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## TD BANK GROUP Scholarships for Community Leadership



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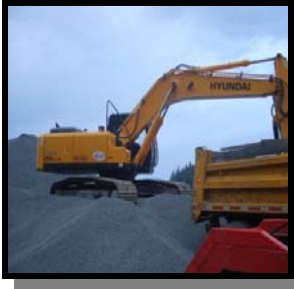
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TD invests in the next generation of Canada's leaders. Recipients of the 2011 TD Scholarships for Community Leadership celebrate on Thursday, May 5, 2011 in Toronto. The 20 winners were selected from more than 3,400 high school and CEGEP applicants by judging panels that examined their on-going contributions within their communities.

All 20 winners will have post-secondary tuition and living expenses paid and a guarantee of summer employment at TD over the next four years, for a total scholarship value of up to \$70,000.00.

Pictured above are the recipients and our very own Jessica Janzen, student at Merritt Secondary School and the daughter of Andrea and Henry Janzen, is shown on the far right in the navy dress with a very wide smile. Congratulations on receiving such a high honor Jessica and best of luck in your future endeavours. Jessica's plans include attending the University of Victoria, with a Major in Science and a Minor in Business. This is a strong combination giving her a wide scope of opportunity. **Congratulations Jessica!**

# Cortes Island



The North Island crew are presently involved in a \$1.6 million partnering project on Cortes Island. The works include:

- ditching
- pulverizing
- gravelling
- and graded seal coat on approximately 24 km of road.



Stu Travis is the Manager for the project, with Damian Girard, QA as the on-site manager and John Messent, Cortes Island RF1, is the on site supervisor.

The project is scheduled to take approximately 6 weeks, start to finish.

All of the Emcon equipment is being fully utilized, including trucks, loaders and the two new excavators. In mid May we unloaded 6 barges with 4 or possibly 5 more to come.

This project has had the usual issues to deal with, most of them have been the timing of the barges and delays. Weekends have been added to compensate for the delays and so far we are still on track for completion about the third week of July.



Of course all of this depends on the weather cooperating and the sub contractor staying on schedule.



And the project is looking good thanks to the hard work of our crews!



## Citizenship

Way to go Shane—you are now officially a Canadian Citizen!

In order to obtain citizenship one must study Canada's History, among other things.

Shane attended his Citizenship Ceremony in Kamloops, BC on June 21, 2011.



## Bits 'N' Pieces



**Congratulations** go out to Kevin and Yvette Baxter on the birth of their second child June 3rd, 2011.

James Everest Baxter weighed in at 9 lbs, 10 oz. and stands 23 inches tall. **Wow!**

A little brother for Victoria.



**The Partners in Parenting Committee** would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the following for their generous contributions and support of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Partners in Parenting Conference.

*School District 51  
Success by 6  
Boundary Family Centre  
Pharmasave  
Value Drug Mart  
Thistlepot Gifts  
Bargain Shop  
Grand Forks Credit Union  
Selkirk College  
Emcon Services*

*Sharon's Felts and Fun  
North Canyon Ranch  
Barefoot Books  
Buy-Low Foods  
Sunrise Forest Promotions  
Hanzinger Nursery  
Yellow Door Boutique  
The Cat's Out  
What About Bob's  
FortisBC*

**And to all the presenters and participants**

The staff (Leah Hurrell pictured here on the left) in the Cumberland office were so put off by Deb Schmol'd's Calgary Flames shirt on the day of the 7th Canucks game, that they were forced to present her with a recently discovered Emcon Services Jacket on the agreement that she discard the Calgary Flames shirt immediately!



## Spring Cleaning—Trail, BC



Ian Stanchuk, Bridgeworker (left) and operator Bill Langman hose down the Victoria Street bridge deck to keep it squeaky clean. Traffic will be diverted for four or five days as Emcon continues with washing the decks, sidewalks, supports and under-decking, all to help extend the life of the various structures in the Kootenay Boundary Contract Area.

# Grad 2011



Once again, another 12 years of public education has been completed and now the youth of today are preparing themselves for the challenges ahead of them. For some the next steps are entry into post secondary education or trades and others may choose entry into the workforce. Whatever their choices may be, we honor our students at this time and offer our **Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!**



Justin Burgers on the left presenting Kristie Inman, Nanaimo, BC with a \$500 Bursary.

Below Justin presents another \$500 Bursary to Sara Grimstead, Courtenay, BC



Above—Dennis Sarabia presenting \$500 bursary to Patrick Grogan, Timberline Secondary, Campbell River, BC



## Camera Shy Bursary Recipients:

Daniel Furness,  
Port Hardy Secondary

Scott Stevenson,  
Rossland, BC

Nathan Morassut,  
Castlegar, BC

Sara Grimstead  
Courtenay, BC

Natalie Rivard,  
Midway, BC

Jordan Hoodikoff,  
Grand Forks, BC



Emily Ricard (middle) pictured here with her parents, Chris & Marlene Ricard, graduated from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, Co-mox, BC. Marlene is the Secretary/Receptionist in the Cumberland Office.



Above: Jessica Janzen, daughter of Andrea Janzen, graduates from Merritt Secondary School.

*Graduation is more than just a day --  
It is a symbol of everything that you have worked hard for and accomplished.*

# People at Work



On the left, Dave Thorpe supervising the Port Hardy crew gravelling Holdberg Road.

On the right Damian Girard, Junior Supervisor, standing by the Cortes Island project sign.



In Merritt—On the left Jason Thompson is installing radios in new pickup trucks that will be enhancing the fleet and replacing older units very soon.

On the right, Barb Treadway works tirelessly in the Corporate Garden, at the Merritt Office, to keep it weeded and flourishing.



# Training & Education



**Traffic Control Training** was held in the Grand Forks Yard and the Midway Yard, June 7 & 8th, with trainer Kathy Brodman. Those that are now internally certified are:

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Dale Nordstrom | Ken Lawson    | Pete Voykin    |
| Rob Woykin     | Lynn Davey    | Dave Johnson   |
| Bill Champion  | Mike Prystae  | Jim Kastrukoff |
| John Priede    | Bill Langman  | Ryan Thomson   |
| Leif Hallstrom | Bud Hallstrom | Ross Bayles    |
| Bill Reagen    | Dan Price     | Jean Neigum    |
| Kim Marshall   |               |                |



Elaine Wolfson provided **First Aid & Transportation Endorsement Training** at our Grand Forks yard on June 22 & 23. Those that successfully complete this training are:

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dale Nordstrom | Ron Beatty     | Eric Jorgensen |
| Ken Lawson     | Ryan Thomson   | Caitlin Dobson |
| Dave Johnson   | Alec Woykin    | Mark Tomasini  |
| Rob Konkin     | Pierre Corbeil |                |

On May 11th, 2011 **Electrical Safety Seminars** were held in the Midway Yard and the Grand Forks Yard for all crews in the service area. The seminars put on by BC Hydro were approximately 2 hours in length.



# San Josef Bridge near Winter Harbour

More than two years ago the San Josef Bridge was declared a failed logging bridge and was replaced at that time with a bailey bridge. Through a MOT /Emcon partnership project that started last Summer work began on replacing the bailey with a new bridge. Due to the major emergency events cutting off access to Holberg Road last September, the project was held up as all available equipment was otherwise occupied or trapped on the other side of the slide event. This summer the project resumed to complete the work on the new concrete span and remove the bailey bridge.



The crews started in June and have worked hard over the past 5 weeks to place and grout the parapets and the bridge deck panels. Excavation was done in the area, covering the bank in Rip Rap and adding Salmon Berry Bushes as directed by Environment Canada. The approaches were prepped for pavement and no-post flares were placed. The project will be completed sometime in September when the railings that sit on the parapet are received. Both the North and Mid Island bridge crews worked together, along with help from the Port Hardy crew and various equipment.



Many issues arose during the inclement storm weather which brought 300 mm of rain in a 24 hour period, a road closure and a habitat concern. The San Josef River is a major Salmon spawning river and therefore an environmental monitor was on site most of the project .

A good job by all involved.

# People in Action in the Kootenay District



On the left are Jean Neigum (Beaverdell Crew) & Caitlin Dobson, QA at the Rip Rap on Highway 3



Kim Marshall (Curly)



Above are (L to R) Jean Neigum, Kim Marshall (Curly) & Caitlin Dobson, QA at the Rip Rap site on Hwy 3. Below Lynn Davey, Garry Campbell & Dave Johnson do a culvert install on the Paulson Detour

Below:  
Jim Kastrukoff - Bridge Washing on the Yale Bridge in Grand Forks



Rock Hammering on Granby Road



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## Summer Food Safety Tips —WorkSafe BC

Many Canadians love to barbecue all year round, but especially when the weather starts to get warm. As with any type of cooking, it's important to follow safe food handling guidelines to prevent harmful bacteria from spreading and causing food borne illness.

- Keep raw meat chilled
- Avoid Cross Contamination
- Cook thoroughly
- Serve hot & refrigerate leftovers

Check out the link: <http://www.healthykanadians.gc.ca/init/cons/food-aliments/safety-salubrite/barbecue-eng.php> for more tips & information.



# Summer Activities & Sun Protection

Here are some tips on how to protect yourself from the sun during outdoor summer activities.

1. **Avoid unnecessary sun exposure**, especially between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., the sun's peak hours.
2. Make sure to **apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30** or higher and make sure to apply it at least 15 minutes before going outdoors. It should be reapplied every two to three hours and after going swimming or participating in activities where you may sweat excessively.
3. **Men are notorious for not wanting to wear sunscreen** because they don't like the way it feels, or they perceive it to be greasy. For both men and women who fall into these categories, sprays or gels can be utilized. The higher alcohol content in these products is often more tolerable than creams or lotions.
4. **Apply sunscreen even if you're wearing makeup** with sun protection. Studies show that a foundation's sun protective value lasts only about two hours.

5. The so-called "**physical blockers**" such as zinc and titanium tend to offer the best protection against both UVB and UVA, the forms of solar radiation that damage skin the most. While many people think these types of creams as white and pasty, zinc and titanium can now be found in sunscreens that go on clear.

6. **Wear wraparound sunglasses** with 100 percent UV protection. Try to stay away from mirrored sunglasses because they intensify the sun's rays which can ultimately damage your eyes.

7. Some prescription medications, such as acne treatments and birth control pills, increase your skin's sensitivity to the sun. If you're taking these medications, **increase your sun Protection.**

*Enjoy the Sun this Summer, but remember to Stay Safe. **Slip** on a shirt, **Slop** on some sunscreen. **Slap** on a hat, **Seek** some shade & **Slide** on sunglasses.*

**"Safety isn't expensive, it's priceless."**