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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR



Since the general election on November 15th, I have had many emails, telephone calls, and letters sent in to City Hall congratulating me on being elected to the position of Mayor of Terrace.

I really appreciate this support. Having the community engaged with Council to provide ideas, advice, and recommendations will be extremely helpful.

This is such an exciting time for us here in Terrace and in the entire Northwest as we work to improve our economy and look for innovative solutions to our individual community issues.

## 2009 NORTHERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

On January 22 & 23, a group of us from Terrace joined Premier Gordon Campbell and B.C. Ministers in a two-day summit aimed at shaping the economic future of our province. At this summit, I was joined by Northwest Mayors and First Nations leaders to promote a new initiative called "Invest Northwest B.C." The City of Terrace along with the Northern Development

Initiative Trust (NDI) have been negotiating with the Premier's office on behalf of the Northwest region to bring this concept to reality. The idea is to increase the regional capacity to attract industry and respond to enquiries around (continued on page 2)

Transparent government and open communication are important for local democracy.

To facilitate this, I am preparing a monthly Mayor's Report, to create another mechanism to share information.

I invite you to also have a look at the City's webpage [www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca) or to contact City Hall if you have any questions.

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and I encourage and welcome everyone to attend.

Each issue of the Mayor's report will provide you with a summary of some of the resolutions made at previous Council meetings as well as list of City activities and upcoming events.

## HEALTH LINK BC

- By simply dialing 8-1-1, you can now connect with a nurse, a pharmacist or a dietician from wherever you are, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The website [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca) enables community members to look up symptoms or services and provides an expanded health navigation system for both the public and healthcare professionals. With over 2500 health services and 4000 resources, along with an integrated search and mapping function, they provide the most comprehensive list of healthcare resources in Canada.



## TERRACE IN MOTION

### COUNCIL MEETING MOTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Council meetings were held on the 12th and 26th of January. For more detailed information please see the Council minutes which are available on the City's web-site at [www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca)

On January 12th, Colin MacLeod of the Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Society gave a presentation about woodstoves and air quality. At the meeting a motion was passed to look at

new ways for the City to support air quality initiatives, while maintaining the City's current incentives. Council also passed motions to apply for a number of grants and to join two programs promoting environmental sustainability. Councillor Brian Downie was appointed to represent the City on the Northern Transmission Line Environmental Assessment working group.

During the January 26th

Council meeting Chief Administrative Officer Ron Poole was presented with a pin recognizing his 10 years of service with the City of Terrace. Carl Wassink of the BC Ambulance Service (Terrace Station) presented his 2008 year end report to Council. Two Special Occasion Liquor License requests by the Classic Old Timers Hockey Club were approved. Councillor Brad Pollard was appointed as the liaison to the Terrace

Athletic Commission. A motion was passed to submit project applications for Community Tourism Funding available through the Union of BC Municipalities. Also at the January 26th Council meeting user fees for the Arena facilities were waived as a grant-in-aid to the Terrace is Hockeyville Committee for the Hockeyville events planned for Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31, 2009.

### 2009 NORTHERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

potential site locations in Northwestern B.C. Some of the goals of the campaign include: acquiring data to competitively position Northwest B.C. in comparison to other provinces and states; collaboratively developing each community's focus on specific industries for attraction and expansion; developing a program to communicate the regional competitive

advantages that complements the Invest B.C. campaign and NDI's Northern B.C. Business Advantage funding programs; researching, developing and publishing a standardized matrix of community assets and features for all Northwest communities to market to investors and site selection consultants via the web; translating regional materials into

targeted foreign languages, developing regional itineraries to attract trade commissioners; Provincial inbound market representatives and business trade delegations to Northwestern B.C.; and increasing the calibre of economic policy and specific industry research expertise to assist Northwest communities.

**"Having an opportunity to meet with the Premier regarding the 'Invest Northwest B.C.' concept gives us a solid start in promoting the benefits of this project at the Provincial Government level."**

**Mayor Dave Pernarowski**



### MAYOR'S SCHEDULE

January was a busy month, not only for me, but for the entire Council. We attended a series of meetings with the Senior Staff from Public Works, Development Services, Leisure Services, Fire Department, RCMP, Finance, and Administration. These meetings were designed as an orientation for Council to understand how these departments function and to discuss active projects and plans for 2009.

On January 21, I was in Prince George attending the Northern Development Initia-

tive Trust (NDI) Board of Directors meeting.

On January 22 & 23 I was joined by some of Council at the Northern Economic Summit in Prince George. The following week I attended the Mineral Exploration Round Up 09 in Vancouver.

In February the Council has a Strategic Planning session organized. We plan to follow that up with a Town Hall Meeting to discuss our priorities and ask the community for feedback and further

suggestions. The City's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be taking place mid-February. It will be a pleasure to thank those in our community who so generously volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of the City. I'll be attending a Brownfield Remediation Conference in Terrace on February 10th. Budget meetings for 2009 take place over three evenings toward the end of the month. Two regular council meetings are scheduled in February on the 9th & 23rd.