



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT FOR AUGUST 25, 2008

Key Initiatives in Period July 28 to Aug 18, 2008

- Follow-up discussions with administrators of Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program re our application for funds for trail-building project for laid-off forest industry workers
- Follow-up on conditions imposed by Island Coastal Economic Trust in decision about our 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Stage 2 application
- First draft 'Economic Impact Report for Port Alberni 2008 Tall Ships Festival' in conjunction with Dave McCormick of Community Futures
- Meeting with new owner of Lady Rose
- Meeting with Ocean Industries BC, Can-Am Ocean Yachting Alliance and Port Alberni marine industrial and commercial stakeholders to discuss harbour development here
- Meeting with Port Alberni Port Authority and Hupacasath First Nation re Transformation Centre site
- Logistics problem solving for Automotive Event organizers of testing of new Subaru car models
- Industrial land initiatives
 - Ongoing efforts to identify industrial property for Acoustic Woods
 - Efforts to identify industrial property for Sun Coast Waste Services
 - Assistance to RALMAX subdivision proposal
 - Tour Vancouver developer through surplus lands at Catalyst
 - Make Catalyst aware of FCM low interest loans for remediation of industrial lands
- Assist Wood Tech 21 negotiations re proposed bio-refinery demonstration project for Port Alberni
- Participate in Alberni Valley Tourism Council process funded by Community Foundations Tourism BC
- Follow-up discussions with Island Timberlands re joint-venture possibilities on lands in Alberni Valley
- Meeting with MP Dr. Lunney re various Alberni Valley projects and issues

Work Planned for August 25 to September 24, 2008

- Start City's trail building project funded by Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program
- Progress on collaborative marketing project with 2009 World Under-17 Partner Communities
- Review of PA Forest Industry
 - session on recommendation pertaining to access for recreational use
 - Distribute summaries of previous sessions
- 3rd Avenue Redevelopment Project
 - Assist project as needed (see Scott Kenny's report elsewhere in Council package)
 - Work with Alberni-Clayoquot Community Futures to identify assistance for businesses targeted by Commercial Revitalization Tax-Exemption Bylaw
- Ad campaign to attract new residents to Alberni Valley
- Complete Economic Impact Studies for Tall Ships Festival
- Progress on Strategic Plan for Economic Development
- Complete Item 24 (Consult with Grocery Stores re plastic bag ban) in Current Status Report

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