

By Northerners, For Northerners

The Northern Development Initiative Trust board, regional advisory committees and staff have a passion for growing the economy of central and northern British Columbia. When the Premier of British Columbia announced the Northern Development Initiative Trust six years ago, it was on the premise that, "The best economic development decisions for the North should be made in the North." Northern Development is an independent, non-profit corporation; a catalyst stimulating economic growth through investments in grassroots, community-led projects.



Chair Evan Saugstad and Chief Executive Officer Janine North with the Northern Development Board at the Baldy Hughes Bioenergy Community Heating System.

It's been a dynamic and successful first chapter in our history! To date, Northern Development has provided over \$100 million in funding for more than 800 projects in northern communities driving more than \$1 billion of investment by communities, business, and government into the economy. Having exceeded our original targets, we are now focused on attracting up to \$2

billion in investment to the region by 2015 and ensuring that the original \$185 million in capital will sustainably ensure a trust that benefits the region for generations. Communities, First Nations and businesses of the North are leaders in creating jobs, new revenues and improving the quality of life in our region. Ever increasing partnerships are a testament to the strength of leadership in this northern decade of prosperity.

In addition to flowing funding into communities, Northern Development makes a difference through working with them to build their economic development staff and program capacity. The Grant Writing Support program supported grant writers in sixty nine communities in 2010, dramatically increasing the success communities have in applying for grants. The Internship program places university graduates from northern communities into short term economic development and local government roles as part of a practical hands-on six month training program. Energetic and enthusiastic young professionals provide direct assistance with economic development projects and gain the 'real-life' experience to be recruited into full-time economic development positions. Another valuable resource for growing businesses is Northern Development's Competitive Consulting Rebate program. This provides a fifty percent rebate on business consulting expertise which allows companies to increase their productivity and accelerate revenues and employment as a result.

The projects highlighted in this newsletter are among hundreds of success stories where Northern Development has played a role, working alongside the people of northern British Columbia. Join us in celebrating these successes as we move towards a sustainable future in the vibrant, growing region that is our home.



Evan Saugstad
Chair

Northern
Development
Initiative Trust



Janine North
Chief Executive
Officer

Northern
Development
Initiative Trust

Guaranteeing a Kick-Start to Northwest BC's Economy Kitwanga Sawmill Reopens

The familiar sounds of a sawmill in operation after a decade of mill closures in northwestern BC is sweet music to the community of Kitwanga, west of Smithers. The reopening of the Kitwanga Lumber Company in June, creating 90 direct and indirect jobs, has provided a welcome kick-start to the region's forestry sector.

The project was initiated by Pacific BioEnergy, a major North American wood pellet manufacturer which purchased the sawmill and a forest license out of receivership in September, 2009. A significant loan guarantee for the start-up of the mill was provided by Northern Development through its Northern Industry Expansion program. The program increases the capital available to small and medium-sized businesses in central and northern BC's resource processing, manufacturing and supply sectors. "Northern Development supported us throughout the process and facilitated the right combination of lenders to make this happen," says Pacific BioEnergy Vice President of Project Development, Brad Bennett.



Northern Development Vice Chair Lance Hamblin, Director Stephanie Killam, and Chief Executive Officer Janine North with some of the staff and management looking forward to the success of the Kitwanga Lumber Company.

"There were many pieces that had to come together to make this project happen. It's been a real collaborative effort on the part of our employees, contractors, suppliers, the Gitanyow, the Gitxsan and the local community."

Brad Bennett, Pacific BioEnergy

"We're proud to have guaranteed a significant part of the financing that's directly supported Pacific BioEnergy in starting the first sawmill operating in northwest BC in a number of years," stated Evan Saugstad, Chair of Northern Development.

The official opening event on July 8 this year was attended by more than 200 people including First Nations, mill employees and their families, Premier Christy Clark and Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation. "Strong, healthy communities are built by the people who live here and the reopening of this mill allows skilled workers to support their families right here in Kitwanga," said Premier Clark.

"The people of Kitwanga have never given up on their mill and today is a triumph for them," added Honourable Pat Bell.

With the sawmill up and running, Pacific BioEnergy is now focused on investing in a new wood pellet manufacturing plant associated with the sawmill by the spring of 2012. The plant will use sawdust, shavings and logging waste from the sawmill, strengthening the sawmill business and creating more jobs for the area in the long term.

Northern Development At A Glance

- Northern Development is mandated to invest in self-sustaining projects in ten areas of the economy: Energy, Forestry, Mining, Olympic Opportunities, Agriculture, Transportation, Small Business, Tourism, Pine Beetle Recovery, and Economic Development.
- Currently Northern Development has 1,542 funding partners. 27% of projects have investment from the private sector.
- To date, \$101 million in funding has been committed for 841 projects in communities throughout central and northern British Columbia with a total project investment of \$1.03 billion.
- Return on Project Investment (ROI) to the region since inception: 44.3%.
- Over 74% of investments are in small communities with populations of less than 5,000.
- 4,414 jobs have been created (2020 goal: 10,000 jobs).
- Over \$161 million invested in new capital equipment and training.
- \$5.4 million invested for projects expanding economic development capacity in 40 municipalities and 9 regional districts.
- Over 1,000 grant writers trained to date; 233 hired by communities including 113 First Nations since 2007.
- A 2010 client satisfaction survey resulted in a 98% overall approval rating.

IN THIS ISSUE

Getting to know an EDO

Williams Lake is the Shangri-la of Mountain Biking

On-Campus Kitchen a Recipe for Success

World-Class Dinosaur Research Centre Helps Transform Tumbler Ridge Economy

Memorial Project Celebrates First Nations History and Creates Future Opportunities for Tourism

Raising Funds in Our Communities

Meet Andy Ackerman

Building Capacity

Beacon Theatre a Rising Star in Burns Lake

Getting to Know an Economic Development Officer

Evan van Dyk, EDO, Terrace Economic Development Authority

What does an Economic Development Officer do? An EDO works for your local municipality or regional district, actively liaising with investors, local businesses and government to help spur economic activity in your community.

For talented business graduates from northern educational institutions interested in careers in local government and rural economic development, Northern Development's Economic Development Intern program provides immersed training and experience. At the same time, the communities where our interns work, gain a resource for recruiting qualified economic development professionals.



Evan van Dyk meets with Rob Dyke, owner Tower Radio, a small business located in Terrace

Why did you choose economic development as a career?

I was actually completing my Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Northern British Columbia when I heard an inspiring talk by Northern Development CEO, Janine North. She spoke about Northern Development's Economic Development Intern program and I decided to apply. During the year I was an intern, I gained incredible experience and insight to the field, working in a number of northern communities. After that I knew this was the work I wanted to do.

What are the key issues for economic development in your community?

Strong transportation links to regional, provincial and global markets make Terrace a strategic hub in the northwest and we actively market investment opportunities related to import/exporting. As a resource-based region we also work to develop economy building initiatives related to forestry, mining and energy.

What projects have been the most personally satisfying for you?

In March of this year we held a First Nations Joint Venture Partner Workshop which brought together numerous stakeholders interested in being involved in projects with First Nations. Coinciding with the event was the creation of our First Nations Joint Venture Partnership Toolkit; it continues to be a well-used resource for learning how to connect with First Nations and progress to the deal-making stage.

When we first met with local businesses to determine how the Authority could best flow funding dollars into the community, a major outcome was the new www.investinnorthwestbc.ca website that was just launched this September. This is a unique project based on the collaboration of communities throughout the northwest. It provides a wide range of information from contacts in local industry, bidding information, descriptions of projects underway, environmental reports and project timelines.

What do you enjoy most about working in economic development?

It's an extremely fast-paced field; the terrain is always changing and you have to be accountable for everything you do. At the same time, economic development officers throughout the region support each other by sharing best practices and leveraging resources. And of course, it's great to be working to improve the business climate and quality of life in the area where I grew up.

Williams Lake is the Shangri-La of Mountain Biking

Serious mountain bikers know that when it comes to bunny hops, binder bolts and berms, some of the best biking trails in British Columbia can be found in the area around Williams Lake. Until recently, however, the area lacked a formal marketing strategy around mountain biking. Realizing the role it could play in marketing adventure tourism in the region, a number of public and private sector groups came together to develop mountain biking as a new economic sector, taking this popular pastime to new heights.

Having supported other mountain biking projects in Wells, Smithers and Burns Lake, Northern Development Initiative Trust saw a good fit with the Williams Lake initiative. It helped

"What started out as passion and synergy has resulted in real economic benefits for the community."

Justin Calof, Chair of the Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium

to fund a feasibility study aimed at validating the economic benefits of developing the infrastructure needed to create a network of legal mountain biking trails in the area, and creating a dedicated marketing plan to promote the trails.

Northern Development also supported the formation of The Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium, a group of business owners from 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Wells who came together in the spring of 2010. The Consortium was established with two primary goals: to grow the economic impact of mountain biking in the area by 25 percent over the next two years, and to support and grow a vibrant mountain biking culture throughout the Cariboo. The creation of the Consortium's "Ride the Cariboo" website has become a strategic marketing tool for regional businesses associated with the industry, from biking clubs and retailers to hotels and restaurants.



The strength of community partnerships was further demonstrated by the completion of the Boitano Bike Park, a 10-acre world-class facility completed in July, 2010. Located in the centre of Williams Lake, it is the largest of its kind in the BC interior.

"The public and private sector partnerships that have evolved have been key to the success of this initiative," says Consortium Chair Justin Calof. "The money raised is going right back into the community in the form of infrastructure development."

"The new dimension to tourism created by awareness of mountain biking in the region has also created a great deal of community pride," adds Marc Savard, owner of Red Shreds Bike and Board Shed in Williams Lake.

World-Class Dinosaur Research Centre Helps Transform Tumbler Ridge Economy

With the first discovery of dinosaur trackways near Tumbler Ridge in 2000, a new era in economic diversity began for this northern community. Numerous finds of fossils, footprints and skeletal remains unearthed the scope of what was buried in the area, attracting scientists and visitors from around the world. The activity led to the creation of the Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation and in 2003, the opening of the Peace River Paleontology Research Centre to house the ever-growing collection of artifacts.



By 2008, the Centre had outgrown its ability to accommodate its evolving collection and a new location was found in the form of a vacant school requiring extensive renovations. The museum's value to regional tourism had by now been well demonstrated. Tumbler Ridge was transforming itself from a coal town seriously impacted by the closure of two mines in the 1990s, to a tourism destination. The renovation project fit with funding criteria for Northern Development's Economic Diversification Infrastructure program which contributed a \$39,000 grant towards the project.



Northern Development has provided additional funding for the Centre's ongoing expansion and renovation program through the Government of Canada's Community Adjustment Fund. This has allowed for the hiring and extension of incremental staff and the delivery of programs, as well as additional renovations and upgrading of the museum's physical space.

The funding has enabled the Centre to combine public displays, research and administration functions under one roof, becoming a centre for excellence in paleontology in British Columbia. Its economic impact extends far beyond its own walls: it employs three full time employees with up to twelve full and part-time employees during peak tourism season. With its ability to attract and accommodate large tour groups, the Centre's profile and that of Tumbler Ridge continues to grow, contributing to the expansion of other tourism services in the area.

The real dinosaurs may be gone but their legacy lives on in this wonderful facility.

Building Capacity

Northern Development's Economic Capacity Building program is one of the major ways we fulfill our mission and vision of building a strong and diversified northern economy.

The program provides up to \$35,000 annually to implement the economic development plans of local governments. To date, more than 40 municipalities and 9 regional districts have received a total of \$5.4 million dollars for capacity building projects. In the process, the program promotes increased collaboration between communities; at least \$5,000 of the annual funding provided must be used to collaborate with another municipality, regional district, First Nations band, or industry.

On-Campus Kitchen a Recipe for Success

Since its inception in 1995, the Fireweed Collective Society has demonstrated an innovative approach to developing programs that help women and children in the Fort St. James area. These include the Fireweed Kitchen, a five-station training kitchen the Society owns and manages on the Fort St. James campus of the College of New Caledonia.

Fireweed's goal for the kitchen was to create access to education, employment, skill-building and entrepreneurial development for its clients, and with its location at the College, it also had to be a sustainable economic venture. Programs offered range from food and nutrition workshops for women and children, to small-scale specialty food business development programs. It opened in 2008, funded by a grant from Northern Development and funds raised by the Society.

The facility has demonstrated its value in a number of ways. The programs offered are helping women develop personal independence, improve their understanding of food purchasing, buying and nutrition, and providing them with opportunities to build economic security through training in food business development. Three part-time staff positions have been created within the Society to support the kitchen's operation including a Program Coordinator position.

With the installation of a professional kitchen, the College of New Caledonia was able to offer a "Professional Cook" training program which helps students develop the skills and work experience they need for employment in food service, hospitality and related sectors of the local economy. Local businesses have the opportunity to rent the fully-licensed facility as a test kitchen for new product development and to support local catering initiatives.



"On the surface, more jobs and an improved economy are what you see here today but the real benefit is the pride our residents have in our community, knowing we worked together to reshape our future."

Ann McCormick, the College of New Caledonia's Fort St. James Campus Supervisor

Students from the Professional Cook Program have been hired at the construction camp for the Mt. Milligan Mine northwest of Prince George – another example of the direct economic benefits that have resulted from community partnerships with Northern Development and the role the College has taken in meeting short and long-term workforce needs in the region.

Memorial Project Celebrates First Nations History and Creates Future Opportunities for Tourism

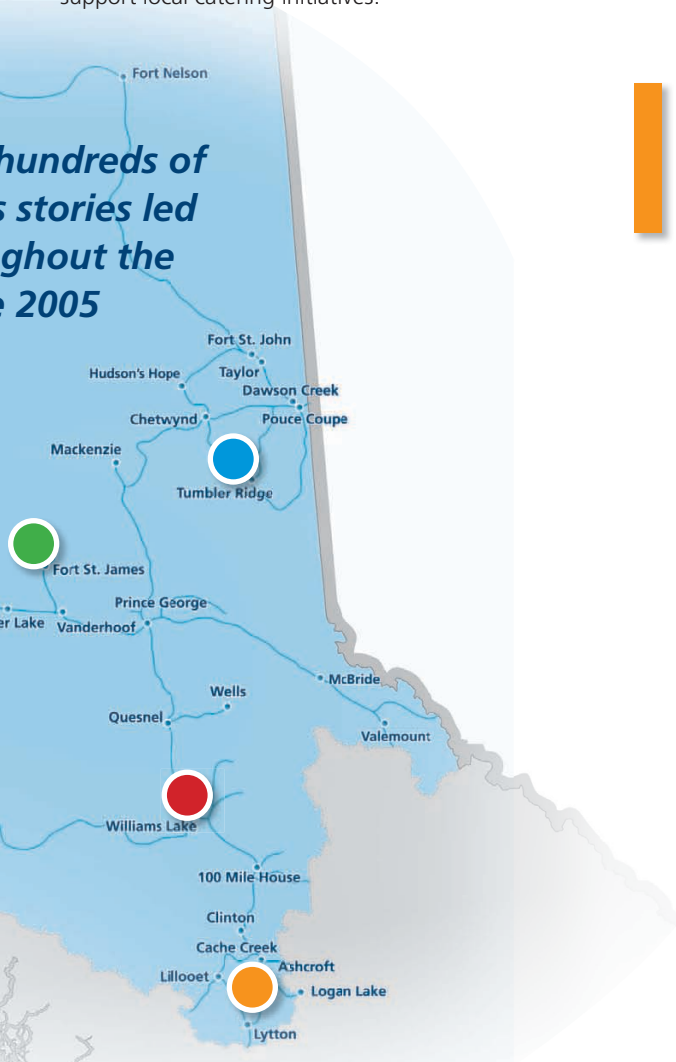
Visitors to the Spences Bridge area in the Nicola Valley come to enjoy many things, from the First Nations history spanning thousands of years, to world-class steelhead fishing, river rafting and hiking. With the completion of the Interior Allied Tribes Memorial Project by the Cook's Ferry Indian Band in 2010, the community has gained a focal point that honours both the area's culture and presents new opportunities for tourism.

The Cook's Ferry Indian Band, a member community of the Nlaka'pamux Nation, constructed the Memorial to honour the work of the Interior Allied Tribes of BC between 1908 and 1922. The project also fits with the Band's long-term goal of developing the area's tourism industry. Located at Nkemcin, on the Kumsheen Indian Reserve where the Nicola and Thompson Rivers merge, the memorial is an open-air structure with elements of a pit house and serves as an interpretative and cultural centre. Construction incorporated traditional design features as well as professional lighting and audio systems, and infra-red heating – an ideal setting for events ranging from theatre presentations to meetings and workshops.

Funding for the project was provided by the Cook's Ferry Indian Band itself and a number of public and private sector resources. Northern Development provided funding through its Pine Beetle Recovery Account.

"Our direct community, especially our youth, are becoming more aware of their history and the role their ancestors played in the development of this province," says Band Chief David Walkem. Meanwhile, a five-year tourism development plan is in the works to determine how the community can benefit from the economic opportunities associated with increased tourism to the area. Already travellers are stopping to look at the impressive structure while others plan their stop around specific events.

"Before, this was an area that tourists went through," says Chief Walkem. "Now it is an attractive destination point where they can spend some time having a meaningful visitor experience."



A diverse range of initiatives have moved forward as a result of this program. Northern Development provides annual funding to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to support its work in attracting major filming to the region, for example, and supported the Misty Isles Economic Development Society in creating a marketing campaign to encourage visitors at the 2010 Winter Olympics to include Haida Gwaii in their travels to BC.

Northern Development's Economic Development Internship program builds capacity by placing qualified economic development professionals in communities where they can provide the knowledge and manpower that might not otherwise exist to create and implement projects and programs. The Grant Writing Support program also adds capacity by increasing the success communities have in applying for grants.

Raising Funds in Our Communities

Did you know that most communities in Northern Development's region have a dedicated fundraising professional focused on helping community groups write grants and develop projects? Last year alone, grant writers applied for over \$53 million in community-based projects in the region.

Northern Development's Grant Writing Support program is designed to assist municipalities, regional districts and First Nations to build grant-writing capacity and expertise that leads to a direct increase in funding for projects and programs in central and northern BC. It pays a significant portion of a grant writer's full time wages for the first four months, or a minimum of 400 hours of employment for a grant writer position each year. The program dramatically increases the success communities have in applying for grants from community funding sources.

Since its inception, interest in the Grant Writing Support program has grown considerably, demonstrating the highest return on investment of any community funding program offered by Northern Development.

Grant Writing Quick Facts

- Between 2007 and 2010, over 1,000 fundraisers were trained through Northern Development's "Unlock Your Funding Potential" grant writing workshop. Of these, 147 were hired by communities, including 64 First Nations. The remainder are associated with not-for-profit groups or have an interest in grantmaking.
- In its first five years, the program has resulted in approved funding for 190 projects which have received \$1.4 million across 40 communities, 9 regional districts and 55 First Nations.
- The return on investment (ROI) for money invested through the program has steadily increased. ROI was highest this past year, enabling municipalities, regional districts, non-profits and First Nations bands to attract \$28 in grants for every \$1 invested in a grant writer.

Meet Andy Ackerman

Andy Ackerman is contracted by the North Peace Economic Development Commission (NPEDC) to devote approximately 20 hours a week to grant writing for non-profit organizations, First Nations, regional districts and municipalities. To date, Andy has written 529 proposals totalling approximately \$29 million in applications. While diverse in scope, the projects supported through this funding all help to improve the economy and quality of life in their communities – from display upgrades at the Tumbler Ridge Museum, a major tourism draw in the region, to support for Fort St. John's "Citizens on Patrol" volunteer program.



Through various positions held during his 37-year career with the BC Ministry of Environment, Andy developed strong project management, team building and negotiation skills and gained extensive knowledge of local industry, First Nations, trappers and guide outfitters in the Peace region. On retiring from the Ministry, he started his own consulting firm, providing a range of services including grant writing. He is constantly "on the hunt" for funding sources to benefit the 40 organizations he already works with.

"At the end of the day, I'm able to tell the stories of these organizations in a way that will earn them funding to grow their community. I'm part of the team that's making a difference."

Andy Ackerman, Grant Writer, North Peace Economic Development Commission

Experienced grant writers like Andy provide non-profits with exceptional value in several ways: they know the appropriate funders to approach for specific types of projects, the kinds of projects they are looking to support at a given time, and the format for applications. In the course of developing an application, Andy says he may also work with a non-profit in other areas such as refining their strategic plan or budget.

Andy's volunteer interests include a number of projects that indirectly support successful grant applications, including his role as Chair of the North Peace Non-Profit Network of Professionals (NP3).

Beacon Theatre a Rising Star in Burns Lake

The show must go on – whether you're in front of the camera or operating the projector. No one knows that better than Michael Riis-Christianson and his crew at the Lake District Film Appreciation Society in Burns Lake.

The Society was formed in 2009 to promote the presentation, appreciation and production of films and television programs in the Lakes District. In 2010, it purchased the closed Beacon Theatre with the intention of reopening it as Canada's second community-owned cinema. As a social enterprise, the theatre would operate as a business with its profits directly supporting its social mandate.

After months of planning and renovations, the theatre's projector broke down just one week before the reopening event was scheduled. In searching for a solution, it was soon evident that the original 1950s 35-mm print projector was best replaced with modern digital technology if the theatre was going to show the range of productions it had originally planned for. The Society had intended to go digital eventually but didn't yet have the funds. Thanks to a comprehensive business plan, a grant from the Northern Development Initiative Trust and a loan from the Bulkley Valley Credit Union Lakes District branch, however, it was able to purchase everything it needed. Beacon Theatre opened in December 2010 with the capability to show everything from first-run 3D movies to productions broadcast via satellite for events and seminars.

The investment in arts and culture by the community and the funding partners has also provided positive economic spin-offs for Burns Lake which, like many small towns in the province, has been challenged by a sluggish economy and



the damage done by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. The variety of productions that can now be seen has given residents another reason to visit downtown Burns Lake with additional customers coming from neighbouring communities.

The modern equipment has also facilitated additional revenue streams for the Society including on-screen advertising and rental income for events and private screenings. The Society now employs nine part-time workers, and with revenue well ahead of projections, it has repaid its loan. Operation of the theatre is expected to inject over \$100,000 annually into the local economy.

While the storyline for this project diverted from the original version, the ability to go digital when it did made a world of difference to the Society's business goals. And for the waiting public, the show did indeed go on.

Our Programs Can Help Grow Your Business

Northern Development is proud to have supported businesses operating in communities throughout our region. Please review our business programs at www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca to determine your eligibility and then get in touch with us to learn how we can help you grow your business.

Hills Health and Guest Ranch, 108 Mile House
 Canadian Forest Products Ltd, Chetwynd
 Castaway Ventures Ltd, Farmington
 Farmgate Fabrication, Fort Fraser
 Conifex Timber Inc, Fort St James
 Eagle Vision Video Production, Fort St. John
 Greensmart Manufacturing Ltd, Fort St. John
 Harrison Energy Group Inc, Fort St. John
 HM Power Ltd, Fort St. John
 Livewire Automation Inc, Fort St. John
 MCI Solar Manufacturing Ltd, Fort St. John
 North Pine Enterprises Ltd, Fort St. John
 Squarehead Holdings Ltd, Fort St. John
 Vector Geomatics Holdings Ltd, Fort St. John
 River West Forest Products, Hanceville
 Gitxsan Forest Enterprises Ltd, Hazelton
 Dovetail Timber Homes, Horsefly
 DH Manufacturing Ltd, Houston
 Monster Industries Ltd, Houston
 Sandhill Materials Inc, Kitimat
 Kitwanga Lumber Co. Ltd, Kitwanga
 Loekslog Homes Ltd./Haven Timber Homes Ltd, Lac La Hache
 Greenville Enterprises Inc, Laxgalts'ap
 Canadian Forest Products Ltd, Mackenzie
 Conifex Timber Inc, Mackenzie
 Del-Tech Manufacturing Ltd, Mackenzie
 Mackenzie Pulp Mill Corporation, Mackenzie
 Duz Cho Logging, McLeod Lake
 Kyahwood Forest Products, Moricetown
 A.L. Sims and Sons Ltd, Prince George
 All Mobile Autographics & Signs, Prince George
 Allrite Heating & Ventilation Ltd, Prince George
 All-Wood Fibre, Prince George
 AMS Apparatus Maintenance Services, Prince George
 Benner's Refrigeration and Heating Ltd, Prince George
 C.T. Gasfitting Services Ltd, Prince George
 Commonwealth Campus Corporation, Prince George
 Commonwealth Health Corporation, Prince George
 Drop Designs Inc, Prince George
 Gears Plus AutoPro, Prince George
 GLC Controls Inc, Prince George
 Hurricane High Pressure Wash Ltd, Prince George
 Kim Forest Management Ltd, Prince George
 KTS Millwork Plus Ltd, Prince George
 Lakeland Mills Ltd, Prince George
 Northern Capital Wood Products Ltd, Prince George
 Northern Scale Ltd, Prince George
 Northern Steel Ltd, Prince George
 Northwest Wood Preservers, Prince George
 Pacific BioEnergy Corporation, Prince George
 Penner's Heavy Duty Parts & Service, Prince George
 Prolinc Manufacturing Inc, Prince George
 Spectrum Resource Group Inc, Prince George
 SpeedDee Your Office Experts Ltd, Prince George
 Stinger Welding Ltd, Prince George
 TDB Consultants Ltd, Prince George
 Treeco Timber Corp, Prince George
 Trim Line Graphics & Signs Ltd, Prince George
 Victor Surplus Equipment Ltd, Prince George
 Western Scale (PG) Ltd, Prince George
 White Moon Castings Ltd, Prince George
 Wolftek Industries Ltd, Prince George
 Eby & Sons Construction Ltd, Prince Rupert
 Harris and Wick Goldsmiths Ltd, Prince Rupert
 ICON Heavy Construction, Prince Rupert
 Nguyen Partnership, Prince Rupert
 Quickload CEF Inc, Prince Rupert
 C&C Wood Products Ltd, Quesnel
 Pinnacle Pellet Inc, Quesnel
 Pinnacle Stove Sales Inc, Quesnel
 Black Hawk Drilling Ltd, Smithers
 Central Mountain Air Ltd, Smithers
 Cybernet Communications Ltd, Smithers
 HY-Tech Drilling Ltd, Smithers
 Tahtsa Sawmill Ltd, Smithers
 Activation Laboratories Ltd, Stewart
 Maple Leaf Loading Ltd, Stewart
 Anvil Manufacturing Ltd, Taylor
 Cameron River Logging Ltd, Taylor
 Northwest Premium Meat Cooperative, Telkwa
 Rudolph's Pure Sausage, Telkwa
 ABKO Salmon Inc, Terrace
 Allterra Wholesale Distributing, Terrace
 Magnum Road Builders Ltd, Terrace
 Progressive Ventures Ltd, Terrace
 Silvertip Promotions and Signs Trading Company Inc, Terrace
 Uni Construction Ltd, Terrace
 Gnarly Burl, Tlell
 The BID Group of Companies, Vanderhoof
 Sunrise Bioenergy Ltd, Vanderhoof
 Vanderhoof Specialty Wood Products, Vanderhoof
 Pioneer Biomass Ltd, Williams Lake
 Sugarcane TreadPro Tire Centre, Williams Lake
 Tsihqot'in Forest Products Inc, Williams Lake
 Wise Windows & Doors Ltd, Williams Lake
 Zirnhelt Timber Frames, Williams Lake

Do you volunteer or work for a non-profit organization?

If you are looking for assistance in fundraising for a project that is focused on economic development in your community, or for more information on incentives for spurring job creation and community economic development in our region, visit us online: www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca



www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca

Our Team

Board of Directors

Representing the people, communities, and businesses throughout central and northern British Columbia.

Evan Saugstad, Chair
Chetwynd

Stephanie Killam
Mackenzie

Lance Hamblin, Vice Chair
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Dave Pernarowski
Terrace

Alexander Pietralla
Northwest Region

Lori Ackerman
Fort St. John

Dan Rogers
Prince George

Ted Armstrong
Cariboo Regional District

Gerald Wesley
Northwest Region

Mitch Campsall
100 Mile House

Terry Kuzma
Prince George Region

Staff

Working with industry, non-profits, First Nations, and local governments throughout central and northern British Columbia.

Janine North, Chief Executive Officer

Dennis Callaghan, Chief Financial Officer

Brodie Guy, Regional Manager, Economic Development

Dean McKinley, Regional Manager, Economic Development

Renata King, Regional Director, Business Development

Karen Borden, Executive Coordinator

Holly Hill, Financial Analyst

Jeanette Stanley, Client Services Clerk

Tess Elo, Accounting Coordinator

Jennifer Sumner, Finance and Administration Clerk



Northern Development Initiative Trust

301 – 1268 Fifth Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3L2

Tel: 250-561-2525

Email: info@northerndevlopment.bc.ca