

Shuswap Band

Newsletter

CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Chief and Council meets every Wednesday, if you would like to make an appointment to meet with them please call to book at (250) 341-3678

Cheques are issued and will be available every Thursday.

THE BAND OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY DAY FOR LUNCH BETWEEN 12-12:30 (except Tuesdays when Dr. Mannheimer is here).

APRIL 19th COMMUNITY MEETING

We will be having a community meeting over at the old Shuswap Band Hall from 5pm-8pm on April 19th.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Columbia River Treaty (CRT)

Signed in 1961, the Treaty is up for renewal in 2024. The Treaty provides flood and power benefits to the US, power and annual payments to BC from the US and has resulted in several major dams being constructed on both sides of the border.

Over the next year, Shuswap Indian Band needs to prepare for the upcoming negotiations between Canada and the US governments. What are our concerns, what do we want to get from a renewed treaty and how do we want to be represented in the negotiations? These are questions that need to be discussed.

www.crt2014-2024review.gov/

2. Corridor-Wide Agreement (Ministry of Transportation)

This agreement involves the Shuswap Indian Band, Splatshin, Little Shuswap Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band and Adams Lake Indian Band, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

- The CWA is a procedural document that establishes an improved relationship between the Bands and BC MoTI at the Technical, Policy and Political level. This is an important step forward from the status quo because we now have a minister-approved process to discuss and resolve policy barriers (e.g. increasing the type and level of direct-award opportunities).

APRIL 2016

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- It provides for ongoing, multi-year funding for all Band costs associated with the activities sanctioned under the agreement and additional costs once the parties begin engaging on specific projects.
- It does not commit the Bands to agree to any project that the MoTI is proposing.
- It lays out a process for communications on all projects that begins at the earliest point of conceptualization and maintains a deep level of engagement through the planning, design, development and construction phases. This is a significant improvement over the current practice where we have to re-invent the process each time a new project comes up, and are usually consulted with once the project is well along in its development.
- It allows for Bands to opt out at any time.
- It allows for Bands, if they are not satisfied with positions that MoTI is taking at the joint table, to raise these issues directly to the Minister, the Premier or in court.
- It is separate from accommodation negotiations, which will occur under separate funding agreements. Each accommodation negotiation, because of its potential impact on Secwepemc members' rights, will require direct engagement with the members of each Band prior to ratification.
- The agreement really pushes the 5 Bands to work together and develop strong, effective internal communications. This is not always the case with the status quo.
- Tools developed under this agreement can be applied to develop a broader agreement with the MoTI concerning all their operations within Secwepemcúlecw, and cross-government arrangements with the Province and with Canada.
- It is not a reconciliation agreement, but is funded on the recognition by the Province of strength of Secwepemc Claim to the Trans Canada corridor and, arising from this, the need to gain a full, informed consent by the impacted Secwepemc communities.

How are you impacted by this agreements, how can you get involved and what happens next?
We will discuss these issues on the 119th.

For more information: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/bchwy1/>

3. BC Hydro Initiatives

A major Protocol Agreement is being discussion between 11 Secwepemc Nation Bands and BC Hydro that will affect the dams and transmission facilities within the Secwepemc Territory.

An environmental Assessment project is underway and the Secwepemc Bands are involved in developing a part of the application.

A plan is being developed to rebuild the Elko River Dam. The Shuswap Indian Band is going to be involved in reviewing and commenting on studies that will be carried out this year to determine the feasibility of the redevelopment project.

What concerns do we have about the proposed project, how do you want to be involved and what are the next steps?

**We will discuss all of the above at our Community Meeting on
April 19th from 5-8 at the Old Band Hall**

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

Hello to all Members,

The Comprehensive Community Plan is wrapping up and I applaud all of you that have continued to support and that have continued to take the time to make this document real. This is an exciting time for the Shuswap Band and the Shuswap Band Membership to see the final document and to have the priorities implemented. The Band will move forward with exploring all avenues of resources to ensure the priorities are carried out.

At the community meeting the final draft of the CCP was available for members to pick up and review. Urban Systems gave a presentation that covered the CCP process, an overview of all the engagement sessions and how the CCP was created. The priorities that were identified by the community through the various meetings, surveys and engagement events are now listed in the CCP with actions that will help Shuswap Band staff and the community to carry out the plan. The CCP contains the implementation section that identifies potential resources to assist Shuswap Band with moving forward with the different priorities.

Once the CCP is finalized, it will be adopted by Chief and Council. This will be available for all members, and will be formatted to an easily read-able document that includes community pictures.

Thank you

Diana Cote
Comprehensive community Coordinator

REFERRALS

Shuswap Indian Band is asking members, community members or family members who may be interested in working in the Forestry Industry to please get your resumes in.

We are looking for all interested people that would like to work in the following fields:

Archaeology
Forestry Management
Harvesting
Silviculture
Cultural Heritage Inventories
GIS/GPS
Clearing/Brushing/Spacing

Although we would prefer experience, there may be training opportunities to offer in some of the above listed work areas.

Some positions will be more demanding than others.

Some work will require extensive daily travel outside the community and/or a valid BC Drivers License.

Please drop off or send your resume to info@shuswapband.net

MEMMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - MARCH 9, 2016

Splatsin and Shuswap band formalize collaboration

Revelstoke, BC, Secwepemc Nation Territory

A historic memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed today at the Hillcrest Hotel, Revelstoke to formalize a modern working relationship between Splitsin and Shuswap Indian Band on territorial issues of common interest.

Revelstoke was chosen as the location for signing as it was a culturally-important place for both Bands. A Secwepemc village site lies close by the Trans Canada and Highway 23 follow traditional trails and the area what historically used for fishing, hunting and gathering of food and medicinal plants - activities to continue to the present day.

“We already have a strong and ancient kinship ties and by working together, we will strengthen the social and economic fabric of our communities,” says Splitsin Chief Wayne Christian.

Through a formal collaboration the two communities aim to be a catalyst for unity and prosperity within Secwepemc Nation and exemplify our interests in the Columbia Basin.

“Our formal arrangement will include annual work plans and a resource sharing model for project of mutual interest in our shared area of caretaker responsibility,” explains Shuswap Chief Barb Cote. “As a leader of my community, what is most important about this day is that our communities are taking a first, decisive step toward restoring long-standing relationships that can be carried forward by our children to those yet to be born.”

Chief Wayne Christian adds: “Today, we move forward in collaboration toward a future where our communities are healthy, economically independent and culturally vibrant.”

For more information, please contact:

Splitsin: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian 250-838-6496

Shuswap Indian Band: Kukpi7 Barb Cote 250-341-3678

Duncan Reservoir Archaeology Project (RAP)



Open House and Artifact Viewing



What: Open House and viewing of artifacts from four years of archaeological field work at the Duncan Reservoir.

When: Opening ceremony on Thursday April 14th, 10:00 AM. The display will remain available to interested members of the community until noon on Friday April 15th.

Where: Ktunaxa Nation Government Building museum area (220 Cranbrook Street N, Cranbrook).

Who: All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

On Thursday April 14th and Friday April 15th, BC Hydro and Tipi Mountain Eco-Cultural Services are holding an open house displaying artifacts from the Duncan Reservoir during the BC Hydro Reservoir Archaeology Program (RAP). The open house will be graciously hosted by the Ktunaxa Nation Council in the museum area of the Ktunaxa Nation Government Building in Cranbrook.

An opening ceremony will take place at 10:00 AM on Thursday, followed by a brief presentation by Tipi Mountain archaeologist Ian Tamasi. Time will be available for any who wish to share stories or speak. Tipi Mountain staff members will be available to answer any questions during the viewing. School groups will also be given tours on the 14th in the afternoon, with an introduction and brief discussion led by a Tipi Mountain archaeologist.

For questions, to express interest in speaking, or to arrange a guided tour of the artifacts, please contact Tipi Mountain at arch.info@tipimountain.com or (250) 420-2724.

LANDS

The lands department continues to seek expressions of interest from Band Members to sit on the Lands Committee as well as Matrimonial Property Committee to develop a Matrimonial Real Property Law as required by our Land Code. These roles provide an opportunity for band members to be involved in the implementation of laws and policies with respect to the Land Code. Being on the committee will involve a regular commitment to attend meetings, review documents and make recommendations. It is an opportunity to direct the development of Shuswap laws for the future.

In connection with Lands Committee, there will be Notice of a Nomination Meeting posted. There will be an opportunity for candidates (who must be Band Members) to be nominated and seconded for the Lands Committee. That nomination process will be described in the notice but mailed nominations will be accepted as well as verbal nominations at the actual Nomination Meeting. Every candidate will need to be seconded as well. If there are more nominations than the two positions available, there will be an election that will follow. If there are only two Members nominated, those Members will be automatically on the Lands Committee.

The Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee does not require an election so at this time, we are simply getting a list together of who is interested. There has been little interest to date so get involved! This is important work that will serve to protect children and community involvement is critical to ensuring that the law reflects Shuswap values and culture.

Shuswap Band Members - Please note that neither you nor your guest should be using someone else's CP lands for your own use without the permission of the CP holder. Do not drive over or trespass on someone else's CP lands without their permission.

At the Band Meeting on March 16, Tom Viesner from Urban Systems presented the draft Land Use Plan to the community for review. This document is the result of months of effort and is very close to being put to a community vote to approve it. The draft Land Use Plan is available for review on the website at www.shuswapband.net if you were unable to attend the Band Meeting.

For any additional information please contact Kerri-Anne Thomas, Lands Manager at the Band Office at (250) 341-3678 ext 1007 or lands@shuswapband.net

SUMMER PROGRAM

Shuswap Band will be having another summer program for the summer of 2016!

Pre-registration will be June 20th-25th at the Band Office.

The summer program will run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00am-3:00pm for 6 weeks starting on July 12th and ending with a celebration on August 18th.

To see what we have planned thus far, check out the Events Calendar on the Shuswap Band's website at www.shuswapband.net

Each newsletter in the months leading up to July will have additional information and details of the summer program.

HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

DR. MANNHEIMER:

He continues to provide medical outreach at the Shuswap Band Health Centre. He is available to see any Shuswap Band member for doctor services on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 12:00. His services are by appointment or on a drop-in basis - appointments are preferred. He provides the same services at the Shuswap Band office as he does at his medical clinic. You do not have to be one of his clients to come and see him as his services are open to ALL Shuswap band members!

In April the dates he will be here as follows:

Tuesday April 12th and Tuesday April 26th starting at 12:00

Please contact Shauna to make an appointment with him or drop-in to see him.

NALOXONE:

This program is an overdose prevent program for people using or prescribed opiates. If anyone is interested in learning about this program, please call Shauna or Morgan at the band office.

HEALTHY FOOD BOXES:

****REMINDER** - Food box pickup is between 12-3 on food box day. If you do not pick up before 3pm your box will be re-distributed. If you do not pick your food box up, we will assume that you are not interested in the food boxes and your name will not be on the list until you contact Morgan and Shauna to order again.

April 7th and 21st are the next food box pickup dates

SLOW FOOD COLUMBIA VALLEY:

Please join Dawn Morrison and Irene Neeposh at the Shuswap Band office on April 7th from 1-3 for Indigenous Food Systems Roundtable on Traditional Foods, Community Gardens, Greenhouses and Healthy food.

Dawn Morrison - Secwepemc, Director, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty.

Irene Neeposh - Cree First Nation of Waswanipi, Quebec.

MEDICAL TRAVEL:

Reminder - In order to qualify for medical transportation funds you must provide Shauna with confirmation that you have an appointment with a specialist at least 7 days prior to the appointment unless there is an emergency. You must also provide Shauna with a confirmation that you attended the appointment. You cannot just drop off receipts, you must phone or speak to Shauna directly to provide the necessary details. We do not have the ability to provide on-demand cheques. There is a process that we must follow. If you are unable to provide this information you will not qualify for medical travel funds.

TREATMENT:

Shuswap Band's Community Support Worker, Morgan Odland, is able to assist in setting individuals up to go to treatment, when they are ready. There are various different treatment centres all over British Columbia that are funded through First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) that are available to Shuswap members. There is a process to get into treatment centre and depending on the individual, the time frame varies. If anyone is interested in talking about treatment options, please see Morgan at the Band Office for more information.

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL COURSE:

We are bringing back the ‘Living Life to the Full’ course for adults starting in mid May!

SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY:

The Shuswap Band is pleased to host the mobile screening mammography on May 18th. Appointments start at 9:30am in the morning. Please call Morgan or Shauna at the Shuswap Band Office to book your mammogram.

For any information about the services above please contact our Health Professionals:

**Health Coordinator Shauna Cameron at
(250) 341-3678 ext. 1015 or health@shuswapband.net
Community Support Worker Morgan Odland at
(250) 341-3678 ext. 1009, modland@shuswapband.net**

Slow Food Canada National Summit
FEEDING THE FUTURE
Invermere BC | April 6 to 10 2016

SUMMIT MENU

INVERMERE IS HOSTING A NATION-WIDE EVENT. Good, clean and fair food lovers unite to discover local food and food traditions of the beautiful Columbia Valley.

Nestled in the Purcell Mountains on beautiful Lake Windermere with ranchlands, farms and artisanal food producers, Invermere offers the perfect setting to welcome food enthusiasts from across Canada, the US, Mexico and Italy to our annual summit.

THEMES INCLUDE

- Indigenous Food Systems
- Slow Food Youth
- Food Education & School Gardens
- Food Access & Food Security
- Food & the Economy
- The Future of Farming

TASTE THE REGION!

Tours and culinary seminars encourage you to get to know the region by not only seeing it, but by tasting it.

The delegation will include culinary, agricultural and media professionals amongst the most highly regarded in their industry, as well as culinary educators and members of national and provincial tourism boards.

Agenda and info available at: slowfood.ca

TICKETS Weekend Pass
\$150 SLOW FOOD MEMBERS
\$200 NON MEMBERS
 Circle Health Pass \$475

Or mix and match events

- WOLLAGLE Farm & Food Tour \$15**
• Eskdale Farm • Colds
• JD Bains & Delaney Farm
• Farm, Garden, • A
• Medicine Kitchen
- WINDERMERE Farmfield, Park & Pond Live Music \$15**
Eskdale Farm & Windermere
- WINDERMERE Slow Food Fair Pop-up Bookstore (Donations, Sponsors) FREE**
- WINDERMERE Gala Dinner \$15**
• Cuisine
• Regional Artist Street
• Local Chef • Local food
• Entertainment
- WINDERMERE Feeding the Future Daily Pass \$15**
Lunch • Lunch
• Innovative ideas
• Networking
• Panel discussions

Slow Food
Columbia Valley

Tickets at Circle Health & Circle Cafe
 Contact **Circle Cafe**
slowfoodcvj@gmail.com • 250-341-1400

Columbia Basin Trust, Shuswap Valley Chamber of Commerce, Palliser Printing, East Kootenay, Windermere District Farmers' Institute

COMMUNICATION

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive monthly newsletters in the mails, please contact Morgan to add or update your address.

WEBSITE

ALL band members! There is a band member login for the Shuswap Band website. This is for band members to see information that the general public does not necessarily need to see. Please contact Morgan Odland at the band office so you are able to login to see information information, as well as the calendar of events available to you at the band office!

FACEBOOK PAGE

I will continue to provide information on the Shuswap Band news, as well as the Shuswap Band First Nation Invermere Facebook pages.

**For any information please contact our Communications Coordinator, Morgan Odland
at (250) 341-3678 ext 1009, modland@shuswapband.net**

YOUTH

Youth Living Life to the Full

Participants are taught skills on how to deal with their feelings when fed up, worried or hopeless, and learn skills to help them tackle life's problems.

Youth ages 12-18

Starts Tuesday, April 5th from 9:30 - 12:30 at DTSS counts as class time Runs every Tuesday April 5th - April 26th with lunch provided. Please sign up with Tracy Simpson - tracy.simpson@sd6.bc.ca

Thanks to Christine
Warbrick for
organizing the Easter
Party!

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THAT ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL!

From the Shuswap Band calendar located in the office:

April 1st - Cecila Teneese

April 2nd - Kellen Paul

April 7th - Rosalita Pascal

April 13th - Jeremy Stevens

April 17th - Robyn Tardif

April 19th - Ed Rivers

April 26th - Alex McCluskie

April 30th - Carrie Lynne Powell



Our apologies to anyone that we may have missed! There is a birthday calendar at the Band Office if you wish to submit birthdays to the newsletter.

SHUSWAP BAND CALENDAR

~ APRIL 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Naturopath Dr. Baker in Health Centre	5 Youth Living Life to the Full	6 Massage in Health Centre	7 Food Box Pickup Day 12-3pm Slow Food Roundtable 1-3pm	8	9
10	11	12 Youth Living Life to the Full Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre at 12:00: drop-in or by appointment	13 Massage in Health Centre	14 Food Box Orders Due	15	16
17	18 Naturopath Dr. Baker in Health Centre	19 Youth Living Life to the Full COMMUNITY MEETING AT BAND HALL 5-8PM	20 Massage in Health Centre Social Assistance Payment	21 Food Box Pickup Day 12-3pm Foot Care Day	22	23
24	25 9-11:30 Dietician & Kinesiologist in Health Centre	26 Youth Living Life to the Full Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre at 12:00: drop-in or by appointment	27 Massage in Health Centre	28 Food Box Orders Due	29	30

~ MAY 2016 ~						
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8	9	10 Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre at 12:00: drop- in or by appointment	11 Massage in Health Centre	12 Food Box Orders Due	13	14
15	16 Naturopath Dr. Baker in Health Centre	17	18 Massage in Health Centre 9:30-12 Mobile Screening Mammography	19 Food Box Pickup Day 12-3pm	20	21
22	23 VICTORIA DAY OFFICE CLOSED	24 Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre at 12:00: drop- in or by appointment	25 Massage in Health Centre Social Assistance Payment	26 Food Box Orders Due Foot Care Day	27	28
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More event details for May will be in the newsletter on May 2nd.