



# Lil'wat Nation Mount Currie Band Newsletter



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## A Message from the Chief

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend last month. It wasn't that pleasant for me as I was fighting off a bad cold I got while in Alberta at the CANDO (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) Conference.

I wish to congratulate Jody Wilson-Raybould on being the newly-elected B.C. Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief. Jody is from the We Wai Kai First Nation. She takes over the position that Shawn Atleo held before becoming the National Chief of the AFN.

Anyways we are still involved as full members of the UBCIC. Our leader Stewart Philip ran for the position of Regional Chief but did not get in as noted above. Stewart has been a strong leader for many years. At least we will not lose him, because if he got in as Regional Chief we probably would have had to elect another leader for the Union.

I attended The 40th Anniversary of the UBCIC which was held at Harrison Hot Springs in September. Chief Adam James was our Chief at the now very notable Conference held 1969 in Kamloops. It was very gratifying and at the same time emotional to have our picture taken 40 years hence from that time. I will have both photos to show you hopefully by our General Assembly in November.

What! Our new gym was not completed for this year's Pow-wow? It will however be ready before Christmas and we will have a Grand Opening. It sure is big and it will serve us well for many years to come as our old gym did. On to our next project!

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- November 20 Community Complex Naming Contest Closes
- November 30 Community Complex Naming Vote!

# A Message from the Chief Cont'd

The Winds of Change has now been in existence for five years. It has been the cornerstone of what our plans are for our future, and how we to relate to others around us. It is being revisited now with the formation of our own L'il'wat Winds of change and I wish to commend all who have worked on it and who are working towards a positive future for us.

The torch for the 2010 Olympics has finally arrived in Victoria BC from Athens, Greece. It is now on its 106 days journey across this country and back. It will evidently arrive in Lil'wat February 6th, 2010. It was very touching to hold the flame for a short period of time while we, the Four Host First Nations were bringing it to the local First Nations - the Esquimalt and Songhees Chiefs. They in turn gave it to VANOC C.E.O. John Furlong to start the relay. It was also very honourable to hear Councillor Joanne John sing a few of ours songs while on this truly important mission.

Running out of time so until next month have a safe and enjoyable time in Lil'wat or where ever you may be.

**Taya7 Kúk'wpi7**

Chief Leonard Andrew

## Welcome Back!

**Tanis Grandbois**

Hey Lil'wat

I'm back at The Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre as the Multimedia Technician.

I was wanting to inform you all that we will have some polo shirts for sale at the Lil'wat7ul Culture Centre soon ,so come check them out They are Four Host First nation Merchandise Email or call us at the Culture centre 604 894 5826 email [tanis.grandbois@lilwat.ca](mailto:tanis.grandbois@lilwat.ca)

We have a podcasting website at :

[www.kgroup.squarespace.com](http://www.kgroup.squarespace.com)

This was a exciting project funded by the First Peoples' Heritage Language and Culture Council. This website was designed by out Lil'wat Youth From the Xit'olacw Community school Mitch Thevarge and myself

Also a reminder you about our Language archive at

[www.firstvoices.com](http://www.firstvoices.com)

Its a online archive where we can learn Our Language there's games for the kids at

[www.firstvoiceskids.com](http://www.firstvoiceskids.com) so check it out!!!!

Drop by THE CULTURE CENTRE and have a look check out our craft supplies we have for sale (o:

Anyone who attended the photo shoot on Sept 14th can pick up their cd for \$2.00



## Countdown to the Games!



## Carrying the Olympic Flame: Torch Bearers Selected

The 2010 Olympic Torch is on its way to Mount Currie and five lucky Lil'wat members have been selected to carry the torch on behalf of the Four Host First Nation Internal Torch Bearer Selection program. **Payton Dan, Keegan Andrews, Linda Dan, Randall Phillips, and Dillon Sampson** were all selected after submitting applications stating what carrying the torch would mean to them and what they do for their community.

The Flame will reach Mount Currie early morning February 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. There will be a celebration at the new community complex in honor of its arrival. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy in the celebration.

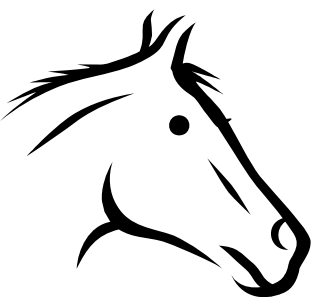
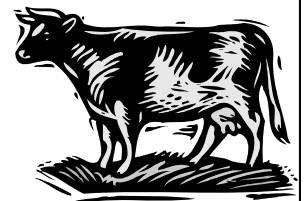
The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will begin its 106-day Canadian journey on October 30, 2009. The Flame's pan-Canadian journey will culminate on February 12, 2010 when it arrives in Vancouver for the Opening Ceremony before a global viewing audience of billions.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay route will be the longest domestic Torch Relay in Olympic history, stretching over 45,000 kilometers throughout Canada. Upon its conclusion, the Olympic Flame will have been welcomed in over 1,000 communities and passed within a one-hour of more than 90 per cent of the entire Canadian population.

**Jazzmin Pascal** was also chosen to be a torch bearer for the First Nations Snowboard Team by their new sponsors RBC. Congratulations Jazz!



A meeting of the Livestock Owners was held at the Old Hall on Monday evening- Nov 2/09-to discuss what steps we should take to manage our cattle and horses, the pasture itself, and several other issues. The group decided on moving their animals home for the winter. Although it is early, many animals are wandering. Food value is not that great in the pasture grasses since the frost. Owners of Bulls are to get them



in immediately, this week, and the owners of cows and horses are to start rounding up their own animals. Also a request to all stock owners to spend time fixing the pasture fence was made. Arrangements to ship cattle, replacement of breeding bulls, signage on the Lake Road were discussed. A copy of the minutes will go to all Stockmen; some people were not able to attend, but they will receive a copy with the plans that were made. Thanks to all that attended and to Maxine for stepping up and helping us out.  
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## 2010 Olympic Planning Update

*Submitted by: Tracy Howlett*

The 2010 Olympic games are less than 100 days away and although Lil'wat is a little behind in our Olympic Planning we are now well underway. Here is a brief recap of what has been planned and what is going on:

**Media** – during the games there will be 5,000 media stationed in Whistler. At a recent round table involving about 1,500 media the number one topic that outlets from around the world wanted to learn about was First Nations. To address this interest the Band Administration has established a Media Relations Team who are working on gathering photos and video and will be working with the community to identify spokespeople to share Lil'wat stories. The team is preparing a Media Kit which will be made available to news agencies providing overview information about the Nation.

**Events** – Community Celebrations will kick off on February 6<sup>th</sup> with the Torch Relay celebration at the Community Complex. The torch will be run through IR 10, Old Reserve and Xit'olacw starting at 8:30am. A brief blessing of the torch ceremony will take place at the community complex which will be followed by a community breakfast, singing and drumming. We are also planning to use the new community complex as a 'Live Site' during the games. Olympic events will be broadcast daily on the big screen and community members will be welcome to join in with activities, refreshments and cheering!

**Toursim** – In early October, the Look Company was hired by the Mount Currie Band to create a Media and Marketing Strategy for the 2 week period during the games. The proposal that the Look Company put together was presented to Chief and Council and then to the community on two separate occasions. At the centre of the proposal was the construction of an Indoor Soccer Dome which would act as a pavilion for cultural tourism events during the games and a legacy for youth sports in the future. The community identified concerns with the short timelines and costs (both known and unknown) of such a project and on November 4<sup>th</sup> voted against the project in a community vote (218 for, 107 against – 333 total ballots cast). The Look Company are now working with Chief and Council to develop a new proposal and will likely be involved in future Olympic planning for the Band.

**Four Host First Nations and VanOC** – There are many events that will be happening in the coming months that are organized by the FHFN and 2010 Olympic Committee. Band Staff will be attending 2010 Coordinators meetings and getting up to date information about these events. A community calendar is in the works which will outline all events related to the Games and open to Lil'wat members. The first event, organized by Squamish Nation to celebrate the Grizzly Song, is being held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Totem Hall. Lil'wat will be hosting our own celebration for the song soon after.

There will be a 2010 Working Group meeting held every Wednesday at 10am from now until games time. If you have any ideas about how Lil'wat can celebrate the Olympics please let your Council and band staff know. If you are interested in attending these meetings please let Tanis Grandbois at the Culture Centre know.



# Lil'wat Nation Mount Currie Band

September 24, 2009

Proud To Be Home Of  
The Eagles!

P.O. Box 604, Mount Currie, B.C. V0N 2K0 Phone: 604 894-6131 Fax: 604 894-5717

## Salmon Barbecue Kukwstumckacw

Elders, Hand Drummers and Mount Currie Community for attending our Salmon Barbecue on September 18, 2009.

Kukwstumckacw

Johnny Jones

Dean Nelson

For your help with the Salmon Ceremony.



Kukwstumckacw,  
Xit'olacw Community School



# Pqusnalhcw Update

*Submitted by Jessica Frank, Director of Pqusnalhcw*

**I would like to congratulate my staff on completing their first term in Infant & Toddler, Keep on going ladies. From all the staff at Pqusnalhcw.**



## **Pqusnalhcw Child Care Spaces Available**

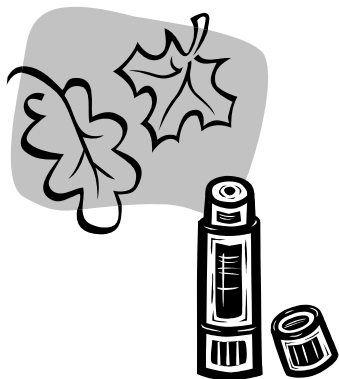
The Pqusnalhcw Child Care has space available for children under the age of 19 months. If you are interested in any of our programs, please do not hesitate to call Jessica at (604) 894-6656 ext 247. If you are in need of child care please come fill out a registration form, and I will put your child on the waiting list.

## **The Child Care Subsidy Program**

The Child Care subsidy program is a monthly payment that helps British Columbian families with low to moderate incomes meet the cost of child care. You may be eligible for Child Care Subsidy if you:

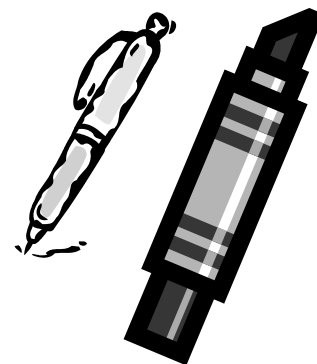
- q Are working and earn a low to moderate income.
- q Are seeking work
- q Are attending school or training for jobs programs, or
- q Have Child Care recommendations by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The phone number is 18883386622 or website: [www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/) or if you need assistance please contact Jessica.



## **Outdoor activity-Nature's Treasures**

You will need  
Small bag  
Fall nature items  
Felt tip marker  
Poster board  
Pen  
Glue



1. Give your child a small bag
  2. Take him/her on a hike to collect fall nature items.
  3. After the walk, use a felt tip marker to trace around your child's hand in the centre of a piece of poster board.
  4. Write "Nature's Treasures" and your child's name in the centre of his traced hand.
  5. Let your child glue his/her nature items onto the poster board around his/her traced hand.
- When done let your child tell you a story about what they have made.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Our Children's event**

Feeding Our Families-Healthy Choices.

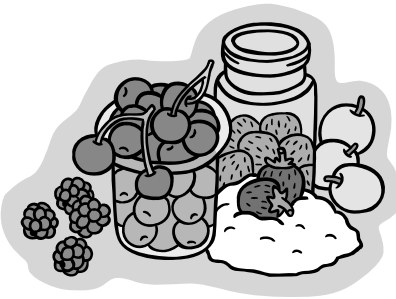
**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009**Time:** 4:00 to 7:00 pm**Where:** Xit'olacw Community School Gym**Who:** Children and their Families**Activities:** Budgeting, Reading Labels, Prenatal Nutrition, Portion Distortion, Growing your Own Food, Traditional Foods and Ucwalmicwts Names, Making Healthy Snacks etc.**Grand Prizes:** Smokers and Pressure Cooker**Door Prizes:** Canner, Jars, Crock Pot, Kids Cookbooks, etc.

Dinner Provided, Bring your Hand drums

**Transportation:** Pick up 3:45 pm Mount Currie Church**Cultural Activities**

Pqusnalhcw is looking for community members to show our children our traditional and cultural teachings, such as beading, preserving foods, etc. We will provide honorarium.

The Pqusnalhcw Child Care Centre welcomes interested community members and will give us the opportunity to show our Centre to community members via Centre tours if you are interested in a tour of the Centre, or any of our programs. Please call Jessica Frank, Director Child Care Services @ 604-894-6656 ext. 247.



Is your child(ren) 4 years old before December 31, 2009 then you are eligible for Preschool/Nursery program located at the Pqusnalhcw Child Care Centre. This program has a morning program from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon group from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bus transportation provided by Xit'olacw Community School. If you are interested in utilizing this service please contact Jessica Frank,

**FUN FRIDAYS at Pqusnalhcw**

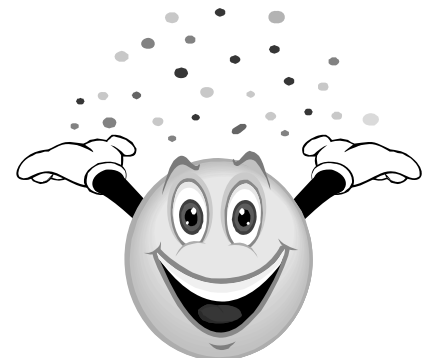
*Pqusnalhcw invites everyone to participate in our Fun Fridays! The*

November 6      Wear Red or Black

November 13    Favorite Toque Day

November 20    Daycare BBQ

November 27    Bring a fruit day





## Ts'zil Update

*By Nadine Pascal, Education and Training Coordinator*

Our funding policy at Ts'zil, for living allowance, states that if you want to be considered a *full time sponsored student* then you need to apply by the deadline- **June 1, 2009**.

The Ts'zil Learning Centre Board, manager and staff review all applications throughout the summer and go over our policy and select according to the budget and policy.

*We have 76 f/t & p/t students registered, either external or in the community.*

The Ts'zil Funding Policy was created by the Ts'zil Learning Centre Board and was approved by Chief and Council April 2008.

*We are not accepting any applications* for funding all funds are allocated for this year. If you would like to take a course here, you can contact Social Assistance and go over your financial requirements to ensure you are taken care of financially while in school.

We apologize for any misleading information given by any staff, but there are no funds left for this academic year.

The Carpentry Prep Program begins Sept 28, 2009 to Oct. 23, 2009, these four weeks students will be going over Essential Skills, Carpentry Math & English, building picnic benches for Ts'zil, using laser levels, learning basic carpentry skills required prior to the course commencing. Week 5 is the certificate week where we will have the students go through: First Aid Level 1, WHIMIS, Confined Space/ Lock Out, Fall Protection and possibly Fork lift or Traffic Control. If the seats do not fill with the clients (some already have these certificates, we will open it up for the community on EI)

Nov. 2, 2009 is the first day of Carpentry Level 1. This will be 6 weeks in length. All the guys/ ladies, that are taking the program, went through assessment tests to see if they meet the required math/ English levels required by I.T.A (Industry Training Authority). When we complete this level we will then apply to I.T.A an application to run a Carpentry Level 2. This way we can run Level 1 & Level 2 alternating.



### **Postponed Until Trainer Hired**

The Aboriginal Early Childhood Education program just finished their first term in the Infant Toddler Diploma, and now just begun their practicum. Good luck ladies.



# Ts'zil Update Continued

***Again, if you live off reserve and you are interested in training or any sort of programs and need assistance you can contact the nearest First Nations office or call FNES and ask for assistance their number is 604-605-7194 speak with Roseann Guerin.***

***The funding we receive from FNES is for community programs only.***



Our Cultural Video Production Program is full and on its way, all the students are excited about this program and are anticipating the assigned work ahead.

Our UCEP program is under way and we have 13 students enrolled into the program. This program assists students with preparation with college and university studies.

The Business Fundamentals Program is FULL and going great.

We also have our ABE Math & English course going and have a few community members enrolled.

A message to external students: Please have your progress reports in by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month

Ts'zil students: Please have your progress reports in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Pierre, she is now the full Admin Assistant. She and Rachel will be assisting in the front office.



The results of the Summer Survey winners: Sherry Jones won 2 Canucks Tickets

John Phillip won the cell phone with minutes and Rosalie Dipsco won the \$200 Wal-Mart Gift Card. Congratulations winners and thanks all of you for participating in our survey, we will keep you posted on the results.



## Staff at Ts'zil:

Robert Schuster Advanced Education & Training Manager

Nadine Pascal – Education & Training Coordinator

Rachel Dan – Admin Assistant

Elizabeth Pierre – Admin Assistant

Courtney Littleton – Essential Skills Coordinator

Lynda Sampson – ABE English, UCEP, CSSF

Sharon Leinweber – Comp, Math, UCEP

Lisa Fisher – Cultural Media Program – Learning Specialist

Barb Busalacchi – Cultural Media Program – Learning Specialist

# Ts'zil Update Cont'd

*By Nadine Pascal, Education and Training Coordinator*



Bernie Phillips was the recipient of the I.T.A's "Top in Trades" Award. He was given the opportunity to donate \$500, from I.T.A, towards an organization of his choosing. Bernie chose Ts'zil Learning Centre as the recipient! The staff here will decide which band member best suited as recipient. The selection will be someone in "First Year Carpentry". (as notice states)

This is a great opportunity that was granted to Ts'zil Learning Centre!! We have so many members interested in the Carpentry Field.

Thank you Bernie for your selecting Ts'zil as recipient, and to assist us in helping a community member.

We will find the best suited candidate and keep you all informed on the decision and process.

kukwstumlhkacw



## Welcome!

We became best friends 13 years ago when both taught at the same school in San Diego, California. We have both lived in Whistler at different times and knew that we each wanted to make our lives here.

Over the past five years, we have been working with video in education and have worked with students to create videos about world cultures and environmental issues.

Saying that we were overjoyed when we were presented the opportunity to teach at the Ts'zil Learning Centre, is an understatement.

Our Cultural Video Production Program consists of 3 classes: TV News Production, Video Field Production and Media Performance. Our intention is to give our students the skills to document their stories and those of their community. We are hoping to have some community-based videos up on the website by the end of the year.

You may have seen us at the Pow Wow. Our students shot some amazing video and conducted some powerful interviews...we are blown away every day by how talented and committed they are. We are so thankful to be teaching in such a warm and welcoming community. Thank you. We look forward to meeting you.

Lisa Fisher and Barbara Busalacchi



# Overview of Lil'wat Nation Land and Resources Consultation Process

*By Harriet VanWart, Referral Coordinator*

The Land and Resources Department facilitates consultations between the Province and the Lil'wat Nation regarding the use of land and resources within the Lil'wat Territory. This consultation process is a key element in Lil'wat Nation government taking greater control over Lil'wat Territory.

The process we follow goes like this . . .

The Land and Resources Department will receive referral letters from the Province regarding any kind of land use tenure or permit application that lies within the Lil'wat Territory.

Some examples of recent referral letters include:

- rezoning application for the Ravens Crest property to allow for the development of an independent private school,
- upgrading of the trails at Meager Hot Springs,
- wildfire protection work on Whistler Mountain,
- parking lot upgrades at Nairn Falls, and
- a new launching site for paragliders at Mackenzie Basin.

Once we receive these referral letters, we do an internal review within our department. For example, with the Meager Hot Springs referral letter, we had our fisheries department assess the plans for upgrading the trail to ensure it wouldn't impact fish or fish habitat. We also had our Cultural Technician review the referral to make sure cultural sites would not be impacted. Some referrals require field assessments and formal archaeological studies. Once all this information is gathered we bring the referral to Referral Committee.

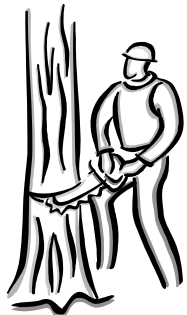
The Referral Committee is made up of five Lil'wat community members. They review the referrals and give recommendations on how to respond. It is their job to ensure all the proper due diligence work is done and that Lil'wat interests are protected. If the activity looks fine and the impacts are low, they will look at ways for the Lil'wat to benefit economically from the activity. This may be through employment opportunities, or payments to the Lil'wat Nation for the land use. They will also determine which referrals should be brought to Chief and Council for a higher level of consultation and accommodation.

We then send out the response to the referral. Our goal is to clearly assert Lil'wat Nation's title to the land, to protect any cultural sites, traditional uses or archaeological sites, to make sure proper environmental impact assessments are done, and to find ways for the Lil'wat Nation and community to benefit from the use of the land.

If you would like more information on any of the referrals we receive or the consultations we are engaged in please feel free to call me or come by the office.

# Creekside Resources Update

Submitted by Troy Bikadi



Hi all, Creekside Resources Inc is working on a Forest Fuel Management Project around Xitolacw community, on IR#6 and across the CN Rail tracks on IR#10. Work is ongoing include Spacing, pruning, and pilling brush. Chipping has been completed. If the weather remains wet and we have a favorable venting index burning of debris piles could start. Please remain clear of work areas signed when falling is in progress.

Thank you

# Karate Program

Submitted by Daniel Cindric, Recreation Director



## Karate: On the Chopping Block

Karate is a martial art developed in Okinawa, Japan from indigenous fighting methods *te* ("hand") and Chinese *kenpō*. Karate is characterized as a striking art and is practiced for self-perfection, cultural reasons, self-defense and as a sport. Some interpret the "kara" of Karate to mean to purge oneself of selfish and evil thoughts. For only with a clear mind and conscience can the practitioner understand the knowledge which he or she receives.

Karate classes have been offered at Xit'olacw Community School cafeteria and gym every Thursday evening between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm since January of 2007, by

the Lil'wat Recreation Department. During this time enrolment has drastically fluctuated. There have been as many as 16 people in one class, but the average number of participants karate attracts each week is 2.

Two participants are not enough to keep this program going. If the enrolment does not increase to a minimum of 5 participants by January 2010, we will be forced cancel the program.

Karate is not free, the Lil'wat Recreation Department charges \$25 per participant for five classes (\$5 per class). With this you get one class per week for 5 weeks, a free uniform, and the use of sparring gear. Karate is open to everyone in the community, people who attend are typically between the ages of 7 and 12 years of age. The first class is always free.

I encourage everyone to come out to enjoy this activity before it's gone forever. If you have any questions please contact me at 604 894 1663 or [daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca](mailto:daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca).

## Recreation Department Activity Schedule

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
3 : 0 0 p m - 5:00 pm							
4 : 0 0 - 5:00 pm	Dodgeball 4 : 3 0 - 5:30pm 12& under XCS Gym	Art Fun 4 : 3 0 p m 6:30pm All ages XCS Cafe	Open Gym 4 : 3 0 p m - 6:30pm 12& under XCS Gym	Activities Club 4:00pm-6:00pm All Ages XCS Cafeteria			
5:00pm- 6:00pm	Dodgeball 5 : 3 0 - 7:30pm All ages XCS Gym						
6:00pm- 7:00pm		Youth Floor Hockey 5pm-7pm XCS Gym	Badminton 6 : 3 0 p m - 8:30pm Ages 10 years & up XCS Gym	Karate 6 p m - 7:30pm 15 and under X C S Cafe	V i d e o C l u b 6 p m - 7:30pm 15 and up X C S Gym		Women's Activity Night 6pm-8pm 14 and up XCS Gym
7:00pm- 8:00pm		Open Gym 7-9pm 13 and up XCS Gym					
8:00pm- 9:00pm							Basketball 8pm-10pm 14 and up XCS Gym
9:00pm- 10:00 p m							

For more information call Dan Cindric 604 894 1663 or email [daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca](mailto:daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca)

# Local Youth Mountain Biking to Success

*Submitted by Daniel Cindric, Recreation Director*

The goal of the First Nations Mountain Bike Team (FNMBT) is to increase youth's ability in mountain biking and reconnect youth with their traditional territory. The First Nations Mountain Biking Program is designed for all youth in the community of Mount Currie who lead a clean and healthy life and have an interest in mountain biking.

The FNMBT was initiated through the Lil'wat Recreation Department and has been operational since the summer of 2008. The program runs from May to September.

This year's team was comprised of 8 local youth: **Miles Andrew, Bryton Nelson, P'sil Bikadi, Trent Smith, Stanley Jim, Eddie Milton, & Gage Gabriel.** The team made 2 trips per week to Whistler or Pemberton for training.

**Bryton Nelson** also competed in the Dual Slalom and the Air Downhill in this year's Crankworx competition. We hope that next year there will be more participation for other team members.

Micah Stipech is responsible running the FNMBT which he dedicates his entire summer to. He collects donations, purchases equipment, organizes training days, and finds instructors and so much more. This program would not exist without him. Thank you Micah.

The youth were responsible for their own transportation to Whistler and Pemberton. Maxine Nelson was instrumental in giving rides all summer long. Thank you Maxine.

If you would like any further information on this program please contact Daniel Cindric at 604 894 1663 or [Daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca](mailto:Daniel.cindric@lilwat.ca)



## FM Radio Content Needs You!

*Submitted by: Clint Andrew, FM Radio*

I am currently seeking out contacts for our FM radio project. I am looking for people who are interested in consulting and/or working with us on our radio project in the areas of our language, legends and historical events etc. or any other ideas. So if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested please contact me. Thank you. A.S.A.P haha.

Lil'wat Language Consultants. Example: word of the day etc.

Lil'wat Legends Consultants....telling of our legends in the language etc.

Lil'wat Historical Events Consultants....telling of any significant historical events in Lil'wat History etc.

# BC Transplant Honor Ceremony

*Submitted by: Marie (Joseph) Abraham, Elder Community Member*



Crimson Joseph and the Joseph Family were invited to the BC Transplant's Organ Donor Recognition Ceremony at UBC on October 21, 2009. It very well put together by the BC Transplant organization people. Coffee, Tea, juice punch, and crackers, all sorts of cookies, fruits, and all kinds of small sandwiches were being served.

Jack's mother was one of the first speakers, she was very emotional, her son Jack had a heart transplant when he was six weeks old, now is alive and eleven year old boy, he went up to talk to everybody. By all the sniffing we heard, ....we all were happy to see him alive too.

When the medals were presented my nephew Crimson Joseph went up to receive his Dad Michael Van Joseph's medal. My brother Mike (Mack) Joseph gave his eyes, kidneys, and his liver when he died last year Sept 16, 2008.

Other recipients of organs made their speeches about how grateful they were to be alive. Yellow roses and a BC Transplant 2009 Commemorative Video DVD were given away. And we had free parking spot at UBC!

## Social Assistance Update

*Submitted by Debra Parker*

We may still be needing a copy of your 2009/2010 National Child Tax Benefit Notices, even if you filed late please send us a copy.

Earnings need to be declared, we need bank statements, or copies of cheque stubs, we will not be issuing any Social Assistance cheques if earnings are not declared, you can still be supplemented if you do not earn enough.

The consent to release form is our way of tracking your employment and making the appropriate deductions according to your earnings.

Job searches need to be picked up and filled out before booking appointments.

Hydro bills need to be dropped off as soon as you receive them, to prevent late payment charges and/or disconnection notices.

If there are any changes in the household, you need to let us know and we would like you to book an appointment to make the necessary changes.

Any Questions you can call *Debra Parker* or *Vaughan Gabriel* at the Lil'wat Employment Agency at 604-894-1733



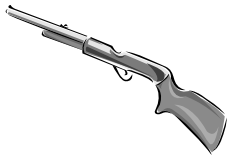
# Lex's Story Corner



## Hunter Jack and the Chilcotins

*Baptiste Ritchie*

This is a true story about the time that my grandfather, chief Hunter Jack, made friends with the Chilcotin people. At one time, the Chilcotins were our worst enemies. They came down and took our food supplies, as well as our women and children. During the summer, while the Lillooet men were away, the Lillooet women had to hide, in order to avoid being captured as slaves by the Chilcotins. It was Hunter Jack who helped to improve relations between the Lillooet's and the Chilcotins. One year, during the late fall, Hunter Jack was trapping in the Bridge river area, where he had his trap line. He went up to Gun Lake to cut ice to go trout fishing. When he arrived, he noticed some smoke rising from the south end of the lake. He had seen a large shelter made of boughs in the way that the Chilcotins make their houses. The people had been trapped there by an early snow-fall in the hills. Near the shelter there was a trail, which was well camouflaged by bushes leading into the forest. One of the Chilcotin women saw Hunter Jack approaching and ran into the house to alert the other people. An old man came outside and talked with Hunter Jack while the other people ran away. "Don't be afraid," said Hunter Jack in Chinook; "I want to talk with you; we should be friends." He put his gun into the snow and walked into the house. Inside were a woman and two men sitting on the floor, with a pile of bows and arrows in front of them. After they had spoken, Hunter Jack rested for the night. The old man, who was called Tsa-teich, kept the two young men from killing Hunter Jack. They were very short of supplies and realized that they would need Hunter Jack's help if they were to survive the long winter. Although there was no shelter further along the trail, the women and children had run out into the deep snow which covered the trail. Hunter Jack unloaded his gun and placed it next to the door. Slowly the people returned to the house, they gathered together in one end of the house and listened to Hunter Jack and Tsa-teich talk about how their people had been treating each other. They decided to become friends so that no more blood would be shed. "You don't have to be afraid of me," said Hunter Jack. Then he said to Tsa-teich "I will take two of your young men with me to my cabin and give them what you will need to get through the winter. They will return the next day." When they reached the chief's cabin at Skwi-ta-tal-tiwh, Hunter Jack cooked a meal for the men and gave them a place to sleep. In the morning he packed them some flour, sugar, salt and other supplies which the Chilcotin people would need. Ever since In-kick-tee (Hunter Jack) met Tsa-teich, the Lillooet and Chilcotin people have been friends. When they come to visit us, they are seated first at the table. It was Hunter Jack who helped the people to understand how to behave and get along with their neighbors.



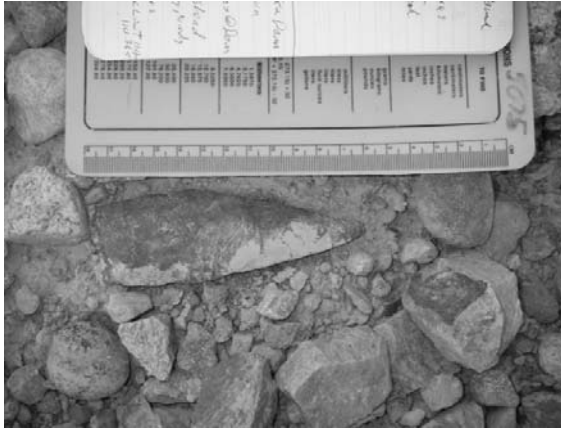


# DAISY LAKE DAM FIELD WORK

## September 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Submitted by: Johnny Jones*

I did 6 days of field work in Daisy Lake. BC Hydro is fixing the Dam and let out a lot of water, like the water level dropped 10 feet, so it gave us time to look around the lake and about 8 feet down I found this point and would like to share it with you Lil'wat people it is proof we were there long before any one. In 1957 BC Hydro flooded the area now called Daisy Lake. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @3:15 pm I found it.



JOHNNY JONES WITH POINT AT DAISY LAKE NORTHWEST SIDE OF LAKE

# Community Complex Update

*Submitted by Larry Miller, Project Manager*



To the left: View down the east wing of the council chambers.

The new community complex is getting closer to its final stages of completion. The 2<sup>nd</sup> level offices are looking very nice painted, with baseboards and doors. The birch wood doors really add a nice warm look to the interior. The carpenters started assembling the bleachers in the gym last week and those look fantastic. It will be so nice to have all the extra seating, especially while watching the Olympics and movies on the digital projection, 22 foot wide movie screen with a super sound system. The elevator has been now installed. Here are some pictures of the interior.

To the right: Full shot of the bleachers.



To the left: Council Chambers, In the corner a 50" LCD TV (covered during construction.) for presentations.

Below: A view of construction and the gym from Council Chambers.



Above: Bleacher construction.

To the right: Another shot of the bleacher construction.



To the Left: Gym construction.

To the right: Another view of the bleachers in construction.



# Housing Update

**By Gayle Andrews, Housing Coordinator**

**Housing Portfolios;** Councilor Felicity Nelson & Councilor Joanne John

**Mount Currie Board Members;** Betty Jim, Myrna Wallace, Geneva Wallace, Joseph Phillip, Norma Pierre and Luke Johnny

**Housing Coordinator- Gayle Andrews**

**Housing Coordinator Assistant- Denise Leo**

All information for newsletter are requests and recommendations from the Mount Currie Housing Board and Council Portfolios.

## Unapplied Payments

We do still have unapplied amounts from unknown accounts, so please if you have your yellow slip from the bank please bring it in for your receipt, we do not always know where the money comes from, if you believe this unapplied amount is from you and you did not notice it on your statement, you will need to provide us with dates, amounts and account numbers with your yellow slips to prove it was yours. You need to make sure you let us know that you make a direct deposit at the bank so we can apply the amount towards your statement.

## Online Banking

If you are hooked up with online banking, The Mount Currie Band is connected to it and you can add it as a bill, here's how:

ONLINE SCOTIA- [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com)

**Bill Payments:** ADD A PAYEE/BILL

**Enter One Word:** MOUNT

**Category:** BILL PAYMENT

**Province:** BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Bill Company/Payee:** ACCOUNT #

**YOUR ACCOUNT # IS ON THE MOUNT CURRIE BAND STATEMENT on right hand corner: AS CUSTOMER #**



## New Phases 20 and 21

If you are one of the lucky candidates of the upcoming Phase 20 (12 tenants) and the future Phase 21 (6 tenants) we will be holding an information meeting (both separate) for any concerns, questions and to updates. Look out for date and time.

**Chimney Cleaning**

It's that time of the year again-woodstoves & chimneys. Please call the Mount Currie Band Office if you require your chimney cleaning. Some of us use our chimney more than others therefore it would be at your discretion if you require your chimney to be cleaned or not. Also if the chimney cleaner suggested to you that your chimney needs repairs or replaced and it has not been yet, please put in a work order, or call the Housing Department to see what you can get done if you are a homeowner. E.g. renovations applications.

**Halaw Contracting**

Lloyd Williams now has the Service Contract for the Septic pump out service and disposal effective immediately. The Mount Currie Band office still takes work orders for band members and will direct them to Lloyd.

1. Gayle is the contact for only the houses that she manages.
2. Halaw is completely independent from the band but will be contracted for some of its septic pumping requirements. People that wish to acquire services are to contact Lloyd directly.

# These are Lil'wat stories of the Traditional Territory

*Submitted by: Johnny Jones*

To the Lil'wat Nation to let you know where our Traditional Territory boundary is going southward from Lil'wat Nation. Or Mount Currie B.C. There are mountains as land marks because they can't be moved or changed and there is a Mountain called Q'elq'amtensa ti Skenkna'pa-meaning 'Place where the Thunder Rests' in Lil'wat or known today as Black Tusk



Black Tusk



Barrier and Spo'7ez' or Rubble creek

The Barrier last came down in 1855 when 3 Lil'wats were in a fall hunting trip in the area. And Back 3000 years ago was when it came down over the Lil'wat Village there. The old timers past on stories to make sure we don't forget them. My dad Jimmy Jones took me there to the spot and told me the story and he also took me to the Transformer rock close by in the Cheakamus River at the pullout just past where the old salt shade was. The Spo'7ez', Rubble slide where the rocks go over the Highway-99 road is the marker; of the End of the Lilwat Traditional Territory boundary my dad pointed it out to me and said never forget this spot. And I said OK. And No body knew about it until I showed them the spot. So as one of the lands worker I GPS it and I noticed a lot of people going to have a look at it. Now is a recorded at the Archaeology. Branch in Victoria B.C.



The Lil'wat story on the Transformer rock in the Cheakamus River and I took Nicole Fitzgerald from whistler Shaw TV and we made a short T.V story of the Transformers. January 22, 2009 and it was aired on TV and there are other family stories of this area, but this one has been past down to me in my family from my dad

# Proposed Lil'wat Zoning

*Submitted by: Kerry Mehaffey, Lands Officer*

Recently the Nation completed a major milestone in adopting a new Land Use Plan to guide future development of Reserve lands. The Land Use Plan is intended to paint a very broad picture of what activities might occur on various sites. Since the plan serves as an overall guide, more detail is required as to how specific properties might be developed. The tool to accomplish this is known as 'zoning'. The zoning tool is designed to specify permitted land uses, to identify how buildings are developed on a property, and for example how large a property needs to be to accommodate certain type of uses. Another way of looking at this is to think in terms of deciding how you might want to travel on a river. Your overall decision to undertake river travel would indicate the need for a boat. Thus a boat is the device that will allow you to travel the river – this is similar to the Land Use Plan, the Plan sets out the very basic idea as to 'where you want to go.' But just deciding to travel by boat is not good enough. Now you need to decide on the type of boat. Will a kayak or canoe be sufficient, or will you need a powered vessel? This is similar to zoning - zoning serves as the more precise tool specifying how you achieve (and the conditions) as to where you want to go.

At this time the Land Management Board has retained a consultant to draft the initial zoning regulations intended to achieve some important objectives:

- The type of land use we want to encourage and discourage in the community
- How many buildings might be permitted on a parcel of land (for example if you have an agricultural property you will often require several buildings to accommodate various agricultural enterprises, for other uses a single building would suffice)
- Making sure that future land uses are compatible with neighbors (for example we do not want to have noisy uses, or land uses that generate substantial traffic right next door to a housing area)
- Ensure environmentally critical areas are protected (this means maintaining adequate clearance from creeks and rivers, and also giving proper consideration to reducing or eliminating the impact of areas subject to flooding)

Another very important issue is how we manage future land uses. Consideration will have to be given to such tools as building permits, or land use permits, and how any infractions might be dealt with. As you can see there is plenty to consider! Finally it must be understood that zoning deal primarily with future development. It will not solve current issues, nor deal with any conflicts that might exist in terms of already established incompatible land uses. Uses that already exist are deemed to be 'grandfathered in', meaning that they may continue to exist provided that any expansion meets the new zoning regulations.

We are now working on draft regulations and zoning maps (which will indicate specific zoning classifications for each parcel of land). There will be plenty of community discussion on the effect and management of zoning once the draft ideas progress.

# Community Land Use Plan Adopted!!!

*Submitted by: Kerry Mehaffey*

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Chief and Council adopted the Community Land Use Plan, as prepared by the Land and Resources Department. Staff and community members will continue to work on implementing the plan and following recommendations set out in the document.

The Plan will be presented at the General Assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. If you would like your own copy, please feel free to pick one up there!

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LIL'WAT NATION COMMUNITY  
LAND USE PLAN





# Name The Community Complex

*Submitted by: Tracy Howlett*

We are looking for a name plus a translation for that name and a paragraph outlining why that name is relevant and the perfect choice for our new Community Complex. We also ask for a suggested logo (not necessarily drawn but visualized!)

The contest will close on **November 27<sup>th</sup>** during which time we will canvas the school to have kids and classes come up with names as well as talk to Bingo, Elders and all band departments.

Three finalists will be selected by Chief and Council at the **December 1<sup>st</sup>** Council meeting and these names will be circulated around the community. Voting will be set up at the MC Health Centre, the Band Office and the School all day on **Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The result will be posted in the December newsletter and the name will be ready for the grand opening of the (to be named) Community Complex.

# Band Membership Update

*Submitted By: Janice Pierre, Membership Clerk*

I've been at the Band office for about six months now. Since that move my job has changed; the biggest change is I'm no longer part of the Social Assistance department.

This means more time for membership and the status cards.

- Status card appointments can be booked through the Band office front desk.
- You may renew your status card before it expires or within the month it is to expire.

**Only in extraordinary circumstances** will a status card be issued when an applicant has no valid ID

Important updates:

✦ A policy directive regarding birth registrations: **Original long form birth** certificates must accompany the birth registrations. Any registrations that do not include the original birth certificate will be returned. Certified true copies or photocopies are no longer accepted.

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The new Status Card (Secure Certificate of Indian Status) has been put on hold. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is not in a position to provide a date as to when the national issuance of the secure Certificate of Indian Status will start.

I've had a few questions regarding people getting their own band number after they turn 18. In 2003 there was a change in policy where that doesn't automatically happen. Anyone turning 18 after June 2003 will keep same band number unless requested to have own unique number ending in 01.

## ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION FOR STATUS CARD ISSUANCE (Certificate of Indian Status – CIS)

Clients must provide 2 pieces of the following I.D. when applying for a Status Card  
(one piece of primary I.D. or two pieces of secondary I.D. (one of which must have a digitized photo)  
or one piece of secondary I.D. with a Guarantor's form):

CATEGORY 1 Primary I.D.	CATEGORY 2 Secondary I.D.	CATEGORY 3 Other I.D.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valid Canadian Passport</li> <li>- New Plastic CIS issued after April 2002</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certificate of Birth</li> <li>- Marriage or Divorce Certificate</li> <li>- Provincial Health Card</li> <li>- Provincial Identification Card</li> <li>- Driver's License</li> <li>- Employee I.D. with digitized photo</li> <li>- Student I.D. with digitized photo</li> <li>- Firearms license</li> <li>- Old CIS card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guarantor's form</li> </ul>

**\*ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOCOPIED I.D. or SIN CARDS ACCEPTED**

**(Nor certified photocopies)**

**\* I.D. must be intact and must not be expired**

**\* IRA must receive the original Guarantor's form with signature (not a faxed version) & client's picture must be signed by the guarantor**

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## Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)

### Information Update:

#### MOBILE APPLICATION CENTRE DEPLOYMENT AND NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ON HOLD

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is currently addressing technical aspects of the project and until this has been completed, the implementation phase will be on hold. This includes deployment of the Mobile Application Centres as well as production of Secure Certificates of Indian Status.

First Nations members who have applied at a Mobile Application Centre will face delays in receiving their card. INAC has ensured that all personal information collected as a result of their applications is properly safeguarded.

At this time, INAC is not in a position to provide a date as to when the national issuance of the Secure Certificate of Indian Status will start. INAC is taking immediate action to resolve technical issues and will continue to provide updates on progress and as to when processing of applications will resume and card production will begin, through our website.

More information is available at [Secure Certificate of Indian Status FAQ's](#)

For information on documentation requirements for visiting the United States, please visit the Border Crossing Information section.

September 14, 2009

**OCTOBER 2009**Squamish Lil'wat Cultural  
Centre (SLCC)  
4584 Blackcomb Way  
Whistler, BC V0N 1B4Phone: 604.964.0990  
Toll Free: 1.866.441.7522  
Fax: 604.964.0965**WHERE RIVERS, MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE MEET****Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Newsletter****KAYÁCHTN/K'ALHWÁ7ACW, WELCOME****Fall Carving Project completed**

XwaLackTun was here on-site completing a carving project throughout the month of September. He started work outside the entrance of SLCC under a tent and continued through to completion on the Great Hall Deck. Ambassadors were invited to join XwaLackTun in carving the pole. The pole is currently off-site for a presentation and will return for installation the third week of October. We send our gratitude to XwaLackTun for sharing the experience with the Ambassadors and guests of the SLCC. We look forward to being part of the next upcoming Winter Carving project.

Left: Sketch of the pole design  
Right: XwaLackTun

**WINTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES with SLCC Partner Blackcomb Snowmobiles Ltd.**

Blackcomb Snowmobiles Ltd. operates: Snowmobile tours, Dog Sled tours, Cat skiing, Snowshoe tours and new this year Eagle viewing and Evening snowshoe Tours.

Full time and Part time available. Many "guiding" positions are on an "on-call" basis. Positions start at \$12/hr and wage increases with Class IV and experience.

If you are interested in any of these positions please email your resume to [info@blackcombsnowmobile.com](mailto:info@blackcombsnowmobile.com) or fax to 604.932.8410.

**October Highlights**

**New in the Café:** Bison and Saskatoon Berry or Venison and Blueberry Pemmican. Caribou jerky. Salmon Candy. Vegetarian Soup.

**Gallery Tour:** Every hour starting at 9:30am, take part in a guided tour of the Cultural Centre.

**Outdoor Exhibit Tour:** Guided Tour every hour starting at 10am, of the traditional dwellings and the Forest Walk.

**By Donation Days:** Every Sunday admission is by donation admission for a Gallery or Outdoor Exhibit Tour at SLCC.

**SLCC Ambassador CD:** Our Ambassadors' collection of Skwǵwǵmesh and Lil'wat7ul Traditional songs are available in the Gift Shop.

**Where Rivers, Mountains and People Meet DVD:** Purchase our stunning visual journey feature film in the Gift Shop.

**Sunday Speaker Series, 1-4pm:** Oct 4 -  
In Istken Hall, 1-4pm

Oct 11 - Bob Williams: Mountain Communities of the future

Oct 18 - Family Craft Workshop/Activity

David Hickey: Sounds of the Solar System (Last Speaker of Series)

**Sea To Sky Farmers Market:** Starts Sunday Oct.25th 10am-4pm at SLCC, Summer Farmers Market ends Sun. Oct.11th



# Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Newsletter



## **SECOND CALL FOR ARTISTS DURING THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS**

### Overview

This is a SECOND call for Squamish and Lil'wat artists interested in demonstrating and selling their work (4 foot table space) during the Olympic and Paralympic period:

**February 12 – 28, 2010**

**March 12 – 21, 2010**

If interested please complete the form below by **October 30, 2009**. You can email, fax, or mail your information to:

**Email:** [info@slcc.ca](mailto:info@slcc.ca)  
**Fax:** 604.964.0965  
**Mailing Address:** Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre  
4584 Blackcomb Way  
Whistler B.C.  
V0N 1B4

Include any other materials that would be useful (e.g. Bio, pictures of work, etc.). If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 1.866.441.7522.

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### **SECOND CALL FOR ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discipline (check all boxes that apply)**

- Carving
- Painting
- Performance Art – dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling
- Weaving
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer the following dates:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** A schedule will be developed based on the number of responses and availability of space.

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Deadline for November 2009 Newsletter submissions is October 25th.

If you have any requests, suggestions or questions for the Newsletter or the content call Darla John, Receptionist at 604.964.0990 or email [reception@slcc.ca](mailto:reception@slcc.ca).



# Lil'wat Nation

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**Below is a list of Band Contacts. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!**

Department	Contact	Number
Mount Currie Band Office	Hazel Joseph	604-894-6115
Creekside Resources	Michelle Thevarge	604-894-6145
Health Care Centre	Vickie Louis	604-894-6656
Wellness Centre	Gillian Paul	604-894-1663
Social Development	Kelly Andrews	604-894-1733
Xit'olacw Community School	Glenda Gabriel	604-894-6131
Ts'zil Learning Centre	Rachel Dan	604-894-2300
Land & Resources	Carolyn Ward	604-894-2333
Recreation	Dan Cindric	604-894-1663
Employment Centre	Kelly Andrew	604-894-1733
Lil'wat Culture Centre	Mary Elaine James	604-894-5826
Fire Department	Charles Frank- Fire Chief Duke Andrew- Assistant Fire Chief Marshall Ritchie– Safety Officer	604-894-6151
Post Office	Andrew Cochran	604-894-6241

### December 2009 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter will be around Friday November 27th 2009. Please make your submission by dropping it off at the Band Office, faxing it to 604-894-1518 (Attn: Tiffanie Sampson) or emailing it to [tiffanie.sampson@lilwat.ca](mailto:tiffanie.sampson@lilwat.ca). If you have any questions please call Tiffanie at 604-894-2333.

If there is any thing in particular that you'd like to see included in the newsletter please let us know. We are doing our best to use this newsletter to update the community on what the Band Administration and Chief and Council are working on. Please send your ideas and requests to Tiffanie and we'll do what we can to include more information.