



WATER RESTRICTION IN PLACE FOR GITAU SUBDIVISION

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

During the latter part of August there was a community water restriction put in place due to the extremely low levels of water in our two wells. The facts of how Kitselas came to the point of putting a water restriction in place, also how it is being resolved effectively, needs to be clarified for the community it is affecting, as there have been both positive and negative responses from community members regarding this water restriction.

The two underground wells that Gitau currently operates are dependent on glacial runoff, which gets collected in an aquifer. A steady, yet anticipated, decline in water levels throughout the past few years is due to a combination of weather, population growth in the

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

September 7th 2009 | Labor Day

Satutory holiday, all Kitselas Offices will be closed.

September 8th 2009 | First Day of the 2009/2010 School Year begins

Coast Mountain School District first day of classes.

September 09, 2009 | Kermode Friendship Society

FASD Day / KFS Elders group will be participating in the Park - For a full listing of the days agenda, including: pancake breakfast, panel discussion, 2pm in the park activities.

Contact Shanelle Alexander at: ECD@kermode-fs.ca

September 10th 2009 | Wabsuwilaksm Registration Deadline for 2009

If you are interested in attaining your adult dogwood, drop by and talk to Anita Smith about registering at Wabsuwilaksm Gitselasu.

September 12th 2009 | Guns versus Hoses Hockey Game

Local RCMP and Firefighters will be playing against eachother at the Terrace Sportsplex at 8pm. Admission is only \$5.00.

September 14th 2009 | Terrace IS Hockeyville 2009

The Vancouver Canucks and the New York Islanders will be playing at the Terrace Arena for a pre-season game which is one of the prizes for winning the Hockeyville 2009 title.

September 17th 2009 | Kitselas Language Book Launch

Everyone is welcome to attend the Kitselas Inland Tsimshian Book

Launch taking place at the Kitselas Health and Administration Office at 7 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Ongoing:

Anyone needing help looking into furthering their education/training or considering Post Secondary studies should contact Debbie Moore, the Kitselas Education Coordinator, for a meeting to discuss options and available funding opportunities. Call to book an appointment: 250.635.5084.ext.231

“When we look at these objects we see the pride of the Tsimshian. We do not speak of pride in the past tense, as something that is gone or has been lost. Our way of being and our view of the world continue to define us. We are still here, still carrying our crests with us. The representations of our identity used yesterday and today are separated only by time. They still hold the heart of the people within them.”

A quote from an exhibit at the Museum of Northern British Columbia in Prince Rupert.

Gitaus community and the depletion of the ice caps. The low levels were forecasted earlier this year, but it came quicker than anticipated for the Waste Water Management Certified technicians, Fred Mason and Danny Parker.

“When the wells were first dug, it was given a 20-year forecast of water supply. Our community of Gitaus has been residentially established for 17 years now, so we are on the downturn of the water longevity in the wells,” says Mason.

As a result there have been two engineering companies, David Narin & Associates and P.E.T.O from Vancouver who specialize in hydrology, working with Kitselas on this issue. First they began by taking one of the wells apart to check the levels then proceeded to take out one of the larger pumps and replacing it with a smaller pump to reach the water and get the levels back to where they normally are. The new pump has been working as planned, which means that the water tower will be full again by the weeks’ end.

This is important because if there are any fire emergencies, our water supply will not be compromised. During a fire emergency at least half of the volume of the water tower is needed, as a precaution.

The water restriction will still be in place until the end of October, but Mason says, “Community members just need to be more aware of the water usage in each household, this doesn’t mean total restriction, it just means being more aware of water usage and trying to use less when there is a restriction in place.”

With the population growing in Gitaus as will the water demand, as a result the Kitselas Band Council is currently gathering information to send a recommendation to INAC for a new third well to be made for Gitaus.

Further information on the water levels and the current water restriction please call Fred Mason at:
250.615.6847.

To voice any concerns please call the Gitaus Health and Administration office at:
250.635.5084



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TERRACE IS HOCKEYVILLE 2009

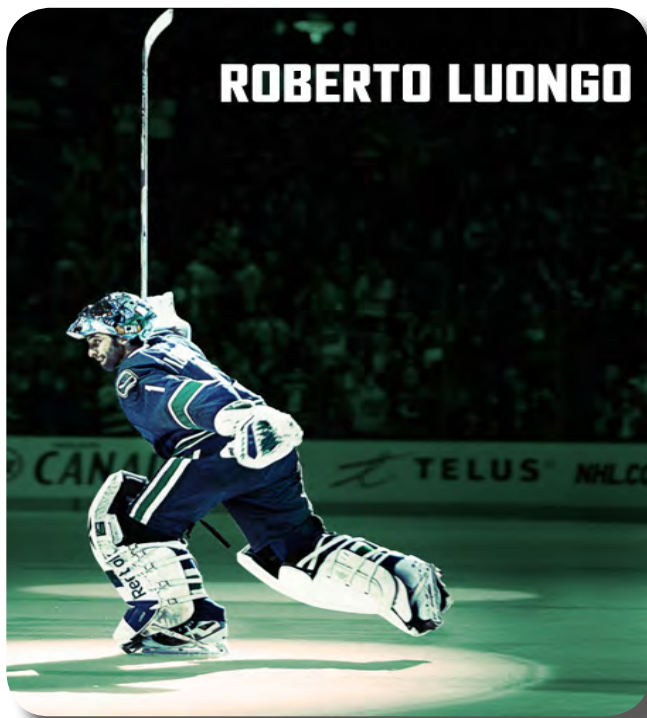
BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

On September 14th 2009, the Vancouver Canucks will be in Terrace to play a pre-season game against the New York Islanders at the Terrace Sportsplex.

This game is part of the prize package included with winning the Hockeyville 2009 title. Also included in the prize package is \$100,000 towards arena upgrades and bragging rights for being the ultimate hockey community in Canada. Terrace won the contest with approximately 1.9 million votes.

There are a limited number of tickets available for the game, which are randomly drawn in a ballot process. Rules and Regulations along with ballots can be printed offline at: www.terracehockeyville.com and brought to George Little House at 3100 Kalum Street. Entering into the draw is the ONLY way to win tickets to watch the game, so be sure that your ballots are in! The hockey game can also be viewed at

Geroge Little Memorial Park via jumbo tv screens, so bring your blankets and chairs if you don't happen to win any tickets.



Along with the hockey game, Terrace residents can expect plenty of activities and events prior to the big game, such as the Guns versus the Hoses hockey game. The local RCMP and local Fire-fighters will be playing against each other at the Sportsplex at 8pm on September 12th. Admission is 5 dollars per person and is expected to be a great game.

Other community events to lead up to the Canucks and Islanders game were not available at the time of printing, but will be available online at: www.terracehockeyville.com To keep updated on events and local be sure to check it out!

TERRACE IS HOCKEYVILLE 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BACKYARD?

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

As many Gitau residents have noticed, there has been a gradual change in scenery in the backyards of many homes. The Kitselas Resource Department has hired six community members to begin the Kitselas Forest Fuel Management Project. This project will affect all boundaries of residential areas in Gitau and will also affect around the perimeter of the Kitselas Canyon Longhouses and Honoring our Ancestors Totem Poles.

The team consisting of: Richie Seymour, Vince Mason, Leo Skulsh, Rocky Nabess, Fred Robinson and Keith Wesley began the project on August 24th 2009. The main objectives of this project are: Thinning, Ladder Fuel Removal, and Ground Fuel Removal.

Essentially smaller trees, shrubs and other fire risk materials are being removed for future fire prevention precautions and also to reduce the amount of trees that may be affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle. Currently in British Columbia there are 14.5 million hectares of forest (red and gray attacked areas) that are affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic.

After the chosen trees are cut and piled, a truck will be picking up the debris. For those of you who are worried about the cut down trees laying on your property, don't fret because they won't be there forever.

To complete all of these tasks involved in this project, should take approximately six weeks, as this project is labor intensive and can only be done manually. So when you hear their chainsaws in the morning, be happy that these guys are keeping our community safe, now and for the future.

Kitsumkalum is also participating in this project in their community, which is funded by the Federal government. For further information on this project and others that are upcoming, contact the Kitselas Resource Department at: 250.635.8882.

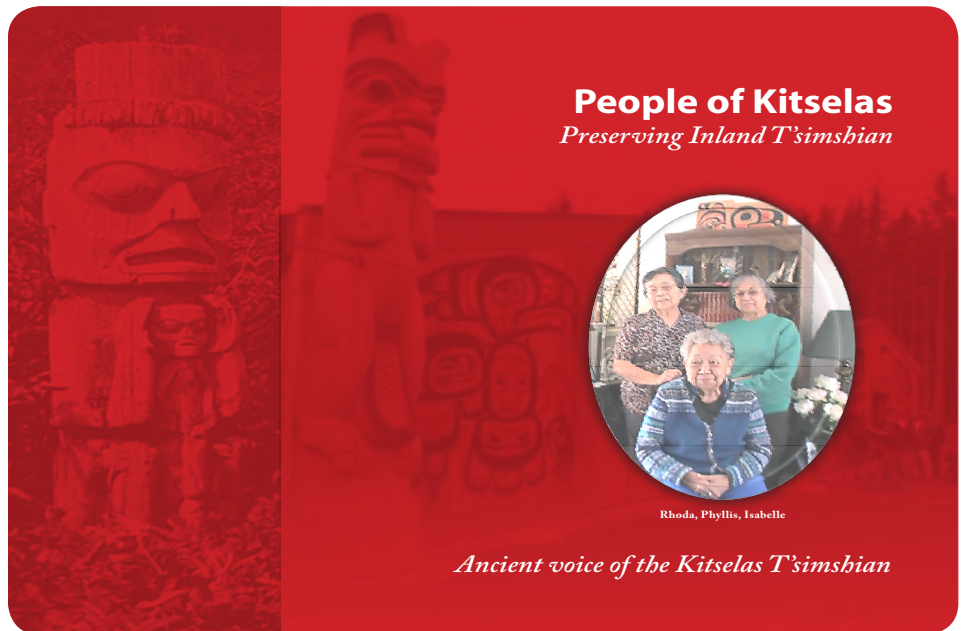


Zina Wood the Receptionist for the Kitselas Resource Department / Forest Products proudly shows off her workmanship with the Kitselas Forest Products embroidered logo that she worked diligently at creating on polo shirts for staff.

KITSELAS SYMALGYAX LANGUAGE BOOK LAUNCH

BY: HOLLY M. SPENCER

The Kitselas Education Department is getting prepared to have a book launch for the People of Kitselas - Preserving Inland Tsimshian Book. This book is to preserve and bring light to the unique dialect which Kitselas



This valuable resource was brought forth

by an application made by Debbie Moore to the First Peoples Heritage, Language and Culture Council earlier this year for funding. The Kitselas Band Council also contributed funds towards the project, specifically for getting the finished product printed. The Kitselas Band Council put forth enough funds so that each registered Kitselas member is able to receive a copy of their very own.

Working with Kitselas Elders from the start of this initiative, Debbie didn't expect to become a student during the process of this book coming together, she says, "This was a learning process for everyone, we focused on the most common expressions, cultural references, plants and animals as a basis for the book. It is unlike any other book printed that has traditional language in it."

The book launch will take place at the Kitselas Health and Administration Office on September 17th 2009 at 7pm. Light refreshments will be available, if possible, call Debbie Moore at: 250.635.5084.ext.231 to R.S.V.P.

A Special Thanks to: Lila Mason, Ralph Wright, Isabelle McKee, Phyllis McNeil and Rhoda Seymour for their knowledge, input and guidance during this important project. Without your help, this project wouldn't have turned out as well as it did. Thank you.



Steve Bernard the Social Development Worker for Kitselas has brought some new technology to the fingertips of the Gitau residents.

New to the Gitau Health & Administration Office is a new computer station that can be used by all Kitselas residents for job searching, resumes, educational uses and research.

At this time usage is available on a drop-in basis, so take a few minutes when stopping in the Main office to check it out!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Currently there are many new employment opportunities within the Kitselas Band:

- The Kitselas Band Council will be constructing a new fourth longhouse for the Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site. Interested individuals can submit their resume and application to the Kitselas Band Council.
- Kitselas Band Council has submitted an application for the construction of six new homes. Currently applications are being considered for the following positions:
 - Construction Supervisor (1)
 - Framing Contractors (3)
 - Painting Contractors (2)
 - Laborers (1)
 - Siding Contractors (2)
 - Cleaning Contractors (1)**Closing date for any of the above positions is September 11th 2009.**

- Kitselas is currently accepting applications for a Community Support Worker. This position is 4 hours a day, 5 days a week at a rate of \$17.00/hour. **Closing date for this position is: September 7th 2009.** Expected start date is September 15th 2009. For a full job description contact Steve Bernard at: 250.635.5084.ext.227.

- Wabsuwilaksm Gitselasu is currently taking applications to fill a part-time Tutor/Instructor position. Working 17.5 hours a week, which may turn into full time. Preference will be given to someone with experience tutoring or instructing First Nation Adult students. The applicant will work under the direction of the program Manager and follow the philosophy of the program, must have the ability to tutor or instruct students in all courses required for their Dogwood certificate, know how to use a scientific graphing calculator to assist senior students in math, also have a strong knowledge of computer and computer programs. **The closing date is September 4th at 4 p.m.** The starting date is September the 14th 2009.

Applications can be sent to:

Attention: Sharon Nabess
Kitselas Band Administration
2225 Gitau
Terrace, BC
V8G 0A9

For more information on any Kitselas employment opportunities, call the Kitselas Health & Administration office at: 250.635.5084

Inclusion Works '09 recruitment fair applicants and participants,

An excellent opportunity to take part in the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver is now available. If you are between the ages of 19 and 29, as of July 1, 2009, you can apply as a volunteer at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games – transportation, accommodation and meal expenses will be paid.

- Deadline for application is September 30, 2009 at midnight Pacific Time.
- Visit [aboriginalhr.ca](http://www.aboriginalhr.ca/en/node/834) at: <http://www.aboriginalhr.ca/en/node/834> to apply.



OPPORTUNITY:

imagineNATIVE Correspondent – CBC News -Deadline: Monday Sept. 28

We have an exciting and unique career-building opportunity for one Aboriginal youth (age 18-27) interested in gaining journalism skills at this year's imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival. Learn how to cover special events for one of Canada's leading news sources, and gain hands on training and invaluable job skills.

CBC News is seeking two Aboriginal interns who will write about their experience at this year's imagineNATIVE Festival. Individuals will be selected to provide coverage of the 5 day festival (Oct. 14-18 in Toronto). The individuals selected will work directly with a CBC News staff who will edit and oversee their work. They will be provided with all-access passes to the festival, and be assigned to cover special events and screenings at the festival. Interviews with artist will be arranged, and coverage will be posted daily on the CBC.ca/aboriginal website.

Requirements:

Applicants must be between the ages of 18-27;

Applicants must be of Aboriginal background (from anywhere in the world);

Applicants must be living in Toronto, or be in Toronto for the duration of the festival (October 14-18, 2009) -- *please note, subsidy will not be provided for out of town applicants;*

Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in journalism, writing, or film.

Application Process:

Send your personal bio along with a half to one page explanation of why you should be selected as the imagineNATIVE Correspondent for CBC News;

Send your resume/CV outlining your experience in journalism and/or film;

Send a .jpg image of yourself (if possible);

Send your complete contact information, including email, mailing address, and phone number.

Applications must be received by no later than Monday September 28th. Applications may be emailed to kpotts@imagineNATIVE.org, sent via fax to (416) 585-2313, or delivered to the imagineNATIVE office (must be received by Sept. 28th) at:

ATTENTION:

Kerry Potts

imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival

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For further information about this opportunity, contact

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or (416) 585-2333

