

MAYOR'S REPORT April 18, 2011

HGHES

Graduation ceremonies took place on Friday at Kaay Centre. Students reported on their case studies to the public and students from QC Secondary classes. Having students from the islands in the semester was a good addition to the program and for the students. Forestry deans from UNBC and UBC were present to hear them as well. We have our first application for next year!

NDI APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

NDI successful mentored and placed economic development officers last year and those placed now have permanent positions. I took part in the interview process for a group enthusiastic applicants. We hope to have one working on projects for the island in their training programme.

COW minutes to be distributed

BC FERRIES TELECONFERENCE

Discussion was about the next performance term and it appears that one of the southern routes has been designated as a major route which leaves more funding (\$4mil in service fees) for the minor routes and the north (us). Klemtu dock to be completed in May and the Northern Expedition will become the year long vessel on our route and will service route 10 and 11 fall/winter/spring beginning Oct 1/11. Northern Adventure goes for refit April 23-May 14.

February YTD 2010 909 vehicles and 2812 passengers. 2011 922 vehicles and 2731 passengers. (vehicles up 1% and psgr down 3% Weather would have been an influence as there were 11 days so far this year that the Kuwna had cancelled sailing.

Our term ends before the fall meeting and I need to send a letter agreeing to another term before I do that is there another councilor who wishes to serve?

JOINT NH RHD CHAIRS MEETING

AS Vice Chair of NWRHD I took the place of our chair at the twice yearly chairs meeting of RHD and NH. Of interest to us was the report on the capital plan which places QC and Burns Lake as the only replacement facilities in their plan, the provincial wide equipment plan that hopefully will allow cost savings in province wide purchasing and maintenance and the plan to renew the infrastructure analysis or Building Integrity Data Base last completed in 2004. The aim of the data base would be a 5 year renewal plan (20%) for all health authorities and an understanding by the ministry of the financial outlay needed into the future.