

Senk'lip News

Okanagan Indian Band



"Ensuring the Future through Cultural, Social and Economic Development."

Historic "Agreement in Principle" Signed

Press Release

An historic and unprecedented 'Agreement in Principle' was signed on Sunday, November 20, 2005 by the National Chief, Phil Fontaine, on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations and The Hon. Frank Iacobucci, on behalf of Canada. The parties entered into a settlement agreement for the largest and most comprehensive settlement package in Canadian history which covers decades in time, innumerable events and countless injuries to First Nations individuals and communities.

The 'Agreement in Principle' builds on and is rooted in the Political Agreement signed by Canada and the AFN May 30, 2005. The overall standard the AFN required of the settlement package was that it be demonstrably fair and just to survivors and that it would lead and contribute to reconciliation. The Agreement in Principle meets that standard and in so doing, represents an enormous, historic victory and vindication for the survivors, the AFN and National Chief, Phil Fontaine.

The settlement package consists of several key elements:

1. For Individual Survivors:

- ~ an early payment of \$8,000 for elderly survivors 65 years and older has been created;
- ~ a fund of \$1,900,000,000 to permit lump sum payments of "10 plus 3" for all survivors for loss of language and culture and loss of family life has been created;
- ~ protection from legal fees on the lump sum has been added;
- ~ interest earned on the lump sum (approx. \$80,000,000) will go towards benefiting survivors;
- ~ an individually directed healing fund up to \$3000 for each individual survivor will be available out of lump sum surplus;
- ~ a significantly enhanced, (by approximately \$800,000,000) compensation package for individual survivors who suffered serious physical, sexual or psychological abuse;
- ~ an agreement between Canada and the Catholic entities which results in survivors receiving 100%

of their settlement, not 70% as previously was the case;

- ~ Expanded categories of perpetrators have been added;
- ~ Expanded categories of harms and injuries have been added;
- ~ Survivors are provided with a 15% payment over and above their settlement to go towards legal fees;
- ~ Imposed time lines on the DR have been added to ensure payments are completed within an expedited timeframe;
- ~ The control over the implementation of the settlement will be removed from Canada and a key and central role for the AFN in the supervision of all aspects of the ongoing implementation of the settlement has been secured.

2. For the Families, Communities and the Canadian Public:

In addition to the compensation package for individuals, the settlement addresses truth, reconciliation and healing needs of survivors and their families and communities and the rest of Canada in the following way:

- ~ a five year endowment of \$125,000,000 has been created for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation for the benefit of survivors as well as any surplus which may exist after the lump sum payment is made;
- ~ a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for \$60,000,000 has been created which will emphasize education of the Canadian public through both community and national events and healing and reconciliation at the community level;
- ~ The Truth and Reconciliation Commission will establish a national archive and research center;
- ~ a fund of \$20,000,000 for commemoration projects and activities has been added.

The details of the key elements of the settlement are as follows:

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1. The Early Payment

The settlement provides that an early payment of \$8,000.00 will go to each survivor 65 years and older. It will be paid out as soon as possible and will be a down payment on the recipient's lump sum payment. Survivors who are 65 years or older will be able to apply for their payment on a simple application form.

2. The Lump Sum Payment

A lump sum payment to compensate survivors for loss of language and culture and loss of family life will be paid to individual survivors alive on May 31st, 2005 irrespective of whether they have an additional claim for serious abuse. It will be calculated on the "10 plus 3" formula: \$10,000 for the first year or partial year in attendance at an Indian Residential School and \$3,000 for every year or partial year in attendance thereafter.

The lump sum will be paid out of a fund of \$1.9 billion dollars deposited into an interest bearing account. The interest earned (likely about \$80M) will be put back into the fund for the benefit of survivors.

After the lump sum payments have been made, if a surplus is left in the fund, each survivor will be entitled to an amount up to \$3,000 for healing of their own choosing from a list of culturally sensitive healing options. Any balance left in the account after the individual healing fund is depleted will be paid to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation for the benefit of survivors.

3. The Improved Compensation Process for Serious Abuse Claims

The DR system for serious abuse has been significantly improved from the previous model in its structure, time lines, and amounts of money available for compensation. The increase in value of the DR is approximately \$800,000,000 more than the earlier DR. The following changes have been made:

- a) There will be one common national grid with a cap of \$275,000, eliminating the two grids that existed prior to the settlement;
- b) Survivors will receive 100% of their compensation award, not 70% as was the case prior;
- c) Students who were abused by other students will be added as a new category for compensation;
- d) Students who were abused by non-employees of the schools will be added as a new category for compensation;
- e) Students who were severely psychologically abused will be added as a new category for compensation;
- f) Injuries and harms unique to women have been added;
- g) It is now easier for the survivor's to prove their claims;
- h) New categories of harmful acts have been added;
- i) A new category of actual income loss has been added up to a maximum of \$250,000 over and above the \$275,000 cap;
- j) Mandatory time lines have been added to speed up the process and get the money to survivors faster;
- k) Additional aggravating factors have been added to the list which can augment the compensation of an individual claim by up to 15%;
- l) Additional monies have been added to the future care needs of survivors up to \$15,000 per claim;
- m) Survivors will receive an additional 15% of the amount of their settlement to pay legal fees;
- n) Survivors will have access to the courts if the evidence indicates that their claim would exceed the amounts available in the compensation package;
- o) Straightforward claims can be decided without a hearing;
- p) Health supports will be provided for the hearing process for survivors if required;
- q) Reasonable travel costs for survivors and their support person to travel to their hearing will be provided;
- r) Cultural ceremonies will be incorporated into the hearings to the

extent possible, if desired by the survivor;

- s) Survivors have the right to choose the location of the hearing, subject to reasonable costs;
- t) Survivors may appeal their settlement offer to another adjudicator or to the Chief Adjudicator;
- u) Hearings will respect the privacy of the survivor and the survivor may request that the transcript of their evidence be archived in the national archive created by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
- v) Survivors may choose to represent themselves instead of hiring a lawyer or they may choose an agent who is not a lawyer to act on their behalf;
- w) An oversight committee will oversee and monitor the implementation of the compensation to survivors. The AFN will have a member on this oversight committee for the duration of the settlement.

4. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- ~ A well funded (\$60,000,000) Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be created which will have a five year mandate but will complete the national events and report to the Canadian public within two years about what happened in Indian Residential Schools to Indian, Métis and Inuit children;
- ~ The involvement of government, churches and others, and the consequences of the schools on individuals, families and communities will be investigated and documented;
- ~ Community truth telling processes may continue for a further three years and individual survivors will have no time limit on filing their own personal statements in the archives;
- ~ The Commission will have three commissioners appointed by the Executive in consultation with the AFN;
- ~ The Commissioners will be advised by a survivor's committee and assisted by regional representatives of the commission;
- ~ Truth and Reconciliation events will be held in First Nations and Inuit communities and in major urban centers;
- ~ Community events will be designed by community members with the assistance of the national commission with a view to individual and community empowerment, safety, creating and preserving a historical record, healing and establishing better relationships within and outside the communities;
- ~ Canada and the churches have agreed to provide all relevant documents subject only to overriding privacy interests on individuals. In such cases, the Commission will still have access to the documents provided privacy is respected;
- ~ A national archive and research center will be created which will act as a resource and for all Canadians, researchers and educational institutions.

5. Commemoration

A fund of \$20,000,000 is available for commemoration events, activities, memorials, and projects at both the national and community levels.

6. Healing

- ~ Canada will provide an endowment to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation for 5 years in the amount of \$125,000,000 to address the harms of the legacy of residential schools on Indian, Métis and Inuit children;
- ~ An evaluation will be undertaken in the fourth year of the endowment to determine whether and to what extent funding should be continued;
- ~ The Aboriginal Healing Foundation will receive any surplus amounts from the lump sum fund once the survivors have been paid their individual compensation and healing compensation.

Transformative Change Accord Signed

Press Release

The First Nations Leadership Council is pleased to announce that at the conclusion of the First Ministers meeting in Kelowna they were able to secure a made in BC tripartite Transformative Change Accord. The attached accord was signed by Prime Minister Martin, Premier Campbell and the members of the Leader Council at the conclusion of the First Ministers Meeting.

The Leadership Council will review the document with First Nations in the coming weeks.

Transformative Change Accord

-between-

Government of British Columbia

-and-

Government of Canada

-and-

The Leadership Council

Representing the First Nations of British Columbia

The Government of British Columbia, First Nations and the Government of Canada agree that new approaches for addressing the rights and title interests of First Nations are required if First Nations are to be full partners in the success and opportunity of the province.

At the First Ministers Meeting on Aboriginal issues on November 24th/25th, 2005, First Ministers and Aboriginal Leaders committed to strengthening relationships on a government-to-government basis, and on focussing efforts to close the gap in the areas of education, health, housing and economic opportunities.

This accord respects the agreement reached on November 25th and sets out how the parties intend to implement it in British Columbia.

Two important documents preceded the First Ministers' Meeting:

- ~ First Nations - Federal Crown Political Accord - on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments signed in May 2005
- ~ The New Relationship - A vision document setting out an initial work plan to move toward reconciliation of Aboriginal and Crown Titles and Jurisdictions within British Columbia

The goals in each document continue to be pursued and the understandings reached in both serve as the foundation for this tripartite accord.

The purpose of this Accord is to bring together the Government of British Columbia, First Nations and the Government of Canada to achieve the goals of closing the social and economic gap between First Nations and other British Columbians over the next 10 years, of reconciling aboriginal rights and title with those of the Crown, and of establishing a new relationship based upon mutual respect and recognition.

The Accord acknowledges and respects established and evolving jurisdictional and fiduciary relationships and responsibilities, and will be implemented in a manner that seeks to remove impediments to progress by establishing effective working relationships.

The actions and processes set out herein are guided by the following principles:

- ~ Recognition that aboriginal and treaty rights exist in British Columbia.
- ~ Belief that negotiations are the chosen means for reconciling rights.
- ~ Requirement that consultation and accommodation obligations are met and fulfilled.
- ~ Ensure that First Nations engage in consultation and accommodation, and provide consent when required, freely and with full information.
- ~ Acknowledgement and celebration of the diverse histories and traditions of First Nations.
- ~ Understanding that a new relationship must be based on mutual respect and responsibility.
- ~ Recognition that this agreement is intended to support social and economic well-being of First Nations.
- ~ Recognition that accountability for results is critical.
- ~ Respect for existing bilateral and tripartite agreements.

The parties to this Accord acknowledge the importance of First Nations governance in supporting healthy communities. Actions set out in this Accord and in subsequent action plans will reflect this reality.

The parties understand that new resources will be required to close the gaps and federal and provincial investments on and off reserve will be made available pursuant to the decisions taken at the November 2005 First Ministers Meeting. The parties also recognize the need to examine how existing resources are expended with the view that transformative change will require different funding approaches.

The Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada and the First Nations of British Columbia agree to establish a 10 year plan to bridge the differences in socio-economic stan-

dards between First Nation citizens and other British Columbians. It is understood that a ten year plan must by necessity evolve over time, and that concrete actions are required at its outset to build the relationships and momentum to achieve the desired outcome.

Accordingly, the parties to this Accord agree to undertake immediate actions in the following areas:

To improve relationships by:

- ~ Supporting a tripartite negotiation forum to address issues having to do with the reconciliation of Aboriginal rights and title;
- ~ Engaging in the review and renewal of claims, treaty implementation and self-government policies;
- ~ Holding an annual meeting of political leaders intended to jointly discuss issues of mutual concern, report on progress and plan ongoing action; and,
- ~ Developing and implementing a communications plan to increase public awareness of the diversity and value of First Nations cultures, including support for the 2008 North American Indigenous Games

Possible Indicators include:

- ~ Concluded Treaties and other agreements.
- ~ Increased awareness by the public of diversity and value of First Nation cultures.

To close the gap in education by:

- ~ Concluding a tripartite agreement on First Nation jurisdiction over K-12 education;
- ~ Supporting First Nation learners;
- ~ Focusing resources on early childhood learning and post-secondary training, including skills, training and apprenticeships; and,
- ~ Creating a high quality learning environment for First Nation students through curriculum development, teacher certification and the early detection of, and response to, learning disabilities.

Possible Indicators include:

- ~ First Nations children exhibiting readiness for Kindergarten.
- ~ Aboriginal students meeting expectations in reading, writing and numeracy (Foundation Skills Assessment).
- ~ K-12 (or Dogwood equivalent) completion rates .
- ~ Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education (alternatively "highest level of education attained").
- ~ Number of First Nation teachers.
- ~ K - 12 curriculum modules.

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To close the gap in housing and infrastructure by:

- ~ Building on-reserve housing units;
- ~ Developing a partnering agreement to address off-reserve housing;
- ~ Exploring the devolution and development of Aboriginal off-reserve housing units to an aboriginal housing authority;
- ~ Supporting capacity development in the area of housing, including building maintenance and standards, and training and employment having to do with housing construction;
- ~ Undertaking measures to ensure the safety of water supply;
- ~ Improving other basic infrastructure such as wastewater systems, roads and fire protection;
- ~ Undertaking comprehensive community planning; and,
- ~ Providing broadband connectivity to First Nation communities.

Possible Indicators include:

- ~ First Nation households in core housing.
- ~ First Nations people trained in construction and maintenance of housing and related infrastructure.
- ~ Number of Aboriginal subsidized housing units.
- ~ Number of on-reserve and off-reserve housing units built.
- ~ On-reserve boil water advisories.
- ~ First Nation communities with broadband access.

To close the gap in health by[1]:

- ~ Establishing mental health programs to address substance abuse and youth suicide;
- ~ Integrating the Act Now strategy with First Nations health programs to reduce incidence of preventable diseases like diabetes;
- ~ Establishing tripartite pilot programs in the Northern Health Authority and the Lytton Health Centre to improve acute care and

community health services utilizing an integrated approach to health and community programs as directed by the needs of First Nations; and,

- ~ Increasing the number of trained First Nation health care professionals.

Possible Indicators include:

- ~ Increased life expectancy.
- ~ Age standardized mortality rates.
- ~ Youth suicides.
- ~ Infant (up to one year) and neonatal (up to 28 days) mortality rates.
- ~ Level of incidence of diabetes.
- ~ Level of childhood obesity.
- ~ Practising, certified First Nation health care professionals.

To close the gap in economic opportunities by:

- ~ Providing increased access to lands and resources through interim measures;
- ~ Considering the implementation of revenue sharing arrangements;
- ~ Holding a provincial summit on economic development; and,
- ~ Supporting First Nations business and entrepreneurial development by increasing access to business training, and skills development and considering ways to facilitate greater access to capital funding sources.

Possible Indicators include:

- ~ Employment rates.
- ~ Average weekly and hourly wage levels (LFS data).
- ~ Business start ups.
- ~ Number of entrepreneurs in BC.
- ~ First Nation registered apprentices.

The Parties agree that by December 2006, a detailed tripartite implementation strategy will be developed laying out specific actions and building upon a shared commitment to undertake as many initiatives as possible in year one of the 10 year plan (2006 - 2016). The Parties under-

stand the collective responsibility for reporting on the progress of closing the socio-economic gaps that exist between First Nations people and other British Columbians. Accordingly, resources will be focussed towards developing the data and information necessary to appropriately monitor and report on agreed upon action plans. Canada, British Columbia and the First Nations of British Columbia agree that regular public reports are necessary. Data collection will respect the privacy of individuals.

For greater certainty, nothing in this agreement shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from the protection of any existing or future Aboriginal or treaty rights of the First Nations peoples of British Columbia.

Signed this 25th day of November, 2005.

[ORIGINAL SIGNED]

Canada
Rt. Honourable Paul Martin

Province of British Columbia
Honourable Gordon Campbell

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Regional Chief Shawn Atleo

Representing the First Nations Summit:
Grand Chief Edward John
Grand Chief Doug Kelly
Dave Porter

Representing the Union of BC Indian Chiefs:
Chief Stewart Phillip
Chief Robert Shintah
Chief Mike Retasket

[1] BC First Nations will be supported in the health actions by the direction and contribution from the Assembly of First Nations.

Senklip Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the Senk'lip Newsletter will be the 15th of every month. Please submit all articles or other material you would like posted on or before this date. All material can be forwarded to me at the training center (next to the health building), at the Band Office, e-mailed to me at holly.brewer@okanagan.org or mailed to:

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BC Commits to Negotiations While Canada Still Considering Whether to Renege on Commitment to Negotiate the Commonage Claim

OKIB Press Release

November 28, 2005 - (Vernon) Okanagan Indian Band Chief Fabian Alexis today reported on high-level meetings in Kelowna on Friday with BC Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister Tom Christensen and federal Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Andy Scott.

"It was a definite study in contrasts," commented Chief Alexis. "Our Friday afternoon meeting with provincial Minister Tom Christensen was short and decisive while our Friday evening meeting with federal Minister Andy Scott was lengthy and inconclusive."

"Minister Christensen was quick to state British Columbia's clear intention to remain at the bargaining table," said Chief Alexis. "He even went so far to say that he would personally contact federal Minister Scott in order to strongly encourage Canada to do likewise."

"Clearly when it comes to our Commonage Claim negotiations the Okanagan Indian Band and BC are on the same page," noted Chief Alexis. "We both believe that mean-

ingful negotiation is better than litigation and confrontation."

"In contrast," continued Chief Fabian Alexis, "while federal Minister Scott acknowledged our sense of frustration and betrayal and stated his desire to regain our trust, he did not commit to stay at the negotiating table."

"The one positive thing we did get from Minister Scott was a commitment 'not to sign off' on any recommendations from his staff to end negotiations on our Commonage Claim," said Chief Alexis. "Minister Scott also committed to get back to us by tomorrow with a written response on the status of our negotiations."

"Thanks to the strong support we received from all the regional and national aboriginal leaders sitting with us, Minister Scott also opened the door to having the Commonage Claim put forward as a test case under a new policy framework that is being developed," said Chief Alexis. "On this point I am pleased to say that the support from the Aboriginal Leadership Council is

overwhelming – it is obvious that we are not alone in this struggle and these leaders are to be commended for their commitment to our cause."

"It is incumbent on the Leadership Council to provide unwavering support to the Okanagan Band, wherever this Claim may go, and we extend this support without qualification until the claim is justly resolved," stated Chief Stewart Philip, leader of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

Ed John, Grand Chief of the First Nations Summit made clear his desire: "I do not wish to see Canada hiding behind policy limitations or our agreements to review and recommend changes to policy. There is no reason why a claim previously accepted for negotiation by former Minister Robert Nault should not be continued by this government. Moving forward and resolving this claim in good faith is entirely consistent with the agreement which our joint leadership council has just negotiated with the federal and provincial governments."

"We stand with the




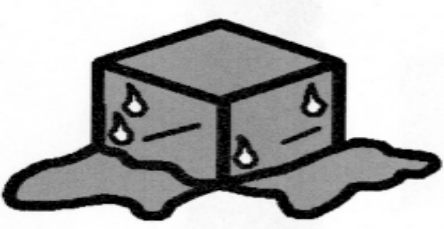

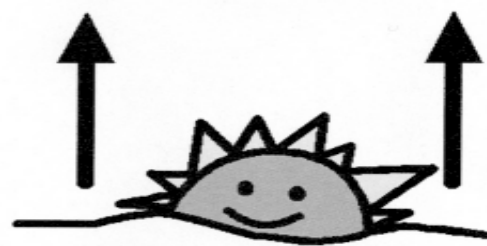

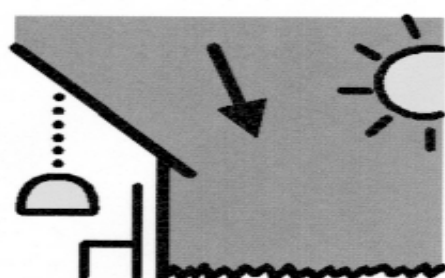
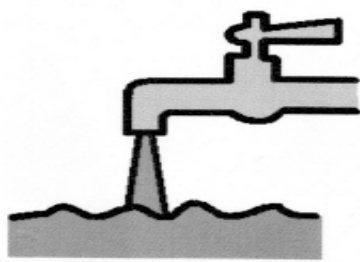
Okanagan Band on this and they can expect our public support which I made clear to all in attendance at Friday's meeting and in direct discussion with Chief Alexis following the meeting," stated Shawn Atleo, Regional Chief of the BC Assembly of First Nations.

"The test case is an option we will be pursuing," commented Chief Alexis, "but the prospect of having our negotiations put on hold while Ottawa does yet another policy review is worrisome and we need to be clear that we have very little patience for further delays."

"The Commonage, which is Indian Reserve # 9, was taken from us without our knowledge or consent. We were never compensated. We have been waiting a very long time, 130 years, to have our claim resolved. We are determined to negotiate a full and fair restitution for the loss of this land," concluded Chief Alexis.

For further information please, contact Chief Fabian Alexis at (250) 306-2838.

Okanagan (ukanaqín) Language by Joan Zabotel

<p>sʔistk (Winter)</p> 	<p>mqʷak (Snowy)</p> 	<p>c'aʔt (Cold)</p> 
<p>sult (Frozen)</p> 	<p>niéwt (Windy)</p> 	<p>sil kʷkʷʔást (Morning)</p> 
<p>sənkʷkʷʔác (Night)</p> 	<p>tk'əmtn'ílxʷ (Outside)</p> 	<p>siwtkʷ (Water)</p> 

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Snc'c'amala?tn News

From Lorraine Ladan, Manager

Christmas Closure

December 26th, 2005 to January 2nd, 2006 - Snc'c'amala?tn closed
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 - Snc'c'amala?tn reopens

PD Day Closure

Just a reminder, that our next PD Day closure is Friday, January 20th, 2006. Snc'c'amala?tn will be entirely closed that day.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to the Snc'c'amala?tn staff and families who so generously donated to the Christmas hampers. 'Tis the season to care for others.

School Plans for September 2006

Any parents who are interested in sitting on the committee to plan for the future of the school can let me know. We have started regular meetings. Councilor Bill Cohen is Chair of the committee. The committee is looking at adding grades 1 and 2 for September 2006 with plans for a Kindergarten to grade 7 Elementary School. The committee is seeking community and parental input as to what they would like to see in a school.

skimxist Room - Infant/Toddler

Ramona Wilson - I/T Room Supervisor

Barb Marchand, Laura Miller, Rae Cohen - I/T Room Assistants

Wi, and Happy New Year from Courtney,

Kenzie, Pwalxken, Nathan, Hunter, Deagan, Mackenzie, Qui'umqen, Cheveyo, Nahko, Jayce, Waterbird, Taylor, Raven, Hydaya, Shelby, Morgan, Oliver, and Da'ud.

During the very cold weather we bundle up to play in our backyard. The children love the sled rides and eating the snow off mittens. Sometimes parents ask us to keep their child inside when they are recovering from a cold and this is not always easy for us to do. When we have twelve children and three staff, it is not possible to keep one child inside. Our time outside is short on cold days and it is important for children to get some fresh air and physical exercise.

We are looking forward to another new and exciting year and it is amazing to watch the children grow up so quickly. Thanks to Laura Miller for coming back to help us out!!

From all us cubs

mhuya Room - 3/5 year old daycare

Josie Ferguson - 3/5 Supervisor

Vanessa Antoine - Head Start Coordinator

Wi, from the mhuya room.



Laura Miller, Giselle Torres and Rylie Marchand showing their artwork.

and the children are getting excited about a visit with Santa. We are enjoying the snow and outside play. Please ensure your children are coming with warm outside wear. Approximately 1 1/2 hrs each day is outside time (weather permitting).

Some new children have joined our room and a few have left. If you are thinking of dropping your child off for a few extra hours please call a few days ahead as we are very full.

I would like to extend an invitation to all families, band members and Elders to drop in anytime. It would be wonderful to hear stories, sing songs or watch an activity being done. Our door is always open.

Head Start parents, please watch for the parent workshops starting in January 2006.

Vanessa Antoine, Josie Ferguson, Jenny McCune, Luda Chirkoff, Monica Louis

Spəpl'ína? Room - Preschool

Susan Nelson - Preschool Supervisor

Donna Lewis - Preschool Assistant

Nancy Eustache - Special Needs Worker

Wi! from spəpl'ína? room.

Our classroom has been a whirlwind of activity preparing for the Christmas season. We have made gingerbread cookies to presents for mom and dad.

Coming very soon is our Christmas Party



Donna Goodwater visits grandsons Jordon and Colton in the Kindergarten class.

Limlimpt (thank you) to our special guest, Chief Fabian Alexis. We appreciated learning about your work as Chief and felt very honored that you took time out of your day to share your knowledge with us. Also, a big thank you goes out to Gary Bonneau from the Health Department who came in to talk to the children about addictions during Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week.

We hope to see everyone at our Annual Christmas Feast on December 16th.

Hope your season is filled with lots of love and laughter and we hope Santa is good to everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone return back to Preschool on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 for more learning and fun experiences.

Happy New Year!

Susan, Donna, Nancy

Pqəl'qin Room - Kindergarten

Tanya Saddleman-Joe - Kindergarten Teacher
Trish Johnson - Kindergarten Assistant

Wi from the Pqəl'qin Room.

Hope everyone has had a safe and happy holiday and Happy New Year! I returned to the Kindergarten room on November 28th after being away on maternity/parental leave and I am glad to be back. I'd like to once again thank April Alexis for the wonderful job she did teaching the Kindergarten students while I was away. The children miss her and we hope she comes back for a visit.

December was a very fun and busy month in the Kindergarten room. We read three versions of the Gingerbread Story, made gingerbread cookies, and decorated our classroom and tree with our own beautiful decorations made by the Kindergarten's. We discussed reindeers, Hanukkah, the meaning of Christmas, and read

many Christmas stories, including "The Polar Express". We made a day of the Polar Express story and wore our pajamas and drank hot chocolate. We also learned simple patterns and played a lot of rhyming games.

In December we took a special field trip to the New Horizons building to sing songs for the Elders and had lunch with them. The children presented the Elders with a gift and the Elders gave them a special treat and present as well. The children really enjoyed their visit. A big thank you to Shirley, Walline and Mary Louis for their help in teaching the children the songs we sang and to Mona for organizing the field trip.

On the last day of school before the break, our class had a Christmas Party. Santa stopped by to visit and gave each child an orange to tide them over until Christmas. Parents came to help their children decorate their graham wafer houses and ate a wonderful holiday feast cooked by Walline.

Congratulations to Emily Wilson-Francois and Reid Lawrence for finishing reading their first 30 home reading books. Way to go!!

Tanya Saddleman-Joe and Trish Johnson

Wi yə'yat swít

Sk'ay (fall) has come and gone, now



The Kindergarten class performing for the Elders at New Horizons.

s'istk (winter) is upon us with its beautiful white snow and cool crisp air. Time has gone by so fast. The pqəl'qin (eagle) room (Kindergarten) children have made buckskin pouches this year for their gift to give to the New Horizons Elders Group. They are made aware the material is made from the sλ'a'címən (Deer), therefore are very special.

The children listen and practice our Okanagan Language every day with Shirley Paul, our Fluent Okanagan Language Teacher here at Snc'c'amala?tn school. We are reviewing the weather, days of the week, numbers, parts of the body, and things to set a table e.g. snk?mutən (chair), latəp (table), l'ássiet (plate), ?úmən (spoon), λ'la?k'pcintn (fork).

Appreciation goes out to all our teachers and parent helpers who are willing to learn our language in order to assist in teaching the children as well.

Mona Williams, Cultural Worker

Wanted: Early Childhood Educators

A variety of options are available to obtaining an Early Childhood Education diploma. If any band members are interested in pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education, please contact Lorraine Ladan at Snc'c'amala?tn. There is a strong possibility of an Early Childhood Education certificate course starting in Enderby in September 2006.

Call 545-3800 for more information.

Found at Snc'c'amala?tn, about one month ago:

A vehicle key with a clicker.

Please call 545-3800 with a description to claim.



www.okib.ca

Current News - Job Postings
Band Member Only Area
Message Forum

Instructions for login and passwords for the members only area can be viewed on the website or by e-mail.

e-mail: holly.brewer@okanagan.org for instructions.



I.R. # 9, The Commonage: A Historical Background, Update, and Commentary

Submitted by Bill Cohen

Before humans existed in our territory, the plant and animal communities heard from Kwulencuten that the Sqilxw were coming and they decided that they were going to help us and feed us. This is recorded in the captikwl story, "How Food was Given." From the tmixw (Spirits of the land) and Senklip (Coyote), we learned how to organize our societies and live in balance with our natural resources. Cepcaptikwl stories express and record cultural values, relationships and understanding. Senklip, among other things, symbolizes the creative mind power of humans, and the stories show how powerful our minds can be, how we can overcome dangerous threats to our people, and also how destructive we can be if we let appetite, greed, or self-absorption interfere with our responsibilities as Sqilxw and our spiritual connections to our territory.

The Sqilxw/Okanagan were wished here by Kwulencuten and have lived in and managed our territory for many thousands of years. Our traditional society was 100% economically and ecologically sustainable. We had good social networks and good international relations. Our diet was attuned to our ecology and we generally lived long healthy lives. We know of many Elders who lived well beyond 100 years. Our traditional territory is about 43,000 square miles or 72,000 square kilometers. We have never sold, surrendered, nor given up our rights and responsibilities to our territory.

Sama History Begins in Sqilxw/Okanagan Territory

The first Europeans arrived in Sqilxw/Okanagan territory in the early 1800's near Kettle Falls, and the first permanent European settlement in the northern Okanagan Valley was in 1859 at the Mission near Kelowna. This is the era when Sama history began in Okanagan territory. It is also the era when successive disease epidemics swept through our populations and severely reduced our numbers. Sqilxw/Okanagan history, culture and knowledge have been evolving since time immemorial; when the first Samas arrived, for example, our Okanagan ancestors already had large herds of horses and were accomplished equestrians.

In 1860, Governor Douglas came to the Okanagan, and our Chiefs pointed out very large reserves, retained all rights beyond the reserves, and understood that compensation for our land beyond the reserves would be negotiated. That negotiation never happened, despite the best efforts of our Chiefs. Douglas was replaced by Trutch who referred to Indians as "utter savages", and then reserves were drastically, and wrongfully, continuously reduced by Trutch and other officials who used racist rhetoric and tenets to sup-

port their thefts of our land. This occurred without consent or consultation with the Okanagan people.

Sqilxw/Okanagan and Scewepmx/Shuswap Confederacy

The Okanagan nation and the Scewepmx nation formed a confederacy after 1875 and were considering going to war to drive the invaders out of our lands. Canadian federal and provincial Sama governments, fearing an Indian uprising, formed an Indian Reserve Commission (IRC) which went to the interior in 1877 and enlarged the reserves. This is when the Commonage reserves were designated. The commonages were Indian Reserves that settlers were allowed to graze livestock on, and if that relationship became unworkable, then the commonages would no longer be available for settlers. At Nkmapalks, Indian Reserve #9 was called the commonage.

More Deceit and Theft

In 1893, secretly, without a word to Okanagan Bands, the IRC cut off the commonages at Nkmapalks, Spaxomin, and Snpintktn, and sold them. At the same time, Indians were prevented from accessing our own territory outside the reserves, and our ancestors were prevented by the colonial governments from purchasing our own land outside the reserves.

Protest and Petitions by Okanagan and Indian Nations throughout BC

Okanagan Chiefs continuously protested intrusions into our territory and thefts of land. Our Chiefs sought resolution to the conflicts, worked with many other nations, and presented petitions to the top levels of federal and provincial governments, and also sent delegations to Britain to lobby for justice. The 1910 and 1911 petitions to Wilfred Laurier and John Oliver are examples of the organized efforts to resolve the land issues in our territory.

More Deceit and Legislative Change

The Laurier government agreed to have Indian questions heard before the courts, but lost in the following election. The McKenzie King government said the Indians could go to the exchequer court, with the stipulation that even if the Indians won in court, they would have to agree in advance that they would extinguish Indian title and accept whatever the province was willing to offer. The McKenna McBride Commission continued to further cut off reserves, again without consent, from 1913 up to 1927.

In 1927, the Indian Act was amended, uni-

laterally, to make it a criminal offense for Indians to pursue land claims or hire lawyers. In 1938, the province signed over title of Indian Reserves to the Federal government. In 1951, after Indians proportionately had more people serving in the military than any other identifiable group, the Indian Act was amended to remove some of the more blatantly racist sections. Under the War Measures Act, however, more large parcels of reserve lands were cut off. In the 1960's, Indians finally "were given" the right to vote.

In the 1973 Calder Decision, three judges said Aboriginal Title in BC existed, three judges said it had been extinguished; the seventh judge said according to an archaic law, Indians had to have the permission of the province before they could sue the province, and the issue was not resolved. In Delgamuukw, in 1997, the Supreme Court ruled, what we have always known, that Aboriginal Title in BC has never been extinguished.

In 1982, when the Constitution was "brought home" from Britain, First Nations lobbied hard to have Aboriginal Rights enshrined in this new constitution. Canada reluctantly agreed and secretly slipped the word "existing" into Section 35 without informing First Nations.

Current Situation

In 1989, the Commonage Claim was filed by the Okanagan Indian Band. In 2000, then Minister of Indian Affairs, Robert Nault formally agreed to negotiate settlement of the Commonage claim.

In 2005, federal negotiators informed the Upper Nicola Indian Band that Canada was walking away from negotiations for their commonage claim. In a following meeting with the Okanagan Indian Band, federal negotiators said they were advising the Minister of Indian Affairs to stop negotiations with the Okanagan Indian Band regarding our Commonage claim. The reasons given by the federal negotiators were that a recent court decision (Wewaykum) raised a technicality that suggested the federal government, legally, did not have a fiduciary responsibility for its actions in 1893. The BC Statute of Limitations (30 years) is another technicality the negotiators are hiding behind, and this says that our claim should have been filed long ago (during the period when we had no recourse in the courts). So, it looked as if the federal position was to avoid negotiating in good faith concerning the theft of our lands, and use any technicality they could find to avoid any reconciliation and compensation, and thus perpetuate a history of land and resource theft, ethnic cleansing, and injustice supported by racist tenets.

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At the First Ministers Conference in Kelowna, the OKIB, with the strong support of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, First Nations Summit, and the Assembly of First Nations, met with federal Minister of Indian Affairs, Andy Scott and tried to get the Minister to commit to negotiate in good faith. The Minister Scott would not do this but sent us a letter which suggested we submit a proposal for consideration under the new policy framework in the works or appeal to the Indian Specific Claims Commission (ISCC) for review. It should be noted that the Federal Government is under no obligation to listen to the ISCC.

The OKIB also met recently with Tom Christensen, the BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. Minister Christensen said that BC would be at the negotiating table if the Federal Government is at the table. When it was pointed out that BC was providing means for the Feds to avoid dealing honorably with the OKIB, Minister Christensen said he would talk to the Attorney General and see if removing the statute of limitations from Aboriginal cases in BC (as has been done in other provinces) was something his government would consider.

Commitments from BC and Canada have been vague, although the rhetoric of "reconciliation," and "new relationships," sounds better than it has in the past.

Historically, BC has tried to deny Aboriginal rights and title, and Canada practiced a policy of assimilation. Had these two policies

succeeded, the land and resources in BC would have been wrongfully taken without payment, consent, or Treaty, and the diverse Indigenous Nations, including the Okanagan, would have disappeared. Fortunately, our ancestors were very resilient, and our languages, rights, and identities have survived, and we are still here and we know our territories and practice our rights.

There is, however, much to do if we or our grandchildren are ever going to see justice and reconciliation. Currently, working with the UBCIC, FNS, and AFN, to push our case forward as a test case in a new policy framework, seems to be our best option. All three organizations have critical interests in the success of our Commonage Settlement, because there are related cases throughout BC and in Canada.

I believe it is also important that we work at the nation level with Pentiction and Upper Nicola Bands regarding their commonage claims and other Indian nations where we have collective interests. It has been a common practice for Canada and BC to divide and weaken Indian positions by appearing to favour one Band over another, and creating conflict. If one of us loses, then it is likely that we will all lose, so we are going to have to follow our ancestor's examples and work together for the collective good.

The OKIB Commonage video is a powerful documentary that will help us educate ourselves and the general public about our #9 Reserve. The first draft of the video featured our Sama lawyer doing all the talking, and in the final version our own Elders and community members were prominent, and that is what makes the video

powerful. We certainly need lawyers and consultants to work for us, but we don't need them to speak for us, think for us, write scripts for us, or tell us and others what our history and rights are. The more we rely on our own Elders, our own language, history and knowledge, the stronger we are.

And that, briefly, is my understanding and update of what has happened, and is happening. I am familiar with Okanagan history and I feel it's important to provide a brief overview written by an Okanagan for Okanagan people. I don't know everything, but here is a contribution to a dialogue that we need to continue. No one knows everything, everyone knows something. We need to communicate and learn from each other, and express ourselves as Okanagan.

Some good sources of information for starters are most importantly our Elders, and some print sources, *We Get Our Living Like Milk From the Land* which is free from Theytus Books to Okanagan Nation members, *The Living Landscapes website*, which can be seen at www.livinglandscapes.bc.ca/thomp-ok/hh-projects.html and *Donovan and Company's website*, www.aboriginal-law.com/articles/history_2004-04-28.htm. There are many current issues related to our rights as Okanagan people: Forest-Range Agreements, the assertion of Metis hunting rights in our territory, our hunting rights in the Arrow Lakes/Kettle River areas are being challenged in court, and so on.

It is vital that collectively we know our history and practice our rights as Okanagan/Syilx/Sqilxw.

Smoking Awareness

Submitted by Gary Bonneau, Addictions Support Worker

Seasons greetings to all.

In reviewing the past year, hopefully it is time for positive changes in your life. With the New Year fast approaching and January being non-smoking month, I would like to present a challenge to those of you that use tobacco products. I know that is a very sensitive topic for many of you that use tobacco products, and I know that the thought is "here we go again, someone else trying to tell me what I should and shouldn't do". Instead of thinking like that, think of what you spend per-week, per-month, per-year on tobacco products and what the smoke makes your clothes, house, car, and yourself smell like.

The challenge is for you to be honest with yourself in how you let tobacco products control you and to make a decision to start to regain control of what you do instead of the tobacco products telling you what to do. In other words, WHO IS THE BOSS and who is in control? If you want that control back we can help you. Both Sharon and I have taken the Kick the Nic program and have the resources here to help address your cravings while you withdraw from the nicotine. Give it a try, what have you got to lose? I know what you have to gain and so do your lungs, health and finances.

We just had a poster contest on smoking at the Head of the Lake Hall; it would have been nice if more parents had come out. For those that

did, thank you for taking the time to help educate your children on how addictive tobacco products affect their lives. Also, thank you to the winners of the poster contest. Congratulations! I believe you were all winners, and the messages you put forth in your posters were excellent. One of the messages I thought was well put was from the age group 10-13 who said, "smoking around me is child abuse". With messages like that I believe we as adults really need to look at how, where and why we use tobacco products or even why we let tobacco products control our life to the extent that they do.

There was a proposal that was just sent in for \$1000.00 dollars that would assist in helping anyone in addressing his or her addiction to tobacco products. The idea would be to form a support group to help one another address their addiction to tobacco products. I would like to see something like this start, even if we don't get this grant money.

If you want to deal with your addiction to tobacco products, give me a call at the Health Department at 542-5094, and ask for Gary. So, with the challenge I put forth, I am willing to help you address your addiction to tobacco products. We have products like the patch, the gum, etc. that can be accessed.

Here's hoping that the New Year will bring peace and happiness to everyone and make our community a better place for us to live.

OKANAGAN PANDEMIC PLANNING

Preparedness Plan Timelines and Development Process

Pre- Pandemic Phase

Goals: *Building community's capacity to respond*
Building communication networks
Building cooperation with healthcare system

September 2005

- ~ Hired a Consultant to prepare an Okanagan Pandemic Plan
- ~ Researching and gathering information
- ~ Establishing Links with FNIHB, IHA, Emergency Planning Services

October 2005

- ~ Establishing a Team, lines of authority and communication
- ~ Pandemic Information presentation to the Team
- ~ Gathering Okanagan capacity and resource information- demographics, essential services, communication, transportation, security issues, Establishing community needs, volunteers, death and funeral issues

November 2005

- ~ Drafting a Plan: local responsibilities, team checklist
- ~ Communication: promote community awareness by newsletter, poster board
- ~ Immunization Clinics: promote influenza and pneumococcal immunizations
- ~ Meeting with SDA Committee to prepare for C&C meeting

December 2005

- ~ Presentation of draft plan to Team, make revisions
- ~ Planning educational sessions for team and volunteers
- ~ Develop Family Preparedness Resource Guide and Universal Precautions handouts
- ~ Communication to community by Senk'l'ip
- ~ Attend Okanagan/IHA meeting to establish Health Services and Emergency Operations procedures (MOU) / supplies of vaccine and antivirals
- ~ Maintain facility: computer records and files, supplies and storage, develop infection control procedures, waste disposal systems, security

January 2006

- ~ Presentation of draft plan to C&C, Pandemic Team, and Community
- ~ Educational and Practice Day for Pandemic Team
- ~ Revisions and final submission of plan to Team, C& C, by Consultant

Ongoing

- ~ Regular review and updating: annual community practice (Oct), and update the plan (Jan)
- ~ Continue to work with the Emergency Planning Services
- ~ Stockpile infection control and personal emergency preparedness supplies
- ~ Encourage families to prepare their home plan
- ~ Promote regular flu immunization every fall
- ~ Regular communication, education and awareness of Pandemic Influenza within the community
- ~ Promote use of BC Nurse Line

Call for Statements of Qualifications for Forestry-Related Services

The Territorial Stewardship Division is calling for individuals or companies who are interested in providing a variety of services for the Okanagan Indian Band in the Forestry sector. These services may involve harvest/hauling, road layout/construction/maintenance, forest development planning, block layout, beetle probes, silviculture surveys, tree planting, or other services as required.

We are asking for a business profile which includes your abilities, any certificates currently held and equipment. You may also submit your information in the form of an Expression of Interest.

Please forward this information to:

Kristy Craske, Territorial Stewardship Division
 Fax: (250) 542-0541
 Email: okibnrd@okanagan.org

Or Send to:

Okanagan Indian Band
 ATTN: TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP DIVISION
 12420 Westside Road
 Vernon, BC, V1T 7Z3

Health Department

Submitted by Addictions Dept.

Since the youth enjoyed the poster contest in Tobacco addictions, we will be hosting a poster contest on AIDS. You can draw a poster, do a collage or write a poem. There will be 3 categories for different ages, 3 prizes for each age group and please put your name on the back of your poster.

Also, we will be hosting a dinner for those who have worked on their addictions and for those who never drank or used drugs. The event will take place on February 2nd, 2006 at the Head of the Lake Hall. The hall will be open at 3:00 pm for the students to get off the bus and can work on their poster. There will be material available for when the students arrive. The dinner will be at 5:30 pm.

See you there!!!

Wally, Gary, Sharon, Sandie

Senk'l'ip Newsletter Mail-out List

Please fill out the form and return to the address below or by e-mail to receive your newsletter by mail.

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Mailing Information:

Okanagan Indian Band
 12420 Westside Road
 Vernon BC V1T 7Z3

Email: holly.brewer@okanagan.org

New Employment and Training Opportunities

Submitted by Floyd Oppenheimer, Employment/Training Dept.

At this time of year most of the major training programs are nearing the halfway point and persons considering training for next year should be reviewing programs, requesting information and/or submitting applications. The Employment Training Department has still been very busy, planning for next year and meeting with different organizations regarding new career opportunities. Here are some of the most recent contacts and opportunities.

Check end of article for all contact information.

BC Dragoons

One of the more recent meetings has been with representative of the British Columbia Dragoons (Reserves). I met with Master Corporal Brian Innes, Canadian Forces Recruiting and Captain Quinton A. Wyne, CD of the British Columbia Dragoons who informed me of what type of opportunities were available. The British Columbia Dragoons is a Reserve Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment Based in Kelowna and Vernon. Members of the Army Reserve are citizens who are Paid to Train on a Part-time basis. They are regular members of the community and Service is Voluntary. You can quit at anytime and there is no obligation to serve overseas.

Training: The Dragoons train each Thursday from 7:00pm to 10:00pm as well as one weekend each month (approximately 80.00 per 3 hr session, you can do the math). All training is conducted to regular force standards. Soldiers are trained in all aspects of weapons handling, field tactics and the use of vehicles. If Job or Schooling commitments permit, members can take full-time courses during the summer months.

What you get:

- ~ Paid full or Part-time
- ~ WHMIS
- ~ Leadership Training
- ~ Driver Training DDC
- ~ Physical Fitness Training
- ~ Communication Skills
- ~ Emergency 1st aid & CPR
- ~ All Clothing and Gear
- ~ Navigation & Mapping
- ~ Commuting Allowance
- ~ Basic Fire Fighting
- ~ Educational allowance
- ~ Medical and Dental
- ~ Federal Pension
- ~ 4 applied skill High school credits

To join the reserves you need to meet the following standards:

- ~ Be a Canadian Citizen
- ~ Minimum 6 grade 10 courses
- ~ Pass an aptitude test

- ~ At least 16 years old or parents consent
- ~ No Outstanding Legal Obligations
- ~ Pass physical fitness test
- ~ Pass criminal record and credit check
- ~ Meet medical enrolment standard

For more information on this opportunity you can visit their website at www.bcdraoon.ca

Revenue Canada

In November I had the pleasure of meeting with Mike Sundstrom from Revenue Canada. Mr. Sundstrom updated me on last year's summer student program and I was informed that the positions were filled by one person from the Okanagan Nation and one was from the Coast. This year Revenue Canada will be trying to fill four positions. This is an excellent opportunity for any Post Secondary Students interested in gaining work experience in a Government Office. The starting wage for the summer positions will be approximately \$13.00 per hour. If you are unable to meet the deadline for application this year it is definitely something to keep in mind for next year.

Deadline for application is December 25, 2005

If you need help or more information you can contact myself or go to the website at: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/careers/search/student-e.html>

Community Futures

Community Futures Development Corporation of the Central Interior First Nations (CFDC of CIFN) located in Kamloops BC will be delivering the Aboriginal Business & Entrepreneurship Skills Training (BEST Program) program in Vernon. The Aboriginal BEST program is for young Aboriginal adults (aged 18-35) in BC who are interested in self-employment and entrepreneurship as a career option. That is, being your own boss. Aboriginal BEST includes 12 training session workshops designed to help participants identify viable business ideas and determine their feasibility. You will also learn how to do market research, write a business plan and how to get \$\$\$.

If you are interested in signing up for this workshop session or require more information you can check out the website at: www.smallbusinessconsultant.ca/best

Kelowna Bridge and Iron Workers

On November 28th, the Employment Training Department was informed of an employment/training opportunity to work on the

Kelowna Bridge. A notice of that opportunity was e-mailed out to all the OKIB departments and distributed. As the training was to start in Richmond the following Monday the logistics seemed not only daunting but proved to be very challenging.

This opportunity provided training and afterwards employment for four and possibly five Okanagan Nation Members. Due to the urgent nature and deadline for taking advantage of this opportunity, we were able to send one participant, with Westbank First Nation sending three, and Osoyoos Indian Band sending one.

Jay-T Bonneau was selected to take part in the three week training program in Richmond after which he will start work in January, with "Harris Rebar", and become a member of the Iron Workers Union Local 97. Congrats Jay-T, and good luck.

Although another intake for rebar training will take place January 9th, there will be no guarantee of work on the Kelowna Bridge. For more on this training opportunity you may contact me at the Okanagan Indian Band office or one of the Repts listed below.

BC Dragoons

Master Corporal Brian Innes, CD1 Recruiter, Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Center Vancouver
1040 West Georgia Street, Suite 800
Vancouver BC, V6E-4H1
Phone: 604-694-6390 ext.6327
Fax: 604-694-6394
Email: Innes.bw@forces.gc.ca

Revenue Canada

Mike Sundstrom, Revenue Collections Division
200-1835 Gordon Drive
Kelowna BC, V1Y-3H5
Phone: 250-470-6659
Fax: 250-470-6612
Toll Free: 1866-899-2020
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/careers/search/student-e.html>

Rebar Training

Arne Johansen, Trades Training Coordinator
Ironworkers Local 97
4055 1st Avenue
Burnaby, BC
Phone: 604 709-3002
Fax: 604 879-1110

Al Page

Construction Sector Council
Victoria BC
Phone: 250 475-1075
Cell: 250 888-1585

Community Bulletin



Foot Clinic with Dr Bruce Booth

OKIB Health Center

January 20, 2006

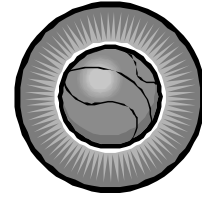
9am - 11am

Please call 542-5094 for appointment

Reminder: there is a \$12 user fee



Westside Xixu?tem Basketball Team



On November 30th, 2005, the Westside Xixu?tem held two draws.

The winners were:

1st Draw:

10 cases of beer went to Hoppy Brewer

2nd Draw:

\$100.00 went to John Miller

\$50.00 fuel voucher went to Stacy from Public Works

\$30.00 fuel voucher went to Maria on Willow Shore Road

Big thanks to Arrowhead gas for the donations.

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser, the money raised went to purchasing new jerseys.

On the 7th of January (Saturday), if you wish to donate, please have your bottles ready and we'll be picking them up.

Hope to see you then.

Our next exhibition game will be held on January 22, 2006 at the Seaton gym.

The game will start at 10:15

Everyone is welcome!

Happy Birthday!



Floyd Oppenheimer
on January 9th

Love from Karen, Yvonne, Brandon, Chelsea and Lindsay

CALLING ALL MINOR HOCKEY AGED PLAYERS



Each year we take several teams to

The Annual Merritt Warrior's Tournament

If you are interested in participating
Please contact Jenny Louis at:
Jenny_louis@hotmail.com

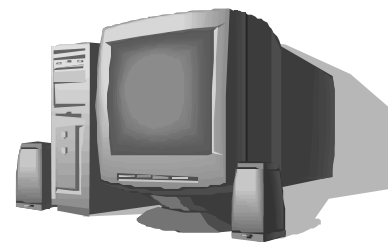
The tournament takes place during Spring Break (March)

We also have some fundraising events
coming up soon - so stay tuned.

We are also asking for parent volunteers
to assist with the fundraising.

**To volunteer please contact Jenny Louis via email or
Leave a message at (250) 558-1093**

CAP Centre Hours



6 Mile Training Centre Hours:

Monday - Friday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Head of the Lake Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 9:00PM

The hours posted are subject to change without notice due to the Training Centre Usage (eg. Scheduled Worksops)
Visit www.okib.ca/events/cap_centre.php for more info.