



# SKIDEGATE NEWSLETTER



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## Skidegate Band Council Update

It has come to Council's attention that band members are using numerous different locations throughout Skidegate to dump garbage, clam shells, deer carcasses, etc. This practice needs to **STOP**, it created a magnet for bears and flies which leads to safety and health hazards.

We have also noted that people dump deer carcasses and shells, etc. just above the high tide mark, please bring your remains down below the high tide mark, this decreases the possibility of rotting garbage and the smell. A lot of our people enjoy walking on the beach and the highway.

Please keep the sites clean. Haaw'a



## SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL

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### Workplace Harassment Policy

Further to the Skidegate Band Council meeting held on 6 July 2011, the Council hereby resolves that:

**WHEREAS** the Skidegate Band Council wishes to maintain a positive and safe working environment for the Councillors and employees of the Skidegate Band;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Skidegate Band Council implements the following policy to better ensure safety in the workplace:

- Violence, foul language and abusive behaviours are not acceptable.
- Verbal threats or acts of violence will not be tolerated and may result in removal from this facility and/or prosecution to the full extent of the law.

# BC Community Achievement Wards

## Information Package on the Skidegate Bulletin Board

*“Give back to the people who give the most in your community.”*

British Columbia's communities are shaped by the people who live in them, and especially by the contributions of extraordinary individuals.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, healthy, and unique. They inspire by their example.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards are presented by the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, a foundation established in 2003 by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts and the humanities.

The BC Community Achievement Awards are generously sponsored by Postmedia Network, Canada's largest publisher of paid English language daily newspapers, whose strong presence in BC includes The Vancouver Sun, The Province, The Times-Colonist and numerous community newspapers throughout the province.



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

British Columbians who have made a significant contribution to their communities are eligible for a BC Community Achievement Award. Nominees will have made a contribution in any area that provides a benefit to the community – either as a volunteer or in the course of their work. These include, but are not limited to, arts and culture, sports and recreation, multiculturalism, environment, healthcare, education, civic duty, business innovation, community volunteerism, philanthropy, and youth or seniors' leadership.

Self nominations will not be accepted. Neither Members of Parliament nor Members of the Legislative Assembly, past or present, nor members of the Judiciary are eligible for nomination. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

### HOW IS SOMEONE NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD?

Any individual or group may nominate a current or former long-term resident of British Columbia by completing the attached nomination form and submitting it with:

- A letter describing the contribution of the nominee;
- A brief personal history of the nominee;
- Two current letters of support for the nominee from individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the nominee's contributions to his/her community.

### HOW ARE THE AWARD RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

An Advisory Council of independent community leaders reviews the nominations and selects approximately 30 award recipients. The Council will consider the impact of the nominee's contribution and commitment to the community.

### WHAT DO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS RECEIVE?

In the Spring, recipients will attend a formal ceremony at Government House in Victoria. The Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of British Columbia are invited to present the recipients with the British Columbia Community Achievement Medallion, a special commemorative medallion designed by renowned BC artist, Robert Davidson.

*Cultural hero, spirited,  
undaunted, fearless, bold  
Raising our awareness to  
a higher understanding*

- Robert Davidson

BC Community Achievement Awards  
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## **2011 Young Entrepreneurs Symposium- BC**

**New Relationship Trust will be hosting YES-BC held on November 30th- December 1st at the Renaissance Harbourside Hotel in Vancouver BC for BC First Nations!**

**Young Entrepreneurs Symposium-BC will be an electrifying event where young 19 – 30 year old aspiring entrepreneurs from all over British Columbia come together for an intense, fun 2-day event!**

**Delegates will be placed into teams and work in business related challenges. Focus will be on business fundamentals as well as innovative thinking. Delegates will be able to hear from experienced, successful business people that are there to share their knowledge.**

**Attached is more information as well as a report highlighting last year's YES 2010! Please distribute this information as well as displaying the attached poster.**

**Registration fee covers Hotel and food during the event.**

**REGISTER NOW! [www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/YESBC](http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/YESBC)**

**Highlights**

**Information packages on the Skidegate Bulletin Board.**



**Taan**  
**FOREST**

*From the Land and Spirit of the Haida*

**October 11, 2011**

**For Immediate Release**

**Haida Enterprise Corporation and Taan Forest conclude Negotiations to Acquire Tree Farm Licence 60**

Vancouver –Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo) has successfully concluded negotiations with Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP) for the purchase of TFL 60 covering 136,000 hectares on Graham, Moresby and Louise Islands in Haida Gwaii. TFL 60 will be managed by Taan Forest, a subsidiary of HaiCo.

“TFL 60 is an impressive forestry asset” said Thomas Olsen –HaiCo Managing Director. “We have been working with WFP for several years to conclude these negotiations and are excited to finally complete them. Forestry has been an important part of the island economy for a century. With local ownership and control of TFL 60 comes the opportunity to work towards HaiCo’s core objectives of bringing far more jobs and benefits to the island economy and a better life for people on Haida Gwaii.”

“This investment by the Haida people is a big step forward for Taan Forest, adding significantly to an existing tenure negotiated with British Columbia through the new land use agreement” said Taan’s President Bob Brash. “With a long term annual harvest of over 500,000 cubic metres, we can now leverage some of the world’s best tree growing lands and renowned wood products into more local businesses and value-added forest products. Completing this purchase allows us to target better business efficiencies for our operations, provide consistent supply to our customers, and increase our efforts in local and international markets.”

“Taan Forest has been on the leading edge of sustainable harvesting and forestry practices with its new approaches that meet the stringent objectives of the Haida Gwaii Strategic Land Use Agreement, said Brash. “The Haida Nation’s special relationship with their forests and environment is well known. In recognition, work and independent audits are already well underway to certify our operations under the the strictest of certification standards and hope to provide updates on this initiative in the next few weeks.”

“Our people will balance the natural and cultural imperatives with an Island economy” said Guujaaw – President of the Haida Nation “ More than half of the islands are now in formal protection and new standards on the economic lands will ensure sustainable practices. With our purchase of TFL 60, we have taken a major step to be involved in every economic sector affecting Haida Gwaii. The new management regime will be responsive to balancing ecological, cultural, and social matters while ensuring long term success.”

For more information please contact:

**Bob Brash- President, Taan Forest 778-386-7759**



# JOB FAIR 2011

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND  
OPEN TO PUBLIC

## *Career Development Centre*

- Local Organizations/  
Businesses
- Training Information
- Networking  
Possibilities
- Promotional Items
- Job Opportunities
- Door Prizes

*Lunch Concession Available all day*

**Tues. October 18th at Masset Community Hall**

**Wed. October 19th at QCC Community Hall**

**Doors open 11-4pm**

**See you there**

# Skidegate Health Centre Updates:



## FLU CLINIC

**Date: Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: Skidegate Health Centre Conference Room**



**DR ROBERT OLSON, Oncologist,  
BC Cancer Agency**

**Will be speaking at the  
Skidegate Small hall**

**SATURDAY OCT 15TH,**

**From 11:00 till 12:30**

**Lunch to follow**

**Haida Gwaii is a population of interest for Dr. Olson  
to focus his cancer research.**

**He will be addressing the topics of:**

**-Causes and current treatments of breast cancer**

**-The incidence of all cancers in the province and  
how we compare to the rest of BC.**

**All health care and support workers, those affected by  
cancer and families are encouraged to attend this  
unique event.**

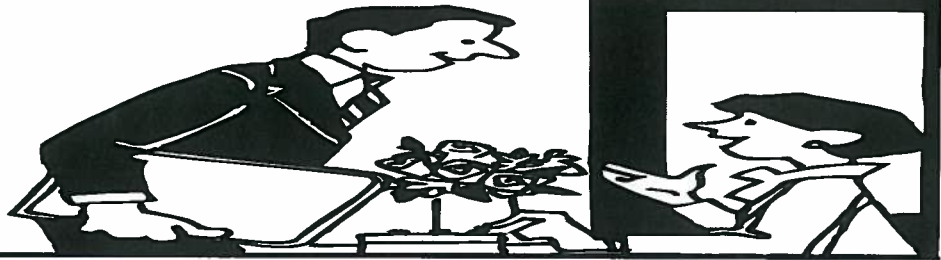
**Attention All Clients and Band Membership**

# **PLEASE CHECK-IN**

**with the Front desk Secretary.**

**She will let you know if the person you would like to see is in or busy.**

**Thank-you, have a seat**



## **Notice from the Water Treatment Plant**

On the week of October 10th it has been observed that the water usage in the community has gone way up! The plant has had to increase the production of water just to keep up reservoir levels with hardly any increase from day to day! The water level in the reservoirs usually fills overnight! We are losing approximately 15000 liters/40000 gallons per 24 hours! The amount of water wastage could seriously affect fire fighting capabilities if and when it is needed!

Possible causes are:

- Running taps to try prevent freezing, usually greatest water waster.
- Leaking taps
- Leaving leaky hoses turned on
- Underground leakage from house connections

Please help us fix this problem by:

- Insulate water lines under your house and install heating tape to prevent freezing
- Fix leaking taps by replacing the entire faucet or the gaskets
- Disconnect hose from your hose bib to prevent frozen burst lines in house
- Please report any suspected underground water line leakage

# OUR ELECTRICITY GRID IS ABOUT TO GET A WHOLE LOT SMARTER

STARTING THIS SUMMER, BC HYDRO WILL BE UPGRADING HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITH NEW SMART METERS. MOVING TO A MORE EFFICIENT, MODERNIZED GRID WILL CREATE IMMEDIATE SAVINGS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.

## YOU MAY BE WONDERING...

### What is a smart meter?

The smart metering program will modernize our electricity system by replacing old electro-mechanical meters with new digital meters. A smart meter is a digital meter that records the amount of power you use. It helps improve the efficiency of the power grid, means less wasted electricity and gets BC ready for future power needs.

### What are the benefits for me as a customer?

You will be able to see your power use in near real time and it will be faster and easier to open and close your account if you move.

### What happens if the power goes out?

With smart meters in place, BC Hydro can pinpoint power outages and restore power faster.

### How does it make my community safer?

The new meters reduce public and worker exposure to theft-related safety hazards, such as house fires, live wires and premature transformer failures.

### How will my meter be read?

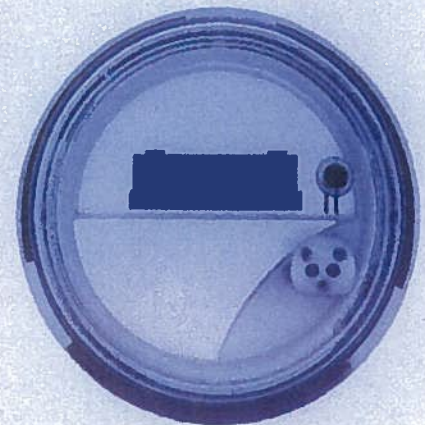
There will be remote, two way communication between your meter and BC Hydro. Smart meter signals are short, infrequent and will last less than one minute per day.

### Is the signal safe?

Yes. The signals are low level frequency, meeting and exceeding Health Canada safety standards.

### Is my information secure?

Similar to online banking systems, the data from the meters is secure and your privacy is protected.



Community Information Session: Skidegate Community Hall, October 17, 7:00pm -8:30pm

BC HYDRO REPRESENTATIVES and Trent Moraes, Housing Coordinator

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MODERNIZING BC'S GRID  
AND SMART METERS AT [BCHYDRO.COM/SMARTMETERS](http://BCHYDRO.COM/SMARTMETERS)

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# Attention Skidegate Band Membership

Skidegate Band Council  
Public Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

7 PM

Skidegate Community Hall