

## **MAYORS REPORT MARCH 16 2009**

**SOCIETY OF HIGHER EDUCATION** Simon Fraser University School of Resource and Environmental Management is our pilot project. classes will be held at the Haida Cultural Centre and accommodations is in QC. With one more month to go before the students arrive we are getting quite excited.

**HWAC** We met to develop the Terms of Reference we have addressed during the meeting. Updates of the service brochure are ongoing.

**MIEDS** I am sad to see Anneli Rostenski leaving for another position but she will continue to coordinate the AGM in April and the tourism piece. Her location in Victoria will serve to establish a closer association with Tourism BC. The logo and website we hope to have ready for the AGM, same with samples of the new Art Route brochure and accompanying map. We continue to lobby for an island wide community forest and the formation of committees are almost ready to begin even while we search for the new Managing Director.

**JURY DUTY** One of the more fun events of my week was participating in a Mock trial at the school which placed the the pro side of oil and gas exploration against the con side. There was a lot of passion expressed as well as great concern for our waters and land.

**BC HEALTHY LIVING ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH FAMILIES** I took part in a video conference with presentations from David Bowering amongst others and a discussion period on the challenges remote communities face. A summary of the meeting is appended to my report.

**CANADA/BC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT** The entire office was focused on moving the chlorine plant upgrade proposal forward within the deadline. The Drinking Water Officer, the engineers and especial our CAO were hard at it throughout the week.

**FISH PLANTS UPDATE** In a conference call with our MP Nathan Cullen and representatives from Masset, Pacific ,Albion, Omega, CB Islands and SQCRD we discussed next steps for the processing plants. We have until the end of June to present a plan for compliance to Environment Canada. Though the liquids waste can most likely be handled through community waste water systems, the solids need yet to be investigated. On the to do list is the feasibility of a reduction plant or fertilizer plant that would serve everyone.