

## MAYOR'S REPORT JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009

### MIEDS

The value added committee meetings have been started and I am anxious to hear more about them on June 17<sup>th</sup> where the board will meet followed by an open house here in QC. Anneli Rostenski will be up that week to catch up on the tourism initiatives, value added and board plans.

### NWRHD

A press release from NWRHD has the replacement QC hospital as a commitment from our board and has added Mills Memorial to our list of capital projects. I am pleased to take part in a board that is working for the betterment of all the communities.

### NDI

NDI is involved in the Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) which is aimed at helping create jobs and maintain employment in communities hard hit by the current economic slowdown. As you can see earlier in our meeting, we are ourselves applying for possible funding. This is great work and hopefully has the desired effect. NDI also hosted a conference call on the Ridley Island port which was also reported.

### SQCRD

A delegation from the Area A crab association presented their concerns over Nai Kun – basically the unknown impact of the large number of towers interfering with fishing opportunities, possible impacts from the electrical field on fishing, larval stages and the mature crabs and we are asked to ensure their concerns are addressed in environmental studies.

Recycling report noted that though commodity prices were at a record low, the prices had stabilized. The on island manager and recycling depot have not yet been resolved.

### RCMP AREA COMMANDER

It had been a year since the commander toured to the islands. His interest is in community relationship and response and I emphasized the need for drug control, and working with the youth. I also emphasized that I felt our new sergeant is aware of our issues and appears very community minded. Both Skidegate and ourselves are discussing joining a community consultation committee to work with the RCMP.

### D & K

With new staff and some new councilors, our engineers (and in particular the president of Dayton & Knight) Sean Brophy felt it important to meet with council and staff to ensure that council had a complete understanding of the history of our water system (from the time that they became involved,

which was after the treatment plant for the wells was built) as well as the current plan for the Honna River system, its treatment, expectations of water quality and quantity and funding obligations. Though we will have to be in camera to discuss tender options and details I can say that we are anxious to get underway and are looking forward to the clear, soft water, very similar to Skidegate's system that we will finally be able to deliver. But the word of caution is that we have a long ways to go yet and will not see this project completed until mid winter and then we will need to be patient with testing, operational learning curve and more testing. Expect to drink this water early next spring.

BC HOUSING