



Special points of interest:

- The Easter events were a huge success! Everyone that I seen was having fun.
- Tours for the Heritage Site are already being booked.
- Elementary and High School students, don't forget to bring in your report card for your grade incentives!
- Please see attached posters for job and training opportunities

April 2007



Community Events

Monday, April 9, 2007—Community Fun Day and Easter Egg Hunt! Deep Creek Hall
12PM—3PM Come out and have some fun!!

Nominations have been held and Elections are April 12, 2007
Deep Creek Hall 9AM-8PM

Tuesday, April 17, 2007—Community Agricultural Planning Deep Creek Hall
5:30PM—8:00PM

There will be no Craft Nights this month. They will begin again in the new fiscal year. Sorry everyone!

April 24, 2007—Natural Resource Meeting Deep Creek Hall
5PM—9PM

Thank you Jess, for bringing us to Victoria and back! We had a wonderful time. And thank you to our chaperones, Tony and Janice; Tony, we would still be lost in Vancouver if you hadn't been there.

Thank you Trina Phillips and Stephanie Tweedie for organizing our Easter events this past weekend! The Easter Egg Hunt was a blast along with all of the other activities.

And a warm welcome to Dawn Armes, our new Finance Manager. Thank you for starting at our fiscal year end!



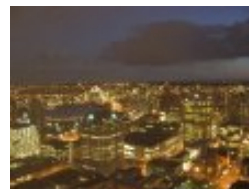
Water Report

By Kelly Quon

Hello everyone,
I hope you are all doing well. Things have been running great at both water plants. I just put on fresh chlorine and water into the container down at Soda Creek on March 28th. Chris was covering for me the last two weeks, and he did excellently. I flushed all thirteen fire hydrants in Deep Creek on April 4th. I'll be flushing the

five fire hydrants down in Soda Creek after the Easter Break. You'll see me out and about. I hope everybody had a fun Easter.

Bye for now,
Kelly Quon



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SODA CREEK FIRST NATION

Fraser River Run

Tourism Operations

By Rhonda Shackelly

Well Happy April all! Easter is just around the corner, and spring is trying to push its way past Winter...hopefully soon, because I can't believe how chilly it still is out there! BRRR!!! There has been a variety of items that have come across my plate in the last little while. So it has been quite interesting!

I attended an Agri-Tourism workshop in Quesnel last month with Robyn. I found it quite interesting...No, I don't want to become a farmer! But, I never really looked at Agriculture the way that they presented it! It was exciting how they put the tourism twist on it, as well as the value-added products/service. If you want to know more, I am usually in my office ☺. Also, I met a contact in regards to the "Farmer's Market" in Quesnel. He said that if we can get a group of people from our community who is interested in selling there, we can get a table, and set up. We don't have to be there every Saturday, but once a month would be good. You can sell Arts/Crafts products, showcase your talents, if anyone is interested just let me know, and I can set something up!

Along with Agriculture, Robyn was working on a proposal in regards to starting an agriculture project here in the Xat'sull Community. We met with someone from the Ministry of Agriculture who has access to funding! So we have set up a community meeting to develop a strategic plan in regards to where we are, where we want to go, and how are we going to get there. So please show up, it will be great to get information and feedback from the community members! The meeting is scheduled for the 17th of April at 5:30 pm, in our lovely community hall ☺.

Canoe Creek is involved in a project that is called "Fraser River Journey of Rediscovery", and it is open to youth from the ages of 19-30. *"This Journey departs from Fort St. James on August 1st and ends some 1200km south and twenty-one days later in Vancouver. The first four days of travel will be completed using voyager canoes. At Prince George we transfer from canoes to river rafts returning to the canoes 13 days later at Hope for the final few days to Vancouver.*

This river odyssey will take 24 students, community resource people and educators on an educational experience of a lifetime. Days and evenings are cloaked in a casual air of lectures, activities, exploration and learning as the rafts are guided through otherwise inaccessible reaches of the Fraser.

Upon completion of the Journey of Rediscovery Program the students will have received instruction in three categories; leadership, human ecology and eco tourism operations. This knowledge will enable the student to participate, lead and evaluate the development of cultural and economic programs on a community and/or provincial level." For more information it can be found on www.fraserjourney.ca.

For the Application process: The Fraser River Journey of Rediscovery invites youth from the Metis, First Nation Reserves and First Nation Urban Communities to apply to this educational adventure.

20 students will be accepted to this program and applicants must be 18 years or older. They will be accompanied by 4 regional resource people.

This program has been developed to provide skills and training to young people interested in pursuing positions of leadership in their community, region or province. Students have to be prepared to participate in the daily rigors of extended wilderness camping and the daily demands and requirements of educational based lectures, exercises and assignments.

2007 Registration Info

Complete and return the registration form along with the following:

- a. Cover Letter – State why you wish to participate in this program and briefly outline an example of a community project you have completed in the past or would like to initiate in the future.*
- b. A Current Resume*
- c. A 700 word essay – Your essay should focus on what sustainable living means to you.*

Mail in your completed registration form together with your cover letter, resume and essay.

NOTE: Registration must be received by June 15th 2007.

*Please mail all registration information to:
Phyllis Jack
Education Manager
Canoe Creek Band*

We have been working on a proposal for starting an agriculture project here in Xats'ull.

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If you need assistance or have questions about the registration process, please contact us at 1-800-363-7238, or email Susan at frre@uniserve.com

This is all found on the website, the application page is attached to this newsletter. For more information, Cici is also available. One of the stops on this journey is the Xat'sull Heritage Village, so it will be exciting to get community members/elders to be there and help these young people on their journey of rediscovery and learn about the Xat'sull way of life! Plus, it will be a dry run of the next event that I will be talking about!

I held a community meeting on Tuesday April 3rd, 2007 at the Deep Creek Hall. Thank-you for all those who attended, thank-you to Crystal for catering, and thanks to Jess for running down to Soda Creek for me!!!

Cheryl Chapman came out and did a presentation on the Spirit of BC and the projects that they are getting geared up for in regards to the 2010 Olympics. And one happens to be focused on 2008, which happens to be BC's 150th B-day. But, we all know that we were here long before BC became a province...☺ Anyway, as I was saying there is one project to get excited about, it's the River Mania 2008. This is a fleet of boats that will come down the Fraser River starting in Prince George, and ending in Vancouver. There is an estimated 100 people that will be on these boats. This project is called "Honoring the Fraser River and its People". One of the stops is the Xat'sull Heritage Village. So what can we do to show these people our culture, our way of life, and give them the Ultimate "Authentic" Shuswap Experience? Cheryl and I had met and did some pre-planning, and we wanted to meet with the community members and get their input, because who better to share the ultimate "Xat'sull" experience, but a Xat'sull member!

Thus, we worked on a planning sheet that Georgia Katz, the project coordinator, had done up...

What are unique aspects about your segment of the Fraser River that you can build a celebration theme around?

The Xats'ull Heritage Village is situated on the cliffs of the Fraser River, which brings you back into time and you can see how the Northern

Shuswap People lived hundreds of years ago.

It brings a feeling of tranquility, "experience physical and spiritual rejuvenation by reconnecting with Mother Earth."

Daily guided tours through the Village – explanation of petroglyphs & artifacts, sweat lodge, pit-cook, cache pits, story-telling by guides or elders, Xats'ull's role in the BC Gold Rush of the 1800's

There are 7 teepees at the site, which is not part of our culture, but it gives that added Aboriginal experience.

We have 2 pit-houses, one which is fully completed, and one in which a person can see how it was made, "Authentic Shuswap Experience"

We have drying racks set up at the fishing site, on which people can learn how we prepare salmon

We have an underground pit, in which people can see how traditional meals were prepared.

Scenic view is breathtaking

Every once in awhile we are graced with viewing animals, Eagles Cliff.

Friendly service, to meet the needs of the customer.

Celebration Theme

"Celebrate Texelc" When the Salmon come up the River (fighting the current, part of salmon run)

Would like to make sure this is correct?

Possible Celebration Activities

Welcoming Ceremony – hand drumming/ singing and prayer

- i. Welcome our guests with hand drumming on the rivers edge (Welcome Song)
- ii. Dancers – traditional, grass, and fancy
- iii. Youth drumming

Village Tours – break them into groups of 12, utilize our past guides

- i. (Bridge for Lower Soda Creek) an idea or a display booth with pictures)
- ii. All tour guides will meet and sync their stories, so all are telling the same story in regards to our traditional territory and history of Xat'sull people.

Salmon Feast



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Tourism Operations

By Rhonda Shackelly

- i. Salmon bake on open fire, salmon in the pit-cook, fish-head soup, salmon chowder
 - ii. Fresh vegetables from garden
 - iii. Saskatoon desserts, rhubarb desserts, chokecherry syrup, hooshum, birch syrup
 - iv. Bannock on a stick/wild meat on a stick
- Story-telling set up in the big teepee
- i. All story tellers should be elders along with youth to be taught the stories
 - ii. Restaurant – Museum set-up with artifacts, display centre, pictures

Contests

- i. Fish-cleaning (Derby)
- ii. Bannock Making
- iii. Moccasin Foot races

Demonstrations

- i. Pit-cook
- ii. Salmon Drying
- iii. Dip-netting
- iv. Hide-tanning
- v. Lahal

What community Assets are available which can be used to plan and/or stage your celebration?

Village itself, authentic Shuswap experience
 People, guides, Elders, youth
 Knowledgeable people, knowledge to share
 Community Members, Staff Members
 Elders
 Past guides
 History
 Welcoming atmosphere/hospitality

What do you see as planning challenges?

Funding – preparation of site, labor, food (salmon and garden)

- i. CCATEC - WOP

Marketing – look into under tourism festivals and events, city's website, Xatsull's website, WL Tribune, Central Cariboo Website, Shaw Cable, working with other communities – communication

Transportation – between venues

Timing – length of time, when will they arrive, spend time in Williams Lake area,

Weather, what will the day look like?

Fence needs to be replaced

Bathroom facilities

Hoses/water down to main village

Commitment from Xat'sull Members

Tie-downs for net

Catering

First Aid

These are the ideas that we came up, if you happen to have any ideas that would fall under any one of these or if you have something that doesn't but is relevant to the project, please feel free to email me or phone me, or stop by and have a coffee! As I stated before, *I try not to bite*...lol! This project would benefit the community in so many ways. It would bring the community together to share our knowledge and to learn from other community members about Xat'sull, and meet new people, it would promote the village. If we can give these people the ultimate experience, they will go back home and promote the village to everyone that they know. Word of mouth is a powerful marketing tool! If you have any questions in regards to this project feel free to contact myself or Cheryl Chapman.

I am starting to book a few tours for the Heritage Village. I know that a lot of people have questions in regards to the Restaurant and what is going to happen to the building. We have been presented a couple of options that we are looking into, as well as the Campsite. I will be holding the Xat'sull Traditional Powwow this year at the Campsite; for convenience, and to promote the area. I am desperately looking for people who are available to assist. I am looking at different options in regards to the Catering of the powwow; one is to put out a call for bids from the community members, or to arrange for someone from in town to cater. It all depends on the budget as well, I have been fundraising by selling 50/50 and such, but I need assistance in other activities, volunteer to do bake sales or luncheons here at the band office. Anyway, for more information in regards to the powwow, email me, phone me, or come and see me...share your ideas, I want to hear from you!

On the home front, I am involved with the Central BC Aboriginal Youth Hockey Committee. We have booked the arena for Labor Day weekend,

I am starting to book some tours for the Heritage Site. Options are being explored for the Restaurant and Camp Site.

to get a hockey tournament here in town for our youth. It will be similar to the one that is held in Merritt and Prince George. We are always looking for assistance! So for more information in regards to this: Kristy.Palmantier@gov.bc.ca or myself r.shackelly@xatsull.com!

Other than that, I hope that you all have a great Easter! Please show up to the Easter Fun Day on April 9, 2007!!! Good way to **VISIT!!!** I don't think I can fit any more than I already have! I will be getting both the Campsite and Heritage Site going in the next month or so, so look for postings!

By the way, I forgot to mention Happy 12th to my daughter who had a b-day on March 21, as well as to my sister Debbie who had a b-day that day too, and Happy b-day to my mom and Johnnie who celebrated their b-days on the 29th of March, Happy birthday to Dustin, for the 26th of March, and my other cousin Troy Johnny for the 25th, and if I forget anyone else for March I apologize, I know that March was a pretty busy month!

Happy 2nd birthday also to my niece Phoenix Ariaah Gina-Joan Phillips-Sparks for April 16, 2007! Take care everyone! *WHEW*

Oh I forgot to mention a few things, I am putting a float into the Stampede Parade this year, to promote the village and to promote Soda Creek. Should be very exciting, I will be working closely with the youth to help out with this project, but if anyone wants to we need as much help as needed!!! Also, I have been going back and forth with Geraldine Bob in regards to Aboriginal Day activities to be offered at the Heritage Site for school groups. I will be doing an open ceremony at the Heritage Village this year, prior to opening, and will post it out to the community, but it will be only for community members this year. Take care, and until next time, I don't think I will have this much...but you never know! Have a good day! ☺

Rhonda Shackelly



Natural Resources Department

By Ken Miichel

Tolko:

- Tolko has sponsored Ada Phillips for her Excel Course at Thompson River University.
- The field day with Royal Roads University to see where we would like collect data for this summer. The data collection is part of the effects of the plants within a Mountain Pine Beetle area. I would like to thank Agnes William, and Cecelia Derosé for coming out on the field trip.

West Fraser:

- The Protocol with West Fraser is going along very well for the communication between Soda Creek and West Fraser.
- The Fee for Service for the referrals is starting to pick up again.
- Terry Phillips is scheduled to go out into the field again this summer, have fun Terry.

Likely/Xatsull Community Forest:

- There is not to much going on at this moment at Likely. Some possible slashing in Mid-April, pending on the access to the area.

Other:

- There is going to be a **Natural Resource**

Meeting on April 24 2007 at Deep Creek County Hall, Rides and Supper provided.

- The reviewing of the Woodlot referrals is still going.
- Forest Stewardship Plans are still coming in.
- The Forest Fuel Removal has completed around the CMHC houses. I would like to thank the crews that helped out with the Forest Fuel Removal. The Crew that finished the work was Pat Sellars, Robert (Joey) Haines, Christopher (Renegade) Elkins, Darren Russell, Larry Woods, Alfred Chelsea, and Glen Russell, and thanks to Vern Sellars for filling for Lenny. The crew did a good job on the project.
- I will apply for the Negotiation Certificate Program at the Justice Institute of B.C. this year.
- I will be meeting with Red Bluff Band to develop networking relationship this month.



Happy 12th
Birthday to
Mikayla!



Community Programs

By Marion Chelsea

I am back! I have been out of the office quite a bit. Here is what I have been doing for the last month:

February 5-9—I attended the Exceptional Employees and Career Development training sponsored by CCATEC at Desniqi. This was a wonderful workshop that was geared towards recent Employment Coordinators such as myself. During the workshop I learned about how to find the most suitable job areas for individuals, resume and cover letter writing, and many other career development ideas. I also learned how to be a more supportive and communicative worker.

March 6,7—I attended the “Matching Aboriginal Skill Sets to Your Workplace” Forum in Kamloops sponsored by CCATEC. During this, I attended several inspiring workshops that detailed what jobs/careers are available, what training is needed, if training is provided, and starting wages. The ones that I managed to attend were Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism, done by Cheryl Chapman, New Gold Mining Association, a talk about Trades, and an uplifting speech by Chief Clarence Louie of Osoyoos Band.

Cheryl’s love of her work glowed in her talk about tourism. Tourism is an area that could be for almost anyone, whether you like being outside and interacting with all sorts of people, or if you enjoy being inside and crafting works for other people’s enjoyment.

A Mining Spokeswoman talked about the many advantages of being in mining. The starting salary at New Gold Mining is over \$70,000.00 a year! And that’s for an administrative position. Working in the mine does require training, and usually the mine will provide the proper training, or sponsor you to attend the training. For starting out employees, their only pre-requisite is usually Grade 12.

Trades does require more training and schooling, but is incredibly worthwhile. Buildings are constantly being built, and construction can be delayed for months due to lack of qualified people. And Trades does not only include areas such as Welding, pipe fitting and joinering. Trades are starting to heavily rely on technology, so computer skills and knowledge are quickly becoming a huge asset. The image of a Tradesperson is changing and gaining more respect. With good reason too as being a tradesperson ensures a wage somewhere. It is estimated that in the next 5-10, **400,000** jobs are going to open up in trades as workers are retiring.

Chief Clarence Louie came and spoke about the Osoyoos Band, and their enormous successes. They have a 5-star Hotel, a winery and many businesses all under the operation of the reserve.

March 13-21—I took several youth on a trip to Victoria to attend a conference from March 14-17, and then to Vancouver to enjoy some sightseeing. All parents of participating youth, have no fear, they represented Soda Creek proudly and respectfully.

The conference dealt with giving youth preventative tools against drug and alcohol use through humour, stories, culture, and some shock factors. I think the conference was very effective in reaching our youth about the truth of partying and its consequences.

March 13—It took us 14 hours to reach Victoria as we were detoured twice. But we managed to make it through before the Coquihalla was closed due to a huge snowfall (2-4 feet!). The canyon was closed because of several slides.

March 14—Since the registration and workshops didn’t start until the afternoon, we toured the Royal BC Museum in the morning. There was a beautiful display on First People’s History, and Secwepemc was a part of it. I wish we had been allowed to take pictures.

March 14 – Since registration was in the afternoon, the youth were taken to the Royal BC Museum to see the Secwepemc and other exhibits. Once registration was complete, the evening activities began. The youth were treated to a show done by the Esquimalt Nation Singers and Dancers. After the welcoming speeches from the Conference speakers was a humorous ice breaker and a Chaperone Meeting.

March 15 – Seven of the eight youth, because of early enough registration, were able to attend the P. A.R.T.Y (Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma to Youth) Program. This was an all day workshop that showed youth the truth about drug and alcohol abuse through viewing a crash site, visiting a trauma room, receiving a talk from a doctor and some people that made bad decisions and are living with the consequences. This program was very effective in shocking the youth with the truth. The youth have been exposed to glamorized “partying” on music videos and were astonished at the ugliness and brutality of the things shown to them.

The one youth that did not make it into the program had three workshops to choose from at the conference site. The conference had workshops set up for Chaperones and youth to attend, and participants were given tickets at the end to prove their attendance.

After the workshops and program, a Soda Creek band member gave a tour of the University of Victoria. This was very informational and gave the

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youth a glimpse of a school they might be interested in attending.

March 16 – *Inuuwunga: I am Inuk, I am Alive*, a documentary, was shown. After which focus groups were broken into, designated by the colour of nametag received at the beginning, thereby breaking up groups to mingle.

Several different workshops were offered in the afternoon for chaperones and youth. After the workshops, a dinner break was given, after which everyone returned for a dinner, concert by EEK-WOL, and dance.

This night was greatly enjoyed by the youth, as the performing artist is a rising aboriginal hip-hop artist that is gaining international attention. The dance was greatly anticipated, and the youth only bemoaned that it was ended a little early.

March 17 – This was the final day of the conference, during which we had some group activities, treated to a puppet show, had some final workshops, and a farewell lunch. Each youth group was given several feet of paper to make a mural with.

After the farewell lunch, a Soda Creek band member gave the youth a tour of Camosun College. She also brought her family tree to show the youth how she tied into the family

March 18 – Travel to Vancouver, and upon arrival the youth spent some time at Metrotown to unwind. After which everyone got settled into the hotel. We stayed at the Rosedale on Robson.

March 19 – The youth toured the Stanley Park Aquarium in the morning. For lunch, we went to The Market in Capilano. This was an enjoyment for everyone for the variety of food available and shops to explore. Capilano Suspension Bridge was next, and we were there until early evening. This was an exciting tour as there were walkways suspended from old age trees to explore. The youth were taken grocery shopping after this, and most went to bed early.

We also drove along Hastings Street on our way back to the hotel. I had tried to arrange for a walking tour with the youth, but the officer that used to do it has since retired, and no one has taken up the program because Hastings has gotten worse. People are more violent and substance abuse greater and more blatant. It was scary enough to witness while in the van.

March 20 – We took in a tour of the University of British Columbia first thing. This included a walk through of the Botanical Gardens, which are beautiful even not in full bloom. Next we went to the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Late afternoon found us at Science World. This is an incredibly engaging place, and we all participated in the many many activities available. Even after this full day, the youth wanted to take in a movie at

the IMAX theatre, and some wanted to go the Observation Deck. So that is what we did, although some took in a double feature at the IMAX (chaperoned) rather than going to the observation deck.

March 21 – Early departure to come back home. We experienced a couple of delays, but nothing major and were able to arrive home still in daylight.

March 26-28 and April 2-4—I attended the First Nations Governance Overview offered by FNESC, paid for by INAC at TRU. This was an intense course that is generally done in a semester but was condensed into 6 days. This gave me huge insight into how INAC works and their expectations of Band Workers. I can put this newly gained knowledge to immediate use.

All this training I have been receiving has been relevant and useful, it is just unfortunate that it all came at once.

Elementary and High School students, don't forget to bring your report to myself or Cici at the Band Office for your grade incentives and high school allowances! There were some students that haven't given their report cards for their first term, but get them in!

Rest assured, either Cici or I will be in the office from now on. And don't be afraid to come on by with any questions or concerns. I hope everyone had a good Easter weekend, and until next time, be safe out there!



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Education Department

By Cici Sterritt

Hi everyone – missed the newsletter for the last couple of months – my apologies. There have been A LOT of things happening in the Education Department for the last couple of months and we've been very busy. I actually took a holiday over Spring Break and traveled with my family to the all-native hockey tournaments in Merritt and Prince George; and also to Salmon Arm. We have been able to receive FREE training; however, it unfortunately wasn't the best timing. As some people have said, 'we have to bend like the willow' – especially if it's not at our cost. The training Marion and I received provided valuable information we can use for our jobs.

The trip the older youth attended in Victoria was interesting and they managed to visit our post-secondary students while there. The setting was remote and there were separate workshops for the youth and the chaperones; all went well. A BIG thank-you to Jess for driving – again – without Jess we'd be stranded! We are looking to send more people off for training to alleviate the pressure, so if you are interested please give your name to Marion or myself.

Jeannette with help from Stephanie Tweedie, were very busy organizing the Spring Break activities and it was exciting to return from holidays to see the changes made and the art work the children did hanging on the wall. It seems everyone had a wonderful time during this vacation and we now have the Easter activities coming up – make sure to take a look at the poster!

We are now processing the report cards and attendance incentive cheques – your patience in the delay is appreciated! It's been a hectic year end this year – but we're hanging in there.

Also please note that at times we are not in our office due to the smell and can be found at the Band Office. We ensure to keep the front desk aware of where we are and apologize for any disruption of service. The smell is being dealt with – thanks to Marnie – and it has affected our office greatly with the lost of the space. There have been times we have had to cancel our after-school program which affects those who participate all the time.

MEETING/WORKSHOP SUMMARY INAC – Proposal Writing

February 5 – 8, 2007

Definitely not what we were expecting; both Robyn and I were signed up for this workshop based on the thought it would provide more 'insight' as to the programs we can access funds through INAC – Robyn was not able to attend due to office demands.

Unfortunately, we were mistaken and it was an introductory course to proposal writing. Having said that, it was nice to meet different people from various communities and we all had different perspectives to writing proposals. I received information and learned some new ideas when writing proposals so not all was lost. It was a good workshop.

Human Resource Project Advisory Committee - NSTC

February 9/April 5, 2007

- Minutes reviewed from last meeting; follow up on action items
- Reviewed budget, activity report
- Database – Anne is working with NLS Technologies to smooth some wrinkles; consultations in the community are going to happen
- We are applying for an extension to the project and Anne reviewed the proposal extension; we've recently learned the extension has been approved to October 2007
- There will be consultation sessions organized for all communities in the next couple of months
- Committee members will receive facilitation training and there will be additional opportunities for 2 people from each community to receive the facilitation training and note taking training – please let me know if you are interested; dates will be advertised once they are confirmed so keep an eye out.

FNESC Jurisdiction

March 8 & 9

- Participating in this process is at NO COST to the band except in terms of employee's time
- Checklist was provided for communities to complete to test their 'readiness' in this process; we do not have a school as of yet

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so our participation will be scaled back until further direction is received

- The jurisdiction is for on-reserve Kindergarten to Grade 12; provides law making authority which recognizes control over curriculum, teacher certification, standards and competencies, school certification and standards and how our schools operate
- We require another BCR outlining our continued participation in this process; this will have to wait until after the election
- Discussion regarding Governance training and workshops required for the interested First Nations
- Next meeting scheduled for April 10 & 11, 2007; I will not be attending until receiving further direction from Chief & Council

me a call; especially if you have some additional information you'd like to contribute



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FNESC Training

March 28 – 30 / April 2 – 4

- This training was arranged by FNESC Post-Secondary Sub-Committee; a proposal was submitted to INAC to address the training demands expressed throughout the province
- INAC agreed to pay for ONE course; the course was delivered by NVIT, the program is called Education Coordinators Program
- the course was accredited and will eventually lead to a diploma
- INST 102 – First Nations Governance Overview; Policy and Application; was geared toward the guidelines set out by INAC and provided insight on the making of policy, compliance and history of First Nations involvement of higher learning
- Our instructor was Sharon Wilson (nee Mack) who most of you may know and it was a VERY informative course and helped cross-train Marion to gain an understanding of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)
- This course was FREE and hopefully there will be more in the future

For anyone interested in becoming an Electrician, Plumber, Journeyman, Carpenter, or anything else related to housing, give Marnie a call. Youth, ages 18-30, if you are interested in Agriculture, please let Cici or Marion know.

If anyone would like to discuss the meeting information further, please come by the office or give



Please see attached posters for upcoming job and training opportunities!



Education is the key to success