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BURNS LAKE APPOINTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT INTERN

The Village of Burns Lake is pleased to announce the appointment of Natasha Letchford to a one-year management internship position funded jointly by the Village in partnership with the Local Government Management Association of BC (LGMA), the Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA) and the Ministry of Community Services.

Natasha will be graduating in May 2008 with an honours degree in Political Science and International Studies from the University of Northern BC in Prince George.

Burns Lake is one of five communities selected as a “host community” for the first of a three-year pilot project launched by the LGMA, the MFA and the Ministry of Community Services known as the “Local Government Management Internship Program”. The funding provided is a total of \$36,000 - \$9,000 of which is for training and expenses.

Natasha’s desire is to have a positive impact on the world around her and throughout her undergraduate degree has learned the importance of civic involvement and the impact that local government can have on a community. Natasha has previous experience in working with the provincial government as a wildland firefighter and has spent many hours volunteering for community groups; such as the Red Cross and Immigration and Multicultural Services Society.

“We are excited about having Natasha join our team and are happy to enable her to participate in the north’s developing economy,” said Sheryl Worthing, Director of Financial Services. “We are also appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the intern program and of the partner organizations that are making this possible.”

Natasha will begin her internship with the Village on May 1st, 2008.

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