

Report to B.C. Regional Council

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| Name | <i>Benilde Gomes</i> | Date | <i>2011 September</i> |
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| <i>Northwest BC</i> | | | |
| Activities since last RC meeting | | | |
| Date | Activity | | |
| 2011 May | <p>Many commitments with the Federal Election as the Official Agent for Nathan Cullen with financial reports. Youngest daughter's Prom as well as the fundraisers. Renovation continues in my home. Brian and I are exhausted as we are the homeowners and the contractors.</p> | | |
| 2011 May 25 | <p>Attended the Annual General Meeting for the Kitimat-Terrace and District Labour Council. Elected Secretary / Treasurer (again). Low, low numbers in attendance (18 members).</p> | | |
| 2011 May 27 | <p>Assisted with multi representation on a grievance.</p> | | |
| 2011 June | <p>Year end activities with volunteer work for high school. Youngest daughter graduates. Volunteer with with arts/music for year end as well as prepared and submitted grants (3). Renovation continues in my home. Sit on NDP Riding Association for monthly conference call.</p> | | |
| 2011 June 14 | <p>Conference call to set up Visioning Committee for upcoming Municipal elections.</p> | | |
| 2011 June 15 | <p>Meeting with interested possible candidates for both Terrace and Kitimat councils.</p> | | |
| 2011 June 17 | <p>Meeting with interested possible candidates for School Board Trustees.</p> | | |
| 2011 Jun 20 - 24 | <p>Helped write up strike posters and picket boards. Walked the picket line during lunches and after dinners.</p> | | |
| 2011 June 26 | <p>Community BBQ in Kitimat – fundraiser for the Seniors Citizens home care complex. Nathan Cullen started this annual event 7 years ago. We call upon VIPs of the community to help sling hamburgers, hotdogs and salads to raise funds for local groups. The draw is made at the end of the event for next year's recipient.</p> | | |
| 2011 July 5 | <p>Labour Council meet with Visioning Committee to construct questionnaire and possible progressive candidates.</p> | | |
| 2011 July 11 – 15 | <p>Attended the USGE National Convention in Vancouver.</p> | | |
| 2011 July 14 | <p>PSAC BC Regional Council Conference call.</p> | | |
| 2011 July 29 | <p>Community BBQ in Terrace – fundraiser for the Terrace Art Gallery Nathan Cullen started this annual event 7 years ago. We call upon VIPs of the community to help sling hamburgers, hotdogs and salads to raise funds for local groups. The draw is made at the end of the event for next year's recipient.</p> | | |
| 2011 July 30 | <p>Set up Think Public table at the Riverboat Days – Concert in the Park</p> | | |
| 2011 August | <p>Renovations continue. Medical issues within family. Cops for Cancer fundraiser. Many management changes at work.....uncertain of work environment.</p> | | |

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| 2011 August 12 | UICA course in Terrace. Numbers in attendance low. Family emergency |
| 2011 Aug 13 - 14 | Grievance Handling course in Terrace. Low numbers attended. Family issues. |
| 2011 August 22 | Jack Layton passes away. Gathered at local constituency office. Prepared media release and photos of when Jack was in Terrace and Haida Gwaii. |
| 2011 August 24 | Visioning Meeting with Labour Council to finalize questionnaires and setting up dates, times and locations for panel interviews. |
| 2011 August 27 | Set up location for Terrace residents to attend together to watch the funeral of Jack Layton. Memorial set up. 115 attended. |
| 2011 September | Renovations continue. Health issues continues. School commitment AGMs (x3) to eliminate added volunteer responsibilities. Management changes have began a flux of changes. Unsure if progressive. |
| 2011 September 4 | Set up table for Think Public, Labour Council and NDP at the Labour Day picnic in Kitimat. |
| 2011 September 5 | Drove to Stewart, BC / Hyder, Alaska. Met with the Customs workers who have been at the post in Stewart for 5 months. Were active in Ontario with PSAC. Would like to get active again in BC. Feel very isolated in Stewart. One would like to take the Stewards course. Provided her with the website info. Will be in Terrace the end of the month to get together. |
| 2011 Sept 12 | NDP Conference calls to prepare for Riding Association AGM in Prince Rupert |
| 2011 Sept 17 | Federal NDP Riding Association AGM in Prince Rupert |
| 2011 Sept 28 | Kitimat-Terrace and District Labour meeting which will also host a panel of municipal candidates. |

Challenges you had to cope with since the last meeting

Medical issues with family members and myself. Continuing the renovations with very little time left on the building permit. As the Financial Agent for Nathan Cullen, deadlines had to be met to complete the financial reports as per Elections Canada ruling. Starting to simplify things as the youngest has now graduated from high school, I will not be involved in volunteering for school commitments. 4 hats have been dropped and 2 more to go regarding school volunteer work. This should help to provide me with more time to complete my political and union work.

What would you like to work on next?

Getting together with the representatives of the Unemployed Society for a group photo with PSAC members to present them with their cheque from the fundraiser at the Tri-Annual Convention.

Continuing to seek and work on progressive candidates for the municipal elections.

Working on my role on the Regional Council's Political Action Committee and the International Solidarity Committee.

Seeking more attendance to upcoming courses in Prince Rupert / Terrace.

Worksite tours.