

ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN BC'S NORTHWEST

Individual Forum Report

Terrace

The stop in Terrace was a great success. Held at the Elk's Hall on January 16, the event was a chance for people in Terrace to get together and discuss what they thought should be included in the up-coming budget. The theme for the evening was 'Building a Better Budget for the Northwest'. The discussion unfolded with many good ideas being shared, all with the goal of building a stronger and more prosperous Northwest. After a short presentation by Nathan everyone in attendance broke off into six smaller groups to have focused conversations on topics that were of particular interest.

On some topics there was general agreement, on others there was thoughtful dialogue that occurred when there were disagreements. One general sense of accord was that it is time for the Government to do its share to help the most vulnerable in our society make it through these tough economic times.

"I really appreciate the fact that my input was asked for. It seems like too often politicians make assumptions about what the people think without asking" – Terrace

Overall, it seemed like expectations were not only met but surpassed. While there was some discussion that perhaps a larger venue would have been more accommodating, all agreed it was a good initiative on the whole.

Facilitators included: Stacey Tyers, Sam Harling, Sasa Loggin, Wade Bennett, Andrew Williams, Wes Law