



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



September 29, 2010

Prior to a media statement with CHBC News, Madeline Gregoire began with a spiritual blessing to honor the sacred site; thereafter, Chief Fabian Alexis and Grand Chief Stewart Phillip met with CHBC news today, along with numerous elders, members, youth to express the Okanagan/Syilx People extreme distress and disappointment in the Province's failure to consult the Syilx Nation of any planned activities at Pillar Lake Provincial Park. The area designated by the Province of BC as Pillar Lake Park is a sacred site and of high cultural significance to the Okanagan People. The ongoing desecration of the site needs to be addressed and a remediation plan be immediately implemented to repair damages and ensure no further desecration takes place.

Both Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Chief Fabian Alexis informed the media our people have unextinguished aboriginal title and right to the land and resources within our traditional territory. The Pillar is within our traditional territory and as such, is subject to our title, jurisdiction, rights and interests.

Further stated the provincial government's consultation framework, land use referral policy and administrative system are inadequate to deal with our interests in the land and resources within our traditional territory or to meet the fiduciary obligations of BC. At this time there is no reconciliation of our interests with those of the Province of BC or Canada and no process in place adequately recognize and negotiate co-existence or accommodation of these interest.

Chief Fabian Alexis presented the Statement on behalf of the Okanagan People and our respected Elders, with further comments from Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Elder Madeline Gregoire. There were approximately 35-40 members were on site to support our leaders and Elders.

Limlimpt to all who came out and supported the protection of the Pillar site.

Pictures are courtesy of Don Bain, UBCIC, and Sherry Louis.

To watch the CHBC news clip:
<http://www.chbcnews.ca/Band+members+protest+Pillar+Lake+construction+plans/3602916/story.html>

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Director of Operations*Submitted by: Dora Demers*

Since the last Band meeting in March, it has been very busy in all departments with the Band. I have been with the Band almost nine months now and thoroughly enjoy working here. We have a lot of work to do in order to get OKIB's house in order; for example the changes to the Administration/Personnel policy are still being revised at the Council table, finance policy needs to be reviewed and revisions made, housing policy has been reviewed and revisions made by the Housing Committee and this has been tabled at the Governance.

Reporting mechanisms need to be adhered to, for example monthly reports from Managers to myself, Council and membership. I am also guilty of not getting a monthly report to Council and membership. At present we are still in the mode of reaction, (putting out fires as they arise). I believe that once we have clear, concise policies and or bylaws; that some of the fires will take care of themselves. We as a staff work for the membership and have to be fair and consistent in our delivery of services.

I have been meeting with Frank, and the rest of the project team in completing the apartment building at Duck Lake. We are aiming to have these completed by Oct. 31st. We have to work with Band's housing and education department on how many will be held for members, if not all are taken by members; then we will look to rent to non-members. We have had inquiries already from people who work close by. The Band will be looking to have a Property management firm take care of the building. Frank and I have been also meeting with District of the Lake Country in regards to getting water and sewer for the apartment building.

From these meetings with District of the Lake Country (DOLC), another issue has arisen in regards to the water pipeline permit that was issued to Hiram Walker has now expired. Randy, Frank and I will be working on getting meetings to address the permit. We will be looking at what Duck Lake IR 7 may have in regards to housing and businesses in the short and long term.

The six plex on Bonneau Road is very near the completion of the renovations. We are anticipating that the tenants will be able to move back at the beginning of October. I haven't gone to view the renovations, but I hear that the building will be almost back to when it was new. As part of our workplans we need to be having a five year plan around

renovations of Band rental units, these plans will be updated every so often so that we do not get in this same predicament of having to do a major overall.

Most of the committees have been meeting quite regularly in the past few months. I have been attending the Housing, Community Development, Territorial Stewardship and Economic Development Committee meetings. I know there are a number of concerns/complaints around the committee structure, but until we seriously look at other alternatives to this; this is better than having no structure at all. This has been brought to Council table and needs to be addressed whether we keep the committees or go with something else.

We had a Community Information Day in May, I thought it was well attended by members. The displays that the staff set up were very informational. I had a couple members wanting it to be changed to the evening, but it was thought to best leave it as it was scheduled and have the next one in the evening. Once we come up with a date for an evening session, we will let the community know.

I wrote a proposal to INAC to get funding to review the overall organizational structure for the Band, do a strategic plan (short and long term) and have some training for Council and managers. I heard early this month that the proposal did not make the first round of funding; but INAC is reviewing once again and we may get funding yet. I will be contacting INAC this week to find out what I can do to assist in getting our proposal accepted. I am a strong believer in having a plan in place, otherwise we work day to day, month to month. We need to know what we want to accomplish this year, even if it is only one or two items - let's do it right and be proud of our accomplishment (s). We need to look at what we want to do short term (1- 3yrs) and long term (3 yrs and more). These plans aren't written in stone, we can change them when they are reviewed. The membership needs to be in forefront when the strategic plan is developed, this is your instructions to Council as to where you (membership) what to go; this in turn gives Council a mandate to move on certain items and they in turn give staff the direction on what to work towards.

Once again I would like to thank you for allowing me to work for your community.

Kukstemc (thank you).

**Band Rental Unit Available
-19 Ki-Low-Na Road, Whiteman's Creek-**

Location: Unit 1605, 19 Ki-Low-Na Road, Vernon, BC

Description: Unfurnished 2 bedroom unit; equipped with fridge & stove, washer & dryer. Electric Furnace.

**Rental Rate: \$500.00 per month
Damage Deposit: \$250.00**

Application Deadline: All applications must be received by October 13, 2010 - 4:30 p.m. Band Rental applications should be picked up and dropped off at the Public Works & Housing Department.

Move in date: October 15, 2010

Any inquiries should be directed to Carla Hunt, Housing Department at (250) 542-3444- between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Criteria for Selection of Tenants for
Band Rental Unit**

1. No outstanding debts with the Okanagan Indian Band.
2. Credit rating must be approved.
3. National Occupancy standards are used as guidelines.
4. Applicant(s) needs will be considered.
5. Membership status considered on the following order:
 - 1 Member of the Okanagan Indian
 - 2 Status Indian
 - 3 Other
6. Previous rental references are an asset.
7. Selection Criteria information available upon request.

**National Occupancy Standards:
(National Housing Association)**

1. No more than 2 or fewer than 1 person per bedroom.
2. Parents do not share a bedroom with children.
3. Permanent household members aged eighteen (18) or more (except couples) do not share a bedroom.
4. Permanent household members of opposite sex aged five (5) or more do not share a bedroom.

Just a reminder to band members that the deadline to submit articles, or announcements is the 20th of every month. We would love to get more band members submitting.

If you would like to advertise your business in the Senk'l'ip, our affordable advertising price list is available on the front page.

A further reminder to keep your contact information updated as we are still receiving many newsletters returned. If you would like to start getting your Senk'l'ip by email, or have any further questions, or concerns contact Tetku Coutlee by email at tetkuc@hotmail.com, or forward messages to Sherry Louis at 250-542-4328 or okibcouncil@okanagan.org.

Community Development Division*Submitted by: Frank Gelinias*

Repair works was carried out this summer to Bonneau Road and the Ki-low-na Road Roads were graded, road fill was applied to low spots, drainage ditch were improved where possible, crushed asphalt was applied and packed. Dust controlled was then applied.

Dust control was also carried out on other public roads on IR # 1 (Round Lake, Komasket, Hawhola Road and the road to ERA.

Direct Revenue to the Band from the Komasket Festival was \$3,738.34 for Park and tent rental and public works staff time in preparing the park. Komasket festival also reimbursed the Band \$2,266.62 for the actual cost of Hydro usage, propane, sanitary supplies and septic services. In previous years these cost were borne by the Band.

With revenue generated from Komasket Park rentals, the tents were repaired. Hopefully the repairs will provide the use of the tent for the nest five years.

Public Works also has a contract with Department of National Defense in the amount of \$18,304. Under this contract Public Works is to provide signage placement services for the DND UXO and Legacy Sites Program. This is necessary to adequately manage the risk on OKIB properties that are affected by military ordnance remain as a result of many years of extensive military training that has occurred on Band properties. Posting of UXO Warning/Danger signs by Public Works staff should be completed by the end of September.

Winfield Apartments

Municipal Type Servicing Agreement with the City of Kelowna (for Sewer Services) and the District of Lake Country (water service) are progressing well. The agreement with Lake Country is to be presented on the agenda for the October 5th Lake Country Council meeting.

Protect Consultants Ltd is presently working on the Design of the Sewer collection system and the design water connection for the apartment. At project progress meeting held September 16 completion date as been changed to October 31st, from September 30.

Originally the project construction was to start June 30th. Mobilization to the site was June 28th. and it wasn't until July 14th that material were received on site to start construction phases. Other delays were encored when structural repairs/renovations to works done

previously had to be carried out in order to meet structural codes: such as coring second floor cement to allow for plumbing pipes; second floor wall partition had to be square off where necessary, and north end staircase had to be adjusted: entrances to elevator shaft had to be enlarged; etc.

CMHC are very satisfied on the progress of this project and CMHC is carrying out periodic compliance inspection on the building. The original building plan of the building is being followed with very little change needed.

Six Mile subdivision Project

I have been informed (September 20th) by Gerson Nivea, Professional and Technical Services for INAC that the Bands funding submission for the Design of the Subdivision is being recommended for Funding. Funding of the feasibility Study \$93,822 for the subdivision is on INAC's banking day list, and remains unfunded due to the Band being on Freeze list. Al Price the Funding Officer, is scheduling a meeting to discuss Band's freeze list and how it should not affect funding of subdivision and mold remediation project. Heather Yan, Manager of Capital Program, Al Price, Pardeep Sidhu Capital Specialist, Dora Demers OKIB Director of Operation and me will be in attendance at said meeting.

6 houses at Six-Mile Subdivision

Over the next few weeks with the assistance of Urban System Ltd the engineer of record for the sub-division and Professional and Technical Services for INAC prepare a work plan that will provide detail design of the Hydro system and water distribution system for the subdivision. Once the design dwgs are approved the Band could start construction to finish the 6 houses. We are presently working on a business plan to fund the construction costs estimate to be \$600,000.

911 Service

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has agreed to fund a second phase of a project to provide 911 Fire Protection Service to Okanagan I.R. # 1. Dave Lawrence, Fire Chief and me will be meeting with Don Baker of NORD to discuss requirements for the Band's participation and prepare the require Agreements.

**Lands Department***Submitted by: Randy Marchand*

*INAC and the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) have started the final process to close the Six-Mile Dump and other dump sites on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1. Columbia Environmental Consulting Limited has started the Phase II Assessment of the Six-Mile Dump on September 8. The company will be investigating this site and four other dump sites on the Reserve for a final report to INAC to close the INAC files on the sites.

The four other locations are: Irish Creek dump sites #1 and #2; Six-Mile Dump Site #2; Whiteman's Creek Dump. Also, the company intends to hold a half day Open House and interviews at a Band facility. Columbia will need to conduct interviews with Band members that may be able to elaborate on information gathered from historical records, and who may be able to provide additional information that may be useful for site visits. Once the time and date for the Open House are selected a notice will be provided to OKIB Band members.

*OKIB has been working with the Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) Project representatives from Ottawa and the Vernon area on the installation of warning signs on the two areas that the Department of National Defence (DND) used for training. The UXO Sign Project will install 30 signs at the Goose Lake range and Madeline Lake range areas to warn OKIB members of the fact there may be UXO on the Reserve land. DND is currently reviewing the OKIB Council's request to sweep the Madeleine Lake range for UXO remnants and will provide an update to Council. This project also has requested the Band membership to provide any data on UXO sightings from past years.

*OKIB has begun the clean up of the Addition to Reserve (ATR) properties commonly known as the BeauPark Properties. INAC was provided with an updated Phase I Assessment Report for the ATR lands; the consultant identified a few locations with debris that required a further Phase II Assessment. OKIB has had the scrap metal removed from the ATR property and is proceeding to remove the concrete debris piles found on the ATR Properties. After the debris is removed the consultant is required by INAC to provide the Phase II Assessment. This Phase II Report is required as INAC will then be able to continue the ATR process. Funding for the Phase II Assessment Report is being researched; the budget for the ATR Survey Project is nearly exhausted and additional funds may be required for this second report. Under the Settlement Agreement of 2002, the OKIB is responsible for all costs associated with the ATR land.

*The OKIB Designation Votes for five areas of Band land for leasing purposes is continuing but two of the properties require an official survey of the land before INAC will consider the two properties for the Designation Process. Once the two surveys are completed and approved by Chief and Council then INAC will be able to continue the Designation Vote Process.

The Band lands considered for the Designation Vote are: Swan Lake Indian Reserve No. 4; the beach area on Priest's Valley Indian Reserve No. 6; Lot 176, Block 2, Plan. 77931 C.L.S.R., Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1 known as the Bessette Property; Lot 79, Block B, Fry Plan 319-36, Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1 known as the Smitkin Property; and Lot 184, Block 2, Plan 79061 C.L.S.R., Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1 and Lot 192, Block 2, Plan 82835 C.L.S.R., Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1, known as Eagle Rock Aggregates.

Housing Department Update

Submitted by: Carla Hunt

Accounts Receivable Update

Under the continued direction and support of Chief and Council, efforts continue in the collection of the outstanding arrears. July, 2008, the outstanding arrears peaked at \$611,600. To date we have had 16 accounts paid in full with a single payment. As of August 31, 2010, the outstanding arrears are approximately \$320,200, a reduction of approximately \$291,400. The majority of tenants pay their rent and arrears on the first of each month. There has been a high level of success with this approach yet we still have a long way to go. We will continue through this process for the betterment of the community.

Repair and Maintenance of Both Six-Plexes

PHH Environmental and NAPP Enterprises have completed the mould remediation work at the Bonneau Road six-plex. Mould tests were done and the results came back negative which gave us the go ahead to complete the renovations to the building. A construction crew was hired and began the work on August 11, 2010.

The extent of the work was more than we anticipated. The mould remediation team cleaned, sealed and reinsulated all attics; gutted all six bathrooms; one kitchen counter/cabinet/fixtures were removed; some basements were remediated. The construction crew replaced all floors in two units; drywalled all bathrooms; installed new bath tub/shower surrounds, toilets, sinks, floors and vanities to all six units; painted all interior of all six units and replaced all baseboards/trim; replaced all windows; kitchen, bathroom and attic fans; electrical outlets and switches were replaced and all lighting fixtures; blinds were installed; vapour barrier was put up in basements; dryer vents were revented through the roof; furnaces were repaired and all floor vents were replaced.

The construction crew will also be re-siding the building, replacing the eaves troughs, fixing the fences at the front of the units, painting fences in front and back and trim of the building. We also had a cleaning crew come through to clean the entire lot and

remove all garbage and garbage boxes. We will have a garbage bin put on site and each tenant will have their own key. We are looking at options for landscaping to clean up the lot. We are also looking at options to fence or put a barrier around the lot to prevent vehicles from driving on the front of the lot. We hope to only have one entrance/exit and tenants park at the back of the building.

This building was well overdue for this renovation. We hope that all tenants will take pride in helping to maintain it when they move back.

The HOL six-plex will be inspected in the coming weeks by a qualified building inspector and other inspections may follow, depending on their recommendation. All tenants will be kept informed as we begin to move forward with work on both buildings.

Canada's Economic Action Plan for First Nations Housing

Canada's Economic Action Plan (CEAP) is the Federal Government's comprehensive budget plan to stimulate economic activity. CEAP includes \$400 million to support First Nations Housing across Canada, of which is going to be divided between the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). This is only a two year funding initiative for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 fiscal years and is separate funding that we normally apply for under RRAP Renovation funding.

We have applied for the renovation and retro-fit funding under this economic action plan from both INAC and CMHC for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. We applied to INAC for 10 units totaling \$240,400, which was denied and CMHC we applied for 14 units totaling over \$245,000.

We had received preliminary approval from CMHC to renovate 7 units totaling \$109,900, however since the units were inspected by the CMHC inspector, the final approval is for 7 units at \$83,294. There was an error in two of the quotes for two units so we asked

CMHC to approve us for additional funding, which they did. So our final approval is actually for \$90,777 for 7 units. We have now received the Final Commitment letter from CMHC so these projects are now going ahead.

Asset GeoPro

This is a new initiative in the Housing Department that is currently well underway. INAC has approved three years of funding for this project through the First Nations Infrastructure Fund (FNIF). We are working closely with McElhanney, the consultants who are designing the system for us. It is critical at this stage of the project that all information is gathered and all processes we currently use are built properly into our system so it will work properly for us now and years into the future.

CMHC Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)

We are currently attempting to apply to CMHC for RRAP and Disabled RRAP renovations and we are still not able to apply to INAC for any renovations until the Band is off the freeze list. We have seven applications we are submitting and at this stage of the application process we need to put these out to obtain bids on all seven projects. Any qualified contractors may contact the Housing Department to obtain a copy of the bid document before October 8, 2010.

Housing Applications

Anyone who currently wants a Band rental unit, housing subsidy or renovation subsidy is asked to contact our office to update your file. We have several applications on file but some are quite old and we would like to know if you wish to remain on the list. Thank you.

If you would like more information or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at (250) 542-3444, email Carla.Hunt@okanagan.org or Frank.Gelinas@okanagan.org or come and see us at the Community Development office.

Presentation of 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements

Thursday, October 28, 2010, Head of the Lake Hall-6:00 p.m.

The Chief and Council, Management Staff, and Shelby Wall, Clark Robinson - OKIB's Auditor will presenting the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements.

Packages are available to OKIB Members for pickup at the Administration Office. Packages were previously distributed at the September 28, 2010 Band Meeting, please bring with you - lets be environmentally conscious.

Any questions, contact my office.
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Child and Family Services Division Report

Submitted by: Patricia Wilson, BSW, RSW, Child & Family Services Director

Summary

The Director of Child and Family Services is responsible for child protection and case management services for Okanagan Indian Band children. The Director works in collaboration with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to implement the spirit and intent of the OKIB-MCFD Protocol Agreement. The intent of the program is to assist in keeping our children in our community whenever possible.

Work Plans for 2010/11

Developed a work plan for review by Director of Operations in preparation for job performance evaluation in the coming months.

Family Support Services

New position posted for hiring a permanent worker to the position of Family Support Services. A new job description was completed for approval of the Director of Operations. The position was filled effective May 3, 2010 in accordance with the Band's Hiring Policy.

Budget 2010/11

Budget prepared for review by Finance Manager and Director of Operations. Recommending that funds be transferred from Health and Social Development budgets to offset the costs of delivering the new COPH program, and to take into consideration the Special Needs component that is now attached to the program area. Also recommending funds be transferred from Family Violence funding to offset the cost of the Family Support Worker position. These recommendations to be discussed with the Director of Operations and the Director of Health and Social Development. Budget approved by Director of Finance and MCFD signed contract for services on May 10, 2010 for this fiscal year.

Ministry for Children and Family Development

-The draft Protocol Agreement has been presented to Okanagan Indian Band Council for full review and discussion set for April 6, 2010. The Final Protocol Agreement was signed on June 17, 2010 by Will Wilson, Councilor on behalf of the Chief and Council. A signing ceremony took place at the Child and Family Services offices located in the Lower Floor of the Health and Social Development Building with MCFD Officials, Band Council representatives and the Senior Management Staff of the Okanagan Indian Band. A short reception followed. The updated Protocol Agreement replaces that former agreement that stood for the past 10 years.

-Working with Vancouver After-Hours (MCFD) to follow up with Screening Checks for COPH Applicants. Currently the Screening Checks can take anywhere from two weeks to one month for Vancouver After-Hours to review and approve.

-Working collaboratively with MCFD regarding ongoing cases and case plans, and attending court as notified to represent the Okanagan Indian Band.

-There have been a number of Family Circle meetings with families to discuss their needs and situation, to develop plans of care in order to comply with Ministry Court Orders and to report their progress. This process is a good way for interactive meetings, updates and to garner support for families in terms of resources and extended family input to what can be done further to assist. Everyone is then on the

same page and have a better understanding of where the family is at, and what needs to be done. The Family Circle is facilitated by Madonna Hardy and Lori Adams, both staff work for First Nations Friendship Centre under contract with MCFD. This process has been very successful and beneficial to families.

INAC PROGRAM: Child Out of the Parental Home (COPH)

In January 2010, the Child and Family Services Division took over the full responsibility of taking over the former Guardian Financial Assistance Program (GFA). The new program is called COPH. New policy guidelines for Criminal Record Checks and Screening Checks with the Ministry for Children and Family Development were implemented with the new program. The Cornet check is a check with the MCFD system to see if there has been any involvement by the applicants with the Ministry's system regarding child protection issues.

This has been relatively smooth going with file management system being put into place and the program explained to former GFA Applicants and New COPH applicants. There is a lot of paper work required to be done. The administration of this program is paid for by INAC, so we are requesting funds to offset our service delivery in this area within this coming year's budget. Gwen John, First Nations Social Development Society was in the office to review our file set up, and she approved the manner in which we set up the system without any recommendations for improvement. We have a solid system with the required back-up documentations to pass a program audit of this funding area.

In the past week, INAC officials came into the Social Development area and did a file audit/ review including the COPH files to ensure that the Band is complying with INAC Social Development Policy according to their funding agreement.

In the COPH program area, there were very few areas of concern. Some of the discussion surrounded lack of policy development and clarification of process for the new Program. With the new program, After Hours and MCFD have the final say on payment. It is clear that they want to know all aspects when a home is questioned about potential safety issues and policy clarification about parental contributions to their child's care, and to also review the non-custodial parent's involvement or non-involvement with the child as a potential caregiver for their child. The COPH program is going to run for only one fiscal year and will end at March 31st, 2010. We have not been informed at to what program if any will replace the COPH program. We will keep you updated as we get new and/or developing information.

Professional Development/ Interagency/Provincial Meetings

March 2010 Interim First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council: 3rd Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum at Burrard Indian Band.

March 2010 UNN Experts Group Meeting: Indigenous Children and Youth in Detention, Custody, Adoption and Foster Care, Burrard Indian Band.

April 2010 Indigenous Child Welfare Research Network Training sponsored by Thompson Rivers University and University of Victoria, Kamloops BC

May 2010 ONA Nation Wide Forum, Kelowna, BC

May 2010 ONA Wellness Retreat, Osoyoos

May 2010 OKIB Community Information Day at Komasket Park

June 2010 Spences Bridge Gathering: Affirmation of Allied Tribes Unity Signing

June 2010 Protocol signing OKIB and MCFD, Okanagan Indian Band.

June 2010 FSS Worker attends Ghost River Rediscovery Leadership Program to prepare for Summer Cultural Camp coordination.

August 2010 Honoring Your Grief for Colleagues Training

August 2010 FSS Outreach Training for Aboriginal Head Start, Richmond BC sponsored by First Nations Health.

September 2010 UBCIC AGA: Attended for Social Development, Child and Family Services while doing other duties for Child Protection and Family Meetings with Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society, Vancouver BC

OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE

The Okanagan Indian Band has been represented at the ONA Wellness Committee and their sub committee regarding Child Welfare by Child and Family Services staff. These are the only two committees that I have committed to attend on a regular basis.

-The OKIB is looking forward to working with ONA's new family group conference coordinator Cricket Testawich. A meeting will be held in the upcoming month to discuss where the program can be utilized. The ONA opened a field office in Penticton, and there is hope that they will also open a site in the North Okanagan.

-The ONA Child and Family Services representatives were in the community to do an environmental scan for the work they are undertaking in Child and Family Services. All ONA Bands will be participating in the scan and information will be brought back to the communities for review for accuracy and edits prior to information being formalized in any ONA documents.

-Under the umbrella of the ONA, Okanagan Nation Emergency Transition Home shares the services of the Family Law Advocate. The Family Law Advocate comes to our community 2 days a week, and can be accessed by phone at the toll-free number 1-877-493-4909.

PROVINCIAL : Child and Family Wellness Council Society

In 2008, Chiefs in BC came together as leaders of their Nations and voiced their concern regarding the level of wellness of First Nations children and families in the Province of BC. They collectively decided to commit to working together as one to identify the problems and possible solutions to improve the quality of life of First Nations children and families. As a result, Indigenous Child at the Centre forums were held in January and July 2008. This is when three foundational documents were developed and signed to secure individual and collective survival, dignity and well-being of First Nations children and families.

Child at the Centre Forum III sponsored by BCAFN at the Burrard Band in March 2010 has resulted in a new society being formed called "First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council". I attended this conference on behalf of the Council as requested and directed. I was sent as the Chief's delegate however, I did not have the delegation to vote as the meeting was not to be a decision making meeting.

The meeting was designed to be an information meeting according to their agenda. However it turned out that the decision to support the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council to become a permanent council was one of the crucial decisions made by those in attendance at the Conference. The Okanagan delegation opposed the process, as the representation at the Conference was small in numbers and not inclusive of the majority of province of BC. They also expressed strong position on the Nation to Nation being first and foremost, and wanted the representation of the leaders on the society to be Nation to Nation. There concerns we not adequately addressed by the Chair of the Child at the Centre Forum III. It is unclear if the Society continues to have the support of the Chiefs of BC.

At the UBCIC Annual General Meeting last week, the First Nations Child and Wellness Council provided an update as of September 15, 2010 statement release:

"The First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC) is now a legal society under the BC Societies' Act. The Council has taken the Terms of Reference for the FNCFWC that were approved by resolution (FNS 0309.14; UBCIC 2009-06; BCAFN 4.2009) and have developed a draft governance manual. Furthermore, the FNCFWC has established an administration office located at 615-100 Park Royal South in West Vancouver and is in the process of transitioning their finances from the host agency to direct payment from MCFD to FNCFWC.

Currently, the FNCFWC is in the process of planning an Indigenous Caucus with all chiefs of delegated agencies and chiefs affiliated with BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), First Nations Summit (FNS) and the Union of BC Indian Chief (UBCIC). The purpose of this dialogue is to provide a detailed update on the Indigenous Child at the Centre Action Plan (ICCAP) and to receive direction on the development of the regional/community driven strategies and action plans within the broader framework."

The FNCFWC would like to thank UBCIC for their letter dated July 14, 2010 regarding support for the FNCFWC and their Protocol with MCFD. The letter encourages MCFD to honor the protocol agreement of which First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council is to take the lead on all province-wide issues relating to First Nations child and family wellness."

OPEN HOUSE FOR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Wednesday, October 27th, 2010
1 pm to 4 pm

More information to be provided on this event!

Call Jeanette Defauw, Family Support Services 542-5094

If you have any Elders living on less Old Age Security (OAS) income than reflected below, there is a problem and they may be able to get reimbursed for up to a year or more retroactively by the government. Please note that if there is CPP or other income (including pension income related to tax exempt income) that is earned on reserve by Status First Nation members that this does not count as income for OAS purposes.

- Single, Widowed or Divorced and over 65 \$1172.98 per month each.
- Married or Common-law and over 65 \$950.70 each per month for combined income of \$1901.40
- 60 to 64 years of age, widowed and not remarried or in a subsequent common-law relationship \$1053.83 per month.

My name is Marco Costa, I have spent the past eight years working as a subject matter expert for Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security programs. During my tenure with HRSDC, I became regarded as the National First Nation's Pension Specialist working with Aboriginal communities regarding their CPP/OAS/GIS benefits. I have plenty of experience in both urban and rural/remote areas of BC/Yukon.

I originally chose to work for the Federal Government because I learned that less than 48% of our First Nation Elders received benefits they were entitled to. My knowledge of Income Security Programs (ISP), and the socio-economic conditions that exist both on and off-reserve, has enabled me to capture millions of dollars in benefits for community members over the last eight years. Most of these benefits went to contributors who were not aware of their full CPP or Old Age Security entitlement.

Many of our Aboriginal Elders qualify for maximum benefits under the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement programs, but may not be aware of that. They may have actually received benefits in the past, and for some reason or other, the benefit may have stopped and they might not have questioned why. These situations can be corrected, but we can only get retro-active benefits for up to 1 year. There are also a few circumstances where that retroactive period may be extended to beyond a year. Canada's Public Pensions are often solely regarded as an income source for the Elderly, but as First Nation communities, whether urban or remote, we often lose our young people to disabilities or violent deaths. A surviving CPP spouse could receive survivor benefits as early as age 19. A child of a deceased or disabled CPP contributor could be receiving benefits from as early as the month of birth, and continue receiving them through to age of 25 in adulthood.

My firm (MARCOPOLO RESOURCES Inc.) wants to ensure that all Canadians receive benefits that they are entitled to through Canada's Public Pensions. I am committed to ensure that our Elders get the benefits they are entitled to, and that they continue to receive those benefits without interruption. The community as a whole benefits when entitlement dollars flow into the community. If your community does not currently subscribe to Canada Pension Plan, I would be able to provide your administration and membership with a convincing argument for participating in the plan. The costs for my firm providing training and information to staff and community members on CPP & OAS benefits is approximately \$560.00 per day plus travel & per diem expenses.

The Government of Canada has ceased to provide outreach services to Canadians on pension benefit entitlement. I have started a private corporation MARCOPOLO RESOURCES INC. to consult with First Nations on these matters. I do have to charge a nominal fee for my services, and I do have a wealth of previous references if you are interested in ensuring your community members are protected. If you are interested in securing my service, please book well in advance as I am only able to attend a limited number of communities between September 2010 and June 2011. I can be reached at:

Marcopolo Resources Inc.
 Box 20075
 Campbell River, B.C. V9W 7Z5
 Phone 250-914-3257 Fax: 250-914-3258
 Cell: 250-202-9025
 email: marcocosta@shaw.ca



Social Development Division

Note: two new policy changes

Policy 5.6

**Has been removed from the Manual
 The minimum Shelter Allowance \$75.00**

Policy 8.2

**17-Year-Old Persons with Disabilities
 (PWD) eligibility was 18years old**

**For copy of policy call Vivian Williams
 At 250-542-5094**



Cedar Root Basket Making

Learning to gather roots and make a basket.

Two week Project

**October 18-22 First Week
 October 25-29 Second Week**

Facilitator: John Thom

No cost

**Contact the Health Department for more
 information, (250) 542-5094**

OKIB PRIMARY CARE CLINIC UPDATE

Nurse Practitioner Dana Scully is now practicing at the OKIB Primary Care Clinic. The Primary Care Clinic will be open for business on Tuesday mornings 9-12 every week. Drop In or make an appointment. Dana can refill your prescriptions, examine and prescribe, check you out and spend some time talking to you to determine your health care needs. Just about anything you would go to the walk-in clinic for is available right here at the Health Centre.

Please call the Wilma Young at 542 5094 for more information.

Attention all Youth ages 12-18yrs of age. There will be a youth meeting On October, 7 2010 at 5:30 to 6:30 located at the health building. Topics that will be covered are the upcoming events: R'Native Voice, Halloween Etc. Also I would like to get your ideas on what you want to see and what you would like to do skiing, swimming,youth gatherings or any activities. Snacks will be provided, hope to see you all there.

**Dwayne Lawrence
 Youth worker
 250 542 5094**



Education Department Update*Submitted by: Kevin Ned***Department Activities:**

Education Manager is responsible to Management and oversee of all the OKIB Education Services internally and externally; Band Operated School

- School District #22 / Elementary - Secondary - Postsecondary - Employment Training.
- OKIB Chief and Council signed off on the SD#22 Local Education Agreement and the St. James Local Education Agreement.
- In British Columbia there is a variable tuition rate based on school districts for every student in British Columbia. A Local Education Agreement allows funds to flow directly from the federal government to the band. The band then makes its own agreement directly with its local school board. The level of funding will now be determined congruent with the tuition level of the local school district known as the "block". The band will sign an agreement with the Department for the tuition funds and another agreement with the school board for the services.
- Indian Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) additions to grade application approved to add grade 7 to the Band Operated School.
- OKIB Elementary and Secondary Student Celebration had a great turn out of student and parent who enjoyed a day of swimming and sliding at the Vernon Water slide to celebrate another school year.
- The OKIB Education Department held a great ceremony to celebrate the OKIB high school and Post Secondary 2009 - 2010 Graduates on July 22, 2010.
- OKIB Education Department Hosted the 5th Okanagan Band Operated Schools track meet. - June 18, 2010
- The OKIB Band Operated School when thru an assessment (done every five year) and passed receiving certification
 - Renovations of the Old OKIB Health Building now the new OKIB Immersion School Facility has been completed making two large classroom spaces are now available and it is a great improvement for our increased enrollment of students and teachers.
 - In OKIB Education Department in partnership with the OKIB Social Development Department/Health department hosted the 1st annual OKIB Cultural camp - August 16 - 20, 2010.
- Post Secondary - Elementary/Secondary budget and application Review completed for the 2010 - 2011 School Year.
 - INAC Request for additional funds was approved for \$13000.00
 - S-100 Fire Suppression and Chain Saw Training was help with a great turn out of OKIB Members.
 - OKIB Immersion School Spring Concert was a success and very well attended - June 17, 2010
 - Okanagan College - OKIB student Orientation presentation of new Progress report document - Sept 1, 2010
- Employment Training and Summer Students hiring process - Band Office, Public Works, and Daycare, Fintry.
- In process of completing the First Nation Education Steering Committee - New Paths to Education Proposal 2010-2011.
- Planning Stage of the OKIB/ Okanagan Nation 3rd Annual Band Operates School Conference - Feb 18 - 19, 2010

Ongoing Annual Activities;

- Manage and over see management of the Band Operated School - School District #22 / Elementary - Secondary - Postsecondary - Employment Training.
- Assist all Post Secondary Student with requests.
- Meet and communicate with - Universities/Colleges, School Distinct #22 Vernon/and #23 Kelowna, OKIB Social Dev. and Band Operated School.
- Meet and communicate with all OKIB Department Management.
- Review Education and Employment Work plan Budgets.

Upcoming Events;

- OKIB/ Okanagan Nation 3rd Annual Band Operates School Conference - Feb 18 - 19, 2010
- FNESC - Education Coordinators Training - Vancouver - Sept 27 - 28, 2010
- Provincial School Nominal Roll process and review - Sept 30, 2010
- Federal Post Secondary Student Registry process and review - Nov 2010
- First Nation Education Steering Committee - New Paths to Education Proposal 2010-2011.

Kevin Ned/Education Manager - 250-542-4328 kevin.ned@okanagan.org

Snc'c'amala?tn and nkmaplqs i snmamayatn kl sqilxwtet Update*Submitted by: Lorraine Laden***Department Activities:**

Highlights last school year were the inter Okanagan Band Operated Schools track meet which we hosted, our Aboriginal Day Pow Wow, school assessment and certification and a number of performances by our children including our Christmas and Spring concerts.

A successful summer day camp was held in July and August and well attended.

The daycare was busier than usual this summer. Enrollment is up in all of the school programs from last year. The daycare and Head Start programs are full. There has been some staff turnover with two staff going back to school and one retiring.

Our staff will be joining with the Westbank First Nation daycare and school staff for the October 22 PD day. This was an invitation from Westbank.

The school Parent Advisory Committee has applied to First Peoples' Heritage Language and Culture Committee for funding to run a small Language Nest Program this year. In addition, funding has been applied for again for the Master-Apprentice Language Program. A reply has not yet been received for either grant.

Renovations took place over the summer on the old Health Building. Two large bright classroom spaces are now available to use upstairs. This is a great improvement for our students and teachers.

New computers for the Cultural Immersion School were received from the First Nations Schools Association.

The OKIB Health Department and Interior Health will be carrying out the dental program at Snc'c'amala?tn again this year.

Upcoming Events:

Head Start parent nights - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. For parents with children up to age 6. Call Denise Alexis at 545-3800 for information on workshops and events.

Car Seat Clinic at Snc'c'amala?tn We have two qualified Technicians on staff to show you how to properly install your child's car seat and buckle them in safely - Monday, September 27 from 9:30 am to noon. This is a drop-in service.

Annual Thanksgiving traditional potluck feast for families at Snc'c'amala?tn - October 7 at 11:00 am.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - Students from the Immersion School will be coming to Snc'c'amala?tn to do a ceremony for the younger children - Wednesday, November 10.

Immersion School Christmas Concert - Wednesday, December 15.

Snc'c'amala?tn Family Christmas Party - Thursday, December 16.



Good Food, Good Water, Quality Cholesterol testing

HEALTH FAIR Date: Oct 20 2010
Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Arthritis, Cancer, AIDS
Heart and Stroke, CNIB

OKIB HEALTH FAIR

Contact person: Wilma Young 542 5094

Respiratory, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Massage therapy, Mental Health, Youth Crisis Intervention, Dietician, Falls Prevention, Pharmacy, and more.....

Qi Gong, Naturopath, Angel Fitness, Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

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Territorial Stewardship Division
Submitted by: Colleen Marchand

Browns Creek/ Tolko Injunction
The camp at 23km on Bouleau Lake is still in place, the site was vandalized over the summer and the Tipi was knocked over. Tipi was set up again has not been vandalized again. Site is visited a minimum of once a week to try and ensure damage is not occurring. The Province has entered into discussions with ONA/OKIB but to this point very little progress has been made in reaching a solution to the issue.

Winfield to Oyama Highway Project
This project is a Cultural/ Ethnobotany study of the area between Winfield and Oyama where the new highway is going to be built. Ministry of Transportation is providing funding for all work associated with this project. Field work for this project commenced in November of 2009, all field work that can be completed has been done. Site was revisited in the Spring of 2010 to complete additional Ethnobotany studies. Recently crews completed field work that remained to be done on private parcels of land.

BC Hydro Dangerous Tree Removal
Project commenced January 7th 2010, contract obtained from BC Hydro to remove danger trees (tree at risk of impacting the powerlines) Contract end date is March 26th 2010, Five OKIB members worked on project and one Okanagan Nation member. An additional contract was secured and completed July 31st 2010.

ONA Fisheries Contract Work
The Fisheries Division is currently in the planning stages for the upcoming year. The field work includes Enumeration of Kokanee in Whiteman, Nashwito and Six Mile creeks and the fish counts will down this year. The Coho salmon of the Bessette Creek system in the Lumby will also be tallied . OKIB also completes contract work at the Shuswap Falls Hatchery .The annual Kikanee tour for the OKIB schools, the OKIB fishing day at Shuswap Falls and attending various fisheries related meetings are some of the activities are overseen by this department.

Traditional Weaving Workshops
Ruby Alexis developed and submitted a proposal to complete several workshops. The workshops involved working with traditional materials for weaving and making of rope, bags and other items. The workshops were well attended and successful. Currently awaiting decision on additional funding for the upcoming year. The second funding proposal was successful and Ruby is currently working with several Band members processing Spits'in with the goal of making a dip net. Also doing some work with antlers ie: buttons. Also have completed a harvest of inner cedar bark in the Bouleau Lake Area. Cedar gathered from this area is utilized in workshops with the community

Archeology Field Work
Archeology field work is ongoing, there is two main projects the Winfield to Oyama project which is the new highway there is ongoing archaeology studies prior to and during the construction of the Highway, also will be conducting field reviews on Tolko Industries proposed cut blocks

Referrals:
The division continues to intake referrals on a daily basis, all referrals are reviewed for importance to ensure that we are aware of projects directly and indirectly affecting the OKIB. At this time there is no mechanism in place for an overall response to referrals, but they are being tracked by the department. It is the goal to develop a system that streamlines this process, there is some discussion with the Okanagan Nation Alliance to partner with a system that is currently being developed out of their office. We are currently researching an alternative tracking system .

Fuel Hazard /Danger Tree Removal
OKIB was successful in an application to conduct a fuel hazard reduction and management on the area at the South end of IR #1 , this project will be completed during the upcoming fall and winter. Currently have positions posted , anticipating a early October start up for this project.

Interdepartmental Activities:
Territorial Stewardship Division actively works with the Education Dept to assist with cultural activities for the children attending both schools located on reserve, some activities that are coming up in the next few weeks supported are Kokanee Creek Walk, Pictograph Tour, Sage Gathering, Tea Gathering. The TSD will be presenting at the upcoming education conference. The TSD department recently participated in the Cultural Camp at Komasket Park, conducting workshops working with traditional fibers and setting up a display of the Browns Creek issue.

Other Activities
-TSD staff will be presenting October 28th at the Schubert Center, topics will be Traditional Fibers and Fisheries.

DID YOU KNOW?
When you have been advised that coverage for a dental benefit through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program has been denied, you as a client have a right to appeal the decision.

Non-Insured Health Benefits Dental Appeals process:
There are three levels of appeal available, which only you as the client can initiate. At each stage, the appeal must be accompanied by supporting information from your provider; therefore it is important that the following information be included along with your letter:

1. The condition for which the benefit is being requested
2. The diagnosis and prognosis(including what other alternatives have been tried)
3. Relevant diagnostic test results
4. Justification for the proposed treatment and any additional information

The appeal will be reviewed by dental professionals and a decision will be made, based on your specific needs, accumulated research, the availability of alternatives and NIHB policy.

LEVEL 1 APPEAL
The first level of appeal for a denied dental benefit should be addressed to:
NIHB Regional Manager
First Nations & Inuit Health
Non-Insured Health Benefits Program
Suite 540-757 West Hastings Street
Vancouver BC V6C 3E6

LEVEL 2 APPEAL
If you do not agree with the level 1 appeal decision and you wish to proceed further, you can apply to the Regional Director, Pacific Region, Medical Services Branch, who will refer the appeal to a committee of dental consultant (s) for a recommendation.

LEVEL 3 APPEAL
If your Level 2 Appeal is denied and you do not agree with the decision, you may take your request to the final appeal level, the Director General, NIHB. The Director General may again refer the appeal to dental consultants for a recommendation.

In all requests, you will be provided with a written explanation of the decision taken. If you have not heard within one month of submitting your appeal and wish to enquire as to its status, please call the toll free number for the Pacific Region, Dental Predetermination Unit at 1-800-321-5003

Economic Development Department Update

Submitted by: Edwin Kolausok

The OKIB Department of Economic Development has been very busy during the month of September, 2010. Key highlights are: OKIB Economic Development Committee signed two important business Memorandums of Responsible Understanding (MORUs) at the Osoyoos National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference on September 14, 2010. The MORUs provide for a non-prejudiced, non-legally binding process in which OKIB and the partners will do their due diligence work towards the establishment of new business relationships. The first MORU was signed with EBA Engineering and Consultants who are part of a global engineering firm called Tetra Tech. When we are completed the business relationship process OKIB will own a minimum of 51% in the new company which will also provide training and employment opportunities for OKIB citizens on projects we will bid on. The intention is to position OKIB to have a quality engineering company that can bid on engineering service contracts in a wide variety of areas. More information on EBA Engineering can be found on their website at: <http://www.eba.ca/>

The other MORU was signed with developers Red & Gold and Lakeland Properties. Again OKIB will be hold a minimum interest of 51% in the new company and the idea is that the new company will engage development projects starting at the OKIB common lands near Duck Lake. Employment training and jobs will also be part of this partnership. We anticipate that by being the owners of our developments, we will generate profits for our citizens in the future.

We are also in discussions with New Sky, an insurance company that has created partnerships with other First Nations to leverage insurance benefits and provide commission revenues to First Nations partners based on sales. A confidentiality agreement was signed to allow sharing of information and authority to sign a MORU is being sought.

Our department has made arrangements with representatives of All Nations Development Corporation and with Community Futures both of Kamloops to visit OKIB Reserve #1 on the first Wednesday of each month. For OKIB citizens interested in applying for business loans or obtaining business information you are welcome to come to the economic development office on the lower level of the OKIB Health Building on the first Wednesday of each month and of course you are always welcome at other times as well.

Our department has also been operating Eagle Rock Aggregates on a test basis to liquidate inventory, sell pit-run and test the equipment. A contractor was hired to complete a business plan but he had to be let go because of lack of performance. Our office took over the production of the Options & Recommendations Business Plan. The purpose of this document is to allow OKIB to make an informed decision on how to deal with ERA. It is anticipated that the decision making process will take a few more months as ERA is an important and potentially lucrative asset.

Our department has also submitted a proposal to Indian Affairs to seek funding to complete an OKIB Community Economic Sustainable Development Plan during the winter of 2010/11. If we are successful in obtaining the funding, we will be engaging a partnership with other agencies that will be supporting this through partnership funding contributions and donations in kind. A very important meeting with INAC is going to be held face-to-face on September 24, 2010 to ask for an update on the proposal that was submitted. It is

very important that we obtain the funds.

I attended an Open House event in Neskonlith in September 10, 2010. At this event Neskonlith Chief and Council presented their new housing technology and their desire to develop their own energy efficient pre-fabricated housing products. The event was well attended and I thank the elders and our leaders that participated. We made important new contacts and networks.

I also attended the Osoyoos National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference with some of our OKIB leaders. I was happy to see some of our elders, adults and youth also participating in the event. It was also good to see the numerous banks, energy companies, insurance firms, construction firms and First Nations businesses from across Canada at the event. Many very successful First Nations owned corporations made presentations at the event to share their experiences and let everyone know of the hard work it took to be successful and the ongoing hard work it takes to maintain success in business. Chief Clarence Louie provided two important Key Note speaking addresses. He spoke of the importance to learn from each other and share ideas and business experiences so that other First Nations can succeed in economic development. He even stated that his door is always open to share with other First Nations that wanted to learn from the Osoyoos Indian Band's economic development experience. Chief Louie also did not hold back on his disappointment with Indian Affairs and the BC government because they seem to be putting barriers in the way of our people instead of trying to find meaningful ways to help our people. BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Honourable George Abbott also spoke and seemed to be very open to assisting in advancing our people but the proof as always will be in the action. One very interesting economic development presentation from an Athabaskan First Nations owned company that is 75% First Nations owned and 25% owned by Graham demonstrated that First Nations can engage large contracts with mining companies and return millions in profits to their shareholders. The company stated that 80% of their employees were First Nations and that they have been successful in a tough northern Saskatchewan economy.

Our office has also been open to OKIB citizens on a regular basis. I have met with many adults, youth and elders that are interested in business. Some of these citizens are pursuing their ideas while others are engaged in training or waiting for the right time to pursue their business idea. We are making sure that we have information available from organizations like Community Futures and All Nations Development Corporation as well as other providers of business support services available in our Economic Development Office. So if you are interested in discussing your business idea or obtaining information of where to find out about business support services, call my office 250-541-1050 or drop by the office.

I want to thank our OKIB Economic Development Committee (Coola, Tim, Rhoda and Will), our elders, adults, business people, OKIB managers and staff and the OKIB Chief and Council for your encouragement and support of responsible economic development. Together in Unity we can create successful economic development for all OKIB citizens to benefit from.

Lim Limpt,
Edwin Kolausok, Director of Economic
Development, OKIB

Chainsaw Training



We had some great chainsaw training offered by the Okanagan Indian Band's Employment and Training department this past week. The Chainsaw Operator and Safety Certification course was held over two days and had an amazing turn-out of 27 people! The course was taught by Sean O'Neill and David Louis of O'Neill Consulting and both instructors were very knowledgeable and had a great rapport with our group.

The first day was focused on safety and maintenance with everyone learning how to take a saw apart and put it back together without any parts left over when they were done! Ehhhh! They were also shown how to fix and maintain their saws and even got an old, rusty saw that was sitting outside for years running like a top again. Probably the most important part was learning the proper way to sharpen the chain which makes a world of difference if you are doing lots of wood-cutting.

The second day was spent over at the Paul residence where the class was split into two groups; experienced and less experienced or first-timers. They were shown proper handling, stance and cutting techniques and then let loose to cut up the logging truck load of Birch the Paul's had there. I kept hinting that I could just back my truck up close to the pile so that it would make it easier to fill up, but I left empty so I guess nobody heard me.

All in all, this was a tremendous course and I think everyone was pleasantly surprised at how much they learned even though some have been operating a chainsaw for many years. It is a course suited for male or female, veteran or newcomer chainsaw operators and I would highly recommend taking it when it is offered in the community again. A big thanks to the Paul's for providing a spot to cut wood and to all of those who showed up for the training. Limlimpt!

Dave Johanson
Employment and Training Coordinator



Snc'c'amala?tn News*Submitted by: Lorraine Laden, Director/Principal***Staff Acknowledgements**

We would like to welcome two new staff to the Head Start/3 to 5 Year Old Daycare Room.

Stephanie August has her Early Childhood Education, Special Needs and Infant/Toddler qualifications. She is working full time in the room.

Nicole Chillhitzia will be working five hours/day and has been hired as an Assistant. Nicole only needs two courses and practicums in order to complete her Early Childhood Education which she will be starting on right away.

We are very happy to have both of them join us.

Staff Retirement

Sadly, Barb Marchand, Preschool Supervisor, has decided to retire (second time). Barb has spent many years at Snc'c'amala?tn over the years and put a lot of energy and effort into the preschool program. We will really miss her.

Snc'c'amala?tn and School Closures

All programs will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 11.

All programs will be closed on Friday, October 22 for a staff PD day.

Staff Profile - Trish Johnson

Patricia Johnson is the Kindergarten Assistant. Together with Teacher, Tanya Saddleman-Joe, they make a great team.

Trish has been at Snc'c'amala?tn since 2004. She is a Certified Education Assistant having graduated from the University

College of the Cariboo. She attended high school in Penticton.

Trish is married to RCMP Corporal Terry Johnson. She has lived in the North and has previous experience with School District # 82 in New Hazelton and School District #74 in Ashcroft working with students with special needs. Prior to that she was a clerk with the Yukon Territorial Government in Whitehorse.

For those of you have met Trish you may describe her as feisty, very cheerful, fun and she definitely has a sense of humour. She is an amazing artist which she took up while living in the North. Also in her spare time she likes to garden and go walking.

Trish loves to travel to England and has done so for many summers when she is off work. She has made some very good friends there.

Trish has worked in all of the rooms at Snc'c'amala?tn when needed and is familiar with all of the children. She is generous with her time and ideas.

Trish is a valued staff member at Snc'c'amala?tn. I hope you have the opportunity to meet her.

Infant/Toddler

Wi from the Skimhixst Room

We say Good Bye to Mason. He has moved over to the 3-5 Room. He has been in the Infant and Toddler Room since he was 8 or 10 months old. You will be greatly missed.

We welcome back Olivia and Myles. We are looking forward to getting to know the both of you again.

When I think of October I think of Thanksgiving. Then it makes me think of all the things I am thankful for. One of the things, I am thankful for is getting a chance to learn from the wonderful children in my care.

Here is what I am thankful for:

Shia: with her determination to walk before her first birthday
 Devon: with his smiley face makes me smile
 Mason: who challenges my Early Childhood Educator skills
 Kimmimela: who challenges my creativity, she can pick up a block and use it as a phone
 Eva: who can tell me a great moose story, every day
 Rowyn: who reminds me how to use

distraction techniques

Robert: who is very inquisitive, will ask me many times, "wass that?" as he points

Taylor: who reminds me how strong sibling bonds are, by asking, "where's Bobbo?"

Calder: who reminds me how hard sharing is and sometimes needs some reminders

Lukas: how hard it is to let go of Mom and just start playing on your own

Anthony: who reminds me to try first, and then ask for help

Finn: who reminds me how children can learn many languages at once

Ireland: who can reassure me that Mom will be here at 5 o'clock

Kai: who reassures me his Mom does come back, as he points to the front door

This is what I am thankful for. So what are you thankful for?

Happy Thanksgiving every one!

Wi for now from the Skimhixst Room.

Head Start

Way!

The children are starting to settle in nicely to our room. We have 19 children booked so far and there is only one spot left in our Head Start program. Daycare is full at the moment but if you would like to put your child on the wait list please give me a call 250-545-3800. We will be starting Parent Nights, two nights a month when we will welcome parents to come and have dinner and socialize with one another. Please look for the flyers in your child's cubby!!

We will be doing a parent activity night with Save On Foods; it will be about feeding young families. If you would like to be a part of the tour please give me a call, we will need at least 7 parents to make this work! Date is October 26.

We had our welcome to Head Start dinner for our families and we had 7 families show up. What a nice turn out for the beginning of the year. I made chili, bannock and rice, also a cake for dessert. It looked like the parents enjoyed their evening socializing and looking at our room.

Families in attendance were:
 Chad and Rachel Marchand
 "Mason's family"

Don and Kim Louis "Emmarie's family"
 Leo and Susie Louis "Ava's family"
 Nathan Jones " Kesiah's Dad"
 Cory Bonneau and Rena Nicolas
 "McKayla's family"
 Melanie Marchand "M'kwala's mom"
 Lacey Gregoire-Gabriel "Devon's mom"
 Walline Parker Our Cook

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Snc'c'amala?tn News*Submitted by: Lorraine Laden, Director/Principal**continued from last page*

Councilor Homer Alexis
and Donna Lewis
For attending our dinner.

Denise, Stephanie, Marzena and Nicole

**Preschool**

A warm welcome to all the "new" children entering Preschool 2010. We currently have 11 boys and 5 girls in our room.

We are introducing the children to the rules for safety and the well being of each other in the classroom, riding the bus, learning about all the centres and each others names: (This sounds like a lot to learn).

For the next two weeks we will be learning about "Me, myself and I". This theme will discuss likes, dislikes and the child's family life.

We will be going on many field trips throughout the year, so keep in mind to sign the permission forms and return them ASAP.

With the changing weather/seasons we ask that you dress your child in appropriate clothing. Children do have accidents, so

they will need extra clothes at all times. So once again, Welcome to Snc'c'amala?tn. If you have any questions or concerns call our centre 250-545-3800.

Barb and Donna

Kindergarten

It's the start of another year in the kindergarten room and we are very excited to welcome the new boys and girls to kindergarten. The children are Tasha Bonneau, M'kwala Eli, Tying Gregoire-Bear, Pwalxken Joe, Kara Marchand, Rowan Morrison, Cheveyo Parker, Exavier Roberts, Aiden Satterthwaite, Connor Wood and Taylor Wood.

I would like to take this time to welcome back my enthusiastic and ever helpful assistant Trish Johnson, She helps make the kindergarten day go along so much smoother. Also returning is Virginia Gregoire our Okanagan Language Teacher, Mona Tronson our Okanagan Cultural Worker and Walline Parker our drumming instructor. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful ladies to provide us with a culture and language rich program.

Each year I am always excited to find out what the children would like to learn in kindergarten. This year M'kwala wants to learn to print words, Tyrin wants to learn about shapes, Pwalxken wants to learn to draw a T-Rex, Rowan wants to learn to count, Cheveyo wants to learn to speak Okanagan, Exavier wants to learn to read, Aiden wants to learn to print his name, Connor wants to learn about the centers and Taylor wants to learn to read.

On our first nature walk to Komasket we

decided to walk up towards Public Works and check out the chokecherry bushes and discovered that there were none left. The children decided that the birds probably ate them all. We did however find some thornberries, so we picked them and will dry them for future use. We have 1 more field trip planned for September up the hill to pick some Indian Tea with the children. My husband Justin Joe and some of the other workers from the Territorial Stewardship division will be our guides. This will be our first time picking tea and I think it will be very exciting for the children.

Cool Kids Club

There are still spots available for after school care ages 6-12 years old. From Monday to Friday at Snc'c'amala?tn Daycare Centre. There are lots of crafts and fun outside play. Register at the Centre ASAP.

Donna Lewis

Thanksgiving Potluck

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck is going to be on Thursday October 7 from 11:00-Noon.

All parents are welcome to attend please notify your child's teacher if you are able to attend so that we know how much food to prepare.



Okanagan Indian Band Education Department is honored to host the 3rd Annual Okanagan Band School Education Conference "Connecting the Generations" at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Conference Centre February 18th & 19, 2011

Purpose of the Conference: To connect the generations by uniting the Okanagan Nation elders, leaders, language & cultural knowledge keepers, teachers, head start coordinators, early childhood educators, administrators and curriculum developers to share resources and strategies which will further enhance and assist our children's' development in their educational journey and empower them to their highest potential as proud Sqilxw.

Call for presenters : Curriculum developers, language and cultural knowledge keepers & givers, language and cultural teachers, classroom teachers, storytellers, artists and school boards, parent advisory committees, early childhood educators, and head start coordinators are invited to present one hour and fifteen minutes (maximum) on best practices relating to, but not limited:

- Total Physical Response (TPR);
- Best practices of teaching methodologies that empower our children to value and honor language and cultural heritage and quality of education;
- Incorporation of traditional teaching methodologies into modern classrooms;
- Engaging community dialogue to support our children's' language and literacy skills
- Language and/or Cultural Curriculum;
- Early childhood effectiveness and practices;
- Policy Development;

We are encouraging presenters that wish to speak in the Syilx language are welcomed but are asked to provide their own interpreter to do simultaneous translation. Additionally we are asking that each band school and/or daycare prepare a display highlighting their facility and children.

Please complete the proposal form and submit back on the due date, for more information or questions please contact Glenda Louis (Glenda.louis@okanagan.org).



~SAVE THE DATES~

"Connecting the Generations"

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 February 18th & 19th, 2011
 Best Western Vernon Lodge Conference Centre
 3914-32nd Street, Vernon, B.C.

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For more information, please contact either Kevin Ned (kevin.ned@okanagan.org) or Glenda Louis (Glenda.louis@okanagan.org) at 1.250.542.4328

Registration rates:
 \$500.00 School and or Daycare Rate
 Individual Registration Fee: \$60.00
 Elders over the age of 65 years Free
 Children under the age of 12 years Free
 Post Secondary Students with current valid student ID number \$30.00



Call for Exhibitors

We invite applications for exhibitor tables at the "Connecting the Generations 3rd Annual Okanagan Band Operated School Education Conference, February 18th & 19th, 2011 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Conference Centre. Vernon, B.C.

This opportunity is ideal for:
 Artisans and craft vendors
 Teaching material distributors
 Post-Secondary institutes
 Organizations that want to share information with educators

Exhibitors are invited to display during the following hours:
 Friday February 18th, 2011: 8:00 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday February 19th, 2011: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis as there is limited space available. Fill out the one page Exhibitor application form attached and send in with your payment.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ned (kevin.ned@okanagan.org) or Glenda Louis (Glenda.louis@okanagan.org) or 1.250.542.4328



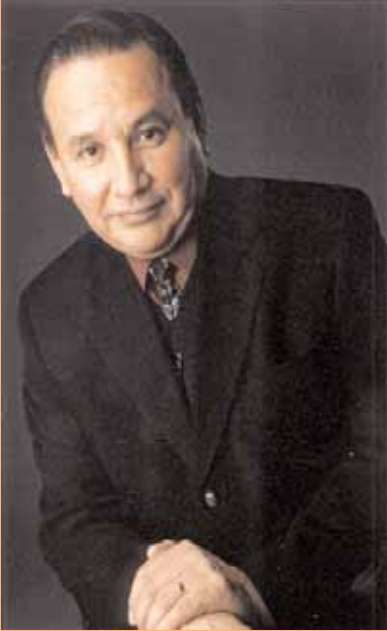
On September 22nd, the students of the Nkmaplqs i smamayatn Klswilxwtet school were greeted at the Head of the Lake parking lot by the sun shining in the clear blue sky. The bus load of students were arriving to be transported to their Across the Lake field trip, with the help of the Territorial Stewardship Division staff.

The field trip was planned to be a sage picking for the students but it also allowed for many teaching opportunities and also allowed the participants to see other parts of OKIB lands. The students enjoyed their time away from the classroom and provided many interesting questions and stories while on the trip.

There are plans in the making for another trip in the springtime to see the blooms that Mother Nature will present.



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip Re-elected as President of the UBCIC



(Vancouver/Coast Salish Territory - September 20, 2010) Grand Chief Stewart Phillip stated today "I am very deeply grateful that the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the 42nd Annual General Assembly have re-elected me to be the President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs for the next three years. I believe it represents a strong mandate and full endorsement of the inclusive approach that has guided me over my 30 years of political life."

Last week, the Chiefs-in-Assembly met at the 42nd Annual General Assembly in Vancouver. The election for the position of President was held on September 16. With last week's election, Grand Chief Phillip will begin his fifth consecutive three-year term as the President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

"The theme of our AGA was 'United We Stand' and I hereby commit to work collectively with the Chiefs of the UBCIC, the First Nations Summit and the BC Assembly of First Nations. We must work together to ensure the governments of Canada and British Columbia endorse and implement the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for our Nations and communities. We must work together to compel government to update the Comprehensive Claims Policy to reflect the many hard-fought court victories such as the Delgamuuk'w, Haida and William cases," said Grand Chief Phillip. "To bring justice and healing, we must work together, side by side, with the many families and friends of the missing and murdered women throughout British Columbia in the upcoming public inquiry."

Grand Chief Phillip added, "The proposed Prosperity Mine, the proposed Enbridge Pipeline and the proposed Site C dam are mega-projects that are vigorously opposed by many First Nations communities and tribal councils. The Elders, leadership and families know that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs fully supports their determined efforts to protect their respective territories, their watersheds and their way of life. It is time for action-oriented leaders to step up and support the Nations and communities who will suffer the devastating consequences of these mega-projects."

Grand Chief Phillip concluded, "I would like to acknowledge Kukpi7 Wayne Christian for his life-long work serving his community of Splats'in, the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council and to the critical issues of children and families."

Grand Chief Phillip has been married for twenty-six years to Joan. They have four grown sons, two daughters, four granddaughters and five grandsons.

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First Nations National Chief Calls for New 'Public Policy Project' to Replace the Indian Act

By Kathryn May

OTTAWA - Assembly of First Nations national chief Shawn Atleo is challenging bureaucrats to help drive a new 'public policy project' to replace the Indian Act and remake the relationship between Canada and 1.3 million aboriginal people.

Atleo made his pitch Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, a captive audience of nearly 700 public servants who work for the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments, as well as governments in other countries.

Atleo, the conference's first aboriginal honorary chair in IPAC's 62-year history, said getting his message to public servants - without politicians - is critical because they are key in shaping and influencing policy.

"The practical suggestion emerging from today is that we explore ways First Nations' public servants can work with public servants in the rest of the country so we can begin to work more closely together and build better levels of trust and understanding," Atleo said in an interview.

Atleo made headlines earlier this summer when he called for the government to replace the Indian Act within two to five years. He argued for a regime built on treaties, aboriginal rights and policies that are led by First Nations and not the unilateral approach of the past that imposed nothing but "constraints and controls."

Atleo says that bureaucrats and politicians at all levels know the act has miserably failed "its policy objectives and failed our people." The act has left "our people at the bottom of every socioeconomic indicator in this country" with the highest suicide and incarceration rates and the lowest education and income levels, he said.

That's why improving education must become a top priority. He's pressing for a legislated funding guarantee so that the per-student funding of aboriginal schools is no longer lower than the rest of Canadian students. First Nations students should also have access to culture and language immersion.

Atleo told delegates a first step and show of respect for First Nations would be Canada's endorsement of the UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has signaled his intention to finally endorse the UN declaration after several years of refusing to sign on. With that endorsement, Atleo said the Canada should host a First Nations-Crown gathering as a sign of a "new standard of federal engagement." Policy makers, he said, need to listen to what aboriginals want rather than the traditional to-down approach.

With these goals, Atleo argues public servants at all levels need to work together, listen to what aboriginals want and IPAC, with its membership reach into all levels of government, including First Nations, is an ideal forum to help build the trust and understanding that has so badly eroded.

This week, IPAC launched an ambitious new Public Service Without Borders (PSWB) network that's built on the highly successful social media platform Canada developed with industry for the G20. With this 'network of network' - which brings together the best of Face-book, Wikis and and You Tube technology - bureaucrats around the country and the world can share ideas, lessons, talk policy, research and even post job opportunities.

IPAC President Denise Amyot said PSWB uses technology to promote collaboration and will link public servants, institutions and governments in politically neutral, non-partisan discussions.

"IPAC recognizes the need to facilitate the flow of ideas and best practices across all levels and areas of the public service," said Amyot.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 30, 2010**

Conflict between RCMP and aboriginal community in Williams Lake must be investigated and resolved, says BCCLA

Vancouver - The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is pointing to three videos of problematic encounters between aboriginal people and Williams Lake RCMP, a local business owner's complaint about racism that was apparently never investigated, and the actions of the detachment head in cutting off a local media outlet that tried to tell a story about the issue as evidence of a major problem in the community.

"We're seeing video of aboriginal people tied to a chair for hours, tackled when sitting on a bench by multiple RCMP officers, including the head of the detachment, and being punched for refusing to immediately respond to commands. We're hearing that media outlets that try to report on RCMP and aboriginal relationships are being cut off from receiving press releases. A business owner said RCMP officers were harassing his aboriginal customers and apparently nobody investigated that allegation. Something is really, really wrong in Williams Lake," says Robert Holmes, President of the BCCLA.

The BCCLA has written a letter to the Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, the Solicitor General of B.C. and the head of the RCMP in B.C., Gary Bass to ask them to act immediately to replace the detachment head in Williams Lake and begin repairing community relations there. Williams Lake was the subject of a provincial inquiry called the Cariboo-Chilcotin Justice Inquiry in 1993 that made extensive recommendations around reforming policing and police/aboriginal relationships in the area.

"In 1993, Judge Anthony Sarich presented his final report of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Justice Inquiry. The Inquiry explored the relationship with Indigenous Peoples of the Cariboo-Chilcotin and the B.C. justice system. Judge Sarich noted that at the first meeting with Chiefs and community members, he was challenged with the question 'Why should we trust you?' All these years later, the question still resonates," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. "When officers entrusted with the safety of all conduct themselves in the manner displayed in the Gilbert and Billy videos, the work of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Justice Inquiry did not change the justice system in Williams Lake. The Indigenous leadership will not stand idly by and watch justice be denied."

BCCLA letter to Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP and Deputy Commissioner Bass >>
<<http://www.bccla.org/pressreleases/10McPhail.pdf>>

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BACKGROUND

Lloyd Gilbert (Jan 21, 2010)

Arrest reports said that RCMP attended Gilbert's home after Gilbert called police to report an assault. Gilbert's door had been smashed in. He was, according to the police reports "highly intoxicated" and was "belligerent" and "pointing his finger in Cst.

Butler's face". The report says Gilbert was arrested to be "lodged until sober". Gilbert is a Shuswap man who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder from unrelated events.

Gilbert said he was initially lodged in the drunk tank with two other men and alleges he was assaulted by RCMP in that cell. Gilbert was then lodged in a cell with a sink and toilet. A video shows Gilbert climbing on the bench and sink and refusing directions to stop doing so. There is no indication from the video that Gilbert is violent, and he appears compliant. Gilbert is then tied to a chair by Williams Lake RCMP, putting him at significant risk of aspirating on his vomit. The video shows him being physically checked on only once, and he was kept tied to the chair for three hours and twenty minutes, and forced to urinate on himself.

Detachment Head Warren Brown told the Williams Lake Tribune in an article published August 12, 2010 that Gilbert was not arrested for being intoxicated.
<http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_cariboo/williamslaketribune/news/100562854.html>
Brown justified tying up Gilbert and not physically monitoring him in part because Gilbert was using abusive language. "I don't care who you are, how you're trained or what background you come from, there comes a point where you can no longer take threatening and abusive language, and this is what this man had coming from his mouth. It was belligerent venom." He also suggested that Gilbert was physically checked every 15 minutes, but the video shows the cell door opening only once during the entire 3 hours and 20 minutes Gilbert was in the chair, and shows Gilbert urinating on himself which indicates Gilbert was not given an opportunity to use the washroom or to request washroom access.

See the BCCLA's complaint and the arrest record in the Gilbert case >>
<http://bccla.org/pressreleases/10RCMP_restraint.html>
<http://bccla.org/pressreleases/10RCMP_restraint.html>

Lloyd Gilbert's is available for interview through the BCCLA. Call David Eby to arrange interview.

Lloyd Gilbert video >>

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLKSQN8WzQ>>

Curtis Billy (August 27, 2010)

A robbery took place at a local convenience store where two masked men held up the store and drove away. The driver was described as 6' tall and wearing a black hoodie. The robbers ran across the central park in Williams Lake. Hours later, the RCMP attended the park and saw Curtis Billy and two friends on a park bench. Billy ran, and was caught with a hash pipe. Billy, who is aboriginal, 5'7 and was wearing a light blue jacket, was charged with being the driver in the robbery.

While in cells in Williams Lake awaiting trial, video captures Billy covering up the camera that monitors his cell. He then removes the covering. Five officers then respond to the cell, and in the lead is Detachment head Warren Brown. Billy sits down on the bench in the cell, and officers pull the sleeping mat out, indicating a decision had been made to physically remove Billy from the cell independent of the circumstances faced by officers. Brown grabs Billy who is seated and complaint and forces him to the ground, injuring Billy's head. Brown stands on Billy's back. After the incident, Billy requests medical attention five times when he has trouble

breathing, but medical attention is allegedly denied and he says he is not seen by a nurse or doctor until he is returned to Prince George cells hours later.

RCMP detachment head Warren Brown is scheduled to testify about the Billy incident on September 30th in Williams Lake according to Billy's lawyer George Wool. Wool has made an application that the case against Curtis Billy be thrown out based on the alleged assault of Billy in the Williams Lake cells and lack of medical attention provided to Billy in Williams Lake following the assault. The RCMP has advised the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs that there is a code of conduct investigation into the incident.

Curtis Billy is available for interview. Call George Wool, lawyer for Mr. Billy: (250) 791-9295

Curtis Billy video >>

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6QCJTWMN9Q>>

Oren Mostad (May, 2010)

Mr. Mostad attended the RCMP station in Williams Lake to ask about police entry into his home and the seizure of his hunting rifles. He was placed under arrest and brought to the booking area where the video starts. He says he was not told why he was under arrest, and he was never charged with any offence in relation to the seizure of the rifles. The video shows Mr. Mostad talking with a Williams Lake officer who reaches out to grab Mr. Mostad's arm. Mr. Mostad pulls back, and the officer radios for assistance. Mr. Mostad says that during this time, he is asking "What did I do wrong?" Rather than waiting for assistance, the officer attempts to grab Mr. Mostad's arm again and Mr. Mostad pulls back again. This time the officer tackles Mr. Mostad to the ground and punches him repeatedly. A civilian staff member holds Mr. Mostad's feet. Four backup officers then arrive and Mr. Mostad is searched and taken to cells without further incident. No complaint has been filed and no investigation of the incident is underway to the knowledge of the BCCLA. Mr. Mostad was charged with assaulting a peace officer as a result of this incident.

Oren Mostad is available for interview. Call George Wool, lawyer for Mr. Mostad: (250) 791-9295

Oren Mostad video >>

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ko3sL4trX2Y>>

Nick Weekes and the Boot Cabaret (2009-2010)

Bar owner Nick Weekes sold his bar called the Boot Cabaret in July of this year after extensive problems with local RCMP and their interactions with his primarily aboriginal clientele. He told WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca in an article published July 14, 2010 <http://www.welcometowilliamslake.ca/index.php/the-news/local-news/1722-former-boot-owner-speaks-his-mind.html?sms_ss=twitter> : "They harassed my clients almost as if they were trying to pick a fight with them. Sometimes they said things to my customers on a very personal level, getting them upset. That means they'd mouth off and react, and the next thing you know they're in a cop car and I'm the bad guy. . . From what I've seen, they're going after the native community, saying that crime here is caused by the natives." Although local RCMP were aware of the article and the allegations, Mr. Weekes advises that he was never questioned as part of any code of conduct investigation.

Nick Weekes, former owner of the Boot

Cabaret: (250) 267-6437

WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca (July, 2010)

The local news website Welcome to Williams Lake was initially welcomed by RCMP, who provided the website with news and traffic updates as well as press releases and interviews. When the website reported Nick Weekes' allegations <http://www.welcometowilliamslake.ca/index.php/the-news/local-news/1722-former-boot-owner-speaks-his-mind.html?sms_ss=twitter> that RCMP officers were antagonizing his aboriginal patrons, the outlet stopped getting press releases. An e-mail from Warren Brown <http://www.bccla.org/pressreleases/10Williams_Lake_RCMP_email.pdf> to the Editor of WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca dated July 28, 2010, with underline added, reads "LeRae, yes you are officially removed from the Williams Lake RCMP media list. The Nick Weekes interview has some part to play. Again to reiterate, I am not going to use you as a venue to debate. I find that to be poor reporting . . . I provide this communication with the expectation that it will not find its way into a news release in the Welcome to Williams Lake publication."

The local RCMP have since given a series of exclusive stories to the competing news outlet and refuse to provide interviews or press releases to

WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca under the direction of the Detachment Head. The website has been in contact with the RCMP independently and through the BCCLA. The RCMP has required Williams Lake to post their news releases to the E-Division website and acknowledges that failing to do so was a breach of policy.

Despite the detachment head being aware of the article and the allegations of racism involving RCMP officers, the BCCLA is not aware of any investigation of the allegations.

Cailin Cousins, Publisher of WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca: (250) 398-0508

LeRae Haynes, Editor of WelcomeToWilliamsLake.ca: (250) 267-2648

Williams Lake Detachment Head Warren Brown (1997 and 2001)

Brown is a former police officer with the Delta police department who was investigated after a use of force incident in 1997 that involved him allegedly hitting a suspect with a hammer. Brown was charged with assault but acquitted. He was simultaneously investigated by Chief Sessford of the Delta Police Department in relation to the incident and, following that investigation, was ordered by the Chief to attend a discipline hearing. The discipline hearing was scheduled, but Brown challenged the jurisdiction of the Chief to hold the hearing. Brown then lost his challenge in B.C. Supreme Court. At some point later Brown left the Delta Police Department to join the RCMP. The BCCLA is unable to determine whether a discipline hearing was ever held.

Read the Supreme Court of B.C. decision in Brown v. Police Complaint Commissioner >>

<<http://www.canlii.org/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2001/2001bcsc1115/2001bcsc1115.html>>



3 Arrested in Vancouver Protest

Monday, October 4, 2010
CBC News



About 150 protesters converged on the police station in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside on Monday. (CBC)

Three protesters were arrested Monday night and face charges for allegedly refusing to leave the Main Street police station in Vancouver.

The arrests occurred during a protest by about 150 people outside the station as part of what organizers called, "a national day of action for missing and murdered women."

"Eight people entered [312 Main St.]," Const. Lindsey Houghton said in a news release. "[They] advised officers that it was their intention to stay in the lobby until their demands to meet with Chief Const. [Jim] Chu were met."

Houghton said that when the building closed at 7 p.m. PT, the eight protesters refused orders to leave.

Chu agreed to meet with a representative at a later date to discuss their concerns and that prompted five of the protesters to leave on their own accord, with the remaining three protesters indicating they would prefer to be arrested, said Houghton.

The protesters were demanding a police investigation into the death of a woman on Sept. 15 in the Downtown Eastside.

Ashley Nicole Machiskinic, 22, died after falling from a window in the Regent Hotel. Some protesters stated in a release they believe Machiskinic was pushed out of the window for failing to pay a drug debt.

Houghton said Machiskinic's death is still under investigation by homicide detectives.

Read more:

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2010/10/04/bc-protest-arrests.html>

Panel Calls Return a Blip, Recommends Large Multidisciplinary Study on Fishery

By Randy Shore, Vancouver Sun
September 15, 2010

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Huge+sockeye+mystery+trend+scientists/3526918/story.html>

Scientists studying a 20-year decline in the Fraser River sockeye run say this year's miraculous abundance of fish is likely a blip and not a sign the fishery's problems are over. Sockeye face myriad threats during their four-year life cycle, from food shortages, hungry sea lions and toxic algae to viruses, bacteria and sea lice, according to Simon Fraser University Prof. Randall Peterman.

Peterman is chairman of a panel of 11 experts from the U.S. and Canada assembled by the Pacific Salmon Commission to probe the available data on the decline of the Fraser River sockeye. The panel's report was released last week.

For this year's sockeye run, "all the different sources of mortality lined up to be favourable at every life stage of the fish," Peterman said. "Predation mortality, pathogens, starvation, all these things seem not to have been very important for the return this year. It was miraculously positive."

During the 1970s and 1980s, for every fish that spawned in the river, about six adult fish would return four years later. In recent years, after 20 years of steady decline, the number of fish returning for each spawner has dropped below one, culminating in 2009 when only 1.5 million sockeye returned despite predictions that 11 million fish would enter the river. This year, 34 million sockeye returned to the Fraser.

"This year, productivity levels returned to about seven adults per spawner," Peterman said. "That's a dramatic turnaround, but one point does not make a trend."

Peterman noted that salmon biologists are expected to make good predictions on sockeye returns two years after the fish enter the ocean with very little data about what happens once they enter "the blue box," while weather forecasters with weather stations, satellites and thousands of data points at their disposal hesitate to make predictions beyond five days. "There's lots going on in the ocean -- what you call a black box, I call a proverbial blue box -- that we cannot track," Peterman said.

At a three-day workshop in June, the panellists and 25 other scientists worked through a variety of hypotheses to explain the long-term decline in sockeye returns in the Fraser and identify factors that seem most likely at play.

Two frustrations emerged.

First, the evidence points to a multiplicity of causes, some of which interact with one another. Food shortages or other stressors during the early life stages of the fish in fresh water could make the fish more susceptible to parasites or viruses that kill the fish much later in life. But while 16 of 18 sockeye populations in the Fraser are suffering weak returns, populations for which data exist appear quite robust during freshwater life stages.

Pollutants in the river from human activity might also weaken the fish. Pink salmon, which are running strong in the Fraser, may be eating the juvenile sockeye as they migrate to the ocean. Maybe. "There are a number of processes interacting, probably in the marine environment, but we're not exactly sure," Peterman said.

The second frustration: There are massive holes in the evidence.

"We cannot distinguish among the possible hypotheses more finely because we don't have the data," he said. "It could be anything from shortages of food, increasing predation by growing populations of marine mammals (Steller sea lions, white-sided dolphins, humpback whales and harbour seals), or increased pathogens that are causing this mortality inside the Strait of Georgia."

The panel has recommended the commission undertake a large-scale multidisciplinary study -- likely to be led by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans -- to collect data on pollutants, pathogens, predation and other known threats to the health of the sockeye at coordinated times and locations to create a comprehensive data net.

Read Randy Shore's blog, the green man, at vancouversun.com/randysshore
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Why Privatization of Reserve Lands Risks Aboriginal Ruin

By John Rowinski, September 24 2010 issue

The federal government is exploring a voluntary regime of private ownership of reserve lands in Canada. This is an idea that is premature and short-sighted. Advocates of this proposal say that the current communal stewardship of traditional lands by First Nations stifles development and stunts financial opportunities for individuals. By permitting private ownership, individuals would have the opportunity, among other things, to mortgage and sell lands.

In other words, what "they" want is for Canada's indigenous peoples who live on reserves to be beholden to outside financial interests.

A near universal facet of indigenous cultures is a spiritual connection to land. Land is not to be bartered and sold; it is part of who we are. The inspirational tenet of this way of life is the spirit of working collaboratively for the greater good of the collective community, as opposed to the crass pursuit of individual gain at the expense of others.

Right-wing zealots call this pursuit of communal goals "socialism." It is contrary to the ethnocentric conviction that one must be able to put a fence around one's yard to be a "free" person. Of course for most, that fence means taking on hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt, by which multi-billion dollar banks make massive profits. The greed of lenders in turn leads to irresponsible loan commitments. This revered notion of private property very nearly put the world into financial ruin mere months ago.

Proponents of privatization exhibit a xenophobic distaste for the idea that an entire community can find a way to use land that benefits as many individuals as possible, without the need to trade this most sacred resource?—so essential to the lives of everyone?—like one would trade old hockey cards with schoolyard friends.

At present, governments and businesses owe billions of dollars to First Nations pursuant to treaties and for exploitation of traditional lands. Compensation is tediously slow in arriving and hard-fought by those who owe the money. Is this new proposal a distraction from the obligation to compensate aboriginal peoples for centuries of taking? It proposes the "privilege" of borrowing against the little bit of land yet to be stolen. Indigenous peoples can be debt-ridden like the rest of Canada?—absolving the Crown from meeting its own financial and fiduciary obligations. This philosophy is like saying, "We will give you all the crap you want for free, you just have to build a toilet."

Debt without a means to escape it is merely enslavement to those holding economic power. Borrowing against the value of land may allow for improvements and access to cash. But lack of education and joblessness are endemic to the majority of reserves. With no job and little schooling, how does the borrower make payments on a traditional mortgage? The doomed answer is foreclosure, and a corresponding loss of reserve lands.

Far from a slippery slope, this is the harsh

conclusion one must inevitably draw to the proposal to allow borrowing against individually-owned reserve lands.

Treaties and the constitution make it clear that the Crown owes aboriginal peoples the protection of aboriginal rights and lands. This includes the right to cultural protection, education, health care, natural resources and self-government. The Crown has failed miserably in meeting its obligations in this regard. Without first addressing these protections and correspondingly making the necessary financial commitment to establish these goals, resort to a private property regime only promises to shift aboriginal economic dependency from the Crown to lenders. This is a subtle way of completing the centuries-old goal of the colonizers?—assimilation?—now re-packaged as "economic opportunity."

This is not to say that someday an on-reserve private property regime could not be a useful tool in the hands of our First Nations. Reserves near urban centres, equipped with adequate training, education and infrastructure, sufficient land to meet the needs of their members, and reasonable employment rates, may find some advantage to being able to borrow against and even market portions of their lands.

It is more difficult to foresee how privatization will assist remote communities. Lands in these territories will lack any significant market value. These are Canada's most impoverished and troubled reserves, and aside from opportunistic resource companies, little outside interest in these lands exists.

The present-day government focus should be on ensuring the basic human rights of indigenous peoples, such as potable water, suitable housing, health, training and education, control of resources, and the honour and respect of culture and identity.

Until these foundations of self-sufficiency are solidly established, a culture of indebtedness will only serve to entrench economic and social dependence on the "rest" of Canadian society that treats the on-reserve aboriginal population as second-class citizens. Ultimately, the establishment of such a regime without first addressing other shortfalls risks the absorption and annihilation of our indigenous peoples.

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How the RCMP sought trust after Gustafsen Lake

Robert Matas

From Saturday's Globe and Mail Published on Friday, Sep. 17, 2010



RCMP forged closer ties with native communities after the Gustafsen Lake standoff by bringing peace offerings of tobacco to elders, attending a healing ceremony and offering an apology for the Mounties' role in residential schools, says Shuswap native Charlene Belleau, who has been instrumental in bringing the natives together with the Mounties.

The RCMP approached Ms. Belleau to help during the Gustafsen Lake standoff after efforts of local and national elected chiefs had failed, she said in a recent interview. As an active community member in the Esketemc First Nation, she involved elders, women and some young people in helping bring about a peaceful resolution.

When the sundancers surrendered to police, Ms. Belleau ensured they were shown respect. After they were brought to the jail cells, they were blessed.

"These were spiritual people in the camp. They had responsibilities for pipes, drums, sweat lodges. Those are sacred for our people," she said.

Afterwards, the RCMP asked her about connecting with the community. She arranged a meeting with elders. The RCMP were asked to bring tobacco offerings and ask for guidance. The RCMP spoke, the elders spoke and they agreed to work together, Ms. Belleau said. The RCMP learned that they must speak to community leaders as well as elected leaders. At Ms. Belleau's suggestion, the RCMP in B.C. reiterated an apology on residential schools to B.C. natives that the national police force had issued. A lot of anger and frustration comes from residential schools, she said. "They have no tolerance for white people." The apology opened doors that allowed the RCMP to work on other issues, she said.

Five years after the occupation, a healing ceremony was held involving aboriginal people who were on the inside and RCMP officers who were trying to end the occupation. Both sides spoke frankly.

The efforts to reach out to the native communities has led to the development of several protocols for cooperation, the RCMP say.

A Gustafsen Lake timeline

- July, 1989 Rancher Lyle James and Shuswap native Percy Rosette reach an agreement to allow natives to use a lakeside campground on the property for a ritual sundance.
- May, 1995 A fence is erected around the campsite. The natives say the fence was intended to keep cattle out of the area used for the sundance. James fears the natives have started to erect a permanent encampment on the land.
- June 13, 1995 The natives are formally told they can no longer hold sundance ceremonies on the property.
- July 2 - 12, 1995 Sundance ceremony held. Most participants leave over the following weeks. About 20 men, women and children remain behind.
- Early August, 1995 RCMP receive information that firearms and explosives have been moved into campsite. Natives in camouflage gear are seen carrying hunting rifles while patrolling the perimeter.
- Aug. 11, 1995 Fisheries officers stop two natives going fishing and find an AK-47, a hunting rifle, boxes of ammunition and a loaded pistol.
- Aug. 18, 1995 A shot is fired at an RCMP officer. Mounties, assisted by the Canadian army, begin to construct a base camp with armored personnel carriers, helicopters and a field hospital.
- Aug. 25, 1995 RCMP roadblock finds semiautomatic rifle, ammunition belt in vehicle heading toward campsite. Native spokesman says the pending confrontation is war, and if demands are not met, the only way they would come out was in body bags.
- Sept. 11, 1995 RCMP and natives exchange fire. A red truck is blown up on the road by an explosive device planted by the RCMP. Mounties shot at while trying to catch fleeing occupants of truck. Thousands of rounds of ammunition are shot in gun battle, but no one is seriously injured.
- Sept. 17, 1995 Standoff ends; 13 men and five women arrested.

**SNC'C'AMALA?TN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION CENTRE**

For the INFANT/TODDLER Room



MUST HAVE:

- Early Childhood Education Certificate and eligible for License to Practice, Infant/Toddler Certificate preferred
- Must have reached 19 years of age
- Current First Aid/CPR
- Experience working with infants and toddlers in a group daycare setting
- Ability to work cooperatively and show respect for all other Snc'c'amala?tn staff and programs

Preference may be given to those having knowledge of the Okanagan Indian Band community

Hours of work: Between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm (7.5 hours/day with a one hour unpaid lunch). May be alternating shifts

Pay: \$14.00/hour plus benefit package

Start date: October 13, 2010

A Criminal Record Check, Medical Certificate and References are required.

Deadline for Applications: Friday, October 8, 2010 at noon

Please state position applying for and direct resume and cover letter to:

**Okanagan Indian Band
12420 Westside Road
Vernon, B.C.
V1H 2A4**

email: dave.johanson@okanagan.org

Phone (250) 542-4328 Fax (250) 542-4990

ONLY THE APPLICANTS WHO ARE SCREENED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED

**Call for Members Provincial HIV/AIDS Working Group
DEADLINE OCTOBER 29th, 2010**

Purpose

HIV/AIDS is an ongoing, and unfortunately, increasing concern within Aboriginal communities throughout British Columbia. This is the reality:

- Aboriginal people, while making up only 3% of the population of Canada, constitute 30% of new HIV infections
- Aboriginal women make up 30 - 40% of new HIV infections among women in BC
- Aboriginal men represent about 10% of new HIV cases among men in BC
- 28% of HIV positive tests among Aboriginal people in BC were aged 29 and under
- Aboriginal people appear to be, on average, infected at a younger age than non-Aboriginal people

The PAHWG will work to provide broad, strategic, and culturally appropriate guidance to provincial, federal, and Aboriginal HIV/AIDS initiatives through the Health Actions process of the Tripartite First Nation Health Plan. Any work or recommendations will follow both the First Nations Health Information Governance and GIPA (Greater Involvement of Persons with HIV/AIDS) principles.

Seeking Members

We are currently seeking 3 members to offer a First Nations voice to this working group. You should have some knowledge of HIV/AIDS and its impacts on First Nations on-reserve communities, but you do not necessarily need to come from a health background.

Please know that members of the PAHWG should be aware that:

- PAHWG members will be expected to serve as individuals based on their knowledge and experiences
- Travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for meetings will be covered by the HWG
- Meetings will take place in Vancouver, BC.
- PAHWG will meet four times a year for one day unless otherwise decided by the PAHWG. Members should be prepared to spend four to eight days a year working on PAHWG business, including meetings.

How to Apply:

Interested persons should submit a letter stating why they would like to be a part of this working group along with a copy of their resume by email, fax, or mail no later than October 29, 2010 to:

Heidi Standeven, Provincial Coordinator
Red Road HIV/AIDS Network
804 - 100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, BC V7t 1A2
Toll-free: 1-866-913-3332
Telephone: 604-913-3332
Fax: 604-913-3352
Email: hstandeven@red-road.org

A reminder there are acceptances of applications towards indigenous bursary and scholarship programs with hotels that are at times utilized by the Band.

The link sites can be found at both the Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown www.holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com and www.bestwesternbakerview.com.



**Need extra financial help in your education?
This is the place to start.**

The Aboriginal Bursaries Web site is a searchable list of bursaries, scholarships and incentives across Canada, offered by governments, universities and colleges, private and public companies, individual Canadians, organizations and others.

The majority of awards on this list are targeted directly at Aboriginal students but could vary by group such as First Nation, Metis or Inuit. Some awards are specific to a region, place of residence, a school or a field of study.

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/ab/site.nsf/index-eng?OpenView&Query=PRO-915173850-UYD-PROD-8AFUYS#datatable>



"Starlight Community Day" Saturday October 16, 2010 as presented by Galaxay Cinemas in Vernon for free movies, face painting and that the pop corn and fountain drink are \$2.00 each.

The movies that will be showing :

9:00 am Iron Man 2

9:10 am Karate Kid

9:20 am Shrek Forever After (3D)

9:40 am Marmaduke

Math from an Aboriginal perspective

By Jody Jacob

Faculty and staff at UBC's Okanagan campus have designed a new foundational mathematics course that uses an Aboriginal perspective in the application of basic math concepts.

Although specifically geared to Aboriginal students in the Access studies program, the course is open to anyone who would like to gain a better understanding of math by combining Aboriginal thought and traditional mathematical training.

"Math is math—we're just changing the way we look at math," says Lyle Mueller, director of Aboriginal Programs and Services. "We've designed this course using a fairly common Aboriginal perspective to provide the framework of the lesson."

The design of the course is based on an ancient symbol used by many First Nations people in North and South America: the medicine wheel. It expresses relationships in sets of four, with a focus on wholeness and interrelationships.

"It would be fair to say that an Aboriginal student with some traditional knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture will find that the mathematical concepts and theories are broken down into a way that is familiar to them, and therefore perhaps easier to learn," says Mueller.

The course, math 126, can serve as an introductory pre-calculus course, and provides an academic stepping stone for students wishing to pursue the sciences. It is a UBC Senate-approved, three-credit course designed by Mueller and mathematician Javad Tavakoli in consultation with the UBC Okanagan/Okanagan College Aboriginal Council.

"It's really just a good way of organizing the often complex and interrelated concepts of math," says Tavakoli. "Any student, no matter who they are, if they don't understand math at the beginning, will either learn to hate it or they will quit it or fail it. This course offers students a different option to learn math—perhaps in a way that they can relate to or that inspires curiosity and understanding.

The official course book, which Mueller and Tavakoli have been working on for nearly five years, is in the final stages of development and will be ready for the winter semester.

Chris Alexander, a second-year Bachelor of Management student and member of the Westbank First Nation, took the course in 2009, passing with a mark above 80 per cent.

"I found the course challenging because I am a mature student," says Alexander. "But the support from teachers' assistants and Aboriginal Programs and Services was great.

"I hadn't taken math in years. The course used the medicine wheel to help explain some of the problems, which made it easier for me to wrap my head around."



FAQ sheet

Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Department

What do we do?

The ONAFD has grown from humble beginnings in 1995 into a well recognized and credible organization providing technical fisheries assistance for the Nation and its seven member Bands and acts as a liaison with federal and provincial fisheries agencies.



Why are we involved?

Because of declines in the number of indigenous fish, the goal of the ONAFD is the conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement of these fisheries and their habitat within Okanagan Nation Territory.



Who are we?

The ONAFD, under the direction its member communities and Chiefs have a role in the management of fisheries and aquatic resources.

Where do we work?

On a watershed level, the Okanagan Nation Territory includes the Okanagan Basin, the Similkameen Basin, and the Kettle Basin, as well as parts of the Columbia Basin (Columbia River and Arrow Lakes) and Thompson Basin (Shuswap River and Salmon River).



How do we operate?

Due to various funding opportunities, the ONAFD has been actively involved in projects benefiting indigenous salmon and trout stocks, such as sockeye, Chinook, kokanee, rainbow trout and steelhead.



For more information please contact
ONAFD Program Manager Howie Wright
250-707-0095 ext 104 hwright@syilx.org

Cake Mixes & Toxins

This is confirmed on Snopes (<http://www.snopes.com/medical/toxins/pancake.asp>)

A student at HBHS (high school) had pancakes this week and it almost became fatal. His Mom (registered nurse) made him pancakes, dropped him off at school and headed to play tennis. She never takes her cell phone on the court but did this time and her son called to say he was having trouble breathing. She told him to go to the nurse immediately and proceeded to call school and alert the nurse. The nurse called the paramedics and they were there in 3 minutes and worked on the boy all the way to the hospital. He came so close to dying. Evidently this is more common than I ever knew. Check the expiration dates on packages like pancakes and cake mixes that have yeast which over time develop spores. Apparently, the mold that forms in old mixes can be toxic! Throw away ALL OUTDATED pancake mix, brownie mixes, Bisquick, cake & cookie mixes, etc., that you have in your home.

P.S. Tell this to your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and anyone else who keeps these types of mixes in the cupboard.

Family Dance
Choices Fundraiser

October 9th, 2010

8:00 p.m.
to
11:00 p.m.

Head of the Lake Hall

**ABSOLUTELY
 NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!**

Cover charge by donation
 Concession will be onsite

For more information contact Martie Louis via facebook or email at
 martie.louis@hotmail.com

2010/2011 ABORIGINAL PEOPLE'S RATES



*Pools at Kelowna and Kamloops locations only

In our continuing support, we are pleased to offer the following special rates to you and your members:

	Valid to Sept. 30/10	Oct 1/10 - April 30/11
Victoria	\$112 sgl \$122 dbl	\$75 sgl \$85 dbl
Vancouver Airport	\$109 sgl \$119 dbl	\$95 s/d
Burnaby	\$119 sgl \$129 dbl	\$99 sgl \$109 dbl
Kelowna	\$115 sgl \$125 dbl	\$75 sgl \$85 dbl
Kamloops	\$89 sgl \$99 dbl	\$75 sgl \$85 dbl

Extra Person - \$0
 Kitchen Units - \$10 surcharge
 Suites - \$30 - \$50 surcharge
 (The above rates are subject to availability and the applicable taxes)

Accent Inns offer the following amenities:

- * Spacious Rooms and Suites with Queen or King size beds
- * **Complimentary** in Room Coffee and Tea
- * **Complimentary** Airport Shuttle service at the Vancouver Airport hotel
- * **Complimentary** shuttle at our Burnaby location within Burnaby
- * Complimentary scheduled downtown shuttle service in Victoria
- * All rooms are fully air-conditioned
- * Rooms with free wireless high speed Internet available everywhere
- * Non-Smoking rooms available
- * Restaurants on site
- * Specially designed rooms for the disabled
- * Exercise facilities

RESERVATIONS
1-800-663-0298
 (ask for the Aboriginal Peoples Rate)
 accentinns.com



VICTORIA VANCOUVER AIRPORT BURNABY KELOWNA KAMLOOPS

These Master-Apprentice videos features some of the Master-Apprentice Language teams from the province of B.C. and includes our team members John "Willkie" Louie and Chad Marchand, enjoy these clips on YOU TUBE.

Part 1
<http://www.youtube.com/user/firstpeoplescouncil#p/u/7/1kUhfYAwZes>

Part 2
http://www.youtube.com/user/firstpeoplescouncil#p/u/6/h_Rnwqdpi6g

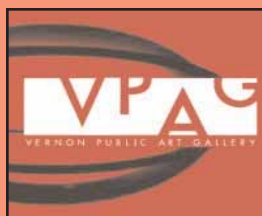
Go see "Sookinchoot - seeing oneself" at the Vernon Public Art Gallery where local First Nation and Metis youth exhibit their art. Students from OKIB, Seaton and Fulton have their work on display until Oct 14

<http://www.vernonpublicartgallery.com/>

(Notable OKIB youth involved: Gina Tso, Trae Phelan, Thunder Mitchell, Jordaine Tallio, Taylor Belanger, Kaitlyn Phelan, Fraser Cowen, Daniel Clark)

Sookinchoot Program Coordinator Mariel Belanger has a new instillation in the "Women in the Okanagan" exhibition at Alternator Gallery in Kelowna. Exhibition runs until Oct 22. Mariel's instillation takes you back to 1978 to listen to a story told by her grandmother Mary Abel and learn how Mariel, her mother Hilda and youngest daughter Sienna are keeping culture and language alive in their family in the film "Xixutem - a story of revival"

<http://www.alternatorgallery.com/>



**OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
 FALL CLEAN UP**

The purpose of the clean-up is to enable residents to clean up their homes and yards of any unwanted items. To make the clean up more efficient for residents and drivers, we have divided the Reserve into two areas with different clean up dates.

AREA - A

North of Pro Hardware - includes Bradley Creek, Irish Creek, Head of the Lake, Round Lake and Salmon River - DATE: Thursday October 7/10.

AREA - B

South of Pro Hardware - Six Mile, Nashwito (Siwash) Creek and Whiteman's Creek - DATE: Thursday October 14/10

ITEMS THAT CAN BE PUT OUT TO BE PICKED UP

- " Old furniture - includes sofas and beds
- " Microwaves
- " Paint if the can is open and driver can see that the paint is dry
- " Bicycles
- " Any miscellaneous junk that you do not want

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE PUT OUT TO BE PICKED UP

- " Paint if the can is not open
- " Car parts
- " Major appliances - fridge, stoves, washers and dryers
- " Chemicals, lubricants, toxic products
- " Any item that two people cannot lift
- " TV's and computers

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL ARTICLES MUST BE BAGGED AND BOXED PROPERLY!! LOOSE OR SCATTERED ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED!

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE STOP AT EACH HOME.

Public Works and Housing Department 250.542.3444



British Columbia Youth Parliament, 82nd Parliament

The British Columbia Youth Parliament's 82nd Parliament will be held in Victoria at the Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2010. The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the parliamentary session in December and continuing involvement in community service activities throughout the year.

I am writing to invite you to encourage eligible youth from your band(s) or nation(s) to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. As the Youth Parliament is non-partisan, applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community upon return from the Parliament.

Each applicant who is accepted to attend as a member of BCYP must pay a \$245 registration fee. Thanks to a grant from Coast Capital Savings, the remainder of the \$420 cost is covered for all members. Financial support is available for applicants who cannot meet the expense of the registration fee. Applications for financial assistance are considered separately from applications for membership. We also provide resources for applicants attempting to secure funding from community sources (see www.bcorp.org/joinus.html).

Members will sit and debate in the Legislative Chambers for five days and will be accommodated for four nights at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria. During that time, participants are supervised by members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society and other youth parliament alumni. In addition, transportation to and from Victoria will be provided for all members who require it.

Application forms and an informational brochure and poster are available online (www.bcorp.org/joinus.html). I encourage you to make the form and pamphlet available to interested young people, and display the poster as you see fit.

All applications must be received by October 20, 2010. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected in early November. If you require more information, please contact me by telephone or e-mail as above, or visit our website at www.bcorp.org.



Yours truly,
Dora Turje
Registrar, Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society
E | registrar@bcyp.org
T | 604-728-0446



Young Entrepreneurs **YES** Symposium 2010

Strengthening First Nations
through the spirit of
entrepreneurship

November 22nd – 25th

Renaissance Harbourside Hotel

Vancouver, BC

- Networking
- Competitions
- Guest Speakers
- Entertainment
- Prizes and awards

<http://YES.NRTF.ca>

Join us at the premier event in
Canada for young Aboriginal
entrepreneurs and aspiring
entrepreneurs.



Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation



Young Entrepreneurs Symposium

Please find attached to this e-mail the "Young Entrepreneurs Symposium" (YES) event that is being held in Vancouver. The "Young Entrepreneurs Symposium" will be held at the Renaissance Harbourside Hotel, from November 22nd to the 25th, 2010. The Okanagan Nation Alliance would like to take the opportunity to send two youth from the Nation to observe and learn more about Entrepreneurship. This opportunity will allow the youth to become more informed about career opportunities in the area of business development.

- The selected candidates will be required to write a stating
1. Why they should be chosen to attend this event.
 2. Why they will best represent the Okanagan Nation.

The candidate must be between the age of 19-30 and some knowledge of business or entrepreneurship. The Okanagan Nation Alliance will cover the costs for the travel, accommodation, meals and event pass. If you can inform community members of this opportunity it would be greatly appreciated. We will be choosing two young people based on their letters. The selection committee will base the recipients on their level of interest and the benefits they would receive from their attendance

Please have your youth send their letter in before noon on October 12, 2010.

Address to:

Pauline Terbasket, Executive Director
3255 C Shannon Lake Road
Westbank, BC
V4T 1V4



I am attaching some pictures of the memorial At the Sugar Lake Memorial for the late Mrs. Lindley, Nancy and Co. took 1st. The Goodwater brothers took 4th, out of 20 teams.

In the pictures, Laureen Felix, Terry Jack, Raymond Bonneau, Roxanne Lindley, Trinity Bonneau and Nancy Bonneau.



OKANAGAN INDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT



We are looking for a few good people, that would like to belong to something bigger than themselves, feel good about themselves, and with a great sense of accomplishment.

Volunteering as a firefighter is a rewarding and life-changing experience for men and women, that requires commitment and a few other requirements. These requirements allow you to safely and effectively perform the emergency service duties.

The fire service responds to vehicle fires, forest and grass fires, structure fires, and motor vehicle accidents, and a variety of medical emergencies may also be responded to.

All the training that you receive will be free to committed personal, and sent to outside agencies for certification. The training is an ongoing process, and you should be continually practicing for as long as you are involved with the fire department, which is at 7:00 pm every Tuesday evening at the fire hall.

If you have any questions regarding the application process of being a volunteer firefighter, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the fire department at 542-9212. on Tuesday evenings, or phone any evening,

Captain Mike Doherty at 308-4564

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

ABORIGINAL HEALTH CAREERS BURSARY AWARDS

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (PSE) BURSARY AWARDS

Deadline to apply to the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation is NOVEMBER 1, 2010

The above bursaries are open to those in full-time studies anytime between September 2010 and August 2011. Full eligibility criteria is available in the respective application guidelines.

2010-2011 Bursary and Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

The above bursary applications are open to First Nation, Inuit & Métis applicants

If you have questions, please contact the Education Department of NAAF
 Telephone at 1.800.329.9780
 Email: education@naaf.ca

naaf.ca

LOOKING FOR WORK?

Job Search
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 Photocopying & Faxing
 Job Board
 More!

Employment Options
 (downtown Vernon)

(250) 545-2215 ext. 230
www.futuresbc.com

Community Futures North Okanagan

BRITISH COLUMBIA The Best Place on Earth | Funded in whole or part through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement

Dr. Booth Foot Care Clinic
 October 15, 2010
 9 am to 12 pm

OKIB Health Building

All community members welcome.

First visit \$52.00
 Second Visit, etc. \$22.00

Contact Wilma Young at (250) 542-5094 for more information or to make an appointment.

Treat the earth well.
 It was not given to you by your parents,
 it was loaned to you by your children.
 We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,
 we borrow it from our Children.

Ancient Indian Proverb

Community Pictures





Jay D Louis Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament 2010

The 4th annual Jay D. Louis Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament was held August 27th to 29th at both Komasket and Pebble parks. 10 teams from B.C., Alberta and the U.S competed in a competitive and recreational division for prizes and bragging rights for the coming year.

In the Recreation Division Morley Redz came out on top defeating one of the local team...the Benchwarmers (Brad Deneault's crew), in the semi-final game the Benchwarmers had defeated the Palm Bay Giants (Randy Robbins crew) too advance to the Recreation final...fun was had by all. The hand carved paddles for Most Sportsmanlike Players went too Brandon Dubrett from the Benchwarmers and Elysia Beaver York from the Morley Redz.

Recreation Prizes were as follows:

- 1st place Morley Redz - Jackets
- 2nd place Benchwarmers -Hoodies
- 3rd place Palm Bay Giants - T-shirts
- 4th place Shits n Giggles (Tiff Wilson's crew) - Caps

In the competitive division a strong Morley Heat squad overcame a first game loss and won four straight to become the 2010 Competitive Division Champions. Proving to be too strong on Sunday the Heat first defeated the host Jayhoo Raiders 22-0 at Pebble Park too advance too the Competitive Final. Westside Connection (Justin Joes crew) had advanced too the final earlier by defeating the host Raiders 12-11 and met the same strong squad in the final and were defeated 16-0 at Komasket Park. Morley Heats only loss came in their first game against Frank Lewis' raiders on Saturday morning. The hand carved paddles for Most Valuable players went to the shortstop Dallas Dixon and the Back catcher from the Morley Heat. Prizes were as follows:

- 1st place Morley Heat - Jackets
- 2nd place Westside Connection - Hoodies
- 3rd place Jayhoos Raiders - T-shirts
- 4th place Universal Titans (Darren Peters crew) - caps

The home run derby held just before the Final saw in the men's, Darren Peters hit 6 homeruns to win \$70 and a hoodie and the women's event saw Fancy from the Connection one bounce the fence to win \$40 and a hoodie and the fan favourites were Trenton Louis (12yrs) and Kacey Miller (4yrs) try their hands at knocking a few outta the park.

The Louis Family and 2010 Tournament Committee would like to thank Leona Bonneau, Tiffany Wilson, Judy Marchand for all their help scorekeeping, Dan Wilson, John Henry Wilson and Dean Louis for grounds keeping duties; Darlene Brewer and Richard Sr and all the girls who helped in the kitchen cooking all weekend and putting out a great meal Saturday night. Trenton & Sabrina Louis for helping us keep our parks clean by collecting the pop cans and water bottles. Special thanks goes out to Mervin Louis for the excellent work he has done on the Handmade Paddles.

Most of all the family would like too thank all the teams and fans that came out too participate and honour the memory of Jay D. Louis (Jayhoo). While it is the Final Memorial event in 2011 there will be some form of Tournament too carry on this great weekend of Sportsmanship and Camaraderie shared by all.

Way Lim Limpt,
Richard & Jen Louis

Sneakers Sneaky Ts and Thunderbirds hockey clubs 2010-2011 hockey season is just underway with practice every Friday night at the Okanagan training rink and regular season league play to start October 1st. Currently both teams are looking at some new faces and old returning to their respective line ups.

Sneaky Ts made it all the way too the league final last season only too come up short 8-7 against regular season champions Mos Chiefs. After a regular season fifth place finish they hope for another good showing in the 14 team Pond hockey league building on last years showing. While the Thunderbirds lost two straight to end their playoffs early and finished in last place, they hope too climb the standings this season with a few additions and early season start.

Plans are currently being made to attend tournaments in:

November
Ashcroft or Williams Lake November 26-28
Mens

January
Kamloops Falcons (ashcroft) January 14-16
Mens and Masters 35+

February
Mocassin (Merritt) February 11-13

April
Inkamuplux Challenge Cup April 22-24

Due too the number of tournaments and rising cost of icetime the hockey clubs will have on going fund raising through out the season. Currently the team is raffling off a 42 inch plasma flat screen courtesy of Aarons appliances in Vernon tickets available from Richard or Jenny Louis and at Newport beach, also firewood is available at \$200 per cord for dry fir and \$150 for dry pine.

The teams regular season schedules will be posted once received come out and support your local boys on the ice.



**Westside Thunderbirds Hockey Club Fundraiser
Firewood For Sale**



Dry Douglas Fir - \$200/cord
Mixed Fir/Pine - \$175/cord
Dry Lodgepole Pine - \$150/cord



Delivery on Westside road available
No charge

Pick up also available save \$25/cord

Contact
Richard Louis
250-540-0721 (cell)
250-275-3181 (home)
Email: richard_louis766@hotmail.com
No answer, please leave name and number
Call will be returned ASAP!

Winner of the 42" plasma flatscreen is
Cynthia Gabriel from Penticton

Tbirds and Sneaky Ts hockey clubs would like to thank Roy Clissold from Aarons Appliance for the TV and everyone who purchased a ticket. We will have future fundraising events upcoming for more information contact Jenny or Richard Louis.

We were able too sell 180 of the 200 tickets in two weeks thanks for the support and better luck next time. Karla Louis won the previous raffle of two tickets plus \$150 spending money too Bryan Adams Oct.19 @ Prospera Place.



CANCELLED

golf fun day

Come out for one last tournament of the season!

Place: Spallumcheen Golf Course, Vernon, BC
Date: October 10th, 2010

Entrance Fee: \$60-includes 9 holes of golf, a steak dinner, and a door prize!

4 Person Scramble (Single or Team Entries Available)
Registration 12:00 pm/Tee off 1:00 pm

Registration & Payment needs to be received by October 1st, 2010

To register:
Call Tetko Coutlee at 250-540-5782, by email at tetkuc@hotmail.com, or message Tetko Gilmore on Facebook.

CANCELLED

Health Tip of the Month

Keep portions in check!

Studies have shown that the more you are served, the more you will eat.

Serve yourself small portions of rich, high-calorie foods, and large portions of healthy foods like vegetables, salads, and broth based soups.



Happy Birthday Aunty Tubes, Aunty Mary and Cousin Mariah



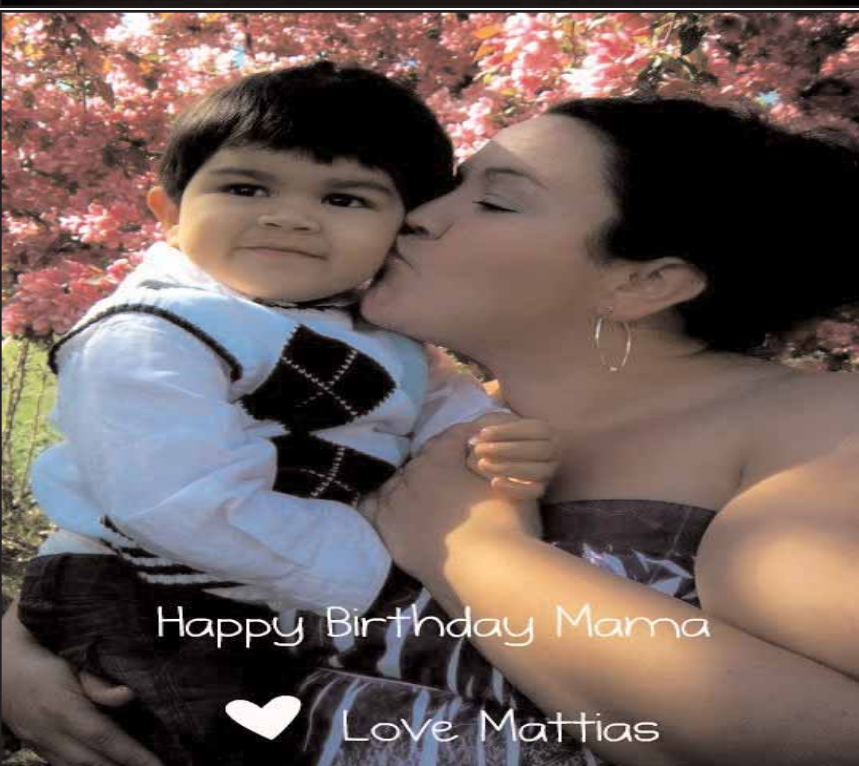
<3 Love Always Phoenix, Stephanie and Tony



Happy Birthday Sapien
Love Mom, Dad, & Pwalxken

Birthday Wishes go out to Lucy Louis, Sally Brewer, and Emery Robins.

Love your Family!



Happy Birthday Mama

♥ Love Mattias

Chief & Council Meeting Schedule for October
 October 5th-8:30am to 12:00pm-Council Chambers
 October 9th-8:30am to 12:30pm-Special Council Meeting-Council Chambers, review of the DRAFT Audited Statements-Council Chambers.
 October 12th-Thanksgiving Holiday-Band Office Closed
 October 13th-6:00pm to 10:30pm-Council Chambers
 October 20th-8:30am to 12:00pm-In-Camera Meetings-Council Chambers
 October 20th-10:30am to 12:00pm-Council Chambers
 October 27th-6:00pm to 10:00pm-Council Chambers
 October 29th/30th-Chiefs Executive-ONA Special Gathering "Syilx Territory Boundry Research and Strategies"-ONA Vintage Views Office-Carrington Rd.



Happy Birthday to our cousin Sapien; Auntie Lucy, Uncle's Emery and Waylon; Cousin Chad; and friends Diane, Mz.Martha, and HR!
Love Tetko and the boys

Happy Birthday to these September Okanagan Indian Band Members

<p>The Okanagan Indian Band Members Birthdays are for members 19 years and older, as we comply with the confidentiality of minors.</p>	<p>Bob Cole Kari Cowan William Douglas Joseph Dubrett Nicole Earl Rico Edgar David Edwards Dianne Edwards Isabel Fred Darcey Goodwater Cathy Gottfriedson Alexis Gregoire Gerard Gregoire Simon Gregoire Gail Hickman Jennifer Houde Daniel Hutchinson Kathline Isaac Marlene Isaac Terry Jack David Klassen Dave Lawrence</p>	<p>Geoffrey Lawrence George Lawrence Harriet Lawrence Jodi Lawrence Ryan Lawrence Winifred Lazard Geraldine Lewis Nadine Lezard Amber Louis Erica Louis Lucy Louis Mary Louis Melissa Louis Frank Louis Wally Louis Donna Maher Chad Marchand Christina Marchand Dana Marchand Diane Marchand James Marchand Kelly Marchand</p>	<p>Kyle Marchand Mary Marchand Ron Marchand Thelma Marchand Violet Marchand Virginia Marchand Donald McBryan Alfreda McLean Clint Mitchell Judy Mitchell Stanley Mitchell Paige Nicholas Jonathan Nixon-Marchand Micheal Ochoa Marcus D Oppenheimer James Parker Richard E Parker Raymond Paul Betty Peitzsche Karl Penning Martha Poley</p>	<p>Emery Robins June Romero Rhoda Simla Carrie Simpson Geraldine Simpson Glen Simpson Edward Smith William Smith Barbara Sorenson Gerald Steele John Stephenson Deborah Tennant Edna Terbasket Shannon Thomas Pearl Tonasket Anette Verge Alona Watchman Cleveland Williams HR Wilson Stephanie Wilson Veronica Wilson Waylon Wilson</p>
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