

Youth Week is coming up

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Hello Clearwater! Youth Week is coming back this May, full of fun events coordinated by youth, for youth!

Here is a lineup of the events to expect:

- Youth Award nominations will be happening the week of May 1-7. Nominate a local youth or adult for his or her outstanding volunteerism in our community that relates directly to children/youth. Watch for nomination forms to be posted on Facebook or email the contacts below, stating who you wish to nominate and explain the great work they have done!

- Clearwater's Got Talent! Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Clearwater Secondary School Pit. Admission \$2, concession available. This year's talent show looks to be a very exciting lineup of entertainment for the whole family.

- Clearwater Carnage Scooter, Sk8, Bike Jam will be on Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Rotary Skate Park.

- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament! Saturday, May 14, immediately following the Scooter, Sk8, Bike Jam at Rotary basketball court.

The Youth Week Committee really appreciates all of the past support from the community and we are also accepting donations for prizes. For more info on events or if you would like to volunteer, donate or nominate someone for an award,

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Splash park gets help from Buy-Low

(L-r) Early Years community development coordinator Heather Adamson accepts a \$40,000 cheque from Buy-Low assistant manager Glenn Hyokki, home office rep. Trevor Digeso and store manager Sandy Toma for a splash park planned for Clearwater. Half the money is coming now while the remainder will be after the project is finished. The money from Buy-Low was committed some time ago and is already included in the budget, Adamson said, which means more fundraising events will be needed. Ground preparation for the site, which is located at Weyerhaeuser Park behind the grocery store, has already begun. Workers are to begin installing the splash park this week, with the target date for completion being July 1. A fundraiser for the project will be held at the Sportsplex this Friday, 4 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Photo by Keith McNeil

Italian company signs 40-year agreement for Clemina power

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Sorgent.e Hydro Canada announced April 20 that it has signed a 40-year standing offer program electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro for its Clemina Creek hydro project.

The agreement was done through Sorgent.e's subsidiary, Clemina Hydro Power.

According to a media release from the company, the agreement is the first of its kind for Sorgent.e in Canada and will bring long term, clean and reliable energy to British Columbians.

The Clemina run-of-river project would have a total capacity of 10.5 MW and is located about 30 km south of Valemount.

Since 2013, Sorgent.e has engaged in a strategic partnership with Simpcw First Nation that results in durable benefits for the Simpcw people.

Likewise, Sorgent.e has worked during the past few years with local community stakeholders, regional and municipal governments to maximize the social, environmental and economic impact of this renewable energy development.

The signing of the electricity purchase agreement concludes the planning stage of the Clemina project and kicks off the pre-construction activities.

Sorgent.e Hydro Canada is part of the Italian group Sorgent.e Holding that has operated in the clean energy sector since 1995. Sorgent.e Holding owns and operates more than 20 renewable energy plants in Europe and South America.

In 2013, Sorgent.e purchased the rights to fully permitted projects on Clemina and

Serpentine creeks from TransAlta. The projects would involve investments of about \$45 million each.

Access roads, power-line modifications and ancillary works had already been done. There were even turbines on site, ready to be installed.

About 350 workers would be employed on site at each project during construction.

Sorgent.e also bought the rights for small-scale hydro projects on Dominion, Gum, Miledge, Hellroar, White, Finn and

Dominion creeks. All seven were in early stages of development

One possible sticking point with the Clemina and Serpentine projects has been the limited capacity of BC Hydro's transmission line up the North Thompson Valley.