



**Bulkley Valley
CREDIT UNION**

FROM THE HAZELTONS' TO THE LAKES DISTRICT

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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 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.

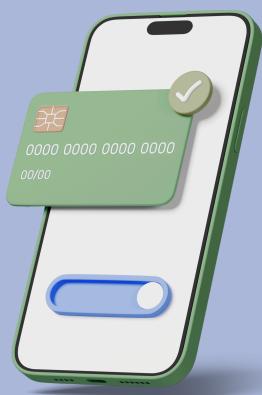


Bulkley Valley Credit Union Donates \$62,000 to Dze L'Kant Friendship Centre in Houston

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.

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 Cattlemen's 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

