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*SOMETIMES LIFE JUST
SEEMS LIKE CHAPTERS.
SOME GOOD, SOME BAD,
BUT ALL COME TOGETHER
TO CREATE THE STORY OF
OUR LIVES.*



CHIEF

SHANE GOTTFRIEDSON

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

With the passing of Summer into Fall, we mark a full year into the term of our elected leadership. Fall is the time we traditionally gather to prepare for the coming Winter. We gather what we've grown, store the fish we have dried and smoked and send our hunters out to be the providers of food for the people. This is some of the wisdom that has been passed onto us by our previous generations.

In thinking about this wisdom it is appropriate that I highlight this quarterly report starting with the activities of the Gathering of Wisdom Forum in Vancouver. Together we marked a historic moment as we took control of our own healthcare system and created the First Nations Health Authority. We are now able to be the care providers for our people. Our Q'wemtsin Health Center will continue to serve our membership. We also signed a partnership agreement with Interior Health to provide the healthcare we all need. However, control and direction will be set by aboriginal people for aboriginal people.

Our Economic Community Development Agreement (ECDA) with British Columbia is also being implemented. With our SSN Division we met at Moccasin Square Gardens to receive our first of many revenue sharing cheques. The \$730,000 we share with Skeetchestn is our share of the mine minerals tax for the first 6 months of production. The mine is now in full production producing 11000 tons of ore per day and finally meeting its projected goals in operation. This good news means we will be receiving more revenue

from the ECDA so we can address specific needs in our community. As agreed, we will be targeting this money to education, culture, language, social and economic development. Energy Minister Bill Bennett, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister John Rustad and Transportation



Minister Todd Stone represented the BC Cabinet. MLA Jackie Tegart and New Gold CEO Bob Gallagher rounded out the group. We all waited a long time since we signed the agreement so it is satisfying to see the reality of revenue coming in. Thanks are due to everyone playing a role in this important step forward. This is truly a Government to Government agreement which so many of our past and present leadership as well as technical staff played a role for

the community. I want to personally congratulate everyone for a job well done.

The Truth and Reconciliation gathering in Vancouver was powerful and important event. We presented on our Day Scholar class action suit to the Commission. This is the culmination of a two year effort to get before TRC that was finally achieved. With our ally Seachlet First Nation Chief Gary Feschuck and supported by Federation of Saskatchewan Indians Senator Ted Quesance as well as our respective councils, We shared our deep concern with how these innocent Day Scholar victims were left out of the process and the harm and impacts they and their families still feel today. Like other abuse victims, they suffered the loss of language and culture, faced terrible abuse and suffered at the hands of those running residential schools.

To seek redress for our people, we presented our position for about 30 minutes highlighting the flaws of excluding these victims. We continue working on our litigation with our legal counsel. There have been some big changes in our legal team as lead Council Len Marchand has been appointed as a judge and Aaron Sam is new elected Chief of Lower Nicola. Peter Grant and John Phillips will continue to act as legal counsel. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Len and Arron for their work and wish them the best of luck in their next adventure along their career paths. The fight will continue for our people. We are one community where each member matters to all the others. This is what makes us a more productive and healthy community.

August 12, 2013 marked another historic moment when First Nation Court sat in Kamloops. We have established the 3rd Court of this kind in BC and the first one in this region. After seeing how things worked in New Westminster where this court was first established, I realized that an innovative system respectful of our culture would create a better environment for justice and rehabilitation. With the hard work



of people like Linda Thomas, Jeanette Jules and Sandra Seymour our entire council rallied around this idea to make establishing First Nations Court in Kamloops a strategic objective. Thanks is due to many people for this and even though she is no longer with our organization, a great deal of thanks is due to Linda Thomas for her hard work on this initiative. Some of our Elders have been appointed to serve the community not just for TteS but from other Secwépemc communities. I believe they will enhance and support our way as First Nations people. There is a regular, monthly court session that everyone welcome to attend and learn. Please remember that there are certain rules and protocols that need to be respected and followed.

We continue engaging Canada and BC in a dialogue pro-



cess on our Douglas Reserve claim. Our legal counsel Greg McDade and Jerome Slavik and our negotiating team of Jeanette Jules ,Richard Jules, Freda Jules, Jim Mcgrath and myself are continuing patiently . We have set targets through time lines and certain work as bench marks for meetings. We are on track with what both sides have set out.

Some of the highlights from the Summer activities include another fantastic and successful Kamloopa Powwow (thanks again to the organizing committee for another fantastic job), canoe journey ,Shuswap Gathering at Green Lake , Unity ride, Summer camp for kids, Summer work program for students, TteS band picnic, Elders meeting in Dog Creek, Sundance, AFN annual general assembly in Whitehorse, Union of BC Indian Chiefs meeting in Richmond, BCAFN gathering, Education Banquet , Family memorials and reunions as well as funerals.

All of Chief and council have had a very busy quarter things don't seem to be slowing down now or in the future.

I was disappointed that our last General band meeting we didn't meet quorum but we did hold a productive information meeting on the housing arrears issue , the Development Cost Charge by-law and the Mt Lolo Addition to reserve .

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those of you giving me advice and sharing their views with me about community issues. We will continue to fight for our Aboriginal title and rights. We will continue to develop our own laws guided by our own traditions. We will speak with a unified voice to protect our jurisdiction. We will continue to work for our full realization of our vision.

At the same time, we recognize that to achieve these goals we must also build partnerships and friendships through a reconciliation framework agreement with BC so that we can participate and benefit from proper stewardship of our resources. We want to be partners both in decision making and taxation for the resources coming out of our traditional territories. From mining and logging to agriculture and transportation, it is time for us to take our rightful seat at the table.

This is no easy path and we will have our work cut out for us. However, we have taken some big steps forward and we continue laying a foundation with enthusiasm and hope for a better future.

I wish everyone a Fall, Winter and New Year filled with happiness laughter and much love. Take care.

Chief Shane Gottfriedson



CHIEF SHANE'S SCHEDULE - July - October 2013

	July 2013	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013
1	STATUTORY HOLIDAY - CANADA DAY	Pulling Together Canoe Journey and Feast	Sunday	MPC BoD / Chief and Council Regular Meeting
2	Chief and Council Meeting	Kamloopa PowWow	STATUTORY HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY	SNTC Chiefs' Meeting
3	SNTC Chiefs' Meeting	Saturday - Kamloopa PowWow	Chief And Council Meeting/Aft Sick Leave	SSN Joint Council
4	SSN Strategic Planning	Sunday - Kamloopa PowWow	SNTC Chiefs' Meeting/Guest Speaker - Rotary	Meeting with MLA Todd Stone
5	SSN Strategic Planning	STATUTORY HOLIDAY - BC DAY	SSN Joint Council	Saturday
6	Saturday - Susan Seymour Memorial	Chief and Council Meeting	SNTC Unity Meeting	Sunday
7	Sunday	Kelowna Health Caucus	Saturday	Vacation Day
8	Telephone Interview/C&C Policy	Kelowna Health Caucus	Sunday	Chief and Council Strategic Planning
9	Chief and Council Meeting	TteS Community Picnic	Meeting with New Gold	
10	Day Scholar Executive Vancouver	Saturday	Chief and Council Meeting	KIBDC/MPC BoD Meeting - Secwemec RFA & Council Meeting
11	Telconference/KIBDC-MPC Board Mtgs	Sunday		
	BBQ Lunch for D. Seymour	C&C Policy Mtg/Day Scholar		
12	Memorial/TteS Lands Mtg with Province	Affidavit/First Nations Court Opening	KIBDC & MPC BoD Meetings	Saturday
13	Saturday	KIBDC-MPC Mtg/Chief and Council Meeting	Douglas Reserve Meeting	Sunday
14	Sunday	TteS Lands Mtg w Province/Mtg with Mayor Milobar re New Gold Lands	Saturday	STATUTORY HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING
15	AFN Annual General Assembly		Sunday	UBCIC Joint Meeting
16	AFN Annual General Assembly	Secwepemc Gathering	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering	UBCIC Joint Meeting
17	AFN Annual General Assembly	Saturday -Secwepemc Gathering	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering	UBCIC Joint Meeting
18	AFN Annual General Assembly	Sunday - Secwepemc Gathering	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering	DRI Lands Tour with LLTX Manager
19	Day Scholar Conf Call	Morn - Various Mtgs/Aft - Mtg with MP Cathy McLeod	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering/Day Scholar Exec - Vancouver	Saturday
20	Saturday - Jesse Seymour Memorial	Chief and Council Meeting - Presentation to Len Marchand	Truth and Reconciliation Gathering	Sunday
21	Sunday	TteS Lands Mtg w Province/SSEP Luncheon/Senior Games Welcome	Saturday - Truth and Reconciliation Gathering	UBCIC Chiefs' Meeting re Health Transfer
22	Sundance	Interview with Canadian Business Magazine/Day Scholar Affidavit	Sunday - Truth and Reconciliation Gathering - Walk	Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey
23	Chief and Council Meeting	Day Scholar Exec Mtg - Vancouver		Panel Member - Beyond Section 35 - Calgary
24	TteS Lands Mtg w Prov/Mid-Day/SNTC Audit Mtg	Saturday	RFA Chiefs' Meeting	Meetings with Members of Council
25	SNTC Finance Mtg	Sunday	Chief and Council Meeting/General Band Meeting	Finance Committee Meeting
26	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Vacation Leave	Chiefs' Meeting with New Gold CEO	Saturday
27	Saturday - Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Vacation Leave	Sun Rivers Meeting	Sunday
28	Sunday - Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Vacation Leave	Saturday	Parliamentary Secretary for Independent Schools - Ske'elep
29	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Vacation Leave	Sunday	Chief and Council Regular Meeting
30	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Vacation Leave	Meeting re Corporate	Meeting with Chief Stanley Thomas - Saikuz (Vanderhoof)
31	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Saturday		

COUNCILLOR

COLLEEN MOSTERD-MCLEAN

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Before I begin my article, I will take a moment to recognize and offer my condolences to those in our community who are grieving the loss of loved ones. May Creator grant you peace.

This past June, our son Daniel graduated from high school. Daniel, not only graduated with his Provincial Dogwood Diploma, but also won 4 scholarships and awards. Daniel's story is one of Perseverance. You see, our son has a rare syndrome called Sotos Syndrome and with it comes certain physical and learning challenges. For instance, Daniel was not able to walk until he was 28 months old and he has difficulty with numbers (unless the numbers reflect hockey stats). He endured years and years of wearing a cumbersome back brace called a TLSO (Thoracic/Lumbar/Sacral Orthotic) and foot braces called AFO's (Articulating Foot Orthotics). The AFO's made wearing shoes impossible for the first few years. We are forever grateful to Elder, Loretta Seymour for designing and sewing a special kind of moccasin that kept Daniel's feet warm-what a blessing. She sewed him a new set as they wore out.

When he was 6yrs old, Daniel had very intensive foot surgeries to reconstruct the anatomy of his feet so he could walk with far less pain. Years later, this amazing surgery has made it possible for him to complete the 10K Vancouver Sun Run more than once with a time of just over one hour. As a result of much prayer and with physician bewilderment, Daniel has abated, for years, surgery on his back. Daniel now downhill skis, snorkels, kayaks, bikes, stand up paddles, swims, fishes, hunts and plays road hockey.

We have a lot of people to thank for helping us along the way. Of course our family and close friends for their support during uncertain times and prayers at all times. We are in debt to our friends and family who lent us their vehicles or accompanied us to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver for the many, many medical appointments. Community members who always greet Daniel with a smile and encouragement, the men in the community who engage in conversation and share stories and advice with him, women in the community who watch out for him like caring mama bears, his peers for being good friends and always having his back. We have been blessed to raise our kids on the reserve.

Daniel's story illustrates that with prayer, hard work, an unstoppable spirit and connection with community, anything is possible.

His story also reflects my genuine empathy and understanding of the frustrations experienced when dealing with Health Canada and the inadequate coverage from Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB). This is why I feel so passionate about the need for change. On October 1, 2013 Health Canada officially signs the transfer of Health responsibility over to the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). It is my hope that this transfer will be a new era for Health Care for First Nations people in BC. This transfer is one of a kind in Canada and will certainly have its wrinkles to iron out and things will not change immediately, but it promises to be

“Community-Driven, Nation-Based.”

The 7 Directives for the FNHA are as follows:

1. Community-Driven, Nation-Based
2. Increase First Nations decision making and control
3. Improve Services
4. Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnership
5. Develop Human and Economic Capacity
6. Be Without Prejudice to First Nations Interests
7. Function at a High Operational Standard

Your health is important. How you access health services is important. I encourage you to read further information about what this transfer is at www.fnha.ca.

One of the reasons that lead me to run for public office is my desire to advocate for people in ways that improve their quality of life, bring change where needed and empower individuals with the knowledge and belief that they matter.

On that note, I would like to say how pleased I am with my replacement in Social Development as your Community Health Representative, Lesa Frezie who is a key advocate for many Band members accessing health services. As the former CHR, I know firsthand just how demanding this position is. On any given day, the CHR assists at least 15-20 Band members in many different capacities. Each person has a unique circumstance and there are no textbooks or manuals to go to for assistance. The vast majority of the requests are access to the Medical/Dental Fund and policy has been passed to respond to these requests and deliver these monies. Copies of the policy are available for pick up at the Social Development office and can also be found on the TteS website at www.tkemlups.ca. Another large portion of requests are regarding access to NIHB. Health Canada creates and delivers these policies and the CHR assists members in accessing these services, she does not approve the requests nor does anyone

else at TteS including Band Council. This a Federal Program, soon to be driven by the First Nations Health Authority. It was an honour for me to serve my community in the role of the CHR for 6 years but it is a very challenging job. Lesa is doing a very good job as your Community Health Representative. Thank you Lesa!

Membership Code

I have been researching the history of the TteS Membership Code and will be releasing a report in 2014. Much work has been done in the past and I believe it is time to once again pick up where this very important issue left off and with consultation from membership, create a Membership Code that will work for us.

News, tips upcoming events and current buzz words:

- A new walk in clinic on the North Shore located at 700 Tranquille Road and is open Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. The telephone number is 250-376-9595 and the physicians are Dr.Susan Vlahos and Dr.Brian Pasula.
- If you would like to receive a copy of the monthly Qwemtsin Health Society Newsletter, please contact them at 250-314-6732. It is a great little publication with good information and notices of upcoming events.
- Until we get adequate street lighting on our roads, please carry a flashlight or wear some reflective gear when you are walking at night
- Drivers, PLEASE SLOW DOWN, there are a lot of cyclists and pedestrians sharing the roads.
- Bitumen: Bitumen is a heavy, thick form of crude oil. From bitumen synthetic crude oil is produced, which is then used for fuels such as gasoline, diesel and propane. In Canada, bitumen is found in Alberta's oil sands, which are a mixture of bitumen, sand, water and clay in the northern part of the province.



- **Social Determinants of Health:** The primary factors that shape the health of Canadians are not medical treatments or lifestyle choices but rather the living conditions they experience. These conditions have come to be known as the social determinants of health. Conditions such as housing, education, income, and food security.

Upcoming events:

Blazer Hockey is back. October's schedule looks like this:

- Blazers vs KelownaRockets - November 29
- vs Kootenay Ice - December 6
- vs Everett Silvertips - December 7
- vs Vancouver Giants - December 29



Little Buffalo band member Melina Laboucan-Massimo scoops up on July 13, 2012 what appears to be oil from the pond shoreline near the site of a 4.5 million-litre Plains Midstream pipeline leak detected April 29, 2011. Photos taken at the site and released by Greenpeace of Alberta's second-worst pipeline spill suggest at least part of the site remains heavily contaminated despite company suggestions that the cleanup is complete.

Some of the things I think are amazing....

Runners –Not the “sneakers” or “go fasters” – though they can be pretty amazing too! The people who run, those runners - I think avid runners are amazing! It takes every cell in your body to run. When you are in mid air for those brief moments and one foot makes contact with the pavement, and then the other, your whole being is engaged from your toes to your fingertips. Even if your lungs are retreating, your spirit is soaring.

I raise my hands to the runners in the community and would like to start running again myself. If you are interested in joining me this Fall in a very gradual return to running, please email me at cmosterd-mclean@kib.ca or call me at 250-828-9860.

Gardeners - people who plant things, nurture them and harvest food from their own yards are amazing!

Volunteers - people who give of themselves and expect nothing in return are amazing!

Free Spirits – my uncle, Ken Jensen, has embarked on a solo European backpacking vacation...Amazing!



Follow me on Twitter@[cmosterdmclean](https://twitter.com/cmosterdmclean) and share with me what you think is amazing.

Something to try: I have found it helpful to keep positive by observing things around me and identifying three somewhat related things and I call them a “Perfect Tri-Fecta”. For instance, a cold lemonade on a hot day shared with a friend. This little mental exercise has increased my sense of appreciation for the small things and always lifts my spirits. Go ahead, think of your own “Perfect Tri-Fecta” and Tweet it to me!

Suggested Movie: The Butler – a fabulous movie about the Civil Rights Movement

Suggested Books: Margaret Atwood’s MaddAddam and Gabor Mate’s When the Body Says No

Season’s Greetings

COUNCILLOR KATY GOTTFRIEDSON

SHARED SERVICES/DAY SCHOLARS

Weyt-k Everyone,

I hope you are all starting to bundle up as fall has arrived in full force! The summer had brought a lot of activity, such as our September GBM. Unfortunately we were just short of making quorum. However, our council and the managers involved, found the information too important to postpone for a second time.

We had Don Funk – Planning and Engineering Manager presented the upcoming Development Cost Charge (DCC) Law. This will look at charging developers a formulated cost for developing on our reserve. This is a very common cost that almost all municipalities have adopted. The DCC will pick up spending costs that have to do with improvements on existing or new infrastructure instead of using general revenue monies.

Freda Jules – Lands, Leasing and Taxation manager also presented the Mt. Lolo, addition to reserve celebration that took place last year. This event was a long time in the making and Council would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this a reality.



Lastly George Casimir – Housing Manager, presented us with our current situation on housing arrears as well as repairs and maintenance spending to date. He gave us a run down on his plans for collecting the arrears owed as well as creating a fair strategy of spending R&M dollars.

If you have any questions on any of the above topics each manager will gladly answer those for you by phone or email.

Day Scholars:

June 28th & 29th marked a momentous moment for our community as well as other local First Nations.

Tk'emlúps co-hosted a Regional Truth and Reconciliation Hearing at our very own Moccasin Square Gardens. Throughout the two days we had 435 participants that were involved by sharing their stories, volunteering, or observing.

There were a total of fifty one former residential school survivors that shared their stories.

Out of those, twenty eight were shared publicly to the audience and across the globe by means of video internet streaming. Twenty one survivors shared private statements that were recorded and two shared through their personal letters.

1,056 people streamed on our webcast from 8 different countries. Some of those included Netherlands, Russia, Italy and Mexico.

Leading up to the TRH, there were some that spent late nights and early mornings making sure everything was going to go off without a hitch. I would like to thank Jo-anne Gottfriedson, Nacoma George and all those involved for all of their efforts to make the two days such a huge success.

Our Plaintiffs from the Day Scholars Class Action also had the opportunity to attend the National TRC Hearing that happened in Vancouver mid-September. During that time our Chief along with Chief Garry Feschuk and Senator Ted Qwezance of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations did a public presentation of our Class Action. The outcome of this presentation proved very successful as well. After the presentation we had many parties interested in joining our legal suite.

The mission of these Truth and Reconciliation Commission is to educate Canadian Citizens and the rest of the world by having our survivors and descendants sharing their experiences during and after residential school. I would like to thank all of those survivors that has taken the time to share their stories with the world, to those of you that came to listen and to try and understand what are people had gone through – I thank you as well.

If you are interested in learning more about the TRC you can go to their website as www.trc.ca.

For more information on our Day Scholars Class Action, please contact Jo-Anne Gottfriedson at jo-anne.gottfriedson@kib.ca

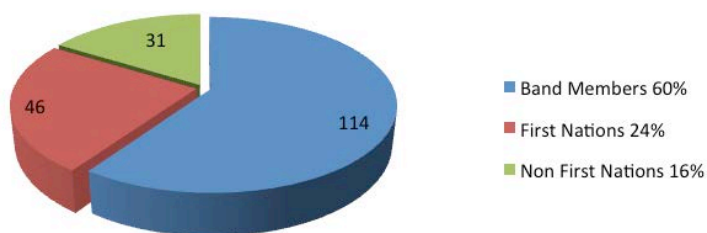
Shared Services:

- Corporate – Chief Executive Officer - Howard Campbell
- Education –Day care Language Assistant - 14 week S.T.E.P. Position – Karly Gottfriedson
- Education – Infant Room Educator - Part-time Position – Debra Starr
- Education – Post Secondary Coordinator Position – Larissa Blank
- Education – Museum Office Assistant - 20 week S.T.E.P. Position – Barb Jules
- Education – Museum & Heritage Park Cultural Educator – Jackie Jules
- Housing – Filing Clerk – Hazel Quilt
- KIBC – Administrative Assistant Position – Denise Fromme
- Land, Leasing & Taxation – Administrative Assistant (Term Position) – Aurora Casimir
- Natural Resource - Administration Assistant – Carissa Roy
- Planning & Engineering –Landscaper/Labour – 20 week S.T.E.P. Position – Storm Moody (Paul)
- Skelep School - Cook Position – Jennifer Dick
- Skelep School - Teacher Intermediate(.5) PE (.5) Position – Noel Froste

Tk'emlúps te Secewépmc Staff Report as of March 2013

You can see above that the Human Resource Department has had more months of success by increasing our band member employment another 6% since April 2013. Please note that out of 191 employees, 140 of them are full time permanent. HR has been working hard to implement this year's strategic goals of increasing band member employment and training throughout our organization as well as with our affiliated companies.

**August 2013
Total TteS headcount = 191**



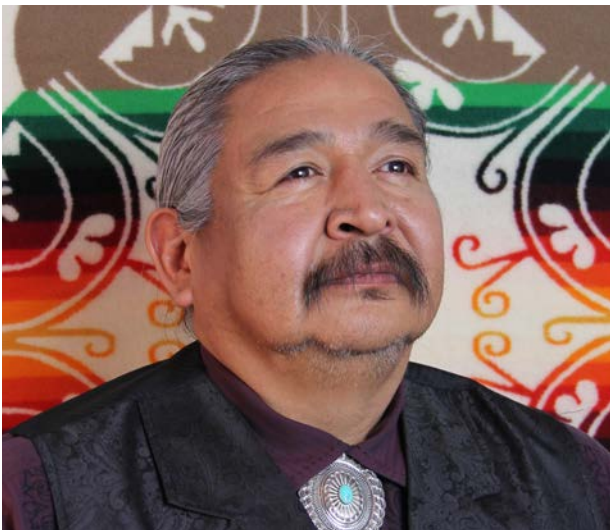
For employment information, please contact Salvina Holcomb at salvina.holcomb@kib.ca

For more information on training and employment with our external partners, please contact Paula Pellett at paula.pellett@kib.ca

If there is any other questions you may have for me regarding my reports or otherwise, do not hesitate to contact me via phone (250) 828-9743 or email katy.gottfriedson@kib.ca.
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COUNCILLOR FRED SEYMOUR

PLANNING & ENGINEERING



Weyt-kp,

Well summer is over. Hope you all enjoyed the summer and fall is upon us, you can feel it in the air. You can see it in the color of the landscape also.

With new beginnings in the life of the little ones entering into day care, nursery and kindergarten and into grade 1 the transition is huge...loneliness sets in, afraid of everything comes into play...our natural instincts take over. We must face alone...or be the ones that have older brothers and sister to guide you along show you the ropes kind of thing.

With that being said, schools signs come into play. Obey all signs posted out on the rez. We are here for the health and safety of all membership and other that use the roads.

We all get the letters and phone calls from the membership and also other personnel using the 0 roads that speed is the main concern. We have to work with the Rural RCMP Detachment and post the correct signage out there that is enforceable.

We are looking into more strict lighting throughout the reserve which we call home. Also looking into getting a center line painted on the roads also. As there are guidelines, rules and regulations through the Motor Vehicle Act...but time and patience on your behalf, greatly appreciated...we will get there.

We all are here for a better place to live, and health and safety is a number one priority.

The rest of my report will be in bullet form.

- Phase 2, Sewer Project
- Very near completion
- Development Cost Charge By-law (D.C.C)
- Sewer Agreement with the City
- Church Project
- Budget and Quotes, ongoing
- Looking at taking the old paint of 6-7 layers thick, still pondering to re-paint or wood stain?
- North and East Areas/Irrigation Systems
- Looking at shutting both down by the end of September/ mid October
- Hoping you all had good crops of hay this year
- CLC Development
- Budgetary Item(s)
- Roundabout – to work in conjunction with Sun Rivers and others
- 2 pieces of property being looked as we speak
- Strategy on other designated lands
- It all takes money and a whole lot of strategy and priorities

I will leave it at that for now, as this list can go on and on. If you have any questions concerns...do not hesitate to call me @ work 250-828-9820, you all have my home number. If you do not, it is in the phone book 250-372-8075.

COUNCILLOR

JEANETTE JULES

NATURAL RESOURCES/LEGAL



Weyt-kp

This summer there was an abundance of our traditional foods I hope everyone had the opportunity to gather what they needed. Good Luck to all of the hunters and fisherman on all your excursions to mountains and rivers.

To all of our children returning to school may you have a great year filled with lots of learning, fun and laughter. All of the Post Secondary and trades students I wish you every success in all of your courses whether you are in your 1st semester or final year.

Natural Resource Department

The Forestry Corporation has negotiated and we have signed off on the FCRSA and FTOA for this coming year.

Carrie Dan and Leslie LeBourdais have brought to C&C attention Hydro being out of bounds on IR# 2 & 3 –Trap Lake. The Lands Department will be setting up meetings with Hydro to address this. This has brought an important issue to the table..... when anyone is out on land and they see something not right to come in and report so that proper measures can be taken to address this.

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I sit as a member as one of the Negotiators for the Band in matters relating to Consultation, Accommodation and Rights and Title issues. Our main focus is balancing Customary Ecological Knowledge with Western Science in the resource base and integrating this balance in our decision making processes. All of the negotiating team members that sit at the table champion and advocate of technological incorporation of government and industry expectations with T'k'emlúpsemc/St'k'emlúpsemc/ Secwépemc needs and awareness. Our concentration is on jurisdictional and comanagement paradigms.

- Revenue-sharing agreements
- Aboriginal title & rights are accommodated
- Compensation and joint management on development projects that infringe on aboriginal title and rights
- Benefit sharing agreements with companies engaged in major land & resource development projects
- We will ensure that the BC government consults with TteS on economic development projects in our traditional territory that affect our aboriginal title and rights.
- Ensuring our traditional, ecological, cultural, and historical knowledge of our land, air, water resources are respected and monitored.

DRI

As everyone is well aware of now the Legal Department has been dissolved at this time I want to give huge Kukwstemc all of the staff for their commitment and dedication for the betterment of our band. We are on track with our talks with the Provincial and the Federal Government.

Jim McGrath NRD and Freda Jules LL&T have taken over the duties of managing our DRI file. The By-Laws Officer has moved to Planning and Engineering and the Justice Worker is under Social Development.

Community Tripartite Agreement

This past Monday I with our partners on the CTA - RCMP,

Whispering Pines and Skeetchestn. We have agreed to complete our Letter of Expectation (LOE) before on next scheduled meeting in December. We are also going to get our Community Consultative Group (CCG) it is a requirement under our CTA, as set out in section 2.1, a) b) running early in the new year, this committee is different than the Justice Committee for the band. There will have representatives from each of our communities and selection of committee members and criteria will be established by all three communities.

New Gold Inc.

We are still in negotiations with NG on the exploration they are planning for across Kamloops Lake and adjacent to their existing properties. A date for our AGM has not been set yet but will be soon.

During the week of September 10-13 Councillor Darrel Draney and I traveled to Timmons Ontario with Scott Davidson and Candy-Lea Chickite from New Gold to a conference on “Whish Ki Yak It” (Restoring and Managing Our Lands After Mining) this was very beneficial and what and how the Elders, traditional practitioners’, industry and the government are working together on restoration, rehabilitation and reclamation of old mine sites. We will be meeting and moving forward in this area everyone knows the life of a mine is short and we need to start planning now for this time.

KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. , Abacus Mining and Exploration Corp.,

The Cultural Heritage Group continues to gather information on the cultural, traditional, ecological, historical knowledge and significance of this area to our people. So far the TteS team has done approximately 23 interviews. Marianne Ignace and Freda Jules are continuing with the genealogy for both communities and so far we’ve found some very interesting information on the whole area, and our ties.

On Sunday August 25th a group of our elders and traditional/



ceremonial knowledge keepers/practitioners held a ceremony at the KGHMI/Ajax/Abacus site as requested by our elders from TteS and SIB trip this past April. Songs were sung at the lake and a pipe ceremony held at the hunting blinds and a few other spiritual sites.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to call them at the SSN office 1-877-373-0056 or Felicity Jules 250-828-9729. We are still in negotiations!

Reconciliation “Framework” Agreement

We are developing the government to government process, appointing representatives from each of the communities to each of the committees as per RFA. Once all of this is sorted out we will deal with the areas such as the matrices, intellectual property rights, additional capacity funding, “out of scope” issues such as BC Hydro, EAO, and BC Oil and Gas Commission.

I always keep in my mind the word “Framework” that it is still evolving not set in stone as a few of the government officials feel

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- Tuesday – Chief and Council
- 1st Wednesday of the month Stk’emlúps Enterprises’ Inc. (SEI)
- 1st Thursday of the month Stk’emlúps te Secwépemc (SSN) Joint Chief and Council
- Quarterly Spiullucw Ranch Corporation
- Tk’emlúps Forestry Corporation
- Finance Committee
- BCAMTA Board Meetings
- Kinder Morgan as required
- Community Tripartite Agreement (CTA)

- June 4-5th SSN Strategic Planning
- July 19-22 Secwépemc Sundance
- July 26th Sunrise Ceremony for the Pulling Together Canoe Journey Mara Lake
- August 2nd Welcome Ceremony for completion of Pulling Together Canoe Journey
- August 2-4 Kamloopa Pow-Wow

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 wel me yew te Tk’emlúpsemc -The Kamloops people will flourish and endure

FNESS QUARTERLY **Responder**

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FIRST QUARTER
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*First Nations' Emergency
Services Society of BC*

Emergency Preparedness and Response



Ehattesaht/Chinehkint community members receiving recognition for evacuating prepared with their own kits

This quarter, we saw dramatic weather events take place with extreme flooding in Alberta and Toronto and wildfires in the US that resulted in the tragic loss of fire fighters. Meanwhile, along BC's coastline, tsunami warnings are becoming more frequent—while the views here are some of the most spectacular in the world, the shores are deadly during a tidal surge or tsunami. Although we can't prevent disasters like these,

we can prepare to handle them effectively and save as many lives as possible.

Many First Nations in BC are moving toward self-sufficiency in emergency management. We are seeing increased requests for training, awareness and emergency management planning, but limited funding and manpower can hinder the effectiveness of emergency management teams.

With federal assistance, we were able to provide both a tsunami evacuation drill and an awareness exercise. Ehattesaht First Nation and the neighbouring community of Zeballos participated in the drill, experiencing the logistics required to provide notification, transport and shelter during a tsunami warning. This was followed by an awareness exercise for the communities in the Port Alberni area. Thank you to the 11 communities who participated; it was a worthwhile event for all who attended to learn from each other.

During the FNESS Safety Expo in Kamloops we provided training to 18 individuals in the Incident Command System and 26 in Emergency Evacuations. During the Expo, a mock Interface Wild Fire was held near



Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Zeballos Tsunami Evacuation Drill, June 19, 2013

FNESS Safety EXPO

The 2013 FNESS Safety Expo was a great success. A big THANK YOU to all those who participated. From our hosts to the competitors, vendors, First Nation communities, City of Kamloops and many different agencies involved, we want you to know how much we appreciate your time, talents and participation. The Expo would not have succeeded without each one of you!

We are already looking forward to the 2014 FNESS Safety Expo and we know it will be even bigger and better than this year. Watch our website for details. Thanks again!

Spiyu7ullucw Ranch with TK'emlups. This exercise was designed to build interagency relationships and demonstrate the importance of preparedness as well as familiarize TK'emlups staff with their roles and responsibilities in an Emergency Operations Centre. These activities were also supported by Kamloops Emergency Social Services, Kamloops Fire Rescue, the Canadian Red Cross and the BC Wildfire Management Branch (WMB).

FNESS supported Lax Kw'alaams Band to host training for their community to develop their Emergency Team further by conducting JIBC Emergency Operations Centre Essentials and Evacuations courses followed by an exercise allowing participants the opportunity to practice their skills. We congratulate Lax Kw'alaams on this accomplishment and the huge success of all participants. Well done!



Teams pose at the 2013 First Nations' Provincial Fire Fighter Competition: Xaxli'p, Lower Nicola/Heiltsuk, Gitwinksihkw, Gitlaxt'aamiks, Adams Lake, Moricetown, Penelakut and Esketemc

Fire Services

The first quarter of 2013-14 marked the 2013 FNESS Safety Expo, which saw the Fire Services Department working with First Nations Fire Departments from across the province. During the first two days of the Safety Expo, the Fire Services Department held 13 training sessions and workshops with 185 delegates participating.

The 2013 First Nations' Provincial Fire Fighter Competition was well attended by eight teams, including Xaxli'p, Lower Nicola/Heiltsuk, Gitwinksihkw, Gitlaxt'aamiks, Adams Lake, Moricetown, Penelakut and Esketemc.

At the awards ceremony and banquet, it was announced that Moricetown placed first, Gitlaxt'aamiks second and Xaxli'p third, with Gitwinksihkw receiving the award for Most Sportsmanlike Team. The Fire Services Department presented the Honorary Firefighter of the Year award to Randy "Moose" Coutlee, and the "Boot in the Posterior" award was handed to Moricetown Fire Department for their ongoing jokes and comic relief, which included serenading one of the FNESS judges to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine" over the loud speaker. Each team participated with great skill and enthusiasm, and we thank

everyone for coming out and taking part!

The Fire Services Department maintains a strong focus on fire prevention and will be contacting communities throughout the year in order to plan and develop Fire and Life Safety programs. Smoke alarms are being distributed continually by FNESS to First Nation communities that have applied to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Please visit the Fire Services page on the FNESS website for the status of community shipments. You can also check our website for updates regarding training dates and locations.

Forest Fuel Management

The first quarter for the Forest Fuel Management Department realized successes within our Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI), Aboriginal Training for Employment Program (ATEP) and Firesmart programs.

Under the SWPI Program, funding primarily received from BC, Q1 saw the intake of \$1,027,490 in applications from First Nations communities. While not all applications were complete, \$846,449 in grant funding was approved for First Nations communities. Furthermore, 10 active projects were completed, totalling \$774,867 in grant funds being released to communities. Those completing their operational treatments included Burns Lake Band (50.3 ha), Boothroyd Indian Band – Phase 1 (12.3 ha),



ATEP Lillooet Program; Top Row (L to R): Melina Tom, Owen Terry, Leanne Michell (FNESS), Calvin Michell, Lucas Wells; Bottom Row: Jocelyn Adrian, Rosalie Peters, Jammie Charlie

Boston Bar Indian Band – Phase 1 (5 ha), Lytton First Nation – Phase 1 (14.3 ha) and T'it'q'et First Nation – Phase 1 (23.2 ha).

Our Lillooet Tribal Council-based ATEP participants joined the FNESS Safety Expo and demonstrated their fitness levels for all. Our Carrier Sekani ATEP has already helped find employment for four participants, with one now working with the Takla Lake First Nation.

The Firesmart program engaged with 26 communities this quarter. For the remainder of this year, these communities will be guided through the formation of a Firesmart board and their

community events, all focusing on receiving national recognition from Firesmart Canada.



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HOUSING

"Fall is near and almost here!" Time for planting fall bulbs and fall cleanup and most importantly following up with fall home maintenance regime to always ensure you are taking care of your home. Please take the time to read the advice provided by the housing department on things you can ensure the longevity of your home.

Xwey7-kp Rosanne Casimir re n skwest, Tkwem7iple7 te Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. Hello everyone I am Rosanne Casimir, your Councillor for the TteS. I would like to start off by thanking all of you for your continued support.

I will share a few updates with all of you of what I have been doing and what is to come with policy and share with you how it will affect you and benefit our community. I am always available to help you find answers or point you in the right direction.



To begin I will share the experience at the 2013 Green Lake Shuswap Gathering, a snapshot of the housing department on information of rental units to money that has been spent and how and where from, to the housing managers anticipation of the breakdown of the current policy to eight separate sections at the end of this month as explained in the report.

SECWÉPEMC GATHERING 2013 – Songs and Dances

A big KUKSTEMC to Joanne Gottfriedson for organizing the evening of Songs and Dances and for sharing her knowledge of the stories and interactive teachings of the Dances of our Secwépemc traditions at the Green Lake 2013 Secwépemc Gathering. She had everybody participating.

Traditional dances shared included the Welcome Song and Dance, the Salmon Song and Dance, and the Deer Dance. She also orchestrated a friendly competition among the chiefs from the 17 Bands. Our Chief Shane M.C.'d that part and ensured that there was a dance off right down to a finalist - it was truly funny and amazing to see so many of our Secwépemc people from all bands share in the laughter and the whole spirit of celebration of who we are as Kalmuc and being one with our traditional territory.

All the dances reflect and internalize our connection with the creator, the earth, the people, four legged and the winged ones, as well the journey that reflects life's path that we all go through respecting and appreciating the struggles of life's journey and the gratitude of what was given for the path that we are on today and remind us of our responsibilities to our land and passing on that history to our children and grandchildren.

A snapshot of Housing Department at the beginning of August 2013:

How many individuals on the wait list for rental units?

Units	Band Members on waiting list for Rental units
One bedroom	9
Two bedroom	12
Three bedroom	13
Elder's unit	0



How many Band Member individuals approved or applying for First Nations Market Housing Fund?

1. 3 in total
2. 1 in process

To learn more about FNMHF program feel free to call the housing department 250-828-9717 and ask how you can utilize this program to buy or build a home on your CP property.

How many RRAPs been approved this year for 2013? Please note that these funds are not annual operational budget line items but are funds approved from outside sources through various funding programs offered to First Nation communities by way of applications.

Type / Program	\$ Approved/Spent
PHASE 6 & 9 ENGERGY AUDIT REBATES- 23 UNITS	\$13,270.00
PHASE 6 & 9 ENGERGY AUDIT REBATES Approved - 2 UNITS	\$2,630.00
AANDC MOULD-5 UNITS	\$57,627.00
AANDC MOULD PENDING -2 UNITS	\$33,150.69
CMHC RRAP-4 UNITS	\$54,974.00
CMHC RRAP Approved - 2 UNITS	\$32,000.00
CMHC HASI- Approved 4 UNIT	\$14,000.00
TOTAL	\$207,651.69

As you can see the housing department although their budget has been the biggest cut within the organization they are very busy and always seeking and maximizing outside source funds to assist membership with housing repairs and maintenance.

The housing department is currently wrapping up on 14 AANDC Regular Renovations and the Fiscal year CMHC approved renovations are now coming to an end and the housing department will be looking at the 2014-2015 for new applicants and applicants that are currently on the waiting list.

How many inspections will be up and coming for the 2013/2014?

1. 48 Rental Inspections
2. 16 AANDC Inspections
3. 8 HASI Inspections
4. 4 RRAP and Disability Inspections

How many Mould Renovations approved this year?

1. AANDC Moulds -5 Units (AANDC was formerly INAC)
2. AANDC Moulds -2 Pending



Are there any upcoming vacancies?

As at August 7, 2013 there were no Vacancies and the department has filled 4 one bedroom units and 4 two bedroom units, previous months and units filled were based on an internal score system based on a needs criteria.

Current policies and Bylaws of interest:

Here is an outline of the proposed policies that we as chief and council will be addressing and supporting. We currently support the fact that the current policy doesn't work as our housing needs are not all the same and is too big, and acknowledge it cannot be just 1 but rather split up address a wide range of areas. We are supporting our housing manager to remedy this situation and he is actively working at splitting up the policies to include but not limited to:

Overall Housing Policies:

Policy 1, "General", this will include definitions, collections, insurance, and information on funding as well as a more defined section on homeownership and tenant/homeowner responsibility.

Policy 2, Section 95 which will include the original permit and right of first application papers as all the obligation from tenant to landlord responsibilities are clearly pointed out. Included will be more phase information and the signed acknowledgment on what we has to be collected in rents to sign over the CP.

Policy 3, Rental Units which include rental application, selection criteria, tougher animal control, evictions, police patrol and the quiet peaceful enjoyment of all tenants.

Policy 4, Section 10 ministerial guarantee, this will cover all aspects of the eligibility criteria for individuals building new homes, purchasing modular homes or relocating homes

Policy 5, Shelter Policy, this will determine rent collection on an ongoing basis to assist our lower income member's access to funds for repairs and maintenance. Enforcing rental regimes and getting away from a rental system that may be perceived as discriminatory based on where your income comes from will assist in determining a base rent that works. Dual forms for SA department and housing will be developed and included for simplicity in filling out for our membership.

Policy 6, New housing, this will include a property management strategy, rents based on mortgages and break even, includes a combination of market housing, section 10, section 20 • Lexéy'em Summer 2013

tion 95 and band investment to satisfy our housing shortage. Of course all previous policies will have to be enforced in order to make this portion move forward.

Policy 7, First Nation Market Housing, this is similar to the section 10 program, but advanced in terms of assistance to our community and opportunities for qualified members such as lower interest rates.

Policy 8, Three Year Property Management Plan, to ensure continuity and consistency.

Another Policy of Interest is the "Unightly Premises" Draft, 2nd Reading October 2011. This policy will be updated and we will be taking into consideration comments from AANDC. We will in the future be having a policy update with membership to allow all members to know all the policies that are implemented and for all membership to know how it effects or affects them.

Please note that we always take into consideration our existing housing permits, agreements in place and of course health and safety, so serious consideration will be taken when it comes to businesses being established and social issues that exist and respect for our CP developers as unsightly premises affect entrepreneurial spirits as we have been notified by our CP holders.

Points of Interest:

- Kamloops court house now offers the new Cknúcwentn First Nations court. It is the new form of restorative justice that is offered to First Nations people and I want to extend a special acknowledgment to Linda Thomas formerly from our legal department at TteS for pushing for the program since 2008 and Jeanette for all she done as well to have this implemented . What this means is that along with elders who sit on table with judges, lawyers and court workers the sentencing includes a cultural healing plan to go along with the guilty plea. If you would like to attend and witness the Cknúcwentn First Nations Court the next one will be held at the court house on September 27, 2013 at 9:30. It is very inspiring and truly an experience to witness, so I do encourage anyone who is interested to come and watch and learn more.
- The Kamloopa Powwow was amazing with so much going on. So much gratitude for the powwow committee for ensuring its success and all of their hard work and sleepless hours. Thank you! And thank you Jessica

Myers for making my beautiful dress for the PowWow.

- TteS members and staff of TteS and many others from the surrounding communities got to welcome the travelers of the canoe journey, we sang them into Kamloops at the end of their 10 day journey before they headed to the park and we sang the welcome song to each of them as well as the Salmon Song.



- 2013 Planter competition with the Kamloops Communities in Bloom. Very proud to say that another year I was able to participate as our community Representative along with the collective efforts of the North Shore city gardener we finished with 2nd Place! It is about community spirit, people, pride and plants and showcasing creative efforts to have a friendly, and neighborly, competition and enjoy watching the beauty of that plant growth and taking pride in the overall community involvement of businesses, gardeners and of course you local politicians getting involved.
- Witnessed the chiefs signing ceremony at MSG a Letter of Understanding between the Secwépemc Health Caucus and the Interior Health Authority. A collective agreement that acknowledges the mutual responsibilities of shared engagement and decision making processes to improve overall health and services available.

Sincere and heartfelt condolences for all the family members of the late Jennifer Camille, our community will truly miss her vibrant and outgoing personality and most of all her smile and amazing ability to touch the hearts of everyone she knew.

Message from my Portfolio Housing Manager:

George, the Housing Department Manager wanted me to be sure to extend all invitations for any housing enquiries to the department at any time at 250-828-9717 or his cell at 250-318-4856 and that he is always willing to communicate and assist Band Members with any and all housing concerns or questions.

The Department will continue to assist all our people as much as possible with the limited funds and will continue to ensure that fairness and equality are applied at all times and that they are committed to achieving open lines of communication with all membership and to date expresses gratitude to the many for their understanding and joint efforts and contributions to accomplish the works that have been done to date.

To conclude, I will continue to work for all of you and our future generations always respecting our language, our culture, and our people and maximizing opportunities for ALL membership wherever possible. I can be contacted in my office at 250-828-9760, my cell phone at 250-819-2255 or by email: rosanne.casimir@kib.ca.

I believe in myself, our community, and OUR PEOPLE!

Wishing all of you a very prosperous season of gathering as we move into fall officially on September 21 and say farewell to the extremely warm long summer and ready ourselves for the upcoming winter season!

Kukstemc,
Rosanne Casimir

COUNCILLOR

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EDUCATION

Weyktp,

Our Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc 2012-2013 Annual Report will be released very soon and within it, a large quantity of information related to the Education Portfolio is contained. As such, I will try not to be repetitive with this writing and allow you to enjoy both publications without the feeling of "where have I heard this before?" The Education Department did an



awesome job of compiling everything possible in regards to relaying this information. Within it, you will read about the attainments and achievements of many of our band members. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you for your hard work in becoming skilled at your chosen fields. Statistics show that the fastest growing segment of the general population within Canadian borders are First Nations and this is important for us as we now have the opportunity to fill a growing gap within the employment sector. This means increasing our employment rates with long lasting and meaningful careers which in turn will improve our quality of life overall. This makes education and training one of our priorities and as always, offering the highest levels of support to membership whose wish is to live out
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their dreams. Along with education, training is very important to filling these gaps and TteS is actively involved in many available programs. Please feel free to explore the many opportunities that the Education Department has to offer and get yourself over to the office to find out what is right for you. Diena and her staff are very helpful and knowledgeable and can steer you in the right direction.

Sk'elep School of Excellence is quickly becoming a very reputable and efficient institution. Under the guidance of Principal Garry Gottfriedson and the hard and dedicated work of his staff, academic and cultural excellence is flourishing and the children are becoming increasingly successful. The original mandate is finally being realized and recognized by our community and it shows when there are packed houses at the schools events and student success rates are showing signs of moving upwards. Registration was at an all-time high this year and many have already registered for next year- SSE is quickly becoming a school of choice! I encourage all band members to register your children here where they can enjoy the benefits of a quality, culturally based education not available across the river.

A number of Secwépemctsin Language courses are currently being offered and if you are interested, please contact the department in regards to enrolment. As Secwépemctsin is an endangered language, strategic planning is actively under way to find ways to revitalize and preserve it. The more people we can get involved the closer we can get to the dream of fluency within the nation.

The Museum has also made leaps and bounds from its near demise of the last fiscal year. Diena's imagination and visionary thinking have made remarkable improvements in all aspects of operations. The Flea Market and Farmers Market was an instrumental part of fund raising and quickly made itself a part of TteS weekend culture. It also doesn't hurt that the staff there are passionate about our culture and



this shows in their hard work and dedication towards making the museum a center of pride within our community and nation. Good work everyone!

After eleven years of dedicated work to the day care, Debra Simpson from the toddler room has decided to retire and enjoy taking life leisurely with her other half Garry Luciew. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new journey in life. Many of the toddlers she cared for are now getting ready for high school! Wow! Please accept our gratitude for your years of service and caring to our children.



Still on our radar is the controversial “Working Together for First Nation Students-A Proposal for a Bill on First Nation Education” document recently released from the Federal Government. The government’s proposal for a First Nations education bill gives the minister of aboriginal affairs Bernard Valcourt, power over First Nations Education, and could potentially signal the end of First Nations jurisdiction over education. The proposal mirrored closely a blueprint of the bill released in July that promised to set new minimum academic standards and services for First Nations schools and put in place new governance options. First Nations are given administrative authority within a predetermined structure and the minister reserves authority to approve first nations’ decisions but is not responsible for those decisions. Speaking in the House of Commons on October 22nd, Valcourt made no specific mention of the draft or the bill. When asked by NDP



aboriginal affairs critic Jean Crowder whether the government would put more money toward First Nations education, Valcourt said he wouldn’t fund a broken system and stated “What this government will not do is throw money at a non-system that is failing.” Of \$8 billion set aside this year for aboriginals in the federal budget, \$6.4 billion is transferred to communities in the form of annual contribution agreements, usually signed in March.

It is believed that the government will try to push the bill through Parliament in record time to ensure First nations are governed by the act by the time funding is renewed next spring. The proposal is also lacking details on a funding formula and doesn’t take into account concerns about the retention of control over curriculum to include language and culture. Ottawa’s approach to drafting the legislation, which they say was done without consultation and there is worry the legislation — which they predict will be rushed through Parliament — will take control over education away from bands and into the hands of the federal government. According to the blueprint, bands will be given three options for governance: align with a provincial school board, create a First Nations school board or a band could operate schools directly. Critics worry the first two options will leave First Nations under the grip of Ottawa while the third will offer less funding. This is very concerning to us here in BC as we are miles ahead of the rest of the country in terms of quality, first nations education. This Bill threatens to put us back decades and highlights the Federal Governments attempts at breaching its fiduciary responsibilities to the first peoples of this land and suppress attempts at self-government. This battle will continue at all levels and we here at home are making our voices heard and will support our first nations counterparts in any way we can.

Pesqelqle’lten (“many salmon moon”) and Pesllwe’lsten (“fall begins”) are the eleventh and twelfth moons of the Secwépemc calendar. It is the time of year when the fishing season winds down, caches (freezers and canning shelves)
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I wish the best of luck for those of you who are winding up your gathering and harvesting activities to pursue the mighty beast. Recently, I had the opportunity to hunt elk in the southern reaches of Secwépemc territory with three other groups of hunters I have never hunted with before. We all met up in late September near Invermere, BC to exercise our aboriginal right to hunt within our territory and I commend these men for representing our community in a good and respectful way: Aaron Camille, Nacoma George, John George, Shiloh Gott, Hank Gott, Colton Leonard, Kurt Leonard and Dale Leonard. The hunt was successful and we returned to Tk'emlúps with a moose and an elk.

Two incidents on this trip stand out to me personally and will forever become a part of the many hunting memories I have. The first was a large bull elk taken near the top of a large mountain and some distance from the nearest road. Sometimes we have to work hard for the freezer and this was no exception. The second event was a certain Ford truck that became very stuck in a mud hole. Two Chevys, a Toyota, several hundred feet of rope and chain and a couple of hours later, we had this crew back in business. What made this special was the willingness and ability of all four groups to work together and the comradery and bonding that occurred while all of this went on. It made a heap of work seem like hardly any work at all, and gave all of the groups a sense of "hey, these guys got my back". Indeed, a special and eye-opening experience. It also brought me back to my roots and my upbringing, reminding me of what seems to be missing from our community today.

A product of the rat race and everyday hustle and bustle seems to be that we don't ground ourselves enough by gathering like this by sharing and helping one another out. I feel as community members we can all benefit from activities like this and grow as people together. I would like to see more events like these in the future and will work hard towards getting them off the ground and also getting more of our members involved.

Please enjoy this time of bounty and be safe out there. Until next time.....

COUNCILLOR

RICHARD JULES

LANDS, LEASING & TAXATION



Since my last report there hasn't been much movement in some areas, probably because of summer holidays.

49 YEAR LEASES

As far as I know this piece of Legislation is still in Ottawa. We were told some time ago that it would be done by the end of March. Streamlining EH!

DRI

The Band, along with the Federal and British Columbia Governments are now putting, or trying to put, values on Riverfront properties on the South Thompson as well as around the lakes in the Douglas Reserve.

There are two different methods being used and one sure confuses me. However, the work continues on.

KINDER MORGAN

Through painstaking work of tracking companies, transfers, etc., a large group of companies have been eliminated from the extensive list of possible owners of what started out as Trans Mountain.

The breaks in the pipeline, especially the one on Coldwater Reserve have strengthened that Band's case against Kinder Morgan. The Coldwater Band does not want the Minister to sign off a permit to Kinder Morgan's right of way.

The day before this writing Shane and I attended a meeting in Chilliwack with most of the other bands affected by the pipeline. There was a Legal meeting called for in the very near future.

Many more meetings to come!

TOBACCO QUOTA

Bonnie Leonard, Dennis Coates and I met with the Minister of Finance, Mike DeJong, in Vancouver to try and resolve our ever increasing need for cigarettes and tobacco.

The Band has lost quotas from the Smoke Signal when it closed, Sherman Archecan passing away and the Husky Gas Station changing owners.

The government says that there are liabilities that come with having control of the quota. I'd like to know what they are, and work to get rid of any liabilities and set up the quotas properly.

The Band is updating the Tobacco By-Law now. First reading is done.



PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

Tzeachten First Nation has a Property Transfer Tax By-Law. This tax by-law is the instrument the Province used to collect \$280,000 from Sun Rivers.

Now, how does the Province justify collecting these taxes on a Federal Reserve?

However, the Band, through Freda and our Lands Department have a Property Tax By-Law. The First Reading is early next month.

FIRST NATIONS PROPERTY OWNERSHIP (FNPO)

The Minister, Bernard Valcourt was impressed with the presentation. After listening to Manny and Chief Mike Lebourdais, he also wanted to hear from Fred and me and our own personal views on FNPO.

The Fall sitting of Parliament is here. **CROSS YOUR FINGERS.**

SECWÉPEMC MUSEUM HOSTED TULE MAT WEAVING FUNDED BY ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE INITIATIVE OCTOBER 16TH -17TH 2013

On October 16th and 17th Secwépemc Museum & Heritage Park held a Tule Mat workshop for First Nations students and their teachers. Two First Nations Elders, sisters Loretta Seymour and Garlene Dodson, taught the Secwépemc words for the natural materials used. It was a busy two days of educational interactive participation from all involved, the youth learned how to make a traditional craft that was an intrinsic part of our culture as well as the Secwepemctsin that is connected to it. In the museum Jackie told of how the Tule mats were important to our people for Summer Lodges; lightweight for easy transport to the next camp if need be and durable enough to be used a number of times. When dry the mats would let in a cool summer breeze but when it rained the reeds would absorb water swell and make the lodge waterproof. Much like the baskets of our ancestors made, the Tule mats are practical while still being aesthetically pleasing.



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BC Aboriginal Business Awards Announced

VANCOUVER – The fifth annual British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards were announced today by Premier Christy Clark and Keith Mitchell, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation.

The honourees will be celebrated at a gala ceremony on December 5, 2013 at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver.

“The recipients of the BC Aboriginal Business Awards reflect the strong entrepreneurial spirit in BC’s Aboriginal communities,” said Premier Clark. “With their success in attracting investment and creating jobs, these individuals and companies play a crucial role in growing the economy and creating more opportunities today and in the future.”

“Representing fields such as construction, forestry, land use, urban architecture, art and innovative childcare, the Aboriginal Business Awards demonstrate the breadth of successful Aboriginal businesses in the province,” added Keith Mitchell.

The BC Aboriginal Business Awards were launched in 2008 to honour and celebrate business excellence. Six award recipients have been selected and a further group of nine Aboriginal businesses noted for their outstanding achievement.

Members of the jury panel include Kim Baird, of Kim Baird Strategic Consulting; John Harper, retired Director of Economic Initiatives, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and Robert McPhee, Managing Director of the Castlemain Group.

In addition, Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre has been selected the recipient of the 2013 BC Aboriginal Business Award for Individual Achievement in recognition of her pioneering initiatives in the field of Aboriginal business. This award is selected by the board of directors of the BC Achievement Foundation.

The BC Aboriginal Business Awards are presented by the BC Achievement Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and generously supported by New Relationship Trust, BC Hydro, Teck, Encana, Spectra Energy and MNP_{llp}.

The BC Achievement Foundation is an independent foundation established and endowed in 2003 by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate community services, the arts, humanities and enterprise.

2013 BC Aboriginal Business Award Recipients

- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year:**
Recipient: Erica Ryan-Gagne, Skidegate

Outstanding Achievement:
Terence Giesbrecht, Vernon

- **Business of the Year - one to two person enterprise:**
Recipient: **Lisa Shepherd, Metis Artisan**, Maple Ridge

Outstanding Achievement:
Transformation International, Alert Bay

- **Business of the Year - two to ten person enterprise:**
Recipient: **Budding Children's Garden and Daycare**, Vancouver

Outstanding Achievement:
Formline Architecture + Urbanism, Vancouver
Salmon 'n Bannock Bistro Ltd., Vancouver

- **Business of the Year - ten or more person enterprise:**
Recipient: **Sun Ridge Equipment Ltd.**, Kamloops

Outstanding Achievement:
Spirit Lake Silviculture, Campbell River
Tipi Mountain Native Plants Ltd., Cranbrook

- **Community-Owned Business of the Year:**
Recipient: **Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo)**, Skidegate

Outstanding Achievement:
Chu Cho Industries, Mackenzie
I-HOS Gallery, Courtenay

- **Joint Venture Business of the Year:**
Recipient: **Ts'elxweyeqw Tribe Management Ltd. (TTML)**, Chilliwack

Outstanding Achievement:
LHI Tutl'it Services Inc., Prince George

- **Individual Achievement Award Recipient**
Recipient: **Sophie Pierre**

Detailed information about the awards and a list of past winners is posted on the foundation's website at www.bcachievement.com.

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RECIPES

Huckleberry Pie



9 Inch double crust pie

- 4 cups huckleberries
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons white sugar

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Place huckleberries in pastry-lined pan. In a small bowl, mix together 3/4 cup sugar and flour. Spoon evenly over berries. Sprinkle lemon rind and lemon juice over top. Dot with butter. Cover with top crust. Seal edges and cut steam vents in top. Brush surface with cream, avoiding fluted edges of crust. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and bake an additional 20 to 25 minutes, until crust is golden brown.

Moose Roast



- Sirloin Moose-Roast (2-3 pound)
- 6 cloves garlic (There's no such thing as too much Garlic)
- 1/2 cup Beef Broth
- 2-3 strips bacon
- Sprigs of fresh thyme
- 1 medium onion quartered

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 Degrees
2. Remove all fat and silver skin from roast. This usually involves cutting the butcher twine and retying. This step is very important so as to reduce the Wild Game taste.
3. Insert garlic into ends of meat by inserting a sharp kitchen knife into roast then using your finger push garlic in to meat. Use more or less garlic, your preference.
4. Brown roast in a skillet pre-heated with Olive Oil.
5. Place Roast in a covered roasting pan.
6. Add beef broth.
7. Lay strips of bacon over roast.
8. Add onion to pan.
9. You may also want to add your vegetables at this point; or cook them separately.
10. Cook your roast covered for about 25 minutes per pound until you reach your required doneness.

If you would like to submit a recipe please email it
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2013 – 2015 GBM – Lexey'em Schedule

2013 GBM Schedule	Deadline for Submissions	Mail-out Packages by:
Tues April 23, 2013	March 22, 2013	March 28, 2013
Tues June 25, 2013	May 10, 2013	May 24, 2013
Thurs September 24, 2013	August 09, 2013	August 23, 2013
Tues November 19, 2013	October 04, 2013	October 18, 2013

2014 GBM Schedule	Deadline for Submissions	Mail-out Packages by:
Tues March 25, 2014	February 14, 2014	February 24, 2014
Tues May 27, 2014	April 11, 2014	April 25, 2014
Tues September 23, 2014	August 08, 2014	August 22, 2014
Tues November 25, 2014	October 10, 2014	October 24, 2014

2015 GBM Schedule	Deadline for Submissions	Mail-out Packages by:
Tues March 24, 2015	February 13, 2015	February 23, 2015
Tues May 26, 2015	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Tues September 22, 2015	August 07, 2015	August 21, 2015

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