



### Mark Your Calendars

- Office Closed  
Thursday Dec 10
- Community Christmas  
Dinner  
Dec 12 starts at 12 pm  
Yale Community Center
- Elders Tea  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm  
Medical Health Building
- Office Closed for Holidays  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Community Christmas  
Luncheon hosted by youth  
program and Denise Adams  
Dec 22 11am- 2pm  
Medical Health Building  
Catered Lunch with games  
and prizes!!

### Land Use Planning Project

Spring of 2016 will see the start of a capacity project for Land Use Planning. This project will rely heavily upon community input and consultation. Spuzzum First Nation will be requesting active participation of all band members including CP holders, Elders, Youth, off reserve members and any potential partners/investors. Community consultation will occur in many forms; meetings and community forums, online questionnaires and polls. The band website will be live by then and providing additional opportunities for members to be involved in the project. Spuzzum First Nation's greatest asset is our land base and our natural resources and it is our primary goal to protect and preserve our traditional lands and resources. We want our community to work as a team to explore opportunities to also build our band capacity through sustainable and environmentally responsible economic development. The purpose of this planning project is to allow members to participate in decision-making on how they want their land and resources to be used. More information to come in a future newsletters.

*Where no one intrudes many can live in  
harmony ~ Chief Dan George*

### Highlight of the Month

Mark your calendars! The Community Christmas Dinner will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Once again we have decided to celebrate at the Yale Community Center. The dinner is a pot luck style so please bring a dish that can be shared with everyone. Rumour has it that Santa will be making an appearance again this year. To ensure your child receives a gift from Santa please let Jackie or Terry-lynn at the Band Office know that your child will be there. For more information please contact the Band Office.

### Education

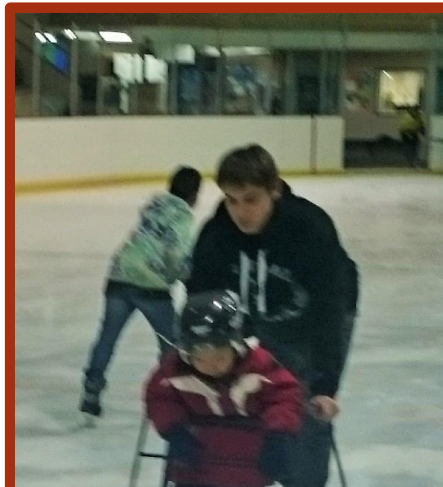
Diana Stromquist attended an Aboriginal Education Collaboration meeting with partner groups from School District #78, they toured the two villages of Sta' ailes and Sqowlets, and engaged in Cultural activities.

A Boundary Review Committee meeting is being held on Dec.2nd @ 3:30 at Coquihalla Elementary school to bring forward any questions and concerns people may have regarding the draft transportation policy #7700.



*Above- Pumpkin carving for  
Halloween*

*Right- Stuart teaching Cole to skate*



## Message from Chief and Council

We are pleased to present your official Spuzzum First Nation Newsletter. Please look to future editions for more indepth reports from Chief and Council.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff and administration for a great year.

The word for this edition is "YamEET" it means pray, we YamEET for all our members and families to stay safe on your journeys and we YamEET for all the best this holiday season and for a prosperous 2016 for you all!

~Chief and Council.

## Youth

We are excited to announce that **Stuart Haslam** is now our Community Youth Representative! With his strong leadership qualities and amazing work ethic we know he will do a great job. Stuart will be working in the community doing a variety of jobs from small maintenance items to assisting our Youth Program. Next time you run into Stuart make sure to congratulate him.

On Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> the Youth Program took the kids skating. 15 youth showed up for a fun time skating followed by a pizza party and hockey game. Panago Pizza in Hope graciously agreed to give us a 50% discount on the pizzas.

## Important Information

- \* Flu shots are available, please contact Denise for available clinics
- \* Breakfast Club is cancelled until January. For more information please contact the Band office



## Quaaout Lodge Elders Trip

Submitted by Denise Adams

The trip to Quaaout Lodge was a pleasant experience starting from the scenic drive to the Okanagan area. I had never seen such a beautiful area to drive through. There were lakes, mountainsides, and nice farm lands. The Elders enjoyed themselves. The lodge was beautiful, the staff was pleasant and helpful. The first stop the Elders made was the gift shop that had lots of traditional gifts to look at and purchase. Later in the day we all gathered to have lunch and it was delicious. The scenery while sitting and eating made it more pleasant. After the lunch everyone did their own investigating around the lodge until supper time. Then everyone gathered for a feast. Afterwards some of the elders went out to the night life and enjoyed the Casino in the next town, not too far from the lodge. They enjoyed every bit of the night until bedtime. We all settled in the comfort of our rooms for the night.

Next day we enjoyed a hearty breakfast and went to see the Adams run where the fish spawn every year, with our tour guide. The tour then continued back to the lodge where we heard stories of the past history of our culture in the pit house. With the roaring fire pit going it made it feel cozy inside. Afterwards the elders were welcomed to a canoe ride down the Quaaout Lake, they all enjoyed the experience riding on the canoe.

It was then time for lunch. We all gathered back at the lodge and had a hearty meal, we said our goodbyes to the staff and thanked them for the pleasant stay, then drove back home. We bring back memories of our experience we all had at Quaaout Lodge to share with our friends and family back at home.



## Elders

Over the past few weeks the Members of the community have been helping Elders get ready for winter. Fire wood has been delivered, chimneys cleaned and plans are in the works for a home winterizing workshop. If you require further assistance preparing for the winter please feel free to contact the Housing Dept or Band office for help.

Red Cross Loan Program- Assists community members with obtaining medical devices and assistance aids for whoever needs them. Please contact Denise Adams for more information.

## Health Contacts

Denise Adams is our Community Health Worker and works in Spuzzum on Thursdays. Once a month Denise plans a shopping day to assist community members in need of transportation access food and other supplies they may need.

To contact Denise please call 604-206-4600.

Patricia Eidem who holds the Health Portfolio is in the community on Mondays and Thursdays. When in the community Patricia is available for questions and conversation regarding health issues. She can also be reached by phone at 604-860-3574.

Allen Rosco is our Community Mental Health Worker.

To contact him please call 250-315-8664 or email [allanmrosco@gmail.com](mailto:allanmrosco@gmail.com)



## WELCOME

Spuzzum First Nation would like to welcome the Hatzidimitriou family to the community. We are happy to welcome the 4 Hatzidimitriou children to the community. We would also like to congratulate the Hatzidimitriou family and Angie Mitchel and Jim Roche as the tenants to the two new homes that have just been completed. We look forward to their continued support and presence throughout the community.

## Housing Update

- Built two new homes
- Replaced 2 decks
- Replaced 4 woodstoves
- Replaced 3 roofs
- Repaired/replaced several appliances
- Built 1 woodshed
- Completed Housing Policies
- Addressed several plumbing and electrical emergencies
- Serviced 6 septic tanks
- Winterizing band homes



## Contact Us

### Spuzzum First Nation

36500 Main Road  
Spuzzum BC, V0K-2S1  
604-863-2395

e-mail: [admin@spuzzumnation.com](mailto:admin@spuzzumnation.com)

CALL TO SUBSCRIBE FOR AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER

# December

# 2015

# Sunday

Calendar Month

Calendar Year

First Day of Week



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 No Program	30 Candle Melting	01 <b>Group A</b> Outdoor Games Day (Bring a Jacket)	02 <b>Group B</b> Outdoor Games Day (Bring a Jacket)	03 No Program	04 <b>Group A</b> Painting Day	05 No Program
06 No Program	07 <b>Group B</b> Candle Melting	08 <b>Group A</b> Candle Decorating	09 <b>Group B</b> Painting Day	10 No Program	11 No Program	12 No Program
13 No Program	14 <b>Group B</b> Make your own Pizza Day	15 <b>Group A</b> Make your own Pizza Day	16 <b>Group B</b> Crafts Day (Pinecone Decorations)	17 No Program	18 <b>Group A</b> Crafts Day (Pinecone Decorations) <b>Last Day of School before winter vacation</b>	19 No Program
20 No Program	21 <b>A &amp; B</b> Movie Night, Video Games	22 <b>A &amp; B</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY 11:00am to 2:00pm	23 <b>A &amp; B</b> Long Day (2:00-5:30) (Gingerbread Houses, Crafts, Painting, Games)	24 No Program	25 No Program	26 No Program
27 No Program	28 No Program	29 No Program	30 No Program	31 No Program	01 No Program	02 No Program
03 No Program	04 <b>School Re-Opens</b>	05	06	07	08	09

## Notes

Sammy Brown is our Youth Worker who facilitates the youth program and events. Sammy can be contacted at the office or via email [youthworker@spuzzumnation.com](mailto:youthworker@spuzzumnation.com)