



# From the Mayor's Chair

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## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CONVOCATIONS



I was very pleased to be invited to speak at the recent Convocations for the Northwest Community College (NWCC) and the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC).

community can not be understated. These are the people we need to help us diversify our economy and make our communities stronger.

Convocations are filled with celebration and recognition of student achievements. They also focus on possibilities and future opportunities, not only for the students, but the communities where these students choose to live.

An educated and skilled workforce is an important factor that companies consider when looking at Terrace as a place to set up shop. Families thinking about moving to Terrace also consider the opportunities for post-secondary education that exist in the City.

NWCC and UNBC have such a strong influence in our region by connecting communities through education and research and allowing Northerners access to an education equal to anyone across the country.

As a community, we are very fortunate to have the Northwest Community College and University of Northern British Columbia here in Terrace. We are also fortunate to have the Northern graduates who choose to stay to help us build a vibrant, exciting community.

We know that people trained in the North will likely stay in the north to pursue their chosen careers. This is absolutely critical for communities like Terrace. The importance of these graduates staying in our

Congratulations to the graduating classes of 2010. Finishing post-secondary education takes determination and time. They should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

## NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION LINE - TIME TO COMMENT

The Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) project is currently in the public consultation portion of the BC environmental assessment review through the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

tential for people across the northwest.

The City of Terrace fully supports the project and I would encourage everyone to comment to the EAO.

The resulting access to electricity would stimulate economic activities for our area and would encourage a more diverse regional economy.

The NTL project will open the door to economic prosperity in our region and holds tremendous po-

You can help ensure this project moves forward by sending your comments to the EAO online at:

<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/feedback/NTL.html>

The deadline to submit comments is June 10, 2010.

## TERRACE IN MOTION

At the May 10 Council meeting there were a number of presentations to individuals and groups to recognize their contributions to our community. The Greater Terrace Beautification Society gave out awards for their cleanest school yard contest. The Caetano family was recognized for their actions reporting a house fire in January 2009. Jane Dickson, recipient of a BC Community Achievement Award, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer work in Terrace. Also at the May 10 meeting Council approved a \$2,500 grant to Music and Friends Society for their annual



festival and Council approved donating \$39,000 to Northwest Community College for their Emergency Services Training Centre project. Council adopted the 2010—2014 Financial Plan as a bylaw and also the 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw at this meeting.

At the May 25 council meeting Council received a presentation from Canada Post. Council resolved to co-host an open forum with the Kitimat-Terrace & District Labour Council regarding the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline project.



## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR CAROL LECLERC

Carol was born in Terrace, as was her husband Roger and their three children.

In 2002, with encouragement from her family and a few coworkers, she ran for office and now is in her third term as a City Councillor.

Councillor Leclerc is also a Director on the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine, Vice Chair of the Northwest Regional Hospital Board and she just finished as a Director on Terrace's 2010 BC Winter Games committee.

Since 1990, Carol has worked at Coast Mountains School District 82 and is currently in the Human Resources Department. She very much enjoys her work and her coworkers.

One of Carol's favourite things about being a City Councillor is getting to know more people in the community. Serving on a number of committees over the last eight

years has given Carol the opportunity to meet people, learn more about Terrace, to see Terrace from others perspectives and to keep the connection between Council and the committees she serves on. A typical week has Councillors attending anywhere from two to seven plus meetings.

Life as a Councillor, on top of a full time job, is busy. When Carol has time, she enjoys activities with her family and friends that include walking, hiking, reading, dragon boating, gardening and travelling. She especially likes it when her husband cooks new dishes for her to try.

Her daughters, Amy and Christine, have recently moved back to Terrace and she is enjoying them very much. Carol has one grandson, Mason, who lives in Vancouver with her son Adam and his wife Stacey.

Carol enjoys the beauty of the Terrace area

and feels quite fortunate to live here. She believes Terrace is continuing to grow into a diversified city by being the centre for the Northwest for retail, medical, education, and transportation.

With the Northwest Transmission Line in the environmental stage, she sees good things in the resource sector shaping up again.

Councillor Leclerc would like to encourage more women to get involved in politics and would be happy to offer her support.



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### MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2010

May 4 - meeting with Karen Heisler, Simon Fraser University, interview on impacts of power line development in the northwest, City Hall

May 5, 6, 7 - North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) conference, Smithers

May 6 - meeting with Minister Bill Bennett, Minister of Community Development, with Councillors Downie and Bidgood, NCLGA in Smithers

May 7 - meeting with Northern Health Authority CEO Kathy Ulrich and Chairman Charles Jago, with Councillor Downie and Chief Administrative Officer, Ron Poole, NCLGA in Smithers

May 8 - M&M Meats 22nd annual fundraising BBQ for Crohn's Disease, ice cream salesman, M&M Meats store in Terrace

May 8 - Waap Galtsa'ap Community Long House grand opening, NWCC & Sportsplex

May 10 - funeral for George Bujtas, Sacred Heart

May 10 - Regular Council meeting, City Hall

May 11 - 10 year Treaty celebration, New Aiyansh, with Councillors Bidgood and Downie

May 13 - Committee of the Whole meeting, City Hall

May 13 - dinner meeting with Rio Tinto Alcan executives, Premier Campbell, Minister's Abbot, Hawes, and Yap, update on modernization project, Vancouver

May 14 - NWCC Convocation ceremony, REM Lee Theatre

May 14 - Terrace Economic Development Authority (TEDA) dinner meeting with Imperial Metals executive Byng Giraud and Mining Association of BC president Pierre Gratton, Best Western Hotel conference room

May 15 - Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life

May 15 - Girl Guides 100th anniversary celebration, Thornhill Fairgrounds

May 19 - lunch meeting with TEDA, KTIDS, Kermodi Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, with Councillor Downie

May 20 - Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Best Western Hotel, with Tim McEwan, President & CEO, Initiatives Prince George

May 21 - Veritas School Grade 3 & 5 students tour of City Hall

May 21 - Regional Heritage Fair, Skeena Secondary School

May 25 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting with Skeena Diversity Society, Skeena Diversity boardroom

May 25 - Regular Council meeting, City Hall

May 26 - Power 37 Coalition meeting on the Environmental Assessment process, Coast Inn of the West

May 31 - UNBC Grad Ceremony, Skeena Golf Course