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Civeo's Sitka Lodge to begin expanding

Extra rooms will be available from July

By Gerry Leibel

Strawberry Meadow's Sitka Lodge will see a bump in activity as the existing accommodation nearly doubles over the next few months.

Workforce accommodation company Civeo will be adding over 450 rooms to the current 646 rooms to provide accommodation for contractors involved in the LNG Canada project.

Civeo corporate development and investor relations manager Regan Nielsen said the additional rooms are part of an 18-month commitment to provide accommodation for the workforce contracted by LNG Canada, JGC/Fluor and Coastal GasLink.

"We will be expanding Sitka Lodge to a little over 1,100 rooms. There is room to expand and the demand is there," said Nielsen.

He said the additional accommodation requirement came about through contracted revenue of \$70 million realized over the past three months.

Nielsen declined, however, to say how the rooms would be divided up between the three clients.

The room commitments at Sitka are in addition to the previously announced four contracts

totaling \$100 million awarded to Civeo for mobile camps supporting TransCanada's 640km Coastal GasLink (CGL) pipeline project.

CGL will use its allotment of rooms at Sitka to house workers for the construction of the westernmost portion of the proposed natural gas pipeline. JGC/Fluor will house its workforce at Sitka for the initial construction phases of the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat.



Kitimat RCMP Cst. Mathew Clarabut, C.O.R.E.Y. Society's Denise Lodge and Kitimat firefighter Brad Bemis getting into the spirit for the Montreal Canadiens game on Saturday night. (Photo Gerry Leibel) — SEE STORY ON PAGE A6

Kitimat makes history again

Both Northwestern B.C. federal Conservative candidates are from Kitimat

By Rod Link

Federal Conservatives are voting this weekend to choose their candidate in the Skeena-Bulkley Valley riding for this fall's election.

And for the first time in the riding's history, the successful candidate will be from Kitimat because both contenders for the nomination come from that community.

Jody Craven is a recent Rio Tinto retiree,

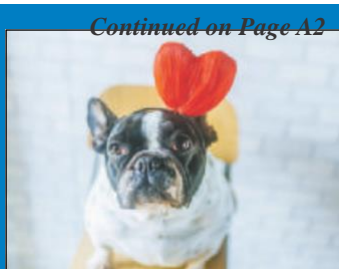
having lived in Kitimat since 1980.

He's a graduate of Mount Elizabeth Senior Secondary and lists an extensive background in youth sports in Kitimat and involvement with foster parents' organizations among his community involvement.

In seeking the nomination, Craven says much more needs to be done for the country's senior population.

"Don't get me wrong. I have no problem in helping other countries, but we need to focus on our seniors — housing, health care. They're the ones who built this country," says Craven.

The second candidate, Claire Rattée, co-owner of the DivineInk piercing and tattoo parlour in Kitimat, brings with her political experience from having served on the District of Kitimat council from 2014 to 2018.



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