

THE VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS
Regular Meeting of Council, June 1st, 2009
AGENDA

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.

D-2-Terry Ingalls-Letter of support for an ATM & Tourist Information Center at 93 Bayview Drive.

3. MINUTES.

M-1-Minutes Regular meeting, May 19th, 2009.

M-2-Minutes Townhall meeting, May 21st, 2009

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BA-1-Tourism

BA-2-Facebook page for the Village.

BA-3-Derelict Vehicles

BA-4-Most recent quote for Village Pins.

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

C-1-Gloria O'Brien-2nd request to remove Salmonberry Bushes & Alder trees across the street in front of her 2 other lots they own, along Bayview Drive.

C-2-Jason Roberge-request to rent Park Street trailer.

C-3-Minster Responsible for BC, Stockwell Day-letter referring to Canada Post.

6. GOVERNMENT.

G-1-Policy for purchasing Draft

G-2-Employee Benefits Policy Draft

G-3-UNBC-Fuel Management Funding job creation for community.

7. FINANCE.

F-1-Cheque list May 29th, 2009.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

NB-1-Feasibility Studies/Marketing-Recreation Centre & Business Plan for Barge Facility.

NB-2-Janine North-Ridley Terminal letter.

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.

R-1-Action Plan

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

ADJOURNMENT.

In camera meeting to follow under Community Charter section 90-1-c.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Tuesday May 19, 2009 in the Council chambers.

Present:

Mayor Delves

Councillor Cheer

Councillor Hughes-McMullon

Councillor Stewart

Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Public Works Superintendent Pete Nelson-Smith

Press/Public

Mayor Delves called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

ADD NB-1 Vancouver Island Regional Library Saturday Opening.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Traplin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to enter into committee of the whole.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:08pm

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.

Mayor Delves declared conflict and left the room at 8:08pm

P-1-Application for approval outside of zoning-Kathleen Dalzell.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to allow the renovations to occur on the grandfathered building located at 209 Bayview drive with the stipulation that if the property should sell that a subdivision must occur to rectify the dual premises on one property.

CARRIED

Mayor Delves returned 8:14pm

4. MINUTES.

M-1-Minutes Regular meeting, May 4th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to accept the minutes of May 4th, 2009.

CARRIED

M-2-Minutes Tourism meeting, May 1st, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to accept the minutes of the tourism meeting May 1st, 2009.

CARRIED

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BA-1-Tourism

Work Bee next week end make sure that the works didn't interfere with the Village's plans.

Long term plans for the repairs of the trails.

BA-2-UBCM resolution deadline June 30, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

BA-3-Canada Post-response letter from the Village of Port Clements.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to support the petition that Mayor Kulesha of Queen Charlotte is preparing for Canada Post on behalf of Port Clements.

CARRIED

BA-4-Public Works-Hydro Geologist survey water system.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to enlist the services of Piteau Consulting hydro geologist in two phases 1.To assess the water supply of Port Clements and 2. Prepare a report for Council

CARRIED

Pete to work with other municipalities public works to keep costs down.

BA-5

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to schedule the services of Gordon McIntosh for June 14th as his schedule allows and to look after all related expenses.

CARRIED

BA-6-Letter of Support for Colleen Beachy who has been nominated by the Village of Queen Charlotte as one of three people to carry the Olympic Torch.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to write a letter of support to Colleen Beachy supporting her quest to carry the torch for the 2010 Olympics on the Islands.

CARRIED

BA-7-Town Hall Meeting May 21st, 2009.

The meeting will continue with the suggestions posted by Council.

6. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

C-1-Prime Minister office-acknowledging receipt of letter regarding Port Clements.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

C-2-Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure-Concerns regarding Highway 16.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

C-3-UBCM-approval for Community Kitchen equipment and furnishings. It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to purchase appliances and issue a RFP for the building and installation of cupboards and Counter tops.

CARRIED

C-4-Caitlin Furby-request for funding to go to a writer's camp in Penticton.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to provide a \$100 donation and a letter of support to Caitlin

Withdrawn

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to have Caitlin Furby come to the office and perhaps village staff could find something for her to do that would earn funding and to provide her with a letter of support to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

C-5-Haida Gwaii Sustainable Living Fair-request for letter of support to Gwaii Trust \$15,000.00.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to write a letter of support to the Haida Gwaii Sustainable Living Fair-request to Gwaii Trust for \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

C-6-Port Clements Historical Society-Letter of support for Gwaii Trust application for a heat pump for Museum.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Traplin to write a letter of support to the Port Clements Historical Society's application to Gwaii Trust for a heat Pump under the legacy program.

CARRIED

C-7-QCI Recreation Commission-Social Action Workshop looking to house 6 people.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cheer to grant the use of the trailer for those dates. With an agreement with the QCI Recreation Commission and group that any damage will be the responsibility of the QCI recreation commission to fix and a security deposit of \$500.00 will be required and the trailer must be left in the same condition as it was found and inspection will occur at beginning and end with all groups.

CARRIED

7. GOVERNMENT.

G-1-Roy Woolverton-Appointment of new Chair for Emergency Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Traplin, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to appoint Roy Woolverton as new chair of the Port Clements Emergency Committee.

CARRIED

G-2-Approval for Heather Nelson-Smith to attend the LGMA in Nanaimo June 8th-12th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to approve the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the Local Government Management Association Conference June 8 to June 12th, 2008.

CARRIED

G-3- New Legacy Application to Gwaii Trust flooring St.Marks Church + Paving stones for outside functions.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to apply to the Gwaii Trust under the legacy program for flooring and paving stones for the St. Mark's Church, amount to be determined.

CARRIED

8. FINANCE.

F-1-Cheque list May 15th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer accept the cheque listing of May 15, 2009.

CARRIED

F-2-Alan Hooper, Chartered Accountant-Consolidated Financial Statement 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to accept the 2008 Audited financial statements.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS.

NB-1-VIRL

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to write a letter to the VIRL finance committee to allow for an increase in the 2010 budget to for Saturday openings to make it more accessible to residents and visitors.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.

R-1-Action Plan

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to extend the meeting past 10:00pm.

CARRIED

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

Councillor Stewart- Had nothing to report.

Councillor Traplin- Had nothing to report.

Councillor Cheer-Met with BC Ambulance regarding the space in Port Clements.

-Attended the Tourism meeting

-Attended the Pole raising

Councillor Hughes-McMullon-Attended the NCMA

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Mayor Delves- Attended the NCMA-lots of interest from other communities in the Multi Purpose Building.

-Will be attending MIEDS meeting.

-Will be attending the North West Regional Advisory Committee meeting, -North West Regional Health and Regional District meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer- Toured UNBC Students around the building.

-Met with the ambulance.

-Met with Brock Storry about the Community Hall.

Public Works Superintendent- Meeting with contractors regarding the RFP of the sewer lagoon

-Clinic works in progress

ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 10:13pm and go in-camera under *Community Charter Section 90-1-c.*

CARRIED

Cory Delves,
Mayor

Heather Nelson-Smith,
Clerk/Treasurer

Notes of the Town Hall Meeting of Port Clements held Thursday, May 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers

Present:

Acting Mayor Hughes-McMullon
Councillor Cheer
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press

Public Present:

Craig Beachy
Clint Beachy
Eli Beachy
Jessie Fletcher
Terry Ingalls
Kare Ingalls
Cheri Kleidon
Adele Kupp
Sambhu Nath
Gloria O'Brien
Travis O'Brien
Evelyn Robinson
George Ryland
Erin Ryland
Urs Thomas
Ernie Thompson
Lana Wilhem
Ellen Woolverton
Roy Woolverton

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

It was moved by Councillor Cheer seconded by Councillor Stewart to adopt the agenda
CARRIED

For the purposes of the input from the public, point form as noted was taken. Names of individuals who made comments or suggestions was not recorded and all notes from this point are not resolutions nor the direction of the Port Clements Council. These notes will be used for future planning and discussion of the Council and its sub committees.

Tourism

-Not necessary to have an info centre manned but to have a community board for people to go to.

-Terry Ingalls introduced plans for a business on his property that would include a tourism info component without town funding

-Map with points of interest at the highway kiosk
What's available in town and what we offer

Painted sign

The pull off at the highway is under utilized
Vandalism is an issue with the highway kiosk
-Don't count on MIEDS all secret meetings and all that
-In favour of free enterprise

-Talk to the tourism info centers about promoting Port Clements

Infrastructure:

-Wharf-Build a Gazebo at the end of the dock
-Will take a lot of beating on the dock from weather
-Gazebo – flea markets, showcasing local materials
-Use the chevron site for construction
-Chevron property purchase
-The issue is the vandalism and maintenance
-Have to think about maintenance
-Why build more if we can't maintain what we have
-Need a docking facility in Port Clements that is accessible

Free Crown Land for:

-Barge ramps-value added to jobs
-A Mid-Island Recreational Centre.

Program C.O.P.S, Citizens On Patrol- become a part of policing in the community

-Police presence has increased in the past 12 months
-Stronger bond between the community and the police
-Don't like being stopped by the cops.
-Let them know that we can handle it on our own as a community

Web page

No comment happy that

Pins

-Too expensive
-What are their purpose?
-Contact Nebs for price of pens

Trails

-Advertising campaign for Port Clements

Sunset Park BBQ

-Should be at the community park not the Sunset Park, it was clarified that the intent was to promote usage of entire town not just community park
-To show beautification progress of Sunset Park

Metal guards on the bird tower

-Need proper treads as metal guards are sharp and dangerous

Community Park

-Structures need to be replaced
-Resurfacing and putting a cover over the court and rink
-Suggestions for moving Beer Gardens to the old concession stands- not out of question but it is better to keep it where it is since it is out of the way
-Formal cover for the beer gardens
-Middle access might be better for a new concession stand
-Need more picnic tables and benches

Grants

-Mid island recreation centre.

Employment

- Posting notices
- Works
- The Village has some works that can be done through hiring.

Employment structure on the web site

- Would like to see what each employee's job description is working for the Village
- Hiring process

Senior's assisted living facility

- There is a need for one but we need better health care first
- Business plan and a town referendum
- Disabled persons should fall under the applicable to stay in the proposed senior's facility

Transplanting a permanent Christmas tree into the center of town

- Christmas committee decorates

Tourism meeting next Wednesday**Village newsletters**

- Interest is there

Facebook

- Creating a Facebook page in hopes of keeping the community more informed of upcoming events and issues. Also discussion boards are available.
- News letters for people who want it.

How often to see these meetings?

- Once every 2 or 3 months
- More issues= more meetings
- Want open dialogue and less structure at next meeting

Adjourned 10:07

May 27, 2009

Heather Nelson-Smith
Village of Port Clements

Hi Heather

Regarding: ATM and Tourist Information Center at 93 Bayview Drive

I hope you're doing well and your family is healthy.

I would like to request that you approach council on my behalf for the following two letters:

- 1 A letter addressed to;

Ms. Heidi Harris
Assistant Executive Director
Northern Savings Credit Union
138 3rd Avenue West
Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1K8

This letter would outline Port Clements' need and desire for a Northern Savings Credit Union ATM specifically located in the downtown core at the location of 93 Bayview Drive.

- 2 A letter addressed to me, outlining the Council's willingness to support a tourist information center to be set up in conjunction with a booking center, gallery, etc. as discussed in my letter to Cory dated April 30, 2009.

My hope with these letters is that we can work together to increase the commercial corridor as a whole and allow 93 Bayview Drive to better reflect its position in town.

My thanks to you Heather, Corey and Council.

Sincerely



Terry C. Ingalls
93 Bayview Drive
PO Box 317
Port Clements, BC
V0T 1R0

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Old Massett Village Council, the Village of Queen Charlotte and the Council of the Haida Nation are among the organizations on the islands that have turned to social networking site facebook to give out information and stimulate discussion.

Queen Charlotte's facebook page was launched just two weeks ago and has already attracted 168 members from across Canada, many comments ("*sigh* i so miss the charlottes :(" is one of the latest) and several photos from the village's early days.

Village employee Isabel Lovis helped put the site together and said everyone is happy with the reaction so far.

"Eunice (the village administrator) mentioned it would be good to get it on there so more people could get to know about Queen Charlotte," Ms Lovis said. "Everybody is quite pleased with it."

The village's site attracted at least one member completely new to the world of facebook: mayor Carol Kulesha joined Monday.

"This is a real learning experience for me," Ms Kulesha said. "It's a great way to communicate... I've known about facebook but I hadn't had a real reason to join until now."



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Quotation/Order Form

May 28, 2009

Sold To:

Village of Port Clements
Att: Debbie Delves
Box 198
37A Cedar Avenue West
Port Clements, BC, V0T 1R0
Phone: 250-557-4295
Fax: 250-557-4568

Ship To:**Village Lapel Pins**

X	Qty	Size	Description	Unit Price	Amount
	500	3/4"	Lapel Pins (exact same as sample)	0.7999	\$399.95
	1000	3/4"	"	0.6499	\$649.90
	2500	3/4"	"	0.5599	\$1,399.75
	5000	3/4"	"	0.4599	\$2,299.50
			<u>No extra artwork, dies, or setup charges!</u>		<u>GST extra</u>

FOB: Destination Shipping: 4-6 weeks

Features:

Fastener: **Butterfly Clutch**
Plating: **Gold (18kt)**
Colours: **2 colours (exact same as sample)**
Packaging: **individually polybagged**
Artwork: **No Charge**
Warranty: **100% Satisfaction Guaranteed**
Experience: **over 40 years experience, BBB Honour Roll Member**

How Do I Order?

If this quotation is acceptable, please sign your approval below, then X the Quantity you wish and email or fax this page back to us at 613-384-0606 and we will process your order immediately. Questions? - please call me @ 888.790.6742 - Thanks, Adam

Approved by: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____ PO# _____

Notes: The only extra cost to this quotation is the GST! We do not have any artwork, dies, setup or shipping charges. Thank you very much and please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards - Adam

BA-4

Subject:

From: "Gloria O'Brien" <o'brien@qcislands.net>

Date: Fri, 22 May 2009 11:34:43 -0700

To: <portclem@qcislands.net>

Thank you for your letter regarding removal of trees. What about our lots next door? We have another 2 lots that we would like to clear in front of. (alders and salmonberries)

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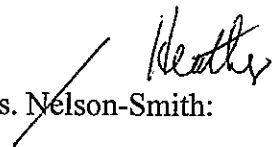
Minister Responsible for
British Columbia



Ministre responsable de la
Colombie-Britannique

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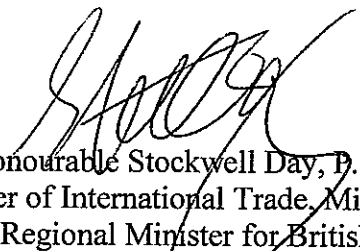

Dear Ms. Nelson-Smith:

I would like to thank you for your letter of April 8, 2009 regarding the issue with Canada Post and their mail delivery on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The concerns of the Village of Port Clements and the Village of Queen Charlotte have been passed along to Minister John Baird.

I will continue to work with Minister Baird to get this situation resolved.

Sincerely,


The Honourable Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.
Minister of International Trade, Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and
Senior Regional Minister for British Columbia

cc: Nathan Cullen, M.P.
Carol Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte

Village of Port Clements

Purchasing Policy

Policy No. 03, 2009

Prepared by Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Adopted: _____ 2009 by Mayor and Council

Replaces all prior Contracting out Policies

Objective: To set guidelines for the procurement of goods and services for the Village.

Policy: For works and services approved within the financial plan the following procedures are hereby set forth.

Procedure:

AUTHORITY

1. The Clerk/Treasurer and Public Works Superintendent are hereby appointed by Council as the "purchasers" of the Municipality purchase goods and services within the scope of this policy only.
2. The Purchasing Department may only expend within the approval of the financial plan.

GENERAL

3. CONTRACTING WORKS

Contacting out for works valued at \$5000.00 or less (excluding taxes)

Selection of a contractor for works within the Village will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) Contractor **MUST** possess a valid business license in Port Clements.
- b) Contractor **MUST** have equipment listed with the Village (appendix A)
- c) Contractor **MUST** have evidence of successful performance for similar works.
- d) Contractor **MUST** not have any delinquent accounts owed to the Village.
- e) Contractor **MUST** have current WCB coverage and Liability insurance (Appendix B)

Contractors will be selected from the registration Appendix "A" based on the following:

- a) Equipment and experience suitability
- b) First on list
- c) Time frame of works

Where there are works where multiple Contractors can be used and rotated for ease of work completion each contractor will not be paid in excess of \$5000.00 (excluding taxes)

4. Contracting out for works valued at \$5000.00 to \$10,000.00 (excluding taxes) shall be done in the following means:

Written Quotations:

The Purchasing Department shall obtain a minimum of three written quotations from local Contractors and are subject to the following criteria:

- a) Contractor **MUST** possess a valid business license in Port Clements.
- b) Contractor **MUST** have equipment listed with the Village (appendix A)
- c) Contractor **MUST** have evidence of successful performance for similar works.

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- d) Contractor **MUST** not have any delinquent accounts owed to the Village.
- e) Contractor **MUST** have current WCB coverage and Liability insurance (Appendix B)

Quotations will be evaluated based on the following:

- a) Price
- b) Equipment and experience and suitability
- c) Time frame of works

Contracting for works valued in excess of \$10,000.00 shall be done in the following means:

Tender

The Tender process is utilized when specifications and conditions to contract are known. The contract is built into the tender document.

Tenders will be evaluated on but not limited to the following:

- i) The lowest of any price may not necessarily be accepted.
- ii) Local preference will be given within 15% of the lowest bid
- iii) **MUST** have evidence of successful performance for similar works.
- iv) **MUST** not have any delinquent accounts owing to the Village.

OR

Request for Proposal

Requests for proposals are used for the purchase of goods, services, equipment and materials. R.F.P.'s are utilized when there are no specifications to work with, or when the Village is searching the marketplace for new and innovative ideas and has made a decision not to use specifications. A contract is formed after the successful proposal has been selected.

Request for Proposals will be evaluated on but not limited to the following:

- i) The lowest of any price may not necessarily be accepted.
- ii) Local preference will be given within 15% of the lowest bid
- iii) **MUST** have evidence of successful performance for similar works.
- iv) **MUST** not have any delinquent accounts owing to the Village.

All Tenders and RFP's will be opened by Council, reviewed by staff and approved by Council, not necessarily in the same meeting.

5. PURCHASING GOODS

Where possible the Village will endeavor to shop locally, where items can not be purchased in Port Clements the next closest Village on the Island shall be requisitioned.

a) Direct Acquisition:

Goods that have an estimated cost up to but not exceeding \$5,000.00 may be purchased directly from a local supplier by the Purchasing Department or by an employee who has authorization to expend funds.

b) Telephone Quotations:

Goods that have an estimated cost between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 shall be sourced by the Purchasing Department by obtaining a minimum of three telephone quotations when possible.

c) Written Quotations:

Goods that have an estimated cost between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 the Purchasing Department shall obtain a minimum of three written quotations.

d) Public Tenders:

Public Tenders will be used when the purchase is expected to exceed a cost of \$20,000.00. The Tender process is utilized when specifications and conditions to contract are known. The contract is built into the tender document.

The Village Council reserves the right to revert to the written quotation clause where it is not possible to purchase capital items locally such as motors and pumps for the water distribution system and sewer system and time is of the essence.

e) Requests for Proposals:

Requests for proposals are used for the purchase of goods that are expected to exceed \$20,000.00. R.F.P.'s are utilized when there are no specifications to work with, or when the Village is searching the marketplace for new and innovative ideas and has made a decision not to use specifications. A contract is formed after the successful proposal has been selected. The Village Council reserves the right to revert to the written quotation clause where it is not possible to purchase certain items locally such as motors and pumps for the water distribution system and sewer system and time of the essence.

Cory Delves,
Mayor

Heather Nelson-Smith,
Clerk/Treasurer

APPENDIX "B"

GENERAL MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.) Valid WCB coverage for the entire scope of the works for the term of the contract.**
- 2.) A) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and Non Owned Automobile Liability Insurance covering bodily injury, property damage and loss of use thereof. The policy shall also provide coverage for:**
 - i) Loss of damage resulting from fire.**
 - ii) Unlicensed and specially licensed vehicles**
 - iii) Contractual liability covering the contractors liability under any agreement with the Village of Port Clements.**
 - iv) Contingent liability for work sublet;**
 - v) Products and completed operations;**
 - vi) Loss of use of tangible property which has not been physically injured or destroyed;**
 - vii) Fire fighting expenses including the cost of water bombers incurred of authorized by others.**

B) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance covering all the contractor's licensed vehicles (owned of leased)

The minimum limit of liability for sections A & B of paragraph 2 are as follows:

- a) \$2,000,000.00 inclusive of general liability insurance and non-owned automobile insurance**
- b) \$2,000,000.00 inclusive of motors vehicles liability insurance.**

If the contractors policy is subject to a sub-limit of insurance for fire fighting expense coverage, the limit of such insurance must not be less than \$100,000.00.

APPENDIX "A"
CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION LIST

DATE: _____ DATE: _____
(submitted) (received-VoPC only)

CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS NAME:

PRINCIPAL CONTACT:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Office Phone: (____) _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Fax Number: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Office Hours: _____

WCB Number: _____

Liability Insurance Policy

Name of Insurer _____

Policy Number _____

EQUIPMENT LIST

Machine (Make & Model)	Year Built	Type & Function	Attachments Available	Capacity

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is truthful and accurate. Signed and deliver by or on behalf of the contractor (or by an authorized agent of the contractor if a corporation)

Signature

Print Name

Village of Port Clements

Employee Benefits Policy

Policy No. 04, 2009

Prepared by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jasmine Erin Ryland

Adopted: _____ by Mayor and Council

Replaces all prior Employee Benefits Policies

Policy statement:

PREAMBLE:

The Village of Port Clements will provide the following benefits to its employees.

DEFINITIONS:

"Immediate family" shall mean the spouse, child, parent, guardian, sibling, grandchild or grandparent of an employee, and any person who lives with an employee as a member of the employee's family as per the Employment Standards Act.

POLICY:

1. Health and Welfare

- a. The Village will pay the percentage indicated of the monthly premium of the following benefit plans. Employee entitlement will be after three (3) months of employment, and will always be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plans and carrier requirements. The Village's liability is limited to arranging the Plans and paying the applicable premiums. The Village is not liable for any failure or refusal of coverage by a third party for any reason.

i.	Extended Health Plan:	100% Village
ii.	Dental Plan:	50% employee/50% Village
iii.	Group Life Insurance:	50% employee/50% Village
iv.	Accidental Death & Dismemberment	100% Village
v.	Short Term Disability	50% employee/50% Village
vi.	Long Term Disability	100% Village
vii.	MSP	100% Village

2. Superannuation Plan

- a. The Village agrees to participate in the Pension (Municipal) Plan. The employee's entitlement to pension shall be in accordance with the Superannuation Plan, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. Regular fulltime employees with a minimum of 24 hours per week shall enroll at 6 months and must enroll at 1 year.

3. Sick Days

- a. An employee is not entitled to receive benefits under this section for injury or sickness while working for any other employer, while self-employed or while on layoff.

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- b. Each employee is entitled to 6 calendar working days as sick days. Any remaining sick days at the end of the year the employee will be compensated half of the remaining days.
- c. The terms and provisions of extended sick leave benefits shall be as regulated under British Columbia Life and Casualty insurance benefits.

4. **Pregnancy/Parental Leave**

- a. Employees shall be entitled to the full Pregnancy/Parental Leave coverage provided to unionized employees under section 50 in the Employment Standards Act.

5. **Leave for Birth of Child**

- a. The partner shall be granted two (2) days off with pay for the birth of his/her child.

6. **Leave for Adoption of Child**

- a. An employee shall be granted three (3) consecutive days off with pay for the adoption of his/her child. An employee shall also be entitled to the Parental Leave provisions of this Policy.

7. **Bereavement & Compassionate Care Leave**

An employee is entitled to up to 3 days of paid leave on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family.

8. **Jury Duty/Witness Leave**

Employees shall be entitled to Jury duty/Witness leave under sections 55 and 56 in the Employment Standards Act.

9. **General Leave of Absence**

- a. Leave of absence, without pay, may be granted by a Department Head to an employee requesting such leave, for good and sufficient cause. Such leave request shall be in writing, and the Department Head's reply shall be in writing and state the conditions of the return to work. Continuation of benefits may be arranged and may include the employee paying the premiums, for leave exceeding one (1) month's duration.

10. **Annual Vacation**

Each employee will be entitled to 4% vacation pay or 2 weeks vacation from 1 to 5 years and Officers and Management will be entitled to 6% vacation pay or 3 weeks vacation from 1 to 5 years. Increases will be of 2% after 5 years and continuing thereafter as per Part 7 under the Employment Standard Act.

11. **Overtime**

An employee is entitled to overtime as per under Part 4 in the Employment Standards Act.

12. **Other**

Length of probation, salary and other items not covered by this Policy shall be set by the Clerk/Treasurer and/or Council.



Important Grant Information for Local Governments

To: Local Government Administrators

From: UBCM – Local Government Program Services

Date: May 25, 2009

**RE: FUEL MANAGEMENT IS ONE OF THE INITIATIVES THAT IS
SUPPORTED UNDER NEW COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT FUNDS**

Western Economic Diversification Canada recently announced new **Community Adjustment Funds** to address the short-term economic needs of communities impacted by the global recession.

One of the project types that will be considered for funding are fuel management activities, that can be started quickly and create immediate, short-term employment. This funding may be used to leverage funds currently available through the UBCM "Strategic Wildfire Protection Program" funded by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

The deadline for Community Adjustment Fund applications is June 5, 2009. Projects needing more time to be developed must be submitted by June 26, 2009. For more information, please go to the Community Adjustment Fund website at: <http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/11269.asp>

Please distribute this circular to staff members involved in Fuel Management.

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Cheque Listing For Council With GL Numbers

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Cheque	Date	Name	Expense GL Number	Invoice	Description	Cheque Amount
20090343	2009-05-21	ALAN K HOOPER INC	10-4-25-00-00	AH-741-6664	PAYMENT	3,973.91
					2008 AUDIT EXPENSE	3,973.91
20090344	2009-05-21	BEACHY MECHANICAL	10-3-22-00-00	052009	PAYMENT	495.61
			30-2-41-30-40	052009	REPAIRS ON PW TRUCKS	22.34
			40-2-42-90-70	052009	REPAIRS ON PW TRUCKS	236.64
					REPAIRS ON PW TRUCKS	236.63
20090345	2009-05-21	CHPA	10-2-71-21-15	0720B-08	PAYMENT	25.64
					PLAQUES FOR MPBC PICK UP	25.64
20090346	2009-05-21	GREEN STONE RIVER GUIDING	30-2-41-10-25	05-2009	PAYMENT	1,125.00
					NORMS WORK ON PUMPHOUSE	1,125.00
20090347	2009-05-21	MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN	10-4-29-00-00	05-09	PAYMENT	864.00
					NELSON-SMITH MEDICAL MAY	864.00
20090348	2009-05-21	STAPLES MCDANNOLD STEWART	10-2-12-10-50	48040	PAYMENT	194.42
			10-3-22-00-00	48040	LABOUR RELATIONS	185.73
					LABOUR RELATIONS	8.69
20090349	2009-05-22	Fischer, Greg	10-2-72-50-10	22-May-09	PAYMENT	350.00
					SIGN REFINISHING	350.00
20090350	2009-05-25	PENSION CORPORATION	10-4-27-00-20	May-09	PAYMENT	819.89
					PENSION MAY 09	819.89
20090351	2009-05-25	RECEIVER GENERAL - CCRA	10-4-27-00-10	May-09	PAYMENT	6872.66
					PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS MAY 09	6,872.66
20090352	2009-05-25	ROCKY MOUNTAIN Phoenix	10-2-24-80-00	IN43604	PAYMENT	1,036.91
			10-3-22-00-00	IN43604	NEW NOZZLE AND SPARE HANDLE	990.57
					NEW NOZZLE AND SPARE HANDLE	46.34
20090353	2009-05-25	XEROX	10-2-12-11-30	F40135396	PAYMENT	382.74
					XEROX PAYMENT MAY	382.74
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					NUTS AND BOLTS FOR WHARF	1,244.89
20090356	2009-05-28	MARRS, CHRISTOPHER	10-2-34-00-20	5909pc	PAYMENT	1,408.26
					YELLOW CEDAR RISER BLOCKS-WHARF	1,408.26
20090358	2009-05-28	NELSON-SMITH, HEATHER	10-2-12-10-20	05-01-09	PAYMENT	119.56
			10-2-12-10-20	05-05-09	QCC-GETTING WHARF SUPPLIES	69.09
					POLE RAISING PLANNING MEETING	50.47
20090359	2009-05-28	TRIPLE D. INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LTD.	10-1-89-10-84	1379	PAYMENT	10,032.96
					TREES FOR TOWN	10,032.96
Total						37,461.45

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Feasibility Studies or Marketing

Program Overview

The **Feasibility Studies or Marketing** program provides municipalities, regional districts, First Nations and non-profit groups such as industry associations with a grant up to a \$20,000

- A feasibility study that will demonstrate a strong business case for an infrastructure project that is aligned with Northern Development's Economic Diversification Infrastructure funding program that will diversify and provide direct measurable economic benefits to the local or regional economy, or;
- Development and implementation of a marketing program that will increase revenues within the region

The Feasibility Studies or Marketing program is funded from an appropriate Regional Development Account (Cariboo Chilcotin/Lillooet, Northeast, Northwest, and Prince George) unless:

- The feasibility study or marketing initiative meets the unique requirements for accessing the Pine Beetle Recovery Account (see Schedule B of the Application Form), or;
- The project is a feasibility study for economic diversification infrastructure that has an anticipated capital cost in excess of \$20 million and would provide direct economic benefits to more than one region. In that case, a feasibility study application may be made to the Cross Regional Account (see Schedule C of the Application Form).

Features and Benefits of the program include:

- Provides grant funding for development of a comprehensive business case to support application to Northern Development's Economic Diversification Infrastructure program and/or capital cost financiers, or;
- Provides grant funding to support marketing initiatives that directly increase revenue generation within the local or regional economies of central and northern British Columbia
- Preference is given to feasibility studies that are expected to result in strong job creation and substantial new revenue creation for the industry sector, community or region
- Funding is not considered as "stacked" by provincial or federal funding programs
- Funding disbursements can match the phases of the marketing program or feasibility study to ensure that small municipalities (under 2,000 people) or non-profit groups are assisted with cash flow
- Results of projects are made publicly available to assist other communities and groups undertaking similar initiatives
- Time sensitive approval process for complete and well documented applications

Objectives

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- To assess the business case and feasibility for economic diversification infrastructure
- To market assets and products within the region in order to increase local revenues generated from outside the region

Apply For Funding

Prior to submitting an application for funding, please review the Application Guide and following documents in detail. Please note that only complete Application Forms will be accepted.

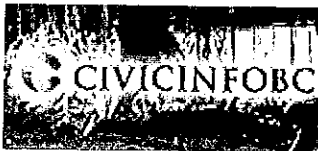
- [Application Guide](#) (290 KB PDF)
- [Application Form](#) (Requires Adobe Reader 8.0+ – 321 KB PDF)

Complete Application Forms with all required attachments should be provided electronically to Northern Development by email. Facsimile or paper copies are not preferred, but can be accepted for required attachments:

Email: info@northerndevelopment.bc.ca

Fax: 250-561-2563

Mail: 301-1268 Fifth Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3L2



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Program

Provider: Ministry of
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Subject Area(s): Air Quality
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Description: The
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management plans, community energy plans, integrated stormwater management plans, water master plans and liquid waste management plans.

Grants can be used for a range of activities related to assessing the technical, environmental and/or economic feasibility of municipal infrastructure projects.

The Program supports a range of initiatives related to improving water, sewer, drainage and other environmental infrastructure. Eligible projects are those that promote sustainable infrastructure including, but not limited to:

Plans

- Liquid Waste Management Plans
- Integrated Stormwater Management Plans
- Community Energy Plans
- Water Conservation Plans
- Water Master Plans

Studies

- Infrastructure condition assessments
- Economic evaluations of universal metering and conservation rate structures
- Water audits and development of water demand management strategies
- Low impact development technologies and green building design evaluations
- Innovative pilot projects and capacity building programs
- Wastewater reclamation and water reuse studies

The next round of approvals will be based on applications received by July 29th, 2009.

View the Guide, Application Form, and Certification Form.

Link:

View Additional Grant Information

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From: Janine North <Janine@northerndevelopment.bc.ca>
Date: Wed, 27 May 2009 3:53:49 pm PDT
Subject: FW: Important - Ridley Terminals Letter

The attached letter went out today to the Prime Ministers Officer jointly from the President of the North Central Municipal Association and the Chair and Vice-Chair of Northern Development. It resulted out of a meeting last week with myself, Chair Sutherland and Vice Chair Saugstad with Minister Hill and a conference call with the NCMA Mayors and Regional District Chairs yesterday. Some background to this issue is in attached articles from the Financial Post, Northern View, and a media release from the Mining Association of BC. Several years ago, the newly elected Conservative government affirmed that Ridley Terminals would remain a public asset, when it was under the board chaired by Mike Tarr. That was extremely positive news which was strongly influenced by the voices of northern BC community and industry leaders. After the appointment of Dan Veniez as Chair and a new CEO there has been a marked deterioration in the relationship with industry and communities.

There is a draft press release attached which will not go out until next Tuesday June 2, allowing community leaders and regional district chairs to inform their councils and determine whether they wish to add their name to the news release. If any of you wish your names to be included on the release, please advise me. If any of you wish additional background on the situation or wish to provide additional information, please contact myself or Mayor Saugstad. If any of you have already responded as Northern Development Directors, or participants in yesterdays conference call, there is no need to respond again.

I can provide all of the address information for the Prime Ministers office and key Ministers, if you wish to author individual letters from your communities or regional districts.

Please find below Mr Veniez article that ran in last Thursday's Financial Post, followed by an editorial article that was released by Pierre Gratton, CEO of the Mining Association of BC on Friday and article in the Northern View from today and yesterday.
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A terminal sale

Posted: May 21, 2009, 7:26 PM by NP Editor coal, transportation
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ost.com/np/blogs/fpcomment/M~p06ma30_45p-col_aerialsh.jpg>Ridley Terminals must be
privatized in the manner that best serves Western Canadian coal producers

By Daniel D. Veniez

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he potential privatization of Ridley Terminals Inc. (RTI), which I head, should not be an ideological issue. I and the other directors are volunteers (as all directors of federal crown corporations essentially are) with business experience. We've been appointed by the federal cabinet to protect Ridley Terminals, not to turn it into a political football. This is all about finding the right way to secure the future of the terminal and the people that depend on it, including those in mining communities whose jobs are at risk. We strongly encourage a private sector solution to this ignored crown corporation, which has long been a drain on the taxpayer.

Ridley Terminals is the only federal Crown corporation of its kind. It is a bulk commodity terminal that employs 87 people in highly skilled, well paying jobs. It is a strategic asset that forms part of a critical transportation hub in Prince Rupert, B.C. - Canada's northern Pacific gateway.

Thirty years ago, the federal government invested almost \$250-million to build Ridley Terminals, thinking that this would facilitate the development of coal mines in eastern British Columbia. No commercial contracts were in place with coal producers to support this thesis or justify an investment of this magnitude. It was the "Field of Dreams" rationale to government planning: Build it, and they shall come.

The results were less than stellar. Volumes for what was originally designed as a 24-million tonne facility never exceeded five million tonnes. The few customers who did come felt that RTI was in business to subsidize their operations. For a variety of reasons, RTI never disabused them of that notion, and over the years, RTI made a practice of subsidizing its services. The taxpayer consistently funded operating losses and a high-cost operation. This company has taken major writedowns. Some customers were the beneficiaries of interest-free loans on multi-million dollar accounts receivable, going back several years. Others came to expect access to RTI at significantly below reasonable and fair market rates, without any contracts being in place for price or minimum tonnage.

We have ended that practice, much to the consternation of special interests and their friends. RTI stopped entering into agreements that were not demonstrably in the economic interests of RTI, and therefore, the taxpayer via the government.

In 2003, Transport Canada officials managed and led a process that lasted more than two years resulting in its recommendation to sell RTI to a junior coal producer for a total cash consideration of less than \$3-million. After the 2006 general election, in one of his first acts as Prime Minister, Stephen Harper halted that proposed transaction. We believe that his decision was absolutely the correct judgment for three fundamental reasons:

- 1 The price did not represent close to fair value for an asset in which the people of Canada had, by then, invested over \$400-million;
- 2 Any eventual privatization of RTI should not be to a producer, who might give itself preferential access, but to a professional terminal operator whose core mission and economic interest is to actively and aggressively promote the widest possible access, and;
- 3 RTI will require major investments to modernize and eventually expand. The future of such a critical part of Canada's Pacific gateway should only be entrusted to an organization with the operational competence and financial depth to secure its long-term competitive future.

With the turnaround of business operations well underway, the government should now review its policy choices. For 15 years, at least, RTI has served no discernible public policy mandate or purpose. In fact, government ownership has been an obstacle - not a

help - to securing RTI's long-term future.

Several years ago, the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) proposed the amalgamation of RTI and PRPA. A few senior government members appear to favour the idea. While at first blush this appears to be a sensible notion, we are unconvinced that this move would be in the best interests of the Crown or RTI's employees. First, the PRPA is not an operator, but a landlord, and a government one at that. Port Authorities should have less, not more, control over commercial operations for which they have little or no managerial capacity. The PRPA - and entities like it - should be less involved, not more, in activities that are clearly better suited to the private sector. Second, the idea of an amalgamation with the PRPA means that the government of Canada is giving away a valuable Crown asset to an organization outside its control - free of charge.

The federal government is in the position to investigate a variety of positive strategic alternatives to create long-term value for the Crown, and protect those that depend on Ridley Terminals. There are a variety of plausible - and indeed highly attractive - alternatives to continued taxpayer ownership of RTI. Our board will recommend a course of action to ministers: Ultimate responsibility rests with cabinet.

One point we are clear on is that Canada's Pacific gateway needs a modern, productive and cost-effective bulk commodity terminal in Prince Rupert to service the needs of Western Canadian producers. Despite the groundswell of pessimism gripping many of the world's economies, Canada remains in the envious position of having an abundance of natural resources that the world will continue to need for generations to come. This downturn will not last and port capacity will need to grow. RTI needs to be in the hands of those willing and able of securing it well into the future.

Financial Post

Daniel D. Veniez is chairman of Ridley Terminal Inc.

Photo: A ship at Ridley Terminals.

Ridley Terminals: A Strategic Asset for Western Canada (Pierre Gratton, CEO of the Mining Association of BC)

In a recent flurry of media activity, Daniel Veniez, Chair of Ridley Terminals Inc. (RTI), has rightly pointed out that the future of the port terminal should not be a political football nor ideologically driven. Unfortunately, it is clear through his actions and through his efforts to sell RTI to a single private interest that he is engaged in both.

Ridley is a strategic asset critical to the growth of northeastern British Columbia and beyond. It is one of the key reasons, for example, that the Northeast BC coal sector has undergone a remarkably strong reemergence in recent years, driven by the growing demand for high quality steel-making coal in emerging Asian markets. A recent PriceWaterhouseCoopers' study of BC's mining sector performance in 2008 reported record levels of production, new investment, job growth and the highest industrial wages of any sector, due in large part to the province's steel-making coal industry. This dramatic reemergence is not abating, despite the current economic downturn, as steel-making coal prices remain at relatively high levels from a historical standpoint. Indeed, the future of BC's and Alberta's steel-making coal sector and that of communities such as Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and Prince Rupert, has not looked so bright in many years.

This new investment has not only meant high-paying jobs and spin-off benefits for what had been an economically depressed region of British Columbia, but also new revenues for governments and an important contribution to Canada's trade balance. The strategic importance of BC's and Alberta's steel-making coal resource cannot be understated - it is one of the top three jurisdictions in the world for steel-making coal and can and will play a pivotal role enabling the rapid industrialization of emerging Asian markets - and the recovery of our own.

A key challenge for many of Western Canada's exporters is their inability to control their single largest cost element - rail costs - due to their captivity to monopoly pricing practices. Given this, it would exacerbate matters for current and future producers and exporters were RTI sold to a private company, which would lead to another monopolistic service provider or restricted access for property developers. RTI was never intended to become a profit centre for the federal government. In fact, it was created with the single purpose of enabling economic development in Northern BC.

To continue to do play this role and to drive future development, RTI's throughput rates must be kept at competitive levels against international markets to direct volume to the terminal. Sale to a private entity would hold all users of the port hostage to monopolistic pricing, which is not in their interests, nor the interests of the citizens of Northeastern BC and British Columbians and Albertans, generally. The governments of British Columbia, Alberta, and Canada would gain indirect financial benefits through increased royalty returns, corporate income taxes from increased earnings of the users, and personal income taxes from the increased employment supported by competitive throughput rates.

Like Mr. Veniez, we were encouraged by the decision of the Conservative government to cancel the previous government's proposed divestiture as their first order of government on February 7, 2006. His efforts to improve the viability of the port are commendable. Nevertheless, the fundamental rationale for not privatizing the port in 2006 remains as true today as then.

We are thus heartened by comments made by the Honourable Jay Hill, who clearly understands the importance of the public sector's involvement in RTI at this time. A sensible option would be to transfer the RTI asset to the Prince Rupert Port Authority, which would create obvious synergies and efficiencies. In addition, a new management structure should be formed comprised of port users, who would operate the terminal on a not-for-profit basis focused on delivering high quality, competitive service for Northern economic interests, a model seen elsewhere in Canada and around the world.

Pierre Gratton

President & Chief Executive Officer

Mining Association of British Columbia

MP vows to fight the proposed sale of RTI

By Shaun Thomas - The Northern View<mailto:newsroom@thenorthernview.com?subject=The%20Northern%20View%20-%20MP%20vows%20to%20fight%20the%20proposed%20sale%20of%20RTI>

Published: May 26, 2009 11:00 PM

The sale of Ridley Terminals came to the forefront again last week with the announcement of bids being received by board chair Dan Veniez.

According to reports four bids have been received, with one valued at approximately \$131 million. That is a significant increase from the \$3 million sale price offered by Western Canadian Coal and entertained by the Liberal government less than five years ago. But when the Conservative government was elected in 2006, one of their first actions was to cancel the sale.

Veniez referred requests for comments from The Northern View to the 2008 Annual Report, in which he said selling the company was critical to move the company forward.

"For fifteen years, at least, RTI has served no discernible public policy mandate or purpose. In fact, government ownership has been an obstacle - not a help - to securing RTI's long term future," he wrote.

"Today, we know there to be a variety of plausible- and indeed highly attractive - alternatives to continued taxpayer ownership of RTI. Given RTI's potential, the need to

invest in modernization and its ongoing capital needs, we fail to see how the status quo can be a viable alternative if RTI is to be a self-sustaining enterprise."

And while a condition of sale would be that Ridley be sold to "a well established terminal operator", Skeena - Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen said he would do everything in his power to stop any sale of the facility.

"I suspect we are going to have a fight on our hands...This can't be allowed to go through, and we will fight this to the end," he said during a May 20 media call while questioning why the government would change a system that he sees as working fine.

"[Mr. Veniez] is the gentleman I spoke to right after he was appointed and who said his job was not to sell off Ridley, and now we have word of at least three credible buyers."

Cullen says that "the buck stops with the Conservative government who put this guy in charge", but Conservative House Leader and Prince George - Peace River MP Jay Hill has also expressed his opposition to selling the terminal.

The board will make recommendations regarding the crown corporation's future to federal ministers, but the final decision on any sale will be made at the Cabinet level.

The Northern View, May 26, 2009.

Selling Ridley makes no sense to me...

I have to say, I'm more than a little perplexed by the recent news that bids are coming in to purchase Ridley Terminals.

It seems like just yesterday that the newly elected

Conservative government put the kibosh on a plan the Liberal party had to sell it off. Granted the circumstances were different (with a price of \$3 million to a coal producing company compared to reports of \$131 million to a separate private entity), but I'm confused as to why that same Conservative government would even consider selling it off. If indeed they are considering it, this could just be something thrown out there by the RTI board to get people talking.

At any rate the Ridley Terminal website clearly states that "the terminal was built to provide an export point for vast reserves of metallurgical and thermal coal in northeastern British Columbia". Has that changed? Does the coal mining industry no longer need an export point?

And sure, there are those who say that Ridley Terminals has not provided any benefit to the taxpayers who paid for the construction and, in years gone by, subsidized the operation of the terminal and that it is "a drain on the taxpayer". But if the government is cool with dropping billions upon billions of dollars to support the automotive industry, surely taking a bit of a hit to support the mining industry in western Canada isn't too much to ask is it?

And to see the extent of opposition to any proposed sale of Ridley Terminals, one need only look at two of the more vocal opponents. You have Skeena - Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen, who represents the riding the company is based in and was the Environment Critic for the left-wing NDP, and Jay Hill, who represents the riding where most of the mining jobs are and who is the House Leader for the far-right Conservatives, on the same page. So two people on the extreme opposite end of the political spectrum who represent the people who work to provide the coal and who work to ship the coal are both saying this is a bad idea.

Hmmm, you think this could be a bad idea?

Ridley Terminals was constructed to spur on the development of coal mines in the Peace region and, having spent over a year covering that part of the province for a regional paper, I can tell you that it did just that and that the future of coal mining is bright in the Peace. Why would you change what has been working, particularly in these economically challenging times?

http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/thenorthernview/opinion/46024367.html

Warm Regards,

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May 27, 2009

Office of the Prime Minister
Langevin Block, 80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Attention: Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC, MP
Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

Subject: Ridley Terminals – Key to Northern BC's Economic Future

Over 30 communities and 350,000 people are connected to the future of Ridley Terminals as a public asset that moves the resources that drive our economy to the world. Central and Northern BC are the growth engine of BC's economy producing two thirds of our provincial exports. We depend on the Port of Prince Rupert and Ridley Terminals as key parts of our vision to be a 'knowledge based resource economy connected to the world'.

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Ridley Terminals is key to the continued expansion of family supporting jobs in our mining, forestry and bioenergy industries. Efficient and cost effective export means that Ridley Terminals must remain a public asset to ensure there is growth and diversification in the wealth creating rural regions of British Columbia. As mayors, Regional District and First Nations leaders working together with industry, we intend to pull our region out of this recession with a more diversified economy. This region will be further insulated from a future recession as long as it has diversified resource base with the most efficient and least congested public port system in western North America. A publicly operated Ridley Terminals is critical to that vision.

Our northern federal politicians, like the Honourable Jay Hill and his supportive provincial counterparts, clearly understand the importance of the public sector's involvement in Ridley Terminals. We believe that the next phase of growth of the Port of Prince Rupert should envelop Ridley Terminals to make it the premier public port on the west coast of North America. The efficient and effective operations that CEO Don Krusel leads at the Port of Prince Rupert have the confidence of communities and industry. The Port of Prince Rupert is a clear example of the benefits of a public asset with judicious partnership and private investments.

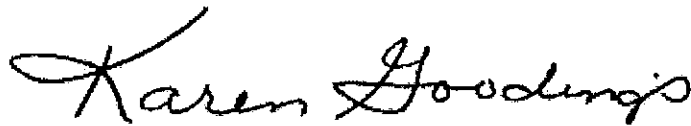
We agree with Pierre Gratton, CEO of the Mining Association of BC, that there are obvious synergies and efficiencies between the two ports. Our resource industries could play a partnership role ensuring that Ridley Terminals operates on a not-for-profit basis that is focused on delivering high quality, competitive service for Northern economic interests and re-investing to build on the strength of our economy.

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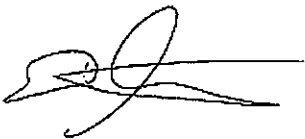
Sincerely,



D. Bruce Sutherland
Chair, Northern Development Initiative Trust



Karen Goodings
President, North Central Local Government Association



Evan Saugstad
Vice Chair, Northern Development Initiative Trust

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June 2, 2009

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Mayor Larry White, District of Tumbler Ridge
Mayor Carol Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
Mayor Cory Delves, Village of Port Clements
Director Des Nobels, Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District
Mayor Joanne Monaghan, District of Kitimat
Mayor Evan Saugstad, District of Chetwynd
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Chair Art Kaehn, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Mayor Bill Streeper, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
Chair Bruce Sutherland, Northern Development Initiative Trust

About Northern Development Initiative Trust

Northern Development Initiative Trust is an independent regional economic development corporation focused on stimulating economic growth and job creation in central and northern British Columbia. Over \$46.4 million in funding has been committed to 317 projects with a total project value of over \$306.4 million.

For information on funding programs and economic development in central and northern British Columbia, visit: <http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

About North Central Local Government Association

The North Central Local Government Association is an association of local governments whose mission is to address issues and to move forward initiatives for the benefit of its members.

For information on funding the North Central Local Government Association, visit:
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Council Action

I am trying something new with outlook and Council action so that Items can be emailed to the proper persons for completion and also for ease of finding out what has been done and not. please give input

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fri 2009-05-22	Fri 2009-05-29	Call Lawyer re Pithoney Property-
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