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Sliammon Mini Tribal Canoe Journey 2015

By Alex Sutcliffe, Editor

Last year Bella Bella played host to the 22nd Anniversary of the Tribal Canoe Journey, a milestone event that brought the Tribal Canoe Journey back to where it all began. During the "Paddle to Seattle" event in 1989, Bella Bella was in attendance and invited all of the canoes to come to Bella Bella in 1993. This was the start of a new tradition, one that unknowingly brought with it, a cultural resurgence of epic proportions.

The Tribal Canoe Journeys have continued to grow over the years, with tens of thousands of people from all walks of life, now participating and supporting these events. People have come to realize the direct benefits of these life-changing events, not to mention the deep connection made with ancestral traditions that results from complete cultural immersion. By bringing together the different Nations, and sharing the songs and dances and teachings, First Nations people are strengthening and rebuilding and remembering cultures that were almost wiped out less than a century ago.

Typically a different Nation hosts the event every year usually bouncing back and forth between the United States and Canada. At the gathering of the Canoes, different Nations will submit bids and create an informal schedule for subsequent Journeys. Usually Nations will allocate themselves a couple years to allow for sufficient time to plan for the event. At the end of the 2014 event there were still no offers to host the 2015 Tribal Canoe Journey, the running joke calling the 2015 Tribal Journey the "Paddle to No Where".

Not wanting to let the tradition falter, Calvin Harry inspired Sherman and Cyndi Pallen to approach Chief and Council seeking support to host the 2015 event. Citing a number of concerns, Chief and Council pledged support to host the 2017 Tribal Journey to allow sufficient time for adequate planning and funding arrangements to be made. So a new proposal was made to host a mini-journey with the support of the City of Powell River and Chief and Council. There were a couple mini-journeys planned by various nations to keep the Tribal Journeys going for Nations on the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island, and Sliammon (and the City of Powell River) will now be hosting a mini event for some of our Neighbors along the Strait of Georgia.

The theme for this year's event is "Honoring Our Chi Chuy, Honoring Our Youth". "We want to inspire our youth to get involved and experience the culture... these journeys branch into many different areas of life, it's something that has to be experienced to be understood... what the journey has to offer in our traditional ways of healing, and reconnecting with our ancestors. It's about turning back the hands of time." says Sherman Pallen.



This year's event is being organized by Calvin Harry, Sherman and Cyndi Pallen, and Billy Barnes with the help of a few volunteers. So far 10 Nations have confirmed they will be attending the 4-day event. Sliammon will be hosting the Canoe Families on Thursday the 16th of July, before the event migrates over to Willingdon Beach for Protocol over the course of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This event is unique in the way that this is the first time a City has been actively involved in supporting the hosting of the Tribal Journey.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and participate as we reconnect with our extended family. Sliammon has also revived some old songs and composed some new songs, which will be shared at this event.

Journey Itinerary:

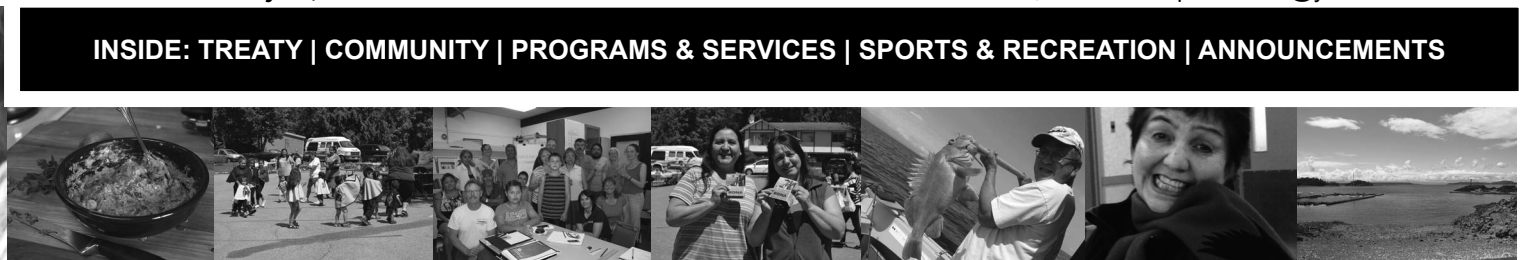
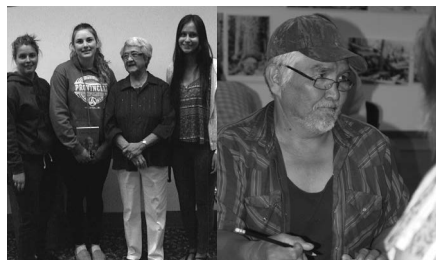
OTAQKEN Canoe leave's Sliammon
July 13, 2015 to Miracle Beach

July 14 to Cape Mudge
July 15 to Klahoose,
July 16 return to Sliammon
July 17 to Willingdon Beach Powell River!

Protocol Itinerary:

Thursday July 16th - Canoes will arrive in Sliammon. Feast and welcoming will be held at the Salish Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and join in as we share a meal, songs and dances.
Fri, Sat, Sun July 17th-18th-19th - Canoes will arrive in Willingdon Beach on Friday. Protocol will take place over the course of Friday, Saturday and Sunday with each Nation allotted time to share their culture with everyone, including songs, stories and dances.

Volunteers Needed! If you are able to help out in anyway over the course of this event please contact Calvin Harry on 604 7611 106, or email chspiritdancer@yahoo.ca.



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Qaməs ʔəms Tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust

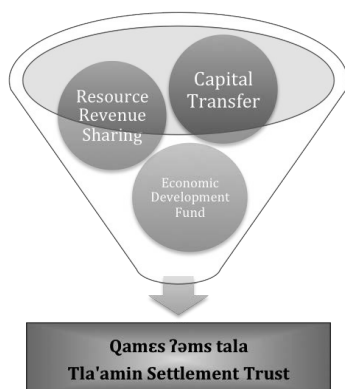
Update from the Finance & Programs CWG

As we have reported previously, Section 87 of the Tla'amin Constitution requires the Tla'amin Government to establish one or more settlement trusts to preserve and protect the Capital Transfer and the Resource Revenue Sharing amounts. In consideration of this requirement, the Finance & Programs CWG has been working with trust lawyers throughout 2014-2015 to establish the Qaməs ʔəms Tala (our money is put away safely) Tla'amin Settlement Trust.

What is a trust?

A trust is a legal relationship where one party (e.g. Tla'amin Nation) transfers property (e.g. treaty funds) to another party (i.e. trustees) to be managed for the benefit of a third party (e.g. Tla'amin Citizens). The trustees manage the trust property in accordance with the terms of the trust deed, which is a legally enforceable agreement that trustees must follow.

The figure below illustrates the monies that will go into the Qaməs ʔəms tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust. It is estimated on a net present value basis that the total amount slated to go into the trust is about \$54 million.



Decisions for how the trust is managed will be made by trustees. For example, the trustees will decide where and with whom investments are made, and when and where disbursements (i.e. withdrawals) are made. However, trustees are legally obligated to abide by the rules of the trust deed, and the trust deed spells out the criteria (e.g. qualifications) for trustees and how they are appointed.

The trust deed requires the appointment of a Guardian of the trust. The Guardian operates at arms-length from the trustees and has a legal duty to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. The Guardian has powers described in the trust deed and is responsible for appointing and removing the trustees.

The trust deed specifies how the Guardian and Trustees are appointed. The Guardian is appointed by Tla'amin Citizens at a Tla'amin Trust Community Meeting. The Guardian will appoint the Trustees. However, because the trust deed had to be executed by the Guardian and the Trustees, Sliammon Chief and Council will appoint the initial Guardian and the initial Trustees.

What are the benefits of using a trust to manage the money?

- (i) The treaty funds in the trust will not be managed by the Tla'amin Government, but by trustees who have a legal obligation to ensure that they manage the treaty funds in accordance with the trust deed and in the best interests of Tla'amin Citizens and any other beneficiaries.
- (ii) The treaty funds transferred to the trust will be protected from



Daryn Leas (lawyer), Pauline Paul, and Roy Francis working on the Trust.

any debts and liabilities of the Tla'amin Nation and any Tla'amin entity (e.g. corporation or society).

- (iii) There will be significant taxation benefits for the interest earnings generated by the treaty funds placed in the trust, and there would be no own source revenue (OSR) offsets unless there is a transfer of funds from the trust to the Tla'amin Government.
- (iv) The trust will have checks and balances in place to ensure that the treaty funds are managed to ensure long-term growth and remain within acceptable levels of risk, provide for the needs of both current and future generations, and produce stable and consistent income for the current generation.
- (v) The trust deed will establish reporting requirements that require the trustees to regularly report on the management of the treaty funds within the trust and the performance of the investments. There will also be an annual meeting where the trustees would report to the beneficiaries, table new business, answer questions, and address comments and concerns.

Current status

After working with our trust lawyers over the past 12-months to put together the trust deed for the Qaməs ʔəms tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust, the trust deed is largely complete and is now at a stage where the Finance & Programs CWG is ready to recommend the deed to Sliammon Chief & Council for approval. Council will have an opportunity to review, comment and suggest changes to the deed up until it is signed close to the Effective Date on April 5, 2016. There will also be another community information session in Sliammon on September 15, 2015, and the draft deed is available to members upon request.

The Finance & Programs CWG is putting together some names

of potential candidates for the Guardian. Ultimately it is Council that will decide who the initial Guardian will be, but it is the Finance & Programs CWG that is doing the legwork in pulling together the candidates.

There are 14 Sliammon members that are currently taking the online course, "Phase 1 - Trust and Investment Basics" delivered by Lethbridge College in partnership with the National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association (NATOA). Individuals that complete the course and are still interested in being a trustee will attend a workshop delivered by Daryn Leas and Jaimie Lickers (trust lawyers) that will be specific to the Qaməs ʔəms tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust.

The Guardian will also attend this workshop. The Guardian will then be responsible for reviewing the potential trustees and making recommendations to Council for who he/she believes are the most suitable candidates for becoming trustees. The Guardian will lead the trustee selection process instead of Council in order to limit any political or family pressure that could impact Council's selection of trustees. In addition, it is the Guardian, not Council, who is responsible for overseeing the trustees in the operation of the trust.

The trust deed will then be signed by Council, the initial Guardian and the initial Trustees and the Qaməs ʔəms tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust will be established close to the Effective Date, when the first Capital Transfer and Resource Revenue Sharing payments are received by the Tla'amin Nation and transferred to the trust.

Summary

This article from the Finance & Programs CWG provides another update and some background about the trust that will be established to manage most of the cash that will be transferred to the Tla'amin Nation under the Tla'amin Final Agreement. This article is the third update we have prepared for the Neh Motl, and we have also held two community information sessions over the past year.

We will be holding another community information session on September 15, 2015 in Sliammon that will focus specifically on the Qaməs ʔəms tala Tla'amin Settlement Trust. We will provide an exact time at a future date and we look forward to the discussion. If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the draft trust deed, please do not hesitate to request one from Grace Adams at gadams@sliammontreaty.com, Steve Hunter at steve.hunter@sliammon.bc.ca or Dillon Johnson at djohnson@temixw.com.



Gail Blaney and Elaine Tom - Aboriginal Day Celebrations

Chief Negotiators Message

One Heart, One Mind, One Nation



Roy Francis

Law Making Retreat Highlights Biggest Electronic Land Transfer in the History of the Province

On April 5, 2015, Effective Date, Treaty Settlement Lands will transfer back from Canada and British Columbia to our Tla'amin Nation. 8,322 Hectares of Land will be registered as fee simple lands in the provincial Land Title Office. Our Nation will have full legal ownership over its land base. Preparations are underway for the lands to be transferred electronically. At the push of a button, Tla'amin will activate the largest electronic land transfer in the history of the province. The significance is amazing. It represents a victory that has been hard fought, and firmly won.

Maybe we are not as exciting as we think we are – Changing our Approach to Informing our Community

Our work teams are making plans to "inform" our community about the work involved in building our laws. Our approach has been to arrange public information sessions, and invite membership to meetings where we share information, and invite participation. The turn outs to the sessions have not been good; we would like to be reaching more of our people. Our plan is to change our approach in an effort to reach more of our interested community members. We are now planning less formal open houses where our members can visit our board rooms in a smaller settings and be able to review our laws; with team members available to explain the laws and answer questions. Summaries will be distributed to each of our homes, and detailed laws are available for those who ask for them. We will also have team members available to do house visits; again at the request of our community members. If you are interested in having a law making information session in your home; please feel free to contact our office and we can assist.

Approval of our First Laws – 24 more to go

Our leadership has provided an approval-in-principle for our very first law. The law sets out the beginning for the management of our firewood resources on our Treaty Settlement Land base. Members will be able to obtain permits for cutting firewood on TSL. The law is intended to protect merchantable stands, and still allow access for wood more suitable for use as firewood. The law is based on the principle of "taking only what we need; while preserving some for our members in the future. Equally important; is that the law approval process has started; and will be very important in the approval of laws which are to follow.

Changing our organizational Structure – One Heart; One Mind; One Nation

Work is underway to re-build our organizational structure. Our administration building will be replaced with a new modern government house. New job descriptions are being developed to update duties and reporting relationships among our staff. Our elected leadership is being re-designed to consist of an Executive and a Legislature. Our corporations and institutions are being re-designed to be more cost efficient, and more accountable to our government and our citizens.

Nation Administration Matters

Notice Board



Theodosia Community/Family Fun Day

Friday, July 3, 2015
@ our new Cabin in Theodosia

Leaving Okeover Warf: Starting at **8:00 a.m.** then approx. every hour on the hour (more info. on back)

Returning to Okeover: Starting at **12:30 p.m.** then approx. every hour on the hour (more info. on back)

*There will be a van transporting people to & from Theodosia beach to the Cabin throughout the day.



Lunch Provided ~ Hamburgers, hotdogs, etc.

The Sliammon Lands Department will be hosting a Community/Family fun day in Theodosia. Come out and Enjoy the day or even a few hours doing the following:

- Playing games
- Singing cultural songs
- Small nature walks
- Swimming at the nearby river

We suggest you bring a towel, bathing suit, hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and a lawn chair. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

If interested, please R.S.V.P. with the Lands Department with Cathy Galligos or Serena Barnes @ Ext. 240 or 239.



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SLIAMMON FIRST NATION NOTICE from CHIEF and COUNCIL

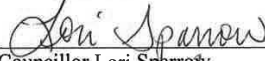
We wish to advise our members of a very serious issue that Chief and Council has been dealing with. A potential legal issue has arisen regarding one of our Councillors, Sandy Point, which, if true, would also represent a serious breach of the Code of Conduct that each Councillor swears to abide by when we assume office.

We have identified a process for the investigation of this matter. The information has been turned over to AANDC and to the RCMP for investigation. In the meantime, Councillor Point has been suspended from Council until the investigation is complete. We will be asking each agency to work quickly to complete its investigation and make a determination. In the meantime, Chief and Council will continue to carry out its work for our Nation without any disruption in service.


We will provide a further update once the investigation is complete. We thank our membership for their patience while this investigation and the associated due process are carried out.

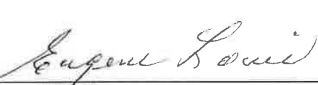
SLIAMMON FIRST NATION
Chief and Council



Chief Clint Williams


Councillor Lori Sparrow

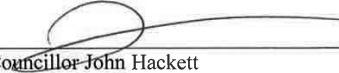

Councillor Shawn Louie

Councillor Gloria Francis

Councillor Walter Paul


Councillor Eugene Louie


Councillor Dillon Johnson

Councillor Brian Hackett

Councillor John Hackett

Not Present
Councillor Larry Louie



Aboriginal Day Judith King

WHMIS and Food Safe Training for Returning Secondary and Post-Secondary Students

Online WHMIS and Food Safe Basic Level 1 training available with St. John's Ambulance.

- Training is available for youth, between the ages of 15 to 30 years old, who reside on-reserve and are returning to school in the fall.
- Each student may enroll in one or both courses:
 1. WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
 2. Food Safe Basic Level 1
- Training made available by FNEC and FNSA.

Registration forms can be picked up and filled out at Ahms Tah Ow School and/or the Band Office.

Any questions please call Jason at (604)483-9646 local 232.

June 25, 2015

Update on Water Restrictions

It's that time of year again and we need to conserve the water in our reservoirs. Due to a combination of overuse and sand scraping we experienced a water shortage through the week of June 15-29, 2015. It is important that we have a sufficient volume of water not only for community usage, but for fire protection as well. We are implementing new water restriction guidelines for the community to follow for watering of lawns, gardens and swimming pools. Please use your discretion when filling swimming pools, as they consume a considerable amount of water. Scoop out the grass and floating debris and consider disinfecting your pool with chlorine/bleach.

- Homes with an even numbered address are permitted to water on Mondays
- Homes with an odd numbered address are permitted to water on Thursdays

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Sliammon Water Plant. Thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Sliammon Water Staff



SKATECANADA

Skate Better

Powell River • Summer/Fall 2015 • Skating Camps & Lessons

Message From The Chief



Chief Clint Williams

Words shared with the Class of 2015 (as I was unable to attend this year):

The Sliammon First Nation Chief and Council would like to congratulate all of you on your achievements this year. We wish you nothing but success for the future no matter which path that life has in store for you.

There is no doubt that life is going to throw challenges your way, these challenges whatever they may be; will test you, and how you do on these challenges is entirely up to you.

One piece of advice that I offer to you is to know when to ask for help. Your family and friends are a very great

resource to discuss issues with, and a great source of help to find solutions. As unique as we think our problems are; chances are someone has faced the similar type of scenario and has learned something from it. Take advantage of this if it is in front of you.

To the class of 2015 - remember to make your families proud by working hard and excelling in the field of your choice. Please do remember that your younger family members and others may be viewing you as a role model whether you know it or not.

With this in mind I wanted to share a quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." *Maya Angelou*

In closing I want to say Congratulations to you all! And I ask that you to please be careful during your celebrations and enjoy this summer as you start the journey of your adult life.

Backyard Burning and Campfires – As the summer season is with us and the weather has been very hot, dry and windy for the most part. This creates the perfect condition for various types of fires, we must practice fire prevention this summer for the safety of our community. We will be following the Provincial rules regarding backyard burning and campfires. Currently we are under a total fire ban. Some people may not like to hear this but we need to consider everyone's safety. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep the community updated if there will be any changes.

Summer Student Employment – we will soon be sending out a job posting for summer students. We will have 8 jobs funded from NVIATS (North Vancouver Island Aboriginal Training Society) and 12 jobs funded from Sliammon for a total of 20 summer students. The details will all be listed on the official job posting that I hope makes it out to everyone in the very near future.

I hope that everyone enjoys their summer and has a safe and enjoyable time with your loved ones. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get a hold of me via email @ clint.williams@sliammon.bc.ca telephone (604) 483-9696 extension 223.

Summer Mini CanPowerSkate Camps

Dates: Atom: 9:00am – 9:45am
August 4-8 Pee Wee: 9:45am – 10:30am
August 10-14 Flood: 10:30am – 10:45am
Full gear and stick Bantam: 10:45am – 11:30am
Fee: \$100 / week or \$175 / 2 weeks

CanSkate - Learn to Skate

Dates: September 21 – December 7
Mondays and/or Thursdays 6:00pm – 6:45pm
Fee: One day per week \$160 + \$45 membership
Two days per week \$205 + \$45 membership
(plus \$20 volunteer levy) **Ages:** 3 & Up

Pre Season CanPowerSkate Camp

Dates: September 2-4, 8-10, and 14-18
Fee: \$175 Full gear and stick
Ages: 6 to 8 (Novice players) Ages: 9 to 12 (Atom & Peewee)
3:45 – 4:30pm 4:30 – 5:15pm

Registration Dates and Times

Powell River Skating Club and Skate Canada Camps and Lessons

Registration Location:
Lower Level of Recreational Complex

Registration Dates and Times:
Thursday, June 25th
from 6pm to 8pm

Thursday, August 27th
from 6pm to 8pm

Saturday, September 19th from 11am to 1pm

Information Contact:
Nicole 604-487-0418
email: rumleysk8@shaw.ca

FIGURE SKATING: Star Academy and Test Program are also offered.

CanSkate is Skate Canada's flagship learn-to-skate program, designed for beginners of all ages. When you sign up for CanSkate you will be in a program that focuses on fun, participation and basic skill development. You will earn badges and other incentives as you learn fundamental skating skills. Lessons are given in a group format and led by an NCCP certified professional coach. Professional coaches are assisted by trained Program Assistants. The coach to student ratio is a maximum of 1:10. Skaters progress at their own rate and coaches make sessions active using teaching aids, music and a wide variety of activities that create a fun environment and promote learning. CanSkate is the feeder program to all other Skate Canada Skating Programs.

CanPowerSkate is the only nationally regulated power skating program in Canada. It was developed by a team of hockey, figure skating and ringette experts to teach the fundamentals of power skating in a progressive and sequential manner. CanPowerSkate is an action-packed, high energy instructional power skating program geared to hockey and ringette skaters that focuses on balance, power, agility, speed and endurance. Skills, techniques and conditioning drills are taught in a progressive format that emphasizes how the skills apply to game situations. CanPowerSkate is geared to skaters aged approximately six or older who already have basic forward and backward skating skills (they must be able to skate the length of the rink using alternate strides) and are able to stop on command without use of the boards.

SLIAMMON FISHERIES TECHNICIAN

JOB POSTING

The Sliammon fisheries Department is seeking a self-motivated, organized individual for a fisheries technician.

The individual will be required to assist the fisheries staff and carry out fisheries related duties. The individual will be required to collect and compile data and enter onto fish data forms as required within the fisheries contracts.

The successful applicant must be mechanically inclined able to use power tools and do repairs as required.

Qualifications Required

- Grade 12 preferred
- Must possess valid class 5 driver's license.
- Valid Boat Operators card.(or willing to acquire)
- Must possess good computer skills. Have knowledge of Excel.
- Must be able to collect and input data on the computer.
- Must be able to follow direction.
- Must be able to distinguish the difference in salmon species.
- Must be mechanically inclined and be able to repair equipment as needed.
- Ability to work independently or as a team player.
- Possess First Aid ticket or willing to acquire.
- Comply with the Sliammon First Nation policies.
- Physically fit.

All applicants interested should submit their resume and a covering letter, to the Sliammon First Nation Band Office front desk.

Attention: Kevin Timothy

Deadline for applications: July 03/2015 (4pm)



JOB POSTING

Sliammon First Nation (SFN) is seeking a Water Plant Back-up Operator to assist the Water Plant Operator in daily operations of our Level 2 Water Treatment Facility.

Reporting to the Water Treatment Operator, the Back-up Operator must have:

- Grade 12
- Certification as a Water Treatment Plant Operator, Level 1 and must be enrolled/planning to enroll for Level 2 certification.

Duties are as follows:

- Gathering water samples from raw and treated water.
- Recording and documenting water testing results.
- Testing the turbidity, coloring, PH, temperature, chlorine, alkalinity.
- Adjusting levels of chlorine and aluminum sulphate as needed.
- Weekly fecal coliform testing that is to be sent to Health Canada labs.
- Ordering of chemicals.
- Sand-scraping as needed
- Flushing of fire hydrants every 6 mths. Servicing as needed.
- Other duties as needed.

Candidate should:

- Be a team player, able to take direction well, and be able to work unsupervised.
- **Be invested in ensuring the safety and quality of SFN drinking water for the wellbeing of our community.**

Successful applicant must have knowledge and experience to carry out the duties outlined, and is able to take direction from the Water Treatment Operator.

Salary: To be determined, and dependent upon experience.

Please forward resumes and cover letters to: Jessie Peters – jessie.peters@sliammon.bc.ca or you may submit it in person at the Band Office by: **July 3, 2015.**

People of Sliammon First Nation Ancestry will be given preference.

SFN thanks everyone for their interest, but only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.



Education Updates and Notices

The Education Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our recent graduates warm wishes and congratulations in completing the first leg of this journey called life. This is your moment, your time to step forward and shine in your own chosen light. May your future be filled with success and happiness.

A few inspirational quotes to get you thinking;

“Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not.”

George Bernard Shaw

“Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way.”

Dr. Seuss

“If we did all the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.”

Thomas Edison

By recording your dreams and goals on paper, you set in motion the process of becoming the person you most want to be. Put your future in good hands, yours! Mark Victor Hansen

A Big Thanks

As we approach the near end of the school year, a big thank you goes out to all of the parents and volunteers that have worked with the school and cross culture programs these past 10 months. We have many resource people and helpers that have spent many hours with our students, all in an effort to provide great opportunities for the students and to share some of our culture with the kids and their families. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, THANK YOU!!

Celebration of Success Thank You!

The 5th annual Celebration of Success has come and gone and I am pleased to say that many of our students are faring well in their academics. Bravo to all the students who received an award this year. I look forward to seeing you again at next year's event. Just to re-cap, the awards were given using the following criteria;

- A mark of 'A' or 'B' in science, social studies, language arts, math and Sliammon language.
- Best Attendance at primary, intermediate and high school - \$50
- Highest Sliammon Language mark in primary, intermediate and high school
- Highest average in social responsibility section of report cards in primary grades.
- The awards were calculated for each reporting period from September to May!

As stated at the ceremony, there is a noticeable link to higher grades from those students with good attendance. Fostering good attendance at the younger years creates a routine where students don't even question the idea of going to school every day. It is difficult to see kids who are away consistently attempt to catch up with work they have missed.

It causes unnecessary stress and even if they do complete the work, they will never get the instructional time back that was provided on the days they were not there. Something to keep in mind for next year is the fact that in the elementary schools, the morning time slots are set aside for reading and math. So, if your child shows up late consistently, they are missing these subjects on a regular basis. Skills in these subject areas build from year to year. Imagine building a structure that is missing huge chunks of its foundation. If the foundation is missing, there is nothing to reach for when attempting to build up the skill.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Each year, the grade 12 students are encouraged to fill in the school wide application for scholarships and bursaries. We currently have 8 scholarships that can potentially be given out to First Nations graduates in SD#47 each year. Students MUST fill in the application in order to have their names placed on the list of potential scholarship candidates. Each of the scholarships highlights different pre-requisites that must be met in order to qualify. Four of the eight specify that the student participates in a minimum of 2 semesters of Sliammon language in the high school grades. This year, our candidate winners are;

1. Brody Harry – ah kway mexw award (\$500)
2. Rae-Dene Noble – Klah ah men Bursary (\$500)
3. Steven Watson – ah kway mexw (\$500)

Congratulations! We wish you continued success in your future endeavors.



Congratulations also goes out to Silas Hackett, our new James Thomson Ambassador for 2015!

This year, our grade 7 legacy project was the weaving of a Salish style shawl for the annual May day event. Shaya was the first to wear the shawl. All of the grade 7 students, staff and community members assisted with the weaving. Special mention goes out to Betty Wilson and Tori Paul for the dedicated work you put in to the project. We also had a shawl gifted to us from a friend of Betty Wilson. It is a beautiful northern style shawl that will also be used annually to wrap our new ambassadors.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a fabulous summer break. Remember to play safe and don't forget to slather on the sunscreen and to hydrate while you relax and enjoy your favorite book on the beach!

Sliammon Education Staff



Children performing on Aboriginal Day

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS.

Summer is here and we are now taking students for Work Experience!

If you would like to build on your skills and earn some pocket money please submit your resume to the Band Office.

& Have a great summer!!



Pathways for Indigenous Student Leaders

By Gerry Brach, Brooks School First Nation Leadership Coordinator

Imagine doing research in some of the top science labs in the country. This is exactly what Destiny Dendewicz, Layla George and Kristen Watson got to do from June 1st to 5th. These three Grade 11, Brooks students spent a week at the University of Manitoba, doing hands-on science research. As a result of this experience they could be on their way to fulfilling careers in the health-care field.

As scholarship recipients of the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program, these Powell River students joined with 41 other First Nation, Métis and Inuit students from across Canada to participate in this informative and inspiring educational opportunity.

In addition to doing actual research with some of Canada's most accomplished and renowned scientists our students had the opportunity to experience living on campus. Through this experience, they came to realize that university is not a foreign environment, but an extension of their learning and a place where they can feel a sense of belonging.

While at the University of Manitoba, 16 year old Layla George, participated in a research project that is studying the rising rates of type 2 diabetes in First Nation communities. This study is also exploring different approaches to prevention and management of diabetes. Part of George's research took place under the direction of Dr. Jon McGavock, who has been hosting students from the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program for the past three years. He is an inspiration who demonstrated his passion for both his research and the high school students that he works with.

"The students in the Program, inspire me to work more closely with high school students as they offer not only the future of our society, but have so much to offer as we know." said Dr. McGavock.

In looking back at her experience at the University of Manitoba, Layla George commented that, "I really enjoyed meeting new people with common interests and being exposed to new opportunities. Living on campus was great."

Destiny Dendewicz and Kristen Watson were grouped together in an Agri Food Science Re-



From left to right: Destiny Dendewicz, Kristen Watson, Dr. Verna J. Kirkness and Layla George.

search Lab and studied different types of grain and how different cooking methods affects nutrition. The lab was also exploring other more nutritious methods of cooking bannock.

Destiny Dendewicz enjoyed her entire university experience and felt that it: "Opened my eyes to new opportunities for the future." Kristen Watson found it very interesting to compare First Nation cultures on the prairies with First Nations on the coast. "The week spent at the University of Manitoba definitely changed how I look at university now."

Andrea Phillips, an Inuit student from Baker Lake Nunuvut, who was very inspired by her experience in the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program said: "If we put our minds to it, we can achieve it."

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We are very fortunate to have this unparalleled opportunity to take our students from what they are learning in our high school science classes and exposing them to different fields of research in various universities across Canada.

We would like to thank First Credit Union (Powell River Branch) and the Powell River Duplicate Bridge Club for helping sponsor the three Brooks Secondary School students.



Aboriginal Day Celebrations



Jodie Gallagher - Aboriginal Day

TLA'AMIN HEALTH

Healthy Happenings

*A regular update By Cynthia Jamieson,
Executive Director of Tla'amin Health*



Cynthia Jamieson

July is Sun Safety Month

July is sun safety month so remember to slather on the sunscreen, stay in the shade, drink lots of fluids and protect children, pets, the ill and Elders from over exposure to the sun.

You can find other child sun safety tips at this BC Health Files link: <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile26.stm>

Walks and Hikes

Thanks to our wonderful Health Staff who plan fun and healthy outings for walks and hikes. It is wonderful to see so many people in the community participating in these events and taking steps to improved health and fitness.

Remember to keep up your activity between hiking events but don't overdo it. Maintain a steady but brisk rate for longer walks. Take a day to recharge after a few days. Also, it is important to check with your Doctor (or Nurse Practitioner) before starting any fitness plan.

Researchers say that the body requires work out nutrients just like it requires nutrients from food, and that walking is the "super food" of exercises. It may be far better for you to walk and move around more during the day than more intense forms of activity like running.

Top Summer Anthems

As an Ode to summer, we present Billboard's Top 30 Summer Anthem Playlist:

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| Surfin Safari, The Beach Boys | In the Summertime, Mungo Jerry |
| Summertime, Billy Stewart | The Boys of Summer, Don Henley |
| Wipeout, The Beach Boys | Summer Nights, John Travolta and Olivia Newton John |
| Cruel Summer, Bananarama | Hot Fun in the Summertime, Sly and the Family Stone |
| Summertime Blues, Eddie Cochran | Surfin USA, The Beach Boys |
| A Summer Song, Chad and Jeremy | Summertime, DJ Jazzy Jess and The Fresh Prince |
| Suddenly Last Summer, The Motels | Endless Summer Nights, Richard Marx |
| Surfer Girl, The Beach Boys | Surf City, Jan and Dean |
| Summer Breeze, Seals and Crofts | Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polkadot Bikini, Bryan Hyland |
| School's Out, Alice Cooper | Wipe Out, The Safaris |
| Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer, Nat King Cole | Summer in the City, The Lovin Spoonful |
| Summer Love, Justin Timberlake | California Gurls, Katy Perry feat. Snoop Dog |
| Saturday in the Park, Chicago | |
| Summer Girls, LFO | |
| California Girls, The Beach Boys | Music is healthy for you, try listening to any of these songs without being left in a good mood! |
| Summer, War | |
| Under the Boardwalk, The Drifters | |
| Summer of '69, Bryan Adams | |

Home Support Workers

Did you know that Home Support Workers (HSW) do more than housekeeping?

Tla'amin HSW are responsible for bathing, toileting, dressing, simple wound care, medication administration, & client record keeping, to name but a few of the tasks they do each day.

The Tla'amin Home and Community Care Home Support Workers are members of the BC Care Aid Association.

The BC Care Aid Association is responsible for the Code of Conduct and Ethics that HSW must meet to be employed anywhere in BC.

We are fortunate to have these skilled workers helping families support and care for their loved ones in their home.

Healthy Living Recipe Guacamole (Real Mexican)

You will need:

- 3x or 4x ripe avocados
- 1x small onion
- 1x small tomato
- 1x handful cilantro
- 1x lime
- Salt
- Optional: 1 x Small red chilli pepper

PRO TIP! To maximize the flavour and texture be sure to use ripe avocados! Ripe avocados are very dark (almost black) and soft to touch when you squeeze them!

To Make:

1. Chop up the avocados, tomato, onion and throw into a bowl. Note: Add the onion and tomato in small equal amounts and mix with the avocado before adding more (too much onion can overpower the dip).
2. Chop up a small handful of cilantro and finely chop the optional red chilli pepper and mix into the bowl.
3. Squeeze the lime into the bowl and mix.
4. Add salt to desired taste in small increments and mix.
5. Serve with Corn Chips or use as a topping for Mexican food, tacos etc.



Tyler Peters at the Aboriginal Day Event



Traditional Wellness Summer Program

As of April 20, 2015, I, Cyndi Pallen have returned to Tla'amin Community Health Services. I will be working with the Tla'amin Health Traditional Wellness Team; and working to support community services by offering a family program for the summer, which will include different topics.

- Medicine Wheel Teachings
- Teaching of our TAOW
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention/Education
- Family Dynamics
- Communication
- Historical Perspective/Colonization
- Trauma/Inter-generational effects

The family model will offer families an opportunity to provide input on various topics of interest and I will help coordinate and facilitate the topics. The goals are:

- (a) Review medicine wheel from a holistic perspective of family and family dynamics.
- (b) Provide a holistic, culturally appropriate and safe setting for families and community.
- (c) Witness and support wellness and teaching of our TAOW
- (d) Promote awareness and public education for families in a safe environment.

Currently, we have two families interested and will be taking up to 5 families, the dates and times for workshops and activities will be scheduled. Should you be interested, please register. To register please complete and return the following or contact myself cyndi.p@tlaaminhealth.com, 604 483 3009 ext 230.

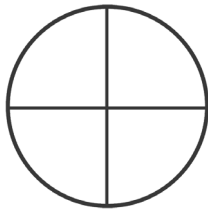
Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

I am interested in attending this session, and give permission for pictures to be taken.

Signed, _____

Children's Names

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____



*Community members can submit their easy, healthy, and cost effective recipes to TCHS

*A winner will be selected and their menu will be cooked for the community

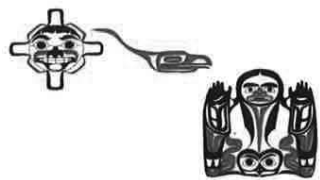
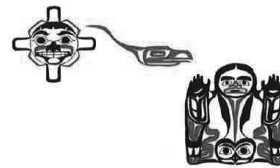
*Deadline for submissions July 24th, 2015 at 12:00 pm

*The winner of the recipe contest will receive a \$50.00 grocery store gift card

Community Luncheon

Date: July 28th, 2015 **Time: 12:00-2:00 pm**
Location: Tla'amin Community Health Services

All of Sliammon is invited to our Community Luncheon. Bring your family and enjoy a well balanced delicious meal with all of us here at Tla'amin Health.



Tla'amin Community Health, Hiking Group

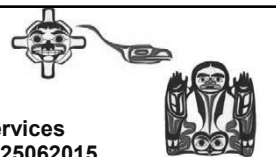
Please join our Hiking groups; Groups already formed are Advanced, Middle and Beginning Groups. There is always room for you if you should decide to join.

In addition, we are looking for moms interested in taking their babies out for a stroller ride to join our walking group within the community. Each time you walk, we will add your name to a draw. The draw will occur at the Tla'amin Community Luncheon.

For July the community luncheon will be held: July 28th, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 2:00p.m.

Safety First, summer is here, enjoy the weather and walk with a walking buddy. It is that time of the year again. There have been cougars, bears and deer sightings in the area.

To join, please contact Doreen Hopkins – 604-483-3009 to register. Please leave a phone message with your phone number and we will get back to you.



Tla'amin Community Health Services Kinship Coordinator, Job Posting 25062015

A temporary part-time 4 days (28 hours) per week Kinship Coordinator is needed to provide culturally based planning and support services to children and youth from Sliammon First Nation to promote safety and wellness, to provide more comprehensive and culturally safe care planning, and to identify and support kinship care providers for those in care, or at risk of coming into care. The Kinship Coordinator will work collaboratively with MCFD service partners, as well as community and family -based resources, in informing and coordinating planning and support and would augment our current child and family services.

Key Duties & Responsibilities:

- Increasing cultural connections for children and youth in care
- Facilitating kinship/family connections
- Serving as advisory in developing plans for permanency
- Informing care plans and supports through family (incl extended family) and case conferences
- Identifying and supporting kinship caregivers
- Management and coordination of kinship care arrangements
- Coaching to care givers for compliance with plans
- Hosting/facilitating monthly team meetings among Tla'amin and MCFD staff to discuss clients with needs

Job Skills & Abilities:

- Facilitation skills
- Written/verbal communication skills
- Experience with Sliammon culture and language
- Experience working with various multidisciplinary service providers
- Ability to work collaboratively

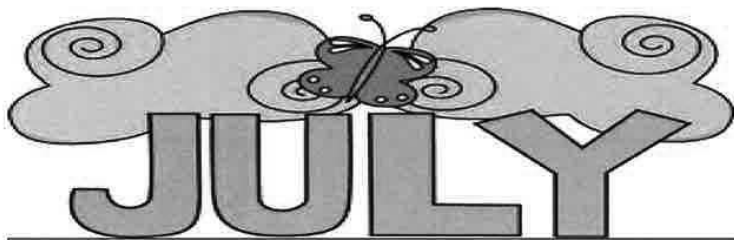
Qualifications:

1. Case/care management experience
2. Health or human services certificate, diploma or degree
3. Familiarity with Child, Family and Community Service Act
4. Must have valid driver's license and safe driving record
5. Satisfactory Criminal Record Check
6. Recent TB test

Starting rate is \$21.00 per hour. Normal work hours are between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM with some work in evenings and weekends. This is a union position open to both women and men. To apply, email or fax a cover letter and resume by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 3rd, 2015, to:

By email: cynthia.j@tlaaminhealth.com
 By Fax: (604) 483-2466, Attention: Cynthia Jamieson

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



- **Nurse Practitioner**
- Monday to Friday 9-3:30pm
Book appointments
-Late appointments available Tuesday evenings-by appointment only!
- **Summer Fun Group**
Every Tues, Wed, Thurs 10-3pm
Ages 6-14
Pre-registration required
- **Sunday June 7th 10 week Hiking Group** for adults starting 10:30am meet @ TCH
- **Info about Sweat Lodge**
phone John Louie Ext 232
- **Tuximuy Group**
Every Tuesday to Friday 10-12pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 OFFICE CLOSED Canada Day 	02 Prenatal & Infant Tot Group 11-1pm @ CDRC GFB \$\$\$ Due	03	04
05	06 Men's Hydrotherapy 1-3:30pm	07 EDP 11-1pm Social Support Group 10-2pm	08 Youth Salish Group 3:30-5:30pm meet @ TCHS Women's Hydrotherapy 1-3:30pm Parent Education & Support Group 10:30-12pm GFB Pick up	09 Prenatal & Infant Tot Group 11-1pm @ CDRC Traditional Teachings 10-12pm	10	11
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Tuxahmiy Wellness & Recovery Group

Tues to Fri 10:00 AM to Noon
Complimented by Lunch



The sacred circle is a place for people to come for support, whether they are struggling with addiction or not. Are you feeling hurt, depressed or lonely? Come join us. Are you feeling like you can't cope, stressed out, no one to talk to?

Tuxahmiy is the place to be, what we can't do alone, we can do together. We have an open door policy, with no judgment. Confidentiality is a priority. We look forward to seeing you.

Good Food Box

If you would like to order a Good Food Box and receive \$20 worth of fruit and vegetables for only \$12, please place your order with exact payment in cash to Gina or Reception. You can also order more than one.

All Good Food Boxes are delivered to TCHS every second Wednesday afternoon of the month. If your GFB is not picked up by Thursday, it will be gone.

NEXT ROUND
Payment by Thurs 2nd for pickup Wed 8th July

Be Sun Safe This Summer.
Remember to **SLIP SLOP SLAP**.
SLIP on a shirt SLOP on some sunscreen (30+) & SLAP on a hat!

Slip



Slop



Slap

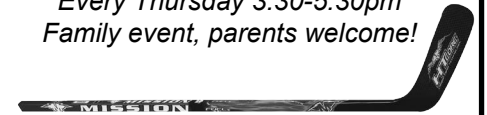


Youth Group Schedule

Boy's Group started Feb. 3rd, 2015.
Ages 7-14, Preregistration required.
Every Tuesday, Meet @ CDRC 3:30pm-5:30pm

Ball Hockey
Every Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm
at the Salish Center (Gym)
Ages 7-14

Toonie Skate, Depart CDRC
Every Thursday 3:30-5:30pm
Family event, parents welcome!



- Walk This Way - Walking Group

Mon & Wed
4:30pm-5:30pm

Meet at Tla'amin Health - Everyone Welcome!!



SFN Chief and Council Minutes

May 21st, 2015
TCHS Boardroom

Condensed Version
(full set posted at the band office)

Present: Clint Williams, Eugene Louie, Gloria Francis, Lori Sparrow, Brian Hackett, Shawn Louie, Walter Paul and John Hackett. Regrets – Dillon Johnson.

Administration Staff: Rod Allan and Judith King

Minutes and Agenda:

Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015.

Motion to approve minutes made by Eugene and seconded by John. Carried.

Acceptance of Agenda of May 21, 2015.

Motion to accept agenda made by Walter and seconded Eugene. Carried.

Presentations

Laura Roddan, Manager of Planning at Powell River Regional District (PRRD) opened with PRRD planning process and she distributed copies of the draft Official Community Plan (OCP). The official Provincial Government Act states that issues in the District must be addressed and there is a desire to acknowledge Sliammon's role in the plan. Key interests that SFN communicated to PRRD are evident in the plan. Relations with the Regional District continue to be cooperative and there is a desire to update the existing agreement after treaty effective date.

A question was asked about future treaty settlement lands (TSL) and how they will be addressed in the OCP. Laura brought maps for Council which she referred to. TSLs are identified and considered outside the planning boundaries. There are shared boundaries between the Region and the TSLs. Laura invited Council to attend the Community Meeting #3 on OCP. Council has to the end of July to give feedback on the draft plan. Discussion began on developing more business opportunities, identifying Lund infrastructure services and the potential increase in development for the Lund area.

New Business

Finance / Administration / Audit: AANDC Amendment # 0001 – for Social program funding was signed by quorum of Council.

Motion to approve amendment made by Walter and seconded by John. Carried.

Social Dev: It was noted that another AANDC social compliance review will be done in 2015-16

Education: 1) Sliammon Celebration of Success for K-12 happens on May 28th and former graduates will come and speak. The topic was raised concerning students who are short credits and still graduate. Students who are short credits for a diploma should be a topic for discussion at the Education Committee level. Sliammon Council encourages students to achieve their Dogwood Diploma.

2) Jason Rae came to talk about a project he is working on called Summer Literacy and Numeracy Activity Camp and said the initiative could include field trips that are linked to Brooks. The camp is for Grade 7 students who are transitioning into high school and will prepare students entering Brooks. Jay Yule will match funds in the SFN proposal. A student support person will help out with the summer camp. For future considerations, teaching should include life skills for students. Council would like to see Jason's final report. A Letter of Support is required.

Motion to accept the literacy camp made by Gloria and seconded by John. Carried.

Housing: BCR 2015-21 Gloria Galligos – Ladner home ownership. All issues have been resolved with the residence.

Infrastructure: 1) There was a question about the Salish Centre kitchen upgrade progress. Specifically, when will the ovens and deep fryer be operational? It was agreed that the

kitchen should be completed and there is a TEMPCO quote. Clint received consensus from the Council to complete the work to make it a fully functioning kitchen. Rod will begin the process.

2) Eugene asked about the maintenance for the community roads. Action item: Request a Maintenance Plan for road improvements around the community.

Lands and Tax: BCR 2015-20 Property Tax Law.

Motion to approve BCR made by John and seconded by Walter. Carried.

Sliammon Dev. Corp: PRSC update was given by Clint. There will be a May 22 PRSC board meeting. Pebble in the Pond and Coalition will attend. The Lot 450 forest agreement pre-dates the PRSC. There is significant difference between crown land and private land logging. Discussion around land and trees began.

Fire Department: Meeting was held April 29th with the volunteer fire team.

Fisheries: Freezer replacement – Natural Resources Committee reviewed the Tempco quote and the cost is \$32,000 which includes a two year warranty. Other quotes submitted will be reviewed by Rod and John Hackett before the work commences. Prawn lease revenue will be used to fund this project.

Motion to seek two additional quotes for cost of freezer replacement made by Eugene and seconded by Walter. Carried.

Forestry: A first trip is planned to get yellow cedar and the cedar will be stored at the Construction site. Klahoose will donate the cedar. Send a letter to acknowledge their support.

Cultural: Update on Canoe Journey - Dawna and Cyndi Pallen attended the meeting. Cape Mudge, Qualicum and Comox will also host a stop on the journey. Powell River is scheduled to host for July 17 at Willingdon Beach. Canoe families will call a meeting in the morning and then at Willingdon they will speak and share songs. The first meeting will take place in Nanaimo and will decide where nine canoes will start from and a map will be completed. The tides will be a determining factor in how the journey will go. There is a letter to go out requesting a monetary contribution along with request for Councilors, Elders and Youth speakers on Thursday and Friday. VIU is also on board. Cyndi asked for dinner contribution hosted by Sliammon on Thursday, July 16th in advance of the letter. Canoe Journey organizers are asking for both a dinner and breakfast donation from Sliammon. It was suggested that SFN use the meats in the community freezer.

Motion to approve \$5,000 contribution made by Eugene and seconded by Gloria. Carried.

Cultural: Dreamcatcher Project – Powell River Diversity Society and School District # 47 are involved. Clint will sign off on the partnership agreement.

Membership: Rod will give update on status card situation at the next meeting.

Treaty & Transition: BCR 2015-22 for the BCTC was considered and the 2015-16 budget was reviewed. Grace attended and a discussion began about budget activities



Chief and Council and STS at the recent Draft Law Review workshop.

and administration of funds. Grace, Rod and Steve Hunter will convene a meeting about pre-implementation funding. The Transition Closing plan is under way. Question began on titles in Negotiation section. It was suggested that titles change in the budget to better reflect the positions.

Motion to approve the BCTC contribution application made by Eugene and seconded by Shawn. Walter and Lori abstained. Carried.

Board & Committee Liaison Reports

Sliammon Health Board: Larry Louie said there are two candidates for the Home and Community Care job position and interviews are taking place.

Chief's Report

1. Lloyd Roberts (associate of John Rustad) is looking for assistance for legal reviews and he will meet Council at Crown Isle. Property Transfer Tax and FCRSA are on the agenda. The Rustad team will share their organizational chart with Sliammon for information purposes.

2. A Councilor needs clarity on Social Development PWD and PPMB. The issue should be addressed by Social Development Committee for a conclusion to the matter.

3. Slovenia trip went well. The venue was Ljubljana. First night events included the totem pole blessing and an annual school performance. A tour of the Village of Bled was organized with the Slovenia Minister.

4. Invitation to Tour VIU's Deep Bay Marine Field Station Aquaculture Centre in Courtenay. There is a Clean Energy document (emailed) and Clint will sign off on the agreement.

5. Homalco wants to discuss clean energy with SFN and may be scheduled to join a future Council meeting.

Other Business

1. Discussion began on Sliammon members camped on water treatment plant road. The RCMP defers to the Sliammon Council. Suggestion was to ensure gate is locked but that creates problems for people being locked in after hours.

2. Pride Alliance event – Council agrees to a donation of \$250 for the July 4th event at Willingdon Beach.

4. Regional Recreation Report was distributed to Council and Ray Boogaards will come to the next meeting for Council's feedback.

5. An update was given on community member's court hearing.

Motion to adjourn made by Eugene and seconded by John. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

English 12 No Longer Barrier For Early Childhood Education at VIU



VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY

VIU, Powell River reached out to the community last fall for expressions of interest for the Early Childhood Education Training, and the response indicated a strong desire that we offer the program. Early Childhood Education is a rewarding career, and the work is in high demand. We are pleased to be able to deliver this program here in Powell River. We are offering the Early Childhood Education and Care program beginning this September 2015, and there is provincial funding available!

Applicants to the program require their English 12 with a C grade. However, many people who are extremely well suited to provide care to our young children don't have this requirement. To make the program work for these applicants, VIU has agreed to allow students to begin the Early Childhood Education program in September and take English 12 at the same time.

English 12 is available at VIU through the Adult Basic Education Program. It is a literature-based writing course in which students get a combination of teaching, support and ongoing feedback to help improve their academic writing skills. Class times provide lots of opportunities to get help with assignments, and learn how to document sources. At VIU, PR we ensure our students receive the individualized support they need, we are committed to our learners.

With so many young families relocating to Powell River, we need Early Childhood Educators for our preschools and daycares. That's why VIU, PR will help applicants achieve their English 12 while getting their training underway this fall!

Call or drop in at the campus to find out about this one time offering of the Early Childhood Education training at VIU, PR.



**NVIATS Team will be in Powell River
Ahms Tah Ow School—6686 Sliammon Rd**

On

Thursday, July 9th, 2015

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

No Appointment Needed

Find out about the many programs and services that are now available to you:

- Funding for School
- Ready to Work Program—required work gear for that new job;
- And much more . . .

For questions call Tawni Wilkins at NVIATS: 250.286.3455



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The Sliammon First Nation Education Committee would like to congratulate:

Jasmine Point

Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing

Nikole Pielle

Diploma in Indigenous Studies



Drawing workshop with Darren Blaney



Randolph Timothy at the Drawing Workshop

Tla'amin Language Dictionary Update

By Betty Wilson

An agreement was signed by Chief Clint Williams, Chief James Delorme (Klahoose) and Darren Blaney (Homalco) and sent to Dr. Henri Davis, linguist from the University of British Columbia to work on a dictionary.

Dr. Suzanne Urbanczyk, linguist from the University of Victoria will also be involved. The Komoks Nation is also interested in participating. When it has all been approved, there will be a meeting called with people from all the nations as to who would be willing to work on the project.

There has been lots of interest on this very worthwhile project from many community members. It has always been encouraging when people give positive words of encouragement.

Jehjishcheeum - The First Name of Bliss Landing

By Chris Springer, SFU Archaeology

Bliss Landing has an ancient past, extending from approximately 3600 years ago to the present day. As a protected harbour (see photo), the place has a long history of occupation and use as a permanent settlement, a seasonal camp, and most recently, as a year-round or summer residence for the families that now own the plots of land both near and adjacent to the bay. Although this most recent period does not involve the Tla'amin, it is but a brief moment in time when compared with the Tla'amin people's relationship with the place, which runs much deeper in both the ancestral and oral records that together document use spanning over one hundred generations.

The ancestral record of Bliss Landing was determined through the archaeological materials and burials recovered from the waterfront shell midden deposit (registered as EaSe-2) that is now covered by an expansive managed lawn and summer home. The midden was first excavated in 1971 by the Simon Fraser University Salvage Project, with excavations following the accidental disturbance of a midden burial during the placement of a Hydro pole support post. The subsequent salvage operation exposed the remains of three additional individuals and recovered artifacts that, combined with two radiocarbon dates, described a sequence of events spanning from approximately 1600 BC to the time of European incursion into Tla'amin territory in the late 18th century. It is likely that the four individuals* were associated with the earliest period of settlement at Bliss Landing when midden burials were common practice throughout the Salish Sea region. About 900 years ago until the early to mid-19th century, in-ground midden burial was largely abandoned in favour of placing the dead in trees, rock shelters, and on islets designated for the deceased. The Bliss Landing burials were all found in the back, landward portion of the midden deposit suggesting this area was used as a cemetery when the bay was a permanent settlement roughly 3600 years ago.

A final important point regarding the ancestral record at Bliss Landing involves the obsidian artifacts recovered during the 1971 excavations. Analysis of the internal structure of two of the obsidian artifacts determined that one came from the Anahim Peak obsidian flow in Dakelh (Carrier) territory in the Cariboo region, and one from the Silverthron Mountain obsidian flow above Kingcome Inlet in Kwakwaka'wakw territory. This suggests that the ancestral Tla'amin participated in trade networks that extended well beyond both Tla'amin and northern Coast Salish territories. The information that can be found in certain stone artifacts through elemental analysis (counting the amounts of different elements within the artifacts) is significant because it highlights the antiquity of far flung relationships that were recorded relatively re-



Facing southwest from Jehjishcheeum, the northern end of Kookwahkthys (the Copeland Archipelago) is visible in the foreground. Photo by Isabelle Maurice-Hammond.

cently in the ethnographic record. The results of this kind of analysis also allude to potential changes in social and economic relations that have occurred with neighbouring groups over time. For example, the economic network that brought in the Anahim Peak obsidian would likely have involved the ancestral Tsilhqot'in and Lil'wat peoples as well; both Nations traded and inter-married with the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco Nations in recent history. Also, the network that provided access to the Silverthron Mountain obsidian shows that relations with the ancestral Kwakwaka'wakw were much different at one time than how they are remembered in local oral history. Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco oral histories recount a more volatile relationship with the southern Kwakwaka'wakw-Lekwiltok, involving raiding, warfare, and territorial expansion.

In the more recent Tla'amin oral record of Bliss Landing, the bay is described as a seasonal camp that was used during the spring and summer months. As a sheltered bay with a continuous source of fresh water, the place was an ideal point of departure for inland hunting, root collection, nearby clamming, and hunting seal from a rookery just off shore. The bay was also known as a herring spawn location, and eggs were collected and dried at the camp during the spawning season.

Bliss Landing may have changed from a permanent settlement to a seasonal camping spot sometime during the late 18th century or the very early 19th century when devastating communicable diseases and an increasing European presence irrevocably altered Tla'amin settlement practices. It is also possible that it was at this time that the current Tla'amin place name for Bliss Landing—Jehjishcheeum—first emerged. Jehjishcheeum roughly translates as “to pack on back,” which may be in reference to the location's use as a seasonal camp where resources were obtained and processed and then brought back to other more permanent settlements. It may also refer to the trail that connects Jehjishcheeum to Malaspina Inlet and, more specifically, to Cochrane Bay (EaSe-76). Cochrane Bay is an important place in Tla'amin history with similar ancestral and oral records that span the same time frame as Jehjishcheeum. Regardless of the antiquity of the place name, Jehjishcheeum is the oldest known name for Bliss Landing and, along with the ancestral record lying beneath the modern landscape, stands as testament to the deep and rich Tla'amin history that lives on within Tla'amin traditional lands.

*The remains of the four individuals have since been repatriated and were recently reinterred with ceremony in the Sliammon cemetery.

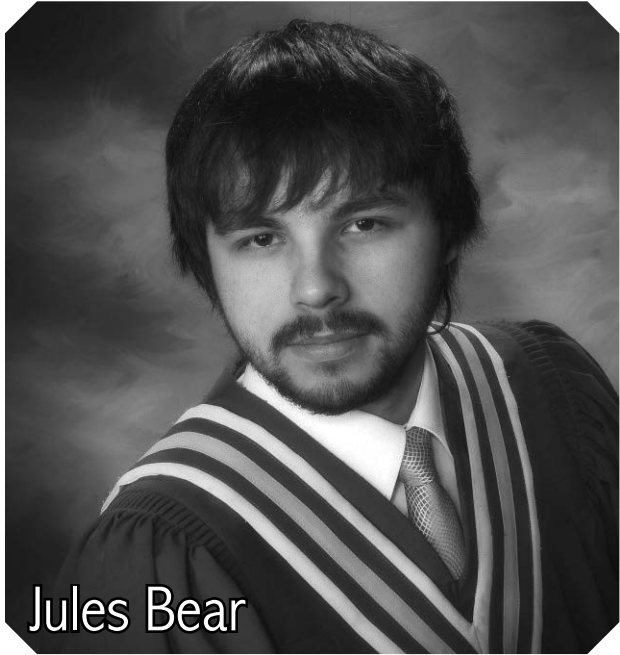


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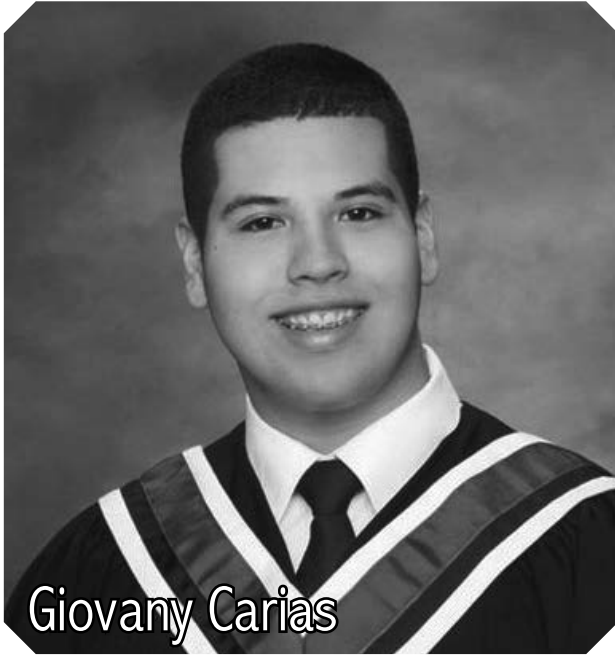
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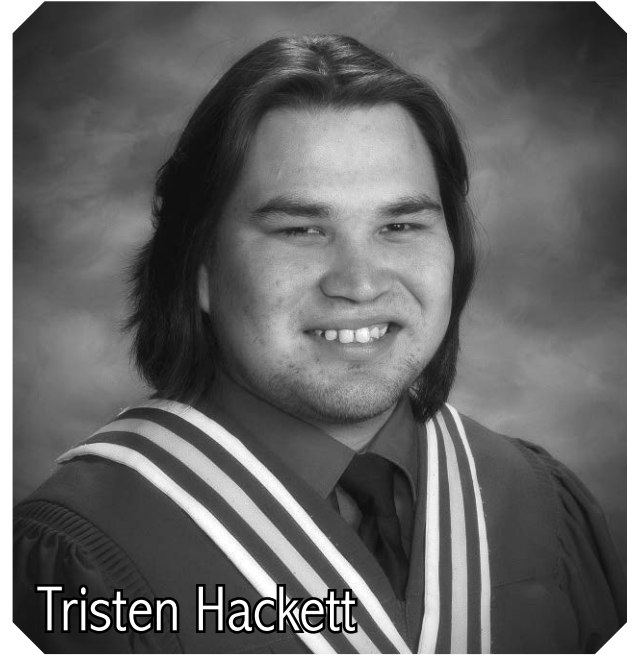
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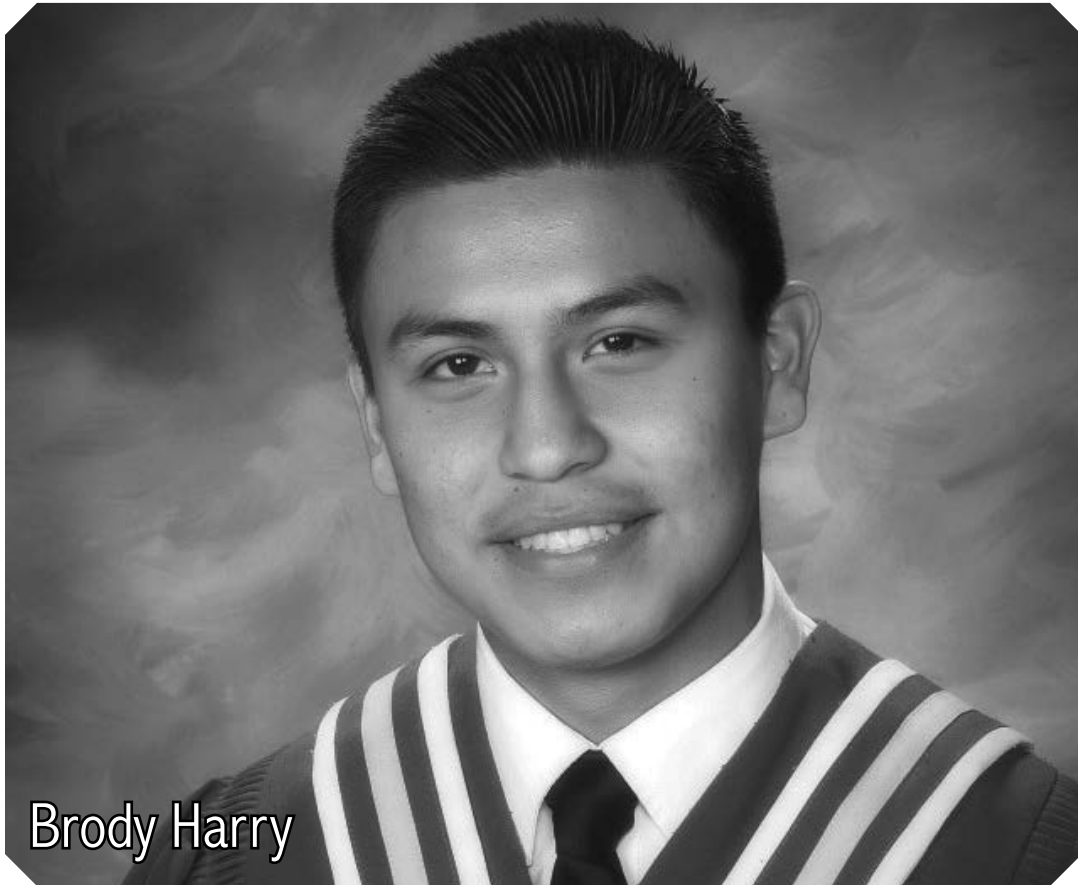
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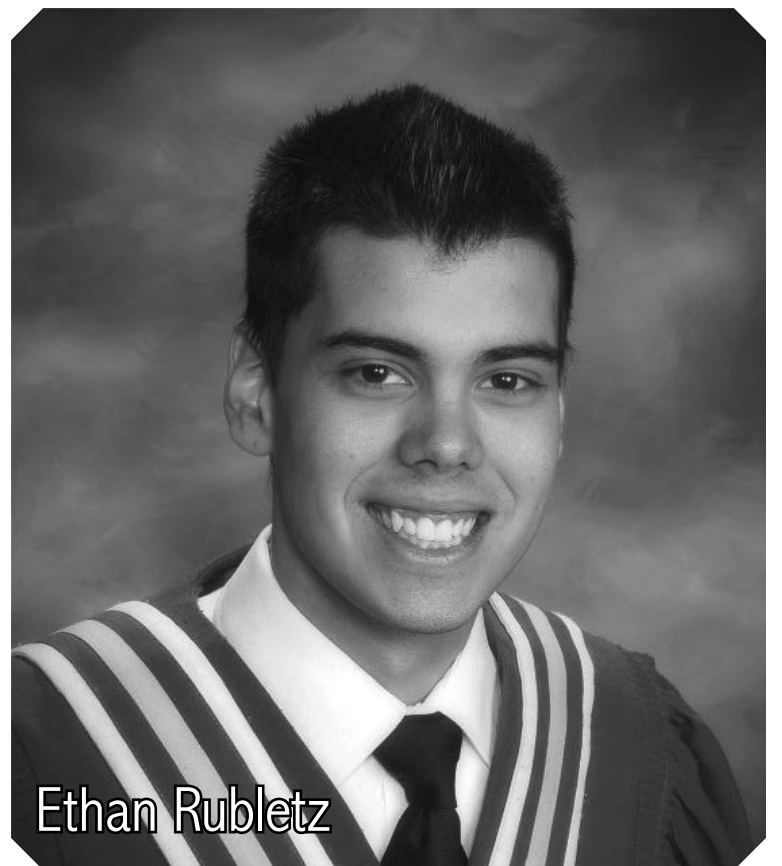
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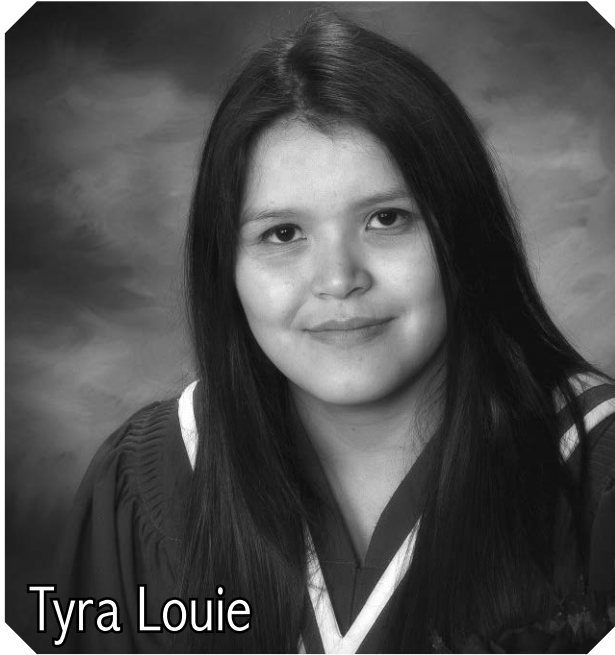
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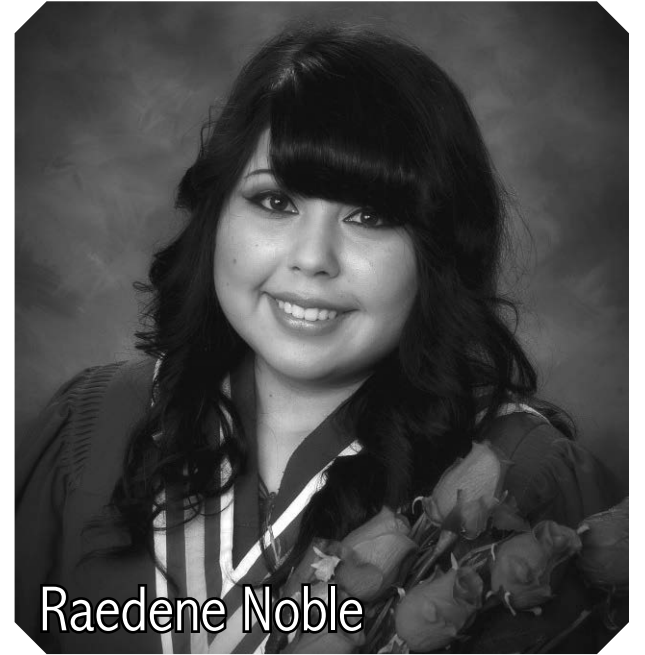
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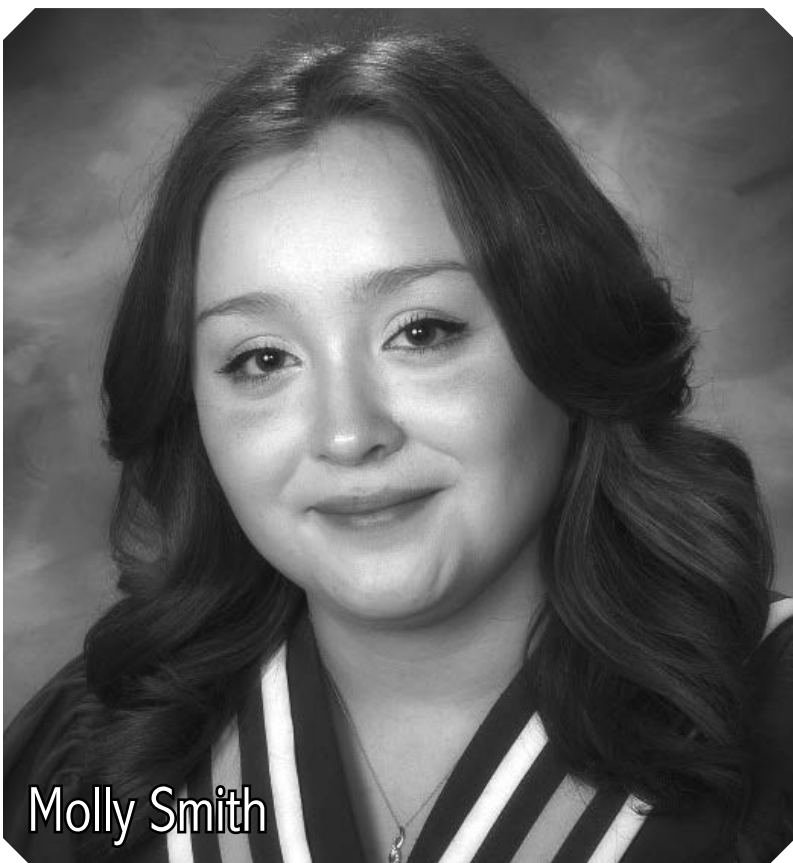
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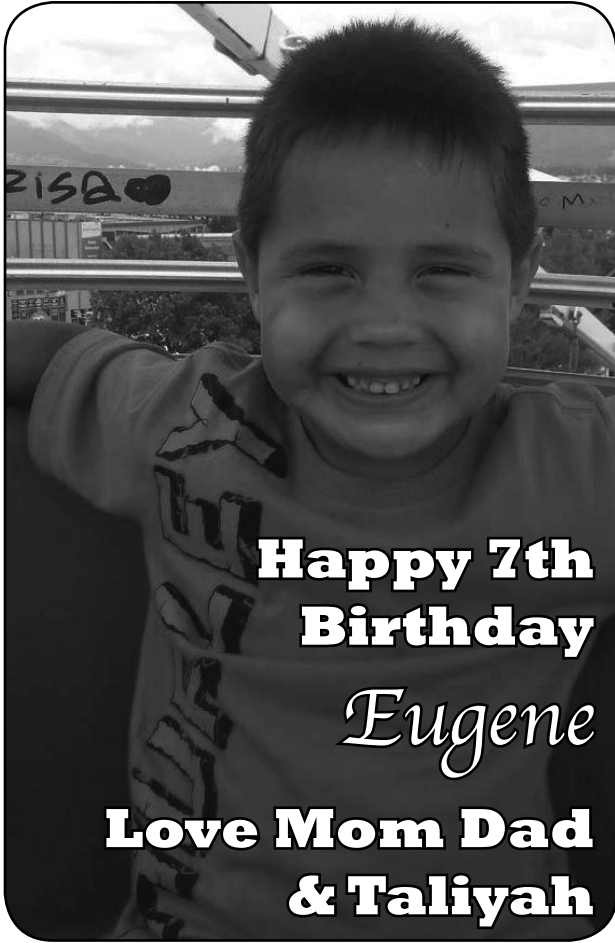


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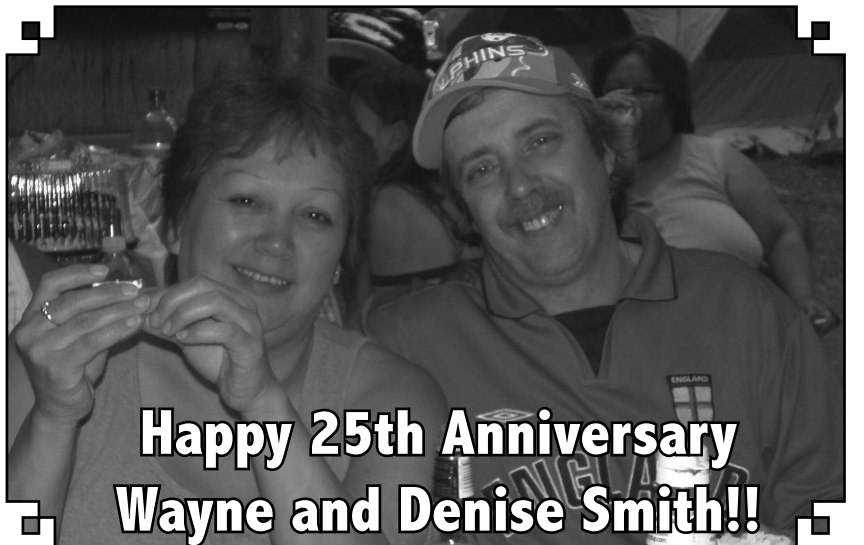
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So come out and learn at your own pace, and make the most of our programs before they break for the Summer in mid June.



12:00 - 3:00pm
515 Beach Rd. Sliammon
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