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TO: BOABC Members and the Executive Committee

FROM: Barry Johnston, Northwest Zone Director

DATE: April 21st, 2010

SUBJECT: Northwest Zone Report

In the Northwest we are continuing to experience very slow growth, with no new house permits in Prince Rupert yet in 2010. There is however still hope shining on the horizon. There is optimism that the Fairview port will continue to expand in the near future. Prince Rupert has inherited, due to non payment of taxes, the old Canadian Cellulose pulp mill site which is located on Watson, adjacent to Port Edward. The mill was put up for sale in late 2009, and the city did receive six offers, and business proposals. Unfortunately, though the previous owners, Sunwave, are taking the city to court over a removal of equipment clause, so the sale is at a stalemate. The cost to maintain and monitor the vacant mill is costing \$100,000 a month.

We enjoyed a part three-study session in Terrace on April 8th and 9th. which was put on by Dick Stubbs. All but two Building officials from the zone attended, and one Fire Chief from Kitimat. All education opportunities are very much appreciated up here.

They are still advertising for a Building Official in Smithers.

Have a great conference. Regards

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