

Houston

# Community Resource Guide



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# Introduction

On behalf of the District of Houston, we extend a warm welcome to all visitors, new or returning to our beautiful community.

Here nestled in the Bulkley Valley of northwest British Columbia, you will find friendly, small-town hospitality and a vibrant business sector. Houston is one of the most affordable places to live in the province of British Columbia. Houston is a progressive, family-oriented community that provides a safe and secure environment. Our municipality is a place where people volunteer, where people care about their neighbors, and where we cherish our blessings and endeavors to foster healthy and positive growth and environmental protection. We are “small town” Canada and are 3,200 residents strong; we are built on an industry of rich natural resource of hard working people.

All of us who live here in Houston know that we are very fortunate to be amid such breathtaking surrounding and such a diverse climate to enjoy each of the seasons. During the warmer seasons our lakes and rivers offer excellent fishing boating activities. Our back country also offers some excellent canoe and kayak opportunities. You are welcome to hike, bike, and explore our many well maintained trails that lead to some breathtaking views. In the winter months experiences our crisp powder with excellent snowmobiling adventures, and amazing cross-country ski and snow shoeing trails that are second to none.

Sincerely,

Mayor Shane Brienen

District of Houston



Back Row: Councilors: Rick Lundrigran, Tim Anderson, Jonathan Van Barneveld, Tom Stringfellow  
Front Row: Councilors: Dennis Tait, Shane Brienen, John Siebenga

# Special Programs and Services

## HOUSTON & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Contact:** Maureen Czirfusz, Executive Director  
**Address:** 3289 Hwy 16 West, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 396, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-7640  
**Fax:** 1-778-748-0784  
**Email:** [info@houstonchamber.ca](mailto:info@houstonchamber.ca)  
**Website:** [www.houstonchamber.ca](http://www.houstonchamber.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The Chamber is a non-profit, member-driven organization that acts as a “voice for local businesses” by providing representation on a local, regional, provincial, and federal level. We also operate the Visitor Information Centre.

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## HOUSTON LEISURE SERVICES

**Contact:** Tasha Kelly, Manager of Leisure Services  
**Address:** 3400 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 370, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-7420  
**Fax:** 250-845-7434  
**Email:** [active@houston.ca](mailto:active@houston.ca)  
**Website:** [http://www.houston.ca/houston\\_leisure\\_facility](http://www.houston.ca/houston_leisure_facility)

### Programs and Services:

The Recreation Department of the District operates a seasonal indoor ice rink, swimming pool and manages various outdoor facilities – parks, tennis courts, basketball courts, ball diamonds, and camping facilities. Pick-up a recreation brochure for more details on programs available.



## HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Contact:** Sara Lewis  
**Address:** 3150 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 840, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-2256  
**Fax:** 250-845-2208  
**Email:** [director@houstonlibrary.ca](mailto:director@houstonlibrary.ca)  
**Website:** <http://houston.bc.libraries.coop/>

### Programs and Services:

The library offers free computer access and Wi Fi as well as a variety of programs and events for both children and adults. Hours: Mon – Closed, Tues 12pm-7pm, Wed 10am-5pm, Thurs 12pm-7pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Sun – closed.

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# Employment Services and Business Resources

## BC JOB NETWORK

**Website:** [www.bcijobnetwork.com](http://www.bcijobnetwork.com)

### Programs and Services:

Online job search database.

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## BC MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE

**Address:** 4b7, 2350 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 4B7

**Telephone:** 1-866-866-0800

**Fax:** 1-866-455-0855

**Website:** [www.gov.bc.ca/sdsi](http://www.gov.bc.ca/sdsi)

### Programs and Services:

BC Employment and Assistance Program (BCEA) – the program assists British Columbians by helping people move from income assistance to sustainable employment, and by providing income assistance to those who are unable to fully participate in the workforce.

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## COMMUNITY FUTURES - NADINA

**Contact:** Kim Martinsen, General Manager

**Address:** 2430 Butler Avenue, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 236, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-2522

**Toll Free:** 1-800-556-5539

**Fax:** 250-845-2528

**E-mail:** [nadina1@cfnadina.ca](mailto:nadina1@cfnadina.ca)

**Website:** <http://www.cfnadina.ca/>

### Programs and Services:

As an independent, non-profit organization, directed by a volunteer board, we have the mandate to assist our communities in developing strategies to deal with the ever-changing economic environment. Since 1992, we have been helping grow Nadina Regions economy by

providing small business loans, expert advice, and a wide range of tools and resources. Our philosophy of community economic development symbolizes community empowerment.

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## **METIS BC NATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT CENTRE**

**Address:** Unit 103, 5668 192<sup>nd</sup> St Surrey, BC V35 2V7  
**Telephone:** 604-557-5851  
**Toll-free:** 1-800-940-1150  
**Fax:** 778-571-9402  
**Finance Fax:** 1-778—571-9703  
**Email:** [reception@mNBC.ca](mailto:reception@mNBC.ca)  
**Website:** [www.mNBC.ca](http://www.mNBC.ca)

### **Programs and Services:**

A number of training programs are available to any unemployed Aboriginal person in BC.

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## SERVICE BC

**Contact:** Stewart Dickson, Government Agent – Smithers  
Claire Buhler, Senior Customer Service Representative – Houston  
Kirsty Lokken, Customer Service Representative - Houston

**Address:** 3400 11<sup>th</sup> Street Houston, BC

**Mailing:** Bag 2000, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-5828

**Fax:** 250-845-7424

**E-mail:** [Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca)  
[Claire.buhler@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Claire.buhler@gov.bc.ca)  
[Kirsty.Lokken@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsty.Lokken@gov.bc.ca)

**Website:** [www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/houston.html](http://www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/houston.html)

**Business Hours:** Business hours – Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.  
Closed daily: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### Programs and Services:

Service BC provides frontline government services and information in British Columbia and delivers programs and services to residents, businesses and visitors – in person, online, and over the phone. Services available at the Houston location include (for a full listing of services please visit the Service BC website):

- Ambulance Billings
- Angling and Hunting Licenses
- BCeID Point of Service
- BC Assessment Searches
- BC Hydro Payments
- Certifying Copies
- Child Care Subsidy Program
- Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (limited authority)
- Community Access Terminals
- Consumer Taxation
- Corporate Registry Services
- Employment Standards Information
- ITA Exams
- Liquor Licensing
- Manufactured Home Searches and Transport Permits
- Medical Services Plan Registration and Billing Payments
- Mineral Titles Online
- Ministry of Social Development (Income Assistance)
- Notary Services (restricted to selective services)
- OneStop Business Registration
- Personal Property Registry
- Pesticide Examinations
- Public Gaming Licenses and Information
- Residential Tenancy Information
- Rural Property Tax Collection
- Vital Statistics in BC

## SERVICE CANADA

**Address:** 1020 Murray Street, Smithers, BC  
**Telephone:** 1-800-O-Canada (662-6232)  
**Employment Insurance Telephone:** 1-800-206-7218  
**Website:** [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The Government of Canada, Service Canada offers a number of job-search tools, income assistance programs and education and training services:

- Job-search tools – Job Bank, Student Job Bank, Aboriginal Job Centre, Canadian Heritage Information Network, and other government and private websites;
- Government job-search – Canadian Forces and Department of National Defense, Canada Revenue Agency, Parks Canada, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- Career planning services – Resume Builder, Labour Market Information, Training and Career Website, Career Counsellor Search, and Employment Support for Immigrants;
- Income assistance programs – Self-Employment Program, Wage Earner Protection Program, Career Transition Assistance, and Skills Development Program; Employment Insurance Program (EI): Canada Pension (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS) Program;
- Business start-up services – Provides a wide range of services for business entrepreneurs, as well as guides and resources for registering a business.

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## SMALL BUSINESS BC

**Address:** #54 - 601 West Cordova, Vancouver B.C. V6B 1G1  
**Telephone:** 604-775-5525  
**Toll free:** 1-800-667-2272  
**Fax:** 604-775-5520  
**Email:** [askus@smallbusinessbc.ca](mailto:askus@smallbusinessbc.ca)  
**Website:** [www.smallbusinessbc.ca](http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca)

### Programs and Services:

Small Business BC is a resource centre to provide entrepreneurs with products and services that will assist successful entry into small business ventures. Small Business BC offers one-on-one advisory sessions, business publications, workshops and seminars video conference throughout BC. Our seminars are also available through webinars for anyone outside the lower mainland who wishes to attend the session by viewing it on their home or work computer. A variety of



free business guides and tools are available on the website, including information on the various government assistance programs.

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## WORK BC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES CENTRE

**Address:** 2430 Butler Ave. Unit A, Houston, BC  
PO Box 640, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0

**Telephone:** 250-847-0182

**Toll free:** 1-877-947-0182

**Fax:** 250-847-2657

**Email:** [andrea.newell@workbc-smithers.com](mailto:andrea.newell@workbc-smithers.com)

**Website:** [www.WorkBC-Smithers.com](http://www.WorkBC-Smithers.com)

### Programs and Services:

WCG International provides the Employment Program of BC in Houston and Smithers. WorkBC employment services make it easier for people to find work and provide stability for their families through a wide range of integrated employment services and supports. The first step in accessing these services is to contact a WorkBC Employment Services Centre which offers client-focused, integrated services and supports that are responsive, inclusive, and accessible.

Services available include:

- Job search resources, professional resumes/cover letter guidance
- Personal employment planning (including Self-Employment services)
- Skills and training
- Work experience placement (including Wage Subsidies)
- Specialized services
- Financial needs assessments for eligible job search and job start expenses

Other WorkBC (WCG) locations: Smithers: 1330 Main Street and Burns Lake: 132 Francois Lake Drive (250.692.4219)

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# Community and Social Services

## AL-ANON

**Address:** 3404 9<sup>th</sup> St Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z2  
**Telephone:** 1-877-644-2266 (24hrs)

### Programs and Services:

This local chapter provides support counseling, information and education to the public and members. Regular evening meetings are held Mondays at 7:00 pm. Al-Anon Chapter members are also welcome to join the AA Chapter members on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Open to the public and family members.

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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Address:** 3404 9<sup>th</sup> St Houston BC V0J 1Z2  
**Telephone:** Pat/Justin- 250-845-2341 Karen – 778-203-3737

### Programs and Services:

This local chapter provides support counseling, information and education to the public and members. Regular evening meetings are held Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 pm. Monday and Thursday meetings are open to the public and family members. Saturday meetings are closed to the public and family members.

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## BC MINISTRY OF HEALTH SERVICES

**Address:** 1515 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3C8  
**Telephone:** Vancouver-604-660-2421 Victoria-250-387-6121  
**Toll free:** 1-800-603-7867  
**Email:** online inquiry form available on website  
**Website:** [www.gov.bc.ca/health](http://www.gov.bc.ca/health)  
**Business hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

### Programs and Services:

The Ministry of Health Services has overall responsibility for ensuring that quality, appropriate, and timely health services are available to all British Columbians. The Ministry directly manages a number of provincial programs and services. These programs include: the Medical Services Plan, which covers most physician services; PharmaCare, which provides prescription drug insurance for British Columbians; the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency, which registers and reports on vital events such as a birth, death or marriage; and the Emergency and Health Services Commission, which provides ambulance services across the province and operates HealthLink BC, a confidential health information, advice and health navigation system available by telephone or on the web (see [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)) HealthLink BC also publishes the BC Health Guide which is available through local pharmacies and operates bcbedline, the provincial acute bed management system.

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## BULKLEY VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**Contact:** Geri Britton (Executive Director)  
**Address:** PO Box 4584, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Phone:** 250-847-3310 (Geri)  
**Email:** [info@bvcf.ca](mailto:info@bvcf.ca)  
**Website:** [www.bvcf.ca](http://www.bvcf.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The Bulkley Valley Foundation is an incorporated non-profit organization, which is registered with Revenue Canada as a tax-exempt public foundation. Donations will receive tax receipts. Grants are applied for every year in October. These grants address needs in the areas of health, sports, culture, youth and/or education. Bursaries/scholarships are awarded annually to students from Houston, Smithers and Hazelton. Applications are accepted from April 1st to May 15th.



## CANADIAN RED CROSS

**Contact:** Becky Row  
**Address:** 1399-6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Prince George, B.C. V2L 5L6  
**Telephone:** 250-564-6566  
**Toll Free:** 1-800-278-7177 (Prince George Regional Office)  
**Website:** <http://www.redcross.ca/>

### Programs and Services:

Red Cross provides the short-term loan of clean, safe medical equipment to people who are living in their homes and recovering from injury, illness or surgery. The Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program is operated mainly by volunteers. Red Cross medical equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bathroom aides, etc. A referral from a health care professional is necessary for the loan of mobility aids. Prince George Regional office handles Houston requests with emergency supplies available at Houston Health Centre.

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## CRISIS CENTRE FOR NORTHERN BC

**Credit Counseling Society BC:** 1-888-527-8999  
**Teen Crisis /Youth Support** 1-888-564-8336  
**Crisis Line – 24/7 (Northern BC):** 1-888-562-1214  
**1-800-SUICIDE (BC Wide):** 1-800-784-2433  
**Website:** <http://www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca/>

### Programs and Services:

Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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## HOUSTON COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

**Contact:** Angelique Batley  
**Address:** 3409 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, BC V0J 1Z2  
**Telephone:** 250-845-3484  
**Email:** [coordinatorhoustoncsa@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorhoustoncsa@gmail.com)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/HCSABEAN](http://www.facebook.com/HCSABEAN)

### Programs and Services:

Houston Community Services offers practical and emotional support to families of all compositions. This support includes parenting and basic life skill building. We offer no cost annual tax return services, early childhood education through the operation of the Beanstalk Childcare Centre, and Victim's Assistance through the Houston/Granisle RCMP Victim Services program. We aim to regularly assess the needs of the community and incorporate new items into our operations. These services are offered to people in the community of Houston and the immediate areas bounded by Broman Lake and Walcott Road.

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## HOUSTON EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

**Contact:** Manager of Leisure Services (Tasha Kelly)  
**Address:** 3400 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 370, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-7420  
**Email:** [ess@houston.ca](mailto:ess@houston.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The Provincial Emergency Program has Emergency Social Services providers in Houston. Trained Emergency Social Services volunteers provide those needing aid from the Provincial Emergency Program after an emergency (flood, fire, etc.) with referrals for up to 72 hours of shelter, food and necessities. They also assist with disaster relief operations including organizing a community reception, registration and referral centre, and other support services.



## HOUSTON HEALTH CENTRE

**Contact:** Loretta Thomas  
**Address:** 3202 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250 845-5950  
**Fax:** 250-845-7884  
**Email:** [Loretta.thomas@northernhealth.ca](mailto:Loretta.thomas@northernhealth.ca)  
**Website:** [www.northernhealth.ca/Home.aspx](http://www.northernhealth.ca/Home.aspx)

### Programs and Services:

The Houston Health Centre is a Primary Care facility which houses an inter-professional team who are able to provide many services such as urgent care, mental health support, public health services, radiology lab services, and a Primary Care Clinic with two clinicians. Co-located there is also a private physiotherapy clinic, a women's health clinic, visiting gynecologist, dietician and diabetic nurse. There is also a small complex care unit providing long term care and respite services.

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## HOUSTON LINK TO LEARNING

**Contact:** Marian Ells  
**Address:** 3221- 14<sup>th</sup> Street West, Houston B.C.  
PO Box 1294, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2727  
**E-mail:** [manager@houstonlinktolearning.ca](mailto:manager@houstonlinktolearning.ca)  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Houston-Link-to-Learning/237646302964028?fref=ts>

### Programs and Services:

Houston Link to Learning is a non-profit literacy organization offering programs throughout the community. Our current programming includes:

- One on one tutoring services
- Tutor training
- Food Skills for Families
- Adult Literacy Drop in
- Resume writing and interview skills coaching
- Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program
- Family Nights and Family Literacy Brunch
- Jumpstart pre-kindergarten program
- Literacy Outreach Coordination



## HOUSTON VICTIM SERVICES

**Contact:** Paul Batley  
**Address:** PO Box 489, 3404 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-4841  
**Email:** [paul.batley@rcmp.grc.gc.ca](mailto:paul.batley@rcmp.grc.gc.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The objectives of the RCMP Victim Services Program are to:

- Provide emotional support and therefore lessen the impact of crime and trauma on victims and their families and to assist them in their recovery. Victim Services staff provide emotional support in person and over the phone, although they do not provide counselling.
- Assist in completing Victim Impact Statements
- Enhance victim safety and help reduce the risk of further victimization
- Increase victims' level of participation in the criminal justice system with court updates and prepare victims acting as witnesses for court proceedings
- Provide timely referral to appropriate social, legal, financial, counselling and other needed services.

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## LOVE BY THE BOWL SOUP KITCHEN

**Contact:** Bobbi Edmunds  
**Address:** 3464 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-8861  
**Website:** <http://smalltownlove.com/events/love-by-the-bowl-soup-kitchen>

### Programs and Services:

Serving homemade soup from 11am-1pm each Wednesday.

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## MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

**Address:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 3793 Alfred Ave, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Telephone:** 250-847-7727  
**Toll-free:** 1-866-823-7888  
**Fax:** 250-847-7811  
**After hours helpline:** 310-1234  
**Website:** [www.gov.bc.ca/mcf](http://www.gov.bc.ca/mcf)

### Programs and Services:

A number of services and programs to support B.C. families, including adoption services, early childhood development program, family development program, foster care / extended family care, child and youth mental health, child and youth with special needs, youth services, youth justice, and child safety and guardianship services.

## NORTHERN SOCIETY FOR DOMESTIC PEACE

**Contact:** Carol Seychuk  
**Address:** Suite B, 2430 Butler Avenue, Houston, B.C.  
PO Box 3836, Smithers B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-3212 (Monday to Tuesday 8:30am – 4:30pm)  
**Toll Free:** 877-633-9933  
**Fax:** 250-844-0009  
**Email:** [c.seychuk@domesticpeace.ca](mailto:c.seychuk@domesticpeace.ca)  
**Website:** <http://www.domesticpeace.ca>

### Programs and Services:

The Northern Society for Domestic Peace (NSDP) is a non-profit, comprehensive multiservice social programs agency, located in rural Northwest British Columbia. NSDP offers services to the residents of the Bulkley Valley-Lakes area, and has offices in Smithers and Houston. Services and programs include:

- Counseling and support services for women, men, kids, teens and seniors;
- Specialized victim assistance;
- Third stage housing for women and children who are starting life over again on their own;
- Public awareness and community development;
- Professional training workshops and seminars geared to help professionals.
- Pregnancy Outreach Program





## RESIDENTIAL TENANCY BRANCH

**Address:** 400-5021 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.  
**Telephone:** 1-800-665-8779 (Toll-Free)  
604-660-1020 (Lower Mainland)  
250-387-1602 (Victoria)  
**Email:** [HSRTO@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HSRTO@gov.bc.ca)  
**Website:** [www.gov.bc.ca/landlordtenant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/landlordtenant)

### Programs and Services:

The Residential Tenancy Branch can help answer your questions and provide information on tenancy rights and responsibilities. We also provide dispute resolution services for problems that landlords and tenants cannot solve on their own.

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## THE SALVATION ARMY HOUSTON THRIFT STORE

**Contact:** Tim Sharp  
**Address:** 3429 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-3494  
**Emergency Contact:** 250-847-1059  
**Hours:** Monday to Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

### Programs and Services:

- Outlet for low cost second-hand clothing
- Food bank
- Christmas hampers
- Emotional and spiritual care



## SMITHERS COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

**Address:** 3815 B Railway Avenue, Smithers B.C.  
**Telephone:** 250-847-9515  
**Toll-free:** 1-888-355-6222  
**Fax:** 250-847-3712  
**Email:** [general@scsa.ca](mailto:general@scsa.ca)  
**Website:** [www.scsa.ca](http://www.scsa.ca)

### Programs and Services:

The Smithers Community Services Association provides a number of programs and services, including community learning, neighborhood kitchen, youth empowerment, housing, hampers, etc. They also maintain Cotton Wood Manor retirement home in Houston.

## TOPLEY COMMUNITY CLUB

**Contact:** Brenda Pask  
**Address:** PO Box 92, Topley, B.C. V0J 2Y0  
**Telephone:** 250-696-3380

### Programs and Services:

The Topley Community Club is a non-profit organization and offers a community hall that is available for special events.

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# Child Care Resources

## BEANSTALK CHILD CARE CENTRE

**Contact:** Amanda Tobin- Coordinator Emma Bowen- On site manager  
**Address:** 3554 11<sup>th</sup> Street, RR2, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-7777  
**Email:** beanstalkhouston@gmail.com  
**Programs and Services**

Offering full-time and part-time childcare services. Open from 7:30am to 5:30 pm, with 5 programs to choose from –Infant-toddler (0-36 months) Preschool (ages 3 to 4 years), Daycare (30 months to 5 years) and After School Care (.)

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## BULKLEY VALLEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

**Address:** 1471 Columbia Drive, Smithers, BC (by appointment)  
**Telephone:** 250-847-4122 - for Appointment  
**Toll Free:** 1-855-947-4122  
**Fax:** 250-847-9338  
**Email:** [reception@bvcdc.ca](mailto:reception@bvcdc.ca)  
**Website:** <http://www.bvcdc.ca>

### Programs and Services:

The Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre Society serves children, youth, families and communities by providing direct and indirect services, therapy, supports and resources to promote healthy development. The Centre works with community partners to build a comprehensive and integrated service system through sharing information, resources and ideas.

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## HOUSTON FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

**Contact:** Michelle Asato  
**Address:** 3383 11<sup>TH</sup> Street, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
PO Box 2920, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-2131/ 250-847-5211  
**E-mail:** aecd.coordinator@dzekant.com  
**Facebook:** www.dzekant.com

### Programs and Services:

We offer a wide range of programs and services for community families including parenting programs, play groups, counselling, advocacy services, community kitchen, parent education, pre & post-natal support, home visiting, outreach, and more. We host a free, licensed, year-round after-school program for children ages 8-12, and a daily teen drop-in program for ages 13-18. The Friendship Centre is an Aboriginal agency offering free services to all Houston residents. For more information about all of the programs we offer, call, drop-in or like us on Facebook

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## PLAY & LEARN WITH FRIENDS DAYCARE

**Contact:** Candice Scofield  
**Address:** 3324 Parish Rd, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Telephone:** 250-845-7350  
**E-mail:** PlayandLearnDaycare@outlook.com  
**Facebook:** Play and Learn with Friends Daycare

### Programs and Services:

Play & Learn is a licensed multi-aged in home daycare operated by a 5 year ECE that provides an environment to learn and grow through play.

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# Clubs and Organizations

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## Bulkley Valley Drag Racing Association

**Contact:** Mardy Ciampichini or Lisa Palumbo  
**Address:** PO Box 697, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Phone:** Mardy- 250-846-5824/ Cell 250-877-1451  
Lisa- 250-847-5277 /Cell 250-877-2871  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BVDRA-185302708182911>

### Programs and Services:

Host the Annual Houston Drag Races at the Houston Airport.

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## Bulkley Valley Radio Controlled Flyers

**Contact:** Geoff Taylor  
**Phone:** 250-845-0073  
**Website:** [www.bulkleyvalleyrcflyers.com](http://www.bulkleyvalleyrcflyers.com)

### Programs and Services:

This local radio aircraft club hosts an annual Fun Fly on the Father's Day weekend at the Houston Airport. Everyone belonging to the National Organization of MAAC (Model Aeronautical Association of Canada) is welcome to participate in all events. We fly every Sunday, weather permitting, from April to October.

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## Bulkley Valley Soccer Society

**Contact:** Sarah Opdendries  
**Address:** PO Box 4210, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7364  
**Email:** [bvsoccersociety@outlook.com](mailto:bvsoccersociety@outlook.com)  
**Website:** <http://bvsoccer.ca/>

### Programs and Services:

This club is a recreational child's soccer league. It consists of teams from Houston, Hazelton, Quick, Smithers, and Telkwa. Season is from May until July ages 5 through 18.

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## Cut Loose Quilters

**Contact:** Deb Jenks  
**Address:** 2718 Derkson Rd, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z2  
**Phone:** 250-845-7709  
**Email:** [debj5448@gmail.com](mailto:debj5448@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.cutloosequilters.blogspot.com](http://www.cutloosequilters.blogspot.com)

### Programs and Services:

This is a group of quilters who gets together twice a month from October to April at the Houston Public Library. There they work on personal and community quilt projects while enjoying everyone's company as well as sharing skills and techniques with one another.

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## Ducks Unlimited – Houston

**Contact:** Barry Smith  
**Address:** 3001 Gushwa Rd, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z1  
**Phone:** 250-845-7793 Cell: 250-845-9192

### Programs and Services:

A non-profit, volunteer organization devoted to the preservation of wetlands for wild life. All Funds are forwarded to our regional office in Kamloops which is dispersed throughout the Province. Ken Ferris is the Regional Contact.

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## Gems

**Contact:** Trish Shane  
**Address:** 4728 Bellincini Road Houston, BC V0J 1Z2  
**Phone:** 250-845-3060 or 250-845-4312

### Programs and Services:

A Christian girls club for girls in grade 2 to grade 8. The group provides fellowship, crafts, bible discussions and badge earning. We meet every other Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm from September to March at the Houston Christian Reformed Church. All young ladies welcome!



## Gospel Music Festival

**Contact:** Theresa Keegstra or Shirley Hamblin  
**Phone:** 250-845-7707 (Theresa) / 250-845-7849 (Shirley)

### Programs and Services:

Hosts the Annual Gospel Music Festival

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## Houston and District Curling Club

**Contact:** Ken Amonson  
**Address:** PO Box 601, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7838  
**Email:** amonsonk@yahoo.ca

### Programs and Services:

This club provides curling to all ages, for both men and women. The upstairs is available for rental for events and private parties. The group caters many community functions. Everyone is welcome!!

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## Houston Farmers Market

**Contact:** Laura- Houston Link to Learning  
**Address:** PO Box 1294, Houston BC V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2727  
**Email:** laura@houstonlinktolearning.ca  
**Website:** <http://lovehoustonbc.com/businesses/pleasant-valley-community-market>

### Programs and Services:

The Houston Farmers market provides a venue for local producers, artisans and crafters to sell their wares. The market runs Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm from June to September in behind the fly rod in Steelhead Park in Houston, BC. If you make it, bake it, sew it, grow it or raise it you can sell it at the market



## Houston Figure Skating Club

**Contact:** Elaine Kaszas  
**Address:** PO Box 895, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0  
**Email:** [eckaszas@hotmail.com](mailto:eckaszas@hotmail.com)  
**Facebook:** Houston Figure Skating Club

### Programs and Services:

The club encourages interest, development, instruction, practice, enjoyment and advancement to its members, in all aspects of figure skating and power skating. Skaters range from ages 3 and up. The club hosts a Spring Ice Carnival at the end of the skating season.

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## Houston Hikers Society

**Contact:** Jonathan Van Barneveld  
**Address:** Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z2  
**Phone:** 250-845-8555  
**E-mail:** [houstonhikers@gmail.com](mailto:houstonhikers@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.houstonhikers.ca](http://www.houstonhikers.ca)

### Programs and Services:

This society is a group of volunteers working to provide you with quality trails and maps for the Houston area. They will be working to erect signs on existing trails and to develop new hiking opportunities. They are devoted to promoting Houston and surrounding area as a hiking destination to tourist, as well as promoting hiking as a form of recreation for locals.

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## Houston Hospice Society

**Contact:** Linda Bush  
**Address:** PO Box 385, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-4921 / 250-845-8223  
**E-mail:** [houstonhospice@hotmail.com](mailto:houstonhospice@hotmail.com)  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/HoustonHospice?fref=ts>

### Programs and Services:

This society is a group of volunteers who support the terminally ill and their families during the last stages of life and bereavement. Ongoing training is offered and new members are welcome

## Houston Merchant Association

**Contact:** Houston & District Chamber of Commerce  
**Address:** PO Box 396, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7640

### Programs and Services:

The association organizes promotions for all local retail outlets. They have gift certificates available that are able to be used at all participating merchant stores in Houston.

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## Houston Minor Hockey

**Contact:** Chris Stuart  
**Address:** 2121 Winter Ave, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-9196  
**Email:** [president@houstonmha.com](mailto:president@houstonmha.com)  
**Facebook:** Houston Minor Hockey

### Programs and Services:

This association provides a fun and instructional environment, with programs for the development of hockey skills. Players, ages 4 to 18 years, can achieve social and personal skills. New members welcome!!



## Houston Minor Softball

**Contact:** Kelly Rennie  
**Address:** PO Box 82, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2508

### Programs and Services:

This club provides instruction and fun for children, while they develop hand/eye co-ordination and sportsmanship. Softball begins in the spring and ends at the beginning of the summer holidays. All children are welcome!

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## Houston Museum Society

**Contact:** Marian Aerssens  
**Address:** PO Box 122, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-3136  
**Email:** [joe.mar@telus.net](mailto:joe.mar@telus.net)

### Programs and Services:

This society collects large artifacts from Topley to the Hazelton's. The society maintains a museum site located in Steelhead Park. New Members are always welcome. This is a charitable donation society, so any donations qualify for tax receipts.

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## Houston-Smithers Rebroadcasting Society

**Contact:** Richard Harris  
**Address:** PO Box 3134, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0  
**Phone:** 250-847-2838  
**Email:** [arharris@tvsmithers.com](mailto:arharris@tvsmithers.com)  
**Website:** [www.tvsmithers.com](http://www.tvsmithers.com)

### Programs and Services:

They rebroadcast Global TV; CTV; Knowledge Network; & CBC Radio 2 to Houston, Topley, Telkwa and Smithers. The Houston contact is Susan Leuenberger @ 250-845-7825. They are currently seeking to add more channels.

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## Houston Retirement Housing Society

**Contact:** Arnold Amonson  
**Address:** Box 187, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-8890(cell) 250-845-2132(Home)  
**Facebook:** Houston Retirement Housing Society

### Programs and Services:

Seniors' Housing Rentals – 12 Units. They will have 18 Units next fall. Contact Trudy Amonson at 250-845-2132

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## Houston Ringette Association

**Contact:** Jenn Williams  
**Address:** 4269 Barret Stn. Road Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2778  
**Email:** sjwill@telus.net

### Programs and Services:

The association provides a fun “on-ice” environment for competition and development of Ringette skills. Boys and Girls, ages 4-18 years, practice during weekday evenings. Practices run from October through March. The clubs hosts several tournaments a year.

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## Houston Search and Rescue

**Contact:** Frank McDonald/ Andy Muma  
**Address:** PO Box 457, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7030 – Frank / 250-845-2668- Andy  
**Facebook:** Houston Search and Rescue

### Programs and Services:

A non-profit community based group. They are trained and do training for: search and rescue of lost, missing or overdue hikers, hunters etc; emergency preparedness; natural disasters. They operate under the umbrella of the Emergency Management BC.

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## Houston Snowmobile Club



**Contact:** Dylan Delamare  
**Address:** PO Box 364, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 1-250-261-4881  
**Email:** d\_delamare@hotmail.com  
**Facebook:** Houston Snowmobile Club

**Programs and Services:**

The club enjoys a cabin and network of groomed trails on the Telkwa Range, Dungate Meadows and the Rhine Ridge. All visitors and new members are welcome!

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## Houston Volunteer Fire Department

**Contact:** Jim Daigneault  
**Address:** 3382 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Box 370, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2250  
**Fax:** 250-845-2273  
**Email:** firechief@houston.ca  
**Facebook:** Houston BC Volunteer Fire Department

**Programs and Services:**

Provides fire protection and First Responders services for the residents of Houston. Volunteers are trained on an ongoing basis. Fire practices are held on Thursdays each week.

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## Houston Volunteer Firefighters Association

**Contact:** Sheldon Slaney  
**Address:** Houston B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-0028  
**Email:** sla845@citywest.ca

**Programs and Services:**

Mission Statement: To provide a responsible voice and leadership to the Volunteer Fire Fighter of British Columbia, along with developing programs that reflect their needs, keeping in mind our obligations to further fire prevention training and education.



## Ian Bush Memorial Tournament

**Contact:** Andrea Patrick  
**Phone:** 250-845-3048  
**Facebook:** Ian Bush Memorial Slo-pitch Tournament

### Programs and Services:

Organizes the tournament on May long weekend. All team members must be 16 years of age or older, everyone welcome.

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## KATEE's Kitchen

**Contact:** Kim Veerbeek  
**Address:** 3870 Baggerman Cres. Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z1  
**Phone:** 250-845-3237

### Programs and Services:

Provides catering for large group events as a fundraiser for the Houston Christian School.

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## Mixed Dart Club

**Contact:** Diane Fraser-Easton  
**Address:** Box 1007, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7656

### Programs and Services:

This club operates in the winter (October to April) every Saturday at 7:30 pm at the upstairs of the Houston Curling Rink. Blind Doubles. Everyone is welcome!

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## Morice Mountain Marksman Association

**Contact:** Terry Close  
**Address:** PO Box 487, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-8027  
**Facebook:** Morice Mountain Marksman Association

### Programs and Services:

Trap range; 300yd Centre Fire; Rim Fire pistols. Site has flush toilets. Located 14.2 km from Morice River Bridge on Walcott Forest Service Rd.





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## Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club

**Contact:** Greg Yeomans  
**Address:** PO Box 1573, Houston B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-9498  
**Email:** [dmcraed@telus.net](mailto:dmcraed@telus.net)  
**Website:** [www.xcskimoricemtn.com](http://www.xcskimoricemtn.com)

### Programs and Services:

The club has two cabins available to its members, an alpine hut on Morice Mountain and a day lodge at 4.5 km on Buck Flats Road (8km from highway 16). There is also night skiing available. The Club offers adult cross-country ski lessons based on demand, children's ski lessons January – March. There are over 30 km of groomed trails, 11 km of backcountry trails, a ski playground, a 4 km dog trails, and social evenings. If you haven't held a membership in 5 years, there is a 50% discount on membership fees. Ski Rentals are free with membership. There are also 2 kinder shuttles for towing the little ones. You can purchase your membership on line and find lots of information. The club also welcomes day skiers, who pay a fee for trails and rentals. Please note: the day lodge is only opened when members are using it. Non-members may access a key for one day's use through Country Wide Sports.

<https://sites.google.com/site/moricemountainnordicskiclub/home>

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## Morice Outdoor Recreation Society

**Contact:** Frank McDonald  
**Phone:** 250-845-7030

### Programs and Services:

The Morice Outdoor Recreation Society (MORS) is a non-profit organization. It has been established to provide an entity under which interested clubs, groups or initiatives could operate/apply for funding etc. to develop or improve outdoor recreation opportunities in the Morice TSA. The MORS mission statement is broad and encompasses aspects that provide opportunity for interested parties to develop/organize infrastructure for outdoor recreation.



## Pleasant Valley Cattleman Association

**Contact:** Linda Dykens or Sandy Anaka  
**Address:** PO Box 116, Topley, B.C. V0J 2Y0  
**Phone:** 250-845-3013 (Linda) or 250-696-3624 (Sandy)

### Programs and Services:

Local group of cattleman, a branch of the BC Cattleman Association. They work as advocates for any issue with respect to the beef cattle industry. They promote education and research within the beef cattle industry.

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## Pleasant Valley Horse Club

**Contact:** Nicole Oben  
**Address:** Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-0053  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pleasant-Valley-Horse-Club/222195204465943?fref=ts>

### Programs and Services:

This club is open to any horse or individual of any age. It is designed to promote recreation with horses both competitively and recreationally. Please check the Facebook page for current updates.

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## Quick 4-H Club

**Contact:** Rhonda Stronks  
**Address:** 5285 Morris Road Telkwa, BC V0J 2X3  
**Phone:** 250-846-5535

### Programs and Services:

Young members ages 6-21 learn the importance of goal setting, public speaking, record keeping and responsibility for their beef, sheep, horse, swine, rabbit, leathercraft or clover buds ( 6-8 years old) projects. New members are welcome!

## Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp. 3020

**Contact:** Margaret Murphy or Melissa Windsor  
**Address:** PO Box 771, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-2699 (Margaret) – 250-845-7921 (Melissa)

### Programs and Services:

This service is provided for males and females, ages 12-18 years. Some of the activities are outdoor recreation, firearm management, drills and band. Come and join a unique club!

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## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 249

**Contact:** Brian Timms  
**Address:** PO Box 719, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7134 or Legion @ 250-845-7789

### Programs and Services:

The main purpose of the Legion is to help Veterans and their families. Branch 249 supports the Winston Churchill Scholarship Fund, Scouts and Cubs, Girl Guides, Cadets, seniors, veterans, and members in need. Interested in joining? Call the Legion!!

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## Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary

**Contact:** Moe Miller  
**Address:** Box 557, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7540

### Programs and Services:

As a non-profit organization, the ladies auxiliary provides a catering service within the community. They host annual Mother's Day and Christmas luncheons, and a New Year's Dance. They offer a free Remembrance Day dinner. The ladies also help with funeral services.

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## Safe Grad 2019

**Contact:** Houston Secondary School (Terri Arky-Chair)  
**Address:** PO Box 111, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7217

### Programs and Services:

A group of Parents and Students from the current graduating class that organizes the safe grad events.

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## Senior Citizen Association Branch 97

**Contact:** Ted Metz (updated May 2017)  
**Address:** PO Box 187, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7008  
**Rental:** For rental of Senior's building please contact: Trudy Amonson at 250-845-2132  
**Facility Phone:** 250-845-3141 (Mon, Tues, Fri 1:00- 3:00pm)

### Programs and Services:

All year, except July and August, Branch 97 hosts a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month, and soup and sandwiches every third Thursday of each month. In November they have a bake and craft sale at the Seniors Centre on the same third Thursday as the luncheon. The association provides fellowship and workshops.

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## Senior Exercise Club

**Contact:** Bunny Timms  
**Address:** 3603 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, B.C.  
**Phone:** 250-845-7110

### Programs and Services:

Senior "Fit for Life" exercise at the Pleasant Valley Village, Monday and Friday at 10:00am followed by a "social". This is free, and all seniors are welcome!

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## Steelhead Multicultural Society

**Contact:** Brenda Anderson  
**Address:** Box 894, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z1  
**Phone:** 250-845-8416

### Programs and Services:

To support and promote multi-cultural events; to foster the development and awareness of a multi-cultural spirit within the community; to develop a viable venue for multi-cultural events.

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## Topley 4-H Club

**Contact:** Wendy Siemens  
**Address:** 13273 Hwy 16 East, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z2  
**Phone:** 250-845-7020

### Programs and Services:

Young members ages 6-21 learn the importance of goal setting, public speaking, record keeping and responsibility for their beef, sheep, horse, swine or clover buds (6-8yrs old)  
New members are welcome!

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**Contact:** Claudine Wiens, Leader  
**Address:** Meetings – Pleasant Valley Village 3603 11th Street, Houston, B.C.  
**Phone:** 250-845-9662

### Programs and Services:

This chapter holds Tuesday morning meetings at the Pleasant Valley Village (2106 Butler Ave.). New members are welcome!! Support is given through information on nutrition, inspiration and activities. Weigh in is at 8 am and meetings follow at 9 am. Arrangements can be made for weigh in around work schedules.

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## Willing Workers

**Contact:** Jana Seinen  
**Address:** PO Box 237, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
**Phone:** 250-845-7080 / 250-845-7736  
**Facebook:** Willing Workers

### Programs and Services:

A fundraising group for the Houston Christian School. They host annual events such as the apple pie sale as well as fundraisers on an ongoing basis. These funds are used to provide “extras” needed.

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# Financial Services

## **BULKLEY VALLEY CREDIT UNION**

**Address:** 2365 Copeland, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
PO Box 1480, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-7117

**Fax:** 250-845-2783

**Email:** [infohous@bvcu.com](mailto:infohous@bvcu.com)

**Website:** [www.bvcu.com](http://www.bvcu.com)

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## **BULKLEY VALLEY INSURANCE SERVICES**

**Address:** 2367 Copeland Avenue, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
PO Box 369, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-7511

**Toll free:** 1-866-811-1115

**Fax:** 250-845-7518

**Website:** [www.bvis.ca](http://www.bvis.ca)

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## **ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**

**Address:** 3232 Yellowhead Hwy 16 West, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
PO Box 460, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-2218

**Fax:** 250-845-3111

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## **WESTERN FINANCIAL GROUP**

**Address:** 3232 Yellowhead Hwy 16 West, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0  
PO Box 1240, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-2454

**Fax:** 250-845-3435

**Email:** [houston@westernfg.ca](mailto:houston@westernfg.ca)

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## **WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP**

**Address:** PO Box 232, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

**Telephone:** 250-845-3008 / 250-845-4495

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