

The Villages of Clinton and Cache Creek are two Communities in Bloom participants who want to share their story as part of the 15th Annual BC Communities in Bloom Provincial Conference & Awards September 14-15, 2018.

# Regeneration

## After the Fire

The fires of 2017 'destroyed' 1.2 million hectares, or almost 3 million acres of forest.

Which is bad – isn't it? Fires are part of nature. Over 400 plant species require fire to propagate. But...no fires, no jack pine.

### How it works

Stand back. Look at any 'burned off' hillside.

Some areas are burned down to mineral soil. But not everywhere.

Not even half of the area affected by the fire.

Some strips of forest are intact.

Often lens-shaped islands of forest are untouched. All species survive.

In other areas, ground cover is burned, but the big trees, some species of pine and fir are singed, but the tree is protected by the thick bark.

### Take a stroll through the forest where it burned last year.

Look around.

See all of the new growth. It's everywhere.

Green shoots coming through the ashes.

New growth emerging from root nodes.

### Fire is Nature's re-boot.

And from a purely social perspective, fires can bring out the best in people.

Thousands reached out to help folks affected by the fires of 2017.

Come to Clinton this September and see a regeneration story in action.



**You are invited**

The 2018 BC Communities in Bloom Provincial Conference and Awards event is going to be held in Clinton because the area was significantly affected by the Elephant Hill fire. This event will provide an economic boost for many sectors within the community.

Hosting the conference involves many people from several community organizations and has been a cooperative effort over a period of several months.

Working together toward a positive outcome, (as opposed to coping with a disaster), creates a strong positive atmosphere and is a tremendous morale builder for the whole village.

And last, but certainly not least, holding the event in Clinton provides an opportunity - to get the message out to people all over BC that Clinton & Cache Creek survived the Fire and are open for business.

Sincerely,

**Yvette May and the Clinton Communities in Bloom Committee**

This event is made possible by a number of sponsors and a successful grant application to the BC Wildfire Recovery Operation, Canadian Red Cross Western Zone through the Canadian Red Cross - Community Partnerships Program British Columbia Fires 2017.



ELEPHANT HILL WILDFIRE  
JULY 14, 2017 ABOVE CLINTON



An evacuee stops to take pictures of smoke clouds from a parking lot near Clinton, B.C., in July 2017. RCMP have set up a dedicated tip line for information about last summer's devastating Elephant Hill wildfire. (Tina Lovgreen/CBC)



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## Conference price includes food & agenda events

**LOCATION:** All events take place at the Clinton Memorial Hall, 306 Lebourdais Street, Clinton, BC unless stated otherwise.

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14

7-9pm Welcome Reception with Special Guests  
Appetizers, Wine and Beer

Registration doors open 6pm, there will be room for tables for Community Profile Binders and Communities Displays.

Silent Auction Fundraiser for BC CiB Society: Communities are encouraged to contribute an item representative of your hometown (~\$50 Value). Thanks!

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

8 am - Continental Breakfast

8:30 - Key Note Address:  
Speaker Sally Watson  
Community Spirit

**Morning Conference Sessions**  
with mid-morning coffee break

1. **McAbee Fossils - Wendy Coomber**
2. **Geocaching - Kat Chatten**
3. **Community Forest - Steve Law**
4. **Wildfire Recovery - Daniela Dyck**

**11:45 Lunch** Bus to Cache Creek  
Lunch sponsored by Cache Creek  
Beautification Society

After lunch, slide presentation with Cache Creek's Mayor John Ranta and Fire Chief Tom Moe speaking, followed by a Bus Tour of area. Return to Clinton 4pm.

**PROVINCIAL AWARDS - 6 pm** (doors open)

6:30 Welcome Song - Charlette Edwards of the Pavilion Indian Band with **Banquet Dinner to follow**

7:30 - 9:30 Awards Presentation of Certificates, Evaluation Reports, 5-Bloom Banners and Outstanding Criteria Trophies.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

9 am - BC CiB Cash Raffle Draw - The Cariboo Lodge, 1100 Highway 97, Clinton

## KEY NOTE

**Sally Watson,**

Director TNRD Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau)

Community Spirit - Sally believed that she was an avid and accomplished gardener when she lived in Cache Creek and was always dismayed when she heard about an early frost in Clinton, "why would anyone live where gardening was so difficult" was her narrow minded response, then she moved to 70 Mile House ... snow in July, killing frost in August, Sally had a great deal to learn. We all learn every day; we make a choice about what we do with that information. Community is formed by the choices we make.

## SESSION SPEAKERS

**Councillor Wendy Coomber, Cache Creek Beautification Society**

Development of the McAbee Fossil Beds Heritage Site

Palaeontological values located at the shore and bed of an ancient lake, the McAbee Fossil Beds Heritage Site is one of the most significant places in British Columbia for the scientific study of Eocene fossils by both amateurs and academics. It has great scientific and educational value for its rich taxonomic diversity, fossil abundance, site accessibility, excellent preservation, and number of recognizable fossils.

**Kat Chatten**

Gold Country Communities Society - Geocaching Program Co-ord.

Gold Country plays host to a Geocaching GeoTour that features 150 geocaches to be discovered! Our program highlights every area of Gold Country and draws thousands of visitors a year to participate in the treasure hunt. By using a smart phone or GPS Geocachers find hidden caches located at historic sites, community features and scenic locations. Join in the fun, find more info at [www.exploregoldcountry.com](http://www.exploregoldcountry.com)

**Steve Law, RPF (Registered Professional Forester)**

Clinton & District Community Forest General Manager

The Clinton Community Forest (CCF) organization strives to balance economic, ecological, and social concerns in a way that optimizes benefits for both the local and global economy.

The CCF was unable to move forward with proposed logging and plans established prior to the wildfire; instead, their efforts turned to restoration, rehabilitation, and salvage. The organization made plans to log burnt timber, planted 7,000 fir seedlings, awarded two scholarships to graduates of DSS, and was able to donate funds to the Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Department after they lost their fire hall.

**Daniela Dyck, Community Development Coordinator**

Wildfire Recovery Manager Village of Clinton

After the 2017 Elephant Hill wildfire Daniela was hired to be a contracted service to develop a Wildfire Recovery Plan.

The completed plan addresses all three pillars, economic, psychosocial and environmental impacts, and suggests recommendations to assist the Village of Clinton to meet recovery goals and work towards sustainability that includes wildfire preparedness.

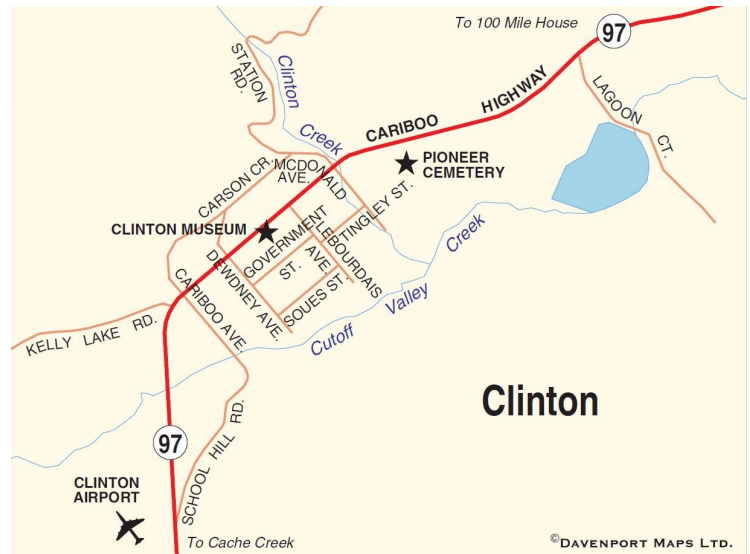
Daniela's presentation will discuss Clinton's unique impacts, how the community rallied together and community resilience.

# CLINTON

Where History



BC Communities in Bloom Awards Dinner & Conference  
September 14 & 15 2018



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form with a cheque payable to  
**Clinton Communities in Bloom**

### Mailing address:

Clinton Communities in Bloom  
Attn: Yvette May  
PO Box 774 , Clinton, BC V0K 1K0

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Phone: 250-459-7725 or Cell: 250-212-5506  
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Conference Weekend includes food & agenda events

- Before August 24th - \$100
- After August 25 - \$130  
(please contact Yvette if late registration is required)
- Banquet Dinner Only \$40/person
- Banquet Companion \$40/person
- Bringing a Community Display
- Table Required     Power Required

Name:	Title:
Community:	City:
Address:	Postal Code:
Tel #	Cell #
Special Dietary Needs:	Email:
Registration Date:	Fee:
Companion Name - DINNER ONLY (separate form required if participating in conference)	

### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

#### CARIBOO LODGE MOTEL

Restaurant & Pub  
Walking distance to event  
1100 Cariboo Highway  
Rooms \$99.00  
Phone: 250-459-7992  
[cariboolodge@yahoo.ca](mailto:cariboolodge@yahoo.ca)

#### NOMAD MOTEL

very close to event  
1500 Cariboo Highway  
Double room & kitchen \$75.00  
Single \$70.00  
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[nomad@bcwireless.com](mailto:nomad@bcwireless.com)

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Free 1-877-777-5798  
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[info@round-up-motel.com](mailto:info@round-up-motel.com)

#### WILLOW SPRINGS

#### CAMPGROUND & RV PARK

8 kms south of Clinton on  
Hwy 97 \$20.00 - \$25.00  
Phone: 250-459-7046

#### GOLD TRAIL RV PARK

1640 Cariboo Highway  
Phone: 250-459-2638