

3rd Quarter (June 15th to September 15th)

June 2011 (EDO) – Began working with the Smithers Curling Club on finding funding for a new cement floor for the curling rink

June 2011 (EDO) – Secured a \$20,000 grant from OBAC on behalf of the Smithers and Area Recycling Society

June 2011 (EDO) – Joined the Investnorthwestbc.com web portal created by the regional EDOs regarding projects in Northwest BC

June 2011 (EDO) – Hosted a meeting between local businesses and the CEO and COO of the Tahltan Nation Development Corporation

June 2011 (EDO) – Reconnected the Mayor to the CEO and COO of the Tahltan Nation Development Corporation

July 2011 (EDO) – Assisted the Bulkley Valley Research Centre with potential funding avenues and suggestions on strengthening their political connections

July 2011 (EDO) – Attended the Premier's Luncheon

July 2011 (EDO) – Established a relationship with Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation Pat Bell on behalf of the BVEDA

July 2011 (EDO) – Began investigating cost sharing avenues for Optimum Power Technologies and PG Interior Waste to Energy with regards to locating a test facility in the Bulkley

July 2011 (EDO) – Advised and began investigating methods for the Smithers Curling Club to raise funds for the installation of a concrete floor

July 2011 (EDO) – Connected local business person with the BC Hydro NTL office in Terrace for information purposes

July 2011 (EDO) – Collected information on the brushing/clearing portion the NTL and the contact information on local First Nations who have been awarded these contracts

July 2011 (EDO) – Gave out the brushing/clearing contact information to 5 local companies

July 2011 (EDO) – Met with the local representative for the Skeena-Nass Centre for Innovation in Resource Economics with regards to forming a communications network with other interested economic development agencies in Northwest BC

July 2011 (EDO/TS) – Began the exploration of expanding the Ski and Stay program to include flights into Smithers Regional Airport with a non-local air carrier

July 2011 (EDO) – Applied for a BVCU grant for the construction of the investnorthwestbc.ca web portal

July 2011 (EDO) – Assisted a local manufacturing company with finding funding options for an upcoming bioenergy expansion project

August 2011 (EDO) – Collected information on the KSM, Galore Creek, Turnagain projects taking place in Northwest BC to be uploaded to the investnorthwestbc.ca website

August 2011 (EDO) – Distributed contact information for each contractor for each proponent of the Forest Kerr project to 46 companies

August 2011 (EDO) – Distributed employment information for each contractor for each proponent of the Forest Kerr Project to the local employment agencies in the Bulkley Valley

August 2011 (EDO) – Assisted the RDBN in promoting their new business start-up competition and advised on possible prizes for winning entrants

August 2011 (EDO/TS) – Re-established the Tourism Advisory Committee for Tourism Smithers

August 2011 (EDO) – Participated in a study regarding the Economic Development field in NW British Columbia being conducted by UNBC

August 2011 (EDO) – Established a relationship with the National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program Representative for Northern BC

August 2011 (EDO/TS) – Completed a proposal for the Ski and Stay program to OBAC for additional marketing funding to western markets

August 2011 (EDO) – Assisted a local company with letters of support for their power generation project on their worksite

August 2011 (EDO) – Began construction of a new marketing brochure for the Smithers Regional Airport in collaboration with the Northern Development Initiative Trust

September 2011 (EDO) – Visited Galore Creek mine site, learned about the operations of the mine and created more relationships with the management of the operation

September 2011 (EDO) – Assisted the Northwest Premium Meat Co-op with next steps for the creation of a meat brokering pilot project

September 2011 (EDO) – Assisted in the selection of criteria questions for the RDBN Business Start-Up Competition

September 2011 (EDO/TS) – Attended the first meeting of the Smithers 100th Anniversary committee