



**Notes of the
EDG Quarterly Meeting
held Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Coast Bastion Inn
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
(25 persons in attendance)**

1. **Welcome by Pat Ahern and Sherree Walter and Roundtable Introductions**

The Co-chairs welcomed EDG members to the meeting, and took a moment to recognize the late Chief Viola Wyse of the Snuneymuxw First Nation for her work in the community and collaboration with the Nanaimo Economic Development Group.

2. **Plans for Nanaimo Cruise Ship Terminal (Bernie Dumas, CEO of Nanaimo Port Authority)**

Mr. Dumas was introduced as the new CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority, and informed the group of the Port's future plans including the development of a floating cruise ship dock which will accommodate the largest cruise ships in the industry. He also stressed the importance of a group effort to offer a welcoming community for cruise ship passengers, as well as quality shore excursions and other tourism products. The complete presentation is attached for your information.

3. **Update on EDG Industry Sector Roundtables**

Tourism Sector Roundtable (Tom Bennett)

This event is scheduled for September 28 at the Nanaimo Museum. Representatives from approximately 25 tourism businesses and organizations will attend to discuss common issues, challenges and opportunities facing the industry; and to recommend ways that EDG and its partners can assist.

Health Sector Roundtable (Marilyn Hutchinson)

The format for this session, scheduled for September 29, will be a Wellness in the Workplace seminar, inviting business owners to share their challenges and best practices around wellness incentives for employees. Guest speakers will also share their ideas from a business coach, practitioner, and employer's perspective.

The outcomes of all the industry sector roundtables held in 2009 will be presented back to EDG at the December Quarterly Meeting, as well as at the Chamber of Commerce's Opening Doors event November 5.

4. **Transportation Task Force Update (Marilyn Hutchinson)**

Community Futures of Central Island, Nanaimo Economic Development and the Province of BC contributed funding to carry out a scoping study to identify preliminary issues surrounding transportation on Vancouver Island. Chatwin Engineering has been contracted to undertake this study and identify topics for a future comprehensive study.

5. **Next Meeting** - Monday, December 7, 2009, from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm in the Malaspina Room of the Coast Bastion Inn.