

## **REPORT**

**To Mayor and Council**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

**Good evening Mayor Kulesha, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen.**

**This is my report to Council for the past two week period.**

**Once again matters to do with our water system needed some attention. The relay system on well #11 failed, well #12 had been recording very high chloride readings so we had cut our use back and were relying heavily on well #11. We cannot pump out of the Trundle Creek at present because of the amount of vegetative matter in the water. We were fortunate to have the Western Mechanical crew here because they were able to help us "borrow" the relay system from well#12 install it in Well #11 until the new system could be rushed in from Prince Rupert. We now have a new relay system in well #11 and spares in hand in the unlikely event that a relay might fail again in the near future.**

**Well #1 is still not testing clear for drinking but we are setting up with the Fire department so they will be able to fill their pumper truck with water from well #1 which will relieve the pressure on our system. Our Public Works Supervisor will be meeting with the Fire Chief to arrange a training session on how to fill the pumper from the well within the very near future.**

**Pressure testing has been completed on the first phase of the water treatment plant, that is to say, the concrete tanks have been checked for possible leaks. The test was passed. The last Pressure test was also completed on the Honna Intake Water Main on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00a.m to 1:00p.m.and pressure held well at 150 psi throughout the testing period.**

**Notification came through at the end of last week that the set up of the treatment plant will be delayed as some of the parts will not now be available to ship here until January. This could potentially cause a delay of two months before test runs can start next year. Possibly March instead of January, as previously expected by the Consulting Engineers, Dayton & Knight.**

**I arranged to hold the first Emergency Preparedness meeting of this Fall last Wednesday evening but had to attend by speaker 'phone as I was too ill to attend in person.**

**The guidelines for dealing with a potential H1N1 influenza epidemic were brought forward and discussed. Northern health had just sent them on to the Queen Charlotte Hospital. Posters will be going up in the Village giving safety precautions, hand washing and containment of coughs and sneezes were high priorities. The Village has discussed these precautions with our own staff and will be posting information sheets for anyone interested. Inoculations will be available for front-line people and those compromised by health conditions, details of this availability will be made public shortly.**

**Regular Emergency Preparedness meetings will be held from now on.**

**I met with two people from the department of Highways last Wednesday and discussed with them the most pressing matters still to be done with regard to Village roads, before the winter weather arrives.**

**I was informed at that time that an agreement has been reached with Clearbrook Trucking on their access situation at Skidegate Landing and that the access will not be moved from its present location. Highways have given me a letter to that effect and they look forward to the Village proceeding with the promised wall, or some such other acceptable screen.**

**The Village of Queen Charlotte has won a Silver Medal and \$350:00 towards Earth day 2010 by participating in the lightweight category of the Energetic Olympics, organized by One Sky – The Canadian Institute of Sustainable Living. Their score was 10,210 points – the winner (Village of McBride) scored 13,300 points and third place went to The Village of Burns Lake with a score of 6,780 points. Congratulations to those Queen Charlotte residents who participated and scored so well.**

**This concludes my report for this evening.**