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1997 Assessment Notices in Mail

Property owners in the Tumbler Ridge area are now receiving their 1997 Assessment notices, according to area assessor Bill Barnes. More than 1898 Assessment notices have been mailed to property owners in the Municipality of Tumbler Ridge.

In British Columbia, assessment notices are delivered every year to property owners. "All properties in the province share a common valuation date of July 1, 1996, providing an equitable market value base for property assessment. The sales between the buyers and sellers in the local real estate market determine the property values, and BC Assessment reports those values to the property owner and to the taxing authorities, ie: municipal and provincial governments, regional districts and school boards, etc" said Barnes.

The municipality of Tumbler Ridge's assessment roll has changed from \$305,259,000 to \$294,461,000 in the last year. "This change reflects not only market value changes but also includes subdivision, rezoning and new construction. The comparison figures are value estimates of all property types including governmental as well as private," Barnes said. This year the Dawson Creek Assessment office has sent 6 more assessment notices to Tumbler Ridge property owners than last year.

The 1997 property assessments have remained similar to last year's values. Exceptions to the general trend are normally the result of changes to the recorded property inventory due to additions, deletions and/or changes to the overall condition of a specific property.

The Major Industrial property classification portion of the assessment roll decreased for the 1997 roll which was primarily the reason for the change in assessment roll totals.

The single family and mobile home sector of the market remained fairly stable for this year. There will be changes to the assessment on specific properties resulting from an inspection program carried out by BC Assessment staff during 1996, and the consequent inventory adjustment for development and observed condition.

Commercial and Multi-Family property values have also stabilized compared to last year.

Our office has a list of assessments by address available for property owners to view. This provides individual property values which can be compared to similar properties in the community and surrounding areas to help owners determine if their property was fairly assessed. If any property owners feel their property assessment is not reflective of market value as of July 1, 1996, or the information contained in their assessment notice is incorrect, they are encouraged to contact BC Assessment directly. The Peace River Area Assessment office is located at 1112-103 Ave. in Dawson Creek, during the month of January office hours are 8 AM to 4 PM Monday - Friday. The toll free number is 1-800-990-1130. Our fax is 782-9647. Please feel free to call or visit the local office if you have any questions regarding the assessment notice.

Junior hockey league all star game 97

On Saturday afternoon a special ALL STAR Dinner will be held, with special guest speaker DAVE "TIGER" WILLIAMS. An All Star Game will be held in the evening, with players from Dawson Creek Raiders, Slave Lake Wolves, Fort St. John Huskies, Grande Prairie Wheelers, Sexsmith Vipers and our own TR Icemen.

The All Stars from the Icemen are: Cliff Laprairie, Blaine Stokes, Eric Nystoruk, Doug Taylor, Phil Dicaire, Arnie Rotenburger (goalie) and Coach: Randy Muise.

Tickets for the dinner are available at Cameron's Restaurant and game tickets will be available at the door. A reception will follow the game for autographs.



Mark and Diane of the Shikano Clinic.

Skiing News

The snow has been adequate this year, and even the recent cold weather has not deterred the 65 members of the Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society from enjoying the skiing. Lost Haven, the new cabin built with funds from a grant from Forest Renewal BC, is at the end of the trails and has become a popular destination. It is a great place to build a fire in the stove and warm up.

The trails were also extended this year and now total about 10 kilometres. Explanatory maps have been erected at all junctions so it should be impossible to get lost. Larger signs with distances marked on them are at strategic points at the start of the trails and at Lost Haven. Signage to indicate the snowmobiles and ATVs are prohibited has also been improved, although once again there has unfortunately been some snowmobile damage to the golf course area.

A ski waxing clinic and a beginners' ski clinic were held, and the BC Rabbit program has been revived under the leadership of Linda Helm. This is aimed at introducing young skiers (at present ages 4-8) to the sport.

Al Tattersall will be conducting ice-climbing expeditions and training sessions later in the winter. Please contact him if you are keen to participate.

It is not too late to join the club.

Please contact Charles Helm if you have not yet joined. Membership fees are a nominal \$10 per adult per year, this is used to help finance the necessary tracksetting and trail maintenance.

There is a busy itinerary coming up over the next few weeks:

Sat., January 11: Finlay Classic Marathon, Mackenzie (20 km).

January 17-19: National Coaching Certification Program; level 1 Technical. An expert will be coming to give tuition, contact Northern Lights College for details.

Sat., January 25: Official opening of Lost Haven and social ski. Meet at Golfcourse at 11 AM and ski to Lost Haven for a warm-up meal.

Sat., Feb. 1: Cariboo Marathon, 100 Mile House (50 km). It would be nice to enter a team from TR. Contact Charles Helm for details.

Sat., Feb. 8: The inaugural Wolverine Loppet, right here in Tumbler Ridge! Distances will vary from 1.25 km for Rabbits to 20 kms for racing adults. Start at 11 AM at the Golf Course. Contact Birgit Sharman for details.

Feb. 22-23: Our annual outing to Gwillim Lake. Ski the set trails there, sleep in the cabins overnight, and learn to ice-climb!

Sat., Feb. 22: Bear Mountain Loppet, Dawson Creek.

March 9-16: Grande Prairie Loppet.

Editorial

by Kathy Cope

Recently a local businessman asked me to Thank the Chetwynd RCMP for their prompt response and courteous service in taking care of a 'problem' that happened in a local business.

On another note, according to the encyclopedia the definition of gravel is small stones 1/4 to 2-1/2 inches in diameter. Now, those of us that live up here know that gravel of 2-1/2 inches in diameter if on the road surface and flung up by a vehicle tire will sure as all shooting put a major ding in your windshield. Now, if we can just convince the powers that be in Victoria that we could save them a major amount of money by having the smallest definition of gravel (1/4 inch diameter) be the only acceptable size for sanding our roads we wouldn't have those cracked and pitted windows that have to be replaced.

Prior to our summer vacation we replaced the windshield on our van. From July to December I didn't get one mark on that windshield. All the traveling we did around the province and Washington state left it in pristine condition. All the driving around town that I did after that holiday left not a mark on its surface. On the first leg of our Christmas vacation we received the first chip from a rock while near the Pine Pass. From then till we came home we received three more chips. While on the way back, parked at the hotel in Williams Lake the last night that last rock chip cracked. Although it is low enough on the windshield not to impair our vision, it sure doesn't do much for it's looks.

Speaking of gravel, and I still am. The road from Prince George to Chetwynd leaves a lot to be desired in its lack of sanding. There were wide stretches with no sand, nor salt, and loads of ice. You could see where vehicles had gone off the road and been pulled back on.

Maybe those in charge of ICBC should work a little harder at keeping our roads in good condition over the winter months and then they will save a lot more money than if they go about raising our rates or changing to a "no fault" insurance system. Which, potentially, will cost us a lot more in paying those drivers that cause accidents as well as those innocent victims of accidents.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Drug's Depression

Drugs are like a coin. On one side they are a potion and on the other side they are a poison. You cannot have the potion side without the poison side. This old Greek definition of drugs is so true. As the director of the "Drug-Free Marshals" program and a mother I want to keep all children safe from poisons.

One common effect on the poison side to drug use is the depression after the drug wears off. More severe depression occurs with addiction when the addict runs out of the drug he or she is using. It can be an addiction to any drug including marijuana, alcohol, LSD, heroin "crack" cocaine and others. Accompanying extreme depression come thoughts of suicide. To combat the possibility of this kind of tragedy we must prevent our children from ever experimenting with drugs.

According to the Vancouver police LSD is being "pushed" in the elementary school rather than the high school as the main focus. The drug dealers have found the high school kids to be too educated in the harmful effects of drugs therefore we need to start the education of our very young children.

The Drug-Free Marshal program is coordinated by the Church of Sci-

entology and involves school children as young as 7 in a program of peer pressure to discourage drug use and acts as a preventative measure at the most important point in a child's life. Peer pressure is the way children first become involved with drug use, by becoming Drug-Free Marshals it's easier to say "no".

Anyone can become a DRUG-FREE MARSHAL by making a simple promise and signing this pledge: 1) live a drug free life; 2) show friends that a drug free life is more fun; 3) help fellow Drug-Free Marshals; 4) learn more about how drugs really harm people; 5) tell people the truth about drugs; 6) help family and friends be drug free; and 7) set a good example. The children then receive gold badges giving them the right to pledge in others.

Many of our local sports celebrities help out with this program by pledging in groups of kids because children will continue to look up to their heroes. We want all children to join in and become "Marshals" and stay drug-free.

For more information on how your children can become DRUG-FREE MARSHALS, call 1-604-681-9121.

Joanna Young, Drug Free Marshals/ Say No to Drugs Program Director For the Church of Scientology

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I came across this article and felt it would be of interest as it sums up a lot of thoughts in a few short paragraphs. I cannot take credit for it nor was I able to determine the author in order to acknowledge him.

What is a cop?

Cops are human (believe it or not), just like the rest of us. They come in both sexes and in all sizes.

Cops are found everywhere. On land, on the sea, in the air, on horses, in cars, sometimes in your hair. In spite of the fact that "you can't find one when you want one", they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up the phone.

Cops deliver lectures, babies and bad news. They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb and muscles of steel. They are the ones who ring the doorbell, swallow hard and tell you that a loved one is dead. Then they spend the rest of the night wondering why they took such a crummy job.

On TV a cop is an oaf who couldn't find a bull fiddle in a phone booth. In real life he is expected to find a blond boy "about so high" in a crowd of half a million people. In fiction he gets help from private eyes, reporters and "who-dunit fans". In real life, most of what he gets from the public is "I didn't see nuttin".

If he serves a summons, he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids, he's either a friend or a bogeyman, depending on how their parents feel about it. He

works around the clock, split shifts, Sundays and holidays.

When a cop is good, "he's getting paid for it." When he makes a mistake, "he's a jerk, and that goes for the rest of them, too." When he shoots a stick up man, he's a hero, except when the stick up man is "only a kid, anybody coulda seen that."

Many of them have homes. Some of them are covered in ivy, but most of them are covered with mortgages. If he drives a big car, he's on the take. If he drives a little car, "who's he kidding."

A cop sees more misery, bloodshed and grief than almost anyone else. His uniform changes with the weather, but his outlook on life remains about the same, mostly upbeat and optimistic, hoping for a better world.

Cops like days off, vacations and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights, and anonymous letters. They have unions, but they can't strike. They must be impartial and courteous and remember the slogan "at your service." This is sometimes hard, especially when a character reminds them, "I'm a taxpayer, I pay your salary." Cops get medals for saving lives, stopping runaway horses and shooting it out with bandits. (Sometimes his widow gets the medal). But the most rewarding moment comes when, after some small kindness to an older person, he feels a warm hand clasp, looks into grateful eyes and hears, "thank you and God bless you, son."

Lorraine Walkden

Letter to the Editor

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to send a bouquet of stupidity to the idiots that burned my cabin at Tumbler Ridge on the Wolverine Forest Service Rd on the 21 of Dec., quite a Christmas present. I lived there for 9 years. A year ago, someone started to steal things out of my home: frying pan, hammer, tobacco, lantern, my wife's butane curling iron. But that wasn't enough, then my propane light and line.

I always left my door unlocked and heat on, because I was on shift work and trusted people. What a stupid mistake! I know people were there when I wasn't. Pretty hard to lock a wooden door. Whoever you are, I hope at least you took the few things that were usable before you torched my cabin.

I always respect other people's property, no matter where they live,

but respect and trust is not for everyone. I believe that this note will mean nothing to you or you

wouldn't have done this.

Signed:
A past local resident

Dear Tumbler Ridge:

I am writing to say thank you for the last two years, as it is time to move on. To all our new friends, especially the youth of Tumbler Ridge who have been a pleasure to have! To the Youth Service Centre, as they prepare for another action packed year. Big thanks to the youth council. To Pavla, who worked so hard to get things done. To Lorne at the District Office for taking his time to keep the Sunshine Coach on the road. To the front desk staff for all their help.

The youth centre is a great source and I encourage you to support it in its endeavor to provide healthy recreation and social activities in the future. To volunteer support, contact Mark Thompson, present Chairman of the Board.

Tumbler Ridge has been a great place to live and I hope to see long term security can be made for those people who have made it their home and environment, both in and out of town.

Thanks lastly to Tracy for running the summer drop-in soccer, which helped maintain some sanity.

Good luck, take care, wishes. Rick and Tamara.

**Kids & Tobacco
It's a crime**

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Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society News

Cross Country Skiing enthusiasts should mark January 17, 18 & 19 on their calendars. The Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society in partnership with the Northern Lights College is offering a Ski Leader Course. The National Coachnig Certification Level I Technical Cross Country Skiing Course will focus on ski technique skills, ski instruction skiils and the basic principles of coaching. The

purpose of this course is to give parents and other novice coaches basic information and a feeling of confidence as they begin their role as a coach or ski leader. Recreational cross country skiers may also find the course useful as it will refine your skills and provide tips for improvement. To register or for more information call Northern Lights College at 242-5591 or Linda Helm at 242-3984.

World-Renown Mathematician Back

Mike Fellows, UVic's resident mathematician is back in TR for a return visit following his extremely popular session here last winter. Mike showed a packed house at TRE how to do some really interesting mathematical tricks and kept a group of children spellbound with his problems.

Family Math Night, from 7 to 8:30 PM on January 14, is an evening that you do not want to miss. Who could believe that mathematics could be so much fun? For one and half hours you will engage in mathematical experiences that will amaze you.

Dr. Fellows is a computer scientist and mathematician. He is well known across the continent for bringing 21st Century mathematics to the grade school level.

Bring along a child (one per adult) and learn some great things that you and your child can do.

No computers are needed. No calculators, nor paper or pencil will you need to bring to solve problems that current mathematicians puzzle over. Just bring along a school aged child and clean sneakers (or your socks). Come early as space is limited.

FAMILY MATH MANIA NIGHT

Monday, January 13

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Claude Galibois Gym

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Yes, even teachers...

Grab a kid or come alone. This is an event

you do not want to miss. This is computer science??

For one and one half hours you will engage in mathematical experiences that will amaze you. Dr. Michael Fellows, University of Victoria is known across the continent for bringing 21st century mathematics to the grade school level. His activities will immerse you in current applications for computer science and mathematical theory.

We call it **Computer Science Unplugged!**

No formulas, no computations, no computers, no paper or pencil. You'll be solving problems that real life mathematicians puzzle over.

No experience required!

You don't have to know computers, you don't have to know math!

FAMILY MATH MANIA NIGHT

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

T.R.E. Gym

Our space is limited so come early.

Please only school age children and every child must be accompanied by one adult.

Dr. Fellows was at TRE last year and the response was incredible. This year he is presenting at both schools.

If you were at the presentation last year you might want to go to the session on Tuesday at T.R.E. to see some new material.

Recipes to Remember

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Snowball Dessert
by Lucy Hopkins
1-1/2 teaspoons gelatin
4 teaspoon cold water
1 cup hot water
1 package DREAM WHIP
dash of salt
1 cup sugar
1 cup orange juice
1 prepared white cake mix
1 cup coconut
1-1/4 teaspoons lemon juice
1 pint whipped cream
Add gelatin to cold water. Stir in

the hot water and dissolve gelatin. Add sugar, salt, orange juice, and lemon juice. Let mixture partially set. Stir in the whipped cream.

Line a medium sized bowl with waxed paper. Cut up cake and layer in bowl, alternating with gelatin mixture. Refrigerate over night. Mix Dream Whip according to package directions. Dip cake onto plate. Cover with the Dream Whip, then sprinkle with coconut.

From: From Our Kitchen to Yours, District of Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Friends Cookbook.

Changes to Speed Limits

Some of our speed zone signs have been changed over the past few weeks to reflect changes made by the Ministry of Highways to our roads. Changes to note are: Heritage Highway from Mackenzie Way to Arras is now 90 kmh; Heritage Hwy 52 Arras to Tumbler Ridge (LKI SEG 1171) 70 and Heritage Hwy 52 Tumbler Ridge to

Philips Way- Chetwynd to Tumbler Ridge Hwy 29 (1185) 70 [this is the part of the highway from Flatbed Creek to town]. Arras to Tumbler Ridge is now 70. Heritage Hwy 52 Tumbler Ridge to Tupper is now 80.

All these other changes refer to the part of the highway just outside of town., except for the S curves which is now 50.

Winner

The winner of the December 21, Win Your Groceries for FREE at ShopEasy Foods, was B. Duhaime, with \$48.07 worth of Free Food.

The Winner of the December 28, Win Your Groceries for FREE at ShopEasy Foods was C. Sheardown, with \$71.69 worth of FREE Food.

The winner of the January 4, Win Your Groceries for FREE at ShopEasy Foods was L. McDonald, with \$76.18 worth of FREE Food.

Congratulations!

Book Review

Steve Pieczenik Pax Pacifica

Tensions between the United States and China are escalating when troubleshooter Assistant Secretary of State Dr. Desaix Clark goes to Beijing to uncover the true Chinese agenda. Clark finds a brutal power struggle and a vortex of deception, where none of the players are actually who they seem. Moving through a labyrinth of torture, betrayal and ruthless violence, Clark is suddenly in a duel for his life -- and racing to stop an all-out war in the Pacific rim.

Royal Commission Reviews Workers' Compensation

An independent royal commission chaired by Provincial Court Judge Gurmail Singh Gill, with co-commissioners Gerry Stoney and Oksana Exell, is reviewing British Columbia's workers' compensation system, including the structure and services of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Tell Us How You Want to be Heard

The commission would like to hear from interested groups and individuals on how best to assure that the process for consulting the public is fair and accessible. Make recommendations in writing, by phone or fax before January 24, 1997. Please limit your comments to two pages.

Plan to Make a Submission

Once the process for consulting the public is determined, the commission will advertise meeting schedules and timelines for submissions on matters related to the workers' compensation system. If you intend to make a submission, please advise the commission as soon as possible. Be sure to include your name, address, phone and fax numbers. If applicable, include the name of your organization. An "Information Kit" providing details on how to prepare a submission will be sent to all applicants.



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Is It Legal?

(A weekly article by Legal Services Society, Dawson Creek)

Spouse Abuse

25% of all women in Canada have experienced violence from a husband, boyfriend, or partner, according to a recent Statistics Canada report. The following is the second of a two-part series on spouse abuse prepared by Anne Magnusin, staff lawyer at Legal Services in Fort St. John.)

If you are in a relationship - married, living together or dating - and your partner is physically or mentally abusing you, the legal system has three methods of giving you protection: (1) criminal charges with conditions of release, (2) peace bond, and (3) restraining order.

(1) Criminal Charges with Release Conditions

Any kind of physical violence - even if it is "only" slapping or pushing you - is contrary to the Criminal Code. To have charges laid against the abuser, you must report what happened to the police. The police will write down what you tell them and ask you to sign the statement. The abuser will be arrested, that is, brought to the police station and

given a piece of paper which states what the charges are, and when he (or she, although statistically the vast majority of abusers are male) is to go to court. Before being released from custody, he will be taken before a Judge or Justice of the Peace and told that he can be released upon certain conditions. The abuser will not be released from custody unless he makes a promise to obey the release conditions. The purpose of the release conditions is to keep the victim safe, you should tell the police what conditions are necessary to keep you safe. The usual release conditions are that the abuser is not to speak to you or telephone you or contact you in anyway, and that the abuser stay a minimum of a one block from your home, or place of business, but other conditions may be imposed if necessary. If the abuser violates the release conditions, he is brought back to court and the conditions are changed to ensure you are protected; if the violation is serious enough, or repeated, the abuser can be imprisoned until the trial date. It is very important that you report all violations of the release conditions

to the police. Going to the police is a difficult step for most victims to take. Trained "Victim Assistance Workers" are available to help you while you talk to the police. You may call them at 242-3313.

(2) Peace Bond

A Peace Bond can be granted anytime someone does or says something which makes you afraid of injury to yourself or a family member, or afraid of damage to your property. The maximum length for a Peace Bond is one year, and specific conditions are imposed on the abuser which are designed to keep you safe. As with the above criminal charge release conditions, you should tell the police what conditions you need to keep you safe, and report all violations of the Peace Bond immediately. If the abuser breaks the conditions, he is brought back to court and additional conditions are imposed; he can be jailed for serious or repeated breaches. A Peace Bond does not become part of a criminal record.

(3) Restraining Order

If the abuser is someone with whom you have children, or a spouse or common-law partner, you

can obtain a restraining Order under the Family Relations Act. A Restraining Order covers more types of abuse such as emotional, mental or physical, you can request that it last for more than a year, and it can be obtained without going to the police. The restraining order generally says the abuser shall not "molest, annoy, harass, or communicate" or attempt to do so with you. The order can also include specific conditions to keep you safe. If the order is obtained in Supreme Court, it can include an order that you have "exclusive use and occupancy" of the family home. Again - it is very important that you call the police or your lawyer if there is any breach of the restraining order. The abuser will be brought before the Judge who issued the restraining order. The abuser may be jailed for contempt of court for serious or repeated breaches of a restraining order, but this will not result in a criminal record.

Who can Help? For many abused persons, counselling and other kinds of support are as important, or even more important, than legal reme-

dies. The following are places which provide counseling and information free of charge: Tumbler Ridge Family Support Society, 240 4215; if you have to go to a Transition House, call 242-4215 or if it's after hours call the RCMP at 242-5252; Transition House in Dawson Creek, 782-9176; South Peace Community Resource Society 782-9174; Catholic Social Services Dawson Creek at 782-6800. A Victim Assistance Worker is available to help you go to the police or court at 242-3313. For legal advice, you can either call a lawyer or, if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, Legal Services in Dawson Creek collect at 782-7366.

What Does Legal Services Do? We can help if you are having problems with family, debt, consumer landlord/tenant, criminal, welfare, U.I.C., pensions, small claims, W.C.B., etc. Call Legal Services Dawson Creek collect at 782-7366. The above is general information only; for legal advice relevant to your specific situation, you must consult a lawyer.

Of People & Nature

Two of our resident artists are having a combined show in the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. Maybe you have seen some of their work represented in our Community Centre Art Gallery over the past year? The work of Denise Linley and Ron Lukey is well-known, and respected, in our world. Now they are going out and showing Dawson Creek what they can do.

Ron Lukey's photography of Quintette machinery and people has wowed everyone who has seen them. They are so dramatic! They juxtaposition of mining equipment with their operators has brought a new respect to photography, mining, its people and Lukey.

Denise Linley's animal paintings are seen all over the province, and probably the country. She has some hanging in Vancouver offices. Now Dawson Creek residents can admire her capturing of the essence of our wildlife. From horses, to bears, to wolves and beyond she shows the animal kingdom in a new light.

The Grand Opening will provide music by the Mid-Winter Review will provide Ceildh music with a maritime theme, and good food.

The show will be in the Dawson Creek Art Gallery from January 11 to January 26, 1997. Everyone is welcome to come in and see some of the best photographic work and paintings they have ever had the pleasure to admire.

New Books at Library

The Library has a large addition of adult books for your perusal. Some of the titles are: J. Gash - Possessions of a Lady; B. Courtenay - Potato Factory; Stuart McLean's Canadian Childhood; O. Goldsmith - Marrying Mom; F. Weldon - Worst Fears; Company's Coming for Christmas; A. Greeley - Irish Lace; Biography of Henry Morgenthau; M. Peck - Road Less Traveled & Beyond; L. McMurtry - Zeke and Ned; Life with Billy; Life After Billy; M. Crichton - Crichton Novel; L. Deighton - Charity #3 Faith, Hope & Charity; S. Brown -

Hawk O'Toole's Hostage; K. Robards - Heartbreaker; 1997 Shooter's Bible; 2015 After the Boom; Aud. Guide to Mushrooms; Aunt Erma's Cope Book; Barbara Frum; Brother Frank's Gospel Hour; Chicken Soup for the Soul; Family Secrets: What you ...; Fodor's Walk Disney World; Fodor's Cuba; Hunter's Tip Book; Learn to Earn; More Windows 95 for Dummies; People of the Silence; Road Atlas 1996; Seven Habits that are Highly Effective; Stone Song Life of Crazy Horse; and Tarnished Gold.

TR THIS WEEK

Saturday, Northwest Junior Hockey League All Star Game 97, 2:30 cocktails, 3 PM dinner, auction of autographed sports articles, tickets available at Cameron's Restaurant, Guest Speaker **Dave "Tiger" Williams**, warm up 7:30, game 8 PM, reception (and autographs) to follow the game.

Monday, Two-by-Two Storytime for two year olds, pre-registration 10:00 at the Library.

Monday, Family Math Mania Night at Claude Galibois (similar to last year's TRE Math Mania Night), 7 to 8:30 PM in the Claude Galibois Gym, one adult per school age child.

Monday, first TREAT (Tumbler Ridge Elementary Action Team) meeting of the New Year, 7:30 PM in the school staff room. Everyone welcome.

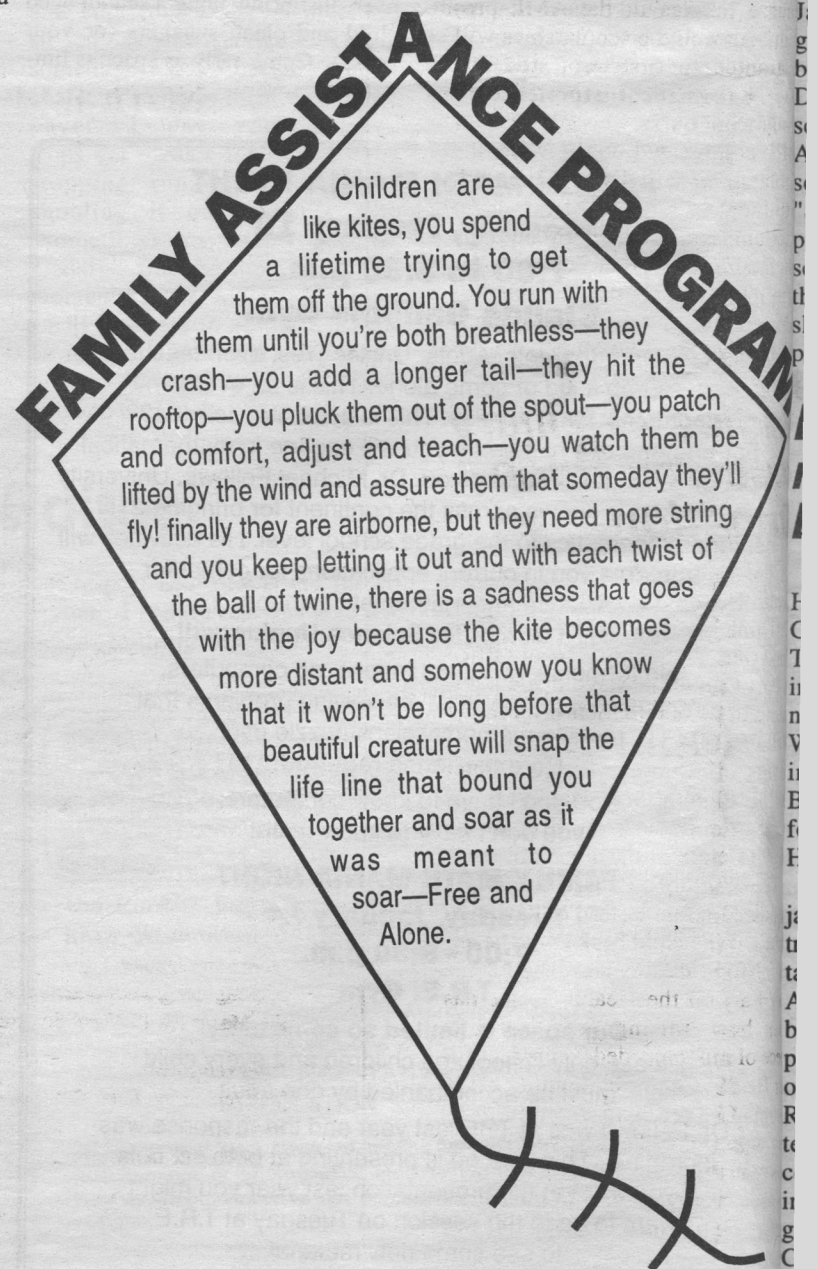
Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 PM Family Math Mania Night TRE gym, an all new experience. One adult per school aged child. No math experience necessary, no computers, nor pencil or paper needed.

Wednesday, The Wednesday Club presents A Brand New Year, ages 3 and up, 3 PM at the Library.

Wednesday, Wallyball League starts, sign up for Ladies Only or Co-Ed.

Friday, TR ICEMEN vs. Sexsmith 8 PM at the Arena.

Friday - Sunday, National Coaching Certification Program for Jack Rabbit (Junior Skiers), contact Charles Helm at 242-3484 or Northern Lights College 242-5591.



Local Man establishes Endowment to College

August Lehmann has established a memorial endowment for the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) department of Northern Lights College. The endowment will be named after Lehmann's son, Erich Wilhelm Lehmann, who died in an industrial accident in 1991. Lehmann's son was an Adult Basic Education student at the College and was looking forward to enrolling in the AME program. Lehmann said, "My son was interested in AME and hoped to one day work in the field. When he died, I wanted to do something to recognize him and his dreams and it seemed right to create an endowment in his name. This way there will be a few more students who can get a little bit of help with their dreams."

Lehmann's endowment will be augmented by an additional \$5,000 through the Northern Lights Society, for a combined total of \$16,500. Interest from the endowment, currently in the amount of \$822, will provide for two annual scholarships for students in the September and January intakes of the AME program. As well the scholarships will be granted to first term students. Dale Keegstra, instructor and scholarship/ bursary coordinator for AME, commented on the value the scholarships will have. He said, "Students find the first term practicum quite difficult and the scholarship is a great incentive for them to do their best. The scholarship will be given for the highest practical marks. We often have stu-

dents in financial need and it's great to see them receive money after only five months in the program. That is to say, to be able to give money to students at a time when they really need it."

The first recipient of the Eric Lehmann Memorial Award was Dale Meyer. This term's recipient is Bruce Romak. "The program was recommended to me by an old family friend who runs a helicopter company," explained Romak. "Even though it's hard work, especially my first term, I am really glad I chose it. And, getting the Lehmann award was great. I am planning to use the money for books and tools."

Monies the Society has been able to raise through its endowments and annual contributions from the com-

munity have made it possible to contribute towards the approximately \$63,000 in scholarships and bursaries distributed amongst 400 Northern Lights College students last year.

August Lehmann himself became a student in the AME program in September of this year. "As soon I was able to afford to take a year off of teaching I enrolled in the program. As a pilot of almost 40 years, I have often enjoyed working with the professionals on aircraft engines, especially older airplanes," commented Lehmann when asked about why he joined the program. "Every day that I come to class I learn a tremendous amount of new things and I'm always astounded at what there is to learn."

A New Future for Tumbler Ridge

The Tumbler Ridge Umbrella Committee initiated a Community Visioning Workshop on November 1st. The Tumbler Ridge Umbrella Committee members are representatives from the various health and social and community services in Tumbler Ridge. The workshop was open to everyone in the community. Twenty people participated in the workshop.

Facilitator Pam Maxwell and Graphic Recorder Mark Thiessen used the PATH process (Planning Alternate Tomorrows with Hope) to identify the needs in the community and help the group develop action plans.

The group identified five goals which they wished to pursue in the next two years. These goals are 1)

Alternative Justice System established in TR. 2) CMHC will support mortgages in TR. 3) Health and Emergency Services be maintained at present levels or better. 4) One Organizational Body to coordinate an effective communication system to collect and distribute information that is going on with all the different clubs and organizations in the community. 5) Establish a Community Spirit in TR.

If you wish a copy of the Community Visioning Workshop contact Sue Kenny, Town Hall.

A special thank you to the sponsors of the Community Visions Workshop: District of Tumbler Ridge, Family Support Society, CEP Union, and Northern Lights College.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

A Hearing into the Issue of Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs

	Pre-Hearing Conference	Public Hearing
Time:	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Date:	January 24, 1997	March 10, 1997
Location:	B.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Room 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C.	B.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Room 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C.

The Application

On November 27, 1996 West Kootenay Power Ltd., filed with the Commission an Application for Transmission Capacity Service and Ancillary Service for its wholesale, industrial and large general service customers and the creation of an Independent Transmission System Operator. In addition, on December 2, 1996, certain British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") Rate Schedule 1821 customers requested that the Commission require B.C. Hydro to file amendments to its Wholesale Transmission Service Tariff to permit use of that service by Rate Schedule 1821 customers. In response to these two events, the Commission has decided to hold a hearing into the issue of retail access and unbundled tariffs.

The Regulatory Process

As outlined in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to Order No. G-125-96, the Commission will hold a pre-hearing conference on January 24, 1997 to discuss the phasing and scope of the hearing along with other issues requiring clarification in advance of the March 10, 1997 public hearing.

Interventions

Intervenors and Interested Parties who wish to take part in the Hearing are to advise the Commission Secretary, in writing, of their intention to participate in the proceedings no later than January 17, 1997.

Participant Assistance

All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must file a budget by January 27, 1997 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-103-96. Copies of the Participant Assistance Policy and Rate Sheet are available from the Commission upon request.

Clarification

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Ms. Deborah Emes, Manager, Strategic Services by telephone at (604) 660-4700, or B.C. Toll Free at 1-800-663-1385, or in writing to the above address or by facsimile at (604) 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the Internet at bcuc@pop.gov.bc.ca.

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt
Commission Secretary

Ladies Auxiliary receives Huge Donation

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Health Centre received a wonderful Christmas present! The people at Transwest Dynequip's Head Office in Port Coquitlam have made a donation of \$1,000 to their project of a Wallabee Blanket for the jaundiced infants of Tumbler Ridge. Peter Ballay, Operations Manager, informed the Ladies Auxiliary of the Health Centre of the donation.

The Wallabee is used to wrap a jaundiced infant instead of having to transport the child back to the hospital for light treatments. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Health Centre has been busy raising funds for this piece of much needed equipment for our Health Centre by holding a Tea Room, Gingerbread Auction, pottery sale, etc. They have also recently made a donation of two non-invasive thermometers to the Emergency Department of the Health Centre.

Classifieds

TUMBLER RIDGE OBSERVER

8 Personals

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following afternoon in Tumbler Ridge at 1:30 p.m., Wednesdays in the TR Counselling Office Board Room.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (N.A.)

Meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. in TR Counselling Board Room.

11 Announcements

The Salvation Army

meets Sunday
11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
#107 Commercial Park
Tumbler Ridge, BC

15 Services

H.I.V. (AIDS)

Testing and counselling available at the Peace River Health Unit in Tumbler Ridge. Testing is free and confidential. Call 242-4262 for more information or for an appointment.

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Are you recently engaged?
Have you recently had a baby?
If you answered yes to any of these questions, call 242-3204 and have Evelyn of the Welcome Wagon
Welcome You!

36 Miscellaneous

TUMBLER RIDGE ORNITHOLOGY GROUP

We Help Injured Birds

If you have any injured birds please call Mark or Nathan at 242-5766 for help.

WE WELCOME ANY INFORMATION ON LOCAL BIRDS

If you have recorded a rare or unusual bird sighting or know of nest sites, please let us know; call Charles at 242-3984.

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Submitted by: TR Counselling Office

Before the Occasion: Guest List - Decide the number of guests. Small gatherings are easier to manage. If you're hosting a large one you'll likely need help. Food Choices - Choose high-protein food such as seafood, sliced meats and cheese that will slow the effects of alcohol. Put them out before guests arrive. Avoid salty foods that will make people thirsty. Beverage Choices - Arrange a selection of non-alcoholic beverages, such as soft drinks, coffee, tea, fruit juices and flavoured mineral waters. When purchasing mixers choose non-carbonated products that will slow the absorption of alcohol. Label a non-alcoholic punch. Table Arrangements - Place non-alcoholic beverages where guests will see them and help themselves. A good place is next to the most tempting food choices. Room Arrangements - Arrange seating and standing areas so guests will feel comfortable and mix easily. Activities - Plan games, topics of conversation, dancing or movies that everyone will enjoy. Your guests will be much less likely to drink too much. Duration - Set a time when you want your occasion to end. It's good practice to stop serving alcohol at least one hour before this time. Safety - Plan to serve non-alcoholic beverages while guests engage in activities such as cycling, boating, swimming, snowmobiling and skiing. Many recreational activities are more hazardous when guests are drinking.

During the Occasion: Bartending - Serve alcoholic beverages yourself

or appoint a bartender who, ideally, doesn't drink. Consuming in excess of one standard drink per hour can impair a person's judgement. If you notice a guest may be drinking too much, offer food and non-alcoholic beverages. Measuring drinks - Use a standard drink measure: 1-1/2 ounces of distilled spirits (hard liquor), a 12-ounce glass of regular beer (5%), or a 5 ounce glass of wine. Stock the bar with shot glasses or place self-measuring one-ounce spouts on bottles. Awareness - Know how much is too much. A guest may have drunk too much and be legally impaired but not show it. Atmosphere - Create a relaxed environment. Guests will be less likely to drink to relax or be comfortable. Respect - Accept a guest's right to refuse a drink and don't rush to refill an empty glasses.

Ending the Occasion: Relaxation - Plan an hour of relaxed conversation to end your occasion, preferably over coffee, tea and a dessert. This will allow time for the level of alcohol in the bloodstream to drop before your guests prepare to leave. When a guest overindulges - Even with planning and your best efforts, a guest may drink too much. Only time can sober an intoxicated person - black coffee, a shower, exercise or fresh air won't do the job. Don'ts - Never let a guest who you know is impaired drive home. Ask another guest to take the person home safely, call a cab, or let your guest stay overnight. You don't want to call the police, but as drastic as that sounds, your action may prevent a serious injury or save a life.

Lets Talk Taxes

A weekly commentary by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Those Big Bad Banks

Big, bad and bloated? Canada's six largest banks have reported a record \$6.3 billion in profits this year. The Royal Bank's \$1.3 billion profit represents the single largest profit ever recorded by a Canadian company. Predictably, politicians and interest groups have expressed "outrage" and clamoured against "excessive profits".

But if there is a problem in Canada's banking industry, it's not so-called "excessive profits". The problem is lack of competition.

First and foremost, profit numbers taken in isolation are meaningless. Whether a \$10 billion profit or a \$10 million profit, the number must be compared to something for it to make sense. Profits are huge because the banks are huge. The Royal Bank, for example, has assets totalling \$218 billion and operates on annual revenues of \$7.9 billion. Then there is return on equity. If a local-coffee shop makes \$40,000 profit it's unlikely angry people would gather at its doors in protest. Yet, that coffee shop undoubtedly made a better return on equity than any major bank in the country. Banks have average a 6% annual return on equity on domestic operations over the past five years, that's less than several other industries including tobacco, telecommunications, printing and publishing and food retailing to name a few. Granted, the trend is upward, but "excessive"?

Second, stop and ask where these profits go. Bank profits find their way into expansion and reinvestment thereby creating more jobs and economic activity. Profits find their way into pension funds, and RRSPs in the form of dividends. And finally, profits find their way into government coffers. In 1995, the Royal Bank paid as much in taxes to the three levels of government as they made in profits.

So, why all the hubbub?

Alzheimer Awareness

More than thirty thousand British Columbians are affected by Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia. Some two hundred and fifty thousand Canadians are affected by Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia. Alzheimer Disease is not a normal consequence of aging.

There is no known cure for this tragic disease, therefore intensified

Simple. Just enter a bank. Ever feel shafted by bank charges you \$2.50 for order even though your interest over the next 20 \$200,000? Then there's card statements that arrive charging interest at four prime lending rate. Or the small business owner to expand his business a line of credit?

Consumers see bank they don't see the kindness and choice to sector that they encounter they buy a car or eat at. Competitiveness determines whether for credit card, business loans, service mini vans or hamburger problem is that the government has established to competition, competition from foreign. The Globe and Mail reported that two U.S. one providing credit other providing unsecured credit to small business refused entry.

Canada is the only country in the world to allow international banks and compete through structure. In Germany loans are held by foreign the United States, the figure is at Great Britain 58%. Canada the figure is at interestingly, approximately of the profits recorded banks come from service outside the country. Canadian banks benefit national competition consumers and business.

Competition would create more jobs, expand credit and financing small and medium sized and likely reduce credit and service charges. entrants to the market means those so-called profits" would be held

research is essential, needing the support of society.

The Alzheimer Society providing support for families, funding research and cures, and promoting understanding of this disease.

Mayor Paul Kealy has the month of January Alzheimer Awareness municipality of Tumbler Ridge.

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BE WINTER WISE

Wet clothes can extract body heat nearly 200 times faster than dry clothes.
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The Canadian Red Cross Society



Community Calendar

Monday: 3:30 Men in Recovery of Battering, Support Group at the TR Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office.

Tuesday: 8 PM Therapy Group at TR Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office.

Tuesdays: Support Group for Women who are, or have been, in abusive relationships. Call Bonnie at 242-4215 for more information.

Tuesdays: TR Women's Friendship Circle meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Library at 7 PM.

Wednesday: 12 PM at the Salvation Army there are A.A. meetings for family members, relatives, friends, etc.

Wednesday: New Life Assembly, 275 Murray, Bible Study - Book of Hebrews.

The second Wednesday of the month, An Asthma Support Group, 7 PM in the Health Centre's Board Room.

Wednesday: Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group, January 8/97, 7:30 PM, TR Counselling Office Meeting Room.

Wednesday: AA meetings at 1:30 in the Board Room of the TR Counselling Office.

Thursday: Women's Support Group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Call Bonnie at 242-4215 for more information.

Thursday: N.A. Therapy Group at Alcohol & Drug Counselling Office 8 PM.

Thursday: The Narcotics Anonymous Group Meeting nights will now be every Thursday at 4 PM in the TR Counseling Office Meeting Room. These are closed meetings.

Sunday: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Sacrament meeting 10 AM to 1 PM, Community Centre Room 4 & 3 for Sacrament, 1, 3 & Library for other meetings, visitors welcome. Branch President: Wayne Merrick.

St. Pauls: (Presbyterian, Anglican, United and Lutheran) Church is back with their regular Sunday services at 10 AM in the Holy Cross Church, across the street from Northern Metallic. Everyone is welcome and they would love to see you there.

Baptist Church, now at 115 Commercial Park, Unit 1, Sunday School 9:45 AM and Worship Service at 11 AM.

Sunday: New Life Assembly (Pentecostal Assembly of Canada) 275 Murray. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Services 11 AM and 7 PM. For more information contact Pastor John Cuyler at 242-3421.

Alcohol & Drug Outpatient Counselling Services Tumbler Ridge outpatient counselling provides: assessment, evaluation (and treatment) for the chemically addicted and co-dependent. Counselling and support is available for the family, co-workers, employers. We provide, prevention information and consultation for intervention. Our service is funded, supported, monitored and under review in adhering to the freedom of information's ACT by the BC MINISTRY OF HEALTH. CONFIDENTIALITY is kept PARAMOUNT AT ALL TIMES for the successful recovery of chemical dependency and co-dependency. If you have concerns regarding addictive substance misuse or know anyone who does, please call us at 242-5505 starting on September 30, 1996. The following activities will start: Therapy Group, Tues. at 8:00 PM. Thursday 8 PM, N.A., Monday 3:30 PM Men in Recovery of Battering, Support Group.

First Monday of each month, Arts Council meeting 8 PM in room 3 of the Community Centre. Everyone welcome!

Kinsmen's Mothers March

From January 15 to 31, over 15,000 volunteers throughout British Columbia will be knocking on doors in their neighbourhoods to ask for contributions for the **Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of BC**. The Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation provides services and technologies for British Columbians living with physical disabilities assisting them to live with a greater degree of independence and dignity.

Please open your door and give generously when a volunteer canvasser comes to your door!

Northwest Junior Hockey League Stats

Top Scorers

Team	No.	Player	GP	G	A	PIM	GW	PTS
SL	21	Ryan Dierker	18	31	24	49	3	55
GP	12	Jordan Bombier	16	27	23	6	0	50
FSJ	6	Tim Hadland	20	17	37	45	1	49
FSJ	17	Brian Krushell	20	17	21	49	3	38
FSJ	10	Winston Apsassin	19	16	20	14	0	36

Bad Boys

Team	No.	Player	GP	PIM
TR	3	Dave Sadlier	16	202
SI	55	Steve Dunlop	18	128
SL	27	Travis Daskewitch	14	128
DC	10	Tom Norman	18	118
GP	15	Trevor Morrow	14	118

Stats as of Jan. 5/97 Central Peace Hockey league

Team	GP	W	L	SOW	SOL	Home	Away	PIM	PTS
DC Canucks	19	13	5	0	1	9-1	4-5	682	29
Hy Mustangs	15	11	4	0	0	7-1	4-3	664	24
GC Rockies	18	7	11	0	0	6-5	1-6	745	14
FSJ Flyers	18	5	12	1	0	4-4	2-8	701	13
FN Fury	12	4	8	0	0	2-2	2-6	691	12

Stats of Jan. 5/97 NWJHockey League

Team	GP	W	L	Home	Away	PIM	PTS
SL Wolves	18	15	3	1-0-0	4-3-0	914	30
FSJ Huskies	20	13	7	7-2-0	6-5-0	815	26
SS Vipers	18	12	6	8-2-0	4-4-0	704	24
GP Wheelers	16	6	10	4-2-0	2-8-0	880	12
DC Raiders	18	5	13	4-6-0	1-7-0	722	10
TR Icemen	18	3	15	2-6-0	1-9-0	958	6

Library Corner

Letty Cottin Pogrebin Getting Yours: How to Make the System Work for the Working Woman

"The most important and informative guidebook you can read on the pitfalls and possibilities of the workaday world, GETTING YOURS is absolutely indispensable for the career-minded woman who is looking for a job opportunity that suits both her skills and her spirit. From handling on-the-job sexism to dealing with conflicts between career and family, GETTING YOURS is filled with the facts and understanding you need to get your future moving."

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What's New at the Library

The Public Library will be hosting Alan Tremayne to an afternoon of storytelling, learning about the important lesson on how the Big Dipper and the animals of long ago decided to divide time and share summer and winter and more Traditional Legends of the Swampy Cree on January 22 at 3:00 PM. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend.

There will only be two Bounce into Storytime sessions this spring. A 9:30 and a 10:15 AM class held on Friday. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the

Library and let them know as soon as possible, as there are limited spaces available.

The Library now has a new collection of Polish books for those who read the language. Come on down and check out their collection.

They also have a wide variety of new books (fiction, non-fiction, adult, and juvenile) and video tapes for you to borrow. As well as some new reference materials: 1997 Canadian Almanac, 1997 World Almanac, 1997 Lemon-Aid new car guide, 1997 Canadian Almanac Directory and 1847 Almanac.

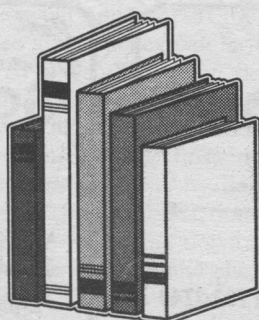
Tumbler Ridge Public Library Annual General Meeting

January 20, 1997

7:00 p.m.

at the library

Everyone
Welcome!



TUMBLER RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES

Job Posting

The Tumbler Ridge Youth Services Board is looking for a **Youth Services Worker/Coordinator**.

The position is responsible to provide a range of programs to stimulate the interests of the community's preteen and teen populations. The incumbent will develop, market, promote, and evaluate all Youth Centre and activities.

The successful applicant will possess a recognized certificate from a College or University in Recreation Management, a minimum three years related experience working with youth populations, a basic first aid certificate, and a Class 4 driver's license.

Excellent public relations, communication, fundraising, time management, and supervisory skills are required.

Salary range will be 2,500.00 - 2,800.00/monthly.

Please reply in confidence, no later than January 24, 1997 to:

The Tumbler Ridge Youth Services Board

c/o Peter Thomas

Box 98

Tumbler Ridge, B.C. V0C 2W0

fax number 250-242-5669



