

Report for Council
January 5, 2009
Councillor Gladys Noddin

1. To begin, I would like the administrator to convey my appreciation to Ben and Erik for the snow removal work that they have so enthusiastically been learning “on-the-fly” during the holiday season. “Thank you, guys.”
2. On December 9th I attended BC Hydro’s *call for proposals* meeting in the QC Community Hall (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.). There were several out-of-town interested parties as well as one long-time QCI resident and, of course, Nikun Wind Farm representatives. They all asked questions and were given answers that satisfied them to varying degrees. I found it hard to determine what the success of the meeting was.
3. The conference for Local Governance Workshop in Terrace went well. (Dec. 15 – Dec 17, 2009)
George Cuff did an excellent presentation. “George Cuff has a Canada-wide reputation amongst municipalities as an advisor, consultant, author, student and teacher on the art and principles of governance and the elements of effective organizations.”
George Paul’s presentation made him appear to be new to the lecture podium although “He has lectured at the UNBC on Municipal Service Delivery and Administration.”
Lisa Zwarn gave a very interesting presentation about *Basics about meetings and the mechanics of a meeting*. She also pointed out the differences between the legislation for municipalities and regional districts.
Bull, Houser and Tupper (Sandra Carter, Brian E. Taylor and Pamela Jefcoat) fielded many legal questions from the audience. It was a very interactive presentation and many people took advantage of the open opportunity to clarify questions concerning by-law writing and enforcement, pecuniary interests and conflict exceptions.
Carol Boothroyd gave us a great ending to the conference. Her focus was on ‘working and communicating with others’. Her background includes elementary school teacher, CBC TV news broadcaster/reporter, media liaison officer, corporate trainer and keynote speaker. Carol weaves humour into all of her workshops. She gave out practical tips on how to speak with the media and how to disclose what.
4. We have noted the late arrival of the first barge which is replacing the BC Ferry for the month of January 5 to February 7, 2009. It is in our interests to record all of the pros and/or cons about this service in the light of the Canada Post situation that is running concurrently with this ferry service interruption.

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