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LANGUAGE & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

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UPDATE





Field trip with community services to assess current state on February 26th revealed a shameful disaster of our historical, sacred, ancestral gathering place.

This walk through was disheartening for all of us.



From left to right. Greg Ferguson Assistant Manager of the Language and Culture department, Tuhani George, Myron Thomas Sports Rec/ Youth worker, Wyatt Camille (Right to play youth mentor) and Steve Basil, Cultural Enrichment Worker Community Services





Shaun LeMoel By-Law Services Officer



Greg Ferguson Assistant Manager of the Language and Culture department and Eric Prytula Environmental Specialist Lands/Lease/Taxation

environmental crew to come in and do a clean up,

After our meeting with multiple departments Eric Prytula from lands department and Greg Ferguson of Language and Culture department did a walk through on April 19th to pinpoint all encampments and areas of interest for an environmental crew to come in and do a clean up, Funding was accessible through Lands dept.

Discussions with The RCMP and Bylaw were had, and the agreement was made that there would be weekly sweeps through the area to ensure not only the cleanliness of tkemlulpe is upkept but also the safety of our membership and all the work that was to take place would not go in reverse.

Land department took action almost immediately upon receiving confirmation the area was secure. The environmental group was hired and the clean up went forward. A huge Kukwstsetsemc to Victoria and her team, it is once again pleasant to walk through.

John Ter Borg, Leslie Le Bourdais and Dan Gottfriedson did a walk through to assess the area and the following comments were forwarded.

TteS dikes are critical community infrastructure.

- a. Access is restricted to authorized TteS vehicles only
- b. Emergency access is needed for fire fighting, rescue, etc

ACCESSIBLE ONCE AGAIN

Public works has since gone through and opened roadways, cutting back overgrowth, and making tkemlulpe accessible once again

- c. Language & Culture Department may access in a managed way
- d. Community members are welcome to walk along the top of the dike to access Indian Point

Service road along east antennae tower is in CN Rail corridor

- a. TteS can not gate or fence this service road
- b. CN corridor also contains underground gas transmission line.

Public Works will attempt to eliminate dead ends and connect trails

- a. To support patrols by TteS Bylaws, RCMP, etc
- b. A controlled burn will better reveal what is possible.

Public Works will use brush mower for vegetation control to allow safe vehicle passage.

- a. See attached map for vehicle routes.
- c. Most trails within the floodplain are already driveable.
- d. Low areas can be raised by the addition of crushed gravel surfacing.

- e. Trimmed grass protects from surface erosion in the flood zone.

Public works has since gone through and opened roadways cutting back overgrowth and making tkemlulpe accessible once again, the work they have done is amazing. Kukwstsétsemc!

John Ter Borg and Greg Ferguson are due to set a date to have a walk through to discuss landscaping possibilities.



In order for Language and Culture dept. to be able to open areas that were overgrown, bring old trails back to life and make landscaping possibilities more accessible, we had to take a chainsaw safety and bucking course. We included community services and membership and are now ticketed to move forward.

Kukwstétsemc to Terri Mindel for being a big help in getting us set up.



Myron Thomas, Sports Rec/Youth worker, Community Services Services

chainsaw safety and bucking



Front from left to right.
Steve Basil, Cultural Enrichment Worker
Community Services, Aaron Camille,
Chris English, Instructor for O'Neill
Consulting



Language and Culture dept Community Services and Membership



Ethan Pincott Curriculum Development Spec.
Language & Culture Department



Steve Basil, Cultural Enrichment Worker
Community Services





TK'EMLÚLPE HARVEST



Language and culture department is already making use of Tkemlulpe to harvest Red willow for upcoming projects, this would not have been possible in march.

From left to right. Jackie Jules Language & Cultural Educator and Elsie Joe Museum Curator of the Language and Culture Department, Secwépemc Museum and Heritage Park, harvesting Red Willow.







From left to right. Shaun LeMoel By-Law Services Officer and
Lyle Paul Multimedia Specialist with Language and Culture Department

Opening of Trails

Lyle Paul and Greg Ferguson utilized their new chainsaw certification and started on brush cuts and the opening of trails.



From left to right. Tkwenem7iple Dave Manuel, Dan Gottfriedson Public Works Foreman, Greg Ferguson Assistant Manager and Lyle Paul Multimedia Specialist, of the Language and Culture Department

Tkemplulpe walkthrough with Planning & Engineering, Public Works

On the morning of June 26th Planning and Engineering, Public works, Tkwenem7iple7 Dave Manuel and Language and Culture department had a walk through of Tkemplulpe to assess the work that has already taken place and to discuss our next steps.

1. Upon discussion, we came to the agreement that public works would work on removal of stumps left from brush cuts done by language and culture so to smooth out and open more of a gathering and parking area.

2. We identified a danger tree on the path leading to the river which will be removed



From left to right. Dan Gottfriedson Public Works Foreman, Greg Ferguson Assistant Manager of the Language and Culture department, Tkwenem7iple Dave Manuel, John ter Borg Planning & Engineering Manager



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3. The high grasses and dry foliage accumulated over the years will be reduced along the river for fire safety and easier accessibility for gathering.

As a reminder and warning, the poison Ivy issue is still yet to be repressed.

Please stay only on the maintained trails when you enter the area at your own risk

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