



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT FOR JULY 28, 2008

Key Initiatives in Period June 20 to July 23, 2008

- Continue to develop application for Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program (short-term jobs for laid-off forest industry workers)
- Work with 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Society to ensure Stage 2 application to Island Coastal Economic Trust will have Board support
- Meeting with Tseshaht to discuss ICET opportunities
- Continue to work with Automotive Events for program based in Alberni Valley
- 2nd meeting with NEPTUNE re Ocean Sciences Centre for Port Alberni
- Ongoing efforts to secure industrial property for Acoustic Woods
- Develop then administer 'Economic Impact Study' for Tall Ships Festival in conjunction with Dave McCormick at Community Futures
- Complete additional filming of community for 2008 Beijing Summer and 2010 Whistler Winter Olympics
- Meet with Swedish forest industry delegation
- Prepare submission for and attend Forestry Roundtable
- Meet re Sustainable Cities report
- Meet with consultants preparing report on municipal taxes for Catalyst
- Meet with 'Thunder in the Valley' organizers to consider economic impact and marketing opportunities
- Assist development of City of Port Alberni major capital projects list for 'shelf-ready grant applications'
- Meet with Island Timberlands and Sandy McRuer to discuss private land holdings and economic development possibilities in Alberni Valley
- Develop projects list for 'shelf-ready grant applications' for Wood Tech 21
- Conference call/interview with community economic development and social economy researcher and Theresa Kingston
- Meet with representatives of Alberni Valley Outdoor Club and Alberni Valley Enhancement Association to discuss trail network for Alberni Valley
- Meet with Arrowsmith Explorer advocates to discuss grant application
- Assist delivery of 1st Annual 'Art in the Park' event
- Assist efforts of Canada World Youth organizers to find placements with Alberni Valley projects

Work Planned for July 28 to August 20, 2008

- Meeting with partner communities for 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge and development of collaborative community marketing program
- Application to Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program
- 3rd Avenue Redevelopment Project
 - Addressing project implementation matters
 - Working 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
- Strategic Plan for Economic Development
- Meeting with 'Townsend 12', Ocean Industries BC and Can-AM Ocean Yachting Alliance to discuss community's plans for marine industrial park and harbour
- Meet with owners of Lady Rose
- Secure site for Acoustic Woods

Pat Deakin