



An update from Councillor Elliott



Terrific news for Quesnel! We have just been awarded the Community Project Award from the BC Economic Development Association. With the community's help we have created a doctor retention and attraction program that is the envy of many other cities in BC and across Canada!

Not long ago we were looking at the probability of closing our emergency room at times due to a lack of physicians. We now have a Healthcare Recruitment Coordinator (HRC), 13 new doctors, and a brand new Primary Care Facility. Our HRC contacts physicians that may be interested in moving here before they arrive. This personalized red carpet treatment can include answers to accommodations, transportation or even obtaining locally grown food. People that need a physician are asked to go to the new facility. This is an accomplishment that we should all be proud of and there are more people to thank than I have room for in this column.

There is so much activity in the city right now with more capital projects taking place than any other year. The West Quesnel Land Stability project is in the second phase and many roads will be worked on as the summer progresses. We on the Finance Committee have spent time and effort making room for these kinds of initiatives and when I see the positive results throughout the city, I must say I'm proud of our efforts. Please be patient when travelling in West Quesnel and leave more time to get to work, etc, until all the work is completed.

I'm also part of the Rebranding team that is working hard to tell the world how great Quesnel is! Our team has many volunteers from various backgrounds spending valuable time to work on bettering our community with a well rounded message. I thank them for that. It's an exciting project and I look forward to our city excelling in this time of transition! We will be finished this process late in September or October.

Council supported my motions to send three letters to different MLAs and the Premier.

1. A letter asking for support of our School District and that our education system be fully funded including mandatory programs and downloaded costs.
2. A letter asking that the passenger rail service between North Vancouver and Prince George be reinstated.
3. A letter asking that Ferry service between Port Hardy and Bella Coola be fully reinstated as well.

Always,

Passionate, Positive and Progressive

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