

Greg's report to Council for July 20, 2009 meeting

- 1) B. C Hydro – On July 8th Councillors Noddin, Johnson and I met with Gareth Clarke of BC Hydro to discuss strategies for demand side management (DSM) of electricity consumption here. Gareth advised that the call for power generation submissions would likely go out this fall, and that Charlotte Mithu will be the BC Hydro engineer on the project, replacing the previous Pun Chu. Mr. Clarke also said that we wouldn't be getting the "smart meters" here before 2014, but that home energy kits. Would be available by September. We were told of a program to assist low-income households (<\$35/year) for funding energy saving home upgrades. I personally encouraged BC Hydro to give financial incentives here for solar water heaters.

- 2) Nai Kun Wind Project - on July 10 I submitted my comments and concerns to the Working Group for the Environmental Assessment for this project, specifically:
 - a) the baseline data for seabirds and other birds might be inadequate due to inadequate frequency and timing of transects;
 - b) the impacts of sediment transport on the East and North Coasts of Graham Island have not been rigorously considered. This coastline experiences considerable sand erosion in some areas and accretion in others: what will the impact to sediment transport patterns be from installing wind generators on the ocean floor?
 - c) inadequate research on crab movements for this area has been undertaken, especially concerning cable impacts.
 - d) Almost 50% of electrical generation in the US is coal fired, which contributes the largest amount of carbon per Kw hour of any method of production. If the Haida Link goes ahead and connects the Islands to the mainland grid, in times of low wind, what % of that electricity from the mainland grid will be from coal-fired plants?

- 3) Community Living BC (CLBC) – On July 13th Councillors Noddin, Johnson, Olsen and I met with three ladies from CLBC, which is a crown agency under the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Minister Rich Coleman. CLBC's mandate is to fund services for adults with developmental disabilities and children with special needs, by using contractors and other agencies for program delivery. We were given a rough sketch of programs provided and advised to go to their website after the meeting for program information.

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