

Coldwater Indian Band Newsletter

JANUARY 2016

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Coldwater Indian Band Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture and preserve all our resources for now and the future generations.



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Harry Spahan

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Caterers needed please phone the Administration Office at 250-378-6168 or the Band Office at 250-378-6174.

Payment Processing

We tend to have a high volume of calls to the office asking about payments in process.

Payments will normally require 3-5 days to process. This includes time for the program heads to authorize the invoices, time to get them to the finance department, time to process the payments, and time to get signers for the cheques.

If invoices and cheque requests are approved and submitted to us early in the week, they will normally be processed and issued by the end of the week. If a payment is ready earlier, we can contact you. Hopefully this may reduce the number of callbacks during the week looking for cheques.

Thanks for your help.

Barclay Smith,
Finance Coordinator

The Coldwater Band Office located at 2249 Quilchena Avenue and the Coldwater Administration Office will be closed on Monday February 8th, 2016 to celebrate family day.

Administration Updates

Community Safety

There are cattle now on the road so please make sure fences are properly mended as it is winter and vehicles take a bit longer to stop if a cow or horse pop up in front of any vehicles heading either way on the Coldwater Road. Losing cattle and depending on what the market is can put a big hit in the cattle farmer's income. The pets on the main road are also a safety issue as the kids could witness their pet hit or even rush out on the road to save them and get hurt themselves. Uninsured recreation vehicles are still being driven on the community access and main roads and can be dangerous to the youth and adults driving them and to the other licensed drivers and insured vehicles.

There have been incidents of intimidation and violence with our more vulnerable being beat, so be a good neighbor and watch over each other and report violence, etc. The Community Consultative Group are meeting monthly and developing plans and also hoping to bring in speakers for topics such as gangs, drugs, community safety, etc. There are a couple of community members who attend consistently, but they may do a call out for other members to replace those members that are not attending.

The Coldwater Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for more volunteers so give Ron Aljam a call at 250-378-6174 and sign yourself up so training can commence. High School students can get credits for this type of voluntary work as well I believe.

Programs

The staff are working at getting in various applications for funding programs and other work out to the funding agencies that are on past and future community plans to keep the work going in their respective departments.

There will be further work done by Housing, Public Works, Economic Development and Lands regarding getting some Land designation areas presented and approved by the Community for band land designation lot development for, rental units, individual homes, possible mobile home lots and Commercial (as some of the cells presented years ago are not feasible for home lots and commercial lots due to clay, limited water access, etc.). There has been some feedback going back to leadership and the Finance table that the process currently in place needs to be revisited and some of the policies amended so Leadership and Administration will be looking at the process to do some of this work.

Chief and Council do not approve financial assistance requests as these are administrative issues so please if it is a Social Assistance request see or give Shawn Bob a call at 250-378-6168. If it has to do with housing please see or call Donald Kraus at 250-378-6174. Please put the request in writing, Social Assistance Department has forms. If it has to do with donations or other requests that staff can't assist you with please come see me or give me a call at 250-378-6174. Thanks.

Department Updates Public Works

Public Works / Fire Chief Report

January 2016

Fire Department

Coldwater has been notified by First Nations Health Authority of the Resin chemical spill November 16, 2015, occurrence on the Coquihalla. The water samples taken indicate the spill does not affect the quality of drinking water from the wells near the Coldwater River.

Coldwater requires young individuals to part take in Fire Training and operations of the Fire equipment. Few individuals have expressed interest, can we have others express interest to have training during the day to start.

Fire Department Assistance during Emergency, Volunteers can assist with equipment set up and delivering, accountability, Notices, Security, etc. during a Emergency if you're wanting to assist with a group please inform Ron Aljam Public Works

Coldwater Indian Band Interface Logging

Coldwater with Contractor will be selectively logging adjacent Coldwater Reserve 2016. The location is east of the community behind the Kwinshatin Reservoir; the information of the area has been through the referrals, and documentation with the Ministry of Forests. If you have any questions or concerns, please inform Ron Aljam and Rod Gatenby to address.

Wild land Fire Fighting application Deadline January 24, 2016 must be filled out online, information is posted on BC Wildfire or contact Nicola Base 250-315-4100 for information.

Community Garden 2016 season gardening season is approaching fast please inform, the Coldwater Band of your Ideas, Budgets will be set up prior.

Coldwater Band Members have seen Lynx, bob cats, Coyote, and Cougars near the river bottom area. Please inform others of your where about you are to venture.

Thank you

Ron Aljam

Department Updates Housing

Housing Department / Tax Administration
Coldwater Indian Band

Hello Coldwater membership.

This is a brief update on a few of the activities undertaken during the month of August and early part of September. Other activities are the continued work of repairs and maintenance of health and safety issues in homes. For a more complete update or information on housing programs and projects please feel free to stop by the office and have a coffee.

Updates

Renewing the Terms of Reference of the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC); this will be tasked with making recommendations for enforcement of the Housing Policy to Chief and Council.

Housing Policy has been approved by C&C - **the new Housing Policy will be strictly enforced**; so it is up to everyone in the community to read the policy and be aware of any issues that may affect them. For a copy of the Housing Policy please contact the band office.

Will be scheduling a community dinner to introduce the new Housing Policy, 5-year Plan, and programs available to the membership in housing and to address any housing concerns and issues.

Looking to address the issue of home abandonment and restoring these homes so that the band can provide additional rental units to community members.

Communicating additional CMHC and INAC social housing programs that do not require a ministerial loan guarantee from Chief and Council; and accessing quality efficient housing and capital assets by applying for funds, developing and implementation of construction, and budgeting.

Planning on having the FN Market Housing Fund come to the community and meet with Chief and Council. The FN Market Housing Fund, among other things, provides financial support in governance and policy development as well as housing loans to communities that qualify.

The house re-build was completed on schedule.

Working with the Lands and Public Works department to assist two individuals looking for housing subsidies so that they can have homes on the reserve.

Administering the Coldwater Indian Band Tax Laws and BC Assessment Levy.

Will be working to have a 10% tax increase for 2016. For more information on this, visit the First Nations Gazette website, where all of Coldwater's Taxation Laws are posted for review by anyone interested.

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1.1. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of the Coldwater Indian Band (CIB) Housing Policy is to establish clear and comprehensive guidelines to ensure there is a transparent and structured system of managing all on-reserve housing.

The CIB Housing Policy is designed to provide a system that will enable the Band to offer affordable, healthy, and safe on-reserve housing to all Coldwater Indian Band Members in a transparent, equitable, and understandable way, including a means of appealing decisions made by the Housing Department.

Administrative policies such as this are intended to support common understanding about the rules, protocols, roles and responsibilities governing a particular topic. In order to create common understanding it is important that policies are written in plain language and structured in such a way that multiple audiences can easily find and understand the information they seek.

This housing policy has been developed as a resource for all CIB members, Administration and Chief and Council. Every effort has been made to ensure that the content of this document is well-aligned with other CIB policies, procedures and laws.

1.2. "GOOD NEIGHBOUR" PRINCIPLES

The Coldwater Indian Band is proud to work with all community members to uphold the spirit of being "A Good Neighbour" so that all members of the community treat others living on our lands fairly and in a way that they would like to be treated themselves. Our good Neighbour principles include:

- Be a good Neighbour;
- Take pride in my home;
- Protect the safety and well-being of myself and others;
- Respect other peoples' property;
- Look out for my Neighbours;
- Take care of the environment; and
- Be part of my community.

1.3. GOALS OF POLICY

The goals of the Coldwater Indian Band Housing Policy in managing and administering all on-reserve housing is as follows:

1. Address the current and future needs of all membership in obtaining affordable, clean and secure housing;
2. To maintain and protect the on-reserve houses so that they may provide adequate shelter for future occupants;
3. To provide information on various aspects of the housing program and to assist members in making applications;
4. To establish fair processes for the allocation of housing and subsidies and for appealing housing decisions;

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Clientele

URGENT

POLICY FOR INCOME ASSISTANCE FILES

The administering authority shall establish a file for each family or individual in receipt of income assistance

- **Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Child Tax Benefit Notice, and BC Family Bonus entitlement** (Child Benefits Cheque notice) this means the notice that will mailed out **in JULY 2015, must be brought in to office ASAP** very important we have a copy on your file
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LETTER FROM CANADA REVENUE AGENCY ONCE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.**
- **PLEASE GET YOUR TAXES DONE ASAP!!!**

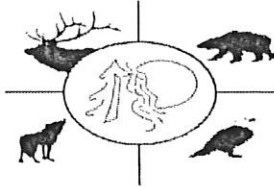
This is Mandatory and can affect eligibility of social assistance as per policy from AANDC Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE CHEQUES *WILL BE PUT ON HOLD*

If you cannot provide the above listed documentation.

If you require more information please contact Shawn or Val @250-378-6168
Or drop by the office @ 301-230th St Coldwater Reserve

Department Updates Social Development



Attention
Social Assistance
Clientele

This is in regards to the following concerns. Numerous calls are being made by clientele about cheques and as a result...

1. There is no same day service.
2. If you are expecting payment of any sort, please take note that it will take up to 3 business days from the time of the written request is submitted for this to occur.
3. This is due to the internal process it takes to get signatures and supporting documentation necessary for payment to occur.
4. Please keep all inquiries after 3:30pm of each business day to ensure adequate time has been given to process payment.
5. If the cheque is not at the front desk for pickup when you call, you are to contact Shawn Bob, Social Development Coordinator for any further inquiries.
6. All cheques from Social Development must be picked up from Coldwater Administration Office On Reserve. Please arrange your transportation to suit the situation.

As a reminder, any client who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to come back on the next business day to pick up their cheque.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawn at 250 378 6168

Department Updates Social Development

NOTICE DATE
Social Assistance Clientele
Meeting is

January 28 & 29, 2016

Income Tax time
Please get them done

Financial Assistance Cheque
Will be released

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

YOU must present in office

*If you require more info please call Shawn Bob or Val
@ 252-378-6168 or drop by the office @ 301-230th St.*

Department Updates Indian Registry Administrator

Attention

Coldwater Band Members

This is the process if you would like to apply for Secure Certificate of Indian Status. (New Status Cards)

The Web site is Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

- On the Left side of this page Click on forms once you are on this page
- scroll down until you see **Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application**
- Print forms **Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Guarantor Declaration**
- Print forms **In Canada Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Adult Application Sixteen (16) years of Age or older.**
- For youth Fifteen (15) Years and younger **In Canada Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Parent or Legal Guardian Application.**
- Please read carefully and fill out all they ask. Original birth certificate must be mail out with Parents name on your birth Certificate.
- This application must be mail to this address (for your safety express mail works the best) **SCIS national Processing Unit, 10 Wellington Street, Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4.**



For any other information on this please contact Jessie at the administration office at 250-378-6168

Jessie still process Certificate of Indian Status at the administration office Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Department Updates Economic Development

January 2016

Good Day, was nice and sunny today but a little chilly maybe we just getting used to the cold weather and getting out more, tobogganing and ice fishing. But winter still is for 2 more months and a lot more is to come. Enjoy your visits and pour some tea and share stories even if they are stories that need repeating, couple of band members have left us but we shall not forget as there are lots of stories to be told and shared with each other if we take the time.

As winter is set in the work on the ground slows to develop building lots but the time now is to plan and write and plan and rewrite those business plans and be ready for spring to put to the ground and operational by summer. There are many ideas out there just need to start and plan to service membership, but you need to start. Come into the office or meet for a coffee I could help the best I can to put to paper and your still need to keep your great ideas moving forward. Forest Fire season will soon be here, maybe a fire crew (mop up, clean-up crews), contract fencing, raising chickens, turkeys, pigs to name a few more.

We are planning a 7 day a week for the Coldwater Band Store for Convenience and we need to show an increase in sale to determine the need and use of the store, we need to increase sales and profit to move to the next step maybe a bigger building and even a Co-op Operations where members can benefit from the use of the Coldwater Store, watch for notices as this test is only for 7 weeks. We still looking for workers for the Coldwater Store and you need to work flexible hours. Send resumes to my attention at either band office with cover letter.

We have registered 9 members to attend the Horticulture Growers Short Courses at the Pacific Agriculture Show in Abbotsford on January 28-30, 2016 and this should be a very good experience learning about Gardening, and growing Strawberries, Raspberries, vegetables, blueberries, marketing to name a few. If you missed out this year we could try again next year as this is an annual session. Listen for experiences and new ideas from those attending.

Department Updates Economic Development

8 Youth from Coldwater (19-30yrs old) attended the YES2015 Youth conference held last year in Richmond and experienced a life change and a great experience had by all that attended even the 2 chaperones. The experience was so good there are meetings to be held to plan fundraisers to attend the YES2016 Youth conference to be held in Toronto, Ontario. As parents and guardians we be looking for your support to help our youth to attend this learning experience and meet youth from across Canada and northern territories from reserves just like Coldwater. We will be approaching C.N.A Trust, Child and Family Services, Scwexmx Health and to involve youth from all bands to participate and attend.

If you have any questions or need more information on how to support or participate please feel free to contact me at the Coldwater Indian Band (in town) 250 378 6174 or email – harold@coldwaterband.org and don't be Johnny come lately.

We are planning some supervisor training sessions for interested to attend to, call me, until later but don't be late.

Harold Aljam, Economic Development Coordinator
Coldwater Indian Band

Nlaka`pamux Language Immersion Family Night

OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM COLDWATER,
SHACKAN, NODAITCH, LOWER NICOLA & ASHCROFT.

Indian Taco's for Dinner!
Everyone welcome to attend.

When: February 2, 2016 (REVISED DATE)

Where: Coldwater Band Hall

Time: 5:00pm

This group is going to focus on speaking the language rather than writing or reading.

Agenda

5:00pm: People Arrive & Introductions

5:30pm: Dinner Prayer

5:35pm: Dinner & Dessert

6:30pm: How many of these Words do you know? (Everyone who attends gets a poster)

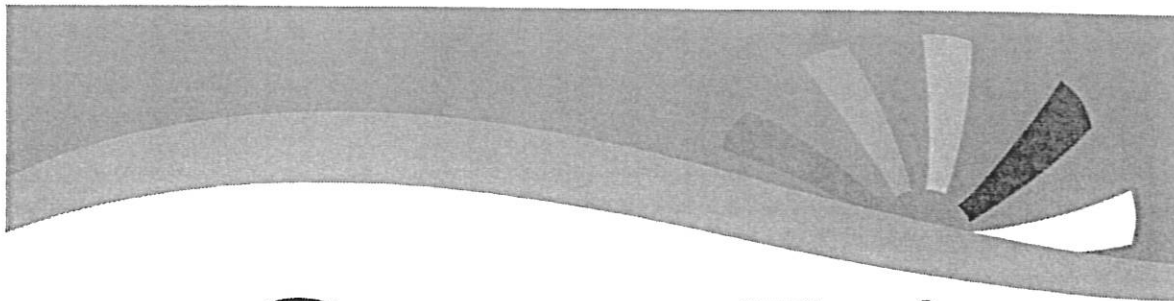
We will end the night with a story in the Language

Closing prayer

If there is anything specific you would like to learn in the language or any suggestion you may have, feel free to contact Tamara George. We are hoping to host this event once a month or possibly twice a month if there is enough interest.

**For More information please contact
Tamara George, Wellness Coordinator 250 378 7045 or by
email nwellnesscoordinator@gmail.com**

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Career Fair

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Merritt Civic Centre

Mamette Ave, Merritt BC V1K 1M9

To sign up for a booth space or a presentation space
contact Kristy Henkes at khenkes@cna-trust.ca
or call (250) 378-1864

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA)

JIBC

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Highland Valley Copper (HVC)

ASETS

Aboriginal Business Service Network Society

University of British Columbia (UBC)

CANTEX

Stuwix Resources Joint Venture

Thompson Rivers University (TRU)

RCMP

Industry Training Authority (ITA)

Wildfire Management Branch—Merritt

All Nations Trust

Scw'exmx Child & Family Services

First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia (FNESS)

Community Futures Development Corporation of the Central Interior First Nations (CFDC of CIFN)

Lots of Door Prizes!

Lunch Served at 12:00 p.m.

Presentations by Highland Valley Copper, Stuwix Resources, RCMP

WorkBC

Employment Services Centre



UNEMPLOYED?
You may qualify for
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certificates or
courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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SERVICE CENTRE
2099 QUILCHENA
AVE., MERRITT, BC
250-378-5151

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- ❖ Job board
- ❖ Workshops
- ❖ Large informative resource room
- ❖ Local newspapers
- ❖ Labour market information
- ❖ Computer stations
- ❖ Fax and telephone services
- ❖ Interviews by telephone or Skype



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NVIT CAREER AND EDUCATION FAIR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 9:30AM-2:00PM

TOUR THE CAMPUS, MEET WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND FIND A CAREER CHOICE THAT SUITS YOU!

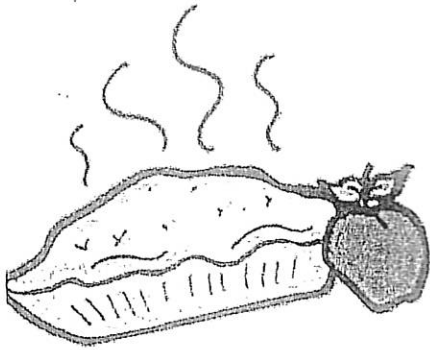


DEADLINE TO REGISTER
IS FEBRUARY 10, 2016
Contact info@nvit.bc.ca
250.378.3300



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
Merritt Campus, 4155 Belshaw | 250.378.3300 | Toll Free 1.877.682.3300





MSS GRAD

2016

APPLE PIE SALES

Featuring Elaine Gill's Famous

Pies

Pies are uncooked and ready for the freezer

Sugar free is available for Diabetics

\$7.00 each--All pies must be pre-paid

All orders must be in by February 19th, 2016

Pie pick up is March 5, 2016

At MSS Multi-Purpose Room

Between **11am-4pm**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

of Pies ordered: Regular: _____ Sugar Free: _____ @ \$7.00 each Total: _____

Person picking up pies: _____ Phone: _____

Please make cheques payable to MSS Grad 2016 memo: Apple Pie Sale



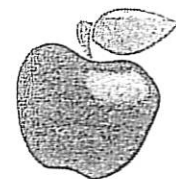
Customer Copy, please save this copy as your reminder

Name: _____ Bought pies from: _____

of Pies ordered: _____ @ \$7.00 each Total: _____

Pick up date is March 5, 2016 between 11am-4pm @ MSS Multi -Purpose Room Person

picking pies up: _____



The Grad Class of 2016 Thanks you for your support

Job Opportunities



NICOLA TRIBAL ASSOCIATION (NTA)

#202-2090 COUTLEE AVENUE
P.O. BOX 188, MERRITT, BC V1K 1B8
Phone (250) 378-4235 Fax (250) 378-9119
e-mail: administration@nicolatribal.org



Job Posting

On-call Administrative Assistant Temporary / Part time

The On-call Administrative Assistant provides the first greeting and welcome to visitors of NTA. This position must be cordial and have excellent customer service skills to provide a positive first impression. As the central point handling common services such as telephone, mail and other related duties.

Reception Services:

- Screen and directs visitors, consultants, customers, clients and suppliers
- Using excellent customer service skills, greets telephone and face to face visitors for NTA, providing a positive, professional interaction with the Association
- Follows the goal of answering each call within 3 telephone rings and directs calls to their destination promptly and accurately
- Liases with internal departments to know who is in the building and tracks absences on the attendance board
- Track the receipt of mail, date stamp and log in the computer system
- Photocopies material for internal departments or meeting attendees
- Sends and receives faxes and forwards to appropriate parties within NTA

Please drop off or email resume to Elizabeth Gilchrist, Executive Assistant
elizabeth.gilchrist@nicolatribal.org by 4 pm, February 5, 2016.

Nicola Tribal Association
PO Box 188
Merritt, BC
V1K 1B8

Phone: 250-378-4235 Ext. 107
Fax: 250-378-9119

Do you need your income tax completed?

For \$25.00 per person, per Year

Dale August can assist you

Call/Text her at 250-280-2750

to make arrangements for pick up of all your documents

Complete the following form provided and put in envelope.

If there are no more forms complete the information on a separate sheet of paper and put in an envelope

Income Tax Information

Name: First & Initial		SIN:	
Name: Last		Birth date:	
Mailing Address			
Marital Status: Circle 1	Single, married, divorced, common law, widowed, separated		
Spouse's Name:	First	Init.	Last
Spouse's SIN:		Spouse Birth date:	
Child(ren) /Dependant Name(s) M / F	Birthdates:	Relationship to you	
Include all T4s for:	Working Income, Social Assistance, OAS/ CPP, UCCB, Disability, EI		
Did you have any EXPENSES for: →	Child Fitness Amount (refundable) Home renovations (Elders) Child Care		
Include Receipts			
\$25 fee paid	YES or NO	Phone	Cell
Email Address, include if you want your Income Tax Assessments emailed to you			