

Outreach across the province



PCC takes the Capital to northern BC

Several PCC board members and staff traveled to BC's North Coast and Bulkley Valley areas in the fall of 2007, connecting the Capital with British Columbians living in Prince Rupert, Terrace and Hazelton.

It was the third outreach trip for the PCC in as many years, following on the heels of visits to Dawson Creek and the West Kootenays in 2005 and 2006.

"It is important for us to meet and talk with British

Columbians from all regions of the province," said Ray Parks, CEO of the Provincial Capital Commission. "We not only educated ourselves about the people, cultures and history of these unique areas, but met a wide array of area residents, listening to their needs and ideas to improve our programs and better connect them to their Capital."

PCC directors Barbara Brink and Matt Vickers joined former board member Russell Irvine for the Oct. 9-13 trip.



Above: Prince Rupert's new container port; Museum of Northern BC director Robin Weber talks to Ray Parks and former PCC board member Russell Irvine; North Pacific Cannery heritage site. At left: Tsimshian elder Matthew Hill, Matt Vickers, story contest winner Devon Clifton, Barbara Brink and Ray Parks; First Nation drummers. Below: Prince Rupert Mayor Herb Pond and Port Edward Mayor Dave MacDonald.

PCC welcomed by Prince Rupert

Visiting 12 schools in the Prince Rupert area, PCC staff garnered favourable reaction to the PCC's new online Social Studies Grade 4/5 unit about the Capital, the series of historical vignettes and the Student Travel Subsidy program. In response to face-to-face meetings, the first-ever group from Prince Rupert to apply for travel funding enjoyed a memorable trip to Victoria the following summer.

Other members of the PCC group toured the Museum of Northern BC, the new container port, the North Pacific Cannery Museum historical fishing village and the grain and coal facilities at Ridley Island.

Despite high wind and torrential rains, a number of residents turned out for the evening event which included welcomes from Tsimshian elder Matthew Hill, Prince Rupert Mayor Herb Pond and Port Edward Mayor Dave MacDonald. Following the PCC presentation on programs designed to connect and celebrate the Capital with all British Columbians, those gathered were entertained by a local dance group. Devon Clifton, winner of the PCC's story contest and member of the dance group, was presented with a gift from outgoing board member Matt Vickers.

