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- 2017 -
QUARTERLY REPORT

BY THE NUMBERS

\$167.5 million invested into **2,771** projects since 2005

\$14.3 million approved for **423** projects to date in 2017

\$45.5 million leveraged so far in 2017 as new project investment for the region

\$10.6 million invested into **315** First Nations projects since 2005

\$27.2 million approved for **313** projects to help communities recover from the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic since 2005

FIRST NATIONS INTERNSHIP

THE CALL OF THE NORTH

We all have our passions in life, things that motivate us to improve for the betterment of others — for Sam Harris, his passion was to return to northern B.C. and help aboriginal communities succeed financially and economically.

Born and raised in Prince Rupert, B.C., Harris, of the Gitksan First Nation, grew up with a keen sense of awareness of the economic issues surrounding First Nations communities in his area. This mindfulness developed into a passion for Harris, as he hoped to one day empower individuals and the communities to become entrepreneurs and more business oriented.

“Growing up I always wanted to help out the First Nations community as much as I could,” said Harris. “Coming from a First Nations background myself, I know that there are many economic troubles faced by these communities, I wanted to help the community by assisting individuals with starting up their own business somehow, someday.”

Harris pursued his career in economics by attaining a Bachelors in Business Administration with an accounting option along with a minor in Economics from the University of the Fraser Valley. He hoped that through his education, he would be able achieve both his career and life goals to increase economic development for First Nations communities in northern B.C.

“I believe it was something I was always meant to do,” he said. “I wanted to bring my expertise to the communities and hopefully help them reach their potential economically.”

Harris knew that in order make his passion a reality, he would have to start somewhere — get his foot in the door of a First Nation band. When the Kitselas First Nation community sought an intern through Northern Development’s First Nations Government Internship program, Harris jumped at the opportunity.

“I was excited when I saw this internship,” he said. “It provided a mutual benefit for both myself and the Kitselas band. For myself, the pay is really good for an internship and gets me experience in my field of work.



For the band, it allows them to bring someone in who is already sponsored and funded by this program, which lets them to focus on training and teaching the individual and not have to worry about the financial side.”

The internship program, which is funded through a partnership between Northern Development and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, provides funding for central and northern First Nations governments or Tribal Councils to host and mentor an intern for a 12 month period with the internships starting in May of each year. One of the goals of the First Nations Government Internship is to provide insight into the wide range of rewarding careers available within First Nations government. For Harris, the internship has been a great learning experience so far.

“It’s been everything that I expected,” said Harris. “Being in a non-profit organization and seeing how they work compared to what I learned in school is very interesting. I’m trying to soak up as much knowledge as possible and hopefully use this information to continue helping Kitselas and other First Nations bands in the future.”





BULKLEY-NECHAKO REGION FARMERS SET TO RECIEVE NEW AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR

A new Regional Agriculture Coordinator will soon be in place to provide much needed capacity to farmers in the Bulkley-Nechako region, thanks to a partnership between Northern Development and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN).

Northern Development has approved \$131,666 in funding to support a two year pilot project. The Regional District is contributing support for the position as well, with additional funding exceeding \$65,000. The funds will support the coordinator's position and agriculture related project costs over a two year term beginning this fall.

The RDBN is located in the heart of British Columbia and is home to eight unique municipalities, seven electoral areas, and 13 First Nations. It boasts extraordinary natural beauty, vibrant small town culture and exciting business opportunities. The natural amenities of the region and family values are an integral part of life in the RDBN with a strong agricultural heritage being an important foundation of the community.

There are currently 1,900 farms within the Trust's service area that produce livestock, and 1,734 that are engaged in producing crops primarily for animal feed. The RDBN has 840 farms operating within its boundaries. The majority of these farms do not have full-time employees, but are instead small-scale, family-run operations employing

temporary or contract workers. Small-scale farms in the agriculture industry often do not have access to the same resources as their larger-scale counterparts. This leads to the smaller farms missing important opportunities and helpful information about supports and services available to them.

Small-scale producers and new farmers continue to express a desire for information about the services and supports that are available to them. In 2012, the RDBN, recognizing the significant importance of agriculture to the region's history, economy and culture, adopted a Regional Agriculture Plan to support and strengthen the agriculture sector. During an Agriculture Forum, hosted by the RDBN in 2016, the need for a regional coordinator to provide information and support services for the industry was identified.

The regional agriculture coordinator will help the farming industry by connecting producers with funding opportunities, identifying challenges, advocating on behalf of the agriculture community and providing information within the region. They will even be a key resource during flood or fire related emergencies to ensure livestock are safely relocated. Recruitment for a suitable candidate for the position is currently underway with the coordinator set to begin in October.

2017 PROJECT APPROVALS TO DATE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Northern B.C. is home to many well-used and well-loved community facilities, important capital assets, and signature festivals and events. Improving, expanding and developing these regional assets can help to attract business and major industry, as well as increase the ability to host events and attract tourists to the region.

BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT

Northern Development provides annual grant funding for municipalities and regional districts throughout central and northern B.C. to encourage private sector investment in local business improvement. Visual improvements such as facades, signage, murals, architectural features, siding, lighting and awnings can enhance economic viability and the vibrancy of northern communities. The improvements can support the recruitment of new businesses and/or residents, and even increase the tax base as a result of increased assessed values of improved properties.

<i>2017 as of September 30</i>	# Communities	\$ Approved
Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region	9	\$190,000
Northwest Region	10	\$200,000
Northeast Region	2	\$40,000
Prince George Region	6	\$120,000
Total	27	\$550,000

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

This program provides up to \$250,000 in funding for municipalities, regional districts, First Nations and non-profit organizations in the region for projects that significantly strengthen the local economy via a major capital investment. The program specifically targets funding for public multi-use facilities or capital investments that drive revenue and job creation and provide a long-term asset for the community.

<i>2017 as of September 30</i>	# Projects	\$ Approved
Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region	7	\$938,782
Northwest Region	7	\$979,780
Northeast Region	6	\$1,187,789
Prince George Region	2	\$195,705
Total	22	\$3,302,056

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MATCHING GRANT

This program provides communities with up to \$50,000 to assist with the establishment of a dedicated endowment within a registered community foundation. The funds can then be used to provide grants for community and social enhancement in the community area.

<i>2017 as of September 30</i>	# Communities	\$ Approved
Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region	1	\$50,000
Northwest Region	-	-
Northeast Region	-	-
Prince George Region	2	\$50,000
Total	3	\$100,000

COMMUNITY HALLS & RECREATION FACILITIES

This program provides local governments, First Nations and registered non-profits with a maximum of \$30,000 in funding to improve, expand or develop facilities throughout the region.

UPDATE for Community halls & Recreation Facilities program:

The reporting period has now been shortened from three years to one year after project completion.

NEW = Newly funded projects this quarter

Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region		
70 Mile Community Hall	70 Mile House	\$18,938
Drylands Arena Energy Upgrades	Ashcroft	\$30,000
Ball Fields	Barlow Creek	\$60,000
Recreation Complex	Bouchie Lake	\$29,500
Pioneer Museum	Bralorne	\$30,000
Gun Lake Boat Launch	Bridge River Valley	\$13,107
Low Mobility Wilderness Trail Network	Cariboo RD	\$30,000
Fitness Room	Clinton	\$12,000
Curling Rink Roof	Forest Grove	\$30,000
Emergency Operations Centre and Public Meeting Hall	Logan Lake	\$30,000
Seniors' Centre Kitchen	Quesnel	\$11,650
Child Development Centre Accessibility	Quesnel	\$26,200
Tillicum Society Friendship Centre	Quesnel	\$30,000
Soccer Complex Circulating Fans	Quesnel	\$15,163
Arena Two	Quesnel	\$30,000
Lewis Drive Rink	Quesnel	\$30,000
Xat'sull Heritage Village Trails	Soda Creek	\$30,000
Snowmobile Club Trail	Wells	\$30,000
Wells/Barkerville ATV Trail Connector	Wells	\$30,000
Golf and Tennis Club Driving Range	Williams Lake	\$30,000
4H Washhouse	Williams Lake	\$29,295
	22 projects	\$630,488

Northwest Region		
Dock Replacement	Alice Arm	\$30,000
Child Development Centre Public Space	Bulkley Valley	\$27,000
Community Hall	Dease Lake	\$15,000
Sacred Headwaters Elders and Youth Centre	Iskut	\$15,000
Waterfront Shelter/Gazebo	Granisle	\$30,000

Houston Legion Electrical	Houston	\$29,682
Fair Grounds	Lakes District	\$45,000
Community Hall Roof	Lobelco	\$30,000
Baseball Bleacher	Port Clements	\$14,000
Recreation Complex Accessibility	Prince Rupert	\$15,000
Community Hall	Telkwa	\$10,264
Rugby Facility	Terrace	\$30,000
Terrace Peaks Gymnastics Facility	Terrace	\$30,000
	13 projects	\$319,446

Northeast Region		
North Wind Wellness Centre	Dawson Creek	\$30,000
Ski Chalet Facility	Dawson Creek	\$30,000
Walter Wright Pioneer Village	Dawson Creek	\$9,126
South Peace Motorsports Tower and Security Fence	Dawson Creek	\$47,839
NEW Doe River Community Hall Roof	Dawson Creek	\$26,188
NEW Ice Resurfacers Replacement	Dawson Creek	\$30,000
NEW Bear Mountain Trail Upgrades	Dawson Creek	\$50,000
Snowmobile Club Safety Cabin	Fort Nelson	\$14,733
Northern Lamplighters Exterior	Fort Nelson	\$30,000
Poplar Hills Golf Cart Shed and Patio Furniture	Fort Nelson	\$30,000
Elks Lodge Hall	Fort Nelson	\$49,331
NEW Fort St John Curling Club Upgrades	Fort St John	\$30,000
NEW North Peace Arena Upgrades	Fort St John	\$30,000
NEW North Peace Cultural Centre	Fort St John	\$30,000
NEW Kids Arena Field House Upgrades	Fort St John	\$30,000
Foam Pit	Fort St John	\$46,200
Charlie Lake Boat Launch Ramp	Fort St John	\$30,000
NEW Lake Point Pump House	Fort St John	\$50,000
Arena Flooring	Hudson's Hope	\$30,000
Double H Saddle Club	Hudson's Hope	\$24,008
Pool Disinfection System	Tumbler Ridge	\$30,000
Community Hall Roof	Wonowon	\$13,000
	22 projects	\$689,243

Prince George Region

Murray Ridge Trail	Fort St James	\$60,000
Recreation Complex and Visitor Centre Parking Lot	Fraser Lake	\$30,000
Arena Dressing Room	Fraser Lake	\$30,000
Little Mac Multipurpose Trail Route	Mackenzie	\$26,680
Cardio Room Equipment	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Weight Room	Mackenzie	\$19,316
Cicada Ball Diamonds	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Arena Ice Plant	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Recreation Centre Pool	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Outdoor Event Space	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Pool Boiler	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Curling Equipment	Mackenzie	\$13,934
Fish and Game Association Range	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Golf and Country Club Equipment	Mackenzie	\$18,800
Nordiques Cross Country Snow Groomer	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Trail Equipment Shed and Workshop	Mackenzie	\$18,000
Morfee Mountain Cabin	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Legion Exterior and Insulation	Mackenzie	\$30,000
Blackwater Motocross Trail	Prince George	\$60,000
AiMHi Gym and Conference Centre	Prince George	\$30,000
Wheelchair Rugby Equipment	Prince George	\$30,000
NEW BMX Track Improvements	Prince George	\$30,000
NEW Blackwater Range Power and Security Upgrades	Prince George	\$26,530
NEW Hart Highlands Ski Hill Infrastructure Upgrades	Prince George	\$30,000
Playhouse Modernization	Prince George	\$30,000
CN Centre Carpet and Chairs	Prince George	\$30,000
Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Pavillion	Prince George	\$30,000
Rolling Mix Concrete Arena Compressor	Prince George	\$30,000
Elkscentre Arena Accessibility	Prince George	\$30,000
Kin 3 Arena Seating	Prince George	\$30,000
Civic Centre Sound System	Prince George	\$19,329
Elder Citizens Recreation Centre Kitchen	Prince George	\$30,000
Kinsmen Hall Roof	Prince George	\$30,000
Pineview Hall Addition	Prince George	\$30,000
Honey Shuttle Bike Trail	Prince George	\$30,000
Bike Park Expansion	Prince George	\$30,000
Fish Hatchery Building	Prince George	\$30,000
Cariboo Lakes Backcountry Cabin	Robson Valley	\$30,000
Community Centre Tables and Chairs	Robson Valley	\$30,000
Peak and Teare Mountain Bike Trail Network Connection	Robson Valley	\$14,366
Bike Park Phase 3	Valemount	\$30,000
Curling Club	Valemount	\$29,650

NEW = Newly funded projects this quarter

Exhibition Fairground Water Management	Vanderhoof	\$30,000
OK Cafe	Vanderhoof	\$30,000
45 projects		\$1,294,465

FIELD OF DREAMS

Soccer is a growing sport all across Canada and northern B.C. is no exception. Thousands of players, of all ages, are currently involved in the sport. However, diminishing conditions of soccer fields are hindering many communities from supporting the game in their area — often contributing to missed revenue for the entire region.

The Chandler Park soccer fields in Smithers, B.C. was one of those fields in decline. The unusable playing surfaces at the park led to decreased cost sharing contributions to the Regional District. In addition, the deteriorating conditions of the fields had rendered two of the three playing surfaces unusable for the 1,100 registered players in the region.

With \$30,000 in funding support provided towards the \$359,000 project from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program, much-needed upgrades were made to the two fields. These improvements will promote player participation, increase enrollment, and bring in more memberships with soccer associations for field use. The high quality fields are predicted to attract more events and larger tournaments to the venue, improving revenue generation for the community and the region.



START YOUR ENGINES

Upgrades at Taylor Speedway in Taylor, B.C. are paving the way for some exciting races for spectators and fans to enjoy. Popularity for the speedway is on the rise with the venue playing host to a number of events and programs every year. The increased attendance called for increased safety measures and facility improvements.

With \$10,000 in funding support through the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program, the speedway installed safety fencing on the track and power in the pits for increased safety for racers and spectators. These upgrades will provide an enhanced experience for spectators, which will contribute to increased revenue generation for the speedway. The installation of power in the pits will reduce the cost of operations and allow the venue to continue to facilitate events and programs for the community.



MARKETING INITIATIVES

The Marketing Initiatives program provides up to \$20,000 in grant funding to support new campaigns or projects that promote and/or position a community or region to take advantage of opportunities that support economic vitality and diversification.

UPDATE for Marketing Initiatives Program:

Eligible projects can now receive up to \$20,000 in grant funding to a maximum of 50% of the eligible project budget.

2017 as of September 30

	# Communities	\$ Approved
Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region	4	\$36,862
Northwest Region	4	\$54,025
Northeast Region	1	\$14,217
Prince George Region	7	\$81,468
Cross Regional	5	\$115,803
Total	21	\$302,375



REVENUE THROUGH RECIPES

The Prince George Farmers' Market Association (PGFMA), in partnership with Northern Development, cooked up some delicious recipes to delight customers with their new Cooking with the Market cookbook.

The 216-page cookbook, featuring recipes submitted by vendors of the market, was published as a fundraising initiative, a market promotion and as an educational tool to inspire future individuals to grow and make their own food.

In addition to serving as a guide for people to shop local and use local ingredients in their recipes, the cookbook promotes a variety of local shops and offers seasonal nutritional facts for readers. The high-quality, locally-focused cookbook was designed to attract local media, the public and new vendors to the market.

Northern Development provided \$2,500 of funding support for the project through the Marketing Initiatives program. The funding was put towards printing 2,000 copies of the cookbook for sale at various locations around Prince George. Cooking with the Market is expected to generate more revenue for the market and the community.

Additionally, the sales of the books will contribute to the growth of the community in terms of both exposure and revenue. The book is available for purchase at the Farmer's Market, Books & Company, Canadian Tire, and the Northern Lights Estate Winery.



Construction of the Northern Sport Centre was completed in 2007. Thanks to a funding partnership between the Trust and the Fraser-Fort George Regional District, \$4.2 million supported the creation of this world-class sport centre for the North.



It takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and resilience to go the distance — in sports and in life. Ten years after opening its doors to the Prince George community, the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre (NSC) is celebrating a decade of providing state-of-the-art services to athletes, students and the public.

The 145,000 square-foot high-performance sport facility is equipped with one of B.C.'s longest indoor tracks and is home to the University of Northern B.C.'s basketball and soccer teams, since opening in 2007.

This summer, however, the facility played host to hundreds of evacuees from Cariboo region who were impacted by the largest wildfires seen in B.C. since 1958 — providing lodging and services to those needing shelter. The versatile building has been a staple for the region for many years and continues to strive for excellence in supporting community needs.

Over the years, Northern Sport Centre has contributed to the growth of northern B.C. through job creation, regional economic growth, and increased sport tourism around the region. Northern Development is proud to have been a partner on this journey and congratulates Northern Sport Centre on this great accomplishment.

The Northern Sport Centre is a source of regional pride, community impact and economic value. The facility currently has 7,138 members and 45 employees staffed to assist them. Last year the Northern Sport Centre attracted 234,722 member visits and 2,919 hours booked by local sport organizations.



FESTIVAL SEASON

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN



Music, dancing, painting, biking, running and potatoes were just some of the highlights of this year's summer festival season supported through Northern Development's Fabulous Festivals and Events program. There was fun to be had all across the region, from Summerfest in Prince George to Edge of the World in Haida Gwaii — there was no shortage of entertainment in northern B.C.

Thousands of locals and tourists attended these great festivals this summer which showcased the unique arts, culture, beauty, and potential of these wonderful venues in communities all over northern B.C. Tourists attending these festivals contribute to revenue generation for local business in the service sector such as restaurants, hotels, cafes and retail shops.

Photos (clockwise): Edge of the World Music Festival, Hay Fever Music Festival, Clinton Annual Ball, ArtsWells Festival of All Things Art, Prince George Downtown Summerfest



FABULOUS FESTIVALS & EVENTS

This program provides non-profit organizations with up to \$2,500 in grant funding to support unique events and festivals throughout the region that generate destination tourism-based service sector revenues for the local economy.

<i>2017 as of September 30</i>	# Events	\$ Approved
Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Region	12	\$29,647
Northwest Region	9	\$22,500
Northeast Region	11	\$27,500
Prince George Region	5	\$12,500
Total	37	\$92,147

NEW = Newly funded projects this quarter

2017 Funded Fabulous Festivals and Events

Gold Rush Mail Run	Wells	Jan 27-29
Coldsnap Winter Music Festival	Prince George	Feb 3-11
Polar Carnival	Logan Lake	Feb 11
Winterfest	Bridge River Valley	Feb 11
Northern BC Wine Festival	Prince George	Feb 18
Kitimaat Open Basketball Tournament	Kitimat	Mar 31-Apr 2
Lytton Block Party	Lytton	May 19
150th Clinton Annual Ball	Clinton	May 20
Bright Nights in June	Fort Nelson	Jun 7-10
International Chainsaw Carving Championships	Chetywnd	Jun 8-11
Seafest	Prince Rupert	Jun 9 - 11
Sweetwater 905 Festival	Rolla	Jun 16-18
Mile Zero Summer Cruise	Dawson Creek	Jul 7
BMO KidzArt Dayz	Prince George	Jul 7-8
Billy Barker Days Festival	Quesnel	Jul 13-16
White Swan Music Festival	Fraser Lake	Jul 15-16
Downtown Summerfest	Prince George	Jul 16
Loggers Sports Day	Sandspit	Jul 21
Apricot Tsaq'wem Festival	Lillooet	Jul 21-23
International Airshow	Fort St John	Jul 22-23
Discovery Coast Music Festival	Bella Coola	Jul 22-23
Kispix Valley Music Festival		Jul 28-30
Cutting Horse Show	Quesnel	Jul 29-30
Skyfest	Quesnel	Aug 4-6
Kiskatinaw Fall Fair		Aug 4-6

Grizfest Music Festival	Tumbler Ridge	Aug 4-6
ArtsWells Festival of All Things Art	Wells	Aug 4-7
Riverboat Days	Terrace	Aug 4-13
Fall Fair	Tlell	Aug 6
Big Pig Mountain Biking Festival	Burns Lake	Aug 11-13
Robson Valley Music Festival	Robson Valley	Aug 11-13
Edge of the World Music Festival	Haida Gwaii	Aug 11-13
Desert Daze Festival	Spences Bridge	Aug 11-12
Skeena Valley Country Music Festival	Terrace	Aug 11-13
NEW 5th Annual Metis Jamboree	Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet	Aug 11-13
Emperor's Challenge	Tumbler Ridge	Aug 12
Music on the Meadow Festival	Fort St. James	Aug 18-20
Nechako Valley Exhibition	Vanderhoof	Aug 18 - 20
Bulkley Valley Exhibition	Smithers	Aug 24-27
Lytton River Festival	Lytton	Sep 1-3
Gold Country Geocache Event	Cache Creek/ Ashcroft/Logan Lake	Sep 1-4
NEW Huble Homestead Potato Festival	Prince George	Sep 3
Wild Harvest Festival	Sandspit	Sep 8-9
NEW Lakes District Fall Fair and Music Festival	Burns Lake	Sep 8
Harvest Festival	Chetwynd	Sep 9
Harvest Festival	Lillooet	Sep 9
Fraser Heritage Festival	Robson Valley	Sep 29-Oct 1
NEW 44th Annual Memorial Pow Wow	Quesnel	Oct 7
NEW Culturefest	Fort Nelson	Oct 21

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

PLAID FRIDAY

THE LOCAL ALTERNATIVE TO BLACK FRIDAY

Communities throughout the region will be taking part in Plaid Friday on November 24th as a great way to launch the holiday shopping season and showcase their small, locally owned and independent businesses.

Plaid Friday weaves the individual threads of small businesses together to create a strong fabric that celebrates the diversity and creativity of our local business community.

Many of the 30+ communities that make up the Love Northern BC network will be participating this year. Explore www.lovenorthernbc.com for more information.



COMING UP

LOVE
LOGAN LAKE
Supporting small local businesses throughout northern BC

INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2017
6:30-9PM
LOGAN LAKE FIRE HALL
230 CHARTRAND PLACE

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TUMBLER RIDGE
Supporting small local businesses throughout northern BC

LAUNCH PARTY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14TH
2PM - 8PM
COMMUNITY CENTRE

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PARTNERSHIPS

FREE WEBINARS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small Business BC and Northern Development have partnered to provide small business owners in northern B.C. with free access to over 150 premium practical webinars. to help grow their operations. smallbusinessbc.ca/seminars

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Businesses in northern B.C. are getting the opportunity to access premier practical business webinars for free, thanks to a partnership between Northern Development and Small Business BC (SBBC). Over 150 live webinars are being offered to members of the Love Northern BC shop local program and Supply Chain Connector buy local procurement program until December 2017. The programs are designed to provide small business owners with practical skills and knowledge to help them grow their own operations.

Northern Development is dedicated to supporting the growth of businesses in the north. Through this partnership with SBBC, we are able to support northern businesses in being leaders in job creation, new revenue generation and promoting quality of life for all in northern B.C.



THE PROGRAM

Participants in the program have the opportunity to gain access to:

- Free seminars and webinars scheduled between September 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017.
- Over 150 live webinars are available to choose from.
- Whether you're a business owner or member of staff, you are welcome to participate in these courses. Seats are limited in each seminar. Businesses who are interested in participating are encouraged to register early to take advantage of this opportunity.

CONNECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

To date, more than 43,000 homes and businesses have accessed high-speed internet in rural and remote B.C. thanks to a partnership between Northern Development and the Province of B.C. We continue to work together to provide resources for local governments and community organizations who wish to develop practical plans that can lead to affordable broadband solutions.

CONNECTIVITY HANDBOOK

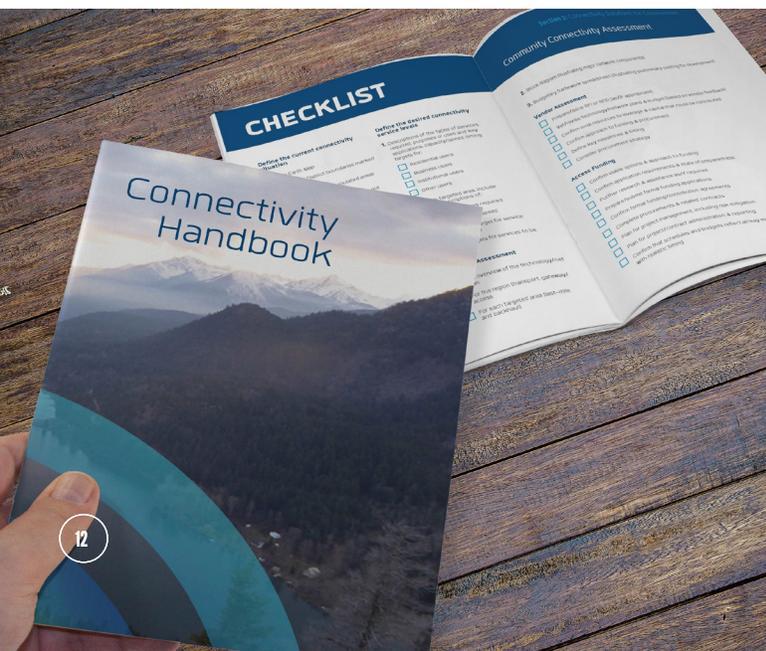
Created as a resource for community leaders the Handbook provides practical approaches and steps toward defining, planning and implementing connectivity solutions.

DOWNLOAD HANDBOOK

northerndevelopment.bc.ca/fundingprograms/business-development/connecting-british-columbia

CONNECTIVITY CLINIC

Connectivity experts and community representatives joined during the Union of B.C. Municipality annual conference to discuss the importance of digital infrastructure to deliver education, healthcare, business growth and government services to communities. Speakers highlighted roles of governments, funding programs, businesses and internet service providers as well as tools and resources to help communities get "connectivity ready."



NEXT FUNDING INTAKE CLOSES

- **OCTOBER 31** -

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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 18, 2017

Northern Development Board Meeting

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Quarterly Funding Application Intake Deadline

JANUARY 9, 2018

Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

JANUARY 15, 2018

Prince George Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

JANUARY 26, 2018

Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

JANUARY 30, 2017

Northeast Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

JANUARY 31, 2018

Grant Writing Support/Economic Development Capacity Building
Intake Deadline



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