



From the Mayor's Chair

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EUROCAN CLOSURE UPDATE

The announcement that Eurocan in Kitimat would be closing permanently in January 2010 was devastating news for the workers, their families, our communities and our region.

While we are working to address the immediate short term needs of the laid off Eurocan workforce in both Kitimat and Terrace, we must also be looking forward at the opportunities this situation provides.

The first opportunity is for our entire region to truly come together with programs and strategies that give us a clear direction and a unified driving force. Our communities will have distinct needs through this crisis and these can be dealt with separately, however there will be many opportunities for us to get together as we move forward to compare notes and discuss regional strategies.

The second opportunity we have is to work closely with our Provincial government to provide them with our response to this crisis. We need to give them a very clear community and regional strategic plan that will guide their de-

terminations in how the framework of support is created. Over the next few months we will look at critical services levels, economic and tourism opportunities, as well as potential transitional funding options from external sources for workers and for the communities.

The third opportunity is for us to learn from this experience. The potential in the Northwest is unlimited. By sitting down and meeting regularly as an entire region we can work together developing our economic, tourism, cultural and social pillars. Our communities will naturally become stronger, with our region more closely connected.

Please contact me if you have any questions on the Eurocan closure or if you would like to share your ideas on how we could move our region forward.

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HOUSING TERRACE—TRENDS, NEEDS, AND DIRECTIONS

In January 2008 City Council created the Housing Needs Task Force to address housing issues in our community highlighting affordability, safety and availability.

I would like to recognize the members of this Housing Task Force: Chair Jean Thompson, City Council Liaisons Bruce Bidgood and Lynne Christiansen, community residents Ken Earl and Keith Goodwin, Terrace & District Community Services representative Casey Eys and Terrace Anti-Poverty Society representative Stacey Tyers.



This Task Force has been very active, meeting regularly to complete a housing needs assessment and to provide direction to Council on

how we address these needs.

Eberle Planning and Research and HB Lanarc were retained to provide the Task Force with up to date data on the supply, diversity, and condition of the housing stock. This study will assist in the Official Community Plan review process and provide direction for City and community action.

The study, called 'Housing Terrace - Trends, Needs, and Directions 2009', is now complete. It contains some very useful information and five specific recommendations to guide the community's future decisions and actions to address housing needs.

This study is available to review on our City website at www.terrace.ca

CITY IMPLEMENTS SNOW REMOVAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The City of Terrace is now inviting senior citizens and physically disabled homeowners to apply for the Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program.

This program was approved by Council last year to address concerns that driveways were being plugged during street snow ploughing, leaving some of our residents struggling to clear their driveways.

We are very excited about this new program that addresses the snow clearing concern to help those in need.

Qualifying owners of a residential property can receive a rebate of 50% up to a maximum of \$250.00 per winter (subject to demand) to have their driveways cleared by a snow removal contractor.

Application forms and qualifications for this new program can be found on our city website at www.terrace.ca or by contacting the Public Works Department at (250) 615-4021 or by email at tkaluga@terrace.ca.

TERRACE IN MOTION

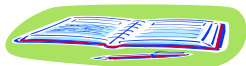


Dr. Barrie Phillips, who was unable to attend the Order of Terrace Ceremony held in October, was presented with the Order of Terrace at the November 9th Council meeting. At the same meeting Council heard funding requests from Terrace Public Library and Kermodai Tourism Society. The information in their presentations was referred to the City's budget meetings for consideration. Council invited the Skeena-Nass Center for Innovation in Resource Economics to participate on the Regional

Task Force which was struck to deal with the Eurocan closure in Kitimat and also signed onto SNCIRE's letter to the Provincial and Federal Governments regarding the Eurocan closure. There were two by-laws adopted at the November 9th meeting: the Wood Burning Appliance Installation Bylaw and the Controlled Substance Property Remediation Bylaw.

At the November 23rd Council meeting the 2010 BC Winter Games Promotions Director presented Council with two col-

ourful banners promoting the 2010 BC Winter Games. Laurie Gallant of Footprint Environmental Strategies gave a presentation of her project creating a woody debris inventory along Highway 16. Councillor Carol Leclerc and Councillor Brad Pollard were elected as the City's representatives on the Kitimat-Stikine Regional District for 2010. Also at this meeting Council reallocated funding for the Skeena Christmas Festival to provide \$9,000 for the inaugural event planned for December 12th and 13th.



MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2009

November 3 - New Aiyansh Village Government panel discussion on local government processes, Terrace City Hall. Joined by Councillor Leclerc and Councillor Pollard at the panel table

November 3 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall

November 4 - Budget meeting, City Hall

November 5 - Telephone meeting with Tom Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Rural Secretariat

November 6 - Hockeyville Legacy Committee meeting

November 6 - Business Excellence Awards Nominee Reception, NWCC

November 7 - Regional Task Force meeting in Kitimat to discuss Eurocan closure

November 8 - Terrace Rotary Auction, guest Auctioneer, Coast Inn of the West.

November 9 - Regular Council meeting

November 10 - Meeting with MLA John Rustad, City Hall

November 10 - Ksan House official opening

November 10 - Investors Group Comedy Tour performance

November 11 - Remembrance Day Parade & Service at the Tillicum Theatre followed by lunch and refreshments at the Legion

November 11 - meeting hosted by Terrace Economic Development Authority

November 12 - meeting with Robin Austin, MLA and Marina Ellinson, CEO Northern Health

November 12 - Budget meeting at City Hall

November 16 - Dinner with Dr. George Iwama, President of UNBC, joined by Councillor Bruce Martindale, Council Educational Liaison

November 17,18,19 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Board meeting, Prince George

November 19 - Carter Jewellers Business After Hours

November 21 - Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards

November 23 - Regular Council meeting

November 27 - Investors Group Business After Hours