



**CEP Local 404** New Hazelton, BC

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# HUNGRY IN HAZELTON

## Much Activity Around Carnaby

### **CEP Meets with Labour Minister**

Dave Coles, Vice President, CEP Western Region met with Liberal Labour Minister, Graham Bruce today. Carnaby Mill was on the agenda. Coles said, "We tried to impress on the Minister the impact on New Skeena mills of the 20% take-back of tenure in the new Forestry Code. Not surprisingly, we received very little comfort that the government was going to review that matter."

### **Prince Rupert Council on New Skeena**

The City of Prince Rupert council met Monday night and reconfirmed the September 15th deadline it had given New Skeena to come up with financial backers for the re-opening of the New Skeena Pulp mill in Prince Rupert. The City has committed 20 million dollars contingent on New Skeena coming up with the rest of the finances by the deadline. New Skeena had pleaded for more time as the deadline drew near. Prince Rupert said they will only consider a short extension if New Skeena can show proof that other investors have committed funds.

### **Terrace Puts Lien on New Skeena Sawmill**

Terrace Township has placed a lien on the moveable equipment at the New Skeena Sawmill in Terrace for failure to pay Municipal taxes. This tax bill is in

addition to the \$200,000 outstanding taxes owed to Old and New Hazelton on the Carnaby Mill by Dan Veniez.

### **New Skeena VP meets with Terrace Chamber**

Don Stuart, Vice President of New Skeena met with the Terrace Chamber of Commerce today to assure it that New Skeena is still working on funding to reopen the New Skeena Sawmill in Terrace.

### **Gitksan divided on Sale of Logs**

There is a difference of opinion among Gitksan Chiefs about whether raw logs should be sold for export or directed to Carnaby Mill.

The division has resulted in the group intent on keeping the jobs for their people at Carnaby deciding at a meeting on Monday night to take over the Government Treaty Office in Old Hazelton. The group marched to the GTO and boarded it up.

This is another indication of the divisions Dan Veniez has created in the community by not paying taxes, not running the Carnaby Mill and not being a good corporate citizen.

The Liberals are aiding and abetting this behaviour.

### **Put the pieces together**

Take a look at the information in this update and tell us what you make of all this. We will print your feedback. Send your e-mail to: [joy\\_langan@telus.net](mailto:joy_langan@telus.net)

### **Blockaders at the Carnaby Mill need your support -- Strikers from Kitimat deliver!**

A special thank you from everyone in the CEP to the strikers at Eurocan in Kitimat from Local 298 who have been driving to Carnaby and putting in 24 hour shifts to shore up the blockade. Kitimat members will be voting on a tentative agreement Monday.

Please show your support by having your local make a financial donation and send a message of Solidarity. Things are rapidly coming to a head at Carnaby and CEP members need as much support as we can send them. Cheques can be made out to **CEP Save Carnaby c/o Mo Azaz, President, Box 160 New Hazelton, BC V0J 2J0.**