



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT FOR MAY 26, 2008

Key Initiatives in Period May 22 to June 19, 2008

- Visit Port Angeles and Port Townsend in Washington to compare approaches to integration of waterfront marine industrial and tourism activities, and Tilbury LNG plant in Delta, BC at the invitation of Terasen Gas
- Meetings to discuss recommendations about 'log sort' and 'aggregation of forest tenure' from 'Review of Port Alberni Forest Industry'
- Meeting with laid-off forest industry workers to discuss project possibilities for Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program
- Complete 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Stage 2 application to Island Coastal Economic Trust
- Meeting with Port Alberni Port Authority and Hupacasath First Nation re Transformation Centre site
- Find venue for storage of 20 vehicles being tested for auto industry
- Session to develop Key Messages on current issues
- Efforts to secure additional funding for Chamber's Visitor Information Centre
- 1st meeting with NEPTUNE re Ocean Sciences Centre for Port Alberni
- Tour potential 'anchor-tenant' for uptown and work to resolve location issues
- Efforts to secure industrial property for Acoustic Woods
- Stakeholders Meeting to discuss Port Authority plans for marine industrial park
- Develop 'Economic Impact Study' for Tall Ships Festival in conjunction with Dave McCormick at Community Futures
- Meeting with partner communities for 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge and development of collaborative community marketing program
- Arrange additional filming of community for 2008 Beijing Summer and 2010 Whistler Winter Olympics
- Arrange meeting with Arrowsmith Explorer proponents and Hupacasath First nation Chief Councillor Judith Sayers

Work Planned for June 20 to July 23, 2008

- Applications to Community Development Trust's Job Opportunities Program
- Sessions to Address Recommendations from Review of PA Forest Industry
 - June 25 session to address Private Managed Forest Land Issues and 'Access to Forest Lands and Trails'
- 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
- Assist delivery of 1st Annual 'Art in the Park' event
- Conduct Economic Impact Studies for Tall Ships Festival
- Strategic Plan for Economic Development
- Presentations to Forestry Roundtable
- Assists marine industrial park feasibility study
- Assists efforts to refine Ocean Sciences Centre vision

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