

**AREA C – Director's Report
for the 13 February 2014 CCRD Board Meeting**

On 12 January 2014 (12:30 till 2:30) I attended, by conference call, the NWRAC meeting of the Northern Development Initiative (NDI) held in Terrace.

The first order of business was the annual election of Chair with the incumbent, the Mayor of Terrace, being re-elected.

Ms Janine North (Chief Executive Officer, NDI) gave a report of 2014 Strategies.

In Ms North's report she put forward a proposal to increase the funds available from the NDI Trust Account from the current level of 5% to 6 or 7 %. Ms North believes this increase will not adversely affect the Trust Account, but would allow programs to go ahead. The proposal will be going to the NDI board on 12 February 2014 for approval. The outcome from this decision would increase the amounts of funding available for the internship program and other areas of funding to communities, which include:

- Increase economic development fund to local government from \$35,000 to \$50,000
- Grant writing funds from \$7,500 to \$8,000
- Funds for community halls from 33% to 50%

Several downtown communities' improvement projects have been approved, one for \$20,000 and one for \$139,000 for improvements to the building that houses the Village Office in Telkawa.

Director Brian Lande

