



# From the Mayor's Chair

A monthly report from the Office of the Mayor September 2010



3215 Eby Street / Terrace, B.C. / Phone: 250 635-6311 / email: cityhall@terrace.ca / website: www.terrace.ca

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Terrace - A Prime Location For Bio-Energy Manufacturing	1
Community Energy Projects Radiate Potential	1
Connect With Council—Councillor Brad Pollard	2
My new role with Provincial Networking Inc.	2
Mayor's Schedule September 2010	2

## TERRACE - A PRIME LOCATION FOR BIO-ENERGY MANUFACTURING

At an exciting reception and ground breaking ceremony held on September 24th to officially launch a new business in Terrace by partners Canadian Bio-Coal and Coast Tsimshian Resources, we heard many reasons why Terrace was selected as the first site for a bio-coal manufacturing plant.

This community has worked hard to promote Terrace and the region as a preferred location for business and industry to set up shop. We are located along major road and rail and close to deep water ports. Our commercial land costs here are very affordable compared to other parts of the province. We have available land that is ready to develop and we have started to develop the Skeena Industrial Development Park at the airport to accommodate much larger operations.

We are surrounded by a forest resource that is being rediscovered for alternate uses. Our previously unused low grade fibre has found a brand new market using new technologies to create bio-energy products. The new bio-coal facility in Terrace will need about 250,000 cubic metres of fibre per year and will generate over 120 direct and indirect jobs in and around our city.

In addition to bio-energy opportunities there is a strong provincially focused effort to open up new markets in China for dimensional lumber led by Minister Pat Bell. Terrace has adopted a Wood First policy that promotes the benefits of building with wood and making wood the first choice for construction of municipally owned buildings. All these initiatives will help us diversify and strengthen our forest industry.

Council remains focused on initiatives and policies that bring economic health to our community. We are also concentrating on environmental responsibility, social equity and cultural vitality.

A combination of a revived forest industry, a new power line infrastructure development that will draw resource industry and green power opportunities to our region, the modernization of Rio-Tinto Alcan in Kitimat, the development of the Kitimat bulk port, the expansion of the Prince Rupert container port, and a recovering world economy that will fuel small business expansion, all translate into why we should feel very confident about the future of our beautiful city.

Thank you to Canadian Bio-Coal and Coast Tsimshian Resources for your commitment to our community.



Mayor Dave Pernarowski with Global Bio-Coal CEO John Bennett and Coast Tsimshian Resources CEO Wayne Drury at the Terrace Bio-Coal ground breaking reception

## COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECTS RADIATE POTENTIAL



NDI Board of Directors and CEO with representatives from Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Treatment Centre and Del-Tech Manufacturing Inc.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting with Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDI), the Directors and CEO Janine North took time to tour through the Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Treatment Centre just outside of Prince George. We were there to look at the newly installed biomass heating system partially funded through NDI. The source of energy to heat the Baldy Hughes buildings is accomplished entirely from biomass (burning wood pellets). This was a wonderful opportunity for me to view a community energy system in operation.

Community energy is a strategy to implement renewable energy or waste heat recovery. Community energy systems typically generate heat at a central plant where it is transferred to a fluid, usually water, that is then distributed via pipes to one or more buildings to be used for space and domestic water heating. A commu-

nity energy system is an integrated, flexible, energy-efficient and cost effective way to distribute heating and/or cooling to one or more buildings. The most suitable clean energy sources for community energy systems are: waste heat (recovered from wastewater treatment or industrial activity), biomass (burning wood waste), biogas (landfill gas and sewer gas), and solar hot water.

The benefits of community energy projects to our city include increasing the utilization of wood fibre as a green renewable source of heat energy, it provides a viable alternative to fossil fuels, and encourages economic diversification and alternative use of waste wood.

This strategy would generate low cost heat using locally produced resources and gives Terrace another opportunity to re-invent itself within the forestry sector.



## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL — COUNCILLOR BRAD POLLARD



I moved to Terrace in 1985 from Winnipeg when I was offered a job at Mills Memorial as a lab technician. During the interview I was

asked, "Do you know anything about Terrace?" My response was "No, but the road map shows a big river running through it and I like fishing." I had no idea. After 25 years, I still can't believe the unlimited ignorance and luck that brought me here.

After a few years working at the hospital, I travelled to Vancouver for further schooling and have since worked as a consulting ecologist for the last 20 years.

In 2005, I ran for a position on Terrace City Council, following a deeply seated conviction that the most effective way to elicit change is to become involved.

As with most newly minted politicians, I felt that with a few new by-laws, proclamations, or edicts, I could improve things. And like all new politicians, I came to understand that things in government change at glacial speeds. Given that, I try to be open to all issues but have focused my attention on one or two concerns that I felt were particularly important towards the future of the community, economic and environmental sustainability.

In February 2007, I brought forth a motion to make Terrace a sustainable community. I am very proud of this initiative and the direction it will provide on a range of issues. One of the first tangible outcomes is a recycling pilot project which will

be implemented this fall. This project will answer many of the questions that have stymied previous attempts to initiate a community-wide recycling program.

In my role as a councillor, I have served as the city's liaison with the Terrace Public Library, the Terrace Beautification Society, Terrace Economic Development Authority, the Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce, and Heritage Park. I am also a Director of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

Being on council has afforded me a great opportunity to meet those people that make Terrace what it is. While the mayor, council and city staff works to create the framework for a vibrant and livable community, it's the multitude of volunteers, service groups, social enterprises, and entrepreneurs who inject the spirit into the community.

### MY NEW ROLE WITH PROVINCIAL NETWORKING GROUP INC.

Just over three years ago, in May 2007, Chris Arnold, a Director with Provincial Networking Group Inc. (PNGI) came to City Council to ask for support around the provincial government's 10 X 10 Challenge. The purpose of this challenge, Council was told, was to increase employment of persons with disabilities in British Columbia's communities by 10 percent by the year 2010. The City's role was to promote the concept and value of employing persons with disabilities.

I was a Councillor when we decided to support this initiative. Now as Mayor, I've joined this organization as a Supported Employment Coordinator. In my new role with PNGI, I'm helping people who have developmental disabilities find employment.

At PNGI, we focus on the person to develop a job customized to their skills. We offer on-the-job support and training to ensure success. People with developmental disabilities are motivated and have skills and abilities that make them valuable members of our workforce and our community.

There are many businesses in our city who are already benefiting from the skills and contributions of Terrace residents who are living with a disability.

Business owners are finding that these employees are a strong addition to their teams.

PNGI Directors Chris Arnold and Marg Anderson, started Provincial Networking Group Inc. 18 years ago. I'm very pleased to now be a part of their team as they continue this important work in our community.

The City of Terrace encourages all local businesses to continue to make our community an accessible and inclusive community. To find out how you can tap into this valuable work force to help meet your business goals, please contact me at Provincial Networking Group Inc. My phone number is 250 635-4779 or email me at: [supportedwork@telus.net](mailto:supportedwork@telus.net).



Director's Chris Arnold and Marg Anderson with Dave Pernarowski

Terrace City Council Talkback Line : (250) 638-4778 Website address: [www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca)



### MAYOR'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

September 3 - Fundraising BBQ - Tour de Force, Canadian Cancer Society, Northern Savings Credit Union

September 7 - Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Council Chambers

September 8 - Hawkair 10th Anniversary BBQ & fundraiser for the Terrace Beautification Society, old Esso site, Lakelse Avenue

September 8 - Pre-budget meeting, Council Chambers

September 9 - Heritage Park Museum update, Council Chambers

September 9 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder Awareness Day, George Little Park

September 10 - Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall

September 10 - Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Chambers

September 11 - Pole Raising Ceremony, Kitselas Canyon

September 13 - Public Hearing, Council Chambers

September 13 - Regular Council meeting, Council Chambers

September 16 - Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss UBCM conference, Council Chambers

September 14 - Terrace Economic Development Authority AGM, Bear Country Inn

September 23 - Public Commission on Legal Aid, temporary Commissioner, Coast Inn of the West

September 23 - Green Fair Opening Ceremonies, NWCC Long House

September 24 - Canadian Bio-Coal ground breaking ceremonies, Coast Tsimshian Resources office, 4905 Keith Avenue

September 28, 29, 30 - Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention, Whistler, B.C.