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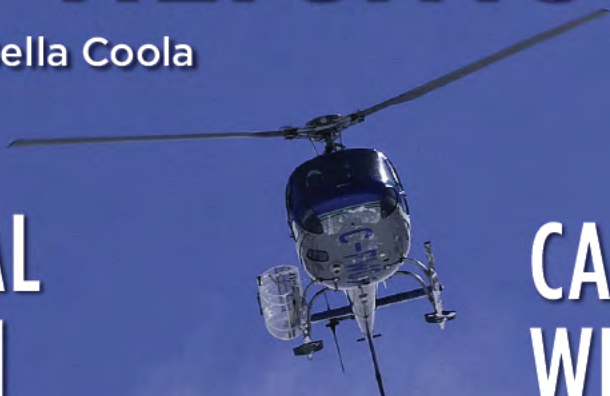
Heli-skiing in Bella Coola

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province

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Inside Vancouver's
Luxury & Supercar
Weekend



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Leech Island: Picturesque **3.3-acre** private island gem in the desirable southern **Gulf Islands**, off the SE tip of **Thetis Island**. Fully forested with old-growth fir and arbutus. It has **protected moorage**, a nice **2 bedroom cottage** with partial basement, good domestic water supply and a separate dockside building for additional accommodations or storage. **\$897,500**



NW Vancouver Island: 220 beautifully forested acres on the SW shores of **Alice Lake** with **4000ft** of mixed easy access **lakefront**, rock outcrops, private bays & beach areas. Sellers are in the final stages of completing a subdivision of **17 lakefront** acreages ranging in size from **9.88-16.48** acres. **Link River** bisects the property. Great investment opportunity! **\$1,450,000**



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Haida Gwaii Properties: From stunning walk-on waterfront to semi-oceanfront and ocean view - residential, recreational and commercial offerings through-out the region. Spectacular oceanfront homes, family homes, a lodge and beautiful acreages all providing access to the amazing region of **Haida Gwaii** and the great outdoor recreation it offers. **From \$125,000 to \$850,000**



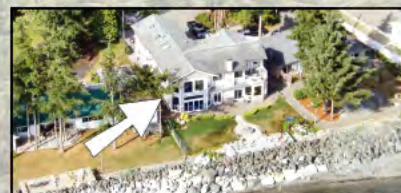
Cortes Island Oceanfront: West-facing **2755sqft** 5 bdrm home, providing ocean views, big sky views and beautiful sunsets! **9.93 acres** with approx. **700ft** low-bank oceanfront, residence needs some finishing. Hydro, phone, cable, drilled well, septic. Nicely treed areas. Just **3kms** from the ferry in **Whaletown** and has great potential! Court ordered sale. **\$399,900**



Phillips Arm Acreage: One of a Kind! **BC Mainland Coast, Phillips Arm**. A dramatic **oceanfront** setting at the head of the arm surrounded by majestic mountains and with the **Phillips River** estuary literally at the doorstep. Flat topography, surrounded by Crown land. **1000sqft** dwelling with new roof. Substantial shop. Water access only. **\$295,000**



North Vancouver Island: This **2.5-acre** residential **oceanfront** property is ready for the construction of your Coastal British Columbia dream home! An unparalleled setting in **Hyde Creek**, minutes from **Port McNeill**. **190ft** of walk-on, picturesque low-bank, sand and smooth stone beaches, drilled well, approved septic area and services to the lot line. **\$212,500**



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Pacific Coastal Airlines

Forging new connections

Meeting current and future transportation needs

Those of you who follow us know that we have recently announced the addition of two new routes to our network of more than 65 destinations in British Columbia.

On November 18, we started offering regularly scheduled service between Cranbrook and Kelowna, daily except Saturday. The O-K Connector, as it's being called, provides a quick, convenient and affordable transportation alternative, linking the Okanagan and east Kootenay regions.

Prior to the introduction of this new service, residents traveling between these communities were faced with two unsatisfactory choices: a six or seven hour drive through difficult mountain terrain, or an expensive three-and-a-half to seven-hour flight through Vancouver International Airport, depending on available connections.

Demand for the new, 45-minute flight between Cranbrook's Rocky Mountain International

Airport (YXC) and Kelowna International Airport (YLW) has been high and we anticipate that passenger numbers will continue to rise over the next few months.

Another new route between Campbell River and Bella Bella was launched on December 2 with one flight, three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This adds yet another link to our significant coverage of Vancouver Island, which includes Victoria, Comox, Campbell River, Port Hardy and Port McNeil.

The addition of these new routes is part of our ongoing strategic development plan, and highlights our commitment to serving the current and future transportation needs of British Columbians. We really do mean it when we say "We're in the business of B.C."



MEET A PACIFIC COASTAL EMPLOYEE



Name: LAURA MURRAY

Position: Employee Services and Travel Coordinator

Time with

Pacific Coastal:

10 months as a flight attendant and six months in current role

WHAT IS THE MISSION OR VISION OF YOUR DEPARTMENT?

As the Employee Services and Travel Coordinator, I endeavor to continually improve services to our employees by streamlining processes, listening to what my colleagues needs are and implementing the necessary changes.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THIS JOB?

I get a great amount of job satisfaction from serving others, whether it's providing juice and cookies at 20,000 feet or assisting a colleague in the office on the ground.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW AND WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I was born and raised in North Vancouver, and I currently live in East Vancouver's Hastings Sunrise neighborhood.

WHERE IS YOUR JOB BASED?

YVR South Terminal

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF THE JOB?

I enjoy taking toy camera style photographs from the SAAB, looking down on the world below. I have a collection of mountain ranges and aerial shots of Vancouver. If you'd like to see the photos from the air, you can view them here: <http://withlovefromabove.tumblr.com/>

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Photos by Susan Lundy

More flights, more links

PCA ANNOUNCEMENTS MEAN
EVEN BETTER SERVICE

By SUSAN LUNDY

Pacific Coastal Airlines has released a rapid fire of announcements, adding up to new flights, new connections and lots more options for PCA travellers. Among the announcements is new, regularly scheduled, non-stop service between Cranbrook and Kelowna; plus new, direct links between Victoria and Cranbrook, as well as Campbell River and Bella Bella.

CRANBROOK AND KELOWNA LINKED

Service between Cranbrook and Kelowna, effective Nov. 18, operates daily except Saturdays, departing Canadian Rockies International Airport in Cranbrook at 3:10 p.m. (MDT) and arriving at Kelowna International Airport at 3 p.m. (PDT). The aircraft departs from Kelowna at 3:25 p.m., arriving in Cranbrook at 5:15 p.m. MDT.

"We are very excited about adding Kelowna to our list of more than 65 destinations in British Columbia," said Spencer Smith, PCA vice president of commercial services.

Development and operation of the new route is supported through partnership between PCA, Canadian Rockies International Airport and Kelowna International Airport.

"This marks a significant advancement in air access, allowing strategic economic ties between the Thompson Okanagan and Kootenay Columbia Valleys to grow to new heights," said Tristen Chernove, managing director, Canadian Rockies International Airport. "For the length of my time in the Kootenay Rockies Region, Kelowna has remained one of the most requested flight destinations and I'm ecstatic to see this new route get off the ground."

"Linking the Thompson Okanagan and the Kootenay Columbia Valley will be a huge benefit to both our regions," said Kelowna Mayor Walter Gray, who is also chair of the Kelowna Airport Advisory Committee.

"Not only does this new air service with Pacific Coastal Airlines provide better business and tourism access to both our regions, but



PCA airplanes and staff at the Vancouver International Airport's South Terminal.

this will also provide quick easy transportation to our medical facilities and specialists that many from the Cranbrook area are already using."

CRANBROOK AND VICTORIA DIRECT

PCA launched new direct flights between Victoria and Cranbrook on October 2, eliminating the need for passengers to change planes at Vancouver International Airport's South Terminal

The direct flights make a single stop at the south terminal for passenger loading and unloading, while those passengers flying between the two primary destinations remain onboard.

"We've been providing regularly scheduled service to Cranbrook for 10 years and to Victoria for 13, and during this time we've seen growth in the demand for a more direct connection between the two destinations," said Smith. "

CAMPBELL RIVER — BELLA BELLA RUN

Finally, PCA was pleased to announce the addition of a new, regularly scheduled service between Campbell River and Bella Bella, effective Monday, December 2, 2013.

A Beechcraft 1900 aircraft will provide service once a day, three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The plane is scheduled to depart Vancouver International Airport's South Terminal at 9:30 a.m. for Campbell River, depart Campbell River at 10:30 a.m., and arrive at Bella Bella at 11:30 a.m. The return flight is scheduled to depart Bella Bella at 2:15 p.m., depart Campbell River at 3:45 p.m. and arrive at back at the south terminal at 4:25 p.m.

"This connection is an important new social and economic link providing residents of Bella Bella and the surrounding area with better access to services on Vancouver Island," Smith said. "It is also a quick, convenient, and affordable transportation option for companies conducting business between the two regions." 

BELLA COOLA

Skiing new heights

HELI-SKIING BREAKS UNTRACKED GROUND IN BELLA COOLA

By SUSAN LUNDY

Photos courtesy Bella Coola Heli Sports



The view is breathtaking as the Pacific Coastal Airlines flight winds through the mountains into the Bella Coola Valley and descends towards the community's small airport. White-capped peaks rise up on every side, ringing the entire valley.

This is a heli-skier's paradise.

Here, some 2.6 million acres — an area as big as the Swiss Alps — make up the exclusive playground of Bella Coola Heli Sports (BCHS). It's isolated — described as the “last frontier in heli-skiing” —

but remarkably accessible. In fact, skiers can take a 7 a.m. flight from many major cities in North America (Toronto, Calgary, LA), and be careening down the slopes the same day.

“Guests are heli-skiing literally within minutes of the airport since the helicopter hangar is right there, and the terrain is so big, it surrounds the airport,” notes Tim Wilkinson, of BCHS, which runs two heli-skiing operations from the airport at Bella Coola and a third from Anahim Lake.

Both airports are accessed exclusively by



Pacific Coastal Airlines, which offers daily, morning flights from Vancouver Airport's south terminal.

One of BCHS's most popular helicopter skiing packages occurs at Tweedsmuir Park Lodge, a 40-minute drive from the airport at Bella Coola, but merely minutes away via helicopter.

"We have a rock star arrival and departure format," laughs Wilkinson, noting that skiers land and take-off via helicopter right from the front lawn of the lodge.

Skiers are initially met when they land mid-day at the airport by staff, guides and a picnic lunch. Equipment is distributed (bring your own boots;

but the company offers special skis for deep powder at no extra cost) and safety information dispersed.

Skiers board helicopters direct from the airport while their luggage is driven to the lodge. (The departure works in reverse, with skiers leaving via helicopter from the lodge, and catching some powder en route to the airport and PCA flight back to Vancouver.)

After several runs in small groups of four, guests are flown directly to the lodge, where accommodation occurs in private log-house-type chalets and cabins, most of which are built on edge of the lawn. On subsequent days, guests can ski 10-14 runs in good weather.

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The main lodge features a quietly elegant dining room, big comfortable chairs and couches and a huge fireplace. There's also a games room and separate spa building with an outdoor hot-tub, and fitness, massage and yoga areas.

Heli-skiing is offered from January to April, and the high season price for an inclusive seven-day package (including PCA flights) is just under \$12,000. There are less expensive packages too, such as the Heli Sampler, a seven-day excursion that starts from just under \$4,000 per person. It has the same inclusions, but without any prepaid skiing so guests can "cherry-pick" their ski days. The Sampler is only available in January.

Heli-skiing is not for novices, notes Peter "Swede" Mattson, co-owner of BCHS: "This is for guys who ski 10 to 14 runs a day. You are paying for the experience to ski in untracked snow."

But as Wilkinson notes, you don't need to be an "expert" skier either. Equipment advances have made off trail skiing more accessible, and intermediate skiers are easily able to handle heli-skiing.

"People who can skill blue runs and the occasional black run can go heli-skiing!"

Wilkinson adds: "In resort skiing, you're edging groomed snow; it's turn, turn, turn. In heli-skiing, it's big, huge, gentle, sweeping, arching turns . . . this is more fun and helps conserve your energy!"

With such a big "playground," there's a lot to explore and skiers regularly ski new runs, a rarity at many heli-skiing operations.

And AStars B2s helicopters, operated in the area by West Coast Helicopter, are able to get into "tricky" terrain.

"Our guides are very experienced at identifying and minimizing any risky situations. Being in the mountains there will always be some risk, however, our knowledgeable guides will always err on the side of caution," notes Wilkinson, who feels heli-skiing is safer than resort skiing, where there are skiers of different abilities, trees and buildings.

"Here the vast majority of skiing is above the tree line."

BCHS also runs Big Mountain Heli-Skiing from Bella Coola and Pantheon Heli-Ski from Anahim Lake.

Visit their website at www.bellacoolaheliskiing.com/. ■

Skiing untracked snow is part of the excitement of heli-skiing.

To Get There

Pacific Coastal Airlines runs one flight daily between Vancouver Airport's South Terminal and the airports at Bella Coola and Anahim Lake. Visit www.pacificcoastal.com for more details.

New heights at a new destination

Pacific Coastal Airlines new connector flight between Cranbrook and Kelowna opens up new terrain for PCA heli-skiing guests.

Three of the heli-skiing lodges run by CMH Heli-Skiing are accessed through the Kelowna International Airport, which is now served by PCA daily (except Saturdays) from Canadian Rockies International Airport in Cranbrook.

The starting point for CMH Heli-Skiing guests travelling to Revelstoke or Halcyon Hot Springs Resort for heli-skiing adventures is at the Four Points Sheraton (Kelowna Airport). Buses depart daily to Revelstoke and accommodation at the Regent Hotel, as well as to Halcyon Hot Springs near Nakusp, which is the base for CMH's Nomad excursions.

Access to CMH's K2 Rotor Lodge in Nakusp can also occur via the Kelowna Airport, but here guests "choose the convenience of driving themselves."

According to press material, Revelstoke heli-skiers have access to both the Monashees and Selkirks: "It's defined by deep snow, big, open alpine and glacier terrain, and tree skiing equal to the best of any other CMH area. Its great size and quick accessibility allow us to find good skiing even in inclement weather."

CMH also offers numerous heli-skiing adventures in B.C. accessed via bus from the Calgary International Airport. Visit their website at www.canadianmountainholidays.com/heli-skiing. ■



Flight winner Debra Simpson

Flying high

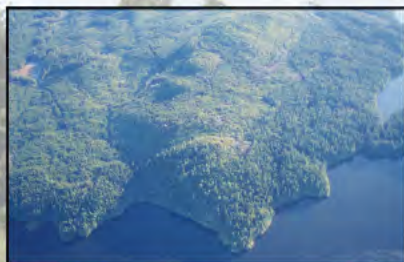
Debra Simpson is up, up and away with Pacific Coastal Airlines after winning round-trip flights for two travellers between Victoria International Airport and Vancouver South Terminal.

Simpson, of Arbor Memorial, won the trip at the annual Women in Business awards gala, hosted by Black Press at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel in Victoria on October 22. ■

PRIVATE PORTFOLIO OF COASTAL PROPERTIES

NORTH COAST AND WEST COAST Vancouver Island

Offered for sale are six substantial waterfront properties totaling 1000 acres throughout the central west coast and northern regions of Vancouver Island. Titles are offered individually and consideration will be given for multiple property offers.



Rupert Inlet, Kenny Point: \$460,000

- 99 acres
- 1500m / 4921ft diverse oceanfront
- approx. 10,000 cubic metres of mature timber



Rupert Inlet, Section 16: \$450,000

- 60.9 acres
- encompasses the Waukwaas Creek estuary



Quatsino Sound, Sec 26: \$249,999

- 38 acres
- 426.7m / 1400ft low-bank oceanfront
- estimated 9,000 cubic metres of mature timber



**Quatsino Sound, Sec 10
Klootchlimmis River: \$222,999**

- 105 acres
- approx. 487.8m / 1600ft of the Klootchlimmis River
- 701m / 2300ft of estuary and oceanfront



Alice Lake, DL202: \$1,450,000

- 220 acres
- approximately 1219m / 4000ft of shoreline on Alice Lake
- 17 lakefront titles ranging in size from 4 to 6.67 hectares



Muchalat Channel, Kleeptee Creek: \$415,000

- 478 acres
- encompasses Kleeptee Creek substantial estuary and ocean frontage on Muchalat inlet

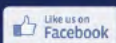
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THE KIERAN REPORT
with BRIAN KIERAN

Quicksilver Resources Chief Operating Officer Dave Rushford says his team has been “overwhelmed” by the support it has received from Campbell River leading up to the announcement that the oil and gas exploration company had purchased the city’s abandoned Elk Falls pulp mill site.

It’s not hard to appreciate why “The River” has been giving Quicksilver Resources that come hither look and warm embrace. The Calgary-based company has come to town with a liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposal that could pump millions into the economically beleaguered community and many more millions into BC’s thirsty Treasury.

“We were looking for a supportive community and we’ve had nothing but support since we got here,” Rushford says. “The other thing that is great about Campbell River is that we’ve got a huge educated work force here already, so as we staff up down the road, we will be able to do a lot of local hiring because we can access skill sets that exist from the old pulp mill days.”

Production activity at the Catalyst Paper pulp mill site was indefinitely curtailed in 2009 and halted permanently in 2010. That closure, along with the 2008 closure of the TimberWest Elk Falls sawmill, killed more than 700 high

paying jobs and erased more than a thousand spin-off jobs. Many skilled mill workers fled town for the riches of northern BC and Alberta. Campbell River was plunged into an economic funk.

Granted, recent construction activity, including a new hospital and a billion dollar BC Hydro generation station refit have lifted spirits, but the Quicksilver venture, called Discovery LNG, holds the promise of enduring prosperity after the construction workers have downed tools.

The initial unanimity of Campbell River’s welcome to Quicksilver Resources seems counter-intuitive since other LNG proposals, particularly in Kitimat, have sparked vocal public opposition. That said, at this preliminary stage in the process the welcome mat is scuff free.

But as keen as Campbell River is to welcome its newest corporate citizen, it’s going to have to exercise patience. This is by no means a “done deal.” Discovery LNG will undergo comprehensive environmental assessment and impact studies to ensure the project has no significant effect on the environment. Pending regulatory approvals and permits, construction for the first phase of the project is expected to take approximately four years with the LNG plant operational by 2019.

Rushford says nine of 10 questions he is asked about the project are about jobs.

“Jobs are a while out,” he cautions. “There are a few years of work ahead of us before we start getting into demolition (of the old pulp mill). We have a long road ahead of us before we get to a final investment decision. The community is not going to see things happen very quickly.”

The hurdles are significant. Quicksilver has identified gas resources in northern BC’s Horn River Basin that can deliver 1,500 million cubic feet of gas a day . . . enough gas to run two plants for 25 years. But the company will need to build a 36-inch pipeline to get its gas reserves to Campbell River. Rushford says the company has done a lot of preliminary work “and we are very confident we can get the gas out here.”

Another challenge, “the most important,” is finding a joint venture partner.



Photo courtesy of Quicksilver Resources

Above, aerial view of Elk Falls Pulp Mill site; at top, the same site seen from the water.



Photo courtesy of the Campbell River Mirror

“Quicksilver is not a large, large company and this project is far too large for us to do ourselves,” Rushford says. “We are working very diligently right now to bring in some joint venture partners. We need to do that before we can move ahead. We don’t have an exact timeline, but we’re working on that as we speak.”

The company is already fully engaged in an environmental assessment of the site, including the drilling of test holes to explore for environmental damage. In 2012, a BC environment ministry memo came to light, stating, “The Elk Falls Mill has been identified as a contaminated site by the ministry and prior to redevelopment contamination [must] be assessed and addressed.”

Campbell River Mayor Walter Jakeway says

pollution from the Elk Falls era is not as bad a problem as some suspect. Jakeway, a mechanical engineer, first worked at the pulp mill in 1976 when he was 22 and again before he retired in 2007 at age 55.

“They are going to be surprised how little pollution there is to deal with,” he says. “There may be two sites where there will be any pollution of substance. I know because I’ve worked in every single room and gallery.”

Jakeway says when Quicksilver starts to build it will be “fantastic” for the city.

“About the same time as the BC Hydro and the new hospital projects are winding down this project will be winding up. For Campbell River this project is wonderful. It comes with virtually no pollution. It’s a very good replacement for a large pulp mill.” ■



Quicksilver Resources Chief Operating Officer Dave Rushford.

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SCULPTURE ON WHEELS

LUXURY & SUPERCAR WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS THE FASTEST AND MOST EXCLUSIVE AUTOMOBILES

By ALYN EDWARDS

Photos by KEN SAKAMOTO

An estimated 8,000 visitors took in a very special garden party in Vancouver during the first weekend of September. The Luxury & Supercar Weekend featured some of the world's most exotic special interest automobiles coupled with haute couture fashion shows, art, diamonds and unique culinary experiences at an Italian food and wine pavilion.

Shoe legend John Fluevog had his radically customized Jaguar MK 10 on display along with a driving shoe that was made with a soft suede sole specially designed for the event.

Tom Lee Music displayed three pianos worth \$1 million including a glass piano made out of crystal.

Chris Craft had a display alongside a knockout 21-foot Dodge, split cockpit mahogany inboard speedboat built in 1931. Boathouse Bay Classics in Kelowna devoted 4,000 hours to restoring the boat from the keel up.

The luxury and supercar market is strong in Vancouver and dealers brought their best to display on the grass at Vancouver's VanDusen Botanical Garden. Some of the internationally recognized luxury sports models represented

included Pagani, McLaren, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley, Rolls Royce, Lexus, Lotus, Maserati, Porsche and Jaguar.

Prominent among the exotics was a Pagani Huayra. This is the only carbon edition Pagani and is one of the fastest road-legal cars in the world. Also on display was a Bugatti Veyron Grand Sport, representing the world's fastest open top production car, capable of speeds exceeding 400 kilometres.

A curated row of Porsche sports cars represented 50 years of the famous 911 models, showing the many variations that have been sold over the past half-century.

Sixty years of Corvette production was celebrated on the field. Prominent among them was the Sateen Silver 1962 model owned by Bob and Vicki Elsdon. They committed the car to a 10-year restoration project to honor a promise to the original owner before he passed away.

There was a strong showing of some of the best hot rods in the area. A standout was Rob Blackwell's radically altered 1937 Chevrolet pickup truck with a 650 horsepower blower motor, which he drove to and from the event from his home in Surrey.

The show marked the debut of a 1933 McLaughlin Buick Victoria coupe, which well known local antique car enthusiast Peter Trant had been restoring since 1979. He did all the work himself including the mechanical rebuild, woodwork and authentic upholstery right down to the last detail.

"We want to make everyone in the automotive world



Above, the only carbon edition of the Pagani Huayra supercar was a feature attraction as one of the fastest street legal cars in the world. At top, Bob Elsdon's fuel injected 1962 Corvette was among 13 quality restored Corvettes shown at the 2013 Luxury & Supercar Weekend.



At left, this classic 1931 Dodge split cockpit mahogany inboard speedboat on display took 4,000 hours to restore. Above left, Rob Blackwell's radically altered 1937 Chevrolet pickup is powered by a 650 horsepower blower motor. Above right, a row of Porsche sports cars honors half a century production of the famed 911 model.

very proud of this event by bringing something to this city that is world class," says Luxury & Supercar Weekend president Craig Stowe.

The event has seen attendance double since the first one held four years ago at Vancouver's Plaza of Nations. The Edgewater Casino was run by an American company that wanted to have a show of American cars. Craig Stowe pitched the idea of an event to better match the marketplace. The first Luxury & Supercar Weekend was held in sunny warm weather and people came out by the thousands.

Among them were representatives of Samsung who approached Stowe to replicate the event in Seoul, Korea. In 2011, the event in Seoul was held as a private party for Samsung clients.

For 2012, the event was brought back to Vancouver to be held at VanDusen Botanical Garden for the first time. Craig Stowe's idea was to make it a lot like the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance weekend at California's most famous golf course.

"VanDusen used to be a Shaughnessy private golf course in the middle of the city, so it's an excellent place to display collector cars on the great lawns," he says.

He worked hard to convince luxury

and supercar dealers to display their finest examples on grass and Nigel Matthews of Hagerty Insurance asked to invite some of the rarest and best-restored cars in the Pacific Northwest to participate in the Concours d'Elegance.

Interest in cars in the region is growing as a result of the show. There are a number of special automotive events, parties and dinners held in the week leading up to the show.

"We want to use the week for a series of car related activities," Stowe says. "LSW is now the pinnacle luxury and supercar event in Canada."

He is building even more automotive excitement into the 2014 Luxury & Supercar Weekend. Plans are to bring in personalities and cars to mark the 100th anniversary of Maserati.

"We are working with the factory in Italy and seeing what cars we can attract from across North America," he says.

Horacio Pagani, builder

of some the world's fastest and most exclusive supercars, will be an honored guest at next year's event.

The number of modified supercars and historic collector supercars to be displayed next year will be greatly expanded to attract even more participants from big collectors in the Seattle area. It should be one hell of a supercar garden party. 



Peter Trant's restored 1933 McLaughlin Buick Victoria coupe was a show stopper.

Scoping out the Season

Anyone travelling to Pacific Coastal Airlines' destinations during the holiday season can tickle all the senses with Christmas activities. See, hear, touch and smell the season at events like the Yellowpoint Christmas Spectacular in the Comox Valley, Bright Nights at Stanley Park in Vancouver, or the Winter Carnival in Rossland near Trail.

Christmas craft fairs, Santa Claus parades and light-up events are set for most communities, but some PCA destinations have more unique seasonal events happening this December and January. Here's a look:

SIDNEY

Check out the Festival of Trees at the Mary Winspear Centre. Vote for your favourite and make a donation to the Lions Food Bank — the event is ongoing until January 2. Or tune up for the season with the Peninsula Players' Christmas Pantomime — *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round-ish Table*, running Dec. 20-22 and 27-29, also at the Mary Winspear Centre.

Nearby, Christmas goes crazy in colour at **Butchart Gardens**. Beginning with light-up festivities on Dec. 1, the world-famous gardens feature Christmas light displays, holiday wreaths, carolers, ice-skating and festive dining through to Jan. 6

VICTORIA

In Victoria, the Empress Hotel knows how to dress for the holidays with its annual **Festival of Trees**, Nov. 21 to Jan. 7. Over 70 trees displayed are throughout the hotel in support of the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Also at the Empress, enjoy the *Nutcracker Tea*, Dec. 1-8, in partnership with Dance Victoria.

For something a little different, check out the **Centennial Square Ferris Wheel** (Nov. 23 to Dec. 22), occurring Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Publicity material says: "Celebrate the holiday season in Victoria by taking in the view from the top of the festive ferris wheel."

The Royal Theatre presents the **Alberta Ballet's Nutcracker** with the Victoria Symphony, Dec. 6-8, followed by the symphony's *A Sentimental Christmas*, Dec. 13-15. The annual, highly popular Salvation Army Toy Drive with the Naden Band also takes place at the Royal Theatre, Dec. 16-18.

Christmas in Bach's Leipzig, performed by some of Canada's leading baroque music specialists takes centre stage Dec. 14 at Alix Goolden Hall.

COMOX VALLEY

Heading north up the island, there's a lot to see and do at Mount Washington Alpine Resort, including the **Pepsi Torchlight Parade** — watch Mount Washington staff ski down the face of the mountain with torches, creating a beautiful light show — followed by fireworks on Dec. 26.

Also at the alpine resort, kick off 2014 with family fun at the **Tube Park New Year's Eve Party**, and featuring music, prizes, hot chocolate and a countdown.

In Courtenay, **The Yellowpoint Christmas Spectacular** is an "extravaganza of music and dance, lights and decorations, laughter and tears." This year's event includes a Queen tribute, a James Bond medley, Michael Buble songs, a nostalgia tribute as well as many more classical hits and Christmas favourites. It runs at the Sid Williams Theatre, Dec. 10-11.

Also seasonally appropriate is the Sid Williams Theatre Society presentation of **Winter Harp 2013** on Dec. 12. This "a concert of heartwarming carols, songs and stories" features a world-class ensemble of harps, flutes, medieval instruments and percussion.

VANCOUVER

Vancouver is also a hub of Christmas activities, including the family favourite **Bright Nights at Stanley Park**, which runs through December. Stanley Park is illuminated by twinkling lights, and visitors take a train ride to see animated displays and listen to holiday classics while sipping on hot chocolate and enjoying fresh popcorn or roasted nuts.



On this page, Santa and Gingerbread House displays at Bright Nights at Stanley Park in Vancouver.



The **Festival of Lights** at VanDusen Botanical Garden includes elaborate light decorations, nightly appearances from Santa, a "dancing lights" show, community choirs and more. It runs every night, Dec. 11 to Jan. 4, except Christmas Day.

The **Vancouver Christmas Market** is an annual holiday taking place this year from Nov. 22 to Dec. 24. An authentic German Christmas Market, it features rows of little wooden huts, featuring food, drink and an array of Christmas gifts.

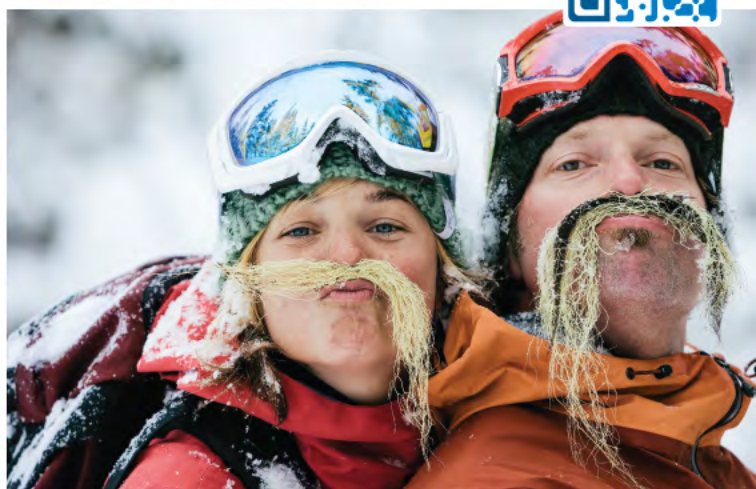
The **Peak of Christmas** at Grouse Mountain (Nov. 23 to Dec. 24) sees the area transformed into a winter wonderland with outdoor ice skating, sleigh rides, reindeer, breakfasts with Santa, live entertainment and more.

For something really different, try singing your way through the holidays with the festively decorated **Karaoke Christmas Lights Trolley**. From Dec. 11 to 30, trolleys depart at 6:30 p.m. from Canada Place. "Upon pickup, guests will sing their way past the city lights of downtown before arriving at Bright Nights at Stanley Park. . . [Later], the tour will continue through local light displays on the way to the second stop of the evening, at VanDusen Botanical Garden's Festival of Lights.

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POWELL RIVER

Now in its 35th year, *Carols by Candlelight* has become a favorite for Powell River audiences. The magical evening, presented by the Powell River Academy of Music, features choirs singing carols “old and new,” surrounded by glowing candlelight and supported by organ music. Takes place Dec. 13 and 14.

WILLIAMS LAKE

For those in the Williams Lake area determined to immerse themselves in the holiday season, a two-hour drive will drop them at the doorstep of Barkerville’s *Old-Fashioned Victorian Christmas*. There’s decorated displays, home baking, carol singing at St. Saviour’s Church and numerous other activities. It’s a chance to “discover what it was like to spend the holidays in Barkerville during times gone by.”

CRANBROOK

In Cranbrook, check out *PT the Clown’s Magical Christmas Show* with special guest Aspire Dance Academy, Dec. 7 at Key City Theatre. Partial proceeds go to the Easts Kootenay Foundation for Health Children’s Ward. Also in Cranbrook, the Kinsmen Arena hosts free public skates until Dec. 22, at various times on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Nearby, at Fort Steele, drop by the Wildhorse Theatre Presentation of *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!)*. “Instead of performing Charles Dickens’ beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told . . . [It’s a] madcap romp through the holiday season!”

KELOWNA

There’s lots to see and do in Kelowna — now serviced by PCA through Cranbrook.

Take in the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra’s *Amahl and the Night Visitors* on Dec. 8 at Mary Irwin Theatre, Rotary Centre for the Arts. Staged in collaboration with Opera Kelowna, Menotti’s delightful one-hour opera tells the story of the young boy Amahl and his encounter with the three kings en route to Bethlehem.

The *Grinch Who Stole Christmas Class Presentation* takes place on Dec 17 at Kelowna Actors Studio, while the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra presents the *Messiah — Christmas Special* on Dec. 20 at the Kelowna Community Theatre. ■



Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden.



Photo by Dave Heath

Crowds gather in the streets of Rossland for the annual Winter Carnival, taking in a number of activities and competitions.

By JAMES
ELLSWORTH

ROSSLAND ROCKS THE WINTER BLAHS AWAY

Rossland stages its 117th Winter Carnival, Canada’s oldest, on January 23-26, and it’s guaranteed to bring joy to the winter world.

Since the RWC began in 1897, Rossland, a town of roughly 3,500, and nearby Red Mountain Resort, carry on the tradition, showing why the area was voted best ski town in North America by Powder Magazine in 2013.

The downtown core of streets will be abuzz with activities for everyone, including 85 km per hour bobsled races down Spokane St.; extreme ski maneuvers near the post office on Queen St.; parades on Columbia St.; music and dancing; and amazing ice sculptures and free food at the Harry Lefevre Square — overseen by the bronze statue of Rossland’s original skier, Olaus Jeldness.



Recalling last year's festivities, local Shelley Peachell said, "The energy on the streets was addicting, even without my first cup of coffee."

Red Mountain, the oldest ski resort in Canada and a 10-minute drive from town, also gets in on the fun. In January 2013 the New York Times rated Rossland's Red Mountain Resort number eight out of 46 places to visit, ahead of locales like Singapore (11) and Jackson Hole (32). During the carnival, the resort will hold the King of the Mountain event where participants compete in a three-run and skill race in telemark, alpine and snowboard gear.

Then there is the John Heintz Cup, a mountain-to-town relay where five-person teams (skier/boarder, biker, x-country skier, snowshoer and runner) compete. Other draws are luge lessons, ice skating, tobogganing and bonfire pit.

Whew! And if that isn't enough you can boogie at several venues, including the Olaus Ice Palace, featuring East Kootenay's foot-stomping Shred Kelly. One resident commented that the winter carnival's music "had ample energy to make a praying monk get up and dance."

Rossland businesses and community members support the winter carnival wholeheartedly. There are 45 various sponsors, from monetary to in-kind and prize donors, a remarkable number for a small community.

Larry Doell, a RWC committee member, said that over 250 people volunteer and,

although it needs \$30,000 to operate, the event is always in the black.

It's no surprise that the Rossland Winter Carnival has made national coverage twice recently. In 2010, Rick Mercer's Report had the host participating in the Sonny Samuelson Bobsled Race; while last year CTV's Canada AM covered the event, featuring fire dancers and "tomato heads."

The Tomato Heads are a colourful group of skiers who have been "making the RWC" for over a decade. They originated about 15 years ago when 10 skiers — including some locals and three people from the original Red Mountain ownership group — began a tradition during ski holidays to identify each other on the hill by wearing a tomato badge. Now they are an international group who come to Red and the Winter Carnival.

Dave Mitten, an original, said, "There are about 50, all old fossils like us, who we've hooked-up with on the mountain over the years. There are about 10 Aussies, four Kiwis, four Yanks, six Brits, one Frenchman, one Bulgarian, one from New Guinea, 15 locals, and the rest from other parts of Canada, mostly Ontario."

Nancy Greene and Karin Lee-Gartner, Rossland area Olympic gold medalists, brought the town and mountain to the world's attention. Now Rossland invites the world to come and whoop it up at its annual historical winter bash.

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Camp education

HAYWIRE BAY OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE AIMS TO HELP DIVERSIFY POWELL RIVER'S ECONOMY

By BENJAMIN YONG

With a region that is as environmentally diverse as Powell River, it makes sense to have a wilderness camp/educational facility. And that's why School District 47 officially opened the newly constructed Haywire Bay Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC) earlier this year, a project that director Hugh Prichard says has been a long time coming.

"It's been 15 years in the making," says Prichard, who is also director of Terracentric Coastal Adventures, which has worked collaboratively with School District 47 to develop a range of outdoor education programs — for students from grades K to 12 — that provide course credits.

Built on land leased from the Powell River Regional District, the camp — open year round — is located on Powell Lake in the middle of a 187-kilometre hiking trail on the Sunshine Coast. It features six free-standing sleeping cabins that can house 12 people each, two storage cabins, a classroom and office space, a commercial kitchen, washrooms, showers and more.

"One of the things about Powell River is that there are phenomenal outdoor recreational opportunities for soft adventure," says Prichard, whose duties as director cover operations and maintenance as well as business administration.

Soft adventure, he explains, allows kids to experience nature to its fullest, learn about sustainability and the eco-system and still make it back in time for supper.

"Students can go hiking on the 18.8 km wheelchair-accessible trail, for example. It's stuff that doesn't require logistics or physical ability and that all ages can do."

Accessibility was top of mind during planning of the learning centre that initially took place in late 2008. Many of the activities at OLC are what Prichard describes as "barrier free," like the aforementioned hiking trail as well as a circuitous inland lake trail — to name a few.

Because of where they are situated, there are also lots of things to do on the water such as stand-up paddle boarding, flat water canoeing and kayaking. On the terrestrial side of things, there is a low ropes course and a nature-based arts and crafts class.

Groups either stay for the day or take part in multi-day lessons — in June, Grade 7 students in the district filled up the camp all month long.

"Over 400 to 500 kids came through, and the programs were delivered by older students. We think it's a very unique, peer-based model. I'm not sure how many other programs run that way, but we provide entry-level employment in the tourism sector for grades 11 and 12 students. It was designed by us, filling a need in our economy for young people to take up jobs in the tourism and hospitality industries."

Steve Hopkins, secretary-treasurer for the district, says the \$2.5 million undertaking couldn't have happened without support from several groups such as Island Coastal



Learning, team building and "soft adventure" are all part of the newly-opened Haywire Bay Outdoor Learning Centre in Powell River.

Economic Trust, Model Community Project, Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society, Vancouver Island University and the Powell River Regional District.

In addition to developing the OLC, a portion of the funding was used to upgrade parts of the Sunshine Coast trail, including the huts, which are scattered along the path and used by travellers.

Main construction of the learning centre was completed last winter but improvements are ongoing.

"Work is continuing on other phases on the site. They have to finish a few more cabins, as well as do some landscaping and add more student learning stations," says Hopkins.

Before green lighting the project, the school district used other campgrounds in the area to test the utilization of an outdoor environment to supplement the kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum. They leased the Rainbow Lodge, an older facility on the other side of the bay near the head of Powell Lake, which served as the precursor to the OLC.

Hopkins says the biggest constraint was having to take a boat to get to the lodge. Now the learning centre is accessible by both water or a 20-minute drive through town.

The hope for the Haywire Bay Outdoor Learning Centre is that it becomes a destination education hub and plays a central role in helping diversify Powell River's economy. For more information about the centre, visit www.sd47.bc.ca/outdoorcentre or call 604-485-6271. ■

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Polar Bear Swims
January 1, 12-1 p.m.

Take the plunge or just come and watch. In Port Hardy, brave souls begin the new year by jumping off the Seagate Wharf into Hardy Bay. In Port McNeill, the event takes place at the Port McNeill boat launch. Prizes offered for oldest, youngest and best dressed.

POWELL RIVER
Horizon Business
Awards, Dinner & Auction
February 1

Hosted by Powell River Chamber of Commerce, the 19th annual event recognizes outstanding businesses in the community. Takes place at Dwight Hall in the historic Townsite District.

SIDNEY

The Lego Exhibit
January 2 to March 31

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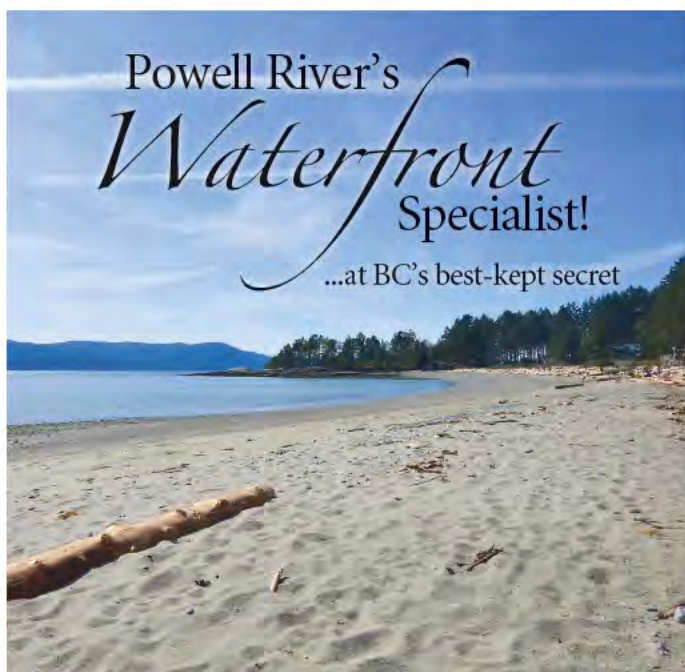


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ABM 2014 BC will take place at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton from February 24 to 27.

ABM connects a corporate network with the vast opportunities and unique characteristics of Aboriginal economic development in two ways: through the use of detailed eprofiles on the ABM website and one-on-one, pre-scheduled appointments.

ABM delegates choose to meet one-on-one through the selection of potential business matches using eprofile information. Sophisticated business matching software efficiently facilitates this process through targeted appointment selection.

"ABM 2013 received tremendous feedback from everyone who attended," said Keith Henry, president of the BC Métis Federation and co-chair of the ABM 2014 BC Steering Committee. "It is the only event of its kind in Canada that surpasses expectations in every way: the quality of the businesses that

attend, the number of First Nations prepared to meet with them, the fun and engaging networking activities, and the recognition from big players that this is the must-attend, economic development conference of the year."

Registration for Aboriginal decision makers, non-Aboriginal businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies funding Aboriginal economic development can be made online at aboriginalbusinessmatch.com.

KINGFISHER KUDOS

The Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa has been recognized as an industry leader by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) with a nomination for the Business of the Year Award.

The resort, a historical landmark in the Comox Valley, is renowned for its beautiful waterfront location and Pacific Mist Hydropath. Over the past year, Kingfisher has realized an annual revenue growth of \$3 million, an annual increased occupancy from 50 to 85 per cent and an annual decrease in resort wide expenses by almost \$5 million.

The winner of the Business of the Year Award will be named at the Canadian Tourism Association Gala, in Ottawa on December 3.

TSUNAMI CLEANUP

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, representing 14 First Nations along the west coast of Vancouver Island, has been awarded \$96,200 to establish and operate a tsunami debris cleanup program.

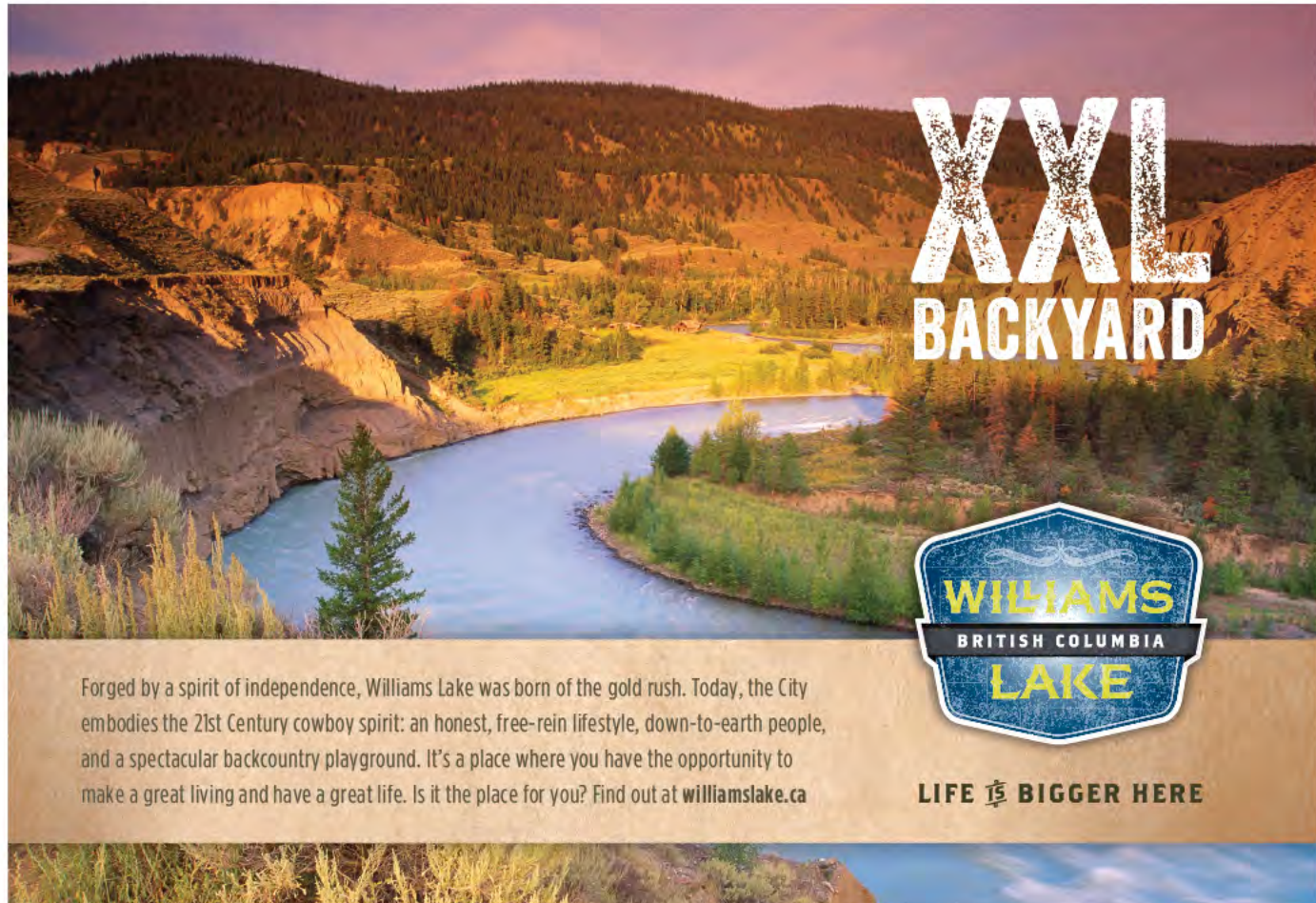
The successful proposal was made by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, in partnership with community liaisons and leaders, as part of the ongoing effort to monitor, clean up and dispose of tsunami debris in their traditional territory.

The Tribal Council and the Ministry of Environment have signed an agreement for a cleanup program totaling \$154,200.

Funding includes \$58,000 from the Nations and their partners through in-kind contributions, and \$96,200 from funding provided by the Japanese government.

The funds will be used to implement a tsunami debris management response plan for each of the 14 First Nations in partnership with local agencies, governments and organizations to identify and address any impact from debris found along the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Nations will work with communities to co-ordinate up to 56 cleanups — four per First Nation.



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Q&A

Kathy Cooper

Managing Director of Kootenay Rockies Tourism

Kathy Cooper has been a key member of the Kootenay Rockies Team for the past 26 years, assisting the region in becoming a leader in the marketing of British Columbia as a premier tourism destination. She has been involved in many roles with the organization, including project management, consumer advertising, travel trade, media relations, governance and HR. Kathy has held the position of interim managing director since November, 2012. She is also sitting on the newly formed Tourism Marketing Committee for British Columbia.

Q: WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF KOOTENAY ROCKIES TOURISM?

A: Our mandate is to enhance the regional visitor economy for the benefit of businesses and communities through the delivery of destination marketing initiatives.

Q: HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

A: I started working for the community marketing organization in Kimberley back in the late 1980s. Chris Dadson was the managing director at the time, and when he moved over to the regional tourism organization, I followed suit after returning to work from a maternity leave. I have been with Kootenay Rockies Tourism ever since. Prior to that, I'd always been in the tourism industry, originally in hospitality before moving into destination marketing.

Q: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES TOURISM INDUSTRY TODAY?

A: Challenges for our region are the same as most other jurisdictions of this province and across the country: intense global competition for a shrinking tourism dollar; air accessibility; frequency and cost; a destination (Canada) that is more expensive in comparison to some other similar destinations, for example Australia, due to a high dollar; high taxation and a reduction of marketing dollars to keep our province and region competitive in the market place.

Q: HOW DOES YOUR GROUP WORK TO ADDRESS THIS?

A: Our stakeholder partners and industry businesses are working hard to overcome these challenges by using creative, innovative marketing campaigns in various mediums, such as print, online, consumer shows, etc. The diversity of our regional tourism products helps. If we look at skiing, for example, our region has the highest concentration of snow sport products in the entire province, and they are all highly regarded. We continue to build on that fact by providing our partners with as many platforms as possible to get their message out to the world. We will continue to generate awareness and at the end of the day, hopefully, more visitation to this region.

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE GROUP'S BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RECENT YEARS?

A: We just concluded our Tourism Industry Conference where we reviewed some of our recent achievements. In a survey undertaken by Destination BC this year with Travel Counsellors at the BC Visitor Centres, the Kootenay Rockies annual Travel Guide ranked very high overall in terms of layout, content and ease of use by the counsellors when assisting visitors. This guide includes information on communities, heritage and cultural attractions, as well as accommodation, camping, things to do and see, etc. Our free Kootenay App, which has over 8,000 downloads to-date, and includes all regional products, has been very well received by both industry and consumers. In a concentrated effort to bridge the print and online world, we also have our KootenayRockies.mobi site, which has all the info included in the app, as well as PowderHighway.com and KootenayGolfDeals.ca for snow sports and golfing information. KootenayBrochures.ca is proving to be a one-stop shop for all our print pieces as well as our partner brochures. All of these sites have great tracking and measurement aspects to them as well as serving our customer needs for product package offers.

Q: WHAT ELSE DO PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KOOTENAY ROCKIES TOURISM OR BC IN GENERAL?

A: BC is a destination that remains high on potential visitors' wish lists and we need to keep providing opportunities for them to have the best experience once they achieve that initial trip to our province and our region. We want to make them repeat customers and ambassadors, spreading the word on what a great destination it truly is. Raising the awareness of tourism as an industry to BC residents and government officials is also critical: we can't leave tourism on the back burner and depend on other industries to strengthen the economy. We need increased, guaranteed funding for tourism marketing because competition is strong and with more dollars, other jurisdictions can and have risen higher. We need to continue to build on our brand and our image and do so as creatively as possible. That is what our team strives to do every day on behalf of our regional tourism industry partners. ■

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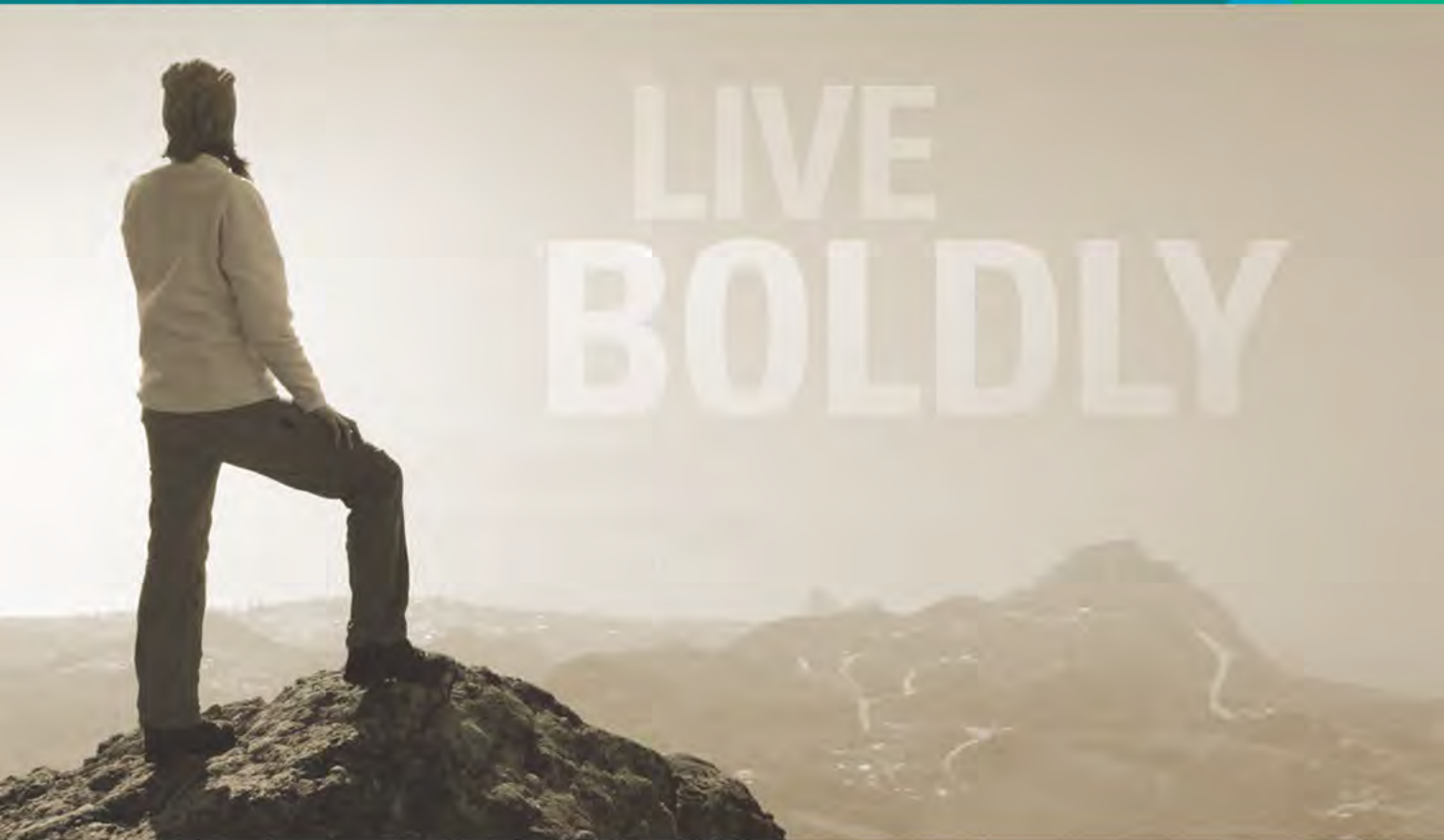
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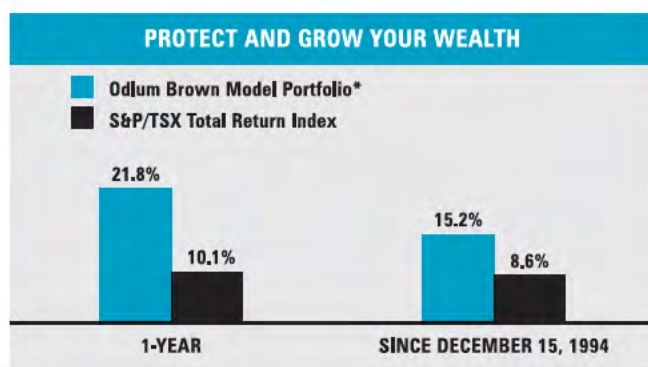
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