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Local Carvers Celebrate their Culture

*By Steve Gallagher
Neh Motl Editor*

Darren Joseph is from the Squamish Nation and his grandfather is Moses Joseph who was the Chief of Squamish. He started carving when he was 8 years old and gave his first plaque away to his god parents and later on made his first sale. In his early twenties he decided to take it on more seriously.

His first project was in Homalco and Bute Inlet carving a dug-out canoe with three other carvers putting in long hours. Later on he did work on a 30 foot pole for Klahoose in honour of workers they lost in Toba Inlet. There was a bear on the bottom holding a man representing the man that was taken by a skidder, with an eagle on the side wings, representing the eight people perished when a plane crashed up there.

He doesn't consider himself a master carver because he was told that you never stop learning so he prefers to be called the lead carver instead. He recalls asking Vincent Timothy (Pie) to help on projects because Pie really had that gift. Pie was ready to go and never missed a day. Eventually Darren got to know him really well.

In 2016 Darren and Alvin Wilson led a group of carvers to complete three poles and three welcome figures that are prominent at the Governance House. Other carvers included Randy Timothy, Phillip Timothy, Vincent Timothy (Pie), Phil Russel and Ivan Rosypskye. There was the past, present and future themes that had a salmon on the bottom, which is key for the Tla'amin. We really wanted to incorporate the youth so we embedded palm prints from Brooks students.



Charlie Timothy and Sandy Point proudly display their Ravens and Wild Woman with lead carver Darren Joseph (middle)

His message for the youth is to stay on track. Dion and Mathew were really inspiring for this recent carving project.

On June 17th, a three-month project was celebrated at the Salish Centre to recognize local carvers who came out to display their talents through carving and tool making. With the participants, most of them did ravens and eagles where Darren would design one side and the carvers would complete the other.

Darren hopes that people continue to carve their stories adding another aspect other than just using our words.

Sandy Point has been carving for five years starting off doing paddles with Charlie Bob. Hoss provided him with the wood to work

on his Raven about a year ago. Darren Joseph invited Sandy to the program to complete his Raven. His inspiration for carving was to keep clean and sober. Basket weaving has been a new hobby of his lately as well.

Opening the event Hegus Clint Williams acknowledged the drummers and singers for welcoming the carvers. "There is a big balancing act between humility and pride and today we celebrate our culture. There is a lot of pride here today and their work is absolutely beautiful and it's nice to see the young men here and it's very rewarding to see these role models. It's amazing to see people come out of their shell and do their carving," said Hegus. Recognition

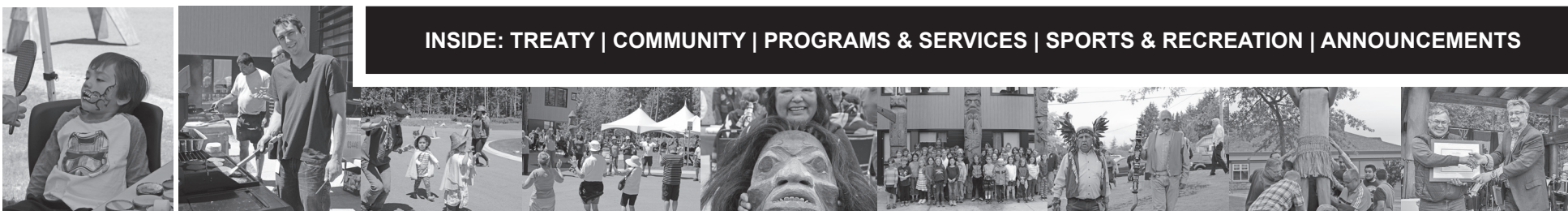
was given to Mavis Timothy for honouring Pies work. Our language program is well received at James Thomson and Brooks and that is another excellent accomplishment to be proud of for our youth.

Fishing Derby July 8th

Who will own
the deadliest catch?

Contact Kevin Timothy
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Clint Williams (604) 483-9646
ext. 107 for details.

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Hegus Received Freedom of the City Award



The Powell River Regional District has been seeking to have their name changed, Patrick Brabazon approached the Nation about one year ago and asked us if we could come up with a Tla'amin name that they could use to replace their old name. The word that our Culture committee came up with was "qathet" (KA-Thet), meaning working together. This may seem like a small step currently, but I view this as a strong acknowledgment of our people being on these lands since time immemorial! We will always have racists and other type's negative people around in this world, I personally would like to have this new name out there to constantly remind them that they are in the traditional territory on the Tla'amin people.

We have an exciting opportunity that we have been discussing with one of our business partners, our partner is interested in possibly sending some Tla'amin Students on an education exchange to China, in either Beijing or Dalian. The students would need to have graduated grade 12 and would be expected to pursue furthering their education in China, the students would be fully sponsored from our business partner. At this time I am checking to see if there is any interest from our Tla'amin people?

If you are interested in pursuing this we are potentially looking for up to 10 students. Please get in touch with me to if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity via email clint.williams@tn-bc.ca or phone (604) 483-9646 extension 107.



I am very glad that summer season has arrived, I hope that everyone will be able to safely enjoy some beautiful weather and spend lots of time with their family and friends. June has been an exciting month with many events, I want provide you with a brief update on a few of these events.

The Brooks high school welcome figure - totem raising ceremony. It was an honour to be in attendance for this ceremony as the students of Brooks welcomed our elders and education staff to witness the unveiling of this wonderful work that the students and Ivan R, Hoss & Phil Russell have been working on since September. It is very rewarding to see that our culture is being respected and shared with the students and teachers within the school.

We once again participated in the PRISMA (Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy) on the Beach celebration which also doubled as a Canada 150 celebration. We were requested to participate in this event from the City of PR and the Regional District, as they wanted to have an inclusive celebration for the whole region. I did tell them that our people were not so excited to celebrate Canada 150, they said they appreciated our concerns and wanted to acknowledge our presence on these lands since time immemorial in this event. During the event our people were acknowledged and our message was delivered to the large crowd that was in attendance. Our message was that we view these types of events as small seeds of reconciliation and that we must continue to grow and spread around, however negativity and racism have ways of destroying these seedlings. It is up to each and every one of us to carry on this work to make Canada a better place.

Elsie Paul, Roy Francis and myself had the honour of receiving the Freedom of the city awarded to us at the PRISMA event, this is such an honour to have this acknowledgment from the city. We accepted this award in the spirit of one hear, one mind, one nation.

Residential Tenancy Law Soon to Take Effect

*By Paula Stewart
Housing Manager*

Very soon The Tla'amin Nation expects to have a new law. The Executive Council is reviewing the draft Residential Tenancy Law, in support of the Housing Department and their efforts to deliver a successful Housing Program.

The objective in creating the Residential Tenancy Law is to have a legal document to be used by the whole of Tla'amin Nation to better regulate and enforce the framework of the Housing Policy.

Tla'amin has the authority to enact this law in accordance with inherent rights, customs and traditions, the Tla'amin Constitution and Final Agreement.

The Residential Tenancy Law was written to assist the Tla'amin Nation and its citizens in improving the expectations of the Tenant and Landlord relationship and to protect the future generations of Landlords and Tenants from the adversity and financial devastation rental arrears and property damage can bring to any landlord or tenant.

This Law gives the Nation's Citizens direction on how and when Tla'amin or any other landlord can end a tenancy and remove a tenant from the rental unit. The Law also outlines the Appeal process for these circumstances. The Tla'amin Residential Tenancy Law replaces the BC Rental Tenancy Act in respect to Tenancy and rental enforcement.

In simple terms, what it means for tenants is that there are consequences for Non-payers or chronic late payers. It will no longer be acceptable to trash your home and expect Housing or your Landlord to come and fix it. The Housing Department is not a department that is trying to make money, however we need to break even. This is not possible with the amount of rental arrears that are still accumulating. The costs of fixing the neglectful damages to the Nation owned homes are sky rocketing. Tenants are also protected with a Dispute Resolution process, if they think they are being treated unfairly.

For Landlords, it means that you may use the Tla'amin Residential Law to protect your property and set the standards for a mutually beneficial relationship with your tenant.

I would encourage each of you who are reading this now to go onto our website and read the Residential Tenancy Law Summary. This will give you a good understanding of The Nation's Housing strategy going forward. A copy of the full law will be posted on the website once it is in effect.

Tla'amin Fisheries

We would like to remind everyone that you are required to report catch information to the Tla'amin Fisheries. The Fisheries staff will weigh and record your catch. By doing so, your name will be entered into our future prize draws for each monthly draw.

All fishing and hunting activities need to be reported. Examples such as hunting, plant gathering, intertidal bivalves, salt water and fresh water catches.



Lands & Resources

By Lori Wilson

- Our first cutblock from our Treaty Settlement Lands was sorted and scaled at the end of June. The timber is in its final stages of the logging process.
- Water quality study in our Sliammon Lake Watershed: A graduate student from a California University is interested in doing a research project on our community watershed. She has her own funding. This is an opportunity for our Nation to build on a past water quality study pre-Treaty; and to learn more about water licences and water rights. This is also an opportunity to look at our stream needs and potable water consumption needs.
- Lands & Natural Resources Open House: we want to have a specific Open House for Lands & Natural Resources in the near future. The date and time will be circulated as soon as it is set.
- New residential subdivision road project: we are in the early discussion and planning stages of connecting the new residential subdivision road to Salish Drive. Discussions include redesigning the Health Centre parking lot.
- Water Treatment Plant Project: replacing the sand/filter system is half-way complete. Water restriction is still in place until further notice to Community Members living in *Teeshohsum*.
- Nahmint Raider Commercial Fishing Boat: will be receiving a new motor in preparation for next year's prawn and halibut season.
- DFO Fisheries Update to our Nation: low sockeye populations reported from DFO and it is anticipated there will be no commercial fishing openings, but we will be receiving our Food Fish opening and allocation. Our Fisheries Dept will strategize to secure a permit, boat & fishermen for our Nation to receive our quota.



Water plant is currently replacing the sand in the sand filters

- Fish Hatchery completed their annual fish tagging project at the end of June.
- Bear Awareness in *Teeshohsum*: For example, on Harwood Drive a Mother Black Bear and 4 cubs have been frequenting the area in day and evening times. Parents please be extra cautious with your children. Natural Resources Canada's Conservation Office in Powell River has kindly reminded us that it is illegal to shoot bears and feed bears. Please be mindful of how to manage things in and around our houses that attract them. We are receiving numerous reports of bear sightings.
- Invasive Species Removal Project: the yellow flower plant called Broom was cut from our roadsides and at some residences.
- Friendly reminder to record and submit your fishing catch and other harvests to the Lands Dept.

Broom Brush Update

By Denise Smith
Lands Manager

We have been busy cutting down broom brush – “Cut Broom in Bloom”. Broom brush is an invasive species and spreads very easily. We attacked it hard this year and made a good dent in it. We were not able to get all of it. For next year, if you have broom brush in your yard, we ask that you do cut it down. Cut as low on the stem as you can get. We can arrange for pick up and disposal.

Blackberries: We will be cutting down some blackberry bushes around the community. This is to get rid of bear hiding places, raccoon and rat hiding places as well. We will be concentrating on corners, roadways and other priority areas (ie. Bear paths). We may do some clearing in your yard if we are aware of bears in the area.

Grass cutting – we have been doing some grass cutting for seniors/elders in the community. Please note, we will come and do this once only – after that it is your responsibility to keep your grass cut and we ask that you do keep your grass, bushes cut down – again to help us stay safe from bears hiding in these bushes.

Work: We will be doing various projects throughout the summer – grass cutting, weeding, etc. If you are seeking employment, you must bring in your resume. Please don't call and leave a message – bring in your resume. If you are “not in good standing” arrangements can be made to help with this – ie. payroll deductions towards your rental arrears or debt. This should not keep you from working for us.

Garbage: Please do not leave your garbage outside – put it out on garbage day. There are two larger garbage bins (one by the bus stop

by Ahms Ta Ow and one by the Salish Center) if you need to get rid of your garbage sooner. Also please do not dump your leftovers or food out your back door or in your yard as this will absolutely attract bears.

BEAR ATTACK:
Are you Prepared to Avoid One?

BE ALERT
MAKE NOISE
CARRY BEAR SPRAY
AVOID HIKING ALONE
DO NOT RUN

- During a surprise encounter - slowly back away
- If the bear charges - stand your ground & use your bear spray
- If the bear attacks during a surprise encounter - play dead
- If the bear persistently stalks you then attacks - fight back
- If a bear attacks you in your tent – fight back

There is no guarantee of your safety in bear country

Welcoming Pole at Brooks Overlooks Tla'amin Traditional Territory

By Steve Gallagher

On June 14th Brooks School vision of the future became a reality with the raising of the welcoming figure to move forward on the path of reconciliation.

Hegus Clint Williams said this is such a rewarding time and an honour to be standing here in such a respectful manner. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we raise the welcoming figure. It wasn't all that long ago that the mission of the Canadian Government was to "Kill the Indian inside the child" so that we would be assimilated into the rest of the population. When it comes to Canada's 150th celebration I really find it hard to find positive things to say, but when I look at the work that has been done with the school district it's a piece of reconciliation. We look at our relationship with the City of Powell River, the Regional District and the School District, and you are a part of this reconciliation, and this is such a proud moment for the Tla'amin Nation to see this happen as we build on this relationship within the Tla'amin traditional territory.

We're very proud of our drummers and our singers and our friend Ivan for teaching the great work and the students that carved the welcoming figure. We are proud to share this tradition and piece of art work with you. I hope that you take some meaning with you as you graduate from this school

I don't mean to bring you down but the Brooks students are only half as cool as the James Thomson students because they already have a welcoming figure. However, the goal is to have one of these poles raised at every school in the Powell River area. It shows that we can grow as a town and grow as a people. I find this so rewarding and we will start doing this at every school.

Carver Ivan Rosypskye thanked all the carvers and the Tla'amin nation for the support. The students picked it up so quick and this is a traditional style of carving. It's a lot of different from say Campbell River. We started drawing out some pictures and it evolved to what is now. It's amazing. I would like to recognize Hoss and Phil Russel for being there for the project.

Jay Yule said everybody here is a witness about owning up to our mistakes. If you look back about fifty years ago when Canada turned one hundred, Chief Dan George talked about how he really could not celebrate at all because people were being suppressed and how the nation was not treating them the way they should. Today is about us acknowledging that and being able to move forward because we have to live with our mistakes and recognizing that so they won't be repeated. For us as a school district it's about acknowledging the Nation and embracing all of the work that is being done and putting all of the teachings into our school and where we have a lot of students getting involved. That is the importance of this. It's a proud moment for all of us and I hope in another fifty years all of this will be better.



Brooks Students Learn About Future Job Opportunities with the Nation

By Gerry Brach

Over thirty First Nation students recently had a first hand opportunity to learn about future job prospects with Tla'amin Nation.

On June 14, as a prelude to the Welcoming Pole Ceremony at Brooks Secondary School, Hegus Clint Williams and Community Development Officer/Education Coordinator, Roy Francis spoke about students being in a prime position to capitalize on the many economic opportunities coming into play for the Nation. Hegus Williams explained that Tla'amin Nation owns more undeveloped land than the city of Powell River and many career opportunities such as planners, surveyors and trades people will be needed to help develop this land in the future.

Hegus Williams further explained that forestry is currently the Nation's main economic driver as it brings in the most money. "Tla'amin Nation needs to expand its tax base to help fund Tla'amin operations, said Williams." The close relationship with the local school district, city, regional district and province was lauded by Hegus Williams.

Tla'amin Community Development Officer Roy Francis mentioned that Tla'amin Nation is one of the largest employers in the area, with over 70 staff members employed across a range of sectors such as land development and hotel management. Francis used the parallel of being good at sports to being successful later in life. He cited examples of the qualities of ambition, training, effort, and respect for self and team as being important in both sports and in life.

Francis pointed out that Tla'amin Nation is looking for people who have a good attitude, work well with others and are self-motivated. He encouraged Brooks students to do a self-assessment by asking themselves what they like to do and then to dream big. "You need to connect the dots to get to the place you want to be," said Francis.

Jade Touchie, a grade eleven student thought the presentation was interesting because she learned that Tla'amin Nation needs lawyers in the future, and she is interested in becoming a lawyer. "I had no idea that Tla'amin Nation owns so much land."

Grade ten student, Riley Harry liked learning about all the different jobs that will be available at Tla'amin Nation in the future. "The jobs in forestry sound cool, said Harry."

Hegus Williams told students the story of when he was a high school student, then Chief, Joe Mitchell told him that one day Williams could be Chief if he applied himself. "Your dreams carry you, but require work. Don't get caught up in negativity but choose a positive direction instead. Tla'amin Nation will provide you with the tools you need to succeed but the ball is in your court regarding effort and perseverance," stated Williams.

As part of the presentation Selena Howell from VIU's First Nations Program Support, outlined various VIU scholarships and funding opportunities available to graduating Tla'amin students.

Events such as this go a long way in providing positive role modeling and encouragement to our Tla'amin youth.

Trim your Waste by 40%: Compost!

If the spring's rainy weather dampened your courage to backyard compost, you were probably not alone. Now that summer is finally here (finger's crossed), the idea of venturing out into your backyard with a bucket of kitchen scraps might not be so daunting. But what kind of composting is right for you? Maybe it is time to become creative. Did you know there are many different options when it comes to converting banana peels or stale bread into food for the soil?



Worm-bin composting can be done inside and out because of our mild climate. All that is required is some basic bedding for the squirmy creatures. They can thrive on a combination of hay, newspaper, manure, leaves and kitchen scraps. Plans for making worm bins are readily available online.

A converted freezer composter is a great local option. Open-sourced plans are available at letstalktrash.ca and show how to transform a broken (rust-free) freezer into a high heat, efficient composter. They are rat-proof, bear-resistant and can be stored in a garage or anywhere in your yard. Conversion takes most people an afternoon after the freon is removed by a professional. Cost averages around \$60 for parts.

Residents and businesses are also invited to bring kitchen scraps to Town Centre Recycling Depot for free. The collected materials are then transported to Sechelt where it is composted at Salish Soils. This program accepts items such as meat, fish and dairy, so residents can remove these bear and rodent attractants from their garbage and backyard composter. No compostable plastic need apply, though, as this contaminates the end product that feed our garden veggies. The hope in the long run is to have a local facility to further reduce our footprint while creating black gold for the soil.

Bokashi fermentation is a unique way to deal with kitchen scraps. It is an indoor method of composting where a microorganism-enriched powder is sprinkled over each layer of scraps, essentially fermenting the material. To complete the process, it is buried into the ground, where it quickly composts.

With so many options, you are sure to find one way to compost that is perfect for you. Keep in mind that composting has a significant impact on garbage, reducing household volumes by up to 50 per cent.

Let's Talk Trash is Powell River Regional District's waste-management education program.

Brooks First Nation Leadership Group were asked to write an article as a reporter of the Neh Motl

Future Leaders

By Gerry Brach

As part of the June 15, Celebration of Success Ceremony, four students from Brooks Secondary School were lauded for their efforts in meeting the requirements for a \$500 educational bursary.

Grade 12 students Elizabeth Janze-Goodfellow, and Sylena Romanyshyn along with Grade 11 students Susan Silvey and Jade Touchie were part of the Brooks School First Nations Leadership Group. In order to qualify for the educational bursary, the above students needed to attend 80% of the weekly scheduled meetings, complete at least five hours of community service, complete several self-awareness activities and write an article of interest for the Neh Motl.

Graduating grade 12 student, Sylena Romanyshyn plans to study general sciences at Camosun College starting in September 2017. Future plans also include becoming a Registered Nurse and perhaps working for Tla'amin Nation. Elizabeth Janz-Goodfellow, is excited to be taking the Health Care Assistant course at VIU(Powell River) next year. Eventually Elizabeth would like to take further training to become an x-ray technician or maternity nurse.

The goal of the First Nations Leadership Group is to provide students with the skills necessary to be leaders in their community. Students are expected to set goals for themselves, be role models and participate regularly in leadership volunteering activities.

Thanks to School District 47 (Powell River) for funding this worthwhile initiative. The local school district prides itself on having a functional and valued relationship with the Tla'amin Nation.

Tla'amin Nation should be proud of these future leaders as they continue to learn and grow as individuals and as leaders.



Future Leaders (L-R) are Elizabeth Janze-Goodfellow, Sylena Romanyshyn, Susan Sylvey and Jade Touchie (missing is Cara Galligos)

Elizabeth Janze-Goodfellow

Heritage is something that defines who we are as individuals, it makes us who we are; each unique and different human beings. Living in the 21st century the new is overtaking the old, we are caring less and less about who we are and caring more about being something that we are not. I never knew about my heritage and where my family was from until one day I grew curious to know about my family history. As I was sitting at my kitchen table with my family I began asking questions on where exactly I came from and discovered that my grandmother and grandfather were indigenous peoples. This overtook me with curiosity and wonder as I immediately called my grandparents to ask them about everything; where did you live? What was life like? Do you have your status? Why have I not known this? I fired questions at them till my mouth could no longer think of anything else to say. I felt as if everything made sense now, as if a small chunk of my life now made some sense. I wanted to find out more so I told my teachers and asked for advice on how to discover more about myself, I got papers, did research, and have patience and dedication to piece together my story in the slow difficult process I have just began. I want to find out who I am and who my family was, this process is hard and time consuming but hard work pays off and I believe I can do this and help others in the same situation I am in to find more about their heritage. Finding out who you are is important, and definitely worth looking into. I encourage everyone to take a look at who they are and who their family is, it pays off.

Sylena Romanyshyn

A few years ago, I discovered my Aboriginal ancestry and recently became accepted as a citizen of Tla'amin Nation. I have not been very involved with the Indigenous community due to not knowing about my Aboriginal ancestry until I was older. This was because it was kept very secret from the rest of my family. It was only mentioned years later to my father when the people of Tla'amin Nation were accepted by society, and people started realizing what was being done to this Indigenous Nation was wrong. Although I have not been involved in the cultural aspect of this community, I am very keen on learning their way of life and "teachings" from Elders. Louise Dominick, Tla'amin Post Secondary Coordinator and Student Support Instructor, has been very knowledgeable and encouraging about helping me get involved with the community.

I have recently joined the Brooks First Nation Leadership Group and have applied and been accepted to the Native Youth to College Program at Pitzer College, California. In the future, I look forward to becoming more culturally aware of the Indigenous Nation to which I belong.



Brooks First Nation Leadership Group

Susan Silvey

Hello, my name is Susan Silvey and my parents are Luciano Harry and Colleen Silvey. This past month I had the opportunity to attend UBC for a week and participate in the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program with Keden Cole. I was able to study and work with professors and their master students, along with the undergrads. I encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity when given. It gave me a different perspective on my future educational goals for after I graduate next year. Law and Criminology is what I am leaning more towards because of how interested I have always been in these subjects. I plan to apply at multiple schools along with scholarships. Being able to give back to my community by being an advocate for people who can't speak out inspires me significantly. The Brooks Leadership Program also gave me the chance to attend SFU for a week, along with other programs. We tend to take these opportunities for granted so I'm here to ask students to really take advantage of what is offered so they can be successful in their future goals.

Jade Touchie

One single day or one moment can change your entire life. Even when you have everything planned out perfectly, whether it's the outfit that you're going to wear the next day, or what you will be doing in life in the next ten years, you cannot expect things to go exactly as planned. Every person has their own story that has changed their life. They all have something they will never forget about. Something I will never forget about is when I fell very ill in the year 2016.

One week I was totally fine going to school and hanging out with friends and the next week I couldn't even get out of bed. I got flown out to the BC Children's Hospital on March 23rd 2016 and didn't come back home until May 7th 2016. This was not only a hard for me but it was hard for my family to watch and hear about because not all of my family lives close to me.

Being sick taught me to be more grateful for the things you get in life and the people who have helped shaped you to be who you are today. Tell the people you love that you love them and make the best out of everything you do because one day it could be ripped out of your hands and everything will be different.

Cara Galligos

Hello, my name is Cara Galligos and I'm the daughter of Shawn Galligos and Dora Louie. These past years at Brooks Secondary have given me many opportunities for education. Some of my favourite subjects include Tourism and Socials Studies. Brooks offers a wide variety of courses/ elective for any student's interests. Throughout your years here, you are able to have more of a selection for trades and many other subjects. These are great opportunities that are encouraged by teachers and faculty for students to take advantage of. Personally, I feel that I'm more interested in becoming an office ministrator because of my social skills and my ability to learn quickly while being successful. I plan on going away for schooling, but eventually coming back to support my community. Brooks Secondary is a great school that I hope many students take advantage of. One of the programs I encourage for students to consider participating in is Gerry Brachs First Nation Leadership Program because we explore the possibilities of our future educational goals.



UBC linguists Dr Henry Davis and some of his students visited Tla'amin this weekend to do some work with some of our elders and experience a little Tla'amin Culture first hand. This Saturday session was looking at comparitives, and how things change over time,

Naut'sa mawt and Staples Career Venture

"As you may be aware, Naut'sa mawt has an exciting joint venture with Staples that can result in employment opportunities for NmTC members. Staples is looking for some associates in their stores on Vancouver Island and they have a variety of positions varied by store that include cash, print centre, computer sales, and office supply sales positions. These are opportunities for part time and summer employment but also, these are opportunities for people who are looking for a career with Staples.

Locations that are actively looking right now and that are close to Naut'sa mawt member nations are: Campbell River, Nanaimo Brooks Landing, Nanaimo Aulds Rd., Duncan, Victoria Langford, Victoria Tolmie, and Powell River.

If you wish to apply please send your resume to Manoj at NmTC (manoj@nautsamawt.com). Staples considers NmTC members as network referrals so you are guaranteed at least an interview to see if you and Staples are a good fit.

Naut'sa mawt would also like to extend help to those who need assistance with writing their resume. If you do not have this as a resource within your Nation or community, please contact Edith Moore (edithm@nautsamawt.com) for assistance."

Texada Sandcastle Parade

We would like to extend an invitation to members of Tla'amin Nation to take part in this year's Sandcastle Parade. It is an informal event forming part of Texada Sandcastle weekend. We do not require registration, just ask anyone interested in taking part to come to the starting point between 10.30 – 10.45 AM. Previous participants have included Powell River Clansmen pipers, individuals and groups dressed up, businesses and organisations with floats, kids (and others) with decorated bicycles and seniors' scooters, people driving their vintage or unusual vehicles. We welcome all willing to share in the spirit and fun of the event.

Date: Saturday 22 July 2017

Gillies Bay Texada

Start is on Gillies Bay Road approximately 500 metres past Gillies Bay General Store on the road to Shelter Point (signs will point the way)

Marshalling 10.30 - 10.45 AM

Parade Starts: 11.00 AM

Parade ends at the RCMP office in Gillies Bay - at approx 11.30 AM

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Celebration of Success 2017



School District 47 educators receive a well recognized honor song

By Steve Gallagher

The celebration started off by candlelight due to the power outage but ended on a very bright note as students were honoured for the efforts and outstanding achievements.

Gail Blaney opened the evening with her comments. Today we are here to acknowledge the achievements of our brilliant students who have made the school, their parents, and the community proud. These amazing students are being honoured for their academic achievements in language arts, math, science, social studies, and Tla'amin language.

It is no surprise that those students being honoured here today have pretty good attendance. It is important that they work to the best of their ability and this is the reason why we organize this ceremony every year. We encourage our students to continue to excel and work hard to reach their goals. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all of you parents and community member for joining us. We would like to thank you all for coming.

Lindsay Louie said it's really good to see us all get together to honour our children and parents. We go for a long stretch during the school year and have many things that happen in our life that is out of our control which makes things challenging. But we can make good things happen for individuals to use the education to get great opportunities that all people have a right to. Education is an individual right and we need to be more in charge for our children to grow up being educated.

Yesterday we had a ceremony at Brooks and spoke about the opportunities

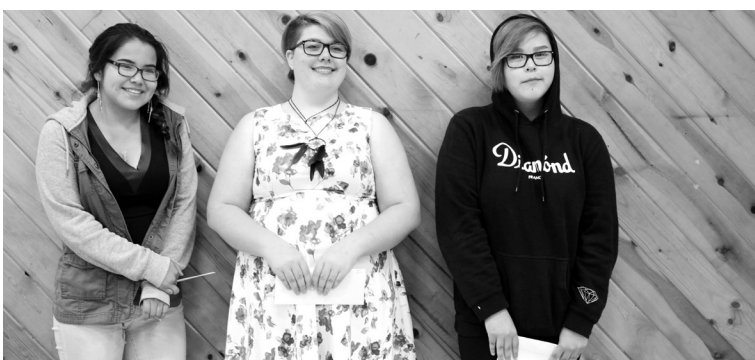
that are in the future, and there are many for this nation that our students can take advantage of. We expect the opportunity of education for all of our children so our grandparents and relatives to be proud of to move forward so we don't have to live poor.

When you go to a higher education most of them are in the big cities. You can all have opportunities to help our community and have a destiny in the future. We learn now at this new day and age why things are so critical and we can raise our children to have choices and use their education for their benefit as the way it should be. You can all be role models. This past Tuesday my son became a Doctor and as parents were all proud of him and as a family we had a sound idea of where he was going to go.

Community Development Officer Roy Francis talked about where we are as a nation and the importance of education. We are a little over a year into self-government and we are in charge of our own future and for the generations. We need individuals to be in a management role and we need contractors to do some important work for us so we don't need to hire outsiders.



“ A good teacher must be able to put themselves in the place of those who find learning hard ”



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Wildland Fire Fighting Training September 26 - October 6, 2017

Gain the skills required to work as a wildland firefighter in B.C. Wildland firefighters are becoming more in demand year over year due to the hot and dry weather patterns we have been experiencing.

The training

Our 10 day training program prepares you for the challenging job of forest fire fighting and provides you with the basic knowledge and skills to combat wildfires. Successful participants will leave with the certification required to apply to the Ministry or Wildland Fire Fighting Contractors to gain employment as a wildland firefighter. The training also includes all safety gear required for the program.

2 easy ways to register

Call us

604-485-2878

Drop by

100-7085 Nootka St.

Training will cover the following:

- Leadership and Teambuilding
- OFA Level 1
- Transportation Endorsement
- S100 Certification (basic fire suppression & safety, fire line communications, portable pumps and water delivery, burn off and back burning)
- Helicopter Safety Awareness
- GPS & Fire Mapping
- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- WHMIS and TDG Training

10 sessions; 8:30 am—4:30pm

1st week: Tue - Sat, Sep 26 – 30

2nd week: Mon – Fri, Oct 2 – 6

\$2,700. Includes all safety gear required (chaps, hardhat assembly, pressure bandage, whistle, Hi-Vis shirt, safety boots), and bagged lunch each day.

Seats are limited

Refund Policy for CE classes

Fees are refundable if you withdraw at least two weeks before the course starts. Note that we are unable to issue refunds after those deadlines. A full refund is issued if a course is cancelled.



James Thomson (Division 4) toured our Governance House on June 16

“ Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time. ”

Enhanced Construction Craft Worker Training

“VIU’s Training Delivery Reflection:

The 2016/17 academic year is drawing to a close and we, at the VIU Powell River campus would like to express our gratitude to Tla’amin for the fruitful collaborations around training delivery over the past year.

Since September 2016, 51 Tla’amin citizens have participated in various training programs and courses offered by VIU, either on campus or in Tla’amin: 18 staff (from each the Nation and Health) participated in professional development training (Operational Planning, Applied Project Management, Basic Sterilization).

20 community members participated in community based trades programs, being the Enhanced Construction Craftworker program (ECCW), the Heavy Equipment Foundations course (HEO) and the Building Service Worker (BSW) program. 5 community practitioners participated in the Indigenous Portfolio development training. 8 students participated in the VIU/SD47 Dual Credit trades program.

All trainings, except the Professional Development courses and SD47/VIU dual credit trades programs, were sponsored by external funding (VIU’s Aboriginal Services plan or NVIATS), amounting to about \$125,000 worth of training delivery to Tla’amin citizens since last September.

Among other programs, we look forward to offering the Wildland Fire Fighting program



in September and Fast Track to Trades in October. We are also waiting to hear back on a funds application to deliver the Early Childhood Education and Care program in Tla’amin starting January 2018. We will keep you posted as more training programs are requested and made available.

Scholarship Programs:

- VIU’s President’s Office Scholarship Program: In recognition of Tla’amin’s entry into Self-Governance in 2016, VIU now offers up one full scholarship (valued at \$25,000 in tuition) towards a four year degree program every year going forward!

- Pathway to Excellence Scholarship Program: VIU offers the “Pathway to Excellence Program” (3 year pilot project) in partnership with a large international foundation. The program matches 1:1 the number of post-secondary students that Tla’amin sponsors at VIU. If Tla’amin sponsors 5 students to go to VIU, the program will match funding for another 5 students. For more information on how to access the scholarship programs, contact your nation’s education advisor.

In particular, a big Thank You to Jessie Peters, Eugene Louie and Roy Francis for supporting your citizens in accessing VIU’s

training opportunities over the past year and for keeping on-the-ground training delivery in Tla’amin rolling. Thank you to NVIATS for your generous financial support and also a big thank you to Louise Dominique for supporting students in accessing Pitzer College and VIU’s “First Nations Youth to University Summer Programs”.

Have a wonderful Summer! Emote.

Julie Froekjaer-Jensen
Coordinator, First Nations and School District Programs
VIU – Powell River Campus
T: 604 485 8051”

You Asked For It!

Tla’amin Housing Department is pleased to offer Interac payments for your rent now.

Please come in during office hours and use our convenient option to pay your rent. Cash and Cheques still accepted, of course!



In celebration of your first year of self-governance, the Senior Citizens’ Association of BC Branch #49 Powell River are offering you a symbolic quilt made by our own craft/quilt group. Each square of each house was stitched together to form a beautiful quilt symbolizing a welcome us into yours. We hope that it will hang in your governance house a symbol of unity for all seniors and as a reminder that the Elders of Tla’amin are always welcome at the seniors’ centre in Cranberry.

Health and

EH KWA'A'NUNS KYE'AMIEUX
 "When the people in our community are well again, all around us will also be well."

Həhewšín: The Way Forward

By Alex Sutcliff

Wellness



On Sunday the 25th of June, there was a special reconciliation ceremony held at the Salish Center in the heart of the Tla'amin Nation. This ceremony was different however, in that it was organized and lead by members from

the non-indigenous community, all following Tla'amin people's protocol and cultural practices.

The idea behind this process started when Phil Russell began to engage with people from the non-indigenous community, who wanted to come together and really connect with Tla'amin people in a meaningful way, and really learn about the land, our neighbours, relatives and ancestors with the utmost sincerity and respect for the original inhabitants, in whose territory we all live.

"This is not a one off gesture and then everything goes back to being business as usual..." says Phil Russell. "This is a life long, multi-generational process, to really connect with Tla'amin people and learn about Tla'amin culture on their terms. Tla'amin people have been here for a very, very long time, and they have the knowledge about how to live, properly, in this part of the world. We live here as guests in their territory, and it us up to us to learn their ways, not the other way around. Indigenous people have been forced to adapt to the effects of colonization and have had to integrate, always on our terms, and that's not how it should be. We should be reaching out to them, to learn from them, how to be, how to live in their territory. That's what this about. This is about non-indigenous people learning from and connecting with the land through the teachings of the people that have been here since time immemorial, on their terms. Only then, can we all move forward together in a truly respectful and meaningful way, where everyone is taken care off."

This entire process only went ahead after it was given blessing to proceed from John Louie and Cyndi Pallen, who have been instrumental in sharing cultural teachings, and the correct protocol to follow in presenting this to the Tla'amin community.

The Həhewšín committee of non-indigenous people is made up of about 25 people, with many more volunteers and contributors helping in the background. The process was also started with the support of the First Peoples Cultural Council, the City of Powell River, the Tla'amin Nation, Tla'amin Elders, Powell River Museum and Historical Archives, Powell River Regional District, Powell River Diversity Initiative, Powell River Public Library, Vancouver Island University, Coast Mountain Academy, Powell River Child, Youth and Family Services Society, Powell River Metis Society, Lund Community Society, Outdoor Council of Canada, Powell River Educational Services Society, and the EEPsA"

The committee has also been meeting regularly with a small committee of representatives from Sliammon, including John Louie, Cyndi Pallen, Devin



Pielle, Verna Francis, Shirley Louie, and Tyler Peters, for guidance throughout the process.

The original idea was for members from the non-indigenous community to come together and fund raise and work towards creating a traditional carved dug-out canoe to gift to the Tla'amin community. This gesture would officially start this process of connecting with Tla'amin people and building relationships in a meaningful way.

"There are many traditional teachings centered around the canoe, about coming together and working together, which is why we thought this would be an appropriate and symbolic gift for the Tla'amin community. This is a long-term grassroots movement by the community to really engage with our neighbours and ask them how we should proceed. My hope is that one day this vehicle could be used to invite members from the non-indigenous community to participate in the tribal canoe journeys. I have been on 11 journeys and I have seen first hand how they have the power to change peoples lives in a short amount of time. I couldn't think of a better way to really connect with and learn about the culture first hand, than by taking part and being immersed in it." adds Phil.

A canoe carver for the project has been found, Joe Martin from Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation near Tofino. Joe travelled to Tla'amin to take part in the ceremony. "The residential school system and the Indian act created many social issues for our people that we are still dealing with today, and may have to deal with for a few more generations yet, but today there is hope. I'm really happy to see the young children here, and they deserve all of our respect, from both sides of the communities. I'm happy to be here and to be working on this project for your community." said Joe at the ceremony. There will also be three additional indigenous carvers working on the canoe under the guidance of Joe Martin: Sherman Pallen, Randy

Timothy Senior, and Ivan Rosypskye. The canoe will be carved down on Willingdon beach and will be open for everyone to come and see and participate. This will be another opportunity for indigenous people to share their knowledge and their culture with the wider community.

Following the ceremony in Tla'amin, the next steps for the Həhewšín committee is to open it up to the wider non-indigenous community for participation and engagement. There are a number of future gatherings planned to bring all of our communities together.

"There were a few people I forgot to acknowledge and thank on the day of the ceremony, so many people have played a big part in helping this come together. I would also just like to acknowledge the Powell River City and Council for financing the day of the ceremony, Brendan Behan - Director of Tla'amin Health for supporting this project, Hegus Clint Williams for his support, Dr. Elsie Paul, John Louie and Cyndi Pallen for their guidance and teachings, the Youth from Coast Mountain Academy for their representation of non-indigenous youth, Bert Finnimore from the Powell River Museum and Historical Archives, the Let's talk Trash team, Regional District, Barry Kostouros and his wife Louise plus Amy Sharp and all of the people who cooked, the Həhewšín committee and volunteers, Julie Jensen from VIU, Cathy Paul and Randolph Timothy, Melvin Mitchell and Charly Bob for making the mini Paddles, Ryan Barfoot from Coast Mountain Academy, the four witnesses, Jennifer Gomez, Ramona Dominick, Eugene Louie and Rob Southcott, Ronnie Ohlman - President of the Lund Community Society, Annabelle Tully Barr and Melissa Call, Char Van Oostveen for her moral support and of course the Tla'amin community members who came out on the day" concludes Phil.

Elders Corner

This month, our Elders are excited about the upcoming Gathering in Campbell River July 11-13th. You can still pay at the Event in case you missed the early bird deadline.

July 4th-(No EDP Luncheon)

July 11th- Elder Gathering Opening Ceremony (no EDP Luncheon)

July 18th- Elder luncheon (at health)

July 20th- Elder Berry Picking at Ed's Blueberry Farm

July 25th-Elder Bingo and Luncheon.



Community Garden- all beds are planted, potatoes growing well. There many different varieties of vegetables growing at our Ahms-tah-ow Community Garden. The new green house is on its way, and soon we will be producing good healthy food into the late season. A big thanks to our Master Gardener Ann Paul, and financial support from The New Relationship Trust Fund, and the First Nations Food Systems Project, and Powell River Springtime Nursery, for their kind donations.



WHAT IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Jordan's Principle is meant to prevent First Nations children from being denied essential services or experiencing delays in receiving them. Jordan's Principle:

- applies to all First Nations children
- involves all jurisdictional disputes, between federal departments or between federal and provincial governments
- provides payment for needed services by the government or department that first receives the request

To support Jordan's Principle, the Government of Canada is working to:

1. resolve situations where governments and departments cannot agree about who should pay for services and supports to meet the needs of a First Nations child
2. cover the costs for health and social services and supports for First Nations children in situations when a First Nations child does not have access to a publicly funded program usually available to other children
3. facilitate access to all services and supports for all First Nations children without delay or disruption

The Government of Canada's approach to supporting Jordan's Principle includes proactive measures to help prevent any delay in accessing needed services by First Nations children.

JORDAN'S STORY

Jordan River Anderson was a five-year-old First Nations child from Norway House First Nation in Manitoba, born with a rare disorder that required hospitalization from birth. After spending the first two years of his life in a hospital, doctors felt he could return home. However, the federal and provincial government could not resolve who was financially responsible for the necessary home care in order for Jordan to return to his family in his home community 800 kilometers north of Winnipeg.

After spending over two years in hospital without cause while governments disputed who should pay for his at-home care, Jordan died in a hospital in 2005. On December 12, 2007, the House of Commons supported a motion focused on adopting an approach that addresses First Nations children's needs first, it was called Jordan's Principle.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Examples of health services that may be considered under Jordan's Principle include:

Home support and personal care; in-home nursing care; in-home respite; client assessment; case management; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; speech language therapy; in-home palliative care services for children; and certain nutritional supplements.

Tech and Rec Summer Camp

For students entering grades 1 to 9

August 21-31, 2017
9:00-12:00a.m. each day
@ Ahms Tah Ow School



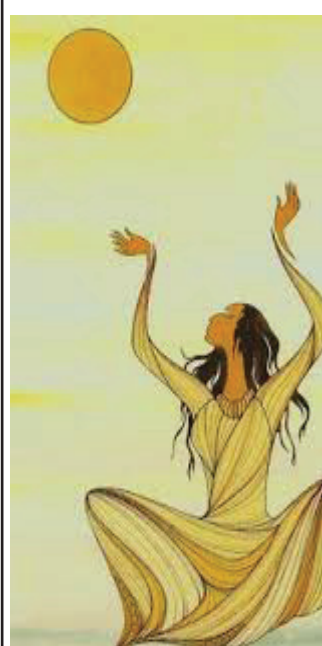
Participate in outdoor recreational and cultural activities

Sharpen your academic abilities

Sign-up at Ahms Tah Ow(July 4, 5,) or at Tla'amin Health.

Participation is free!

Call
Teacher Coordinator: Gerry Brach at 604-414-4675 for more information.



λasəm saltx^w Strong Woman

Next gathering is on Wednesday, July 19th from 430 PM – 630 PM. We will be talking preparing herb infused oils and vinegars. Please register with Shelley or Kim at health.

The strong woman group is a time for women to talk about health and wellness, share ideas and concerns, learn about our community and its resources and sit down to a meal together.



Family Preservation Aboriginal Child and Family Counselor

I, **Cyndi Pallen**, as Aboriginal Child and Family Counselor, also referenced as Family Preservation; have been working with a program designed to prevent out of home placement and reduce risk for children. I have been working with families from a strength-based approach that reflects traditional values and teaching of Tla'amin peoples. This framework has supported children and families in the home and in community; I have worked closely with Tla'amin Health Traditional Wellness Team and all services and resources in the Powell River District.

Over the last couple month's, we have had 2 training sessions, one called "Love Hurts" which works to support women who have experienced violence. As Traditional Wellness Team, we worked closely with Verna Francis, our Tla'amin Justice Worker and Victims Service to host this 3-day workshop for Tla'amin community and staff. This was well attended!

In April 2017, I worked closely with Shelley Chaney Smith, of Child and Youth Care to coordinate and implement a program here at Tla'amin Health called "How to talk so kids can listen" and "how to listen so kids can talk", our last session will be held week (June) 2017. We would like to "Thank" all the parents and grandparents who participated in these sessions. Emote'.

Through summer month's, I will be coordinating activities pertaining to culture, such as implementing spiritual baths, processing bark, picking berries and family outings to dig clams. Please contact me, should you be interested, all these programs will include children and families; in keeping with family preservation. I will incorporate teaching of our TAOW and medicine wheel.

Take Care, and have a great summer!!
Emote'

Cyndi
604 483 3009, extension 230.

LUNCH & LEARN: HEALTHY KIDNEYS



When: Once a month on Wednesday

Next date: **Wednesday, July 12th from 12:00-1:00**

What: Enjoy a nutritious lunch while learning about a different health topic each month. The focus will be on prevention, early recognition and management.

Where: Tla'Amin Community Health boardroom

Why: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

Living Well With Diabetes

JULY 19TH 10:00-2:00

This workshop is for those diagnosed with diabetes, those caring for people with diabetes and those who are interested in learning more about diabetes. Topics such as risk factors, screening, diagnosis, complications and management will be covered.

This event will be facilitated by Liane Leblanc, registered dietician, and Kim Markel, chronic disease nurse. Please contact Kim at 604-483-3009 ext. 252 by July 13th to confirm participation.

Lunch and door prizes included!



Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable cancers and can be detected early through routine screening. A pap test or cervical smear is recommended every three years for all women between the ages of 25 and 69 (including two-spirited persons). Please contact Kim or Shelley at health to arrange your next screening.

Celebrating Traditional Arts June 17th - Salish Center



Interested in the Trades?
Fast Track to Trades
6-Week Funded Program



October 2 - November 10, 2017

*Financial assistance, such as funded training and child care & transportation subsidies may be available for eligible participants

Industry Certificates:

- FoodSafe
- Flagger
- WCB Level 1 First Aid
- Forklift Operation
- WHMIS

Possible Tuition funding in upcoming Trades Programs:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Culinary Arts
- Carpentry
- Hairstylist
- Welding

VIU-Powell River and Career Link are offering a combination program which runs at the Powell River campus—Fast Track to Trades will prepare At-Risk Youth, Aboriginal Peoples and Women for success in entering a trade with employment opportunities locally and across BC by providing a two-phase approach that includes Academic Upgrading along with Essential Skills and Employability Skills training. All areas of training are focused on trade-occupations preparation, including 5 industry certifications.

Eligible participants can jump start a career in trades. Seats are limited. APPLY today and get started on a successful, satisfying, well paid job in the trades.

Contact VIU-Powell River at 604.485.2878



Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund.



**Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council & Tla'amin Nation present the
2017 Youth Leadership Gathering**

Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council (NmTC) will be co-hosting its second annual Youth Leadership Gathering with Tla'amin Nation from August 22-25, 2017, at the beautiful Powell Lake Outdoor Learning Centre in Powell River, BC. Three Youth Participants (age 14-18) from each of Naut'sa mawt's eleven member nations (Halalt, Homalco, Klahoose, Malahat, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Stz'uminus, Tla'amin, Tsawwassen, Tseil-Waututh, and T'Sou-ke), are invited to attend with travel and fees being covered by NmTC. Four Young Leaders (age 21-29) are invited to be group cabin leaders for the gathering with training, travel, fees, and a small honoraria covered by NmTC.

SAVE THE DATE

WHO should attend?

Youth Participants (age 14-18) and Young Leaders (age 21-29)

WHEN will it happen?

August 22-25, 2017

WHERE will it be held?

Powell Lake Outdoor Learning Centre, Powell River, BC

WHY should we go?

Learn cultural teachings from Tla'amin elders and local knowledge holders, develop leadership skills, and build community amongst Naut'sa mawt youth.

WHAT will we do?

Activity options may include story-telling, drumming, canoeing, building a sweat lodge, photography and videography, traditional medicines, spiritual bathing, preserving food, language learning, weaving, bighouse teachings, carving, journaling, and more!

Interested in being a Youth Participant or a Young Leader?

Register now at www.nmtcevents.com.

For more information, contact Bronwen Geddes (bronweng@nautsamawt.com, 778-999-5924) or Valerie Cross-Blackett (valeriecb@nautsamawt.com, 604-329-6815).



Phillip Timothy



Dawna Pallen



Dion



Mathew



Betty Wilson



Mavis Timothy



Employment Opportunity



The Tla'amin Nation is dedicated to preserving the safety of our citizens and surrounding communities. We are actively seeking a Fire Chief to fulfill the following requirements:

The Fire Chief position is expected to be a half-time (0.5 FTE) managing the Tla'amin Volunteer Fire Department, overseeing all recruiting and training of volunteers, leading fire prevention and education, and the Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP) and other related duties for the Tla'amin Nation. The Fire Chief will report to the TN Chief Administrative Officer and will head a team of volunteers.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Advising and providing information to CAO and Executive Council on matters relating to the provision of fire services and emergency preparedness within TN and catchment areas.
- Oversees the development of plans and programs for the Fire Department, in collaboration with the CAO, and makes recommendations to Executive Council. Proactively implements plans and programs.
- Recommends policy and procedures for the efficient operation of the Department.
- Prepares and maintains annual and long range operational and capital budgets for Fire Department and EPP.
- Ensures that TN has a current EPP in place. Coordinates the delivery of all emergency services in the event of a simulated or actual disaster.
- Recruitment and training of Fire Department staff, ensuring that training procedures are updated to ensure effective firefighting skills, and prevention.
- Acts as an advisor to any relevant committee, attending committee and Legislature meetings as required.
- Liaison with all fire chiefs within the Powell River Regional District and attends monthly/quarterly meetings and training as required.
- Provides operational maintenance of firefighting and medical equipment
- Ensure provincial and municipal fire prevention legislation/bylaws are enforced.
- Works cooperatively with all Department heads in matters concerning public fire safety.
- Plans, coordinates and implements fire prevention programs for the public, schools, and business.
- Prepares public information material relating to safety and fire prevention.
- Responds to public enquiries and complaints according to approved policies.
- Other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate Diploma or degree in a related field.
- Previous supervisory experience in a related field.
- Solid understanding of the National Fire Protection Association and how it applies to the daily operations of a Fire Department.
- Fire Instructor Level 1 or equivalent.
- 5-7 years directly related experience.
- Proven organization and management skills.

Please forward your application by Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 4 PM to Jessie Peters at:

E.mail - hr@tn-bc.ca or

Post or in person - 4779 Klahanie Road, Powell River, BC V8A 0C4

Orcas: Facts about Killer Whales

1. The Scientific Name of the Killer Whale Is *Orcinus orca*.

This is why the killer whale is sometimes called an “orca whale” or simply an “orca”. *Orcinus* is derived from the name *Orcus*, one of the Roman gods of the netherworld who punished evildoers — a fitting name for the ocean’s most fearsome predator. *Orca*, on the other hand, means “barrel-shaped”, referring to the round shape of the killer whale.

2. The Killer Whale Is Not a Whale.

The killer whale is not a fish. It is a marine mammal. However, it is not a whale. It is in fact a dolphin, and the largest dolphin to boot. Normally, killer whales are 16 to 30 feet (4.9 to 9.1 meters) long and can weigh from 3 to 6 tons (2722 to 5443 kilograms). Males are larger than females.

At birth, killer whales are already about 8 feet (2.4 meters) long and weigh 400 pounds (181 kilograms) — roughly as heavy as three adult humans.



Because of the killer whale’s size, it is not preyed on by any other creature in the ocean. It is an apex predator — at the top of the food chain — and the largest apex predator on Earth. Its size means a great amount of strength, which the killer whale uses in order to catch prey.

3. Killer Whales Eat Sharks.

Killer whales are carnivores. They eat fish, including great white sharks and rays, squid, crabs, lobsters, seals, sea lions, dugongs, sea birds, penguins, sea turtles and of course, whales, including baby sperm whales and baby blue whales. They also eat moose swimming in the ocean and according to scientists, will eat polar bears if the opportunity comes up!

How do killer whales catch sharks and rays without getting bitten? They grab them and prevent them from moving. When sharks and rays cannot move, they cannot breathe and eventually, they die from suffocation.

As for seals, sea lions and penguins, killer whales can tip the ice floe they are on, or cause waves to crash down on the ice, driving these creatures into the water. They can also jump out of the water or push themselves onto the shore to catch birds.

Killer whales hunt in groups, so they have a high hunting success rate.

4. Killer Whales Live in Groups Called Pods.

Killer whales are very social creatures. They live in groups of related females, headed by the oldest female, called pods. A pod can have as few as three members to as many as a hundred or more. A pod can consist of as many as five generations of killer whales — the youngest ones, their mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and great-great-grandmothers. How great is that?

Pods of killer whales can gather together to form a clan. They can also be divided into smaller groups called subpods.



Members of a pod travel, hunt and sleep together. They communicate with each other and help each other out in times of trouble. When one member of the pod dies, the rest are believed to mourn it.

5. Killer Whales Cannot Smell.

Killer whales use echolocation and rely on auditory information to capture prey.

Killer whales do not have smelling organs or a lobe of the brain dedicated to smelling, so it is believed that they cannot smell. They do, however, have good senses of sight and hearing. They can hear better than dogs and even bats. Using this excellent sense of hearing, killer whales practice echolocation. This means that killer whales produce sounds and then listen to the echoes. In this way, they can tell if objects or other animals are near or far, and just exactly how near or far.

6. Killer Whales Have Their Own Language.

The language of killer whales is one of the most complex in the animal kingdom. They produce high-pitched whistles, pulsed calls and low-frequency pops. They can even make clapping sounds with their jaws. The whistles are used for close-range or private communication, while the pulsed calls are used for long-range communication. Members of the same pod make the same calls, which the young ones learn from their mothers.

Aside from communicating through sound, killer whales communicate through touch and through various gestures such as head-butting and slapping their fins.

8. Female Killer Whales Carry Their Young for 17 Months.

That’s a pretty long time, but it’s not surprising considering killer whales are so big when they are born. Female killer whales give birth to just one baby at a time. The baby, called a calf, is born in the water tail-first, and right after it is born, the mother guides it to the surface to breathe. Calves double their body size during their first year.

9. Killer Whales Can Sleep with One Eye Open.

Like other dolphins, killer whales cannot completely go to sleep, because they have to go up to the surface to breathe every now and then. Instead, they sleep with just half of their brains. If a killer whale’s left eye is open, that means the right side of its brain is awake and the other asleep, and vice versa.

In the wild, a killer whale’s dorsal fin is upright, but in captivity, it often “flops”, or collapses to one side. There are several reasons for this, such as stress, dehydration and lack of exercise.

Killer whales can be found in the open ocean, but are more common in coastal waters. Some killer whales live in just one area all year long, while others migrate or move from one area to another, traveling short or long distances.

What's Happening at Your Historic Lund Hotel

By Kurt Pyrch, General Manager

Historic Lund Hotel

Before we start to talk about June, we have to go back to the last weekend in May and the "Lund Shellfish Festival". We went into the festival in high gear. We participated in every aspect of the festival, from the "Chowder Challenge" [3rd Place!!] through the cooking demonstrations where we were the only participant that did a demo on each day, and right through having a vendor's booth open on both days.

The weather was great and the whole event was a huge success. We had the busiest food booth outside of the actual shellfish vendors themselves. And most importantly, we had numerous people tell us that our food was the best ever at the festival. We can't really say for sure if it was as this writer didn't have food in previous years. But we can proudly say that our food was excellent and the success of our "Seafood Poutine" will have it as part of our new menus that will be ready for the start of summer and the July long weekend.

The thing that made me most proud however, was the efforts of the staff during the festival. I was told afterward that the Lund Hotel had never participated like we just did. But there we were with our staff running like crazy, happy customers all over the place, fresh French fries being run from the hotel like a river and everywhere you looked, people eating, drinking and enjoying what the Lund Hotel had to offer. We can't wait for next year.

June has been unfairly burdened with mediocre weather but that hasn't stopped us from looking after our ever increasing number of customers. Every department is seeing improvements as we adjust our hours and prepare for the next 12 weeks.

On Friday June 30th we begin our Summer hours for the General Store. We will continue to open at 8:am but for the first time we will be staying open until 9:pm. We have found that our later hours have been well received by locals and hotel guests alike. With the sun not going down until well after 9:pm, people aren't ready to shut down. And knowing that you don't have to drive all the way into Powell River because your local store is open is a great way to increase sales.

Our Fuel Dock is now open from 8:am until 8:pm. The staff are already doing a great job looking after the customers and helping to keep the property looking great. They are a busy crew who do a lot more than just pump gas. They look after yard up keep, get rid of garbage, help with recycling and pretty much everything else anybody tosses at them. And those lovely chess pieces out front, they set those up every day as well.



The Historic Lund Hotel is the Gateway to Desolation Sound

As well, the Pub will be staying open and serving food until 10:pm. With summer comes the late arrivals on the ferries and many guests won't arrive until 9:30pm. That being the case, we want to insure that we are able to properly welcome and serve them with food and refreshments when they arrive, as they hope and expect.

And when they wake up, they will wake up to the best breakfasts on the Sunshine Coast. If you haven't come in for breakfast overlooking the ocean, you should. On the weekends we also add in an extra Brunch Menu with extra Egg Benedict dishes, Fried Chicken and Waffles and a Lund Hotel exclusive which is, in our humble opinion the most amazing item on the menu, a Smoked BBQ Salmon and Sweet Potato Hash with peppers, onions, regular potatoes, green onions and mixed cheese, topped with two eggs the way you like them and served with your choice of fresh hot toast. The salmon is smoked in house in our new smoker and the dish is incredible. Thank you Tim Paul for coming up with this one.

Lunch and dinner selections have improved and we will now be featuring a delicious selection of the finest steaks. Try one of our "Butchers Block Reserve" AAA+ Grade Angus steaks with our new Garlic and Asiago Cheese Fries and a side Caesar Salad. You will want to come back again and again.

Now it's all fine and dandy for us to say these nice things, but what are our guests saying these days? How about:

"It was a great stay and found the room and quality surprisingly very acceptable considering the remote of your location. Staff and restaurant was excellent, so was a very pleasant experience. Certainly in our plans for a future visit." ~ Dan

"THANK YOU! We had the most wonderful time! We will be back!!!!!"

*Kindest Regards,
Catherine*

"I just wanted to thank the staff at The Lund for their excellent service. We ended up leaving behind some important notebooks and they were found safe and sound and sent forward to us. Thanks you so much!"

Also, thank the staff for checking about some other items that we left (slacks) that we were hoping might be recycled thru Value Village or the equivalent.

The breakfast was very good and the restaurant staff very pleasant.

Our stay was very pleasant and I am happy to post my comments on Trip Advisor."

Cheers, Jane

So if anybody asks you: "I wonder what's happening at the Lund Hotel?" You can just tell them that we're making people glad that they came here and feeding them some really good food.

That's about it for now as we are hard at work getting ready for the craziness of summer. We have a lot of great people working here but we are always looking out for more. So if you are looking for a great job, please drop in and say 'Hi'. Bring a resume' and a smile and you never know, you might just start on a wonderful career.

Kurt Pyrch, General Manager
The Historic Lund Hotel

Meeting Minutes of the Executive Council

May 3, 2017
Council Chambers

Attendance: All Executive Council

Resource: Rod Allan, Kelly Rankin, Mia Harry, Serena Barnes and Judith King

Guests: Constable Jen Crossman, Staff Sergeant Rod Wiebe, Theresa Smith, Anthony George, Cathy Paul, Gregory Cran and Julie Froekjaer-Jensen.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Hegus
Clint Williams called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 05, 2017 minutes

**Moved by Lori Wilson
Seconded by John Hackett**

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion to adopt the Agenda
**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

4. ORDERS OF COUNCIL:

4.1 TNO-EC # 12/2017 to approve the Nahmint Raider vessel upgrade

**Moved by Lori Wilson
Seconded by John Hackett**

4.2 TNO-EC # 13/2017 to approve purchase of an all-purpose boat for various uses

**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

4.3 TNO-EC # 14/2017 to approve a funding application to Nuu-Chah-Nulth Dev Corp.

**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

4.4 TNO-EC # 15/2017 to approve a funding application to New Relationship Trust

**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Larry Louie**

4.5 TNO-EC # 16/2017 to support a loan guarantee and subsidy for Brandinicole Marriott

**Moved by Lori Wilson
Seconded by John Hackett**

5. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL:

5.1 TN Resolution # 13/2017 to approve in-principle a proposal for a permanent change of hours from 9am-1:30am Monday to Saturday and 9am to Midnight Sunday to both the food primary license and liquor primary license at the Lund Hotel.

**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Larry Louie**

5.2 TN Resolution # 14/2017 to call a Special Legislative Assembly on May 5th



**Moved by Larry Louie
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

6. REGULATIONS OF COUNCIL:

6.1 TN Regulation # 01/2017 to approve the Property Taxation Appointment and Operations regulation

**Moved by Tyrone Wilson
Seconded by Larry Louie**

Presentation 1:

Citizenship Committee attended and formed discussion points as follows:

1. Update on the Tsawwassen trip by the committee.
2. Determining Membership criteria.
3. Establishing Wills and Estates protocol as the Nation is no longer under the Indian Act.
4. Requesting a review of Citizenship Law with Alyssa Melnyk.
5. Ensure confidentiality of individuals working on the committee and Elders as liaisons discussed.

Serena Barnes indicated the visit to Tsawwassen was informative and offered many useful ideas. The main consideration is the blood line rule and the stipulation that a signed affidavit is required for proof of citizenship.

There are 21 applicants who do not have status and whom have applied in 2016. The committee would like to meet with Alyssa Melnyk soon to clarify some points in the Citizenship Law. Mia Harry spoke about blood quantum limits and receiving citizenship applications.

Council received clarification from Theresa Smith about what the committee has been doing since effective date. They have processed 72 citizens for citizenship. It was suggested that Tla'amin host a one day-workshop on eligibility criteria for citizenship.

Citizenship Committee is required to send meeting notes on the preceding Friday before the first-of-the month Council Meeting.

Current example: June 2nd for their May month-end report.

Theresa talked about community members who did not enroll in the treaty and subsequently did not become citizens. Also, those seeking citizenship who must prove their eligibility.

In regard to estates, the Nation is required to send a letter to the family of the deceased to notify that they have been confirmed deceased and that they would be taken off the citizenship list.

The guide that Citizenship Committee uses - needs to be updated as it has not been looked at since 2001. Confidentiality for people attending the Citizenship meetings was mentioned. Such as, alternates who fill in for an absent committee member. Elders attending a Citizenship meeting were discussed as Elsie Paul has volunteered to attend the meetings.

Presentation 2:

Constable Jen Crossman and Staff Sergeant Rod Wiebe attended to give an update. Jen presented the current trends. Things are busier with drug and alcohol problems. However, people are accepting treatment. Speeding through the 30kms zone discussed. With the continuance of noisy house parties, Jen has created a template to alert the housing department that there is a problem at some residences.

Last year there were 286 calls for RCMP assistance and it appears Tla'amin residents are more trustful of RCMP and calling more than other years. RCMP are tracking the calls that involve drugs and an RCMP performance plan indicates that the squad has made significant improvements with drug offences. There have been five investigations and two charges laid. Jen Crossman needs more people to call in and report a crime when it's happening.

Tla'amin Laws don't address drugs, but the Nation has an agreement to address enforcement of the rules. One priority is youth, and the Wednesday Youth night is not working. RCMP attended several events - Effective Day Open House celebrations and PTSD workshop.

Crimestoppers program is there to make a complaint. If it leads to a conviction, then there will be a cash reward. It was suggested that a notice about Crimestoppers go in the Neh Motl. Aside from drugs, youth and road safety, Rod Wiebe asked if there is anything the Council would like the squad to focus on. There was discussion on bus tour tourists illegally harvesting shellfish.

Presentation 3:

Kelly Rankin attended to discuss the opportunity to build a hydro-electric project at Sliammon Creek. Also, discussion began on upgrading the infrastructure on the creek.

Presentation 4:

Vancouver Island University (VIU) representatives attended to talk about their progress up to today. Gregory Cran gave a status report. There have been 43 students actively involved with VIU since September 2016. The university hopes to double that number by next year. He anticipates making the training work for Tla'amin students and hopes to promote more positive programs with Tla'amin Nation.

Some highlights:

- a) Adventure tours course being offered at Lund and Haywire Bay locations;
- b) Work place essential skills training available to upgrade people skills;
- c) Foundation for forestry and road building courses: there will be a simulator for use in the community;
- d) Tech incubator project: there will be mentoring for the technology program;
- e) Aquaculture program;
- f) Agriculture program begins at the horticultural farm near Brooks School area;
- g) Fiber Arts: to mentor and learn skills;
- h) Entrepreneurial course which gives tools to those interested;
- i) Year-round music courses for young musicians.

Vancouver Island University Next steps:

1. Ralph Nilson, VIU President will promote an annual scholarship to a Tla'amin student.
2. The contact for the 'Education Plan and Partnership' for Julie Froekjaer-Jensen is Roy Francis.
3. The Tla'amin-VIU affiliation agreement contacts are Roy Francis and Rod Allan.
4. Contact for staff professional development is Jessie Peters.

Presentation 5:

Brendan Behan attended the meeting. He mentioned staffing a medical office assistant (MOA) position which includes completing a 3-month training course. Although there are scholarships or bursaries available, a course must be at least one year in length to be funded through a scholarship.

There have been some Health challenges and Brendan has worked on strategies to address these challenges. Discussion on Nurse-Practitioner position as it is being posted today. The Health parking lot is dusty and he understands the lot is going to be paved. Staff parking discussed.

A wellness plan is needed for staff. Council confirmed that with Health's input they support a better work environment for health employees. Discussion began on retaining the best staff possible.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vancouver Coastal Health for a Nurse Practitioner is in process. An Elder has requested another look at a special care facility for Tla'amin Elders.

7.0 New Business: 7.1 Culture and Language: Betty Wilson has electronic equipment which is outdated. She needs new laptops and head phones. Clint mentioned the Culture fund for money. The new purchases must be securely stored. Motion to allocate \$5,000 from Culture Fund to purchase computer equipment for the language group moved by consensus.

7.2 Education: Steve Hunter attended to discuss surplus funds retained by the school district. \$90,000 is held by School District 47 and they would like to expend this amount soon. The school district's suggested expenditures are first \$35,000 for new James Thomson playground equipment; and second, \$10,000 - \$15,000 to increase First Nation presence at each school in the district.

Discussion began on Council's considerations for the funds. The playground equipment at the beach area needs replacement. It was suggested that funds be earmarked for new playground equipment at Tla'amin beach if the school district funding can be used for projects that are off-school grounds.

7.3 Elders & Youth: Tla'amin Administration has established a request for assistance form for the Elders Gathering. All forms due by May 12th.

7.4 Emergency Services: The recruitment drive for fire fighters has started. Timing will be discussed with Floyd and Tyrone. All First Responder certifications expire in June. It is hoped that a new training class can begin in September. The training required is 80 hours or ten full days with new standards in place.

Renovations to the fire hall are being completed by Walter and crew. The second truck bay will have lights, power, heat, insulation and a working garage door. A meeting with the City's Fire Chief Terry Peters and Mac Fraser on May 4th will include initial discussions about joining forces with the Wildwood volunteers to eventually take over fire protection on Klahanie Drive. Timeline: give six months' notice to the Regional District on June 30th, 2017 to assume responsibility by January 1st, 2018.

7.5 Forestry : Council endorses and accepts the Log Scaler training opportunity in principle so that the opportunity can move forward. Motion to approve the opportunity

**Moved by Tyrone Wilson
Seconded by Larry Louie**



7.6 Housing: The draft Residential Tenancy Law was distributed to all to consider whether or not it should move forward.

7.7 Public Works: Elder and Healing Lodge usage discussed.

House Posts:

Finance & Administration Post: John advised Council on the following activities:

1. The high-level consolidated 2017-2018 budget is complete. It will be reviewed with the Legislators on May 5th at 11:00am and with the Tla'amin community at the General Assembly following at noon.

2. The 2016-2017 audit field work is scheduled for June 12-23 with the KPMG auditors and the major focus currently is to prepare for the field work.

3. Salish Seas LP provided the annual Tla'amin portion of the estimated earnings and the funds have been deposited in the food fish savings account.

4. Funds from the TSL logging have been received. The \$833,000 placed in the savings account represents 40% contract and 10% holdback. The Wilde Road property purchase has been repaid.

5. Two new Mastercards were acquired. Roy Francis and Jessie Peters are the cardholders.

6. Sand replacement at the water treatment plant has begun with \$192,000 prepaid 50% to the contractor - Target. Mike or Shawn can provide project details.

7. Sewer Project update indicates OPUS can provide a design application request to INAC. The amount of the request is \$13.85 million.

8. Property Taxes for Klahanie and Southview are in the final stages of completion. After approval, rates are posted on website and in two weeks notices go to property holders. The taxes due on July 3rd, 2017.

9. Direct Deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) for employee expenses happens in the coming weeks.

Lands & Resources Post: Lori indicated that the taxation regulation approved today is needed to align with the Property Taxation Law.

Community Service: Community care has many different levels. Council needs to define the many aspects of providing this type of service. Discussion began on details of providing Elder care. Clint suggests talking with Brendan and Marlane on the issue. All Executive Council are invited to attend a one-hour presentation on June 7th.

Economic Development: There is an application request for a change to Lund Hotel hours of operation.

Operating Board meeting notes:

1. Invitation to tour Salish Soils in Sechelt, BC
2. Thichum Forest Products Manager report
3. Monthly operating plan summary
4. Offer to purchase 99-year leasehold on Lot 90 Klahanie

5. Sliammon creek power project review
6. Sunshine Coast Investment with Mr. Lu
7. Lund Hotel General Manager employment agreement
8. CEO employment agreement
9. Hong Kong trip update

Naut sa'mawt Tribal Council: The next meeting is May 5th. Tla'amin Executive Council are not sending anyone to the meeting.

Hegus Report:

1. Hegus attended the cultural awareness and pledges of cultural humility event at the Salish Centre with Brendan Behan and Dr. Evan Adams. It was an impressive event.

2. The Elders Gathering in July is being coordinated by David Louie and Darren Cound.

3. Director General of Treaty Implementation visited on April 25th. He is the federal contact for INAC and assured Council he would keep lines of communication open on all matters moving forward.

4. Hong Kong trip for the Kathaumixw totem pole delivery went very well. The school officials at Wah Yan College Kow Loon were good hosts. The school is building a concrete base for the pole. It may be the last Totem of the World contest.

5. Education Management Team meeting items were: a) Funding changes after effective date b) Education Coordination c) Summer Programming d) Celebration of Success e) Aboriginal Day f) Story to Song event g) Welcome Pole unveiling h) James Thomson pre-school curriculum review before the end of the school year.

6. VIU, City of Powell River meeting about future programming needs. One of our students received a scholarship at effective date.

7. Klahoose First Nation cannot provide a log for the reconciliation canoe. Tla'amin will work with the Spirit of Reconciliation group to find an acceptable log from TFL39 in cooperation with Western Forest Products.

8. Hegus participated in the planning meeting for the Canada 150 celebration.

9. There is a June 2nd meeting with BC Timber Sales.

10. The Lund wharf space upgrade is funded by Finance using extra funds on loan. The wharf improvement expenditures will be reimbursed back to Tla'amin Nation.

11. June 21st Executive Council meeting is cancelled.

12. There is interest from the community members regarding the call for committee volunteers. The interest for the Treaty Implementation group - 3 interested, Housing - 2 interested, Social - 3 interested and Lands - 4 interested. The ad will run for one more month in the June Neh Motl and we will respond to all interested parties. Regarding two interested persons - one individual "applied" for all four committees, and one applied for both Treaty Implementation and Housing.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by John Hackett
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 2nd wedding anniversary to Brent and Veronica Vivier on July 18th

Love from the Vivier family

Baby Bottle
CAMPAIGN

FILL A BOTTLE,
CHANGE A LIFE



Planned parenthood

Baby bottle campaign raised over \$200.00. I lost count when people put their spare change at the last minute. We do not have the organization in Powell River and the closest location is located in Courtenay. Our young moms in Powell River can get help from the Courtenay office.

They will help with basic needs for a young mom.

Thank you for your support.

Betty Wilson



Fishing Derby

July 8th

Who will own
the deadliest catch?

Contact Kevin Timothy (604) 483-4111 or
Clint Williams (604) 483-9646 ext. 107 for
details.



Happy Birthday Wiley Vincent

June 27th

*Your smile is infectious
Your innocence is contagious
Your charms are magical
Every garbled word you say is
special
Your actions are super cute!
Your lift me like a parachute
You touch our lives in every
special way
We would like to wish you a very
Happy Birthday!*

Love Robyn, Mavis, Trent, Andrew,
Nana, Great Nana, Great Uncle and
Uncle



Please watch out for children playing
now that schools is out for summer

