



Special points of interest:

- Don't forget about the Soda Creek Pow Wow July 6-8
- We have 11 Summer Students this year!
- Welcome to all our new staff here at the Band Office and Health Building!

July 2007



By Trina Phillips

Treaty Administrator

Hello everyone, (Weytk)

You are probably glad summer is around the corner. I know I am because the boys are getting tired. They are getting harder and harder to wake up in the mornings. I am literally dragging my youngest out of bed every morning. Must be a growing spurt for them. It is that time for the wild animals to be out and about too, as Ian and I had almost walked into a bear last night during our evening stroll. So a word of caution for the children who are out and about in the backyards. There is a big black bear wandering around out there.

It has been a busy month for me. There was the Treaty Land Tours for each community from June 12 – 14, 2007 for Canim Lake, Canoe Creek/Dog Creek, and Sugar Cane. We will be having ours at a later date, and will get back to you once I have verified that with everyone else including my supervisor. I was able to take a lot of pictures of the land tours that I had taken part of, such as Canoe/Dog Creek's land tour and Sugar Canes. They were both long days of travelling in rain and mud, but very beautiful scenery. To say the least I enjoyed myself. It has helped me understand the history of each places chosen, and the people of the area.



I would like to say thank you to those who volunteered their time to help make both the Wildwood Aboriginal Day and the St. Joseph Mission Unity Ride a success. When we all work together, it sure makes a difference for events such as these. A lot of children, parents, and grandparents went home happy that day because their needs were met.

For the last couple of months, Chief Mike Archie has been preparing along with the other chiefs for the Unity Ride. In the past years since I have started my little family, I had to put a few favorite past times of mine aside such as horseback riding. Well that was going to change this time, because I was determined to take part in the Unity Ride. Thanks to Joe Alphonse I was able to have a horse to ride. It was just a matter of showing up on time and join the group.

Mind you that I just barely made it, as the group was almost ready to leave when I got there, and to add to the situation Joe was still on his way to town from Anaham as he had gone to pick up a few riders.

To say the least I was very happy to take

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Fraser River Run

Treaty Administrator Continued

part of this unity ride, as it was very important to me. I wanted to do this to remember those who survived, those who weren't so fortunate, to share that with my ancestors and do it with in good spirits and to leave the place in good spirits.

Both days went extremely well for me, because when you ride in a large group with horses.....it just creates an atmosphere of excitement and thrill that is beyond words. It is an exhilarating feeling for the horses that their automatic response to being in a large group was to run. On the first day as we started out, we had to hold them back the whole way until we got closer to Sugar Cane and came across the open field. It was then that the reins were loosened, and they took off before anyone changed their mind. I was worried about gopher holes mind you, so I kept those reins in a bit on my horse, but let him have a bit of a run. For the people watching, they said it was awesome to watch the horses running across the field towards them.

For the Grand Entry at the site on the first day, it was nice to see so many riders all in one place. Everything went quite smoothly throughout both days, and I was glad to see that the band had ended the day in music on the day of the Aboriginal Day. I danced the evening away and left with good memories and high spirits. I am just glad that Ian is not shy, and that I was able to drag him onto the open floor every dance.

Well if anyone is interested in seeing more pictures, I do have some on my desktop computer. By all means stop by and see me.

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday July 12, 2007 9am – 4pm At the Deep Creek Hall
Treaty Working Group

Wednesday July 25, 2007 9:30 am –

4:30 pm At Canim Lake Gym

Side Table Working Group Mtg.

Also we are putting out a call for anyone who may be interested in sitting on the "Eligibility and Enrolment Working Group Committee. This doesn't exclude anyone.

-The people chosen will have to have an understanding of the issues

-Councillors and NSTS Directors would not be allowed on the Committee

-Submit your letter of interest: with reasons why you would be the right candidate and your

Understanding of Eligibility & Enrolment, and the issues that it entails so to have an open

Mind when discussing this as a group.

We are looking for two representatives from each community to sit on this committee/working group. There will be a terms of reference, along with a Code of Conduct drafted for the first meeting which will be July 20, 2007.

The deadline for letters of interest will by July 16, 2007 at 4:00 pm, to be submitted to Gord Keener.

A note to all of my faithful readers, I will be out of the office from Monday July 16 – 20, 2007.

Until next time....

Trina Phillips



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Having APTN at the Heritage Site went extremely well.

Community Economic Development

By Rhonda Shackelly

APTN – Fish Out of Water

Hello everyone! As most of you know, we had APTN shoot a documentary down at the Heritage Village, at the end of May, and beginning of this month. It went extremely well and we had quite a few members who were interested and came down to check it out. I would like to thank the elders who helped teach our host our traditional way of life. Minnie, Stephanie Tweedie, Kristen, Jack, youth and I were madly trying to get the deer hides done that Cecilia was kind enough to donate. However, Minnie and I were so tuckered out that we did not get a chance to finish it by the end of the week. So we decided to wait for another week, but it seems that it has not stopped raining since! We will get it done soon!

Cecilia DeRose was down there teaching

our fine host how to pit-cook and how to smoke salmon. Thanks to Agnes William for the finished product! It was delicious! George Keener was teaching him how to dip-net (Don did lose George’s net) and also teach him a little about the medicinal plants in the area. A fun game Don had with Snewt was catching soft balls that Maxine threw down the hill towards them. I am not sure how Don did in his final challenge, I guess we will see when the show comes out. We will get a tape sometime in September and they will let us know when it will air.

My sister, Debbie Phillips, donated a ribbon shirt that she made from scratch. She did a beautiful job on it. Don never had a shirt made from scratch before and was quite happy with it. Thanks a lot Debbie!



Community Economic Development Continued

Also, thank-you to the Treaty Department and to the Health Department for their monetary donations. The Heritage Village would not have been able to do it with out their support.

Thanks to the Staff and community members who helped make this a success. The APTN Crew enjoyed being at Xats'ull. They especially enjoyed Crystal's fine catering!

Community Garden

Well, I know that it's late, but we will be planting something. We would like to plant down at Soda Creek, above the yellow house. We could not get it done sooner because we were waiting to get funding. If anyone has any suggestions as to what to plant so late in the season, don't hesitate to share your info.

Stampede Parade/Street Party

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have decided to cancel putting a trailer into the stampede parade. I apologize for the inconvenience.

However, I will be setting up a table at the Street Party, an information booth of sorts, as well as selling a few items. So drop on by, would be good to see you. If you would like to sell any items (arts/crafts etc) don't be afraid to get a hold of me!

Whispering Willows Campsite

We have had more campers this year, compared to last year around this time. Many of them are from the States. We finally have the lawn mowed and the bathrooms cleaned. I want to thank Marnie for taking such an initiative to help me out. Marnie, Trevor, Gord Mitchell, Rylee, Brianne, Mikayla, Jordan, Trinity, Stephanie, Shania, Trina Phillips, Dian, Skemcis, and Tyrell all **volunteered** their time and helped get the campsite in order. If it was not for them, I would be still over there after work, doing

the lawns. BIG THANK-YOU!

Volunteerism: the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without the expectation of pay or other tangible gain. (From Wikipedia, Free Dictionary)

Volunteering seems to have disappeared over the years, but it's good to see that there are still people who take time out of their busy schedules to help others. I was happy to see our youth helping as well, it teaches them the meaning of community and work. Dian did not want to quit, even though all the other kids went swimming after awhile. Dian was still there mowing the lawns until he had to go home. He enjoyed himself and it was great to see because he did quite a bit.

You may have noticed that we finally put up the "Whispering Willows Campsite" sign on the little cabin. Darren Russell and Dave Pop were kind enough to put it up. Thanks a lot!

Xats'ull Heritage Village

It would be nice to have a few more tours, maybe with the advertising in the Parade and such we will get more. Snewt and Marion have brought some of their items down to the Heritage Village to sell. So that's cool, we can actually say we have something for our tourists to buy. If anyone else wants to sell things down there, don't hesitate to give me a call. I have ordered some t-shirts and we will be selling them.

I am currently planning a few activities for the Village. We have a group of rafters coming up the river in August. A Group tour from the Dominican Republic on July 28, 2007, then a youth group in August. We would like to make it a community celebration. I was thinking that we could have a pot-luck and welcome these guests

Things are looking exciting for our community. Hope to see you all at the Pow Wow!

into our territory. They want to meet the community members, don't be shy, please attend! I will put out postings when the events get closer!

Xats'ull Traditional Powwow

The powwow will be held July 6-8, 2007 at the Whispering Willows Campsite. Since it's closer to Williams Lake, we are utilizing the Campsite this year. It's situated right off the highway and there are bathroom facilities and electrical outlets. If we have to move it to the Deep Creek Hall then we are closer than Soda Creek. This event will be Drug & Alcohol free.

Some of our Soda Creek youth have been working madly on their own regalia's in the after school program, so it would be fun to see what they have done. Come out and support these youth, you could see the pride in their eyes as they get closer to completion. Thanks to Brent, they have also been practicing really hard on their drumming and singing. I have heard some compliments on how well they are picking

up some of the songs. Show of hands please, to these outstanding youth.

We are looking for volunteer cooks! And, of course, volunteers to just help out around the powwow. Teena Sellars will be coordinating the event this year. If there are any questions, direct them to either one of us. If anyone wants to set-up a table, it will be at \$10.00 a table. 50/50 tickets will be sold by the Powwow Committee only. We have to raise funds to help pay for the expenses. We will allow the youth or elders if they are interested to do a couple of rounds; however they must be there to do it. Please let either Teena or I know.

Until next time...

Well, it has been busy this past month, but fun. ☺ I will be on vacation from July 12-20. Kristen Sellars and Reg Michel will be down at the Village and making sure it's run smoothly while I am away.

Take care everyone, until next month, Pucw.

Community Programs

By Marion Chelsea

Weytk-p,

Things here at the office have been pretty hectic. The Grad Banquet was a huge success and I was so glad to see everyone that showed up! It was good to see all the youth sitting together in their own world too. That kind of togetherness will be something that they will remember.

As for our Summer students we have managed to hire everyone that applied once again.

Our Regalia Making is going extremely well all thanks to Debbie! Three girls are nearly finished and even as I write this I can hear them sewing in the next room. They're all going to look so beautiful for

the Pow Wow next weekend.

I've been busy getting all the paperwork ready for our summer students. We've got quite a few new faces this year which is always good to see.

So we're wrapping up the end of a school and getting ready for the next!

On the employment side I have had a steady amount of people coming in to do up their resumes. Which is good!

I can give a more detailed account in the next newsletter.

Happy Stampede!



We managed to hire everyone that applied for Summer Student Positions this year!



changes include: Jerome Beauchamp – District office, Mamie Hall – Wildwood, Mike Grace – Columneetza, Mark Thiesen – WLSS, Harj Manhas – District office

- We have 91 First Nation graduates – 81 receiving Dogwoods, 10 Leaving Certificates
- Mamie Hall’s position will be filled once we review the final report and implement the recommendations

First Nation Education Steering Committee (FNESC)

Post-Secondary Sub-Committee (PSSC)

June 15

- We met with INAC to discuss the distribu-

tion of the ‘general pool’ funds for the post-secondary education allocation for 2007/08

- The following recommendations were made:
 - Base the distribution on criteria – students accepted or applied into program
 - Submitted on time
 - Distribute regionally, within nations
 - Use the amount of \$14,000/student

Everyone is welcome to come by the office or give me a call; especially if you have some additional information you’d like to contribute. Thank-you.



Community Health Representative

By Nola McDonald



I will be visiting community members next week starting with Soda Creek Thursday July 5th and Deep Creek Tuesday July 10th.

I’m looking forward to my new position as CHR at Soda Creek. I have had the opportunity to meet with a few community members over the last week. However I will be going out in the communities to meet as many people as possible. So if you hear a knock on the your door and see a new face its likely to be me.

I welcome your suggestions on any health concerns on any health concerns or topics you would like me to address. My door will always be open and I invite you to pop in and see me anytime at the health centre. I look forward to serving your health needs and I hope you attend our information sessions this month.

Information Sessions
 These are all 1:30PM-2:30PM Discussions on Environmental Safety, West Nile Virus, Habta Virus, Asbestos/Mold and Food Safety
 July 12—Elders
 July 19—Youth Members
 July 26—Community Members
 July 31—Health Care Providers/Workers



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