



Lil'wat Nation

Mount Currie Band Newsletter

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A Message from the Chief

My condolences to the Wallace family for the passing away of Andrew. I was very ill with a virus all that week and was ordered by my Doctor to stay in bed. But I know Andrew was ill for a length of time. He sure fooled everyone, including the doctors on how long he lasted on this earth. Sundances was one reason he feels that really helped him deal with his illness. Glad to hear that part of his wishes was carried out, having a Sundance ceremony carried out that is. He was a good friend, will be missed .

Congratulations to my Grand-daughter Elainah for your most recent accomplishments Track and Field. Please check the community section of the newsletter for more information, we are very proud!

I was able to make it to one day of the Statime Gathering at Samaquam and it was great! Unfortunately, I was not get to go on the helicopter run up to Inshuckch Mountain but glad a lot of people were able to. Two more years before the Centennial anniversary of this event, let's do something extraordinary that year!

The Istken part of our Cultural Center in Whistler is almost complete. We will be having the Grand Opening soon and will let you know about it when we know more. I see our New Store and New Gym Facility or Complex are also almost completed. I look forward to seeing these projects finished.

Finally, there are lots of Graduations to attend to this month. I'm sure I'll see you there.



Kukwpi7 Taya,
Chief Leonard Andrew

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Important Dates!

June 5—7th Lil'wat Celebrations Powwow

June 12th Last Day of School!

June 17th Graduation!

June 21st National Aboriginal Day

June 22nd Graveyard Cleaning



Community Corner!

Letters

We would like to Thank all the people that helped us out with all the tasks that needed to be done or taken care of in regards to the Ceremony for our Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Andrew. Leo. Wallace

A Special Thank You to all the following:

All of those that donated Food, Money, Flowers.

All the Bingo Players & Bingo Workers.

The Cooks who are always there when we needed their expertise with feeding, the people & our visitors, those that shopped for the food

All the people that stepped up to Billet our many visitors that came to pay their respects & participate in the Ceremonies.

All the Grave Diggers and Advisors that helped at the Graveyard.

Richard. Joseph for making the outer box & the marker.

Myrna Wallace for loaning us a double bed for Andrew's Sundance Brother, so he could stay at Andrew's House.

Martina.Pierre for loaning us her two tents for the Ceremony.

All the Sundance Pipe Carriers & Lil'wat Pipe Carriers that participated in the Ceremonies.

All the Hand Drummers, the Sundance Singers.

All the Speakers that spoke & told their stories of how they knew Andrew, how & when he became a

Sundancer and how he prayed for his people.

All that tended to the fire, day or night, or stayed awake all night at the house.

All the people that attended prayers at 3 P.M & 7 P.M.

All that helped us out in their way & with their prayers.

With heartfelt thanks we would like extend our appreciation for all of those that took the time to help us in our time of need & grieving.

We feel that we needed to place this in the newsletter in appreciation because a lot of people go unrecognized for the work that they do in these type of situations.

Sincerely,

Clara John, Barry Dan, on behalf of the Wallace Family & Andrew's Sundance Family

To who all that were there, and all that wanted to be but couldn't be. Much thanks to all that came and supported our family at our time of need. Your support helped ease our pain and grief. Especially you mom-sis Geraldine that love and support you gave Andrew-Ann. You were there 24/7. And had to be drug away from his bed-side also to sister Harriet & Brother Howie who spent alot of nights and days at his bed side. And to the rest of the family who were there when they were able to be. Also much thanks to all who same to support our family, with your presence your

food, and prayers and with money means a lot to our family. Special thanks to our niece Trisha who cooked four us when she could. We love and appreciate you Trisha for nourishing us. Much, much Thanks. Also to my good friend Yana who travelled and supported our family Thanks Bud, for sitting up with our brother, and that awesome prayer you wrote to him. Yours moral support was awesome and very deeply appreciated. Rose Bed special thanks to nephew Joshua and Johnny for watching the sacred fire. And to Nephew Buck for sitting up with his Uncle Andrew Ann on the second night. And to nephew Tyron for your awesome work with the pamphlets. Also to the hunters, the fishermen, the cooks, the bingo helps, the dish washers. Special thanks to the wood cutters and the grave diggers. And thank you all for your prayers. And thank you Hand drummers. Thank you Richman for making the box. And to Gerald, thanks for helping brother with his final Good-bye. A very Special thanks to Ernie and Frank and Fraser to name a few Pipe carriers.

And to Clara and Barry for all your hard work with taking care of brother Andrews sundance brothers and sisters. Thank you for making his last wish come true. The

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Community Corner Continued...

Sundance Ceremony was beautiful. Thanks for all the kind words and the sharing of our brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Andrew Ann, Strong Heart. Much, much appreciation and gratitude.

Thank you from the family. May the creator be with you from the Wallace Family.

At the most recent Elementary School Provincial Track and Field Championships held in Richmond's Minoru Park May 22-24th, Signal Hill student and Mount Currie

Band -Lil'wat member, Elainah Andrew, won two Gold Medals and a Silver medal.

The 10 year old repeated as the Gold medalist Champion in the Long Jump with a leap of 3.71 meters. She also won Gold in the High Jump with a jump of 1.20 meters. She rounded out the Meet with a Silver in the Hurdles event.

Elainah, daughter of Christine Andrew and Peter Wartman, was the lone representative of her school. Some schools had up to 220 contestants. Congratulations for this incredible feat. Well done Elainah!

Submitted by the Andrews Family

On May 23rd the Wolfpack(u16) Soccer team set up a car wash, to raise funds, for the Seabird Soccer Tournament on May 30th & 31st. We raised a total of \$167.00 to put towards the entry fee of \$200.

I would like to thank all that stopped and donated to our Lil'wat Youth Soccer group!!! And thank you to Lil'wat Gas Station for donating the space and water hose for car wash =)

Submitted by Jaclyn Jameson

The BIG WOLFPACK soccer team placed 2nd in the 40th Annual Seabird Tournament May 30th & 31st. For the Youth 16 & under category. 8 Teams in this group. Wolfpack played 4 games. A big round of applause to all the player's who worked very hard. Great team workmanship!! The next tournament for us will be our home Father's Day Tournament June 20th & 21st.

Submitted by Jaclyn Jameson

Team roster:

1. Shaquel Pierre All-Star -female
2. Shawn Patrick All-Star -male
3. Angel Saul
4. Arlon Harris
5. Ashlee Henry-Sam
6. Barren Gabriel
7. Elsie Phillips
8. Haley Joe
9. Harris Andrews
10. Isaiah Sam
11. Jazzmin Pascal
12. Latisha Joe
13. Maadison Jones
14. Matt Dan
15. Matt Nelson
16. Patrick Henry
17. Reinal Wallace
18. Rory Edmonds
19. Wacy Jim



Status Card Update

Submitted by Janice Pierre



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Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)

Information Update:

The Government of Canada received notification from the United States that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection has approved the business plan for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status and is in the process of designating the card as a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative-compliant document to enter the U.S. by land or water.

The United States has indicated that the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will be applied with a practical and common sense approach, which includes a period of flexibility. **During this period of flexibility the current Certificate of Indian Status (laminated paper version and pilot cards) will be an acceptable document to present when visiting the United States by land and water.**

The Government of Canada cautions individuals that the period and extent of this flexibility is entirely at the discretion of U.S. officials and reminds travelers that when entering the U.S. via air that valid passport or NEXUS card is required.

For further information on documentation requirements for visiting the United States after June 1, 2009 please visit CBSA's website.

For more information on the project itself, please visit the Secure Certificate of Indian Status FAQ's

May 8, 2009

Annual

GRAVEYARD CLEANING

June 22nd to 26th

Need help to tidy the grounds and make sure the graves are cleared.

Please Call Vaughn at (604) 698-7171 for more information



Welcome to our New Staff!

Lil'wat Nation welcomes two new staff to our team

TIM SCHMITT

Creekside General Manager

Hello Mount Currie, my name is Tim Schmitt and I will be the Interim General Manager for Creekside. I would like to thank everyone here for this opportunity and for the warm welcoming that I have received since starting on May 19th. Since commencing my duties and getting to know my colleagues I have been extremely impressed with the ventures and entrepreneurial success that has been achieved at Mount Currie.

As the General Manager I will be overseeing the operations of the new Grocery Store, the Gas Station, Fleet Services, and the Recreation sites. I can already see that the current managers and staff of these operations have done a fantastic job in building these businesses and making them commercially viable. My goal here is to work closely with all of the people involved to ensure their continued success and prosperity of these businesses. But above all, I want to make certain that these services meet the needs of the community; not only as retail store but also as gathering places, sources of pride, and symbols of the communities success. I will also be exploring the possibility of selling more locally grown foods and products from the local community. If anyone has suggestions or comments on how to improve these operations I would encourage you to contact me directly.

In addition to my primary duties I will be involved with developing new business with Creekside to ensure the continued growth and economic sustainability. My interest in this area is to help foster entrepreneurship by developing business opportunities that allow community members to succeed at ventures which build new skills and provide more economic diversity in the community. My background and training is was originally in architecture and I am hoping that in the future I will be able to use this to work with the community to aid in creating buildings

that are not only functional to use but mindful of you culture, way of life, and your heritage.



I grew up in Maple Ridge, went to school in Halifax Nova Scotia, and after seeing so much of the country I can say that this is truly a breath taking landscape.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions at the Creekside Office (604-894-6145) or email at tim.schmitt@lilwat.ca

Sincerely

Tim Schmitt

TIFFANIE SAMPSON

GIS Technician

Hi everyone, my name is Tiffanie Sampson and I will be working in the Lands Office for the summer with Tracy Howlett, the GIS Manager, & Kerry Mehaffey, the Lands Officer, as well as Jennie Aikman, from the Ministry of Environment. I will be working on a project collecting and analyzing field data to support the management of the proposed Pemberton Valley Wetlands Wildlife Management Area (WMA), which is located within the traditional territory. As well, I will be adding cultural and recreational sites and information to our database (i.e. Johnny Dots). I will also be working with Kerry on an on-reserve land use plan, which will lead to maps of the community.



Ts'zil Update

By Nadine Pascal, Education and Training Coordinator

Ts'zil Learning Centre is compiling a community survey with the focus on education & training. We would like to have everyone participate in this survey so that we can better assist the community in regards to upcoming courses and training at Ts'zil. Victoria MacDonald will be supervising the 2 summer students on this task.

The staff, and board of education, would like to send huge *Congratulations* to all Lil'wat graduates of 2009. We know they have studied hard to get to where they are today and where they are headed in the future!!

Deni Wallace was the recipient of the Innergex award of \$1,000.00. This was based on his GPA (grade point average) throughout his studies. Deni is working very hard at NVIT Vancouver to achieve his bachelor's degree in Social Work.

The staff would like to acknowledge Elisa Pascal on her dedication with her career. Throughout the UCEP program Elisa knew exactly what she wanted and planned for her education. She took all the courses seriously and passed the program. She is enrolled at Cap U in the Indigenous Filmmaking Program for the fall 09 term and is ready to begin her program. Way to go Elisa, we know you can do it!!

Also, a huge thank you to Helen Pascal for taking the role of President of student council here at Ts'zil, she lead the students in fundraising, recycling batteries, school spirit etc. Helen was an asset for the UCEP program. Good Luck Helen with whatever you choose to do, you can achieve anything.



The Carpentry 1 program is filling up fast! There are 33 applications in for this program. We are excited to say that we were issued conditional designation to deliver this program. We sent out our application to ITA (Industry Training Authority) to be designated to deliver the program here. After we successfully complete our first group, we will then be granted full designation, which means that we can deliver the program when we have enough students interested. Bernie Phillips is our Red Seal instructor! He was also in The Province as ITA's Aboriginal Award recipient!!

How exciting!! Our own people are being recognized for their achievements.

Requirements for Carpentry 1:

- Math & English Assessment test – grade 10 minimum (ITA requirement)
- Carpentry Prep Program Completion – 4 weeks (Ts'zil requirement)
- 1200 Hours put in /worked prior to entry in program (trades/training requirement)

Contact Lil'wat Employment Agency for employment opportunities in this area

June 5, 2009 is the last day of classes for our Fisheries Field Technician Program with Vancouver Island University. We have 10 students enrolled and getting certified as a technician in fisheries.



Ts'zil Update Continued

We are looking into bringing in a Water Keeper Training Program / Info session, to Ts'zil. We will be putting a call out for interested community members when there is a date determined. The Water Keeper Program is learning 'how' to work our pumps, filter system, testing, etc. To keep our water that goes to our homes safe! Also they will cover a bit on waste system etc. A couple of staff attended this workshop at the conference in Vancouver and thought 'this is so useful & important', so at our staff meetings it was discussed and explored. We will keep you posted.

We have 1 student going out for his Masters Degree in Education this fall!! He will also be taking a Principal's Course this summer, credits going towards his Master's!! Congratulations Rick Joe and good luck!

If you would like assistance in writing your resume or cover letter, you can book an appointment with Nadine Pascal and she will assist you in creating your portfolio.

Ts'zil and the Cultural Centre are teaming up and working together to deliver courses, ie. Drum making, Regalia making, etc. Any ideas please let us know. We are getting ready for the BIG Olympic show coming to our area; they are looking for singers, drummers, dancers. So if you would like to assist in making drums or outfits please contact the Cultural Centre and or Ts'zil to leave your name.

May 25, 2009 was the first day of evening classes for our AECE program (Aboriginal Early Childhood Education) with NVIT (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology). There are several ladies enrolled into the program. This will be their Diploma, Special Needs & Infant Toddler certificate program. They are committed to 2 evenings a week with 1 weekend per month to get the course complete. We are partnering with our neighboring communities to assist in filling the gap on much needed, certified, workers.

*COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS*

Henry Ford

FLOOD NOTICE

The water has now come up over the banks of the Birkenhead River!

Volunteers are needed for sandbagging and reinforcement

Please contact Troy Bikadi at (604) 966-4339

Pqusnalhcw Child Development Centre

Submitted by Jessica Frank, Director

Responsible Adult Certificate Training (Serious applications only)

Pqusnalhcw is compiling a list of trainees/Community members who are interested in taking the *Responsible Adult Certificate Training* that meets the licensing requirements. To for training as Responsible Adult a person must:

- Be 19 years of age
- Provide mature guidance to children
- Complete this responsible adult training
- Have relevant work experience.

On call/substitutes need 20 hours of training to qualify as a Responsible Adult for our After School Care/Assistant as stipulated by the Child Care Regulations. You must attend all sessions, and must hand in the entire session wrap up quizzes and score at least 70% on each quiz. These are open book quizzes that may be complete at the end of each session or assigned for homework.

If participants miss a class, they can make up the ONE session the next time the course is offered. It is their responsibility to keep track of the topic they missed and find out when they will be offered again. Cost to make up a session is \$15.00. After they have made up the missed class, they will receive a Certificate of Completion. If they miss 2 sessions or more, they maybe required to repeat the entire course, repay the fee and attend all sessions in order to receive a Certificate of Completion.

The Course covers child development from birth to 12 years of age, positive child guidance, and health & safety perspectives.

Please contact Jessica Frank, Manager of Pqusnalhcw at (604) 894-6656 ext 247 or Cell phone (604) 966-7064 if you are interested and willing to work with children.

Pqnsnalhcw Recognition Day

Pqusnalhcw Recognition Day is on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. Everyone invited

Literacy Parent Workshop

Mark your calendars! We are having a Literacy Parent Workshop on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome. Pajama Party!

FUN FRIDAYS at Pqusnalhcw

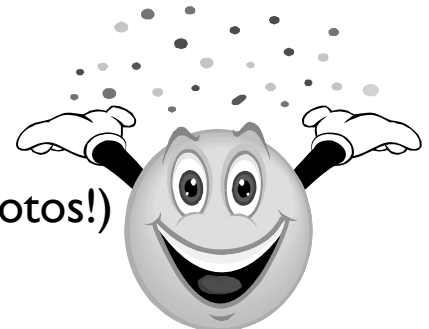
Pqusnalhcw invites everyone to participate in our Fun Fridays! The schedule for June is as follows:

June 5th Sports & Shorts

June 9th Flip Flops

June 19th Dad or Grandpa Pickup (with Photos!)

June 26th PJs and Slippers



Child Care Needs Assessment

Submitted by Jessica Frank, Director of Pqusnalhwc

Pqusnalhwc Child Care Centre is doing a Needs Assessment for the Community Building for community members who will be requiring Child Care while they are at work or attending school. We are conducting this assessment to determine how best we can meet the needs of Mount Currie.

Please return questionnaire to Jessica Frank or for further information: (604) 894-6656 ext. 247 or email to jessica.frank@lilwat.ca

1. Do you require Child Care? (Please circle) Yes No
2. How many children (twelve and under) do you have living in your home? _____
3. Please specify the number of children living in your home and requiring child care according to the following age groups:

Age	Number of Children
0—12 months	
13—24 months	
2—4 years	
5—8 years	
8—12 years	
4. How many hours per week would you need Child Care Services: _____
5. What hours do you require care : Start _____ End _____
6. If part time, which days would you need Child Care (Please circle the days needed)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
7. What are you currently paying for Child Care per month? \$_____
8. What is the amount you are willing to pay per month? \$_____

Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Evaluator is a subsidy monthly payment that helps eligible BC Families with the cost of Child Care. The Child Subsidy Eligibility evaluator will ask you some questions and tell you if you are eligible for subsidy. Go to the website <http://www.mcf.eov.bc.ca> and click on links for the evaluator.

If requiring Child Care in the Community Building, please add contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Mailing Address: _____

Band Name: _____ Band Number: _____

Email Address: _____

We Look forward to any suggestion, comments or questions you may have as they will assist us in determining the Child Care Needs in our Mount Currie Community.

Lil'wat Wellness Centre

Submitted by Anita Samuels, Registered Physiotherapist

I am pleased to announce that I have returned to work. My office is located in the Wellness Centre which is in the Band Office building. I will usually be working every day from Monday to Thursdays. The phone number at the Wellness Centre is 604-894-1663. If I am out in the community, Miss, our Administrative Clerk, will take messages.

I will continue to work in the same areas I was involved in. I will be working with the Home and Community Care Team, helping clients of all ages receive physiotherapy in their homes. I also organize medical equipment that may be needed. My work also takes place in the Xit'olacw school, where I work with the special needs children. I am involved with Gayle Andrews to assist with specialized home renovations.

I also offer Physiotherapy services on a 1:1 basis to all members of the community. I have access to the exercise centre at the Ts'zil Learning Centre in Room 109 where much of this physiotherapy can take place. At Ts'zil I have three exercise groups for my clients:

Mondays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:00 to 12:00

(Starting June 9th)

Thursdays 1.00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

People wishing to have a 1:1 appointment or join these groups can call the Wellness Centre to leave their contact information for me.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my services,

Anita Samuels, B.S.R.

Registered Physiotherapist &
Health Care Consultant
Wellness Centre, Mount Currie
phone: 604-894-1663
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HEALTHY WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT!

An Evening Wellness Retreat

Join us for a FREE, fun and interactive evening dedicated to women's health and wellness. Discover new tools for self-empowerment and take charge of your health. Take some time to focus on your spiritual and personal growth and uncover a healthier and more balanced YOU!

Thursday June 11, 2009
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Lil'wat River Lodge
1428 Pemberton Farm Rd. East,
Pemberton.

Cost: FREE with a donation for Pearl's Place Women's Shelter
RSVP: 604.894.2009 or
info@pembertonvalleywellness.com

Evening Includes:

- Drumming Circle & Women's Blessing
- Group Meditation
- Yoga with Nicola Temple & Corinne Von Dehn
- Qi Gong with Chris Parsons
- Holistic Nutrition with Allison Megoney, PT
- Counseling and Mental Health with Kerry Palmer and Tanya Richman
- Dry Brushing with Cathy Koride
- "Chiropractic and your Healthy Nervous System" with Dr. Shannon Paul
- "Massage your Way Back to Life" with Julie Sichel and Samantha Sarauer
- Light Dinner and Refreshments
- Prizes and Giveaways

Presented By

First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS)

Phase 2: 2008-09

Now in Your Community

The First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS) is the most complete study of First Nations health and living conditions in Canada.

The RHS survey collects data on our adult, youth and children population in First Nation Communities.

The RHS is the only national survey owned, controlled and carried out by First Nations for First Nations.

The RHS survey will provide a snapshot of health and living conditions in our communities such as housing, employment, income, education, community development and effects of residential schools.

Your participation is essential! Say "Yes" to RHS! You are an important piece of the puzzle.

Your local contacts are:

Lucy Pascal, Janice Pierre, Dawn Gabriel & Fran Louis

Contact the RHS team at: Call TOLL FREE | 866 869 6789

or go to our website: www.rhs-ers.ca

Lil'wat Health Centre

By Helen Sakiskanip, Counselor



SAKISKANIP PRIVATE COUNSELING SERVICES

DO YOU SUFFER IN SILENCE AND FEEL YOU HAVE NO ONE TO TURN TO? You don't have to be alone anymore. What you share is between you and your counselor.

Mt. Currie Health Center: 604-894-6656
Helen: 1-877-455-0077

Confidential appointments may be made through Theresa Zurowski at the Mt. Currie Health Center at 604-894-6656 or directly with Helen Sakiskanip MA/ABS, RCC 1-877-455-0077

Individual counseling and group sessions available

Helen is a qualified Registered Clinical Counselor and is also a First Nations Mikisew member who understands the challenges of life and believes in "empowerment" within our Nations. Helen is also the author of "The Headman's Granddaughter" which was recently published, it is a story of the history of the Indian Residential Schools.

KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, ACTION

Summer Recreation Program

Submitted by Daniel Cindric, Recreation Director



Pepantsek Tsa7ts7acw Summer Camp

Adventure Camps:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wolf:	July 6 th – July 17 th
Bear:	July 20 th – July 31 st
Cougar:	Aug 3 rd – Aug 14 th
Coyote:	TBA

****Sign up today. Limited entry****

Activities:

Camping	Swimming
Horseback Riding	Rock Climbing
Hiking	And More...
Cost:	\$100

Summer Camps:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Deer:	July 6 th – July 17 th
Moose:	July 20 th – July 31 st
Caribou:	Aug 3 rd – Aug 14 th
Elk:	TBA

Activities:

Arts and Crafts	Sweat Lodge
Sports	Singing & Dancing
Fun Games	And More...
Cost:	\$40

All camps open to youth between the ages of 7 and 14 years!

For more information contact:

Daniel Cindric
PO Box 84
Mount Currie, BC
V0N 2K0









Phone: 604 935 4840 or
Email: daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca

Fax: 604 894 1664



June Recreation Calendar

By Dan Cindric, Recreation Director (May 11 to June 30th)

Time	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
3:30pm to 4:00pm							CULTURE TIME
4:00pm to 4:30pm			DODGEBALL 4:00 to 5:00 12 and Under XCS Gym	BADMINTON 4:00 to 6:00 All Ages XCS Gym			1:00 to 6:00 All Ages XCS
4:30pm to 5:00pm	DODGEBALL 4:30 to 5:30	ART FUN 4:30 to 6:30					
5:00pm to 5:30pm	12 and Under XCS Gym	All Ages XCS Cafe	READING CLUB 5:00 to 6:00 XCS Culture Centre	DODGEBALL 5:00 to 7:00 All Ages XCS Gym			
5:30pm to 6:00pm	DODGEBALL 5:30 to 7:00 All Ages XCS Gym						
6:00pm to 6:30pm			CALI KICK BALL 6:00 to 8:00 Ages 10 & Up XCS Gym	KARATE 6:00 to 7:30 15 and Under XCS Cafe			
6:30pm to 7:00pm							
7:00pm to 7:30pm	FAMILY POWWOW DANCING		FAMILY HAND DRUMMING 7:00 to 9:00 XCS Cafe				LADIES BASKETBALL
7:30pm to 8:00pm	7:00 to 9:00 XCS Cafe						7:00 to 9:00 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

Local Filmmaker Receives Prestigious Award

Submitted by Nadine Pascal. News Release from the Gulf Islands Film and Television School.



The winners at this year's EyeLens Film, Video and Animation Festival have just been announced, and **Elisa Pascal from Mt. Currie, Lil'wat Nation**, has won the award for **The Outstanding Achievement Award in Aboriginal Story Telling** for the film *The Balance Between*.

This year's sold out event, the **14th Annual EyeLens Film, Video and Animation Festival**, was held at Vancouver's Rio Theatre on May 30th, 2009. There were over 100 entries, all produced at The Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) during the year 2008.

Elisa Pascal, like other EyeLens winners, is an up-and-coming media artist who braved the rigours of a GIFTS media intensive and

produced stunning work in a short period of time. For many of these students, it's their first production. They are people to watch out for!

Besides showcasing the **top talent of Canada's emerging filmmakers**, this year's festivities also included a riveting keynote speech via an online video feed from GIFTS co-founder and internationally acclaimed Canadian documentary filmmaker, **Brett Gaylor** (Director of *RIP: Remix Manifesto*), regarding the unprecedented opportunities now available to emerging media makers in an era of cheap online distribution platforms and an ever-evolving copyright culture. Other top Canadian Filmmakers, such as **Velcrow Ripper** (Director of *Fierce Light*), were also in attendance to present one of the sixteen Outstanding Achievement Awards. The festival boasted a strong showing from Canadian Aboriginal

talent as well as a remarkable growth in the number and quality of youth-directed dramatic films. This year's EYELENS Film Festival was the first in the festival's 14-year history to be broadcasted live on the internet to a huge online community of past students, instructors, and industry experts. "**EYELENS Live Online**," a first of its kind in the festival world, featured an interactive online video conference and forum using a groundbreaking multimedia platform provided through a unique partnership between GIFTS and Asita Informatica.

Elisa's film, along with all of the EyeLens winners can be viewed online at the GIFTSfilms.com website. Please contact us by phone or email to be sent an electronic image from this film or for more information about the 2009 EyeLens Festival.

Hand Drummers Wanted!

Family Night Hand Drumming for all ages that were held on Wednesday at the cafeteria have moved to **Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Lil'wat Place**

Drumming around a bonfire and activities for the kids.
Bring snacks, hot dogs and water if you can.

We need continue practicing for 2010 activities coming up ~ up to 100 drummers may be needed!
Please spread the word to your family and friends, especially those who you know love to drum.

Mount Currie Board of Education Update

By Verna Stager, Xit'olacw Community School Administrator



A number of events kept pushing our

date for a Board Meeting along but finally on May 28th a meeting was held. The Board's main activities lately have to do with budget, preparing for next school year, wrapping up this school year with Graduations, Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and the Jurisdiction process.

On **Friday June 12th a Retirement Ceremony and Celebration** will be held at the school to honour the many years of service given to the

community by Felicity Nelson, Maisie Mernett, Mathilda Pascal and Isla Miles. There will be a dinner at 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. for the families of the retirees, Elders, the special guests, Chief and Council, Mount Currie Board of Education and staff. The rest of the ceremony and celebration after dinner is open to the community. We greatly appreciate people making an effort to attend.

Howe Sound #48

Howe Sound #48 held an Education meeting in the Pemberton Secondary School to give community the opportunity to have input into education goals set by the district. I was unable to attend the meeting and heard that there was not a good turn out from Mount Currie. I did send notice of the meeting to all departments and in the newsletter. It

was a good opportunity for Community to have a voice. There are meetings to be held on Wednesday June 3rd and June 4th regarding the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. I will not be able to attend because of another training commitment. It will be decided at the Mount Currie Board of Education meeting as to

who will attend on our behalf. I have been communicating with Andrea Jones at the Pemberton Secondary School who is very busy tracking students and preparing for Graduation for the Aboriginal students.

Xit'olacw Community School

The school had a busy May with a number of school events and wrapping up Term 3. In June the Super Courses begin and that is a busy and exciting time with various educational opportunities for the students. We are also very busy with testing, report cards, planning for the special events and the next school year, program applications and reports as well as the many things

involved in the daily operation of the following are important dates to remember:

June 5 Participation/Sports Day

June 9 Elementary Awards Day

June 12 Last Day for Students

June 17 Grad Ceremony



Mount Currie Gym Construction Update

By Larry Miller, Construction Manager

I've heard that some members of the community were wondering what the gymnasium in the new community complex will be like. The gym will have a maple hardwood floor with court lines for different sports and floor pockets for net posts for volleyball or badminton. We looked at what other communities are using for flooring and most are moving towards the newest artificial flooring. The latest materials have the same co-efficient as a hardwood floor; but costs \$30,000 less, requires less maintenance and are easier to repair. Unlike, the school gym floor, which is an older style mastic floor that has a higher co-efficient of friction than wood which is why shoes stick to it.

The new bleachers will seat at least 500 seats plus include a raised area

for 12 wheelchairs. Originally, we were planning on using retractable bleachers as these were more cost effective. But it was felt that the community might enjoy having more comfortable seating plus we needed space for those in wheelchairs. In addition, we could use the extra storage room underneath. However, our initial estimate was far too expensive to justify it.

We then started to look at different ideas for the bleachers. By using permanent bleachers, we found that we could save about \$30,000 by not having to install hardwood flooring where the bleachers will go. That \$30,000, plus the cost of the retractable seating, gave us a larger amount to work with. We now have a design using a wood truss system that provides more

comfortable seating, a wheelchair area and allows for some storage underneath and, although we are still putting costs together, looks like it will meet our budget.

There will be a 16 ft wide drop down movie screen with a projection system that turns the gym into a movie theater. We also received a new score board from Pepsi and are trying to accommodate a climbing wall. All of this within an air-conditioned building that will save the community thousands of dollars in annual operating costs.

Garbage Dump now Electrified for Bear Problem

The Mount Currie Band's Land Fill has now installed an electric fence as of May 24, 2009 in order to prevent bears from getting into the garbage. We are warning the members of Xit'olacw not to leave garbage outside their homes as this will attract bears. If you do have a bear come into your home, call the Conservation Officer Service 24 hour Hot Line (1 877 952 7277) and they will send an Officer to deal with the bear.

I apologize for the Band members who actually did get shocked from

touching the live wire. We could not leave the wire inactivated because the bears were trying to climb the fence and were destroying the wiring in the process. The bottom of the wire fence was sealed and all holes that the bears were getting in through covered.

The Mount Currie Band is going to install a large bear-proof Molok Bin at the old corner store site for Band members to bring their garbage. Lloyd Williams will empty the garbage bin regularly and will also bring in recycling bins. If

you have any Questions or concerns please contact:

Frank Andrew
*Public Works
Director*

Work 604 894 6115 or
Cell 604 966 4593

Lloyd Williams
Land Fill Operator
Cell 604 938 3835

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June 5—7 2009

Lil'wat Celebrations Powwow

MC: Nelson Leon, Chehalis, BC

Arena Director: Ray Thunderchild, Saskatchewan

Host Drum: Blackfish, Chris Thomas, Mission, BC

Singing

1st Place ~ \$1500 2nd Place ~ \$1200 3rd Place ~ \$800

Dancing

Golden	1st Place ~ \$1500	2nd Place ~ \$1200	3rd Place ~ \$800
Women/Men	1st Place ~ \$1500	2nd Place ~ \$1200	3rd Place ~ \$800
Teens	1st Place ~ \$1500	2nd Place ~ \$1200	3rd Place ~ \$800
Juniors	1st Place ~ \$1500	2nd Place ~ \$1200	3rd Place ~ \$800

Specials

Men's Grass: Sponsored by Broderick Gabriel

Women's All Around \$500/\$300/\$200 Sponsored by Lil'wat Celebrations PW Committee

Mount Currie Powwow Arbour

Highway 99 (Lillooet Lake Road), Mount Currie, BC

Admission for Adults \$5 per day per person

Under 5 and Over 65 are FREE!

No Open Campfires ~ Camping Available

Princess Pageant Contact: Tasha James

Arts & Craft Vendors Contact: Mary A. James at 604-894-6828

All other inquiries Contact: Elizabeth at 604-894-6550 or email oscarosalinde@gmail.com

Naming & Recognition

Submitted by Tracy Howlett, GIS Program Manager



Part of the Legacy Agreement that Lil'wat signed with VanOC a few years ago was a pot of money earmarked 'Naming and Recognition'. This money was set aside

for Lil'wat to create a signage and information program throughout the Territory. Some of this money has been used to create the Lil'wat Fact book and some for the website but there are still some funds to be spent. This summer we are focusing on

getting more information about the Lil'wat People and Culture out in to the corridor while also focusing some of those funds towards sharing knowledge about language and culture in our own community.

We have assembled a N & R Committee with language experts and elders and are happy to report the completion of two naming projects.

The new Xit'olacw Community Store needed a name so Bonnie came to us for suggestions. We took the idea to the school and had the students vote on a list provided by staff and language experts. The winner was Tsípun, which means root house in ucwalmicwts.

"We are very happy with the new

store name. It is short sweet and easy to say, and it is relevant. We are going to use the legal name of Xit'olacw Tsípun, shortened to Tsípun for those of us who have trouble with pronunciation." said Bonnie DesRosiers, the Tsípun Store Manager.

Another successful project is the installation of the new stop signs that you will see around the community. These signs, paid for by Public Works (thanks Frank!), are the first of many that you will see popping up in the coming months.

Keep your eyes open up and down the valley. There's lots of projects on the go!

Please let me know if you have any ideas for signs that we need!



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PARALYMPIC GAMES
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2010 Olympic Planning



The Vancouver Olympic Committee is still looking for volunteers for the 2010 Winter Games!

On Wednesday June 3rd, representatives from VanOC and the Four Host First Nations were in Mount Currie to answer your questions about volunteering at the event. We are looking for 15 Volunteers from the community and you must be over the age of 16.

Volunteering for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Lil'wat will be welcoming people from all over the world and it is a good opportunity for us to share with them our knowledge, language and culture.

It's also a great opportunity to build up capacity within our community and to open up future employment and business opportunities for our people.

Lil'wat staff are working on ways to make sure that Lil'wat are involved in the games. From setting up screens for watching hockey to dealing with transportation issues to community celebrations we are doing what we can to make sure everyone is ready at Games time.

Please contact Lucinda for more information at 604 894 2333

Fisheries Department Update

Submitted by Maxine Joseph-Bruce

Aboriginal Communal Fishing License for L'il'wat Nation for Chinook Salmon

This license is issued under the authority of the **Fisheries Act** and section 4 of the *Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licenses Regulations*.

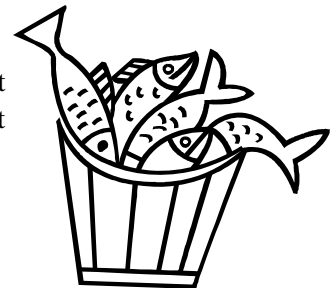
This license *does not* define an Aboriginal Right to fish or its scope, however, for the fishing season, it is intended *to provide a mechanism, for reasons of proper management and control of the fisheries and conservation and protection of fish*, for requiring compliance with the provisions of this license. This license is issued to L'il'wat Nation or and on behalf of its members, and subject to the Fisheries Act and Regulations there under.

USE OF FISH

Fish caught under this license are for food, social and ceremonial purposes. Without prejudice to future agreements or regulations, sale of fish caught under this license is not permitted.

The fishery is limited to a harvest of: **CHINOOK SALMON**

DATES AND TIMES – June 2009 Aboriginal Fishing is authorized by this license from:



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	2 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	3 Fishing Open Starting June 3 @ 6pm	4 Fishing Open	5 Fishing Open	6 Fishing Open
7 Fishing Open until June 7 @ 6pm	8 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	9 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	10 Fishing Open from June 10 @ 6pm	11 Fishing Open	12 Fishing Open	13 Fishing Open
14 Fishing Open until June 14 @ 6pm	15 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	16 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	17 Fishing Open from June 17 @ 6pm	18 Fishing Open	19 Fishing Open	20 Fishing Open
21 Fishing Open until June 21 @ 6pm	22 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	23 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	24 Fishing Open from June 24 @ 6pm	25 Fishing Open	26 Fishing Open	27 Fishing Open
28 Fishing Open until June 28 @ 6pm	29 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK	30 NO FISHING FOR CHINOOK				

Note: Please contact the Fisheries Staff at Land and Resources office at 604-894-2333 to report your catch and to consider providing access to your catch so we can collect scale samples for analyzing.

Housing Update

By Gayle Andrews, Housing Coordinator

Canada's Economic Action Plan (CMHC Housing)

Objectives

1. Short-term job creation/economic stimulus
2. Address on-reserve housing backlog
3. Introduce energy efficiency measures

The New Construction Housing Plan is to apply for six more new housing units this year 2008-2009 and twelve more units for the next year 2009-2010

The Retrofit Plan applies to present CMHC houses still under a mortgage plan and the plan is to apply for sixteen retrofit conversions per year for two years. The conversions to energy efficient homes include changes to appliances, roof, windows, floors and siding-insulation.

Upcoming CMHC Workshops & Training – Community Invited

Basic Budgeting - Thursday June 4th - evening session 6PM at Ts'zil Learning Centre Basic budgeting course provides an overview of money management tips, learning how to make your own budget, etc.

HASI training overview - Thursday June 11th 2pm this session will provide an overview of Home adaptations for seniors Independence. I will review the program and how it works so that Social Development and Housing understand what items can be accommodated for your Community Elders and Seniors. If you live or work with an elder come and see what kind of programs this is about, adaptations to the house that can help ours elders live more independently and comfortably.



Basic Home Maintenance - More info on next page.

12 Units-new housing construction to start in June 2009

These units should be starting any day the request for proposal deadline was set for May 29, 2009 and will be reviewed on June 1, 2009 to decide who will constructing all of these units. These green, energy efficient, quality, dry ventilated homes - can't wait

Renovations Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program RRAP – CMHC

Homeowner RRAP or Disability RRAP

Do you require renovations and is your household income \$37,000 or less, if so you may be eligible for renovations of up to \$16,000.00 under the cmhc rrap program. Information and applications are available at the Mount Currie Band Office – Housing Department. (Previously the Band Housing Department was eligible

Housing Update Continued

Chimney Cleaning

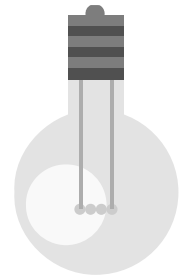
Please call the Mount Currie Band Office if you require your chimney cleaning. Some of us use our chimney more than others therefore it would be at your discretion if you require your chimney cleaned or not.

Energy Saving tips

Ceiling fans circulate room air by drawing warm air off the ceiling and pushing it towards the floor. Fans don't actually cool a room; they cool you by circulating air. A 60 watt ceiling fan costs between 10 cents and \$2 to operate monthly, while an air conditioner can cost between \$7.50 and \$41.00 a month.

Energy Saving Light Bulbs

Reminder: That you can bring these energy saving light bulbs back to the Mount Currie Band Office and they can be picked up by BC Hydro for proper disposal as they do not belong in the community dump site.



Yard Maintenance & clean up

To keep out the creep crawlies and rodents remember to upkeep your yards from garbage, tall grass & weeds, junk and old cars.

BC Hydro Energy Saving Kits

There are still a lot of kits yet to be picked up at the Mount Currie Band Office with Hazel Dan or Denise Leo.

BASIC HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

The Mount Currie Housing Department and CMHC will be presenting a Basic Home Maintenance workshop on June 18, 2009 at Ts'zil Learning Centre from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and the Xit'olacw Community School Cafeteria on June 19, 2009 from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

This workshop explains the basics in fixing small items in your house and how to provide easy maintenance. The intent is to safely do basic home repairs yourself, prevent major repairs, save money for your family and your community. Make your family and community healthier - be proud of your home.

Your all invited and you all have homes. (book time off and have fun for a day)





Lil'wat Nation Mount Currie Band

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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

July 2009 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter will be Friday June 26th, 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.