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Administration Update

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Important Dates

- *July 23rd-Election 9am-8pm*
- *July 25-Election 9am-8pm*

This newsletter is coming in a little later than planned. There has been so much going on behind the scenes that it is difficult to keep up with the revisions. As an administrative team, the day to day services and supports have carried on. In the background, the administrative team (Rhoda, Janet and myself) have worked extremely hard on Fire Response claims and Fire Recovery Claims over the last few months. Details aside, no less than a dozen meetings have been held in Vancouver, Nanaimo and Kamloops to ensure that the Bands interests are represented at various tables across the Province. I have slept in so many hotel rooms over the last few months that I had my first chiropractor visit (ever!).

Bone cracking aside, I am happy to report that the administrative team was instrumental in receiving almost 100% of the funds the Band expensed responding to last years fires. With a little extra help from Linda Smith and Duane Hink, we were able to put together the most comprehensive Recovery Plan seen by the Provincial Government. We are confident in our submission and believe that it provides extensive detail and easily validated. The recovery plan for Yunesit'in is an ongoing process and is still being negotiated. Fencing and the water treatment plant are very high on the recovery list and we recently received approval that improvements to our water system are going to be fully funded. You might see Don Mackinnon walking around the community identifying water resources.

We received funding for a number of summer student positions and have been pro-active seeking acceptable candidates. Parents have been calling with the "what about my kid" line, but there has been a process and positions were posted no less than three times with very specific application deadlines. We have accepted late resumes, but these resumes are only being considered once the applicants who applied prior to the deadline are interviewed. Students must be able to prove that they are returning to school in the fall in order to be eligible.

Solid waste management as a program has received funding. Yunesit'in has accessed funding for a garbage truck and a recycling truck as well as funding to support operators of these two vehicles. The funding support that has been accessed will "decommission" all of the dump sites in the community, and remove all of the old cars. AS a community, we will then migrate toward a weekly curbside pickup for garbage and recycling. This is an exciting event for the community and should go along way towards helping all of us do a better job managing our waste and helping make the community more attractive along the way.

Speaking of waste, Yunesit'in insures all of the properties in the community. Our insurer is implied that the derelict vehicles pose a hazard and could possibly void the insurance on a specific property. We will be sending summer students around door to door to enquire about the possibility of removing some of the unwanted vehicles from yards.

The daycare site plan has been approved. This long-awaited building will be constructed next to the playground and will provide easy access, parking and access to the school gym as needed. This is an exciting project and will provide the community with new infrastructure to better meet the needs of children and families.

Yunesit'in Development Enterprise recently held a strategic planning session. All YDE employees (past and present) were invited to this session. The results to date have included the completion of 3 BC Forest Safety Council modules. All employees were invited to participate in workshops on Leadership, Safety and Communication. A committee of YDE employees have agreed to participate in a policy development session which will take place in the fall. Fencing should probably be talked about at this point in the newsletter as it impacts a number of YDE employees as well as others who might want to go fencing. At present, we are negotiating for approximately 62 kilometers of burnt fence. We are hopeful that we will be getting a positive response to this claim prior to the end of August.

Stray dogs have become an issue once again. A notice will be going door to door with some advance warning as to the Band's intentions. The Band is hopeful that individual dog owners accept some responsibility for keeping their dogs under control. It may not seem like an issue however we have had a couple of dog fights where small children have been caught in the middle. While this notice will be landing on doorsteps, summer students will also be going door to door to make enquiries about "Community Assets".

Yunesit'in is proposing to do an asset map which would include documenting the skills of each household member. Knowing who has a driver's license and who might have an insured vehicle proved to be important information that we did not have during the fires. To better prepare us to respond to emergencies we are hoping to put together a data base of these "assets".

A quick thank you to all of the community members who came out to help Search and Rescue in their efforts to locate Inez Myers. Search and Rescue was very impressed with the turn-out, the amount of local knowledge and our ability to organize and mobilize community members. Thanks again everyone!

The Administrative Team

Nits'il'in Report—Russel Myers Ross

Since January, looking back, it has been a mixed experience of hardships, celebrations and desperation to keep up with programs and reporting. From my end, the event around the Exoneration of our Tsilhqot'in war leaders was memorable, the celebration of our community gym, the movement towards finalizing the solar farm and the communications for the Dasiqox Tribal Park were highlights. In addition, the work from the Language Revitalization initiatives, Cumulative Effects negotiations, and Comprehensive Community Planning have been very important projects. There is still emerging economic work that is progressing, including the Bed & Breakfast, Gas Station, investment opportunities and strategic planning. The summer will likely be just as busy with the election, gatherings and events – and I am hoping to spend a bit more time with my family fishing, berry picking, and camping.

A. Exoneration of War Leaders

The event held on March 26, 2018 was special. Although, it is incomplete until the Federal Government is able to come to the Tsilhqot'in territory and deliver the message to our Nation. That was our expectation when meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The lead up to this event did not happen overnight. There was an expectation that the Federal Government would engage with the Tsilhqot'in similar to the Province when Aboriginal Title was affirmed in the Supreme Court of Canada decision, on June 26, 2014. The Conservative government at the time did not have any appetite to consider such a gesture. The new Liberal government took a fairly long time to respond, but once the notice came that the Tsilhqot'in would be received, there was not much time to prepare.

Preparations were made from scouting Ottawa and the expectations, customs and procedures of the event. There was also tremendous care put into customizing the outfits. Chief Otis Guichon's wife developed the leather vests. The colours black and red were chosen to symbolize death and life, respectfully. In the House of Commons, you may have noticed the Nits'il'in changing the vests inside out to portray the end of the era.
It may feel different for every individual Tsilhqot'in, but I hope that in an environment that we can finally speak truth, we can remove the fear and mistrust that we held since the 1864 hangings. It does not mean forgiveness is granted. There is so much work to be done considering governments have chosen a deliberate path of denial for so long. I could not help but think, while sitting among all the people in the House of Commons, of all the hardships and abuse Nenqayni have had to suffer and endure. We were there for our ancestors and for those leaders that paid sacrifice so we as Tsilhqot'in would survive. Yet, I can only hope that this gesture of exoneration, an acceptance of truth, can lead to similar events that give space for our collective healing, acknowledging the compounded traumas, and allow these moments to give shape to our emerging narrative or aspiration for self-determination.

Nits'il'in Report—Russel Myers Ross

B. Esgul Gym Grand Opening

On April 24, 2018, the community was able to celebrate the opening of our gym. It took more than five years to get to this point. It actually started by musing Dave Kitazaki and Andy Mill of David Nairne and Associates to consider building a gym as their next project, while celebrating the opening of the Health building, November 2, 2012. It took time conceptually and ensuring the finances were in place. It took more time because we wanted to maintain the vision of our own workers developing the building, similar to what late Ivor Myers and company did when originally building the school. It meant slowing down to build the duplex and adding a training component. Gabe and Rosalie became the leads on the project, often meeting by tele-conference every month to ensure everything was on schedule. It was a topic almost every Council meeting to ensure solid communication and to trouble-shoot problems. The challenges were never severe, and probably the largest delay was the 2017 wildfires, which displaced the children from their school for a few months. Overall, I am glad that so many people participated from our community in the construction and the grand opening, and also have an enthusiasm for the potential sports and gatherings that can take place in the gym.

C. Solar Farm

The big update on the Solar Farm is to announce that ***it is happening***. BC Hydro committed, in March, to offer an Energy Purchase Agreement. Although funding grants committed $1.7 million of the $2.6 million project, it still was not clear until March that we would receive an offer. The Energy Purchase Agreement will likely be offered for 25 years, in which the Tsilhqot'in communities should benefit from the revenue. While the project is under the Tsilhqot'in National Government, Yunesit'in has been a lead contributor in working with Michel de Spot of Ecosmart to get through the pre-feasibility (2014) and feasibility (2015-2016) stages, including leadership to continue the course over the past two years in finalizing an agreement with BC Hydro. Construction should start by the end of the summer and there will be local jobs and a training component to involve the Tsilhqot'in communities in this project.

D. Dasiqox Tribal Park

Plenty of work is underway and we have probably not had this much momentum before in securing projects and funding. Thanks to Jenna Dunsby and Jonaki Bhattacharyya, the team is able to focus on implementing some of the earlier and recent goals and strategies outlined by community members from Xeni Gwet'in and Yunesit'in. To highlight some of the activities taking place:

a. A new website and facebook page is established.
b. The Vision document is now out for public review.
c. Funding was retained to continue communications in other Tsilhqot'in communities and Williams Lake so people become more familiar with what we are doing.
d. Continuing to work on political and financial end to develop a Guardianship type of program to get members on-the-ground.
e. Outreach strategy to Universities for added support is being initiated by Dawn Hoogeveen.
f. William Nikolakis is actively working with us on proposals to link active Fire Management programs with carbon initiatives.
g. Preliminary information session occurred with BC negotiating team to describe the community vision of the Dasiqox Tribal Park.
h. Funding was secured to address healing through the National Indian Brotherhood.
i. Timber Supply Review and meeting with the Chief Forester may provide a chance to address forestry concerns.

E. Comprehensive Community Planning

The Comprehensive Community Plan is underway. Bonnie Myers and Chio Alphonse were retained as coordinators. To date, there have been preliminary meetings covering topics such as: education, lands, housing and economy. Leanna Milburn from Castlemain is assisting by preparing our team behind the scenes and is contributing in writing as we are able to produce the notes. It is anticipated that the work will continue into the third phase of funding. So far, topics covered in a preliminary way include: housing, lands, education and I encourage anyone to participate in the meetings or contact Bonnie to talk about the plan.

Nits'il'in Report—Russel Myers Ross

F. Cumulative Effects

Since 2016, Yunesit'in, Xeni Gwet'in and Tl'esqox have been exploring the Cumulative Effects framework. Cathy Scott-May has led the technical side in producing documents to lend a stage by stage approach with the Province. As a reminder, the BC government had started work on Cumulative Effects, focusing on the Assessment of values, but had not made efforts to involve First Nations. Our approach was to intervene on some level and build a record to explore what it would look like if the Tsilhqot'in were included. While the work itself includes developing values around our perspective on water, wildlife, and enjoyment, the objectives require tangible indicators. Meaning, that if we are focused on moose, then we need data and community input on moose. At this stage, the three Tsilhqot'in communities are exploring this as a pilot project and trying to figure out how it would work, how it would be used, how the decision-making process would be informed. We will pitch to the Province to continue exploring this over multiple years. The project has gained momentum as we received a three year SHRCC grant to allow Kevin Hannah direct three PhD students to assist. At Yunesit'in, Dide Quilt was retained to train under Cathy on gathering community perspectives on the work thus far. Because Yunesit'in is not part of the Strategic Engagement Agreement, or Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement, it is our best effort at exploring how to engage in an alternative process.

G. Language Revitalization

Yunesit'in had two programs funded by First Peoples Cultural Council this past year: the Language Nest and a Mentorship program. Paula Laita was able to continue assisting the community, although retained by Scout Island as an employee.

The Language Nest just wrapped up in April. Selina Myers, Annie Myers and Dinah Haines contributed to keep the Language Nest open for children aged 2-5. The program exposed young children to Nenqayni Chi, our Elders and culture.

The Mentorship program involved two pairs of mentors and trainees. It was modelled similar to the Master Apprentice program where a mentor would spend time with a younger trainee and use immersion and other techniques to share the language. Filly Brigham and Joann Setah were paired together and contributed at the school and Language Nest. Meanwhile, Lyndsey Bobby started later but worked primarily with Maria Myers on a weekly basis to learn the basics and words around daily living.

The BC Language Initiative and Aboriginal Language Initiative were proposals recently submitted to First Peoples Cultural Council, based on priorities set by the Language Revitalization Plan.

H. Economic Projects

a. Gas Station: The Gas Station feasibility study was completed in January and Yunesit'in has since moved on to the Business Plan. For now, all is contingent on location. A decision will need to be made on moving forward with a project for this year or next year. It will be based on how to finance the project and whether to go through the land designation process, which could be several months. Jay Savage will be in the community to present the final (draft) version of the Business Plan.

b. Bed & Breakfast: The Legacy Tourism Group finalized the Business Plan for the Bed & Breakfast. The Business Plan shows feasibility and growth as a tourism market is developed, but for now, the concept was to focus on all the workers, consultants and visitors that come to Yunesit'in on business. DK Architecture will be finalizing the design within the month. Financing will be considered as well. Talking with Azadeh from BMO, a loan would look promising because the house could be turned into a rental home (and the mortgage could still be paid) if the business fell through.

c. Economic Planning: Marie Beck continues to work on updating our Economic Development Plan. Having had one preliminary meeting, the community has made some input on opportunities and priorities. In addition, Michelle Corfield will be working with the community to scope out opportunities related to tourism.

With Respect,

Russell Myers Ross

Forest to Frame Update

Thank You, Everyone, For Everything!

Natalie A. Swift, Forestry Project Coordinator

Yunesit'in Forest to Frame sawmill operations continued at the Toosey Old School Training & Recreation Complex throughout this winter and spring. During this time, trainees refined their skills while cutting product for clients, resulting in over 50 000 board feet of product being cut since operations resumed after the winter holidays. This includes product that has been used to make bookcases for the school, the bench in front of the new gym, and a large inventory of 1-inch boards and 8x8 timbers for sale to contractors working on projects in the community.

The crew further developed their knowledge and skill in the wood products sector via a week-long field trip that included a visit to the UBC campus in Vancouver and training at Harrop-Procter Forest Products. During the visit to UBC, the crew participated in a tour of the Centre for Advanced Wood Processing (CAWP), learned about the Ch'nook Indigenous Business Education Program, and visited FPInnovations – a research organization that, among other activities, supports Indigenous communities in pursuing initiatives related to forestry and wood products. One of the highlights of the visit was when Marian Hink delivered her portion of a presentation about the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame initiative to a packed room at the UBC Faculty of Forestry!

It was during the training program at Harrop-Procter Forest Products that Anthony Billyboy, Jensen Setah, and Kevin Billyboy had the opportunity to operate equipment that the Yunesit'in Government intends to purchase for the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame wood products business, such as tools to sharpen sawmill blades, an edger, and a moulder.

On Thursday, April 26th, a Yunesit'in Forest to Frame crew and partner recognition event was hosted at the Old School Training & Recreation Complex to celebrate the culmination of this year's training program. This event included a tour of the business' operations; a lunch and presentation celebrating the initiative's accomplishments; speeches to recognize the contributions of those involved; and a tour of the Yunesit'in community. In addition to Gabe Pukacz and the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame crew, representatives were in attendance from the Natural Resources Canada Indigenous Forestry Initiative, Tolko Industries Ltd, Ecotrust Canada, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Aboriginal Training and Employment Centre, and the Old School Training & Recreation Complex.

This initiative has achieved so much through the combined efforts of the above individuals and agencies, along with many others that have provided assistance behind the scenes. Over the past year, these efforts have contributed to the delivery of a sawmill training program, an updated business plan, and communications deliverables. With the completion of these deliverables, my contract to provide services associated with this initiative is coming to a close and I will be moving on to other things, with the completion of my Masters degree being a top priority! Considering this, please contact Gabe Pukacz if you have any questions regarding the plan for the business moving forward.

It has been an absolute privilege to provide support to the Yunesit'in Government in pursuing their vision for the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame wood products business. I am so impressed with everyone that has worked at the sawmill and grateful for the hospitality, encouragement, and support that your community has provided. Thank you, everyone, for everything!

Forest to Frame Update

Working Together

Marian Hink, Trainee

I joined the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame crew in January to receive communications training, but also ended up learning about business management from Natalie. She has done an amazing job with the business and we have learned a lot from her in our own different ways. Working together as a team is one of the things we learned, which I think is really important, because what's a business without an excellent team?

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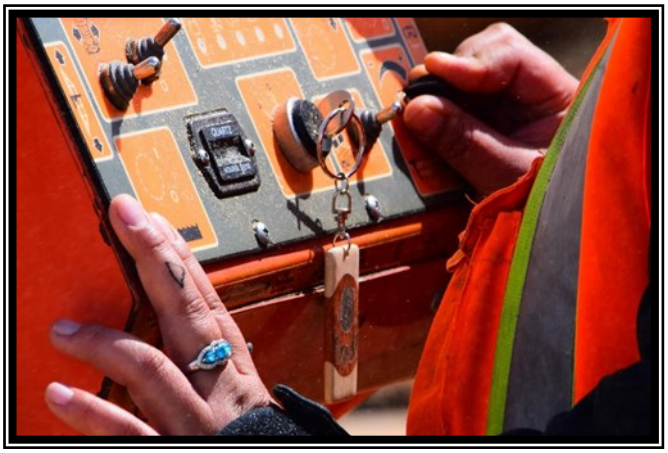
The crew trip was one of the highlights of my experience. When we were in Vancouver, myself, Rami, and Natalie did a presentation at the UBC Faculty of Forestry. During this presentation, I told the audience about our community, the projects we've been working on, and the success we have accomplished. The following week, we went to Harrop-Procter Forest Products to check out one of the most successful small-scale community-owned sawmill businesses in Canada, which was managed by Rami – what an amazing experience!

As a crew, we have accomplished so much while operating the business, not just in terms of knowledge, skills, and experience, but also in terms of developing relationships. We are so grateful for everyone that has provided us encouragement and support.

Sechanalyagh!

Above: Kevin and Anthony Billyboy listening to an instructor during the training provided at Harrop-Procter Forest Products. Photo credit: Natalie A.



Left: This photo of Marian Hink operating the Yunesit'in Forest to Frame sawmill is featured as the "October" photo of the 2018 calendar published by Ecotrust Canada.

Photo credit: James Smith.

Mrs. Setah (Jessica) Update

Hello everyone,

I have attached my report for the school and my council activities in this community newsletter. Time is flying by and I can't believe we are already into May. We are winding down on our school programs, preparing for fieldtrips and workshops for the next month and a half. We are preparing for our final testing and getting ready for report cards. Reports are due for the school and I am busy with that.

As for my council activities, I am very much involved with the work. The council have a communications page for Facebook, we are always on the same page on our daily activities and anything that needs immediate attention. We are quick to have a phone call if need be. On Wednesday's is a day that all the council work together on planning for programs or meet on certain work-plans or issues. Every third Wednesday of the month we have our Council meetings. Most Fridays are scheduled for my council duties. I usually attend meetings on these days or I have paper-work/e-mails/reading. I am happy to report that I feel that I have done a good job with my two portfolios (education and Lands). However, even though council have portfolios, we provide each other with support in our programs. I have been very involved with the community comprehensive planning with our community members, I have assisted Russel and Dedee with the Accumulative Effects work. I am a part of the Dasiqox Tribal park team. I have attended many meetings/planning on this initiative. I have been involved with the community planning around the Dasiqox Tribal Park and helped plan in the Grand-opening event at Teztan Biny. I sit on the Punky Lake board. I have learned a lot about their programs for the youth and adults. They bring training and workshops on Re-storative Justice, life skills, girl power, culture programs, archery (they came in October to teach our students), rifle safety (TNG did this training), ski programs, soccer clinics, hockey camps, and horse camps, and they have the Work to Give Program. The Work to Give program donates to our members. The community members receive items from incarcerated members that are in prison, the men make items that is requested by the community members, then Punky Lake will do up the inventory and put the order in. Rhoda Petal does the pick-up and this is where the community members are invited to come to the health clinic to pick up what the materials that are needed. This program is very important because the people that are in prison are giving back to the people/communities and they are learning new skills on how to build small pro-jects. The Work To Give program is a program to help the men to better themselves and to learn skills.

I will start with Yunesit'in School updates then you will see my council updates from my calendar.

Second Bench Marking Testing

I am happy to announce that the teachers have completed their benchmarking with all the students. The students that were away sick will still get benchmarked. This is a progress report that measures student progress in September-February. This testing tells us teacher if the students have growth in their learning. I am proud of our students because I have seen progress.

FNESC Interim Report due completed our interim report for the special education report.

February 8, 2017 Tribal Park presentation

The students were not in school session due to weather conditions and they missed out on this opportunity. We will be rescheduling at another time to learn about Teztan Biny Tribal Park.

February 19, 2018, Moved back into school

The school staff and students moved back into the school. The students helped us move and clean the school. The school has no phone or internet for a week. Thank you to the parents/guardian for having patience and being understanding.

School opens at 8:00 a.m.

I want to let parents know that school staff arrive at 8:00 a.m. This is the arrival time that is agreed upon in their contracts. Please do not send your child before this time. Students arrival can be from 8:00-8:30. Students can access the breakfast program from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Classes are in session at 8:30. I want parents/guardians to know be-cause this is a safety concern and we want students to be safe/warm and we don't want them to be waiting outside.

February 26, 2018

The Principle (Jessica) went to the meeting in Vancouver. We are negotiation our community education agreement (LEA). Rosalie and I had a community meeting that fol-lowing Wednesday on February 28, 2018 with the members to find out what do the people want for their children/students. We talked about where we are now, what were the challenges, and where do we want in our LEA. This was the first meeting on the LEA. We will have more. Bonnie/Chiotin, Russel and I will be hosting a meeting in Williams Lake for off-reserve members and students to get feedback from them on April 17, 2018.

February 26, 2018

Leonard Stanly came out to do psych education assessments on approved students and he will be coming back in early fall. This will provide supports for the students in their learning. The teachers will be getting professional development on how to carry out the work plan.

February 28, 2018

Chris Rowan (Occupational Therapist)

She assessed a few of our students. She provided the school with some tips on how to work with children. She showed some of the staff how to get kids to work in their learning zone using exercise. She did testing on approved students to show the teachers where to work with the children in areas that needs support.

February 29, 2018

I went to Vancouver to get Professional Learning Community training for my principal position. This occurs three times out of the year. My next training is in May 2018.

Mrs. Setah (Jessica) Update

Gym Grand Opening

The gym grand opening will be a community celebration on April 24, 2018. We have help with the planning. Chief Russel Myers, myself, Bonnie Myers and Chiotin. We welcome any ideas.

Head start Program

Bonnie LaBounty (Healthy Children Specialist) and Lynn Bomford (FNHA) stated that there will be a call for Head Start funding. They talked to us about programs that we can offer. Yunesit'in can create their own program and where we want the focus of learning to be. They told us that they will be funding communities that are the readiest. We will apply for this opportunity. We have a new daycare facility coming and in the meantime we still have the current one were using to run our Language Nest Program. There will be research required on our part to get our ducks in the row. This organization will be coming into our community to do a workshop to show us how to apply for funding and to assess if we have all our resources/facility/other.

Denisiqi

Denisiqi comes out every Wednesday's and has recently had a changeover on staff. They have notified us that Thursday's works better for them and we accommodated that schedule. They work with our students on health/career.

Grant Funding Opportunity

I applied for the Earth Day Grant which focuses on environmental awareness and activities around taking care of the earth, community clean-up, and how to save energy. We are successful applicants and we received $5000.00. The students will be learning how to make a plant bed with carpenters showing them how to make them. I am grateful that the Band is helping out with this process as an in-kind to make this project work. They will be providing us wood from our mill, carpenters, they will be showing our students how to make plant beds. Our students will be planting seeds. We will be working on a small compose to teach our students how to dispose of waste food. The students will be able to plant seeds in our community garden/green house. Joanne Setah will be doing an Earth Day art activity. Dinah Setah has taught a cooking class and they cooked Earth Day soup, the students will be participating in a scavenger hunt. The school will be purchasing recycle bins. February 20, 2018, Mary Forbes from Williams Lake came to the school and did a presentation on waste management and invasive plants.

I have applied for another $2000.00 for healthy eating and sports. We are waiting on approval.

I wrote a proposal for computers/laptop/iPad. We are waiting on approval.

I have applied for the Science/Career fair proposal for $5000 but we got denied.

March 5 &6

Chiotin Alphonse and Charlene Brigham went to Vancouver for professional development. They took training on our Reading Mastery Program.

March 14, 2018

The student went to the movies in Williams Lake and they had lunch with Denisiqi. I would like to thank Ashley Quilt (Youth Worker) for funding half of this fieldtrip and being a chaperone. The trip was a success. School closed for two-weeks and re-opened on April 03, 2018. During Spring Break, I had some reporting but otherwise was able to have a restful spring break.

April 24, 2018

Grand Opening was a success. The Chief and council helped with the planning and budgeting. Russel and I asked the Community Comprehensive Planning crew (Bonnie and Chiotin) to help us organize the event. We had Merle, Becky, Aaron and Rachael set-up our gym with tables, chairs and they assisted with the stage. I was impressed with most of the main guest showing up which is our community members, students, and the people who helped with funds to build the gym. The cooks did an amazing job. The speeches were great. The band sang amazing songs. The students enjoyed the stations and hoop games. I was impressed because the students are natural architects and they built interesting towers/buildings with the materials given. Prizes were awarded for 1, 2 and 3rd place.

Calendar updates:

I attend Chief strategy meetings in Williams Lake when I can. I enjoy being a part of the Chief and Council every third Wednesdays of the month. The council has put aside every Wednesday to work with each other on projects and planning. On Fridays, I attend meetings such as Accumulative Affects, Dasiqox Tribal Park, Punky Lake and Community Comprehensive Planning meetings, these meetings fluctuate and are not every Friday. If any of these meetings are not happening, I attend to stuff that I need to do for my work.

January 17, 2018 Chief and Council Meeting

January 19, 2018, Dasiqox Tribal Park meeting

January 22, 2018, Community Engagement Discussion teleconference from 1-2:30

January 23, 2018 Growth Plan report due (FNESC)

January 24, 2018, Council working together. Russel and I met with Cathy and Dedee Quilt (Accumulative Affects assistant).

January 25, 2018, Constable Yannick came to the school and did a workshop on alcohol and drugs.

Mrs. Setah (Jessica) Update

January 26, 2018, Accumulative Affects Follow-up meeting with Cathy (Consultant). I went to the Punky Lake Board Meeting

January 29, 2018, Community Engagement Call-in with Graham (TNG)

January 30, School Bully activity with the health nurse. The students decorated anti-bullying shirts. The council, including myself attended the Mix farming plan, inland steelhead fish farm, district heating system, NRCAN Energy proposal, Micro-Hydro, and lettuce farm.

February 02, 2018, FNESC Interim report due- I completed it.

February 5-8, Becky Quilt and Jonaki worked on the Dasiqox Tribal Park planning/mapping/meetings with members.

February 08, 2018, Robert LeBlank (Inac Economic Development Office) meeting 1-2:00 at the Green House.

February 13, 2018, Community Engagement luncheon. TNG hosted.

February 14, CPP with community members at the band office. This was a general one.

February 16, 2018, NRT Advisor-Michell Cornfield meeting from 9am-12:00.

February 20, 2018, Waste Management meeting from 10-12:00 with Emily Chu. Dwayne, myself, Casey and Brenda attended at the school.

February 21, 2018, Chief and Council meeting, mobile clinic at the band office.

February 22, 2018, General Assembly, Chris Rowan had a workshop for Occupational Therapy.

February 26, 2018, Vancouver (LEA) I was in Vancouver to learn about what we need for our student's education agreement and what are those gaps. We already had one two education Community Comprehensive meetings, one in the community and one in Williams Lake with our off-reserve members/students. We got feedback on how we can strengthen our LEA. We hired a consultant (Starleigh). Our education agreement is still in progress.

February 28, 2018, Principal Learning Community in Vancouver. This is where I get training/coaching from my regional coach on how to improve my skill/performance as a principal. We look at student data and we get professionals that come in to do speeches for our professional growth.

March 02, 2018, Cathy and Dedee (Accumulative Affects meeting) in Williams Lake

March 06, 2018, TNG Fisheries forum-Toosey gym (Earl) went

March 08-09, 2018, Elisha Elliot, she did a workshop in the school with all the classes, and on Friday, she did a workshop on language emersion and provided materials/ideas. I organized the event.

March 14, 2018, Community comprehensive planning: Rosalie and I facilitated the education meeting. Chio and Bonnie assisted.

March 20, 2018, Community Comprehensive Planning at the health center

March 21, 2018, Council meeting and we had sub-table manager Graham as a guest.

March 26, 2018, I wrote the Circe of Wellbeing Grant. Cherilyn Stump and I went to Kamloops for special education training (Behavior).

March 27 and 28, Jackson had a housing community comprehensive planning meeting. I attended on March 28, 2018. TNG cancelled community engagement dinner.

April 14, 2018, Triparty Wildfire Agreement (Chiefs attended) Community will review the agreement in the near future for feedback.

April 17, 2018, Waste management meeting 11-2:00 with Emily Chu. Dwayne, me, Casey and Brenda attended.

April 18, 2018, Council meeting

April 20, 2018, prepare/shop for grand opening

April 24, 2018, GRAND OPENING J

April 26, 2018, I attended a meeting in the evening in Williams Lake for negotiations meeting after 5pm

April 27, 2018, Punky Lake strategy meeting and planning for the next five years with approximately 11 goals to accomplish. We planned for Restorative Justice planning, youth, programs and other.

May 01, 2018, Punky Lake came to the school and did a workshop on painting

May 02, 2018, I worked at the health clinic, I sat with Chief Russel, Bonnie and Chiotin and we had a teleconference call with Leanne for Community comprehensive planning on the steps moving forward.

Here is my report from January – May 2018. Enjoy the rest of May J If you have any questions, please ask me anything. I am proud of all the things we have accomplished this year ;)

Jessica Setah-Alphonse (Council)

Ashley Quilt—Youth Worker

Good morning Yunesitin,

I have been in my position as a youth worker since Oct 2017. I am sure enjoying my job and the youth of Yunesitin. Once a month I accompany our Education Coordinator, Rosalie to see the Highschool students in Williams Lake.

During the first week of Spring break I attended Gathering Our Voices Youth Conference with 3 other chaperones and 12 youth from Yunesitin, in Richmond BC. Was a week full of fun and educational activities and travelling for all Chaperones and Youth who attended. Out of the 12 youth who attended 9 have never gone before. Also had a visit with Greg Quilt with all 12 youth and 4 chaperones and our driver Ralphie.

Other activities I have done with the youth are, Youth Summit held at Anaham Gym Dec 3,2017. Family day events on Feb 12,2018 with Jessica Doerner. Youth Day Symposium featuring Don Burnstick and Beka Solo in Williams Lake Feb 16,2018 with a van full of youth. Drum making workshop where we made 26 drums on March 26,2018. Also to follow a Easter egg hunt and Indian bingo for youth held at the community hall.

I would like to thank all the surrounding communities and organizations for allowing me to bring youth from the community to any Events and workshops. Also all Chief and Counsel, and band staff for all the hard work and volunteering to make all of these activities possible for our future leaders.

Ashley Quilt
Youth Worker

Social Development

What I've been doing since the wildfire last summer;
Got behind on my work, trying to catch up on my reports and files. Not much to report on, my job is confidential. Thanks to our new premier, SA rates went up last October 2017 by $100 for all SA client's, PWD client rates went up twice, first raise in the 30 years I've been working in social assistance. Clients reminding you again to bring in, up to date identifications, tax assessment, and child tax benefit assessment for each year. When DIA does a file review, and ID's are not on file or not up to date, they will tell me to recover.
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enclosed is for your information from policy manual.

Tillie Harry,
Social Development Worker.

Housing Portfolio

Abenanes!! Spring has finally arrived and with the warmer weather you will notice that there are construction crews repairing and renovating the 10 houses that were part of INAC's Budget 2016 application. We will also be applying for 10 renovations (the maximum number we can apply to INAC for per application group) to address mould problems and hope that we are approved to start those renovations this summer.

House inspections have started and members can expect to be contacted by the housing department over the next couple of months to set up an appointment to have your house inspected. Along with the inspections we will also be getting all tenants to sign their annual rental agreement.

All community members should have had their wood stoves inspected by now and if you have not, please contact the Housing Assistant Christine Haller. All of the repairs and replacements of the wood stoves will be completed before the end of summer.

I've included a housing survey that I'd like **all** Yunesit'in band members over the age of 18 to fill out, this includes band members who are currently living off-reserve. If you prefer you can also come into the band office and get a housing survey from reception. Completed housing surveys should be dropped off at the band office or emailed to Christine Haller: housingassistant@yunesitin.ca

If you're wishing to apply for **new** housing please come into the band office and fill out an application or request one to be emailed or mailed to you. All housing applications are valid for only one year and must be renewed every year.

I've also included a spring home maintenance checklist that members can refer to when they start their spring cleaning.

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Jackson Crick

Housing Coordinator

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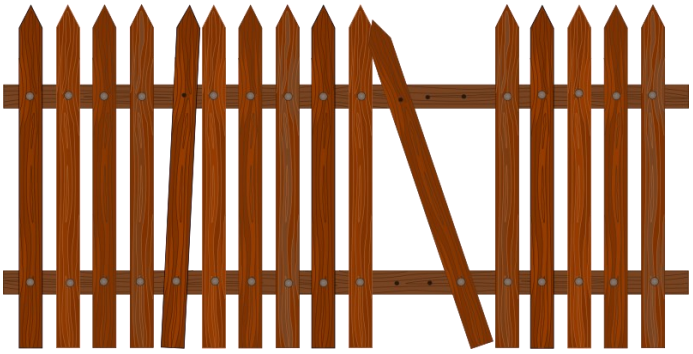
Spring/Summer 2018



The YDE crews had a slow start to the year due to snow, but things are picking up. The fencing crew is busy working to repair fences and corals that were damaged during last year's fires. Wire range fences located along the reserve boundaries are next on the list, this is going to be a two year project due to the amount of fence that needs to be re-built.

Harvesting of the burnt Douglas-fir on Stone IR # 1 has started, approximately 240ha will be logged. The larger diameter trees are going to West Fraser and the smaller trees are going to Tolko. YDE worked with Tolko/West Fraser and the harvesting licensees to have Stone Community members working on the machines, Maurice Hink was chosen to work with HyTest Timber and Dion Haller was chosen to work with Al Contracting running processor.

Silviculture activities for these harvested areas is scheduled for 2019/20 and the following tree species will be planted, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Douglas-fir. The Stone community will be planting approximately 40ha, the remaining area will be planted by a contractor.

The YDE silviculture crew is back to work, they have been busy with mistletoe and juvenile spacing contracts with West Fraser/Tolko/BCTS and the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Recourse Operations. The crew is currently working on the Military Reserve North of Toosey alongside the Anaham and Toosey crews.

Last but not least, the YDE harvesting crew is moving to the 900 Rd to harvested burnt oversized Douglas-fir, which is being sent to Toosey for their bridge building program.

FOR SALE!

ORGANIC COFFEE FOR SALE

Medium and Dark Roast **ground**

Medium Roast **beans**

$15 each

Contact Band Office to purchase

Cafe Justicia is a delicious organic "fair trade plus" coffee grown by Mayan communities in the hillsides above Lake Atitlan in Guatemala.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 STI Awareness Workshop Band Office Starts at 1pm	13 OFF	14
15	16 Office/Youth Center Williams Lake 8am-430pm	17 Youth Center 1pm-3pm 7pm-930pm Gym Night 3pm-7pm	18 Lehal at the youth center starts at 5pm-930pm (1pm-930pm)	19 Trail Building 8am-430pm Lunch Provided	20 Trail Building 8am-430pm Lunch Provided	21
22	23 Office/Youth Center 8am-430pm	24 Horse Camp 8am-430pm	25 Horse Camp 8am-430pm	26 Horse Camp 8am-430pm	27 OFF	28
29	30 Wellness Camp Fletcher Lake 8am-430pm	31 Wellness Camp Fletcher Lake 8am-430pm				

PLEASE NOTE THERE MAY BE SOME CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE FOR WORKSHOPS OR ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

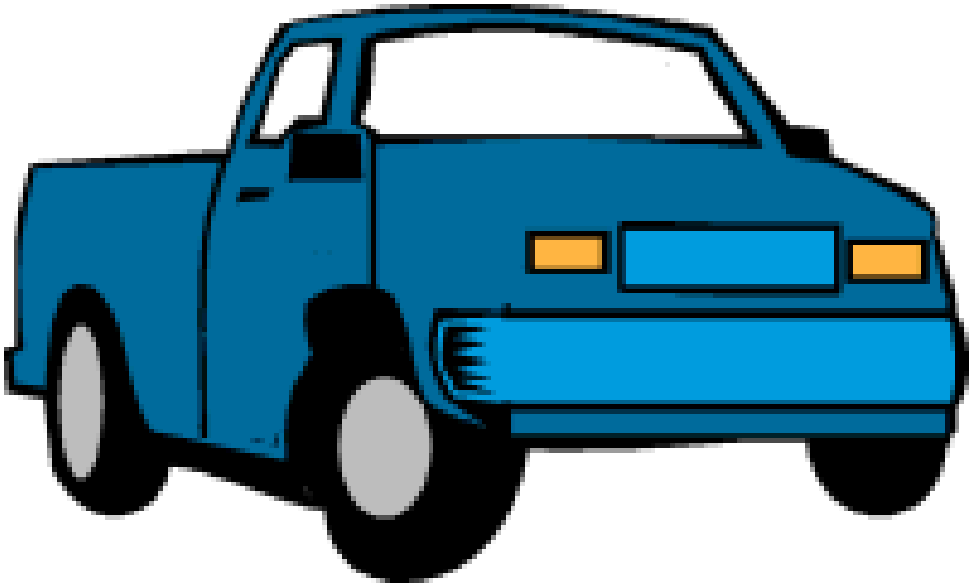
August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wellness Camp Fletcher Lake 8am-430pm	2 Wellness Camp Fletcher Lake 8am-430pm	3 OFF	4
5	6 Civic Holiday STAT	7 Anaham Mtg 1pm-3pm Gym Night 3pm-930pm	8 Lehal at youth center starts at 5pm-930pm (1pm-5pm)	9 Youth Center 1pm-930pm Movie & popcorn Starts at 5pm	10 OFF	11
12	13 Office/Youth Center Williams Lake 8am-430	14 Youth Center 1pm-3pm 7pm-930pm Gym Night	15 Elements of Success Punky Lake Wilderness	16 Elements of Success Punky Lake Wilderness	17 Elements of Success Punky Lake Wilderness	18
19	20 Office/Youth Center 8am-430pm	21 Nation Gathering Siwash 10am-630pm	22 Nation Gathering Siwash 10am-630pm	23 Nation Gathering Siwash 10am-630pm	24 OFF	25
26	27 Office/Youth Center 8am-430pm	28 Youth Center 1pm-930pm	29 Youth Center 1pm-930pm	30 Pizza & Movie night Williams Lake (2pm-1030pm)	31	

2006 Blue
Ford F250

The Yunesit'in Band is accepting bids for the truck sitting in front of the Band Office

Minimum bid is $100.00



Sealed bids must be submitted before 4:30 on July 26th.