

MAYOR'S REPORT July 6, 2009

#### CANADA POST

We have collected a large numbers of petitions. Good work everyone. We have 2 arguments with Canada Post. One: They consider us a remote community and so are delivery standards are much longer than much of Canada. We are not considered a remote community by our Federal government. We are served by 2 airline companies and there is seaplane service as well as BC Ferries. Two – we are arguing that Canada Post does not meet even these dismal standards. From January to the end of May Canada Post can prove that packages coming **to** the island can be tracked for on time performance and of the 715 packages mailed to the island 28 did not arrive and 96% met the standard. Letters are not bar coded but nationally there is a third party that tracks mail to designated receivers. In the winter the ferry leaves the island only twice weekly and now we need to know if we still meet Can Post standards in that direction. Mr. Cotton is to call me this Friday with an update.

#### FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Similar to UBCM in programs, this was an interesting and demanding conference. More difficult being one person in attendance but I did know many of the other mayors. Need to have a presence as small BC communities in order to catch the attention of the federal gov't. The trade show gave me the contacts of Canadian suppliers of everything from park benches to sewer odor cleansers. As I filter through the agenda and trade show info, more will come forward to council. Of course speaking to the issue of our loss of air mail service and subsequent conversations as above made the convention all the more valuable.

#### MIEDS

Working with our new executive director and Anneli Rostenski on the arrival of the World condominium ship and a arts fair.

#### CST

Met and funded those applications brought to us – all were valued.

#### BC HYDRO

Momentary power outages have been frequent and the cause can be a bird on the wire, equipment hitting an electric wire or failed transformer. The recloser is a safety mechanism which stops the electrical connection for a short period of time. We have many of these and our equipment is aging which causes the equipment to work slower. I have asked BC Hydro for a timeframe for replacement.

#### BC FERRIES

The Central Coast would like to extend their tourism season into the fall. To do so, as all the ferries are connected, we need to start one Saturday later in June but in turn will gain a Wed sailing. Island directors agreed to a test for next year of one week and will reevaluate at that time.