Games galore

Canada Winter Games bid modeled after recent Olympics

Frank Peebles Citizen staff

It would seem like Prince George already knows how to sit at the Games table, when you consider the Olympics in Vancouver only a few months ago, and the many facets of such an event over and above the sports.

Aside from Megan Tandy competing so successfully in biathlon, there was also the cultural and administrative aspects that could be drawn upon for the benefit of Prince George's bid for the 2015 Canada Winter Games. Look at the opening and closing ceremonies: Hedley played, which in-

cludes Prince George's Dave Rosin; The Canadian Tenors performed, which includes ex-PGer Fraser Walters; the kitchen party scene featured PGer Daniel Lapp; some of the choreography was done by Brock Jellison from Fort St. John; Dawson Creek (with close family in Prince George) opera superstar Ben Heppner sang; Williams Lake's Man in Motion, Rick Hanson, wheeled the flame into the stadium; broadcaster Jim Hughson has Olympic hockey play-by-play experience and is from Fort St. John; Nickelback performed and they are related by marriage to Prince George; and then there's some

guy named John Furlong who seemed to have something to do with organizing the Vancouver games and his ties to Prince George are well known.

Les Waldie, co-chair of the bid committee, said the Canada Winter Games are modelled closely on the Olympics both in athletic terms and in the cultural elements that are attached.

"There is an important arts component here as well," he said. "The whole Canada Games initiative is intended to be a whole and positive experience for the athletes and those who come to watch. It is not just sports.'

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Major project added to inventory

Citizen staff

A \$24-million expansion of Pacific BioEnergy Corp.'s Prince George wood pellet plant has been added to the provincial government's latest inventory of projects worth more than \$15 million.

Meant to double production at its plant south of the BCR industrial site, it's listed as proposed in the major projects inventory, dated for March 2010 and released Thursday by the small business, technology and economic development

Two other major projects are under construction:

- A \$20-million technical ed-

ucation centre at College of New Caledonia which will replace the trades training building. The project will also include renovations to the John A. Brink Centre. The completion date is listed as March 2011.

– A \$15 million wood-waste gasification plant at UNBC and upgrade to the campus heating and cooling system. Work was to start in July with a completion date of summer 2010.

And two projects are now listed as completed — the new \$36-million Duchess Park secondary school on Winnipeg at 7th and the \$42-million Gateway Lodge at 20th and Victoria.

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Air show set to land in Quesnel

Citizen staff

Quesnel is holding its first airshow this weekend.

SkyFest 2010, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Quesnel Airport, will feature a number of aerobatic acts and is expecting to draw between 5,000 and 8,000 people, said Donna Flynn, Air Boss for Showline Airshow Services.

Flynn said well-known pilot Bud Granley, formerly with United Airlines, and his son, Ross, will entertain with dual acts in the sky in their YAK55 and YAK88 aircraft.

"There will be a number of solo acts along with the aerobatics of the Harmon Rocket," said Flynn, daughter of Ruth and the late Don Flynn of Prince George. "We're hoping to see a lot of folks from Prince George at the show."

Donna's flying career goes back to 1987 when she earned her private licence which turned into a

commercial licence two years later. She became involved with the past Vanderhoof Air Show as well as such projects as Joann Ostrerud's inverted flight records and a floatbased business in Fort St. James.

She moved to Vancouver in 2000 to pursue an airshow-based business. Today she has completed more

than 280 shows and media days in more than 35 sites in Canada and the U.S., working with North American jet and skydiving teams.

She's been the air boss of shows from San Francisco's Fleet Week to Saskatoon's famous Veteran Event to Niagara Falls and Vandenburg AFB in California, to name a few.

She says the air boss is the controller, responsible for briefings, debriefings, schedules, pilots, air space co-ordination and much more.

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Competitor launches opposition to **Northern Gateway**

Gordon Hoekstra Citizen staff

Enbridge's proposed \$5.5-billion Northern Gateway Pipeline faces opposition from competitor Kinder Morgan Canada.

Calgary-based Kinder Morgan Canada, a subsidiary of its U.S. parent company, has asked regulators to delay a review of the project until Enbridge can demonstrate commercial support.

Kinder Morgan, in a public release, said Enbridge's application is not supported by binding commercial support to demonstrate the need and necessity of the project. It also filed a letter with the National Energy Board.

Kinder Morgan is trying to gain backing for an incremental expansion plan of its existing 1,150-kilometre Trans Mountain Pipeline between Edmonton. Alta., and Burnaby. The company says it supports developing offshore markets for Canadian oil.

When commercial support exists, the company's plan is the best alternative for moving additional Alberta oil sands crude to the West Coast, said Andrew Galarnyk, Kinder Morgan Canada's director of external relations. "We would not file an application unless we had commercial commitments," Galarnyk said Wednesday.

Enbridge's proposed 1,170-km pipeline is meant to open up new markets for Alberta oil sands crude in Asia. The route from Edmonton to Kitimat would take the buried pipeline just north of Prince George at Bear Lake. The company is touting the economic benefits of the project, while First Nations and environmental opponents oppose the line over the risks of a spill.

Enbridge officials could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Calgary-based Enbridge has not revealed whether it has signed on commercial backers. The company has also not revealed the backers of \$100 million put up to push the project through the regulatory process.

It's not the first time Enbridge has had industry push back on one of its pipeline projects.

Earlier this year, a legal dispute heated up between major oil sands players like Suncor Energy over the start up of the southern American leg of Enbridge's Alberta Clipper pipeline. Essentially, the oil producers said the new capacity was not needed at this time, and called for a break on pipeline tolls. American regulators ruled against the oil companies.

Enbridge itself also argued last year in National Energy Board hearings that TransCanada's Keystone XL project, meant to take Alberta oil to the Gulf Coast region of the United States, shouldn't go ahead because there is already too much pipeline capacity. The National Energy Board approved that project.

Krista Levar, director of Prince George Victim Ser-

vices, has been recognized by Police Victim Services

of B.C. for outstanding work with an Award of Excel-

During her first year as program co-ordinator at the

Prince George RCMP detachment, Levar's top priority

was to attract more volunteer caseworkers to the unit.

whelming number of candidates, successfully recruit-

She designed an innovative eight-month curriculum to enhance the training program which enabled

the new volunteers to transition easily into their roles

Now other organizations are requesting permission

for their staff to attend her training programs.

ment drive, and following interviews with an over-

ed seven more volunteers to the unit.

as victim services case workers.

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