



# The Connector

Volunteer BC Newsletter – Summer 2005

Here at Volunteer BC, the summer has been a typical one. Not enough days spent outside and enjoying the sunshine and extra daylight. Far too many days in front of the computer or in meetings. We hope your summer has not been a “typical” one too. Either way, this edition of *The Connector* is full (and we do mean full!) of interesting news to keep you informed and ready for the Fall.

## Provincially Speaking

updates from Volunteer BC

### Annual General Meeting Notice

Mark your calendars. This year, Volunteer BC's Annual General Meeting will take place on the morning of Monday, September 26. Erin Barnhart will be our keynote speaker. Volunteer centres will know the Canada-US Fulbright Scholar, as she has traveled the province visiting every volunteer centre in BC. Erin will be presenting her findings on the status of BC volunteer centres. Also part of the day, 2010 Legacies Now - Volunteers Now will be hosting a very special event so watch your mail and AGM packages for an invitation. Detailed information will be emailed out soon, so be on the lookout!

### UBCM Celebrates 100 Years and We'll Be There

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), which was formed to provide a common voice for local government, helps them provide the best service possible to their communities. At this year's UBCM convention in Vancouver, “Celebrating our Legacy, Charting our Future,” mayors and councilors from municipalities across BC will be celebrating the union's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. And Volunteer BC will be there.

We have secured an exhibition table at the Municipal Marketplace trade show, which is taking place on September 28 and 29. We will be taking this opportunity to inform representatives from every community of the value that their local volunteer centre brings to their constituents and to promote the services that each centre provides. The cost of the booth at the UBCM trade show is substantial; however, we feel this is a great opportunity for us to highlight the important work of our member volunteer centres. We are asking centres to consider contributing to the cost of the booth. Please contact Jane Boulton, Vice President, at 250-847-9515 or [jboulton@scsa.ca](mailto:jboulton@scsa.ca) to find out how.

We will be preparing one-page handouts on each volunteer centre. If you have any information that will help us to promote your centre, please send them by email to Justin Ho, Director, at [justin\\_ho@shaw.ca](mailto:justin_ho@shaw.ca).

### Digital and Print Design Services

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## Centre Stage

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### news from the volunteer centre movement

#### **Volunteer Powell River Opens its Doors and We Were There!**

On July 7, David Kimpton, President, and Justin Ho, Director, were lucky enough to make the trip to Powell River to help celebrate the grand opening of Volunteer Powell River. We were pleased to share in the energy of the community and the excitement of the birth of a new centre in BC. For more information, visit [www.volunteerpr.com](http://www.volunteerpr.com).

## Inside the Invisible Infrastructure

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### news from across the sector

#### **Research Funding Anyone?**

Imagine Canada is pleased to announce the Knowledge Development Centre's (KDC) 2006 funding competition. The KDC provides funding to nonprofit and charitable organizations and post-secondary institutions to conduct research on volunteering and volunteerism. In 2006, the research themes are:

- Volunteer Experiences
- Communities of Interest
- Research Reviews of Volunteers and Volunteerism in Canada
- Developing Leadership.

Please visit [www.kdc-cdc.ca](http://www.kdc-cdc.ca) and click on "Applying for Research Funding" to find the 2006 application guidelines and the 2006 application form. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, September 16.

#### **New Horizons Funding Anyone?**

Social Development Canada has a call for applications for grants up to \$25,000 for projects that encourage seniors to contribute their time and talents to the community and to promote ongoing seniors involvement. The program, called New Horizons, has a number of priorities for BC: Aboriginal Initiatives, Intergenerational Connection, Lifelong Learning, Peer Support and Networking, and Risk Reduction of Isolation. For more information and to apply for funding, visit [www.sdc.gc.ca](http://www.sdc.gc.ca) and search for New Horizons. Deadline for applications is Friday, September 16.

## Plugging In

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navigating what's new on the web and in technology

### **A New Look for AVRBC**

The Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC (AVRBC) has recently launched a new website full of great information for anyone involved in managing volunteers. AVRBC is an organization of professionals dedicated to promoting leadership in the management of volunteer resources. Visit their new site today at [www.avrbc.org](http://www.avrbc.org).

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