

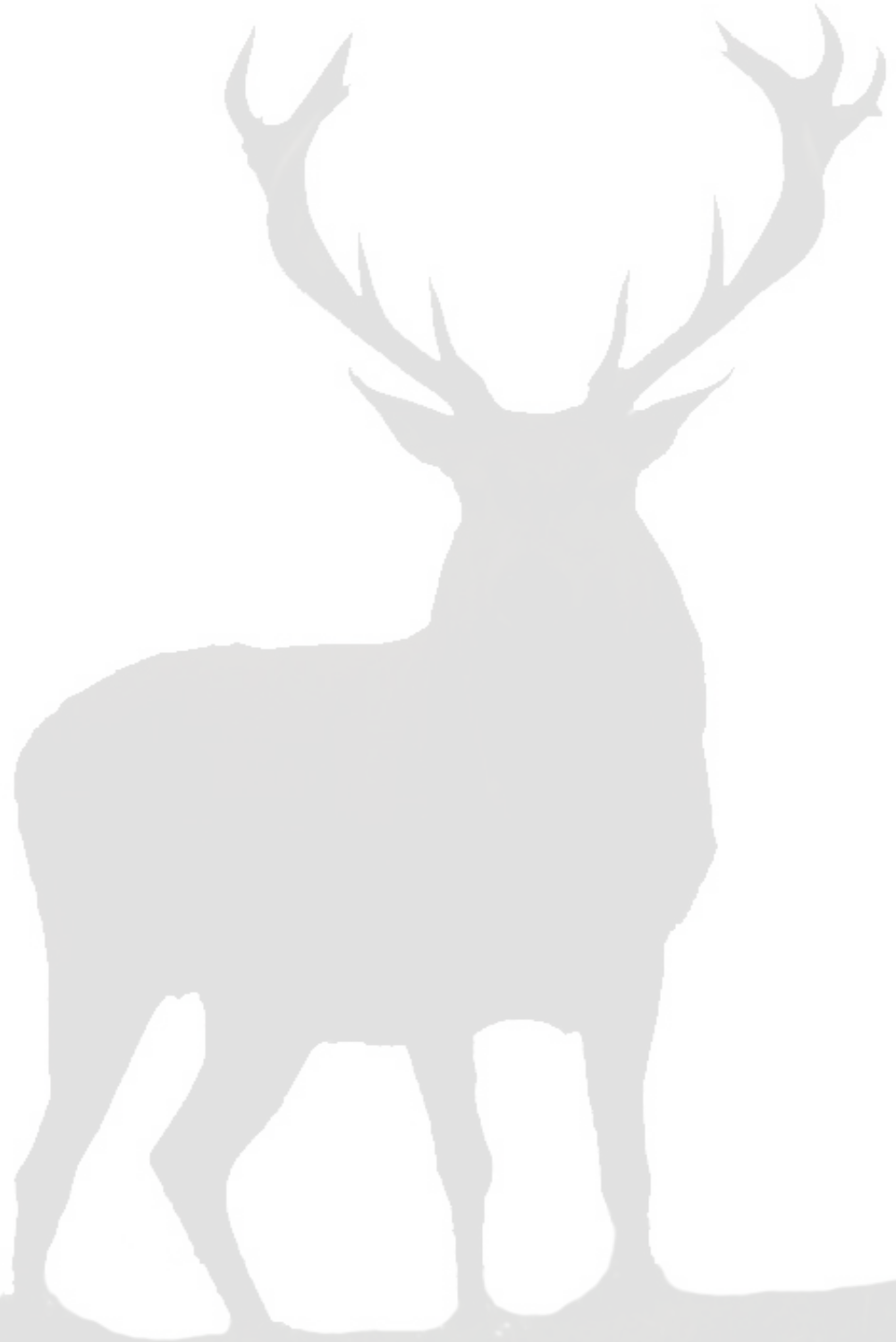
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Summer 2014



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

WITH TEAMWORK WE CREATE ACTION AND PRIDE





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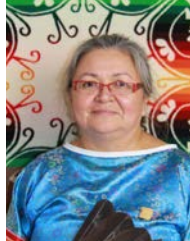
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CHIEF SHANE'S SCHEDULE - May 2014 - August 2014

May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	August 2014
1 SSN Joint Council Meeting Welcome - Crime Stoppers	Sunday	Statutory Holiday - CoK Welcome Canada Day	DRI Mtg - Morning Kamloopa Powwow - Evening
2 Finance Committee Mtg SRFA Sr Council Planning Mtg	SRFA Chiefs' Governance Council - SNTC Board Room	SNTC Chiefs Meeting	Kamloopa Powwow
3 Saturday	C&C Regular Mtg	SSN Joint Council	Kamloopa Powwow
4 Sunday	SNTC Executive Mtg	Lunch Mtg - with potential Joint Venture	Stat Holiday - BC Day
5 SRFA Chiefs' Governance Council	Dental appt - morning - SSN Joint C&C/Interview- Aboriginal Voice	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Finance Committee Extra Mtg/C&C Regular Mtg
6 C&C Regular Meeting	Unity Mtg - Adams Lake	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	SNTC Executive Mtg
7 SNTC Executive Meeting	Saturday	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	TTeS Picnic and Health Fair
8 KIBDC BoD Meeting SRFA Joint Chiefs and Councils	Sunday	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	NAIC under 23 Games - Welcome
9 Morning - Mtg with Ed Pattison Afternoon - Medical Leave	Mtg with Bob Gallagher New Gold - Skeetchestn	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Saturday
10 Saturday	C&C Regular Mtg	Pulling Together Canoe Journey	Sunday
11 Sunday	Kinder Morgan Steering Committee- Vancouver	Saturday	Press Conference - All Media - Samantha Paul/Missing Women
12 Sick Leave	Kinder Morgan Steering Committee- Vancouver	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	C&C Regular Mtg
13 Sick Leave	Kinder Morgan Steering Committee- Vancouver	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	KIBDC & MPC BoD Mtgs
14 SNTC re Bill C-33	Faculty of Law TRU - Opening Convocation	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	BC All Chief's Assembly - Williams Decision
15 Victoria Mtg with Ministers Oakes, Polak and Rustad	Sunday	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	BC All Chief's Assembly - Williams Decision
16 Day Scholar Executive Mtg - Vancouver	Internal KM/TMP Mtg - LLTx	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	Secwépemc Gathering - Neskonlith
17 Saturday	CNCL Reg Mtg	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	Secwépemc Gathering - Neskonlith
18 Sunday	Chief Stanley Thomas Mtg - Ske'lep Awards Day	AFN Annual General Assembly - Halifax	Mt Polley Mtg with Nations- Wlms Lake
19 Victoria Day - Offices Closed	Day Scholar Telecon - Morning KIBDC/MPC BoD Mtgs	Saturday	C&C Regular Mtg
20 C&C Regular Meeting		Sunday	Band Member issue resolution/Mtg with Senator Greene-Raine re on- reserve Housing
21 Medical Leave (Dental)	Saturday	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Lunch with SSN - Hoodoo's
22 KM/TMP Mtg - Vancouver	Day Scholar Cross-Exam-Vancouver	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Samantha Wedding Rehearsal
23 DRI Meeting - LLTx	Day Scholar Cross-Exam-Vancouver	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Samantha & Dom Wedding
24 Saturday	Day Scholar Cross-Exam-Vancouver	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Sunday
25 Sunday	TteS Grad Awards - Arbour	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Vacation Leave
26 Re-schedule CNCL Reg Mtg/Policy Mtg	Kinder Morgan Mtg - Vancouver	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Vacation Leave
27 Elder Funeral Service - Skeetchestn	Kinder Morgan Mtg - Vancouver	North American Indigenous Games - Regina	Vacation Leave
28 C&C Regular Meeting	Saturday	Mtg with Minister Bernard Valcourt - AANDC - Vancouver	Vacation Leave
29	Sunday	C&C Regular Mtg	Vacation Leave
30 Mtg with KGHM Reps - Chambers	CNCL Reg Mtg - Reschedule due to July 1 Holiday	KMC/MBA Negotiation	Saturday
31 SNTC Youth Council Paintball		NR Canada -LLTx	Sunday

Chief Shane Gottfriedson

Primary Portfolio Business Development



Weyt-kp!

It is hard to believe that this summer and the last quarter passed so quickly. Time waits for no one. I want to offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the families in our community and within our organization who have lost loved ones. Even in your grief it is always em-

powering to see the families helping one another; supporting one another.

Congratulations to all the students and graduates, as well as our post-secondary students for completing another year of schooling. To the high school and post-secondary graduates; I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours. What an education banquet put together by our Education Department to honour our learners and the families supporting the kids. A big thank you to the Education Department for all your hard work.

In July I attended the AFN 35th Annual General Assembly in Halifax and felt that it was very productive, with the Education Bill being passed by the Chiefs in assembly. A number of other critical resolutions were also addressed; the right to safe drinking water on Reserve; an annual Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children. This will be held annually on September 30. These and many more were discussed and approved during our time together.

Some of you may not be aware that National Chief Shawn Atleo resigned from his position over the education act. I want to thank him for his public service, hold your head up high brother; this was not an easy job. The goal is now how do we break down the Conservative coalition's way of op-

pressed thinking.

Chiefs in assembly made the recommendation to have AFN Quebec Regional Chief Ghislain Picard interim National Chief. The date for the election of a new National Chief has been set for December in Winnipeg Manitoba.

Although it is an honour to even be considered to run for National chief, I must say my heart is serving our people and fighting for our title and rights. So to set the record straight, I'm not running for National Chief! I want to express my great appreciation to the people who think I could have made a difference.

We need to think outside of the box on our economic opportunities. One way I believe is the First Nations Property Ownership Act. It gives us the freedom to develop our lands at the speed of business, bringing equity not only to the band, but also to our CP holders. We need to look at development that brings sustainability and profit.

As a government our greatest asset is the ability to develop land and collect taxes and form lease agreements. We need to increase our revenues as our community grows. Our population has grown substantially in the last six years therefore we need more revenue streams developed to look after our people.

The Economic Development department is looking at building partnerships through our resource sector, SSN and the Kinder Morgan pipeline, Mount Paul Centre including CLC, and a joint venture with Tribal Designs, a First Nations company out of Kansas City.

At our General Band Meetings and our last Special Assembly on August 6, 2014 we have not had quorum therefore the meetings have become one of information sharing. The Special Assembly was very powerful with our people sharing, thank you, it was inspiring.

Our next General Band Meeting is scheduled for Monday,

September 29, 2014. I hope to see you all there, not only to celebrate with a potluck meal, but to address the important business that keeps us functioning.

Around our community the flash flood on July 23 really woke up the City of Kamloops and in our area, most notably Sun Rivers who are still in clean-up mode. We had some minor damage in certain areas of the community but nothing major.



Our biggest community event, Kamloopa was another success; weather was spectacular standard Kamloopa temperature, hot. What an amazing welcome song by our Secwépemc singers, lead by our own Garry Gottfriedson, ho ho hu ha. I hold my hands up to the powwow committee and all the volunteers for your dedication to our culture, and to the RCMP for keeping the peace with security.

This year, on Saturday, we honoured Tsilhqot'in after Grand Entry a powerful and defining moment for everyone. I know the hairs on the back of my neck were stand-

ing, sharing and expressing appreciation for the victory. Chief Roger Williams and his family shared with the people as we did an honour song and victory lap.

I'm almost thinking we should have a Spring powwow what you think people? I know our revenues at the gas bar increased incredibly. I know what you're thinking powwow committee "That's too much work" LOL!

The Annual Picnic and Health Fair at the Full Circle Youth Centre, on August 7, jointly sponsored by our own Social Development department, Q'wemtsin Health, and Secwépemc Child and Family was a great day. It was so good to see the many kids and families enjoying the day. Good healthy food along with some great games, and I avoided the Dunk Tank this year. LOL.

The Secwépemc Gathering, this year hosted by the Neskonlith was the 32nd year of gathering our Nation to celebrate our culture; with story-telling, powwow, ceremony, unity rides (from horseback to iron horse). We honour our families, our friends and our traditional gathering.

At our meetings during the Gathering, clear messages about the challenges and work that is to be done within our nation were offered. We want to continue to focus on Unity of the Secwépemc and protecting our Aboriginal Title and Rights.

With this in mind I present two questions to our membership:

1. What does it mean to you to be Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc?
2. What does Nationhood mean to you?

I ask these questions, as I want to know what you feel is most important. Please reply to me in writing. If you wish to put your name to your answers, fantastic; if you wish to remain anonymous that also will be respected or, if you don't want to share your name that also is ok.

As many of you know we have worked extremely hard building the foundation of our community from strategic planning, financial planning, land use and community comprehensive plans.

All of these plans are designed to support accountabil-

ity as each initiative identifies what is to be accomplished as well as naming an owner who is responsible for delivery. All of our plans take into consideration the Foundational Five Pillars. Our People, Laws and Jurisdiction, Land, Resources, Governance.

We value the progress we have made with everyone working together. It is the responsibility of our government to provide a quality of life, to work to together to meet our common goals, that way everyone achieves more.

Speaking of more...the land mark Supreme Court declaration on the Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal Title and Rights case has shaken and awakened our Nations and communities as well as Government.

Quoting from Paragraph 76 of the Supreme Court of Canada decision "Right to give or withhold consent":

"The right to control the land conferred by Aboriginal title means that governments and others seeking to use the land must obtain the consent of the Aboriginal title holders. If the Aboriginal group does not consent to the use, the government's only recourse is to establish that the proposed incursion on the land is justified under s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982."

So what does this mean to us as Tk'emlúps- We never ceded, surrendered or sold any of our Aboriginal Title and Rights. We are continuing to push our Douglas exploratory talks forward. Obviously the Tsilhqot'in decision favours our community. We need Canada and the Province to step up and be honourable and work towards reconciliation and advancing our legal and historical interest in our lands.

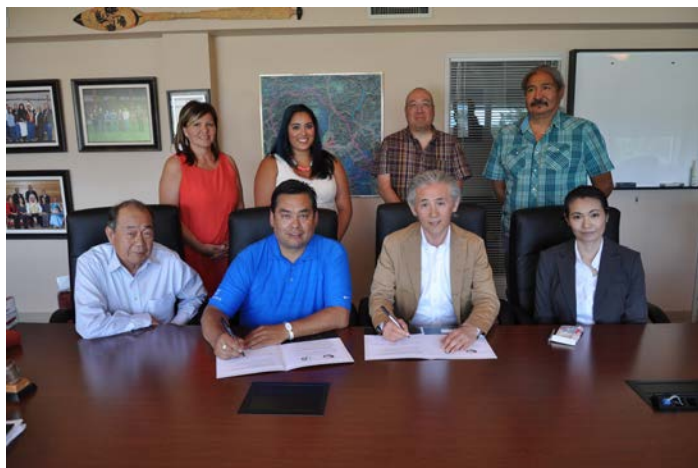
The decision represents an opportunity for not only Tk'emlúps, but all Aboriginals to move forward. Our creation stories and traditional knowledge history over our lands, speaks the truth on our Douglas claim. We will be working hard over the next while translating the result into a meaningful and active measure of our collective responsibility; building our campfire with one another as well as building nation to nation protocols and relationships, including within our own community.

We need to continue building relationships with government and industry, recognizing the fundamentals of our underlying Title and Rights issues. We must be involved in decision and management issues within our traditional territories as we continue to move forward.

Whether you like me or individual members of council personally, know that when it comes to community we always put the community first and differences second and always want to dialogue in a respectful manner on the issues. I believe we need to build the unity within our own community and the nation to enable us to improve the lives of all our people.

The Tsilhqot'in decision has come at a good time for us as we have files that are hot. We have had a vision for many generations and past leaders have always spoken as we do today, about our own laws and governance, oral history, use and occupation, preservation of our knowledge, traditional place names and recognition of our boundaries and shares areas.

Today, the playing field has changed; the status quo has proven illegal. We need to change current legislation and policy, placing our laws and jurisdiction in the rightful place.



As a Council we continue to focus on by-laws and policy work every second Monday. As a government we can continue to exercise our jurisdiction to benefit our people with our decisions such as management of our land and resources.

We need a new fiscal relationship with the government; we need to re-think and to revise a number of old documents, but most of all, we need to get out on our land, using and occupying it and following our customs and traditions. The work begins now!

It's really very simple – go out, hunt on our lands, pick our berries and medicines, practice our ceremonies – look after our Land!

One of the many issues that I continue to address in my role as your Chief is the Day Scholar suit. All plaintiffs, including me, have given their statements and have been cross-examined in

Court. I am so very proud of everyone; they did a great job in a very difficult situation. It is not easy sharing the past horrific experience of Indian School days. We are continuing to work hard with the Sechelt First Nation in seeking redress for our people. I am sorry I can provide such limited information, but it is a legal issue. If you need more information on the class action suit please call Jo-Anne Gottfriedson.

The recent breach of the Mt. Polley tailings pond has caused a deep concern for our environment; the degradation that this man-made disaster will leave in its wake, not only now, but in the future.

We have called for action from the Government, in public, on TV, in newspapers and on radio, stating the negative and real impacts of the breach. This is not just a northern problem it's a nation problem. The SNTC Chiefs called for five actions;

1. A comprehensive cumulative effects study to be completed so we can fully learn about the potential damaging effects this spill will have on our fisheries, wildlife, and fragile ecosystems.
2. A moratorium on mining and exploration activities in our traditional territories until a comprehensive review is conducted on all current and proposed tailing ponds within the Province of British Columbia is completed (with a focus on safety and emergency preparedness).
3. SNTC Chiefs collectively demand immediate action from the Governments of Canada and BC to limit negative impacts of this breach and review mining practices in BC so that something like this never happens again.
4. Criminal charges to be laid against this company.
5. A full inquiry into this man-made disaster

I want to thank all the members for their texted messages and calls about your concerns.

We attended the Mt. Polley community meeting in Sugar Cane with the Northern chiefs; supporting them and giving our statements to Ministers John Rustad, MARR; Mary Polak, Environment; and Coralee Oakes, Community, Sport & Cultural Development; as well as MLA Donna Barnett and BC Government staff. We talked about mandates for changing legislation on Environment and upholding our Cultural Heritage laws. It was good to see the passion and frustrations of the people, expressing themselves; it was real and the government needed to see it.



We want to reassure our community members that as leaders, we are doing everything we can to ensure that the government takes action on this mess and we will share with you the most up-to-date information on our fish stocks and other pertinent information.

In closing live your lives with no regrets and remember to give thanks for what you have. Express your feelings to loved ones, we live in a fast-paced world. Forgive and forget the anger and hatred you may feel for someone, ask yourself, is it worth my energy.

Life is too sacred and valuable to be wasted for meaningless things Value your self-being, value your time, value your purpose, value your commitment and value the importance of trust. – Anil Sinha

Councillor

Colleen Mosterd-McLean

Primary Portfolio Social Development

Weyt-kp xwexwéytep. Greetings to all.

As we approach the changing of another season and begin putting away provisions for the winter months, I am especially mindful of the salmon and the awful environment damage caused by the Mount Polley Mine tailings pond breach. The effects of the spill are yet to be fully determined and they extend much further than to our salmon; but, the salmon are at the forefront because of how strongly they are embedded in our culture as Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. The salmon not only provide food for us, but also a sense of routine, activity and socialization. Annual fish camps bring people together for a common good and a connection to the river and a sense of providing for others. Other gifts that come from the salmon are the teachings that are passed on from generation to generation and these are priceless.



In my last report, I urged membership to say “No” to new mines and pipelines and I urge you again to say “No”. The Mount Polley man made tragedy is just a sample of the extensive, irreversible damages that can occur when Federal Government reduces environmental laws and ignore our Traditional Laws. We don’t need to make hasty deals with oil companies or open pit mines to reach self-sufficiency. We are blessed with vast and beautiful land. Let’s keep it that way.

On another note, as we move, once again, toward the goal of enacting our own Membership Code, I am proposing a new and different approach. An approach that I believe will engage more band members. I acknowledge the many years of hard work that has been invested into the development of a Membership Code. I suggest we try something different. I am proposing we



use a method called a “Focus Forum” where a large number of people are divided into smaller groups to take part in round table discussions. Then the smaller groups will share their ideas and discussions with the larger group. The end goal of this being the ability to reach a consensus on what our TteS Membership Code should look like. This way, we will have a much better chance at meeting the Indian Act “double majority” requirement for a successful referendum.

Please stay tuned for our announcement of dates for the first “Community Focus Forum”. Your input is valuable so come out and share your ideas so that we can do this together.

In closing, I wish you all a successful transition into the new season and good health. I also look forward to your individual and collective input into the TteS Membership Code.

Councillor Richard Jules

Primary Portfolio Lands, Leasing and Taxation

Since I last reported, the Chilcotin decision was handed down from the Supreme Court . A unanimous seven Supreme Court Justices made the ruling.

The impacts of the decision will be felt very strongly in our Lands, Leasing & Tax areas. Everything is in a state of flux right now.



There will be a meeting on Sept. 11 with Christy Clark and Ministries. I hope I can make it to these meetings with Shane as I would like to hear directly from the province what the plans are.

With the Polley Lake Tailings pond disaster the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council will be putting a moratorium on mining in Secwépemc Territory. As I write this two days after the disaster the site looks horrible and I know it will take lots of work to bring it back to the pristine condition it was.

In filings to made to Canadas National Pollutant Release Inventory in 2013 - Which is only one years worth of data, but gives some idea of what the mines by products are, Imperial Mines recorded disposing of quantities of arsenic, lead, manganese and cobalt, mercury and other harmful mining by products.

Mount Polley Mine on-site disposal in 2013

• Arsenic (and its compounds):	406,122 kg
• Lead (and its compounds):	177,041 kg
• Nickel (and its compounds):	326 tones
• Vanadium (except when in an alloy)	5,047 tones
• Zinc (and its compounds):	2,169 tones
• Cadmium (and its compounds):	6,487 kg
• Cobalt (and its compounds):	475 tones
• Phosphorus (total):	41,640 tones
• Copper (and its compounds):	18,413 tones
• Antimony (and its compounds):	14 tones
• Manganese (and its compounds):	20,988 tones
• Mercury (and its compounds):	3,114 kg
• Selenium (and its compounds):	46,136 kg

Talks with Kinder Morgan are getting abit more serious as talks are winding down. Some of the things discussed at our last meeting was Procurement. There will be jobs on the pipeline but also in Construction Camps setting up trailers, cooking, laundry contract, food supply etc. TteS has property in Rayliegh which is being developed into an R. V. site that Kinder Morgan was interested in for their crews who bring their R.V's.

C.N. Junction area Charlie Wahhas a large area that can be used to store pipe. Kinder Morgan owns Canada - Trans Mountain, Cochin Pipeline, Puget Sound & Trans Mountain Jet Fuel Pipeline, Westridge Marine Terminal, Vancouver Wharves Terminal and North Forty Terminal

The Douglas Reserve Initiative committee had meetings with our lawyers recently and started looking at lands that where most desirable first and working our way down to the least favorable. There was also sizes of property, availability of water, where it was situated, who owned it and was it for sale, does the property have grazing leases, are there any logs?, How steep is it, are their any mining leases?, What will Canada offer in money to buy the property from BC? , How is BC valuing the lands in question ? Loss of use all these things must be taken in account before we make any decisions.

The lands Department is and has been collecting data on Right of Ways through our reserve such as BC Hydro, Ministry of Transport, Natural Gas Lines, Fiber Optics etc.. This is being done to determine the government Rights of Way and who is piggy backing in there. Once that is determined a meeting with those companies are warranted and a Tax Notice sent out.

Water is ongoing topic for our people, Water is considered sacred by our people, Water is the pre curser for all life, We should have more respect for the water then we do for money.

Our water is unceremoniously being used for fracking for Natural Gas in Northern BC. We buy back our water in plastic containers at prices that are higher than gasoline. Parks Canada was willing to sell Radium Hot Springs to the highest bidder, Imagine that Selling your lifeblood.

Our environmental guy, Mark Diffin is working on the duping material by the C.N. Spurline. The entities involved are Overlander West, Pounder Emulsions and River Mist Holdings. The Spurline has not been returned to the band but the lands beside it is being impacted. Someone is letting other dump there. We will keep you informed.



Councillor Katy Gottfriedson

Primary Portfolio Shared Service/Day Scholars



Weyt-kp,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. A lot of great moments happened this summer, now—we're looking at it from the rearview mirror.

In June, just prior to their first law program convocation, Thompson Rivers University officially opened its doors to the Faculty of Law. During the grand opening Thompson Rivers unveiled a rock cairn created by local artists to show recognition of the Secwépemc people and territory for which TRU is housed. The marker represents historic law regarding title and rights to land. Some of the courses offered are also geared around Title and Rights, as well as other First Nations Law. It makes my heart proud to see that there are several First Nations students from neighboring communities as well some from here in Tk'emlúps attending such a great program.

Along with the highly anticipated Kamloopa Powwow, August was the host of a TteS Special Assembly. The meeting was to be a discussion regarding a 2001 motion on establishing legal entities such as corporations, associations, partnerships, etc. A question was raised regarding the lack of quorum as it relates to this motion. Because we haven't had quorum for well over 15 months, is this motion hindering the band from moving business forward? At the end of the meeting it was planned to seek approval to rescind and replace a motion that would allow our Financial Administration Law the opportunity to ensure complete transparency and financial accountability. However, quorum was not met and the meeting was then considered an information session.

Because we haven't had a quorum for over a year, I would like to pose a question to membership, what is preventing you from attending? Is there something we do as a council to ensure that we are receiving community involvement? The existence of council is to speak and act on behalf of our membership. I would like to know what we can do to ensure your participation so that we can fulfill our duties as membership representatives. Please feel free to give me a call, shoot me and e-mail or let me know in person what we can do as a community to increase community involvement.

Day Scholars

This summer was a trying time for our Day Scholar representatives and I would personally like to thank each of them for their participation and efforts through this process. All of our representatives spent several days with our legal team being cross-examined by Canada. The plaintiffs were asked personal questions that related to their time as a Day Student and how it affected their lives, losing their language and culture. Our legal team along with Jo-Anne was able to be there to support them through their cross-examination and debriefing. From my stand point each of our participants had strong sessions that will further our success to reach certification.

In the weeks following cross-examination, we have had our expert witnesses come forward for to talk about the Day Schools effect on the loss of language, culture and way of life as Native people. Our legal team also had the

chance to cross-examine Canada's expert witnesses. The next hurdle is the Plaintiff's Certification Motion that will be heard before the Federal Court in Vancouver on April 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th.

We are still confident that our Class Action is moving on the direction of certification but again, we all have to be reminded that the road to certification is still a long travel. Justice Harrington is mindful that this is a time sensitive issue and we would all like to see it resolved by early 2016. I again thank the plaintiff's and everyone else involved for their participation in this difficult trail and our council thanks the community for their support.

If any of our other residential school students may need any type of support Jo-Anne may be able to help. For more information on how she can support you or on the progress of our Class Action please contact Jo-Anne Gottfriedson at (250) 828-9788 or jo-anne.gottfriedson@kib.ca

Finance

KPMG's audit report for 2013/14 has been completed, and sent out to membership. Since our cut backs last fiscal, I can say that we are sitting in the most favorable financial position that we have been in the last 3 years. Starting this year off, we have pulled back into a \$980,000 surplus, a \$4.5 million swing from 2012/13's \$3.5 million deficit. I thank the Managers, staff and our members for the understanding and making the efforts and cutbacks to ensure that we get our financial affairs in order. We are still on the road to making our financial situation stronger and with your help, it is attainable.



You can find more financial information in CFO, Laura Bouchard's section regarding finance within the Annual Report.

Human Resources

Our Human Resources team has been working expeditiously to find and create training and job opportunities within our community. HR Manager, Darin Kennedy has been working with leasee's within the Mount Paul Center Industrial Park to build relationships and create job opportunities for our membership and their families. He is looking at employing more members as well as opportunities for training.

If you are someone in your family is looking for job opportunities and you have yet to add Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc on Facebook I recommend doing so. Our Facebook page posts the latest job openings internally as well as local job posting. You can also call or stop in to see Paula in the Work Search Centre for the latest job posting within our community.

For training, external employment and STEP information, contact Paula Pellett at (250) 828-9738 or paula.pellett@kib.ca.

For internal employment information contact, Salvina Steel at (250) 828-9837 or salvina.holcomb@kib.ca.

Thank you all for reading and if you have any questions in regards to my report or anything else, do not hesitate to contact me via phone (250) 828-9743 or email katy.gottfriedson@kib.ca.

Kukwstsétsemc,
Katy Gottfriedson

Councillor Ed Jensen

Primary Portfolio Education



Weyktp,

This edition I stray from the “portfolio based” report. I can, however, assure everyone that our Education system is currently intact and pretty much status quo from the last report. Diena and the gang continue to serve the community at high levels and our people are seeing the benefits of their hard work. Summer break is soon to be over and (hopefully) our youth will be back to learning.

Pellct'e'xel'cten (“salmon run up stream”) is the month of August and represents the Tenth Moon in the Secwépemc calendar. Traditionally and contemporarily, the focus is to catch and dry fish for the winter and to begin preparations for the autumn hunt. For us this year, August and the salmon run may have a different meaning as we bathe in the aftermath of the Polly mine disaster and the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision in the case of Tsilhqot’in Nation v. British Columbia, (2014 SCC 44). For me, this raises an abundance of queries as to the

future and long term vision of the Tk'emlúpsemc and indeed, of all Secwépemc.

The vibrant and millennia old history of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) has been one of success and survival, overcoming tragedy and defeat, celebrating victory, retaining territory and remaining perpetually proud of the designation of “Secwépemc7uwi.” We did this collectively, together.

We have endured and survived such hardships and challenges such as colonization, introduced disease, residential school, attempted assimilation, racism and imposed impoverishment, and still we continue to thrive within our territory. We have been gifted with the ability to adapt to an ever changing environment and, through the teachings of time, the seasonal cycles of nature and basic survival; we have forever left a footprint upon and set roots within Secwepemcúl'ecw. The ties between the land and our people continue to be deep-seated and perpetual.

The grass roots people of contemporary Tk'emlúps remain rich in culture and tradition and strive for sustainability socially, economically and environmentally. At the threshold of boundless prospects, long term planning and in depth visioning must be carefully considered in order to avoid the errors and perils of the past and to ensure a future rich with opportunity for unborn generations. Throughout our history, TteS leadership, guided by the wisdom of elders, knowledge keepers and the community have brought the band through many tumultuous and turbulent eras. It has been proven time and time again, that consensus in decision making is indeed functional, and brought us successfully through both good and bad times. In keeping with the successes enjoyed by this societal system, community engagement with consensus should be carried forward now and well into the future.

The occurrence of recent history changing events such as the mine disaster and also the Tsilhqot'in v. British Columbia (2014 SCC 44) decision, give rise to important decisions looming on the horizon and how we need to reclaim jurisdictional control of our own territory. The ground-breaking Tsilhqot'in case has opened the doors to strengthening our role in legislative decision making and Provincial and Federal recognition of our territory.

Jurisdiction and title go hand in hand; you can't have one without the other. At the point of European contact, we had both explicitly and outsiders were at peril in breaking Secwépem law or overstepping boundaries recognized by all. Recognition of land must come with an implicit recognition of decision-making authority over that land. Provincial and Federal authority would have to accommodate our jurisdiction and accept our decisions with honor.

Such a system would prevent potentially destructive natural resource extraction or other similar activities from occurring, protecting everything for future generations. This includes not only the mining industry but also forestry, hydroelectricity, and oil and gas (yes, everything!) to name a few. Companies like Ajax, Imperial Metals, Kinder Morgan, Trans Mountain, BC Hydro etc, need to be put to task and on notice that practices that may potentially damage the environment will not be tolerated within our territorial boundaries and that the days of free reign are over. I personally will not support any such activity unless mandated to do so by the community.

We ourselves must be careful in this process and all decision making not taken lightly. We are here only to take care of our environment and to leave a legacy for the future and trade-offs for a quick buck would most certainly put everything in peril. It is time to take responsibility for our newly recognized (to external governments) jurisdiction and work with all of our neighboring relatives to sort internal recognition out in order to avoid Provincial and Federal interference. You can be sure

that a strategy by these governments is being sorted out right now to alienate us from one another and get us negotiating with them in a race to the bottom. Remaining steadfast and not jumping on the first "deal" that comes along will need to be the order of the century.

We must be prepared to take it to higher levels and to commit to the vision of our Chiefs who, through the August 25, 1910 Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial, stated "These people wish to be partners with us in our country. We must, therefore, be the same as brothers to them, and live as one family. We will share equally in everything –half and half- in land, water and timber, etc. What is ours will be theirs, and what is theirs will be ours. We will help each other to be great and good." I think this is self-explanatory in what our expectations should be.

Our community must come together in order for us to prosper and to again, overcome. We can do this in many ways. I would hope that more people could attend community meetings and for sure, the revitalization and completion of our Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) will do a great deal in bringing everyone together for the greater good of all and of the future. Criticism and apathy do not create solutions but indeed, they create problems. Quorum, or the lack of, is one of the problems that create frustration for us as leaders.

Seeing membership being critical on social media while, for the most part, being inactive within the community is also frustrating and serves to the adage "talk is cheap" as inaction



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gets nothing done. It would be great to see those with so many concerns as addressed on Facebook actually come out and try to create solutions and speak with us face to face and not to the outside world who can do nothing for them anyway. We are at a critical point here in Secwépemcúíecw and in history and need our people to provide guidance and participation in planning for our grandchildren. Look for the grand reopening of CCP soon and please, come out and have your voice heard.

Knowing the history and “inventory” that encompasses everything to which TteS is attached, is an important step in moving forward into the future. Gaining insight to what worked and what didn't from historical events will be a valuable planning tool in order to leave behind a legacy for future generations for which TteS can be proud. If you don't already, get to know your history.

Learning about “who we are” and “how we got here” has made the move towards the future seem less daunting. The efforts put forward by the ancestors of all Tk'emlúpsmc to survive seem unimaginable and impossible but somehow, through the continued unification of the community, this was accomplished. Taking heed of this in combination with the wisdom of the elders, make building on these successes appear easily attainable. Adding further chapters to this work decades from now will hopefully be written with more victories than defeat while showcasing health and prosperity for Tk'emlúps te Secwépmc.

It is realistic and obvious to assume that the “utopia” of a pre-colonized British Columbia and a distinct society can never fully return. Incorporating traditional philosophies and ideologies of the past however, may build upon today's contemporary society and improve existing concerns that plague the community today and also to strengthen positive issues. The evolution of these principals took centuries to emerge and was formed through ages that provided very little in terms of comfort or “easy living.” This gives the traditional system of beliefs great powers and may provide the healing required to advance through the next stage of history and to bypass the social ills of today. If by chance that one recovered link to the past proves to provide success for the future, then perhaps looking back to reach forward is something worth pursuing.



would like to add that being a leader for this community is a high honor. It is a very exciting time to be on the front lines and expressing what it is I know about being Tk'emlúpsmc and to protect that in all my capacity. I truly believe that rekindling our traditional ways and living a cultural lifestyle can solve a great number of our concerns and encourage everyone to exercise aboriginal rights by getting out in our territory. “Use it or lose it” is a fear I have that the Feds will use against us so, get out there!

Good luck to all the hunters, gatherers and fishermen, I pray that everyone gets what they need.

Please stay safe. Until next time.....

Councillor Rosanne Casimir

Primary Portfolio Housing

“Fall is near!” It is time to start thinking about planting fall bulbs, fall cleanup, and most importantly following a fall home maintenance regime to ensure the longevity of your home. Ensure the chimney is clean and ready to be safe of any chimney fires, change the furnace filter to ensure that it allows for proper air flow and it maintains the long term useful life of the furnace, and please be sure to disconnect your HOSEBIB late September so we don't get unnecessary insurance claims, caused from the freezing and unfreezing as it expands.

Weytk! 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 and the housing department and the services it provides for our band members.



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. This report will focus on Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act, and I will include a short message from the housing department.

Congratulations to the 2014 Kamloopa Powwow Committee! It was another successful year of bringing communities together from all over Canada. As always a very vibrant, colorful, and well attended event that attracted all walks which hugely impacted the local economy by way of tourism and marketing of our local artists, and most importantly, catching up with our friends and family.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Council Meetings
- Finance and Extraordinary Finance Meetings
- SSN Joint Council Meeting - none held during this past summer months
- KIBDC/MPC /KIBUC/ Forestry Corporation
- Housing Department Portfolio Meetings / Band Member Support
- Policy
- Joint Reconciliation Framework Agreement meetings
- GBM
- SICK Days used since November 2013 - 5.0 days sick leave
- Approved Annual Leave Days taken since November 2013 - 8/20 days

What is Matrimonial Real Property? (MRP)

It includes land and the family home held by one or both spouses or common-law partners.

What Does the Act Do?

Whether we create our own LAW or not Affects YOU!

However; it does protect and ensures that women, children, and families living on First Nations Reserves have access to the same matrimonial rights as those living off reserve.

The Act is divided into two parts. The first part of the Act (now in force) provides for the enactment of First Nation laws respecting on-reserve matrimonial real property. The second part of the Act will come into force on December 16, 2014. It provides for provisional federal rules to fill the legislative gap in the absence of a First Nation's own laws; hence, we have the opportunity to create and ratify our own.

So, we as a First Nation community can choose to enact our own matrimonial real property law or chose not to; the choice will be all of ours by way of a referendum after we complete at least three (3) community meetings to create and establish our own rules within the law. In developing and ratifying our own laws we can develop it to ensure that we respect our communities' traditions, cultures, privacy, and support mechanisms.

In the past not long ago all people living on First Nations Reserves did not have the same matrimonial real property rights as those who live off reserve. For people living off reserve there's a set of rules, protections and rights that apply to them with respect to their family home. Those rights and protections don't exist on reserve. So, the new Federal Legislation became law in the interests of Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights. They created the law to ensure that all women, children, and families living on reserves have access to the same matrimonial rights as those who live off reserve.

We have many resources; the Centre of Excellence for MRP, Berry Hykin of Woodward & Company LLP, your Chief and Council, Director of Special Projects, TteS Lands Department, and the Housing Department, and all of you as this law will apply to you, we need you to be a very active participant of the creation of our own law.

To assist First Nation communities, a Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property, operating at arm's length from the Government of Canada, was set in place to assist First Nations to understand and how to apply the new Act. The Centre provides information on the protections and rights available to individuals and families living on reserves, research on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as the provisional federal rules which will come into force on December 16, 2014. So, we will be accessing their expertise throughout the creation of our MRP Law.

I would like to also address and assure our community members that we will also be utilizing the Legal services of Berry Hykin of Woodward & Company LLP. To me this is important for several reasons such as:

- Legal opinion
- Recent experience in developing First Nations MRP Law
- Expertise in our current Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Housing Policy, and
- Respect and understanding of First Nations language, cultures, traditions, and Rights (from a Title and Rights Perspective)

There are many other reasons, but I want to ensure that when we create this law that it is created with credible and experienced individuals to protect all our unique circumstances within Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.

We have our Executive Projects Manager Monica Parker to assist as directed by CEO and she offers twenty (20) years of knowledge of the Band and all its operations to assist in developing this law. And I would like to also acknowledge Bonnie Leonard of SNTC who has put together a MRP Respecting Family Homes on Reserves Presentation that she has shared with your Chief and Council as well as other communities within Secwepemcúl'ecw as the Director of SNTC and I am hoping that upon confirmation that she may be able to share that presentation with all of you at the next GBM, if not a copy of it can be made available or a new one developed by myself.

September 24 from 10 until 6 at CLC will be the first meeting, presentation, and information session made available for all of you. We will be offering light snacks, refreshments, and there will be door prizes. There will

be plenty of opportunities for everyone to be involved and active in all areas.

There will be a presentation on the Proposed Federal MRP to assist us in determining what factors hinder and what we can ensure to include protecting us as we move forward in creating our own law.

Key topic areas will be put up as flip chart headings for community involvement. The intent is to reach and involve as many band members and community members as possible and will not be limited to these, so if more arise depending on the uniqueness and diversity of our Band membership we can add more headings on flip charts if the need arises. For now the proposed headings are:

1. Should there be a preamble/ introduction and what should it include?
2. Domestic Contracts such as a prenuptial. How should the Law deal with agreements made between spouses?
3. Dispute Resolution Where should disputes be resolved and who should have a right to participate?
4. Division of Matrimonial Property/Compensation in Lieu – Key concerns, principles and rules.
5. Matrimonial Home
6. Who gets control and why.
7. Estates – What happens when one spouse dies?
8. Emergency Protection Orders – Key concerns, principles and rules.
9. Exclusive Occupation Orders – Key concerns, principles and rules
10. Amendments to the Law – What procedures should be followed?
11. Offences and Penalties—What are the key concerns, principles and rules

We know that we have many diverse and unique family and marital situations on our Reserves and do encourage your participation. We will have many information stations that will include:

- Technical expertise will be available
- Information will be provided
- A lawyer will be present and available for questions
- MRP Presentation
- Housing Representation
- LLTD Representation
- Information on Protection Orders
- Wills and Estates Kit

- Counseling Services – how and where can be accessed whether employed or not

For additional information about the MRP Law here are some resources:

www.coemrp.ca

www.aandc.gc.ca/mrp

Or call 250-828-9760 or 250-828-9736 for additional information.

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 with limited funds and will continue to ensure that fairness and equality are applied at all time and that they are committed to achieving open lines of communication with all membership and expresses gratitude to the many band members for their understanding, joint efforts, and contributions to accomplish the works that have been done to date with RESPECT and PATIENCE.

In addition, please understand that the department is extremely busy and short staffed and know that connecting with membership is important to all of us as we are a service delivery department and many times are dealing with other situations beyond our control and you are important and we will strive to meet the demands of our housing crisis.

I look forward to working with the community on the proposed MRP Law. Next steps:

- Set dates for the next community consultations at least two more
- Set date for the Referendum
- Ensure the steps for Referendum are met by way of time lines and procedures clearly understood
- Ensure that all Band Members have information and access to attending the community meetings and information that will be made available.

Although we are bound by Federal laws I believe in my opinion we should govern ourselves by creating our own laws, trusting in each other and coming together as a community to establish our rules and our Law.

However, in saying that I also believe that there must be fair representation by all membership as this law will affect everyone and we have an average 1,245 band members and approximately 800 are voting members, so please attend the information meetings and have your opinion matter.

Conclusion

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 hunting and gathering as we move into fall officially on September 21 and say farewell to the extremely warm summer and ready ourselves for the upcoming winter season!

PRIOR TO THE FIRST COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLEASE READ THE MRP Brochure created for all of you and the Frequently Asked Questions for a very good understanding of what is being proposed. I look forward to seeing all of you at the sessions. There will be light snacks and some door prizes.

Kukstemc,
Rosanne Casimir

Councillor Jeannette Jules

Primary Portfolio Natural Resources/Legal



Weyt-kp –

I hope everyone got to get all of their berries, fruit and fish before the tailings spill for the year.

So much has happened since the last Lexéy'em went out the Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court Decision in June, this has changed everything for us. The website you

can visit is [http://www.fns.bc.ca/pdf/William_en_\(SCC-2014\).pdf](http://www.fns.bc.ca/pdf/William_en_(SCC-2014).pdf) to download the case. Of course there are numerous legal opinions from government whether federal or provincial, law firms etc. The ruling will change the landscape of how government and industry deal with us!

The other huge impact is the Mt. Polly tailings dam spill into Polly Lake and Quesnel Lake, the cumulative impacts will be felt and seen for generations. I think this was a wake up call to not only the Secwépemc, but to all people. We have to ensure we are involved and keep an eye on all mining activity close to us.

SSN/TteS/SIB have had ongoing discussions with New Gold on their tailings dam (td) and had a presentation from Highland Valley Copper (HVC) at our last JC&C, we need to bring KGHMI to the table on the old Teck tailings dam, which is right beside the NG td.

An FYI the proposed KGHMI tailings dam is 3 times the size of Mt. Polly and HVC tailings dam is 5 times the size which is roughly half the size of Kamloops Lake!

Natural Resource Department

Jim McGrath and Barry Bennett as well as the other NR staff have been extremely busy with forestry, mines, archeology, and referrals out on our lands. They have been doing our communal fishing for our elders, single parents; I

hope you have been able to get some.

We have so many issues that our staff need to ensure they keep on top of within TteS, SSN, and the RFA. In keeping with the previous topic TteS, SSN and the RFA bands and staff have had an initial meeting on the development of a "Mining Policy" for anyone wishing to do any kind of exploration or development within our territory. All of these areas seem to intertwine with each other.

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We are continuing our internal meetings with our negotiating team which are ; Kúkpi7 Shane Gottfriedson, Councillor Richard Jules, and I,N.R.D. - Manager Jim McGrath, L.L.&T. Manager - Freda Jules, Legal Greg McDade, Jerome Slavic and our external exploratory talks with Canada and the Province.

Community Tripartite Agreement

Our last CTA meeting was on June 16th here in Kamloops and on Monday September 16th – we have ongoing problem with people speeding through our community and during our weekly policy meetings this is one we should have completed and approved soon. On the agenda will be community and RCMP reports, CTA signed agreements (we have not renewed/signed yet), LOE with the revisions, Kamloopa Pow-Wow policing and security.

SSN

We have regular meetings, conference calls with legal on the issues SSN is facing with KGHMI/Ajax, Kinder Morgan National Energy Board - Oral Testimonies and all other resource developments within our Traditional Territory. As I reported in the last Lexéy'em issue we do not have an agreement in place with this KGHMI. The Cultural Heritage Study and Mitigation Report has been completed. We received a letter from Ryan Deneault KGHMI's First Nations Liaison requesting a meeting on the Mitigation Report which we will be scheduling soon.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Ren-

zo Caron at the SSN office 1-877-373-0056

Secwépemc Reconciliation “Framework” Agreement (SRFA)

I always keep in my mind the word “Framework” that it is still evolving. We have regularly scheduled meetings with Senior Council – C&C from Adams Lake Indian Band, Splatstsin Indian Band, Shuswap Band, Skeetchestn Indian Band, and TteS.



The Kúkpi7 had their meeting on May 15th with the Ministers in Victoria, B.C., and on May 30th we had our meeting with Senior Council, ADM's and Ministers to review highlights from this past year, what worked and improvements that need to happen. After this session the Kúkpi7 and portfolio Councillors had a separate meeting with the Ministers. Before this they did a tour of our museum.

We have started negotiations with Parks Canada on the Radium Hot springs – assisting Shuswap Band our first meeting was in Invermere February 21st and the second was here in Kamloops April 4th.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- Tuesday – Chief and Council
- 1st Thursday of the month Stk'emlúps te Secwépemc (SSN) Joint Chief and Council
- Last Thursday of the month Joint Resource Council as per Mineral Mining Agreement (MMA)
- 2nd Thursday Secwépemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement (RFA) Chief and Council
- 2nd Wednesday Senior Council for RFA
- Weekly Policy meetings – Mondays
- Finance Committee as required
- Bi-monthly Technical Staff meetings SSN/SIB/TteS

Quarterly

- Spiyu7ullucw Ranch Corporation
- Tk'emlúps Forestry Corporation
- TteS ¼ Finance Committee
- BCAMTA Board Meetings
- Community Tripartite Agreement (CTA)
- KIBDC/MPC
- SSN Executive Meetings with New Gold Mine Manager – Oscar Flores (he started in the middle of July) what a downpour the meeting was held at Hoodoos/Sun Rivers
- Bi-monthly MOTI meetings

Sundance

With all the hard work from everyone who volunteered to move the arbor over, set up the tents, and to my niece Loreena Seymour for volunteering to coordinate all of the equipment, deliveries, and port a-potties, it was a beautiful ceremony.

Kamloopa Pow-Wow

What a great weekend Kukwstemc to all of the committee and volunteers who made it possible and a huge success without their commitment this wouldn't happen! I sponsored a coming out special for my grandson Kayleb at this year's powwow.

Kinder Morgan (KM)

May and June Kúkpi7 Shane Gottfriedson, Councillors Fred Seymour, Richard Jules and I as well as LL&T Manager Freda Jules and Natural Resource Manager Jim McGrath attended meeting with representatives from AANDC, KM at the Vancouver AANDC office as well as the other affected bands for the development of the New and Modern Indenture/Permit/Protocol under Section 35 of the Indian Act. This is pretty well completed.

We have had numerous meetings with their negotiating team and two weeks ago with Ian Anderson their CEO - talks are still ongoing.

Keeping membership informed on what is happening with this, once we sign any kind of agreement there will be information sessions scheduled on the whole of the pipeline.

I didn't in the last report thank our LL&T Department for bring to the attention of C&C and our whole community the issue of trespasser's at "Indian Point/Tk'emlúpe" and the need to take back our land. It brought forward a lot of other issues of environmental concerns, CN allowing and leasing on areas that are not in their right of way along the river to the red bridge. I want say a HUGE KUKWSTEMC for all of their staff for cleaning up that area, while they cleaned they found many unsafe items, needles and other paraphernalia, really dirty camp sites, they had P&E haul out 2 garbage truck loads of garbage!

My nephew Greg Ferguson, my grandson Kayleb and I went down to Tk'emlúpe and cleared a trail to the river for easier access for our members. I know that we all need to set a day to clean that area up.

Kukwstsétsemc

Yeri7 Stsukws!

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

John Jules (1992), who was groomed to be a traditional leader, and is a graduate student in the field of anthropology cites Jordan (1988), where he found that there were important aspects to the ceremonies of the Shuswap and other First Nations people, they were, tobacco, the pipe, and the sweat lodge. He (John) explains these aspects as follows:

Tobacco - The common thread of cosmological knowledge that runs through the native religion in most of North America,



the common ritual of offering tobacco and the specific ritual for offering it indicates a common ideological foundation....It is the only plant that when burned is ingested into the mouth and so symbolizes the purity and truthfulness of one's words. Also when it is blown out of the mouth, it wafts skyward and therefore signifies one's prayers rising up to the creator.... Aside from the pipe ceremony, if a person accepts tobacco of a messenger, that person is then committed to perform the duties assigned by the messenger... .This sacred plant is also used to form bundles, small tobacco offerings to the creator showing the sincerity of the petitioner. It is for this reason that the offering of tobacco preceded any negotiations, trades or ceremonies.

Pipe - Within all native societies, the sacred pipe has held a special and honored place. It can be used to intercede in arguments, stop fights, initiate dialogues, and plays a major part in all ceremonies To all native cultures it was a sacred gift given to the people by a celestially powerful being, sent by the Creator.... it is interesting to note here that most origin stories of the pipe is that it was brought by a woman, except in the Shuswap and some other of the Northern Plateau cultures... .The pipe is two parts, the bowl representing the female and the stem representing the male. The two parts are kept separate, except when they are joined together to bring the power of all of creation into play. Also keeping with the thought of the twinness of life, the pipe is made to be held with two hands, the left thought to be related to the heart is placed on the bowl, the right related to strength is place on the stem... ,The pipe is offered to the six directions and the smoke is passed over the smoker to consecrate oneself thereby bringing in all of creation into the sacrament. The pipe is then passed person to person in a clockwise fashion, following the direction of the sun, centering the ceremony on those involved. As always, when the ceremony is done, the pipe's separation indicates the termination of the ritual.

The Sweat Lodge - This is a primary purification rite which is known throughout North America, secondary rites also include sweet grass, smudge, and other aromatic herbs. The sweat lodge generally precedes all other important ceremonies, but is also used as an individual catharsis, confessional, and a direct vehicle of communion with the spirits... .(It) is made of willows, representing the plants and trees that are thought to always have their arms raised in prayer to the creator. It is blanketed with the skins of animals representing all those who sacrifice themselves to clothe and feed us. In the centre, or sometimes to the side, a pit is dug to hold the rocks and the



earth, from this pit is used to form an alter to offerings... The fire symbolizes the centre of the universe, the creator, and the sun. The pit on the inside of the sweat house symbolizes the womb of the earth, into which the rocks are placed and when joined with water embodies creation. The darkness of the inside of this structure illustrates to the practitioner and reminds him of the ignorance of mankind.... One approaches as a human being, you bow down in humbleness and crawl into the lodge as a four legged, and sit within as the bird people... All of creation is called into play, to witness and help in the ceremony. Thus, when one leaves, it is as if they are born anew, cleansed in body, heart and spirit. Telt (1909) found that the Shuswap covered their sweat lodges with earth and recorded that Simon Fraser said of the Shuswap people, "This tribe is extremely fond of smoking." He found that in lieu of tobacco they used a weed mixture with fat. After the introduction of the white man's tobacco they used kinnikinnic or bear berry leaves.

Another ceremony that has sprung up all over North America is the pow wow. Jules (1992) states that:

The evolution of the modern pow wow came from the wild west show, rodeos, and the public exhibitions put on for the visiting dignitaries from other countries. This was also the time of enforced reservation existence, the demise of the vast buffalo herds, the end of the free roaming existence of pre-contact, and the outlawing of all Native religious ceremonies and rituals. This in fact was a hidden blessing for many native cultures, for without the vehicle of public exhibition of ritual that was socially acceptable to white society many customs may have disappeared. Also this provided an avenue for Native artistic expansion in exhibition, expression and syncretic innovations. In all of modern Native vehicles of education and socialization this is the best example of the incorporation of core concepts of Native ideology (p. 7). The pow wows take place all over

North America, It is a time for visiting with old friends, meeting new people, sharing the joy of practicing and participating cultural heritage. Since the pow wows are considered sacred, the use of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in the grounds. It is so beautiful to see First Nations people show visitors from all over the world, how proud and rich our culture is.

In Coffey, Goldstrom, (Garry) Gottfriedson, Matthew and Walton's (1990), Shuswap History: The First 100 Years of Contact, the authors state:

The missionaries had the most dramatic effect on the Shuswap...(for their) goal.. was to convert the Indian people to Christianity and a European way of life - to civilize... The colonial idea that Indians were not equal citizens can be seen in government policy.. the Shuswap were limited to small reserves... The strength of the Shuswap people has been severely tested over the last 150 years. Through the effects of the gold rush, residential schools, and epidemics, the Shuswap lost their status as equal partners and were pushed to the margins of white society. Since the 1970's, the influences of the government and the church have been reduced and the Shuswap Nation is once again flourishing (p. 8). The struggle to regain what the missionaries and government officials fought so hard to take away is not over yet. The Shuswap people, and many other First Nations groups are fighting to regain control of their lives once again through self-determination and self-government. Jules (1992) cites Boelscher-Ignace, (1992) where he found that many political alliances over the years to fight for First Nations rights such as, the joint delegation of Secwépemc Chiefs, headed by Chief Louis of the Kamloops Band and Chief Basil Dick of Bonaparte, in their trips to Ottawa and London in 1906 and



1909, the Allied Tribes in 1916, the Native Indian Brotherhood in 1944, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs in 1969, and the Shuswap Native Indian Tribal Council, in 1981, and the Assembly of First Nations in the 1980's. What we need is our own people, as Old Coyote stated, with a strong First Nations identity and formal education, to lead our people.

Naming of School

Choosing a name is always a difficult task. Members of the Education Committee and Band Staff members discussed various suggestions for a name for our school; finally, we thought why don't we name the school after one of our greatest teachers – Skelép.

Skelép laid down the moral laws as to how we should conduct ourselves in work, leisure and amongst ourselves. I would like to thank John Jules with providing us the brief history of Skelép,

Coyote, the teacher, gentle trickster and law giver

In the before times the Old One sent Coyote to travel over the land of the Indian and make it right. He was sent because at the time the earth was much troubled by great fires, winds, famine and floods. There was much that the Indian needed and during that period there were many kinds of animals, birds and fishes that did not exist nor any kinds of trees, plants and berries.

Coyote was gifted with magical powers beyond that of other beings and had great knowledge and cunning. He was a shape changer, sometimes appearing as an old man and other times travelling about in other forms. When appeared, no one knew who he was; he travelled rapidly all over the land performing a great deal of work which benefitted the people and did away with many evil beings.

Many people have spoken of coyote as a kind of fool being lazy, selfish and vain. But whenever he played any tricks they only resulted in good, he was all powerful in magic and was able to do whatever he took in hand.

He introduced to the Indian people the sweat lodge, the pipe, the ceremonies, the winter dances and gave our people many methods of catching, procuring and preserving food; and how to make certain kinds of weapons and tools.

He made to be brought forth many new kinds of plants and put them in places where they were required. He also brought forth many kinds of animals, such as the deer, elk, bear, rabbit, moose, and beaver and told these to multiply and feed the people; before this they had all lived together under the ground. At that time the Indian was poor and foolish having to be told to be respectful and to make proper use of all these gifts. Coyote introduced the salmon into river and trout into the lakes; and taught the people how to catch and prepare these foods. Many things he has done for the Indian people but many things he has left unfinished promising to return at the end of times. Before he left the last thing he done was to take and lead the different tribes to the countries they now inhabit, 'til this time they were all crowded together, and he gave them the languages they were to speak. The old people say he shall return from east, the direction he went away to, accompanied by the Old One, high chief of all the spirit people. As a sign of this promise he left many markers people call hoodoo's, balancing rocks or whatever to remind the Indian people of his teachings and his promise.

Original first printed at the "Grand Opening" of Skelép School, September 1982

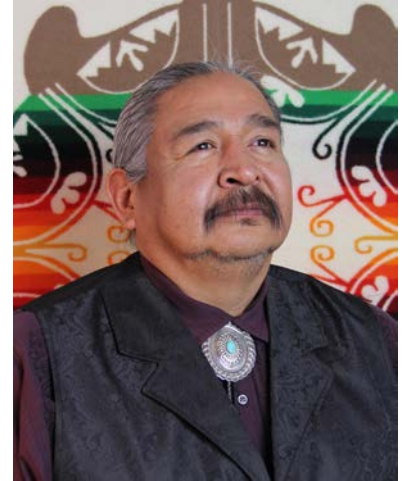
Councillor Fred Seymour

Primary Portfolio Planning and Engineering

At this time I would like to thank the TteS Departments a short update of activities that were on-going for the past few months:

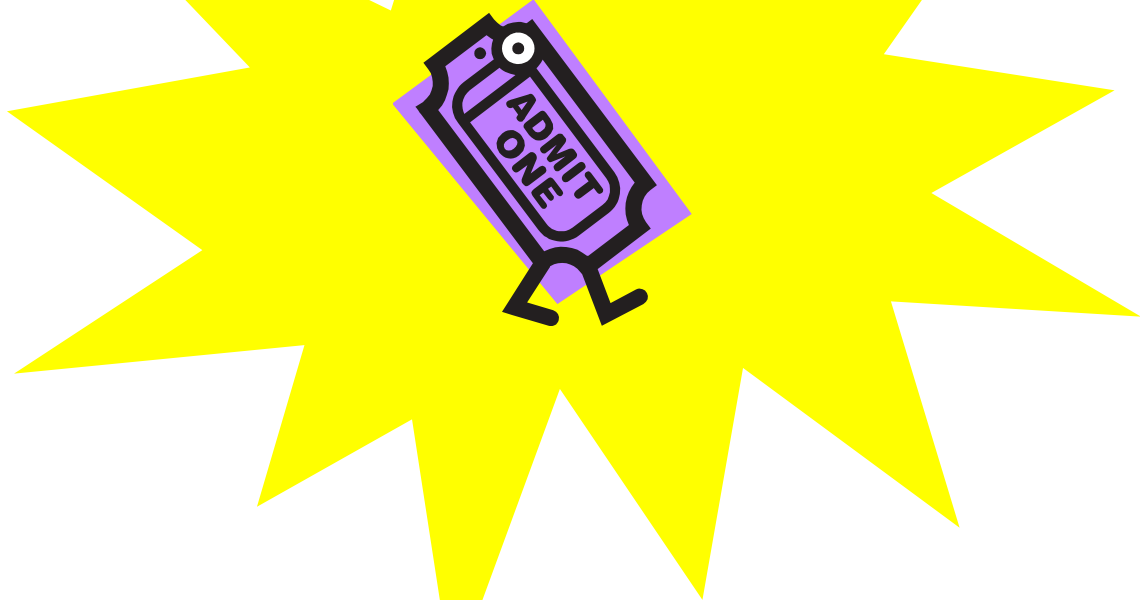
CAPITAL PROJECTS

- The East Shuswap Irrigation System and the NARDA will be shut off in coming month as the growing season is coming to an end hope your gardens were bountiful crop this year;
- The Public Works Department has hired new staff: Harry Paul, Marlene Camille, and Quannah George to replace retired works like – Robert Bennett who served for 23 Years, and John George for 4 Years. Congratulations to you both for your dedication and hard work over the years and you now get to enjoy your time with family;
- The St. Joseph's Church Project has been a slow process due to the thickness of the paint and safety of the workers due to the lead paint removal process to ensure their safety while removing the paint. This will have to continue next year in 2015 and all posting for labour positions for scrapping paint and painting, duration of this Project will be determined on the level of funds available;
- Phase 2 of the Waste water Project is completed in the Mount Paul Industrial Park;
- Planning for the replacement of the existing 350mm Ductile Iron water main along Mt. Paul Way due to several waterline breaks in the system.



Hope everyone had a great summer holidays with family and friends, and finished all your canning, fishing, hunting, and berry picking for the upcoming fall/winter season.

DOOR PRIZES!



Join us **Sept 29th at 5 P.M.** in the **Moccasin Square Gardens** for our GBM

- **IPOD SHUFFLE!**
- **7" ANDROID TABLET!**
- **HOMEMADE CANNING / DRIED FISH!**
- **& TONS OF TTES SWAG!**

Draws will be made after adjournment

****Must be present to claim prize****

**Reminder: Pick-up Available for on reserve. Call Nikki Fraser for more info
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To all the youth,

This is a letter for you all, as you are all starting your journey into adulthood. We are all in very interesting times around the world right now. This is history in the making. We are all involved in this.

The young and tender years you have had, are windows to your past.

You've all learnt to become a student body in school and community. You've learnt to influence each other and your community.

This is a key, to how you want to see growth in all areas of life. Also, to know where you are going, you need to know where you've come from.

I'm so very proud of the youth of today. I've learnt a lot from these youth. Today's youth is so much different than my years as a youth.

There is a part, which has been front and center. That's your voice. When you all choose to be heard, and come together, the strength shown during those types of moments, is very powerful.

I've seen a new Boys and Girls Club. And your school, the Skelep School of Excellence is upgraded, and your activities are healthy and admirable.

Yes, you've had some awesome mentors in your teachers. Now, some of you might want to take on these roles, or some roles in which you will be watched by the new eyes, and taking on the "baton"!

So journey well, and may balance, health, love, and growth be yours to share and take continued part in.

Your friend,

E. Connie Jules

Connie Jules



Tkemlúps te Secwépemc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

Dear Resident

This letter is for all Kamloops Indian Band residents that are connected to the sewer system or will be in the future. This letter is intended to educate you or anyone living in your home as to what should not be flushed down the toilets. We recently have been experiencing an alarming number of clogged sewer lines and pump stations because of foreign material being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. The sewer lines and sewer pump stations are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.

Examples of what should not be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are “flushable”)
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications (Prescription, or over the counter)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-Tips, dental floss
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material

All of the above items mentioned should be thrown out with the trash or disposed of properly. Remember...only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets. Clogged sewer lines and pumps lead to sewer backups into homes, which are expensive to clean and repair. Please share this information with all members of your household.

If you have any questions about this letter please feel free to call 250- 851-6748

Thank you for your consideration

200-330 Chief Alex Thomas Way, Kamloops BC V2H 1H1
 Phone: 250-828-9700 Fax: 250-372-8833
www.tkemlups.ca

With Team Work We Create Action & Pride

Get Back To The Land CHALLENGE

The Secwepemc Health Caucus has challenged all bands of the Interior Region Nations (Ktunaxa, Syilx, Secwépemc, Nlaka'pamux, St'át'imc, Dákelh Dené) to *Get Back to the Land* based practices that kept our peoples healthy and brought our communities together since time immemorial.

Prizes:

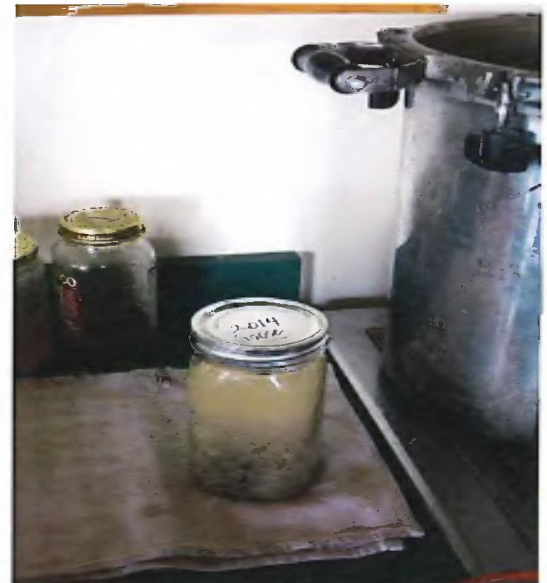
- ◆ Community will be featured in the FNHA *Spirit* Magazine
- ◆ \$10 000 community food security grant from the *First Nations Health Authority*

Submissions can be made by *video* or *photograph & writing* (with proof of date, e.g. date stamp) to your Secwepemc Nation hub (Vicki@qwemtsin.org or ryan@qwemtsin.org) until October 15, 2014 , and points will then be tallied up for each band.

1 Point	For each Child,, Youth, adult, and Elderly person involved *
1 Point	For each food or medicine harvested and preserved
1 Point	For Youth/child reporting on the activity in your ancestral language
	*Per harvesting/preserving activity, minimum 2 different age groups required i.e. child and adult
For example	A grandmother, parent, child go root digging and child reports via video = 5 points



Photos with date:
 Youth – 1 Point
 2 Adults – 2 Points
 Goose – 1 Point
 Report in
 Secwepemctsín –
 1 point
TOTAL – 5 Points
 For Ska'tsín
 (Neskonlith Indian
 band)



“[Explanation of activity written in Secwepemctsín.]”
 (My name is Tuwíwt. This is my uncle. We are from Ska'tsín. This is a goose.)

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- Cover Letter Writing
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- A Daily Job Board
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- STEP (Shuswap Training Employment Program) Services and Facilitation
- ATEC & BCAMTA Referrals



For More Information Please Contact:

Paula Pellet, Work Search Administrator

Ph: 250-828-9738 or E-mail: paula.pellett@kib.ca

Administration Building, Room: 210

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act

August 2014

What is Matrimonial Real Property?

- It includes land and the family home held by one or both spouses or common-law partners

What Does the Act Do?

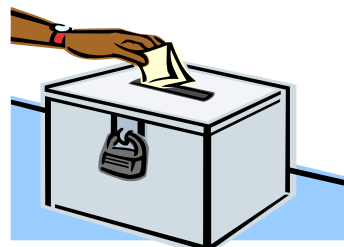
- Whether we create our own LAW or not Affects YOU!
- However; it does protect and ensures that women, children, and families living on First Nations Reserves have access to the same matrimonial rights as those living off reserves.

**KNOW
YOUR
RIGHTS**

**Attend the 1st
of 3
Information
Sessions**

**Leading to the
2015**

Referendum



SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 10 am to 6 pm CLC

Key topic areas will be put up as flipchart headings for community involvement. The intent is to reach and involve as many band members and community members as possible:

1. Should there be a preamble/introduction and what should it include?
2. Domestic Contracts such as a prenuptial. How should the Law deal with agreements made between spouses?

Dispute Resolution

Where should disputes be resolved and who should have a right to participate?

4. Division of Matrimonial Property/Compensation in Lieu – Key concerns, principles and rules.

5. Matrimonial Home

Who gets control and why.

6. Estates – What happens when one spouse dies?



7. Emergency Protection Orders – Key concerns, principles and rules.

8. Exclusive Occupation Orders – Key concerns, principles and rules

9. Amendments to the Law – what procedures should be followed?

10. Offences and Penalties—what are the key concerns, principles and rules.

Your Participation is Required

We know that we have many diverse and unique family and marital situations on our Reserves and do encourage your participation .

- ◆ Technical expertise will be available
- ◆ Information will be provided

◆ A lawyer will be present and available for questions

◆ MRP Presentation

◆ Housing Representation

◆ LLTD Representation

◆ Information on Protection Orders

◆ Wills and Estates Kit

For additional information about the MRP Law there are two resources:

www.coemrp.ca

www.aandc.gc.ca/mrp

Or call 250-828-9760 or 250-828-9736 for additional information.

2014 – 2015 GBM & LEXÉY'EM SCHEDULE

2014 GBM Schedule	Deadline for Submissions	Mail-out Packages by:
Mon September 29 2014	September 2 2014	September 5 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

2015 Election Schedule		
Sat October 10 2015	Nomination Meeting	Moccasin Square Gardens
Sat November 14 2015	Polling Day	Moccasin Square Gardens



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