



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS IN 2013

### Achievements

- Secured over \$550,812 in government and non-government grants to offset cost of municipal operations and capital projects.
- Entered into a new five year contract with School District 28 to provide a facility for the Wells/Barkerville Community School program. The District's net cost to operate and maintain the school building in 2013 was \$36,454, plus the cost of staff time.
- Provided low or no cost facilities for local organizations including Island Mountain Arts for ArtsWells and summer school programs, the Wells Chamber of Commerce for the Visitor Information Centre in the summer, the Wells and Area Community Association for the Community Garden, the Wells Best Seniors for the Seniors Centre, the Wells Historical Society for storage in the School, and the Wells and Area Trails Society for storage of trail grooming equipment.
- Provided \$10,950 in annual grants-in-aid to local organizations.
- Operated a subsidized weekly Transit System Service between Wells and Quesnel.
- Supported the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade providing fire protection for Wells and Barkerville and reducing local fire insurance premiums.
- Participated in joint marketing initiatives with Barkerville Historic Town and the regional Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association.
- Supported and organized various community events, workshops and programs.
- Held eighth successful Property Improvement Contest.
- Revised the Wells Community Forest business and forest management plans and submitted a formal application for a Community Forest to the Province.
- Undertook general cleanup and grass cutting operations in high visibility areas, playing fields and parks throughout the tourist season.
- Initiated Wednesday Snow Clearance to improve efficiency of snow operations.
- Operated and maintained the Municipal Water, Sewer and Garbage Collection Utilities.
- Affected changes to the zoning regulations to legalize residential housing in commercial areas to provide more opportunities for summer season alternate housing options.
- Upgraded the District of Wells' website.
- Provided for street lights.
- Completed the community based health project with workshops and programs, funded entirely with an external grant.
- Constructed a new trail head shelter adjacent to the Willow River.
- In partnership with the Barkerville Heritage Trust, transferred the Post Office and Service Station back into the private sector after successfully operating them over a three year interim period.
- Operated and maintained all municipal buildings and facilities.
- Championed the interests of the Community at the Regional, Provincial and Federal levels including lobbying for funds and programs beneficial to our community such as sustainable funding for Barkerville and capital funding for the Barkerville-Highway 16 Connector Project.