

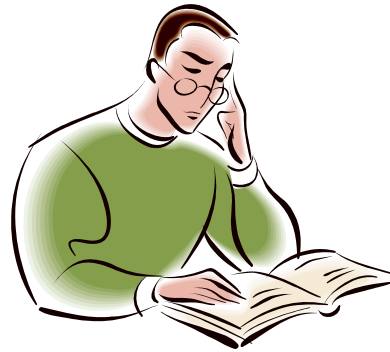
# LAKE BABINE NATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone! It's been a long time since our department has reported to you. Lake Babine Nation has been busy with a lot of new projects. New departments have been established such as the Forestry and Natural Resource. Lake Babine is also partnering up with the local industries in Burns Lake and with the municipality in Granisle.

Feasibility studies were presented on the following to the LBN Chief and Council in the April 2011 meeting.

## **FEASIBILITY STUDIES:**

- ✓ LBN's interest in possibly purchasing the Fort Babine Lodge will be on hold until further notice, we will update you when the discussions resume.
- ✓ The relocation of Trappers Gas Bar: LBN is currently waiting for a quote from an engineer company to conduct a site survey and an environmental assessment on the land that could be a potential for the re-location of Trappers Gas. With that we are researching and putting together total project costs which includes a new building, store equipment and store stock. Currently, the Trappers Gas is in need of new equipment, gas dispensers, a software program for retail stores and two 14,000 liter gas tanks. The Trappers Gas has to meet the Government of Canada's Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations which Environment Canada introduced by June 13, 2012.



LBN will keep you informed of the projects progress or discussion of whether it will be going further.

## **ENTERPRISING ARTISANS PROJECT:**

LBN has written a letter of support to the Community Futures of Nadina to participate in a project called, "Enterprising Artisans Project". This project explores the local art industry including our local artist for exporting via web market to Global.

The Project is currently in the initial research phase to find out who the artisans are, what type of work they create and what the potential markets are for their work. From this base information, a regional brand and website could be developed to sell local art from.

The interested Artisans should send pictures, music files and video clips of your work using the electronic file to [andrea@cfnadina.ca](mailto:andrea@cfnadina.ca)

For all of the interested members that make traditional wear such as moccasins, mucklucs, jackets, vests, gloves or our traditional decorative jewellery such as chokers and earrings or furniture, boats, gun cases, snow shoes, just any arts or crafts that

is unique whether it is traditional or non-traditional joining this project will benefit you.

You can log onto the CFDC of Nadina website and check it out for more information or you can give me a call at (250)692-4700.



### **5-YEAR LBN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Proposal that was submitted to the New Relationship Trust has been approved in the amount of \$24,850. The funds is to develop a 5 Year LBN Economic Development Strategic Plan. The following is the summary of the narrative description of project and expected outcomes;

1. LBN Chief and Council to designate one community representative (Focus Team) from each of the five communities to develop the plan;
2. Orientation meeting with consultant, Chief and Council and the focus team to discuss specific goals, objectives, activities and expectations;
3. The focus team and consultant (Ellen Huse and Robin Clark) to develop consultations schedule, develop the framework of the plan and community survey;

4. Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> brain storming meeting session in each communities; discuss values and economic development ideas; identify goals for specific community; identify challenges; contribute to a vision of LBN Economic Dev;
5. Consultant will develop 1<sup>st</sup> draft, present to Focus Team, Chief and Council for discussion;
6. Draft to be presented to each community and get feedback;
7. The plan to be finalized by Chief and Council;
8. The LBN Economic Development Strategic Plan Document to be distributed to all interested members;
9. Consultant and Focus Team to evaluate and prepare final report to be completed for NRT.

To start the project, the leadership has provided the names of their community representatives and the community reps will be contacted as soon as the budget for this process is approved by the LBN Finance Committee. The community representatives that have been contacted and accepted to be the representatives are the following;

Fort Babine Representative: Barb Williams  
Old Fort Representative: Angela Plasway  
Tachet Representative: Leonard Lowley  
Woyenne Representative:  
Pinkut/Donald's Representative: Geraldine Michell

The programs who should be involved in this process also are the education, fisheries, employment & training, forestry, mining and social development. We would like to at least complete up to step 4 as we all know July and August will become a busy time for everyone. Our first orientation team meeting is on June 24, 2011, in the council chambers from 10 am to 3 pm.

The community meetings are scheduled as follows;

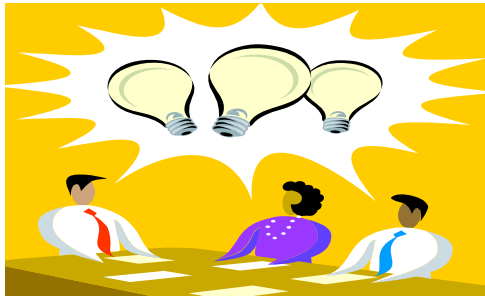
Fort Babine June 27, 2011 10 am-3pm

Tachet/Old Fort June 28, 2011 10 am-3pm

Woyenne/Pinkut/Donalds June 29, 2011  
10am to 3pm

This will be an exciting project, as LBN has been without a completed Economic Strategic Plan. Currently, there are projects initiated in the communities already which are providing employment and training for the members.

LBN needs to document such projects on a plan to ensure your economic development department is moving in a direction which respects our traditions and provides employment opportunities for our future.



***THE BETTER CONCEIVED AN ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGY, AND THE MORE COMPETENTLY IT IS EXECUTED WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEASUREMENT, THE MORE LIKELY IT WILL SUCCEED AND PLEASE THE COMMUNITY***

***-AFOA, STRATEGIC PLANNING-FEBRUARY 2004-***

## **FORESTRY:**

LBN hired on Gary Page, RPF in the beginning of the year 2010. Gary is continuously looking for contract work out there with the industries. There are successful contract agreements with the local industries that are completed and/or still on-going and they are as follows;

1. Lakes District Maintenance Ltd:  
LBN will provide Hand Brushing Services with LDM's contract area. This contract employed 4 to 5 man crew.
2. Babine Forest Products: LBN's agreement with BFP includes cruising and layout. This contract employs 4 to 6 field positions.
3. Burns Lake Band/Lakes Economic Development Assn: LBN is providing the carrying out of the prescribed fuel mitigation activities as outlined in the Fuel Management Operational Plan.



To date, out of the three agreements, one is successfully completed. Two of the projects will be on-going. The forestry department also struck a partnering Community Forest Society with the municipality of Granisle; the leaders for the respective community are keeping their community updated on the discussions.

Projects have been approved using the Old Year March 31, 2011 Forestry Surplus Funds by the LBN Finance Committee for the following due to the successful completion of the forestry projects and/or the on-going projects;

Tachet:

The community project will include a campground and booth at Mill Bay, a youth camp, a community smoke house and a gathering place. The total cost for the Project is \$99,585.00 to cover costs such as Labour, Materials, Vehicle and Equipment Rental. The campground gate will be established to manage and regulate camping on reserve land at Mill Bay. The youth camp, community smokehouse and gathering place are part of a long term focus on cultural heritage and tourism development in conjunction with the Babine Lake Community Forest.

The projects will employ a manager and a crew of 3 from May 16 to September 30 annually. Ideally all crew members will be from Tachet. The project manager hired to complete this project is Manual Johnson and Victor Alec.

The proposed project will reflect culture, traditions and language. The goal is to attract European Tourism in the summer months.



Traditional/Cultural Shows:

The tourist will be able to witness the Elders teaching their children the dance, songs and tell stories of long ago such as legends. Skills crafts people and artist will be on hand to teach their skills such as moccasins making, carving and traditional medicine or perform for the tourists.

This should be a good experience for the outside world.

Fort Babine:

The community project includes purchasing and operating a portable sawmill capable of cutting specialty/custom lumber with two weeks of sawmill training in Telkwa, construction of 3 log homes/cabins and re-establishing an LBN Natural Resource office in the log building in Fort Babine.

There will be 3 full time positions to operate the community sawmill and to construct the log buildings. One position will coordinate and manage the Fort Babine Natural Resource Office. The projects will start on May 16 to August 15, 2011.



The coordinator hired for this project is Christina Brown and the mill training trainees are Ebert West and Shane Williams (George). The training is successful for the guys; they work on and off repairing the old Fort Babine Office to turn into a Natural Resource Office, where Christina will work out of. The total approved for this project is \$103,000.

Old Fort:

The community Project include an expansion of the youth camp such as building 2 more additional cabins, operating the sawmill in Old Fort to cut timber for restoring 3 or 4 heritage buildings, repair and build docks and complete the Old Fort Community Hall. This project will employ

3 to 4 full time positions. The project will start on May 16 to September 9, 2011.

To date, Murphy Patrick has been hired on as the manager of the project and he hired on Dustin Patrick and Edward Williams to start re-building cabins. The total approved for Old Fort is \$101,420.



#### **FIRE CREW:**

LBN conducted Fire Crew Training on May 20, 24, 25, 2011. There were 15 participants including the existing LBN forestry crew employees. The two 5 man contract proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of Forest and Range, Wildfire Management Branch. The proposal is in the review stage, we are waiting for them to ask for further information or an approval. We will inform you if LBN is successful and good luck to the crew members.



#### **SNE CAL YEGH GAS AND CONVENIENCE STORE:**

The Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store is meeting the requirements under the Government of Canada's Storage Tank Systems for Petroleum Products and Allied Petroleum Products Regulations which Environment Canada introduced on June 12, 2008. The deadline to meet the requirements is as of June 13, 2012.

Thankfully, the Lake Babine Nation Leadership approved out of the FRO budget and contracted Doering Petroleum services to construct a Leak Detention and Containment to reduce the risk of soil and ground water containment due to spills and leaks from these systems.

Doering Petroleum is full of experience, they also worked on an Emergency Plan for the Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store, to guide the response in the event of a leak or spill from a storage tank system.

Just to provide you an explanation of what is an Emergency Plan?

This information is taken from the Emergency Plan Guidebook. An EP is a set of instructions to help employees deal with site based emergencies involving dangerous goods. These emergencies could pose a threat to life, health, property or the environment at the workplace.

There are different types of emergency situations, including (but not limited to):

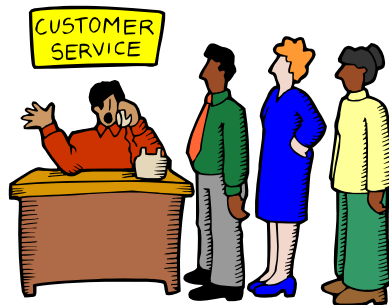
- Fire or explosion
- Chemical Spill
- Medical emergency
- Gas release

An EP should be simple, flexible, written, tested and reviewed. It should be communicated to, and available to all employees in the workplace. Employees should be trained in the document EP procedures and regular practice scenarios

should be held to ensure that the document procedures work successfully.

More information needs to be filled in this document, testing will be organized and reviewed. Justin will organize with the Fire Department to do an emergency drill testing.

LBN also organized with the Police Department to give a talk to the staff employees regarding robbery, theft, assaults, etc., we are awaiting a phone call from the Burns Lake Detachment to set up a schedule.



#### **Customer Service:**

Actions taken at the Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store implemented NOW to attract our customers to coming back to us are the following;

- Hiring gas jockeys as you have noticed. This has been a long time coming. This service should benefit the customers and the gas store.
- We will have the monthly gas draws, when a customer fills up to 50 liters of regular or diesel gas, the customers can fill out on a piece of paper, their name and phone number and put in a box for a monthly gas draw to be drawn at the end of the month for a maximum of a \$60.00 regular or diesel gas.

#### **Customer Complaints:**

Any complaints coming in regarding the Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store staff members or other concerns, you need to put this in writing and address it to either of the following names, Angela Nap, Store Manager, Mrs.

Marilyn Joseph-Williams or Mrs. Beatrice Michell-Macdonald, PO Box 879, Burns Lake, BC VOJ 1E0, this is so proper follow up can be done. We cannot take verbal complaints.

#### **Violence and Safety Procedures in the Workplace:**

In this policy, we do ask the members to not loiter close to the exit doorway as it is a health and safety issue, for instance if we have an emergency such as a spill or a blow up, we will need that area cleared so whomever remained in the store will clear out as soon as they can or react quickly to an emergency. This is the reason for the strict policy of loitering in or out of the store building or its surroundings.

#### **Hours of Operation:**

The Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store's hour of operations;

Monday & Tuesday      6:00 am to 10:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday    6am to 11 pm

Saturday & Sunday      7am to 10pm

We also have a suggestion box at the store if you would like to make comments or suggestions.

The Sne Cal Yegh Gas and Convenience Store has been opened since June of 2009. So far it has been making revenue to only cover the inventory, minor repairs and maintenance, utilities and wages. We are hoping to bring back the customers, so we can generate more revenue. The more revenue we generate, the better we will be to support other projects.

The Sne Cal Yegh Gas Store is the first entry into our community from the outside world; therefore we need to make a good impression.



## **NATURAL RESOURCES:**

In the last year, we have become more involved in the mining activities in the territory. We have had various people work on environmental studies and traditional use studies for the Morrison mine which is still under review. LBN is developing agreements with mining companies regarding employment and environmental protection.

The small underground silver mine near Topley (Dome Mountain) will begin production this year and we are expecting full time jobs there. Other companies, Xstrata and AZ Copper will be drilling in LBN territory this year and hiring members to help. If the Morrison mine can meet our expectations for environmental protection, there will be 450 jobs there during the 3 year construction of that mine, as well as contracts for logging and environmental monitoring.

In anticipation of this, we are planning a job-readiness program for 40 people this year with a focus on mining-related work. We have hired Erica Austin for 3 month term that began this week to take information about the Morrison Project to the community.



**LBN would like to thank you all for your continued support and to the leaders for supporting the projects that are currently being initiated that are employing members in the communities.**