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A Message from the Chief

By Chief Lucinda Phillips

Hello Lil'wat,



It's coming up to 3-months now since the elections and since I became your Chief - so far, it's been great. Lots of meetings, meeting new people, even just a lot more communication and discussion with the people. Thank you to all that share your concerns with me. There are a

couple of things I do need to share with you or update you on and please look at the Chief & Council Update.

Bears - I know we all have been seeing a lot of bears within Xit'olacw, probably more so due to the dump being locked. I would just like to remind everyone that we should be doing everything we can to recycle (this includes me!), we need to be keeping our yards clean, clearing any brush/bushes in and around your areas and being mindful of fruit trees within our yards - all of these initiatives would go along way with regards to bears. Just a reminder that we do have bins located at various areas within Lil'wat that can be utilized when the dump is closed.

Dogs - I have been getting a lot more complaints about

dogs again and at the end of the day it comes down to the owners and what they are doing about it. Last summer we removed over 200 (probably all the good ones), and it looks like our numbers are tripled again. We offered free spay/neuter programs and only 8-10 people took advantage of that. What more can we as administration or Chief and Council do? Is the dog owner going to wait until a child gets seriously injured? So I'm asking everyone to start taking care of your animals, start thinking of the health and safety of your neighbours and the children - it's all for the betterment of the community.

Preparedness - As you all know we have been preparing this spring for potential flooding of the Birkenhead River. In the event we do flood we'd like to be prepared this year and help to protect homes and gardens that are effected every season. Thank you to all those who have been volunteering, I spent 1-hour there on Friday, holy - that is a lot of hard work, WOW! So kudos to those that have been going out almost daily, thank you for stepping up and teaching us the word VOLUNTEER. To anyone else that has not had the opportunity to go and fill a bag - spending 1 hour or 1/2 hour helps a lot.

So with all the initiatives and/or concerns with the above updates - we really need to start working together, we need to start taking care of these things ourselves. I would like to encourage everyone to be responsible and accountable and not guilt anyone because to be a community, we need to take care of our community as a community.

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Chief and Council Update

By Chief Lucinda Phillips

It has been three months since the election and we are all getting familiar with our new roles and responsibilities. Portfolios are:

Governance, Finance & Administration - Councillors Tara Smith and Chris Irving
 Business & Economic Development - Councillors Vaughan Gabriel and Maxine Bruce
 Culture, Community & Social - Councillors Mike Peters and Carl Wallace,
 Lands, Resources & Public Infrastructure - Councillors Rosemary Stager and Joshua Anderson
 Education, Training & Employment - Councillors Nadine



Pascal and Lois Joseph.

Health and Recreation - Councillors Dean Nelson and Luke Johnny

Thank you Lil'wat for being patient and allowing us to get familiar with our new roles.

My role as Chief has been interesting, I am on the Board of Directors for the Cheakamus Community Forest, Whistler Sports Legacy and First Nations Employment Society

I have been really trying to find balance between being in the community and taking care of our politics, so far it's been working out ok and with your understanding it will continue to work. I would really like to thank my family for giving me the time and strength to allow me to do the things I do for the community. Overall it has been quite the experience and enjoyable.

We'd like to remind the community that contrary to what people believe, Chief & Council do not have a magic wand so we need your help as well.

Thank you.

Lil'wat Day of Healing & Reconciliation

By Norma Pierre, NNADAP Addictions Counsellor

Planning is underway for the Lil'wat Day of Healing scheduled for June 12, 2011. The Ullus Gym and Banquet Rooms have been booked from 1pm to 6pm for this important event.



The residential school survivors include the whole nation: the parents and grandparents whose children were taken away, the children that were taken to residential school and their children that are experiencing the intergenerational effects of residential school abuse from the church officials and employees.

The National Day of Healing and Reconciliation (NDHR) is a movement of people committed to growing together within our families, communities and across Canada, towards healing and reconciliation. The goals of the campaign are three-fold:

- To celebrate a positive, collective healing and reconciliation movement within our families, communities, churches and government
- To educate ourselves and other Canadians about our collective history of government policies that have impacted Aboriginal communities. This includes distributing information and promoting dialogue about:
 - the impact of the legacy of residential schools on **Canada's Aboriginal people;**
 - the Settlement agreement; and
- To reconciling the damaged relationships between **Canada's Aboriginal people and the rest of Canada.**

The National Day of Healing and Reconciliation seeks to offer people opportunities to heal and celebrate together through activities that are meaningful to their own community. Please contact Norma at the Mount Currie Health Centre for more information.

2011 Canada Census Comes to Mount Currie

Provided by Statistics Canada



May 10th marked the beginning of 2011 Census collection across Canada.

Specifically, on reserve, every household will be visited by an enumerator who will conduct both the 2011 Census and the National Household Survey with the head of the household.

Off-reserve, respondents will receive a yellow census package in the mail and will be randomly selected to complete the National Household Survey.

By participating in the 2011 Census, and the National Household Survey, respondents will play a key role in **shaping Canada's future.**

Accurate data helps First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders make informed decisions to improve the quality of life for the people who live in their communities.

For example, housing data can demonstrate a need for additional housing due to overcrowding and major repairs needed to existing houses, while population data can inform decisions made at the community-level on programs and services such as daycares, Elder programs, health care, and economic development.

Information provided on both questionnaires is kept strictly confidential.

Emergency Social Services Needs Volunteers!

By Carolyn Ward, EPOC ESS Coordinator

Nukw7an means to "help someone" and the Emergency Social Services for Lil'wat Nation needs people to help!

The Emergency Social Services group was started on September 9, 2006. We held several meetings and made recommendations to Chief and Council on what was needed to help our community if there was an emergency situation.

The group started training for Emergency Social Services with the Justice Institute of BC in 2007 – 2008.

In our community the following people will be conducting interviews: Benita Gabriel, Gwen McKeown, Marcella Jim, and Tanina Williams

Chief and Council, along with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and BC AFN support the Census and would like to encourage all Lil'wat members to participate.

Note: Staff are still needed for non-supervisory (Enumerator) jobs for the 2011 Census. There are spaces for THREE more enumerators in the community of Mount Currie.

These jobs are ideal for: students, recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, and those wanting to supplement their income.

We offer:

- flexible work hours;
- competitive wages; and
- work in both rural and urban areas.

The work period is between May and the end of July 2011. Rate of pay for non-supervisory positions (Enumerators) is \$14.72 per hour, plus authorized expenses.

Please visit www.census2011.gc.ca to apply now!

After you apply online, please call 1-855-808-5899 if you reside in an Aboriginal Community or are interested in working in an Aboriginal Community. You may also call if you are unable to apply online or have any questions.

Since 2008 the committee has been inactive and I would like the committee to be revitalized. We need active Nukw7an **volunteers for Emergency Response for Lil'wat Nation.**

We are seeking volunteers to help our community when emergency situations come up, such as floods, fires and landslides. Please come in and join the committee so that we can help people when needed.

A meeting for all those interested will be held at the Ullus Council Chambers, on June 7, 2011, at 1:30 pm. Please come and show your concern and support for our Community.

Lil'wat Infant Development Program

By Eunice Sam, Lil'wat Infant Development Consultant

Hi, I am Eunice Sam and I'm the Lil'wat Infant Development Program Consultant.

I do home visiting to provide support and resources to families in need of extra support for children ages 0-6 years of age. I support children that may have delays in growth development, fine and gross motor skills, speech and language delay and special needs children.

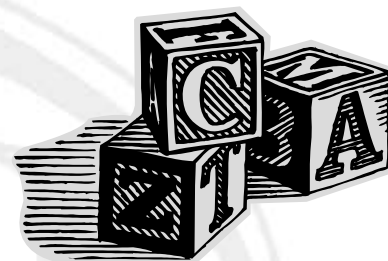
I currently have a desirable amount of age appropriate books, toys, and furniture to lend so your child can benefit to learn and play at home with parents and family.

In order to borrow from my program you do have to do a

referral file and I will do weekly or every two week visits.

A visit at your convenience is always beneficial to an affective assessment so please let me know what time of day is appropriate and I will make the necessary arrangements to meet with you, thank you.

You can contact me at the Mount Currie Health Centre @ 604-894-6656 extension 248 or email me at Eunice.Sam@lilwat.ca



Pqusnalhcw & Ullus Child Care Centres

By Jessica Frank, Child Care Director


All programs at Pqusnalhcw & Ullus Child Care Centre are licensed by the Ministry of Health, complying with health and safety regulations, outlined in the Community Care Facilities Act. We offer half day and full day programs for children between the ages of three months to twelve years.

Are you seeking employment, employed, medical, Ministry Children & Family Development-Foster Parent, Child in home of relative, in training, in Secondary or Post Secondary Education and looking for Child Care?.

The Pqusnalhcw staffs are all trained in Early Childhood Education, Infant Toddler Educator and Special Needs Educators. They create opportunities that are fun, positive, **and stimulating to help encourage each child's sense of wonder, creativity and desire to learn.** A positive environment will promote pro social behaviours.

Ministry of Children and Family Development provides a Subsidy Program to families who are low to moderate income, for more information please visit website at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/ click on subsidy or you can call 1-888-338-6622.

If you are interested in any of the programs at Pqusnalhcw & Ullus Child Care Centre please contact Jessica Frank, Director of Child Care Services at (604) 894-6656 ext. 247 or email me at jessica.frank@lilwat.ca.

Pqusnalhcw Child Care Centre	Ullus Child Care Centre
<p>Ages: 0 to 12 years of age</p>	<p>Ages: 18 months to 5 years of age</p>
<p>Hours: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Where: 201 Black Bear Road, Xit'olacw</p>	<p>Where: 82 A Avenue, Mount Currie</p>
	<p>*Out of school program being developed.</p>

A Reminder from the Social Development Department

By Debra Parker

It is that time of the year when you will be receiving your new National Child Tax Benefit notices in the mail. When you receive them, please drop off a copy at the front desk. When filling out your monthly renewal slips, you need to add the amount of Child tax you receive each month, we do not deduct this, and it is for record keeping purposes only.

If you rent from the Mount Currie Band and have not done your new 2011/2012 rental agreements please do as soon as possible as we will not be paying any rent without it.

Hydro bills need to be dropped off as soon as you receive them to prevent late payment charges and/or disconnection notices.

Social Development only pays for the basic line to your home, which is added to your SA cheque and it is your responsibility to pay the company. We do not pay the actual telephone bill for the usage of the phone.

If there are any changes in the household, you need to let us know and we would like you to book an appointment to

make the necessary changes.

The consent to release form is our way of tracking your employment and making the appropriate deductions according to your earnings.

Earnings need to be declared, we need bank statements, or copies of cheque stubs, we will not be issuing any Social Assistance cheques if earnings are not declared, you can still be supplemented if you do not earn enough

Please remember: Job searches need to be picked up and filled out before booking appointments.

There have been changes when booking appointments, please ask the front desk when booking an appointment who your worker is and book accordingly. If you are a new client, you will be assigned a worker from the department.

Cheque days for June are: May 25th, June 1st, June 15th, and June 24th

Any Questions call Debra Parker or Vaughan Gabriel at the Mount Currie Band (604)894-6115.

Emergency Preparedness

By Michelle Headley RNB, Community Health Nurse

Is your family prepared?

Emergency Preparedness Week was May 1 – 7. With ongoing flooding in our community it is a great time to learn about the importance of:

- 1) Having an emergency kit
- 2) Making an emergency plan
- 3) Identifying risks in the area we live

These three simple steps can help us prepare for many types of emergencies.

Having a Family Emergency Plan will save time, and make real situations less stressful.

Visit the website below to watch a video and learn more about making a Family Emergency Plan.

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

Please share with your family, friends and clients!

72 HOURS
IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

Get an emergency kit
Start today!

Assemble one...

Basic emergency kit shopping list:

- Water** — Two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles)
- Food** that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace once a year)
- Manual can opener**
- Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight** (and extra batteries)
- Wind-up or battery-powered radio** (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit**
- Special needs items** — pet food, prescription medications, infant formula or equipment for people with disabilities
- Extra keys** for your car and house
- Cash** — include smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- Emergency plan** — include a copy in your kit as well as contact information

...or buy one

You can buy an emergency kit online and in stores across Canada. St. John Ambulance and The Salvation Army have prepared an emergency kit which can be purchased at www.sja.ca or at retailers across Canada. Canadian Red Cross kits can be purchased at www.redcross.ca.

Consider these additional emergency kit supplies...

- Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- Candles and matches or lighter (place in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- Change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- Toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Utensils
- Garbage bags
- Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, pocket knife)
- Small fuel-operated stove and fuel
- Whistle (to attract attention)
- Dust tape



For more information call:
1-800-O-Canada (1-800-522-6232)
TTY: 1-800-925-9115

[GetPrepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)




Lands Department Update

By Harriet VanWart, Acting Director of Lands & Resources

The Land and Resources Department is very happy for Lucinda Phillips and her success in becoming Chief, however we were also very sad to see her leave us as our Director. She was very dedicated to her job here and we all appreciate her hard work and straight-to-the-point approach to getting things done. We all miss Lucy – but wish her the best success in her new and exciting leadership role.

We are still waiting for a new Director of the Lands and Resources Department to be hired. With luck the position will be filled in the next couple of weeks. For the interim I have been filling the role as Acting Director, as well as carrying on with my job as the Referral Coordinator.

The snow is finally starting to melt so we are getting busy with field work for conducting archaeological studies. We have some proposed forestry cut blocks to assess, but a majority of the work is to study the area for the proposed Upper Lillooet run-of-river hydro project and the 72 km transmission line that would be built to service the project. The proposed independent power project (IPP) would include facilities at North Creek, Boulder Creek and Keyhole Falls. So far we have gathered information on archaeological sites and many traditional use areas. All this information will

be compiled into an Archaeological Impact Assessment report, and a Traditional Use Study report.

Once these reports are completed, this information will be used for the development an Aboriginal Interest and Use Study (AIUS). The AIUS will look at all the environmental, archaeological, traditional use, and other relevant information related to the proposed project. It will compile this information and provide an overall assessment of how **the project would impact and/or benefit the Lil'wat Nation.** We have recently put together a Steering Committee of community members to provide direction on the development of this AIUS. We have had one initial meeting and our next meeting will be a tour of the Rutherford Hydro Project, to see an actual run-of-river project in operation.

We will also be organizing a community workshop on the proposed Upper Lillooet hydro project, to gather information about community interests and concerns. The date for this is not confirmed yet, but I will keep you posted. If anyone would like to learn more about this proposed development and the studies we are conducting, please come by the Land and Resources office. I would be happy to answer your questions and provide information we have available here.

On Reserve Lands

By Graham Haywood, Lands Officer

There is one recent, major update to the on-reserve lands department that the community should know about. This is that the Mount Currie Band has joined the Reserve Land and Environmental Management Program. This program provides a good opportunity for the community to take greater control over the land and resource management process. The program is designed to provide more training, funding and flexibility so that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada can step away from many of the governance roles they currently play, which will result in more responsibility **for land and resource management at the community's level.** This is a multi-year process, but in the end it will be a great benefit for the Land and Resources Department. If you have any questions about the program, please come into the

Lands Office to talk them over with me. I am in the office Monday to Thursday 8:30 to 4:30pm (with an hour lunch break from 12 - 1)



Creel Survey Update

Hello I am Vanessa Dan and I am a Lil'wat fisheries technician. I have worked out of the Mount Currie Lands Office for about ten years on and off, mostly with Chinook & Sockeye salmon.

I collect info for the Chinook at this time. I have been driving down to the other bands (Skatin, Port Douglas, Tipella, & Baptiste) and everywhere else in between for a few years now. I collect info on who is out there fishing and want to say thanks to all the fishermen that give me information on their catch.

Whenever I can, I go to the elders meetings to talk to them. The Elders then talk to their community's fishermen ask them to share information about their catch. Even the youth get involved. They cook the meals to feed the elders at the meetings I go to.

Mostly, the elders are concerned that the water is too silty. So the only way they catch is with a gill net and the gills are really red this year.

As of April 17th, 12 Chinook had been caught. All of the catch is passed around the community.

I say only take what you need and use all that you take.

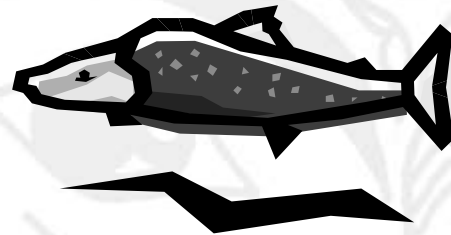
The Creel Survey is conducted each year to find out what sort of equipment fishermen are using, what the catch is like and to monitor the overall health of our Lillooet Fisheries. Here are some of the questions we ask:

- What is your gear type?
- Where are you fishing?
- What time did you catch?
- What was the overall Length of your catch?

We count all the fishing gear and type.

The Lil'wat Fisheries Department would appreciate it if you can share with us any information you may have. OUR CHINOOK NUMBERS ARE DOWN so any info is very important.

If you have any suggestions please contact Ernie Jim (Supervisor) or Maxine Joseph-Bruce (Manager) at the Lands office at 604-894-2333



2011 Birkenhead River Flood Prevention Update

The Emergency Plan Operations Committee (EPOC) has been busy this season organizing protective and preventative works for what is expected to be another Birkenhead Flood season.

There is a higher than usual snowpack in the mountains which may mean more water our way. Cooler temperatures are slowing the melt and we could see a delay in the arrival of high water but we see no reason not to expect some minor flooding this season. Staff are monitoring the water gauge on the Birkenhead River daily and are working with meteorologists and neighbouring governments to be prepared.

The Community of Mount Currie, and in particular the 10 or 12 families that are effected by flood waters every season, needs YOUR HELP to prevent this year's spring overflow. Sandbags are needed to fill in breaches and protect homes. Sandbagging stations have been set up at the Plumber's Shack on IR 10 and at the Salt Shed at Xit'olacw. It only takes a few minutes to fill a bag so please find some time and do what you can to support our efforts.

EPOC will keep the community updated through posters, the Lil'wat Nation website and through Facebook. We are all working hard to reduce the impact to our community this year but we need the whole community to work together to really make our efforts successful.

Ts'zil Learning Centre Update

By Lisa Fisher, Learning Specialist

Spring is a busy time at the Ts'zil Learning Centre! The following students graduated from a post-secondary institution this spring:

- Patricia Andrew – BA in Business Administration at Capilano University
- Ashley Beck – BA Geography at Thompson River University
- Tricia Dan – Fitness Leadership diploma from Grand Prairie Regional College
- Troy Jones – Automotive Service Technician certificate from TRU
- Christina Leo – Associates of Arts Diploma in Social Work from TRU
- Buck Nelson – Film Flex diploma from BCIT
- Alcina Pierre – Culinary Arts certificate at Vancouver Community College
Dillon Sampson – Level II Ford Asset from BCIT
- Lashatka Wells – Aboriginal Culinary Arts certificate at VCC

Rick Joe will be finishing his Masters of Education from UBC this summer

Congratulations to you all!!! We are so proud of you!!

Thinking of upgrading your English, math or computer skills? **Then come on in and register for FALL classes!** We'd love to see your smiling face

On May 25 Ts'zil Learning Centre had a Graduation Tea at Ullus. The students were recognized for their outstanding work.

ABE/UCEP

Kaylon Andrew-Nelson, Smokiie Rae Edwards, Jonathan Frank, Dustine Gabriel, Leon Gabriel, Thunder Grandbois, Whitney Jim, Eva Marie Joe, Ike Jones, Dallas Joseph, Hayden Leo, Jace Leo-Thomas, Maggie Nelson, Twayne Nelson, Pearl Nelson, Bernice Peters, Elizabeth Peters, Jennifer Peters, Sop7aoq Sam, Kristi Wallace, Lonny Wallace, Maggie Wallace

BTEC 117

Dianne Abraham, Flora Andrew, Kelly Andrew, Teresa

Barney, Buck Nelson, Jessica Frank, Ben Haines, Sheila Harris, Amanda John, Luke Johnny, Debra Parker, William Schneider, Kristy Stowell, Augustine Thevarge, Sally Thevarge, Kristi Wallace

ENG 100

Danita Abraham, Gayle Andrews, Maggie Nelson, Raymond Pierre, Rachel Dan, William Schneider, Michelle Thevarge

BADM 101

Danita Abraham, Paulette Andrew, Gayle Andrews, Maxine Bruce, Rachel Dan, Sylvia Dan, Jessica Frank, Amanda John, William Schneider, Michelle Thevarge

BTEC 126

Diane Abraham, Sheila Harris, Amanda John, Flora Nelson, Elisa Pascal, Elizabeth Peters, Annette Pierre, William Schneider, Teresa Zurowski

We also awarded C3 Bursaries to the following people:

- Krisiti Wallace – Overall Highest Achievement in UCEP Program
- Hayden Leo – Best All Around Student & Citizen
- Ticwtkwa Nelson – High Achievement for External Students
- William Schneider - Highest Achievement in Business Administration Program

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!!!!!! Come on in to Ts'zil & we'll help you to register for these classes.

June 1 – July 13>> BADM 106, Organizational Behavior @ Ts'zil Wed & Thurs from 5pm – 9 pm.

July 20 – Aug 31>> CMNS 220, Adv. Business Writing & Editing @ Ts'zil Wed & Thurs from 5pm – 9 pm

Check out Ts'zil's Facebook page to get the latest updates!



Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre Update

By Lois Joseph, Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre Manager

June 5, 2011 Sun Run drummers needed at the Tsipun!!!
Supporting and giving strength to all the participants.

June 11 2011 I wa Sxekstali I Statimcetsa Lil'wat will be hosting a Language meeting at Ullus .We will be sharing ideas for teaching **Language, what works and what doesn't**. Each Nation will share what they are doing in their community to pass on the language. We need as many fluent speakers, elders, youth, daycare workers and teachers **to attend. Let's all work together to create resource** materials, teaching tools and guides for the Language. Everyone in these categories play a vital role in the language revitalization plan. If we are going to keep the language alive and thriving we must work together.

Volunteer cooks and food donations are needed.

June 13, 2011 Ullus L Iwat Hand Drumming, Singing and Dancing with Pot Luck dinner 6:00 – 8:30 PM - POSTPONED due to Graveyard Cleaning

June 21, 2011 National Aboriginal Day Celebration in Whistler

- 10:30 A.M-11:30 AM Pole Raising Blessing - Ceremony at Olympic Plaza

Contact: Sarah Goodwin
604.964.0996 or Toll free
1-866-441-7522 (SLCC)

- 12:00 PM L Iwat Fashion Show at SLCC - Featuring 2010 Opening Ceremonies participants, Olympic Youth Participants, Closing ceremony participants, and other Regalia making participants.
Contact: Lois Joseph at 604-894-6115 Ext. 2259 or email: lois.joseph@lilwat.ca
- Artist Market -Contact: Kim Stanger 1-604-964-0992 or Toll free 1-866-441-7522 (SLCC)

June 21, 2011 National Aboriginal Day Celebration in L Iwat

- 2:00 4:00 PM culture crafts: Mini drums, medicine bags, dream catchers. We will also be having Storytelling and Pinku. Door prizes!
 - 5:00 PM Potluck Dinner
 - 6:00-8:00 PM Honouring L Iwat Dancers
 - 8:00 PM -9:00 PM Clean-up Volunteers needed.
- Come on out and celebrate L Iwat style! Volunteers and food donations needed.

Please contact Mary James 604 894 6115 or email maryelaine.james@lilwat.ca



Ihtensa I sqa7a - Food Bank

By Tanis Grandbois, Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator

Did you know there is a food bank starting up soon in Lil'wat!!!

Kelhtensa I sqa7a is made up of group of people working to **establish a food bank in Lil'wat. We have applied for a small** pot of money to start up the food bank; we still need cash donations to begin purchasing foods to distribute. We recently opened up a bank account with the Pemberton Scotia Bank. A couple of us have met with the Pemberton food bank to look at how one is run. There is still a lot of work to be done. In order to have a food bank we need to

have a team of committed volunteers and acknowledge the work is long and sometime strenuous- However the **benefits and positive impacts it will have on Lil'wat Nation will be** well worth it. Ihtensa I sqa7a is run on the volunteer bases.

If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer your time please contact Debra Parker, Dianne Frank or Tanis Grandbois.

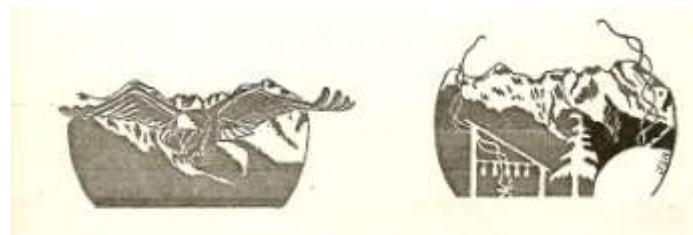
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Amazing Artwork

We'd like to take a moment to recognize the work of our talented artists. Johnnie Abraham designed the Lil'wat Nation logo almost thirty years ago now. He submitted the design as part of a contest and won \$100 worth of art supplies. Here is his recollection of his inspiration for the images to the right.

" My interpretation is that our culture revolves around the circle or medicine wheel. In the center the cedar tree stands tall as it is the main part of our culture. On the right the 7istken represents the people and their home. On the left the drying rack represents the many ways we preserve our foods such as the salmon. Mount Currie looms over us as the smoke represents hands making a circle." - Johnnie Sylvester Abraham



The background design used for this newsletter was created by Vania Stager for the new Lil'wat Nation website. It is called Eagle Dancer and was one of three designs submitted to the web design team.

It's important to recognize not only the work of Vania and Johnnie but all of Lil'wat's amazing artists who are drawing, painting, beading, weaving, carving and pursuing whatever art form they are inspired to try.

It's Bear Season Again

This is a notice to all community members to please keep your property up at Xit'olacw free of garbage. This winter's heavy snow fall and the low spring temperatures which have delayed melt are forcing the bears lower into the valley to look for food. The bears are hungry and if they smell garbage around your house they will go after it.

In an effort to prevent bears from using the Xit'olacw landfill as a regular feeding ground, regular operating hours have been established. Effective as of early May, the new hours are:

Wednesday 12pm - 8pm
Saturdays 8am - 4pm

* Please be aware that there will be a gatekeeper on duty to ensure that the gate is closed when the landfill is not being used. The landfill will be locked shut at all other times to keep the bears out.

* When the landfill is closed, please deposit your garbage and recycling in the bins located at the old grocery store site at **Xit'olacw Road and Black Bear Road**

Making sure your home and yard are bear-proof is an essential part of making your community safe for both bears and people. Here's how:

1. Keep your home **bear-attractant free**. Don't attract bears to your property with garbage, bird feeders, fruit trees and berry bushes, gardens, compost, dirty barbecues (grease cans or drip trays) or pet food.
2. Don't stockpile garbage and recycling in large quantities and don't store it outdoors.
3. Bears can and will climb through open windows and doors. Consider keeping them closed and locked during bear season, especially if you know there is a bear in the area.

For more information visit: WWW.BEARSMART.COM

If you have any complaints about a particular bear please call the Conservation Authority at 1-800-663-9453, do not call the Tribal Police. The only time you should call the Tribal Police regarding a bear is if your life is being threatened by one.

Lil'wat Nation Calendar of Events - June 2011

Wed June 1

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil
8pm – 9pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Ullus

Thu June 2

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil
9am – 4:30pm Health Canada Food Safety Course - Ts'zil

Fri June 3

- All day Xit'olacw School Sports Day
8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil

Sun June 5

- 10am – 1pm 1st Annual Lil'wat Sun Run - MCHC

Mon June 6

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil

Tue June 7

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil
12pm – 3pm Active Parenting Workshop - Ullus
1pm – 3pm Elder's Exercise - Ullus
2pm – 4:30pm Baby Clinic - Ullus
7pm – 8pm Council Meeting - Ullus

Wed June 8

- All day Xit'olacw School Kindergarten Graduation
8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil
8pm – 9pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Ullus

Thu June 9

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil

Fri June 10

- 8:30am – 4pm Bladerunners - Ts'zil

Sat June 11

- 9am - 4pm St'at'imc Language Meeting - Ullus

Sun June 12

- 1pm - 6pm Lil'wat Day of Healing & Reconciliation - Ullus

Mon June 13

- 8am - 5pm Graveyard Cleaning Starts - 13th to 17th

Tue June 14

- All day Xit'olacw School Elementary Awards
12pm – 3pm Active Parenting Workshop - Ullus
1pm – 3pm Elder's Exercise - Ullus
2pm – 4:30pm Baby Clinic - Ullus
7pm – 8pm Council Meeting - Ullus

Wed June 15

- All day Xit'olacw School High School Awards
8pm – 9pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Ullus

Sun June 19

- All day Father's Day

Tue June 21

- All day National Aboriginal Day
10:30 - 1:00pm SLCC Pole Raising Blessing - Olympic Plaza, Whistler
12pm – 3pm Active Parenting Workshop - Ullus
1pm – 3pm Elder's Exercise - Ullus
2pm - 8pm Aboriginal Day Celebrations - Ullus
2pm – 4:30pm Baby Clinic - Ullus
7pm – 8pm Council Meeting - Ullus

Wed June 22

- All day Xit'olacw School Graduation Ceremonies
8pm – 9pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Ullus

Tue June 28

- 12pm – 3pm Active Parenting Workshop - Ullus
1pm – 3pm Elder's Exercise - Ullus
2pm – 4:30pm Baby Clinic - Ullus

Note: Please check notice boards and announcements throughout the community for more events. View our online calendar at www.lilwat.ca/multimedia/calendars.cfm

Contact & Deadline Information

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All news items and announcements are posted to our Lil'wat News & Events page which automatically updates Facebook and Twitter to make sure all members of our community are connected.



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Deadline for July 2011 Newsletter Submissions

The submission deadline for July's newsletter will be JUNE 27th, 2011. Deadlines for each month's newsletter will be the last Monday of the month so that the newsletter will be published on the first Friday of every month. All submissions should be emailed, in word format, to Tracy Howlett at tracy.howlett@lilwat.ca.

If there is anything in particular that you'd like to see included in the newsletter please let us know. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the community on what the Band Administration and Chief and Council are working on. Please send your ideas and requests to Tracy and we'll do what we can to include more information.