



The Federation of BC Intentional Communities



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“Many Voices - One Spirit”

Edition # 2

We are an informal network of BC intentional communities who live in rural and urban areas around the province and support each other by exchanging information, bartering goods and services, organizing work bees and cultural events together, and more. We invite you to come join us! *Michael Greenstein, founder* .

The BC Intentional Community Family: Looking At The Numbers (Aug 2009)

The large ic site, www.ic.org, had **128** listings for ic's in Canada. Of those, **53** were located in BC.

Approximately **half** of the **53** listing are established communities (physical realities) and half are still at the idea or planning stage. There are approximately **15** co-housing or shared housing communities and **5** ecovillages included in these **53** BC listings.

Two years ago at this time (Aug 2007) the total ic listings for BC were **35**; so it seems our family is growing! Please be aware that these Aug 2009 numbers only represent those communities that **want to be identified**. I'm guessing that there may be an equal number of ic's who for legal, political, philosophical, or other reasons exist but don't want to be known to the authorities. Should or would they be welcome in the FBCIC community? Your feedback please.

A Land Acquisition Guide for Forming Communities

There are over 25 forming communities in BC at this time as well as individuals who want to buy rural land and create ic's. For these groups and individuals buying land will become an important activity in the next few years. To support this process I've created a **Land Acquisition Guide** that lists some of the different factors to consider when buying rural land. The Guide is available at no charge by visiting the Wholistic Community Network (WCN) website at www.wholcom.net and following the **IRC Project** link on the top left side of the page. I hope this guide proves helpful. Any feedback or suggestions for additional items are welcome. Contact Michael: wholcom@gmail.com

Voices of Interest in Receiving this Newsletter and/or Supporting the new FBCIC

I am very grateful to the people who have sent e-mail questions, comments, and support to me during the last few weeks. Among those who have contacted me are:

- **Russ Purvis**, General Manager, Kakwa Ecovillage Cooperative, President of the Ecovillage Network of Canada
- **Lee Davies**, Vice President Ecovillage Network of Canada, Aurora, Ont.
- **Jan Steinman**, EcoReality Coop, Salt Spring Island, BC
- **Manon Gaudreau**, Celebrating Community, www.celebratingcommunity.ca, Montreal Quebec
- **Gerry Kilganan**, Yarrow EcoVillage, Yarrow, B.C.
- **Mihaela**, land owner, Grand Forks area, B.C.

To join the FBCIC

Send me an e-mail to wholcom@gmail.com or phone me at 778-689-3723 and simply tell me you support the FBCIC and want to receive this newsletter. There are **no fees** to pay. I will phone each FBCIC community every 4 - 8 weeks to keep our connections active and alive.

Events & Announcements

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The following are examples only of ads you can place at no charge:

Upcoming Events

Aug 1, 2009 The Flower Power Commune located in the North Kootneys is holding an old-fashioned barn dance on Saturday, August 14th, at 8 p.m. Bring your stomping boots and be prepared for ar great evening. Contact Sky at 123-456-7890

Want to Buy

June 19 The Yarrow EcoVillage is looking for a small working tractor in excellent condition. Contact Jerry at 1234567890

Free Items

May 18 200 plastic 5 gallon pales are available from the Sunshine Village co-op near Nanaimo. Used to store grain. Free to any FBCIC community. Contact Tony

Members Wanted

June 2 The Windsong housing co-op has a two-bedroom suite available for a couple with children. Must become a co-op member. Contact Lulabelle 6045763429

Seeking Community

June 24 Bill and Mary are a resourceful couple living in southeastern Manitoba. They bring multiple skill sets and are very experienced in all aspects of country living. They're looking for a home for summer 2009 in British Columbia. Contact Keith

Work Bees

Aug 1 The Mulvey Creek Land Co-operative is building a large guest cabin and invites intentional community members from Central BC to join them on July 25-26 for a framing and roofing bee, Food, accommodations, and comraderie will be provided. Contact Sandy to confirm 123-456-7890

Services to Barter

June 27 Mystique Community needs 3 apple pickers to assist with the fall harvest. They are able to provide 2 carpenters for 4 days after the harvest. Contact Janet 123-456-7890

Please send your free ads to me at; wholcom@gmail.com, by the end of the month for publication in the next monthly newsletter. Suggestions for other categories are most welcome.

Warm regards,

Michael Greenstein

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