

NEWS RELEASE

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A decade of IMAGINE-ing healthy communities: NH board meeting highlights

A major milestone for Northern Health's IMAGINE grant program is among highlights from the latest regular meeting of the NH Board of Directors, held in Chetwynd this week.

2018 marks a decade that the NH Population & Preventive Public Health IMAGINE Community Granting program has been providing seed funding for community-led projects to promote healthy living. In that time, more than 800 projects have been awarded over \$2.3 million dollars.

"Ensuring a healthy community is a goal that requires efforts from all stakeholders, working collaboratively on opportunities for improvement," said NH board chair Colleen Nyce. "The success of the IMAGINE grant program recognizes the hard work of communities across the region to promote health, and prevent disease and injury."

Population & Preventive Health presented to the board its newly-released report, [IMAGINE Community Granting 2008-2018: A Decade of Healthy Community Action](#), reflecting on communities' project successes.

Board members also received the final detailed report on Northern Health's response to the 2017 wildfire evacuations. The report included a range of recommendations to improve the response to future crisis events, and a number of these recommendations have or are being implemented. The After-Action Review process included meetings, interviews and surveys of more than 335 NH staff and physicians.

"I am very proud of the commitment and efforts of our staff and physicians during an event that challenged us all," said NH CEO & President Cathy Ulrich. "What we accomplished was exceptional, and this report captured the things we did well and the things we can improve should we be challenged by a similar experience in the future."

Other highlights from the June Board meeting:

- **NH Connections changes:** NH Connections [recently announced](#) expanded eligibility to support more people with travel related to health care needs and issues. Board members heard that travel categories and program enhancements will continue to evolve to meet the needs of northerners
- **Financial statement:** Northern Health is in the process of finalizing its 2017/18 financial statements, which will be publicly released following routine auditing and approval by the NH Board and Ministry of Health

The next regular meeting of the Northern Health Board of Directors will be held in October 2018, in Prince George.

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Note to editors: a backgrounder with details of Spring 2018 IMAGINE award recipient projects is attached to this release

Backgrounder: Spring 2018 IMAGINE Community Grants- Successful Recipients

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Northeast HSDA = \$41,050.00 total funding

Chetwynd

District of Chetwynd - *Chetwynd Healthway* \$5,000

Doig River First Nation

Doig River First Nation- *Dane Zaa in the Kitchen* \$5,000

Fort Nelson

Fort Nelson Family Development Society- *iSupport* \$3,000

Fort Nelson Public Library- *FNPL Seed Lending and Sustainability Project* \$2,550

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality- *Lifetime Physical Activity Program* \$3,000

RL Angus Elementary School- *Active Learning Centres* \$5,000

Fort St John

Dr Kearney Middle School- *Dr Kearney Outdoor Fitness Equipment* \$5,000

Ecole Central Elementary School- *Healthy Start for Students* \$2,000

North Peace Cultural Art Society- *Let's Art!* \$2,000

Summersend Balance- *Summersend Peace* \$3,500

Hudson's Hope

District of Hudson's Hope- *Beryl Prairie Playground* \$5,000

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Northern Interior HSDA = \$65,644.00 total funding

Burns Lake

Burns Lake Community Garden Society- *Cultivating Community* \$4,450

Burns Lake Public Library- *Grow Your Own!* \$1,053

Fort St James

Chuntoh Education Society- *Yunk'ut Whe Ts'o Dul'eh- We Learn from Our Land* \$5,000

District of Fort St James- *Paddle Boarding for Fun and Fitness* \$5,000

Fraser Lake

Autumn Services Society for Senior Support- *Socially Fulfilling* \$1,500

Hixon

Hixon Hill Riders- *Reconnecting a Rural Community* \$4,545

Mackenzie

Mackenzie Community Market Society- *Veggie Planter Project* \$4,989

McBride

Robson Valley Support Society- *On Course to Health and Wellness* \$5,000

Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nation

Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nation- *Alhgoth Nat'soojeh- Growing a Good Life* \$5,000

Prince George

Kikino Metis Child and Family Services Society- *Food is Medicine* \$5,000

Prince George Cycling Club- *Pidherny Recreation Site Trail 2018* \$2,441

Westwood Elementary School- *Trail Blazers* \$4,347

Quesnel

City of Quesnel & Clean Team- *Clean Team* \$4,994

City of Quesnel- *Wheelers' Paramill* \$5,000

Partnering for Healthier Communities North Cariboo- *Empowering Family Health (Quesnel & Barlow Creek)* \$2,325

Vanderhoof

Vanderhoof Menshed Society- *Menshed Upgrades and Dock Project* \$5,000

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Northwest HSDA = \$34,923.00 total funding

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Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary School- *Gitxsanimx Gant English Book* \$4,805

Haida Gwaii (Mosquito Lake)

Mount Moresby Adventure Camp- *Forest Stewardship Program* \$2,377

Hazelton

Starting Smart Pregnancy Outreach Program- *Family Walks Together Wellness Group* \$2,400

Houston

Beanstalk Childcare Centre- *Garden Glory* \$3,470

Kitkatla

Lach Klan Food Bank- *Lach Klan Chickens* \$3,500

Old Masset & Skidegate

Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace- *Two Spirit Haida Gwaii* \$3,375

Masset

Gudangaay Tlats'gaa Naay Secondary School- *GTNS Meal Program Update* \$2,000

Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert Options for Social Growth Society- *Toddler/ Multiage Playground* \$5,000

Transition Prince Rupert- *Overlook Community Garden* \$4,996

Terrace

Cassie Hall Elementary School- *Back to the Land* \$3,000

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Regional Project = \$5,000.00 total funding

Burns Lake, Chetwynd, Fort St John, Houston, Kitimat, Prince George, Tumbler Ridge

CoreySafe Society- *CoreySafe Ride and Drive Safe Project* \$5,000

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