

**February 17, 2010**

**Local 298 Members,**

**Please be sure to attend the membership meeting called for February 22, 2010 @ 2:00 pm**

**It has come to the end of Eurocan Pulp and Paper Co. as we know it, and I want to commend all of our members for the way the membership conducted themselves through out these last few months, and especially working through the last days of closure.**

**Many members have secured employment elsewhere and some have not, but both have acted in the most respectful way. I appreciate the difficulty, especially the members who were stopped from securing other employment.**

**Be aware that you have huge support in the community with priority to get a New Mill to be a viable operation. Several committees are working in your interest, therefore I know that they will be successful in their attempts. Whether it is working with the government, West Fraser, or organizations within a community, common goal: Priority is finding a prospective purchaser utilizing the mill primarily, for the operation of pulp and paper.**

**Thanks to some very important people who from the onset of the announcement, continue to work long hard hrs in your interest, Trafford Hall, Randy Halyk, Richard McLaren, Tony Brady, and Wendy Kraft, without them the goal would be impossible to accomplish. There are many working towards this goal including the K.T. Industrial Development Society. Take a moment to inform them that you appreciate their time and commitment. Put aside rumor mills, and understand that these people are committed to the members and the community.**

**Always remember that local 298 members throughout the years have many accomplishments in which they should be proud.**

**The support that they have given the Terrace and Kitimat community has been incredible.**

**“You” supplied support for the food banks, both in Kitimat and Terrace**

**“You” provided support to the Kitimat Animal Shelter and previously the S.P.C.A.**

**“You” provided financial support for the minor hockey association and other sports.**

**“You” sponsored a bonspiel team competing in tournaments in and out of town.**

**“You” supported the Boxing Club, providing the funds for much needed safety equipment.**

**“You” provided the Kitimat City High, yearly with funds to assist them with the Graduation Ceremonies.**

**“You” provided Scholarships and Bursary award for the Mount Elizabeth Secondary School graduates.**

**“You” provided huge financial support for the families of our deceased members during their most critical time of need, and the feedback was incredibly appreciated.**

**“You” provided financial support for the Labor Day picnic, both in Kitimat and Terrace.**

**“You” provided a place for other union/locals to meet utilizing our facility to utmost.**

**“You” supported the Snow Valley Figure Skating Club.**

**“You” provided financial support to members who were sick, and in need.**

**“You” provided our retired and sick members, with yearly Christmas Cheer Baskets.**

**“You” maintained communications, and gifts to members having life time changes in their lives, including additions to the families, and especially looking after the recent life style changes which included unemployment.**

**There are many more organization which you supplied support, and were always giving to the community.**

**Thanks to the past Executive Members for the dedication in which they represented you, and especially the present Executive who have/and are facing the most difficult times. May we see better times in our future.**

**Local 298 Members: you have much to be proud of, you did good!**

**Mary Murphy**

**President**

**CEP local 298**