

# Shuswap Band Newsletter

## **CHIEF & COUNCIL**

If you would like to book an appointment to see Chief and Council, please contact Lorena at 250-341-3678 Ext. 1008

**Cheques are issued and will be available every Thursday.**

**Next Band Meeting will be held on September 28 @ the Band Hall.**

A light meal will be provided starting at 5:00 with the meeting to commence at 5:30.

Larry Ewing will be presenting the audited financial statements (fiscal year 2016).

**Chief and Councilors meeting  
Quaaout Lodge**

Chief and Council attended a meeting on August 17, 2017 at the Quaaout Lodge hosted by Chief Oliver Arnouse. Discussion included: The Corridor Wide Agreement, Parks Canada, and Organization of the Columbia River treaty

The objective of the meeting was to organize and structure the five participating bands that include, Little Shuswap, Adam's Lake, Neskonlith, Splatsin, and Shuswap Indian Band. It was a re-organization meeting to develop a strategy of how we can work together to operate as a business. The commitment to working together as a business is there but one of the key components that came out of this meeting is how do we organize ourselves to communicate effectively?

## **Splatsin MOU**

Shuswap Indian Band Chief and Council met with Kulkpi7 Wayne Christian, and his council to revisit our Letter of understanding with Splatsin and how to continue collaboration to creating a better business entity. Splatsin and Shuswap Band Chief and Council will arrange for an in house visit of both communities which can benefit each community.

## **Secwepemc Gathering**

Councillor Rosalita Pascal attended the Secwepemc Gathering on behalf of the Shuswap Indian Band. Representatives of 11 communities of the 17 Secwepemc Bands attended the Gathering. There is a lot of support needed for the reserves in the fire zones. Acknowledgement and recognition were given to Chief Seymour for his generosity. The opening ceremony was very well done with dignitaries from surrounding towns. There was a ceremony for healing and unity, which was very inspiring. There were many tournaments being held such as lahal, baseball/softball and boat and canoe races. There were also many tables for people to sell their art and bead work.

## **SEPTEMBER 2017**

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### The B.C. Hydro protocol agreement

B.C Hydro made the commitment to continually work with the Secwepemc to identify any issues and concerns that the Nation has within their territory. The B.C. Hydro protocol agreement was formulated to identify these issues. B.C. Hydro was very near the completion of consulting and working with Secwepemc leadership and their technical working groups for the final installation of the Revelstoke 6 power generating station upgrade. Meetings were occurring to identify all of the work that was carried out in the past 5 power generating installations.

What came out of these meetings was a need to continue working with B.C. Hydro so the B.C. Hydro protocol agreement was created.

Adams Lake  
Bonaparte  
High Bar  
Little Shuswap  
Neskonlith  
Shuswap  
Simpew  
Sketchestn  
Splatsin  
Tk'emlups  
Whispering Pines

The Shuswap Band is looking for a few people that are interested in looking after the Live Streaming of Band Meetings.

Shuswap Indian Band will be working with B.C. hydro along with the other 11 communities to create a better understanding of Secwepemc needs in the communities.

### 2017 SUMMER PROGRAM

Shuswap Band's 2017 Summer Program was an EXTREME success again! Two Shuswap youth, Trinda Cote and Wallace Warbrick assisted Morgan Floesser, Shuswap Band's Community Support Worker and Communications

Coordinator in organizing and running the Summer Program this year. This program ran on Tues, Wed, Thurs from July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> and each Thursday there was a cultural component to the Summer Program.



Some of the FUN activities from this year: Nature Walk/Hunt by Eagle Ranch, Cultural Day at the Stevens' House, Fairmont Hot Springs and Bouncy Castles, made Medicine Pouches, Ozzie's Amusement Park Mini Golfing and Windermere Beach, Fish Hatchery, Winderberry Nursery, Setetkwa Golf Course, Lake Enid, Pine Needle Baskets, Paddle Boarding with Adventure Paddle School, Loom Beading, Ziplining with Valley Zipline Adventures, Professional Cakes with Fun Cakes by Diane, and of course...CALAWAY PARK!

Thank you all for another great Summer Program and we look forward to having you again in 2018! If you can think of something that we should do next year, please contact Morgan Floesser with your recommendations.

**Morgan Floesser (250) 341-3678 ext 1009 or [mfloesser@shuswapband.net](mailto:mfloesser@shuswapband.net)**

## **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Here is what I have been working on the past few weeks; In April Pauline and I went through some training on how to conduct an interview. I found the training to be very helpful and I did get a lot of useful information out of it. We did 4 interviews with some of our elders, each interview lasted about 3-4 hours. We got a lot of important information from the interviews. I learned so much about where our ancestors came from and where they went to hunt and gather for food, we learned a lot about where our people held ceremonies, who we traded with, what we traded. Now that we finished those interviews I am now downloading the information into the C.K.K. (community knowledge keeper) database, which includes making sure the information that we had from previous interviews is matching up with the new interviews such as berry picking areas, and hunting areas etc... I am excited about getting that done, the transcribing is taking much longer than I anticipated!

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, Dianne Thomas and I made it to the Bugaboo Dam up past Spillimachine with B.C. Hydro, they want input on what to do with the dam, decommission it or tear it down or try to use it again, a lot of pros and cons on both ends.

Helped a little with the Summer Program, Morgan does an amazing job with the kids she just needed help with rides for the kids and a couple outings. Those were fun days.

We are now gearing up for the Salmon Festival in September, which will be very exciting and busy for all of us involved!

**Information Management Coordinator, Lavonne Johnson**  
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## **LANDS AND RESOURCES**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY TICKETS FOR CHAINSAW SAFETY, FIRST AID, OR FIRE FIGHTING (\$-100 ETC.) AND ARE INTERESTED AND PHYSICALLY ABLE TO WORK, PLEASE LET US KNOW** at (250) 341-3678 or by email to [landclerk@shuswapband.net](mailto:landclerk@shuswapband.net)

### **Civic Address- NEW INFO**

Signage has been ordered!

We will let you know as soon as the removal of old numbers and installation of the new ones are scheduled to begin.

If you have a 911 Emergency, please use your new civic address.

This will cut down on response time. Notices were sent to all members regarding civic addresses. If you did not receive a notice, please contact Sierra Stump at (250) 341-3678 or by email to [landclerk@shuswapband.net](mailto:landclerk@shuswapband.net)

### **CP Lands**

CP lands are subject to the Land Code and any questions about development of CP lands should be directed to the Lands Office. Please note that CP lands are private lands and should not be accessed or used for any purpose whatsoever **INCLUDING AND ESPECIALLY HUNTING** without the permission of the CP holder.

### **Wills Program**

We have received funding for this fiscal year to continue our Estates Management Program. In addition to Wills this year, we will also offer Power of Attorney (A **power of attorney** is a legal document that gives another person the power to take care of your financial and legal matters for you) and Personal Representation Agreements (A Representation Agreement is the only way you can appoint someone to assist you or to act on your behalf for health care and personal care matters. It can also cover routine financial affairs). **SPACES ARE LIMITED**, please contact Sierra Stump at (250) 341-3678 or by email to [landclerk@shuswapband.net](mailto:landclerk@shuswapband.net) to add your name to the list for estate planning documents.

### Land Committee – NEW INFO

Chief and Council have selected an Electoral Officer to conduct the Land Committee election and have signed a service contract. Dates for the election are being submitted for Chief and Council approval Tuesday August 22, 2017. The Electoral Officer will set a date for the Election. Look for your notification in the mail, on Facebook and on our website.

\*\*\*\*Shuswap Band will need an Appeal & Complaints Committee for this process.

This committee includes one Elder, One NON-MEMBER, over the age of 18, one Member over the age of 18 and all participants MAY NOT RUN for the Land Committee. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please contact Sierra Stump at (250) 341-3678 or by email to landclerk@shuswapband.net

## **CONSULTATION COORDINATOR** **REPORT**

**Diana L. Thomas,**  
**Consultation Coordinator**  
**Territorial Office, Shuswap Band**

- ✚ Shuswap Indian Band Community Knowledge Keeper Training for Referrals completed.
- ✚ Bugaboo Dam Decommissioning Project Site Visit  
Two alternatives: Full Removal = remove entire wetland and gravel bar.  
Partial Removal = Partial removal of dam to levels meeting requirements of “Minor” Dam., Preserve the Wetland, and Comptroller of water rights may maintain DS depending on perceived risks.
- ✚ Salmon Festival Planning with Ktunaxa Dance Troupe  
Site visit of the SIB Pavilion with Ktunaxa Dance Troupe to organize and finalize site preparation. Met Ktunaxa Dance Troupe at Chabot Park to map out where paddlers will be coming in and the Horse Riders will do their Ceremony. Looking for volunteers as well should any band members wish to assist. Please contact Territorial Office staff.
- ✚ August SWAP (Single Window Administrative Portal) or G2G Engagement (Government 2 Government Engagement) cancelled due to fires.  
Shuswap Band receives 80% of the referrals that come into the Secwepemc Territory. This data is entered the CKK Referrals site and then responded to.
- ✚ Shuswap Band Community Engagement with Canfor  
Contacted Community Elders for meeting with Canfor to review MOU, Revisit Cultural Values and Practices within forestry.

September Events

**September 30 Don't forget to wear your orange shirt in honor of Residential School Survivors**



## REPATRIATION AT TROUT LAKE

LaVerna and Basil, Marge and Ox and Audrey went to the repatriation at Trout Lake near Nakusp, BC. It was a memorable experience for all. Basil met a few relatives there and lots of phone numbers were exchanged. One of the main points the elders who were doing the ceremony pointed out is, that the younger people should be attending these reburials because the elders aren't always going to be around and they need it passed onto the younger generation. Participants from Shuswap Band thought this was a good idea. The ceremony was done in a very good and spiritual way, sent the ancestors on their way because of the disturbance of their last burial site. The area that the reburials took place will never be disturbed. It will, they are hoping, to be a place for Natives to visit, give prayers, offerings and to enjoy the peacefulness of the area. No photos were allowed during the ceremony but lots of pictures were taken during the feast afterwards.



## 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 doctor services. His services are by appointment or drop-in basis – appointments are preferred.

**In September he will be here: Sept 12 and 26th**

Please contact Shauna for an appointment.

**HEALTHY FOOD BOXES – Due to several food boxes not picked up, we will be changing food box to every 3 weeks for the next while.** Healthy Food Boxes are now going to be at the Shuswap Band Community Hall for pickup from 12-3 **sharp**. Reminder, if you forgot to pick up a food box that you ordered, your name has been taken off the list. You must make prior arrangements if you cannot pickup your food box.

**Next Food Box: Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and 28th**

**SEABIRD ISLAND DIABETES TEAM:** The Mobile Diabetes Clinic will be visiting Shuswap Band on **September 12, 13, 14**. They will help you screen and learn more about Diabetes, how to reduce its risks and complications, and how to live healthy and fight Diabetes. This service compliments your already existing health services. What you can expect at a visit: Visit with diabetes trained nurse, blood testing, recommendations for your diabetes, eye technician and physical exam. Please contact Shauna to book your appointment.

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

**Health Coordinator, Shauna Cameron (250) 341-3678 ext 1015 or  
health@shuswapband.net**

**Community Support Worker, Morgan Floesser (250) 341-3678 ext 1009 or  
mfloesser@shuswapband.net**

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## **TERRITORIAL LAND MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** **REPORT**

**Diana Cote**  
**Territorial Land Management Coordinator**  
**Territorial Office, Shuswap Band**

**Salmon Festival:** Scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. Territorial Staff are organizing the feast, Venue and Canoe Brigade. The KNC will be organizing the Horse Ceremony, Drummers, Dancers and Canoe Brigade.

We are looking for Volunteers for this event. We also need Youth/Young Adults to be part of the Canoe Paddle from lakeshore Campground to James Chabot Park. We have rented an eight person Canoe for this trip. Please contact Suzie if you would like to be a part of this Ceremony. 778-526-8115

**RDEK Advisory Committee:** I attended my first RDEK Advisory Committee meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Advisory Board is made up of First Nations and General Public representatives from Area G & F. We review the requests for permits and provide recommendation to the RDEK board.

**Toby Creek Adventures:** Have Scheduled a review and consultation tour with Toby Creek Adventures. Toby Creek Adventures had submitted a request to extend their permit area. We had requested a extension to review Cultural Heritage Values within his permit area. Our Tour will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> we will be touring on quads. If you are interested please call me.

**Columbia Valley Recreation Access Management:** Attended the Columbia Valley Recreation Access Management meeting. Interest Groups have been actively trying to develop a plan to manage recreation activities within our Territory. As the representative from Shuswap Band I reminded the group that section 35 states "Aboriginal Title and Right have been affirmed" and under no circumstances should a plan be developed without Shuswap Band's input.

**Canfor:** Met with Representatives from Canfor to develop a MOU, reviewed our Licences and discussed opportunities within their operation. I am requesting our fire wood be delivered as soon as possible to ensure Elders and Members are ready for winter season ahead of time. We are providing a review of the Forest Stewardship Plan on Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Open to all Membership

**Training and Trades:** Meeting with Gerri Brightwell, Regional Manger of Jobs, Tourism, Skills training and Labour, and College of the Rockies. Have had ongoing dialogue with Gerri on Shuswap Band Community needs. We are developing a strategy on funding and programs to offer the Membership.

**Canadian Mountain Holidays:** Canadian Mountain Holidays has offered a tour and employment overview of their operation on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The management will have Staff from each section of the business. Helicopter Pilot, Chef, Maintenance, Mountain Guides, Ski Guides etc. A BBQ lunch will be provided. We have 4 Staff available to transport to the Lodge. If you would like to attend please contact Myself (778-526-8116) or Morgan (250-341-3678)

**Graveyard:** I am seeking funding to support the extension and clean-up of the Graveyard.

**Water Conference:** The Water Conference that was scheduled for September 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to a later date due to the fires in the Kamloops area which has affected so many Communities. I will provide update as soon as I know more.

**Annual Allowable Cut Forestry:** Will be meeting with Rick Fraser from FLNR on September 13<sup>th</sup> to review the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) How they determine the apportionment, what it is and what to expect. How we can consult in the future with regards to the AAC. If you are interested in learning more please join us at the Operations boardroom.

**RDEK AOA:** The Regional District of East Kootenays submitted a grant application to the Real Estate foundation to support an AOA of the Regional District operating area. We will be meeting with Andrew McLeod, RDEK, Ktunaxa and Shuswap Staff to develop an overall plan on responsibilities for each group.

**Reconciliation Framework Agreement:** Due to the fires in Kamloops area the RFA was cancelled for this month.

We encourage Membership to drop into the Territorial Office at any time if you have any questions or concerns or comments.

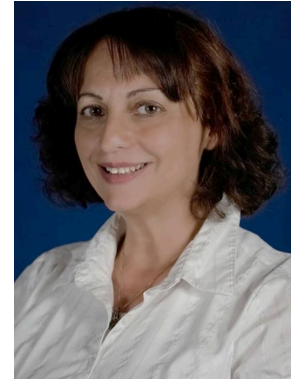
Thank you  
Diana Cote  
Territorial Lands Management Coordinator

## INTRODUCTIONS

**We would like to welcome both Clarissa Stevens, Taxation Assistant, Tais Lintz Education Coordinator and Wendy Rockafellow, Director of Operations to our team at the Shuswap Band Office.**



My name is Clarissa Stevens. I was born in Invermere and raised on Shuswap Reserve. I enjoy beading, harvesting roots and berries. Spending time with my family. I have one older brother and a younger sister and one son and two nieces. I enjoy travelling seeing different sights and places. I started working in Shuswap Indian band in July as a Taxation Assistant. This program deals with First Nation Property Taxes and basic bookkeeping and accounting. Knowledge of Word and Excel programs.



Tais Helena Lintz is our new Education and Employment Coordinator and she brings with her experience in both areas. She has worked as a Science teacher and coordinator, and as a school director and has experience working with First Nations. Tais has also worked as labour Adjustment Response Coordinator where she developed and coordinated the Rapid Response Project, which is a sector-wide strategy for responding to significant layoffs and plant closures in the London, Ontario region. She is eager and excited to start working in this role and be a part of the team at the Shuswap Band office.



Wendy Rockafellow grew up in Calgary and her family's farms south in the Alberta prairies, before her love of the mountains took her west. While living in Banff, Jasper and Canmore for 25 years she worked outdoors as much as possible as a Park Warden and Park Ranger, ski patrol, tree planter, climbing instructor and mountain and ski guide. For nearly 20 years she operated a mountain guiding company that hosted clients from all over the world, while raising three children and being active in sport and mountain adventure at every opportunity.

In 2007, Wendy completed her Master of Business Administration and at the same time pulled up stakes for northern BC, the Yukon, Sunshine Coast, working as an economic development and business development professional for the District of Vanderhoof, City of Prince George, the Business Development Bank, Community Futures and several First Nation communities, including the Gitksan, Sechelt, Ucluelet First Nation and Akisqnuq (as the Band Manager). Wendy's varied engagements through major economic stresses, like the pine beetle epidemic, the US housing crisis, and the global financial crisis, provide her with pragmatic and get-it-done tools to assist communities and organizations during change and growth, alike.

Wendy holds a Master of Business Administration from Royal Roads University, and six years of post-secondary education in biological and environmental science. Also, she is a certified fire fighter and emergency responder, and is currently a volunteer fire fighter with Windermere Fire and Rescue, which serves the Shuswap band lands. Wendy calls the Columbia Valley home, close to her mother who lives in Calgary, and not far from her three young adult children living in Prince George, Squamish and Cranbrook.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THAT ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER! From the Shuswap Band Calendar located in the band office:**

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dorothy Warbrick**  
**Sept 14 – Gage Martin**  
**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Pauline Paul**  
**Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Gordon Martin**  
**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – Katherine Stevens**  
**Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Whitney Pascal**  
**Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Rose Paul**



**SHUSWAP BAND CALENDAR**

**~ SEPTEMBER 2017 ~**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED: Labour Day</b>	5	6  <b>Massage in Health Centre</b>	7  <b>Food Box Pickup 12-3</b>	8  <b>CMH Bugaboo Lodge Tour</b>	9  <b>Salmon Festival</b>
10	11	12 <b>Seabird Diabetes Team</b>  <b>Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre</b>	13 <b>Seabird Diabetes Team</b>  <b>Massage in Health Centre</b>	14 <b>Seabird Diabetes Team</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20  <b>Social Assistance Payment</b>  <b>Massage in Health Centre</b>	21  <b>Foot Care in Health Centre</b>	22	23
24	25	26  <b>Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre</b>	27  <b>Massage in Health Centre</b>	28  <b>Band Meeting 5pm meal, 5:30 meeting begins</b>  <b>Food Box Pickup 12-3</b>	29	30  <b>Orange Shirt Day:</b>



**~ OCTOBER 2017 ~**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Massage in Health Centre	5	6	7
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED: Thanksgiving	10 Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre	11 Massage in Health Centre	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Massage in Health Centre	19 Food Box Pickup 12-3	20	21
22	23	24 Dr. Mannheimer in Health Centre	25 Social Assistance Payment Massage in Health Centre	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**October's calendar is tentative, please see updates on website calendar or in October newsletter.**