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Band Council Elections Around the Corner



Sharon Bennett-Nabess (right) and Jada Seymour were ready for the Nomination Meeting which took place on April 20th 2011

All-Candidates Forum

May 26th 2011 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm
at the Gitaus Administration Building

Voting Day: June 10th 2011

Polling Stations at Gitaus Administration Building
and Kitselas Community Hall (Kulspai)
Open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Contact Sharon-Electoral Officer at 250-635-5084
with any questions related to this years election.

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In the Community

Kitselas Headstart Loonie Auction & Bake Sale May 28th 2011

Kitselas Hall 2:00 to 5:00 pm Over 40 items for auction each includes Canucks memorabilia! Bid on autographed Canucks pictures from Kesler and Bieksa! Don't miss this opportunity to support fundraising efforts for the Kitselas Headstart Graduation.

There is still time to get your **50/50 Tickets** from Headstart Parents who are fundraising for the upcoming graduation ceremony. **Draws to be held June 3rd and June 17th.**

Good Food Box – 1pm Every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Free for Pre/Post Natal families (with children aged 0-2) \$10.00 for non-clients. Money needs to be collected before shopping. Contact Sara Squires at 615-4771 for more information or to add your name to the list.

*Please note: You cannot be a part of the Pre-Natal Good Food Box if you are part of another group (Elders or Diabetic Good Food Box). Also, you **must** collect your Good Food Box at the Wednesday 1pm meeting time.

Ongoing

Elder's Group meets every Thursday for lunch at the Satellite Office - Kulspai at 12:00 pm

Floor Hockey - Fridays from 7-9 pm at the Kulspai Community Hall. Call Dustin Parker for more information at 635-1985.

Alcoholics Anonymous - rides available to attend the Wednesday noon hour meeting. Please arrive at the Band Office by 11:30 am.

Parent Connection every Wednesday at 12:00 pm Gitau Admin Office. Join us for lunch, questions and sharing.

Sm'algyax Lessons - Wednesdays 10am - 12pm and 1 - 2:30 pm at Wabsuwilaks'm Gitselasu. Please call the school in advance to confirm your attendance at 635-3301.

Do you have a community event, announcement, story or photo you would like to share? Community submissions are always welcomed at the Canyon Current! The next deadline for submissions is

Friday June 17th 2011.

Email: newsroom@kitselas.com OR Phone: 250-635-8882 ext 242

Lenora Wright is looking for her family. Her mothers' name was Velma Bertha Wright, often referred to as Betty. Lenora's sisters are Nora and Rena Gulbrandson. Lenora would like to arrange for a headstone at her mothers final resting place in Vancouver but has little knowledge of her mother or her mother's family.

If you have any information that might assist Lenora in her search please contact her at 778-386-6951 or email: kitselaslady@hotmail.com or kitselaslady@gmail.com



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the community Soccer
Field (Gitau) as it ruins the
surface, thank you for your
cooperation...

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Your address will also be added
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KBC Welcomes New Employees!



Linda Innes is our new Health Director. She is originally from Kitkatla and her husband Keith has family from Kitselas. Linda holds a Business Administration Diploma and brings with her 10 years of experience. Linda is very personable and is excited to get to work. Her role with Kitselas is to oversee the health program and we are excited to have her join the team!

Georgette Carlick is the new Home Care Nurse. Georgette completed her practicum under our very own Catherine Tanski a year and a half ago and since graduation has been working primarily in Community Health and Home Care. She is returning to Kitselas from Iskut Valley Health Services. She states, "I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Aboriginal health organizations, as I feel passionate about the improvement of the health of all our people." We are happy to have you with us Georgette!



Geri Inkster is the Executive Assistant/Accountant for Kitselas Development Corporation and Kitselas Forest Products. Geri will be working with both organizations to manage finances and fulfill administrative tasks. Geri completed her education at the Yukon Community College and brings a wealth of experience to her new role with Kitselas. Geri worked with Kitselas 14 years ago and we are glad to welcome her back!

Joanne Weget has worked within the Kitselas Administration filling roles throughout all of the various departments. Most recently she has been the Housing Assistant and we are pleased to announce she will begin a new role within KBC as the **Employment Counsellor!** Joanne will be assisting members to prepare for the many employment opportunities to come. She loves working with community members and we are glad to have her, as well as her friendly smile, as a part of our team!



Corrina Miller is joining Kitselas as a Post-secondary Summer Student filling a role as the Career and Employment Coordinator. Working with Joanne, Corrina will assist members with job searches, resume writing, interviewing preparation and career planning. She can be reached at 250-635-5084 ext 229 to book an appointment.



Top - Bottom: Linda Innes, Georgette Carlick, Geri Inkster
L-R: Joanne Weget, Corrina Miller

KBC Says "See You" to Sue Bevan



L-R: Councillors Joe Bevan, Judy Gerow, Gerry Seymour and Chief Glenn Bennett (far right) present Sue Bevan with a print and pendant to commemorate her many years of service to Kitselas on May 13th 2011.

Susan (Sue) Bevan began working for Kitselas at the age of 12 as a summer student painting houses. Later she would continue to work with KBC as a receptionist and filled roles within the Kitselas Administration as a Bookkeeper, and within the Education, Social Development and, finally, Health departments. Sue completed her Bachelor of Social Work through the University of Victoria and has spent her career in the service of her people. In her address to staff members who gathered to wish her well she stated, "I'm a seed planter, I plant the seed and I move on...when I look around the Health department I can see there are no more seeds to plant." She added, "this is an exciting time as we move toward self-government...we've done what we have to do now the young people need to take our places." We are all sad to see Sue leave, but we wish her the best of luck with all of her future endeavours and are proud to have worked with such an exceptional and committed employee. We will see you in the community Sue, thank you for everything you have done!

~ Healing Pavilion ~

Kitselas Health Dept. and Canyon Development want your feedback on the construction of a Healing Pavillion at the Kitselas Canyon Site. We need your ideas, suggestions and feedback to make this project a success!

**Contact Therese Hagen at
250-635-5084 ext 226 or
email: t.hagen@kitselas.com**

- Information for Patient Travel -

If you require out of town medical travel:

- the specialist office will contact you to set up an appointment
- you must see your family doctor to get a letter stating you require treatment and obtain a Health Insurance BC Travel Request Form.
- fax paperwork to First Nation Patient Transportation at (250) 627-1963. It is the patient responsibility to ensure paperwork is complete. Contact Jada at the Band Office if you need to send a fax.

First Nations Patient Transportation 1-888-624-5504



Chief Glenn Bennett and Wilfred McKenzie presented Inspector Eric Stubbs, RCMP, with a print to acknowledge and thank him for his service to the community of Kitselas. Insp. Stubbs in turn presented Kitselas with a print as a parting gift as he leaves to Prince George. The Kitselas have a tripartite agreement with the RCMP for the communities of Gitaus and Kulpai and met with Insp. Stubbs on May 18th 2011 to discuss the current agreement. Chief Bennett stated, “community policing is an extremely important component of having a healthy and safe community.” Insp. Stubbs stated that his decision to leave Terrace was not easy but he wanted to express that “Kitselas has been a pleasure to work with.”

Insp. Stubbs will be replaced by Insp. Dayna Hart who has worked in the communities of Williams Lake and Queen Charlotte City.

Cst. Ryan Smith is getting settled in Gitaus and will be an increasing presence with office hours in Gitaus Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Firehall.

Please Be Advised....

The Kitselas Housing Department has recently announced plans to manage and reduce housing arrears. All community members who are currently in arrears must make arrangements to meet with the Housing Department and set up a payment plan in order to avoid eviction. The Band Council has expressed it will not interfere if evictions are required. All infrastructure fees for garbage removal, water etc. must also be paid or these services will be discontinued as of July 4th 2011. Please direct questions or concerns regarding this recent announcement to Ulyses at 250-635-5084 ext. 232.

Upcoming....

Kitselas has recently commissioned a totem pole to be carved by Stan Bevan which will hopefully be raised during Riverboat Days.

KBC is also working with Leah Pipe from Hazelton on the development of a book to showcase the story of the totem poles at the Kitselas Canyon. It is anticipated to be complete by the end of summer, beginning of fall.

Stay tuned for more as these stories develop!

Kitselas Treaty
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Join our Group at
<http://on.fb.me/kitselastreaty>
and invite others to join!

From the Lands Management Office - Sonja Foss

There are several exciting initiatives coming out of the Lands Management Office (LMO) this year. Chief and Council approved the work plan and budget presented on May 10, 2011, and as a result activities are underway!

The first priority of the LMO is to actively engage Kitselas members in the Land Use Planning Process. To do so, I will be organizing 'field trips' to Kitselas Reserves. The first scheduled field trip is with Wabsuwilaks'm Gitselasu on June 17, 2011. Students will be taught about the objectives of land management, what resources are, what reserves are, accompanied by actual visits to all of the reserves managed by Kitselas under the Land Code.

These field trips will also be available for Chief and Council, staff members, the Elders Group, the Youth Group and the Kitselas

membership at-large. We will begin by visiting IR No. 7, Ketoneda, which is the most Eastern Kitselas reserve. We will make stops at the other 6 reserves, and end at Endudoon for lunch and more discussion.

Once this years election has taken place, the LMO will be providing a day-long orientation to new Councillors about law making procedures, policies, land use planning, the Land Code and how to strengthen the land management regime for Kitselas.

Funds within the LMO budget have been approved to carry out some important activities for the community. Funds will be provided to carry out a cleanup of the Old Kitselas Cemetery. Funds have been allocated to purchase materials for the community garden. Funds have been allocated for ten (10) Kitselas elders to have their wills done by solicitor Jack Talstra (there are 4

spots remaining) and registered in order to protect their estates upon passing. Please contact me, Sonja Foss, for more information. (250 635 8882 ext. 232 or email sfoss@kitselas.com

Currently, the Financial Administration Act is available for public review and comment. The Financial Administration Act will drastically change the way that Kitselas carries out financial planning and spending. The funds to draft the law were provided by the First Nation Financial Management Board (FNFMB). The original template law provided by FNFMB was divided into 4 pieces of legislation: 1. Committee to the Council Act, K.B.C. 2010-01; 2. Financial Administration Act; 3. Interpretation Act; and, 4. Taxation and Borrowing Act.

Input on the Financial Administration Act can be provided

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Sonja Foss presents 'Certificates of Allocation' to Lorna Bolton (left) and Rhoda Seymour (right). Both ladies were very excited to get their certificates which gives them permanent rights to use, occupy and receive royalties from the land their homes sit on.



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to me, Sonja Foss, in any format (verbal, written, email, fax). The input gathered will be presented as anonymous documents to the Law Review Committee (unless the member specifically states that their identity should be revealed). The Law Review Committee will discuss each recommendation at the next scheduled meeting.

Further to this is the development of the Land Use Act that I am working on with Peter Whitelaw of HB Lanarc. The policies and procedures that will be followed

when approving development on Kitselas lands have been drafted, but not quite ready for review by Chief and Council.

I have been exceptionally busy for the last few months and have not been able to schedule a new visioning session with the community due to my personal schedule. However, things have settled down a little bit and after the upcoming election I hope that we can come together again the week of June 20th to review our draft vision statement and continue to improve it together.

The last session was exceptionally successful and I know that by coming together again, we will be able to better realize the priorities of the community.

There are always more and more ideas and work to be done within this office in order to establish a strong land management regime for Kitselas. As always, please drop by, call or email me should you ever wish to discuss anything in particular.

* [The Financial Administration Act](http://kitselas.com) can be found at kitselas.com under the "Lands & Resources" tab in the "Lands" section.

Wabsuwilaks'm Gitselasu 2011-12 School Year

Starting in September of 2011, Kitselas Education is changing the practice and objectives of Wabsuwilaks'm Gitselasu. Enrolling students will take specifically offered courses that will ensure Adult Graduation by June of 2012. After the completion of the school year students will receive their ADULT DOGWOOD then will be able to enter: Post-secondary Education, Trades Training; or Successful Employment into the Work-force.

The first term will entail 4 courses from September 2011 to Mid-January 2012, students will complete the 4 courses and Exams by the end of January 2012, and the initial 4 courses will be:

- English 11, First Nations
- First Nations Studies 11, (Social Studies)
- Apprentice and Workplace Math 10
- Personal Futures 12 and ICTM 12

The second term will commence February 2012 and end Mid-June 2012. At the completion of the Exams in June 2012 students will GRADUATE with an Adult Dogwood. The courses offered in the second term will be:

- English 12, First Nations
- First Nations Studies 12, (Social Studies)
- Apprentice and Workplace Math 11
- Personal Futures 12 and ICTM 12

School days will be Monday to Friday and hours will be 9:00 AM, (students to arrive at 8:45 AM) to 3:15 PM.

Apply now for this exciting opportunity, the **Application Deadline is July 15th, 2011**, to ensure that we will have all course materials at the start of September 2011. You may apply or get additional information by contacting Fred Wilson at 250-635-3301 or fwilson@kitselas.com, or Debbie Moore at 250-635-5084 ext 231, or education@kitselas.com.

Community Message from William Bolton

"I am extremely sorry I will be unable to attend the All-Candidates Forum as my wife has had a heart attack and is at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. At this time I would like to thank those who wanted me to run for chief, however, I feel that I would be of better use to you as a Councillor. This would also give me the opportunity to further my knowledge. The outpouring of love and generosity I have received from this community is overwhelming, as I am used to being the one to help raise funds for others in need. My wife and I are grateful from the bottom of our hearts to everyone in the communities. Again, I am deeply sorry I could not attend this forum.

Thank you, William Bolton"

**William's detailed letter will be read for the audience at the upcoming All-Candidates Forum this Thursday May 26th 2011 stating his position.*



~ Loonie Auction ~



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DATE: Sat. May. 28. 2011

TIME: 2pm — 5pm

PLACE: Kitselas Hall (follow balloons from Old Bridge)



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