



# Stó:lō Nation Lands Department

Covering the month of:  
January 2009

## Farewell Sto:lo Nation, Hello Tzeachten First Nation.....

Samantha Bisailon, Lands Clerk

Ey Swayel,

Good day. My name is Samantha Bisailon. Over the years, I have worked for a number of different departments and I am sad to say that I have decided it is time to move on and I have accepted a position with the Tzeachten First Nation as Lands Officer. This was not an easy decision and took a lot of consideration. However, I am confident that my new role will help me to move towards some of the goals I have for my career.

While I believe that I am moving for good reasons, I am sorry to leave, and I thank you all for your support during my time with the Nation. I wish you all nothing but success going forward and will miss working with many of my coworkers and colleagues. My employment with Sto:lo Nation has been an opportunity to both learn and contribute. I will take many positive memories with me to my new employment. Thank-you.

*Samantha Bisailon*



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## Sumas Informal Vote

Sara Malloway, Lands Officer

On Thursday, January 27, 2009 Sumas First Nation held a referendum vote to determine if the Sumas members were in favour of proceeding forward with a proposed development on cp holders land. The vote was held between 12 noon and 8pm at the Sumas Community Hall.

The project includes hauling in clean fill to raise the property so that it meets flood plain building requirements making it more viable for future developments. The proponent has identified that the fill being brought in will include an approved certification number. It is expected that this project will take no more than five (5) years.

Prior to the vote, information packages were sent out to those members whose addresses were known by the Band office (both on and off reserve). The

packages included the information document, the notice of vote and a plan identifying the property.

The information documents provided such details as locatee names; the properties; the term; purpose; background; developer information; details of the proposed fill permit and lease; economic and cultural benefits to the First Nation; and information meeting and voting date.

Of the 221 eligible voters, 46 members voted; 33 were in favour while 13 were opposed. As this vote was determined by a simple majority, the vote was deemed successful. Upon this successful ratification the Council will be providing their support by way of a Band Council Resolution (BCR). This will initiate the leasing and permitting process with INAC.

Congratulations to all the parties involved.

**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
- Yakweakwoose First Nation



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## By-Law Workshop

**Samantha Bisailon, Lands Clerk**

Sara Malloway and I attended a workshop presented by Philippe Ethier, Manager of the By-laws Advisory Services Unit, (INAC) and Larry Dyck, Enforcement Consultant. The workshop was held at Sto:lo Nation in the Building 7 Floor 2 Boardroom on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The By-laws Advisory Services Unit provided assistance and advice on drafting, enacting and enforcing by-laws. This workshop is recommended for Chiefs, Councillors, Band Administrators and Land Code Coordinators/Committee members or anyone interested in learning about writing by-laws. There were 11 participants who completed this training. Congratulations to:

**Alice Thompson**, Chief of Leq'a:mel First Nation,  
**Lenora Fraser**, Si:yam for the Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation,

**Debra Schneider**, Land Coordinator and Councillor for the Skawahlook First Nation,  
**Linda Pettis**, Administration/Human Resources Manager for Chehalis Indian Band,  
**Sherry Point**, Housing Officer for Chehalis Indian Band,  
**Joanna Charlie**, Housing Committee Member for the Chehalis Indian Band,  
**Jennie Roberts**, Interdepartmental Assistance for the Tzeachten First Nation,  
**Joanne Jefferson**, Program Manager for Qwi:qwel'stom  
**Darlene Farley**, Administrative Assistant for the Sto:lo Government House,  
**Sara Malloway**, Lands Officer for the Sto:lo Lands Department,  
**Samantha Bisailon**, Lands Clerk for the Sto:lo Lands Department.

If you have any questions regarding the By-law Training Workshop feel free to contact Sara Malloway at (604)824-2452.



## Letter to All Sto:lo Bands

**Jennifer Tommy, Lands Officer**

Stó:lo Nation Lands Department has offered a variety of services to your First Nation for 10 years. Our staff believe in the importance of staying competitive and up-to-date with Land Management regimes; faithfully participating in training sessions to broaden our capacity within the many different specialties regarding land management duties. Our goal is to deliver exceptional service to the membership, easing you through the process as timely and efficiently as possible. As your land

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management needs change, we intend to grow and change with you; allowing for opportunities to build capacity within your First Nation.

With the recent changes in the Lands Department, we anticipate a smooth transition with our growing responsibilities. All services, such as Individual Land Holdings, Estates and Development processes will continue to be offered. We look forward to the months ahead, and to continue working with you, to meet your needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sara Malloway or Jennifer Tommy.

## CEAA Training

Jennifer Tommy, Lands Officer

On January 20-22, 2009, Sara Malloway and Jennifer Tommy attended the Introduction to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) and CEAA 101. The 3 day course allowed for newcomers to get familiar with attaining information from the Act and a start-to-finish, hands-on approach to conducting an environmental assessment.

The training opportunity allowed for networking between the attendees, with representatives from consultant positions, environmental specialists within the region and other working professionals. Their interest in First Nations progression to First Nation Land Management Initiative was peaking. We were able to discuss our concerns with INAC's disposal of First Nations, upon

approval of their ratification. This in turn, benefited us, because information was shared about a new working group that will build capacity within First Nations, regarding the environment. Allowing for 'operational' First Nations, that have implemented their Land Code, to access training.

Our objective was to learn about the process, from a consultants view. Typically, our involvement is very limited when the Environmental Assessments are needed for projects, it is difficult to explain to the membership what all entails an environmental screening.

Obviously this field of study is incredibly in-depth, and I feel as though we barely scratched the surface. However, the training was informative, appreciated and we look forward to working with our new contacts.



## UPCOMING WORKSHOP

### Law-making Processes

'Law is an important component of human relationships. Aboriginal communities are currently at a crossroads with self-government. On the one hand, they are faced with the ever-present reality of the *Indian Act*, an act reflecting a 19th-century vision of the role and place of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. On the other hand, since the entrenchment of Aboriginal and treaty rights in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and the handing down of some important decisions by the Supreme Court of Canada since 1984, there has emerged a growing recognition of the inherent right of Aboriginal peoples to self-government.' (Native Education Centre, ALS 160 Law-making Processes, Community-based Learning Guide, 2003)

#### Workshop Topics

- Aboriginal Rights and Title
- The Legal Basis for Self Government
- Treaty and Non-treaty Issues and Processes
- Resource Development on Traditional Land
- Legal Precedents

**Keep an eye open  
for more  
information to  
follow...**

## Land Available for Lease

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

Please contact  
Jennifer Tommy at  
604.824.2451

### TZEACHTEN

Allen Joe has a 14.75 acres parcel near Bailey Road in Chilliwack available for up to a 99 year lease for recreational purposes.

For more info, call  
Les Joe 604-798-9406  
or  
Allen Joe  
604-846-7736

### 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 for 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

Email:  
manincoombs@hotmail.com

### COMMERCIAL

06/06 - Office space available at Pexw'ye:yles. Contact Marcie Peters at 604-858-3366 or 800-665-3224 for more information

### 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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## 2009 Fee Schedule

### PHOTOCOPYING DOCUMENTATION:

Lease	\$25.00	Estates Forms	\$10.00
Assignment of Lease	\$10.00	Certified True Copies	
Sublease	\$25.00	First Copy	\$5.00
Assignment of Sublease	\$10.00	Additional Copies	\$2.50
Discharge of Mortgage	\$10.00	Birth/Death Certificates	\$5.00
Modification of Lease	\$10.00		
Modification of Sublease	\$10.00		
Modification of Mortgage	\$10.00		

### PARCEL ABSTRACT REPORTS, PLANS/MAPS:

Parcel Abstract with Plan	\$25.00
Computer Generated Plans	\$5.00
RSBC & Registration Plans	\$5.00
Photocopying portions of Plans	\$5.00
Arc View/GIS Data (D Size—22x34)	\$15.00

### INDIVIDUAL LAND HOLDING

#### SERVICES:

Direct Transfer	\$50.00
Allotment	\$50.00
Update of Title	\$25.00
Survey Request	\$25.00

These prices are effective to other organizations and First Nations that do not fall under the Stó:lo Nation Lands RLAP Members.

# FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### ATR Working Group

**Date: Friday, March  
6th, 2009**  
**Time: 10:00—12:00**  
**Location:**  
**Sto:lo Development  
Corporation  
(Save-On Plaza)**

### Law-Making Workshop

#### Workshop Topics

- **Aboriginal Rights and Title**
- **The Legal Basis for Self Government**
- **Treaty and Non-treaty Issues and Processes**
- **Resource Development on Traditional Land**
- **Legal Precedents**

**Date and Location: TBA**

### Working Together For and With...

The 9 RLAP Members:  
Aitchelitz, Leq'á:mel, Popkum, Shxw'ow'hamel,  
Skawahlook, Skowkale, Skwah, Sumas and Yakwekwioose