

2010/2011 BVEDA Accomplishments

2nd Quarter (February 16th to May 15th)

February 2011 (EDO) – Provided information to a potential manufacturing company coming to the Bulkley Valley

February 2011 (EDO) – Met with interested business representatives in Terrace about the services provided in Smithers

February 2011 (EDO) – Launched website

February 2011 (EDO/Chamber) – Sponsoring and spoke at the new business reception put on by the Chamber of Commerce

February 2011 (EDO) – Worked with C of C to bring AltaGas speaker to Smithers

February 2011 (TS/EDO) – Had “Simon Sees” TV show shoot an episode on the Bulkley Valley in winter

February 2011 (EDO) – Met with 15 new business owners at the new business reception

February 2011 (EDO) – Conducted research on why people under 30 stayed in the BV, moved away, or moved away and came back as part of Project Comeback with C of C.

February 2011 (EDO) – Explored possible options for a feasibility study for a communal ore processing plant in the area

February 2011 (EDO) – Participated in Economic Development town hall meeting hosted by local MLAs

February 2011 (EDO/RuralBC Sec) – Worked together to bring mining analyst to town to present findings of mining on local economy

March 2011 (EDO) – Explored possible regional economic development information sharing with other economic development agencies in Northwest BC

March 2011 (EDO) – Met with 15 companies in the Bulkley Valley

March 2011 (EDO) – Introduced several local businesses to the BC Business Network

March 2011 (EDO) – Promoted Smithers as a new location to set up shop to an existing company in Prince George

March 2011 (TS/EDO) – Had a booth and presented at the Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Show

March 2011 (EDO) – Applied for funding on behalf of the Smithers and Area Recycling Society to 2 separate funding agencies

April 2011 (EDO) – Assisted an environmental company with information gathering for an Environmental Assessment study.

April 2011 (EDO/CF) – Participated in a panel discussion with new job applicants looking to enter the Tourism field in the Bulkley Valley

April 2011 (EDO/SEG) – Participated in the creation and production of radio ‘mining nuggets’ for Mining Week

April 2011 (EDO) – Arranged for a speaker to present at the SEG Mining week luncheon in May

April 2011 (EDO) – Attended Minerals North in Stewart, BC

April 2011 (EDO) – Met with 26 companies at Minerals North

April 2011 (EDO) – Connected potential airport tenants to Smithers Airport Manager

April 2011 (EDO) – Began exploring partnerships with a First Nations Development Corporation and local businesses in the Bulkley Valley

May 2011 (EDO) – Registered for booth space at Minerals North 2012 in Burns Lake

May 2011 (EDO) – Presented business case for the Smithers and Area Recycling Depot to the RDBN board in Burns Lake