



# From the Mayor's Chair

A monthly report from the Office of the Mayor May 2011



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## NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NCLGA) A SNAPSHOT OF THE 2011 AGM

### City of Terrace and the Regional District of Kitimat - Stikine Resolution is Endorsed by NCLGA members



With the steadily declining funding through Heritage BC, the City and the Regional District felt compelled to move this resolution forward to highlight the importance of heritage resources as an intrinsic component of BC culture, essential for cultural and economic development. Our resolution resolved that NCLGA and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) lobby the Provincial Government to renew its commitment to heritage conservation. The main thrust of the Resolution was to recommend that the Province restore community support for Local Governments and community heritage organizations such as Heritage BC.

### Friends of Wild Salmon Host Public Reception for NCLGA - Oil: Our Communities, Our Choices

During the NCLGA conference, the Friends of Wild Salmon hosted a very informative public reception that built on information already available regarding the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines project. A particularly moving presentation was given by Marven Robinson, an Ecotourism Guide and Gitga'at Councillor. Marven lives in Hartley Bay, a community in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest, where Gitga'at people and culture have lived and thrived for millennia. Also speaking at the event were Andrew Nikiforuk, author and journalist, and Art Sterritt, Coastal First Nations/Great Bear Initiative.

### Northwest Powerline Coalition Sponsors NCLGA Welcome Reception

The Northwest Powerline Coalition was one of many corporate sponsors at this year's NCLGA conference. We were proud to sponsor the Welcome Reception at the historic North Pacific Cannery in Port Edward. Hosted by Port Edward Mayor Dave McDonald, the evening was filled with live music and an endless supply of shrimp and crab. It was a perfect opportunity to celebrate the announcement that the transmission line had received environmental approval from the Federal Government.

News that will have a dramatic positive impact for many communities in our region. It's no doubt this news helped create an incredibly festive atmosphere at the reception that had Mayor McDonald and a few others dancing a jig.



### Northern Development Initiative Trust Launches Innovative New Program

I'm very excited and proud of the work that is being done for our City and the region through Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDI) to enable economic development, create jobs, and help municipalities and First Nations communities move forward. Janine North, CEO, of NDI updated the NCLGA delegates on a new and aggressive incentive program aimed at encouraging housing and commercial development that will ultimately benefit communities across central and Northern British Columbia. Proposed by the City of Prince George, this innovative new program will be focused on providing immediate financial incentives that is significantly more attractive than existing Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption programs. More details on this program are available on the NDI website at [www.ndi.bc.ca](http://www.ndi.bc.ca). Northern Development Initiative Trust will be making this program available to communities across central and northern BC that would like to encourage revitalization and housing developments in their downtown zones.

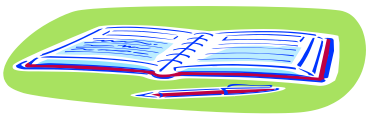


### TERRACE IN MOTION

**Terrace City Council passed the following resolutions during our two sessions in May on the 9th and 24th. (Complete City Council meeting minutes are available at [www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca))**

- The request for a letter of support for the Coast Tsimshian Resources for their application for a Tech Green Award was defeated
- That the May 9th Committee of the Whole verbal report be adopted with the following recommendations:
  1. A development permit be issued to McDonald's Restaurant for renovations on the exterior and interior of the commercial property
  2. A development permit be issued to the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation for exterior improvements for a multi-family development
- The request for Mayor Pernarowski or another Council member to travel to the Rural Emergency Continuum of Care Conference in Kelowna for an estimated cost of \$1,423.80 to come from Council's Unallocated Travel Budget was defeated
- That the minutes of the Seniors Committee be received and the recommendation contained within regarding increasing the visibility of the wooded area behind the Willows extending to Olson Avenue be referred to Administration
- That the Financial Plan Bylaw be read by title only and adopted
- That the Tax Rate Bylaw be read by title only and adopted
- That the City send well wishes to Rita Chretien
- That the verbal presentation from President Denise Henning of the Northwest Community College be received for information
- That the verbal presentation from Evan van Dyk, Economic Development Officer, Terrace Economic Development Authority and Chair Rob Dykman be received for information
- That the request the City of Terrace donate \$10,000.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society for the Kordyban Lodge be referred to Administration
- That the May 24th Committee of the Whole verbal report be adopted with the following recommendations:
  1. That the Bylaw to permanently close and remove the Highway dedication for a 6.5 square metre area of land proceed to Council for adoption
  2. That a Bylaw to establish a Business Improvement Area in downtown Terrace proceed to Council for First, Second, and Third readings
  3. It was recommended that the City of Terrace write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting an independent review of the BC Transit governance model and funding relationship with Local Government, and that Local Governments be invited to participate in this review
- That the Terrace Regional Transit 2011/2012 Annual Operating Agreement be approved
- That Councillor Carol Leclerc be appointed to represent the City of Terrace, and vote on the City's behalf at the Northwest Airport Society 2011 Annual General Meeting

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### MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2011

May 4 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

May 6 - Northwest Regional Heritage Fair, Spirit Square in George Little Park

May 7 - Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show, Terrace Sportsplex

May 9 - Meeting with Pacific Sport Northern BC, Terrace Sportsplex McDaniel Room

May 9 - NWCC Waap Gal sap 1 Year Anniversary celebration

May 9 - Regular Council meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

May 10 - Auxiliary Hospital Thrift store open house

May 10 - Presentation from Andrew Nikiforuk on the Cost of Oil, presented by the Friends of Wild Salmon, Best Western Hotel conference room

May 11, 12, 13 - North Central Local Government Association AGM, Prince Rupert

May 14 - Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, Skeena Jr. Secondary School

May 14 - Howe Creek Park grand opening

May 20 - NWCC Convocation Ceremony, REM Lee Theatre

May 24 - Regular Council meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

May 25 - Community Open House, Official Community Plan, Coast Inn of the West

May 26 - Open House at Investors Group

May 30 - UNBC Convocation Ceremony, REM Lee Theatre