



## Cariboo Branch 1700 Summer 2026 Newsletter

*(Honoured to live in the lands of the Tsilhqot'in, Secwepemc, St'at'imc and Dakelh First Nations)*

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**Branch News:** The Branch continues with meetings in Williams Lake (fall 2025) Quesnel (March 2026). The Cariboo Branch Executive continues as follows: Randy Pearson, Co-Chair, George Foisy- Co Chair, Arnold Jenner - Treasurer, Michelle Schilling-Membership/Meeting Co-ordinator/Secretary/ Newsletter . Vic Johnson- Quesnel Rep.

### Branch Meetings:

**Quesnel:** March 17 2026 12:30-1 2 pm - Quesnel Seniors Centre - The Branch account balance was \$1725. Membership 190 Members. We covered the health benefits and are pleased the government is now covering diabetes medications. Members expressed concern that the vision benefits could be improved as eye glass tests and options are expensive. The branch (Randy Pearson, co-chair) presented a motion to object to the Pension Plan investments in military companies that are active in the war in Gaza and middle east. The motion was signed and presented by Randy to the BCGREA Senior Executive and Trustee. Susan McNeill , Quesnel Seniors Advocate presented information on the important work these volunteers provide to Quesnel residents. (Parking Permits, Medical Travel, Vital Information Program, Health Wellness Workshops, Accessibility Repair Fund, Life after 60 Seniors support).

### AGM April 23, 2026 Tsawassen

Randy and George attended as voting delegates. Watch for updates from BCGREA on the meeting and resolutions. Connie Jorsivk RN , presented on " Advance Care" and <https://patientpathways.ca/navigating-the-bc-healthcare-system-1>. Very informative!

**Next Meeting in Williams Lake Fall 2026 , possibly a meeting in 100 Mile in fall 2026.**

### Cariboo Floods, Fires, Landslides and other Emergencies!

Visit the CRD offices for **Emergency Guides** and a **free ziplock Document Bag**.

**Register for the Cariboo Emergency Voter Alert** system by calling 1-800-665-1636 or <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration>

Update your **Emergency Plan** for yourself, family, pets and disabled folks.

**FireSmart** your home and register for a **free** CRD FireSmart home assessment with Travis Flanagan 250-855-4067 or

<https://firesmartbcplatform.ca/request-home-inspection?agency=RD%20Cariboo>



**Cariboo Geohazards** ; Have you ever been curious about the landscape, geography and natural hazards of the Cariboo? Check out these reports:

- **Fraser Basin Flood Report:**  
[https://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/\\_Library/TR\\_Flood/CRD\\_Flood\\_Hazard\\_Assessment\\_2021\\_Final\\_Web.pdf](https://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/_Library/TR_Flood/CRD_Flood_Hazard_Assessment_2021_Final_Web.pdf)
- **Cariboo Regional District Natural Hazards ;**  
<https://www.cariboord.ca/living-here/maps-and-gis-information/natural-hazards-map/>
- **Cariboo RD AMEC Report 2009**  
[https://www.cariboord.ca/media/txihtwxl/geotechnical\\_hazard\\_mapping\\_ques.pdf](https://www.cariboord.ca/media/txihtwxl/geotechnical_hazard_mapping_ques.pdf)

## Summer Travels

A few things to think about summer travel...

Plan your road trip by checking your routes (DRIVE BC Road Reports). Ensure your vehicle is mechanically sound with suitable tires and an emergency kit. Share your travel plans with friends and family. Check your travel medical insurance. Have a plan for looking after your vacant home and pets.

- **DRIVE BC:** [WWW.DRIVEBC.CA](http://WWW.DRIVEBC.CA) (includes delays, construction, inland ferries)
- **BC Ferries:** <https://www.bcf ferries.com/>
- **ICBC Summer Travel**  
<https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/safety-and-road-conditions/summer-driving>
- **Check Fuel Prices with GAS BUDDY:** <https://www.gasbuddy.com/>
- **Forestry Rec Sites and Trails:** <https://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>
- **BC Parks:** <https://bcparks.ca/>

- **Local Tourism Info Centres** are located in most communities and provide helpful maps and information.
- **Cariboo Chilcotin Tourism Association:** <https://ccctourismlives.com/>
- **Via Rail:** <https://www.viarail.ca/en>
- **EBus :** <https://www.myebus.ca/>
- **Northern Health Bus:** <https://nhconnections.ca/>
- **BC Transit** <https://www.bctransit.com/plan-your-trip/>



## Summer Recreation Gold Panning:

Panning for gold is a thrilling and adventurous hobby. Online videos and local experts can hone your skills. Recreation gold panning locations and guidelines in BC : <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/mineral-titles/recreational-hand-panning>

In closing, we wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Michelle, Randy, George, Arnold, Vic.