

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING.

It was a full evening with some added overtime!! Per Kristanson, Chief Information Officer, City of Nanaimo aided by three of his department managers gave a very full story about the support work done by their departments for the city. After telling us that they run 140 computer applications and promising they would not describe them all, they went on to detail many of the programs. One that showed the an odd aspect of their work was the program for managing the trimming of the street grass margins. This seemed to be a small thing, but the savings it had yielded were significant. The schedules for garbage pickups were another example of time savings and having them available to the public on their home computers was an extension of the service concept the IT Department makes its mission.

The detail for the safeguarding data and programs showed considerable foresight and planning. Backups were done with location and hardware and software being chosen carefully for the tasks.

The presentation ran a little over our usual finishing time, but the enthusiasm of the group made it seem only a few moments. Then we were given a test!! Per said they had a few additions to the 50/50 draw and proceed to ask questions about the information we had been given - thinking we had not been listening - but he was wrong!! Members quickly replied to his questions and were rewarded with a very nice little gift.

Our sincere thanks to Per and his people for a most interesting presentation.

Thanks Alan. Sorry, But I lost the pictures... Steve