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**BINGO**  
 Sunday, November 30th, 2008 at the Elks Lodge. Doors Open at 12:00pm Starts 1-4pm Must be 19 years or older

**18th** Fort Nelson Playschool

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**ELECTION**

**Gilbert will serve until new municipality is enacted**

Mike Gilbert has announced he will seek a recount of votes in the municipal elections. "I will not be asking for a judicial recount," Gilbert said. "The chief electoral officer has discharged her responsibility with diligence. Nothing would be served by requesting this. A judicial recount would delay the implementation of the new government and delay is not helpful at this point."

On Wednesday a recount of the votes was held, after the physical Toad River votes arrived and there was no change in the numbers posted after the election.

Gilbert received three votes less than Jack Sime placing him in seventh place, and therefore an elected councillor until the letters patent for the regional municipality are signed and the Order in Council creating the new entity are passed. This will happen before February 2009. Until that time, Gilbert will assume his responsibilities as an elected councillor and take part in the statutory swearing on December 10th, 2008.

At that point the new legislation requires only six councillors to be appointed to the new entity, and approved by Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development. The appointment process will last for this election only.

The reason for reducing local representation from the mayor and seven councillors and regional directors to the mayor and six councillors to serve on the new and expanded municipality, is because the provincial government wanted to avoid an equal number of votes available to the board. It was suggested that eight councillors and a mayor would provide a similar split but this was rejected in favour of the approved process that took place at this year's municipal elections.

Mike Gilbert, who is also a school trustee, is disappointed in the election results. As chair of the forestry round table, he has been working over the past two years to bring the dying forestry industry in Fort Nelson back to life.

The cancellation of the apprenticeship legislation that requires wood to be processed near its point of growth does not affect the annual allowable cut allotted to Slocan and later utilized by Canfor. Under PA 14 the timber was to be utilized in the local community and Gilbert said this legislation is active.

Mike Gilbert has been a keen proponent of the school board and the municipality working together. In the last election, he stood for election as a trustee and a councillor and received excellent voter support for both positions. In this election, school board candidates were elected by acclamation, including Gilbert.

Gilbert is proud of the decision of the people to vote in the new regional municipality by such a large margin. It will provide an immediate \$27 million over the next five years to spend on catch-up infrastructure before the legislation changes will require local taxpayers to take over policing and rural roads. (This does not include numbered roads, Alaska Highway 97 or the Liard Highway 77 or resource roads such as the P5 Sierra Yo-Yo-Desan road.)

"Candidates are elected to serve to the best of their ability and I've adhered to that. The 544 people who voted for me can expect no less," Gilbert said. When a person puts their hat into the ring they do not do it frivolously and sign in that affect when they post their notice to seek election. That is why he will remain an elected councillor until the change takes place.

Ironically, by voting for the regional municipality, voters were also voting for reduced representation. Gilbert feels that strategic voting when a voter only votes for one or two names on a ballot played a part in the election results. It increases the value of the vote cast.

"I do wish we had done a better job of explaining this; the media could have assisted voters to understand this policy more widely," he said.

Gilbert will maintain his interest in the work of the new municipality. "I intend to maintain my interest in the affairs of the community... I don't plan to go anywhere." The new municipal government will hold office for three years.

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Tony Rapaz demonstrates the Endura-Form at Cornish Trucking yard last week.

**Recycled Endura-Form could revolutionize structures in the North**

"I prayed for snow and it came," Tony Rapaz, always enthusiastic, but this time with reason, was demonstrating his latest, and way the most impressive of his inventions on Friday.

Endura-Forms are great for commercial, industrial, residential and agricultural applications. It can be used indoor or outdoor to create heated driveways, roadways, platforms, decks, pads, walkways, runways, flooring for temporary or portable building, radiant heating, walls and marinas.

The single form-factor Endura-Form panels can be used in a variety of layouts. They can be laid out as units or overlapped. They can be bolted together or not - they can even be assembled without tools. Endura-Form panels can be cut or drilled with standard tools. These units can be fitted with pipes or cables if required, either longitudinally or laterally to allow for reinforcement or for heating and cooling.

"The only limit to Endura-Forms' uses are your ingenuity!" Rapaz said. In the north we see them being used to create well site pads, helicopter landing areas, the heated units are dark against the snow, and to create driveways.

"We came to Fort Nelson because of the weather. We needed the cold to properly test the units," he continued.

The demonstration site for his Endura-

Form panels is at Cornish Trucking, 46th Avenue.

It was snowing and the black strips of the Endura form could be clearly seen impervious to the snowfall.

A bottle of water lying on one strip was kept warm, at a temperature of 27 degrees Celsius, the air was a nippy -10 Celsius.

The water for the 12 x 15 foot panel is heated by a 1,000 gallon domestic boiler. Oil, propane, gas etc can be used, but as Rapaz pointed out a wellsite has a great deal of hot water stored in bladders that can be flowed through the structure, virtually cost free.

Endura forms are made of recycled plastic, extremely strong, portable and multi useful. They are lighter, more portable, and more functional than wooden mats used for hauling heavy equipment in the bush and at wellsites. It can be used vertically like polar board and is easily repairable, so waste disposal isn't a problem, and it utilizes recycled plastic containers. A saving of 50% of the cost of new plastic.

Rapaz said Endura-Form Panels are:

- BCTI tested for strength, it weighs approximately 32 lbs each panel without nuts and bolts and measures: 32" x 48" (each panel is 2" thick)
- Very strong (holds a 85,000 pound water tanker fully loaded).

- 1 1/8" coil (every 16") can be put in between the two panels to run hot or cold liquids.
- Great for outdoor patios etc.
- Hot. It keep buildings warm or melt snow on sidewalks, pathways, driveways, etc.
- Cold. It can keep roads, ice rinks, or ski hills, cross country skiing cold and the list goes on.
- Stages or platforms
- Permanent or temporary walls
- Permanent or temporary walkways
- Suspension bridges
- Helicopter pads
- Endura-Form panels could be bolted or non-bolted.
- Endura-Form panels can be as long or wide depending on the application.
- Using the Endura-Form Panels, any winter sports can be performed in almost any location all year round.
- Easy to assemble or disassemble
- Stackable
- Labor savings
- Made of recycle plastic material
- Environment Friendly
- The Endura-Form Panels are MULTI-PURPOSE
- Customized color available

Interested? Then go to the website: [www.endura-form.com](http://www.endura-form.com) and learn more.

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**RESOURCES**

**Emerson has a new job at Transmission Corporation**

VICTORIA - Former federal cabinet minister David Emerson will serve as the new executive chair of the British Columbia Transmission Corporation, presiding over the board of directors and assuming the responsibilities of the chief executive officer. Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Richard Neufeld announced today. "This new structure will allow for a smooth transition in the BC Transmission Corporation's corporate leadership," said Neufeld. "David Emerson's successful experience in both corporate sector and government makes him well-suited to lead the company."

"Chair Bob Reid has done a great job for all British Columbians, and although his term as chair ended at the end of September, we are pleased he has agreed to remain on the board to ensure a smooth transition with the new chair," he said. "Departing CEO Jane Peverett has equally shown dedicated leadership that has resulted in significant advances for the organization. Bringing on Mr. Emerson at this time will provide a strong transition and continuity for this important corporation."

Emerson has served in numerous public and private capacities, including several federal government cabinet portfolios. Prior to his retirement from elected office, Emerson served as minister of foreign affairs, as minister of international trade and minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, and as minister of industry. David Emerson has also served as deputy minister of finance and deputy minister to the Premier in the government of British Columbia. He was first CEO of the Vancouver International Airport Authority, and served as president and CEO of Canfor prior to being elected as a federal MP for Vancouver.

Emerson has extensive experience from his service on numerous corporate boards, including Telus, Terason Gas and BC Ferries. He was the first chair of the BC Progress Board, and has also served on the boards of the Canada West Foundation, the Forest Products Association of Canada and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.

"The British Columbia Transmission Corporation is a critical part of B.C.'s energy strategy," said Emerson. "British Columbia is already a North American leader in clean energy generation and transmission. I am looking forward to working closely with BC Hydro in further developing our province's potential in opening up new opportunities for investment and family supporting jobs in clean energy."

"I welcome the opportunity to work with the highly skilled employees at the BC Transmission Corporation in developing cost-effective electricity transmission for B.C. residents, businesses and industry," Emerson said. "We have enormous challenges in meeting British Columbia's future transmission needs, but also terrific opportunities for new solutions that will turn our province into a true energy powerhouse."



**Bargains Galore**

Mayor Chris Morey officially opened the new Bargain Shop on Friday morning by cutting the red ribbon with Martha Bennett, Mike Tyrell, and Wolf McElroy. Crowds filled the parking lot all day long as shoppers checked out the merchandise in time for Christmas. The store is located in the old SAAN store building

**PHOENIX THEATRE**

**ROLE MODELS**  
 Plays Friday - Monday at 8:00pm. Rated 14A and runs 98 minutes.

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High: 8°	High: 8°	High: 2°	High: 2°
Low: -13°	Low: -14°	Low: -9°	Low: -9°
	POP: 20 %	POP: 10 %	POP: 10 %
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# NEWS



Barry Cornish's truck at Tumbler Ridge



Cam Allen's helicopter



Blue Canyon cement mixer didn't make a dent.



Demonstration at Cornish Trucking yard.



## Thank You

The Endura-Form Company and management would like to express their gratitude to the following people and establishments which made the Endura-Form floor set up possible:

- Ed's Building Supply
- G.D. Trucking
- MacDonald's Trucking
- Blue Canyon
- Superior Propane
- T-Mac Welding
- Long Bow

- Also, for ALL persons who have been supportive and for spreading the word around. The best way to see this remarkable product is to go on to their website [www.endura-form.com](http://www.endura-form.com) and see for yourself.

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Like many others in Fort Nelson we are excited about this product, which improves the ability to live and develop the north. A heated driveway -- heaven!

Rapaz is in the genre of a true inventor. "I see something and say, how and can I make it better?"

Many know him as a highly successful insurance agent. His job took him all over the interior and the north. His long lonely trips up

## A true inventor

and down the province gave him time to think about making things better.

A condiment set he developed caught on and is still in use in camps and restaurants.

He worked for a long time to produce eating utensils that enabled persons with severe physical disabilities to safely feed themselves.

"I had fun, but I never made much money," Rapaz said with a grin.

I have many friends in Fort Nelson. Cornish Trucking loaned the yard to assemble the forms. Blue Canyon gave me sand to level the area. propane from Superior Propane. Macdonalds Trucking helped me with expenses, my wife and I stayed at their house at no charge. I have visited Fort Nelson over many years and they have been helping me. We have a very nice friendly community here and in the past I find Fort Nelson not only friendly but they want to help, they want to be involved."



## The Best Place for Inspiring Hope.

The Northern Medical Program at UNBC is meeting the critical need for highly qualified health care professionals in the north. Born out of the uncompromising spirit of northerners who spoke out loud and clear for quality medical training in the region, the Northern Health Sciences Centre uses leading-edge technology to deliver medical education. As we approach 2010, it's this kind of dedication that's preparing B.C. to host the world.

To find out how you can get involved, no matter where you live in the province, visit [bestplaceearth.ca](http://bestplaceearth.ca)

