker Lake Parent Advisory Committee	Lakes District Fair Association	Smithers Ringette Association
District of New Hazelton	Lakes District Secondary School	Smithers Rodeo Club
Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society	Learners Opportunity Group Society	Smithers Run Club
Elder College Hazelton	Making Agriculture Sustainable in the Hazeltons	Smithers Secondary School
Evelyn 4-H Club	Misty Rivers Community Arts Council	Smithers Ski & Snowboard Club
Evelyn Community Association	Moon Circle for Pre-Teens	Smithers Steelheads Hockey Association
Friends of the Smithers Library	Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club	Smithers Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
Girl Guides of Canada - Whispering Pines District	Muheim Memorial Elementary School	South Hazelton Women's Institute
Gitxsan Torchmen Basketball Club	Northern Edge Sport Association	Special Olympics Smithers
Gitxsan U21 Basketball Team	Northern Saddle Club	Steelhead Slalom Snowboard Society
Glenwood Hall Committee Association	Northern Summit Volleyball Club	Telkwa Museum Society
Glenwood Women's Institute	North West District Female Hockey	Telkwa Seniors Society
Granisle Power Boat Club	Oldtown Storytellers' Society	Topley 4-H Club
Grassy Plains Parent Advisory Committee	Omineca Ski Club	Town of Smithers
Hazelton Farmers Market Society	Pacific Northwest Science Fair	Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission
Hazelton Hustlers	Pleasant Valley Horse Club	U16 Northern Ringette Zone Team
Hazelton Minor Hockey Association	Positive Living Northwest	U9 Skeena Selects
Hazelton Secondary School	Proton Foundation	Valley Youth Fiddlers
	Reformed Youth Summit Conference	Walnut Park Elementary School
	Ride Burns	Willow Grove Golf Club
		Woodmere Emergency Services Society
		Wrinch Memorial Foundation