



SKIDEGATE NEWSLETTER

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SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL

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DATED: March 2, 2011

Further to the Skidegate Band Council meeting held on 02 March 2011, the Council hereby announces that:

EFFECTIVE 7 March 2011 all Band staff and Council will return to "full time" status. With our emergence from the Remedial Management Plan confirmed by our Funding Services Officer on 22 February and re-confirmed on 24 February 2011, your Council has made the decision to effectively terminate the RMP status as it has been defined in the "Remedial Management Plan" document enacted in 2008 and lived by you, the community, for the last two and a half years.

There can be no doubt that the Remedial Management Plan and all that it has entailed has been tough on community: programs have been cut or substantially reduced; staff have had to live with a 20% reduction in wages for the last 2 years; and the Skidegate Band Council has had to take a far more conservative approach towards its overall management. At the same time, however, the Remedial Management Plan has proven to be a rich learning experience: Significant Administrative overhead has been eliminated; Band Committees have been given a clear mandate and role within the Council's governance structure; Council travel has been substantially reduced; and, perhaps most important, Council has fostered positive working relationships with Program Managers and each other. It is actions and learning experiences such as these that have allowed our Funding Services Officer to remark, on 22 February, that the Skidegate Band Council has become "prudent financial managers." Indeed, in a period of roughly two and a half years, the Skidegate Band Council has gone from being on the verge of "third party management" to being ranked "low risk" in terms of operational solvency.

This monumental accomplishment could not have been carried out by just the political bodies alone. It has taken a true team and communal effort to do so.

Thus, it is in this spirit of collegiality that we wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Band Council staff and the key role they have played in helping us to achieve our long-standing goal of emerging from this, the Remedial Management Plan. We also wish to thank the Band membership for offering their ideas and support at our various public forums held between 2008 to the current day.


Robert Mills, Chief Councillor


Duane Alsop, Councillor

James Cowpar, Councillor

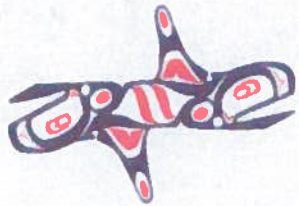

David Crosby, Councillor


Godfrey Williams, Councillor


Willard Wilson, Councillor


Bill Yovanovich, Councillor


Robert Williams, Deputy Chief Councillor



Haida Health Hub

Visioning for Optimal Health & Wellness For the Haida & All First Nation Residents of Haida Gwaii

The Haida Health Hub is engaged in an ever expanding process & the success of the Haida Health Hub & its vision for Optimal Health & Wellness will be greatly enhanced with the participation of every community member & organization.

In March & April 2011,
the Haida Health Hub Staff will be going door to door in Skidegate & Old Massett, to distribute a Community Feedback Questionnaire on the outcomes of our Wellness Planning to date.

We are offering a **\$500.00 Coop Voucher** as a Draw Prize for those who wish to participate.

Our next Wellness Planning Sessions are scheduled for:

Elder Wellness Planning

Monday, May 2 – Elder's Centre, Old Massett - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch & transportation will be provided.

All First Nation Elders of Haida Gwaii are encouraged to attend.

Mental Wellness Planning

Wednesday, May 11 – Skidegate Community (Small) Hall – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 12 – Tluu Xaada Naay Society (Christian White) Longhouse, Old Massett – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch & transportation will be provided.

All First Nation residents of Haida Gwaii are encouraged to attend both May 11 & May 12 planning sessions.

If you would like to attend our next Wellness Planning Sessions &/or you would like to make sure you get the opportunity to fill out the Community Feedback Questionnaire, please call Melissa Edgars at 559-8223 or Harmony Williams at 626-5489.



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Submitted by Patricia Greer for the Haida Health Hub

The Haida Health Hub is creating a vision for Optimal Health and Wellness through the development and implementation of a Community Wellness Plan, that integrates (combines) the medical model with traditional healing practices. By integrating the two, we are addressing a gap in knowledge that is essential for the attainment of Optimal Health and Wellness.

The medical model has been dominate in our health care system, creating a gap in knowledge that has lead to poor health outcomes for Aboriginal people. An important step in filling this gap is the reintroduction of traditional healing practices.

Traditional healing practices have been defined as methods designed to promote mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. When Aboriginal People's in Canada talk about traditional healing, they include a wide range of activities, from physical cures using herbal medicines and other remedies, to the promotion of psychological and spiritual well-being using ceremony and the traditional healing practices of Medicine Men and Women in their use of art-making, drumming, dancing, journey work and visualization.

Our Logo, designed by Billy NC Yovanovich, and pictured with this article, reflects our process. The design is a Spirit Catcher used by Shamans to cleanse a person's soul if they were sick or hurt in anyway. The traditional healing practice of cleansing a person's soul, made the person healthier.

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In March and April 2011, the Haida Health Hub Staff will be going door to door in Skidegate and Old Massett, meeting with Community Organizations, as well as setting up a table periodically at the two Coops, to distribute a Community Feedback Questionnaire on the outcomes of our Wellness Planning to date. We are offering a \$500.00 Coop Voucher as a Draw Prize for those who wish to participate.

Our next Wellness Planning Sessions are scheduled for May. If you would like to attend our next Wellness Planning Sessions and/or you would like to make sure you get the opportunity to fill out the Community Feedback Questionnaire, please call Melissa Edgars at 559-8223 or Harmony Williams at 626-5489. H'aawa

Our heartfelt gratitude to so many people who have supported us since Jesse's death.

To everyone for hugs, visits, phone calls, cards, gifts & gifts of money, meals, sandwiches, baking, pop, juice, coffee, pictures, maps, CD's, movies and music of Jesse's, setting up community hall & cleanup, flowers, plants, bushes, cleaning & kitchen help, keeping us nourished, those who took time from their own lives to travel to us, those with us from afar, those who visited in PR & Vancouver, Ron & Sarah for RCMP boat ride home from the airport.

Office Works, Charlisle's, City Centre, Elementary & Secondary schools, Jags Beanstalk - all helped us in many ways.

Special thanks to Jason for being there first, for the beautiful tattoo design, and to Kim & Alix for help in a thousand ways and for speaking on behalf of the family at the Celebration of Life, to Chief Wiiganaad (Sid Crosby) & Jason & Kim for helping us gift George with a beautiful copper.

Special thanks to the ladies who catered the Celebration of Jesse's Life - Marg Parker & Vi Husband and helpers, people who brought more food to the Celebration, & to those who sang and drummed and played guitar for us. Mook, Lori & Sue for little organizational details.

Westcoast Resorts & George Cuthbert took over arrangements and communication with the Canadian Embassies in Ottawa and Bangkok to bring the girls back from Thailand and for Jesse's return to Canada, handled arrangements with Richmond Funeral Home, flew my family there & put them up in a hotel and cared for them, chartered a jet and brought about 60 people home. They printed the "Jesse's Crew" shirts, set up a foundation in Jesse's name to help aspiring young Haida artists, MC'd the Celebration of Life, gifted us with a beautiful copper carved by James Sawyer. Delta Airport Hotel in Richmond was also awesome to my family.

We feel blessed to have you all in our lives. Jimmy, Patti and family

Three Year Old Developmental Fair



Thursday, March 17

9:30 to 12:30

Skidegate Health Centre

Books, snacks, and prizes

for each child

Door Prizes

Look for invites in the mail

Info: Sandi Morgan, 559-8910



2011 Census Job Posting:

Staff are needed for a variety of supervisory (Crew Leaders) and non-supervisory (Enumerator) jobs for the 2011 Census.

These jobs are ideal for: students, recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, and those wanting to supplement their income.

We offer:

- o flexible work hours;
- o competitive wages; and
- o work in both rural and urban areas.

Applications are now being accepted for supervisory positions to be filled in March, but we are also taking applications for non-supervisory positions to be filled in April.

The work period is between March and the end of July 2011. Rate of pay for supervisory positions (Crew Leaders) is \$18.04 per hour, plus authorized expenses. Rate of pay for non-supervisory positions (Enumerators) is \$14.72 per hour, plus authorized expenses.

Please visit www.census2011.gc.ca to apply now!

****IN B.C. ONLY - After you apply online, please call 1-855-808-5899 if you reside in an Aboriginal Community or are interested in working in an Aboriginal Community. You may also call if you are unable to apply online or have any questions. Thank you.**



St. Patrick's Day



Talent Show and Loonie Auction

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School

Free Refreshments: Irish Stew will be served to all in attendance

There will be many exciting performances including:

- A Justin Bieber tribute
- Stand-Up Comedy
- Whole class and individual singing presentations
- Dance Routines
- Mr. Wahl singing a Rod Stewart classic

Loonie Auction

Many exciting things will be auctioned and all proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 trip to Victoria

Hope to see you there!

*we will have recyclable bowls for the stew but if possible, please bring your own bowl and spoon.

Skidegate Health Centre Update:

Dr. Ahmed – optometrist will be
at the Skidegate Health Center
March 29 – April 1, 2011.
Please call 250-559-4610 to
book your appointment.



Sunday, March 20 is the beginning of Spring!

To the Community of Skidegate:

On the school district website there is an announcement of a, "Haida Kindergarten Immersion Partial Program". The announcement goes on to tell us that there is no guarantee that the program will actually be implemented, however they are conducting a feasibility study to determine the interest of those parents who will have students who are going to enter kindergarten.

The Skidegate Band Council's education division has worked steadily over the last few years to contribute in a positive way to the education of their children and other children within the district. The following are some of the initiatives that they have undertaken:

- Research for best Aboriginal language programs;
- Research in language acquisition;
- Two visioning session within the community;
- A consultation session with key community members and band council members;
- The implementation of a early childhood training program in partnership with NWCC;
- Several workshops with exemplary educators – both for community and school district ;
- Participation in information sessions and workshops with First Nations Education Steering committee;
- Observation and participation in negotiations with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and First Nation Education Steering Committee for education funding;
- Production of electronic Haida Language Curriculum which was shared with the school district;
- The implementation of a curriculum development team to further produce curriculum using the latest electronic media available – iPads, iPods, and smart boards;
- Proposal writing for the purpose for additional resources for curriculum development;
- Visiting an exemplary band school;
- Notified district of possible move to extend band education system.

The following are ideas that have been presented at a number of forums:

- The Education division will work to implement a more extensive Haida Language program within their Early Childhood system;
- The Education division will eventually extend the present band school, K4 (nursery) program to include kindergarten
- The k4 program and the kindergarten program will implement a Haida immersion when there is enough material that reflects the language and culture;
- The immersion programs could be imbedded in a bilingual program – or ½ day in Haida;
- Important principals of the programs will be community education, parent partnership and academic excellence.

The consultation sessions with the community have not concluded as there are more forums planned. An important balance that the education division wishes to maintain - is the balance between providing information and respecting the contributions of all those wishing to be part of consultative process. In keeping with this we have not widely publicized the information gathered to this point.

We were surprised with the school districts notice on their website because they have not consulted with the band council. However, we welcome any attempts to reflect accurately the language and culture of our nation in the schools on Haida Gwaii. We hope that we can maximize each of our efforts by planning together to avoid duplication of grades targeted and material developed.

The Haida community is undergoing profound changes - we are at the nexus of decolonization, and self-governance. Underlying both these processes is the responsibility to design and implement our own education system for self -continuity. Thus we are called upon another time, to regroup and seek solutions. This time for the creation of an education system that reflects our lives - our land and our culture. The decisions that we make will be born out of a series of dialogue sessions within our community. If you would like more information, or would like to be involved in the process you can drop by the band office to talk to Lisa Shoop, email her at education@skidegate.ca or call her at 250.559.4496

Skidegate Band Office Closure and Public meeting dates:

April 22 Good Friday: Closed

April 25, Easter Monday: Closed

**April 26, Tuesday, Skidegate Band Council Public Meeting,
7 PM, Skidegate Community Hall**

Education Update:

Graduation 2011

Please contact Lisa Shoop, the Education Coordinator at the band office if your son/daughter is graduating and would like to participate in the Button Blanket Ceremonies. The Band Council supplies lightweight black and red wool material as well as buttons, these are available from Lisa upon request. If you have family members off-island who are graduating this year, please let Lisa know so they can be acknowledged at our event.

The date of the ceremonies has been set for June 8th, 2011, parents and families of grads are more than welcome to forward any suggestions to education@skidegate.ca.

Haaw*a: Lisa Shoop, Education Coordinator

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QCSS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011

6:00 pm in the School Library

Info: Sandi 559-8797

Everyone welcome!

2011 SBC “Amazing” Open House

This year the Skidegate Band Council open house will be held on Friday, April 8th, 2011 at the George Brown Recreation Centre. We will have booths from all Skidegate Band Council departments/programs, plus we will have guest booths. There will be a play area for the children, which the Skidegate Daycare, Headstart and Nursery will be setting up.

The “Amazing” Open House theme is based on the TV show “The Amazing Race”, the theme has been simplified so everyone can participate. Come out and have some fun!

The GRAND PRIZE will be a trip for two to Vancouver with \$500.00 and three nights in the Hampton, there will be many more door prizes. Each booth will have a door prize.

One of the guest booths is the Food For All Food Bank, if you bring a non-perishable item for the food bank, you’ll receive an entry form for the grand prize. Limit one entry.

We also would like the community to vote on the “best booth”, ballots will be provided.

We will be serving dinner with desserts and beverages as well as hot dogs for the kids.

The open house will begin at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. come early so you can participate in the “race” to enter the draw.

If you have any questions, please call Marcia Piercey, Open House Coordinator at the Band Office at 250-559-4496.

Everyone welcome, we hope to see you all there!

2011 SBC “Amazing” Open House Catering

Bids will be accepted for the catering for the 2011 SBC Open House. This year the menu will be Beef soup, seafood soup, with dinner rolls, hot cross buns, jello cups, pies, veggie platters w/dips, hot dogs, coffee, tea, and juice.

We are looking for bids for working in the kitchen and preparing food for 400 people, the bid is just the work involved for the food, the supplies needed will be provided by the Skidegate Band Council. Work in the kitchen will include preparing the selected menu and keeping the food and drinks replenished from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Also will have to shop for all supplies needed for the dinner, e.g. bowls, napkins, cutlery, etc, you will be issued purchase orders (PO’s) for the shopping.

**HIGaagilda
Xaayda Kil Naay**

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(Skidegate Haida Immersion Program)*



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XAAYDA KIL XAINGA GAS GA - Haida Language Long Live!

A HUGE HAAWA TO LAUREN BROWN, PETE THOMPSON AND THE SKIDEGATE HEALTH CENTRE FOR GIFTING OUR SHIP PROGRAM WITH A HEALTH CENTRE HAND HELD RADIO FOR US TO USE DURING THE DAY

IF WE SHOULD NEED THEIR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

HAAWA FOR YOUR GREAT RESPECT SHOWN AND GIVEN TO OUR ELDERS!

On January 14, 2011 we met with School District #50 and presented them with some very powerful support letters. We want to sincerely thank the following people for these letters: Dr. Hirofumi Hiro, Shizuoka University, Japan; Dr. Jordan Lachler, Alaskan Linguist; Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, Lawyer with White Raven Law Corporation; April Churchill, Vice President of the Council of Haida Nation; Barb Wilson, Gwaii Haanas; Nika Collison Haida Gwaii Museum; and Haida Hereditary Chiefs Council.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us at our Fund raising Luncheon on January 21, 2011. We successfully raised \$900.00. A heartfelt haawa to the community of Skidegate for always supporting us so kindly. The following people deserve our thankful recognition – Gail Russ, Kelly Jones, Gerry Moody, Gladys Irene Hans, Adult Day Program, Al Vandal, Beng Favreau and her daughter Olivia, Jenny Cross, Tracey Hageman, Katie Borserio, Denise Olson, Amy Hans, Diane Brown, Duane Alsop, James Cowpar, Robert Williams, Chief Gaahlaay, and all those people who gave us money donations.

Haawa to Albert Hans and Dwyer Cross for organizing our SHIP raffle.

Haawa to each of the artists that generously donated the prizes, and Haawa to the following people who sold tickets for us:

Carol Young, Marcia Piercey, Mook, Jags Beanstalk, Taaw Naay, and Skidegate Video.

1st Prize Raven Tails Bag by Albert Hans – Winner – Dolly Garza

2nd Prize Silver Bracelet by Robert Cross – Winner – Doreen Mearns

3rd Prize Silver Bracelet by Tom Greene – Winner – Beng Favreau

4th prize Silver Eagle Pendant by Dustin Cross – Winner – Duane Alsop

5th Prize Cedar Hat Earrings by Yvette Adams – Winner – David Crosby

6th Prize Pear/Crystal Necklace by Laura Greene – Winner – Betty Crosby

Haawa to Amanda Reid-Stevens for pulling the tickets for us.

We made \$1068.00. Haawa to each and every one of you for supporting us.

On February 5&6, 2011 the SHIP elders met with their colleagues and cousins from Massett and Hydaburg in Vancouver to discuss the revitalization of the Haida Language. Many topics were discussed and we had an awesome turn out of people. Haawa to our friend Hiro who made the journey from Japan to participate in the meetings. Haawa to the University of Simon Fraser for providing the venue in downtown Vancouver.

Also haawa to the Bill Reid Gallery for inviting and welcoming all the elders and participants of the Conference to visit the Gallery. The elders were extremely impressed with the Gallery and the friendly people.

The very next day, after these meetings, the SHIP elders flew to Hawaii to attend the 2nd International Conference on the Documentation of Languages. The elders very much enjoyed the conference and the many presentations. After the Conference the elders toured the island visiting the Dole Plantation, world class surf beaches, a Japanese Temple, Diamond Head and Pearl Harbour. Haawa to our Hawaii friends Dan & family, and Gerald for being so kind to our elders during our stay. We have returned home to Haida Gwaii with a renewed inspiration to keep our language endeavors alive in our village.

Prior to the Vancouver meetings and the Hawaii Conference the elders completed the following list of CD's for the community and schools. A huge Haawa to the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Cultural Council for their financial support for this project.

FPHLCC has supported our program with assistance for over 11 years, and we are very grateful to them.

Songs Project CD #1a & 1b

B is For Basketball – An All Native Alphabet Book CD #1

Haida Gwaii Watchman CD #1-3

Skidegate Saints Basketball Terms & Phrases CD #1-2

Marine Invertebrates CD #1-2

Lesson in Time CD #1

Haida Heritage Centre CD #1

Haida Gwaii Plants CD #4-5

Daajing Giids CD Phrases & Place Names CD #1

Please remember, if you have someone special that you would like us to include on our Morning Prayer List, please give us a call!!

When you use the little bit of Haida Language you know, it will get longer and longer!

SHIP Quote of the Week

"My desire and love for you is so hot even a fire seems cold."

An Ancient Viking saying

Xaayda Quote of the week

Gam tllgwii t'alang isis gan id unsid Gang iilaaw t'ang is jaa.adang.

We don't know where we are going, but we are going. Jackie Casey

HGaagilda Xaayda Kil

Skidegate Haida Language

Fluent Speakers - 26

Oldest – Virginia Wilson

Youngest -

GwaGanad (Diane Brown)

Xaayda Kil Word Quest?

What does this Haida word mean in English? - KILSLAAY

Give us a phone call at 559-9073 with the correct meaning, and win a SHIP Xaayda Language CD.

Please leave **your name, phone #, and the meaning**, on our answering machine. The first correct caller will be the winner. No caller last month!

ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE – Instructions for life – Nice thoughts

Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.

We would like to thank the following people for supporting our program:

1. Chief Cheexial for the Haida language book and shoveling snow for us
2. Grace Jones for the bucket of sGyuu, cookies, and the jello
3. Erika Gagne for lending us the video "Gathering."
4. Gary Russ for the water jug handles, and the halibut
5. Shelly Gladstone for the halibut soup
6. Doris Rosang for making the great SHIP Luncheon Poster
7. CHN for the new Haida Nation Flag
8. Betty Richardson for the buns
9. Jackie Casey for the chocolates and pies
10. Golie Hans for the three large bags of k'aaw
11. Dolly Garza for the money donation
12. Margaret Kemper for the money donation
13. Gladys Vandal for the cake, peppered fish, and k'aaw
14. Marcia P. for the beautiful framed pictures of our elders in Arizona
15. Skidegate Health Centre for lending us their mini bus

Skidegate Housing Department

BAND HOUSES FOR SALE:

#502 Skidegate Properties	2 Bedroom house	\$62,500.00
#504 Skidegate Properties	2 Bedroom house	\$62,500.00
#614 Mountainview Way	2 Bedroom house	\$62,500.00

All supplied with washer, dryer, stove and fridge (Energy Star)

For People Waiting for Renovations: There is no new renovation funding. Skidegate Housing Department will post successful funding in the Skidegate Newsletter ***when it becomes available***. Band members who have applied for New Housing or Renovations in the past should make sure they have an updated letter in our files.

All Renovations currently underway are funded directly by CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) for strictly social housing and RRAP (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program).

New Email Address: housing.committee@skidegate.ca Please send all written requests for new housing and new renovations to this address or mail us at the Skidegate Band Office, Box 1301, Skidegate. **Subject line to contain:** Renovations, Mould Renovations, New Housing, etc.

SKIDEGATE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DUANE ALSOP (SBC), JUDSON BROWN, JAMES COWPAR (SBC), CAROL CROSBY, ERNIE GLADSTONE, SHELLY GLADSTONE, ROBERT WILLIAMS (SBC), SUE WOOD, LISA DIGNARD

SKIDEGATE BAND SOCIAL HOUSING

The Skidegate Band Council has implemented the following policies for Skidegate Band housing:

1. Crime Free Housing – see attached (To be signed with updated Rental Tenancy Agreement)
2. No Pet Policy – Pets are prohibited from the rental and its premises.
3. Skidegate By-law No.7 – “PIT BULL BAN” (copy available upon request)

The Skidegate Housing Department has the understanding that the current tenants are allowed to “grandfather in” their existing pets with the understanding that no new or replacement pets are allowed. Please note that the current policy states that pets are not permitted inside of the unit. The Skidegate Band Council has also recently adopted a “Pit Bull Ban” therefore no tenant of the Skidegate Band Council may own a “Pit Bull” or an aggressive or vicious Dog. Tenants with such animals will be requested to have the animals removed or be given a thirty day notice of an eviction.

Please make arrangements before September 31st, 2010 to sign an updated annual renewal of the Skidegate Band Rental Tenancy Agreement. All new policies are effective immediately (April 1st, 2010).

If you have any further questions please contact our office (250)559-4496.

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)

Program Overview:

Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Homeowner RRAP)

Skidegate Housing Department

- Offers financial assistance to Band Councils and Band Members to enable them to repair their dwellings to a minimum level of health and safety

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (Disabled RRAP)

- Offers financial assistance to Band Councils and Band Members to improve the accessibility of dwellings for persons with disabilities

Maximum forgivable loan amounts range from \$16,000 to \$19,000 depending on the location of your First Nation.

Who Can Qualify?

Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Homeowner RRAP)

- Non-social housing units only, and can be Band owned or owner occupied dwelling which must be at least 5 years and older
- Dwellings must lack basic facilities or in need of major repair in one or more of the following categories: structural, electrical, plumbing, heating and fire safety
- Total household income cannot exceed the income limit for your area (contact CMHC representative to get the income limit for your area)

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (Disabled RRAP)

- Modifications must be related to housing and to the disabled occupant's disability such as outdoor ramps for wheelchairs or walkers, no-slip surfaces, handrails, grab bars and adjustments to kitchens and bathrooms
- Total household income cannot exceed the income limit for your area

ON RESERVE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)

Application Process:

The following documentation must be submitted to your Aboriginal Housing Advisor:

1. Completed RRAP Application Form (CMHC 60499 - 3 pages) with original signature of applicant and authorized band representative.
2. Certificate of Possession *or* Band Council Resolution (see attached sample BCR)
3. Verification of Income - includes all sources (**taxable and non taxable**) of current gross income for the applicant and spouse (including common law) living in your house. Please provide photocopy of the following documents:

Most current Notice of Assessment **AND** complete Tax Return package including all schedules, **AND** copies of T4's, T4A, and T5's, etc. (Seasonal and Self Employed works to submit documentation for past 3 years) and proof of income from all sources

4. Original Acknowledgement of Equity form signed by Band or Applicant (as applicable) required prior to final approval and following receipt of accepted quote.
5. Completed Liability Waiver (Disabled RRAP application only)
6. Medical Form (Disabled RRAP application only)
7. Confirmation of Disability and Required Modifications Form (Disabled RRAP application only)

It is important that you read the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program Homeowner Applicant's Guide for instructions on completing the application as well as general information on the program. If you have further questions or want to enquire about the income limit for your area, please contact your Aboriginal Housing Officer at 1-800-639-3938.

Note: Funding for the RRAP program is limited. This communication does not constitute an approval or intent to approve your application.

All Skidegate Band Members who have applied for RRAP in the previous year must re-apply for the current fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2011. Applications may be picked up at the Housing Department at the Skidegate Band Office.

Notice to the Public

Fire Extinguisher Workshop

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Skidegate Fire Hall

March 22, 2011

Small fee for testing of Extinguishers

Drop off of Empty Extinguishers

Sale of new and refilled Extinguishers,
Smoke Alarms and CO detectors

FOR SALE

The Skidegate Band Council would like to know if members of our community are interested in purchasing alder mulch for \$150.00 per truckload. Please call 250-559-4496 to put your order in.

Indian Registry Program

Bill C (the McIvor case)

➤ As you are aware Bill C3 (the McIvor case) was passed on Jan. 31, 2011. Pamphlets are in the mail, which explain the application process, for those eligible to apply.

Ø **When your members, apply – please email or mail this office a copy of your application. It is important to retain copies here, so that I am aware of potential members coming into their respective bands. Furthermore, if there are any errors or omissions in your application, I can bring these matters to your attention; so that the processing of your application is not delayed.**

Ø If you any questions/concerns about the application process, please call me & I will assist you. Please read the application process carefully & ensure you complete ALL the required information. Failure to do so, will result in a delay to the processing of your application.

Ø **It is important that all eligible applicants apply AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** There is **NO** priority process in place for Bill C3 applicants. It is simply first come, first serve. Thousands of eligible First Nations (FNs) from across Canada are applying. So, if you want to acquire your status, apply as quickly as you can. The longer you wait to apply, the longer it will take for it to be processed.

Ø **Adult Applicants:** Those 16 years & over at the date that they apply

Ø **Children:** Those 15 yrs. & under (Parent/legal guardians to apply on their behalf)

Ø When a grand-child applies for Indian status (under Bill C3) his/her parent will automatically be upgraded to full status (6(1) and the grand-child would then become registered as 6(2) (commonly referred to as ½ status).

Ø IF an individual has already applied to Ottawa for Indian status under **Indian Custom Adoption**, you **DO NOT** then apply under Bill C3 (even if you are eligible under the McIvor case). This is because an Indian Custom adoption that has already taken place before the McIvor legislation became law; must still be processed through the adoption unit in Ottawa.

➤ Bill C3 applications are sent to a special processing unit, which deals strictly with Bill C3 Applications **ONLY**. The applications must be sent to:

Application Processing Unit

Indian & Northern Affairs Canada

GD Stn. Main

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0M2

For further info, please call 1-800-567-9604 or

visit www.inac-ainc.gc.ca for applications/ or information on this process

OR call me at this office. (If I am away on band business, my voice mail will tell you when I will be returning).

➤ I will schedule field-trips to all your communities. At that time, I will assist any of your members who wish to apply under Bill C3. I would also like to have a Meeting with your Band Council to explain Bill C3, and any DIA policy changes that are forthcoming. I will contact your FN & set up a time schedule. Needless to say, I will also be dealing with ALL other Indian Registry Program concerns at that time as well.

Each First Nation band should note:

- The age of majority (through DIA) has been reduced from 18 years to 16 years.
- Therefore, Bill C Adult applicants are those 16 yrs. & over...Minor applicants are children 15 yrs & under (parent/legal guardian must apply on their behalf)
- Additional funding (to the bands) as a result of those registered under Bill C3 will not be provided by DIA, until DIA conducts a review of the total number of Bill C3 applicants affiliated with their FN. They expect to conduct this review in the fall; then the FN will be informed what the increases to their budgets will be.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the Application process for Bill C3 applicants:

I am starting to receive copies of Bill C3 applications from the members bands & wish to bring the following matters to your attention:

❖ When Bill C3 applicants complete their applications, **IF** the application is completed correctly, you will receive your Indian status, as well as be making application for the new version Secure Certificate of Indian status card. (which is similar to the format of a drivers license).

a) Page 03 – Bill C3 Additional Information continued

To ensure that the that the application is completed correctly, please note:

- b) On Page 2 of the Application form (Part 2) is the name of the parent who is currently of registered Indian status (under Section 6(2) of the Indian Act).
- c) Your Indian Register No. is your specific 10 digit band number. Your band No. is as follows:
Skidegate is Band No.670
Gitxaala Nation (formerly Kitkatla) is Band No.672
Metlakatla is Band No. 673
Hartley Bay is Band No.675
- d) On Page 3 (Part 3 of the Application form) is the name of the Grandmother who lost her status, upon marriage to a Non Indian.
- e) **Page 3 Part 4 In-Canada Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application (SCIS) . Adult applicant must identify documents used to identify themselves.**

Document Type: Passport Passport Document No. Expiry Date: (Date passport expires) Name of Individual in this case will be the applicants/or Adults applying for a minor child

Document Type: Driver's license Document No. Date driver's license expires; & the name of the individual/ or Adult applying for a minor child

- In BOTH cases, the documents you name to support your identify MUST be valid ID. You cannot use expired ID as proof of identity.

You must also photo-copy this ID & have your Guarantor sign & certify your ID.

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- ❖ The Specimen Signature section: The applicant must sign WITHIN the box as this is the signature that will appear on your new Secure Certificate of Indian status card when you receive it.

a) Page 4 - Part 5 of the Application form

- ❖ Name at the top is the name of the applicant

- Check of this section that you understand all the info in the application process in Part 4

- Check off that I have enclosed ALL the documents for registration under the Indian Act + the in-Canada SCIS (status card)

- NOTE: IF you DO NOT have ALL your legal ID, check off:

I have enclosed all documents for registration under the Indian Act & will submit all requirements & documents for the secure Certificate of Indian status once I am registered. (In short, you will acquire registered Indian status IF you are entitled, & you will apply for the status card later).

- Applicant signs the form/ dates it & mails it to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- Please don't forget to send me a copy here, for my records.

- Don't forget to send them your **ORIGINAL** birth certificate when you apply. This document will be returned to you, once it is scanned into the DIA system.

Page 5 of 5 (Parents applying for a child – 15 yrs or younger)

Full in the application, similar to the format, as the adult application mentioned earlier

Parents (both parents must sign)/ or legal guardian to sign the application. (as applicable)

- ❖ Parents must send copies of their valid ID, which can be certified by their Guarantor. OR the legal guardian will send a copy of the court document confirming legal guardianship of the child.

- ❖ The child's photo must be signed, & certified by the Guarantor.

- ❖ Again, please don't forget the mail this office a copy, for my records.

NOTE: If applicable: Name change documents, marriage certificates, divorce certificates, Court orders confirming custody, OR Statutory Declaration forms clarifying specific issues should also be included with the application – so that your application will NOT be delayed.

Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) :

- The NEW Secure Certificate of Indian status is coming.

- Due to the recent changes to the Indian Act, as a result of Bill C3 (McIvor), Indian Registry Administrators (IRAs) will all have to take new training (on the new status process). These training sessions will take place this fiscal year. The training is covered by DIA.

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It is hoped that the Regional office of DIA will be processing the new SCIS cards **by July 1st, 2011 or shortly thereafter.**

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□ It is hoped that all IRAs will have their equipment operational by year end, or early next year. **I will inform the member bands as soon as the equipment is operational in this office.**

Page 05 – Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card continued

□ **NOTE:** In the meantime, the plastic-laminated cards are still being issued, by me. Status cards **CANNOT** be mailed to applicants, as this is the new policy of DIA. Anyone needing a new status card **OR** a renewal status card **MUST** apply in person, (at this office) (at DIA in Van) or at a First Nation band office (IF they agree to do it for you).

□ **REMINDER: In preparation to receive the new SCIS, ALL applicants must:**

a) **Have an ORIGINAL birth certificate + 2 pieces of valid ID**

IF anyone is acting on behalf of a minor child(ren) that is in their care (ie:

a) **Ministry of Children & Families/ or family relative / or simply someone who has custody of a child that is not their own birth child); that person MUST have a legal court document confirming that he/she is the legal guardian of the said child; in order to act on behalf of the child.**

b) **If I parent has sole custody of their child, a legal court document reflecting this should be provided; as this important info must be on your child's official DIA records. (Mail me a copy if this pertains to you)**

Indian Custom Adoptees:

➤ There is a huge back-log in the Adoption Unit in Ottawa. However, DIA is currently setting up a new system to speed up the processing of Indian Custom adoption (or legal adoption applications). Please be patient, and you will hear from Ottawa directly as soon as your application is processed.

➤ Individuals who have Indian Custom adopted child(ren) – the adoptive parent is the only ones who can legally act on behalf of the child. Ie: the Adoptive parent must apply for the child's status card. (The birth parent(s) **DO NOT** apply for the child's status card because this is the responsibility of the Indian Custom adoptive parent. **ALL** applicants who applied for Indian status under the provisions of Indian Custom Adoption **MUST** send their **ORIGINAL** birth certificate before their application can be processed. (per New DIA policy). This document must be sent to:

- The Registrar
- Membership Div.
- Reserves & Trusts
- Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4
- Attn: Adoption Unit

❖ **Please ensure that you give your full name, date of birth & the band that you are affiliated with; when you send any documentation to DIA in Ottawa.**

NOTE: Any individuals who are applying under the provisions of Bill C3 (the McIvor case) and who were **ADOPTED** must send their application to the Adoption Unit in Ottawa for processing. (address above)

You should also send a copy of your adoption Order, and any back-ground information which can assist with the processing of their application.

Page 06 - **Regular Birth Events:**

- ❖ Any child that is going to be registered into Indian status, by the Indian Registry Administrator (IRA); **MUST:**
 - a) Provide the IRA with the child's **ORIGINAL** birth certificate and
 - b) Sign a Parental consent form, whereby both parents agree that the child be registered.

The child's original birth certificate will be returned to you, after it is scanned into the DIA system.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS – The deadline for students to apply for the Common Experience Payment (CEP) (as a result of attending a Residential School in Canada) is September 19, 2011.

Commemorative Initiative:

- ❖ The objective of the Commemoration Initiative is:
 - To provide an opportunity for former students & their families to support one another and to recognize & take pride in their strengths, courage, resiliency & achievements.
 - To contribute to a sense of identity, unity & belonging;
 - To promote aboriginal culture, traditions & spiritual values;
 - The Govt. is making \$10 million available to FNs across Canada, this fiscal year;
 - An additional \$10 million is available to FNs across Canada for next fiscal year
 - FNs are encourage to send in Proposals for a regional or national Commemoration project. **The DEADLINE for submissions is MARCH 18, 2011.**
 - **Acquire the application form on the Truth & Reconciliation site on the web & send your submission in on behalf of your respective FN community.**
 - Examples/ suggestions of Projects that you could apply for are:
 - Workshops to build better relationships between aboriginal & non-aboriginal people, the churches & Govt. & promote reconciliation;
 - Workshops that promote individual, family & community well-being;
 - Honour & commemorate residential school survivors of your FN: Invite your residential school survivors to your community & host a "Healing & Bringing Traditions Home Feast". Request funding for the feast. Provide each survivor with the gift of a vest/ or button blanket (with his/her crest on it); cedar headbands or cedar hats.....
 - Submissions for funding to bring back traditional practices: ie: Learning your traditional language/songs, Indian dancing, writing, painting, basket-weaving, songwriting, beading, button work, drum or regalia making, films, plays, poetry, etc.
 - Request funding, that covers inviting a broad range of the general public to attend & witness your "journey to healing / revitalization of your culture".

Page 07 Canadian Human Rights Act:

- The Canadian Human Rights Act (the Act) prohibits discrimination in employment & services within the federal Govt.

The purpose of the Act is to protect individuals from discrimination.

- In June 2011, First Nations will to subject to the Act, and individuals will then be able to file complaints against Bands.
- Currently there are a number of complaints filed to date, against DIA: relating to Indian status/band membership; land rights /matters relating to FN Child & Family Services.

There are two separate elements of a Human Rights Complaints process:

Canadian Human Rights Commission:

- Administrative agency, with an overall role of promoting human rights – including education, research & processing of complaints.
- Receives complaints, determines if the complaint is valid, conducts mediation, investigations, conciliates, determines if the complaint should be referred to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal

Canadian Human Rights Tribunal:

- Quasi-judicial body that adjudicates complaints referred to it by the Commission
- If the Tribunal finds a complaint is valid, the Act provides for a significant range of possible remedies including enforcement of program & policy changes to end the discriminatory practice and financial compensation.

NOTE: IF the cases (that refer to discrimination under the Indian Act, relating to Indian status/ and OR band membership) are upheld , you can expect more changes to occur in the Indian Act.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Currently, West Coast Resorts has job openings for the following positions:

Dishwasher/Prep Position X 2

Server/Bartender Position x 4

Housekeeping Position x 1

Front desk/Gift Shop Position x 1

Start Date: *April 1, 2011*

Location: *The Inn at Sandspit*

- Staff accommodations available.

We emphasize teamwork, a great opportunity to understand how a lodge is run, what is expected, and a way to get "your foot in the door."

If interested, please e-mail or fax your resume by **MARCH. 21, 2011**

For more information please contact:

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James Cowpar 250-559-4439

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Earth Quake Emergency Checklist

Think of any special needs that someone in your family might have. Include any other items that your family would need. Here are some suggestions:

- **Babies/toddlers:** diapers, bottled milk, toys, crayons and paper
- **Other family members:** prescription medication, extra eye glasses (keep at least one week supply of medication in your emergency kit and include copies of prescriptions for your medicine and glasses.)
- **Pets:** dog/cat food
- Large orange garbage bags make great rain ponchos
- Keep supplies in an easy-to-find spot.
- **Emergency Food and Water Kit:** have at least a 3-day supply of food and water on hand. Choose ready-to-eat-foods that your family likes. And choose food that doesn't need refrigeration.
- **Drinking Water:** At least one litre per person per day

Food: canned food: soups, stews, baked beans, pasta, meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, crackers and biscuits, honey, peanut butter, syrup, jam, salt & pepper, sugar, instant coffee, tea.
REPLACE CANNED FOOD AND DRY GOODS ONCE A YEAR.

Equipment: knives, forks, spoons, disposable cups and plates, manual can opener, bottle opener, fuel stove and fuel (follow manufacturer's instructions). Don't use a barbecue indoors. Waterproof matches and plastic garbage bags.

Survival Kit: flashlight and batteries or crank radio (so you can listen to news bulletins), first aid kit, candles and matches/lighter, extra car keys and cash (including coins for telephone), important papers (identification for everyone, personal documents), clothing and footwear (one change of clothes per person.), blankets or sleeping bags (one per person), toilet paper and other personal supplies, medication, backpack/duffel bag (or something else to carry the emergency survival kit in, in case you have to evacuate), whistle (in case you need to attract someone's attention), playing cards, games.

Car Kit: shovel, sand, salt or kitty litter, traction mats, tow chain, compass, cloth or roll of paper towels, warning light or road flares, extra clothing and footwear, emergency food pack, axe or hatchet, booster cables, ice scraper and brush, road maps, matches and a survival candle in a deep can (to warm hand, heat a drink or use as an emergency light), fire extinguisher, methyl hydrate (for fuel line and windshield de-icing), flashlight, first-aid kit with seatbelt cutter, blanket (special 'survival' blankets are best).

Skidegate Volunteer Fire Department

Call out list

Call (250) 559-8300 Emergency Only
Non Emergency-250 550 7700

Firefighter	Night	Day	Availability
John Wesley	250-559-4633	250-559-4633	Everyday
Moon Pearson	250-559-8093	250-559-4496	Everyday
Kevan Mearns	250-559-8308	250-559-8945	Everyday
Phil Gladstone	250-559-4546	250-559-4496	Monday-Friday
Peter Engel	250-559-8485	250-559-8078	Monday-Friday
Ken Williams	250-559-4462	250-559-8945	Monday-Friday
Sherry Williams	250-559-7750	250-637-1701	Everyday
George Wesley	250-559-8438	250-559-8438	Monday-Friday
Steven Wesley	250-637-1927	250-559-0033	Everyday
Roy Jones Jr.	250-559-7897	778-840-7897	Everyday
Tammy Berthiaume	250-559-4633	250-559-4633	Everyday
Marina Bertiaume	250-559-4633	250-559-4633	Everyday
Mike Gravelle	250-559-8771	250-559-4329	Everyday
Aileen Hans	250-559-8438	250-559-8438	Everyday

Most of the fireman can be reached on Marine 6

Police: 250-559-4421

Ambulance: 1-800-461-9911

Poison Control: 1-800-567-8911

QC Fire Dept: 250-559-4488

Hospital: 250-559-4300

Pete Thompson: 250-559-4216 (please call the ambulance before calling Pete)

When reporting a fire please give your name, the location and type of fire

**Still need more Volunteers, if you would like to join , go to the
Skidegate Fire Hall every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm.**