

MAYORS REPORT NOVEMBER 21, 2011

MINISTER JOHN DUNCAN WESTCAPP – I was able to meet him and thank the government for funding us. I was also able to hand him a briefing note on our issues with Telus for our Gwaii Tel. His constituency office has sent our note to Ottawa and I am to hear from them directly. As a former resident of Port Clements, he was very familiar with the islands and appeared sympathetic to our needs.

GWAII TEL UPDATE After meeting with Min John Duncan, I met again with Paul Daniel while he was in town. (include P. Daniel's backgrounder) Our basic problem remains the connection from PR. Telus is no longer speaking of the additional radio link and wants to wait 2-3 years for a possible under sea cable. Need letter to Minister MacDiarmid to re-iterate our position of need for service and request her assistance with Telus.

REMEMBRANCE DAY was another lovely ceremony directed by Marvin Collinson and including the Gwaii Chorus. Thanks to council and staff for their participation.

COW November 14

GWAII TRUST PUBLIC MEETING NOVEMBER 14 I went as for our village and for MIEDS.

minutes from GT reps

LABOUR MARKET PROJECT COMMITTEE We met for 2 hours via telephone and though that media is very limiting we are moving forward. minutes from committee

MEMORIAL WALL ongoing discussions – there are almost 400 names of vessels as well as a few planes whose remains have been located around the waters of HG. It is a challenge but some design ideas are being discussed and will come back to council in the near future.

COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

Funding has come to the end. Last approvals which include the Massett Airport for \$250,000, the Heillen Long House Proposal for \$250,000 and topping up a previous grant to HGHEs which we underfunded by \$8000 by error. Another project still needs a third vote for acceptance so I cannot announce it as of yet.