

# Stó:lō Nation Lands Department

## “Working Together”



### Special points of interest:

- Completion of 08/09 BCCI
- Phase 1 funding approved for BCCI 09/10
- Environmental Assessments
- Electoral Officer Training

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We successfully completed the final deliverable of the 08/09 BCCI proposal on April 16 and 17 with the Law-Making Processes workshop.

The workshop focused on looking at the world views, Stó:lō teachings and land stewardship. We were fortunate to have Wenona Victor of Skowkale lead the workshop through working with the Native Education Centre. By having Wenona, we were able to be true to our words, as she was not an outsider giving her views but rather someone who knows and understands the true meaning of being Stó:lō.

The premise of the two day workshop was to provide partici-

pants with an understanding of the process of law-making while taking Stó:lō laws into consideration:

- X'ólhmet te mekw'stám it kwelát - *'We have to look after everything that belongs to us';*
- Xaxastexw te mekw'stám - *'Respect all things';*
- Xólhmet et mekw'stám s'i:west e selsila:lh chet - *'Take care of everything our great grandparents taught / showed us';*
- Haql'es chexw xwelmi:ay staxwelh - *'Remember future generations';* and

Ewe chexw qelqelit te mekw'stám loy qw' esli hokwex yexw lamexw ku:t - *'Don't waste / ruin, destroy everything, just*

*take what you need'.*

Over the two days there was a lot of good discussion which one could use to reflect upon and interpret in their Land Codes. For me, it was another step of my own personal journey; identifying who I really am and what really matters to me.

I think understanding the Stó:lō principles (laws) are a key element in the creation of our own laws if we want to be successful in a contemporary society.



Break-out sessions



Wenona & participants



Networking



*"The knowledge is in the land..."*

Vera J. Asp, PhD candidate

## First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group (FNEATWG)

On March 4 & 5, 2009, the Lands Department participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual EA (Environmental Assessment) Best Practices Forum, held in Richmond, BC. The main topics of discussion were Linear Developments – Powerlines, Railways, Pipelines & Roads and Traditional Knowledge/Use Studies – Meaningful & Consistent Inclusion in EA. The workshop was thoroughly laid-out and presented in a inter-active manner. The movement created an opportunity for all the participants to get involved while sharing their experiences

and networking amongst other First Nations, government agencies and consultants.

The workshop hit on all key areas from all aspects, the consultant conducting an EA, the developer, the First Nation and the Provincial and Federal Governments role/jurisdiction. After the presentations, the floor was opened up to a panel discussion about linear development impacts, benefits, mitigation and communications.

As more and more First Nations move into administering their land code, it is a priority to build capacity in Environmental Assessments, to ensure First Nations land is well taken care of.

For additional information about FNEATWG, please visit their website at

[www.fneatwg.org/index.html](http://www.fneatwg.org/index.html)

## Sto:lo Nation Lands Department

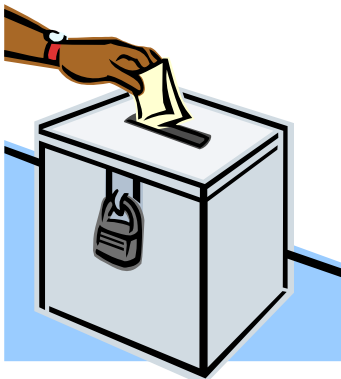
Lands Officers duties are divided up by First Nation as follows:

### Sara Malloway, Lands Officer for:

- Aitchelitz First Nation
- Popkum First Nation
- Skwah First Nation
- Sumas First Nation

### Jennifer Tommy, Lands Officer for:

- Leq'a:mel First Nation
- Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation
- Skawahlook First Nation
- Skowkale First Nation
- Yakweakwioose First Nation



## Electoral Officer Training

On March 16 & 17, Sara Malloway and Jennifer Tommy attended the Electoral Officer training at INAC. The two day training session, was to update Electoral Officers on the Gull Bay decision (August 20, 2007). The Court ruled that subsection 75(1) of the Indian Act, which requires candidates for the position of councilor in band council elections to reside on-reserve.

As Lands Officers, we have held

polling stations/referendums/ratifications for Additions-to-Reserves, 99 year lease developments, Land Code Ratifications and Designations. With our experience, we have been a part of Custom Elections; operating under a First Nation's Election Code vs. Indian Act. When this training came up, we decided it would be best to have formal training, to learn additional tips/tricks and build capacity on Indian Act Elections.

Our goal continues to be, delivering exceptional service, while staying current with changes in legislation and evolving with your First Nation's needs.

If you have any questions about the training, please feel free to contact us at 604-824-2451.

## 09/10 BC Capacity Initiative

Late last year Valerie Sam submitted an application to the BC Capacity Initiative for a phase two to the 08/09 funded proposal entitled, Transitional Training. The purpose of the this current years proposal is to provide a continued training plan for those First Nations entering into the First Nation Land Management Initiative and for those currently working under the First Nation Land Management Act.

mended that the Sto:lo Nation Lands Department proceed to the second phase, Project Plan Development, of the application process.

Phase two consisted of preparing a work plan, a detailed budget breakdown, an education, training and skills development plan and confirmed partnership arrangements.

hear if we receive final approval. Please keep an eye open for future workshops. This will be a sign that we were successful with our 09/10 BC Capacity Initiative.



On March 27, 2009 the Capacity Initiative Council recom-

With the deadline of April 27, 2009 being met, with time to spare, we must now wait to



**ALS Society of BC Fundraiser**  
**Support the ABC Team**  
**PUB NIGHT @ the Vault**  
**June 5, 2009**  
**\$10.00 Burger & Beer**  
**50/50, Silent Auction & Reverse Draw for \$500.00**



### First Nations Alliance 4 Land Management (FNA4LM) – Conflict / Dispute Resolution Workshop

On March 18 and 19, immediately following our two day electoral officer training at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Jennifer and I attended a First Nations Alliance 4 Land Management hosted workshop. The focus of the workshop was on conflict / dispute resolution and negotiation skills.

To our benefit, Dale Zaiser, an instructor at the Justice Institute of BC, facilitated the condensed two-day course. Because the Justice Institute of BC is the province's leading centre for conflict resolution skills we came back with some informa-

tive and useful materials.

Over the two days we were given a number of principles to consider when approaching negotiations. Always do your homework; determine needs versus wants; be assertive; be creative; learn to understand others; learn to build trust; ensure your team works well together and find someone (your negotiator) who represents your organization's style.

Another important issue to consider is the method of dispute resolution you plan to use to

resolve your conflict. There are a number of such as: informal decision, where you maintain more control, to adjudication, where there is less control and tends to become costly.

There are so many things to consider when approaching the negotiating table that I never would have thought about. I found this workshop to be a very interesting topic that beyond doubt needs more than the two days we had. I would recommend that everyone take a similar course as the skills can assist in anything we need to do in our everyday lives.

*"...determine needs versus wants, be assertive, be creative, learn to understand others..."*

2009 Community to Community Forum

*"Connections"*

Your presence is requested on

June 24, 2009

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tzeachten Community Hall

For dinner & discussion

This event allows newly elected officials from both the neighboring municipality and First Nations to come together, meet one another, ensure continuity of relationships, learn about issues, strengthen existing relationships, maintain and forge links between both governments

RSVP by June 19, 2009

to Jennifer Tommy

604-824-2451

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## Land Available for Lease

If you are interested in leasing your land, you can advertise here.

Please contact  
Jennifer Tommy at  
604.824.2451

### SHXWHÁ:Y

#### VILLAGE

Shxwhá:y Village has a 50-acre parcel & 20-acre parcel near downtown Chilliwack available for commercial lease, possibly joint venture.

Call Shxwhá:y Village, at 604-792-9316 or Fax: 604-792-9317.

### SKWAH

Ivan George is looking for proposals for a RV park, campground or other development on his 29-acre property on Skwah's Skwali IR No. 3, near downtown Chilliwack. The property has areas with trees and a large field. For more information call 604-792-0319.

## Leasing Opportunities Available

### RESIDENTIAL

12/07 Taras & Lorena Atleo are looking for a newer house with a yard or a warehouse type building suitable to open a daycare facility. 10 year lease.

604.824.9907

### AGRICULTURAL

12/07 Mr. Shoker is looking to lease land for agricultural purposes. 604.819.7947.

### COMMERCIAL

/08/07—Wanted approx. 1/2 acre of relatively flat land with a bit of a hill for ATV Safety Course. Can be on gravel, sand, or dirt but not on asphalt. Can be under a Hydro Right of Way and is required 2-3 times per month. Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission or Langley location preferred. Please contact Derek 778-808-7646

### INDUSTRIAL

Looking to lease

10 year lease on 1/4 section of land to store high level of hydro-carbon containments

Please call

Valerie Smith  
604-926-3261

### AGRICULTURAL

Kashmir Bains & Charlie are looking to lease up to 200 acres for cedar hedges and raspberries, will negotiate rate. Charlie 604.832.9133 Kashmir Bains 604.852.0663

### AGRICULTURAL

03/08 - Kirk Grewal is looking to lease a minimum 30-40 acres fir a 25-30 year term for the purpose of growing blueberries. Please call 604-825-4909

### RESIDENTIAL

02/08 Looking for a long term residential lease for a mobile home. Private setting, possibly treed. Will install septic and well.

Please contact Mike Wynbow

Home: 604-504-7348 Cell: 778-549-0905

### AGRICULTURAL

3 acre site to operate a native plant nursery. Situated in the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, Mission, Maple Ridge or Langley.

Please call:

Rob Hoogland (778) 878-9307  
Robert Waycott (604) 240-2071

### AGRICULTURAL

12/07 Kirk Grewal is looking for land to grow cole crops & corn. 50-100 acres, will negotiate rate. 604.825.4909.

### RESIDENTIAL

10/06 - Wanted 30-35 acres for 99-year prepaid lease for a high end Modular Home Park. Prefer relatively flat site that can be hooked up to city services (within City of Chilliwack or close proximity). For more information contact Sonny at 604-316-4382

### AGRICULTURAL

11/08—Boots Santa Cruz is looking for 50-100 acres of land for agricultural purposes. Up to a 3 year lease term.

Please call:

604-819-0133

### COMMERCIAL

03/08 Kulvinder Atwal is looking to lease a/2—1 acre of commercial land for a car sales business. Please call 604.798.5050



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S'olh temexw te ikw'elo.  
Xolhemet to mekw'stam it kwelat.  
This is our land.  
We have to look after everything that belongs to us.

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We're on the Web:

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

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*The Stó:lō Nation Lands Department works with 9 First Nations that have 30 reserves, 429 Certificate of Possessions, 305 Leases, Sub-Leases and Permits and a total population of 1679. Full time staff consists of two Lands Officers each offering assistance in the fields of Individual Land Holdings, Land Estates, Leases and Permits. In 2003 the Stó:lō Nation Lands Department was awarded “In Recognition of your Excellence in Lands Management” by the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association.*

## **Check out Sto:lo Nation's new website!!**

- [www.stolonation.bc.ca](http://www.stolonation.bc.ca)

### **SN Lands can be found at:**

- [www.stolonation.bc.ca/departments/lands.htm](http://www.stolonation.bc.ca/departments/lands.htm)

### **Other useful links:**

#### **Lands Advisory Board (Land Code information)**

- [www.fafnlm.com](http://www.fafnlm.com)

