



Lil'wat Nation Mount Currie Band Newsletter September 2009



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A Message from the Chief



August Break.

It was so awesome to finally get a break from all the meetings and functions that we, the Chief & Council attend. It will be great though to get back into the swing of things when I get back to our community. I realize things are going to be pretty hectic for the next six months especially.

It was such a fantastic feeling to go into our new store and see all our people working there. It shows too of course that it's been a long time coming. Our new Community Complex should be completed by October, just in time for our next Powwow.

It is so unfortunate, what is happening to our fishing. Tragic would a more appropriate word. It's our life, not just our way of living.

Kukwpi7 Taya, Chief Leonard Andrew



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Important Dates!

- September 9 Orientation Day at Ts'zil Learning Center
- September 16 2010 Job Fair at Ts'zil Learning Center
- September 18 Salmon Bbq



Community Corner!



Birthdays Birthdays

Birthdays:

- Sept 1-** Feron Jade, Max, Elijah Edmonds, Cecil Ritchie
- Sept 2-** Roger Wallace
- Sept 3-** Tristan Rocco Dan
- Sept 4-** Louie Edmonds, Brent Whitehead, Calvin Jameson
- Sept 5-** Adrian Dan
- Sept 6-** Sheila Bikadi, Leonard Joe
- Sept 7-** Bradley Peters
- Sept 8-** Willow Edmonds, Josephine Frank
- Sept 9-** Kiana Leo
- Sept 10-** Elisa & Tanisha Pascal
- Sept 11-** Ava Dan, "Lil Rock" Eric Wallace Jr.
- Sept 13-** Billy Peters, Chasity Peters
- Sept 15-** Petie Pierre, "Mr Man" Richard Andrews, "Bear Bear" Lonny Wallace
- Sept 16-** Art Gabriel, Emelkin Beltran
- Sept 17-** Lance Peters, Shiela & Don Harris Anniversary
- Sept 18-** Jodie Peters, Cindy Edmonds
- Sept 19-** Barren Gabriel
- Sept 20-** Cory Smith, Sadie Dan
- Sept 21-** Bernadine Sampson, Jake Edmonds, Shawn Pascal, Bob Andrew, Tina Jr
- Sept 22-** Deanna Warren (Crowther), "Wolf" Wilfred Peters



- Sept 23-** Nana Bikadi, Qiyak Bikadi, Keisha Andrew
- Sept 24-** Shaun Pierre
- Sept 25-** Jaime Pascal, Jennifer Crowther
- Sept 27-** Chris Andrew, Kara Jones, Tamlyne Wallace
- Sept 28-** Morgan Wells
- Sept 29-** Willie Wallace, Jeanette Joe, Stacey Wallace
- Sept 30-** Quentin James

Happy Birthday to Billy Peters (Sept 13) Bradley Peters (Sept 7) Tyrone Peters (Aug 6) Cory Smith (Sept 20) From Your Favourite Uncle Jerome & Uncle Darryl.

Happy Birthday Max I Love You!

Your Mommas favorite son! From Momma, Mia and Mitch.

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The Gossiper

A woman repeated a bit of gossip about a neighbor. Within a few days the whole community knew the story. The

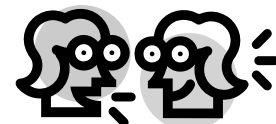
person it concerned was deeply hurt and offended. Later, the woman responsible for spreading the rumor learned that it was completely untrue she was very sorry and went to a wise old sage to find out what she could do to repair the damage.

"Go to the marketplace." He said, "And purchase a chicken, and have it killed. Then on your way home pluck its feathers and drop them one by one along the road." Although surprised by this advice, the woman did what she was told.

The next day the wise man said, "Now, go and collect all those feathers you dropped yesterday and bring them back to me."

The woman followed the same road, but to her dismay the wind had blown all the feathers away. After searching for hours, she returned with only three in her hand. "You see," said the old sage, "it's easy to drop them, but it's impossible to get them back. So it is with gossip. It doesn't take much to spread a rumor, but once you do, you can never completely undo the wrong."

Author Unknown



A Note from the Senior Administrator

Submitted by Daniel Sailland

The first annual Mt. Currie Band Fun Day was a success! The weather cooperated and there was tons of excellent food and games. The scavenger hunt was particularly enjoyable. Special thanks to Dan Cindric and Cherlyn Allen for their dedication to organizing the event. Also, thanks to the Chefs and all the Band employees for coming out. It was wonderful to see all the kids. Let's do it again next year!

As the summer holidays come to a close, I would like to wish the school aged children a safe and happy return to their classes.

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Daniel Sailland



2010 Olympic Job Fair

hosted by
Ts'zil Learning Centre
& the First Nations
Employment Society

Wednesday, September 16
from 4 pm to 6 pm.

A Journey To Our Past

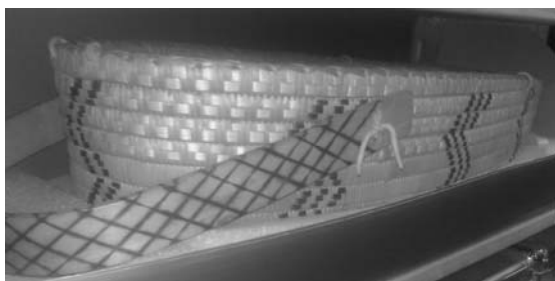
Lands & Resources Research Team;

Kerry Mehaffey, Arnie Jim, Lex Joseph, Tracy Howlett & (written by) Tiffanie Sampson



Last month we went on a trip with to Victoria and Vancouver, a historical research trip to gather what we could about Lil'wat, Mount Currie/Pemberton Area.

The trip I must say was pretty awesome, I have never been to Victoria so that was fun, and going to the BC Archives was a treat, getting to see pictures from a long time ago, also seeing names I recognized, very cool also got to go behind the scenes and see some artifacts from our heritage and others, saw some baskets, and arrow heads and spears some regalia. As well got to tour around the Royal BC Museum a bit. I got to see all the artifacts from all over BC, from different First Nations peoples, and I got to see the big Istken they have on display. I quite enjoyed myself, a new experience that I am sure to relive and revisit. I appreciate that people are taking such care to preserve our ancestry. I also got to meet Dorothy Kennedy and Randy Bouchard; they have a lot of vital information about Lil'wat and its territory.



In Vancouver we went to the Geographic Information Center at UBC, I got to read a short history of Pemberton, and how they became to thrive in the potato industry. A history that told of the area before the lowering of the lake, which I never actually knew about. We also travelled to the Vancouver Archives where I got to see more pictures of ancestors at a potlatch which was very very cool. It was really awe-inspiring because I don't know a lot of the history of Lil'wat and the territory.

I was blown away by the amount of information there is about our community, and very touched by the trip.





Lil'wat artists had a great day during the Lil'wat arts and crafts fair, on August 8th held by the Lilwat7ul Culture Centre. Our artists were able to sell a lot of their artwork to Nancy Nightingale, Squamish Lilwat7ul Cultural Centre gift shop director – for showcase and sales at the Squamish Lilwat7ul Culture Centre. Twenty-four artists came to the fair to sell their art work. A special thank you goes out to Vania and Beth for

setting up this event. There will be another gathering of the artists event to be held in November 2009.

We were very proud and honoured to be invited to the reveal of the new Four Host First Nations Team Welcome song at an event hosted by Musqueam (thank you!) on July 16th. The event was filmed by Deneka and Gryphon productions (for Musqueam). The song is currently 12 minutes long but will be shortened to 4 minutes to meet the Games, Athletes team, and welcome ceremony. Lots of people attended the event which created a fabulous atmosphere for such a historic event. Lil'wat travelled with 25 participates. A fabulous feast was provided. Lil'wat donated Xusem (soap berry juice) and Ts'wan (wind dried fish). Thank you to Lex Joseph, Bobby Stager and Mary James for their participation.

A great turn out on August 19th for the Honouring of the artists event. Artists of all types were honoured. Twenty artists were recognized for work done with the Lilwat7ul Culture Centre, and 100 Lil'wat members attended this event. Whale bone productions – with the Tzsil learning centre – documented this event to collect information, ideas and concerns from the Lil'wat artists on how they could move forward with their art.

We need a list of drummers who are willing to participate in upcoming 2010 events. Please submit your name to the Lilwat7ul Culture Centre if you are interested.

Pqusnalhcw Update

Submitted by Jessica Frank, Director of Pqusnalhcw

We will be having our 5th Annual Celebrating Children's Event' on Tuesday November 10,2009 from 4-7 pm, location TBD. Our theme will be 'Fun with Food' please keep an eye out for posters. This is a family fun event.

FUN FRIDAYS at Pqusnalhcw

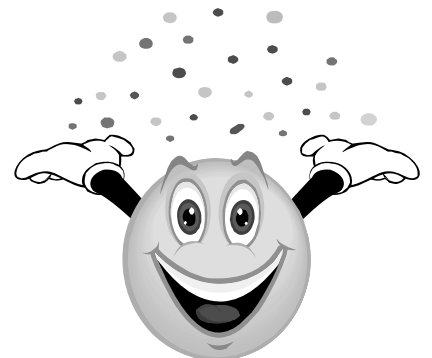
Pqusnalhcw invites everyone to participate in our Fun Fridays! The schedule for August is as follows:

September 4- Face Painting/Fruit Day

September 11- Wear Black

September 18- Pj & Slippers Day

September 25- Hoodie/Sweatshirt Day





Ts'zil Update

By Nadine Pascal, Education and Training Coordinator

**Ts'zil Learning Centre has been busy these past few weeks.
We've approved and sent out contracts to Colleges and Universities
for our external students!!
Congratulations and good luck in your program**



We have 22 'external students' studying in various areas such as:

Bachelor of Business Administration at Capilano University
Culinary Arts at Vancouver Community College
Diploma Program in Social Services at Douglas College
Bachelor of Social Work at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology- Vancouver.
Ford Asset Program at BCIT
We have a student at Grande Prairie Alberta working on her diploma in Fitness Leadership
Another student at BCIT is taking the Film Production program
Indigenous Independent Film Certificate Program at CapU
Diploma program in Psychology of Art at CapU
One student working towards their Masters in Psychology at Thompson Rivers University
One student enrolled into an Aboriginal Pre-Health at Simon Fraser University.

Please remember if you reside in the city and you are interested in a training/ course or program; you can call First Nations Employment Society for assistance

1-604-604-7194- Roseann Guerin

They can assist with; rent, hydro, phone and a bit of living allowance.

We receive our training dollars from FNES for 'community' programs and if we spend dollars on members in the city, it takes away from community programs offered here, so please utilize this opportunity for support.

Ts'zil Update Continued



We have a Film Production Program offered this year! How exciting! Barb and Lisa will be the instructors for the program. If there is any band member that wishes to enroll into the program, please stop by and pick up an application at the front office, there are also course outlines posted in the hallway or you can sit and meet the instructors during the open house or orientation days to go over the course content.



Courses offered this year:

Business Fundamentals- Capilano University
 University College Entrance Program – UCEP
 ABE
 Carpentry Prep- Level 1
 Arts Based Programs (still being developed)



Our community survey is wrapping up and the students are finalizing their last surveys before their last day; *Aug. 28, 2009*. We would like to say *"Thank you"* to all those that participated and we will keep you posted on the results of the surveys and the winners of the draws.

Ts'zil Staff:

Robert Schuster- Advanced Education & Training Director
 Nadine Pascal- Education & Training Coordinator
 Lisa Fisher- Learning Specialist & Multi Media Production
 Barbara Busalacchi – Multi Media Production
 Sharon Leinwebber – Instructor
 Lynda Sampson – Instructor
 Courtney Littleton – Essential Skills Coordinator
 Rachel Dan- Administrative Assistant
 Elizabeth Pierre- Office Assistant
 Mitch Olender – computer lab assistant

We have 2 scheduled open houses: Aug. 25, 2009 & Sept 2, 2009
 11:30am - 6:30pm. Bar-b-que lunch provided.

Orientation Day: Sept. 9, 2009 with board, elders, community resource workers.

Social Assistance Update

Submitted by Debra Parker

We may still need a copy of your 2009/2010 National Child Tax Benefit Notices, even if you filed late please send us a copy.

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

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

Employability and Eligibility

General Principle

For the purpose of determining eligibility for social assistance or benefits, an applicant is considered to be applying on behalf of the applicant's family, and in accordance with the criteria set out in the *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual*.

Definition of Employable Person

Employable person means a person who is *not*:

- a dependent child
- a person who does not qualify as a "Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers" (PPMB)
- sixty-five or more years of age

Requirement to Seek Work

Employable applicants and spouses must be available for, and actively seeking work at all times. This does not apply to:

- family members where one member is a "Person with Disabilities" (PWD)
- an adult dependant who does not meet the residency requirements
- an applicant who is a single parent with at least one dependent child who:
 - is under three years of age, or
 - has a physical or mental condition precluding the single parent from leaving home for the purpose of employment

Persons who fail to demonstrate participation in employment - related activities, including employment search, may be found ineligible for social assistance.

Single parents who indicate lack of child care as an impediment to employment search must demonstrate that all reasonable efforts have been made and no form of child care is available in their community.

Seasonal Employment

Self-employed persons whose employment or business activities are seasonal are required to seek and accept other employment during off-seasons.

Proof of Effort

The administering authority may request employable applicants and spouses to prove they are available for, and actively seeking work.

Non-Eligibility

Employable persons who quit work, are fired for cause, or refuse work that is in accordance with provincial labour laws, are *not* eligible for social assistance.

Employable persons who are disqualified from receiving employment insurance (EI) benefits due to quitting work, being fired for cause, or for refusing work, are *not* eligible for basic social assistance.

Employable persons awaiting EI benefits, or who have been disqualified for failing to submit federal EI program report cards on time are *not* eligible for basic social assistance.

Employable persons who quit work for health reasons must provide supporting documentation from a physician in order to establish eligibility for basic social assistance.

Employable persons are *not* eligible for social assistance for a period of 30 days, beginning with the date the employable person or any adult dependant:

- failed to accept suitable employment
- voluntarily left employment without just cause
- was dismissed from employment for just cause

The above does not apply if:

(i) the applicant is a single parents with a dependent under three years of age or a dependent under 19 years of age who has a mental or physical condition that results in the parent being unable to leave the home.

(ii) the applicant or adult dependants whose conduct would otherwise have caused the applicant to be ineligible:

- is qualified as a person with persistent multiple barrier (PPMB)
- is 65 or more years of age
- has separated from an abusive spouse within the previous 6 months and is in a condition that interferes with his or her ability to accept or continue in employment
- is in a condition that interferes with his or her ability to accept or continue in employment

Employability and Eligibility is from the Social Development Policy and procedures Manual, any questions you can call Debra Parker or Vaughan Gabriel at the Lil'wat Employment Agency 604-894-1733

SEPTEMBER 2009 BINGO / LOONIE & SWAP SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Comments
		1	2 Former Residential School Survivors BINGO	3 Lil'wat Elder's BINGO	4 Graveyard Committee BINGO	5	Know your limit, stay within it!
6	7 Labour Day!	8	9 Ama7 Syaktsa BINGO	10 Lil'wat Celebrations BINGO®	11 Former Residential School Survivors BINGO	12	
13 Max's Day – Bingo Machine Fund Raiser	14	15	16 Graveyard Committee BINGO	17 Lil'wat Elder's BINGO	18 Ama7 Syaktsa BINGO	19 Lil'wat Celebrations Fund Raiser	
20	21 BINGO DRAW!	22	23 Lil'wat Elder's BINGO	24 Former Residential School Survivors BINGO	25 Ama7 Syaktsa BINGO	26 Former Residential School Survivors BINGO	
27	28	29	30 Graveyard Committee BINGO				
							All my relations!

Should you want to learn more about the Clubs, please contact one of their members listed.
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Bingo Committee Update

Submitted By: Maxine Joseph-Bruce

Narrative and Financial Reports due from all Clubs. 4 times a year, the Bingo Committee requires all clubs utilizing the old hall for fund raising efforts to present and submit a narrative and financial reports. As our community supports the clubs fund raising efforts, it is only right that all clubs abide by the reporting process as this ensures accountability to the community.

On Monday July 27, 2009, the Bingo Committee set Monday August 24, 2009 as reporting night. The following clubs are in good standing with the Bingo Committee as the listed Clubs have presented and submitted the required reports.

Lil'wat Celebrations Pow-wow Club

Oscar James – Chair; Elizabeth Dan - Treasurer

May Bingo proceeds = \$990.80	\$200.00 towards hall rental
June Bingo proceeds= \$464.00	\$50 towards hall rental
July Bingo proceeds=\$681.60	\$100.00 towards hall rental
August Bingo proceeds=0	\$50.00 towards hall rental.
\$244.26 towards door prizes	Balance of Account: \$935-51
Working towards fundraising for June 2010 Pow-wow \$15,000	

Bingo Machine Club

Nora Pascal, Andrea Jones, Casey Gabriel and Maxine Joseph-Bruce

Balance of Account: \$3,000.00	Float: \$544.69
50/50 at Lil'wat Celebrations Pow wow \$18.00	New club fees (as per policy) \$50.00
Total for Bingo Machine Committee: \$3,544.69	

Ama Syaqtza Club

Members: Maryanne Narcisse- Treasurer; Lorna Leo- Secretary; Martina Pierre – Club organizer

Volunteers: Marion Wallace; Mernie Gabriel; and Aleda Pascal

April Balance= \$1,392.55	May Balance = \$1,042.10
June Balance = \$767.30	July Balance = \$655.40

Balance of Account: \$757.70 (less expenses)

Former Residential School Survivors Club

Frank Wallace – Manager; Members: Teresa Z, Lorna Leo, Rosanne Dan, Aleda Pascal, and Anne Gabriel

May Bingo Proceeds = \$316.00	\$500.00 total towards hall rental
June Bingo Proceeds = \$139.00	July Bingo Proceeds = \$441.00
August Bingo Proceeds = \$284.56	Balance of Account: \$2,207.96

Lil'wat Elders Club

Members: Frank Wallace – Manager; Teresa Zurowski-Treasurer; Signers: Tassie Wallace, Les Andrew; Lorna Leo-Bingo Caller; Elder Rep: Anne Gabriel; Volunteer: Rosann Dan, Norma Dick, Aleda Pascal

May Bingo Proceeds = 81.42	June Bingo Proceeds = \$652.53
July Bingo Proceeds = \$685.50	Donations received for Trip = 1,850.00
August Bingo Proceeds = \$1,341.05	Balance of Account = \$2,033.50

Graveyard Committee

Members: Vaughan Gabriel, Casey Gabriel and others

Cash on hand: \$331.40	Expenses: \$3,088.21
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Community Complex Update

Submitted by Larry Miller, Projects Manager

The community complex is moving along nicely, however not without a few hiccups here and there. As we push to complete the building, most visitors that have seen the complex are quite impressed with what we have accomplished to date. We are now installing drywall on the 2nd level as we get closer to completing the office areas so that the various departments can move in to the new offices. Telus has the fiber optic cable run into the building and now they have to connect the inside cables. BC Hydro has run the power into the building now as well. More of the heating and cooling bits and pieces that go above the ceilings with the HVAC units that we've been waiting for have arrived so we can install these on the 2nd level first. There are still lots of loose ends to complete which we are trying our best to get done. The gym seating sub structure has arrived and that will be assembled in the following week. The focus is to get the 2nd level completed so the offices can be occupied and then finish the main level and the exterior work, moving the employment/Creekside offices and paving the parking lots.

Summer Recreation Program

Submitted by Daniel Cindric, Recreation Director

Pepantsek Tsa7ts7acw Summer Day Camp a Huge Success

The Lil'wat Recreation Department and Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre were busy this summer coordinating a summer day camp for local youth.

The Pepantsek Tsa7ts7acw

Summer Day camp was attended by 83 local children between the ages of 7 and 14. Workshops and

activities were plentiful and ranged from Drum making to bouncy castles. The participants had a fantastic summer.

The Lil'wat Recreation Department collaborated with the Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre to design and plan the 6 week long Pepantsek Tsa7ts7acw Summer Day Camp. Six Camp workers from the local community (Mitchell Thevarge, Andrea Jones, Jazzmin Pascal, Haley Joe, Belinda (Cuma) Peters, and Emilken (Milky) Beltran) planned and participated in the camp by organizing workshops, games, sports, prizes and much more for the program.

This camp started in the summer of 2007 and has grown a little bit each year. This year's camp was the best yet and one can only imagine what next year's camp will bring.



Recreation Department Activity Schedule

Activities Sept 8th-30th

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>		
3:00pm-5:00pm									
4:00pm-5:00pm	Dodge ball 4:30 -5:30pm 12 & under XCS Gym	Art Fun 4:30pm - 6:30pm All ages XCS Cafe	Open Gym 4:30 -6:30pm 12 & under XCS Gym	Activities Club 4:00pm-6:00pm All Ages XCS Cafeteria					
5:00pm-6:00pm	Dodge ball 5:30 -7:30pm All ages XCS Gym								
6:00pm-7:00pm		Youth Floor Hockey 5pm-7pm XCS Gym	Badminton 6:30pm -8:30pm 10 yrs & up XCS Gym	Karate 6pm- 7:30pm 15 & under XCS Cafe				Video Club 6pm- 7:30pm 15 & up XCS Gym	
7:00pm-8:00pm		Open Gym 7-9pm 13 & up XCS Gym							Women's Activity Night 7pm -9pm 14 & up XCS Gym
8:00pm-9:00pm									
9:00pm-10:00pm									

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



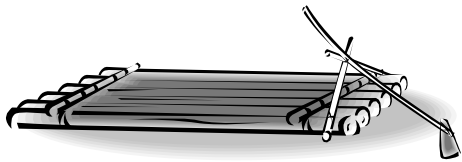
Lex's Story Corner



The Flood

This story is from the Leo Swoboda collection.

As told by Baptiste Ritchie

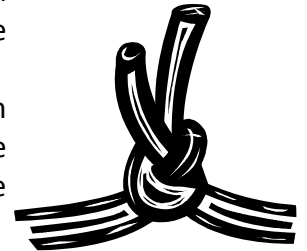


I am Baptiste Ritchie. My Indian name is En Chinemqen, meaning 'My Leader'. That is the very same name born by one of those who were my ancestors when this ground was flooded.

That earlier 'My Leader' was one who, they say, could foresee and know all that would happen in the future. That is why some higher power came to talk to him and said that the ground would be flooded. He was told to make a raft - but not of fallen trees, fastened side by side, by intertwined branches.

After a long, long time he finished his raft. He was told to soak leather, using anything around for soap, and then make the leather into a lariat. He was told how long to make it. Before he was finished making the lariat he was told, "Tell your people, those that know how, to come over here where the fish are and dry some salmon, only salmon, and load as many salmon eggs as you can onto the raft. Then load the children on." (At that time his cousin's children were with his own children.)

The family called Stager today, whose Indian name was Qeshtitsa', had a son-in-law called 'My Leader'. He said, "I am going to make my own raft. It will not be very long before I finish everything and prepare some skins to be my anchor." So he made a raft, dried all kinds of skins and made them into a lariat.



Then came the smart one who could foresee the future. He was the one who had been told, "It's going to flood where the water flows." It snowed, the wind blew and the water kept on flooding. Thus the people perished there before he left. Then he was told by the smart one that he must anchor on the other peak over there in the high valley on the mountain. That was why the lariat anchor must be so long so that when the water drained it would reach the ground. Over there it would be easy for him to reach the ground. So, 'My Leader' knew where he would tie up. His in-law tied up on the other side.

Many days passed and there the leather lariat soaked and stretched and then it broke and they drowned because the strong currents churning around in the water made it go back towards where it had come from the snow that is where the water flowed. Then there was only the one along with his people who was guided by the greater power.

So 'My Leader' stayed there together with his children and Stager's children. It must have been a long time, no one knows how long, before the water drained. My friends that was the best of floods. Those dried salmon eggs. That was all they ate salmon eggs but still they did not seem to have had trouble and they were not hungry even though it was a very long time before the water drained.

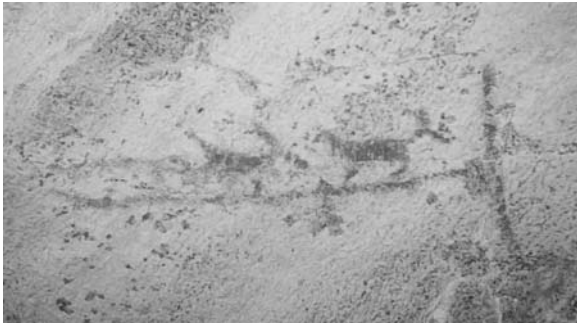
On this ground over here, there were my ancestors.

At the coast and further inland they did the same as he did, they did as 'My Leader'. Those must have been my forebears. That is why my name is still the same now. I am En Chinemqen.

Who Are We?

Submitted by Johnny Jones, Cultural Technician

We are the Lil'wat Nation, an Interior Salish Tribe. We are the largest of the 11 tribes within the St'at'imc Nation. We had clans before contact and moved around from one place to another to hunt for food and gather berries, roots, and fish. At some point in their lives Medicine men, young girls and boys, and hunters would train and put their dreams on rocks. Today you will call them Rock paintings or Pictographs. We used the inner bark of cedar trees for many things like couth, rope, and hats. We also used the roots of the cedar tree for baskets, and the wood from the tree for the frame of the pit houses and building canoes.



Three goats on a trail, (pictograph)



Culturally Modified Tree (CMT)



We lived in house pits in the past, and today you can still find depressions on the ground where these houses were.

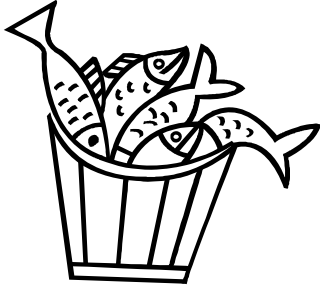


House pit depressions



Fisheries Department Update

Submitted by Maxine Joseph-Bruce, Fisheries Manager



Hello all,

The Land and Resources Fisheries Program have about 10 community members employed for the 2009 salmon enumeration projects. The sockeye counting fence project runs from August 24 to Oct 2, the Chinook salmon river bank walks from July 1 to about mid September, and a simplified version of a Chinook salmon redds residency study from August 24 to September 25.

Another project that the fisheries program has taken on is the water quality sampling at the Soo River, the project is for the duration of 4 weeks. We are working with Cascade Environmental Consulting.

We count the returning sockeye salmon 24 hours per day, 7 day per week. The sockeye counting fence is located about 200m upstream of Xit'olacw Bridge. 2,587 fish through the fence in the first three days, as of Sunday August 30th. Surprising and considering that we got the fence in a few days earlier than usual. Fish look healthy (apparently 5 year olds).

Please note:

- 2 male pre-spawn carcasses on fence
- water temperature has been 15C in afternoon, 12.5 in morning (warmer than in previous years)

Last year's Sockeye salmon count was 19, 847, this year based on the forecast we are anticipating the count to be around **60,000 sockeye**. The sockeye counts seem to vary each year.

The following list is the sockeye count for previous years:

- 2008 – 19,847 sockeye counted
- 2007 – 93,259 sockeye counted
- 2006 – 264,002 sockeye counted
- 2005 – 53,384 sockeye counted
- 2004 – 25,869 sockeye counted
- 2003 – 307,033 sockeye counted!

Annually, we conduct a salmon survey on Sampson Creek and Railroad Creek up the valley, as sockeye frequent those creeks, in addition to the Birkenhead River surveys. By mid-September, we will begin taking samples from the carcasses and soon after we will conduct a salmon spawn survey for the sockeye stocks. So we do not duplicate our efforts, we toss those carcasses on the shore as an indicator that we have already surveyed those fish. This is a process we call dead pitching. A benefit from the dead-pitch survey is that the fish carcasses provide valuable nutrients to the land and trees.

Take all that you need, and use all that you take.

The Chinook Salmon River Bank Walks conducted annually from July 1 to about the middle of September. The walks are isolated to the higher areas of Birkenhead River near the "flats".

The Chinook Study is currently underway at or near the “flats” or “Upper Birkenhead River”, the area in which we call “area 11”. In the year 2007, we conducted a Chinook salmon redds residency study in an area we call “area 10”. The Chinook Study began August 24 and be completed Friday September 25. The study for 2009 in comparison to the 2007 Chinook study is located at an area we call “area 10” at the confluence of White Creek and Birkenhead River.

While we have a right to fish, it is our responsibility to ensure salmon make it to spawn, so that future generations can benefit from the salmon as we do today.

Nilh ti.

Grandmother Slough Fry Salvage and Environmental Monitoring August 2009

Report by Maxine Joseph-Bruce

On Tuesday August 4, 2009, Alvin Nelson of Nelson Trucking visited the Mount Currie Band’s Land and Resources office to discuss with the Fisheries Manager the availability of the Fisheries Technicians. A private landowner is proposing to start land development by installing an access route from the Highway 99, aka Lillooet Lake road, to the property.

Copies of the correspondence from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans reviewed by the Fisheries Manager, which stated the window of opportunity is from August 1, 2009 to September 15, 2009 and the estimated timeline to complete the project would be one week. In addition, that no formal DFO authorization was required, that work should take place during low flow.

The role of Fisheries Technicians was to remove any juvenile salmon, likely Coho fry, that frequent the slough during their 2 years in freshwater. On Tuesday August 4, 2009, Fisheries Manager commenced the coordination efforts to have two (2) fisheries technicians assigned the work of fry salvage and subsequently conduct environmental monitoring for the project.

Mount Currie Band equipment and personnel were utilized in the project. Two stop Nets installed in the culvert in order to isolate any juvenile salmon and to keep sediment at the low levels. After the nets were in place, the fry traps baited and installed for the purpose of collecting and relocating any salmon. About 20 fry traps used for the fry salvage.

The Beaver dams had created high water levels in the slough, which would cause delays in the project, the fisheries technicians spent time and efforts in breaking up the beaver dam in a way that does increase the water velocity and reduce oxygen levels by heavy sediment release caused by aggressive removal methods of the dam. Other removal of beaver dams conducted in order for the watered areas to an acceptable level.

Once all efforts completed for fry salvage, the big machinery construction work began. As in other development projects that are near or adjacent to a salmon bearing stream, environmental monitoring process were implemented, as required as a form of best management practices. The federal 30m setbacks followed and included the riparian area regulations in order for any construction to take place.

Nelson Trucking called upon traffic safety personnel to ensure safety of all persons in or around the project, which enabled single lane traffic.

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Housing Update

By Gayle Andrews, Housing Coordinator

Housing Portfolios; Councilor Felicity Nelson & Councilor Joanne John

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

All information for newsletter are requests and recommendations from the Mount Currie Housing Board and Council Portfolios.



Housing Applications

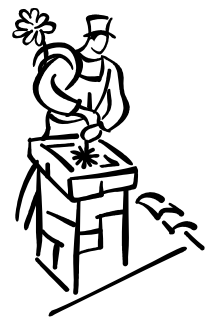
Although some of you have given up submitting your housing applications for renovation, rentals and new houses. Don't give up, please keep resubmitting your housing applications this help our funding sources with an assessment or a better understanding of what our needs are in regards to housing. Example do we need a variety of bachelor type units, two bedroom units or 3 bedroom-one level house etc and

Volunteers

We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers from each phase 13-20 to get an inspection from CMHC, please call Denise Leo or Gayle Andrews to let us know that you will be volunteering your house. Otherwise we still need to inspect and we be picking any house and your house may need more attention than others in your phase or street.

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 to be cleaned or not. Also if the chimney cleaner suggested to you that your chimney needs repairs or replaced and it has not been yet, please put in a work order, or talk to Housing Coordinator to see what you can get done if you are a



Rental Agreements

If you have not done your rental agreement for this year, please come into the Mount Currie Band office to do it! These rental agreements are very important and need to be done every year. We need to have these agreements for when the CMHC or INAC auditors come in for their review & assurance.-mid term audit is soon. We have sent out many and have only received a few back.

Payroll Deduction Agreements



A reminder for those of you who work for the Mount Currie Band or the corporations and you have a debt for rent, user fees, home insurance or maintenance it is your responsibility, as an employee to sign a payroll deduction agreement. Please don't wait until you get your eviction notice or other enquiries on why there isn't a payroll deduction agreement in place for your convenience immediately after been hired. This payroll deduction agreement must include your recurring charges and some put towards your arrears.

Rent

A reminder that rent is due on the FIRST of every month and if it has not been paid by the 15th of the month you will receive your WARNING for unpaid rent. If you fail to pay your rent or what's left of the months balance by the end of the month you will receive another warning or eviction, depending on how late you are with your rent and rental arrears. The Mount Currie Band Housing Department & Board has a **zero tolerance** for rental arrears. If you have rental arrears, this needs to be paid with every month along with your current rent. We cannot have such huge arrears with tenants as this jeopardizes or affects present or future housing - effects other opportunities in housing or other programs.

Thank you very much to all the tenants who have been paying their rent on time before or on the first of every month. Also **thank you to the tenants** who have been maintaining or repairing their own places. Every bit helps and it gives you and us a big sense of pride and ownership of our homes and buildings.

Unapplied Payments

We do still have unapplied amounts from unknown accounts, so please if you have your yellow slip from the bank please bring it in for your receipt, we do not always know where the money comes from, if you believe this unapplied amount is from you and you did not notice it on your statement, you will need to provide us with dates, amounts and account numbers with your yellow slips to prove it was yours. You need to make sure you let us know that you make a direct deposit at the bank so we can apply the amount towards your statement.

Updated Mailing Addresses

We do also need your updated mail box number to make sure your statements and receipts get to you for your own reference. We get sent back statements and receipts that do not have the correct mail box number on them, so please call in and let us know your box number if you have not received your statement.

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 regular renovations of \$16,000 or 16,000 x 2 for regular and disability under the CMHC RRAP program. Information and applications are available at the Mount Currie Band Office-Housing Department.

SEPTEMBER 2009Squamish Lil'wat Cultural
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Fax: 604.964.0965**WHERE RIVERS, MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE MEET****Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Newsletter****KAYÁCHTN/K'ALHWÁ7ACW, WELCOME****Big Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone who came out for the SUMMER ARTS & CRAFT FAIR held at the Old Hall in Mount Currie on August 8th. It was great to meet all of the wonderful and talented artists with their wide variety of amazing art for sale. Thank you to the Elders and all involved in the concessions for making this day extra special. Vania Stager from the Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre did a great job organizing such a successful fair. We look forward to ongoing business relations and to see new and familiar faces at future events.

CALL TO SQUAMISH NATION AND LIL'WAT NATION ARTISTS

Beginning in September, the Galleries & Gift Shop at the SLCC would like to begin featuring a monthly artist from either of our Nations. The Artist would receive a month long display of their work showcased in the Gallery & Gift Shop and a day in the month to come set-up a table where they can demonstrate their skills while working on their art and selling their wares. We welcome Artists to contact Kimberley Stanger 604-964-0992 ext#2225 to be a Featured Artist.

Kimberley Stanger & Nancy Nightingale

**Blackcomb Snowmobiles Ltd.**
Wild Spirit Adventure Tour Partnership with SLCC

Blackcomb Snowmobiles has joined in partnership with SLCC to offer packages for their Adventure Tours with SLCC Admission. The partnership includes a registration desk for Wild Spirit Tours at SLCC, a bus wrapped with SLCC Logos, etc. The Wild Spirit Tour bus and Dancer Canoe were used in the Canada Day parade where SLCC won for "Best Interpretation of Canada Day Theme - Whistler Spirit, Let's Hear it."

WINTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Blackcomb Snowmobiles Ltd. operates: Snowmobile tours, Dog Sled tours, Cat skiing, Snowshoe tours and new this year Eagle viewing and Evening snowshoe Tours.

Snowshoe Guides: Day and Evening guides. Training provided. These tours depart from SLCC. Standard First Aid preferred.

Snowmobile Guides: 80hr First Aid and Class IV driver's license required.

Dog Sled Guides: Passion for dogs and Standard First Aid required. Tours depart from the upper Callahan Valley.

Eagle Viewing: Class IV driver's license required and knowledge of Squamish Valley and Eagles.

Full time and Part time available. Many "guiding" positions are on an "on-call" basis. Positions start at \$12/hr. and wage increases with Class IV and experience.

If you are interested in any of these positions please email your resume to
info@blackcombsnowmobile.com or fax to 604.932.8410

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Newsletter

September Highlights

New in the Café: Bison and Saskatoon Berry or Venison and Blueberry Pemmican. Caribou jerky. Salmon Candy. Vegetarian Soup. Fruit or Veggie Smoothie.

Gallery Tour: Every hour starting at 9:30am, take part in a guided tour of the Cultural Centre.

Outdoor Exhibit Tour: Guided Tour every hour starting at 10am, of the traditional dwellings and the Forest Walk.

By Donation Days: Every Sunday admission by donation will continue to be offered at SLCC.

SLCC Ambassador CD: Our Ambassadors' collection of Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh and Lil'wat7ul Traditional songs are available in the Gift Shop.

Where Rivers, Mountains and People Meet DVD: Purchase our stunning visual journey feature film in the Gift Shop.

Indoor Herb Garden: We are growing our own herbs to use in many of our Café items such as the Salmon Chowder and Venison Chili. Stop by for our daily specials!

Note from Bernadine Billy, SLCC Ambassador to the Summer Youth



I am a very proud mom, aunty, and cousin to all the Summer Youth who worked at SLCC Jun.30-Aug.21. It was so great to see how you all had the courage to come learn about your culture. Working here has enhanced your skills with the Customer Service training which has broadened your minds to guide the tourists who came to visit. All of you are not so shy now that you can answer questions for the guests. I hope that you continue to learn your histories, language, and cultural ways so that you may come back and do more tours on your own next year or in the near future.

Back Left to Right: Skyler, Whitney, Mello, Stanley, Jack, Maggie, and Reinal

Front: JB

VENUE SPACE:

Mezzanine Patio:

Licensed 200 foot south-facing patio.

Salish Longhouse:

For meetings, dinners, and theatre productions.

If you would like to book a room for your event or for any inquiries please call:

Gwen Baudisch, Marketing and Events Coordinator

Phone: 604-964-0997

Email: events@slcc.ca

Call for Youth with Regalia to assist at Vancouver 2010 Indigenous Youth Gathering:

- Call for Youth aged 19-29yrs as of Jul.1/09 with regalia and Cultural performing experience.
- Volunteer opportunity to be part of the Indigenous Youth Gathering. Non-paid position.
- Transportation, accommodation and meals will be covered by sponsors.
- When: January 30-February 14, 2010

Visit www.2010iyg.com for more information.

Deadline for October 2009 Newsletter submissions is September 25th.

If you have any requests, suggestions or questions for the Newsletter or the content call Darla John, Receptionist at 604.964.0990 or email reception@slcc.ca



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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

October 2009 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter will be around Friday September 25th 2009. Please make your submission by dropping it off at the Band Office, faxing it to 604-894-1518 (Attn: Tiffanie Sampson) or emailing it to tiffanie.sampson@lilwat.ca. If you have any questions please call Tiffanie 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 Tiffanie and we'll do what we can to include more information.