



Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine

Economic Development

Welcome to the month of June!

In this newsletter, we will be focusing on the environment. We're dedicating this week's newsletter to sharing resources that can help us improve our interactions with the environment as well as shed light on organizations working to grow the economy in a way that doesn't harm our environment.

If you enjoyed the last newsletter on museums, we got word from one reader that the public library in the Village of New Hazelton has a hidden gem worth exploring. Be sure to check it out if it's within your travel region!



Let's talk about bicycles

Statistics Canada reports that over 80% of commuters in our region rely on a vehicle (Car, truck, bus) to get to work and home each day. To reduce your carbon footprint and celebrate World Bicycle Day (June 3), how about you ditch your car for a day and cycle to work instead? Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. It sounds pretty obvious but you're going to need a bike. If you don't have one you can rent from a local bike shop (check out [R.E.D Cycles](#) and [Wild Bike](#)) or walk and reduce emissions either way. The environment will thank you.

2. Ensure you have the right gear. Get your helmet and reflectors if necessary and dress appropriately to avoid wardrobe malfunctions and accidents.
3. Find community. May 31-June 6 is GoByBike BC Week. You can create an account [here](#) to log your bike rides and possibly win a prize!
4. Explore other forms of biking e.g. [mountain biking](#).

Happy cycling!

Young Agrarians

YA is a resource network building a community that focuses on improving local food sovereignty. They offer farmer to farmer education and a host of resources to ensure that food production is respectful of the earth that makes it possible. YA is open to people of all ages. The only criteria: care about sustainable agricultural practices. They have local communities across the country. Visit their [website](#) to learn more and sign up to your local chapter.

Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition

The SWCC is focused on practices in the Skeena watershed that create a sustainable future from a sustainable environment. Through River Expeditions, their YOW (Youth On Water) Program, and GET THE SHELL OUT of the Sacred Headwaters Campaign, SWCC engages the community in active stewardship of their local watershed. This feeds into their vision of creating a sustainable regional economy that doesn't harm the watershed and the communities surrounding it. You can volunteer, donate or register to start a local YOW chapter in your community. Check out their [website](#) for more details.

Hot Tip

Are you a business owner who is looking to embrace more sustainable business practices? You may want to consider adopting the triple bottom line approach. Read [this interesting article](#) for more info.

Work and Job Opportunities

Small Business BC

Take advantage of free education month at Small Business BC! Small Business BC is partnering with WorkSafe BC to bring a month of free trainings, webinars, and one-on-one consultations with various experts for small businesses across the province. There are over 25 webinars and a range of expert advisory sessions to help your business grow sustainably and organically. Registration is on a first come first serve basis so don't miss out on the opportunity to attend a session that really interests you. Check out their [website](#) for more details.

BC Business Match

If you're looking for an opportunity to get into business or ensure yours is passed on to the right hands, BC Business Match might be exactly what you need. BC Business Match is offering business buyers and sellers a platform that simplifies the groundwork for buying or selling a business. They offer training, reports, and a chance to find the right market for your business or right business that aligns with your interests. Check out their facebook page for more details.

[Read more](#)

Northern BC Virtual Career & Post-Secondary Education Event

The Government of British Columbia in partnership with BC Corrections is hosting a 5-day Northern BC Virtual Career & Post-Secondary Education Event. The event is scheduled to hold from June 7 to June 11, 2021, with 38 employers and 4 schools registered to attend. Pre-register for the event and stand a chance to win \$100 Save on Foods gift card (subject to attending the webinar). More information and registration [here](#) ->

We want to hear from you

You've got feedback or questions? We'd love to hear them! Reach out to us at ecdev@rdks.bc.ca or visit our [website](#).

Till next time,

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