

Press Release

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From: boundary Regional Chamber Steering Committee

Community Futures Boundary has taken the lead on a project initiated by the Boundary Economic Development Committee. In 2009, the BEDC saw the need to initiate dialogue with existing Chamber organizations to assess issues around sustainability and the struggle to operate effectively in some of the small communities throughout the region. Working in partnership with the Christina Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Greenwood Board of Trade and the Grand Forks Chamber, and small business representation from the Rock Creek area, several meetings took place that indicated a healthy level of support for a regional Chamber organization that would represent small and medium business throughout the region and play a key role in tourism related activities. A steering committee has been formed and information is now being taken out to prospective members throughout the Boundary. A rational and short survey will be distributed with a goal of receiving no less than 300 positive responses. Local contacts in each community are working on the distribution of the survey and will be answering any questions the public may have. "We'd really like to see at least 300 survey respondents in support of this project", says project coordinator Sarah Winton, "from there, we will push the project to the next level and begin seeking other funding sources which can help a Regional Chamber be sustainable in the short term future. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the survey and return it to us, your support will help drive this project".

Surveys can be accessed on line at www.boundarycf.com or contact your community representative listed below.