

# Lake Babine Nation Newsletter

## Chief Wilf Adam

Greetings everyone! I am very happy to report to you once again. It will be a year next month since we got elected in as your representative on Council. It has been a very interesting year so far and we are making progress. As you have noticed we have made some changes and a new direction. We have generally listened to the people and their desires for changes. It has been a tough year and also rewarding. It was tough because we had to deal with our members to make the changes and rewarding when plans falls into place. For example, we did not have to borrow near the year end to meet payroll or other obligations. This is positive news as it cost money to borrow and we didn't have to do this as we put in strict financial regulations. We also met all our obligations from the business we owed money to. This was huge as when we came in a lot of the business refused to deal with us because of past debts. That has been all cleared and not only that we said that we will spend the funds we get from government on the programs they were

intended for. For example, we said that education funds will be spent on education programs only and health funds will only be spent on health programs. We did this because their program dollars were being spent elsewhere. We will continue this because these two programs effect the whole nation. We need all our young people educated and be prepared for what's to come ahead in the future. This is why education is one of our priorities and we must do everything to help our students to get ahead in life. The health issues within our Nation is very serious and we will do our utmost to help our members who fall to illness and help them to recover. I fully understand this as I was stricken with a major health problem about 14 months ago. So we need the health dollars to go towards the health of the members first.

This is very good news as it shows that we are on the right path and on our way to better things to come. I must single out a couple of people especially our financial controller,

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Chief Wilf Adam*
- *Frank Michell—Deputy Chief*
- *Justa Monk—Executive Director*
- *Louise Lacerte—Woyenne Councillor*
- *Grace Duncan—Tachet Councillor*
- *Verna Power—Old Fort Councillor*
- *Announcements*
- *Ned'ut'en Hereditary Chief Gathering*
- *Seniors Gathering*
- *IHOP & Forgiven Summit Report*
- *Fisheries Update*

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Evelyn Netmaker for doing a very good job in making sure our books are in the right order and making sure we meet our obligations. Also to our Executive Director Justa Monk, for making sure all the reporting to governments are in and getting past funds that INAC owes us. And, for making sure that staff do their jobs and making sure the services to members are met. The Council also deserves recognition as we held together and made these decisions together and make sure we stay on the right path. We must always keep our books in order so that we can concentrate on helping the people where help is needed.

One of the areas is our mental and physical well-being. One of the programs I have been promoting is the Choices program and we need every type of program that will help ourselves individually and how to do things better. There is another program that I have been talking to the bishop about, it is the "Returning to Spirit" program. I don't know much about this program and will have

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more discussion with Bishop on it. As for the Choices program, I just want to correct one thing I keep hearing is about the cost. The cost of the program is \$2400 and if you pay 10 days in advance the cost is \$1900 and that includes the room cost for the 5 day seminar and the two weekend follow-ups. What I keep hearing that it's very expensive and costing \$15,000 per person. This is a total lie and should check the facts before its being said. It's a wonderful program that truly helped me and my wife with our well-being and don't like hearing from people

who trash this program when they have not taken it or experience the wonderful changes in their lives if they have taken it. I have been saying that if there are any programs that will help our members we should have a look at it and always be open to suggestions, as this is the time we need this extra help with our lives.

There are still lots of challenges to come as we have to be self sufficient if we want governments out of our way. We need to create jobs and better housing for the members and this is why we must all work together to make it a reality. This will take all of us to start settling back to our territory and make use of our lands. It has been far too long that non-natives and others benefit from our resources and lands. This is why we want to work with our Hereditary Chiefs so we all can benefit from our own land and resources. We just have to get our act straight and be on

the same page. Sometimes we are our own worst enemies as we must find a way to work with each other for a better future for the members.

One of my goals is to have our communities like Babine and Tachet, where members live year round, to have their own local government.

This means they would have their own chief and council so that they will make their own decisions. If the other emerging communities start to have year round residence then we will look at that too. We need a new governance system as the structure INAC placed us under is not working. Hopefully we can successfully negotiate with the Federal government to make this change.

There is one other outstanding issue that we must get resolved, it is the reserve status of the new subdivision at Woyenne. Currently this addition made in 1988 was put under my name in trust for our Nation. When we started the new subdivision it was our under-

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standing that the new land purchase would turn into reserve land status within two years. It has been 22 years since and it's still not officially reserve status. Now it's still under a *temporary certificate of occupation* (INAC term). INAC has mis-handled this issue all this time and now we are working to resolve it ASAP. This means it's like a reserve status but legally it's not. Now, as it stands we have to vote on this as a new requirement of INAC to take it out of my hands and place it in the hands of the federal government, as to make it reserve status, finally. This means our membership will vote in July or August at Woyenne.

In closing, I want to say that we should make it harder for the devil and not make it easier. When you lie, not tell the truth, talk about people in a bad way, and by not praying, you are helping the devil. It is not a Christian thing to do when you're not honest and keep a closed mind as I hear people say they are Christians and they do all this bad stuff that I mentioned. The way to make it harder for the devil is to start praying and quit those



self-defeating games that I mentioned. Be honest to the best of your ability, and just pray for your fellow man in a good way. Also pray for understanding and our members to get along with one another. It's the devil that is dividing the members and let's not fall into that trap. Prayer is good and powerful and makes you feel better in the long run. Just pray in your own way and do it often. Just ask God for his blessing and ask Him for his help. God is always there and always there to help us even though at times we think He is not there but He is. Trust in the Lord.

On a positive note, it's close to the Lejac pilgrimage and this year there are two people I truly respect and they will be there. Fa. Larre who did a workshop at our church will be there for three talks and my friend the Hon. Steven Point our lieutenant governor will be there for one session. I'm all excited about this and hope you can make it there for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Lejac.

Thank you for your time and take care and have fun.

Chief Oputt

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Fall 2010**

**LAIR Centre Coordinator  
Thomas Perry**

Together we can help stop viral hepatitis and prevent liver cancer



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We would like to thank the staff that helped Richard Lowley sort the hot lunch program: Linda Johnnie, Ruby Adam, Irene Alec

**Social Development Department**



## Frank Michell—Deputy Chief

Hello to all of our membership. I hope things are picking up as far as us in band it has been a struggle to get our band into sound standing. If you remember all the things that I have reported on in our January newsletter, you can see that the band was close to third party. We don't want that to happen as our members will suffer more. Most of our staff would have been let go and D.I.A will appoint a third party management team to look after the band. I know of one band in the north who is under third party and the management team is running the bands administration out of their Vancouver office. If this happened to us a lot of our members will suffer.

March 31 – Chief & Council met with S.D. 91. Education is always a concern to us. We have to prepare our young people as we can see that the provincial government is drastically reducing services in Social Development.

We are quite concerned about how targeted dollars are spent in the school district.

I was the one that negotiated the local Education Agreement a long time ago. In the agreement I negotiated positions for our people in the contract. It's a concern to us when non-native people are put in those positions.

April 6 – AFN meeting in P.G.

- Child Welfare underfunded by 27%
- Talking about creating a Northern sub region for Health matters.
- Dr. Cindy Blackstock report.
- Over 27,000 native children in care across Canada.
- Fed. Gov. has over 15,000 employees in Ottawa alone.
- Non-native child gets \$600 more for child services.
- Court case in Ottawa regarding native children in custody. We as natives can't afford to lose this case, taking place in June 2,3. At the Community meeting in Vancouver in June 9, 10, 11, I asked Chief Jackie Thomas what came out of this court case. Her answer stunned me. The feds are stating that we shouldn't be using Human Rights issue in the case. However, the Supreme Court judge will make his final ruling I was told.
- No decision on Community Development funds.
- Jake Hiebert – paid \$500/mo. For use of his property to load \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.
- Issue about our native logging crew getting billed taxes for working outside of native land. Some of them as high as \$50,000.



April 13 – Meeting with Granisle Mayor & Council on Community Forest partnering with Tachet and Old Fort.

April 15 + 16 – FAMC meeting in Vancouver funded by D.I.A.

- General Assessments will have to be done on bands whose funding agreements are close to expiring. Risk factors that the bands are facing were discussed.
- No new funding for capacity development
- All gov. funded projects will have to go through the general assessment exercise.

April 20 – C&C meeting with staff about attitude and being late. Staff have to be good role models as I have heard that students from Ted Williams Memorial School see our staff getting to work as late as 9:30 a.m. and same students have made comments that they want to work for band and will not come in late.

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April 27 – Co Council met with Village of Burns Lake on the proposed new hospital.

May 3 – Chief & Council met with Senior Managers for update on band matters.

May 5 – BLNDC meeting

- Total sales 546 thousand board ft.
- Finger joint selling more to U.S.A.
- 2 x 4 to U.S.A. Sold
- 2 x 6 to Canada – Sold
- ESW – Marketing Sales Status saved BLNDC \$36,000 duty.

May 6 – C&C met with treaty staff.

May 10 – Met with Northern Health causes on issues relating health issues.

May 12 – Met with Ron Miller and Sandra Barth on Lakes District Seniors activities happening. Anyone over 50 years are welcome to attend Dances in Decker Lake Hall, next one in September.

May 13 – Original cheques for Nelson Vanderkreyke Barristers' & Solicitors for services rendered. Dec. 1, 2008 – Jan. 31, 2009 amount \$30, 259.52. This should have been paid by previous Chief & Council.

- \$622.56 Finance cheque on overdue amount to S.D. 91 May 31, 2009.
- S.D. 91 \$157, 977.322 tuition up to April 2009.
- We are up to date on bills to S.D. 91.

May 19 – C & C met with Health Canada in Vancouver to sign new funding agreement. We are only one of two bands to sign this new funding agreement.

May 25 – C & C met with CSFS on protocol agreement.

May 26 – Invited to W.K.E mini potlatch. Good to see four of our young ladies sing a traditional song. Keep up the good work.

Nice to see that of few of the influential Chiefs in B.C. have taken Choices to improve themselves. Clarence Louie from Osoyoos, Shane Godfriedson from Kamloops, \_\_\_ Phillips Chief of Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, Bob Micht from Hartly Bay. Bob Hill, Chris \_\_\_, Fred Sam – Necoslie?, Phillip Joe. Total of 38 B.C. Chiefs have taken his program in order to better themselves. I am not sure what our people want. Are we going to still be in different \_\_\_ 10 years from now and not go anywhere? Think about it.

June 3 – Met with Northern Health.

- Death of infant – inquiry still in process. Results will be made known at end of June.
- Need to develop a plan for new hospital and our involvement in planning stages.

June 16 – Met with Bob Hall of Sto lo Nation.

- Bob seeking partnership with 1<sup>st</sup> Nation in mining, forestry – sales, capital sales.

June 17, 18 – FAMC meeting with INAC.

- Chris Lee on \_\_\_ at DIA Office.
- Chris – Senior project manager overlooking assessment for 10 months, Jerry Ashenbrenner taking over Chris' job for 10 mos.

We will be getting a new Funding Services Officer, not finalized yet on who it will be. I was given two names of possible candidates.

Be careful when driving during the summer. To date there have been a few fatal accidents between here and Prince George. Remember, it is the other drivers on the road that you have to be wary of also. Have a safe summer.

## Justa Monk—Executive Director

I want to make a report on funding we receive from the governments and companies.

- Department of Indian Affairs budget for Band Support, Capital, Social Assistance, O&M, Education, Economic Development etc, per year we receive \$9,991,649.
- From Health Canada the funding for health needs is \$2,097,178.
- Department of Fisheries (DFO) funding per year is for all fisheries work per year \$703,884.
- PGNAETA funding for training and daycare is \$506,836.
- Under BC Government funding, Treaty, Justice, Family Support, FRO, Childcare subsidies \$2,131,415.
- From Enbridge we have received the following two budgets, see attachment. One is based on invoice reimbursement and the other is majority of funding to legal services, lawyers that were retain by this Nation and are now released.

So every penny we get from the governments and companies, we have to be accountable for them. Therefore, NO funding for donations, NO funding for choices, NO funding for trips etc.

We are still under the Remedial Management Plan (RMP) to cover off all deficits, which will take at least five (5) years.

I will try to keep you as members updated on everything.



### STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES - INDUSTRY FUNDS

#### Revenue:

Enbridge - transfer from Macdonald & Co.	151,925.77
Prov of BC - Pacific Booker	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>8,000.00</u>
	164,925.77

#### Expenses:

Legal Fees - Macdonald & Company	54,282.50
Legal Fees - John Lojek (Retainer plus fees)	<u>28,426.30</u>
Chief and Council Travel	32,216.97
	114,925.77

**Carry over to 2010-11**

**50,000.00**

\*\*\*Note: \$25,000 of the carry-over is to be used for the Traditional Knowledge Study.

## Louise Lacerte—Woyenne Councillor

To begin, I would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to all Lake Babine Members who have completed their studies this year. Especially the high school graduates; its nice to see so many complete their grade 12; please know that this is only the beginning and there are many opportunities for you to take advantage of now.

As an Educator myself, I always stress that I have the most important portfolio as we can move mountains with the tool of education. I always encourage and support Education in all aspects as we strive to succeed in this complex society. The only stumbling blocks we have to work with is the funding portion; this is like every other program, not enough to send all members back to school. This is why the Education Department with the direction from community members have had to make tough decisions as to whom will get

funded. The funding is very limited and those choices are not easy; but note that the decision made this year were made by community members and no staff nor Chief and Council have influenced that process.

My job is to advocate and seek more funding for Education and I have been doing that at any meetings I have had the opportunity to attend. I sit on various boards to represent our Nation and our needs are voiced loud and clear, I can assure you of that. I also wanted you to know that any of my travel to board meetings are reimbursable by the respected board meetings that I attend.

Overall, I am very pleased to announce that the finance of the Nation is improving and continues to take strides to a positive working relationship with various businesses. I feel that as an organization this is a very important problem that

needed fixing and attention and we have been able to do just that.

I have quickly learned that being a politician is not easy. We have to make decisions that does not cater individual needs but decisions that will serve all members. Most times we do not get the blessings from all members but we can't please everyone and I've said it again and again, it's the Government that put us all in this situation and I believe that if we work together we can come out of it.

I will conclude by saying that new initiatives are being worked on but like everything else it takes time to get projects started. But there are many great ideas and they will all be looked at and considered when funding makes it possible. Take care, and God Bless you all!



## Grace Duncan—Tachet Councillor

### STAFF:

The Social Development is currently staffed with three full time employees:

- Mary West - Manager
- Steven Dominic - Family & Child Services
- Norma Wilson - Receptionist
- Corrina Tom - Justice/Social Services
- 2 Homemakers in Woyenne

The Social Development program delivers the following *services* to the clients while on assistance:

**Halloween party** - treats and costume judging at the MPMC for children ages new born to 16 years of age

**Christmas Food Hamper for the 3 communities** - food box is delivered to those on social assistance.

**Christmas Dinner** - Community Dinner in each community.

**Hot Lunch Program** - In Woyenne the program runs from September to June. Lunch Box is delivered to the children of the families on social assistance. Tachet and Ft Babine have a different set up for their Hot Lunch program

**Homemakers** - 2 homemakers work for elders and members who require assistance with their daily house chores.

**Special Needs:** Is based on client needs and assessment. However the SN is not in the current 2010/2011 fiscal year budget.

**Comfort Allowance:** Persons must reside on reserve and on income assistance before going to a special care facility. For example, hospital, rehabilitation or treatment center. This does not include prison or correction facility.

NOTE: A person cannot receive both SA and comforts allowance.

### Child in Parental Home (COPH)

Changes to the Guardian Financial Assistance as of January 1,2010 is now "Child out of the Parental Home.

New Policy now requires whoever ages 18 and over residing in the same household will now have to do a MCFD (Ministry of Children and Family Development) screening checks. Screening checks includes criminal record check.

A CORONET check, which is a review of any criminal charges and convictions (including convictions that have been pardoned), probation, stay of proceedings, alternative measures and unsealed Young Offender offences from British Columbia's correctional system.

More paperwork and forms needs to be filled out. Screening checks will be done by MCFD (Ministry of Children and Family Development in Vancouver).

If anyone in household refuses to sign consent or to be screened or is found to present a risk to the child, the application will be denied.

The new process will take 6 weeks.

The intent of these changes is to enhance the safety of children being cared for in the home of a relative living on reserve, who receive assistance through the COPH program.

### Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers

According to the certificate of a medical practitioner :

- has a medical condition that is likely to last for at least 6 months;
- as a direct result of that medical conditions has ongoing assistance to perform daily living tasks; and
- has no other sources of funding to pay for those extra costs of that assistance.

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### Persons with Disability (PWD)

Means a person who:

- is 18 years of age or older;
- as a direct result of a severe mental or physical impairment requires extensive assistance or supervision in order to perform daily tasks with a reasonable period of time, or
- requires unusual and continuous monthly expenditures for transportation or for special diets or for other unusual but essential and continuous needs, and has obtained confirmation from a medical practitioner that the impairment referred to in definition of Handicapped, PWD bopklet.

- Is likely to continue for at least two years, or
- Is likely to continue for at least one year and is likely to recur.

**BENEFITS:** for disability begins the calendar month following approval of the application.

Under no circumstances shall retroactive payments be authorized.

### OFFICE HOURS

**Office hours for the social development department are Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Closed for Lunch Hours. And closed during statutory holidays.**

## Verna Power—Old Fort Councillor

Well it's been a year since we've been elected into our seats. We had to buckle down for the rough ride that we have been through this year. With all the decisions we were faced with it has been both emotionally and mentally straining. But we've managed to get through those times, with some difficult issues still at the table.

My portfolios for this term will be *Natural Resources and Health*. Both portfolios have been jam-packed with *education*- the flexibility to grow, *lessons learned*- hereditary chiefs rules and regulations verses the no name brands, we need equal voices at the table, *challenges*-to accept the current circumstances as they present themselves without discrimination, without pointing fingers and issues at the past elected Chief and Council, *progress*- determination to move forward as a nation in a peaceful united Lake Babine Nation way

### Health

The health portfolio has been very busy. Thank you Nancy James and the health team for doing an excellent job in your department.

Nancy and her team wrote such a comprehensive health agreement proposal that the proposal was accepted by Health Canada. We at Lake Babine Nation were one of two nations that signed the Flexible Agreement with Health Canada. This agreement covers off-reserve travel too. In addition, the agreement is good for 10 years; this is an important mile-stone. Lake Babine Nation is now part of the decision making for the regional funds of \$300 million. The Flexible agreement between Health Canada and Lake Babine Nation was signed on May 19, 2010 in Vancouver, BC.

There were a few changes in Health Department. Nancy has been trying to hang on to some staff but with unfortunate circumstances Gaylene Neary was laid-off, her position was approved by Health Canada however, did not fit into the RMP. Gaylene is deeply missed at the office as many support staff used her services for their personal health journey to cope with the daily stresses of work and life. Gaylene presented herself as very trustworthy and willing to lend a listening ear. Gaylene will be missed in the office and in the communities. Zoe LeFevre left her position in the health department. Lake Babine Nation retained



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Zoe LeFevre from First Nation & Inuit Health Canada. Zoe LeFevre is highly recommended with excellent qualification. LBN health department held a farewell luncheon for her with many heartfelt tears. Zoe's presents will be missed in the department.

Please help me welcome Arnold who was hired for alcohol and addictions counselling. Arnold is going to Fort Babine and Tachet to start men's groups and A.A. meeting on a weekly basis. Right on, you go Arnold.

### CHOICES

Choices an adventure of a life time. The program was offered to a few of the senior managers. There was some unjust behaviour between the staff. Chief offered an opportunity for them to get away and explore other opportunities to redefine their relationships both at work and in their personal relationships. As chief stated this was a gift that would ensure that we at Lake Babine continued to retain the professionalism that we are counting on at the front line. I believe it is important we have healthy communications with the world at whole. Choices offer new and different, but effective, tools to boost the tools we already carry in our current daily affairs.

I understand the financial side of sending people to Choices. The fact that in the past there was some \$500,000 spent on the program. The fact that the program didn't work for some people; well maybe it wasn't their individual time to accept change. When a person goes to Choices they have to go in with an open heart and ears and a willingness to try something different. As we all know if nothing changes, nothing changes and everything stays the same. Or you can try something different and look at our life through different glasses because we cannot change or heal what we do not acknowledge.

### Boat Licences

This year all watercraft operators have to retain a boating licence. If caught without a licence a person will be subject to a fine. There were 2 grace years which allowed people a chance to retain their individual licence.

### Natural Resources

Enbridge- we at Lake Babine Nation have signed an agreement to participate in the environmental assessment study. During this study we need to document and identify the traditional territory and the trap-lines of the effected territories. We need to collectively develop a map that has all Lake Babine Nation names of streams, lakes, creeks, and rivers. Once that is completed then when industry, pipeline, and proponents come into our territories, they will know who to consult with. This would make dealing with the business sector and Lake Babine Nation more effective and efficient.

We also need to start asking about the backup plan for disaster control. Because as we are learning from the BP Gulf of Mexico Oil disaster, that after the backup plan there are no plans. This has to be considered to, a company can campaign trust, honesty, and careful-solid plans all they want. But when disaster strikes there are no plans for the environment there are only plans to save the oil or gas that is being lost.

### MEMPR -Ministry of Energy Mine Petroleum Resources

MEMPR is requesting a meeting to give a presentation of the old Bell/Noranda mine site tailings pond. The plans for clean up, reclamation of the tailings pond, cyanide pond and the open pit which is 3/4s full with emerald green water not to mention re-panting at the back end of the mine site. This is where we can request the need for Lake Babine Nation involvement.

### Dome Mountain Project

Dome Mountain has been waiting for a meeting with chief and council since April. This projects aim is to erect an old Mining Shaft that was mined back in the early 1960s. We need the traditional territory and trap line land holder of this project to assist in the environmental assessment. This will insure that their voices are heard and documented. Frank Alec is one of the traditional territory and trap line holders who used a GPS to record each and every trap on his trap line. This is a bonus as no agency can change the location of the traps. Dome mountain project (Metal Mountain Resources Inc., [Metal Mountain] is moving through the approvals process with the participation from Lake Babine Nation The present review is a 2 year program to take ore



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out of existing old mine shaft and transport to a mill in a different location. The plan is to finish identifying the ore body and then apply to permit a small mill on-site and expand their work in about 2 years.

The technical review of all the permits and conditions for those permits is basically complete. Further, Metal Mountain has been working with the House Chief Frank Alec, directly on his concerns to ensure they are fully addressed. To the understanding of, Brain Herbert-MEMPR, this is now complete and the house chief is ready to see the project move forward. Metal Mountain has been trying to meet with chief and council to discuss the project, and unfortunately dates have just not worked out so far. Metal Mountain is confirmed for the 28<sup>th</sup> of June with chief and council.

Metal Mountain would like to be able to proceed on their plans to work this summer and therefore need to ensure they have addressed any concerns Lake Babine Nation may have and any next steps agreed to. MEMPR would like to be able to permit the present 2 year operating plan for the Mountain Project and stay engaged with Lake Babine Nation in this project. To permit the 2 year work plan for this project now and commit to the continued engagement on the non-technical issues with a plan to move forward on the future of this project.

### Pacific Booker Mineral (PBM): The Morrison Copper-Gold Project

This company has been a challenge from the beginning. First, they slammed Lake Babine Nation and Betty Patrick, then the chief, with a Statement of Defamation for a press release that Lake Babine Nation released. The press release stated we at LBN were pulling away from negotiations as we felt PBN was not cooperating or meeting any demands that LBN was requesting. Within days of the press release PBM served Betty Patrick with a summons. This action that PBM imposed on LBN stopped all negotiations and also affected are participation in the screening working group of the BC Environment Assessment Study. We at LBN wanted to participate in the Environmental Assessment Study however, with the statement of defamation in place we could not get around sitting at the table with PBM without conflict or coming into contact with PBM and saying something that would initiate further actions from PBM.

Since then the new elected council put 4 conditions down for PBM to follow. The conditions are as follows:

- 1) To drop statement of defamation claim against Lake Babine Nation and Betty Patrick
- 2) To apologize for the inappropriate behaviours to Lake Babine and Betty Patrick
- 3) To pay all costs incurred by Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. Statement of Defamation claim
- 4) To NOT work with Eric Tournquis of Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. We are willing to work with any other stake holder or administrator of Pacific Booker Minerals Inc.

To date we have been communicating with Bill Deeks and John Plourde of Pacific Booker Minerals

### **Environmental Assessment and Permitting/Licenses**

On September 28, 2009 Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. submitted an Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate to the BC Environmental Assessment Office. PBM has had their BC Environmental Assessment certificate denied. There were far too many loop-holds in the application, particularly the aquatics part of the assessment. The waste rock that will be pile on the point, peering into the Lake, will be sliding into Morrison Lake as it builds up. In addition, to the 16 holes they had to re-drill to find the perimeter of the pit. PBM has re-submitted their application, for an approval, for an environmental certificate for the Morrison Copper-Gold project Pacific Booker Minerals Inc's Morrison project re-filed its application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate with the BC Environmental Assessment Office. This application, if accepted, will trigger a BC environmental review, a key step in the mine development process. The project proposes a 30,000 tonnes/day open pit mine over a projected mine life of 21 years. Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. plans to commence operations in 2012.

The Environmental Assessment Certificate is required to apply for a Mining Permit for the construction, operation and maintenance, decommissioning and reclamation of the proposed 30,000t/d open-pit mine. Which at the beginning of the application was at 24 000 t/d open-pit mine, I wonder why the dramatic increase.

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Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. also submitted a number of permit applications for concurrent review with the Environmental Assessment Certificate Application, including: (1) the Mining Lease application, which grants mineral production rights from surveyed mineral claims; (2) two Licenses of Occupation, which grant surface rights for the use of Crown Land along the proposed Transmission Line and for an area in the proposed Tailings Storage Facility; and (3) various Forestry permits and licenses, which grant the right to cut timber on the mine site and along the proposed Transmission Line route, and grant permission to use forestry roads for mine access.

Permits and Licenses are expected to be received in 2012 with mine construction to follow.

### Project Advantages

The Morrison deposit has the advantage of existing regional infrastructure to service the region, including a deep-sea shipping terminal at the port of Stewart, B.C., a road network, nearby power (25 km from the project site), and a full service town (Granisle) within daily commuting distance from the project site. High Pressure Grinding Rolls (HPGR) will be used as a replacement for the conventional SAG milling process resulting in a significant cost savings in power and consumables. However, toxic chemicals still need to be used.

### PBM's Representative



William Deeks, P-Eng. Chem., Chairman of the Board, has 40 years management experience in Mining with Noranda Inc. In the Granisle division, covering Operations, Marketing, R&D, Environmental Management, Health Safety and Accident prevention; approval of mining exploration, research and operating budgets; and work on project feasibility studies and approval. Bill played a large role in the start and closing of Noranda Mine in Granisle. He is a member of the Founding Governance committee of the Mining Association of Canada “Toward Sustainable Mining” initiative in which Booker participates. He was for 10 years the Chairman of Charles Tennant Canada, a mining chemicals/collectors producer and chemicals distribution company. He has been an Executive Director since March 17, 1997.

### Bill C-9

Bill C-9 is a massive omnibus budget bill that includes a wide number of measures that the federal government wished to pass, but which it knows would be unlikely to receive support in this minority government Parliament, and would generate negative public attention if proposed and debated as separate bills.

At 900 pages and 2,200 clauses, it is said to be the largest, most complex and wide-ranging omnibus bill ever. It is unprecedented in Canada but a common tactic in the US. For example, it was employed by George Bush, Sr. to try to pass ANWR drilling approvals—a move only narrowly defeated by filibustering in the US Senate.

Of concern to environmental groups and First Nations is the section that would amend the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* regulations to limit the application of federal EA to development.

It includes a clause to amend section 15 of the CEAA, giving the minister of the environment, or any such person as he might designate, the authority to scope down the elements of a project that will be subject to an EA. This is in direct response to the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in the Red Chris Mine case earlier this year, which determined that the current act does not give the federal government the power to ignore key elements of a project when determining the scope of an environmental assessment.

According to [Environmental Law Centre](#) Executive Director Cindy Chiasson, this change would allow the minister to cherry-pick elements of a project to avoid controversy. (Listen to Chiasson on The Current: [Listen to the interview on the CBC website.](#))

Chiasson uses the example of the tar sands, and notes that if passed this change would allow the federal government to decide for example, that only the actual mining operations would require an EA, and choose not to assess the tailing ponds, road constructions and other necessary elements of such a project.

This is of concern across Canada. It should be of particular concern in BC, where the BC provincial environmental review process has never come across a mining project that it did not approve. The only recent exception was Kemess North – but this was only rejected through a joint-provincial federal review process.

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Following the Kemess North result, BC broke commitments to engage in a similar joint review process for Taseko Mines Ltd's Prosperity (Fish Lake) project, and proceeded to review and approve that project under provincial legislation.

Fortunately, a federal review process is still underway, with recommendations expected in the coming months from a federally appointed panel. However, had the changes to legislation been enacted already, the CEAA process could have been scoped down to exclude the most controversial elements of the project.

Indeed, while it is not clear how far the changes would allow the government to go – given the limited debate and probing into this measure to date - it would appear the environment minister might be able to use these changes if they are made law as a justification for rejecting aspects of the CEAA panel's recommendations, paving the way for the project to be approved.

### Reasons why it should be stopped

- The federal review process has consistently been a line of defense against rubber-stamping of projects by the provinces - especially in BC. *Without it, the destruction of Duk Bin Si (Booker Lake) could have already begun. In addition, begun the destruction of Fish Lake and its environs by Taseko could already have begun.*
- If the planned changes become law, this defense will be greatly weakened, if not neutered
- All governments are under pressure to facilitate mining and other resources development.
- BC has a record of approving every mine project that it has reviewed on its own, and there is campaign by the mining industry to create what they themselves refer to as a "mining renaissance" in BC. This push to approve projects is being made regardless of the environmental costs and the rights of First Nations whose unceded traditional lands the projects would be violated by the destructive mines.
- Hard-won court victories have recently added to the responsibilities of the federal government to conduct comprehensive EA. This needs to be reinforced.
- Enactment of the changes in Bill C-9 re the EA process will negate the above ruling, remove tools that FNs and ENGOs have found valuable and will need in the future, and provide powers to help governments ram through pet projects.
- A lack of a major outcry from EGNOs and FNs and serious media scrutiny will guarantee that this bill goes through as-is.
- Such silence will also encourage the government to further erode important protections for the environment.



### Old Fort – Rediscovery to move to Dan Mathews property in Old Fort

Dan Mathews has invited Rediscovery to his property plot in Old Fort. There are many controversies around rediscovery. First, Boiling Point was in conflict with the Traditional Territory Head holder then the fact the no other building such as a cook shack could be built on the property. So Dan Mathews became gravely concerned about the younger generation. This is a good program however; members have a mindset that the program does not have LBN cultural and traditional components to the program. If this is so then it is easy to redesign it to accommodate the members better. We at Old Fort have been waiting for such a program. I think maybe we can look at this program and see how it works, if it truly fits Old Forts needs then Old Fort can set one up that is designed to the needs of Old Fort

Rediscovery needs Insurance for participants, particularly the neighbouring nations that will be visiting rediscovery camp.

### FMWARM at PDAC 2010

FNWARM delegates experienced interesting and successful attendance at this year's Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference in Toronto March 7 to 10. The goal was to raise awareness of our issues and the need for reform of laws, regulation and attitudes to ensure environmentally sound mining projects that fully respect and reflect first Nations rights and cultures through genuine and meaningful partnerships. Our delegates made significant inroads and contacts in this regard.

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The attending delegates were: Takla Chief Dolly Abraham and band councillor Kathaleigh George; Xeni Gwet'in Chief Marilyn Baptiste of the Tsilhqot'in National Government; Xat'sull (Soda Creek) Chief Bev Sellars; former Lake Babine First Nation Betty Patrick and councillor Verna Power; Nak'azdli First Nation band councillor Anne Marie Sam; FNWARM facilitator and administrator Corrine Porte (Executive Director, Dena Kayeh Institute).

The event was somewhat daunting – reports put the attendance at the world's largest mining conference as high as 23,000 (mostly male) delegates.

However, it was a stimulating and valuable experience – providing an excellent opportunity to learn more about the industry and its players and to meet with some of its members, as well as with other groups concerned about mining activities, and with indigenous peoples from other parts of the world.

### Our Ad Campaign

FNWARM ensured its message would be heard at the conference by placing a fun “personal ad” in the Globe and Mail's Report on Business and in the Financial Post ; looking for responsible mining partners. For some unfathomable reason, the Toronto Star was reluctant to place the ad – perhaps it was worried about upsetting potential mining advertisers. The conditions it placed on running it were unacceptable and so it did not appear in this paper, but the Globe and Post ads were prominent and well received – even the mining companies got both the humour and the serious message behind it.

To set the tone, the FNWARM delegates have posted a personal ad in Monday's editions of the Globe and Mail's Report on Business and the Financial Post. It reads: *“Attention PDAC Delegates: Are you a Prince Charming? First Nations women seek sensitive mining companies for meaningful long-term relationships. Must be good listeners; willing to share decision making; and environmentally, socially and culturally responsible. Must clean up after themselves. Money-grubbing gold-diggers need not apply.”*

### World Bank Forum

One of the highlights of the conference was the invitation to participate in a World Bank Forum on mining and indigenous peoples and we were the only women's group to participate. Our delegates were Councillor Anne Marie Sam And Betty Patrick.

One of the lessons re-learned (Councillor Sam has already encountered this upon a visiting to mining operations in Ecuador last year) was that communities and authorities in other countries are often told that in Canada, relations with first Nations are excellent and the companies proceed with environmentally sound “green” mines.

There was what appeared to be genuine surprise from officials from other countries to learn that this is mostly not the case – certainly in BC – and that industry definitions of [”green” mines included projects that would – to give just two examples – turn pristine wilderness lakes into toxic tailing ponds , or jeopardizes major watersheds and fisheries.

Somewhat to our surprise, given the very formal image that the World Bank has, our ad was a hit at the forum, as were the contributions of our delegates and there is now talk of FNWARM being invited to attend a follow up conference in Washington DC at a later date.

### Mining and Aboriginal People

FNWARM's message that all is not well with mining and First Nations and the environment in in Canada and needs drastic changes are needed, was also deliver firmly by FNWARM members at PDAC sessions dealing with mining and indigenous populations in Canada and in other countries, particularly Latin America and Councillor Sam was interviewed by Ecuadorian media on the subject, after using the information she gathered on her visit to mining operations in that country last year to challenge statements that those projects were fully supported by the local indigenous populations who's homes, waters supplies and way of live were damages or destroyed.

### Bill C-300

Our message did not sit well with many at the conference, where the central theme was a full-fledged campaign to prevent Bill C-300 from becoming law. This Liberal Private Member's Bill, which would provide a

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means of oversight and investigation of Canadian mining operations abroad, appears to have a good chance of being passed by the Commons.

While the mining industry seems to feel it has a good chance of being at least stalled in the Senate, where the Conservatives now have slightly more members than the Liberals but are short of an overall majority, it would rather not see it get that far.

Thank you for reading my report I'm sure that there are more to report on however I was not prepared to write a book just a newsletter to fill you all in on the important issues within my portfolios.

Thank you for reading and enjoy your summer. Keep on smiling. Verna Power



# Lake Babine Nation Bus Schedule



### MONDAYS

### WEDNESDAYS

### FRIDAYS

<b>Departure: 7:00 A.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>	<b>Departure: 7:00 A.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>	<b>Departure: 7:00 A.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>
<b>Arrival: 9:45 A.M. Vanderhoof Hospital</b>	<b>Arrival: 9:45 A.M. Vanderhoof Hospital</b>	<b>Arrival: 9:45 A.M. Vanderhoof Hospital</b>
<b>Arrival: 10:30 A.M. Prince George Regional Hospital</b>	<b>Arrival: 10:30 A.M. Prince George Regional Hospital</b>	<b>Arrival: 10:30 A.M. Prince George Regional Hospital</b>
<b>Departure: 4:30 P.M. Days Inn- Prince George</b>	<b>Departure: 4:30 P.M. Days Inn- Prince George</b>	<b>Departure: 4:30 P.M. Days Inn- Prince George</b>
<b>Arrival: 7:00 P.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>	<b>Arrival: 7:00 P.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>	<b>Arrival: 7:00 P.M. Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre</b>



### FARE

#### Burns Lake to Prince George

Adult	One Way \$35.00	Return \$65.00
Students [30% discount]	\$24.00	\$45.50
Child 6 yr – 12 yr[50% discount]	\$17.50	\$35.00
Child 5 yrs & Under	Free	Free

#### Burns Lake to Vanderhoof

Adult	One Way \$27.00	Return \$54.00
Students [30% discount]	\$18.00	\$36.00
Child 6 yr – 12 yr[50% discount]	\$13.50	\$27.00
Child 5 yrs & Under	Free	Free

#### Vanderhoof to Prince George

Adult	One Way \$20.00	Return \$40.00
Students [30% discount]	\$14.00	\$28.00
Child 6 yr – 12 yr[50% discount]	\$10.00	\$20.00
Child 5 yrs & Under	Free	Free



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## Ned'u'ten Hereditary Chiefs Gatherings

On Wednesday, June 9, 2010 for the first time in Lake Babine Nation history! Dinner was hosted by Cistilhyeeh (Barbara Adam-Williams) of the Jilhts'ekhyu clan at her home with assistance of Lena Williams, Margaret Adam, Mom Mary Ann Adam. Also thank you Beverly Michell for bringing over your famous Fish Soup.



There was 25 Hereditary Chiefs out of over 94 invited to attend this event. At least 17 did showed up to share a meal and talk business.

Elder Alec Michell spoke and was very happy that Cistilhyeeh has resurrected this as in the past that is how business was taken care of for the people of Lake Babine.



Elder Damien Pierre spoke and recalls the last time that this happen was in 1982. The Hereditary Chiefs that were there all spoke and wish for this to continue on each month with other Clans to host. They all shared wonderful stories in how important our traditions are and how it important that we continue to communicate with one another through this way and other ways. Back in the old days leaders and speakers of the past would go over to the Lady Hereditary Chiefs

to discuss the main business at the home front. That is where the majority of the decisions were made prior to the public setting.

Majority of the Women did prepare a meal and spoke to the Male Hereditary Chiefs . They would each talk about what it is that they need to talk about and all decide what way to go with it and how to deal with it. Even the simple thing of how Bah'lats was going to take place. One of the main reasons why I have done this as a young Hereditary Chief myself, I have learnt a lot through our late grandmas (Mary P. Williams, & Veronica Williams) and our grandfathers (Plasway Williams, and Casmil Williams). I can recall the times we would leave to Burns Lake early for Grandma Mary to talk business with Casmil .

It did not matter what season it was always the HC women got together and visited with one another. Even in Babine Grandma Mary would go and visit her sisters Theresa Madam, Constance Williams and sister in law Nelly West. Late Rosie Michell would also join in the gatherings too. Since we meet every 2nd week, I thought it would be special to resonate our old way of conducting main business at the home front.



And I know that in order for us to pass on our traditional ways and culture to the next generation is to lead and live by example and honor our responsibilities as Hereditary Chiefs.

## Ned'u'ten Hereditary Chiefs Gatherings

We are the next one in line to uphold our ways and past them on. It is with great honor and respect that I do my part in upholding our ways and traditions of Lake Babine. As women we are the back bone to our society of Lake Babine.



I want to thank the following who came over to have supper with me at my home. Alec Michell, Hazel Michell, Dorothy Patrick, Roger Patrick, Beverly Michell, Leonard Michell, Leonard Adam, Margaret Adam, Lena Williams, Mom Mary Ann Adam, Elder Willie Williams, Richard Williams, B.J. Tom, Damien Pierre, Frank Alec Sr, Frank MacDonald, and Ronnie Alec. As it has been mentioned that HC there wish for it to continue to happen, so we will keep going. Who knows we could be sitting by the Fort Babine Fence eating fresh fish, bannock and tea by the camp fire in Augst. I look forward to hosting more of these special gatherings. And I also look forward to witness other women Hereditary Chiefs hosting. This will not be the only time we will do this, we will conduct a lot more meals to gather our Hereditary Chiefs together and talk business that needs to be taken care of.

Cistilhyeeh

Barbara Adam-Williams

### St. John the Baptist Church – Ft. Babine

St. John the Baptist Church was built one hundred years ago. The foundation was fixed by community members in the 1950's. During the recent sixty years the spring runoff has again rotted the foundation of the church which was made of wooden blocks and cement blocks. Because of the bad foundation the walls are starting to lean and some of the beautiful stained glass windows are starting to get cracks.

A fund to fix the church began in 2002 with the money collected at Fr. Brian's Bah'lat. Community members have been very generous with donations and have worked hard at fund raising. Money was also donated from across Canada by the Catholic Missions in Canada.

Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI will be leaving Old Fort and coming to Ft. Babine the afternoon of August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have Mass in Ft. Babine at 5pm with community supper to follow. We would like to begin working on the church after the Bishop's visit – this August – September 2010. We have enough money to begin working on the church in the traditional way if enough people volunteer. Ft. Babine has two house jacks and we are hoping to borrow jacks that were used to lift the Church in Old Fort two summers ago. We are also hoping the band would lend the band owned excavator and bobcat for the weeks when it is needed. We are still deciding if we will use cement blocks or Sono Tubes for the foundation.

It has also been suggested that we will need to remove the stained glass windows to prevent them from cracking as we slowly straighten the church.

We are still looking for a **volunteer** Project manager who has free time and some experience lifting buildings. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help would also be welcome.

**Donations are welcome.**

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TO: SENIORS (ANYONE 50 YEARS OR OLDER)  
LAKE BABINE BAND/WOYENNE RESERVE  
c/o FRANK MICHELL

FROM: RON MILLER, PRESIDENT BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT SENIORS SOCIETY  
SANDRA BARTH, VICE-PRESIDENT BLDSS

- ◆ THANK YOU, FRANK, FOR ALLOWING US TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY TO DISCUSS THE NEWLY FORMED BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT SENIORS SOCIETY.
- ◆ AS OUTLINED AT THIS MEETING, THE BLDSS OFFERS A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL SENIORS IN OUR AREA, INCLUDING:
  - LUNCHES AT THE LEGION EVERY OTHER TUESDAY. THE FINAL ONE FOR THIS SEASON IS NEXT WEEK, **TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**, BEGINNING AT NOON. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00/PERSON FOR FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES, HOMEMADE SOUP, DESSERT, COFFEE OR TEA. SOMETIMES PEOPLE STAY TO PLAY CRIB OR OTHER CARD GAMES. WE'LL START UP AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.
  - BBQS- DECKER LAKE HALL: JUNE 22, 5:00 (WORKBEE AT 3:00 PM!), ONE OTHER TO BE ANNOUNCED . THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00/PERSON
  - BBQ - SPIRIT SQUARE/RADLEY BEACH. JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, WITH SENIORS FROM SMITHERS, HOUSTON, TOPLEY & FRASER LAKE. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00/PERSON.
  - CARPET BOWLING AT DECKER LAKE HALL STARTING UP AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$3.00/PERSON.
  - POT LUCK SUPPERS A DANCES AT DECKER LAKE HALL: SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>. AND DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$10.00/PERSON.
  - MEETINGS - YES, MEETINGS! JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR NEXT ONE. MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE AND ARE USUALLY THE FIRST MONDAY IN THE MONTH. NO MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED DURING THE SUMMER. SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE THE FIRST ONE IN THE FALL.
  - OTHER ACTIVITIES - YET TO BE DETERMINED AND PLANNED.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CONFLICTS, AVAILABILITY AND WEATHER. **BLDSS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE LDNEWS.**

- ◆ WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER TO PROMOTE THESE ACTIVITIES TO THE LAKE BABINE SENIORS THROUGH YOUR NEWSLETTERS.

*We hope to see you at the lunch on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> . . . don't forget to bring Wilf with you!*

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## My IHOP & Forgiven Summit Experience

By Judy Nuualiitia

Firstly, I would like to thank Chief Wilf Adam for inviting me to submit my recent experiences in Kansas City and Ottawa. And for those that think IHOP stands for International House of Pancakes, it stands for International House of Prayer! J

I was invited by Marja Kostamo from PGHOP (Prince George House of Prayer), as part of a team to go to IHOP to attend the Cultivating Forerunner Worship (CFW) training for one week between June 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. The other event I really wanted to attend was the Forgiven Summit in Ottawa from June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. So, I booked my flight a few months ago to fly to Kansas City on June 5<sup>th</sup>, then flying to Ottawa on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Some of you are probably wondering, why would I go to IHOP? IHOP is home to a Prayer Room that has been open 24/7 for over 10 years. They just had their 10 year anniversary in November. Praise, prayer and intercession prayer and worship is happening in there 24/7 being led predominantly by young people from all around the world. They also have various other ministries, and IHOPU, a university where you take biblical studies. My experience there was 'outstanding'. I had encounters with a living God who desires to communicate with me on a regular basis. The first night I was there, I met two Native American young IHOPU students who boldly introduced themselves to me and one of them asked, "Are you Indigenous?"... it was awesome to meet them. They are young, fiery Christians who made me feel welcome, and Chasity who is Navajo, invited me to their next Native American prayer meeting held weekly on Tuesday nights in a side room at the Prayer Room.

As part of the training with CFW, I learned practical things as well as biblical foundational things about the Harp and Bowl method of worship. I learned how to take a scripture, meditate on it, and paraphrase it, and then, we

applied all we learned to as part of a worship team that was formed. There were 77 people from all across the United States as well as from Taiwan, Australia, Kazakstan, South Africa, Scotland and Canada. Here is an excerpt of the information regarding the Forerunner Music Academy where I took the training from. This information is on their website:

*"Forerunner Music Academy (FMA) is a full-time music school that exists to equip prophetic singers, musicians, and worship leaders in prophetic worship. Training will prepare them to fill houses of prayer, local congregations, and places of worship all over the earth with intercessory worship that reflects the worth of Christ and releases the power of God. King David established and funded singers and musicians to sing and prophesy to God on instruments night and day. Many singers and musicians love Jesus, yet lack revelation of God's power in prophetic music. In this hour, Jesus is placing prophetic music at the forefront of His end-time plan to reveal His heart, release His power, and establish His justice."*

So, while I was there, I soaked in the Prayer Room when I was not in training. The Prayer Room, is where you pray, worship, and intercede for whatever God puts on your heart. The worship school was from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. daily. I would go straight to the prayer room after dinner, and stay there till 1:00 a.m. On the Tuesday night, I had an awesome time with the Native American prayer group, and I shared my testimony and I also shared about the Forgiven Summit that was going to take place. I brought Marja to the prayer meeting, too, and we both shared about Canada's journey and the calling on First Nations of Canada. We had a powerful time of sharing and prayer, and they prayed over Marja and I for the upcoming weekend. IT was powerful!

From Wednesday to Saturday evenings between

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6 pm to 12 am, they have The Awakening Meetings. I went there on Wednesday and Thursday before I flew out on Friday morning to Ottawa. The Awakening Meetings have been taking place since November of 2009, where God just showed up suddenly in an IHOPU class, and healings began taking place. The night I was there, they called up this fellow that was in a wheelchair and was healed of a neurological disease that took his ability to walk or use his arms. He was in a broken state, as he had just recently had this disease overtake his body, and within two months he was in a wheelchair and had been in the wheelchair for two months when he went to the Awakening Meeting. He was told by the doctors that he would never walk again, and that eventually he would die an early death because of the severity of his disease. The night he was healed, he felt the power of God go through his body, and he got out of his wheelchair, and began walking and running around the auditorium. I had seen his testimony about a month ago when I was watching it live on the webstream, and so to see him being called up to share his testimony again, it was very exciting. He was a very vibrant, young man who just loves the Lord and he began praying and ministering to the people in the prayer pit.

That night I got set free and delivered of many things and spirits: unforgiveness, trauma, offense, pain and rejection. Do you often wonder why you do some things you never think you would do but you do anyway? And after you do the deed which is horrible or something that you would never think of doing, and you are ashamed of it? When you experience, pain, rejection, unforgiveness, and any pain associated with negative experiences growing up, or if you never had a father or mother who truly loved you this will affect you. If they are not dealt with,

the doors to the demonic are opened up, and evil spirits operate in and through you, and yes, even Christians can have demons, and need to be set free and delivered. Do you often wonder why some people call themselves Christians but are the most grumpy and sad people in the world that you have met ever? They probably and most likely need deliverance from demons that are oppressing them. The Lord really ministered to me, and the people that prayed with me knew what to pray into. It was completely liberating and I feel the heaviness that beset me has been lifted.

I was very sad to leave Kansas City, but very excited to head to the Forgiven Summit which was to start two days to the year Prime Minister Stephen Harper gave his apology for residential schools, on June 11th. In his apology, he also asked for forgiveness, which Kenny Blacksmith, Lynda Prince and others recognized that it was a spiritual act and there needed to be a response. The first night of the Forgiven Summit, all the churches and Christian ministries were invited up, and they asked for forgiveness for their part in the residential schools. It was a powerful moment and very somber but very liberating at the same time. The next day, a Charter of Forgiveness was drafted up, and 24 elders who attended residential school signed it alongside 12 youth from across Canada, and this was presented to the Minister of Indian Affairs, Chuck Strahl, and that was also a powerful moment. The highlight for me was all the celebration, as we worshiped and praised the Lord for the FREEDOM and liberty that would be showered upon our First Nations people across Canada. It was an awesome experience to be around many people from across the country to celebrate, pray and worship regarding the liberty given in the spirit realm regarding the residential schools and its effects. I believe something happened in the spiritual realm, and you will see more people set free from their addictions, hatred, depression, and oppression, and all other demonic strongholds that are holding

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our people down. I left the Forgiven Summit feeling exhilarated and excited for the future of our First Nations people. I am always praying for Lake Babine Nation, and for all other nations across Canada, that they would walk into their true destiny as Warriors for Jesus, who are not shackled with offense, shame, unforgiveness and oppression and addictions.

If anyone wants more information, please go to [www.ihop.org](http://www.ihop.org) for the International House of Prayer, and check out their 24/7 Prayer Room, as it is streamed LIVE every day, 24/7. From Wednesday to Saturday nights, between 4 pm to 10 pm, the Awakening Meetings are streamed live, and it is awesome! They also have free teaching resources you can download in mp3 format and print format. For more information about the Forgiven Summit, please go to [www.i4give.ca](http://www.i4give.ca) and there should be some video footage of the Journey to Freedom. If you would like prayer at all, please add me as a

friend on Facebook, my profile name is Judy Golar, and I would be happy to pray with you and for you. Blessings to you all, and I am praying for each and every LBN member, that you would all become set free and delivered into your true destiny as a Warrior for Jesus.

Oh, I just remembered, there will be a celebration in Kitimat, called the “Journey of Freedom” Worship Festival, with Kenny & Louise Blacksmith in attendance, and other key worship leaders and speakers there, like Wes & Stacey Campbell, Heather Clark and Sean Feucht. They will be bringing the message of healing and forgiveness and celebrating the event at the Forgiven Summit. I am going to be going for sure! The dates are: July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and for more information, please go to: [www.harvestministriescanada.com](http://www.harvestministriescanada.com) . I hope to see you there! J

Follower of Jesus,

Judy Nuualiitia, LBN Member

## Fisheries Update Donna Macintyre

***“To protect and conserve the fisheries resources and habitats within the Lake Babine Nation’s Traditional Territory for the benefit of all members present and future”***

First and foremost the DFO is predicating another low sockeye return. The predicated return is estimated at 340,000 to 1.2 million. The Babine Fence will be open the first week in August for members to obtain their food fish. LBN Members will receive a memo on the dates and time the fence will be open at the end of July.

This year the Fisheries Program will conduct its usual array of projects which are:

Stream Enumerations in the area of Donald’s Landing, Tachet and Fort Babine.

Food Fish Monitoring Program Donald’s, Old Fort, Tachet and Fort Babine.

Fulton Creel Survey

New Short Term Projects will be cleaning the 1) Fulton River and Babine River of foreign debris.

## **Fisheries Update**

### **Donna Macintyre**

This year the fisheries Stream Crews will be collecting more detailed information on the creeks in their areas. Crews will be collecting information on Water Quality, Vegetation, Juveniles, Temperature, Depth and Invertebrates. The information will then be entered into a database.

**Babine Fence Operation.**

This will be the third year the LBN has operated the fence. The fence usually opens up when the water levels allow for deployment of the grates, which is usually the first week in July.

I would like to ask members for their cooperation when the food fish monitors in your communities are conducting interviews with members in regards to the daily amount of fish harvested. The Monitor does not record names only the date and the number of fish harvested. We need this information for the generations to come, to show DFO what the LBN Food Fish needs are. In the past few years the number of sockeye returning has been low. We can use this data collected from the monitors to show that the need for fish will grow as our population does.

The LBN Fisheries Program had submitted an expression of interest to the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative which consists of a four step process consisting of:

- Submitting an Expression of Interest.
- Business and Training Plan
- Application for funding to establish a Legal Entity
- Application for funding for a Commercial Enterprise

The Lake Babine Nation Fisheries Program received an informal acceptance on our submission of step one. Presently, we are waiting for the formal decision note. Once receive the decision note we can then carry forward on to the next three steps.

**Fort Babine CEDP Contract**

The Chief, Fisheries Portfolio Holder John West, Robbie Reid, John Bertaco and Donna Macintyre have been in the process of negotiating the Hatchery Contract. The project objectives have changed and will not include fish production.

Mussi, Donna Macintyre

## Announcements

Happy Birthday Twisted Sisters

Mary West , Emma Williams, &  
Nancy Michell

Love from your family

Happy Birthday to my godson  
Dorian Williams

Victor with his great grand-  
son...Prestly Joseph Dun-  
can....May 5/2010....6lbs12oz

Happy Birthday going out to:

Kayla William

Kaylyn William

Athena William

From Monique William

Granisle Parade



## Lake Babine Nation Affiliates

Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre-	(250) 692-3499
Lake Babine Nation Treaty Office	(250) 692-3933
Sne Cal Yegh Gas Bar	(250) 692-3901
Lake Babine Nation Public Works-	(250) 692-4882
Morris Williams Memorial Preschool	(250) 692-7611
Ted Williams Memorial Learning Centre	(250) 692-2329
K'ay Skak School	(250) 692-2355
Tachet Health Clinic	(250) 697-2278
Tachet Water Treatment Plant	(250) 697-2509
Trapper's Gas Bar	(250) 697-2212
Tachet School	(250) 697-2335
Fort Babine Health Clinic	(250) 692-7010/4078
Fort Babine School	(250) 692-3138
Fort Babine Water Treatment Plant	(250) 692-7132
<u>L.B.N. Patient Travel Emergency Cell</u>	(250) 692-6744
<u>L.B.N. Wellness Centre Emergency Cell</u>	(250) 692-9684

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