

**Williams Lake & District  
Credit Union**

# NEWS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 9, 2018

Please attend Williams Lake and District Credit Union's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm (registration starts at 7:00 pm) at the:

**Pioneer Complex, Room 119  
351 Hodgson Road, Williams Lake, BC**

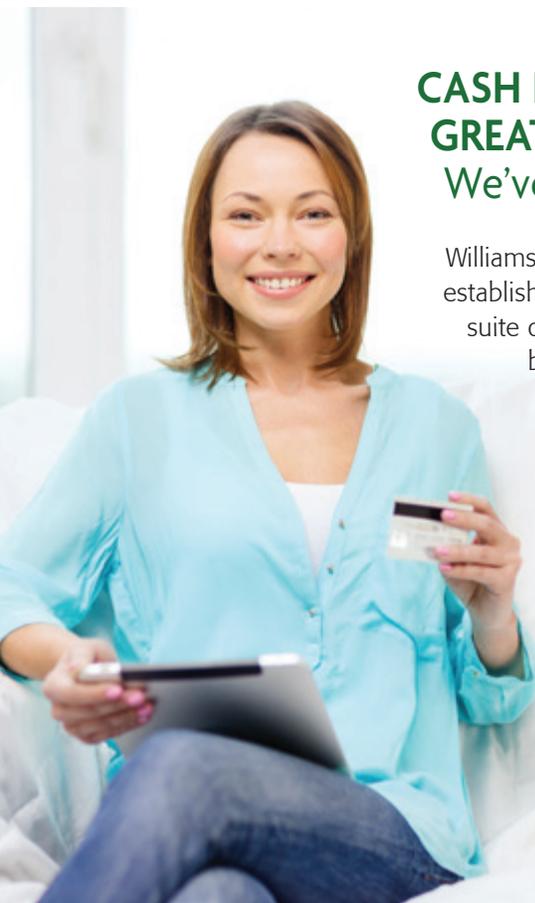
The retirements of two of the Credit Union's long-serving Directors will mean some new faces on the Board of Directors in 2018. Come out and meet your new representatives!

The Annual General Meeting offers all members a chance to hear about Credit Union activities in the local community, to learn more about the day to day business of the Credit Union, and to interact with members of the Board of Directors and management.



## CASH BACK. LOW RATE. GREAT REWARDS. We've got you covered!

Williams Lake and District Credit Union is excited to have established a new partnership with Collabria Financial for its suite of credit card offerings. Collabria Financial is owned by the credit union system, which ensures that cooperative principles remain a focus in its day-to-day operations. This new partnership allows your Credit Union to offer a wide range of Mastercard® credit cards with a variety of different reward options, insurance coverages, interest rates, and annual fee structures. No fee options are available! Included in this new suite of cards is a US Dollar Mastercard® for those who like to travel south or make online purchases in US currency. If you would like to explore these options further, we invite you to drop by any one of our branches, or visit the website at [www.CollabriaCreditCards.ca/wldcu](http://www.CollabriaCreditCards.ca/wldcu).





## WHEN TO TFSA VS. RRSP

You may already use a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, or RRSP to invest for the future. But did you know there's another option — the Tax-Free Savings Account, or TFSA. It's a great complement to your RRSP but the challenge is deciding when it's best to choose a TFSA over an RRSP. Here are some general guidelines.

### Want easy and frequent access to your money?

Use a TFSA. You'll be able to withdraw funds tax-free at any time and re-contribute the same amount in the future. Keep your RRSP for long-term retirement savings.

**Earn a low income?** You may benefit more from the tax-free growth and withdrawal flexibility of a TFSA than from the modest tax deduction of an RRSP.

### Starting your career?

Invest in a TFSA before an RRSP. Over the years you'll accumulate RRSP contribution room that you can eventually take advantage of when your income is higher and when claiming the RRSP tax deduction has a bigger impact.

### Need to borrow money?

A TFSA can be used as loan collateral. Just remember, the interest on money borrowed to invest in a TFSA is not tax deductible.

### Saving for a house or education?

A TFSA may be a better option than the RRSP's Home Buyers Plan or Life Long Learning Plan. That's because TFSA withdrawals don't have to be paid back, money doesn't have to be kept in

the account for 90 days before withdrawing, and if you decide to use your money for another purpose, you don't have to pay tax.

**Have interest-bearing investments,** like GICs, money market mutual funds, term deposits, or bonds, which are taxed at higher rates? Put them in a TFSA where they are tax sheltered.

**Own high risk/high return investments?** A TFSA might be better than an RRSP or non-registered account. If your \$5,500 grows to \$50,000 it could be withdrawn tax-free. The downside — you can't claim a capital loss if your investments lose value.

### Hold investments in a non-registered account?

Consider transferring them 'in-kind' to your TFSA so they can grow tax-free. But talk to an expert first because there may be tax consequences.

**Have a pension plan at work** and therefore have limited opportunities to contribute to an RRSP? Use a TFSA to augment your retirement savings.

### Retiring in 10-20 years?

Use a TFSA to complement your RRSP and grow your nest egg more aggressively.

**Making maximum RRSP contributions?** Put additional savings in a TFSA before a non-registered plan so your money can grow tax-free.

### Need to reduce taxable income in retirement?

Use a TFSA in addition to your RRSP. After you convert your RRSP into a RRIF at age 71, RRIF withdrawals are taxed, and the more money you withdraw the higher your marginal tax rate. But by also withdrawing tax-free funds from a TFSA you can reduce your RRIF withdrawals, potentially lowering the overall tax you pay.

### Don't need all your RRIF/LIF withdrawal cash?

Move it to a TFSA where it can grow tax-free until you need it later.

### Receiving Old Age Security, the Canada Child Tax Benefit, EI or the GIS?

Invest in a TFSA to avoid potential claw-backs. TFSA interest earned or withdrawals aren't considered income so won't affect your benefits.

*These are all only generalizations. Your situation is unique. If you want to find out how to use the Tax-Free Savings Accounts to your advantage, drop by and talk to one of our Investment Specialists. They can provide you with an expert's perspective and help you invest in the future with your own Tax-Free Savings Account.*

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## INTERAC FLASH® DEBIT CARDS AVAILABLE

Long for the convenience of tap and go payment options? Williams Lake and District Credit Union is pleased to offer members Interac Flash® debit cards. You can get yours by asking at your local Credit Union branch. We will upgrade your present debit card free of charge!

For your protection, these cards include the following:

- **Transaction Limits –** Transaction limits and total spending limits protect you if your card is lost or stolen. If you reach these limits, you will be asked to insert your card into the terminal and provide your PIN to verify that you are the authorized cardholder.
- **Terminal Proximity –** You cannot accidentally make a purchase or have your account debited because you were close to a terminal. In order to make a purchase, you must hold your card 4 cm or less from the terminal, and it must be held at a specific angle.
- **EMV Technology –** EMV secure chip processing ensures against card skimming and electronic pickpocketing. Data is stored and processed securely and your information cannot be used to create counterfeit cards.



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