

### Chair report up to & including Wednesday December 4/19

- Prior to the last Board meeting on November 15, I attended the Leaders Moving Forward monthly session held at TRU here in Williams lake. Some of those in attendance were Dave Dixon from ESS, Thalia Vesterback from IH, and Bryan Daly Interim Associate Dean For TRU. These meetings, although brief, offer a chance for many leaders in the community to connect for the first time, and also to update others on events happening in their specific areas of expertise.
- On November 19 CAO MacLean and myself attended a stakeholder meeting in Quesnel regarding the Maple Drive safety and heavy traffic issue. Director Sjostrom and Mayor Simpson were there along with representatives from SD28, MOTI, FLNROD and others. Several issues were brought forward with some suggestions given, and the group has committed to investigate some of the options given.
- Later that same day, CAO MacLean I attended the first meeting between Gord Keener with NStQ, and Janis Bell as they start to work toward understanding local Govt. expectations regarding services and engagement with the CRD as the Treaty process moves forward. Director Massier would have normally been at this meeting, but had a personal issue to deal with, hence my attendance. Ms. Bell will be presenting some draft Terms of Reference for Gord to review at their next meeting in January.
- On November 20 I was invited by Director Forseth to attend a luncheon to meet Chief Sherri Sellars from Xat'sull and Craig Smith, their band Administrator. Directors Forseth, Delainey and LeBourdais were also in attendance, and we had a good introductory lunch with many topics being discussed including a Community to Community Forum in 2020, and egress routes from the main townsite of Xat'sull in case of a fire.
- The evening of November 22 found Director Richmond & myself sharing the District's float in the annual Santa Claus parade in 100 mile. The turnout and number of floats was the highest ever, and I'm sure the mild weather helped.
- On Monday November 25 I attended a Tourism Café session sponsored by the CCCTA at the Red Rock Grill in 100 Mile, with the discussion mainly centered around broadband and cell connectivity and the lack thereof on

Highway 97 and the Gold Rush Trail. The tourism professionals felt they received some useful info from both myself and Mayor Campsall, who also attended.

- With my NDIT hat on, I attended the opening of the new façade at the Williams lake airport. What a beautiful log structure locally milled and constructed, it is a great addition to the entranceway of the airport, with some funding from the NDIT Economic Diversification fund.
- Early December 2 found Director Richmond and myself at the Goat radio station for their annual Turkey day, where donations are accepted in \$25 increments (or turkeys) to buy Christmas hamper supplies for the local 100 Mile Foodbank. It was my first time there, and I was amazed that their goal of 400 'turkeys' was reached in 1 hour and 10 minutes.
- That same day at 10am, I took part in the official announcement from Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon, who announced the opening of intake funding for the Phase 3 Connecting BC Fund of \$50M. What was unique about this announcement was it was broadcast over the whole Province via live radio feed, and as many will know these announcements are usually made in larger centres. These Connecting BC funds will be administered by NDIT as the previous 2 Phases have been done. It is a great working relationship between the Trust and the Provincial Govt.
- Finally I attended a Board meeting of the Age Friendly Society of 100 mile, of which I am a member, in their new office space at the Lodge, kindly donated by the District. The Society now has storage space, access to a small meeting room and kitchen to hold meetings and hopefully have the office open to the public a few hours a week. All of the documents for the Society have been stored at the district office, but that space is now needed, so this solution was reached.

As always if there are any questions regarding my report, please don't hesitate to question me about it,

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Wagner