



Lil'wat Nation

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A Message from the Chief

April already. Just got back from the Inauguration for Chief and Council. It was Great! Another term of hard work. But once we make our commitment we can do it.

Congratulations to our new Councillor Vaughn Gabriel on his recent marriage to Debbie Ward. Wish you both the best.

Thanks to the three Councillors of the last term that did not get back in, Loretta Pascal, Ruth Dick and Chris Irving. You will get back in in the future. I noticed you are all descendants of past leaders so I guess its in your blood as they say. Will miss you all.

It was such an appropriate ceremony for the late Councillor Shirley Wallace. The first ceremony was right after the election, at our conference centre. That one was to fill her vacant chair since she left us. We did not have a by-election for her seat so it was very necessary. Bless her soul and thanks to her beloved family for being so understanding. The ceremony for Shirley at the Inauguration was well attended by family, friends and Council of course.

We all made our oaths so we are going to be very busy for the necessary work that's required to serve us all. Ay.

Taya. Kukwpi7, Chief Leonard Andrew



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Important Dates!

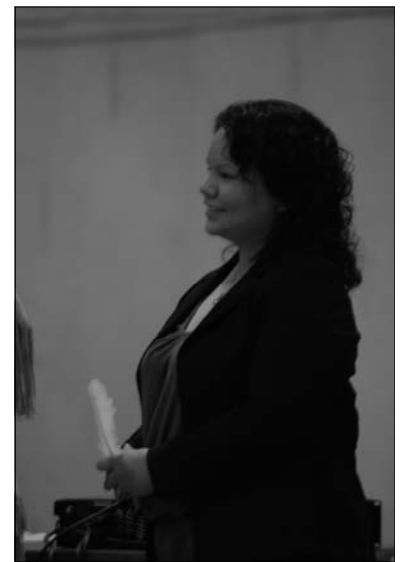
- April 4th Chief and Council Inauguration
- April 6th First Smulhats (Women's) Group Meeting
- April 10th EASTER BREAK!
- 13th Band Offices Closed
- April 15th Olympic Flame Relay Meeting
- April 22nd EARTH DAY
- April 30th Childcare Assessment Survey is Due!



2009-2011 Chief and Council Inauguration Ceremony

On Saturday, April 4th Community Members and Band Staff gathered at the Xit'olacw School Gymnasium to celebrate the Inauguration of the new Chief and Council. The ceremony was started with a great dinner by Georgina and included a special memorial to former Councillor Shirley Wallace. After a pipe ceremony and Smudging each of the 12 Councillors and the returning Chief Andrew said their Oath and signed the official register. Each Councillor was then presented with an Eagle Feather which was beaded by Xit'olacw students.

Congratulations to the newly elected Chief and Council.



Community



Corner!

A letter from Connie Wilson

Bravo! I offer my congratulations to newly elected chief and council. The election was extraordinary, new candidates for some and a close race for others. I wish to “thank” all who had faith in my running. I wasn’t out by too many votes (171)

I look forward to information on the two year term plan. I’ve seen many changes in our community and anticipate much more. As leadership you will be in my daily prayers as 2010 approaches there is much more work involved for Mount Currie and the whole Nation.

Congratulations!



Community Invitation Xexumaka7

The families of the late Virginia (Ma) Frank invites the surrounding communities to a Memorial to honour Ma Frank for the hard work she did for all the community gatherings. Please bring your hand drums and come join the family on this special day.

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2009

Location: Mt. Currie Old Hall

Event will start at 12:00 NOON, lunch will be served at 1:00 PM



SHIRLEY LAURENE WALLACE MEMORIAL

Sunday May 10, 2009

10 AM — HEADSTONE TO BE PUT UP AT SAMAHQUAM CEMETARY. DRUMMING TO FOLLOW.

BACK TO MOUNT CURRIE FOR MEAL , NAME GIVING AND SLIDE SHOW OF HER LIFE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SHEILA HARRIS AT

604-894-6795 HOME 604-935-0883 CELL



N.N.A.D.A.P.

National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs

Submitted by Cedric Jones and Norma Pierre



Lil'wat Smulhats (Women's) Group

Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, and Elders
with Norma Pierre

Starting April 6, 2009

Monday Evenings 7 pm at The Mount Currie Health Centre



Lil'wat Men's Group

All Men in Lil'wat,
"Welcome to Visit and Gather"

To Share, Learn & Build a more Fulfilling Life of Living
as Individuals, Husbands and Fathers etc.

**Men healing with Men:
Personal Growth, Communicating and Teachings of Culture,
Traditions and Spiritual Ceremonies and Fun**

with Cedric Jones

Thursday Evenings 7 pm – 8:30 or 9 pm at The Mount Currie Health Centre

Ts'zil Update

By Nadine Pascal, Education and Training Coordinator

Ama Sqit Lil'wat! Ts'zil sure has been a busy place this year. So many changes have already happened and a lot more are going to happen in the near future.

We're happy to announce that Elizabeth Pierre has been hired as the "Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist". She is here to assist in the office operations and room set up. Since we've had double the work load and the same amount of staffing we felt we needed a hand in ensuring the office still had a handle on our procedures.

Programs

We are assisting in the offering of "Field Fisheries Technician Program" with Vancouver Island University. This is a 6 week program, and has 12 students ready to begin in May and end June of this year. Please watch for the students, in and around our lakes, rivers and streams.

The Carpentry Level 2 group is in Week 1 of 6 weeks in North Vancouver. We have 3 men out in the city working hard to achieve their level 2 Carpentry with Squamish Nation.

The Cement Masonry Level 3 Group is in week 3 of 4. There are 10 guys staying out in Surrey

to take this program. They are almost complete!!

There is also one guy in



Vancouver taking his Class 1 with air brakes, he has a few more hours to fully complete the level for driving big trucks.

Another student is only classes away from completing their Teaching Certification with SFU & TRU. Congratulations!

If you are interested in any Trades or Training, and require financial assistance, please come to Ts'zil and see Nadine, or any of the office assistants, **ASAP**, to fill in the required documents to ensure you get the program paid for, prior to start dates, your living allowance and banking information for deposits. Priority will be given to those that have all documents in on time, (*not Friday before Monday classes!!!*) Thank you.

We are going to cost share with Cindy's Blade Runner Program and assist in paying for seats. Program runs April 6- 16, 2009. The courses we can buy are: Forklift Operator, First Aid Level 1 (*full*), WHIMIS, Confined Spaces & Lockout, Fall Protection, Traffic Control (*full*). If you are interested please come in and fill out a form and have your name put on a list at the front desk. Although some courses are full, you can still be put on a wait/call list in case there is a no show, or someone decides to drop.

We have 1 graduate in the LPN - Licensed Practical Nurse, at the Williams Lake Campus with Thompson Rivers University. Carmen Nelson has successfully completed her program and graduated at the end of January. She began work experience in February. Good Luck Carmen! We wish you all the best in your future.

Our UCEP - University College Entrance Program ends April 24, 2009. Most student in the program have their career goals and areas of study in mind and planned out. This was a great bunch of students full of energy and anticipation. We will be running another UCEP program in Sept. '09. With a few changes

Ts'zil Update Cont...

in mind, we want all students that attend Ts'zil to excel and succeed so we are making some changes we learned from this group.

We are running the *Diploma Program in Aboriginal Early Childhood Education with NVIT-Nicola Valley Institute of Technology* beginning very soon. NVIT is in process of hiring the instructors and coordinating the course schedule for the next year and half. 1 weekend per month is required as are 2 nights per week from 6-9pm. This is the second year diploma program so a prerequisite is the 1 year Basic ECE with your 500 hours work experience. We have a group of 12 students so far and look forward to working with our neighboring communities to share the seats with.

Please keep in mind the deadline for applications for programs in JUNE 1 for September 09 start. We have a Priority list in place which will determine who gets funded for this fiscal year. A big portion of determining who is eligible for funding is: the students' GPA from previous terms and graduates from high school. When applying for post secondary funding please remember to have:

- Transcripts from High School and any other transcripts for

schooling you may have had in the past

- Application & Registration forms filled in completely
- Your acceptance letter into a Publicly Funded Institute that Ts'zil recognizes. (In the policy handbook at Ts'zil)
- Copies of any identifications

Announcements

We are in the very early planning stages of building a new Ts'zil Institute here!!

Scholarship Opportunity!

We have an Innergex Scholarship to award a recipient with a maintained GPA (Grade Point Average) throughout their program of studies, this academic school year.

We will announce who the recipient is when ALL transcripts are sent in so please get them in as soon as your program is complete.

This decision will be solely based on GPA. For those of you not familiar with our GPA acceptance at Ts'zil, it is 2.25.

This is in our funding policy approved by Chief and Council.

Good Luck to All.

If you have any questions regarding funding, schooling, training etc. Please drop in or call 604-894-2300

Ts'zil Staff

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The BladeRunner Program is a Youth Assistance Program that helps youth with on-going support, job readiness skills, and work-place training. The target of the program is to assist the youth in overcoming their barriers to employment and achieve long-term attachment to the workforce.

The youth training program offers the recipients life skills and job readiness skills. They will get certificates in Occupational first aid level 1, WHMIS, Fall Protection, Confined Space, Lockout, Traffic Control Person.

As a part of the program there is a job coach who will offer on-going support to the participant 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This support provides on-site monitoring, and after hours support.

The BladeRunner model is built on the foundation of cooperation, success, and measurable results for the participant, employer/industry, and the BladeRunner coordinator.

If you're between the ages of 19-30?
You want to start a career in construction or related trades?
You can wake up early and get to work?
You are an able body for labor?

Next start date is April 06, 2009



If you're interested
Contact Cindy Jacob
BladeRunner Coordinator
604-894-1733

Pqusnalhcw Child Development Centre

Submitted by Jessica Frank, Director and Anita Willier

The Pqusnalhcw Child Care Centre will be doing a needs assessment for Child Care in Mount Currie in the Community Building. The Questionnaire will go out on Monday, April 14, 2009, and the deadline to return will be Thursday, April 30, 2009. If you do not receive a questionnaire please contact Jessica Frank, Manager at 604-894-6656 ext. 247.

Pqusnalhcw will be Closed Friday, April 10, 2009 and Monday, April 13, 2009

The staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter



Child Care Subsidy Program

The provincial government recognizes the fundamental importance of child care to a prosperous economy. The government of British Columbia partners with child care providers to create and support a sustainable child care system in which families can choose from a range of affordable, safe, quality child care options that meet diverse needs.

Whether you are a child care provider, a parent, or an early childhood educator, you can find information from www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/index.htm on programs and services to assist you. Learn about Child Care Subsidy, the Child Care Resource and Referral Program and Child Care Funding Programs.

For more information you can call 1-888-338-6622 or website www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/index.htm if you need assistance filling out the subsidy paperwork or need a copy of the subsidy paperwork you can also contact Jessica Frank, Manager at 604-894-6656 ext. 247.

FUN FRIDAYS at Pqusnalhcw

Pqusnalhcw invites everyone to participate in our Fun Fridays! The schedule for April is as follows:

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|-------------------|--|
| April 3rd | Crazy Hairdo Day |
| April 9th | Bunny Whiskers or Long Ears Day |
| April 17th | Favourite Hoodie Day |
| April 24th | Sunglasses Day |



The 2009
St'at'imc Gathering

May 8th, 9th and 10th 2009

Hosted and organized by the



SAMAHQUAM
UCWALMICW



at the Q'aLaTKu7eM community
(previously known as Baptiste Smith IR 1B)
located at 33 kilometers west side of the Lillooet Lake
(Little Tenas Lake)

Look out for posters and more information closer to the date.



International Indigenous Leadership Gathering

“Protecting The Sacred”

April 30th – May 7th 2009

At the base of Scwene7am – McCartney flats (6 Mile), Lillooet, BC

Hosted by t'it'q'et\St'át'imc Territory

Our Focus:

- * Sacred knowledge - embracing the guidance of the Ancestors *
- * Sacred lands - respecting the rhythms of Mother Earth *
- * Sacred children - nurturing the young ones, both near and far *
- * Sacred generations - providing for the grandchildren, for all humanity *

With Guests: • Merepeka Henley • Dr. Lee Brown • Isaac Bishara • Frank Austin Many Horses • Felipe Garcia • Donna Goodwater • Dr. David Suzuki • Bucky Preston • Art Manuel • Don Alejandro Cirilo Perez Oxlaj • Angaangaq Lyberth • Chief Arvol Lookinghorse • Calixta Gabriel Xiquin • Lee Maracle • Jeanette Armstrong • Miguel Ortiz Domingo • Geshe Yong Dong • Dr. Phil Lane and many more...

Welcoming by Chief Bill Machell & Tribal Chief Mike Leach

Gathering Chairperson Garry John

Sunrise Ceremony/Sweats held each morning @ 5:00 a.m.

Entertainment and Open Stage on Saturday May, 2nd.

BRING YOUR DRUMS!

ALL NATIONS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN EATING UTENSILS, SEATING AND DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE GATHERING. PLEASE RESPECT THE LAND



For more info, registration, camping space, or to volunteer contact ALAINA @ (250) 256-7523

ilgathering@hotmail.com www.myspace.com/ourlandisourlife

PLEASE INCLUDE TRADITIONAL FOOD/GIVEAWAY DONATIONS IN YOUR REGISTRATION ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED – KúKWSTUMC!

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES, LOSS OR INJURY DURING THE GATHERING

Health Centre Update

By Vanessa Benekritis and Vickie Louis

The Difference Between Home Care and Community Health Nursing

Home Care	Community Health
Client Group Includes: 1) Elderly 2) Chronically Ill 3) Disabled 4) Acutely ill requiring treatment	Client Group Includes: 1) All age groups not ill 2) Schools 3) Prenatal and postnatal 4) Infants, preschoolers
Skills: 1) Recent acute care nursing skills 2) Specific Skills such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot care training • Diabetic nurse educator • Wound management • Ostomy care • IV drug therapy • Pain management • Palliative care 	Skills: 1) C.D.C. immunization certificate 2) Workshop presentation skills 3) Childbirth education 4) Health promotion and illness prevention education skills 5) Family and community nursing including community development
Tasks: 1) Home visits 2) Wound care management 3) Medication: monitoring, administration and teaching 4) Palliative care 5) Supervision of personal care aides and family support workers 6) Diabetes management and follow up 7) Ostomy care	Tasks: 1) Home visits 2) Clinic visits for preventative health 3) School visits 4) Child health clinics 5) Immunization 6) Community Workshops 7) Communicable disease control 8) Environmental health prevention and education



Mount Currie Health Centre Staff Directory

Here are the Mount Currie Health Centre staff extensions. We are so sorry that our answering system has not been working properly. It is in the works of being properly fixed. Thank you for all your patience ~ Vickie Louis MCHC Receptionist.

Management		Counselors	
245	Unused	232	Cedric Jones A & D Counselor
244	Christina Leo Acting Health Director	235	Norma Pierre A & D Tob. Red.
Front Desk		Contracted Staff /Other	
221	Vickie Louis Receptionist	333	Deanne Zeidler Speech Therapy-v-mail only
231	Tracy Gabriel Medical Transportation Coordinator	227	Maridee Hygenist
Community Health		229	Dr. Krumme Dentist
228	CHN	226	Public Front Desk Counter
246	Sheila Bikadi CHR Child Wellness	123	Anita Willier Office Assistant / Voicemail
249	Lucy Pascal Maternal Health	247	Jessica Frank Child Care Director
243	Shawn Wallace Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator	241	DeShanna S.C.D.P
Home & Community Care Program		248	Eunice Sam L.I.D.P
242	Vanessa Benekritis LPN	222	Infant Babies
238	Lisa Dawn Shackelford Home Care Nurse	236	Tsepalin Room I Infant/Toddler
230	Teresa Zurowski E.A.C. & Dir. Wat. Saf.	237	Skwalx Room 3-5 yr olds
225	Renee Jim HCC	250	Nursery Sherry Johnny
Phone: 894-6656	Fax: 894-5639	250	Afterschool Club Renee 5-12yr olds

Maternal Child Health Calendar

Submitted by Sheila Bikadi

Call the Mount Currie Health Centre at 604-894-6656 if you have any questions

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 Prenatal Class 2:30-4:30pm 'Labor & Delivery' Part 1	31 *HPOP in Pemberton 12:30pm-2pm 1-4:30pm Baby Clinic Immunizations	1 2-4:30pm Baby Clinic Weighing & Measuring	2 Make the Connection 0-1 12:30pm-2:30pm	3	4
5	6 10am-1pm Shopping w/coupons Prenatal Class 1-3:30pm Sewing, Bingo	7 *HPOP in Pemberton 12:30pm-2pm Baby Clinic Drop In 9am-12pm Immunizations 1-4:30pm	8 2-4:30pm Baby Clinic Weighing & Measuring	9 Make the Connection 0-1 12:30pm-2:30pm	10	11
12	13	14 *HPOP in Pemberton 12:30pm-2pm 1-4:30pm Baby Clinic Immunizations	15 2-4:30pm Baby Clinic Weighing & Measuring	16 Make the Connection 0-1 12:30pm-2:30pm	17	18
19	20 Swimming 11am-3pm Must be 12-36 weeks. More info call Sheila Bikadi @6656 OR Leave message on Ext. #246	21 *HPOP in Pemberton 12:30pm-2pm 1-4:30pm Baby Clinic Immunizations	22 2-4:30pm Baby Clinic Weighing & Measuring	23 Make the Connection 0-1 12:30pm-2:30pm	24	25
26	27 Shopping w/coupons 10am-1pm Prenatal Class 1-3:30pm 'Labor & Delivery' Pain Management Part 2	28 *HPOP in Pemberton 12:30pm-2pm 1-4:30pm Baby Clinic Immunizations	29 NO BABY CLINIC	30		

*HPOP - Healthy Pregnancy Outreach Program for Pregnancy to Babies aged 6 months

Missed a prenatal class? Call Lucy for 1 on 1 At Health Centre or in home visit.

Messages can be left on ext. # 246-Sheila or #249-Lucy

Whistler Blackcomb RBC First Nations Snowboard Recreational Team Results

Submitted by Sheila Bikadi



FEMALE 12 - 14

Rank	Name	Bib	Run 1	Run 2	Best
1	SUTIKEM BIKADI	475	0.25.65	0.26.37	0.25.65
2	PALA KOVACS	469	0.26.17	0.26.45	0.26.17
3	JAZZMIN PASCAL	488	0.26.46	0.28.03	0.26.46
4	KRISTEN WALLACE	456	0.29.36	0.30.30	0.29.36
5	WINONA NELSON	496	0.32.86	0.33.83	0.32.86
6	KAYLAH UREN	497	0.35.19	0.35.27	0.35.19
7	COURTNEY DOWNEY	458	0.42.22	0.37.44	0.37.44
8	ASHIEL EDMONDS	487	0.48.49	0.41.41	0.41.41

FEMALE 15 +

Rank	Name	Bib	Run 1	Run 2	Best
1	PSIL BIKADI	34	0.24.46	0.25.51	0.24.46
2	SHAQUEL PIERRE	32	0.36.33	0.30.80	0.30.80

FEMALE 9 - 11

Rank	Name	Bib	Run 1	Run 2	Best
1	RACHENTA JONES	495	0.35.91	0.35.76	0.35.76
1	SERENITY JONES	451	0.36.61	0.35.76	0.35.76
3	ZIA JOSEPH	452	0.37.72	0.37.01	0.37.01
4	TESS WALLACE	477	1.02.96	0.37.04	0.37.04
5	TELAYAH WILLIAMS	499	0.44.66	DNS	0.44.66
6	KYRA WALLACE	473	0.54.63	0.45.52	0.45.52

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

(PATIENT TRAVEL)

Health Canada requires a two weeks notice for patient travel. Please get your referral letters in A.S.A.P. Referrals need to have the date and time and signed by your doctor, if any of these are not on the referral I cannot process patient travel.

Confirmation letters need to be handed in to me as soon as possible. I thank my clients who have them faxed to me or handed in the day after their appointment. I will be sending out letters to those clients who have not brought in their confirmation letters. If confirmation letters are not handed in and you have an appointment coming up I will not be able to process patient travel until I received confirmation of your previous appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns please stop by the Mt Currie Health Centre and pick up a copy of the Patient Travel Policy Manual.

Tracy Gabriel

Medical Transportation Benefits Coordinator

Phone: 604-894-6656 Fax: 604-894-5639 Toll Free: 1-888-268-2900 patienttravel@lilwat.ca

TRY OUTS First Nations Snowboard Team

When: Saturday April 11, 2009
Where: Whistler Blackcomb Resort
Meeting Place: Base of Wizard chairlift at 9:00am
Meeting Place for Vancouver residence: Chief
Joe Mathias Centre, 100 Capilano Rd. at 7:00 am
Transportation will be provided
Who: Aboriginal Youth with Dreams



**HONOUR
DISCIPLINE
RESPECT**

**PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE**

12 FNST High Performance Team members will be selected from the lower mainland and they will earn:

Photo: Jordan Demeulemeester, Saulteau First Nations

- 2009/10 Season's Pass
- Challenger Snowboard
- Dry Land Training
- World Class Freestyle Coaching
- CASI Membership
- BCSA Membership
- CAIP Insurance
- A YWCA Pass and Training Camps
- Competition experience

Please register no later than Thursday April 9, 2009 to confirm your attendance with;









Lindsay Hubley
Events Coordinator
Lindsay_Hubley@squamish.net
Tel: 604.982.8635
www.FNRiders.com



And an opportunity of a lifetime

April Recreation Calendar

By Dan Cindric, Recreation Director

Time	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
3:30pm to 4:00pm							
4:00pm to 4:30pm			DODGEBALL 4:00 to 5:00				INDOOR SOCCER 4:00 to 7:00
4:30pm to 5:00pm	DODGEBALL 4:30 to 5:30	ART FUN 4:30 to 6:30	12 and Under XCS Gym	YOUTH BASKETBALL 4:30 to 6:00			Ages 14 and Up XCS Gym
5:00pm to 5:30pm	12 and Under XCS Gym	All Ages	DODGEBALL 5:00to 7:00	14 and Under XCS Gym			
5:30pm to 6:00pm	DODGEBALL 5:30 to 7:00	XCS Cafe	All Ages XCS Gym				
6:00pm to 6:30pm	All Ages XCS Gym			KARATE 6:00 to 7:30			
6:30pm to 7:00pm		BADMINTON 6:00 to 8:00		15 and Under XCS Cafe	BASKE-TBALL 6:30 to 9:00		
7:00pm to 7:30pm		Ages 10 & Up XCS Gym	MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 to 9:00		15 and Over XCS Gym		LADIES BASKETBALL 7:00 to 9:00
7:30pm to 8:00pm			15 and Over XCS Gym				15 and over XCS Gym
8:00pm to 8:30pm							
8:30pm to 9:00pm							
9:00pm to 9:30pm							
9:30pm to 10:00pm							

For more information call Dan Cindric at 604-894-1663 or email at daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca

Third Annual Tomorrow's Voice Youth Forum: A Big Hit

By Dan Cindric, Recreation Director

On March 14th and 15th Mount Currie celebrated the 3rd Annual Tomorrow's Voice Youth Forum at Xit'olacw Community School. This year's event was planned by the Lil'wat Recreation Department with support from various other departments such as the Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre, Wellness Centre, and Mount Currie Management Incorporated. We had over 130 youth participating in different workshops such as wall karate, traditional dancing, nutrition, goal setting, sexual health and more. Guest speakers included BC Lions defensive back Jerome Dennis and Olympic silver medalist Veronica Brenner. On Saturday night the youth enjoyed a Much Music Dance. While the weekend was about learning and personal growth the youth really seem to enjoy socializing with other likeminded youth, and winning prizes.

This year's event was themed

around "Sport". Benefits of sports go far beyond losing, gaining or maintaining weight. Sports and exercise have a significant effect on your overall well being both physically and mentally. Although this forum was aimed at youth between the ages of 12 and 19 it was open to people of all ages and people of all ages benefited from it.

This event would not have been without the support of possible local sponsors and volunteers. I would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a huge

success.

A special thank you to all the sponsors who made this event possible:

*Mount Currie Band
Lil'wat Recreation Department
Lil'wat Wellness Centre
Active Communities
Lil'wat Gas Station
Lil'wat Cultural Centre
Telus
Okanagan Aboriginal AIDS Society
Mount Currie Management Inc
Pemberton Valley Lodge
BCRPA
ASRA
BC Cancer Foundation*



Torch Relay Committee Meeting

This meeting is open to everyone. We will be discussing the selection of the Torch Bearers and the community celebration when the Olympic torch travels through Mount Currie.

April 15th, 2009 5pm at the Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre (XCS)





2010 Olympic Torch Relay Application



****Incomplete Applications will not be considered****
Please refer questions to Daniel Cndric:
604 894 1663 or daniel.cndric@lilwat.ca

****Please return completed application to Mount Currie Band Office****
PO Box 602, Mount Currie, BC, V0N 2K0

Applications due no later than 4pm on May 11th, 2009

Applicant- Last Name _____		First Name _____	Status Number _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____ DD MM YYYY		Do you have a Disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If so, please explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Where would you like to carry the Torch? (Choose only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mount Currie <input type="checkbox"/> Xit'olacw <input type="checkbox"/> SLCC (Whistler)	Are you a Mount Currie Band Member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you have any medical conditions which may impede you in running with the torch? (I.e.heart condition) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Parents- Last Name (if under the age of 18) _____		First Name _____	Status Number _____
Street Address: _____			
Telephone: _____		Cell: _____	Email: _____
Alternate Contact: _____		Telephone: _____	
What will carrying the torch mean to you? (Please attach extra sheet(s) (Include photographs, essay, newspaper clippings, etc.))			
What do you do to get involved in your Community? (Please attach extra sheet(s) (Include photographs, essay, newspaper clippings, etc.))			

As of October 30, 2009, I will be 13 years of age or older.

I am not an employee of either Coca-Cola or Royal Bank of Canada or any of their affiliates, Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games employees, directors, principals, officers or contractors, and each of their respective independent contest agencies and promotional agencies, nor anyone living with any of the foregoing employees, directors, principals, officers or contractors.

I agree to put forward my name for consideration as a torchbearer in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. I recognize that my nomination does not guarantee I will be selected as a torchbearer and I further acknowledge that participation in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay is subject to acceptance of certain additional terms and conditions.

Print name

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (If applicant is under 19 years)

Parent or Guardian Signature

Mount Currie Board of Education Update

By Verna Stager, Xit'olacw Community School Administrator

THE MOUNT CURRIE BOARD OF EDUCATION has just completed the budgeting process that included the following:

Reviewing the Lil'wat 5 Year Strategic Plan and incorporating goals whenever possible to the strategies and objectives for the school. Strategies and objectives are planned for each department with input also from School staff. Following strategies and objectives then monies were assigned to each department accordingly with the monies available. It may be of interest to you to know there are the following departments in the school budget:

501 Administration:

To take direction and administer duties for the Mount Currie Board of Education and provide educational advise to the Board. To provide adequate administration and supervision of the Xit'olacw Community school. To communicate and implement the Mount Currie Band's educational goals and objectives with outside educational agencies including School District #48. INAC Funded: 1 FTE Administrator, 2

FTE Coordinators, 1 FTE Instruction Supervisor, 1 FTE Administrative Assistant and 1 FTE Receptionist/Secretary

502 Library:

To provide Library services to the Xit'olacw Community School. INAC funded: 1 FTE Librarian. Elementary Students - 168 and High school - 76

503 Elementary:

To provide excellent education to students Nursery to Grade 7. INAC and FNSA funded: 13 FTE. Teachers, .5 FTE Computer Assistant, 1 FTE P.E. Teacher, Elementary Students - 168

504 High School:

To provide excellent education

to students in Grade 8 to 12. INAC and FNSA Funded: 4 FTE Teachers, 3-.5 resource workers. High school students - 81

505 Ancillary :

To provide students supplies and allowance for all students in public and Xit'olacw Community School. It also can be used for language and culture. INAC funded. High School Students - 81 Xit. And 75 in PSS. Total 168

506 Maintenance:

To provide maintenance and janitorial service to the Xit'olacw Community School ensuring a clean, healthy and safe environment. INAC Funded. 1 FTE Maintenance worker, part time Grounds and Maintenance Assistance, 3 Janitors

507 Bussing:

To provide safe and adequate bussing services for Xit'olacw Community School students. INAC funded, 1 FTE head bus driver, 1 FTE Bus driver, 1 spare driver

508 Counselling:

Provide Xit'olacw Community School students with emotional



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support in daily school life. Support teachers with their difficulties in working with students. Provide professional Counselling when appropriate and with parent approval. To communicate and coordinate with other resource workers for the Band. INAC Funded. FNSA funded and supported at times by other Band Departments. 1 FTE school counsellor 1 FTE school psychologist, 1FTE youth therapist

510 Breakfast and Lunch Program:

To provide a healthy breakfast and lunch supplement for school students to ensure each student has enough nutrition to concentrate on learning. Program is funded with payment from parents who can pay on honour system, transfers from other departments, grants and food donations. 1 part time cook and clean up.

515 Minor Capital:

To provide replacement furniture, materials and supplies. Also can be used for smaller maintenance repair projects

540 Teacher Assistants:

To provide teacher support in classrooms with larger number of students or large number of students with learning assistance or special needs. To provide one on one care for special needs students when necessary. FNSA funded. 12 FTE

550 Education Other Revenue:

To provide funding for field trips and school activities through fund raising efforts. Teacherage rentals and maintenance care in cooperation with Housing

In the Political Arena

The negotiations regarding the Jurisdiction process continue. A letter from FNEESC details the outcome of the most recent meeting. This letter has been written to the government to

confirm the negotiating group's understanding as to what was stated verbally at the meeting. If you'd like to read the letter please come in to the school for a copy. Georgina and Verna are

attending the next Jurisdiction meeting in Vancouver on April 7th, 2009. There will be further updates and community meetings on this topic.

Xit'olacw Community School

Term 3 is now in full swing! In the beginning of April the annual testing of student achievement will begin. Talk to your children about the importance of writing these tests to the best of their

ability. Remember, too, a good nights sleep is an important contribution in helping them to do their best.

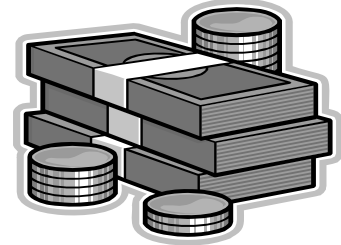


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Howe Sound #48

Howe Sound #48 is also busy getting budgets settled for the coming fiscal year. Our Band is involved in terms of how the targeted dollars is spent. Below is the proposed budget, please

review and if you have any questions or comments you can contact myself, Georgina Nelson or Martina Pierre. We will be attending a meeting with Howe Sound #48 on April 16th.



		2009/10	Comments
A	Amount Available:	\$269,724.00	(266 stud x \$1 014)
B	Allocation to Programs:		
1	Blackwater Creek Classroom Assistant (3.0 hours/day) NO1	\$12,900.00	maintain
2	Professional Development	\$4,000.00	maintain
3	Student Support Worker Signal Hill (25 hrs/week) (Home/School Coordinator) N02	\$21,500.00	maintain
4	Cultural /Language Worker SHE/PSS/MPCC/SCCS (30hrs/week) N03	\$25,800.00	maintain
5	Support Program Teacher (0.15 at SHE)	\$13,201.00	maintain
6	Child and Youth Care Workers (WSS, PSS, SHE)	\$45,260.00	maintain
7	Teacher Assistant SHE (25 hrs/week) NO4	\$21,500.00	maintain
8	Tutorial Assistant at PSS (27.5 hrs/week) N05	\$23,650.00	maintain
9	Teacher Assistant/Student Support Worker (27.5 hrs/week) PSS N06	\$23,650.00	maintain
10	Counsellor 0.6 FTE	\$42,882.00	maintain
11	Language/Literacy Worker SHE (25 hrs/week)	\$21,500.00	maintain
12	Admin. Fee (N'Quatqua)	\$ 6 000.00	maintain
13	Mileage	\$ 1 450.00	maintain
14	EA Initiatives	\$3,000.00	reduced
15	Cultural Programs	\$3,431.00	reduced
	Total	\$269,724.00.00	

Lil'wat Business Corporations Update

By Larry Miller, General Manager

Hope everyone had a good April Fools' Day!



The corporations have been busy along with the other MCB departments reviewing and preparing financial budgets for the new fiscal year. Now that the Callaghan Valley contract is complete, the corporations are seeking new avenues of economic development to keep revenues and profits flowing into the community. We are having a strategy planning session in early April to look at potential projects and new business ideas.

It is looking like Lil'wat Construction crews could be kept busy this year as more on-reserve construction and renovation projects have been identified. This is looking like a great year for the community as more new facilities are either built or renovated.

Things are progressing along in the community complex as the remaining main floor concrete slab was poured April 1st and the mezzanine (2nd floor) concrete floor will be poured the week of the 13th. The electricians have started installing wiring and the gym walls are being built. Once the mezzanine is poured, the trades can start finishing the 2nd



level the week of April 20th after the concrete floor is sealed.

The store is being dry walled and the electrical is being installed. The mezzanine floor above the warehouse portion is slated to go in next week. Once all the drywall is complete the refrigeration cases can be delivered and installed.

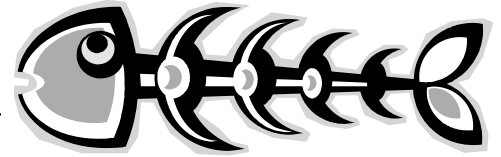
The gas station is finally getting a much needed facelift. New flooring is being installed and a new service counter is being relocated to provide the cashiers a better view of the pumps and better customer traffic flow. Other upgrades to come include a new roof and ceiling to prevent further leaks into the store.

The Fitzsimons Barrier project in Whistler is starting up this month and is scheduled to be completed by August.



Mink and the Jaw Bones

Submitted by Lex Joseph, as told by Charlie Mack Seymour



This is a legend about some people who lived around here.

One of them said to Mink, "You should go spear some salmon. There are some around here." The mink decided to go. His mother, Tseet, coaxed his younger brother to go fishing, also. Said mink, referring to a certain place, "Let's go fishing there!"

While the mink was fishing, he lost the sharpener that he was using to fix his spear. The sharpener fell into the river. Mink told his younger brother to dive down and get it. The younger Mink went down to get the sharpener, but he turned into a salmon, and swam around. Mink speared him.

When they got home, their

mother sat beside the fire and cooked the salmon that they had speared. Mink was sitting across from her, making something and whistling. He said to his mother, "You are eating your own young one, your own baby! I am going to throw the bones back into the river."

He threw all the fish bones, except for the jaw, into the river. When he came back, his brother, now a salmon, didn't have a jaw. Mink's mother asked him what he did with the jaw bones of the fish. "Oh" Mink said, "I didn't throw them away, I just put them aside."

His mother said, "Mink, you are just like your name. You are full of tricks!" "Yes" replied Mink, "that's why I was telling you that you are eating your own son. I

hid the jaw bones so when he came up again, he didn't have a jaw. You have to replace his jaw, by giving back the bones."

The young mink, now a salmon, came up to the surface of the water. He didn't have a jaw. "Oh," the old lady said, "we will have to put back those jaw bones. Mink threw the others into the water, but these jaw bones are still here."

Mink said, "you will have to throw the bones back into the water, where he is. Then he can come back, with jaws." She threw the bones into the water, and the young mink came back with his jaws. He changed from a fish, back into a mink. His jaw was all fixed.

ART WORK NEEDED FROM THE LI'WAT NATION for the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

WE ARE ONCE MORE LOOKING FOR THE WONDERFUL ART WORK THAT THE
LIL'WAT PEOPLE ARE CREATING.

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT SETTING UP APPOINTMENT TO MEET THE ARTISTS AND VIEW
THEIR WORK IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. WE HAVE NOT SET A DATE YET BUT WILL LET YOU KNOW AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION SO WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU.

Nancy Nightingale or Kimberley Stanger

(604) 964-0992 or (604) 964-0990 Ext 2225. or e-mail: Kimberley.stanger@slcc.ca

Fisheries Department Update

Submitted by Maxine Joseph-Bruce

2009 Salmon Stock Outlook

Status Categories may have consequences for fisheries where a stock group is caught directly or incidentally. In the context of this outlook, the probable fishery consequences associated with each of the four status categories identified in the

following table. Stock groups forecast in category “2” are considered sensitive and fisheries should be planned to reduce impacts on these groups.

Status Category	Category Definition	Criteria	Fishery Consequences
1	Stock of Concern	Stock is (or is forecast to be) less than 25% of target or is declining rapidly.	Directed fisheries are unlikely and there may be a requirement to avoid indirect catch of stock
2	Low	Stock is (or forecast to be) well below target or below target and declining	Directed fisheries are uncertain and likely to be small if permitted. Allocation policy will determine harvest opportunities.
3	N e a r Target	Stock is (or is forecast to be) within 25% of target and stable or increasing	Directed fisheries subject to allocation policy.
4	Abundant	Stock is (or is forecast to be) well above target.	Directed fisheries subject to allocation policy.

Outlook for Early-timed Lower Fraser River Chinook Stocks 2009

Birkenhead River escapement was very poor (less than 250 adults) in 2008, and well below brood year (2003) escapement of 427 adults. This sharp decline is in contrast to the previous two (2) years that experienced escapements (Brood year 2004) for the 2009 escapement were also poor (180 adults).



No indicator stock or hatchery production for this stock group. Freshwater and Marine Survival trends remain unclear. (2008 Outlook Status: 2) and (2009 Outlook Status: 1).

Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# of Chinook	343	162	293	573	565	147	404	624	463	427	180	1425	109	1968	233

No Fishing Chinook Salmon

Sea-to-Sky- Sport Fish Advisory Committee met on March 13, 2009 and made the following observations:

- Up river of Hindu Flats some anglers targeting Chinook under a No Fishing for salmon between Aug 1 – Sept 15.
- **Action:** Need to do better education on stock status and need to conserve Birkenhead Chinook. Don't punish all anglers for the few that are not following the rules.
- **A motion was made by the Sea-to-Sky Sport Fish Advisory Committee to close the lower Lillooet River and Birkenhead River to Sport Fishing for salmon.**

The following Management Actions are expected to be implemented by DFO to conserve and rebuild Fraser Spring Chinook:

- Sport Fishery in the Georgia Strait – **No fishing from February 1 to April 15**
- Sport Fishery for N/W Coast of Vancouver Island – **No Fishing from March 1 – 31.**
- Sport Fishery for S/W of Vancouver Island – **No Fishing from March 1 to April 30.**
- Sport Fishery for Juan De Fuca Strait – **No Fishing for Salmon February 1 to April 30**
- Sport Fishery for Fraser Tidal – **No Fishing for Salmon February 1 to May 15**
- Sport Fishery for Fraser Freshwater – **No fishing for Salmon to June 30**



James Wallace and Richman are Fry Trapping for presence and abundance as part of part the Phase Two Birkenhead River Habitat Assessment.

Our Fisheries crew have been out and about a lot already this spring participating in habitat assessments, stock counts, interviews and observation.

Housing Update

By Gayle Andrews, Housing Coordinator

The housing information provided for the newsletter includes requests and recommendations from the Mount Currie Housing Portfolio and Housing Board Members.

Housing Portfolio: Councillor Martina Pierre

Mount Currie Board Members: Betty Jim, Myrna Wallace, Geneva Wallace, Joseph Phillip, Norma Pierre and Luke Johnny

Housing Coordinator: Gayle Andrews & Housing Coordinator & Assistant Denise Leo

Program Details

Rental Agreements for April 1, 2009—2010

A reminder for those who have not yet come in to the Mount Currie Band Office to sign a new rental agreement to please do so soon. We need a new rental agreement from everyone for the new fiscal year, April 1, 2009.

Maintenance and Yard Cleaning

It is spring time and we could all use a yard cleaning! All the tenants on rental agreement are reminded that according to your rental agreement, it is your responsibility to maintain and clean your yard and to ensure it is in a safe condition. Junk, garbage, and old cars should all be removed from your rental property. These need to be removed from your yard not only for environmental reasons but also for your safety and the safety of others. Thank you.



Plumbing

Please be careful around the bathroom with toothbrushes, combs, dog bones and toys. If these things end up in our toilet they can cause serious back ups. Plumbers cannot come in urgently for back it ups that are caused by these accidents!

Work Orders

All work orders are to be reported at front desk of the Band Office. Please provide a full report of who, what, why, when and where the repairs are needed. When reporting a work order, get date and report number from Hazel Joseph (604 894 6115) for your follow up if work is not completed within the next seven to ten days.

Housing Update Continued...

New Fiscal Year—Housing Applications

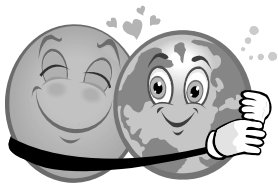
Have you updated your housing applications for rentals, renovations, housing renovations-minor or major, other new housing, individual loan housing or social housing?

Phase 12 Home Ownership

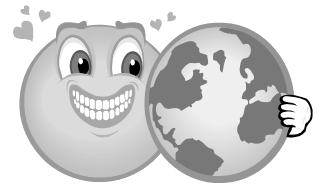
Congratulations!

As of April 1, 2009, those of you whose Phase 12 Mortgage is complete are now considered homeowners and will no longer be charged rent. As homeowners you are now responsible for the upkeep of your home and will now be responsible for paying home insurance and user fees. These new responsibilities start as of April 1, 2009.

There are still outstanding rental arrears from tenants from this phase and the Housing Department will continue to collect until phase is fully paid, as it is a minor amount of \$11,550.33 (More details on celebration when next phase completed on July 09)



EARTH DAY



April 22nd, 2009

Let's do what we can to keep our community clean, save energy and try to keep items out of the dump!

DID YOU KNOW?



- If every American home replaced just one conventional light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes a year!



- More than 1/3 of all energy is used by people at home
- The amount of wood and paper we throw away is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years
- Recycled paper requires 64% less energy than making paper from virgin wood pulp, and just one ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees.



- A single tree produces nearly three-quarters of the oxygen required for one person
- Just 25,000 acres of forest can offset the equivalent emissions of 10 billion automobile miles



- Each person throws away approximately four pounds of garbage every day.
- 84 percent of all household waste can be recycled.

Lloyd Williams and his crew will be coming by on Wednesday April 8th and 22nd for the next scheduled recycling pick-up.



Lil'wat Nation

Mount Currie Band



PO Box , Mount Currie, V0N 2K0

Below is a list of Band Contacts. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Department	Contact	Number
Mount Currie Band Office	Hazel Joseph	604-894-6115
Creekside Resources	Michelle Thevarge	604-894-6145
Health Care Centre	Vickie Louis	604-894-6656
Wellness Centre	Gillian Paul	604-894-1663
Social Development	Kelly Andrew	604-894-1733
Xit'olacw Community School	Glenda Gabriel	604-894-6131
Ts'zil Learning Centre	Rachel Dan	604-894-2300
Land & Resources	Carolyn Ward	604-894-2333
Recreation	Dan Cindric	604-894-1663
Employment Centre	Kelly Andrew	604-894-1733
Lil'wat Culture Centre	Mary Elaine James	604-894-5826
Fire Department	Charles Frank- Fire Chief Duke Andrew- Assistant Fire Chief Marshall Ritchie- Safety Officer	604-894-6151
Post Office	Kara Joseph, Roxanne Dan, Andrew Cochrane	604-894-6241

May 2009 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter will be Friday April 24th, 2009. Please make your submission by dropping it off at the Band Office, faxing it to 604-894-1518 (Attn: Tracy Howlett) or emailing it to tracy.howlett@lilwat.ca. If you have any questions please call Tracy at 604-894-2333.

If there is any thing in particular that you'd like to see included in the newsletter please let us know. We are doing our best to use this newsletter to update 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.