



**Bulkley Valley  
CREDIT UNION**

FROM THE HAZELTONS' TO THE LAKES DISTRICT

# WINTER 2025 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 five (5) positions on the Board: four (4) positions in the Smithers area and one (1) in the Hazelton District.

Commencing January 2, 2026, 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 12, 2026. 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.

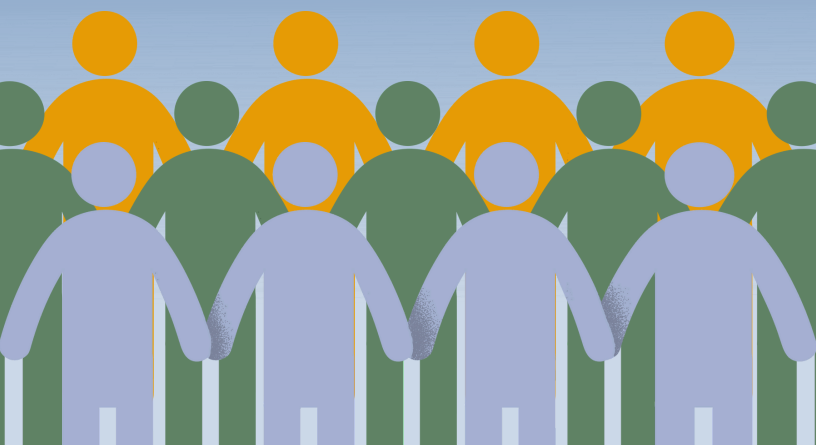
Candidates may submit a photograph, a resume, and a policy statement (250 words or less) with biographical information, occupation, Credit Union affiliation, experience and qualifications. The Nominating Committee will forward the candidates' information, if submitted, along with the voting instructions to eligible members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on April 13, 2026. 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, 2026.

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](http://www.bvcu.com) to review the responsibilities of our Directors.

## 84th Annual General Meeting

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union AGM will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 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.



# Burns Lake Insurance Office Opens

This past year marked a meaningful milestone for Bulkley Valley Insurance Services (BVIS) with the opening of our new office in Burns Lake on September 1, 2025. Located in the Lakeview Mall, the office was established through the acquisition of Western Financial Group's Burns Lake branch - allowing BVIS to continue serving the community with familiar faces and trusted service. Residents now have convenient access to a full range of insurance solutions, including auto, home, travel, and commercial coverage.



As part of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union family, BVIS continues to deepen its commitment to accessible, community-based service. The Burns Lake team has already built strong connections with members, offering personalized advice and tailored support. We're proud of what this expansion represents: a continued investment in the people and places that make our region home.



## Bulkley Valley Credit Union Donates \$62,000 to Dze L'Kant Friendship Centre in Houston

Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed \$62,000 to the Dze L'Kant Friendship Centre Society on National Indigenous Peoples Day to support artwork for its new Houston facility, opening in 2026. Featuring artwork by Wet'suwet'en artists, the project will reflect on local Indigenous resilience and cultural pride. The new facility will be a hub for Indigenous culture and community support, with the artwork creating a welcoming space that celebrates identity and connection. We're proud to partner with the Friendship Centre on a project that uplifts voices, honours history, and strengthens communities through respect, intention, and shared vision.



# Upcoming Digital Transformation



Bulkley Valley Credit Union is preparing for a digital transformation in 2026 to enhance online and mobile banking. With current systems being phased out, we're investing in a modern, secure, and user-friendly platform to better serve members now and in the future.

Our goal is to keep digital banking reliable, accessible, and aligned with community needs while maintaining trusted service. Members can expect a phased rollout with regular updates and guidance, reflecting our commitment to service excellence and innovation.

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## Bulkley Valley Credit Union Welcomes New Chief Operating Officer and Marketing Specialist

In 2025, Bulkley Valley Credit Union welcomed Tony Dunham as Chief Operating Officer and Cassie Henrickson as Marketing Specialist – a new role on our Administration team. These additions strengthen leadership and expand capacity across operations, member experience, and community engagement.

Tony brings over 20 years of senior leadership in credit unions and banking, with expertise in strategy, innovation, and digital transformation. Currently working in a hybrid capacity from Ontario, he looks forward to relocating to Smithers to be closer to the communities we serve.

Cassie brings experience in program coordination, administration, and small-business marketing. As the first dedicated marketing role at BVCU, Cassie will lead our digital strategy, ensure brand-aligned communications, and chair our Community Support Committees. Born and raised in the Bulkley Valley, Cassie is eager to deepen local connections and support members across our branches.

Together, Tony and Cassie will strengthen operations, enhance communications, and accelerate projects that matter to our members. Please join us in welcoming them to BVCU as we continue modernizing services and deepening our commitment to members and communities.





# Supporting the Communities We Serve

*Bulkley Valley Credit Union donated over \$160,000 of community support funding to 164 groups and organizations throughout the Bulkley Valley and Lakes District in 2025!*

31st Annual Ramona Lisa Wilson Awareness Walk  
A Rocha  
Adam Franz  
Adopt-A-Library  
Alpine Village Estates  
BC and Yukon Book Prizes  
BC Hockey Provincial Championship  
Blue Mantel Team - Immaculata Church  
Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association  
Bulkley Valley Basketball Society  
Bulkley Valley Bowmen  
Bulkley Valley Bruisers Roller Derby  
Bulkley Valley Canadian Parents for French  
Bulkley Valley Christian School  
Bulkley Valley Collaborative Learning Society  
Bulkley Valley Concert Association  
Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club  
Bulkley Valley Drag Race Association  
Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market Association  
Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society  
Bulkley Valley Groundbreakers  
Bulkley Valley Kinsmen Club  
Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society  
Bulkley Valley Pool & Recreation Centre  
Bulkley Valley Research Centre  
Bulkley Valley Rod & Gun Club  
Bulkley Valley Soccer Society  
Bulkley Valley Social Planning Society  
Bulkley Valley Softball Association  
Burns Lake Basketball Association  
Burns Lake Car Club  
Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Burns Lake Curling Club  
Burns Lake Minor Hockey  
Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association  
Burns Lake Snowmobile Club  
Burns Lake Youth Soccer  
Canadian Ski Patrol-Smithers Zone  
Coastal Football Club - School Soccer Club  
Cops 4 Cancer Tour  
Cut Loose Quilters  
Decker Lake Elementary PAC  
District of New Hazelton  
Driftwood School Restoration Committee  
Ducks Unlimited  
Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society  
Ebenezer Canadian Reformed School  
Elder College - Hazelton  
Emma Hobenshield  
Evelyn 4-H Club, Harvest Fest Dinner  
Evelyn Community Association  
Evolutions Dance Studio  
Festival North  
Fil Can Kids Christmas Party  
Friends of the Smithers Library  
Gitxsan All Clans Dancers  
Gitxsan Torchboys U13 Basketball Team

Granisle & District Senior Citizens Association  
Granisle TV Society  
Grassy Plains PAC  
Hah Nic Na' Aah/Babine Mountain Run  
Hazelton Secondary School  
Houston & District Chamber of Commerce  
Houston Christian School  
Houston Community Services Association - Food Bank  
Houston Figure Skating Club  
Houston Hospice Society  
Houston Link to Learning  
Houston Minor Hockey Association  
Houston Minor Softball Association  
Houston Motorcross Association  
Houston Secondary School  
Houston Secondary School Bursary  
Houston Secondary School Safe Grad  
Houston Senior Citizens Association  
Houston Snowmobile Club  
H-Town Grass Volleyball  
Kispiox Magic U13 Boys Basketball Team  
Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club  
Kispiox Valley Turkey Trot  
Kyah Wiget Education Society  
Lake Babine Nation Elders Tukii Lodge  
Fishing Derby  
Lakes District Arts Council  
Lakes District Fair Association  
Lakes District Festival Association  
Lakes District Secondary School  
Lakes District Secondary School Basketball Team  
Lakes District Secondary School Bursary  
Lakes District Secondary School Dry Grad  
Lakes District Volleyball Association  
Learners Opportunity Group Society  
LEGO League  
Lhc'et'dli Preservation Society  
Louise's Kitchen  
Love by the Bowl  
M. Brown Contracting  
Majagaleehl Gali Aks Div 6  
Making Agriculture Sustainable in the Hazeltons  
Misty Rivers Community Arts Council  
MTB Lures  
Muhein Elementary School  
Mystics Masters  
Nadina Offroad Society  
Namaste Smithers Indian Community  
Northern Capitals Hockey  
Northern Edge Sport Association  
Northern Saddle Club  
Northern Summit Volleyball Club  
Orchestra North Academy Tour  
Pacific Northwest Science Fair

Pleasant Valley Horse Club  
Positive Living North  
Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge  
Proton Foundation  
Rough Acres Bible Camp  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63  
Salvation Army Food Bank  
Senior Citizens Association Br#97  
Skeena Blend Coffeehouse  
Skeena Regional Cattlemans Association  
Smithers BC Helps Ukraine  
Smithers Climate Action Group  
Smithers Community Radio Society  
Smithers District Chamber of Commerce  
Smithers Elks Lodge #240  
Smithers Exploration Group  
Smithers Figure Skating Club  
Smithers Golf & Country Club  
Smithers Health Committee  
Smithers Minor Hockey Association  
Smithers Mountain Bike Association  
Smithers Pride Society  
Smithers Ringette Association  
Smithers Rodeo Club  
Smithers Run Club  
Smithers Secondary School  
Smithers Senior Citizens Association  
Smithers Ski and Snowboard Club  
Smithers Squash Club  
Smithers Volunteer Fire Fighters Association  
Smithers Whitewater Club  
South Hazelton Women's Institute  
St. James Anglican Church Soup Kitchen  
Steelhead Slalom Snowboard Society  
Storytellers' Society  
Team Moricetown Boggers  
Telkwa Community Firefighters Association  
Telkwa Elementary School  
Telkwa Elementary School PAC  
The BC Ambulance - Houston  
The Link  
The Willow Grove Junior Golf Club  
Topley 4H Club  
Town of Smithers  
Twain Sullivan Elementary  
Tweedsmuir Park Rod and Gun Club  
Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission  
Upper Skeena Recreation Centre  
Valley Youth Fiddlers  
Village of Hazelton  
Walnut Park Elementary School  
William Konkin Elementary PAC  
Wrinch Memorial Foundation

