

*CITY OF TERRACE TOWN HALL  
MEETING – March 10, 2009*



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# DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

- *Outcome: Create milestones and timelines specific to the Downtown Plan.*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What: Create a list of milestones (with approximate costs and possible timelines) based on the Downtown Plan.*
- *Who: City Staff*
- *When: Staff to advise*



- Funding identified for 2009 Downtown Revitalization includes;

- Spirit Square (\$600,000)
- Seniors Park (\$100,000)
- Lazelle Revitalization - inc. water (\$886,000)
- Grand Trunk Pathway Extension (\$489,000)
- Gateway Sign (\$27,000)
- Banners for bridges (\$15,000)
- Bike Racks (\$6,000)
- Bear Lights for Lazelle (\$4,000)
- BIA Start up Funding (\$5,000)
- DT Crime Reduction Unit (\$170,000)

**TOTAL FOR 2009 \$2,302,000**

- Development Services/Public Works will be bringing forward milestones and timelines for the 2010 fall budget process

# CO-OP PROPERTY PLAN

- *Outcome: 1) Explore options in a fiscally efficient manner, and 2) Consider development proposals*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What Discuss with TEDA*
- *Who City/TEDA*
- *When Spring mtg*



- No funding approved for asbestos removal or demolition of building (March 2<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting)
- TEDA proposes working closely with city council and staff in the next 3 months to determine best plans for the Co-op.

# *SUSTAINABILITY PLAN*

- *Outcome: Provide input to Council on plans and actions to attain sustainability*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What: Already happening*
- *Who: Sustainability Task Force*
- *When: Official Community Plan Input – 2009  
Input to Council – 2009*



- The Sustainability Committee has been dealing with this initiative. Comments from the public are appreciated.



# REGIONAL SHARED SERVICES

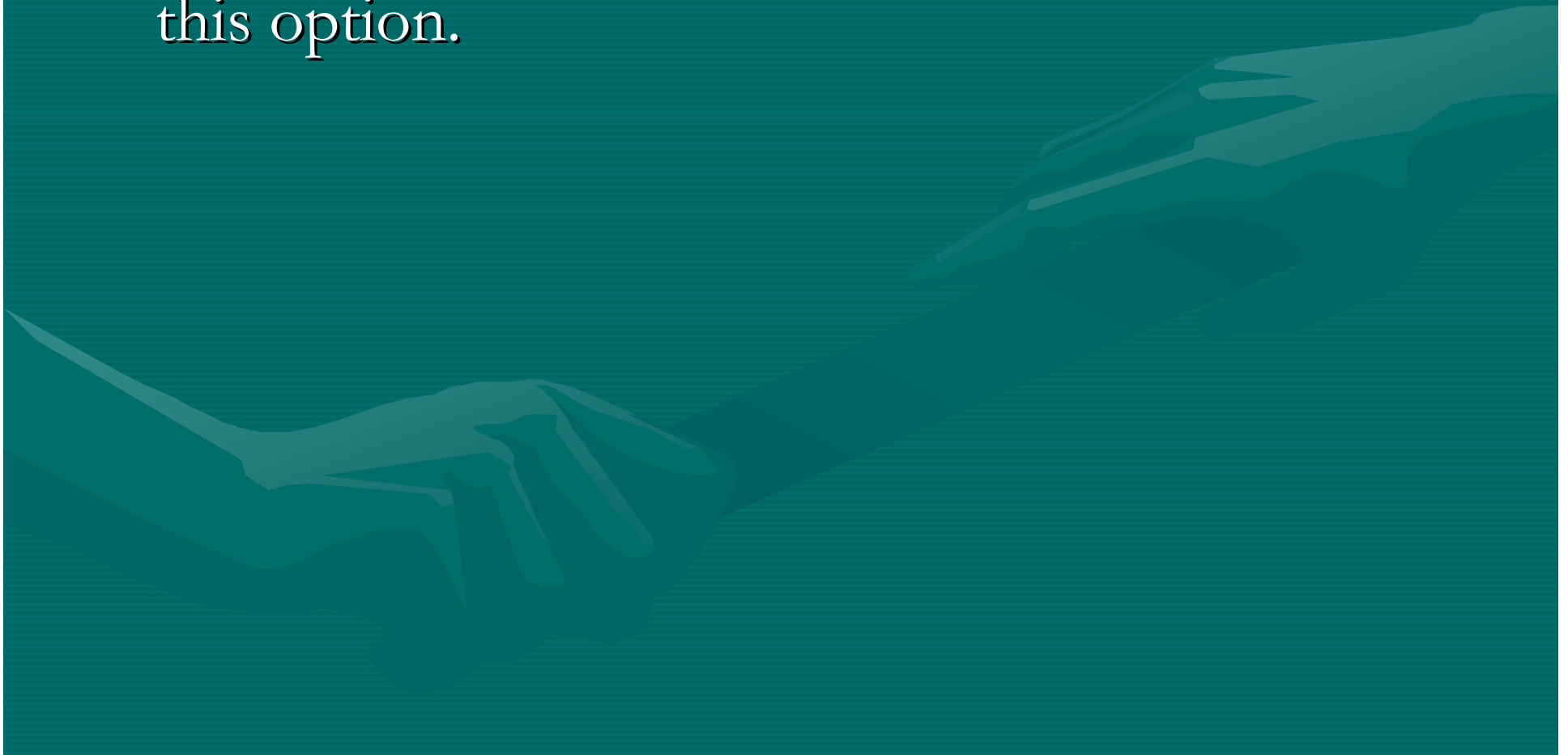
- *Outcome: A collaboration with the local areas to explore joint provision of services (ie economic development, tourism etc.)*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What: Contact appropriate parties*
- *Who: Mayor and Council . Staff to arrange the meeting.*
- *When: Late Spring*



- With so much previous talk about amalgamation, it might be time for us to look at the benefits of shared services. The City would like to explore this option.





- This has been a long standing issue for the City. Although Health is a provincial responsibility, the City has been supporting this initiative for more than 3 years. Past meetings include;
  - May 2006 (FSJ) Northern Health Authority (NCMA)
  - Oct. 2006 (UBCM) Minister Abbott
  - Sept 2007 (UBCM) Minister Abbott
  - Sept 2008 (UBCM) Minister Abbott

# REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- *Outcome: Address the economic development needs of Terrace.*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What:*
  - 1) *Support TEDA on small/ medium business development*
  - 2) *Review goals, objectives and outcome criteria for economic development*
- *Who:*
  - 1) *City/TEDA*
- *When*
  - 1) *March*



- The City is currently scheduling a meeting with the Terrace Economic Development Authority in March. We will review TEDA's strategic direction with them at that time.

# *DEVELOP SKEENA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PARK (INITIAL PHASE)*

- *Outcome: Develop the intersection and cross road and clear the land for development.*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What* 1) *Implement plan once funding (internal and external) has been confirmed*
- *Who* 1) *City*
- *When* 1) *2009*



- The City received approval for the Canada/BC Infrastructure grant of \$1.337 million for the intersection at the Skeena Industrial Development Park. At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting, Council gave preliminary approval for the initial phase of the project of \$68,000 (2009) and the remainder (\$600,00) to be paid over successive years in the budget.
- \$50,000 for water design has also been approved.

# *DEVELOP AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY INCLUDING SENIORS, LOW INCOME AND CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES*

- *Outcome: Housing Task Force to determine the needs for housing in Terrace including low income families and individuals, seniors and people with disabilities*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What Complete comprehensive housing assessment*
- *Who Housing Needs Task Force*
- *When Fall 2009*



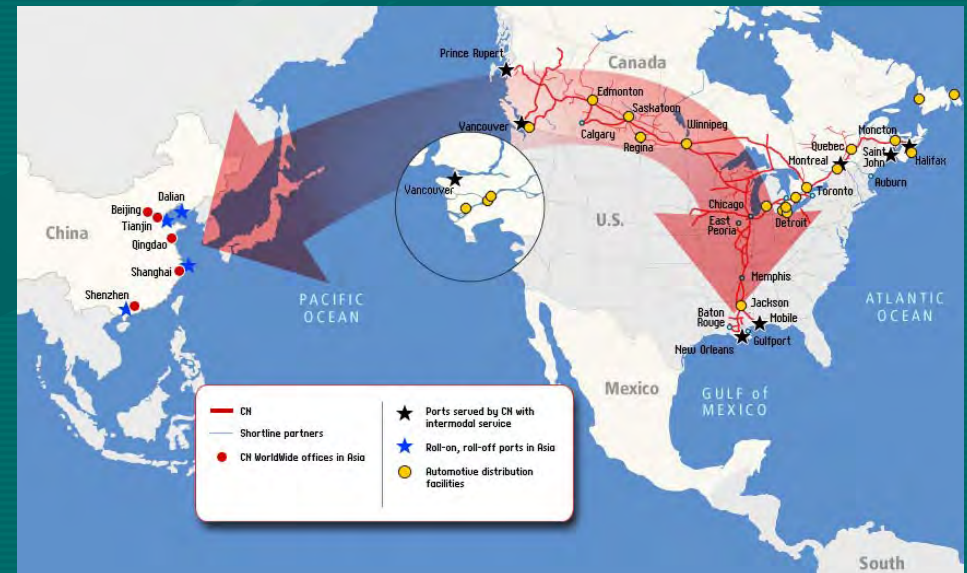
- Grant funding was applied for and monies from the Real Estate Foundation of BC and UBCM (\$15,000) were approved.
- The City also received \$5,000 to research secondary suite regulations best practices and to hold workshops in the community.
- The next step is to appoint people to the task force, finalize the draft terms of reference and complete the housing needs study.

# ESTABLISH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (INVEST NORTHWEST)

- *Outcome: To attract international investment to the region.*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What Invest Northwest initiative*
- *Who Council*
- *When Ongoing*



- To date the City has acquired the support of the Northern Development Initiative Trust for this initiative.
- Initial presentations were made to the Premier & Minister responsible (April 2008) and the Premier and Minister again at UBCM (September 2008)
- Mayor, CAO and NDI Executive Director are expecting to present to the Province (March/April). We are currently arranging a meeting time.

# CREATE A YOUTH TASK FORCE

- *Outcome: Make recommendations to Council*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What*      *Council resolution to create Youth Task Force*
- *Who*       *Council*
- *When*     *Spring 2009*



- This is a new initiative for Council. The City welcomes public input on this issue.



# WASTE REDUCTION

- *Outcome: Establish a city wide waste reduction strategy that includes recycling*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What Determine viable options*
- *Who Sustainability Task Force - Staff*
- *When 2009*



- The Sustainability Committee will be dealing with this initiative and making recommendations back to Council on options for waste reduction in our community. Public input is encouraged.

# ACCELERATE ROAD AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

- *Outcome: Increase road reconstruction over the next 3 years.*

## *Action Plan:*

- *What*      *5 year plan*
- *Who*       *Staff*
- *When*     *Budget time*



- Following the March 2<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting road reconstruction in Terrace is valued at \$2,850,000, not including the Skeena Regional Development Park intersection. This also assumes that the City receives funding for McConnell Street.