



RIVERBOAT DAYS 2009

Terrace will once again be a bustling centre of activities and events all beginning this weekend. Starting July 31st through until August 10th, Riverboat Days celebrations will be the main attraction for locals and tourists alike. The opening ceremonies will take place on Friday July 31st at George Little Memorial Park at 7pm. Come out to appreciate a wide range of musical talent and also the introduction of this year’s Captain and Queen.

There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy, from the Riverboat Days Parade, Concerts in the Park, the Kitsumkalum Salmon BBQ, Drag Racing and much much more! For a full list of daily events check out the pull out from the Terrace Standard or visit: www.riverboatdays.ca

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

July 31st - August 9th 2009 | Terrace Riverboat Days 2009

This celebration is one full week of various activities, events, contests and FUN. This annual event promotes the culture, history and natural beauty which surrounds the Terrace Area. Be sure to take part in the festivities! For more information visit: <http://www.riverboatdays.ca/>

August 1st 2009 | House of Carvers Grand Opening

Starting at 4pm and Ribbon Cutting at 6pm, George McKay, Henry Kelly, Titus Auckland and Jacqueline McNeil will officially celebrate the Grand Opening of the House of Carvers, located at 4613 Lazelle Avenue. Come to celebrate and show support for this exciting new venture.

August 8th | Ali Howard arrives at the Kitselas Canyon

Swimming the length of the Skeena River from Headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, Ali will arrive in Kitselas at approx. 4:30pm. Show support for her and her cause. Also visit: www.skeenawatershed.com for more info.

August 14th and 28th 2009 | Kitselas Canyon Walk

All families of Kitselas are invited to join Jada Seymour in a nice stroll through our Kitselas Canyon trail. Bring a bag lunch, water and your comfortable shoes. The group meets at the Band Office at 11am and proceeds from there. Join in this community outing!

Ongoing:

Mondays: Family Walk in Gitau. Meet at the Health Centre at 6pm

Wednesdays: Family Walk in Kulspai. Meet at the Sattelite Centre at 6pm

Mondays + Wednesdays: Teen Walk / Run in Gitau. Meet at Health Centre at 1pm

Tuesdays: Teen Walk / Run in Kulspai. Meet at Satellite Centre at 1pm

Families interested in joining a “Biggest Loser” Competition, should contact Jada Seymour at: 250.635.5084. Participants should be open to the idea of healthy changes in diet and exercise within a group setting.

A DAY ON THE SKEENA RIVER

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

On a clear, hot day we boarded the Zymoetz riverboat at Kitsumkalum. Fred McKenzie, Ken McDames Jr and myself in one boat and Wilfred McKenzie and Terry Collins in another. Being my first time on the mighty Skeena River, I was excited and enthusiastic to start the day.

The start of the morning began with a scenic drive-by of all of the tourists along the banks of the Skeena, fishing for the world renowned Steelhead and Spring Salmon. It was amazing, the amount of people in boats, camping and fishing along the banks of the river, all the way towards Prince Rupert. I was informed that this year was slower than previous years in terms of tourists coming to fish, I couldn't imagine what a "busy" year would look like.



All up the way up to the Kitselas Canyon, the guys checked every net to inspect that they were legal and had the correct information attached. We were stopping along the way to chat to Kitselas members who were on-site to gather information on the fish numbers and also if



there were any illegal nets being set along Kitselas sites.

Out of 202 Kitselas members, there are 5 main shoreline spots which have to be shared. The Kitselas Resource Department enforces the 48 hour per week limit per member, to give equal opportunity for all members to fish. This is difficult, considering there is only 5 spots from shore, but if you have access to a boat, basically fishing spots are endless along the Skeena and tributaries of the Skeena (Copper River, Kleanza Creek etc).

Once we made our way to the Kitselas Canyon, the guys set a net to catch fish for Elders within the community who do not have the means to catching their own fish.



They then began to get everything ready to set the fish-wheel in place. This process is a tough feat, considering the limited amount of space to work and the heat, but they were successful and I was thoroughly amazed at the level of teamwork. Consequently, I was told that the fishwheel is going to need to be repaired due to the fact that within the day of it being set up, as a young dead black bear was swept up in the apparatus, damaging it.

Next we went to Ringbolt Island to scour the rocks for the petroglyphs, which were very hard to find. So hard to find in fact, that we didn't find them. Regardless, being in the middle of the Skeena River on Ringbolt Island was exciting and left me with a feeling of pride, knowing that our community is striving to keep its cultural identity and succeeding everyday with new initiatives

and ideas.

We returned to the place in which the net was set, gathering approximately 25 fish. Again, I was amazed at the level of hard work and effort they showed while



pulling in the net together as a team.

The ride back down river was leisurely and calm, the sun was blazing down and although I was merely an extra passenger, having the opportunity to see the Kitselas Resource Department in their daily work routine was both exciting and rewarding. I wouldn't have normally thought that so much hard work was necessary and they did it with an enormous amount of ease and humor. Overall the whole day was wonderful and productive, and I got my first sunburn in my entire life to remember the day by.

Kitselas Members Fishing Designation

All Kitselas Members are eligible to obtain a Fishing Designation License provided they:

- Have proof of status / membership
- Have a thorough understanding of the Kitselas Fishing Regulations

Regulations:

- Gill nets (set net) must be marked with designation # and name of Kitselas Member on BOTH ends of the net. This is to ensure that Kitselas Membership guardians can patrol and check legitimacy of the net.
- Fishing designation cards are NON-TRANSFERABLE. They cannot be lent, borrowed or passed down to any other person at any other time.
- The registered Kitselas Member must be at the net site during net-check, if they have a medical condition/disability, another person can be added to their designation card upon approval from the Kitselas Resource Department and the Kitselas Band Council.
- Fishing periods are 48 hours per week, per designation card.
- A designation card does not permit the sale of salmon.
- All catch figures must be accurately be reported to the Kitselas Resource Department.
- All fish that is caught out of a gill net, must be retained.
- For Transportation of Food Social Ceremonial fish, out of the Terrace area, a transportation permit is required. It may be obtained at the Kitselas Resource Office located at: 4562 Queensway Drive

Information needed for a Transportation permit:

- Information on where the fish will be transported to: from where to where
- Transporting vehicle information
- Address of both Departure and Arrival locations

A Transportation Permit can be obtained from any Kitselas Resource Staff, for more information call: 250.635.8882

KITSELAS HOUSING UPDATE

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

Kitselas has been growing as a community very quickly. With another 18 homes to be built on the Gitaus Reserve, our community will be expanding yet again. A project of this scope will cost approximately 2.8 million dollars, averaging over 200 thousand dollars per unit / home.

At this time, Kitselas Band Council and the Housing Coordinator are developing the construction costs affiliated with building these homes. As it is a lengthy process which involves INAC and CMHC and All Nations Trust / Insurance, there is a certain degree of waiting which should be expected. The process itself is very detailed and requires hard work to get all of the paperwork, documents, figures in order prior to the actual building stage.

There is a 6 stage process that needs to be followed, Kitselas now being in Stage 4. For each stage, a Kitselas Band Council Resolution is needed to ensure

quality control and proper follow through. Kitselas is currently in good standing with CMHC eventhough there are issues outstanding, mainly regarding arrears from previous additions to the community.

It is extremely important that all members pay rent on time and if there are any arrears, they should be addressed accordingly. When paying rent, it does not to be given directly to Winnie, it can be left a the front desk or given to Frances or Jan in the Finance Department. Please keep this in mind when coming into the office to pay, as an appointment is not necessary.

Housing applications are available for members to fill out if they are interested in applying for a home on reserve. All applicants are required to go through a routine background check and have all documents filled completely to ensure a quick process.

For more information, contact the main administration office at: 250.635.5084.

Did you know in Sm'algyax:

Man is Yuuta

Woman is Hana'a

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN KITSELAS AND A & A TRADING

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

For the past five years Kitselas Forest Products and A & A Trading have been on a progressive business path, utilizing various resources in the tough forest industry. A & A Trading has been a main finance and marketing partner, providing our Kitselas Forest Products with world-wide exposure.

Currently, as the previous 5 year license has come to an end, a new long term license is in negotiations. A & A Trading, Kitselas Forest Products and the Government are working towards a new 20-year license that will enable a long term prosperity for Kitselas. This endeavour is one that will continue to provide economic sustainability for Kitselas Forest Products, Kitselas as a whole and bring opportunities back to the community.

As the forest industry is currently in a downturn due to the recession, the challenge lies in looking outside the box when it comes to building relationships with new prospective clients.

“It is a challenge but we are making new opportunities happen by building upon our reputation and honest business ethic which Kitselas and A & A Trading are known for,” says Mohammad.

Clients of Kitselas Forest Products are from China, Japan, Korea, Canada and the United States. Feedback from clients praise the community feeling of working with Kitselas Forest Products and A & A Trading. Its hard, constant honest teamwork that allows Kitselas to have the success it has had thus far and to continue being successful.

Look forward to new updates for Kitselas Forest Products in the near future.



Chief Glenn Bennett, Wilfred McKenzie welcomed A & A Trading's John Mohammed and his family as they enjoyed a recent tour of the Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site.





KITSELAS TURNS SOIL FOR A NEW FOURTH LONGHOUSE AT THE KITSELAS CANYON

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

Kitselas staff, community members, Kitselas Band Councillors and Brent Ballingall of CN Rail all took part in the official turning of the soil at the proposed location of the fourth longhouse to be built at the Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site.

This exciting benchmark for our community is the result of the continued Kitselas National Historic Site Development Plan which began back in 2001. The donation of \$250,000 will enable the fourth longhouse to be built hopefully by the end of autumn 2009. The Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site is on its way to becoming a world renowned tourism site. This initiative to our community is immensely important as it solidifies our individuality as a nation to the world.

To book a tour or to gain more information please contact Web Bennett at: 250.635.8882.ext.231



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Group Atmosphere
Friendly Competition*

Work towards a healthy lifestyle or lose a little weight with the support and guidance of your family and friends.

Call Jada Seymour at: 250.635.5084.ext.225 for more information.

The Canyon Current has officially been in production one year. As a new initiative, we are always looking towards improving the newsletter for the community in which it serves. Give us your input so we can grow and flourish for the future!

I find the Canyon Current publication to be: _____

Some things that I would like to see included in the publication would be: _____

How would you gain community involvement through the Canyon Current? _____

All entries can be given to either Front Desk Receptionist at the Gitau Administration Office
or
the Kitselas Treaty Office located on Queensway Drive
by: August 26th 2009

Name: _____
Contact Number: _____
Email: _____

All entries will be placed into a draw for a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Wal-Mart