

Telkwa Welcomes the CBC!

CBC was in Telkwa the week of April 13-20 to film an episode of the CBC reality show *Still Standing*. *Still Standing* is an "irreverent and affectionate adventure through small-town Canada" hosted by comedian/actor Jonny Harris. Harris visits small towns across the country and immerses himself in the local culture for a week to get a sense of the people and places that make a town unique and interesting. To collect material for the program, Harris and his CBC crew spent five days touring the village and interviewing residents, business owners and members of council. Harris ended the week by putting on a stand-up comedy show at the community hall on Sunday night. The show was a great success, attracting up to 300 people, and a good time was had by all!

A huge thank you to the TCIS volunteers for hosting a special Music in the Park to coincide with the CBC visit, and to Councillor Karer and her volunteers for organizing a Community Appreciation Barbeque where she and Mayor Repen flipped burgers for the crowds! Thanks also to the residents and business owners of Telkwa, the Telkwa works crew, Gladys Atrill from Tourism Smithers and Heather Gallagher from the Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce for helping us welcome the CBC crew!



Jonny Harris helping volunteer Ryan Press set up the skateboard park at the Dockrill Rink.



EDO Jane Stevenson and Jonny Harris



Long line-up for the comedy show!

A special thanks to our Economic Development Officer, Jane Stevenson, for setting up and organizing the CBC visit and for showing Mr. Harris and his crew around Telkwa. What a great ambassador for our village!

2015 Façade Improvement Program

The Village of Telkwa invites all downtown commercial businesses to submit proposals for the Village of Telkwa Façade Improvement Program. The Village has secured \$20,000.00 in grant funding for commercial property owners in the downtown core who wish to improve their building facades. Selected projects will be reimbursed up to 50% of the eligible renovation costs to a maximum of \$5,000.00. Application packages can be picked up at the Village Office, or on our website. The application deadline is May 15, 2015.



LOVE TELKWA! www.lovetelkwa.com

Small town diversity serves everyone. Interesting businesses are a vital part of vibrant and thriving communities and give Telkwa character, personality and soul. Visit LoveTelkwa.com to learn more about our local businesses.

2015 Budget

The Village of Telkwa 2015 Budget will be prepared for adoption on the Agenda of the May 11th Council meeting. The major projects proposed in this year's budget are the water tower construction project (pending grant funding approval), and upgrades to our sewage lift stations. Please have a look through the budget documents (available on the Village website or at the Village office) and feel free to contact Mayor Darcy Repen at 250-846-9008, or by email at darcyrepen@gmail.com. Council welcomes feedback from residents regarding Village projects and expenditures. Input is valued throughout the year, and not just at budget time. The more we know about the wants and needs of our residents, the better equipped we are to address these wants and needs in future planning and budget preparations.



For more information on what's happening in Telkwa, please go to our website.

www.telkwa.com

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



CHURCH WORSHIP

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church
9:15 and 10:30 am

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

Congregation at St. Stephen's Heritage Church (across from the Museum). Sundays 10:00 am.

Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa

(846-9710) Regular services Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm.

Perennial Plant Sale

Annual Fundraising Event

Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society

Sat., May 23, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to noon

(viewing 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 am)

Main Street & Hwy 16 Smithers (Goat Statue Parking Lot)

To donate plants:

If you are dividing perennials, splitting shrubs, thinning flowers or halting the spread of berry patches, please save your spares for this sale. If you need help digging up your plants or to arrange pick-up by May 20, call: Karen Mitchell at 250 847 9052 or Dale Gilbert at 250 847 2107.

2015 Wetzinkwa Community Grant Program

Wetzin'kwa Community Forests is currently seeking applications for its **2015 Community Grant Program**. Approximately \$150,000 will be distributed, with individual grant awards limited to a maximum \$10,000 per successful applicant.

The application deadline for the current grant intake is **May 29, 2015** at 4 p.m.

Local non-profits can get more information on the grant application process by contacting Village of Telkwa Grant Writer, Cindy Savage at grantwriter@telkwa.com, or visit the Wetzin'kwa website at <http://www.wetzinkwa.ca>

May 19-22 is National Public Works Week! Many thanks to our public works crew for all of their hard work: Kevin Materi, Jerry Bizarro, Colin Oevering, and Thomas Vanderleest.



FIRE? FLOOD? TRAIN DERAILMENT? HAZARDOUS SPILL? ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP IN AN EMERGENCY IN TELKWA?

Telkwa residents could face any number of emergencies, from a house fire that affects only one family to larger disasters such as forest fires, floods, train derailments or toxic highway or rail spills that could require all of Telkwa residents to be evacuated.

While Emergency Responders such as the Telkwa firefighters, police, ambulance and Search and Rescue will respond to help those at risk, Emergency Management BC's **Emergency Social Services (ESS)** teams will immediately react to help those who have been displaced from their homes. Trained volunteers will help obtain lodging, meals, clothing, medications, pet and livestock care and contact with families.

Currently, Telkwa is served by 6 ESS members...but needs more. Volunteers have training, taken either in workshops or on-line. Most courses take only a few hours to complete and prepare team members to provide displaced residents with basic needs, at a critical time of their lives.

The Telkwa ESS team has also arranged contracts with local businesses including The Telkwa Baeckerei, Quick Eats, The Midway, Eddy Park Lodge and All for Less to provide meals, accommodation, clothing and sundries for those who have lost their homes or must evacuate due to danger. More local businesses will soon be included.

Like the Telkwa fire fighters, T-ESS volunteers don't serve for the pay...they do it because they want to help their community, especially in times of great need. **Consider joining the Telkwa ESS team**...great opportunities to learn more, develop skills and be a good neighbor.

To learn more about ESS, visit <http://www.ess.bc.ca>. To learn more about joining the Telkwa ESS team, contact Krista Scott at [250.846.9336](tel:250.846.9336) or krista.scott.06@gmail.com.

Telkwa Museum Society

The Telkwa Museum Society will have a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 9th from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and visit our newly renovated meeting room and generally improved facility. A hanging basket for Mother's Day will be the door prize and refreshments will be served all day. Hope to see you there.

TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY

(Young at Heart Club)

Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Activities for May 2015

- May 2, Saturday Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 am - **Note: open to general public - Adults \$5/Pre-schoolers \$3**
- May 5, Tuesday General Meeting 1 pm
- May 6, Wednesday Bingo 7 pm
- May 15, Friday Pot Luck Supper 6 pm
- May 20, Wednesday Bingo 7 pm

Weekly:

- Mondays - Carpet Bowling 1 to 3:30 pm
- Monday Evenings - Exercise Class 7:30 pm
- Wednesdays - Sip & Stitch/Painters 11 am to 4 pm
- Thursdays - Darts 10 to 12(noon)

Our **SPRING TEA** is Saturday, May 23 2 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$12 each. For tickets, you may contact Sue at 250-846-5084 or Lorraine at 250-846-5346.



New members welcome! Ages 50 and up...

Seniors Centre phone number: 250-846-9570

Village of Telkwa 1415 Hankin Avenue, PO Box 220, Telkwa, BC, V0J 2X0 Phone: 250-846-5212 Fax: 250-846-9572 info@telkwa.com

Municipal Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
Closed all Stat Holidays

Maintenance Shop & After Hours
Emergencies : 250-846-9144
Bylaw Enforcement: 250-846-5212
Fire Dept. Emergencies—911

Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Statutory Holidays excluded.
Members of the public are welcome to attend. The next regular meetings are May 11 and 25 at 7 pm. Agendas may be viewed at the Village Office or on our Website www.telkwa.com