

Tl'etinqox-t'in Government Office



Newsletter



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Chief Joe Alphonse

July 2012

The summer is hot upon us! Hope everyone is enjoying the heat more than I am! It's been a slow time at the band office this last month for me as I've been haying. I am 2/3 done and look forward to getting all the hay fields completed and the bales off the field so I can hopefully get some salmon fishing in.

Tsilhqot'in Gathering:

The Tsilhqot'in Gathering formally known as the Siwash Gathering was held at Farwell Canyon this year. After the 2009 fire season the area around the gathering site was burnt severely. It was decided to give the area a rest to follow our custom. Our ancestors use to refer to it as giving mother nature a chance to re-embellish itself before we go back to the location and start putting pressure to her again.

The gathering was well attended and organized. Food was great. This was the second year we have held the event away from Siwash. Last year we were in Alexandria and the theme was berry picking. This year we were in Farwell to celebrate the area for its sage. Sage is used for cleansing and ceremonies.

Next year the event will be in Stone community area. Stone will have to decide what the theme will be.

Moose Concerns:

Tl'etinqox-t'in Government Office leadership had sent out a letter regarding our upcoming hunting ban within our care taker area stemming from our community meeting dated May 15th. It is our belief that after conservation, the Supreme Court of Canada states aboriginal people have a right before any non-aboriginal people. However government policies don't reflect that, everyone is allowed to hunt until there is a conservation concern. We are nearing a point where the moose population could hit conservation levels therefore we are calling on the provincial government to implement the necessary policies to protect and re-establish our moose resource.

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Special points of interest:

- Factors affecting Moose Population
- New Secure CIS Card Update
- Updated Residential Tenancy Agreement
- Alexis Creek Ambulance Members

Chief Joe Alphonse cont.



Other factors affecting moose population:

- Predation – Over population of wolves and bears. Province must implement a plan to reduce predator animals.
- Over-Hunting – Limited entry hunting is not working, must develop a new system.
- Access control – More road access into sensitive moose areas than at any time in our history. Consultation with user groups to determine road deactivation.

Final issue for our membership is protecting our community guide hunting areas for Lawrence Elkins and Tony Petal. We believe no one has looked after their interest in protecting their guiding areas.

Hunting restrictions – There has to be limited hunting access in these hunting areas.

Logging – Logging activities must take in consideration these are sensitive areas.

Our hunting ban has caused quite a stir amongst non-aboriginal hunters. There has been substantial media coverage on this issue. We continue to face criticism but we maintain our position as the moose population is taking a hit and something drastic has to happen. We have had continued discussions for three and half years and our position has not been taken seriously therefore we are left with no alternative but to take the position we have taken.

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Hay Fields:

It is haying season and again we face the same issues as we face each hay season, land disputes. Proper boundaries are an issue again. It has come to the point Chief and Council have to intervene and develop a resolution system in disputed areas. A ranchers meeting will be called in September to discuss all these issues and develop a conflict process. Flood irrigation has to change as well. The current system of diverting Anaham creek is causing too much damage. Irrigation ditches are being damaged as there is too much water flow during irrigation season. Trout habitat is also being damaged as not enough water flow during spring and summer seasons.

A reminder to all horse owners to keep their horses off the hay fields until all haying is completed.

Summer Students:

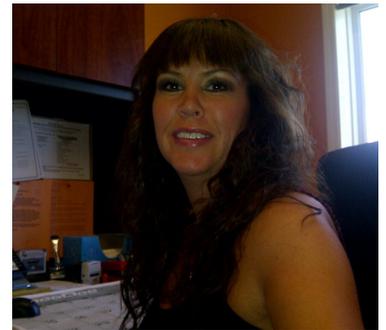
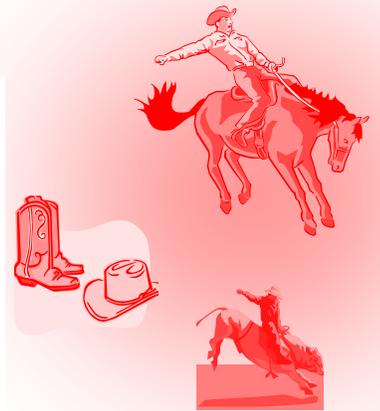
We are proud to announce we had three separate proposals approved to hire summer students. It's been a long time since we've been in a situation where our community could employ so much summer students. They will be cleaning up around the band office, the school and the cemetery. Congratulations to all the summer student workers, we are proud to create this opportunity for you.

We are now entering the much awaited fishing season. We are expecting a good salmon run and I encourage people to go and fish and set camps if you can. I remind everyone to be safe while fishing. Till next month.

Trudi Frost, Indian Registry Administrator

Update on the Roll-Out of the **Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Card** in BC Region

1. Approximately one year ago the Phase One Roll-Out of the SCIS Card was completed in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba & the North West Territories.
2. Phase Two of the SCIS Roll-Out is currently planned to occur in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Yukon and BC Regions between October 2012 and March 2013.
3. The SCIS Roll-Out is expected to occur in BC Region in late February or early March 2013.
4. The border crossing SCIS Card has been put on hold for the time being. As a result, only applications for the In-Canada SCIS Card will be accepted until further notice.
5. Both CBSA and U.S. Homeland Security have agreed to accept the current laminated CIS Card and all versions of the In-Canada SCIS Card pending the issuance of the border crossing version of the SCIS Card. Issues encountered using these cards to cross the border should be reported immediately to Robert Poole, Manager of Indian Registration and Band Lists for forwarding to the SCIS Processing Office in Ottawa.
6. To date over 34,000 In-Canada SCIS Cards have been issued by the National Print Centre in Ottawa.
7. In Fiscal 2013/2014, Ottawa is planning to provide training to all of the BC Indian Registry Administrators on the processing of applications for the In-Canada SCIS Card. The length of the training is currently planned to be for five (5) days but is subject to change. Training dates have yet to be determined, but it is hoped that the training will occur between March and December of 2013.
8. IRAs will be responsible for assisting applicants complete their SCIS application forms, conducting the intake and verification of SCIS applications and supporting documents (original birth certificates and acceptable ID), reviewing passport-style photos for compliance and forwarding application packages to Ottawa for processing. IRAs will also assist the department in communicating the features/benefits, etc of the new card to First Nations' individuals.
9. Regional offices and band offices will not be provided with camera equipment as originally planned. Applicants will be responsible for providing their own passport-style photos when applying for an In-Canada SCIS Card. This is already the current practice in BC. In areas where cameras were provided under the Phase 1 Roll-Out of the SCIS Card funding support has been discontinued by headquarters.
10. Currently there is no form of compensation provided for the issuance of status cards. Ottawa is planning to review the current IRBL funding model in Fiscal 2012/13 and it could potentially include compensation for each correctly completed SCIS application.
11. Upon completion of the SCIS training course and certification of the IRAs, they will no longer be able to issue the current paper laminated status cards. They will only be able to process applications for the In-Canada SCIS Card. IRAs will continue to issue the paper laminated cards until they have been trained and certified to process applications for the In-Canada SCIS card.
12. The current processing time for the In-Canada SCIS Card is twelve (12) weeks.
13. At this point, Ottawa has not developed a mail-in application process for the In-Canada SCIS card. It is hoped that eventually it will be possible to apply for an In-Canada SCIS Card through the mail.



Trudi Frost, IRA & Executive Assistant.

Status Cards
in town at
Denisiqi
Thursdays
August 9th
& 23rd



Kim Johnny, Receptionist

Hello Everyone! Summer has gone by so fast. I am hoping that everyone has enjoyed their summer just as much as I did. I have been working here as Receptionist for the Tl'etinqox-Tin Government Of-

fice since end of November 2011. It has been very busy here since then. I will be back at the Tl'etinqox-Tin Health Services on September 6, 2012. On July 24th & 25th, I helped out as a cook for the Farwell Can-

yon Gathering it was a great success for everyone there. I am looking forward to next year's event. Well hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer and take care everyone!!

Susan Rae Alphonse, Housing Assistant

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Important Notice On Housing That Needs Urgent Attention:

Tl'etinqox-T'in Gov. Office Housing Dept. Updated The Residential Tenancy Agreement. For Those Who Are Paying Rent, We Need Signatures With Initials Where Applicable. In Order To Keep

Everyone Updated On These Units We Would Like The Tenants To Drop By The Band Office And Update Their Files. For Those Of You Who Have Not Filled Out Our Housing Survey Questionnaire, Home Fire Checklist, With All This Info. We Will Know What Work Needs Done To Your Home. And Please Pay Your Rent On A Monthly Basis To Avoid Default That Could Lead To Eviction Notices. Reminder If

Your Moving

Please Give A 30 Day Notice. Home Owners, Signatures Are Required From All Adults 19 + Of Age Who Are Living In The Cmhc Or Section 9&10 Homes. Due To Rents Not Being Paid, All Repairs To Cmhc & Section 9&10 Will Be Put On Hold Until Tenants Come In And Make Their Rent Payments.

Sorry For Any Inconvenience.

Susan Rae Alphonse, Housing Assistant cont.

My Summer Was Awesome Already School Gonna Start Around The Corner So Now I Have To Think About Where Our Shopping Starts For A Vehicle & School Supplies With Some Clothes For Our Entrance On Back To School Gonna Be Awesome Can't Wait To Meet Our New Teachers For The Upcoming Year 2012-2013! Hopefully Everyone Enjoyed Their Summer, Anyways Please Catch Up On All Rental Tenancy Agreement For Those Who Are Still Paying Rent, Need To Update Your Files With Housing Etc... Goes For Band Employees And S.A Recipients.

Eleanor Cooper, Councilor

Alexis Creek Ambulance is a vital service in the community, covering a huge area from Tatla Lake to Riske Creek and the only ambulance service between Williams Lake and Anahim Lake, often using Kamloops Air Vac depending on the emergency.

The crews have to work against poor weather and road conditions often putting their lives on the line to get patients to definitive care.

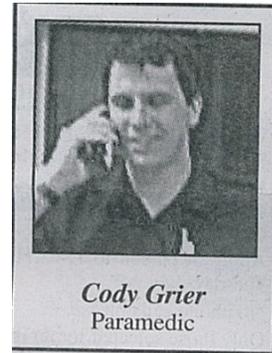
We would like to give a special thank you to the bystanders, the community, the Alexis Creek RCMP and Outpost Nurses for assisting us this past year. We could not have done it without you.



Mark Kopp
Unit Chief
Alexis Creek



Eleanor Cooper
Aboriginal Liaison
Paramedic



Cody Grier
Paramedic

Kristy Elkins, Housing Coordinator

Hello Everyone!

Hope you all enjoyed your July and getting ready to forage for the upcoming winter months! I am just returning from my 1 week holidays and therefore I am adjusting back to what I have left off!

Anyways, 7 months out of the year have passed and we are going to be headed off into the fall and it won't be long before snow flies. It is in these months that I worry about, considering our reno applications have not yet been approved. This is a hassle considering homeowner's and tenants will have to find a place to accommodate themselves during reno's. Therefore, I would like to remind any future individual's who want to apply for CMHC RRAP reno funding, they will need to keep their Verification of Income up to date. That means that applicants should be keeping all their cheque stubs and Notice of Assessments they receive for employment and from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). You may think that these documents are not important but they are required documents that are requested by CMHC and AANDC (formally INAC). If you do not have these proper documents available then this delays your application for any funding. Please keep records of these documents for at least 2 years prior to the year you are applying for reno funding.

Please also note that in the past, renovations were randomly put in other people's names in the household even if they already received reno funding, but things have changed with CMHC and AANDC and houses are now tracked. Renovation applications will be only considered in the homeowner's name and no longer in other individual's names. This causes confusion within TGO, CCTC, CMHC & AANDC offices because the applications are now thoroughly checked and it interferes with other houses that have not yet received renovation funding. In order to qualify for renovations with CMHC or AANDC the total annual household income may not exceed \$44,000.00



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Upcoming Events / Meetings:

Kamloopa Pow Wow **August 3 - 5, 2012**

BC Day **August 6, 2012** Band Office closed

Status Cards **August 9, 2012** 8:30—3:30 pm at Denisiqi.

Horsemanship Program **August 16, 2012** 8:30am will be bringing students from the Horsemanship Program to Anaham Meadows & would like to invite other horse riders to join them. For more info. Contact Lawrence Elkins Sr 250-394-4934

?Esdilagh Music & Cultural Festival **August 17 - 19, 2012** for more info. Contact Jolene 250-747-2255

Status Cards **August 23, 2012** 8:30—3:30 pm at Denisiqi.

Kristy Elkins, Housing Coordinator cont.

That means that if everyone in the household makes over \$44,000.00 in total then they do not qualify for approval. The CMHC and AANDC renovation applications/funding is designed to assist Low-income families/households.

August 2012 Maintenance Schedule

- ~ Deep clean carpets and rugs
- ~ Check smooth functioning of all windows, and lubricate as required
- ~ Inspect window putty on outside of glass panes of older houses, and replace if needed
- ~ Sand and touch up paint on windows and doors
- ~ Lubricate door hinges, and tighten screws as needed
- ~ Check for and replace damaged caulking and weather stripping around mechanical and electrical services, windows and doorways, including the doorway between the garage and the house.
- ~ Check Security of all guardrails and handrails.

I hope you All enjoy the Rest of your Summer!!! Sechanalyah!

Lynda Alphonse,
Janitor

Camping Season is here, fun, fun, fun! Gotta get some fish-in! find my dipnet first. LOL! Well working here at TGO is fun and a lot of work too. Have a great summer everyone!