

Chair Report up to & including December 5/18

This report on the activities of the Chair, is offered to Directors rather than a lengthy verbal dissertation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or bring them up for discussion when the report is received during the Board meeting.

- On November 16/18, I attended an open house with MP Todd Doherty at the Gibraltar room. The event was attended by about 20 residents of the area. One of the key issues raised by MP Doherty, was his concern over the length of time MOTI has estimated the rebuild of parts of the West Fraser road will take, and the length of time that young schoolchildren are now required to ride the school bus. He will be taking this issue forward to Ottawa. Following the session, I was able to have a private word regarding the ongoing Caribou issue. MP Doherty committed to speaking with Minister Wilkinson on the issue.
- On November 17/18 I had the opportunity to talk with MP Cathy McLeod in 100 Mile House. I also brought up the Caribou issue with her.
- As a member of the Executive Committee for Northern Development Initiative Trust, we had a discussion on an evaluation process for the NDIT Board. This process is seen as helpful, especially as we have 2 Provincial appointments that are up for renewal, and we will be welcoming 3 new Board Directors due to the recent election, 2 from the NW & 1 from the NE. On a Board of 13, this is a significant change. These Directors will be selected from those regions Regional Advisory Committee meetings in January. Having a handle on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Board members will be helpful for the steep learning curve the new Directors will encounter.
- On November 20/18 I attended the opening of the Big Lake low mobility trail, as I was already in Williams lake at my weekly office meeting with CAO MacLean. The event was well attended by several residents, the construction personnel and the children from the Big Lake school. We all walked the 500 metre trail, that goes behind the Community hall and along the lake.
- I have been asked several times over the past few weeks to speak to groups regarding the Proportional Representation referendum. I have done a

couple of these, being very cautious to speak equally on both sides of the argument, and providing documents from BC election sites and both NDP & Liberal parties. The main issue for most constituents appears to be the confusing question, and if you are required to fill in both sections even if you have voted 'No'

- Following a letter that I had sent to various levels of Federal and Provincial Governments over the Caribou issue across North Central BC, I received a request for a call from an assistant to Minister McKenna in Ottawa. I asked Mayor Lyn Hall from Prince George to join me on the call along with CAO MacLean. One of the interesting facts, was the surprise from the Federal Representative, that we had received no local Government consultation from the Provincial Govt. I am anticipating a follow up conversation, possibly in person in Victoria, when the Federal representatives will be in that City.
- Over the past couple of weeks, I have been working with Finance Chair Forseth, CAO MacLean, and CFO Reid, to make sure that the Finance meeting scheduled for Thursday December 6/18 has all of the information that Directors will need to make their decisions.
- On December 3/18, I met with MLA Barnett to discuss issues and concerns affecting the whole region, many of which, I am not able to discuss freely. MLA Barnett will be attending the Board meeting in January, where I am hoping she will be able to speak a little more freely.

At this time I would like to wish all of you a healthy & happy holiday season, and all the very best for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,