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Kitsumkalum's TREATYTIMES



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Q: Who is the person in the picture above?

Answer: (first and last name)

Your Name: (first and last name)

Phone Number:

One entry per person.

Winner will be drawn December 4th at the Kitsumkalum community meeting.



Congrats to last issues winner for guessing the correct name. Last issue's answer is :

Charlotte Bolton Sr.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Alex Bolton

Dear Kitsumkalum Members,

The summer was very productive for our team as we strategized our working plans for various treaty functions. Fall is upon us and this means we will start working on consulting with our members once again. Our focus for this fall is to communicate and educate internally with leadership and band staff and we will also be taking our community meetings on the road to areas of interest such as Prince Rupert and Vancouver where we feel the majority of our membership reside. We hope that staff will be open and responsive to our efforts and we look forward to getting you involved in working groups and community dialogues.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers of the Annual Salmon Run 2010, Heritage Fair 2010, and the Aboriginal Days Celebration on a job well done!

Sincerely, Alex Bolton

LAYOUT, GRAPHIC DESIGN, CONTENT & PHOTOS:

Nikita Marketing Communications is the producer of this complimentary monthly newsletter. The goal of this publication is to provide information around treaty negotiations and community events to the people of Kitsumkalum.

Have a story idea? If you have any stories, pictures or community events that would like to suggest for the next issue of the Treaty Times contact:

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HAVE QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK FOR US?

Write us at kitsumkalum_treaty@nikitamarketing.com. We're committed to responding to all your letters promptly and thoroughly, and once a month we will select one letter to be featured in the Treaty Times.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Treaty Team,

Will health and education programs be affected?
Will they stop?

-Community Member

Dear Community Member,

No they will not stop. Kalum health and education programs, services and related entitlements will continue, uninterrupted. At present, the Band is contracted to administer health and education services on a year by year basis.

In post treaty Kitsumkalum expects to have more direct authority on how programs are developed and delivered in order to provide a higher level of results. Programs and services normally available to other Aboriginal people will continue to be supported by Canada/B.C.

Hope that clarifies your question,
Treaty Times Editorial Team



Nina Peden

Allan Bolton



Watch for your Newsletter and Treaty Booklet 7 in the mail!

A treaty package will be mailed out this fall that will contain our most recent newsletters and treaty books that will help you understand the treaty process and discussions. This book is a series that outlines details specific to each chapter in the agreement in principle. The most recent one hot off the press is book 7. Book 7 addresses Chapter 14 (Role/Rights of Kitsumkalum throughout the Kitsumkalum Area) and Chapter 13 (Environmental Assessment and Environmental Protection). If you did not receive your copy, please contact the Treaty Office. Update your address by going online to kitsumkalum.bc.ca or by calling Nina at 250-635-1718.

EVENTS RECAP



Photo Credit: Birgitte Bartlett

FUN DAY

Above: In the middle is race runner Anthony Scodane who came in at 42:20 min with role model Krista Alec on his left and Marlena Joseph on his right.

Right: Salmon Run 2010 participants and Angela D'Elia (directly under Salmon Run 2010 sign) who was the women's fastest time coming in at 46:45min.



Photo Credit: Birgitte Bartlett

ANNUAL SALMON RUN 2010

Above: Event organizers Karen Sankey (left) and Colleen Austin (middle).



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FASTEST TIME!



Photo Credit: Sasa Loggin

ABORIGINAL DAYS CELEBRATION 2010



Photo Credit: Sasa

GREAT DAY!



Photo Credit: Sasa Loggin



Photo Credit: Sasa Loggin

TUG-O-WAR!



Photo Credit: Sasa Loggin

YOUTH ROLE MODELS



Photo Credit: Arjunna Miyagawa

HERITAGE FAIR

Above: Heritage Fair participants Ocean and Natasha standing by their submitted project. Left: Organizers and participants of this year's Heritage Fair 2010.



STATEMENT

CANADA HAS UNTIL END OF JANUARY 2011 TO IMPLEMENT MCIVOR DECISION – WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ADOPTION OF BILL C-3 WHEN PARLIAMENT RESUMES IN THE FALL

Ottawa, Ontario (July 2, 2010) - The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, issued the following statement today:

"On July 2, 2010, the Court of Appeal for British Columbia granted an additional extension of the suspension of the declaration of invalidity that resulted from the McIvor v. Canada ruling. The Government of Canada now has until January 31, 2011 to amend certain registration provisions of the Indian Act that the BC court deemed to be discriminatory.

This government is committed to continuing to seek passage of Bill C-3, which responds directly to the Court's ruling and we will continue to work diligently to see it passed in the fall session of Parliament. The approval of

the extension sought by Canada avoids a legislative gap in British Columbia and provides more time for the government to secure the support required for the proposed legislation to be adopted in both the House of Commons and the Senate.

On March 11, 2010, the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-3, Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act, to directly address the requirements of the British Columbia Court of Appeal decision. If passed, Bill C-3 will ensure that eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status) in accordance with the Indian Act.

This legislation addresses a specific case of gender discrimination in the Indian Act related to Indian registration. I urge my parliamentary colleagues to support Bill C-3 and finally end this inequality."

BC HYDRO BOOTCAMP

in Partnership with Kistumkalum First Nation a Success

Kitsumkalum First Nation and BC Hydro are working proactively to educate and train First Nations youth and adults for employment on the Northwest Transmission Line Project (NTL). Working together, we have designed a five-week NTL Boot Camp, which started July 5th, 2010.

Twenty-four members of Kitsumkalum First Nation are participating in the NTL Boot Camp. The program is based on BC Hydro's core industry requirements, and has been designed to provide participants with the foundation skills they need to work in the utility industry. As well, participants will receive the training they need for entry level right-of-way clearing and road-building job opportunities on the Northwest Transmission Line project.

The certificates will lead to broader career path choices for the participants. Some of the certificates that the participants will receive are:

- Occupational First Aid level 1
- Transportation Endorsement
- Intro to firefighting
- S100 fire suppression
- General radio operation
- H2S alive (detecting hydrogen sulfide hazards)
- Bear aware
- Rigging safety
- Fall protection
- Tree dynamics and integrated risk management
- Chain saw safety
- And more!

"Working together, we can provide a strong program that will help open doors to employment for Kitsumkalum members."

As partners in this Program, BC Hydro and Kitsumkalum are contributing both financially and in-kind to make the NTL Boot Camp a success. The motivational speakers for the NTL Boot Camp include Gerald Wesley, Kitsumkalum hereditary chief. Kitsumkalum Elders will be preparing and selling lunches as a fund-raising effort, and Kitsumkalum First Nation is providing the wood that will be used for the Chainsaw Safety course. The cut wood will then be distributed to community members. "School supplies" like notebooks, binders and pens are being provided by BC Hydro.

"BC Hydro is very excited to be partnering with Kitsumkalum First Nation in this program," Tim Jennings, NTL Project Manager says "Working together, we can provide a strong program that will help open doors to employment for Kitsumkalum members."

The NTL Boot Camp program is now full and no longer accepting applicants. A second, three-week long Supply Chain Boot Camp will also be held starting on July 5, 2010. The Supply Chain Boot Camp will provide the following training:

- World host
- Serving it right
- Customer service training
- Food safe
- Introduction to camp operations
- Expediting for camps
- Essential skills for the office environment
- Cashier training
- Microsoft Office, including Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Outlook



Laura Miller

Kitsumkalum First Nation has hired Laura Miller as its Community Coordinator to act as the key point of contact for BC Hydro, the training institutions and – most importantly – the students. As Community Coordinator, Laura is responsible for recruiting and screening Boot Camp participants and will continue to support them throughout their training. She will also help those who complete the program find jobs or pursue further skills training.

"These programs are an excellent way for workers to earn certificates and polish up their skills, so they are ready for the opportunities that NTL – and future industrial projects – might bring our way," says Laura.

BC hydro 

NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The proposed Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) is a 335 km, 287 kV transmission line between Skeena Substation (near Terrace) and a new substation to be built near Bob Quinn Lake.

This new line would provide a reliable supply of clean power to potential industrial developments, like mines. It would also provide an interconnection point for clean power generation projects.

The NTL is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment. Assuming it receives an Environmental Assessment Certificate and the required permits are in place, some preliminary construction activities could begin in December 2010.

For more information, visit:
<http://transmission.bchydro.com/projects/ntl>

UPDATE FROM KITSUMKALUM TREATY OFFICE'S RESOURCE MANAGER

As the Resource Manager/Marine Coordinator for Kitsumkalum, I have extensive experience with negotiations which ranges from working with the International Halibut Commission, Pacific Salmon Commission to working on the Nisga'a Treaty. My experience has been an integral part to working at Kitsumkalum.

My priority is to ensure Aboriginal Rights for Kitsumkalum are not infringed in any way according to the laws and legislation of Canada and BC. I respond to all referrals which may impact or infringe upon Kitsumkalum's rights to practice aboriginal rights within the lands and coastal areas of our territory. These referrals can often relate to industries such as mining, forestry, sport fishing, and heli-skiing operations to name a few. I often work with organizations such as CNR and BC Hydro directly.

My main focus is to deal with First Nation Environmental concerns. Currently, I am working on proposed projects like pipelines and hydro lines. In particular, my ongoing efforts with the Northwest Transmission line has allowed for some great progress to be made. It will impact our community as it will run directly through the Kitsumkalum Territory known as "Lax Yuup" which is approximately 270,000 Hectares. It has been forty plus years since the existence of the first hydro line and the people of Kistumkalum have never been consulted.

We are changing this, and Kitsumkalum is undergoing consultation and will be participating in the Impact and Benefits Agreement negotiations prior to any construction taking place through the Kitsumkalum territory. The negotiations will ensure capacity building, direct award opportunities and employment development. My job is to make sure we assess the environmental impacts as well as making sure the community benefits. I have been working on securing direct awards of construction for the Northwest Transmission 287 KVL and making sure our community members are preferred employees for the Rock Quarry, Port Expansion, Northwest Transmission Line and CNR.

This past summer the Kitsumkalum team worked with BC Hydro to launch Boot Camps at Kitsumkalum that provided training opportunities for our community members. Often, aboriginals have been left looking out the window watching others being gainfully employed. However with initiatives like the BC Hydro training camps being put in place for Kitsumkalum, it ensures our people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be gainfully employed.

With respect to Marine Use Plan, which is also a responsibility that falls under my mandate, our community is involved in working groups with the Northcoast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society. There is still much to accomplish such as the verifying Kitsumkalum's historic seafood gathering areas. Such areas include where Kitsumkalum families had special cabin sites in areas such as Arthur Island, North tip of Porcher Island, Welcom Harbor, Prescott Island and Rachels' Islands. These all have significant value for the Tsimshian Kitsumkalum Community and our marine planning committee has done an outstanding job so far. But there is more work to be done and more opportunities to discover.

I believe that when an opportunity knocks, open the door and welcome the challenge.

Gary Alexcee
Resource Manager / Marine Coordinator
Kitsumkalum First Nation



Gary Alexcee

NEW HOUSING SUBDIVISION

Q & A with Housing Coordinator John Amos and Chief Don Roberts

WHAT DETAILS WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT?
Kitsumkalum received the go ahead from INAC and CMHC to build 18 new social houses. There was four Tenders that were received and Gus Poirier Construction Ltd of Smithers was awarded the contract.

WHAT TRIGGERED THIS INITIATIVE?
Kitsumkalum band council has been working on this initiative for quite some time, finding many of our community members living on reserve and in need of housing.

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?
All eighteen houses are locked up and the work has now moved indoors. Completion is expected for April 2011.

HOW WAS THE CONTRACTOR SELECTED?
This took one year of paper negotiations with Indian Affairs where we had to work through the process of infrastructure, road, sewer, and water and for the construction of 36 lots. There was a tender posted in the Northern BC newspapers and McElhanney received it.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE COMMUNITY?
Eighteen new social houses! This will reduce the number of members on the housing waitlist and allow opportunity for on reserve members to move back home. There is also opportunity for band members to build their own homes.

HOW DOES A MEMBER APPLY FOR A HOUSE?
John Amos is Kitsumkalum's Housing /Property manager and works out of the Kitsumkalum Band Administration building and would be happy to provide you with an application and any inquiries you might have.

WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS WITH THIS INITIATIVE?
Band Council's goal is to continue to develop housing, to get more of the membership home. With the Gyiik subdivision to capacity now, this provides major income for the community.

The two streets in the new Gyiik subdivision will be called Octstall (which was chosen to remember Port Essington), and the other being Quinista which was named after our major food fishing and harvesting area for Kalum people.

Kitsumkalum designed a new construction policy to be better than the provincial housing policy making our new houses of higher a standard.

