



Bridge River Valley Community Association
Our Story 2013

We Are...

Giving voice to the unique people of the Bridge River Valley

Balancing growth to ensure a viable future

Protecting the natural beauty and resources of the Bridge River Valley

Keeping the history of the valley alive

Building a Sustainable Community in the Wilderness

Accomplishments 2013



Purpose:

An umbrella organization, driven by the interests of the people, that encourages autonomous group development & promotes the economic wellbeing of the Bridge River Valley.

We'll provide the bus—you drive!

Who We Are

Board Members

Andre Kuerbis — Gun Creek Road
Roger Geeves — Bralorne
Sally Bird — Bralorne
Darlene Watts — Gold Bridge
Susan Dixon — Gun Lake
Jamie Tromp — Gun Lake
Michelle Nortje — Gun Lake
Sue Eckersley — Tyaughton Lake

Staff

Michelle Hoch, Economic Development & Business Services Agent
Cara Demare, Project Assistant/Researcher/Bookkeeping Assistant

Contractors

Nikita Chatwin, Heritage Committee Facilitator
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Financial Process

Creation of non-profits without all those headaches

Shared and pooled insurance

Year-round visitor services

Assistance with grant research and development

Funding Access

Benefits & Services

Insurance and Liability Coverage

Legal Structure

Access to training

Pooled bookkeeping

Heritage management

Community marketing

Shared office and operational costs

Advertising

What We Offer:

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To support new committees, societies & groups as autonomous enterprises who have to follow a few rules, such as financial accountability, that we all build & decide on together

To efficiently pool resources to simplify committee & group efforts

To consolidate legal/financial responsibilities of societies & delegate to the BRVCA board

To save volunteers from attending meetings so time can be spent making tangible accomplishments

A way to protect activities & groups with liability insurance & to assist monetarily with routine practices & events

A single point of contact for the Bridge River Valley as a “one stop shop” community services & administrations office, central repository of information & a strong advocate on community issues

To make a difference when & where it really counts!

Accomplishments 2013

104 Haymore Avenue, Gold Bridge—The Community Resource Office

Completed ownership transfer from School District #74 to BRVCA & major clean up/clean out
Operated a minimum of 2 days/week year round

Under the Umbrella

Continued strategic direction to develop “umbrella” structure of BRVCA using the model of Hornby Island Residents & Ratepayer’s Association www.hirra.ca

Sponsored & coordinated Board Governance Training for all organizations

Developed, resourced & implemented systematic outdoor Community Maintenance Program:
Gold Bridge sign, Cemetery, Community Resource Office, Gold Bridge Community Complex,
Bralorne Community Hall, Boulton Memorial Church, Bralorne Ball Diamond

Maintained:

Active & involved board of 8 directors via regular meetings & participation

Supervision committee to ensure all employee/contractor relations appropriately operated
9 different staff/contractors throughout the year

Provided:

- Ongoing staff & volunteer support for Bralorne Community Advisory Committee & their goals/actions:
 - ◆ staff to take minutes & follow up communication/facilitation support for meetings
 - ◆ staff, organizational & volunteer support for forestry concerns
 - ◆ documentation to finalize Sunshine Mountain community tenure
 - ◆ pooled cost savings for bookkeeping & insurance
- Business services: phone, fax, internet, photocopying, printing, flier development, etc.
- Affordable teleconferencing for community organizations
- Equipment service including high quality LCD projector & screen
- Office space/other services to Minto Communications

Technology

Developed & established new internal community website www.brsvca.ca &



Began regular Community Advisory emails to residents & regular visitors

Updated bookkeeping computer & software

Produced 2nd Community Directory, high quality color publication (available online)

Developed, printed & mailed various promotional fliers for different groups & events

Tourism

Continues to operate & maintain:

- Main valley website: www.bridgerivervalley.ca
- The externally focused website: www.isurvivedthehurley.com
- Tourism Info Centre six days/week in July & August
- Provided visitor information to over 600 clients in person & approximately 100 clients via email & telephone

Completed:

- Funding applications & construction of four Gateway Entry Kiosks & installed interior panels to include map, legend, information panels
- Coordinated distribution of media & book materials on the Valley to business in the area (BC Magazine article, Great Years book, etc.)
- Undertook revamp/cleanup/updating of Tourism Info Booth & materials
- Established & regularly use an externally focussed Twitter account
- Resourced & undertook way-finding signage planning project
- Resourced & initiated a high quality Visitor's Guide

Events & Training

- Funded, coordinated & delivered the 3rd Winterfest & ended with a surplus to contribute to next year
- Coordinated the delivery of a Valley-Wide Fire & Emergency Training program
- Planned & delivered the 1st annual Fishing Derby
- Structurally supported the 1st Summerfest (committee)
- Structurally supported the Remembrance Day community committee
- In partnership with Debbie Demare, Area A SLRD Director & the Gold Bridge Community School planned & executed a valley-wide Pitch-In week.

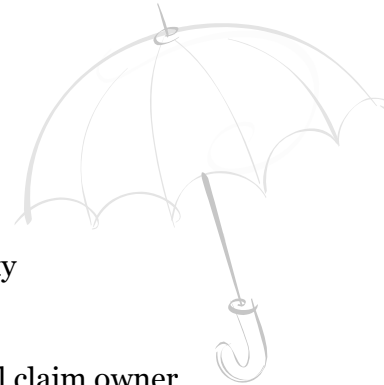
Umbrella Organization Creation & Consolidation

Church Society

At the request of the Church Society, took the necessary steps & paperwork to dissolve the Society

Heritage Committee

- BRVCA resourced the committee with a facilitator/coordinator (funded, hired & supervised)
- Initial meeting of the committee undertaken
- Tour of key heritage facilities/properties completed



Haylmore Site

- Completed new sub-lease with the SLRD for the property
- Completed new survey with property stakes
- Undertook research & communication with new mineral claim owner

Economic Development Committee

Began Economic Development Planning by:

- a. Applying for & receiving funding through NDIT Economic Development Capacity Building Funding
- b. Hiring a contractor with economic development expertise
- c. Hosting one Economic Development Forum open to all community members on November 4, 2013 with excellent participation & discussion

Summary meeting report available for review

- d. Investigation of economic opportunities commenced, including interviews with BC Hydro & Bralorne Mine
- e. Began building a community statistical profile to showcase unique needs of areas within Regional District that have high non-resident, high recreational value properties