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### CITY OF PORT ALBERNI – MEETING SCHEDULE MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

4:00 pm	Grants-In-Aid Committee (Councillors Whiteman, Solda and Patterson) @ <i>Committee Room</i>	OPEN MEETING
6:00 pm	Special In-Camera Meeting @ <i>Committee Room</i>	CLOSED TO PUBLIC
7:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting @ <i>Council Chambers</i>	OPEN MEETING

### DATES TO NOTE

<b>Wed. Jan 10</b> 7:30 pm	AV Museum & Heritage Commission (Councillor Patterson) @ <i>AV Museum</i>	OPEN MEETING
<b>Wed. Jan 17</b> 10:00 am	Advisory Traffic Committee (Councillor McLeman) @ <i>Committee Room</i>	OPEN MEETING
<b>Thurs. Jan 18</b> 12:00 noon	Advisory Planning Commission (Councillor Mealey) @ <i>Committee Room</i>	OPEN MEETING
<b>Mon. Jan 22</b> 4:00 pm	Audit Committee Meeting (Councillor Chopra) @ <i>Committee Room</i>	OPEN MEETING
6:00 pm	Public Hearing Re: 6003 River Road @ <i>Council Chambers</i>	OPEN MEETING
7:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting @ <i>Council Chambers</i>	OPEN MEETING
<b>Tues. Jan 30</b> 7:30 pm	Rocket Richard Exhibit @ <i>AV Museum</i>	BY INVITATION



**AGENDA**

**GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 4:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present:

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1. Adoption of Agenda.
2. Review of the January 2, 2007 report from the City Clerk including 2007 Grants-In-Aid Application Summary and recommendations.

Committee to provide recommendations to Council.

3. Other Competent Business.
4. Adjournment.



## CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Grants-in-Aid Committee  
FROM: Russell Dyson, City Clerk  
COPIES TO: Ken Watson, City Manager  
DATE: January 2, 2007

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**Re: Grants-in-Aid Applications - 2007**

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Attached is a summary of 2007 Grants-in-Aid requests. The complete applications are provided in a binder in the Committee Room for you to review.

In 2003 the City adopted criteria for considering Grants-in-Aid. The criteria provided a priority for the issuance of grants. A copy of this policy is attached for the Committee's reference. This criteria and past practice has been applied to the 2007 applications to provide the recommendations proposed on the summary.

The amount budgeted for Grants-in-Aid in the financial plan is \$20,000.

If the guidelines are to be applied, there will be applicants that will be denied. The Committee is asked to review the criteria applied to each application, review the recommendations and provide direction for Council in consideration of the 2007 Grants-in-Aid. Comments regarding the recommendations are as follows:

- Four anomalies to the policy include:

1.	Alberni District Fall Fair	\$1,000
2.	Canadian Cancer Relay for Life	\$ 650
3.	Community Arts Council	\$4,500
4.	Volunteer Income Tax Program	\$ 570

- The exception made to the no "double dipping" policy for the Community Arts Council is on account of their Provincial grant being dependent upon a Municipal cash grant. This is consistent with previous years.

- The Log Train Trail Society wishes to develop trails within the City. The City has a modest budget for its own existing trails. Denial is recommended.
- The Legion has requested a grant equal to taxes. This application should have been made for a permissive exemption. Denial is recommended.
- The Salvation Army has applied for a cash grant equivalent to the taxes for the property, which was excluded from the permissive tax exemption. Denial is recommended.

Adopting the recommendations allocates \$15,075. It is recommended that Council maintain a contingency of \$925 for the year 2007 and reduce the grants-in-aid budget to \$16,000 for the year 2007.

The Committee's direction is requested.

Attachments

**2007 GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Name of Organization	Grant Type & Purpose	\$ Amount Requested	\$ in 2006	Criteria	Recommendation
Alberni District Fall Fair Association **	grant equal to utilities	\$1,000	1,000	3	1,000
Alberni District Secondary School Grad Ceremonies	grant equal to rental fee for AV Multiplex	\$742	375	3	375
Alberni Valley Alano Club	grant equal to water and garbage collection fees	\$750	375	2	375
Alberni Valley Citizens Advocacy Society	cash grant to help fund programs for Society's clients	\$1,000	500	2	500
Bread of Life Centre	grant equal to utilities (reduce by ACRD tipping amount)	\$2,000	1,700	1	1700
Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life – fundraiser dance *	grant equal to rental fee of Echo Centre	\$565 (approx.)	-	6	
Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life **	grant for use of Bob Dailey Stadium and Glenwood Centre for Relay for Life event	\$592.08	615.25	3	650
Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley/Rollin Art Centre	cash grant for programs and operation and maintenance of building and grounds	\$6,000	4,500	4	4,500
EMS Olympic Lifting Club	grant equal to costs of Glenwood Centre rental	\$272.86	136.43	4	150

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Name of Organization	Grant Type & Purpose	\$ Amount Requested	\$ in 2006	Criteria	Recommendation
Friends of the Log Train Trail *	Cash grant	\$1,500		6	
Port Alberni Aquatic Club (Blue Wave) Society	grant equal to 50% cost of pool rental for swim meet	\$750	750	4	750
Port Alberni Aquatic Club (Tsunami Swim Club)	grant equal to pool rental fees for swim meets	\$2,500	Spring 2007 1 Day Meet \$800 Fall 2007 2 Day Meet \$1700	4	1,250
Port Alberni Family Guidance Association *	Lease of City Building (former RCMP Building)		-		Refer to RFP
Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society**	grant equal to costs of Glenwood Centre rental - Canada Day	\$272.86	550	3	280
Port Alberni Salmon Festival Society	cash grant and grant for City services - garbage pick-up, parking lot barricades and sweeper	\$5,000	2,600	3	2,600
Port Alberni Toy Run	grant equal to 50% rental fee - Glenwood Centre	\$272.86	272	6	275
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #55 *	Grant equal to property taxes	Reduction in property taxes (2006 = \$6,834.63)	-		0



\* . . new Applicant for 2007

\*\* = Grants that are anomalies from guidelines

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**2007 GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Name of Organization	Grant Type & Purpose	\$ Amount Requested	\$ in 2006	Criteria	Recommendation
The Salvation Army, Alberni Valley Ministries *	Grant equal to property taxes	\$4,937.85	-	6	0
United Native Nations	cash grant for purchase of food, supplies, prizes, etc. for "Aboriginal Day"	\$1000.00	100	-	100
Volunteer Income Tax Program**	grant equal to rental fee - Echo Centre	\$565.29	545	6	570
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$27,565.25</b>		<b>15,075</b>

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# AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### PRESENT:

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (including introduction of late items)

B. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - Page 1

1. Regular Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on December 18, 2006 and the Special Meeting held at 12:00 pm December 21, 2006.

C. **DELEGATIONS**

1. **Westcoaster** (HC) - Page 19

Kevin Drews, publisher/editor of the "Westcoaster" online newspaper, is requesting a letter in support of an Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District resolution regarding lobbying the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to debate the inclusion of "recognized local online news services" to be part of municipal public notice requirements. (*Note: Item E. 2. relates to this issue.*)

D. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **Heart and Stroke Foundation** (CS) - Page 20

Letter dated December 18, 2006 requesting that February 2007 be declared as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni and asking if the Mayor can be available for signing the proclamation with the media in attendance.

*That the letter be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim February 2007 as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni.*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Literacy Alberni (KW) - Page 23**

Letter dated December 18, 2006 requesting three City computers that have recently been replaced be donated to their organization, as they have received funding to provide an ESL (English as a Secondary Language) program and some literacy training.

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the request of Literacy Alberni for the donation of 3 City computers that have recently been replaced are surplus to City needs.*

**2. Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum) (HC) - Page 24**

Letter dated November 30, 2006 encouraging all local governments to support legislative changes that will allow online services like the "Westcoaster" to be part of the municipal public notice system and further that a letter of support for a resolution regarding this request be sent to the Association of Vancouver Island Communities (AVICC) and the Union of British Columbia (UBCM) to affect such change at the provincial level.

**3. NEPTUNE Canada (HC) - Page 25**

Letter dated November 20, 2006 requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the City of Port Alberni for a Statutory Right-of-Way across the City Property located at 2160 Plywood Drive (Lot C, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP73079) for the purpose of connecting the NEPTUNE Canada Ocean Observatory marine system to the Observatory Station located at 2180 Mallory Drive.

**4. Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society (KW) - Page 27**

Letter dated January 3, 2007 requesting a resolution supporting the application to the Canada British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the "Transformation Centre" to be built at the intersection of Johnston Road and Victoria Quay.

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - Page 31**

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising a resolution was passed offering support to have the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Sciences located in Port Alberni.

**2. City of Coquitlam - Page 32**

Letter dated December 15, 2006 regarding the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.

**3. University of Victoria - Page 33**

Letter dated December 15, 2006 including a cheque for \$224 for the City of Port Alberni grant in lieu of property tax. *(See Mayor's letter dated Dec. 15/06 attached).*

**4. 2010 Legacies Now - Page 35**

Letter received December 18, 2006 with a copy of the 2005/2006 annual review enclosed. *(Note: Review available in "Reading File").*

**5. Ministry of Environment - Page 36**

Copy of a letter dated December 13, 2006 to Island Timberlands Limited Partnership regarding the unnamed tributary to China Creek Emergency Repair.

**6. Softwood Lumber Agreement - Pages 38 to 45**

Two letters in response to a letter from the Mayor expressing concern over the softwood lumber agreement with the United States. *(See Mayor's letter dated June 14/06 attached).*

- **Minister of Natural Resources Canada**
- **Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics**

**7. Port Alberni Port Authority - Page 46**

Letter dated December 13, 2006 expressing their disappointment that the visit to Abashiri, Japan in February 2007 has been cancelled.

**8. Tourism British Columbia - Page 47**

Letter dated December 15, 2006 in response to the City Clerk's letter concerning driving directions on HelloBC.com. *(See City Clerk's letter dated Nov 30/06 attached).*

**9. BC Progress Board - Page 50**

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising the release of a discussion paper entitled "The Social Condition in British Columbia," which examines the causes and costs of low income in BC. *(Note: Report available in "Reading File")*.

**10. BC Progress Board - Pages 54 to 63**

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising the Board's reports, "Building on our Progress – Striving for Excellence, Volumes I and II" are now available on their website. *(Note: Reports available in "Reading File")*.

**11. Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues - Page 64**

Letter dated December 27, 2006 enclosing a copy of their Community Opportunities Task Force (Task Force) Report, "Building Stronger Communities: Better Services, Economic Growth, Solutions That Work". *(Note: Report available in "Reading File")*.

**12. City of North Vancouver - Page 66**

Memo dated December 14, 2006 to all Union of British Columbia (UBCM) members advising of their endorsement of a resolution regarding the report "Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up".

**13. Letters received in support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers - Pages 67 to 80**

- Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District
- District of Kent
- District of Elkford
- Corporation of Delta
- District of Logan Lake
- District of Metchosin
- Village of Tahsis
- City of Salmon Arm
- Village of Sayward
- City of Trail
- Town of Lake Cowichan
- District of Kitimat
- District of Taylor (concern for loss of firefighting capacity)

**14. BC Assessment - Page 81**

Letter dated December 28, 2006 advising that the total taxable value of the 2007 Assessment Roll has increased over 23 per cent from 2006 and that all property owners in British Columbia will receive the Property Assessment Notices in early January.

**15. Beaver Creek Improvement District - Page 83**

Letter dated December 21, 2006 thanking the City for providing water to them during the power outage on December 12, 2006.

**16. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - Page 84**

Letter dated November 30, 2006 announcing that Associate Deputy Minister Wes Shoemaker will oversee the new formation of Emergency Management British Columbia.

**17. Terasen Gas - Page 85**

Letter dated December 15, 2006 reminding of right-of-way safety and enclosing copy of the 2007 Terasen Gas calendar and a brochure entitled "Right of Way - your guide to Staying Safe". (Note: Pamphlets available in "Reading File").

**18. Ministry of Health - Page 87**

Letter dated December 18, 2006 encouraging participation in the "Conversation on Health", a year long provincial discussion with British Columbians on every facet of health care to help prepare our health system for future generations.

**19. Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues - Page 89**

Letter dated December 18, 2006 announcing the official launch of the following programs: "Towns for Tomorrow", "LocalMotion" and "Spirit Squares" that encourage healthy living and physical fitness, improve sustainable environmental management and create both short and long-term jobs.

**20. Building Policy Branch - Office of Housing and Constructions Standards - Page 92**

Letter dated December 14, 2006 advising of their assessment of seismic slope stability, the amount a building would be displaced during an earthquake, and advising that materials are being developed to guide local governments and industry.

**21. Mental Health Foundation - Page 93**

Letter dated December, 2006 inviting nominations for the "2007 Courage to Come Back" awards, a province-wide campaign that celebrates ordinary people who have demonstrated extra-ordinary courage in their recover from adversity. (*Pamphlet and poster in "Reading File"*).

**22. City of North Vancouver - Page 94**

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising of their resolution to the Government of Canada to renew and expand the "National Homelessness Initiative".

**23. Local Government Program Services - Page 95**

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 announcing that funding is available for the "Seniors in Communities Dialogues" and "Pilot Projects" in support of locally determined Seniors Housing and Support Services which deal with housing, transportation and social services for seniors.

**24. Local Government Program Services - Page 96**

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising that the deadlines for applications to the "School Community Connections Program" have been extended.

**25. Local Government Program Services - Page 97**

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising that Phase II of the "Community Tourism Fund" will begin after the evaluation of Phase I of the Program.

*That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 25 be received and filed.*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil**

**H. BYLAWS Nil**



**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts (HC)**

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 8, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered            to            inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling            be approved.*

**2. Planning (CM) – Page 98**

Monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current departmental operations.

**3. Fire Department (CS) – Page 99**

Monthly report from the Fire Department providing information about current departmental operations.

**4. RCMP (CS) - Page 101**

Monthly report from the OIC, Port Alberni providing information about current departmental operations.

**5. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission (IP) - Page 103**

Minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting of December 6, 2006.

**6. City Clerk - Appointment to Heritage Commission (IP) - Page 106**

Report dated January 3, 2007 advising that Mr. Bill Lekich has expressed an interest in participating in the Heritage Commission as a member at large for a two year term.

*That the report dated January 3, 2007 from the City Clerk be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Mr. Bill Lekich to the Heritage Commission as a member at large for a two year term ending December 2008.*

**7. City Manager - Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Between British Columbia and Alberta (JM) - Page 107**

Report, as requested by Council, dated January 3, 2007 providing further information concerning the potential impacts on municipalities of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Between British Columbia and Alberta.

**8. City Clerk - 2007 Court of Revision (HC) - Page 119**

Report dated January 4, 2007 advising that the City is required to establish the date, place and time for the Annual Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni establish that the 2007 Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision meet on April 2, 2007 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street at 10:00 am.*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*That the meeting adjourn at      pm.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Mealey, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of C. 1 correspondence from Stacey Robbins and C. 3 Katimavik.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Mealey/Solda*

*That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at 3:00 pm and the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on November 27, 2006 as well as a Special Meeting held at 4:00 pm and the Annual Organizational Meeting held at 7:00 pm on December 4, 2006 be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Island Timberlands Limited Partnership**

Bill Waugh of Island Timberlands Limited Partnership was in attendance to discuss viewscapes and the planning behind logging activities in the Arbutus Ridge.

**2. Paul Larsen, Island Radio**

Was unable to attend; he will be rescheduled in the New Year.

**3. Katimavik**

Odessa Lopechuk introduced the most recent Katimavik team to be working in Port Alberni.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Minister of Employment and Income Assistance**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated November 20, 2006 providing their "10 by 10 Challenge" Toolkit for our community to use to create more awareness for persons with disabilities through employment which includes a resolution to endorse and publicize the Challenge be received and the Challenge be proclaimed as requested.*

*Carried*

**2. Gyro Club of the Albernis - Polar Bear Swim**

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That the letter dated November 21, 2006 requesting that January 1, 2007 be proclaimed as "Gyro Polar Bear Day" in Port Alberni, be received and the day proclaimed as requested.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Richard Berg**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated November 24, 2006 and various emails regarding the City of Port Alberni providing tax relief to Catalyst Paper, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Vancouver Island North Infilm Film Commission**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated November 24, 2006 requesting that the City of Port Alberni consider including them in the City's 2007 budget to help fund a Regional Film Office, be received and referred to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District.*

*Carried*

**3. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni support an application for \$606,600 by the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce through the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for the Rural Infrastructure Funding Program to construct a new Visitor Information Centre.*

*Carried*

**4. Official Opposition**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter dated November 26, 2006 from the Official Opposition critics for Economic Development and Local Government seeking input on the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, be received and staff be directed to prepare a report identifying the impacts.*

*Carried*

**5. Karen Fenske**

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That the letter dated December 12, 2006 advising that she is resigning as a member of the Advisory Planning Commission effective immediately, due to her family re-locating, be received and Council provide a letter of thanks for her service.*

*Carried*

**6. CUPE BC**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated December 1, 2006 objecting to the provincial government's P3 initiative (public-private partnerships); erosion of local government autonomy in decision making and advising that CUPE BC is working with local government to ensure natural resources and public services do not become privately owned, be received.*

*Carried*

**7. FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities)**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter received December 11, 2006 advising that the FCM's International Centre for Municipal Development are proposing the creation of a Global Program for Local Governments to more broadly engage Canadian municipalities in international development; encouraging Canadian municipalities to contact their Member of Parliament, be received and Council express their support for the global program.*

*Carried*

**8. Kin Canada**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter dated December 1, 2006 advising of their role in Canadian Society which is fund-raising for worthy causes, and asking for support by way of placing a "Message of Support" ad in their "KIN Magazine", be received.*

*Carried*

9. **Local Government Structure Branch (Ministry of Community Services)**

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That the letter dated December 11, 2006 responding to the City's letter regarding a review of services and local governance within the Alberni Valley, enclosing two documents that include terms of reference for such a review ("A Guide to Municipal Incorporation" along with a copy of the terms of reference for a "Creston Valley Local Services and Governance Review", be received and Council organize a meeting of representatives from the Alberni Valley and Ministry staff to discuss services within the Valley.*

*Carried*

F. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **City of Abashiri, Japan**

Fax dated November 24, 2006 from representatives of our twin City, Abashiri, and the members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Delegation, concerned about the damaging wind and rain storm in Port Alberni on November 15, 2006 and expressing sympathy to those affected by the flooding, trees falling and power outages.

2. **Drew Hadfield, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

E-mail dated November 30, 2006 commending the City Works Crew for the snow removal from the November 29, 2006 snowstorm.

3. **John Panagrot, MacDermott's Insurance Agency Ltd.**

Fax dated November 30, 2006 congratulating the City Works Crew on a great job keeping the major roads clear during the snowstorm on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

4. **ActNowBC**

Letter from the Minister of State for ActNowBC providing information and booklets regarding this Initiative, which is a health promotion platform that is focused on helping British Columbians live healthier lives by being more physically active, eating healthier foods, living tobacco free and making healthy choices in pregnancy and inviting community leaders to become ActNowBC champions to help reach their goal of being the fittest jurisdiction ever to host an Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

5. **The City of Victoria**

Letter dated November 27, 2006 responding to the Mayor's letter requesting support in lobbying the Provincial Government to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers to ensure they remain an active resource for fighting fires in BC.

6. **City of Parksville**  
Copy of a letter dated November 29, 2006 to the Premier of British Columbia requesting the province's immediate action to invest in the Martin Mars Water bombers in ensuring that they remain in British Columbia to provide firefighting services.
7. **Corporation of the Village of New Denver**  
Copy of a letter dated November 30, 2006 to the Premier of British Columbia urging the province to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers to ensure that they remain in British Columbia, continuing to provide our forests and communities with their firefighting capacity.
8. **2007 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference**  
City's letter dated November 30, 2006 to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board advising that the 2007 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference will be held in Calgary, Alberta from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> 2007; the theme is "Leading Change" and requesting consideration of their traditional cost-sharing of the Mayor's attendance at the Conference.
9. **City of Merritt**  
Letter dated November 30, 2006 to the Premier of British Columbia, the federal Minister of Public Safety (with a copy to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities) urging the provincial and federal governments to bring in legislation that will allow municipal government greater authority to remove undesirable and illegal actions from our communities and strengthen laws dealing with those convicted to make our communities secure and drug free.
10. **Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative and the Olympics**  
Letter dated November 30, 2006 expressing appreciation for representatives from the City meeting with Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative and the Olympics during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in October, to discuss potential closure of the Catalyst Paper machine and coordination of municipal economic development with provincial initiatives.
11. **Minister of Advanced Education**  
Letter dated November 29, 2006 from Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education, conveying pleasure meeting the Mayor and his delegation at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in October, to discuss the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Services.
12. **BC Progress Board**  
Letter dated November 15, 2006 enclosing a copy of their new Progress Board Discussion paper entitled "Reducing Crime and Improving Criminal Justice in British Columbia: Recommendations for Change".

13. **Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia**  
Letter dated November 29, 2006 enclosing a cheque for \$1,146,46 representing the City's share of the MFA debt borrowing dividend, a refund of the unused issue expense monies the MFA deducted on its debenture issues in 2004.
14. **Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum)**  
Copy of a letter dated December 5, 2006 to the Minister of Health regarding the Ty Watson Palliative Care House in Port Alberni and asking the Minister to ensure that VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority) fund a pilot project to open and staff Ty Watson House to service the region's hospice needs as related to palliative care.
15. **The SpeedStudio: Community and Sport Working Together**  
Letter dated December 6, 2006 advising of a new Track & Field Club in Port Alberni called The SpeedStudio created this fall by Alberni Valley Track & Field Club/ADSS coach Darren Willis for athletes interested in sprinting and who want to work year-round on their sport, they will commit 50% of their fundraising efforts to local education and action around climate change and related environmental issues, and are hosting a fundraising event - a viewing and discussion of the Al Gore film, "An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning" on December 12, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Maritime Discovery Centre, Hutcheson Gallery, by donation.
16. **Barry C. Oliver**  
Letter dated December 5, 2006 advising that he feels the tax relief offered to Catalyst Paper so far has been inadequate, and proposing that the City give the company the full \$1 million of tax relief for the 2007, and another \$500,000 tax reduction for 2008, provided that the company put in new refiners.
17. **Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services**  
Letter dated December 5, 2006 enclosing a cheque in the amount of \$118,645.45 representing the second of two Community Works Fund payments for the fiscal year 2006/07 and attaching a copy of their "Annual Report - Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services Secretariat".
18. **BC Progress Board**  
Letter dated December 5, 2006 providing their discussion paper on public education in British Columbia entitled "Working Together to Improve Performance - Preparing British Columbia's Public Education System for the Future".
19. **Letters received in support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers**
- District of Wells
  - Town of Princeton
  - Les McDonald
  - Nancy Welsh
  - City of Fort St. John
  - District of Sparwood
  - Village of Harrison Hot Springs
  - Village of Midway
  - Mark Gallicano
  - City of Enderby
  - Regional District of East Kootenay
  - Alberni Clayoquot Regional District



20. **John Binette**  
Mr. Binette expressed his lack of support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers
21. **Erlene Amero, Langford Resident**  
Email received in response to Mayor McRae's comments on CH News requesting aid from the Premier's Office to assist in emergency response.
22. **UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities)**  
Providing their "Executive Release" advising of the highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held November 30 and December 1, 2006.
23. **Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's issues**  
Providing a copy of "Aging Well in BC", a report from the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues to help develop a long-term vision to help the Province prepare for a rapidly aging population.
24. **ICBC - Road Sense**  
Letter dated December 7, 2006 announcing this year's prize winners in the "October Zero Crash Month" campaign, and advising that Port Alberni had a 24.6% decrease in crashes for the month of October, 2006.
25. **City of Kamloops/City of Kelowna/City of Prince George**  
Copy of a letter dated November 29, 2006 to the Prime Minister requesting the Government of Canada to immediately consider emergency funding to reduce the wildfire risk on private property caused by the pine beetle epidemic.
26. **Minister of Health**  
Letter dated December 6, 2006 responding to the Mayor's letter regarding the hospice, end of life care Ty Watson House in Port Alberni and VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority), who is responsible for managing resources and facilities in Port Alberni.
27. **CIBC**  
Letter dated December 6, 2006 advising that the CIBC Branch currently located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Angus Street, will be re-locating to the new Port Alberni Banking Centre at 3555 Johnston Road, and will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at Echo Centre (Dogwood Room) from 7 to 9 pm to discuss the opening of the Banking Centre as well as branch closures.
28. **Port Alberni Port Authority**  
Letter dated December 11, 2006 thanking the City of Port Alberni's Public Works Department, specifically Randy Fraser and his crew for responding quickly during the wintry conditions of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Mealey/Whiteman*  
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 28 be received and filed.

Carried

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** NIL

H. **BYLAWS**

1. **City Clerk - Public Hearing Report**

*Mealey/Patterson*  
That the report of the Public Hearing held on December 5, 2006 regarding Bylaw No. 4643, Bylaw No. 4644, Bylaw No. 4652 and Bylaw No. 4653 be received and filed.

Carried

2. **"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4643"**

*Mealey/Whiteman*  
That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4643", be read a third time.

Carried

*Mealey/Chopra*  
That final adoption of "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4643" be subject to the following condition:

- that the City of Port Alberni receive preliminary layout approval for the proposed subdivision from the City of Port Alberni Approving Officer.

Carried

3. **"Zoning Amendment No. 52 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4644"**

*Mealey/Solda*  
That "Zoning Amendment No. 52 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4644", be read a third time.

Carried

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That final adoption of "Zoning Amendment No. 52 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 - Dobie), Bylaw No. 4644", be subject to the following condition:*

- *that the City of Port Alberni receive preliminary layout approval for the proposed subdivision from the City of Port Alberni Approving Officer.*

*Carried*

**4. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 38 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4652"**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That "Official Community Plan Amendment No.38 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4652", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

***For the Motion:*** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

***Against the Motion:*** Councillor Mealey

*Council considered conditions for the final adoption of "Official Community Plan Amendment No.38 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4652" each condition was considered separately as follows:*

*Chopra/Mealey*

1. *that the developer's engineer be required to determine the adequacy of water and sanitary sewer services for the density of the project.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Whiteman*

2. *that the developer's engineer be required to determine the requirements for storm sewer and drainage for the site and area.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

3. *that the developer's engineer be required to prepare a road design for Heath Road and River Road to meet the City of Port Alberni and Ministry of Transportation requirements.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

4. *that a development service agreement and a security be required for items 1 through 3.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Patterson*

5. *that a landscape plan be submitted with a cost estimate and security for the landscaping be required.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

6. *that a parking layout plan be submitted that meets the zoning bylaw parking requirements.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/McLeman*

7. *that the two properties are to be consolidated in one legal parcel.*

*Carried*

**5. "Zoning Amendment No. 56 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4653"**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 56 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4653", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

***For the Motion:*** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

***Against the Motion:*** Councillor Mealey

*Chopra/Solda*

*That final adoption of "Zoning Amendment No. 56 (5251 and 5265 River Road - Robert Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4653" be subject to the following conditions:*

1. *that the developer's engineer be required to determine the adequacy of water and sanitary sewer services for the density of the project.*
2. *that the developer's engineer be required to determine the requirements for storm sewer and drainage for the site and area.*
3. *that the developer's engineer be required to prepare a road design for Heath Road and River Road to meet the City of Port Alberni and Ministry of Transportation requirements.*
4. *that a development service agreement and a security be required for items 1 through 3.*
5. *that a landscape plan be submitted with a cost estimate and security for the landscaping be required.*
6. *that a parking layout plan be submitted that meets the zoning bylaw parking requirements.*
7. *that the two properties are to be consolidated in one legal parcel.*

**6. "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street – Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649"**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That the report from the City Planner dated December 4, 2006 advising that the conditions for final approval of "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street – Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649" have been met, be received.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street – Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4649.*

*Carried*

**7. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T20 (Liquor, Wine and Beer Store - 4850 Beaver Creek Road), Bylaw No. 4594"**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That the report from the City Planner dated December 4, 2006 advising that the "Zoning Text Amendment No. T20 (Liquor, Wine and Beer Store - 4850 Beaver Creek Road), Bylaw No. 4594" conditions for final approval of have been met, be received.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T20 (Liquor, Wine and Beer Store - 4850 Beaver Creek Road), Bylaw No. 4594", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4594.*

*Carried*

**8. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the report of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting held on December 7, 2006, be received.*

*Carried*

**9. "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson), Bylaw No. 4655"**

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson), Bylaw No. 4655", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson), Bylaw No. 4655", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

**10. Setting a Public Hearing Date for Bylaw Number 4655**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson), Bylaw No. 4655", be advanced to a Public Hearing on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated December 11, 2006 be received and the cheques numbered 93409 to 93649 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$864,384.61 be approved.*

*Carried*

**2. Engineering and Public Works**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**3. Planning**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. Fire Department**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the monthly report from the Fire Department providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**5. Alberni Valley Museum**

*Patterson/Mealey  
That the monthly report from the Alberni Valley Museum providing  
information about current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**6. Director of Finance – Audit Committee Minutes**

*Chopra/McLeman  
That the minutes of the November 27, 2006 Audit Committee Meeting, the  
report dated December 4, 2006 from the Director of Finance responding to  
questions asked at the October 30, 2006 Audit Committee Meeting and  
the October 2006 financial statements be received.*

*Carried*

**7. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the Mayor's report be received.*

*Carried*

**8. Councillors' Reports**

The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.

*Chopra/Mealey  
That the Councillors' reports be received.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Stephen Fisher Bradley asked whether the Pacific Coast University for Work Place Health Sciences is proceeding. The Mayor indicated that the City supports this initiative and is lobbying for its establishment in the Alberni Valley.

Jen Fisher Bradley provided to Council a DVD regarding an October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on the topic of a Guaranteed Livable Income.

In response to a question from Julia Caranci of the Alberni Valley Times, the City Clerk indicated that the City's offer to Catalyst for tax relief was dependent upon the company committing to an investment before December 1<sup>st</sup>. The City received a response from Russell Horner, President of Catalyst, which was previously shared with the media. The City's consideration of tax relief is being referred to the financial plan with public meetings to be scheduled in the New Year.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Motion re: Homelessness**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That a motion regarding poverty and homelessness, requesting a meeting with federal and provincial politicians to discuss practical solutions within the community be endorsed, and circulated to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities asking for their support and concerted action to address this serious issue.*

*Carried*

**2. Motion re: Building Maintenance Standards**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to investigate and report back to Council the implications of establishing standards for the maintenance of buildings within the City.*

*Carried*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



ATTACHMENT  
TO DEC 11, 18, 2006  
Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS homelessness is the most visible aspect of problems that reach far deeper into our communities and affect the live ability of our cities, and the safety and security of our citizens; at the same time as it compounds the problems faced by the most vulnerable of our society; and

WHEREAS the quality of life in all cities in the region is being adversely impacted as a result of the lack of affordable housing, the lack of adequate treatment facilities and counseling services for those suffering from mental illness or substance abuse and addiction, and the lack of adequate income support, the lack of cutbacks to family counselors and Women's Resource Centres, and the lack of adequate income and advocate support for the poor, seniors, and new immigrants; and

WHEREAS local government is responsible for providing a multitude of services such as water, sewer, waste, roads, transit, parks, recreation, fire, police, and planning among many others; and finance these services with ~~with~~ 8 cents out of every tax dollar collected and

WHEREAS constitutional responsibility for housing, health, education, criminal law, immigration and social services resides with the provincial and federal governments, by whom 92 cents of every tax dollar is collected; and

WHEREAS cities are being left to shoulder the real and downloaded costs of poverty, crime and untreated mental illness through increased policing and community degradation, and pay for this through the regressive property tax system that was never designed to support social programs and social infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Provincial and Federal governments have significant fiscal surpluses, but are failing to address these problems, leaving cities to be asked to divert funds from our other responsibilities to redress the lack of attention to the provision of an adequate social infrastructure; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Alberni rejects the downloading of costs of social programs; and

THE CITY OF PORT ALBERNI requests a meeting with James Lunney, MP (Nanaimo-Alberni), Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum) and a representative of the Province of British Columbia to discuss practical solutions to these problems within our community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to the UBCM member municipalities, BC MLAs, and MPs, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities asking for support and concerted action to address these serious issues,"



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006 AT 12:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Mealey, Patterson,  
Solda and Whiteman

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)**

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Council Meeting held December 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm to be circulated at the regular meeting of January 8, 2007 for approval.

**C. DELEGATIONS                   NIL**

**D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION   NIL**

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE   NIL**

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL**

H. **BYLAWS**

1. "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654"

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4654", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4654.*

*Carried*

I. **REPORTS**

1. **Accounts**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated December 21, 2006 be received and the cheques numbered 93650 to 93865 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$585,014.59 be approved.*

*Carried*

J. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Julia Caranci, AV Times, asked what would happen if Catalyst were to reach a deal with the City regarding investment and taxation. The City Clerk indicated that taxation levels for the coming year will be determined following development of the 2007 – 2011 five year financial plan. This will include public input. The process will be advertised in the new year.

Alexander Pazitch asked about the City's progress in establishing bus shelters. The City Engineer indicated that the Province has set aside funds. The City will complete the required paperwork and the shelters will be installed in the new year.

K. **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Councillor McLeman stated he would be bringing forward a resolution at the next regular meeting for Council to purchase shares in the local health cooperative.

*McLeman/Solda*

*That Council prepare a response to the provincial report on raw log exports.*

*Carried*

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson*  
*That the meeting adjourn at 12:10 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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REGULAR  
DELEGATION  
JAN 8 2007

C.I.

Jan. 3, 2007

To: Russell Dyson, City clerk  
City of Port Alberni

From: Keven Drews, publisher/editor  
[www.westcoaster.ca](http://www.westcoaster.ca)

Re: Delegation to Port Alberni city council

Mr. Dyson:

I am asking for an opportunity to address Port Alberni city council during the regular Jan. 8 meeting.

I'll be speaking about Section 94 of the Community Charter and it's relevance to online news services such as the Westcoaster.ca.

Because of growing online news readership, the Westcoaster.ca believes it's in the public's interest for the provincial government to amend Section 94, Subsection 2A to include online news services such as the Westcoaster.ca. Currently, Section 94, Subsection 2A requires municipalities to advertise legal notices only in print newspapers. Later this month, we will ask the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to pass a resolution asking the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities and Union of B.C. Municipalities to debate the inclusion of "recognized local online news services" in Section 94, Subsection 2A at this year's conferences.

**The Westcoaster.ca is asking Port Alberni city council to write a letter supporting an ACRD resolution, a resolution that will see this issue debated at the AVICC and UBCM.**

Sincerely,  
Keven Drews, publisher  
Westcoaster.ca







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December 18, 2006

Mayor Ken McRae  
 4850 Argyle Street  
 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

REGULAR  
 PROCLAMATION  
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 DEC 22 2006  
 CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor McRae,

Re: Heart Month Proclamation

Chair  
 Mark Neale  
 President & CEO  
 Bobbe Wood

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 250.382.4035

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon is dedicated to raising awareness about the warning signs and risk factors of heart disease and stroke, as well as the work of the Foundation. We've had many recent successes, but heart disease and stroke are the underlying cause of death for more than one in three Canadians

As you know, February is Heart Month across Canada. It is our most significant month of the year for awareness and fundraising. With this in mind, we ask that you and your Council declare February as Heart Month in City of Port Alberni.

We have enclosed a sample Proclamation for you. As well, we would like to have the media attend the signing. Please contact me at 754-5274 so we can arrange this.

Last, but certainly not least, when leaders lead by example, the people tend to follow. Your on-going support for our Campaigns is needed in order help us achieve our vision: *Generations free of heart disease and stroke* to ensure vital heart and stroke research continues. This year, you can help by encouraging your staff to get involved with you during Heart Month. This can be done by putting your feet on the street and canvassing a route, attending a Heart Month Breakfast or making a personal donation to the cause of heart disease and stroke. Thanks in advance for your support this February!

Yours in heart health,

Donya Fiske, Area Manager

For more heart and stroke information:

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 1.888.HSF.INFO  
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**SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK**

One or more of these:

- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain in arm, neck, jaw, or back
- Sweating
- Nausea
- Difficulty breathing

**SIGNS OF A STROKE**

One or more of these:

- Sudden weakness, numbness
- Sudden trouble speaking
- Sudden vision problems
- Sudden severe headache
- Sudden dizziness

**CALL 9-1-1 OR YOUR MEDICAL EMERGENCY NUMBER IMMEDIATELY.**

## Mayor's Proclamation

Heart Month February 2007

- Whereas:** The Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon is a volunteer -based health who leads in eliminating heart disease and stroke and reducing their impact through:
- the advancement of research and its application
  - the promotion of healthy living, and
  - advocacy.
- Whereas:** The Foundation continues with Canadian research, which helps pioneer diagnostic techniques, medical treatments and surgical advancements that saves lives every year.
- Whereas:** Health promotion programs and resources are at work across Canada to help people learn how to live healthier lives.
- Whereas:** The Foundation undertakes a number of activities to position heart disease and stroke issues with federal parliamentarians.
- The Foundation undertakes a number of activities to position heart disease and stroke issues (e.g. tobacco control & health research funding) with federal parliamentarians.
- Whereas:** We applaud and commend the volunteers, staff and researchers of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon for their dedication and commitment and wish them continued success.
- Whereas:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_, am pleased to proclaim February 2007 "Heart Month" in the City/Town/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ and urge all citizens to show their support for this most worthwhile cause.





"Tom McEvay"  
<tmcevay@sd70.bc.ca  
>

01/07/2007 10:53 AM

To: <Russell\_Dyson@city.port-alberni.bc.ca>  
cc: <stuart.messenger@gov.bc.ca>, <doclark@shaw.ca>, "Tom McEvay"  
<tmcevay@sd70.bc.ca>  
Subject: Wrestling Week Request

REGULAR  
PROCLAMATION

JAN 8 2007

late item

D.2.

Russell, Happy New Year. Can you please pass this request on to the Mayor and Council ....

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club and the wrestling programs at ADSS, Neill and Dunn schools I am writing to request that you name the week of January 29- February 4, 2007 as "Wrestling Week" in Port Alberni. This designation would commemorate the proud tradition and well respected reputation of the Alberni Valley Wrestling Program as we mark our 25th Annual Alberni Invitational Wrestling Tournament February 1-3, 2007.

The Alberni valley wrestling program has been in existence for close to 30 years now and the 2007 Alberni Invitational Wrestling Tournament February 1-3, 2007 will be our 25th annual event. This event has grown over these years to become one of the most highly regarded wrestling competitions in Canada. Well over 60 schools and clubs with over 600 athletes come to this event each year. Dozens of volunteers and huge community support are needed every year to make this tournament a reality. It is the largest sporting event held on an annual basis in our community. In recognition of this year's anniversary event we are hosting a reunion of alumni and supporters as part of the weekend's activities.

The Alberni wrestling program is widely considered one of the top wrestling programs in the country. We have a rich tradition of athletic excellence, personal development and service to our community. Our teams have won 7 provincial high school team championships and our athletes have won over 60 individual BC titles, over 25 National titles and many international honours. Hundreds of young people have participated in this healthy activity and our program has contributed to their growth as strong and positive human beings. Each year members of our program provide service in many ways to our community through our work at numerous community events.

We would greatly appreciate the support of Council in naming the week of January 29 - February 4, 2007 as Wrestling Week in Port Alberni. We hope you will agree that our program has earned the opportunity for this type of recognition. We also hope that the Mayor and Councillors will be able to drop by the Multiplex during the 2007 Invitational to take in some of the action and possibly present some awards on Saturday February 3rd. We look forward to your decision. Thank you for all of your support over these many years.

Sincerely,

Tom McEvay  
Alberni Wrestling



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For further information, please contact:  
Mr. [Name] at [Phone Number]  
[Email Address]

For further information, please contact:  
Mr. [Name] at [Phone Number]  
[Email Address]

Thank you for your interest in the program and for your support.

Sincerely,  
[Name]

The report of the Alberta Writing Assessment Study, released in 2007, shows that writing skills are a key component of the Alberta Education, Culture and Skills Development program. The program is designed to help students develop their writing skills and to provide them with the tools and resources they need to succeed in the workplace. The program is a key component of the Alberta Education, Culture and Skills Development program and is designed to help students develop their writing skills and to provide them with the tools and resources they need to succeed in the workplace.

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We would like to thank you for your interest in the program and for your support. We would like to thank you for your interest in the program and for your support. We would like to thank you for your interest in the program and for your support. We would like to thank you for your interest in the program and for your support.

Thank you,  
[Name]  
[Title]

copy: Janis Hamilton ✓

**OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL  
PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS**

**NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE**

Monday, December 18, 2006

Mr. Russell Dyson  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8E3

REGULAR  
ACTION  
JAN 8 2007  
E.I.

Dear Mr. Dyson:

RE: COMPUTERS FOR LITERACY ALBERNI

It has come to my attention that the City of Port Alberni has a number of older computers that have recently been replaced by newer ones. I would like to ask if Literacy Alberni may be able to receive three of these computers if the City of Port Alberni is disposing of them.

As you may be aware, Literacy Alberni has been in existence as a fledgling society for the past three years. Recently, we have re-constituted our executive board, and we have received some funding to provide an English as a Second Language (ESL) Program and some literacy training.

We have established our community office above INEO Employment Services on Argyle Street. While we have one computer for our ESL Coordinator, we do not currently have any computers for students. Therefore, if the City of Port Alberni would be able to provide us with three computers, this would be of great assistance to our Society.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tom Weegar  
Campus Principal  
President, Literacy Alberni  
Chair, LEAP Now! Steering Committee (Literacy and Education for Alberni Persons)

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Scott Fraser, MLA  
(Alberni-Qualicum)

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

November 30, 2006

City of Port Alberni Mayor and Council  
4850 Argyle St.  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor and Council:

As the MLA for Alberni-Qualicum and as a former municipal politician, I am very aware of the role played by the media in providing the public with local government information and in meeting the legal requirements of government disclosures such as notice of public hearings, legal notices, etc.

I am also aware that the medium of media has and will continue to develop and evolve as has been evidenced by the advent of online news services such as the Westcoaster. Such services have become an essential and vital means of news distribution in many regions.

I believe it is also essential that legislation must also develop and evolve to meet present and changing realities.

It is with this in mind that I offer to support legislative change that would allow local governments the option to advertise in reputable online daily news services like the Westcoaster. I believe that to withhold that option or deny that legislative change would not be in the public interest nor would it benefit the autonomy of local governments to make such decisions.

I would encourage all local governments, Mayors, Councillors, Regional Districts and Regional District Chairs to support any legislative changes that allow online services like the Westcoaster to be part of your public notice system and further would encourage that you consider forwarding and supporting a resolution to the AVICC and the UBCM to affect such change at the provincial level. I will support any such resolution.

Yours truly,

Scott Fraser, MLA  
(Alberni-Qualicum)

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December 20, 2006

**Ken Watson, City Manager, City of Port Alberni**  
4850 Argyle Street  
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VIA FACSIMILE  
Original to Follow by mail

**Re: Request for Statutory Right of Way**

NEPTUNE Canada would like to request permission to enter into an agreement with the City of Port Alberni for a Statutory Right of Way across the City property located at 2160 Plywood Drive (Lot C, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP73079) for the purpose of connecting the NEPTUNE Canada Ocean Observatory marine system to the Observatory Station located at 2180 Mallory Drive.

NEPTUNE Canada has made significant progress with regards to the planning and design of the observatory; the marine installation route has been finalized, the communication path between the station in Port Alberni and the University of Victoria has been contracted, and the initial suite of science instruments has been selected.

NEPTUNE had the opportunity to provide an informational display that was located at the Maritime Discovery Centre from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at which time it was re-locate to the Port Alberni Museum.

NEPTUNE representatives have also attended many speaking engagements in Port Alberni and the surrounding area, meetings with the Regional District and other local agencies and interest groups, and meetings with local First Nations.

An evaluation of the building systems in the observatory station was recently completed and we expect to start building upgrades during the spring of 2007. This will include work to the fire suppression systems, HVAC and electrical systems.

The installation of the equipment within the observatory station will commence in the summer of 2007 and will not result in any significant traffic increase or a disruption to the neighborhood.

Construction of the conduits that will house the cables that will connect the marine system to the observatory station will commence in 2007 once the necessary agreements and approvals can be obtained.

We are currently anticipating installation of the marine system to commence in the summer of 2007; this will include the marine cables and an initial roll out of science instrumentation.

We are looking forward to the installation phase of our project as this will mean a greater presence in Port Alberni and the realization of our goal of installing the worlds first real time deep water ocean observatory; bringing the world and the ocean to Port Alberni's doorstep.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for a statutory right of way, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Kalnick,  
Manager, Permits & Rights of Way  
University of Victoria,  
NEPTUNE Canada

CC:



**Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society**

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January 3, 2007

**RE: Waterfront Development at Victoria Quay**

Dear Mayor McRae,

As you are aware, an interpretive centre is being planned for the Old City Hall site at 4586 Victoria Quay. This project is an opportunity to transform an historic site into a tourism focal point that positively demonstrates First Nations and other Alberni Valley settlers' social, cultural and economic contributions to the area.

The vision for this landmark site includes:

- \* Interpretive Centre that highlights Hupacasath history in addition to information about other cultures, people and events that have shaped the Alberni Valley;
- \* Gallery that showcases locally manufactured products and art;
- \* Small, multi-media theatre to show documentary and independent films;
- \* Museum collections and displays;
- \* Support for spin-off businesses such as cultural canoe tours and other eco-tourism ventures.

Work on the project has been delegated into three phases, the first of which has been completed. Work on the project to date has included:

- \* Revitalizing the main line of site at the intersection of Johnston Rd. and Victoria Quay with a green space that showcases two Welcome Figures and an award winning carving structure;
- \* Initial environmental and geotechnical surveys;
- \* Initial business planning and market feasibility assessments;
- \* Waterfront public boardwalk linking the site to the adjacent marina; and
- \* Prominently displaying the Nuu-chah-nulth Whaling Monument gifted to HFN from the Royal BC Museum of Victoria.

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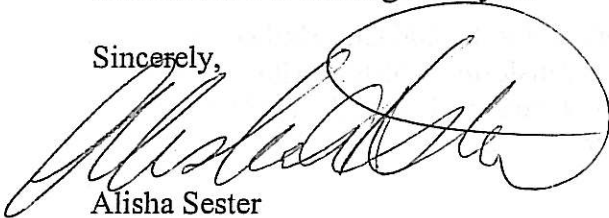
The name "Transformation Centre" imparts the intentions of the structure and its surrounding area, which are to transform Port Alberni's waterfront to a site of beauty, to transform the relationship of the Hupacasath and the City of Port Alberni and to transform people's understanding of local cultures and history.

The Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society has been approved to apply for further funding for this project under the Canada British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, provided we are able to supply a resolution from the local government confirming Transformation Centre as a priority project for the City of Port Alberni. As a partner in this endeavour, the City of Port Alberni has supported this initiative from its inception and we believe, is as eager as we are to proceed into the next phase of the project.

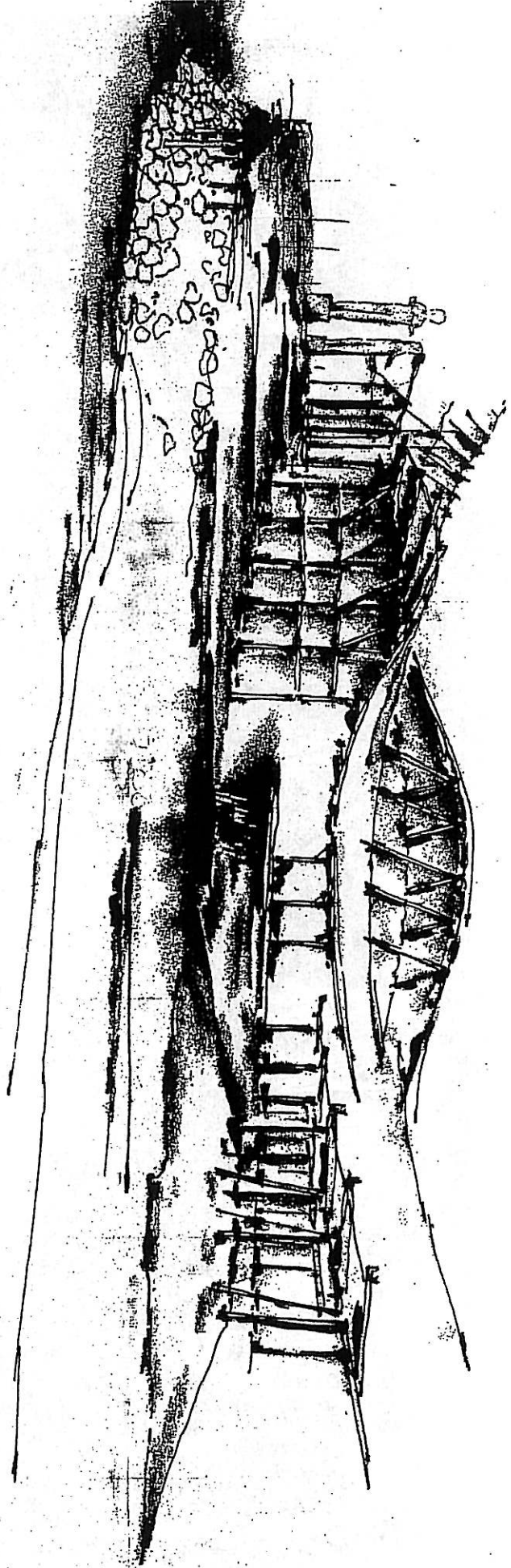
We are approaching a deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> and our hope is to obtain a resolution from the City as soon as possible. The resolution will expedite our eligibility by enabling full access to the CBCMRIF application.

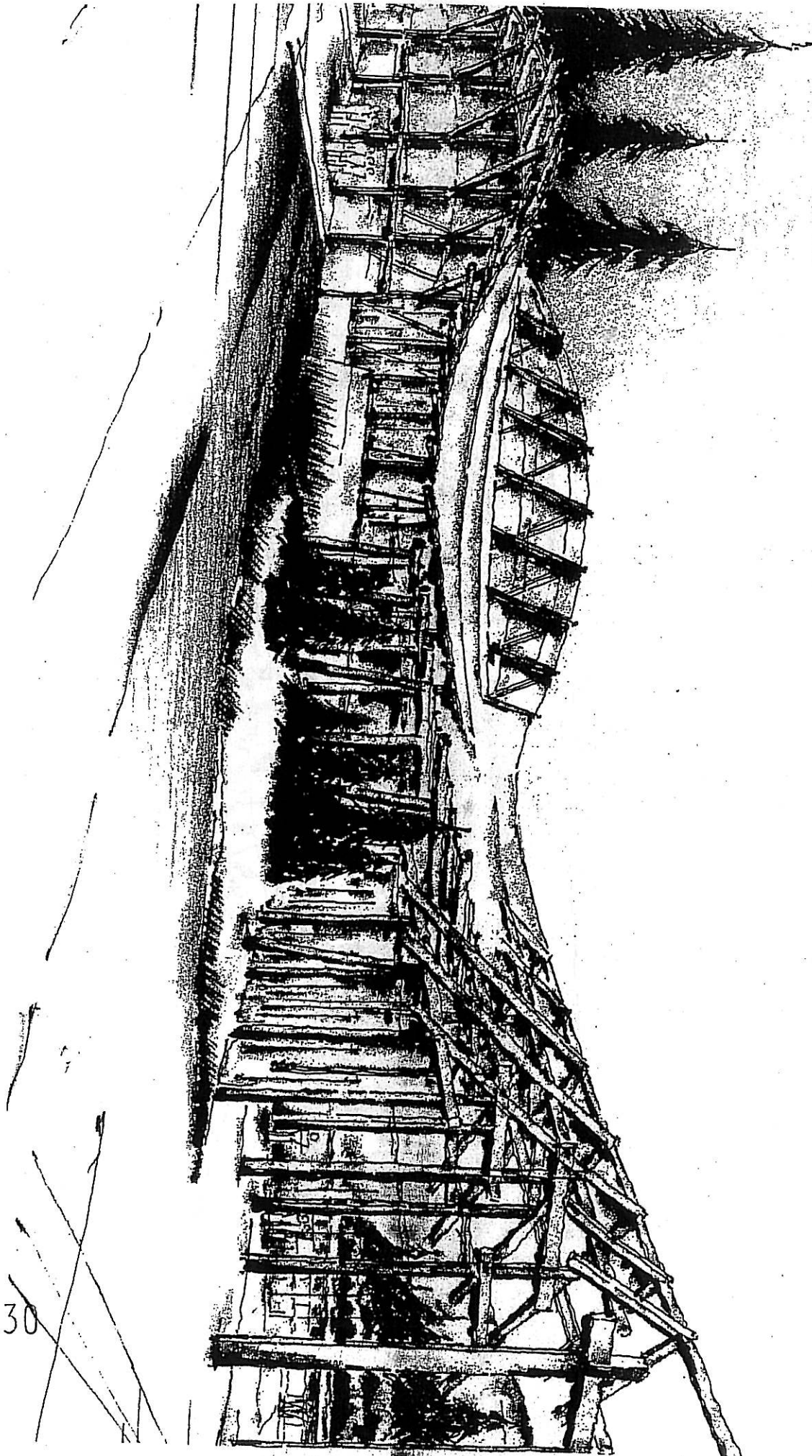
The Society thanks you for your consideration and support of Transformation Centre. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Alisha Sester  
for Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society







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January 6, 2007

**Mayor Ken McRae**  
City of Port Alberni

Dear Mayor McRae,

After a great deal of thought and a great sense of urgency, I would like to ask for your assistance in salvaging the Port Alberni-Abashiri Sister City Relationship. I am writing simply to ask you to postpone the upcoming announcement/letter, and to give me time to determine if the Relationship can be salvaged even if it is on a smaller scale.

I recently watched the Council Meeting in which it was stated that Council was "financially unable" to send a city representative to Abashiri to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Twinning. I have since heard that plans are in motion to end the relationship. I was totally unaware of the dissolution idea, as I do not get a newspaper. If I had known about this meeting, I most certainly would have come.

I realize that Port Alberni has often been economically challenged to support Twinning, but shutter to think that 20 years of friendship and goodwill is suddenly coming to an end, especially on the 20th year of its very existence. If that is the case, I am willing to fight for the cause. Many of Port Alberni's citizens are unaware of this decision and many people I have spoken to are upset at the prospect of losing our Sister City.

I have to ask, why did the City sign an agreement with Abashiri if it had no intention of honoring its word. Does it not realize that honor has great value in Japan? In response to the lack of support to send a City Representative to Abashiri for the 20th Anniversary, I believe Ike Patterson said, "Surely our word is worth more than a plane ticket." I couldn't agree more.

Abashiri has shown its concern for our community many times in the past and did so again last year when it sent a contribution after the storm/flood in November. I believe that Mayor Oba said, "This is what friends do when others are in need." I am very disappointed that the City, then proceeded with a motion to end the Twinning relationship.

As you know, this is an issue very dear to my heart as I lived in Abashiri for a four year period and know the great significance Port Alberni has there. The relationship between our cities has affected the lives of countless people, and is worthy of being maintained.

Our good friend, Shinko Tsunoda, will arrive with a student delegation this Saturday, and I would like to ask Council to reconsider its decision before destroying such an invaluable part of our communities.

As time is of the essence, I hope to speak to you very soon.

Sincerely,

Sherri McKinnon  
ESL Instructor  
Malaspina University College

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December 15, 2006

Via Fax # 723-1003

Mayor Ken McRae & Council  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC  
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Dear Mayor & Council,

At the regular meeting of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors held on Friday, December 8, 2006, the following resolution was passed:

**"That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District forward a letter to the City of Port Alberni offering support in efforts to have the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Sciences located in Port Alberni"**

We are pleased to assist in any way we can to bring this facility to Port Alberni. This project would be great for our region's economy, bringing new jobs to the area.

Sincerely,

Hira Chopra  
Chairperson

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Members: City of Port Alberni, District of Ucluelct, District of Tofino  
Electoral Areas "A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "C" (Long Beach), "D" (Sprout Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek) and "F" (Cherry Creek)



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December 15, 2006  
Our File: 01-0195-01/000/2006-1  
Doc #: 479832.v1

Dear Mayor and Council:

**RE: Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change**

Please be advised that at their Regular Meeting held December 4, 2006, Council for the City of Coquitlam adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS climate change remains an issue of vital local, national, and global importance;

WHEREAS the City of Coquitlam has endorsed the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change;

WHEREAS more than 250 US Cities, regardless of the position of the United States Government, have signed the "United States Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement" and are taking actions to meet their country's obligations under the Kyoto Protocol;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to report back to Council with recommendations as to benchmarked strategies, and costs associated with the strategies, to enable the City and community of Coquitlam to meet our Kyoto targets; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) member municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local MLAs and MPS."

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter please contact me directly at 604-927-3484.

Yours truly,

Kerri Lore  
Committee Clerk

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December 15, 2006

Mayor Ken McRae  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor McRae,

As you may be aware in 1996, the University Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.419 was amended to add the following paragraph:

- (t.1) to pay to a municipality incorporated by or under an Act a grant in a year not exceeding the lesser of
  - (i) the amount that would be payable as general municipal taxes in the year on property of the university within the municipality if the property were not exempt from these taxes; and
  - (ii) the amount specified by the minister or calculated in the manner specified by the minister.

A cheque in the amount of \$224, as specified by the Ministry of Advanced Education for the City of Port Alberni provincial funding, is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

David H. Turpin PhD, FRSC  
President and Vice-Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Heather Brazier  
Director, Funding and Analysis Branch

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# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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File #0410-01

December 15, 2006

Dr. David Turpin, President and Vice-Chancellor  
University of Victoria  
PO Box 1700  
Victoria BC V8W 2Y2

**Re: 2180 Mallory Drive, Port Alberni, BC**

Port Alberni City Council received a copy of the Ministry of Advanced Education's letter advising that the grant in lieu of property taxes for your property at 2180 Mallory Drive, Port Alberni BC will be \$224 for the year 2007. This is a fully serviced property provided with all the benefits of our municipal infrastructure. Previous to your purchase of this property the owner was paying in the order of \$80,000 annually in municipal property taxes.

We recognize that Universities can provide benefits to local communities, in the form of improved educational, cultural and sport resources and opportunities. University campuses provide employment and generate part time residents to the communities they are located in.

Currently there are no such benefits evident within our community of your occupation of 2180 Mallory Drive. Yet the Neptune project, for which the property was purchased, is a multi million dollar investment having attracted \$31.9 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and \$30.5 million from the British Columbia Knowledge Development Fund.

The City requests a greater contribution to our revenues with an increased grant in lieu of taxes. Further, we want to work together with you to increase the direct and indirect benefits of your presence within our community.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your positive response.

Yours truly  
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Ken McRae  
Mayor

c: Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations, University of Victoria  
Don Avison, President, The University Presidents' Council of British Columbia  
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Dear Mayor McRae,

It is with great pleasure and an immense feeling of achievement that we present the 2010 Legacies Now annual review. The annual review features stories from around British Columbia during our 2005/06 fiscal year. From sport and recreation, to volunteerism, arts and literacy, 2010 Legacies Now spent the year developing partnerships, programs and plans for the future.

Perhaps the most impressive details of the 2005/06 fiscal year were the numbers. 2010 Legacies Now played part in sending over 8,500 B.C. students to Explorations summer camps; provided communities with close to \$485,000 to host 35 national and international sport events; and launched VolWeb.ca which now hosts over 450 event organizations.

These accomplishments, and many more, are detailed in the annual review. We invite you to flip through the pages, read the stories and enjoy the photos. The annual review contains highlights from the past year, which are the foundation of our plans for tomorrow.

2010 Legacies Now would like to thank the Province of B.C., our other partners, sponsors, and the various individuals and organizations who support our many programs and initiatives. We look forward to our continuing interaction with you, in the years to come.

Best regards,

Bruce Dewar  
CEO  
2010 Legacies Now

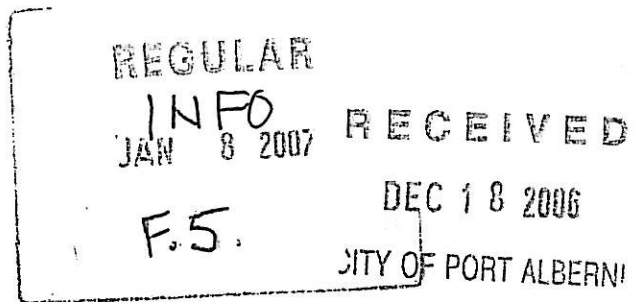
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December 13, 2006

Watershed File: 76800/31-10

Island Timberlands Limited Partnership  
1420 East Island Highway  
Nanoose BC V9P 9A3

ATTENTION: Shelley Higman, P.Eng

Dear Shelley Higman:

Re: Unnamed tributary to China Creek Emergency Repair

This is a follow up letter to your e-mail received in this office on December 7, 2006, regarding removal of gravel from the unnamed tributary to China Creek channel, please note that the Water Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment has no objection to the proposed work with the understanding that:

1. Island Timberlands informs Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), City of Port Alberni and Hupacaseth First Nation (water power water licence holders) in writing, of the location, timing and nature of the works to be constructed before starting in stream work.;
2. permission for access through private or public lands must be obtained prior to commencement of the work;
3. Island Timberlands shall exercise reasonable care to avoid damaging land, works, trees, or other property; and shall make full compensation to the owners for damage or loss resulting from construction, maintenance, use, operation, or failure of the works;
4. the change in and about a stream must be designed, constructed, and maintained in such a manner that the change does not pose a significant danger to life, property, or the environment;

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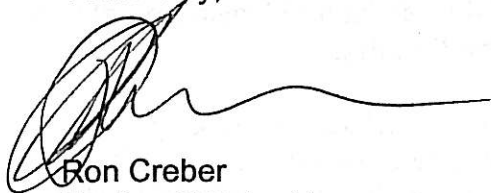


5. Island Timberlands while making the change in and about the stream will:
  - (a) maintain water quality;
  - (b) maintain stream channel integrity;
  - (c) maintain surface and sub-surface drainage systems and flows;
  - (d) conserve wildlife habitat, including riparian vegetation;
  - (e) protect fish habitat and fish passage;
  - (f) prevent erosion, mass wasting, siltation; and
  - (g) prevent degradation to water quality at the intake of existing water supplies authorized under the *Water Act*; and
  
6. as-built drawings and short letter report including photographs of this work is to be submitted to this office within 30 days of completion of the work.

The onus is on Island Timberlands to maintain communications with the downstream stakeholders during this high risk in stream work period.

Your contact at Water Stewardship Division in Nanaimo on this matter is John Baldwin at (250) 751-3179.

Yours truly,



Ron Creber  
Regional Water Manager

pc: Peter Law, Ministry of Environment, Habitat Officer, Nanaimo  
Brad Rushton, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Campbell River  
City of Port Alberni  
Trevor Jones - Hupacaseth First Nation, Port Alberni

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His Worship Mr. Ken McRae  
Mayor of the City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, British Columbia V9Y 1V8

Dear Mr. Mayor: *Ken*

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of June 14, 2006, in which you expressed your concern over the softwood lumber agreement with the United States (U.S.) and its potential impact on Port Alberni. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thoughts on this issue.

The Canada-U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement, which came into force on October 12, 2006, is helping to alleviate the liquidity pressures facing the industry by putting more than US\$4.4 billion back into the hands of Canadian softwood exporters. It also provides stable and predictable access to the U.S. market. Forest communities and workers across the country will benefit from the stability this deal will provide.

The Agreement also contains numerous innovative provisions that take into account the main concerns of all provinces and stakeholders, such as the limit to the export charge on western red cedar lumber. In addition, the British Columbia (B.C.) government has the flexibility to select the border measure for the B.C. coast that best addresses the economic and commercial situation of the region.

The federal government's 2006 Budget also included a commitment of \$400 million to combat the mountain pine beetle infestation, strengthen the long-term competitiveness of the forestry sector, and support worker adjustment. This funding will help to address many of the challenges that are currently facing Canada's forest sector.

Canada's New Government recognizes the challenges facing the forest sector and is taking action to support a more sustainable, successful forest industry that supports communities such as Port Alberni and others across the country.

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I appreciate your interest in this very complex issue. Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Gary Lunn, P.C., M.P.

Minister of International Trade and  
Minister for the Pacific Gateway and  
the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics



Ministre du Commerce international et  
ministre de la porte d'entrée du Pacifique et  
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The Honourable L'honorable  
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His Worship Ken McRae  
Mayor of the City of Port Alberni  
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence concerning the softwood lumber dispute with the United States. I appreciated receiving your views as Canada sought a resolution to this dispute. I apologize for the delay in replying to you

As you are aware, on August 22, 2006, the Prime Minister announced that the federal government had received a clear majority of industry support for the Softwood Lumber Agreement from Canadian softwood lumber companies in all regions, the support of the three largest softwood-producing provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, as well as the support of Atlantic Canada. Subsequently, on September 12, 2006, U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab and I signed the Softwood Lumber Agreement, and on September 20, 2006, the legislation to implement the Agreement, Bill C-24, was introduced in Parliament. The Agreement entered into force on October 12, 2006.

The Softwood Lumber Agreement represents a carefully negotiated balance of interests and contains improvements in a number of areas over the agreement in principle of April 27, 2006. This successful conclusion is the result of a lengthy process of close consultations with provinces and industry.

The Softwood Lumber Agreement is good for Canada and for the softwood lumber industry. Under the Agreement, U.S. countervailing and anti-dumping duty orders have been fully and completely revoked. The deal ends years of costly litigation and returns more than US\$4.5 billion in duties to Canadian softwood producers. The return of these funds marks a significant infusion of capital into the industry and will benefit workers and communities across Canada. Companies that participate in the Export Development Canada (EDC) deposits refund mechanism will receive this money within four to eight weeks of filling out and returning the necessary legal and administrative documents. I am pleased to report that EDC began disbursing duty refunds on October 30, 2006, ahead of schedule and less than three weeks after the Agreement came into force.

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For the next seven to nine years, when lumber prices are high, as has been the case for most of the past two years, no border measure will be imposed. When the price of lumber is at US\$355 per thousand board feet or less, the border measures that each province has chosen to best address its specific economic and commercial situation will be imposed. The funds collected from border measures will remain in Canada. The Agreement will also provide for reduced export charges for Canadian exporters when other lumber-producing countries significantly increase their exports to the United States at Canada's expense.

Finally, the Agreement establishes a range of consultative mechanisms that will ensure the orderly operation and commercially viable functioning of the Agreement, as well as enhance binational cooperation and the development of a more integrated North American lumber industry.

On industry assistance, the government has reached an agreement that would provide a stable business environment for the softwood lumber industry and an early refund of over US\$4.5 billion in deposits held by the United States. In addition, the 2006 federal budget provides C\$400 million over two years to combat the pine beetle infestation, strengthen the long-term competitiveness of the forestry sector and support worker adjustment. It also called for an acceleration of the capital cost allowance for forestry bio-energy.

The Agreement is in the best interests of Canada and the companies, communities and workers across the country who rely on secure and stable access to the U.S. lumber market for their financial well-being. With this agreement, Canada and the United States can turn the page on the softwood lumber dispute, and we can now direct our full attention to building a stronger, more competitive North America for the benefit of all of our citizens.

Thank you for writing to share the concerns of the Port Alberni City Council on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable David L. Emerson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Dr. James Lunney, M.P.





# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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June 14, 2006

**FAKED** and Mailed

The Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
Legislation Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Prime Minister and Mr. Premier:

Port Alberni continues to provide quality resources and specialized forest products despite restructuring in the forest industry. The community continues to diversify its economy, however, the forestry, sawmill and paper industries remain central to our economy and the region's contribution to provincial and federal revenues.

I wish to draw your attention to the statements made by Mr. Russ Horner, CEO Catalyst Paper of Canada Ltd. He has expressed his concerns regarding the proposed softwood lumber deal and the potential impact to local sawmills, (Vancouver Sun article attached).

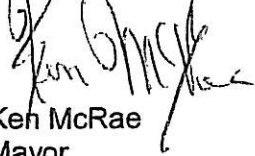
Resource based forest industries rely on a synergy - an inter dependency of product, personnel and resources. Port Alberni City Council is concerned that threats to this balance may create an unprecedented collapse in our industrial base and the weakening of the contribution we provide to the broader economy. Further job losses in this community would be devastating.

Council for the City of Port Alberni requests that the federal and provincial government ensure there are no detrimental effects of any softwood lumber deal, or any other form of industry restructuring that may upset the balance of our forestry, sawmill and paper industries and negatively impact our community.

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The May 2006 Vancouver Island Health Authority report titled "Understanding the Social Determinants of Health" rates Port Alberni among the worst performing areas in the province based on the BC Stats Socio-Economic Health Index. We simply cannot afford further job loss in our community. Please ensure the viability of our community.

Yours truly,  
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI



Ken McRae  
Mayor

Attachment

- c. Hon. David Emerson, Minister of International Trade
- Dr. James Lunney, MP, Nanaimo-Alberni
- Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests
- Hon. Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development
- Scott Fraser, MLA
- Russ Horner, Catalyst Paper
- Reid Carter, Brascan Asses Management
- Reynold Hert, Western Forest Products Inc.
- Rick Jeffery, Coast Forest and Lumber Association

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## Pulp mills 'at risk' in softwood deal

### Paper producer fears domino effect if pact leads to coastal sawmill closures

**Gordon Hamilton**

Vancouver Sun

Friday, June 09, 2006

Pulp and paper mills on the B.C. coast face closures as a result of a softwood lumber deal that ignores the concerns of coastal sawmillers, according to the head of the province's major paper-maker.

Russ Horner, president of Catalyst Paper, said he is watching the softwood issue with concern because his mills rely on a secure supply of wood chips to survive.

Catalyst has mills at Campbell River, Powell River, Crofton and Port Alberni, and a recycling division at Vancouver. It employs 3,800 people.

He singled out the company's Port Alberni paper mill as particularly vulnerable. The mill, which employs 750 people, depends on chips to make paper, chips that are a residual by-product of sawmilling. And if the sawmilling industry is not robust, that chip supply could be threatened, he said.

"If the softwood lumber agreement, or any other restructuring, causes the closure of a sawmill in Port Alberni, then that has a direct effect and a very significant effect on the viability of [our] mill at its current size," Horner said in an interview.

"We are watching. We are not too sure where it is all going to end up. We do see the frustration of the coastal operators. This agreement is going to go through, it appears, and the Coast is not getting a lot of attention from anybody. That worries us because they are our suppliers. We are not participants in softwood lumber, but definitely there are a lot of jobs at risk if the Coast is not properly managed through the softwood lumber process.

"We are not saying it is bad; we just don't know. We are concerned because we see the Coast getting carried along in the momentum of a national agreement in which other voices we believe get more attention of both the provincial and federal governments."

Mid-size coastal producers are raising alarms over the rush to sign a treaty with the U.S., saying they fear negotiators are far too removed from the complexities of a coastal forest industry to consider down-stream impacts of their decisions.

David Gray, co-chair of the Free Trade Lumber Council, said drafts of the final agreement that he has seen are filled with potential land mines for the coastal industry.

"Negotiators seem to be solving one little piece of this at a time. Nobody is looking at the totality," he said. "There is this unseemly haste to get this done for the political agenda. Why is that better than the legal process? Because it sure doesn't look like that to us."

Gray said issues that are worrying the Coast are details that both Canada and the U.S.

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appear to have already agreed upon that were not in the original framework agreement.

"For example, they have seasonal adjustments on the consumption figures," he said. "[Does that help] in terms of having certainty? I don't think so.

"Frankly, we have less uncertainty in our current world than we have created in this monster."

However, Jake Kerr, a lumber wholesaler who was an architect of the 1996 softwood lumber agreement and was a key player in earlier attempts to settle the dispute, said the deal on the table now, despite its flaws, is a better alternative than litigation.

"If you don't want this, what in the Lord do you think you are going to get? You are going to get years more litigation."

Industry analyst Kevin Mason said that coastal producers are in a more precarious position than other Canadian sawmillers, but they face more issues than just the softwood lumber agreement.

He said Horner's concerns over the impact on the pulp and paper industry are valid. But equally valid is the closure of sawmills through restructuring that could also affect chip supplies.

"It's true that if there is no viable sawmilling industry, there will be no viable pulp and paper industry. The softwood deal could be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

"I see this as a shot across the bow: 'Be aware. If you ignore the concerns of the Coast, there is more at risk than sawmills'."

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- This story can be heard online after 10:30 a.m. today at [www.vancouversun.com/readaloud](http://www.vancouversun.com/readaloud).

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Dear Mayor and Council:

We write this letter to express our disappointment that the visit to our sister city in Abashiri Japan, planned for February 2007, has been cancelled.

The trip would have allowed the citizens of Port Alberni to foster the cultural, educational and economic ties with Abashiri. The Port Authority was looking forward to sending a representative on the visit in the belief that such a visit would have strengthened our Port's commercial links to Abashiri and Japan.

Should there be an opportunity to visit Abashiri in the future, the Port will consider participating with eager anticipation.

Yours truly,

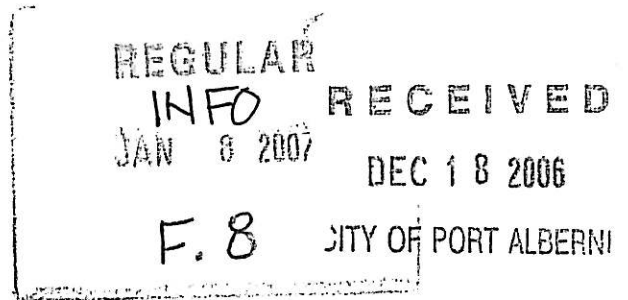
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Dear Russell Dyson:

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 2006 regarding driving directions on HelloBC.com. The service that is used is a product called Microsoft MapPoint, one that is widely used around the world as a trip planning tool for travellers. Although it provides excellent information for most routes, currently it does not have a filter to provide information on the relative safety of different roads. Rather, the current program only seeks information about the fastest route, or the shortest distance, between destinations.

Clearly, this generates information that is not appropriate for some areas such as the Port Alberni - Comox. Therefore, until we are satisfied that a suitable interactive tool is available that will provide better information about primary and secondary roads, we are suspending use of MapPoint until further notice.

In the meantime, please be assured that HelloBC.com will continue to provide useful information about places to stay and things to do in your community, and our 1-800-HelloBC call centre has expert travel counsellors who can provide appropriate driving information to visitors choosing British Columbia for their vacations. In addition, the expansive Tourism Info Centre network also has well-trained counsellors who can help ensure travellers reach your community safely and easily.

Thank you, again, for expressing your concerns. I trust Tourism British Columbia's solution is satisfactory to you and the City of Port Alberni Town Council.

Sincerely,

Rod J. Harris  
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Port Alberni City Council received a letter from the Town of Princeton expressing concerns about the Tourism BC Website, in particular the driving instructions. We assessed the instructions ourselves and found problems equivalent to those experienced by Princeton.

An example of the incorrect directions is the route between Port Alberni and Comox. There is only one route for driving from Port Alberni to Comox – Highway 4 to Highway 19. Unfortunately the website directs traffic across an industrial logging road which is gated during non operating hours. In general, the instructions are confusing, using mileage rather than road names for directions.

We appreciate your efforts to promote our City as a tourism destination and for attempting to provide directions for travel around BC. But, Council requests that the directions be improved or removed from the site until they can be completely reliable.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours truly  
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Good Afternoon:

The BC Progress Board released a companion discussion paper to the Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report entitled "*The Social Condition in British Columbia*". The paper probes the causes and costs of low income in BC and provides eight suggestions for improving income support programs and educational programming. The report is available at the BC Progress Board website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com)

The News Release for "*The Social Condition in British Columbia*" is embedded below.

Two other recently released discussion papers are also available at [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com):

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**BC Progress Board Releases Discussion Paper on Social Condition in British Columbia**

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**Vancouver, BC** – The BC Progress Board released a discussion paper today entitled “*The Social Condition in British Columbia*”. The paper examines the causes and costs of low income in British Columbia and provides eight suggestions for provincial and federal government consideration. The report was prepared for the Progress Board by Dr. Keith Banting, C.M., Queen’s Research Chair in Public Policy at Queen’s University.

“Social condition performance in BC – in particular low income incidence – has persistently lagged other provinces amidst BC’s otherwise strong economic track record in recent years”, stated David Black, Chair of the BC Progress Board and President of Victoria-based Black Press Ltd. “Restructuring of income support programs over the past decade has encouraged able-bodied persons to enter the labour market with noteworthy success”, Black continued. “While economic and job growth has been strong in recent years, the persistence of low income incidence in our benchmarking work led the Progress Board to undertake an expert examination of the topic this year”, Black noted.

The report outlines three policy imperatives that flow from federal and provincial income support programs over the past decade. These include:

- *Work should pay.* Governments need to extend welfare supports to low wage workers to ensure that they are better off in employment than on welfare, that they face reasonable marginal effective tax rates, and that they can meet the needs of their families through work.
- *Educational equality should be a key priority.* As governments shift people from low income support to the labour force, they acquire an even greater responsibility to help low income individuals gain the education and skills they need to participate effectively in the economic mainstream.
- *Those who cannot be expected to work should be well supported.* Even the most effective investments in education and skills will not meet the needs of those who, by reason of disabilities or other persistent barriers, cannot be expected to work. These people should receive the support needed to live in dignity.

“Employment-oriented social strategies need to ensure that those who work are better off than they would be on welfare, and that those who cannot work are able to live with dignity”, Dr. Banting noted. “Children living in disadvantaged families require support at all levels of the learning ladder to ensure they have an equal chance for future success, both in school and in future employment”, Dr. Banting continued.

The report presents a number of suggestions designed to make progress on all three imperatives, focusing on income support programs and investments in education at all stages of life.

- The Government of BC should support the introduction of a federal Earned Income Tax Benefit, and cooperate in the integration of its income-tested programs with the federal program.

- The province of BC should urge the federal government to reform its program structure to provide temporary income support for unemployed Canadians in an even-handed way across the country as a whole.
- BC Income Assistance benefits should be indexed to changes in the cost of living.
- The BC Government should give “Strong Start” itself a strong start, by rolling out a program that is based on evidence of what works, that is strongly funded, and that has a strong evaluation component. The province should also reinvest in the Child Care Subsidy Program.
- BC should build on the base of CommunityLinks by reversing the slow erosion of the budget in real terms, drawing on real evidence of what works and demanding a strong evaluation component of the program.
- The administration of related programs designed to lower the social gradient in education and development should be consolidated in an agency whose primary purpose is to enhance the development of children.
- The provinces should strengthen support for low income students by reinvesting in the BC Loan Reduction Program, follow up vigorously on the evaluation of the experimental bursary program, and extend support to students in one year programs.
- The province should respond to the recommendations concerning literacy advanced by the Premier’s Advisory Panel on Literacy and the report of the BC Progress Board on education. In addition, the province should review and strengthen its support for adult basic education training to ensure that there is a “second chance” in BC.

“Focusing on the income transfer system by making work pay would help those currently struggling in low income, while targeted education investments will help ensure disadvantaged children aren’t trapped in poverty”, stated Tim McEwan, Executive Director of the Progress Board. “Evidence-based programming together with rigorous follow up evaluation is critically important to ensure results are achieved from any additional program spending undertaken by governments”, McEwan continued.

*The BC Progress Board, formed by Premier Gordon Campbell in July 2001, is an independent Panel of 18 senior business and academic leaders. The Progress Board benchmarks BC’s performance on measures of economy, innovation, education, environment, health and social condition over time and relative to other jurisdictions. The Board also advises on ways to improve performance.*

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Dear His Worship Ken McRae:

I am pleased to forward you a copy of the BC Progress Board's two-volume Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, *"Building on Our Progress – Striving For Excellence"*. Also enclosed is a companion discussion paper on Social Condition in British Columbia prepared for the Progress Board.

By way of background, the BC Progress Board is an independent panel of 18 senior business and academic leaders established by Premier Gordon Campbell in July 2001 to competitively benchmark BC's economic, innovation, education, environment, health and social performance over time and relative to other jurisdictions. The Board also advises on ways to improve provincial performance.

If you have any questions or comments on the material, please contact the BC Progress Board office at 604.775.1664.

Yours sincerely,



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Good Afternoon:

The BC Progress Board's Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, "*Building on Our Progress - Striving For Excellence*", Volume I - External Performance Review; Inter-provincial and International is now available at the Board's website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com)

The News Release for Volume I is embedded below.

Two recently released discussion papers are also available at [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com):

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## BC Progress Board Releases 2006 Annual Benchmarking Report –

### Volume I, External Performance Review

**Vancouver, BC** – The BC Progress Board tabled its Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report “*Building on Our Progress – Striving for Excellence*” today with the provincial government. **Volume I** of the comprehensive two volume report benchmarks British Columbia’s performance against other jurisdictions nationally and internationally on measures of the economy, innovation, education, environment, health and society. Indicators used in the report reflect the most recent final data, usually for 2005.

The Progress Board continues to report on six core targets for British Columbia’s overall performance. The province’s annual rate of economic growth per capita was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canada in 2005, unchanged from 2004 following data revisions by Statistics Canada. BC ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in real personal disposable income per capita in 2005 – the Board’s standard of living measure – also unchanged from 2004. The Board’s core jobs measure – the employment rate for the working age population (ages 15–64) – held steady at 5<sup>th</sup> place for 2005, unchanged from 2004, and continued to reflect strong province-wide job growth. BC ranks 1<sup>st</sup> on the Progress Board’s environmental quality index, 1<sup>st</sup> on the health outcomes index, and 9<sup>th</sup> on the social condition index.

“British Columbia is now an economic leader in Canada, and we have achieved this standing five years ahead of the Progress Board’s target to rank 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in economic growth by 2010”, commented David Black, Chair of the BC Progress Board and President of Victoria-based Black Press Ltd. “Importantly, BC’s economic growth rate remained above the national average in 2005 for the fourth consecutive year”, Black continued.

Looking closer at BC’s **economic** performance, the province scores highly on two key fiscal indicators, taxpayer supported debt (2005/06) and provincial surplus/deficit (2005/06), with both ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> among the provinces. BC also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on real average hourly wage levels (2005), 2<sup>nd</sup> for the lowest top marginal personal income tax rates (2006), and 2<sup>nd</sup> for net inter-provincial migration (2005/06). BC ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada on combined residential and non-residential business investment (2005/06). The province continues to post middling performance on productivity (5<sup>th</sup> in 2005, up from 6<sup>th</sup> in 2004) and per capita combined provincial and local tax burden (6<sup>th</sup>, 2005/06). Meanwhile, provincial performance on exports (goods and services) per capita remains weak (8<sup>th</sup>, 2005).

“Overall, BC’s economic performance has been strong”, Black continued. “Over the medium term, government, business and individual efforts should continue to focus on boosting provincial competitiveness, productivity performance, and export diversification”, Black noted. “The challenge and opportunity before British Columbians is to take advantage of emerging trade

opportunities throughout the Pacific Rim, while continuing to build a highly skilled, knowledge-based economy”, Black continued.

BC’s overall **innovation** performance, measured by research and development (R&D) expenditures relative to GDP, remained 4<sup>th</sup> in Canada (2004). BC placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 31 OECD jurisdictions (2004) and 39<sup>th</sup> out of 61 provinces and states (2003) on the same metric. This year’s report examines BC’s mediocre R&D track record, citing BC’s dominant natural resource orientation, relatively large service sector, an underdeveloped venture capital market as being among the possible reasons BC accounts for just 8.8 percent of Canadian public R&D, compared to 48.6 percent in Ontario and 27.7 percent in Quebec. BC performs better in terms of Business Expenditure on R&D, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> among the provinces for the period 1990 to 2004.

“BC has the necessary attributes to be a leading jurisdiction for research and development”, noted Tim McEwan, Executive Director of the Progress Board. “Our universities are top notch, we have a highly skilled and talented workforce, and we have a tremendous opportunity with our relatively close proximity to US technology clusters”, McEwan continued. “Building a research and development culture in British Columbia will require efforts to keep business and personal taxes competitive, while maintaining BC’s high quality of life”, McEwan concluded.

Turning to **education**, BC’s high school completion rate held steady at 79 percent in 2004/05, unchanged from 2003/04. BC ranked 8<sup>th</sup> (2004) in Canada for the number of secondary school graduates per 1,000 population aged 18 years at 714, and spent the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount per student in 2003/04 in Canada. “BC’s educational outcomes are solid, though ongoing work is required to smooth our variability in regional outcomes, in part, by reducing high school drop outs”, McEwan noted. “This will require policy makers and all parties with a stake in the provincial education system to work together to broaden pathways to graduation through measures such as increasing trade and vocational training opportunities”, McEwan continued.

Among the provinces, BC ranks 1<sup>st</sup> for the all-inclusive proportion of citizens with a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree, at 57.9 percent of the population aged 15 and over. BC posts the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of university graduates (aged 25-54, 2005) among the provinces, and ranks 6<sup>th</sup> among provinces for population (aged 15 plus) with a trades credential. BC also has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of the working age population employed in natural and applied science and related occupations (2005), up from 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2004.

BC continues to place 1<sup>st</sup> on the Progress Board’s **environmental quality** index, an average of inter-provincial rankings of urban air quality (5<sup>th</sup>, 2004), greenhouse gas emissions (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004), and protected areas (1<sup>st</sup>, 2003).

“BC’s environmental outcomes relative to other provinces have been strong overall since the Progress Board’s inception where we are able to draw comparisons”, McEwan noted. “Looking ahead, British Columbians will have to consider the impacts of climate change on the province and should take a leadership role in shaping national and international responses to this critical

issue of our time”, McEwan continued.

BC continued to hold its top rank on the Progress Board’s **health outcomes** index in 2005, which averages provincial performance on life expectancy (BC was 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004/05), cancer mortality (1<sup>st</sup>, 2003), cardiovascular disease mortality (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003), infant mortality (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003), and potential years of life lost, an indicator of premature mortality, (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003). The report also includes supplemental information on comparative provincial wait times. BC matched the Canadian average of 4.3 weeks on wait times for specialist visits in 2005, but lagged for non-emergency surgeries at 5.0 weeks compared to 4.3 for Canada overall.

“BC continues to lead Canada in overall health outcomes”, McEwan noted. “The key strategic issue for British Columbians is how best to address the challenge of escalating health care costs given the twin realities of population aging and demographic change”, McEwan continued. “Part of the solution is a broad societal focus on preventing illness through healthy lifestyle choices”, McEwan concluded.

BC ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in Canada on the **social condition** index based on an average of rankings of the province’s performance on: low income incidence (or LICO, 2004, 10<sup>th</sup>); low birth-weight infants, a universally recognized measure of social condition (5<sup>th</sup>, 2004); the reported incidence of personal and property crime (2004, 9<sup>th</sup>); reliance on income assistance (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004); and long-term unemployment (i.e. greater than 52 weeks, 9<sup>th</sup> 2005). Supplemental North American benchmarking of low birth-weight newborns places BC 3<sup>rd</sup> (2004) among 61 provinces, US states and the District of Columbia.

“The Progress Board has been concerned with BC’s persistently poor performance on overall measures of crime”, stated David Black. “This year, we commissioned expert work which – among other things – suggests that efforts are needed to tackle the primary causes of crime and criminality in BC which include wide-spread substance abuse, defective childhood development practices, mental disorder, and impoverished and unstable lifestyles”, Black continued. “In a similar vein, BC’s relatively poor – though improving – performance on low income incidence and long-term unemployment led the Board to commission expert work in the area”, Black continued. “The result is a companion discussion paper that is being released concurrent with this year’s annual benchmarking report”, Black concluded.

*The Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, “Building on Our Progress: Striving for Excellence”, is available on the Progress Board’s website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com)*

Other recent discussion papers – *The Social Condition in British Columbia; Working Together to Improve Performance: Preparing BC’s Public Education System for the Future*; and, *Reducing Crime and Criminality in British Columbia* – are also available on the BC Progress Board’s website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com)

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Good Afternoon:

The BC Progress Board's Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, *Building on Our Progress - Striving for Excellence*, Volume II Internal Performance Review: Regional, is now on the BC Progress Board website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com)

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Two recently released discussion papers are also available at [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com):

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## **BC Progress Board Releases 2006 Annual Benchmarking Report –**

### **Volume II, Internal Performance Review: Regional and Inter-Regional**

**Vancouver, BC** – The BC Progress Board tabled its Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, *“Building on Our Progress: Striving for Excellence”* today with the provincial government. **Volume II** of the comprehensive two volume report benchmarks British Columbia’s performance regionally (urban versus rural) and inter-regionally. Indicators within Volume II reflect final outcome data, usually for 2005. The report also provides further inter-regional benchmarking by Development Region and Health Authority.

Vancouver CMA continues to outperform Regional BC on 8 of 10 comparable indicators covering *economy, innovation, and education*, unchanged since 2004. The indicators include: employment rate (2005), taxfilers’ employment income (2004), housing starts (2005), non-residential building permits (2005), secondary school graduates (2005), university completion (2005), scientists and engineers employed (2005), and net new business formation (2005). Regional BC performed better than Vancouver CMA on manufacturing shipments (2003), and retail sales (2005).

“Regional BC has generally lagged behind the province’s urban areas since we began our benchmarking in 2001”, noted David Black, BC Progress Board Chair and President of Victoria-based Black Press Ltd. “Though absolute levels lag, employment growth, housing starts and net new business formation continue to improve at a faster rate in Regional BC than the Vancouver CMA”, Black continued. “These trends underpin the return of the regions to economic vitality since 2004”, Black noted.

This year’s report contains an update on changing demographics in BC over the coming decades. “As BC continues to grow, there will be significant changes in the make-up of the provincial population, with the Lower Mainland projected to become home to an increasing proportion of the overall provincial population”, Black stated. “BC – similar to all other North America jurisdictions – is faced with population ageing, which will result in corresponding increases in the demand for, and in the cost of, health care”, Black continued.

BC’s overall secondary school completion rate held steady at 79% in 2004/05, ranging from a high of 93% in Richmond school district to a low of 59% in Vancouver Island West. Meanwhile, for university completion (ages 25-54), Vancouver CMA’s rate of 31.0% was above Victoria CMA (26.8%), Abbotsford CMA (14.7%), and Regional BC at 13.8%.

“Addressing regional variations in high school completion rates is the subject of a special discussion paper released earlier this month by the Progress Board”, noted Tim McEwan, Executive Director of the Progress Board. “Further progress in high school completion rates will require efforts to provide more pathways to graduation for the 21 percent of students who don’t graduate within six years of beginning Grade 8”, McEwan continued. “Another critical dimension of efforts to increase high school completion will be to take steps to close the gap

between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal student completion, which currently stands at 48% versus 82% respectively”, McEwan stated.

On measures of *environment, health and society*, Vancouver CMA outperforms Regional BC on 5 of 8 measures including: air quality (2005), cancer mortality (2005), life expectancy at birth (2005), employment insurance recipients (2005), and income assistance (2005). Regional BC performs better on 2 indicators – low birth weight newborns (2004) and the incidence of low income (2003). There is no significant difference in personal and property crime rates (2005) between Vancouver CMA and Regional BC.

The report examines air quality in 11 communities around the province. Powell River had the lowest concentration of particulate matter in 2005 (3.0 PM<sub>2.5</sub> ug/m<sup>3</sup>), followed by Nanaimo (4.4), Chilliwack (4.6) and Kelowna (4.6), while Prince George (7.9) had the highest concentration of the communities examined. Vancouver (6.0), Victoria (5.4), Abbotsford (5.2) were middling performers.

“Overall air quality trends around are essentially flat over the 11 communities that are covered in this year’s regional benchmarking analysis, with about half improving and half slightly deteriorating”, McEwan noted.

Turning to health outcomes:

- Overall life expectancy at birth is the same or higher in all regions of the province on a year over year basis in 2005, except for a slight decrease in the Victoria CMA, while there was absolute improvement in all regions between 1996 and 2005;
- Cardiovascular disease mortality rates decreased in all Health Authorities between 2004 and 2005; and,
- Cancer mortality rates decreased in all Health Authorities for 2004 to 2005.

“Health outcomes have shown continuous overall improvement across the province during the last ten years”, McEwan noted. “The one exception is the incidence of low birth weight newborns which showed a slight increase over the last ten years”, McEwan commented. “The broader context of overall leading performance – BC ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> best among the 61 provinces, US states and the District of Columbia – should be kept in mind”, McEwan continued.

BC’s personal and property crime rate showed improvement between 2004 and 2005 across all areas examined. Between 1996 and 2005, crime rates fell by 35.3% in Vancouver CMA, 20.9% in Victoria CMA, by 14.3% in Regional BC, and by 2.9% in Abbotsford CMA. Crime rates were highest in the Abbotsford CMA, at 8.3 incidents per 100 residents in 2005, compared to 7.6 in Vancouver CMA, 6.5 for Victoria CMA and 7.4 incidents per 100 residents in Regional BC.

“The continued trajectory of improving crime rates in all regions of the province is promising”, David Black stated. “As expert work commissioned by the Progress Board this year underscores, further efforts to tackle the primary causes of crime and criminality – substance abuse, defective

childhood development practices, mental disorder, and impoverished and unstable lifestyles – must be a public priority in British Columbia”, Black concluded.

*The Sixth Annual Benchmarking Report, “Building on Our Progress: Striving for Excellence”, is available on the Progress Board’s website: [www.bcprogressboard.com](http://www.bcprogressboard.com). The BC Progress Board is an independent Panel of 18 business and academic leaders which benchmark BC’s economic, innovation, education, environment, health and social condition. The Board also advises on ways to improve provincial performance.*

Contact: Tim McEwan  
Executive Director,  
BC Progress Board  
Tel: 604.775.1664





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His Worship Mayor Ken McRae  
and Members of Council  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor McRae and Councillors:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Community Opportunities Task Force (Task Force) Report, "Building Stronger Communities: Better Services, Economic Growth, Solutions That Work." As Chair of the Task Force, I was encouraged by the positive response the report received when it was presented to the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

The Task Force recommends two strategic directions for British Columbia's communities: more effective collaboration, and strengthening regional economies. Their report suggests a number of practical proposals for resolving critical issues to build stronger communities. I encourage you to review and consider this report as part of your council's deliberations. I am interested in your feedback on what local governments need to carry these ideas forward. The report, a presentation and background papers can be downloaded from the Ministry of Community Services (Ministry) website at [www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/lgd/policy\\_research/tfoco\\_report.htm](http://www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/lgd/policy_research/tfoco_report.htm).

Another highlight at the UBCM Convention was the delegates' participation in "Building Effective Regional Districts", a workshop jointly sponsored by the UBCM and the Ministry. Participants were surveyed on four key themes: the value of thinking regionally, building positive inter-jurisdictional relations, connecting regional districts and their members, and providing assistance and advice. The survey results will be available soon.

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His Worship Mayor Ken McRae and Members of Council  
City of Port Alberni  
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I wish you a productive year and look forward to supporting your local priorities.

Sincerely,



Ida Chong, FCGA  
Minister

Enclosure

pc: Ms. Brenda Binnie  
President  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities



The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**  
**CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

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**E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

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To: All Members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
From: Sandra E. Dowey, City Clerk  
Subject: Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up  
Date: December 14, 2006 File No: 3010-02-01

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The City Council at its Special meeting of Monday, December 11, 2006, unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

“**PURSUANT** to the report of the Purchasing Manager, dated December 11, 2006, entitled “Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up”:

**THAT** City Council direct staff to write the Federal Government via the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Senate of Canada and encourage them to develop an adequate system of standards and regulations to ensure the welfare of farm animals;

**AND THAT** the City call on all Union of B.C. Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities members to endorse this request;

**AND THAT** the report of the Purchasing Manager, dated December 11, 2006, entitled “Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up”, remain in camera.”

Original Signed by:

Sandra E. Dowey, City Clerk  
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cc I. Gordon, Director of Finance  
W. Beier, Purchasing Manager

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

December 20, 2006

Premier Gordon Campbell  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell:

Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers

At the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2006, the Board of Directors received notification that Timberwest Forest Corporation was going to be selling their two Martin Mars water bombers.

Board Members believe that the Martin Mars Water Bombers have assisted a number of communities within British Columbia to combat fires, and as such support the Province investing in the Martin Mars Water Bombers on the condition that they are economically viable.

Should it not be economically practical to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers, the Regional District respectfully requests that the Province ensure a comparable alternative is in place for fighting fires within the province.

We appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,

Dan Ashton  
RDOS Board Chair

cc K. McRae, Mayor, City of Port Alberni  
T. Chapman, RDOS Vice-Chair  
J. Johnson, CAO





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CITY OF PORT ALBERN

December 19, 2006

Premier Gordon Campbell  
PO Box 9041 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, B. C.  
V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell:

RE: **Martin Mars Water Bombers**

The potential sale of the Martin Mars Water Bombers by Timberwest has been brought to the attention of the Council of the District of Kent.

These water bombers, although older, are well maintained and provide much need fire fighting equipment for British Columbia.

We would ask that the Province step in and invest in these aircraft, their support infrastructure and the personnel that operate and maintain them in order to provide continued support to the communities within B.C. that depend on this type of forest fire fighting equipment. It would be a shame to lose such a valuable resource.

Your support and assistance in keeping the Martin Mars Water Bombers in B.C. would, not only be beneficial, but appreciated by the communities that rely on the service they provide.

Yours truly,

Lorne Fisher  
Mayor

cc: City of Port Alberni





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The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
Box 9041  
Station PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9E1

Dear Honourable Gordon Campbell

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

At the December 11, 2006 Regular Council meeting, Council motioned that The District of Elkford ask for the province's immediate action to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers to ensure that they remain in British Columbia, continuing to provide our forest and communities with their fire fighting capacity.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 865-2241.

Respectfully,



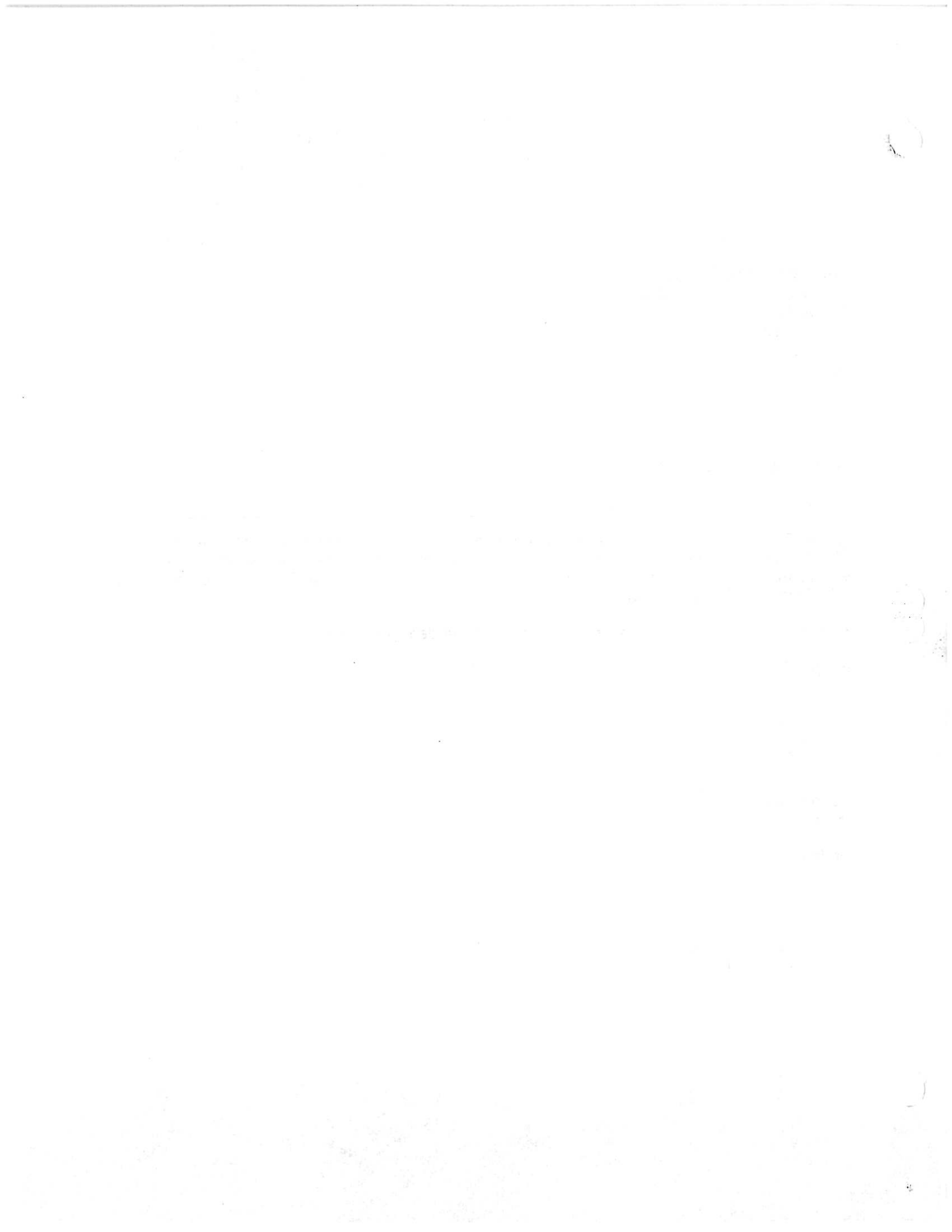
Dean McKerracher  
Mayor

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cc: -City of Port Alberni  
Bill Bennett, MLA

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From the office of:  
The Mayor,  
Lois E. Jackson

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December 18, 2006

The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041, STN PROV GOVT  
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Dear Premier Campbell:

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

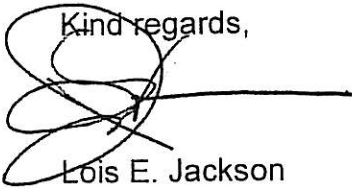
Please be advised that Delta Council at its Regular Meeting on December 11, 2006, considered the attached correspondence from Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni dated November 21, 2006, and unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

"THAT a letter be sent to Premier Campbell endorsing the request by the City of Port Alberni that the Province invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers, their support infrastructure and the personnel that operate and maintain them;

AND THAT Delta's letter of support be copied to all Provincial MLAs, UBCM, GVRD and the City of Port Alberni."

Given the recent experience of the Burns Bog fire in September 2005, and the ever present concern of a similar occurrence in the future, on behalf of the citizens of Delta, I urge you to seriously consider this request to ensure that this invaluable fire-safety resource is not lost to the citizens of British Columbia.

Kind regards,

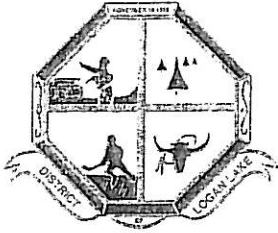
  
Lois E. Jackson  
Mayor

Attachment

cc: Members of the Legislative Assembly, Province of British Columbia  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
Greater Vancouver Regional District  
✓ Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni  
Delta Council

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**DISTRICT OF LOGAN LAKE**

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Premier Gordon Campbell  
Province of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041  
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

December 18, 2006

Dear Premier Campbell:

Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held December 12, 2006, Council for the District of Logan Lake passed the following resolution urging the Province of British Columbia to take immediate action to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers to ensure that they remain in British Columbia, continuing to provide our forests and communities with their fire fighting capacity:

"That the Province of British Columbia invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers, before this valuable resource is lost."

Yours truly,

Colin Forsyth  
Director of Finance

CF/sv

Cc: City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8





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December 21, 2006

Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041  
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Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell,

Re: **Martin Mars Water Bombers**

It has come to our attention that TimberWest Forest Corporation is selling two of its Martin Mars water bombers. Metchosin Council requests that the Province of British Columbia consider investing in these aircraft to ensure that the Province has adequate forest fighting capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



John Rains  
Mayor

c. Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni

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## *Village of Tahsis*

*Our File No.:*

0250-01

December 19, 2006

Premier Gordon Campbell  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell:

Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers

The City of Port Alberni has requested the support and assistance of UBCM members to help save the "Martin Mars Water Bombers", the large aircraft used for wild fire fighting in the province of British Columbia. The owners - Timberwest, have recently announced the sale of the planes as they no longer fit within the company's core business activities.

The Martin Mars Water Bombers are a rare and unique fire fighting commodity that is especially suited to interface fires. They have provided unsurpassed fire-fighting protection services to British Columbia's coast and interior, and as required to neighboring jurisdictions. Each plane can hold over 27,000 litres of water/foam load, which is enough to cover four acres in a single drop. The planes also have the capability to use fresh water or ocean water. They can operate from a body of water as small as six kilometers depending on surrounding topography.

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The Village of Tahsis understands the importance of the Martin Mars Water Bombers. My council and I ask for the Province's immediate action to invest in these aircraft, which continue to be sound and operational. This investment will ensure that the flying tankers remain in British Columbia and continue to provide our forests and communities with their fire fighting capacity.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave McIntosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dave" being more prominent and the last name "McIntosh" written in a more compact, connected style.

Dave McIntosh  
Mayor

cc. Village of Tahsis Council  
City of Port Alberni

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

December 15, 2006

The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier, Province of British Columbia  
Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Sir:

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

City of Salmon Arm Council, at its Regular Meeting of December 11, 2006, voted unanimously to provide a letter of support with respect to a purchase of the Martin Mars Water Bombers from Timberwest by the Province of British Columbia.

Council feels that these aircraft are an invaluable resource to our Province. Our community, among many others, received the benefit of these Water Bombers to fight a large forest fire in the Summer of 1998.

The City of Salmon Arm urges you to consider the investment in these Martin Mars aircraft in order to maintain the resource for our Province.

Regards,

Marty Bootsma

Mayor

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## Village of Sayward

December 18, 2006

Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Office of the Premier  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier;

The Council of the Village of Sayward would like to support the City of Port Alberni's request for the provincial government of BC to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers before this resource is lost.

Sincerely,

Diane Mason  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

cc Ken McRae, Mayor City of Port Alberni



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December 18, 2006

Office of the Premier  
PO Box 9041,  
STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell:

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

Council at its regular meeting of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 discussed the matter as outlined in the attached letter received from Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni and have added our support to a matter of critical importance to this Province.

We request that the Province step in and invest in these aircraft by supporting the infrastructure and costs of operational requirements. If the economy of this province is to be sustained by the contribution of the forest sector, the Province must do its part in protecting the livelihood of an important segment of its population.

We look forward to continued support from you and your government.

Yours truly,

W. J. (Jack) Peake  
Mayor  
Town of Lake Cowichan

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cc: Ministry of Forests and Range  
Ken Watson, City Manager, City of Port Alberni  
Terry Dixon, Flying Tankers Inc.

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City of Trail

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Office of the Mayor

December 21, 2006

The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of BC  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Mr. Premier:

**RE: MARTIN MARS WATER BOMBERS**

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Trail Council is in receipt of the attached letter dated November 21, 2006 from Mayor Ken McRae of the City of Port Alberni advising that the firm, Timberwest, has announced the sale of its two Martin Mars Water Bombers in its possession.

Trail Council wishes to advise that they support the concerns being expressed by the Council of the City of Port Alberni and they request that the Provincial Government agree to purchase the planes and continue to use them for forest fire fighting activities. Members of Trail Council have seen one of these planes in action recently on a forest fire near Christina Lake and they are indeed an invaluable part of the Province's forest fire fighting resources. Council feels that they provide an effective service to the public when necessary and if they are in condition and will not be a financial burden on the Province, Council feels that there should be an effort to ensure that they are retained for public service.

Council would be interested in hearing your comments on the City of Port Alberni's request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dieter A. Bogs  
Mayor

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cc: Mayor and Council, City of Port Alberni  
attach.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
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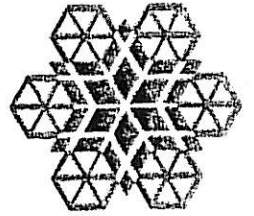
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**KITIMAT**

DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
270 City Centre  
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Dear Premier Campbell:

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

At the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2006, Mayor and Council considered the attached letter from the City of Port Alberni, dated November 21, 2006, and unanimously passed the following motion:

THAT Council provide a letter of support.

Kitimat Municipal Council offers the Provincial Government our support to invest in the aircraft, their support infrastructure and personnel to keep this significant fire fighting tool for the safety of our residents and success of our economy.

Yours truly,

Richard W. Wozney  
Mayor

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pc Mayor Ken McRae, Port of Alberni

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DISTRICT OF TAYLOR  
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December 13, 2006

The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041  
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Dear Premier Campbell:

**RE: Mars Bombers**

At our Council Meeting of December 6, 2006, correspondence was received pertaining to the potential loss of the Mars Water Bombers fleet.

Because we are unaware of the maintenance costs associated with aircraft of this age, and the alternate fire fighting technologies available today, we will not comment on the specific request by our colleagues in Port Alberni.

However, we will note that with the record droughts being experienced combined with the massive beetle kill throughout the province, it is a must that adequate fire fighting capacity be maintained.

To this end, we are concerned about the loss in fire fighting capacity that the sale of the bombers would generate. We would therefore respectfully request that there be an appropriate evaluation of the impact of the proposed sale, and that plans are made to ensure the high level of protection we have come to expect is maintained.

Respectfully,

Fred Jarvis  
Mayor

cc: Mayor Ken McRae  
City of Port Alberni





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Premier Gordon Campbell  
Province of British Columbia  
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Dear Premier Campbell:

**Re: Martin Mars Water Bombers**

Council received a letter from Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni, dated 21 November, 2006 requesting support in asking the province to purchase the Martin Mars Water Bombers.

Given that forestry is British Columbia's major source of employment and provincial revenue it should be well protected. The Port Alice Council does support Mayor McRae's request and agrees that this valuable fire fighting resource must not be lost.

Therefore, on behalf of the Council for the Village of Port Alice, I encourage you to give serious consideration to Mr. McRae's request.

Yours truly,

Larry Pepper  
Mayor

CC Mayor McRae, City of Port Alberni

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VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON

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THE BOARD OF VILLAGE OFFICERS

DO HEREBY CERTIFY

THAT THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTION WAS PASSED

AT A REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE  
ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY  
1980

AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

I, the Mayor, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution as passed by the Board of Village Officers on the 15th day of May, 1980.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Village of Port Jefferson on this 15th day of May, 1980.

Respectfully,  
Mayor

THE MAYOR

John J. ...

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December 28, 2006

His Worship Mayor Ken McRae  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor:

The year 2006 has proven to be another banner year in British Columbia for growth and development in many communities, fuelled by an active real estate market and new construction.

These factors have proved challenging for BC Assessment as we have added more than 32,000 properties to this year's Assessment Roll, along with some significant valuation changes in many local communities. This is a signal of a strong provincial economy buoyed by consumer confidence that has stimulated job creation and investment opportunities.

The total taxable value of the 2007 Assessment Roll has increased over 23 per cent from 2006, up to approximately \$700 billion. BC Assessment has estimated all major new construction and development at approximately \$19 billion – a record level for new construction.

Despite the challenges this activity brings to our business, BC Assessment continues to provide the same high level of service you expect from us.

In early January, all property owners in British Columbia will receive their Property Assessment Notices. As it is our responsibility to respond to inquiries and challenges from property owners, please refer any calls from property owners to the Assessor at your local BC Assessment office.

In order to help your local government respond to questions from the public, your local Assessor is available to provide you with a complete report on the 2007 Assessment Roll. Please contact your local Assessor if you wish to arrange for an information session, or if you wish to discuss any details of your 2007 Assessment Roll.

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During 2006, BC Assessment continued to make improvements to our computer system and to address the needs of our clients. I want to thank all the staff from local governments who patiently worked with BC Assessment and have provided valuable feedback on ways that we can continue to make improvements to our system.

In 2006, we continued to focus on providing excellent customer service to our local government clients. In 2007, we will again be conducting a random telephone survey of more than 150 local government staff to find out how well we are doing, and where we can improve service to you. We have found that surveying local government on an annual basis has provided us with invaluable feedback.

For 2007, we will continue to work with our local government partners, including CivicInfo BC and ICIS (Integrated Cadastral Information Society). BC Assessment sees the value in participating in these initiatives that provide a support network and resources to all of BC's municipalities and regional districts.

And as always, we look forward to meeting you and your colleagues during the year at events such as the Union of BC Municipalities' Convention in September. We also look forward to meeting your staff at the annual conventions for the Local Government Management Association, Government Finance Officers' Association, and the Municipal Information Systems Association. For most events, we host a corporate display and I encourage you, your staff and councillors to visit us.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you and your colleagues throughout the year.

Happy New Year.

Yours truly,



Doug Rundell  
Chief Executive Officer  
Assessment Commissioner

# Beaver Creek Improvement District

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City of Port Alberni  
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Gentlemen and Ladies:

The Beaver Creek Improvement District would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all members of your organization who assisted us during the power outage by providing water to our residents on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Seasons greetings and a prosperous and healthy New Year to everyone.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely

BEAVER CREEK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



The Board of Trustees

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November 30, 2006

Dear Stakeholders:

Earlier this month, we announced the formation of Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC).

EMBC will be the umbrella organization that encompasses the already strong programs we have in place within the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, including the Provincial Emergency Program, Office of the Fire Commissioner and the British Columbia Coroners Service. Let me assure you, each of these programs will continue to have the same mandate. As well, EMBC will also work to enhance the already strong partnerships that exist with federal and local governments, municipal police and fire departments, the RCMP, British Columbia Ambulance Service and community-based search and rescue organizations.

Overseeing this new agency will be Associate Deputy Minister Wes Shoemaker. Wes has spent over 25 years in the field of emergency services and has vast experience with all types of emergencies, including fires, tornadoes, plane crashes, hazardous material spills and floods. A Harvard fellow, he has worked as the Fire and Paramedic Chief for the City of Winnipeg and as an emergency medical technician. He has also served as a board member on many community and professional associations, including the National Fire Protection Association and the Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada.

I am confident that the EMBC team and the leadership skills that Wes brings will further enhance British Columbia's reputation for having a world class emergency management system.

Sincerely,

  
David Morhart  
Deputy Solicitor General

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\* (pamphlets in  
"Reading File")

December 15, 2006

Port Alberni, Corporation of the City of  
C/O City Manager  
4850 Argyle St  
Port Alberni BC  
V9Y 1V8

Dear Property Owner:

Subject: **A seasonal reminder about right of way safety**

Another year has almost come and gone. While it's not something you want to think about during the Holiday Season, another year of chores such as planting, landscaping, excavating, clearing/burning or building lies ahead. In the rush to get these things done, it's sometimes easy to overlook the fact that there's a natural gas transmission right of way through your land. To help you remember we've enclosed a copy of the 2007 Terasen Gas calendar. It's a year-round reminder of the things you can do to help us ensure right of way safety. Please note our records indicate that you own 19 properties, however only one has been identified in this letter.

Most importantly, before you begin any work on your land that involves digging or heavy machinery, call **BC ONE CALL** at 1-800-474-6886 (cellular \*6886) to obtain information on the location of our underground gas pipelines. This free service is dedicated to minimizing the risks associated with accidents involving buried pipelines.

Additionally, if you are working within or over our right of way, be sure to contact the Terasen Gas Property Services permit desk at 1-877-599-0996 to determine if a permit is required.

If you carry out activities on our right of way that are not permitted, you may be risking lives and property and will be liable for any losses incurred. To help you better understand your obligations, we have enclosed the Terasen Gas brochure: **Right of way – your guide to staying safe**. Please take a moment read it.

Our goal is to help you use and enjoy your property without compromising your safety or that of your family and neighbours while continuing to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of our pipelines.

For more information about our right of way, please contact Leona Schafer at 250-380-5797 or toll free at 1-877-599-0996 quote file #6PAL-029R. If you see unauthorized activity on a right of way or in the event of an emergency, call our 24-hour emergency number at 1-800-663-9911.

For general information about natural gas service, safety and energy efficiency, visit our website at [www.terasengas.com](http://www.terasengas.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Schafer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leona Schafer  
Land Technician  
email.address@terasengas.com  
Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.

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December 18, 2006

Dear Mayors, Councils and Regional District Chairs,

On September 28, 2006 Premier Gordon Campbell formally launched the Conversation on Health – a year-long provincial discussion with British Columbians on every facet of health care to help prepare our health system for future generations.

The Conversation is an unprecedented initiative, on a scale that has never been done in this province before. It will allow us to hear what is important to British Columbians, what the challenges are, and what solutions are envisioned for health in B.C.

Local governments play a key role in supporting healthier communities and populations. Many of you are already active in the UBCM Healthy Communities Committee. And all of you are involved in helping provide clean drinking water and planning for local health emergencies. As local governments you know best what the health concerns, pressures and successes are at the community level.

You have an opportunity and responsibility to help improve the health of your population by participating in the Conversation on Health, and encouraging your citizens and employees to also join. I would ask that you display the enclosed posters in your office to help make your community members and employees aware of this opportunity.

There are six ways to participate in the Conversation on Health:

**1) Register for a regional public forum:**

Register at [www.bcconversationonhealth.ca](http://www.bcconversationonhealth.ca) or call toll free at:

1-866-884-2055 (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., translation available in 130 languages)

**2) Online discussion at: [www.bcconversationonhealth.ca](http://www.bcconversationonhealth.ca)**

**3) Mail in Written Comments**

Conversation on Health  
Ministry of Health  
5-3 1515 Blanshard Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 3C8

**4) E-mail Us at: [ConversationOnHealth@victoria1.gov.bc.ca](mailto:ConversationOnHealth@victoria1.gov.bc.ca)**

**5) Call our Toll Free Line at: 1-866-884-2055 to provide your input**

**6) Contact your local MLA**

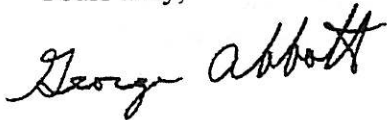
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Should you, your staff, or the public have questions regarding the Conversation, please ask them to call the toll-free phone line, or visit the Conversation website for more information. The regional public forum dates and registration deadlines can also now be found on the website. As well, some MLAs will be planning events within your communities, and please feel free to contact them.

We face a significant challenge in B.C.'s health care system today. The Conversation on Health will help us address that challenge. It is a conversation we need to have as a province. It is a conversation that is long overdue. Again, I strongly encourage you promote the Conversation locally to your staff and community.

In closing, I want to extend my thanks to those of you who participated in the Conversation on Health discussion at UBCM on October 25. Minister Hogg and I were appreciative of your comments and concerns, and we want to ensure you that your input will be included in the final report for this initiative.

Yours truly,



George Abbott  
Minister

cc:  
Premier Gordon Campbell  
MLAs

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Ref: 20287

December 18, 2006

His Worship Mayor Ken McRae  
and Members of Council  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor McRae and Councillors:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the official launch of the following programs; Towns for Tomorrow, LocalMotion and Spirit Squares. The Ministry of Community Services (MCS) will be the lead Ministry for managing these programs, working in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Economic Development.

The three programs directly support all of the five great goals for a golden decade. Collectively, the three programs encourage healthy living and physical fitness; improve sustainable environmental management; and create both short and long-term jobs. Additionally, this initiative supports the MCS's mandate of promoting sustainable, liveable communities that provide healthy and safe places for British Columbians. The programs also share complimentary goals with many other British Columbia government initiatives such as the Sustainability Performance Goals for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympics Winter Games, ActNow BC's 20 percent Physical Activity Challenge, and Tourism British Columbia's primary goal of doubling tourism revenues by 2015.

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The three programs are briefly summarized as follows:

- **LocalMotion Fund** - \$40 million program (over the next four years), to cost-share capital projects with local governments directed at building bike paths, walkways, greenways, improving accessibility for people with disabilities and support programs to get kids playing in communities and parks. <http://www.localmotion.gov.bc.ca>
- **Towns for Tomorrow** - \$21 million program (over the next three years) to small communities and towns with populations under 5,000 people, for cost-shared capital infrastructure projects. <http://www.townsfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca>
- **Spirit Squares** - \$20 million in cost-shared capital funding to assist communities in creating and enhancing public outdoor meeting space where they can celebrate their community pride and their community spirit. <http://www.spiritsquares.gov.bc.ca>

Detailed program information is available on the internet at the addresses listed above. There, you will be able to attain full details of each of the programs, including; full program guides and applications that contain specific program criteria such as eligible applicants, number of applications per eligible applicant, eligible project categories and selection criteria. Information is also available on how the various capital grant programs, including the Gas Tax Agreement and the Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund link to the three programs.

We will be accepting applications immediately for the LocalMotion Fund, Towns for Tomorrow and B.C. Spirit Squares. While applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis, the first deadline for applications for these three programs will be February 16, 2007. Those that have their applications in by this deadline will be considered for the first round of project approvals, currently set for spring 2007.

In addition to the three programs already identified we will also be introducing the Green City Awards, which will provide monetary awards to local governments showing leadership in best practices to make cities greener, healthier places for all of us to live and for all of us to learn. I will provide you with information on the program and submission deadlines in early 2007. The 2007 winners of the Green City Awards will be presented with their respective monetary award during the annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention.

His Worship Mayor Ken McRae  
and Members of Council  
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Once again, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the Towns for Tomorrow Program, the LocalMotion Program and the Spirit Squares Program, wishing you green, sustainable, economic and healthy success.

If you require further information, please visit the appropriate website or contact the Ministry of Community Services, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Division at 250 387-4060.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ida Chong".

Ida Chong, FCGA  
Minister



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## Information Bulletin

**Building Policy Branch**

Office of Housing and Construction Standards

PO Box 9844 Stn Prov Govt

Victoria BC V8W 9T2

Email: [building.policy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:building.policy@gov.bc.ca)

Website: [www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building](http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building)

No. B06-06  
December 14, 2006

### Assessment of Seismic Slope Stability

It has been common practice to base geotechnical assessments of slope stability on a hazard probability of 10% in 50 years, which is different than that required by the 2006 BC Building Code for structural design.

The provincial government has adopted building regulation M268:

"Where the intended use of the land is the construction of a building, the geotechnical study and geohazard assessment for slope stability of that land must be based on ground motion values having a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years."

In this regulation, "building" has the same meaning as in the British Columbia Building Code. The regulation takes effect December 15, 2006.

There are two key facets to the assessment of seismic slope stability. Firstly, determining the extent that the building's position will be permanently displaced as the result of the slope that the building rests on becoming unstable due to an earthquake. Secondly, determining the level of risk that a community is willing to accept. In other words, experts can assess whether an earthquake will result in a building's permanent displacement; a community must determine the amount of movement that they're willing to accept.

Materials are being developed to guide local governments and industry. Discussions are underway with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (APEG) to establish practice guidelines for seismic slope stability assessments on a building that consider the influence of ground accelerations due to an earthquake. The provincial government has also extended an invitation to the Union of BC Municipalities to work with the provincial government on establishing an acceptable level of risk that a community is willing to accept.

As information is prepared, it will be posted on the Building Policy Branch website at <http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/>.

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Proud Host of The Courage To Come Back Awards

Port Alberni City Hall  
4850 Argyle St  
Port Alberni BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to request your assistance, as Mayor, to promote nominations in your jurisdiction for the **2007 Courage To Come Back Awards**. This province-wide campaign celebrates ordinary people who have demonstrated extra-ordinary courage in their recovery from adversity. We ask that you display the Call for Nominations Poster prominently in city hall for citizens, staff and associates to view.

**The Courage To Come Back Awards** are presented by Coast Mental Health each year. The awards recognize individuals in the categories of Medical, Physical Rehabilitation, Mental Health, Social Adversity, Addiction, and Youth. The Youth category is open to individuals 21 years of age (as of December 31, 2006) or under, who have overcome any one or more of the challenges identified in the other categories.

Every nominee will receive a certificate from Coast Mental Health to acknowledge their nomination for **The 2007 Courage To Come Back Awards**. A nomination by a family member or professional working with a person dealing with any of the personal challenges named above, tells that person that their efforts have not gone unnoticed and can serve as an inspiration to others.

**The deadline for nominations is February 12, 2007**

On Thursday April 19, 2007 Coast Mental Health will be hosting the ninth annual **Courage To Come Back Dinner** at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. This very special event will be hosted by Deborra Hope, Anchor of the Early News on Global Television.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.coastfoundation.com](http://www.coastfoundation.com). If you would like more Call for Nominations Posters or Nominations Form/Information Brochures, please contact our office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Your support in promoting **The Courage To Come Back** campaign is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Emery, Coordinator

**Courage To Come Back**

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**E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

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To: All Members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
From: Robyn G. Anderson, Deputy City Clerk  
Subject: Resolution Supporting Renewal of funding for the National Homelessness Initiative  
Date: December 20, 2006 File No: 4230-27-01

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The City Council at its regular meeting of Monday, December 18, 2006, unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

**"THAT** the City of North Vancouver urges the Government of Canada to renew and expand the National Homelessness Initiative, and requests that:

- a) the Federal Government make an ongoing commitment to a renewed National Homelessness Initiative in partnership with Provincial governments, Municipal Governments, and community representatives;
- b) the Federal Government commit to providing bridge funding to ensure that the many important programs that have been developed by communities with Federal funds are allowed to continue while this renewed National Homelessness Initiative is being developed; and
- c) the Federal Government introduce a comprehensive national housing strategy that includes a significant housing supply program.

**AND THAT** the resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Diane Finlay, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, local MLA's and Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Union of B.C. Municipalities member municipalities."

Original Signed by:

Robyn G. Anderson  
Deputy City Clerk  
141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Vancouver BC V7M 1H9  
Phone: 604-990-4233 Fax: 604-990-4202  
Email: [randerson@cnv.org](mailto:randerson@cnv.org) Web: [www.cnv.org](http://www.cnv.org)

Attachment (Electronic version posted on [www.cnv.org/city\\_hall/council\\_meetings/council\\_meeting\\_agenda](http://www.cnv.org/city_hall/council_meetings/council_meeting_agenda))

cc C. Kathler, Community Planner, Community Development



# Local Government Program Services

*programs to address provincial-local government shared priorities*

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TO: UBCM Members

FROM: Brenda Binnie, President

DATE: December 20, 2006

RE: "SENIORS HOUSING AND SUPPORT  
INITIATIVE" - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  
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545 Superior St  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

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Fax: 250 356-5119

Website:

[www.civicnet.bc.ca](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca)  
under  
Programs & Services

Local Government  
Program Services

The Union of BC Municipalities is pleased to announce that funding is again available for "Seniors in Communities Dialogues" and "Pilot Projects" in support of locally determined Seniors Housing and Support services.

A "Seniors in Communities Dialogue" is an organized exchange or collaboration between local government leaders and others involved in the delivery of seniors' services within a community or group of communities.

The "Seniors in Communities Pilot Projects" program is designed to pilot projects dealing with housing, transportation, and social services for seniors. Programs will be funded at three levels; up to \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$35,000 respectively.

For more information on either program, please refer to the application guide now available on the UBCM website. The guide can be found at [www.civicnet.bc.ca](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca). Look under Programs and Services/Local Government Program Services/Seniors Housing. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Clark, Program Officer at 250-356-5134 or by e-mail at [sclark@civicnet.bc.ca](mailto:sclark@civicnet.bc.ca).

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# Local Government Program Services

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TO: UBCM Members

FROM: Brenda Binnie, President

DATE: December 20, 2006

RE: COMMUNITY TOURISM FUND – PHASE 1 EVALUATION

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## BACKGROUND

At the 2004 UBCM Convention, Premier Campbell announced that the provincial government would provide \$25 million to local governments for tourism development. In preparation for release of the funds, UBCM conducted significant research. A number of principles for the program were proposed by UBCM, accepted by the Premier and funding was released in spring of 2005. By then, the UBCM had a Task Force in place that developed an innovative funding mechanism. The Task Force decided to move in two phases. UBCM launched Phase 1 of the Community Tourism Fund in the summer of 2005. The first phase would utilize \$12.5 million of the \$25 million. It would be made available to each and every local government based on a formula that had four components.

- A \$15,000 funding floor
- Population allocation based on UBCM dues population thresholds
- Supplement for those with no hotel tax revenue
- Supplements based on amount of tourism activity

The resulting local government allocation essentially became a bank account on which local governments could draw for approved tourism projects over the course of Phase 1 (set to end March 31, 2007).

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

As Phase 1 reaches an end, the UBCM Executive has mobilized to prepare the design of Phase 2. It has appointed a Task Force composed of:

- Councillor Mary Sjostrom, City of Quesnel (Chair)
- Mayor Terry Lake, City of Kamloops
- Director Susan Gimse, Squamish Lillooet Regional District
- Mayor Joe Snopek, Town of Creston
- Councillor Bea Holland, City of Victoria

The Task Force will:

- Evaluate the experience with Phase 1
- Look at options for Phase 2

To assist them with this process, please ensure that the attached surveys are completed prior to January 15, 2007. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Sue Clark, Program Officer at 250-356-5134 or by e-mail at [sclark@civicnet.bc.ca](mailto:sclark@civicnet.bc.ca)

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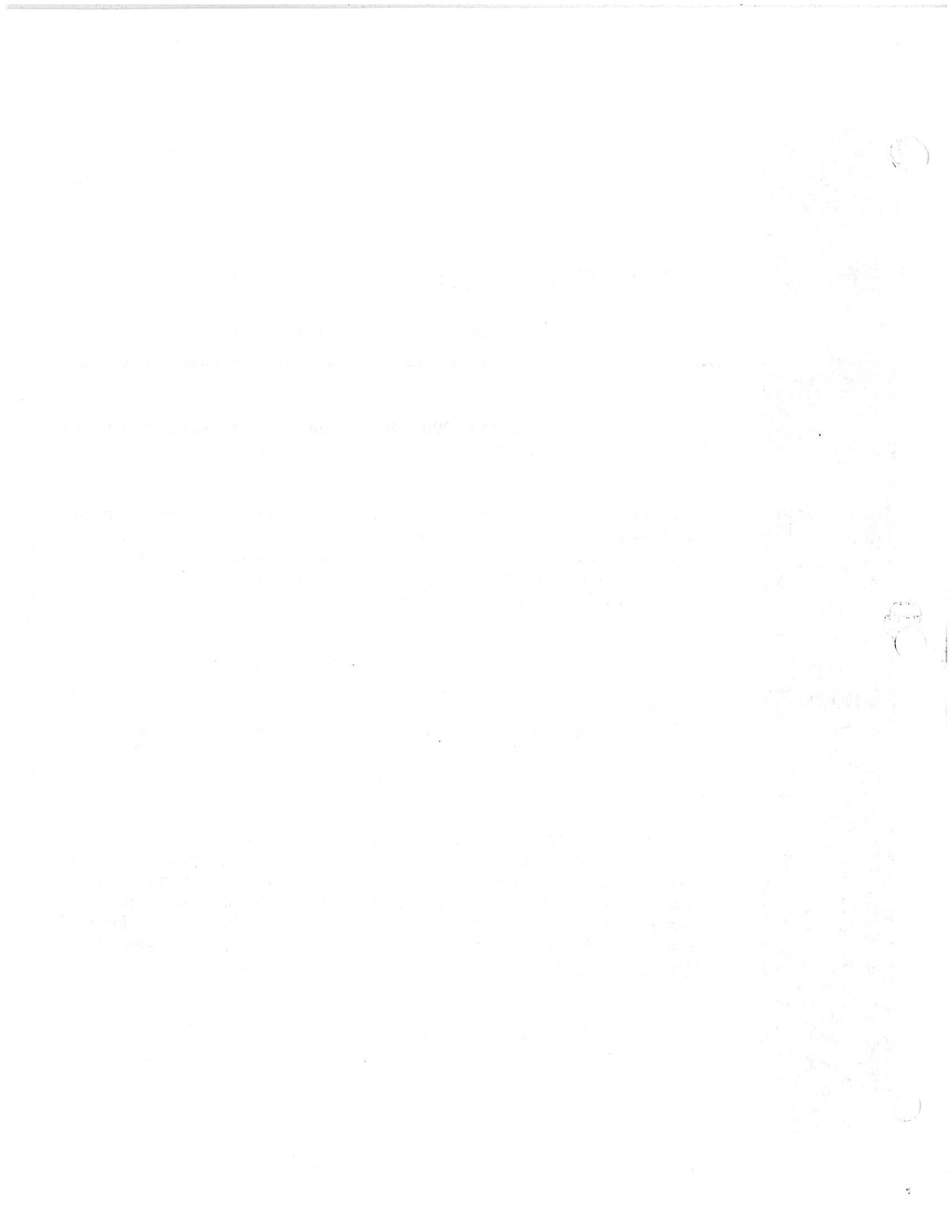
## CITY OF PORT ALBERNI PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2006

For the month of December 2006 the Planning Department reports the following significant items:

- The Approving Officer issued preliminary layout approval letters for a 2-lot subdivision on the corner of Grandview Road and Compton Road and a 2-lot to 4-lot subdivision on Wilkinson Road and Forrest Road. Preliminary layout approval letters were also issued to lot line adjustment subdivisions on Pineo Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Redford Street.
- A meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission was held on December 7, 2006. The commission considered one report from the City Planner as follows:
  - The report was regarding a zoning map amendment application for 6003 River Road. The proposal is to construct a two-family residence (duplex) on the property.
- The Public Hearing for an OCP and zoning amendment for 5251 & 5265 River Road and an OCP and zoning amendment for a property at the east end of Argyle Street was held on December 4, 2006. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of these four bylaws was given on December 18, 2006. A zoning map amendment bylaw for 4409 Burde Street and a zoning text amendment bylaw for 4850 Beaver Creek Road were given final adoption. A zoning map amendment bylaw for 6003 River Road was given 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
- The City Planner gave a brief presentation to the lunch Rotary group on various planning projects in the City of Port Alberni.

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## PORT ALBERNI FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT for December 2006

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### Emergency Calls

During the year of 2006 there was a 20 percent increase over 2005 figures in the number of responses by the Port Alberni Fire Department. With the exception of *Assistance* calls, there was an increase in the number of responses in all categories, indicating a general increase in the demand for fire department services.

During December 2006 there was one significant weather event. A rain and wind storm on December 11<sup>th</sup> resulted in fire crews responding to 11 incidents dispatched via 911. During this same time period there were requests for assistance to which the Fire Department was unable to respond.

An arson fire on December 21<sup>st</sup> resulted in heavy damage to a pick up truck.

### Training

Crews trained with a new thermal imaging camera. This tool enables firefighters to see areas of higher temperature. It is particularly useful in finding fires hidden inside walls and in locating fire victims and injured firefighters.

Crews took part in refresher training in the use and operation of the department's aerial ladder. The ladder truck's primary uses are as a means of access and emergency egress to and from multiple floor buildings, and as an elevated water tower, delivering water to difficult locations. In both cases the ladder truck improves safety and operational effectiveness.

### Fire Prevention

On December 8<sup>th</sup> a small reception was held at the firehall to thank sponsors of the Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week activities. In 2006 the local business community donated 200 smoke alarms, six portable fire extinguishers and \$900 in cash or merchandise certificates. These donations are critical to the success of the department's Fire Prevention Week activities.

### Facility Maintenance

The fireboat shed was damaged during two recent windstorms. Two Lexon panels were torn from their mounting brackets.

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## Fire Department Responses For the Month of December 2006

Type of Response	Dec-06	Y.T.D.	Dec-05	2005 Avg.
Structure/ Contents Fire	0	28	1	2.0
Bush/Grass/Mulch/ Campfire	0	26	1	1.8
Chimney Fire	1	9	2	0.6
Appliance/Electrical Fire	9	36	2	1.6
HazMat/Flammable Substance Leak	2	38	4	2.8
Dumpster/Refuse Fire	1	19	2	1.3
Vehicle/Boat fire	2	20	0	1.2
Assistance	2	35	3	3.0
Rescue Inside City	6	103	11	7.5
Rescue Outside City	5	50	7	3.9
Building Alarms - No Fire Found	37	278	16	18.0
Medical First Responder	59	553	39	37.3
Misc. (i.e. Investigation of Smoke)	3	56	6	4.0
Burning Complaint Responses	4	98	5	8.1
<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>93.1</b>

Fire Loss (estimated \$)	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,837,250	\$ 400	\$ 95,667
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Fire Inspections - CFPO	60	574	34	29.5
Fire Inspections - fire crews	24	299	28	26.3
<b>TOTAL FIRE INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55.8</b>

On December 11th a severe rain and wind storm resulted in,

Several responses in the city and beyond for reports of trees fallen on vehicles

Several responses for fires resulting from trees fallen on electrical lines

Several responses for reports of trees fallen on houses

Multiple weather-related building fire alarm activations

Vehicle fire, truck heavily damaged by arson fire, Hamilton Drive. (12.21.06)(03:20)

**PORT ALBERNI DETACHMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2006  
HIGHLIGHTS**



- **General Duty Watch:** In November General Duty (GD) members answered a total of 1293 complaints down from 1341 during October 2006. There were a total of 142 prisoners incarcerated during the month of November down from 181 in October 2006. As of November 30th, our total calls for service sit at 15352, up from 14783 to the same point in 2005. As of November 30th only one municipal position remains vacant. The NCO i/c of our GIS unit has retired. This vacancy will be filled via the promotional system.
- **Municipal Traffic Unit & Detachment Traffic Statistics:** A total of 500 violation tickets were issued during October up from 261 in September. There were 316 written warnings for various infractions and vehicle defects, up from 177 in October. There were 12 charges for impaired driving. There were 7 twenty-four hour suspensions issued. The municipal traffic unit responded to 13 property damage motor vehicle accidents, and 16 injury motor vehicle accidents in the city area, with 25 people being injured. As well there were 11 unattended motor vehicle accidents reported for a total of 40 collisions. In the rural areas there were 5 injury crashes resulting in 8 injured. There were 7 property damage collisions and 3 unattended.
- **Serious Crime Unit:** In November there were numerous complex investigations, including follow-ups on existing investigations, sexual assaults, historical sexual assaults, high dollar frauds and thefts. There is a suspicious death that remains an ongoing investigation. They also assisted the Street Crew members with drug investigations, and continue to assist General Duty members with time consuming and prioritised investigations. As mentioned the NCO i/c of this unit has retired. His duties are being fulfilled by the 2 i/c and a staffing action is ongoing
- **Street Crew Unit:** Members of this unit dedicated a significant number of hours in the area of drug intelligence and source development. The crew has been busy with investigations into grow ops and drug trafficking concerns. The street crew has assisted our watch personnel with several files that included stolen property and drug charges.
- **Police Service Dog:** The PSD position has been filled and member and canine are fully operational. In November the team responded to 7 call outs. Of 13 shifts the team continues to conduct Crime Prevention patrols and regular patrols with watch personnel.
- **Community Policing Officer:** The Satellite Office was open to the public for a total of 123 hours, with volunteers logging a total of 264 hours of service. Speed Watch Volunteers checked 722 vehicles. They logged 20 hours of service, with 10 Warning Letters issued. Citizens on Patrol logged 163 hours November. There were 4 Crimestopper tips received, with 2 rewards paid out and 2 tips outstanding. Our Auxiliary Constables were active for a total of 58.5 hours.
- **School Resource Officer:** Our SRO was very busy especially at the high school. Our SRO handled 6 calls for service in November in schools. In addition the SRO made presentations and appearances on a variety of subjects such as drugs, restorative justice and planning protocols. A total of 26 visits were made to schools, in November, by the SRO. Other members accounted for 9 school visits. Two workshops were conducted with teachers on current drug trends.
- **First Nations Community Policing:** Our 4 members handled a total of 52 files within the four First Nation communities during the month of November. The files included complaints of, theft, illegal drugs, mischief, general assistance files as well as enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act. As well, one of our First Nations Policing members conducts mentoring with students from the Youth Advisory Group at HaaHuuPayuk.

- **Police-Based Victim Services:** Six active volunteers and two paid staff responded to 36 police-reported incidents, logging 54.5 hours of voluntary service, for a year to date total thus far of 746 volunteer hours. Victim Services Advisers provided support and assistance to victims of break and enter, fraud including identity theft, theft, domestic violence and assault. Support was also provided to victims/witnesses attending court as well as to families who had lost loved ones to accidents and other causes.

G.B. ( Gord ) WELLAR , Inspector  
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Alberni Valley Museum  
and Heritage Commission



**Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission  
Meeting of Wednesday December 6, 2006  
6:30 in the Museum**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Ken Rutherford, Vice Chair  
Pat Dahlquist  
Ike Patterson  
Marlene Dietrich  
Marta Williamson  
Dave Tranfield  
David Lord  
Shirley Steven  
Diane Mayba  
Buddy Hamilton  
Jim Creighton  
Penny Cote  
Neil Malbon, McLean Mill Manager  
Jean McIntosh, Museum Director

**Regrets:**

Jamie Morton  
Rick Player  
George Clutesi

Ken Rutherford chaired the meeting in Jamie Morton's absence.

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Buddy Hamilton seconded by Marta Williamson that the minutes of the November 1 meeting be approved. Carried

**2. Commission Terms**

Jean McIntosh reported that Robert Gunn has been appointed as second representative for the Maritime Heritage Society. The Community at Large seat is not yet confirmed

**3. Heritage Register**

Ken Rutherford reported for the working committee of himself, Marta Williamson and David Lord. Meetings have been held with City Planner. Full report will be given in January

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#### 4. Upcoming Events

A reading of Dickens' a Christmas Carol is being presented by CBC Radio, the Museum and the Community Foundation as a fundraiser. Sponsors have been secured. Commission members invited to post event reception.

#### 5. Reports

##### 5.1 Neil Malbon reported for the McLean Mill

- Santa ride this Saturday, to Johnson Road
- Storm damage: Roundhouse flooded and passenger cars needed repairs; slide took out main line track past mill, dam overflowed, emergency repairs required , problems for fish hatchery
- Business plan proceeding, Howie Hambleton hired, some Commission involvement expected
- Alberni Tourism starting up - Noted this was a Commission initiative. Hotel tax, UBCM money, Council set up
- Golden Oldies at Mill in July
- Forest Fest will include logger sports this year

##### 5.2 Jean McIntosh reported for the Museum

- Faces First: Portraits by Ron Hamilton now open. Excellent exhibit curated by Shelley Harding. Encourage the public to see it
- Next exhibit, Rocket Richard. High security
- To improve security, public research will only be accommodated when more than one staff person is available.
- Museum calendars available for sale.

##### 5.3 Ike Patterson reported for City Council

- Mayor and City Manager meeting with Catalyst

##### 5.4 Penny Cote reported for the Regional District

- Interested in pursuing regional heritage registry.

##### 5.5 Pat Dahlquist reported for School District 70

- Very successful production of Oklahoma
- Harry Janzen leaving, Cam Pinkerton acting replacement

##### 5.6 Jim Creighton reported for the Chamber of Commerce

- Noted progress on Alberni Valley Tourism

##### 5.7 Diane Mayba reported for the Community Arts Council

- Christmas House tour (interiors) after Dickens reading Dec 17. Includes Hummingbird and Cedar Wood Lodge and other interesting houses
- Christmas market at Rollins on now, members day tomorrow
- Market at mill successful

##### 5.8 Buddy Hamilton reported for the Hupacasath First Nation

Storm recovery ongoing

##### 5.7 David Lord reported for the Maritime Heritage Society

- Storm caused sail past and lighthouse Christmas to be cancelled

##### 5.8 Marlene Dietrich reported for the Historical Society

- Last meeting on army camp, excellent participation

##### 5.9 Dave Tranfield reported for the Industrial Heritage Society

- Donations from APD - telescoping boom for use at the Industrial Heritage Centre
- McLean Mill Red Hayes being redone



- General upkeep of collection ongoing
- Restoring first forklift from APD, built from photographs
- Open house planned for January
- BCIT conductors course, hands-on component, offered here, 21 students, with assistance by IHS members

6. Other

Ike Patterson congratulations to Diane Mayba on 25 year recognition from City of Port Alberni

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday January 10, 2007

8. Adjournment

Moved by Dave Tranfield that the meeting adjourn to the Christmas social at 7:15



Jamie Morton, Chair  
Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Russell Dyson  
City Clerk



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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI  
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ken Watson, City Manager  
FROM: Russell Dyson, City Clerk  
COPIES TO: Mayor and Council  
Jean McIntosh Museum Director  
DATE: January 3, 2007

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**SUBJECT: Appointment to Heritage Commission**

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Mr. Bill Lekich has expressed an interest in participating in the Heritage Commission as a member at large for a two year term. The position is currently vacant as no applications were received for the December 2006 appointment. It is recommended that Council appoint Mr. Lekich for a two year term ending December 2008.

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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Ken Watson, City Manager  
COPIES TO: Russell Dyson, City Clerk  
Ann Hopkins, Director of Finance  
DATE: January 3, 2007

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**SUBJECT: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement  
Between British Columbia and Alberta**

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A copy of the Agreement was included on the December 18, 2006 agenda for Council's information. Council requested input from staff concerning the potential impacts of the Agreement on Municipalities.


This Agreement was signed by Premiers of BC and Alberta in April 2006. It is scheduled for implementation starting April 2007 through April 2009.

The intent of the Agreement is to remove restrictions to trade, investment and labour mobility between the two provinces. Information regarding the Agreement provide by the Ministry of Economic Development is attached including the news release, backgrounder sheet and fact sheet.

Under the definitions of the Agreement, all municipalities are included in the in the term "government entities". This includes municipalities, regional districts, school boards, crown corporations as well all provincial government ministries and enterprises. The majority of the provisions of this agreement concerning issues such as Investment, Labour mobility (trades qualifications) and Transportation Regulations (vehicle licensing) will have little direct impact on the City of Port Alberni.

One aspect of the Agreement which will directly impact the City is Article 14 concerning Procurement. Under this article, municipalities and all other agencies defined as "government entities" must provide "open and non-discriminatory access" to procurement tenders. The Province agrees to ensure that all "government entities" post their procurement tenders on an electronic tendering system to be provided by the Province.

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3. Parties shall ensure that procuring government entities post tender notices for all covered procurement through an electronic tendering system or systems provided by the Party. Additional means of providing notices may be used.

4. Parties shall consider options to improve the dispute settlement process as it relates to procurement, including the development of an effective bid protest mechanism. Until such time, the monetary award provisions of Articles 29, 30 and 31 do not apply to any disputes relating to procurement measures or specific procurements by covered government entities.

**Article 15: Energy**

1. Parties shall ensure that their standards-related electricity measures are not incompatible with generally accepted and applicable North American standards or standards of the Western Interconnection Region, including those relating to energy system security and reliability.
2. Parties shall work toward improving existing arrangements and promote enhanced inter-jurisdictional trade in energy.

**Article 16: Transportation**

1. Parties shall require all vehicles owned by a person of a Party to be licensed and registered in the Party where the person is ordinarily resident.
2. Each Party shall provide full and free registration reciprocity for temporary inter- and intra-provincial vehicle operations as provided for by the *Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR)* without exceptions or additional registration fees for those Category B vehicles described in paragraph 1(a)(i) of CAVR. For the purposes of this Agreement, temporary intra-provincial operation as referenced in paragraph 4 of CAVR means operation for a period of up to 90 days in a calendar year. A Party may require carriers operating such vehicles in its territory in excess of 90 days in any calendar year to obtain a prorated license or temporary operating permit.
3. Upon request, a Party shall identify to the other its carriers having a National Safety Code number for any vehicle with a licensed gross vehicle weight of less than 11,794 kg.
4. Parties shall continue to work toward the enhancement of public safety and preservation of highway infrastructure through measures relating to cargo securement, and vehicle configurations, weights and dimensions.

**enterprise** means an entity constituted, established, organized or registered under the applicable laws of a Party, whether privately owned or governmentally owned, including any corporation, trust, partnership, cooperative, sole proprietorship, joint-venture or other form of association, for the purpose of economic gain;

**existing** means existing as of the date of the entry into force of this Agreement;

**financial service** means any service or product of a financial nature that is subject to, or governed by, a measure adopted or maintained by a Party or by a public body that exercises regulatory or supervisory authority delegated by law and includes, but is not limited to:

- a) deposit-taking;
- b) loan and investment services;
- c) insurance;
- d) estate, trust and agency services;
- e) securities; and
- f) all forms of financial or market intermediation including, but not limited to, the distribution of financial products;

**financial institution** is a person that is subject to, or governed by, a measure adopted or maintained by a Party or by a public body that exercises regulatory or supervisory authority delegated by law, in respect of and by reason of the production or provision of a financial service;

**good** means a good that is produced, manufactured, grown or obtained in, used for a commercial purpose in, or distributed from, the territory of a Party;

**government entity** means a Party's:

- a) departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions and similar agencies of government;
- b) Crown Corporations, government-owned commercial enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by the Party through ownership interest;
- c) regional, local, district or other forms of municipal government;
- d) school boards, publicly-funded academic, health and social service entities; and
- e) non-governmental bodies that exercise authority delegated by law;

**investment** means:

- a) an enterprise;
- b) financial assets, including money, shares, bonds, debentures, partnership rights, receivables, inventories, capital assets, options and goodwill;
- c) the acquisition of financial assets; or
- d) the establishment, acquisition or expansion of an enterprise;




## Joint British Columbia – Alberta Agreement


On April 28, British Columbia and Alberta signed the British Columbia – Alberta Trade, Investment, and Mobility Agreement (TILMA) at the 4th annual joint British Columbia – Alberta Cabinet meeting in Edmo


British Columbia and Alberta businesses and workers will enjoy new market access. This innovative agre  
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According to a recent report by the Conference Board of Canada, lowering non-tariff trade barriers coul  
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agreement has the potential to add \$4.8 billion to real GDP and create 78,000 new jobs in B.C. alone.


### Alberta and B.C. Break Down Barriers to Create Single Large Market - April 2006

BC - AB Agreement Overview  (PDF-27KB)

BC - AB Agreement Fact Sheet  (PDF-3.9MB)

BC - AB Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement  (PDF-214KB)


BC - AB Occupations Listed in Agreement  (PDF-18KB)

Death by A Thousand Paper Cuts, May 2006  (PDF-913KB)

Photos from the Agreement Signing

The TILMA takes effect on April 1, 2007 with a two year transitional period for certain provisions. For e)  
Agreement will not apply to municipalities until April 1, 2009. BC - AB Occupations Listed in Agreement  
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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
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April 28, 2006

Office of the Premier

### **ALBERTA AND B.C. BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO CREATE SINGLE LARGE MARKET**

EDMONTON – Alberta and British Columbia have signed a groundbreaking agreement to eliminate barriers to trade, investment and labour mobility between the two provinces. The agreement creates the second largest economic region in Canada.

The two provinces signed the Alberta-British Columbia Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual joint Alberta-British Columbia Cabinet meeting in Edmonton on April 28. The agreement will give businesses and workers in both provinces seamless access to a larger range of opportunities across all sectors including energy, transportation, labour mobility, business registration, and government procurement. The agreement will:

- Streamline business registration and reporting requirements so that businesses registered in one province are automatically recognized in the other;
- Enhance labour mobility by recognizing occupational certifications of workers in both provinces;
- Provide open and non-discriminatory access to government procurement; and,
- Create a clear, comprehensive and enforceable dispute avoidance and dispute resolution mechanism.

“This continues a process that began in 2003 when Premier Campbell and I, along with our Cabinets, first met in Calgary,” said Alberta Premier Ralph Klein. “Together, we created a combined Alberta-B.C. market of more than 7.5 million people. Our larger economy and freer trade environment will build prosperity for both our provinces and give us a stronger economic voice as we attract investment and entrepreneurs, and offer a larger range of choices for consumers and for workers. Our provinces have set a new standard for what interprovincial trade can and should look like.”

“We have created a powerful new economic partnership that is the product of unprecedented inter-provincial co-operation and commitment to freer trade within Canada,” said B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell. “This open inter-provincial economy will liberate opportunities in trade, investment, employment and job creation in both provinces and it creates a platform for both provinces to take advantage of Asia-Pacific opportunities. We have two of the strongest, most dynamic economies in all of Canada and this agreement will make B.C. and Alberta even stronger.”

The agreement commences April 1, 2007 and will include a transition period to April 2009 before the agreement comes into full effect to give both governments time to bring their measures into conformity. Provinces also will negotiate to extend the agreement to include identified areas such as

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financial services, municipal governments and Crown Corporations.

In addition to the agreement, Alberta and B.C. signed four other Memorandums of Understanding covering:

- Charter buses – allowing operators to have the same access to both provincial markets;
- Energy research, technology development and innovation – creating mechanisms to share information and participate in joint projects and programs.
- Post-secondary education – supporting co-operation in research and information sharing, and developing common approaches to improve quality and access.
- Inter-provincial parks between Alberta and B.C. – allowing cooperation to protect, plan and manage parks that share the border, and establishing the Kakwa-Willmore Interprovincial Park.

Since October 2003, when Premiers Klein and Campbell signed the Alberta-B.C. Protocol of Cooperation in Calgary, 15 agreements have been signed that commit Alberta and British Columbia to work together in a wide range of areas. The increased efficiency from this common sense co-operation has resulted in real financial savings for Alberta and British Columbia taxpayers and the businesses that operate in our provinces.

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A copy of Alberta-British Columbia Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement is available online at:

[www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/popt/media\\_room/bc\\_ab\\_trade\\_investment\\_mobility\\_agreement.htm](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/popt/media_room/bc_ab_trade_investment_mobility_agreement.htm)

1 backgrounder(s) attached.

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## BACKGROUNDER

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April 28, 2006

Ministry of Economic Development

### **B.C. - AB AGREEMENT ON TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY**

#### **Economic Importance of the Agreement**

- Joint GDP of both provinces is 30% larger than that of Quebec: B.C. and Alberta together have the second largest economy in Canada.
- Investors can establish in B.C. or Alberta and have access to one combined, strong, competitive economy.
- Conference Board of Canada has estimated a combined economy could:
  - add \$4.8 billion to real GDP and
  - create 78,000 new jobs in B.C. alone.
- B.C. and Alberta will continue to be seen as the most open economies in Canada, if not North America. We are leading the country in economic competitiveness.

#### **The Agreement includes:**

- Once fully implemented, all government measures affecting trade, investment and labour mobility in all sectors of the B.C. and Alberta economies will be covered.
- This means that:
  - businesses only need to register once for both provinces;
  - investment rules will be the same in each province;
  - standards and regulations will be reconciled, transportation will be streamlined and workers certified for an occupation will have their qualifications recognized in both provinces.
- An effective dispute resolution mechanism. If a province fails to abide by the findings of a panel in a dispute, that province could be required to pay up to \$5 million in penalties.
- AIT continues to apply, but the BC-Alberta Agreement has gone further. It includes broader coverage and greater opportunities for BC business, investors and workers.

#### **The Agreement excludes:**

- Measures relating to aboriginal peoples, water, taxation, health and social policy, and labour standards.

#### **Agreement Outcomes:**

- Potential to add 4.8 billion to real GDP.
- Eliminate unnecessary duplication.
- Elimination of subsidies.
- Remove costs and barriers to workers, consumers, investors and businesses.

# The British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement

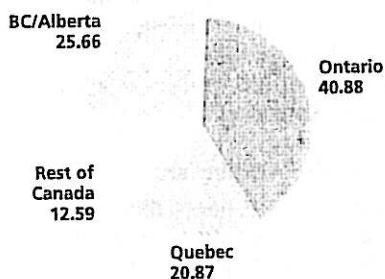


The *British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement* is Canada's most comprehensive internal trade agreement. It creates a market of almost 7.7 million people and Canada's second largest economy.

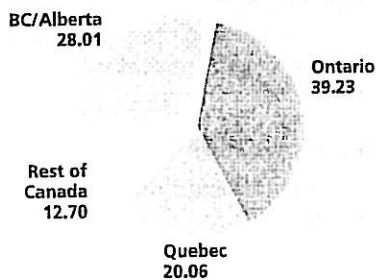
In this more open, competitive economy, goods, services and investments move freely. Companies will have greater opportunities to grow at home and compete internationally. Investors, businesses, workers and consumers will benefit from the growing prosperity in Alberta and British Columbia.

The business community has long pressed for the elimination of economic barriers within Canada. These barriers have cost billions of dollars that can now be saved, reinvested or passed on to consumers.

## GDP: Alberta, BC and the other provinces as a percentage of Canada's GDP 2001 and 2005

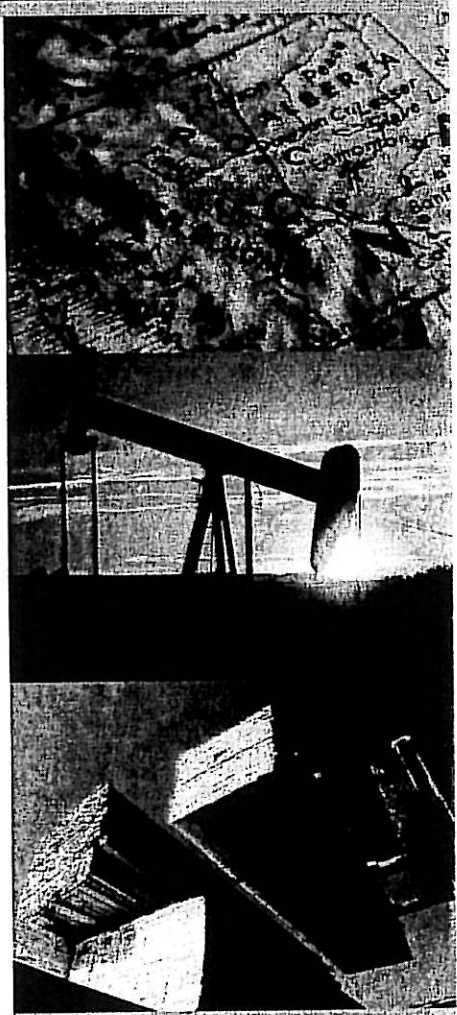
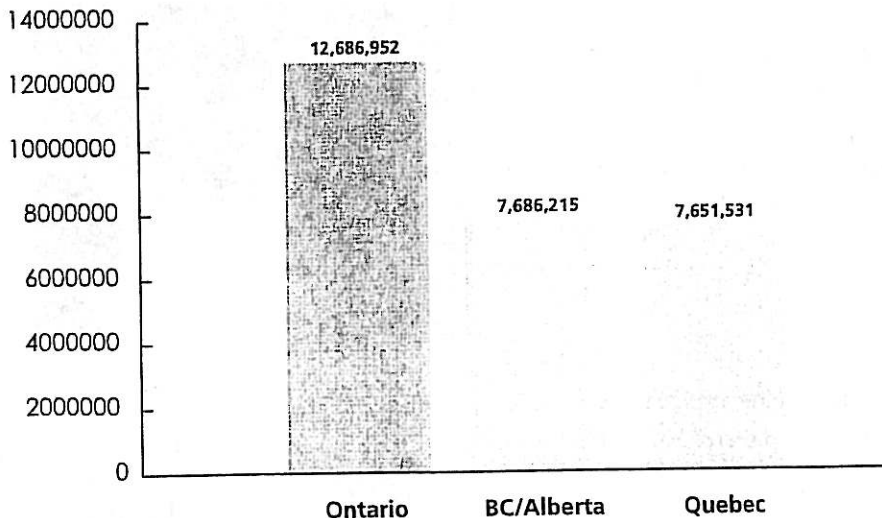


GDP as % of National Total 2001



GDP as % of National Total 2005

## Population: Quebec, Ontario, BC/Alberta



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## How does the Agreement work?

A set of General Rules and Special Provisions apply to all government measures across all sectors of the economies of British Columbia and Alberta. Investors, businesses and workers will know that if a measure is not clearly identified as an exception, it is subject to the rules of the agreement. The dispute resolution mechanism is effective and enforceable.

## What is included?

The agreement is comprehensive, applying to all government measures such as legislation, regulations, standards, policies, procedures and guidelines that affect trade, investment and labour mobility. Some examples are:

### Business Establishment

- Businesses will not face duplicate registration and reporting requirements.
- Businesses will not be required to maintain a local office or be resident in a province.

### Labour Mobility

- Occupational standards will be reconciled so skilled workers can seek opportunities in either province.
- More employment opportunities and greater labour mobility will attract more skilled workers.

### Energy

- Companies will benefit from Canada's only energy trade agreement, providing significant opportunities in both provinces.
- Standards in both provinces will remain compatible regionally and within North America.
- Management of land use, conservation and development will be conducted in a non-discriminatory manner.

### Transportation

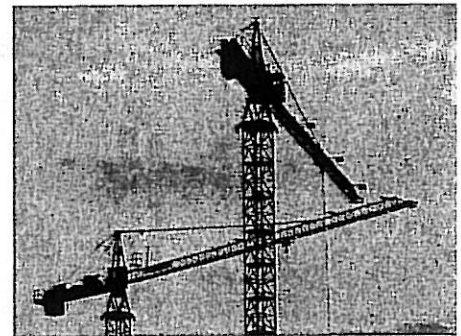
- Commercial vehicles may operate in either province without added registration requirements.
- Businesses and consumers will benefit from lower shipping costs.
- The region's status as North America's gateway to the Asia Pacific will be enhanced.

### Procurement

- Government procurement will be even more open to suppliers in both provinces.
- An open tender process for contracts.
- A wider array of services will be covered.

### Business Subsidies

- Harmful business subsidies will be curtailed.



### Standards and Regulations

- Reconciling standards and regulations will remove barriers to business opportunities, investment and labour mobility.

### Dispute Resolution

- Both governments and individuals can access the dispute resolution process.
- Consultations emphasize a cooperative approach to resolving disputes.
- If necessary, an arbitral panel may be established to hear the dispute and issue a binding report.
- Non-compliance can result in a fine of up to \$5 million.

### Extending the Agreement

- By April 1, 2009, negotiations to be completed to extend coverage to municipalities; school boards; publicly-funded academic, health and social service entities, financial institutions and financial services and Crown corporations.

## What is exempt?

- Provincial measures for water, taxation, royalties, labour standards, occupational health and safety, procurement of health and social services, social policy, and Aboriginal policies and programs.
- Other legitimate government objectives such as public safety and security, environmental and consumer protection, health and social services, and conservation of non-renewable, exhaustible or other essential resources.

## Implementation

- April 28, 2006: Agreement signed.
- April 1, 2007: Agreement comes into force.
- April 1, 2009: End of transitional period to fully implement the agreement.
- Ongoing: Efforts will continue to reduce exceptions and ensure broad and comprehensive coverage, and to encourage other provinces and the federal government to join the agreement.



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TO: Ken Watson, City Manager  
FROM: Russell Dyson, City Clerk  
COPIES TO: Mayor and Council  
Diane Sherlaw, Assistant Collector  
DATE: January 4, 2007

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SUBJECT: 2007 Court of Revision

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Council is required to establish the date, place and time for the annual Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision. It is proposed that it take place in the Committee Room at City Hall at 10:00 am, April 2, 2007.

Council is requested to confirm this by resolution.

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