

Lake Babine Nation Newsletter



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Chief Wilf Adam

Just want to wish every-
one a very good summer
gathering season if only
the weather cooperates,
just feels like we jumped
from spring to fall.

I would like to congratu-
late the Boston Bruins
for winning the Stanley
Cup, yes it's hard for a
Habs fan to say this but
credit is due where it
falls. Also to the Van-
couver Canucks for get-
ting so close but
could've done without
that riot. There was
somewhat of a riot in Ft.
Babine lead by a couple
of elders. Sarah Charlie
and Matilda Williams
went on a rampage turn-
ing over a couple of
wheel barrows and Tilly
threw the fish drying
poles in the river, she
stopped that when she
realized it was her own
poles. Clara had to drive
them to Burns Lake to
cool off...lol just joking.
I would like acknowl-

edge all our students
who graduated and all
the ones who passed and
moving to the next
grade. Please keep up the
good work as it will be
you that take this Nation
to the next level and to
the future. Stay in school
and get as much out of it
as you can.

I also would like to in-
form the membership
that we have paid off all
the bills and caught up
with our debt. When we
started our term we were
over \$5 million in debt
and our debt ratio was
over -17%. We put a
plan in place to eliminate
the debt over a 4 year
period but can tell you
we did this in two years
and we are in the plus
ratio in our finances. We
have to keep a strong
plan in place to keep this
Nation in good financial
order and remain there.
It was hard as we have
to eliminate programs

where there was no
funding attached and
saying no to stuff that
we don't have a budget
for in place. We have
made sure that any funds
come in are accounted
for and spent where it is
attended for. I do not
want to go back to the
past where not just the
LBN office but other
groups get funding in
the Nation and no ac-
countability. We prom-
ised an open and trans-
parent administration
and that is what we are
doing. Far too long the
members were being
used and under our
watch that stops. Now
that we are in good fi-
nancial order we can
concentrate in creating
meaning employment
for the members. We all
have a stake in getting
this Nation to be a
proud and vibrant Na-
tion and move ahead

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Chief Wilf Adam



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with all the members. This means everybody has to be involved as it is all for the members benefits.

Since I came back on 2007 I have been warning of the affects of the Yekooche Treaty that will severely damage our way of dealings within our own territory. It is happening now as governments have to consult and accommodate Yekooche within our own territory. This means Yekooche has to be consulted of anything we want to do in our own territory and they will benefit financially from our territory too. This is totally wrong and must fight this in any way we have to. We can not allow any other first Nation benefit or any right to our territory and be given those rights by the governments which they don't have now. I just can't believe the governments are doing this and must be stopped. Please keep in touch with your clan leaders and our council on further developments. This is very serious and have to monitor it very closely.

We are still having a problem with drugs and alco-

hol in our communities and we all have to deal with this together. I know that there are some members seriously working on their addiction and doing very well. I remember when we got in and had to deal with on-going house parties and lots of complaints. On the other hand, I would like to acknowledge those making a difference in their lives. Lilly Ann is on the road to recovery and still going thru some tough issues but doing well. I thank Lilly Ann on her efforts in getting on the right road and changing her life for the better. One other is my young friend Teddy as he was going down rapidly to an early grave but he decided to change his life and still on the healing journey. There are others positive stories and must encourage the ones who want to change their lives for the better. By helping one another and supporting one another we will get to a better community and greater future for the members. God works in wondrous ways and must truly trust and believe in the Lord for his guidance.

I would like to congratulate the Abraham family for putting a successful pow wow for the late Kyle Daniels. I know members have mixed feeling about this as it is said that it's not our culture. I remember Lloyd telling me that yes it's from another culture but drugs and alcohol is not allowed and the kids are having fun. I strongly agree with this and I look to our culture of the balhats and see if drugs and alcohol can be eliminated when our business is done. Let's all support our young members to learn our culture without the use of drugs and alcohol involved. I look to the hereditary chiefs to carry this forward.

Fishing season is quickly approaching and also berry picking for the winter and hope you get all that you need for the winter. Take good care of yourselves and always pray for one another especially the ones you have difficulty with and the ones who are suffering thru pain and sickness.

Chief Oputt

Deputy Chief Frank Michell

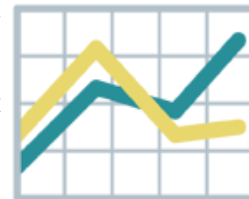
Hi Everyone! I hope everyone is ready for summer whenever it gets here.

I am very happy to report to our members that the band didn't have to borrow from NDC to make ends meet. We didn't even have to approach the banks for overdraft. We had to put policies in place so that we don't over spend. If any project has to proceed we need a plan and a budget in order to proceed.

We have set up some projects for our members to get a job and also to make money for the band. Our members have to realize that the money we receive from governments have strict guidelines on how the money should be spent. A lot of our people we can't help because of these government policies. I see where other bands are into joint ventures with forestry or mining are helping a lot of their members. An example is one of the bands have used their own source revenue as the government calls it to build houses off reserve for their members.

We are not there yet as we are just starting to get into this field. We did sign an FRO with Forestry but because of the down turn in the lumber industry our bands trees were still standing out in the forest. We finally started to cut those trees down and get paid for it because the government doesn't pay for things like elders trip that is where the money is coming from and that money that was given to Fort Babine, Old Fort and Tachet for their community projects is coming from trees cut from their territories. This wasn't explained properly in the economic development newsletter. Also Gary Page helped a lot in getting these projects off the ground.

Because we have strict guidelines and policies, government and industry are willing to work with us. When we came in, the band had an agreement in place with DIA to work on remedial management plan, which never happened. Our debt ratio was at 8.57 (close to third party management) at last year's audit. We had it down to 4.36 debt ratio. I'm anxious to see how low our debt ratio will be after DIA reviews our audit this year.



We also managed to negotiate with Babine Forest Products about the timber cruising contract. This contract was held previously by a company out of Prince George. We also have two contracts with the Ministry of Transportation about brushing and weeding.

We had a meeting with Yosef Ali from Health Canada in Prince George. Myself, Justa Monk, Nancy James, Verna Power and Grace Duncan were involved. We want to put a new health clinic in Tachet. The other issue we are negotiating with Health Canada is for us to employ our own doctor. Some other bands have gone this route so we are asking Health Canada to fund this position because of the critical doctor shortage in Burns Lake. If Health Canada gives us the green light, we have to add on to our office space to make room.



We were also involved in a meeting in Richmond where presentations were made and Chiefs from across BC voted to have money transferred to our own Native Health Authority in BC. This didn't happen overnight as each region in BC had their own caucus and years of meeting and planning before the BC Chiefs approved. Our own band member Warner Adams is one of the persons in charge of getting everything set up.

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Deputy Chief Frank Michell



I have a lot of other things to report, however due to time constraints and interruptions; I am unable to report on all of the other things that we are working on. Have a good summer and hope that your freezers are full of salmon, berries etc. Be careful on the road. Thank you for reading our newsletter.

John Bertacco-Woyenne Councillor

Hadi! To all!!!

I would like to start out with Assembly of First Nations Indigenous Summit on Energy and Mining, with that there was a lot of good information shared amongst over 100 delegates. We had a lot of good guest speakers that came from all over the world, China, Germany, USA and so on.

I would like to let the people of the Lake Babine Nation know from us leaders, that there is no agreements been made to mining or Enbridge. These kinds of discussion and agreements cannot be made until we, as Lake Babine Nation, as a whole agree together. With that, I don't want anybody to panic and that we do have a lot of work to do. I like to address what Shawn Atleo stated where ever there is opportunity that there's danger that comes with it. Where we have to start is a relationship to support each other and our neighbours at the same time making the right decisions. We could start out with the MOU, where that as leaders could go ahead with. Its the impact and benefit agreements (IBA) that we as a Nation have a lot of work to do, this would take sometime for us to make a lot of important decisions. If we do sign the MOU, then at that moment we would

have to have a liaison human resource manager that would be very skilled and open minded.

I know that there are people that are mining and people that are not. This is where from both sides to keep an open mind toward the meetings, this would be coming to each of your communities. Another statement as we open a decision to begin negotiation does not imply community consent to a proposed project or a decision to reach an agreement. Before we get ahead of ourselves we do have a problem , as the people who attended the meeting at the Margaret Patrick Memorial Hall on July 5th witnessed. The meeting between LBN, Federal, Provincial and PBM that Chris Hamilton stated that they are sharing our information with Yekochee on our resources that has impacted us in so many ways with revenue sharing. We do have lawyers working with our overlap issue. It's so sad for this to happen to LBN that's just like them stealing from us as Wilfred Adam stated. How long is this matter gonna last, we don't know. It's not a warm feeling as to where this matter is gonna go, it has to be resolved in order for LBN to move ahead. With this we as LBN need to work to-

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John Bertacco–Woyenne Councilor

gether to strengthen our relationship with one another and develop forces with one another, so these problems could be resolved at a quicker pace.

With the info above you could Google the International Indigenous Summit on Energy and Mining. There would be some videos by our National Chief Shawn Atleo, and so on about the summit. We do have the book, an IBA Community Toolkit, by Ginger Gibson, Ciaran O’Faircheallaigh and the Gordon Foundation. This toolkit can be downloaded free of charge at www.ibacommunitytoolkit.ca. Maybe we have to do a workshop on the impact and benefit agreements with Ginger Gibson, she said she would come to LBN. That would be awesome.

So with the energy and mining has a study estimates that there is over \$300 billion in potential on these projects. We must start working together, the time is now to where we want to go with our future of generations to come for the sake of our children. Honesty-Trust-Respect – let the unity begin! Without this we cannot win, let the relationship begin.

Next I would like to begin with the ball field, as soon as we hire a construction worker to whom it may be. This would complete the ball field to what is needed which is the concession, announcer’s booth, washroom and stands. As I’m sure we are all looking forward to that day!!! The work will begin July 18th so it would be nice for people to drop by and volunteer their efforts towards completing the ball field. Once completed there would be a grand opening to follow and a ceremony to follow and the naming of the ball field. We do have the go ahead and fund-

ing and with the assistance of LBN, the ball field would come to complete of this year. Congratulations!!!

I would like to send congratulations to three people that are on their journey of Sobriety. This is not easy to do, it takes a lot of hard work. Step by step this can be accomplished and with the tools that are given to you to use. You know when you look at First Nation for the last 300 to 400 years, we been through a lot. These days we still face many struggles and at the same with our healing journey. Nobody is perfect but together, without drugs and alcohol we could accomplish and move ahead faster without these addictions.

First of all I would like to congratulate Lillian Williams and her family, that together they have come a long ways. Lillian is now working with Treaty and has been a big asset to the team. With her knowledge, wisdom, humour and let’s not forget her laughter that she brings to the community. Her and the girls are now living back at her home on Sus Avenue, that they are so proud of and struggled so hard since leaving there.

Steven Lowley is the next one I would like to congratulate! Wow, Steve and I talk about a lot of things at the beginning when he started his journey. Together we knew that there was a lot of work to be done. For the loss of the kid’s mother (God bless her soul) and the situation that they were put in. Steve said to me that he knew he had to step up to the plate for the love of his kids. This takes time and patience and we knew together that this

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John Bertacco–Woyenne Councillor

would start with his sobriety, that we agreed. After that, step by step, everything would fall into place with some prayers. Today Steve lives in Prince George and has his kids back with their own place. The kids are in school and Steve enjoys taking them to their ball practices and other events. Today Steve enjoys life, living sober and having fun with the kids.

Teddy Lowley Jr., what can you say, I thought I would never get through to him but never gave up. Ted has just graduated on July 8th in rehab and has done a lot of work to get to where he is today. Congratulations buddy! He knows that he still has a lot of work to do, we are so proud of you!

To the drug and alcohol councillors, Arnold Jackson, Louise Johnson and Howard Vincent and everybody from friends to relatives, this had to take team work from all of us that had involvement one way or

another. Let's not forget this wouldn't be possible without all the hard work that Teddy, Lillian and Steve that they've done to reach this point in their career of their life. So from the bottom of my heart and the Lake Babine Nation, congratulations to all three of you. We are so proud of your accomplishments and success because we all know that you all play a key role to our Nation. Special thank you to the drug and alcohol councillors that put their hard work in setting up the programs to make this happen! God Bless You All!!

With my final words that I would like to leave with all of you. I know that we could be stronger and get more things accomplished for the better of Lake Babine Nation. Three simple words, Honesty – Trust – Respect.

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KYLE DANIELS MEMORIAL POW WOW



To the Abraham Family that held the memorial feast for Kyle Abraham Daniels. It's so sad and at the same time to celebrate the time that Kyle stayed with us. There was between 200—300 people there, including MLA John Rustad, Scott Maloney and Luke Strimbold that attended and participated with the dances of the powwow. There were a lot of prayers and dances that were done in the respect of Kyle. To the family, job well done!! God Bless You All!

Submitted by John Bertacco

Housing—Bernard Patrick

The members living in Lake Babine Nation housing units need to be reminded that as of August 1, 2011 the maintenance staff will no longer be available to do the minor jobs that were normally done by the crew. There are a number of reasons why this decision was made as we try to move forward as Lake Babine continues to fall further in deficit and I will explain the reasons in depth as much as I can.

As it was explained many times before that it is important for Housing to collect rent in a timely manner and with majority, if not all tenants are in compliance but if this does not happen it effects the revenue that assists with the management of the program. By management I mean the administration and maintenance of the housing units that are monitored by Lake Babine Nation Housing. Unfortunately, the amount of rent needed is much greater than the amount actually collected by Housing which continued to be a problem to this day.

The other factor is the mortgages for the different phases are being paid out at an alarming rate now that the amortization period has come closer which means CMHC will not be supplying subsidy to those paid out phases. It is important to understand that this limits our funding to what we can do in terms of maintenance as we are now going to be dealing with work orders that would not be considered basic home maintenance.

The service will still be provided but it will be limited to faulty appliances, hot water tanks and furnaces. Also, the normal wear and tear of roofing and flooring; perimeter drainage issues; plumbing issues that cannot be done by tenants; electrical problems; and mold issues (funding permitted). All the services will be provided by outside contractors and will be determined by Housing Administration on whether or not Lake Babine will pay for the service. It is expected that any basic home maintenance be looked

after by the tenants from here on.

This form of measure is also to encourage the members to take pride in their houses they live in and look after it and not abuse it as it has costs Lake Babine a lot of its funding to fix minor problems when the funding could be used elsewhere instead of going into the Housing deficit. A lot of the work orders come from tenants who have abused their houses which will not be accommodated anymore.

Due to liability and health reasons, it has been decided that LBN Housing will only be dealing with qualified and certified workers/contractors and it should encourage our members to go back to school and attain the much needed certification to take on the roles and responsibilities. It will be a difficult transition but it is one that will bring us further to being independent. Mesiy



Health Department Update

ALL LBN Offices will be closed August 15 – 19, 2011

Patient Travel:

For those Members who have Patient Travel Appointments on August 15 – 19, 2011, you MUST bring in their appointment confirmation to your respective community health office --- Fort Babine Health Station or Tachet Health Centre or Woyenne Health Centre on week of August 8 – 12, 2011 so there is no delay with their travel arrangements. Otherwise, shall see everyone by the lake or berry picking.

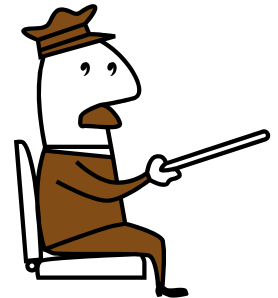
Employee Amendments:

The following employees are no longer with Lake Babine Nation:

- Cynthia Monk, Nursing Supervisor;
- Nancy James, Health Director On the interim, Louise Johnson will be the Acting Health Director duration July 15 – July 29, 2011;
- Lisa Alec, Woyenne Patient Travel Clerk. There is no replacement; however, Jeanette Williams and Barbara Erickson Tom will continue with the Woyenne Patient Travel duties; and
- Danny Williams, Fort Babine Community Driver. On the Interim, Danny Williams will be replaced with Roger West for the duration of July 20, 2011 to September 2, 2011.

Announcements:

- Bill Findlay, Woyenne Community Van Driver has taken leave of absence from July 18 – 29, 2011. In the Interim, Ronnie West will be driving.
- Ivan Leon, Tachet Community Van Driver will be on his annual holiday. We are looking for Temporary Van Driver to drive the Tachet Van on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and July 29, 2011 – SA Day.
- Norma Erickson will be working as the Health Clerical Assistant and working with Judy Charlie, Health Director's Assistant for the duration of July 18, 2011 to July 29, 2011.
- Beverley Anderson, RN, BSN., has been hired as the Community Health Nurse on July 19, 2011. She will provide Community Health Preventative Services and Accessing of Community Resources such as Immunizations, Prenatal & Post Natal Care, New Born Home Visits, Communicable Disease Control (Mumps, Whooping Cough, Meningitis) (Infestation: Bed Bugs, Lice, Scabies, Impetigo, Skin Rashes), TB Control, and TB Nurse. Beverley Anderson has instructed Home Support Worker Program in 1983.
- Returning to Spirit Workshop will be scheduled at the Immaculata Parish on August 2 – 6, 2011. Mrs. Mary Lynn Crouse, Clinical Intake Assistant will be coordinated the travel arrangements. Anyone interested, please complete registration forms with Mary Lynn.
- Lake Babine Nation Health Forum will be scheduled at the Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre on September 14, 15, 16, 2011. Lori West, Health Receptionist/NIHB will be the Coordinator of this event, and she will be working closely with a Planning Committee.
- Lori West, Health Receptionist/NIHB has returned to work as she has completed the ABT Administrative Assistant, BL College of New Caledonia. Welcome back Lori West and congratulations on your educational achievement.



Have a great Summer!

TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RE: 2011/2012 Academic School Year

School supply and Parent Consent Forms for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 for the 2011-2012 academic year will be available at the front reception desk from July 8 to August 1, as I will be away, however you may contact Kelly Tizya at the main office for inquiries.

For students attending the following schools:

William Konkin Elementary School
Decker Lake Elementary School
Lakes District Secondary School
Babine Elementary School



We require parents to fill out the school supply forms, one (1) per student, and also sign the parental consent form for release of information for your child (ren), and academic purposes only, we require the information for the student files.

Please note:

This year, we arranged for William Konkin Elementary School (WKE) to purchase school supplies for the WKE primary and Elementary students. There will **not** be school supply cheques for WKE students, but parents are still required to fill out both forms.

High school students, please be advised, if students miss more than 5 days in a term, students will not be receiving an allowance for that term.

AA MEETINGS

**Every Thursdays at the old MMPS—Room 112
(Use West Entrance)**

Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety

Welcome to
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



Announcements

Attention ALL Baseball Players!

Male & Female



Now that we have started working on the Ball Field, we would like to get a list of all the teams and players interested in playing ball. There will be a sign up sheet at the Front Desk at LBN Main Office or you can call Kevin Tom at 250-692-4702. Just leave your name and contact number and we will be in touch shortly. We would like to meet with you all and get an idea of what you would like to see and to start a schedule and possibly a league.

Thank You!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 19th – Marvin Williams, Treaty employee

July 23rd – Norma Wilson, Social Development employee

July 25th – Linda Johnnie, Employment & Training Officer



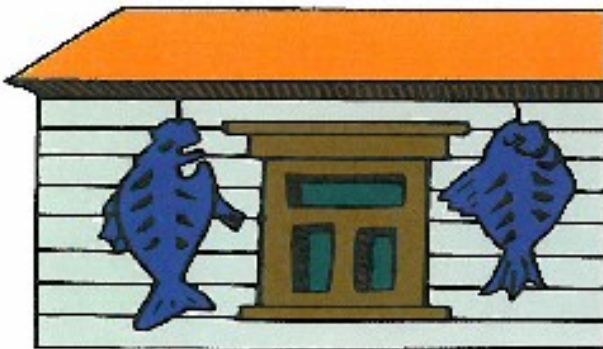
Welcome Back!

Lori West is back in the Health Department, she has completed her schooling at CNC and we are all so proud of her and so happy to have her back. Welcome back Lori!!



Calling all volunteers, we need 2 members in Woyenne, 1 in Fort Babine and 1 in Tachet to joining the HOUSING COMMITTEE! If you are interested in joining the Housing Committee please contact Vanessa " 250-692-4700. The Housing Committee works on a volunteer basis. Any workshops and out-of-town meetings are covered by the Nation.

Come and join us to pave your children/grandchildren`s way to



**LAKE BABINE NATION SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

*225 Sus Avenue
Burns Lake, British Columbia*

NOTICE!

TRADITIONAL FOOD PROJECT

**OUR DEPARTMENT IS TAKING NAMES
FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN
PARTICIPATING IN THE TRADITIONAL
FOOD PROJECT HOSTED BY SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT.**

**Members who have not participated in
the project will be considered first
priority. If you took this last year, you
are not entitled to take this again this
year as we are trying to give all members
an opportunity to participate and learn.**

**We will only be taking 24 participants for
Woyenne & you must be 16 years or
older.**

**You must participate throughout the
whole 10 DAYS in order to be entitled to
INCENTIVE which is \$20.00 per day.**

**THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE following
communities: Woyenne, Tachet, and
Fort Babine AND is tentatively
scheduled for Thursday, August 4th
to Saturday, August 13th, 2011.**

**To register, please contact Corinna
Tom, Social Development Assistant or
contact (250) 692-4740 for more
information.**

Employment & Training—Linda Johnnie



Employment & Training has been busy the last couple of months. With the start of the new Program within PGNEATA it has been hard to assist clients with their needs.

“The Aboriginal Skills & Training Strategy (ASETS) is an integrated approach to Aboriginal Labour Market programming linking training to labour market demands and ensures that Canada’s Aboriginal people can fully participate in economic opportunities...” In other words, ASETS design to assist clients best suited to the needs of Industry (the jobs that are available and how we can make ‘YOU’ job ready). Trust me, this was hard to grasp when it came into play and I am still reading and reading to get the true meaning of ASETS and how it will fully assist members in the future. So please be patient, I am working on understanding this new concept as much as you.

Blade Runners

Our last intake was in May 2011. We had 4 students: Madeline Williams, Marcel Plasway, Lance Michell and Sophia Tom. Life skills, Certificate courses: OFA Level

I, Transportation Endorsement, Traffic Control Flagging, Food Safe, Transportation of Dangerous goods. At the end of the program we did job placement. Madeline Williams completed all certificate courses but didn’t complete the job placement. Sophia Tom withdrew from the program, Marcel Plasway moved to Vancouver and Lance Michell did one week of job placement as Security with Lake Babine Nation.

This program was very hard to get started. It is sad that our young adults don’t take advantage of these opportunities that are at their finger tips. You want change within the band and your reserve only you can make that change.

Mining Training Program

This program was designed to assist the Lake Babine Nation members with getting the right mentality and training for employment with the mines. Mining has become a big part of industry. The jobs that are available range from operating heavy equipment to Camp security. You have to be willing to spend some time away from home to apply

to any mining job depending on where the job posting is. We would like to work with Northwest Community College to get our members into the training that is offered at no cost which is the Internship Program and the Workforce Exploration Skills Training (WEST) program. Both these programs are a month long and you have to be willing to live in camp. It offers a lot of certificates while in this program. To get in on these programs please see me or Felicia Erickson. Our focus is to get certified in some of training that is needed. Lake Babine Nation hired Felicia Erickson as the Mining Training Coordinator. She will be working with setting up the training courses. Our first intake was June 1st and the program scheduled to start June 27, 2011.

Week One June 27 – 30

Life Skills – Clara Orr
Peer Pressure, Grief and Loss, Self Esteem.

Week Two July 4 – 8

Life skills – Clara Orr
Communication skills, Recovery, Conflict Resolution, Healthy relationships, pub-

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Employment & Training—Linda Johnnie

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Week Three July 11 – 15

Certificate courses OFA Level I, Transportation Endorsement, WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous goods.

Job Readiness

Week Four July 18 – 22

Arnold Jackson, A & D Counsellor; Tony Harris, Employment Advisor & Industry Liaison; School of Exploration & Mining; Anger Management – Vincent Sherry for three days; H2S Alive – Last day of program. This program was designed to assist all Lake Babine Nation members. We had four apply from Fort Babine, and only one from Tachet. Three from Fort Babine opted out and the one that came had to be sent home due to unforeseen circumstances. So we housed our only Tachet

member at Travellers motel. The first intake ends July 22, 2011. This program will be designed differently in September when the 2nd round of courses will be offered. Please see Felicia Erickson or me if you require more information.

The second intake for the Workforce Exploration Skills Training is August 25 and runs for 23 days in camp, followed by a 6 day break and another 23 days in camp. Applicants should be prepared to live in a DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE wall-tent camp, sharing accommodation with three others. Good Health and physical fitness are mandatory.

The Mining Exploration Field Assistant (MEFA) is August 18 to 25th which is taught in a remote outdoor tent-camp, this hands-on

field training provides transferable skills for resource based industries with a focus on exploration and mining. Graduates are safety-conscious workers ready to meet the physical demands of entry-level employment. You must have valid Occupational First Aid Level 1 and Transportation Endorsement, or Occupational First Aid Level 3 within one year of completing the program. There is a cost of \$750 for this 8 day course. If you wish to participate in this course please see me and we can work something out IF you are not in overpayment with training.

Please feel free to drop by my office. HOWEVER, the office is closed for one week in August 15 to 19th Thank You!



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LAKE BABINE NATION HEALTH FORUM

September 14, 15, 16, 2011

at the Margaret Patrick Memorial Centre
in Burns Lake, B.C.

Schedule of Events will be posted soon!



Attention caterers

Lake Babine Nation is looking for updated menus and contact information for all caterers from LBN. Please submit a general menu of what you would prepare for Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper and attach your food safe certificate.

Menus will be kept on file for future reference.

You may drop your menus off at the Lake Babine Nation Main Office with Cindy MacDonald or you may Fax to

(250)692-4790 or send via email to

cindy.macdonald@lakebabine.com



Patient Travel

The Client's Responsibilities: A client accessing medical transportation through Non-Insured Health Benefits either at the community level or the regional office, is responsible for:

- Giving as much notice, ideally 5-10 days (or as per the community's policy) prior to leaving the community. This will avoid last minute confusion or having to cancel appointments as arrangements could not be made in time.
- Adhere to the Medical Transportation Framework and regional/community policies on Medical Transportation
- Obtain all of the necessary paperwork for their trip prior to leaving the community (i.e. referral from GP or confirmation of appointment with specialist)
- Get prior approval for all non-emergency trips. The only exception is in the case of a medical emergency.
- Attend their medical appointment as scheduled
- Get a signed CMA (Certificate of Medical Attention) or confirmation signed by the Doctor/Nurse stating they have attended their medical appointment. The signed CMA must be returned to the Transportation Coordinator after medical appointment.
- Protect all of the original warrants issued to them for their medical trip. Warrants will not be reissued if lost or stolen.
- Give notification when cancelling an appointment prior to the date of the appointment; including 24 hours notice to cancel any hotel arrangements.
- Retain and submit all required receipts.
- Do not damage property or abuse accommodation arrangements, such as excessive noise.
- Do not become verbally abusive or threatening to the patient transportation clerk or coordinator.
- A client must be a registered first nation.
- Infants under 1 year of age are eligible for medical transportation benefits if one of their parents is a registered First Nation or Inuit. After one year of age, clients must themselves be a registered First Nations or Inuit to qualify for medical transportation benefits.
- Medical transportation benefits may be provided for clients to access medically necessary health services that are covered under the Medical Services Plan and/or Non-insured Health Benefits.
- Travel expenses will not be reimbursed without written confirmation of attendance.
- Medical transportation benefits are pro-

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vided to assist clients to access medically required health services in the nearest appropriate health professional or health facility.

- The most economical and efficient means of transportation is to be used, taking into account the urgency of the situation and the medical condition of the client.
- Medical transportation benefits will be provided be the Recipient to the Clients in a manner consistent with the NIHB Directives,

Medical Transportation Policy Framework and regional guidelines.

- The most economical, efficient and appropriate means of transportation is always the be used, considering the urgency of the situation and the medical condition of the client.

Thank you. If you require more information, please feel free to come in and speak with us.

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At Immaculata Parish Church
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This workshop is 5 days of intensive personal inquiry requiring your full participation.

Commitment to **FULL PARTICIPATION** in **EVERY SESSION** is a prerequisite.

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There are evening assignments.

*For Application Forms, please see Mary Lynn Crouse or pick up form at the
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Social Development Update

Hi everyone. Wow what a summer we have been having. Here has been what has been happening with Social Development. We are pleased to welcome a new summer student, Arlene Michell. Please be patient and understanding to her. We have our Traditional Program that will be up and running. It starts on

August 4th, 2011. (See Advertisement on Page 9). We will be issuing jars to s/a recipients and elders. Jars will be handed out on August 2nd, 2011. Please see Corrina Tom or Norma Wilson. The next Elder's luncheon is scheduled for July 21st, 2011, however due to the Traditional Program and everyone

canning fish, there will be NO Elders Luncheon for the month of August. The next purchase order issue day will be on August 12th, 2011. Friendly reminder: August cheque issue day will be on July 29th, 2011 due to the long weekend. Hope everyone has a good summer.

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For your community

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Physically fit	Living in the community

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Keep in mind that this opportunity is on a voluntary basis but a great skill and occupation to have as part of your background.



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