



**WILLIAMS LAKE**  
AND DISTRICT  
CREDIT UNION

**NEWS**  
WINTER 2019

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

### A Message from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of Williams Lake and District Credit Union is pleased to advise that an election of directors will take place to fill four (4) positions on the Board: three (3) in the Williams Lake region, and one (1) in the 100 Mile House region. Commencing January 6, 2020, nomination forms will be available at Williams Lake and District Credit Union branches. Members in good standing are invited to forward names of proposed candidates prior to noon on February 11, 2020, which is the date and time that nominations shall close.

The election of directors shall be conducted by mail ballot. Members residing within a region where an election becomes necessary will receive a ballot package and instructions by mail. To be eligible to vote in this election, a person must be a member, other than a junior member, in good standing on December 31, 2019.

Voting ends on April 24, 2020. Results of this election will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held on May 7, 2020.

Newly elected directors will commence duties immediately following the Annual General Meeting and will continue for a period of three years, with the exception of one position in the Williams Lake region which will continue for a period of two years. It is important to note that directors are required to prepare for and attend monthly Board and Committee meetings. In addition, all new directors must complete a computer-based director development program and attend one (1) out-of-town or online workshop during the first year of their tenure.

Nominating Committee  
Williams Lake and District Credit Union

## YOUR CREDIT UNION: Democratic, Autonomous, Independent

You may have cast a vote in the recent federal election. Regardless of how you marked your ballot, voting is a fundamental part of the democratic process and your right as a Canadian.

Co-operative Principle #2, Democratic Member Control, extends democratic control of credit unions to credit union members, and Co-operative Principle #4, Autonomy and Independence allows for credit unions to be controlled by members, not an outside shareholder who may or may not live in the local community.

Operating on the principle of **one member, one vote**, credit union Boards are elected **from** the credit union membership, **by** the credit union membership. Williams Lake and District Credit Union members have the opportunity to select their Board representatives and/or serve as Directors themselves. Members in good standing are eligible to be nominated for a position on the Board during the Credit Union's annual nomination period, which commences on January 6, 2020.

## IT'S RRSP SEASON!

The best investment you can make is in yourself, and it is never too late to start investing in your financial future. An RRSP is more than a tax shelter — it is the basis for a solid plan for financial security in retirement. You do not need a large sum to open an RRSP — starting with a small monthly contribution that you can increase over time as your financial situation changes will help move you toward your goal.

Whether you want to make a lump-sum contribution or start a more modest monthly contribution plan, our trusted advisors are here to help. Call or drop by your branch today and remember, the **deadline for 2019 contributions is February 29, 2020.**



## TAKE A GANDER AT THIS!

The credit union collectible family is finally complete. Meet Gander the Goose, the fifteenth and final BC Credit Union Collectible. Have you been collecting a new friend each year? You won't want to miss out on this cutie!

This is a purchase that you can feel good about. As has been the practice for the past fourteen years, Williams Lake and District Credit Union will donate the full purchase price to a charity in your local community.



## HAVE YOU NOTICED Something Different?

If you follow our social media channels or use our website, you may have noticed some changes. If you haven't — check out our new logo. We are excited about the switch and want you to be too. The logo incorporates four elements — shape, trees, waves and colour. Here's the low-down on what they mean for your Credit Union:



### The circular shape

- Reflects the co-operative principle of open membership
- Symbolizes our ability to offer holistic products and services for all members no matter where they are in their financial lifecycle

### Trees symbolize

- Forestry, an economic driver in all our communities
- The beauty of the natural environment of the Cariboo-Chilcotin-Coast region

### Waves symbolize

- A connection to the Bella Coola Valley, where our branch is located on an ocean inlet
- The constant flow of rivers through the Cariboo Chilcotin
- The rolling hills of our local ranching country

### The updated colour provides

- A connection to our former logo colour and a vibrant, youthful nature for our new branding
- A connection to forestry and our natural environment



## BELLA COOLA VALLEY Bursary Recipient Announced

Hunter Harestad, a graduate of Sir Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School (SAMSS), was selected as this year's recipient of a \$1,500 Williams Lake and District Credit Union bursary. Hunter is completing the Retail Meat Processing Foundation program at Thompson Rivers University. After graduation, Hunter intends to return to the Bella Coola Valley and use his new skills to the benefit of the community. Congratulations Hunter and best of luck with your studies!

## STATEMENT CONFIRMATION

As part of our annual financial statement audit, **please compare your December 31, 2019 account statement to your records.** If you discover any statement balance discrepancies, please inform our auditors, MNP LLP, by February 1, 2020.

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