



From the Mayor's Chair

A monthly report from the Office of the Mayor

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9th ANNUAL BC NATURAL RESOURCE FORUM

This was a successful conference in Prince George on January 11th and 12th, hosted by Pat Bell. The 9th Annual BC Natural Resource Forum was jammed full of keynote speakers, Provincial Government Ministers and business leaders. The conference hosted a trade show that included 40 businesses, industry associations, and government agencies.

The conference theme this year was '2020 North - A Clear Vision for the Next Decade'. This message came through loud and clear during Premier Clark's keynote address. The Premier spoke about the importance of the north generating wealth in the next decade. Her topic was titled 'Canada Starts Here'. She refers to the entire province when making this point, but it is obvious that with over 30 billion dollars in developing or proposed projects in north west BC alone, it was encour-

aging to see how the provincial government understands that this is the north's decade. We will be the economic driver for the entire province for many years to come.



Jobs, Tourism & Innovation Minister Pat Bell speaking with Premier Christy Clark following her Keynote Address to the convention

The conference also featured a panel report from the Bio-Energy committee, formed about one year ago with MLA's

John Rustad, John Yap, Eric Foster and Bob Simpson. They presented five key recommendations to the conference delegates regarding bio-energy in British Columbia:

1. Establish clear, long term vision on bio-energy
2. Improve access to fibre and feed-stock
3. Establish a technology development strategy
4. Develop markets for BC bio-products and aggressively market the BC advantage
5. Integrate the bio-energy's infrastructure needs into provincial initiatives

This conference was very informative and provided an excellent opportunity to network with business leaders, municipal government officials and provincial government ministers.

SNOW CLEARING FACTS - CITY OF TERRACE



The 2011 snow clearing budget is based on a ten year average and currently sits at \$420,000 for winter road maintenance and \$83,000 for winter sidewalk maintenance. The actual costs for winter road and sidewalk maintenance in 2011 were \$620,000 and \$92,000.

Winter road and sidewalk maintenance pays for staff and equipment for ploughing, sanding, salting and hauling snow. It also covers winter drainage problems and flooding. This budget also covers cleaning up the sand in the spring. (approximately \$65, 000 in 2011)

This budget allows a crew of eleven staff working three shifts over a 24 hour period from Monday to Friday and one day shift on Saturday and Sunday.

Day shifts (6am - 2pm) including weekends have three or four staff. Afternoon shifts (2pm - 10pm) have two staff and night shifts (10pm - 6am) have three or four staff. If extra snow clearing is required, overtime and contractors are used.

The current annual snow clearing budget costs the average \$150,000 house approximately \$40.00 per year for roads and \$8.00 per year for sidewalks.

It is important to remember that City crews also deal with plugged sewers, water main breaks and drainage issues during snow storms in addition to snow and ice control.

Policy #43 is our Snow and Ice Control Policy which is based on safety first and convenience second. Our first priority is to clear hills and main routes and all our efforts are directed at this priority until they are safe. This means in a continuous storm you may not see snow plough trucks anywhere else.

The City increases it's snow clearing efforts during the pre-Christmas season, using contractors and overtime more frequently, to ensure the downtown core is cleared as soon as possible.

For answers to frequently asked questions about snow clearing in the City of Terrace, please check out our website at:

http://www.terrace.ca/news/snow_clearing_facts_faqs



TERRACE IN MOTION

Terrace City Council passed the following resolutions at our January 2012 Council meetings. City Council meeting minutes are available on our website at www.terrace.ca.

- Councillor Brian Downie was appointed as the liaison to the Kalum Land & Resource Plan Implementation committee
- Council ratified appointments to Select Committees, Strategic Committees, Community Liaison organizations, and City Departmental Liaisons
- The City agreed to the terms of Regional District Bylaw to continue the levy of a 2% additional accommodation sales tax for the Terrace area under the provisions of the Hotel Room Tax Act
- Council approved amendments to the Seniors' Committee Terms of Reference
- Councillor Brian Downie was nominated to the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation Board of Directors

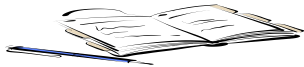
The proposed City Policy No. 100 - Public City Events in Accessible Venues be referred back to Administration for amendment

- That the Phase Two - Zero Waste Pilot Project report be received for information and that the project be shortened to a four month period (from the original six months) during which the diversion of recyclables is put out to tender; and that Council allocate \$20,000 to keep the pilot project functioning until March 31, 2012
- That the City of Terrace Policy No. 99 - Co-op Property Development Task Force Terms of Reference be approved
- Councillor James Cordeiro provided Council with a notice that he will be making a motion regarding the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines project at the February 13, 2012 Regular Council meeting

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MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2012

January 3 - Committee of the Whole meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

January 6, 7 - Terrace Community Foundation Orientation session, with the Kitimat Community Foundation directors, Terrace Sportsplex

January 9 - Regular Council meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

January 11, 12 - 9th Annual BC Natural Resource Forum, Prince George Civic Centre

January 16 - Terrace Community Foundation meeting - Investors Group boardroom

January 18 - Optimist Club of Terrace, Terrace Public Library

January 20 - Regional District Kitimat/Stikine Orientation Session, Regional District Boardroom - Terrace

January 20 - Northwest Regional Hospital Board meeting, Regional District Boardroom - Terrace

January 20, 21 - Regional District Kitimat/Stikine Board meeting

January 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 - Association of Mineral Exploration BC Roundup Convention, Vancouver Convention Centre

January 27 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall Training Room. Mayor Pernarowski

elected as Chair of the Committee and elected as Director for Northern Development Initiative Trust

January 30 - City of Terrace Strategic Planning session, City Hall

January 31 - BC Hydro meeting for update on Northwest Transmission Line, Cafenara Coffee Shop

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January 31 - Community Impacts Committee strategic planning session, NWCC boardroom