



Stó:lo Nation Lands Department

Covering the months of:
November & December
2008

We apologize for the delay with the distribution of our monthly newsletter.

The Department has undergone many changes, with more to come.

Thanks for your patience. We look forward to working with you in the New Year!

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Valerie Sam's Departure

A farewell from Valerie Sam:

I just wanted to let you know that it is with mixed emotions that I am leaving Stó:lo Nation as of December 19, 2008. It wasn't an easy choice for me to make but an opportunity that I could not let pass by. On January 5th, 2009 I will be working at the Tzeachten First Nation as their Lands Manager.

I just want to personally thank you all for your support and guidance throughout the years. I know I will especially miss working with the nation in particular the members of the various communities that I've provided service to over the years and my co-workers here at the office. However, I look forward to working with you in a different capacity and I know our paths will cross in the future!

Please share this with anyone that I may have forgot to include.

My new contact information is:

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To honour Valerie's service to the Stó:lo communities, the government house hosted a farewell party on December 19, 2008. Around the room, the message was clear, thanks to Valerie's dedication in building capacity within her staff and the Stó:lo people, she was a key player in kick-starting careers. Stó:lo Nation greatly benefited from her dedication, deliverance of her programs and the drive to continuously remain competitive, through training. It was often noted, Valerie had a turn-over in staff, primarily due to training. Prior to her departure, the current staff trained under Valerie, since 2005. Her role in volunteering with the Stó:lo Nation Christmas Hamper Committee will be greatly missed. We wish her well on her new venture.

Proposed Development Informal Vote—Shxw'ow'hamel

Jennifer Tommy, Lands Officer

Shxw'ow'hamel Si:yams, alongside the Economic Development Committee, offered an opportunity for their membership to vote in favour or against the proposed development on Band land. On December 3, 2008, Shxw'ow'hamel celebrated Christmas with their members at Seabird Island's Community Hall. During a couple of hours, the Stó:lo Nation Lands Department conducted a polling station beside the entry, to ensure all members were targeted. The vote was held on an informal basis, as there are no regulations for gaining a consensus on a proposed 'idea'.

In previous years, Shxw'ow'hamel had conducted the same vote, however with a new voting public and the resurrection of the development, it was important to confirm their approval. The process to designate Band lands is timely and can be expensive. It is imperative the Si:yams have their member's approval to pay for the pre-developmental costs. The initiative taken by the Committee, validates their transparency. As the majority of next steps are volunteer driven, it is necessary to have direction from the membership to validate the time committed to the project.

Our department looks forward to the next steps regarding the land portion of the project. Congratulations to Shxw'ow'hamel on achieving a simple majority in favour of your proposed development.



FNA4LM Workshop

Samantha Bisailon, Lands Clerk

The Stó:lo Lands Department staff attended a workshop in Vancouver presented by FNA4LM. The workshop was held at the Residence Inn by Marriot on November 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2008.

Day 1 - There was an Introduction to Land Management – Roles and Responsibilities. Freda Jules, chairperson for FNA4LM, went through the History of Land Management and the different Land Management Regimes. Valerie Sam talked about Land Tenure and gave participants exercises to better understand how to complete forms used in Land Management. Later that day, the participants broke out into groups and talked about each land regime. Valerie Sam, of Stó:lo Nation, explained the pros and cons of bands under the Regional Land Administration Program (RLAP). Freda Jules presented the 53/60 version and Lynn Vanderburg from Westbank First Nation talked about the advantages of being self governed under Land Code.

Day 2 - John Makson presented from the Lands Advisory Board. Case Studies were done from 2 different communities, one from Cathy Galligos of Sliammon First Nation and another by June Harris of Seabird Island First Nation. The rest of the afternoon was used to continue the break out sessions from Day 1.

Day 3 – Another Case study was done by Angie Derrickson of Westbank First Nation. Sheryl Yoner from INAC BC Region talked about the transition and answered any questions participants may have had. Stephen Paul, who works on the Indian Land Registry System (ILRS) with INAC Headquarters, showed us how the First Nations Lands Registry System is different from the ILRS and explained there will be more changes to come once the new system is implemented.

All in all, this workshop was very informative.

SN Staff X-Mas Party 2008

Samantha Bisailon, Lands Clerk

The Annual Stó:lo Nation Staff X-mas Party had an excellent turnout this year. This year's party was held at Tzeachten Community Hall. Everyone was greeted with a warm welcome from Chief Joe Hall. A traditional Christmas Dinner was served by the wonderful Stó:lo Catering, as Eddie Gardner sang our Dinner Song. Following dinner, MC Keith Point began with the Property Management Raffle, the Health Dept Raffle and the \$1000 Reverse Draw. Many prizes were won. Gift cards from various department stores like Wal-mart, Zel-

lars and Superstore were given out to Staff members and some guests as door prizes. There was one grand prize, a gift card of \$500.00 for Future Shop which was won by Crystal Henry of Finance. Once all the prizes were given out, the floor was turn over to DJ Sonny McHalsie who had the hall rocking with all types of music. Bartending Services were provided by On the Rocks Bartending and there was even a surprise visit from the Operation Red Nose Mascot, Rudy. Many thanks go out to all those who helped and all those who donated to the Stó:lo Xmas Hampers.

ATR Christmas Luncheon

Jennifer Tommy, Lands Officer

The ATR Working Group concluded the year's meetings, with an amalgamated meeting on November 21, 2008. The group is scheduled to meet the first Friday of every month. As the Christmas season was nearing, we understood that it would be impossible to draw a crowd in December and it would be nice to start off the holiday season with a meal, catered by Stó:lo Catering. The group was served a traditional turkey dinner and had a special guest speaker, Aaron Barner from First Nations Finance Authority. Aaron spoke on the benefits of the signing onto the new taxing legislation with the First Nations Tax Commission.

Attendance from the 21 First Nations was low. We hope that in the coming years, the group will maintain their attendance in order to keep the momentum. As owners of Pekw'xe:yales, the group has an obligation to either elect a board or to start

the designation process on the property, in order to lease it out to existing parties, such as Stó:lo Nation. The FRPIA lease has been in existence since the creation of the reserve and expires after 5 years, with an opportunity to renew for 2 additional terms. The designation process is timely, costly and a huge workload to carry. It would be impossible to achieve ratification upon the first vote; double majority is needed by all the 21 First Nations.

In the past Stó:lo Nation Lands Department has facilitated the working group meetings, disseminating correspondence to all the bands and budgeted for any costs incurred with the ATR Working group meetings. With the loss of vital bands, the Stó:lo Nation Lands Department will no longer be able to support the ATR Working group. We apologize for the short notice; however, we will continue to pay for snacks and coffee until the end of this fiscal year.



2008 Christmas Hampers

Sara Malloway, Lands Officer

2008 was another successful year in terms of fundraising for the Christmas Hampers. The Stó:lo Nation departments raised approximately \$4500.00 with another \$3500.00 received in donations.

With the funds raised and prior year's surpluses we were able to provide approximately 125 Christmas Hampers to Stó:lo families and Native/Métis family's from within School District 33. Each Hamper included gift cards to The Great Canadian Superstore, chocolates, candy canes, and cookies. Some families even received a blanket. All was packaged in a reusable shopping bag with the concept of being environmentally conscience.

Much appreciation goes out to all the staff that par-

ticipated in the many fundraisers throughout the year. Without you this annual practice would not have been possible. This appreciation also extends to our partners: School District 33, Spectra Energy, Superstore, Wal-Mart, and Zellers. Without them, we would not have had any hampers to distribute

At this years staff Christmas Party a donation box was placed in the foyer of Tzeachten Hall. Staff was requested to bring an unwrapped toy for the Christmas Hampers. This turned out to be a huge success and I am sure there were many smiling faces. I hope that this will become an annual occurrence.

It is now 2009, another year of fundraising to look forward to. Let's make this year, a year to beat all others. Ready, set and go... Get your fundraising hats on.

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
- Yakweawkwoose First Nation



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Ottawa Trip—FNLRS & ILRS training

Sara Malloway, Lands Officer

Departing from the Abbotsford airport in the early hours of November 25 we were on our way to Ottawa. As a department this was our first trip to visit INAC Headquarters.

The purpose of our whirlwind adventure was to obtain training on the First Nations Land Management System (FNLRS). The FNLRS is an integral part of First Nation working under a Land Code. The system provides a venue for First Nations to 'record documents respecting First Nation land or interests in First Nation land' (2007 FNLRS User Guide).

We were lucky enough to meet with April Tierney, Registration Officer for the FNLRS. Upon our arrival April gave us quick tour of Lands and Trust Services. We got to put faces to names of some of the people we had only ever corresponded with via email. Following our introductions we quickly proceeded into our training session.

The First Nations Land Registry System (FNLRS) is very much similar to the Indian Lands Registry System (ILRS) INAC currently uses however the

FNLRS is a priority based registration system and allows for electronic submission. This is a huge advantage as it allows for First Nations, under a Land Code, to expedite the processing time of documents. In the past, under the ILRS, processing times could range from a few weeks to a few months. However, under the FNLRS, it is merely a matter of days. This is one huge perk of entering into the First Nations Land Management Initiative.

After all training was said and done we were able to take advantage of our free time. So what did we do? We got to shop, we ventured to the Casino in Quebec, and some of us even took a tour of the Parliament Buildings and sat in on the Parliament Session.

The highlight of the trip was going and watching the Ottawa Senators take on the Toronto Maple Leafs. Wow, now those people are some serious fans. They far exceed what I have seen at our Canucks games.

All in all I found this trip to be a great benefit to my job. I am now able to apply some of the knowledge that I gained while taking the training that I would not have gained through receiving instruction over email. Sometimes it is best to go right to the source.



By-laws Training Workshop

Overview

When

January 27, 28 & 29, 2008
8:30am - 4:00pm

Where

Bldg 7, Floor 2, Boardroom
7201 Vedder Road
Chilliwack, BC
Lunch & snacks will be provided

Cost
Free

Who Should Attend?

Recommended for Chiefs, Councillors, Band Administrators & Land Code Coordinators/Committee members or anyone interested in learning about writing by-laws

Recognition

Yes, upon successful completion of the workshop, participants will be issued certificates.

The By-laws Advisory Services Unit provides assistance and advise through: By-law workshops. This workshop addresses drafting, enactment and enforcement of bylaws; distributions of resource materials; consultation through meetings and correspondence with Band Councils and enforcement agencies.

Workshop Topics

- Defining laws—What constitutes a by-law under the Indian Act
- Canada’s Constitution and the different levels of law-making
- By-law making under the Indian Act
- Exercising delegated law-making authority
- Drafting requirements—General and specific to the Indian Act
- Enacting by-laws
- Drafting a by-law
- Enforcement of by-laws and practical considerations

Facilitators

Philippe Ethier, Manager, By-laws Advisory Services, INAC
France Courtois, By-law Advisor, By-laws Advisory Services, INAC



Please send registration to:

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Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:00pm

Please register me for the By-laws Training Workshop.

First Name Last Name

First Nation Position

Address

City & Province Postal Code

Tel # Fax #

Email

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 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.

JANUARY 2009

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			CEAA Training			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			By-Laws Training			

ATR Working Group

**Date: Friday, February
6th, 2009**
Time: 10:00—12:00
Location: TBA

Workshop

By-Laws Training
Stó:lo Nation
Bldg 7, Floor 2 Boardroom
January 27-29, 2009
9:00—3:00 PM
Please see registration insert

Working Together For and With...

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