

SKIDEGATE NEWSLETTER

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SKIDEGATE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

Income Assistance/Financial Assistance Welfare

Monthly Renewals are mandatory and are legal documents.

We will *always* have policy changes on a regular basis and this often means we must change your monthly renewal forms and or ask for new information regarding your application. **Remember**, reporting forms *may look the same* but are *asking for new information*, you must comply. The monthly renewals **have to be complete**, failure to do so will cause **unnecessary delay** in your issue. **Couples must both sign and complete ALL parts of the declaration.** Many recipients either work or have a spouse that works, the pay stubs and receipts for allowable expenditures must be attached, if employable **both must document a minimum of 5 places each** on the active job search. INAC policy dictates that we have all infor-

mation **BEFORE** we can issue, there will be no exceptions. **It is a client responsibility to keep yourselves informed. Again, please complete every requirement on the monthly renewal form** (from the 'month of:___ all the way to 'Today's date') **or your assistance will be delayed, there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Annual File reviews are mandatory and are a required compliance by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The information on each file must be updated and ready for review by at least 2 audits a year. We usually do ours in March/April of each new fiscal year. Recipients are required to attend their scheduled appointments, there are no exceptions. Notice is given to recipients that include the required list of information to bring to scheduled appointments. Failure to attend or bring in all documentation will result in an incomplete review and suspension of financial assistance until your rescheduled appointment. We

do not see clients who do not have scheduled appointments during the review period.

Applying for Income Assistance?

The application kits are also very clear, *please* be sure to complete every form and remember it could be up to two weeks before an appointment will be scheduled to determine your eligibility. The **mandatory duty of the worker is to verify all information prior** to scheduling you in. We ask all community members who could potentially require our services, to please pick up a kit and familiarize yourself with the process. All financial assistance issued from the Skidegate Social Development Department is 'income assistance' and we are required to ensure all proper information in on every file to determine your rates. We do not issue "disability pensions" or consider "loans", this is a common misconception. Please be aware that we cannot issue welfare without adhering to the INAC or Band policies and

procedures.

Please be reminded that we have the right to refuse to see clients if we feel unsafe, harassed or threatened this includes swearing, shouting, throwing things or slamming doors.

Michelle Pineault BSW
(250)559-2317

Email: sda@skidegate.ca

Ruth Gladstone-Davies FAW (250)559-2316
sdfaw@skidegate.ca

Fax (250)559-0002

Access information, policy and procedures of the Social Development program from the First Nations Social Development Resource Centre Society by calling: **1-800-991-7099** or from the site at: www.fnsds.org

Skidegate United Church Update:

Now is the time to think of contacting Skidegate United Church if you are considering having anyone in your family baptized on Christmas Eve. Meeting with the minister at the church to discuss the meaning of baptism is the first step to take. Please call Nancy O'Higgins at 559-4559.

Tllgid Naay Fall Event

Haida Gwaii Trauma Response Team (HGTRT)

Training with Darien Thira PhD

Darien Thira Consulting Incorporated

Developing Skills...Mobilizing the Community

(604)809-

0181...darien@thira.ca...www.thira.ca

"Out of the Box and into the Circle"

The community has the capacity. This workshop will support the development of a core group of resilient individuals who can operate as a community mobilization network as they promote community wellness and create a Community Response Team that will respond to community critical incidents and individual crisis. (3 Days)

NAAAW Week November 14-21

Need committee volunteers: talk to Sue

Planning Ideas:

Celebrate you Healing Feast

Traditional Fire Ceremony

Events at the Schools

Clubhouses (2)

Canoe Journeys Project

1) New Coordinator: Janet Rigg

2) New QCSS Teacher for canoe Journeys: Jennifer Jury

3) **Power Play**

Community Theatre/ Prevention / Awareness Headlines Theatre: Theatre for the Living: website for more details

April 11-16th 2011 David Diamond

For SUCCESS: Need committee volunteers for event and those who want to assist with planning and prep, food etc. and/or commit to the theatre process (1 week long April 11-16th) with a final performance in Skidegate, April 16th

Tllgiid Naay (Helping House)

For all your island family, wellness, mental health and addictions information check out our website: hgbalance.ca To post information on the website contact John Harvery: life skills worker: 250-559-8835

Education Update:

(LGMA)

Local Government Management Association of British Columbia

Ken Dobell Public Service Education Fund Scholarship

**Application Information
ON THE SKIDEGATE BAND
BULLETIN BOARD**

QCSS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2010

6:00 pm in the School Library

Info: Sandi 559-8797

Everyone welcome!

HAIDA HEALTH HUB

Reclaiming Wellness

'the Haida Way'

Elder Wellness Planning Process

Dates: Monday November 15, Saturday November 20, Monday November 22

Location: Port Clements Village Office Multi-Purpose Building

Lunch & Transportation: Lunch & Transportation will be provided

Agenda: Visioning for Perfect Health & Wellness

What to Bring: Any magazines that you subscribe to;
scissors; small note book; pen

(these materials will also be made available at the session)

Door Prizes: * Six prizes of \$200.00 each *****

Please contact

Harmony Williams at 250-626-5489

or Melissa Edgars at 250-559-8223 by

Friday , November 12

If you wish to Participate, have a Voice & Take Ownership in this Exciting & Groundbreaking Initiative that will be Paramount in Determining the Future Health Programs & Outcomes for the Haida & First Nations Elders residing on Haida Gwaii !

Congratulations to Billy Yovanovich

Winner of the Haida Health Hub

Logo Contest

The Haida Health Hub would like to take this opportunity to say

Thank You !!

to All who submitted a logo & for their exceptional logo contest entries.

EVENTS IN THE SKIDEGATE COMMUNITY HALL

Thursday,
November 19, 2010
Funeral Service for
The Late
Mary Susan McCaskill
(Dixon)

Saturday, November 20th
Girl's Basketball team
Fundraiser
Loonie/toonie Auction
& Dinner Sale
Starts @ 3 PM
Contact Yvette Adams @
559-4705

Sunday,
November 21st
\$5000.00 BINGO
Hall opens @ 12 Noon
And starts @ 1 PM.
\$50.00 for
the package
Contact Marg Parker

Sunday,
November 28th
Auction
Contact: Dawn
Geddy if you have
donations,
559-4753

Tuesday, December 7th
to Friday, December
10th, 2010
Optometrist-Dr. Ahmed at
the Skidegate Health
Centre
Call Crystal—559-4610
for an
appointment

HOME CARE/WELLNESS NURSE

Yoga at Noon, each Wednesday
at 12-12:45 at the George Brown Recreation Hall.
It is a gentle stretch program for beginners, yoga mats supplied.
It's cost is by donation of a dollars to cover her car gas.

Robyn Boese
Box 1348, Skidegate, BC VOT 1S1
Ph: 559-4610/fax: 559-4619

SKIDEGATE HEALTH CENTRE UPDATES

Update from the Skidegate Health Centre

Dear Skidegate Community Members;

RE: Advocate for increase in meal rates

I am on a working group with other Health Directors to address the current meal rates designated by Health Canada. On September 15, 2010 I attended meetings in Vancouver to discuss NIHB travel benefits and meal rates. At this meeting, it was suggested by Health Canada that \$31.00 per day is sufficient for our members to eat healthy, wholesome meals. The Health Canada employees provided a document that justifies the \$31.00 per day. (it is attached for your review), and we, the Health Directors stated that we believe that to eat healthy wholesome meals we need to increase this amount.

To provide sufficient evidence to Health Canada We (Skidegate) is joining with other communities in BC to begin to advocate to increase this rate. While you are on medical travel we are requesting you to save all your meal receipts for the duration of your trip. This, we believe will justify an increase in your daily meal rates.

While you are on this recent medical travel, please put your meal receipts in the envelope provided and bring it back to Cindy, your Patient Travel Clerk.

Please note, this is optional and will not affect your travel if you choose not to provide the receipts. It will only help to advocate an increase to your daily meal rate.

H'aawa!

Lauren Brown

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Canoe Journey, Life's Journey



SKIDEGATE HEALTH CENTRE
TLLGID NAAAY (HELPING HOUSE)

Canoe Journeys is:

- Culturally appropriate education and intervention
- In the process of being adapted to Haida culture
- Happening at Queen Charlotte Secondary School.
- Will become district wide.

What is Canoe Journeys?

The *Canoe Journey, Life's Journey* is an evidence-based culturally appropriate intervention curriculum that was a collaborative effort between the Seattle Indian Health Board and the Addictive Behaviors Research Center, U of W. It was developed over three years as part of the Journeys of the Circle Project, and is a comprehensive life skills curriculum that helps youth make positive life choices while avoiding the hazards of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Developed for urban Native American adolescents, the *Canoe Journey, Life's Journey* curriculum is appropriate for all teens and all settings, in prevention, treatment, and criminal justice.

The program uses the canoe journey as a metaphor for learning how to cope successfully with various life challenges and risks, so as to complete the journey safely and to enhance the value of a healthy lifestyle. The Medicine Wheel, which emphasizes harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all things, is interwoven in the curriculum. Traditional symbols and stories are used to enhance youth training in communication, problem solving, decision-making, coping skills, and spiritual values.

The manual contains eight sessions that cover the following topics:



Taking out the Haida Traditional Canoe
Loo Taas Bill Reid's "Wave Eater"

- The Medicine Wheel/Canoe Journey as a Metaphor
- Who Am I? The Beginning at the Center
- Community Help and Support: Help on the Journey
- The Quest: Goal Setting
- Overcoming Obstacles: Solving Problems
- Effective Communication
- Strengthening our Body & Spirit

Canoe Journey, Life's Journey on Haida Gwaii

This project involves multiple partners; Northern Health Mental Health and Addictions; School District 50 (Queen Charlotte Secondary School); SHIP (Skidegate Haida Immersion Program), Swan Bay Recovery, Islands Women Soci-

ety, and the Skidegate Health Centre. We recently completed year one of the formal implementation (June, 2010) of Dr June la Marr's and Dr. Alan Marlette's *Canoe Journey, Life's Journey* curriculum in the Queen Charlotte Secondary

School. 15 Haida youth graduated from Phase One, for this program, which is the first initiative of its kind in BC! We are now in the planning process for teaching a new cohort of youth commencing November 2010, for grades 9-10.

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CANOE JOURNEY. LIFE'S JOURNEY

Canoe Journeys 2010 to 2011 at QCSS



Haida Canoe

This course will not only teach the Canoe Journeys curriculum in the evidence-based design, but is being adapted to Haida culture, by including Haida Canoe/life teaching stories, time in the canoes, making paddles, t-shirts, drums and more. We will also have an Elder in each session and local role models included in the teaching. This course will bring in local faces to make the educational experience

relevant for Haida Youth. The aim is to connect youth, adults and Elders in the community and teach skills for living (with a canoe teachings and traditional stories metaphor) within a suicide prevention framework.

Last year, local filmmaker Dafne Romero filmed the entire process. There will be a public screening of this film, Canoe Journeys Vol 1, in the Fall. Look for posters and invitations.

There will also be a Girls Group and a Boys Group held in early 2011. The Girls Group will be facilitated by Janet Rigg and Wendy Watts, and held at the Islands Women Society building. The Boys Group is still in the early planning stage.

During the summer months (2011), Skidegate Health will be offering 'day trips' in our traditional canoes in collaboration with Swan Bay Rediscovery.

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FEEDBACK FROM LAST YEAR

My Personal Goal:

"GET through high school successfully; go straight to college, become extremely successful and rich, and not to get caught up in the rez life. And one day come back and make a difference (I wanna live the good life!)"

"My goal is to finish school and go to university, get a nursing degree and make my way to Africa or some

place like that, that needs help."

"To get a job"

Facilitator Quotes :

"It's a young sprouted seed growing in a positive direction, with the right caring people."

Haida Facilitator

"Keep connecting the students to the elders" Facilitator

"The students are my teachers, the elders our knowledge."

Haida Facilitator

"Continued collaboration will help." Teacher

"With elder participation, listening to their stories and experiences, I found were the best part of the sessions I was a part of."

Haida Facilitator



Participant and Elder

CALL TO ARTISTS

Canoe Journey, Life's Journey is **CALLING ALL ARTISTS** to create a Haida logo for the Canoe Journeys program here on Haida Gwaii.

The Logo should reflect the notion of the canoe as a metaphor for healthy living.

All ages are invited to submit their logo.

The winner will receive **\$500** for their logo.



Please submit your logo by December 15th, 2010 to **Janet Rigg** via:

Email:

iwsewwa@haidagwaii.net

Post: PO Box 207 Village of Queen Charlotte, V0T 1S0

In person: at the Island Women Society building, 204 Oceanview Dr. OR the Skidegate Helping House.

Medical Stay Program

Northern Health in partnership with BC Housing operates in Prince Rupert four medical stay apartments for use by North West residents when travelling for medical appointments.

In order for us to continue to operate this program we have made two significant changes we would like to inform you of that will take effect November 1, 2010:

- Individuals and families can reserve the medical stay apartments
- Thursday to Sunday for personal usage. The primary purpose and priority will remain medical stay however this change is to increase usage on days of low utilization
- Rates will increase to offset the costs of operating the medical stay program with an aim to sustaining the program for use by residents of the North West

Any individual who has currently booked a medical stay apartment for medical travel during 2010 will be billed at the previous rates

The new rates for all new bookings are:

- Daily \$52.00 Weekly: \$293.00 Monthly: \$912.00

For more information or to reserve the usage of a medical stay apartment please call: 250-622-8380, Angela Szabo R.P.N., A.D.P.N.

Northern Health Authority, Home & Community Care Manager

West Cluster, Prince Rupert & Haida Gwaii -250-622-6313

Skidegate Volunteer Fire Dept. Update:

November 9, 2010 Minutes

Roll:

John Wesley, Mike Gravelle, Steve Wesley, Moony Pearson
and Phi Gladstone

Mail:

NSCU statement

Environmental, Science and Engineering-magazine.

Business:

- Guest-Shawn and Lawrence from QCVFD-discussed Joint Fire practices
- QCVFD came down to do practice at Skaadaga Naay
- Refilled pop machine and emptied change
- Discussed poor attendance to Fire Hall-what would it take to attract new Volunteers

Update from the Skidegate Library

Hello from Kuugin King Naay! What an exciting month it has been. The Library is honoured to accept board sponsorship from Northern Savings Credit Union as "The Space and Place To Learn." Look for library improvements coming in the near future, in terms of more desk space for those who come to study here, more shelving to hold our growing collection, more high-quality books to serve our patrons, and a beverage station to provide a nice mug of tea for whomever wants to come for a visit!

Activities at the library continue to evolve. The QCSS Homework Club held on Wednesday nights is having consistent attendance, it's really great to see students taking an active role in improving their grades. The Homework Night is from 6 – 9 pm on Wednesdays with snacks and juice sponsored by Literacy Haida Gwaii, and we usually have a teacher here volunteering their time. This past month, Mr. Querengesser, Mr Fleming, and Mr Greenall came to help, a big Haaw'a to those teachers! The library has also recently been home to interviews, and in a few weeks will be hosting a Parent-Child Mother Goose training. In celebration of the Athlii Gwaii anniversary, the library will be open from Saturday 1 – 9 pm for family crafts, with a break at 3 o'clock for a puppetshow called Pipsqueak and the Tree Eating Monster.

Are you thinking of making crafts for the holidays this year? If you need some inspiration or instruction, head on down to Kuugin King Naay Library. We have a selection of crafting books suitable for the whole family, from small children right up to adult level. Come on in for a mug of tea and take a browse on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10-1 and 2-5 pm. As always, you can find us on Facebook under our name, Kuugin King Naay; phone us at 559-8174 or email library@skidegate.ca.

XMAS TREE SALE

Saturday,

December 11, 2010

11 am to 3 pm

QC Community Hall

Trees- \$20.00

Holly Bunches—\$3.00

Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Hotdogs for sale

Ngystle Society

Ngystle Society is open 4 days a week from Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 4:30pm and closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm for lunch.

After operating 3 days a week during the summer with volunteers, the Board of Directors made the commitment to hire someone to run the office over the next year and put proposals out to access more program dollars to offer more programming and workshops. Waneeta Richardson was hired as of September 7th to take on that task.

We would like to welcome three new Board Members to the Ngystle Society and they are Donna Duffy, Rose Russ and Jenny White who join Cindy Boyko, Elna MacDonald, Betty Richardson, Kay Watson and Barbara Wilson.

The **Amethyst Crystal Bio Mats** are available for use during the above office hours. If you haven't used them in awhile or are just beginning you start with a 1/2 hour treatment and work your way up to 1 hour treatments. The cost is \$5.00 whether you are on it for 1/2 an hour or 1 hour. With the colder weather beginning it is a good self-care tool to transition into winter. If you are unable to access the mats during regular hours give us a call and we will see what we can arrange.

Our **meditation sessions** are offered Monday at 8am, Tuesday at 7:30pm and Thursday at 8am. There are oneness blessings given at these meditation sessions. The morning meditations lasts approximately one hour as people often have to leave for work and the Tuesday evening meditation lasts for 1 1/2 hours. The sessions are free and open to everyone. Please feel free to just show up.

Support Group meetings are every second Wednesday at 7:30pm and continue all winter. The next one is November 24th and December 8th, 2011. Please feel free to join at anytime and receive support on your journey through life.

Thank-you to everyone who supported our **Phantom Ball Fund Raiser**. The winners are: Scarf with Haida Design – Al West, Silver carved Earrings – Kajsa Moraes, Silver Carved Bracelet-Sean Muise, Cedar Weaved Hat – Brent Rintoul

Our annual Christmas Raffle will be set-up at the Christmas Craft Fair on the 27th of November at the Queen Charlotte Community Hall. Please stop by our table and buy a raffle ticket.

Ngystle Society purchased a **Trinifinity 8 Rejuvenation Technology** which is a tool for awakening positive vibrational change and balancing the body for maximum health.

Trinifinity 8 represents the futuristic science of Algorithmic Anti-Aging Technology. This unique software system was developed as a direct result of information brought back from a near death experience by Dr. Kathy Forti. Trinifinity 8 is the first rejuvenation software to use a personal computer to deliver non-invasive programs based on mathematical code, vibrational energies, and fractal formulations that are in harmony with core energetic that encompass all of nature. Trinifinity 8 is also the first quantum energetic system available for both PC and Mac users. It has an energetic interface that is technologically sophisticated yet simple to use.

Trinifinity 8's special Algorithmic Anti-aging Technology allows streams of mathematical signals to be transmitted through your computer's USB ports. A digital translator then sends information to the body via specially designed hand-held quart crystal transmitter rods. These crystals have been carefully lab grown for clarity and perfection to assist in the rejuvenation process. Programs offered include energy restoration, stress reduction, anti-aging health & nutrition, weight management, and skin care. Feel spiritually, physically, and emotionally uplifted.

To find out more information Google the Trinifinity 8 on the internet.

Call Ngystle at 250-559-4114 to find out the time-line to be set-up on a program. The first program runs 9 weeks with 2 sessions per week for \$90.00. After the initial 9 weeks you may choose to go on a maintenance plan of your choosing at \$5.00 per session.

Child Care Resource and Referral

Located at the Island Women Society @ 559-4711 or email
ccrr@haidagwaii.net

FREE and ENERCETIC Community Event

“BRAIN WELLNESS—THE SECRETS TO LONGEVITY”

With brain coach Gary Anaka

Monday, November 22nd—6:30pm— 8:30pm @ Sk’aadgaa Naay Elementary

Discover

- Why movement impacts academic success
 - How the brain learns naturally
- Involving children as active participants in the process of learning
 - Simple, effective, fun, engaging strategies
- Why the adolescent brain is in biological turmoil
 - Top brain states for learning
 - Maintaining brain plasticity for teenager

Tuesday, November 23rd—6:30pm-8:30pm @ Queen Charlotte Secondary School Library

Are you experiencing brain fatigue? Memory going? Are you living and working in a multi-tasking environment? Did you know that Stress kills brain cells and accelerates brain aging? Join Gary Anaka and discover how to:

- Nourish your brain
- Exercise your brain
 - Grow dendrites
- Prevent cognitive decline
- Literally grow new brain cells
 - Expand brain power
- Adopt simple, inexpensive ways to prevent brain aging

This energetic and lively session is filled with hope and optimism for the future in supporting the decline of dementia that is sweeping our country.

Refreshment and snacks provided



ABORIGINAL JUSTICE

Skidegate Band Council

At a duly convened meeting held on 17 November 2010, Council passed a Motion directing the creation of a **Community Consultative Group (CCG)**. The CCG would meet with our local RCMP First Nations Community Policing Services (FNCPS) to develop a Letter of Expectation (LOE), discuss issues relating to Aboriginal Justice in Skidegate and help to develop proactive solutions.

What is the Letter of Expectation (LOE)?

The Letter of Expectation is a key component of the Community Tripartite Agreement (CTA) that is intended to define and promote positive and cooperative working relationships between Skidegate and the RCMP.

The goal of the LOE is to ensure that Skidegate receives community-policing services by the FNCPS that are culturally sensitive and responsive to the particular needs of the community and that enhance the level of policing services normally provided by the RCMP under the Public Prosecution Service of Canada.

We would like to ensure that the CCG represents a good cross-section of the community; thus, we strongly encourage participation from elders, women and youth from the community in this process. Ideally, we are hoping to form a group of about 8-10 people.

Let's work together and help to make our community a safer, better place to live!

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please submit your letter of interest to:

**The Skidegate Band Council
ATTN: James Cowpar
Box 1301
Skidegate, BC V0T 1S1**

Or, submit your letter of interest via e-mail to: james.cowpar@skidegate.ca

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS December 21, 2010



Haida Child and Family Services Newsletter



*K'yuu Gawtllass (New Path)
Logo design by: John Stewart*

Haida Gwaii Families, Communities and Members

This newsletter is to report on activities and events that have taken place within the Haida Child and Family Service Agency since our last Annual General Meeting.

Current Programs - Family Outreach Program, K'yuu Gawtllass Research Project

Completed Project - K'yuu Gawtllass (New Path Symposium)

Completed Program -Family Group Conferencing (?)

Staff

- Susan Williams, Executive Director
- Alana Valentinsen ,Executive Assistant
- Jennifer Russ, Executive Assistant
- Tammy Luciow, Social Worker
- Shelley Gladstone, Cultural Advisor
- Jana McLeod, Family Outreach Wkr
- Norman Moraes, Family Outreach Wkr
- Lucille Bell, Research Coordinator
- Camille Collinson, Researcher
- Bernard Kerrigan, Researcher

Program Support and Partners

Governments, other funders or financial contributors, networking agencies, local and off-island trainers and facilitators, community and volunteers have contributed to ensure the continued success of providing holistic programs and services to support and strengthen families on Haida Gwaii.

Community suggestions and volunteers are always appreciated.

Board Members

- Wayne Wilson, Chair
- Sid Davidson, Co-Chair
- Dorothy Russ, Community Member
- Robert Williams, SBC
- May Russ, Community Member
- Lisa White, OMVC
- Robert Davis , CHN Rep
- Chief Thaasl, Hereditary Chiefs Council
- Chief CheeXial, Hereditary Chiefs Council

Events hosted, Activities and Workshops 2010

August, 2010 - Swan Bay Rediscovery Camp

Child and Youth group field trips and activities throughout the year

K'yuu Gawtllass (New Path)

Child and Youth Gathering, Massett and Skidegate, Sept 30-Oct 1
Child and Youth Symposium, Massett and Skidegate Oct 31-Nov 3

New Directions Research Team

B.C. Delegated Agencies Research Projects' Traditional Ways of Being, Families Gathering, Harrison Hot Springs

Touchstones of Hope Gatherings in Victoria and Haida Gwaii, Massett

Reconciliation Planning Session, Aug 17

OUR MISSION

To become self-determining in supporting the children and the families of the Haida Nation. We intend on facilitating and restoring the respect that guided HCFSS relationship and values.

VISION

To create healthy, safe environments for our children and families by developing and delivering holistic programs and services that model our traditional Haida Ways of life.

VALUE

We value what exemplifies our traditional way of life: love, respect,

Bill McKenzie joined this agency in the infancy years. Bill shared the Haida's vision of, and his knowledge and commitment to, developing an agency that would make a difference in decreasing the number of children in ministry care and ensuring the Haida families had input into decisions made for the children. Bill made several attempts to retire but returned to support the board and staff. With the appointment of a new Director we wish the best for Bill in his overdue retirement.

Council of the Haida Nation Project-Kunst'aa guu/Kunst'aay:ah

HCFSS, local leaders, 2 levels of government (Province, Feds), networking agencies and community members joined our Haida government to rectify the social and economic disparities on Haida Gwaii through a Reconciliation Process.

CHN will continue to explore economic initiatives in conjunction with the social initiatives with HCFSS' commitment to putting 'the child at center.'

Information gathered from the Research Project and other Island resources will be utilized in the development of new policies to amend the Child and Community Service Act that the Ministry Social Work Teams currently follows. The information taken from the research project, service agencies and people who carry the knowledge will ensure that Haida traditions and values will be incorporated in the new policies. This will be presented to Parliament for consideration to legislate into an amended Child and Community Services Act, a new way of working with Children and Families, **our way** of ensuring our children are being cared for in a manner that respects and addresses the needs of our children and families.

A key component of this work was the work conducted at the Youth Symposium, K'yuu Gawtlax (New Path) where the youth spoke and said that they have "RIGHTS THAT ARE A CENTRAL PART OF THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LEGACY (see Youth Declaration handout)" and local leadership, service providers and communities witnessed the CHN President, Guujaaw, accept the Haida Nation Children And Youth Declaration and signed off on the Declaration to **"embrace a child-centered approach that holds our children and youth in high regard, recognizing that Haida children and youth are the future and the future is now."**

Haida Child and Family Services Offices:

Skidegate

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Skidegate, B.C.

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Main Office

247 Eagle Ave

Masset, B.C.

Phone: 250-626-5257

Fax: 250-626-5287

HAIDA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES STAFF, ADMINISTRATION, BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST IN THE WORK WE ARE STRIVING TO DO ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON HAIDA GWAI.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW AA TO ALL LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PROCESSES THAT WILL ENSURE THE CHILDREN ON HAIDA GWAI HAVE A PROMISING FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Did you know that?

In B.C. 50% of the children in care are aboriginal. In the North, 4 out of 5 children in care are aboriginal. 80% of these aboriginal children are placed in non-aboriginal homes (shared information at the Touchstone Gathering, Nov 3).

Active recruitment for aboriginal foster homes continues through delegated agencies and MCFD.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please call our office or the Ministry office at 250 559 4403.

SKIDEGATE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY/TIRE NUMBER: 559-8300

Fire Hall non-emergency #/ Fax - 559-7700

**Reporting a fire?-Give your name, the location of the fire,
and the type of fire, (ie. House, tire, Brush fire, Garbage, etc.)**

FIREFIGHTER	NIGHT	DAY	
1 John Wesley -85	559-4633	559-4496	Monday-Friday
2 Moony Pearson-90	559-8093	559-4496	Everyday
3 Kevan Mearns-90	559-8308	559-8945	Everyday
4 John Daschuk 01	559-8900	559-8900	Saturday/Sunday
5. Phil Gladstones 67	559-4546	559-4496	Monday-Friday
6 Peter Engel-01	559-8485	559-8078	Monday-Friday
8. Ken Williams	559-4462	559-8945	Monday-Friday
9. Russell Gladstone	559-4219	559-4219	Every Day
11 Sherry Williams-99	559-7750	250-637-1701	Everyday
12. George Wesley	559-8684	559-8945	Monday-Friday
13. Steven Wesley	559-4493		Every day

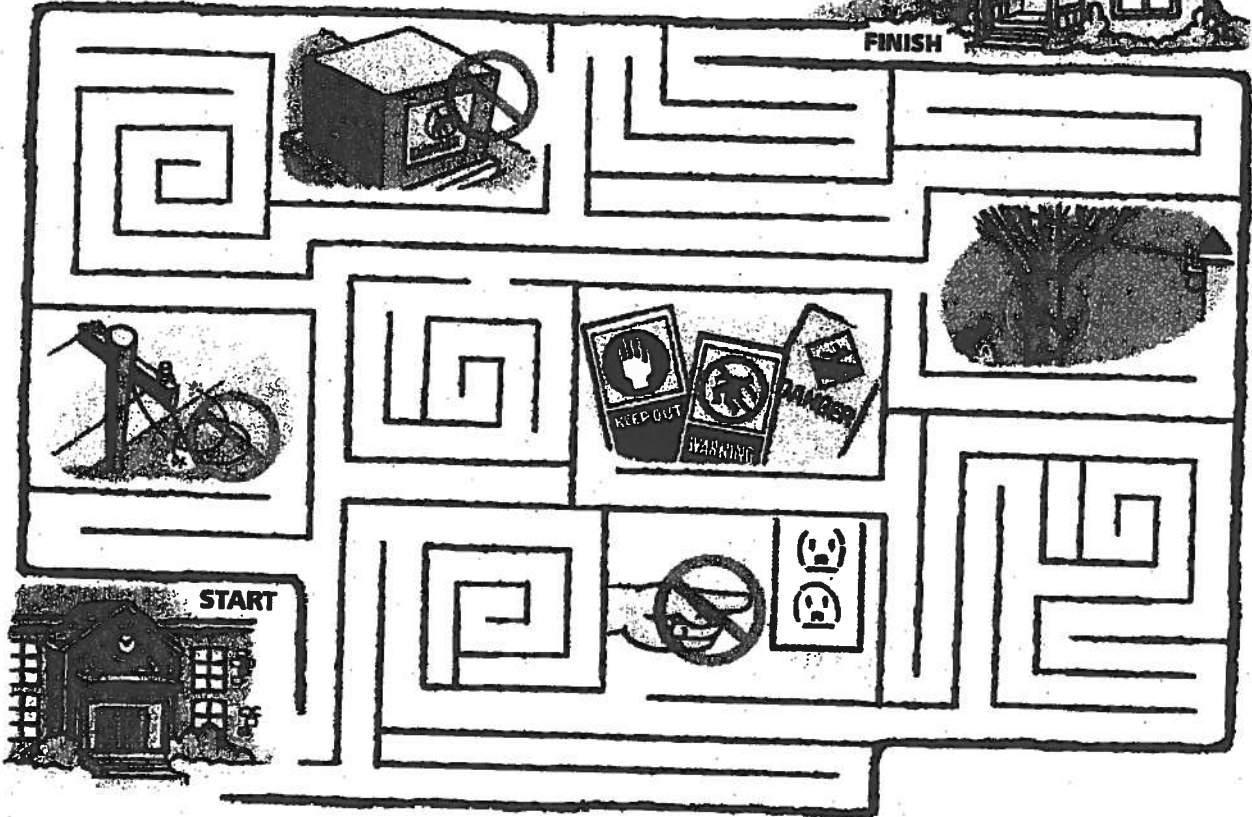
MOST OF THE ABOVE CAN BE REACHED ON MARINE CHANNEL 6

BC HYDRO	1-888-769-3776	1-800-663-3125
Police	559-4421	
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911	
Q.C. Fire Dept. Poison Control	559-4488	
Ambulance	1-800-461-9911	
Pete Thompson (First Aid)	559-4216	please call the Ambulance before calling Pete
Hospital	559-4300	

Please cut out and leave beside your phone.

Taking the Safe Path...

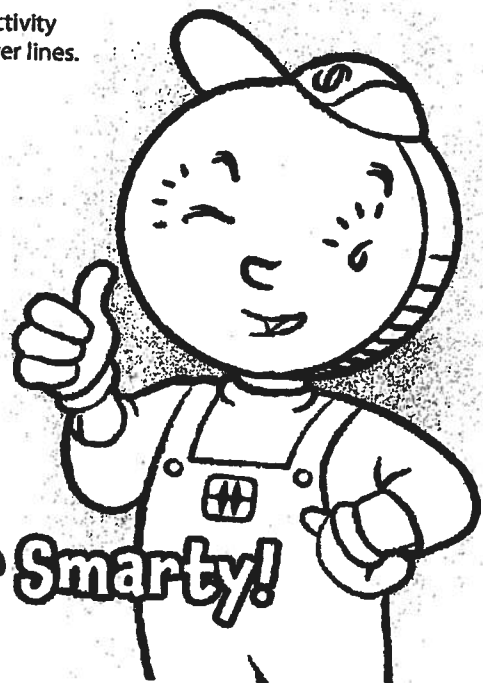
Can you find your way home from school without getting into a dangerous situation?



? Did you know you don't have to touch a power line to be electrocuted. Electricity can arc or jump across open air so you should always keep at least 3 metres back from power lines, to avoid being electrocuted.

Safety Sketch

Draw yourself involved in an activity that's a safe distance from power lines.



Colour Smarty!