

LEXÉY'EM

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~Merry Christmas~

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Chief Shane Gottfriedson

May the grace of the mighty Creator be with you all during the holidays. May this season bring love, peace and endurance to you all!

On behalf of the Tk'emlúps Indian Band, I would like to personally welcome the new and returning council members for the 2009 – 2012 term. I am very excited to move into the New Year with this extremely talented council.

I would also like to extend a warm thank you to everyone that came out to the swearing in ceremony. Taking the time to honour those that have dedicated themselves and to welcome in the new is truly noble.

We have made some adjustments this term on the portfolio holders and the support being provided to each of them. Below is a breakdown of the new portfolio assignments.



PORTFOLIO	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	SECOND	BACKUP
BUSINESS	George Casimir	Fred Seymour	Rosanne Casimir
SHARED SERVICES	Connie Leonard	Jeanette Jules	Fred Seymour
LANDS, LEASING, TAXATION	Rosanne Casimir	Connie Leonard	Jeanette Jules
PLANNING & ENGINEERING	Fred Seymour	George Casimir	Dolan Paul
HOUSING	Evelyn Camille	Rosanne Casimir	Connie Leonard
CRM/LAND CLAIMS	Jeanette Jules	Dolan Paul	Evelyn Camille
EDUCATION	Dolan Paul	Evelyn Camille	George Casimir
KNUCWENTEWC-KT(SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT/ COMMUNITY WELLNESS)	Shane Gottfriedson & Council		
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	Shane Gottfriedson & Evelyn Camille		



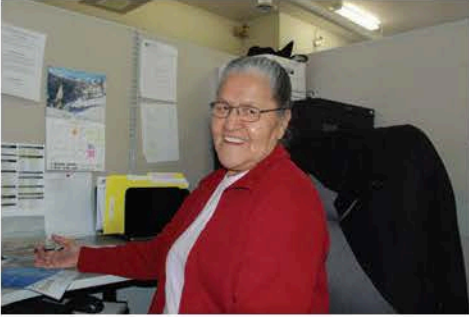
We have set aside January 11-15, 2010 for organization wide strategic planning for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Just a friendly reminder that we need help for the 2010 Shuswap Gathering. Cooks, Security, Elder helpers, Youth event planners and Social planners; please show your community commitment. Lets put on a great gathering together. Date to be determined.

This past year has brought us challenges that we have met head on. We continue to make steady progress in all of our endeavours. I expect the New Year to bring its own unique challenges and I foresee a great number of opportunities approaching.

Sincerely,
TK'EMLÚPS INDIAN BAND


CHIEF Shane Gottfriedson





Evelyn Camille - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: Housing Secondary: Education Back-up: CRM

"I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas. And the best of 2010 to each and everyone of you and your loved ones."

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Hello everyone, I hope you are all well I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again serve you as a Councillor. I will not forget who it is that I work for.

Housing portfolio offers many challenges, but, as I had stated at the swearing in ceremony, that with your input all things are possible. I am hoping that the Housing committee will be very active and partake in many of the decisions and concerns. The housing Department will be in touch with all the committee members as soon as dates have been set so please keep in touch. We will try to set one up before Xmas.

Education Department as my secondary I will assist Dolan as much as possible as this is a very busy and active department and has a lot of boards and committees that are part of this

department.C.R.M. department will have its many challenges since John left, but with Janette Jules there, who has great knowledge of our history, it will be a pleasure working with her. Public Relations; I have always had the honor of being asked to do openings and welcomings at many functions and for many organizations.

Social Development or Community Wellness; I am glad that ALL of C/C will be part of this dept. and I am hoping that ALL of the community members will take part also. This is your community so BE part of the healing process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the social dev. dept. and the C/C for giving some elders the chance to see Hawaii, it was a very memorable experience for the elder that went, because this is supposed to be short and sweet I will tell you more a bout it later.

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Rosanne Casimir- Councillor

Primary Portfolio: Lands Secondary: Housing Back-up: Business Dev.

"Merry Christmas and Wishing all of You a Safe and Memorable Holiday Season"

Hello my name is Rosanne Casimir I would like to say what an honor it is to be representing our community.

I would like to say thank you to the previous outgoing Council and to our Chief for all their patience while we go through our transitional phase, and for the amount of work that they have done for our community. I look forward to working with all of them until their term ends utilizing all their experience and all the information that they have to share.

And a very big thank you to all of you in the community for supporting my decision to run for council.

I am very excited about my term as Councillor, 2009-2012. As a first time incumbent I feel excited and enthusiastic to dive right in with my newly appointed Portfolio – Lands, Leasing and Taxation. I am excited about working with the Lands Department and look forward to GBM's to discuss openly issues that should excite all of us. My door is always open and

look forward to working with and for all of you. My secondary portfolio is Housing, and I am looking forward to working with that department as well.

"Know your Passion, Visualize your Plan, Collect your Resources, and be Determined to Succeed!"

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I look forward to this upcoming New Year and working with all of YOU!!!

Councillor Rosanne Casimir



Fred Seymour - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: P&E Secondary: Business Dev. Back-up: SS



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Hello everyone,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year and remind you to stay safe during the holidays.

I am happy to be back as a Councillor and my primary portfolio will remain the same as it has been, working with the Planning and Engineering department. My secondary portfolio is Business Development and my back-up is Shared Services.

My door is always open if you have anything that you would like to discuss.

Take care and enjoy the holidays



Jeanette Jules - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: CRM Secondary: Shared Services Back-up: Lands



"Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy Holidays and New Year"

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I have lived and worked in this community all of my life and during that time I have committed 32 years to developing an education program for our children at Little Fawn Nursery School and in the Education Department.

My first years of formal schooling were at the Kamloops Indian Residential School (KIRS) as a day scholar and as a resident. From grade 3 onward I attended public school in the city of Kamloops. I have taken numerous workshops and training in the field of Early Childhood Education. In January 2009 I have been taking Linguistics at Simon Fraser University – Kamloops Campus working towards my Language Proficiency Certification.

I ran for band council because I believe my energy, experience and knowledge can help provide leadership for our community. I am a strong advocate for us as a community and people developing and governing our own education, government, administration etc.

We must create better communication services for our membership. Communication needs to be open and invite dialogue through the use of mail, our newsletter, the internet; email and a website that is needs to be continually updated. I believe that education is our foundation for the future and that within this foundation we must find our Secwepemc culture and traditional values. The children and young people are our future and we must prepare them to know their past and live and work in the modern world.

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George Casimir - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: Business Development Secondary: P&E Back-up: SS



Wishing us all a Very Merry X-mas and a Prosperous New Year!

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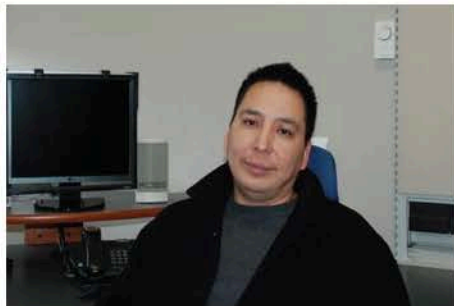
I have been actively employed since completing high school or I have been in post secondary or training related to employment since. I have a previous nine years experience as a member of Council since the age of 26-35. I spent the last two and a half years in the education department as k-12 supervisor. I am currently the President of All Nations Trust company for my second term and have been on the Board of Directors there for the past ten years.

I ran for Council to continue working for our community and to work together with everyone in creating a sustainable economy and employment opportunities. We deserve a healthy place to live and my commitment will help in achieving this if we all work together.

My vision is to create development along with infrastructure to benefit all the community in a logical and feasible way. I also see working closely with education to help in developing our capable and job ready workforce. We have a great start to achieving all our hopes and dreams whether it be in culture, education or business, I strongly believe that we also have the leadership to work within the community and for our membership to make this happen

I want to thank everyone for their support and continued support for the next three years as we work and grow together as one.

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Dolan Paul - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: Education Secondary: CRM Back-up: P&E



*Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

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Greetings from Dolan Paul

I would like to start this term with a heartfelt appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the past Chief and Council.

I am excited to start this term with the education portfolio. I am glad Chief and Council has looked closely at this portfolio and decided to give it more attention by separating it to focus closely on the goals and aspirations of our membership. There is a strong staff in the education department that will benefit me and I will do my best to assist them.

I ran for council because I felt I could give something back to the community that has given so much to me and my family. I also wanted to provide a good role model for my daughter.

I plan to bring a positive atmosphere to my working environment as well be approachable to all membership.

I would like to close by saying thank you to all that assisted with the "Oaths of Office" and making it a great celebration. If anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Connie Leonard - Councillor

Primary Portfolio: Shared Services Secondary: Lands Back-up: Housing



Seasons Greetings- Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes in 2010!!

Elections are over and we are back to work. We have a new team that has been elected to lead and to work hard on behalf of our membership.

I am honoured to be part of the leadership group that has the responsibility to make decisions to assist our people, land, and resources.

Thank-you all for taking the time to vote and to put your confidence behind us all.

I will continue to work hard to make a better future for our children. My Primary Portfolio is Shared Services, my Secondary Portfolio is Lands, Leasing, & Taxation, and I also provide back-up assistance to Housing - as well as other Council duties as well.

Since the election we have dove right into meeting

responsibilities and I have been working with various staff and Portfolio members to proceed with our strategic planning goals and initiatives and have been brainstorming new goals for the upcoming year.

Please look forward to more informative reports on our progress in the future. We were told to keep it short this time, so with that being said, I would like to take this opportunity to extend the warmest of wishes to all of our membership for the holiday season and I look forward to working together to help our nation to be great and good.

I have included a Christmas prayer that I found and adapted that I would like to share with membership - Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes in 2010!!

In Spirit,
Connie

An Indian Prayer Christmas Day

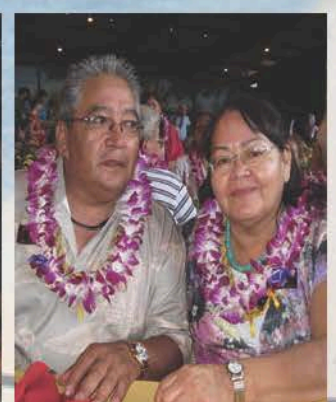
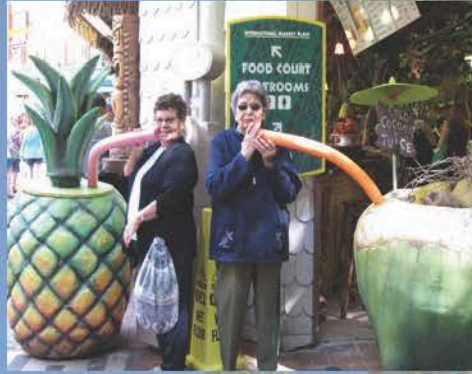
Great Spirits Grandfather and
Grandmother,
I send these words to you,
To Father Sun,
Grandmother Moon,
To all of my relations,
To Mother Earth,
And to the Four Winds
The Sacred Seasons of Life.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
Today you gave
The breath of Life
To an Indian Child,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
Will walk amongst
His/Her people,
With his/her head held high,
With dignity and pride,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
Will stand before
His/Her people,
With honor
And respect,
In a most Sacred Way.

Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
Will be strong
With wisdom, knowledge
And understanding,
That will come from
The heart, soul and mind,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
Will come before
A humble Nation of people,
And like his relations
The Eagle and the Buffalo
Will be their strength
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
You gave to us in a sacred way,
And with his/her eyes
He/She will see all that is good,
And with his/her ears,
He/She will hear all that is good,
And the words he/she will speak
Will be strong and powerful,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
That you have brought before us,
Your Native American Indian people,
Will be like his/her Ancestor's
That have gone before him/her

On their journey,
Will always travel
Within the Sacred Circle of Life
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
This Indian Child
Will use
His/Her Eagle Feathers,
His/Her Sacred Pipe,
His/Her Sacred Cedar,
His/Her Sacred Sage,
His/Her Sacred Sweetgrass,
His/Her Drums and Songs
In his/her Sacred Sun Dance,
In his/her Sacred Sweat Lodge,
In his/her Sacred Ceremonies,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather, and Grandmother
This Indian Child will be strong within,
His/Her tradition, culture
And religion,
An intricate heritage,
In a most Sacred Way.
Grandfather and Grandmother,
Thank you for each breath of life
That you have given to our New Born,
For tomorrow,
Another Indian Child
Will be born the "Indian Way."

By Larry Gibby and adapted for gender correctness by Connie

Hawaii 2009



Happy Holidays

