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TO: Board Chair Reginald Moody and Board Members

FROM: Director Alison Sayers

SUBJECT: **Electoral Area C – Director's Report February 2015**

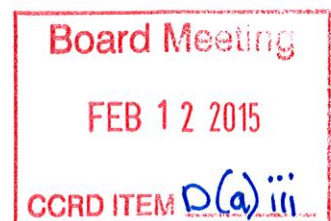
A constituent suggested to me that the CCRD lobby to get more **RCMP** officers assigned to our region. This was in the context of recent criminal activity in our area that has affected everyone or nearly everyone in the valley. I contacted RCMP about this, and was told that they will be getting another member in the next two months, which will put the total at one sergeant and four constables for our area. Also the backup CO (Steve Hodgson) will be providing backup to RCMP as well if needed.

A constituent asked me about the status of the **Economic Development Committee**. I explained that almost all the people who volunteered were from Area C, and that the Board therefore made a decision to try to recruit members from other areas of the district, for a more balanced committee membership. He was supportive of this.

I have been approached by six different constituents regarding **bears** since Mr. Shelton's paper was published on the internet, and since Mr. Thomassen's letter to the editor in the paper. Their individual perspectives represented nearly the entire range of opinions that exist in this valley around human-bear conflict/relations. I told all of them that the CCRD would possibly be discussing the issue in at least a small way at our next Board meeting.

A constituent asked whether or not we as a community could have information regarding the refit maintenance that BC Ferries is undertaking on the **Nimkish** in April-May, and could we (CCRD and/or community) have some input into what else might be done to the vessel while it is drydocked, to make it a more pleasant overall experience for passengers. I think this is an excellent suggestion.

The **Local Government Leadership Academy** Elected Officials Seminar for Electoral Areas was excellent. I particularly enjoyed the workshop on Land Use Planning, and everything that I learned about the history and role of regional districts in British Columbia. I came away with some good ideas for our Board and how we work together, and for the process of updating our Official Community Plan.



Northern Development Initiative: We had our first meeting for NDI. Everyone participated via conference call due to the severe winter weather all over northern BC at the time of the meeting. We discussed/approved/denied several grant applications and also received a brief orientation to the organization. I left the meeting wondering if there might be ways that the CCRD could be taking more advantage of the funds from NDI. When I met Janine North (CEO of NDI) at the Local Government Leadership Academy conference, she was cautionary regarding the fact that all their funding is partial (NDI never fully funds any project), and we need to be realistic about our community's ability to maintain anything that we might develop through grant funds (such as a rec centre, etc.). Still, I am not one to be deterred from thinking outside the box when it comes to things like this, so I hope to see the CCRD use NDIT funds to the fullest extent possible over the next four years.

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