

# VILLAGE VOICE



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to introduce our new Administrator, Eunice Ludlow.

*Ms. Ludlow has spent much of her career working in the private sector, where she served as Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Finance Officer with international corporations, operating in Europe, Asia and Africa, whose head offices were located in Vancouver. She gained her legal training in London, England and studied Arts at the University of British Columbia.*

*She has studied municipal procedures and has Certificates in both Municipal Administration and Emergency Operations.*

*For the past four years she has resided in the small municipality of Slocan where she worked as the Chief Administrative Officer. She re-organized and updated their municipal offices, including computerizing the old manual systems and reviewing their bylaws. She brought in \$400,000 in grants and reorganized the Public Works Department, including completing work on the new village water purification plant. During the floods in 2006 and the wildfires in 2008, she oversaw the emergency operations centre.*

*Ms. Ludlow will be arriving on Monday November 17th and will be able to review ongoing projects with departing CAO, Andrew Yeates. Dayton and Knight Engineering are expected to be on site that week to examine work to date on the new water system and apprise council members as to the progress of the project.*

*Please join me in welcoming the newest member of our team.*

With our staffing change came a general review of our town office structure and the goals and accomplishments we have achieved. We have a

new website at [www.queencharlotte.ca](http://www.queencharlotte.ca) which will allow us to be more interactive (see the volunteer award form on line) and still include the agenda for the next meeting and the minutes that follow. Brown Bag lunch on the first Friday of each month continues. We have received positive input on our quarterly newsletter and with staffing efficiencies we are aiming that this is the first of a monthly newsletter.

Our 2009 Council will have busy a busy start in 2008 as we join other mayors and councillors in Terrace December 15, 16 & 17 for the Elected Officials Workshop and early in the new year take part in the Newly Elected Forum in Vancouver (date to be set). Once everyone is up to speed we can move forward to determine the new council's goals and aims for its term in office and have budget discussions to support these desires.

The draft official community Plan will be brought forward by the Advisory Planning Commission. Community input in focus groups and town hall meetings is important as this document sets forward the future plan of the village. We have applied for another grant to leverage funding already received for our Spirit Square (the old All West Glass building across from the Credit Union). Once we know the results we will ask your help in planning.

And last but not least, I appreciate your support as we move into our second term as a municipality. The Village of Queen Charlotte garners a great deal of respect provincially and the work that we have accomplished as a community is the basic pillar for that support.

My warm regards,  
Carol Kulesha, Mayor

## WELCOME TO COUNCIL 2009

**Returning Councillors :** Greg Martin  
Gladys Noddin  
Kris Olsen

**New Councillor :** Leslie Johnson

And retiring councillor Eric Ross – we thank you for all your work on behalf of our community and your willingness to serve.

Thank you to all those who put their names forth as candidates for council and to everyone who came to the polls on November 5th and 15th to cast your votes, we had a record turnout of 327 voters of the Village's 598 eligible voters. The new council will be sworn in during the inaugural meeting on December 1st, 2008 at the Village Office.



## THE VILLAGE TURNS THREE

Please join us in celebrating our Village's third birthday! Incorporated on December 7th, 2005, the Village is one of the newest municipalities in the Province. We will be commemorating the anniversary on Friday December 5th,

so please stop by the Village Office for cake. The event will coincide with the monthly brown bag lunch with the Mayor and Council. They will also be taking the opportunity to publicly recognize and thank community volunteers

(see story below.) We hope to see you then.



## HONOURING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The Village would like to recognize the many community volunteers who spend countless hours of their time and energy making our community a better place to live. The community hosts many events and is home to a number of non-profit organi-

zations which require volunteer action. If you know someone in the community who you think deserves recognition for their actions then please put their name forward. You can do this by downloading the form from Village Services section, or

by calling or stopping by the office to fill out the form. We look forward to your nominations, nominated volunteers will be contacted and invited to the Village Office on December 5th.

## GWAII TRUST APPLICATIONS A SUCCESS

The Village applied for two Gwaii Trust grants during the October submission, both of which have been accepted.

We applied for \$233,013.00 from the Major Contributions Program to complete phase two of the Community Park (the empty lots next to the Skate Park.) We were approved for \$207,513.00. This money will go towards ground work which will include a 16 stall parking lot and preparations for the installation of a new tot park. The tot park will include many features including Land Soft surfacing which is made from recycled rubber, making it wheelchair accessible and reduces the chance of injury due to falls. There will also be

a public washroom with a drinking fountain and a picnic area for families. The much anticipated BMX trails and jumps are planned to be installed on the west side of the skate park. Future design plans for the site will include a seniors area and upgrades to the tennis courts. The Village welcomes community

involvement with this project. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see at the park then please let the Office know. We are also looking for input into an official name for the park.

Under the Legacy Program the Village applied for and was awarded \$5,887.00. This money will go towards the installation of a cement handicap entrance ramp and handicap door at the Village Office. The Village Office already features a handicap washroom and door on the Council Chambers. The handicap entrance will complete the handicap accessibility to the Village Office.



## VILLAGE WEBSITE GETS FACELIFT

The Village staff have been working on updating the Village website. Although some sections are still under construction it is already an improvement. It contains new features such as a calendar and event scroller as well as

the ability to submit your own photos. Check it out at [www.queencharlotte.ca](http://www.queencharlotte.ca). Stay posted during the next few weeks as more upgrades are to come. We appreciate any and all feedback from the community.



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