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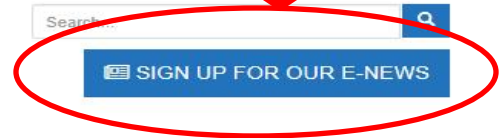
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The BC Rural Centre was created by SIBAC to act as a rural development catalyst organization.

The BC Rural Centre is a highly interactive, multi-media communications platform that will develop, collect and share information, tools and resources that will help facilitate rural development action in communities.

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BC Rural Centre: Helping Rural Communities Succeed!

Inspire — Share Tools — Cultivate Capacity — Facilitate Action.

Those words nicely summarize the primary purpose of the BC Rural Centre. We want to help fill the information gap that exists in rural BC, as it does in most of rural Canada and the USA. Specifically, we are constantly looking to find — or create — useful, actionable, often inspirational reports, case studies, podcasts, videos, and other tools designed to help rural and First Nations residents make their communities stronger, more resilient.

Don't hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions — we'd be delighted to hear from you!

What's New?



Report Reveals Ambulance Service Gaps in B.C.'s Rural, Remote Regions

March 3, 2019

The Auditor General's report on BC's Emergency Health Service indicates rural services need to be improved, as highlighted in this article by Betsy Kline originally published in the Castlegar News.

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Rural Success Stories



Between a Lake and a High Place March 3, 2019 - Experiential tourism operations are popping up all over rural BC, taking full advantage of the

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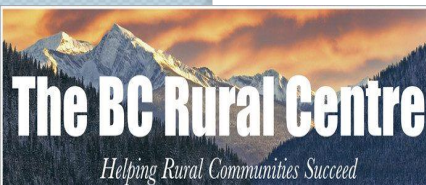
Featured Video



The Power of Indigenous Tourism March 3, 2019 - Indigenous tourism can provide a culturally sensitive boost to First Nations' economies.

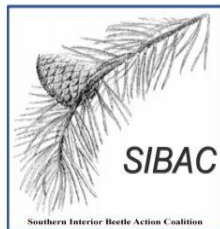
Featured Report

Developing BC's Adventure Tourism Strategy



The BC Rural Centre is a strong supporter of community controlled tenures & increased value-added wood production

COMMUNITY FORESTS – COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The Economic Contributions of Community Forests to Rural BC Communities



Advancing Rural Development

GROWING THE BC INTERIOR VALUE ADDED WOOD SECTOR

SUMMARY REPORT

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Forestry

While forestry remains an important industry in British Columbia, its evolution, driven by a number of factors including technological change and industry consolidation has led to an overall drop in sector employment, and economic hardship in many rural BC communities traditionally highly dependent on forestry operations for tax revenues and employment. While there are no easy fixes, the emergence of **Community Forests** — locally owned and controlled forest tenures — may prove at least a partial solution for communities looking to stimulate economic activity and exert more control over their immediate environments.



Success Stories

[Valemount Sawmiller Expands](#)

[Small Oregon mill "branches out"](#)

[Deep Roots, Part One: the Harrop-Procter Community Forest Story](#)

[Deep Roots, Part Two: the Harrop-Procter Community Forest Story](#)

[Harrop-Procter Community Forest Shines](#)

[Valemount Community Forest to spur economic opportunity in the Robson Valley](#)

[Have sawmill, will travel — Lower North Thompson Community Forest](#)

Presentations

[Government to Government Partnerships Benefit All Stakeholders](#)

Documents

[Community Forests — Community Benefits: The Economic Contributions of Community Forests to Rural BC Communities](#)

[SIBAC Submission to the Mid-Term Special Committee on Timber Supply](#)

[SIBAC Area Based Tenure Consultation Submission](#)

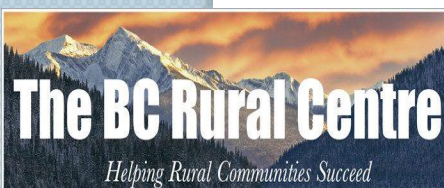
[Growing the BC Interior — Value-Added Wood Sector](#)

[2018 BC Community Forest Association Indicators Report](#)

[Forest Policy Decision-Making: the Case for Greater Community Consultation and Engagement](#)

[Principles and Opportunities for Strengthening Community Interactions in Forestry](#)

[Contractor Sustainability: A Personal Perspective \(from *Truck Logger BC*\)](#)



Encouraging & Supporting Community Investment Cooperatives

- For the past decade **SIBAC/BC Rural Centre** has been promoting the concept of **Community Investment Cooperatives**
- **Why? Business Investment Capital** – especially for business start-ups can be difficult to obtain in smaller rural communities
- **At same time rural people want the opportunity to invest in their own community**
- **Over \$4.7 Billion invested into RRSPs by BC residents in 2013 alone. Over \$1.2 Billion from rural BC residents.**



Creston & District Community Investment Coop



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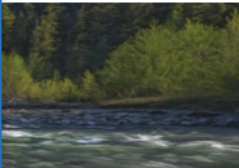

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Investment

Finding investment capital is a serious an issue. Solutions may lie closer to home than we think. Alberta, Nova Scotia, and the United States have given the opportunity, rural residents want to in communities.

For example, could Community Economic Development serve as a model for rural BC communities? A report suggest the answer is yes.



- Agriculture
- Asset Based Community Development
- Economic Development
- Education
- First Nations/Local Government Partnerships
- Forestry
- Health
- Housing & CLTs
- Infrastructure
- Investment**
- Policy
- Revitalization
- Rural Seniors
- Rural Youth
- Statistics
- Technology

Success Stories

What About Sanguedo? This Rural Community is Getting a New Lease on Life. Yours, Too?

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...ining Local Capital" in Alberta

...o, Alberta's Opportunity ... ment Co-op is a game

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Presentations

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Documents

Reversing the Tide: Strategies for Successful Rural Revitalization (Coastal Enterprises Inc., Maine)

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. Case Study

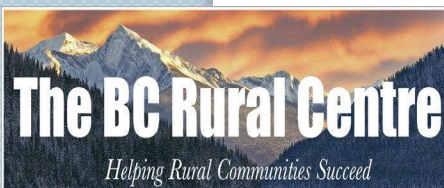
The FarmWorks CEDIF – an Economic Overview Assessment

Mobilizing Rural Investment Capital

Investing in the Future of BC's Rural Communities: A Guidebook for Community Leaders

Enabling Community Investment Policy Brief (Vancouver Island Community Investment Co-Op)

Enabling Local Investing in Alberta: The Role of Community Economic Development Investment Funds



Thank You

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