



Our Land. Our Future. Our Success. Forward Focused Nation Building.

July 2016

Mark Your Calendars

-Kids Baking Contest
July 21, 2016 12 pm
Youth Group

-Drumming
July 26, 2016 5:30pm- 7:30pm
Medical Health Building
Watch for more dates in August

-Cultus Lake Waterslides Trip
July 29, 2016
More details too come

-For more events and details please
visit our events page at
www.spuzzumnation.com/events

Land use Planning Has Started

The June 25th Band Meeting started off with Aleki and Angie doing a power point presentation for attending members as an introduction to SFN Land Use Planning project.

In order for our community to grow and move forward, we aim for growing our capacity and take advantage of future economic development opportunities once we learn the best use of our lands.

An increased level of input and engagement will help bring members more deeply connected to each other and our heritage. Spuzzum has 16 reserve areas that we'd like to visit if possible, volunteers are welcome to attend the upcoming outings to these locations to take photos and see what our land has to offer! Check the community website spuzzumfirstnation.com because the dates, times and locations will be posted once arrangements can be made.

Our Land Use Committee is made up of a diverse group of on and off reserve members. We'd like to welcome Gordy Edwards, Jennifer Bobb, Carl Stromquist, James Hobart, Glen Chapman and his partner Jenelle McMillan as well as our summer youth workers, Stuart Haslam and Craig Bobb.

If you'd like to update your contact information for communication purposes, please contact Angie at landmanagement@spuzzumnation.com or 604-860-3671.

Education

On behalf of Spuzzum First Nation, James hosted the HSS students and joined them on a hike up the Tikwalus Trail. The day was cool and dry and James was able to speak on the history of the Nlaka'pamux before and after European contact and the value of the Tikwalus trail after the Oregon Treaty was established.

James was also able to show the attentive students the foundation of the homestead where his Mom "Hrom'Tik'Inquaqo7en" and her family grew up and where they cut their firewood. The day ended with no injuries and a snack of muffins, smoked salmon and water back at the trailhead. It was great to see other hikers along the path.

Highlight of the Month - Aboriginal Day Celebration

On June 20th a group of our youth and a few elders climbed aboard the bus to head to Tuckkwiomhum Village to Celebrate Aboriginal Day. The Youth started the day off with a hike in the Nahatlatch Valley followed by sandwiches at the Sandy Pines Campground.

The Youth then headed back to the Village to celebrate with everyone. There were tours of the village, traditional dancers, and many door prizes to be won! To finish the day off there was a delicious Salmon Dinner served.





!!WAY TO GO!!

**Congratulations to our
Grade 12 graduates and to
all of our students who
finished the 2015/2016
school year.**

Important Information

Anyone on reserve who requires Social Assistance should come in the week of July 18th to the 22 to sign renewal forms or an application form. All Social Assistance recipients are required to see the SASET worker to make an employment action plan.

COMMUNITY APPEALS

On April 26th, 2016, Council and Housing Management heard an appeal presented by band member Arline Heese through the Spuzzum First Nation Housing Policy process. Her appeal was heard by 2 councilors; Diana Stromquist and Patricia Eidem, the Housing Manager; Crystal Sedore and Assistant Housing Manager; Crystal Hatzidimitriou.

Arline's complaint was that in 2012, the Housing Manager and Chief and Council allocated a house to a band member without due process of consulting the Housing Waiting List. The fact that the person who received the house held the office of Councilor and worked as Housing Manager when this occurred indicates that this action was based on self-interest and was, in fact, a conflict of interest. After consulting records, the housing department ascertained that there were 7 other band members on the housing waiting list at that time, including Arline. Arline, who was a counsellor at that time confirmed that none of those on the waiting list were consulted or considered as tenants for the house; this being a violation of housing policies that were in affect at that time.

While it is not within the rights of current management and council to impose any penalties or punitive measures on those who were involved in the incident occurring under past leadership, they are able to declare that, in their opinions, Arline and fellow band members have a valid complaint.

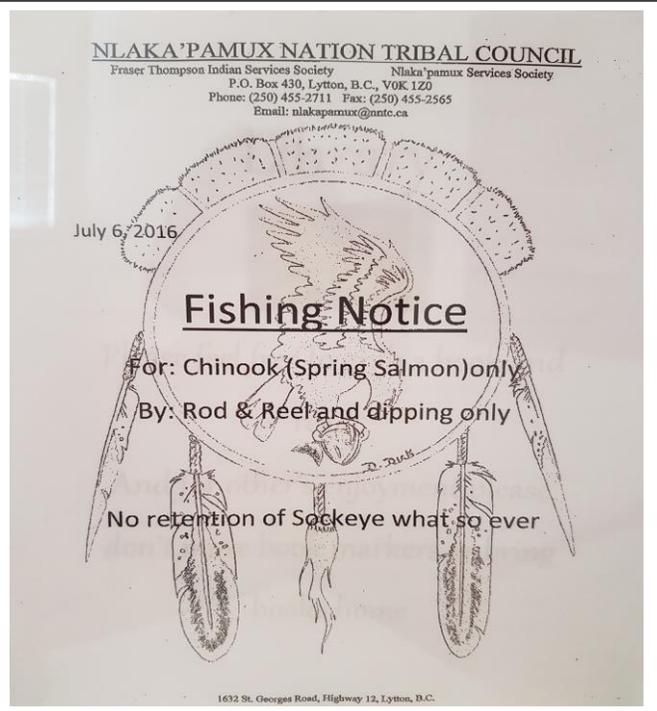
Taking into consideration the amount of time that has passed, and very defined limits regarding the ability to remedy actions of past leadership, it is impossible to form any sort of solution or remedial action to this appeal. However, all agreed that closure is needed and Arline requested that her complaint be validated publicly to membership, both in the newsletter and on the website. Furthermore, she asked for assurance that under current management this type of thing will not happen again.

Council and Housing management would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that this incident from 2012 was wrong and was a violation of trust. We would also like direct everyone to the Housing Policies, available to every member. Please download a copy from the website or phone the office for a copy, and provide your input on what is presented. This is the road map that Housing and Leadership has vowed to follow to ensure fairness and accountability. Under this process, you are protected against leadership making decisions that are self-serving or against the oath of office. All members should take the time to become familiar with the document and if you have questions about decisions being made, please don't hesitate to call us up and ask for more information. If band members ever feel that something is unfair or in violation of the policies, stand up, as Arline did and exercise your right to be heard.

Important Message from Chief Harold Bobb

During the months of July and August there will be no Band meetings. As soon as a date is set for the AGM, members will be notified.

Enjoy your summer!



Spuzzum First Nation welcomes you to:
Youth Fish Camp 2016

When: August 9, 10, 11 2016.
 Where: Spuzzum Beach (SFN)
 Time: Aug 9,10 (9am-3:30pm) Aug 11 (9am-1pm.)

Activities

- DFO Visit
- Demonstrations on how to (cut a fish, gutting, Filletting, Stwening, smoking, canning, Salting
- Sport Games for kids
- Medicine bag making with Jenelle ☺

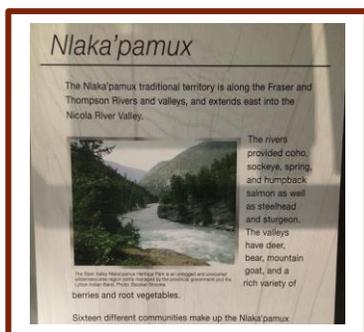
Need to Register for Camp contact NNTC 1-866-455-2711 (Camping available-optional) LIMITED spots. Refer to registration form. No child minding available, parental guidance needed. Come out join us for 3 great days of Teachings. There will be door prizes for all, and special prizes for youth. Lunch and refreshments provided. (bring own water bottle, Utensils, lawn chair)

ELDERS TRIP

On Monday July 11th, 2016 14 Spuzzum Elders boarded the bus and headed down to the big city of Vancouver for a couple days of fun and relaxation. On the first day the Elders settled into their hotel rooms and had a free evening to do whatever they felt like doing in the big city. After a nice sleep in the hotel the Elders then visited the Museum of Anthropology, where they saw many interesting artifacts and information from the Nlaka'pamux area. Later in the day a group of Elders went on a harbor tour around the city, while others went shopping. All of the Elders enjoyed themselves and hope to go again next year.

For future Elder Events or more info please contact the Community Health Rep Denise at 604-206-4600 or by email at ftishccw@gmail.com

“Was a nice trip and everyone enjoyed themselves. We did lots of walking. Would be nice to go again next year” - Nita Bobb



PNE 2016 YOUTH OUTING

ALJAQ Contracting (Alben Stromquist) is once again sponsoring to send the Spuzzum youths to the PNE.

Contact Glenn and Jenelle who are organizing the trip.

Phone number: 604-818-5258

e-mail: wolfsonhealingfarm@gmail.com

SIGN UP BEFORE JULY 29th

If you want your youth chaperoned please let Jenelle know.

Youth

On June 26th, the Youth Program held a field trip to the Greater Vancouver Zoo. The weather was beautiful and the kids were excited to go. Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch and soaked up the sun. There was a guided tour that let us see all of the animals, from the lions to the zebras. It was a great trip overall, and I would love to do something like it again.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and our community Bus Driver.

Regards,

Sammy



THANK YOU!

Spuzzum First Nation would like to Thank Lori Rockell for getting up early throughout the school year to make sure our kids have a nice warm breakfast in their belly's before school.

We would also like to thank Nicole and Nathan for making breakfast for our Community Breakfasts!

Thank you Spuzzum First Nation, Boston Bar First Nation and Tuckkwiomhum Village for putting on a wonderful Aboriginal Days Event.

Housing Update

Housing Staff has been busy putting together proposals for renovations on many of the homes and applying for funding to hopefully build up to six new homes. There is still much work to be completed before we hear answers back if we have been approved for any funding so now we wait!

If you are interested to be on the housing waiting list, please contact the Housing Manager at housing@spuzzumnation.com or by calling the Band Office.



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