



October 27, 2014 Report to City Council
Work From August 29 to October 21

The last two months have been invested primarily in the initiatives identified below. In each instance the EDM has participated in meetings, made phone calls, written emails and assisted with briefing notes, letters and correspondence related to that project. Additional information deemed important to Council is bulleted.

1. Alberni Valley Regional Airport (ACRD)
 - Goal is to obtain funding for runway improvements and lighting
 - Business Development budget is paying for geo-tech survey of existing airport runway and for business case to be utilized in application to Build Canada fund
2. Commercial Fishing (Processing Industry) workshop Jan 27 & 28 (CPA)
 - Ultimate Goal is for additional trades training locally through North Island College
 - Workshop on training and recruitment issues in the seafood processing industry has National Seafood Sector Council support
3. District Energy (CPA)
 - Goal is to ensure financial feasibility of system
 - A Request for Proposal for the system will be issued early in 2015 after the new Council has had an opportunity to decide if they want to own the system or partner with someone from the private sector
4. Fisheries Stewardship Centre (WCA)
 - Goal is to establish a tourist attraction and education centre at Harbour Quay
 - WCA has been invited to prepare a stage 2 application to ICET for this project
5. Rogers Creek Ravine Trail (CPA)
 - Goal is to establish trail through Ravine from Victoria Quay to Rogers Creek Nature Trail where it will connect to several trails with regional linkages
 - ICET decision not to allow application to go to Stage 2 is very disappointing
6. Two (unrelated) wood-biomass high-value products companies
 - Goal is to land both companies in Port Alberni
 - Currently assisting one company with environmental approval process
 - Currently assisting one company with location issues

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