



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

**TITLE:** *Ensure On-going Implementation of the Community Transition Toolkit*

**Date:** December 2009

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project involves taking the necessary steps to ensure the Community Transition Toolkit is available and useful on an on-going basis in the region. The toolkit was developed concurrent with the OBAC's strategy work. It was a project undertaken jointly with the Community Development Institute (UNBC), actively supported by the Ministry of Community and Rural Development and partially funded by Western Diversification. The toolkit is a series of guides, best practices, checklists, contact information, and templates that help a community prepare for externally caused change. All local governments in the OBAC region have copies of the toolkit and have been provided with information about its use. It was piloted successfully in Mackenzie during its development.

The next step (this project) is to develop an updatable data base.

**RATIONALE:**

Public investment has already been made in the toolkit and it has demonstrated its usefulness. However, it is not yet fully implemented and the present version cannot be readily (efficiently) updated and maintained. The true value of the toolkit will be in the ability of local governments to use it as a working document / tool in ongoing planning and response to change. For this to happen the information must be easily updatable, and one or more entities need to be accountable for the updating.

**PARTNERS:**

University of Northern BC - Community Development Institute, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Ministry of Community and Rural Development.

**TIMELINES:**

Completion during 2010

**RESOURCES:**

OBAC will invest up to \$5,000 in staff/consulting time to facilitate the project, and is prepared to cost-share (\$TBA) in the development of an easy to maintain data base.

