



Bulkley Valley CREDIT UNION

FROM THE HAZELTONS' TO THE LAKES DISTRICT

WINTER 2021 NEWS

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Call for Nominations

The Nominating 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 District.

Commencing January 4, 2022, 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 Nominating 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 14, 2022. The Nominating 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 Nominating 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 25, 2022. Voting will take place by a requested mail-in ballot, or electronically. To be eligible to vote, you must be over the age of 19 and a Bulkley Valley Credit Union member in good standing as of January 1, 2022.

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.

80th Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 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.



Bulkley Valley Credit Union welcomes Mohamed (Mo) Ladak as our new Chief Operating Officer

His substantial experience in the Credit Union System will be a great asset to the organization.

Most of his career has been in the Cooperative Credit Union sector primarily at Vancity for the past 26 years. During this time Mo held various roles from growing up through the branch network managing various branches in diverse communities, overseeing the payments line of business and call centre, overseeing future proofing for the organization in the digital space, and lastly, overseeing credit & operations for the Credit Union.

Along with a Masters in Management of Cooperatives and Credit Unions from St. Mary's University in Halifax, I guess you could say Cooperatives and Credit Unions are in his DNA. After spending a short amount of time so far in the Bulkley Valley Community and falling in love with the people and local community, Mo could see the tremendous opportunity for Cooperative Values & Principles to flourish in our Community.



80th Anniversary Celebrations

This year, our 80th anniversary was celebrated in the best way possible and there wasn't even cake! Each of our branches gave \$20,000 to an organization in need and that benefits its surrounding area.

The Hazelton Cross Country Ski Society was chosen as the Hazeltons' winner. Their goal is to upgrade existing trails and create new ones so everyone can get out there and enjoy more of what nature gives us.

Cycle 16 Society in Smithers is working towards building a paved path, separate from the highway, linking Telkwa, Smithers and rural areas, for the benefit and enjoyment of locals and visitors. The \$20,000 will be put towards completing Phase 1 of this extensive project.

Houston Search and Rescue are putting their funds towards purchasing a 4-wheel drive crew cab to move equipment and volunteers during Search and Rescue efforts as well as training exercises. The volunteers support local community emergencies such as wildfire, flooding, and evacuations.

The Lakes District chose the Film Appreciation Society to give their funds to. The \$20,000 went towards completing the roof replacement project for the Beacon Theatre.

A new website is coming your way!

We are so excited to announce that our website is going through a major overhaul. Our team is collaborating with a BC marketing firm that specializes in working with Credit Unions to create a website that authentically represents our local areas while providing you with the benefits of a full service website. The expected launch will be in the summer of 2022. The new website will be intuitive, engaging, and most importantly curated to fit your needs. Feedback sessions have been run with business and personal members and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive!

Supporting the Communities We Serve

BVCU donated \$220,000 to 135 Groups and Organizations in 2021!

100 Women Who Care Bulkley Valley
109th Telkwa BBQ Beef on a Bun
A Rocha Canada-Houston nature Centre
Alpine Village Estates Community Book Library
BBSS Hankin-Evelyn
Bulkley Valley Christian School
Bulkley Valley Fair
Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market Association
Bulkley Valley Gymnastics Association
Bulkley Valley Health Foundation
Bulkley Valley Museum
Bulkley Valley Otters Swim Club
Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce
Burns Lake Community Garden
Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association
Burns Lake Special Olympics
BV Drag Race
BV Soccer Society
BV Youth Sport Foundation
Canyon Creek Recreation Society
Community Safe Net
Cops for Cancer
Cut Loose Quilters
Cycle 16 Society
Daffodil Dash
Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Houston
Emily's Angels Society
Fall Fair Barrel Race (BCBRA Approved)
Family Literacy Day
Film Appreciation Society
Friends of the Smithers Library- BIPOC
Gitxsan Health Society
Glenwood Hall
Gobbler Gallop 5K Run
Granisle Better at Home
Hazelton Bandits
Hazelton BC Ambulance Station
Hazelton Cross Country Ski Club
Hazelton Minor Hockey U9
Hazelton Secondary School
Heritage Days
Houston Ambulance Association
Houston Christian School

Houston Community Services Association
Houston Drags
Houston Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre
Houston Link to Learning
Houston Made Artisan Co-operative
Houston Minor Hockey Association
Houston Retirement Society
Houston Ringette Association
Houston Salvation Army
Houston Search and Rescue
Houston Secondary School
Houston Snowmobile Club
Houston Volunteer Fire Department
HSLP
HSS & Twain for Turkey Luncheon
HSS Sr Boys Provincial Volleyball
Hudson Bay Mountain Writers
Jamie Mcgrigor Figure Skating Camp
Jeans Day
Kitwanga Elementary School
Lake Kathlyn Float Fest
Lakes Animal Friendship Society
Lakes District Animal Friendship
Lakes District Arts Council
Lakes District Fair Association
Lakes District Pony Club
LDSS class of 2021
Love By the Bowl
M.A.S.H
Mid Valley 4H Steer Auction
Midsummer Music Festival
Mr & Mrs tournament Houston
Music and Agritourism Society of the Hazeltons
New Hazelton Elementary
Northern Society for Domestic Peace
Northwest District Minor Hockey
Orchestra North Academy
Paul Lychak Hall
Playfair Athletics
Positive Living North
Proton Foundation
RCMP Victim Services Program

Rotary Club of Burns Lake
Safe Grad 2021
Salvation Army
Skeena Bakery
Smithers Bikes Cycling program
Smithers Curling Club
Smithers Fall Fair Barrel Race
Smithers Figure Skating Club
Smithers Good Food Box
Smithers Minor Hockey
Smithers Multicultural Society
Smithers Old Church
Smithers Pride Society
Smithers Rodeo Club
Smithers Scouts Kub Kar Track
Smithers Secondary School
Smithers Secondary School Food Program
Smithers SkatePark Society
Smithers Woman Hockey
Southside 4-H Club
SSS DAAF Grad Celebration
Telkwa & District Seniors Society
Telkwa Elementary School- Music Alive
The Learning Shop
The Link Season of Giving
Topley 4H
Town of Smithers Business Walk
Tweedmuir Rec Commission
Tyee Mountain Trail Society
Upper Skeena Counselling
Upper Skeena Recreation Centre
Walnut Park Elementary School
Winterfest District of New Hazelton
WKE Pac
WOW Bus

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