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The new Spirit Square at the George Little Park is a beautiful new addition to our downtown. Designed by the community to be a multi purpose public space, the new band shell offers architectural appeal with functionality.

Council and City staff have promoted this development enthusiastically as a catalyst to revitalize our downtown. We spent a considerable amount of time consulting the community on what they would like to see in the Spirit Square development. We held two public open houses and consulted with individual community groups and youth to ask for ideas and feedback.

This collaborative approach has resulted in a vibrant new space that we can all enjoy.

The design and the location of the new band shell allows for a variety of performances facing either into the new Spirit Square plaza for smaller events or towards the George Little Park for large concerts. The new location of the stage actually creates more useable green space in the park for playing ball, throwing the frisbee, or just sitting under one of the trees for a family picnic. The design of the band shell was left open for many reasons. It opens up the space to provide views through the park from all angles. The covered stage is also being used during the Farmer's Market for both vendors and performers. It adds to the safety of the park and should eliminate the acts of vandalism and public mischief that were an ongoing issue in our old band shell. This stage also comes with retractable fabric sides and a back that can be set up to accommodate performances facing in either direction. This fabric will keep the wind and weather out and enhance the acoustics.

The community consultation for our Spirit Square revitalization gave us strong direction that the old band shell had served the community very well for over 20 years, but the versatility and more prominent location of the new stage was the direction the majority wanted to go. We hope the dedication plaques honouring Jim Ryan and the recognition of the community effort that went into building our original band shell shows that we appreciate their effort and

commitment to the community.

The cost for this major downtown development remains at \$300,000 for the City of Terrace. We matched funds provided by the Province specifically to be used to create a community space known as the Spirit Square. These matching funds brought us to a total of \$600,000 to complete the project. We then leveraged the \$600,000 to secure a matching grant through Northern Development Initiative Trust who were managing a federal government infrastructure funding program. These additional matching funds brought us to just over 1.2 million dollars, allowing us to dream much bigger for our new Spirit Square.



That's Councillor Brian Downie (front right) watching the Skeena Junior Jazz Band perform at the grand opening of our Spirit Square in George Little Park

These dollars created much needed employment in our community. The bid process was advertised in our local newspaper and through BidBC, both standard requirements for contracts over \$100,000.00. Through this process we ended up awarding contracts to seven local companies for concrete work, lighting installation, landscaping, consulting, fabrication work and wood and metal design.

The end result is a beautiful new community space that will be a catalyst for further downtown development. It will be a safe, enjoyable environment for everyone, young and old to come to our central park and enjoy the outdoors.

For everyone who contributed to this new space with ideas and recommendations through our community consultations, I thank you so much for participating and helping to initiate a positive change for our city.

Reminder:
I will not be publishing my newsletter in July and August. Have a great summer!



CONNECT WITH COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR BRUCE



Born and raised in Northwestern Ontario, I spent my 20's going to school and working in Thunder Bay, Kingston and Toronto. Chasing the dream of "living in a town with a ski hill" I moved to Terrace in 1992. Since then, I have worn many hats both professionally and publicly, most notably as a long serving Kinsmen, as the proud

owner of McBike and as a Councillor for the City of Terrace. I am also the father of Ella (13) and JD (7), and I am kept very busy trying to keep up with their explorations and needs. You might also find me on the ski hill, or in the back-country, on a bike (road, mountain or my cruiser), and occasionally running. I have a history of theatrics through Terrace Little Theatre and singing with the Northwest Singers, and have been told that my comfort on stage comes through in the political theatre that is City Council. When I

ran for Council, I thought that I had seen Terrace from many different sides and that I understood what makes this great town tick, but I have to say that in the past year and a half, I have learned so much more. I am enjoying the challenge and I think we are making a difference. My portfolios this year include, Educational Services, Health Services, Sustainability Task Force, Terrace Athletic Commission, and the Yellowhead Highway Association. At this time and until you say otherwise, I remain your humble servant, Bruce Martindale.

TERRACE IN MOTION

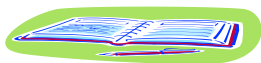


At the June 14 Council meeting, Council received a presentation from Diana Penner regarding a request from Ksan House Society for a variance to permit them to construct a crushed gravel driveway in order to access the greenhouses on Hall Street. A resolution was made that the City support and participate in the re-activated Skeena Treaty Advisory Committee. The Council made a motion to send a letter to Canada West University Athletics Association to encourage them to grant UNBC membership.

At the June 28 Council meeting there was an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the City of Terrace 2009 Annual Re-

port. Yvonne Nielsen gave a presentation regarding brain injuries and asked Council to consider adopting a bylaw to require skateboarders to wear helmets while skateboarding on City-owned property. Members of the Skeena Diversity Society gave an informative presentation regarding the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Forum held in Prince George recently. A Development Variance Permit to permit the construction of a car port was approved at this Council meeting and Mayor Pernarowski was nominated to sit on the Union of B.C. Municipalities Executive as a Director-at-Large.

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MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2010

- June 1 - Industry Gap & Opportunity Analysis with TEDA and other community groups, Rich McDaniel Room
- June 4 - memorial service for Barry Samuelson, Pentecostal Assembly
- June 7 - meeting with Board of Education and Council, City Hall Training Room
- June 8 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Council Chambers
- June 10 - meeting with TEDA and other community organizations for updates, TEDA boardroom
- June 11 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall Training Room
- June 11 - Caledonia Grad Reception, Caledonia gym
- June 11 - Caledonia Grad Ceremony, REM Lee Theatre

- June 12 - Spirit Square grand opening, George Little Park
- June 13 - meeting with Carol James, NDP Leader, with Council, Heritage Park
- June 14 - interview with Canazwest Pictures Inc. on life in a northern community
- June 14 - breakfast meeting with BC Hydro executives, presentation of keys to a hybrid vehicle to be tested in Terrace for one year, Waap Galt sap long house, NWCC
- June 14 - NDI/BDC presentation on new loan guarantee program being offered for industry development in our region
- June 14 - Public Hearing, Council Chambers
- June 14 - Regular Council meeting, Council Chambers
- June 16 - Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Chambers

- June 20 - memorial service for Mike Tarr, CEO Northern Savings Credit Union, Director of Northern Development Initiative Trust, Lester Arts Centre, Prince Rupert
- June 22 - meeting with BC Transit, Council and representation from Kitimat, Prince Rupert and the Regional District
- June 22 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Council Chambers
- June 23 - Community Forest Corporation meeting
- June 23 - Kiti K'shan Trees for Tomorrow celebration, Kiti K'shan School
- June 24 - Airport Society meeting, Airport boardroom
- June 26 - National Aboriginal Days, Spirit Square, George Little Park
- June 28 - Regular Council meeting, Council Chambers