



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT FOR JANUARY 24, 2011

My report this month compares work, developments and challenges identified in January 2011 with those I reported in January of each of 2010, 2009 and 2008. I used this approach as a means of identifying progress, issues and trends.

WORK			
January 2011	January 2010	January 2009	January 2008
Finalize contribution agreements and staffing for Alberni Valley Adventure cluster	Assist NIDMAR's ICET application for the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences	Prepare for cruise ship visits	Hosted Round Table examining vision developed by Wood Tech 21
Facilitate meeting with Chris Scott and Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations re business initiative	Assist Alberni Athletic Hall with RInC application	Meetings with Tseshaht and Ditidaht First Nations to discuss idea of Runners' Trail	Produced pamphlet for Truck Loggers Convention inviting forest industry to Port Alberni
Discussions with Western Forest Products re dry land log sort and other aspects of Port Alberni operations	Assist Tseshaht/Eco-Grow greenhouse joint-venture operation in finding a site	Assist implementation of Job Opportunities Program funding for city trails	Prepared report to Council on industrial taxation
Meeting with Historic Alberni Inlet trail proponents to discuss funding requirements	Preparations for Integrated Resource Recovery Feasibility Study	Filming of 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge	Meetings with merchants re uptown revitalization project
Arrangements with Sauder School of Business for support of Alberni Valley organizations	Preparations for Jeep Jamboree	Assist in development of Vancouver Island Community Research Alliance	Meetings with Coulson Group re a forest industry training institute
Work with Port Authority on business plan for Fishermen's Harbour Improvements	SD 70 Hockey Academy explorations	Rural BC Secretariat re City's key initiatives	Meetings with MoFR and SOVA re 'Review of PA Forest Industry'
Meeting with Pacific Seafood (new owners of Port Fish)	Meeting with Holland America re cruise ship visits	Canada World Youth students research activities	Assistance to groups applying for ICET funds
Participate in Asia Twinning Webinar	Rural BC Secretariat and 'The Questions'	Transition Town training	Preparations for 'Think Asia' workshop
Meet with owner of Space Launch Canada to understand initiative		Attend Tseshaht First Nation 'Strength of Claim' presentation.	Assistance to efforts to establish a 'Business-Led Centre of Excellence'
Develop proactive response to Target purchase of some Zellers assets		'Retirement' of Lady Rose	Meetings with artists looking for something like 'Farmers' Market' venue
Meet with AV Social Planning Council			Assistance with RFP for Stirling Field
Meet with Chamber and AVT			Weekly columns for papers
CHALLENGES			
Replacement of Port Fish jobs	Funding for Wood Tech 21	Funding for Wood Tech 21	Sale of surplus land at Catalyst
Integration of 'sustainability plan' with economic development strategic plan	Integration of 'sustainability plan' with economic development strategic plan		Strategy for sale of City-owned lands
Establish 'indicators'	Sale of surplus land at Catalyst		