



From the Mayor's Chair

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CITY OF TERRACE WINS BID TO HOST 2013 MINERALS NORTH CONFERENCE



What an exciting end to the Minerals North Conference in Stewart this past week! At the wrap-up luncheon it was announced that the City of Terrace was the successful community to host the 25th Annual Minerals North conference in 2013.

The conference will be exceptionally timed with the Northwest transmission line nearing completion and many mining projects gearing up in the area.

The proposed theme of the 2013 Minerals North conference is "Celebrating the Northern Network" which was created for the conference bid to highlight the expected boom in this region with the mining industry, which will require a collaborative regional effort to manage. It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome all of the communi-

ties in the north to Terrace and to connect local businesses with companies in the mining industry.

The conference is scheduled for the spring of 2013 and it's expected that we will have up to 500 delegates pouring into the community for this three day trade show and networking conference.

Once again we'll have the spotlight shining on Terrace. We'll be able to showcase our beautiful community and promote the benefits of living and working in this natural setting. We can highlight the many reasons for companies to open offices here and for new employees of these major projects to call Terrace their home.

For more information about how to get involved with the 2013 Minerals North conference, please contact Evan van Dyk, at the Terrace Economic Development Authority at evan@teda.ca or call 250 635-4168.

OUR COMMUNITY AT WORK - KERMODEI TOURISM

Submitted by: Graham Genge, Executive Director - Kermodei Tourism

Snow, snow and more snow fell this winter blanketing Terrace for what seemed like an eternity to some and to others not nearly long enough. The big snow year had all the skiers and snowmobilers spending some great days out on the local trails and up at Shames Mountain. Shames was as busy as ever with the locals, our neighbours and visitors to the region. They all came out in droves to enjoy the quality skiing conditions.

It's because of the world class skiing here that Terrace received a great deal of media attention this winter from Norway, Sweden, USA, and other Canadian writers and photographers...many who were also very interested in the new My Mountain Co-op project, "I'm Buying"?

This Co-op is an opportunity to own a ski resort and ensure this community asset stays in operation for many years to come. Check out the website at www.mymountaincoop.ca to see how you can get involved.

This spring Kermodei Tourism was involved in some great community events, one of which was a workshop dealing with Social Media. The team from Think! Social Media did not disappoint as they showcased some great tips about

the age of social media to a sold out crowd. This event was hosted in cooperation with Classic Rock CFNR and some generous local sponsors.

As a joint initiative, Kermodei Tourism joined up with Smithers, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Hawk Air, with support from Northern BC Tourism. We attended the largest outdoor show in Canada at the Vancouver tourism trade show. During this event we were able to showcase Terrace to more than 25,000 people over two days.



The Kermodei Tourism Board of Directors has also been hard at work over the past few months strengthening our operations and policies as well as working on keeping the community up to date on our activities. Our Board Visibility Committee

hosted a fun mixer at the golf course last month which was intended to help tourism leaders and industry professionals learn more about tourism and what is going on in town. They plan on hosting more events in the near future.

To keep current with what's going on in Terrace, please log on to Facebook.com/VisitTerrace or visit our website at www.kermodeitourism.ca.



TERRACE IN MOTION

Terrace City Council passed the following resolutions during our two sessions in April on the 11th and 26th. (City Council meeting minutes are available at www.terrace.ca)

- That the presentation from the Kitimat-Terrace & District Labour Council be received and that Council remain neutral regarding the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project
- That the Little Townsite, Big Celebration committee's request for funding be referred to Administration to see how the City can support their project
- That Council support the Canadian Cancer Society by wearing their daffodil pins for the month of April
- That the City write a letter to Industry Canada supporting a process that would ensure greater access to telecommunications services in rural communities
- That the final 2011 - 2015 budget be approved and that the Financial Plan Bylaw proceed to first, second, and third readings
- That \$23,000.00 from the Community Foundation Reserve be transferred to the Terrace Community Foundation
- That \$17,000.00 from the Terrace Community Forest Limited Partnership be granted to the Terrace Community Foundation
- That the Major Industrial Tax rate be reduced starting in

- 2011 to \$5.00 over the Light Industrial Tax rate
- That the City of Terrace submit a grant application to the Brownfield Renewal Funding Program for a Stage 1 & 2 Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) for the former Co-op site
- That the City of Terrace submit a Gas Tax Innovations Fund application to UBCM for the Eby Staircase Project
- That the City renew the 5 year operating agreement to the Terrace & District Museum Society to manage Heritage Park Museum
- That the Pesticides for Non-Essential Purposes Bylaw be adopted
- That the City of Terrace investigate the feasibility of installing a looping system for sound enhancement in the Council chambers and that information on looping systems be circulated to the Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations
- That the Official Community Plan 2011 proceed to Council for First and Second Readings



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MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2011

April 2 - Have a Heart Fundraiser, Heart & Stroke Foundation sponsored by Astral Media, Boston Pizza

April 4 - Interview with BC Hydro film crew, production of a film for their 50th anniversary celebration, City Hall Council Chambers

April 4 - UNBC Regional Advisory Committee meeting, UNBC campus, Terrace

April 4 - 2011 Budget meeting, City Hall

April 5 - Committee of the Whole meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

April 6 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Rich McDaniel Room, Sportsplex

April 6 - NDP All Candidates Forum, Best Western

April 7 - Attended performances at the Pacific Northwest Music Festival, REM Lee Theatre

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April 15 - Lunch meeting with Darryl Tucker, My Mountain Co-op

April 15 - Freda Diesing School of North-coast Art Student Art Exhibition, Waap Galap Long House, NWCC campus

April 16 - Pacific Northwest Music Festival Gala, REM Lee Theatre

April 17 - Greater Terrace Beautification Society and Skeena Wild Conservation Trust Garbathon, City of Terrace streets and alleys

April 17 - Garbathon & BBQ @ Ferry Island

April 20 - All candidates forum, regional Members of Parliament, REM Lee Theatre

April 26 - Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDI) Board of Directors tour of Terrace projects funded through NDI

April 26 - Order of Terrace award presented to Dr. Donald Strangway

April 26 - Regular Council meeting

April 27 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Board meeting, Rich McDaniel Room, Sportsplex

April 27, 28, 29 - Minerals North conference, Stewart, B.C.