



THE NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION LINE — TRANSFORMING OUR REGION

The email came late in the day on Wednesday February 23rd, 2011 from Kathy Eichenberger, the Project Assessment Director for the Northwest Transmission Line. I was sitting in my home office replying to emails, planning a Relay for Life fundraiser, and preparing for a meeting the next day with Chief Don Roberts at the Kitsumkalum Band office when my inbox notification binged with a new message. I had barely read the words that the Provincial government had issued an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Northwest Transmission Line (NTL), when the phone calls started coming in from a number of media outlets looking for comments from me on the announcement.

I was looking for the one word that would sum up just how important this infrastructure development is to the region and to the City of Terrace. So when I was asked by a reporter to describe how I thought this transmission line would affect the northwest, I used the word **transformational**. It really does describe what is about to happen in northwest British Columbia.

In a report prepared by the Northwest Powerline Coalition in May of 2009 called, 'A discussion on the benefits of a new power transmission line to northern British Columbia', we determined that this infrastructure development would create substantive employment during the construction phase. It will bring investment estimated at \$15 billion in new capital investment, create an estimated 10,000 full time jobs, and generate \$300 million per year in tax revenue. The new transmission line will



help British Columbia save 3.3 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, which is the equivalent of taking 560,000 automobiles off the road.

Now those are impressive numbers and worthy of a word like **transformational**.

The Northwest Powerline Coalition is made up of 49 communities and regional districts, First Nations leadership, joint venture businesses, the Association for Mineral Exploration of BC, the Mining Association of BC, mining and independent power companies, and many other businesses and interested individuals. This grass roots regional organization helped focus the Provincial and Federal governments on this project, and clearly demonstrated how the power line would tap into green energy opportunities and attract major industrial developments to northern British Columbia.

As Co-Chair of the Coalition, I've committed to travel to Ottawa if necessary, with other Coalition members, to keep this project front and centre with federal government officials as we look for their approval on the project.

The construction of the NTL needs to start this spring. Estimates for the build timelines are about three years which match up nicely with the planned start up of Imperial Metals Red Chris mine operation and Alta Gas with their Forest Kerr Run-of-River project.

The announcement from the Provincial government to approve the Northwest Powerline project is news that will truly be **transformational** for all of us.



TERRACE IN MOTION

Terrace City Council passed the following resolutions at the February 14 & 28th Council meetings:

- * A Canadian Cancer society presentation be referred to Administration for the development of a bylaw banning cosmetic pesticides use.
- * City of Terrace write a letter to the Coast Mountain School District to support their decision to change the number of trustees from 9 to 7.
- * That the Terrace RCMP Detachment Annual Report be received for information.
- * That the City of Terrace submit the following resolution to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration:
 - Adopt the Provincial Heritage Strategy
 - Restore the Heritage Branch budget
 - Restore community support for both communities and community heritage organizations like Heritage BC
 - Invest a further \$10 million in the Heritage Fund
 - Resolve the Heritage Properties question
- * That Mayor Pernarowski and Councillors Leclerc, Christiansen, Downie, and Martindale be authorized to attend Minerals North 2011 in Stewart.
- * That Mayor Pernarowski attend the Transportation Roundtable in Prince George for regional Mayors and District Chairs.
- * That Council support the request for a donation for \$450.00 for a rock climbing wall at Caledonia High School pending the confirmation of public access through the Joint Use Facilities Agreement.

- * That Council acknowledge awareness that March is Community Social Services Month.
- * That the City of Terrace provide a letter of support to Core Bio-Fuel for their proposed bio-mass gasoline production facility at the Skeena Industrial Development Park.
- * It was recommended that a development permit be issued to Terrace Carpet Centre to develop a property at 4602 Keith Avenue
- * Terrace City Council approved requests to amend the liquor licenses for the NWCC restaurant and Kiva Café to operate longer hours.
- * That My Mountain Co-op be invited to present to Council ways in which the City can assist their efforts to purchase Shames Mountain.
- * Terrace Council received the minutes of the Community Foundation Steering Committee with the following recommendations:
 - that the Regional District be approached to consider participating in a Community Foundation
 - that the service area of the Foundation will be primarily but not exclusively Terrace and area
 - that the Foundation enter into an agreement with the Prince George Community Foundation to manage administration and investment portfolio management
 - to establish a Not-For-Profit organization to manage the Foundation
 - to name the Not-For-Profit organization, "Terrace Community Foundation"

SHAMES MOUNTAIN - A COMMUNITY GEM



It was not surprising that Terrace Council is unanimous in their desire to want to help My Mountain Co-op in keeping Shames Mountain Ski Resort open and available to everyone in the region. It is so important for all of us in this community and across the region to get behind My Mountain Co-op and become owners in this world class ski resort by purchasing memberships. Ensuring that we have amenities like our community ski hill is essential in attracting new industry, professionals, and others to our city and it will help us keep our young people living

and working in Terrace. I know a number of people who have said they made the decision to move to Terrace because of Shames Mountain. Purchasing a Co-op membership should not be something for only those that ski should consider. Shames Mountain is important to each and every one of us. We are blessed to have this resort right at our doorstep. We will lose a huge competitive advantage in our ability to attract new families who are heading our way to manage and work at the major projects in the region if we don't save this community gem. You can find more detail at www.mymountaincoop.ca.

MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2011



- February 1 - Enbridge Northern Gateway Project Educational Forum, REM Lee Theatre
- February 2 - Breakfast meeting Dawson Creek Mayor Mike Bernier, Bear Country Inn
- February 3 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Board meeting, Ramada Inn meeting room, Prince George
- February 3 - Dinner with the Premier, Prince George Civic Centre
- February 4 - Tour of the UNBC Bio-energy facility, UNBC campus, Prince George
- February 4 - Meeting with Prince George Mayor Dan Rogers, Prince George City Hall

- February 7 - Presentation from Core Bio-Fuels with Council, TEDA, Forestry Coalition, Terrace City Hall
- February 10 - Terrace Community Foundation Steering Committee meeting, Council Chambers
- February 10 - BC Winter Games Legacy Evening, Terrace Sportsplex Banquet Room
- February 12 - Youth Valentine's Dance hosted by the Youth Advisory Committee, Terrace Sportsplex Banquet Room
- February 15 - Terrace Community Foundation Steering Committee meeting, Council Chambers
- February 19 - My Mountain Coop Launch event, Shames Mountain Chalet

- February 21 - 'A Little Townsite, A Big Celebration' cake cutting launch
- February 22 - meeting with Premier candidate George Abbott, Sandman Inn meeting room
- February 22 - Riverboat Days Committee AGM, Terrace Sportsplex, McDaniel Meeting Room
- February 24 - meeting with Kitsumkalum Chief Don Roberts, CAO Ron Poole and Kitsumkalum Economic Development Officer Terry Bennett.
- February 28 - Interview with Snowseekers Media at Terrace/Kitimat Regional Airport
- February 28 - Council Meeting, Terrace City Hall, Council Chambers