

MAYOR'S REPORT JANUARY 5, 2009.

HOLIDAY SEASON ON ISLAND

It was a pleasure to be able to stay here through the holiday season. The community club did a great job including the Christmas pot luck – a big thank you to our volunteers who served meals to seniors, entertained our youth and even had me singing Christmas Carols!

ISLAND DIRECTORS MEETING

We met before the holidays to review a variety of contract possibilities and John Holland is gathering more information before we can make a decision.

SQCRD

The December meeting introduced the new members Mayor of PR Jack Mussallem, PR councillor Nelson Kinney , Area D director Brad Setso and Pt. Edward Councillor Murray Kristoff (standing in for their Mayor) . The RD Board will have MLA Gary Coons as a delegate for the January 16th meeting, Board appointments sees Gladys Noddin returned to represent us at the HG Museum, Mayor Delves for Regional Recreation. QC has our own representatives to the VIRL, ISWAC and BC Ferries. A letter is to be sent to BCF requesting all island communities be part of the Ferries Advisory Committee. Right now it is QC, Skidegate, SQCRD and PR for this end of the coast.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING TERRACE

Board development forum with some very prominent speakers. It was a good session with lots of food for thought.

COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

CST grants have worked well on island and I was asked to write a letter by the other board members to request more funding in order to continue into the future.

BC HYDRO – POWER INTERRUPTIONS

High level of power brown outs, black outs and a few hours of no power at important times such as early Xmas morning appear to be due to salt build up and rain water on the lines, heavy snow conditions.

Please report for the record and so it can be corrected by phoning 1 888 power on

CANADA POST CONTINUED

OAS and CPP checks did not arrive on the 22nd of December as elsewhere and our people had to wait until December 30th. That put a pall on the Christmas season for those who were dependent on that cheque. Letters are taking anywhere from 5 to 15 days to arrive, 9 days for one from PR and a notice for Venture One customers was reported by councillor Johnson arrived 2 days **after** the special discount day had passed!

MP NATHAN CULLEN

Meeting on Haida Gwaii "Create your Budget" community forum Saturday January 24th time and location TBA. He has also circulated Take Action on Canada Post circular which I hope people return to him.