

September 30, 2002

Apple Picking Oliver, BC



Victor's Truck



Lloyd Kelly



Bruce's van



Victor, Sophamia, Ken



Let's go gang!!!

September 15-16, 2002

Thanks to the apple pickers: Victor Bisailon, Dan Bisailon, Terry Prest, Lloyd Kelly, Robin Kelly, Steve Prest, Sophamia Bisailon, Jean Charters, Isadore Charters, Bruce Sam, Brandon Sam, Ken Wallace, Jude Kelly, Dave Sepass

Apples were available at the admin office, over 45 band members and some regular business' received a bag or box of apples. McIntosh, golden delicious and red delicious apples were picked. Once again thanks to Ted Brouwer, orchard owner from Oliver, Sarah Festerling for making the arrangements and Victor, Bruce and Sophamia for bringing the apples back home.

ELDER'S CORNER

- Elder's are collecting items for the food hamper to be drawn on **October 11th** as part of the CFB Court Case Fundraising. (*On display in the elder's room*)
- Elder's & C&C meeting - **October 3rd** - 10:00 AM at the admin office.
- Next elder's meeting - **October 7th** at 10:00 AM elder's room
- **October 19th** - Yard Sale/Bake Sale/50-50 Ticket sales - (*flyer attached*), donations of yard sale items, baked goods can be delivered to the Health Services office, contact Victor. Proceeds towards elder's activities. Volunteers greatly appreciated, sign-up with Victor.
- **November 30th** - Loonie Auction - (*flyer attached*), Soowahlie Band Hall, auction items can be delivered to the Health Services Office. Light lunch, 50/50 ticket sales and more!!! Proceeds towards elder's activities. Volunteers greatly appreciated, sign-up with Victor.
- **Crafts night** - Thursday's at the admin office, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, open to everyone
- **Coqualeetza meetings** - call Victor for rides for Wednesday's

Victor Bisailon will be filling in for Rose Kelly until further notice. Contact: Victor @ 604-858--4603 or 604-819-2449

YOUTH'S CORNER

- After-school activities are on again, check with Victor for schedule
- Gym Night - Friday's at the Cultus Lake Community Gym
- Volunteers for Halloween and Christmas Party Committees - call Victor to sign up, meeting date to be scheduled.

TH'EWALI RESOURCES LTD.

Resource Management Update - September 30. 2002

Hatchery Surplus Salmon

The band has started to harvest surplus fish from the Chilliwack River Hatchery. So far, some of the fish has given out to meet food and ceremonial needs in the Sto:lo community. The balance of the salmon has been sold in cooperation with a salmon marketing firm that has an agreement with the band. The band has both a license and a letter of understanding from DFO that allows for the harvest and sale of the fish. This project will create 4 jobs for



band members. Harvests of salmon at the hatchery will continue until mid-December 2002.

Gravel Mining

The band's gravel company is currently marketing the gravel that was stockpiled near the dyke. In addition, the board of directors of the band's gravel company is in talks with a new partner over mining gravel on the reserve. The new agreement will mean jobs for band members and maintenance of band roads.

Forestry

In the near future, the band will begin logging marketable timber on the reserve. However, the band will first have to revoke an old timber permit. Band members will be kept informed about the process involved in the revocation of the old permit.

Cultus Lake Sockeye

The chairperson of COSEWIC (Committee on Saving Endangered Wildlife in Canada) will be here this week to visit Cultus Lake and Sweltzer Creek. His task, and that of the committee that he chairs, is to consider listing the Cultus Lake Sockeye as an endangered species. The Committee met on the weekend in Vancouver and the Soowahlie Band made a presentation to the Committee.

SOOWAHLIE HEALTH SERVICES

- * Check with Marg for baby clinics, elders check ups etc. if you have an appointment, please call in if you need to cancel or re-schedule.
- * Diabetes Conference - November 4-6, Soowahlie and Cheam have 8 people attending along with Marg and Dee Peters, Cheam CHR.
- * Kindermusic Program - Health Services has received approval, start date late October/early November. Anyone interested in an observation role for possible facilitator training can contact Marg.
- * Regional Health Survey (RHS) Health Survey. Jean will continue conducting interviews for the survey this week for the participants chosen at random. As stated in the letter and brochure it is very important that the participants complete the survey, so that everyone's voice will be heard and all your concerns accounted for. Jean will be doing 22 interviews. As the deadline for this survey is October 10th please, follow through with your appointment or phone her at home or either office to re-schedule as needed. Interviews will



be done throughout the day at the admin office or the health service office. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. Jean Charters * Detailed information attached.

*** First Nations Crisis Line - Ph: 1-866-904-1257**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHIEF & COUNCIL

› Meet Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Soowahlie Council Report - September 30, 2002

Inquiry - Xyolhemeylh

Last week, a family living on Lakahahmen reported a missing two-year-old girl. The RCMP found her dead on the Lakahahmen reserve. Several days later, the RCMP charged the father with second-degree murder. There are many unanswered questions about whether this tragic death was preventable.

Our council wants an independent inquiry into this tragedy to make certain that this tragedy does not happen again. Our child welfare program must protect all children.

Liberal Party of Canada

Soowahlie Council joined the federal Liberal Party to work with the Federal Liberal Action Group (FLAG). We want support for our issues such as CFB, Stó:lô Nation Society, and Indian Act amendments. We will support our neighbours on issues like Sumas Energy. On September 7, 2002, Bruce Sam and Doug Kelly went to a breakfast meeting in Richmond and met the Honourable Paul Martin.

If you want to join the Liberal Party of Canada, please call Doug, Bruce, or Ernie.

First Nation Summit Chiefs & the B.C. Cabinet Meeting

On September 16, our chief Doug Kelly attended a meeting of Summit Chiefs and the B.C. Cabinet. Summit leaders demanded that the B.C. government honour the Haida and Taku River Tlingit rulings. These decisions confirm that the crown and third parties must consult and seek workable accommodation



with First Nations when the land and resources are subject to aboriginal claims. The Premier and Cabinet members did not respond to this demand, except to tell us that B.C. is developing a new consultation policy.

Minister Stephen Owen, Secretary of State, Indian Affairs

Chief Doug Kelly met with the Honourable Stephen Owen to discuss the CFB Court Case and the recent decisions from the Haida and Taku River Tlingit Cases. Minister Owen promised to help get Ministers Collenette and McCallum to respond to Soowahlie's letter about the Crown's duty to consult and seek workable accommodation with Soowahlie on former CFB Chilliwack.

Doug Kelly updated the Minister about the Soowahlie case against the Stó:lô Nation Society.

First Nations Summit - Port Alberni

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council hosted the First Nations Summit on September 18-20, 2002. Our hosts held two banquets, provided cultural entertainment, and demonstrated the strength of their culture and ancestral teachings.

Summit Chiefs challenged Honourable Geoff Plant to honour court rulings that require the Crown and third parties to consult and seek workable accommodation with First Nations. Minister Plant refused to respond to this challenge.

Gravel Mining Joint Venture

Bruce Sam, Ernie Crey, and Doug Kelly are negotiating with a construction company for mining gravel from Soowahlie. This company is very interested in a partnership with our Th'ewali Gravel Ltd. Council learned many lessons from the failed joint venture with Twin Creeks Aggregates. We will apply this learning to our negotiations with the construction company.

Forestry - Referendum

To log timber on reserve, Soowahlie Council must hold a referendum to cancel 90-year-old timber surrender. With the Corbierre decision, we must conduct a referendum and ask all band members for approval to revoke this



old surrender. We are working with Chris Pretty to carry out this referendum. We will hold information meetings before holding the vote.

Fisheries Joint Venture

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans issued Soowahlie the permit to harvest surplus salmon from the Chilliwack River Hatchery. Last week, the Soowahlie crew started to harvest surplus salmon. Like last year, we are going to organize volunteers to clean and can salmon for community members. If you are interested in getting fish and/or helping with this work, please call David at the band office.

Provincial Campsite Management Contracts

We are bidding the contract to manage Cultus Lake and Chilliwack Provincial Parks. Council assembled a professional project team to do the work to win this contract. The Chilliwack Progress covered our interest in last week's paper. If we win this contract, it will create 30 jobs or so.

Dog Control, bad dogs, bad dogs...



- ▶ There's still a problem with dog control, in order to act this issue, dogs must be clearly identified etc. Please call the admin office if you have information on locating and indentifying nusiance dogs.

WEBSITE

Currently under construction, each department has been outlined. Jason Forseth, Nadia Designs is working with staff and council to finalize.

BIRTHDAYS!!!! OCTOBER 2002 BIRTHDAYS!!!!

Isabelle Waterworth 10/07
Ernest Williams 10/13
Samantha Bisailon 10/15
Theresa Kelly 10/18
10/19
Russell Bisailon 10/19

Lori Kelly 10/10
Gordon Kelly 10/15
Laurie Backman 10/18
Norman Commodore
Anthony Sam 10/28



Soowahlie Playground



Equipment has arrived, set-up will be throughout the week, contact Gary Sam or Grant Commodore to volunteer. The ISR Program has been working on this project for the past year. Paving has been done to a portion of the site, the basketball hoop will be set-up and plans for a sign and overall maintenance are underway. On completion an opening ceremony will be arranged, stay tuned for more information.

Job Postings

- *Detail information at the admin office
- * OFFICER ADMINISTRATOR/Tzeachten F.N./Deadline Oct.11, 4 PM
- * PROPERTY TAX OFFICER/Tzeachten F.N./Deadline Oct. 11, 4PM/Call 604-858-3888 Fax: 6040858-3382/ATTN: Chief Joe Hall
- * GENERAL MEAT CUTTER/SLAUGHTER PERSON/Must be HRIF Eligible/ E.I. claim in the last 3 years or 5 years for parental claims/CHWK 15/Posted Sep.19/Start date ASAP/Sto:lo Nation CEDES
- * EDUCATION: - University College of the Fraser Valley/College and Career Preparation Information and Assessment Sessions at Chilliwack Campus/Sep.10 – Dec.10/02/Info/Assessments every Tues. at 1:00 PM, Room D120/No charge/Call 604-795-2807 CCP – CHWK Fax 604-793-7028

OTHER DATES TO NOTE

DRAW: MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER CHERISH BILLY/OPPENHEIM , will be Oct. 4/2002, @ Merritt, BC. Good Luck to all that entered. Thank you for your support. Billy/Oppenheim/Mussell Family.

Stó:lō Nation AGM

October 5, 2002 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, Tzeachten Community Hall. (Agenda attached)

ELDER'S FUNDRAISER

October 19, 2002
Soowahlie Health Services Office
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Yard Sale / Bake Sale & 50-50 Ticket sales
Donations & Volunteers greatly appreciated. Proceeds to elder's activities
Thank you from Soowahlie Elder's Contact: Victor - 604-858-4603



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CFB COURT CASE FUNDRAISER

DRAW: October 11, 2002 \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00

Raffle Prize List

- Hand-made burl clock
- \$25.00 Save-on Foods certificate
- FN Print
- FN Print by Delvis
- FN Print - "Pulling Together on the Fraser 2002"
- Miniature canoe carving (Value \$300.00)
- Canucks Hockey Tickets (4)
- 10 lbs. smoked fish (Vacuum Packed)
- Drum with design
- Food Hamper (from -Elder's)

AND MORE!!!! (On display at 4172 Soowahlie Road)

Donations greatly appreciated Thank you for your support
Contact: 604-858-4631 for more information

**** Send in off-reserve contact information- e-mail, address, phone # ****
**** Send in birthdays, anniversaries, articles, etc. to the admin office by Friday.**

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