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Campbell tours Sitka



SITKA GM WALLY Bramsleven gives Walt Cobb and Gordon Campbell a tour of Sitka Log Homes last Sunday.

Gordon Campbell was in 100 Mile House Sunday afternoon, with Cariboo South Liberal candidate Walt Cobb, drumming up last-minute support for yesterday's provincial election.

The pair, along with an entourage of dozens, toured the operation at Sitka Log Homes in the 105, after Campbell gave a 10-minute speech to the local crowd.

"We provide good representation of value-added," said Wally Bramsleven, Sitka's General Manager.

"I took them for a tour around the yard for 10 or

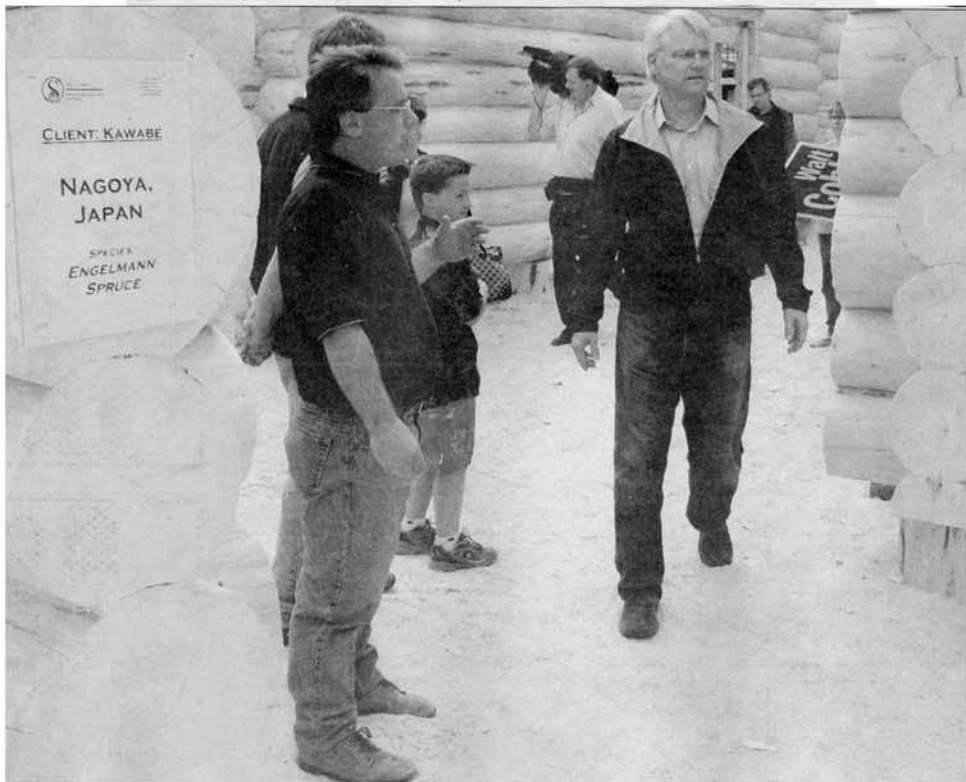
15 minutes. He (Campbell) thought it was fantastic; a great utilization of pine beetle wood. It's quite the industry and he's come to appreciate that."

Sitka is known for the log building company awarded the contract to construct a few buildings for the Salt Lake City winter Olympics. Bramsleven remained tight-lipped about possible contracts with the 2010 Olympics.

"There's some pretty exciting stuff forthcoming in the next few weeks," he said. "But at the this point, I can nei-

ther confirm, nor deny (log building contracts)."

Bramsleven said Campbell "shook some hands, hugged a few grandmas and kissed a few babies," before flying off with an entourage of reporters and handlers.



Meeting with supporters... Wally Bramsleven (left), the general manager, toured Gordon Campbell around the Sitka Log Homes work site May 15 to show him homes that will be shipped around the world. The local firm was a stop for the Liberal Party leader during the closing days of the May 17 provincial election.

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