



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT FOR APRIL 28, 2008

Activities in the period March 20 to April 22, 2008

Assistance to 2nd stage Island Coastal Economic Trust applicants from Alberni Valley

- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District / Alberni Valley Enhancement Society trails projects
- Hupacasath First Nation cultural centre
- Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society / Alberni Pacific Railway rail improvements
- Port Alberni Port Authority marine industrial / commercial park
- 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge

Business Retention

- Prepare presentations to Working Roundtable on Forestry
- Work with recommendations from Review of PA Forest Industry
- Meeting with employment services contractor looking for projects
- Ongoing work with tourism company to support operational base
- Ongoing work with manufacturer to find larger premises
- Ongoing work with Port Authority to firm up continuation of marine fuel service
- Ongoing discussions with entrepreneur re wireless 'hotspots' for community
- Meeting with consultant re single business license for mobile businesses
- Meeting with Coulson Group and Catalyst

Business Attraction

- Work with two different companies considering retail franchise in uptown area
- Met with small delegation from Edmonton doing familiarization tour
- Ongoing work with Wood Tech 21 and their vision for integrated new forest industrial operations
- Discussions with China business specialists

3rd Avenue Uptown Redevelopment Project

- Continued planning for project
- Expect tender will be let early May

Diversification

- Meetings with artists proposing festival
- Brought eco-tourism specialist in to meet with selected business operators

Work in the forthcoming period April 29 to May 21, 2008

- Budget Solutions Group
- Ocean Sciences / NEPTUNE project
- Review of PA Forest Industry (ongoing)
- ICET applications (ongoing)
- Wood Tech 21 (ongoing)
- Media columns/interviews (ongoing)
- Business Retention (ongoing)
- Business Attraction (ongoing)

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