



Newsletter

Merry Christmas



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF & COUNCIL

Chief Barb Cote and Councillors Tim Eugene and Rosalita Pascal wish you and yours a very healthy and safe Christmas season and best for the New Year.

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HOUSING

- The Housing Committee welcomes Victoria Stevens and Tisha Tardif. The work ahead includes: updating policies for all types of housing on the reserve, concluding the selection process for the new On Reserve Non-Profit Housing units being built in the Village and making recommendations to Council for the disposition of homes, and clarity on property assignments outstanding through a collaborative process with occupants.
- The construction of the two duplexes in the Village area will meet the deadline of March 31, 2018. The Housing Committee is co-led by Dolores Nicholas, Housing Manager, Sierra Stump, Lands Clerk and Wendy Rockafellow, Director of Operations.
- The five projects that qualified under the CMHC Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program On Reserve (RRAP) for persons with disabilities is progressing on schedule.
- CMHC Housing Program Mentorship Program to support the mentorship and training of our intern in the Housing Program, Zachary McCluskie.
- The Columbia Basin Trust has formed a Columbia Valley Housing Support working table, which Shuswap Indian Band funding for current projects as well as future initiatives and construction programs.

WISHING YOU ALL
HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS IN 2018

2017 has been a rewarding year working alongside Chief and Council. I am honored to be able to support these hardworking dedicated individuals. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the membership over the past year and am grateful for the opportunity to share with you and be a part of yours lives.

I am also proud to be part of an amazing Team that is working so hard for the betterment of the Shuswap Band Membership.

Whatever is beautiful.
Whatever is meaningful.
Whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Lorena Tegart

Executive Assistant to
Chief and Council



LANDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT continues to be a prime focus of Band Administration and the newly struck LANDS COMMITTEE.

- (1) Future Highway 93/95 Widening (Section 35) – Work continues on negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), both valuation of the lands to be appropriated and for the replacement lands selection/valuation.
- (2) The Land Code Committee will be presenting the Land Use Plan last reviewed and approved by Council on July 16, 2016 in preparation for a ratification vote. The Committee has set two community presentations in early 2018 to precede the ratification vote schedule for March 17, 2018. The extension for this work has been granted by the funder, the First Nations Market Housing Fund. [See page 7 for the details].
- (3) The Land Code sets out the development and permitting processes for all new development on all lands. The Gas Bar project has been issued a Stop Work Order until the required development documents have been received and approved by the Lands Department.
- (4) The Land Code also guides lease and permit processes. All parties interested in conducting business on Shuswap Land must also be in good standing with documentation, utility billings (Kinbasket Water & Sewer Company) and Taxation Laws in order to lease lands or buildings on reserve.

TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFICES – Diana Cote has been promoted to the role of Manager, Territorial Stewardship and Intergovernmental Relations, taking the lead on the day-to-day coordination and working in coordination with Chief and Council on the major files impacting rights and title for the Shuswap Indian Band and Secwepemc Nation at large.

SPECIFIC CLAIM WORK/THE SHUSWAP BAND MAP – In early 2018, the researchers from Donovan & Company will be concluding research, including interviews with community, that informs the specific claim over territory outside of the reserve. This claim also includes acquiring mapped data being housed at the Ktunaxa Treaty Society relevant to the strength of claim for the Shuswap Indian Band. Canada has a fiduciary obligation to negotiation land settlements that does not extinguish the rights of other first Nations, for example, the Ktunaxa Treaty Process, and overlap with all other Secwepemc.

MAJOR PROJECTS – There are a number of major projects that are currently active or have recently concluded creating income, jobs and excellent reputation in project and contract management for the Shuswap Indian Band, and they are in summary:

- (1) Cultural Heritage Study (INAC Funded) – to continue the training and contribution of the Knowledge Keepers in the Community Based Monitoring and GeoKeeper work. The majority of this training and project work will be completed January to March 2018. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate.
- (2) First Nations Emergency Services Society / Strategic Wildfire Protection Initiative (FNESS/SWPI) – late in fall additional funding was awarded for on-reserve fuel treatment that follows the Shuswap Indian Band's Community Wildfire Protection Plan priorities. This funding created employment for band members in December.
- (3) Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) Debris Removal on the #1 Hwy (Donald East to Forde Station) –completed in December 2017.
- (4) Policy Development – Available on the website in January 2018 & in print.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

In the New Year, I will be working on sending out (both electronically and in paper formats) a Communications survey to better understand how each individual person would like to receive Communications from the Shuswap Band.

Morgan Floesser (250) 341-3678 Ext 1009 or mfloesser@shuswapband.net

HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

DR. MANNHEIMER – GENERAL PHYSICIAN

He continues to provide medical outreach at the Shuswap Band Health Centre. He is available to see any Shuswap Band Members for medical services. His services are by appointment or drop-in basis – appointments are preferred.

Date: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 & 23, 2018

Please contact Shauna for an appointment.

HEALTHY FOOD BOXES

Healthy food boxes are still once every 3 weeks with pickup from 12-3pm. Reminder, if you forgot to pick up a food box that you ordered by 3pm, your name has been taken off the list for the next food box.

You **must** make prior arrangements if you cannot pickup your food box.

Next Food Box Day: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

FLU CLINIC – Available throughout the entire flu season in the Health Department.

POOL PASSES –

We are working on getting more adult pool passes. In the meantime, we have child and youth Fairmont passes and adult drop-in passes for Copper Point Resort remaining.

HEALTH SURVEY –

The Shuswap Band Health Department is distributing a short survey to assess the services required of membership. Please take the time to fill out the survey by paper (included) or online at Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3WDHWQS>

Exercise Group

The Health department will be starting up an exercise group in the new year! This group will consist of two 1-hour gym sessions each week as well as one exercise outing per month. See calendar on last page



For any information about Health Services please contact our Health Professionals:

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Tel: (250) 341-3678 ext 1015 or health@shuswapband.net

Community Support Worker, Morgan Floesser

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TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

FROM DIANA COTE

Manager Territorial Stewardship & Intergovernmental Relations

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. I have taken on several new initiatives for the benefit of our Community. We, as the team at the Territorial Stewardship Office, are negotiating new and revised Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) and developing Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) with all levels of government, as well as industry, non-profit agencies and major corporations. A large part of my work is furthering relationships with our community partners and key agencies, like Columbia Basin Trust, Climate Action Group, Parks Canada and local businesses and associations.

Our focus and commitments are the strengthening our Title and Rights and becoming more active in the Stewardship of our Lands. Ensuring the inclusion of our Community in planning and uses of our Lands all the while protecting our Cultural ways. We look forward to sharing this work with you in early 2018.

For now, I wish for you a safe and wonderful Christmas Season.



FROM SUZIE THOMAS

**Comprehensive Community Planning –
Complete your survey!!**

Columbia Indigenous Youth Network

The initiative is supported by the Columbia Basin Trust. A list of activities collected, and we will be starting the program once our budget is approved. This is very exciting, and our youth network is open to all band members from the ages of 6-30. Looking forward to this amazing opportunity for our youth. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Territorial Stewardship – Referrals Office

FROM DIANA THOMAS

It's the time of year when loved ones gather together. It is a special time to be thankful for all the wonderful blessings in our lives. Sending you good wishes and the hope that your holiday will be a joyous one. See you all in 2018!

December 2017 Meetings:

- Site visit to the Skookumchuck Pulp Mill
- White River Salvage by helicopter with CANFOR
- Parks Canada
- Columbia River Treaty 101 by Columbia Basin Trust
- Territorial Stewardship Strategic Planning Sessions with staff and council

Territorial Stewardship – Information Management Coordinator

FROM LAVONNE JOHNSON

This past month I have been working on transcribing interviews. In April of 2017 I sat in on 5 interviews with our Elders. We discussed many areas in our territory that were of great importance to us such as where they hunted, fished, gathered plants and berries, where the reserve moved from and our sacred sites as well as many other places that were important to us. One of my jobs is to transcribe all of the interviews and then input this information into our data base known as the Community Knowledge Keeper (CKK). This database will help us to keep track of all these sights and save them on our map that we have built into the CKK and will be there forever.

I have been working with my team at the Territorial Stewardship on building better relationships with businesses in our traditional territory. I have sat in on meetings with Canfor, Parks Canada, Columbia Basin Trust just to name a few. I have learned a lot from these meetings. CANFOR was gracious enough to demonstrate a great Lidar mapping presentation and explain in great detail how they go about harvesting trees. Parks Canada are looking to build a better relationship with us on how we can be more involved with them on our traditional sight in the Parks.

I got to participated in the Water Hub held at Copper Resort. A Shuswap Band group sang the Women's Warrior Song to kick off the Conference, which was a great honor for me. I enjoy my job very much and encourage any member to come on in a visit to see how information is input into the CKK and what it looks like!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Weyt-kp! Territorial Stewardship – Cultural Heritage Coordinator

FROM PAULINE EUGENE

As the Cultural Heritage Coordinator, I want to wish you Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year! This year has been full of accomplishments and challenges, but with every experience I learn and grow some more.

A special thank you to the Knowledge Keepers Council for their patience and knowledge they share with myself and our community!

I am excited to be honouring our winter solstice, and spending time with my son and families! I shall see you all in the New Year!

- Tseqstskálna – Christmas (Splatsin Firstvoices website)
- Nkwlltiyanacu – Happy New Year (Splatsin Firstvoices website)
- Pelltete'tq'em – December, Fall and Winter merge (Secwepemc Cultural Education Society website)

Please note that the dialect and/or spelling may differ from region and community



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

By Tais Lintz, Education Coordinator

The Shuswap Band has supported meal tickets, field trips, and supplies for the High School students, and hot lunches, supplies and book fair for the elementary school students. As the Fall Semester has wrapped up, the band is ready to help the students throughout the winter semester as well. The students are doing well, and being very well taken care of by their Aboriginal Education Support Workers. We are also planning some career activities for the high school band members, in order to prepare them more for their future in post-secondary studies.



The post-secondary students are thriving in their studies! They are doing so well in walking the path towards their professional goal and we are all very proud of them. We also have members who want to pursue their dreams by applying for post-secondary for the 2018 school year. It's always so nice to see young people standing up to the responsibility of making their future bright and pursuing what they love to do. In the Fall Semester the Shuswap Band provided financial support for post-secondary tuitions, allowances, travel, school fees and books, and we are ready to do the same throughout their winter semester in 2018.

Some members have started the first steps of their Adult Upgrading to finish their high school, and tutoring was available for them to assist in this endeavour. By finishing their high school, more doors will open for employment, and for the post-secondary degree/certificate that they want to pursue. We are very proud of them for embracing their responsibility towards being the professional they want to be.

Employment & Training

The Shuswap Band has provided training and certification in the past couple of months in the areas of: First Aid (OFA Level 1), Chainsaw Safety, Driver's Licensing and Firearms Safety courses for band members, geared towards helping them with employment. Some members have done career assessments and job search plans, in order to be prepared for the profession they are pursuing. We are also looking into more partnerships with businesses in order to keep the band members in the loop of new job openings and the training needed to fit the hiring criteria of the jobs they want, and also organizing a career hub at the band to help members in their job search.

We are planning some events, like job fairs and bring professionals to come and talk to members about their criteria for hiring, the training they will need and answer any questions. The first professional that will come and talk to members will be the RCMP. If you are interested in knowing more about careers with the RCMP, please email me so that your name can be on the list of attendees. I will contact you with updates, days, times, and the information you need.

I wish all the students and members a Merry Christmas and wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday!

Tais Helena Lintz

Education and Employment Coordinator T: 778-526-8109 education@shuswapband.net

LANDS, RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



LAND USE PLAN REVIEW AND RATIFICATION VOTE

*Information Package
Issued: December 17, 2017*

MEMO TO MEMBERSHIP FROM THE LAND COMMITTEE:

Councillor Rosalita Pascal (nominated)
 Katherine Stevens (elected) Angela Eugene (elected)
 Sierra Stump (Staff, Land Clerk) Wendy Rockafellow (Staff, Director of Operations)

BACKGROUNDER: The Land Use Plan has been developed with significant community development, and following the election of the Land Committee, the final document and ratification vote will be the first order of business for the Committee in early 2018. The work accomplished to date by our community is listed here. Copies of the Land Use Plan can be obtained from our website, a link on Facebook and printed copies can be mailed or picked up from our offices.

2015-2016: LAND USE PLAN COMMUNITY SESSIONS HELD TO DATE

- April 24, 2015: Intro meeting with staff and Chief and Council to receive initial feedback
- May 22, 2015: First community meeting to receive initial feedback
- June 22, 2015: Open House to review feedback to date and receive additional feedback and/or agree with comments suggested to date
- October 26, 2015: Chief and Council Meeting to review First Draft of Land Use Plan based on previous three meetings
- December 3, 2015: Community Meeting to present findings to date and seek additional feedback
- January 20, 2016: Chief and Council meeting to review Second Draft Land Use Plan
- March 1, 2016: First Nations Market Housing Fund suggested revisions
- March 16, 2016: Final Community Meeting to review Final Draft Land Use Plan
- April 2016: Final Land Use Plan submitted to SIB
- July 16, 2016: BCR adopting Land Use Plan and approval to go to ratification vote

2018: LAND USE PLAN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

#1 – Thursday, January 23rd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)

#2 – Saturday, February 10th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. (lunch included)



LAND USE PLAN RATIFICATION VOTE

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) – *Electronic and In Person Voting*

For more information or a package contact Sierra Stump – landclerk@shuswapband.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THAT ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT THE SHUSWAP BAND COUNCIL AND STAFF TO YOU AND YOURS!!



SHUSWAP BAND CALENDAR

~ JANUARY 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 XMAS DINNER	18 Social Assistance Payments	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED at 12:00	21 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Break	22 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Break	23
24	25 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Day!	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAMIE THOMAS	27 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Break	28 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Break	29 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Break	30
31	1 January HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 OFFICES REOPEN	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Dr. Mannheimer YPC Exercise 3-4 pm	10 YPC Exercise 3-4 pm	11 FOOD BOX DAY	12	13
14	15	16 YPC Exercise 3-4 pm	17 YPC Exercise 3-4 pm Swim Night 4:30-6:30 PM	18 Health Group Outing	19	20
21	22	23 COUNCIL MEETING Dr. Mannheimer YPC Exercise 3-4 pm	24 YPC Exercise 3-4 pm	25 LAND USE PLAN MTG ----- STRATEGIC PLANNING 5:30-8 PM	26	27
28 PANO SKI STARTS	29	30	31	1	2 ICE FISHING 1:30-3:30 PM	3