

Mayor's Report March 2, 2009

#### EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councillor Olson can report on the devastating house fire this past Sunday as he was there. Our condolences to the home owner whose home is completely devastated and we are very grateful that there were no injuries.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer fire department for their quick response, their work to keep safe adjoining homes and compliment them on their continuing training and upgrading. I want to acknowledge our community's need for the work that they do. Thanks as well must go toward ambulance services, and our own public works sup't Ben Greenough

#### MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

I joined our administrator and public works in a meeting with highways and their contractor to review progress on the list of projects that need to be completed before the turnover in 2010. Though a lot of progress has been made, more work will be visible this spring. Culvert cleaning, drainage issues, road repair are to be addressed.

#### TORCH RELAY

We have successfully applied for Gwail Trust and are very grateful for their support. We await NaiKun funding announcements. The funding is to celebrate the Olympic torch and transport students. With our successful application we have transportation, lunch for the students, and some dessert and drinks for everyone. Other donations will help us celebrate the island wide event and are welcomed. The Northern Savings Credit Union has come forth as a donor to our island event with a whopping \$500 cheque and its CEO Mike Tarr has added \$200 personally. Thank you so much!

#### SQCRD

Island Solid Waste contract offers not accepted and an on island manager is to be hired. We are still looking for efficiencies within the system but that planning is best done by the person on island dedicated to the position.

Economic development funding was granted to the HG music festival and the QC VIC (brochures)

#### NORTHWEST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Presentation by the Ombudsman who is reviewing seniors care facilities, introduction of new board members to Northern Health staff and tours of Acropolis Manor and Terrace View Lodge care facilities were on the agenda.