



WILLIAMS LAKE
AND DISTRICT
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 5, 2021

The Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to hear directly from the Board of Directors and management about the day-to-day business of the credit union, the financial results for the preceding year, and credit union involvement in your local community. It also provides an opportunity for you to ask your questions.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 68th Annual General Meeting of Williams Lake and District Credit Union will be held virtually. This format offers an opportunity for members in all communities to participate from the comfort of their home or office. Member attendance is encouraged! Please register early — instructions are provided on the reverse of this newsletter.

Date: Wednesday May 5, 2021

Time: Meeting login available from 6:30 pm; meeting starts at 7:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER

We are pleased to host Beth Veenkamp — Economic Development Officer, City of Williams Lake. Beth will be providing information about the coordination of business recovery supports for the region through key partnerships, and the emerging opportunities for investment that have arisen from the pandemic. She will also provide information on the 2020 Labour Market Strategy for the region and the efforts throughout the district to attract and retain labour.

About our Speaker

Beth joined the City as Economic Development Officer in March 2017. Her role with the City is to assist in developing a business climate that will attract investment and retain businesses in the area. Beth works closely with the City's Development Services Department to identify properties for development, works with granting agencies to bring in federal and provincial funding for local projects, and works directly with businesses to link them into services and supports. She also works on major project strategy and development for properties like the Williams Lake Airport. Identifying gaps in the ability to attract employees to the region, Beth successfully

launched the Williams Lake Hiring Project to provide support directly to local businesses and employers to help them take meaningful steps to become an "employer of choice" in a competitive labour market. Beth works extensively with groups within the community to ensure that connections are made and that efforts are not duplicated. She sits on many community steering committees and is a champion for blending economic development with community development, noting one can't be done without the other. Beth grew up in Williams Lake and is happy to be back "home" in the Cariboo with her family.



RESULTS OF 2021 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for our 2021 Election of Directors closed on February 9, 2021.

Three seats were available for Williams Lake representatives. Three nominations were submitted, resulting in election by acclamation. Incumbents Surinderpal Rathor and Crystal Hoelzler will fill three year terms, while new director Bill Collins will fill a one year term.

One seat was available for a Bella Coola Valley representative. One nomination was received, resulting in Sandra Byun being elected by acclamation for a three year term.

New directors will begin their terms at the close of the Annual General Meeting on May 5, 2021.

How to Register and Participate in Our VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- We will be using the Microsoft Teams meeting platform for our AGM.
- Members who wish to attend are required to register **NO LATER** than 11:59 pm on May 3, 2021.
- For verification purposes, members must register for the meeting using their **legal name** and must join the meeting using their **legal name**.

Members who join the meeting using an alias that does not match the Credit Union's records will not be permitted entrance.

- If more than one member residing in the same household would like to attend and participate in voting, each must attend using a separate device (i.e. computer, smartphone, or tablet).
- Members residing in the same household may attend using the same device; however, only the member who registered to attend the meeting will be permitted to vote and pose questions.
- Members who are not able to attend the meeting virtually (i.e. do not have an internet connection, or a device to join virtually) will be able to join by telephone conference.

*Members who join by telephone **will not** be permitted to vote at the meeting because their identity cannot be verified.*

How to Register

- Access the registration form at www.wldcu.com/VirtualAGM
- Each member wishing to participate in the voting must register and attend using separate devices.
- Members wishing to join the meeting via telephone conference should select "Telephone" during the registration process.
- Please do not share your meeting link publicly. Each member wishing to attend must register separately.
- Registration will open April 12, 2021 and will close at 11:59 pm on May 3, 2021. This registration period allows Credit Union staff to verify membership information for voting privileges ahead of the AGM.
- Members are encouraged to pose questions prior to the AGM by inputting them in the designated area during the registration process. As in prior years, there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions during the AGM.

Technology

To minimize potential technology issues on the date of the meeting, please test your Microsoft Teams meeting link as soon as you receive it. Microsoft Teams can be used on many devices including smartphones, tablets, PC and Mac. If joining on a computer, using the Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge web browser will allow you to join the meeting in your web browser without having to download the Microsoft Teams application. If joining on a smartphone or tablet, you will need to install the Microsoft Teams app from your app store. More information on installing the application and joining the meeting can be found here.

Don't have a computer?

If you do not have the ability to join the meeting with a computer or mobile device, you may join by telephone conference. Please note if joining by telephone, you cannot participate in voting. If you'd prefer to listen by telephone conference, select "Telephone" during the registration process and one of our employees will be in contact to provide you the necessary details.

Those members unable to register online because they do not have internet access may register by calling 250-398-9605, weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm during the registration window noted above.

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