

Report from Councilor Ellen Cranston for December 19, 2011

December 5, 2011 – attended the COW meeting and received an orientation of the Duties of staff at the Village of Queen Charlotte....a very busy group.

December 8, 2011 – I was Voluntold to serve at the Senior's Lunch at the Charlotte Community Hall. My best friend Kelly Vogstad asked me to assist and it turned out that with her broken heel, she required a lot of assistance. I took very good care of Debra Uliana's mom.

December 10, 2011 – I was the MC for the 1st Annual Haida Gwaii Health Fair held at the Kaay Centre in Skidegate with guest speaker Dr. Art Hister. The day was full with the new head Oncologist of the Northern Cancer Control Strategy in Prince George, Dr. Robert Olson speaking about Breast Cancer in the morning, then plenty of hands on learning, demonstrations, and information from Health Care Providers from all across Haida Gwaii and then finishing off with the Young Haida Dancers.

December 14 – 16, 2011 – I traveled with Mayor Kulesha and Councilor Johnson to Terrace to attend the Local Governance Workshop being held there. I got "Cuffed" with George Cuff who brings a wealth of experience from both sides of the Municipal Table as both a former Mayor and CAO. Much of his discussion was around our key roles, responsibilities and core decisions using principals for decision making. Sandra Carter a lawyer explained about Conflict of Interest, Public Hearings, Bylaws, Procedures and staffing. Carol Boothroyd was one of the presenters and as a former CBC Reporter, she taught us about What Not to Say to The Press! Lisa Zwarn had a workshop about local governance with everything you would want to know about motions, voting, chairing a meeting and more.

December 21, 2011 – Parks Canada and the Department of Forestry have had a friendly competition as to who could gather the most items for the local Food Bank and they have asked me to attend the event as an impartial judge!