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The Kitselas Elders Group in partnership with the Kitselas Band Council have recently purchased this van to travel to events and gatherings.

Plans to add visuals (Kitselas logos/words/pictures) are in the works to give the vehicle some eye appeal.

The vehicle will be put to great use for our Elders.

KITSELAS ELDERS GROUP SECURE NEW WHEELS

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

The Kitselas Elders Group will be cruising in style this year, as their hard working fundraising and saving have paid off.

In partnership with the Kitselas Band Council, the Kitselas Elders Group has purchased a travel bus. There have been various trips that the group have previously had a hard time getting to and planning transportation for, with the new transportation available, travelling should be much easier for our Elders.

The Kitselas Elders are planning to attend the 34th Annual BC Elders Gathering later on this month in Salmon Arm and this investment will definitely enhance the positive experience they will have during this trip.

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

JULY 7TH & 21ST- GIRLS GROUP

Workshops geared towards young women 8-18 years old at the Kitselas Youth Centre. Call Lynn at: 250.641.7669 for more information.

JULY 8TH - LIFECYCLE OF THE SALMON WORKSHOP

Learn about the life giving salmon at the Kitselas Youth Centre at 7pm. Light Refreshments will be available. Presented by the Kitselas Resource Department.

JULY 13TH-15TH - 34TH ANNUAL ELDERS GATHERING

Taking place in Salmon Arm Hosted by: Adams Lake Indian Band & Secwepemc Nation.

JULY 15TH- KITSELAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AGM

All Kitselas members are strongly encouraged to attend this important community meeting. As shareholders, being informed is key. For more information contact Roger Leclerc at: 250.635.8882.ext.223

JULY 20TH - GUYS GROUP

Workshops geared towards young men 8-18 years old at the Kitselas Youth Centre. Call Lynn at: 250.641.7669 for more information.

JULY 29TH: KITSELAS YOUTH GOAL-SETTING WORKSHOP

All Youth are invited to attend this workshop. Light Refreshments will be available. Contact Lynn at: 250.641.7669 for more information.

Kitselas June 2010 By-Election Voting Results

Candidates for COUNCILLOR

OF VOTES

RECEIVED

BENNETT	Wilfred Sr	31
BEVAN	Joe	** 32 **
BOLTON	Edison	WITHDREW
BOLTON	William Sr.	17
GRAY	Shirley	4
KENNEDY	Cora	21
MASON	Paul	1
MAY (PARKER)	Karen	5
MCDAMES (MAITLAND)	Anne	13
WRIGHT	Freda	4
WRIGHT	Lynn	11
WRIGHT	Victor	7



Kitselas 2010 Summer Employment Students

Samantha Bolton, Randi-Mae Bennett,
Brandon Seymour and Amadeus Derrick
began their first day on July 6th 2010.

They will be placed in various departments within the Kitselas
Administration throughout their employment duration.

Congratulations to all Kitselas Students completing the 2009/2010 School Year!

Special Recognition to those students who received end of the year awards:

Emily Auckland - Sportsmanship
Joseph Bennett - Improvement in Reading Skills
Zoe Bevan - Grade 5 Music
Alvin Seymour - Junior Boys Basketball Most Sportsmanlike
- Intramural Floor Hockey 'Salmon Runners'
Brittany Seymour - Fine Arts: Yearbook

Overall Achievement Awards:

Dalace Bennett
Kelsey Bennett, Royce Erickson,
Arnelda Robinson
Ayla Becan
Alvin Seymour

*"Graduation is only a concept.
In real life every day you graduate.
Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life.
If you can grasp that,
you'll make a difference."
-Arie Pencovici*

WORKING TOWARDS A GOAL

BY: RHONDA MACPHERSON

When I was young, it had been my dream to become a Veterinarian because I loved animals, especially dogs. The down side to my dream was that I didn't think I was smart enough or able to commit to go to University for 4 to 8 years to get my Veterinarian Degree. I perceived University to be only for straight "A" students. Not true.

When I was sixteen, I dropped out of school but went to Wabsuwilaxsm Gitselasoo in 2008 and obtained my Adult Dogwood Diploma in June of 2009. I also took Business Administration 1st Year in September 2009 and I have one more year to get my diploma. But this time I will stay focused to ensure I attain my new goal.

I wish I had stayed in school so that attaining my goal would not take so long. There are other things I wish I had handled differently but I can't

LAND OWNERSHIP

BY: SONJA FOSS

There is no question in my mind that First Nations people right across Canada have been oppressed by the Indian Act. Everything the government did from residential schools to Indian agents betraying the trust of the people was aimed at "assimilating" First Nations people into the rest of Canadian society. As my teacher Mr. Mel Bevan says, "They thought we'd be extinct by now." But, Kitselas is far from being extinct as a people. Kitselas is on the road to huge successes and opportunities.

In the past, Canadian laws and policies have worked against First Nations people from attaining the same economic benefits as the rest of Canadian society – unless of course an "Indian" woman or man was to give up their language, culture and Indian Status. To become a teacher, nurse or any other profession, a person had to give up their Indian Status. Even up until 1985, a person would have to give up their status just to vote in a federal election.

change them now and I just try to stay positive.

I guess I would just like to say that you may have many goals in life or maybe just one, however, anything is possible if you just do your best and never give up.

Even when life presents obstacles, like it always does, an education is very important. Ask any Elder. That's where I learned it. How very true it is. Go over, go under or go around, but never give up.

There is no telling how many miles you will have to run while chasing a dream.

~Author Unknown

Everything is completely different now

The Canadian government admitted to and apologized for its prejudicial policies. New people with new visions for positive relationships are now in powerful positions that can help increase the quality of life for people living on-reserve through education, social services and economic development. An example of this is what the Kitselas Lands Management Office can provide for Kitselas Members.

The Indian Act no longer applies to any on-reserve lands management. Several parts of the Indian Act that worked against Kitselas people no longer have any power. No company or government can get Kitselas Lands from the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs anymore. Kitselas people can have the same rights and privileges as any other property-owner living in Terrace, Vancouver or any other place in Canada without giving anything up.

What does Land Ownership mean?

This means that as an individual Kitselas Mem-

ber, you can own property (Lands). Once you own your property, you have permanent ownership of it and no one can ever take it away from you.

If you do not owe any money to the Kitselas Band Council, you can apply to have Kitselas community Lands transferred into your name. Whatever is on those lands then belongs to you as well.

Then, that land is yours to rent to other people. You can sell the land for the highest price. You can “will” it to whomever you want to in your will. No one can take it away from you. You benefit from it all.

How does it happen?

Simply give me a call or come to see me at the Queensway office and fill out a simple application (with my help). Then, I do the rest of the work with Chief and Council, INAC, lawyers and Ottawa to ensure that you receive a Certificate of Allocation.

How long does it take?

Your part is simple and fast. My part is pretty long. It can take up to two months for all of the steps to take place. But, I’m the one that tracks the files and makes sure everything is done

legally. You don’t have to worry about it.

Will you still be eligible for social assistance and social services?

Yes. There are several programs through INAC for people who live on-reserve. Just because you own the land doesn’t mean that you will not have support. If you are on social assistance you are eligible for several different funding programs on-reserve that will help you cover all of your housing and maintenance and insurance costs.

Conclusion

I am here to work for Kitselas First Nation and my number one priority is ensuring that Members are happy with the services provided by my office. There are many projects coming up in the future that need your input and I’m happy to receive phone calls and/or visits every day to hear about your interests.

Thank you for reading and I hope to hear from you soon!!

-Ms. Sonja Foss

Lands Director



Sonja Foss with Edward Mould, receiving his Certificate of Allocation.

There has been a definite influx of Kitselas Members who are inquiring if they are eligible for a Certificate of Allocation.

This is a great, positive opportunity for all on-reserve residents to take advantage of, as land ownership was never possible previously due to the Indian Acts confinements.

To inquire if you are eligible, contact Sonja Foss, Kitselas Lands Director at:
250.635.8882ext.232

KITSELAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AGM

BY: ROGER LECLERC

Kitselas Development Corporation is holding a shareholder meeting and AGM on July 15, 2010 at 6pm at the community hall on Queensway Drive.

The new structure will have each Kitselas member over the age of 18 years will be issued one common voting share in Kitselas Development Corporation. All shares in Kitselas Development Corporation must be held by Kitselas members only.

This meeting will present the new restructuring model, KDC business plan, and appoint two directors from the community to sit on the board of directors.

Two of the five Directors have been appointed by Kitselas Council. These individuals need not be elected Councillors; Council can appoint individuals who bring certain business or financial skills to the table that can contribute to the further success of the Corporation.

Two more Directors will be elected by shareholders from a proposed slate of Directors presented to the annual general meeting of the Corporation.

The two Directors appointed by Council and the two Directors elected by the shareholders, will then select one more Director from the Kitselas community or the broader business community as the fifth Director.

Canoe Building Program

Kitselas Development Corporation has accessed some funding to build a war canoe for the transportation longhouse at the Kitselas Canyon.

The main objective is to build a dugout twenty foot cedar war canoe and teach the skills of canoe building.

The work will begin in July 19, 2010 with Master Canoe Builder, Cliff Bolton from KitsumKalum. There will be 2 Kiselas and 2 KitsumKalum members have hands on training in building a canoe. The carving of the canoe will be done at Cliff's home near the Zymagotiz river.

Anyone interested in being involved in this training please contact the Kitselas Resource office by:

July 9th, 2010 at 250-635-8882.

Previous experience with hand and power tools and being physically fit is required



British Columbia Transmission Corporation

Training Program

Gitaus Adult School

July 12 to Aug 11, 2010

Re: Northwest Transmission Line Project (NTL)

As you may be aware, the Northwest Transmission Line will be passing through our Territory.

This could happen by Spring of 2011.

The Band has been negotiating with the B.C. Transmission Corp (BCTC) for jobs and training that would benefit the Kitselas Band Membership.

Kitselas Band and B.C. Transmission Corp formed a working group and came up with a schedule of courses that will begin on **Monday, July 12 2010**

Anyone who takes this program will have a better chance of being employed on this project and other employment opportunities in the region.

Application should be 18+ years or older.

Contact Roger Leclerc at:

250.635.8882.ext.223

to register or for more information.

Course outline is:

- WHMIS
- Personal Growth Workshop
- General Radio Operator
- Specialized Chainsaw Safety (2-Day)
- Bear Awareness - Full Day
- Class 5 Learners Workshop
- Tree Dynamics and Integrated Risk Management*
- Occupational First Aid Level 1
- Transportation Endorsement
- Intro to Environmental Monitoring
- Fall Protection
- Helicopter Safety
- S-100 Fire Suppression
- PowerPoint Level 1 Express
- Excel level 1 Express
- Word Level 1 Express
- Outlook Level 1 Express
- Intro to GPS

KITSELAS YOUTH CENTRE

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 6pm-9pm

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm

Fridays: 12pm-3pm & 7pm-10pm

Saturdays: 6pm-9pm

Sundays: 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm



Things to do:

- Hang out with your friends
- Play pool
- Play foosball
- Check out the book exchange
- Exercise on gym equipment
- Friday movie night
- Take part in workshops

*For more information contact:
Lynn Wright at: 250.635.3117 or
email: youth@kitselas.com*

Continuing Workshops:

Guys Group: Self Esteem Workshop
July 20th 2010

Kitselas Youth Centre (unless otherwise posted)

Girls Group: Self Esteem Workshop
July 21st 2010

Kitselas Youth Centre (unless otherwise posted)

~Light Refreshments will be provided~

*All Youth are encouraged to attend these important workshops.
Its a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more about yourself
and perhaps make a few new friends :)*

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

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

***ALL Kitselas Members
must abide by the 48 hour /per week
fishing restriction.***



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

BOOKKEEPER

Job Description

Job Purpose: To work with the Finance Manager/Accounts Payable clerk

Supervised by: Band Administrator

Duties and Obligations:

- Keep records of Financial transactions for Kitselas using calculator, computer
- Verifies allocates, posts details of business transactions to subsidiary accounts, in Journals or computer files from documents, such as sales slips, invoices, receipts, check stubs, and computer printouts,
- Summarizes details in separate ledger, or computer files and transfer data to general ledger
- Reconciles and balance accounts.
- Compile reports to show statistics such as cash receipts and expenditures, accounts payable, & receivable, profit and loss
- Calculate employee wages & track annual leave, accumulated sick credits,
- And other duties as assigned

Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Computer literacy using the latest accounting software.
- Communication skills; relationship building and other people skills to address internal and external relationships.
- Valid B.C. driver's license
- Criminal Record Check (Clean) KBC will reimburse cost upon completion of Criminal Record Check.
- Access to a Vehicle

This is a permanent full-time position.

Salary: \$33,000 to \$36,000

If you are interested in applying please forward your cover letter and resume to Ms. Joan Mason at the office or at reception@kitselas.com

Closing date for applications:
July 16th 2010 12:00 noon.

Only those short listed will be contacted for an interview.



NOTICE TO KITSELAS RESIDENTS:

In the case of any emergency or if you want to report suspicious activity in the community, the correct avenue to connect to is the Terrace RCMP, **NOT** the Kitselas Administration or the Kitselas Band Councillors.

The RCMP regularly reports information to the Kitselas Band Council on issues that need to be formally addressed, such as illegal activity/disturbances in the community. These reports are then dealt with, on a case-by-case basis, by the Kitselas Band Council.

The Kitselas Band Council does not condone or tolerate illegal activity within the community, any such matters will be dealt with accordingly.

To Report a Crime in Progress or a life-threatening emergency situation call: 9-1-1

**Non-Emergency Numbers:
Ambulance: 250.638.1102
Fire: 250.638.4734
Police: 250.638.7400**

Crime Stoppers / TIPS: 1.800.222.8477