

# LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



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Resources**  
*Ucwalmícw Tmícw*

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The Land is central to Lílwat culture and identity as expressed  
in the Ucwalmicwts phrase

**“Pal7míntwal i ucwalmícwa múta7 ti tmicw”**  
*The land and people are together as one.*

This core belief is the cornerstone of the  
Land's and Resources Department's work to maximize the  
Lílwat Nation's control over its land and resources.

# A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

## HARRIET VAN WART

Hello everyone,

We are very happy to be able to distribute this newsletter to you all and I hope you are receiving it in good health and good spirits.

The Lands and Resources Department is doing its best to continue its work during this challenging situation. We are all working from home and staying connected through phone and email.

I am happy to say we are able to continue to receive and respond to Land Use Referrals, regarding land use decisions affecting Lílwat Territory. We are even planning our first Referral Committee meeting to occur remotely. It may be a bit challenging, but it is important we continue to engage in consultations on proposed new land use activities throughout Lílwat Territory.

Our Fisheries Department is taking the necessary precautions to keep our Fisheries Technicians safe in the field, while still meeting the salmon stock assessment program requirements.

Our On-Reserve Lands Department is keeping busy finishing up the work on our New Land Allotment Policy.

We are also continuing to work with BC Parks to finalize a long-term strategy to address visitor use at Joffre Lakes Park. Currently all BC Parks are closed, but we can still take this time to be ready to properly address the high numbers of people that want to come into Lílwat Territory to visit Joffre Lakes Park.

Similarly, we are working with the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations to plan for the future management of Meager Hot Springs and Keyhole Hot Springs. These are culturally important places to the Lílwat Nation so we want ensure that we are directly involved in plans to manage and protect these areas for the long term.

During these times it is difficult to plan for the future, but we eventually want to get our archaeology and environmental technicians back out in the field and once again hold a Community Supper to share information about our archaeological findings from the previous year.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Best wishes to you all and stay safe!

Harriet VanWart, Director

Lands and Resources Department

## Survey Draw Winners

In February 2020, we posted 2 surveys to the community. The first survey was regarding the visitor land use at Meager / Keyhole Hot Springs and the second survey was regarding the Land Allotment Policy.

We had over 100 participants in each survey, thank you to everyone who participated and submitted feedback.

For each survey, we held a draw for Xit'Olacw Tsipun and Lílwat Gas Station Gift Cards.

Below are the winners who were drawn by Hazel Joseph and witnessed by Karlina Tessier.

Winners of Meager / Keyhole survey draw:

- Lex Joseph
- Janice Telfer
- Rosalin Edmonds
- Mike Skrzyszewski

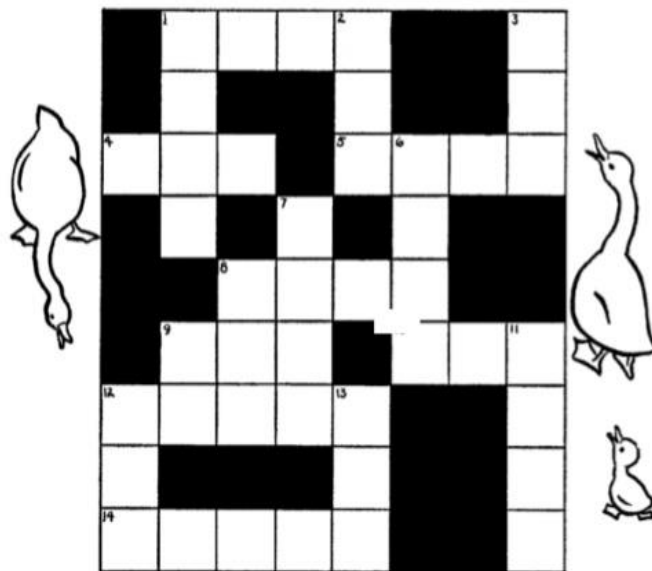
Winners of Land Allotment Policy draw:

- Hazel Joseph
- Martina Pierre



*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."*

## A FARM CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across:

1. Yield of a planted field
4. A kind of tree, like oak
5. This machine digs up fields
8. A place where animals and crops are raised
9. Opposite of stand
10. Sack to carry feed in
12. An animal to ride on
14. A long-necked bird which honks

Down:

1. A baby horse
2. A baby dog
3. An animal that gives milk
6. A baby sheep
7. Animals that chase mice
8. A kind of evergreen tree
9. Word that rhymes with go
11. Animal with horns
12. Another word for pig
13. What we see with

Down: 1. colt, 2. pup, 3. cow, 6. lamb, 7. cat, 8. pig, 9. so, 11. goat, 12. hog, 13. eye

Across: 1. crop, 4. elm, 5. plow, 8. farm, 9. sit, 10. bag, 12. horse, 14. goose

# LIL'WAT LAND USE REFERRALS

## CARRIE LESTER – REFERRAL MANAGER

Land use referrals continue to keep us busy. We receive letters from a variety of businesses, provincial and federal agencies regarding proposed land use activities within Lil'wat Territory. Since our last newsletter in December, we have received referrals for commercial recreation license renewals, forestry cut blocks, and a proposed geo-thermal project in the Meager Mountain. All our referrals are reviewed by our Cultural Technicians and by our Fisheries Department, as needed. We then bring them to our Referral Committee for direction on how to respond.

We are happy to report that our first remote Referral Committee meeting will be occurring this Wednesday.

Here is a brief overview of our referrals since January.

### **Types of Referrals Received:**

- Emergent Pole Replacement/Transformer Repl./Veg. Mgmt. - Within Lil'wat Territory - BC Hydro (4)
- Commercial Recreation/Amend App/RoW - Different Location - BC Parks (4)
- Expand Camping Facilities/Dvlp. new FMP/Call for App/Trails Review/SUP/LoO's - MFLNRO (8)
- Forestry Activity - Upper Squamish Valley - NWSF (1)
- Cycling Network/Crown Land Replacement App. - VoP (2)

### **Others:**

- Proposed Preliminary Exploration work - Upper Lillooet - Proposed GeoThermal
- Sediment Removal - Lillooet River – DFO
- Proposed 5-yr Environmental Assessment Extension - Duffy Lake Area - EAO
- Proposed Trail Connector - Whistler Area - Federation of Mt. Clubs
- Notice of Work - Mine – Rutherford – MOEM
- Filming Activity - Whistler Area - Whistler Peak Productions

All referrals are reviewed by our five-member Referral Committee who provide recommendations and directions for our response. If you have any questions about our referrals please contact Carrie Lester, Referral Manager at 604-894-6115 ext. 2462, [Carrie.Lester@lilwat.ca](mailto:Carrie.Lester@lilwat.ca)

# **LAND ALLOTMENT POLICY UPDATE**

## **JULIA POETSCHKE – ON-RESERVE LANDS OFFICER**

### **Land Allotment Policy Update**

The land allotment policy is almost complete. We received a lot of great feedback from our community survey earlier this year and in early March, we held a community meeting to present the survey results and explain how they may inform the policy.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this process; we greatly appreciate your engagement and feedback to help us ensure the policy reflects Lílwat values and visions for the future.

There is still some work to be done before we can implement this policy and begin to accept land allotment applications. First, we will have other staff and our Steering Committee review the draft policy and provide feedback. After incorporating this feedback, we will bring the draft policy to Chiefs and Council for their review. Chiefs and Council can formally adopt the policy or request more work to be done if they feel something is incorrect or missing.

If you have any questions about the policy, or if you would like to see the survey results, please contact Julia Poetschke, On Reserve Lands Officer, at [julia.poetschke@lilwat.ca](mailto:julia.poetschke@lilwat.ca).

### **About the Project:**

#### **What is a land allotment policy?**

A land allotment policy will guide the allocation of reserve land to citizens without access to family land. With a growing population and limited land base, the goal of the policy is to provide a fair, consistent and transparent process to citizens seeking land allocation while protecting services and resources that benefit the community as a whole.

#### **Why are we developing this policy?**

Lílwat Land Law states that individuals without family land may apply for a piece of land, and that a policy for requests for land should be developed. The number of land requests grows each year, however we have not had a policy to guide the allocation of reserve land.

#### **What is the Land Allotment Policy Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee advises the project team and guides the development of the policy. This Committee consist of the following community members:

- Helena Edmonds, Council Representative
- Jordon Gabriel, Land Management Board Representative
- Calvin Nelson, Land Management Board Representative
- Tara Ritchie, Youth Representative
- Ayla Pascal, Youth Representative
- Dillon Sampson, Youth Representative

# **FISHERIES REPORT**

## **MAXINE JOSEPH-BRUCE — FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER**

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Notice

The Lílwat Fisheries Department conducts an annual salmon stock assessment program throughout the Lillooet River watershed. The first salmon survey that will take place is focused on the Birkenhead River Chinook Salmon; this survey is conducted in 2 parts. The first part of the salmon survey is called the Creel Survey that starts in early April to the end of June. This portion of the survey focuses on the collection of “catch monitoring information and samples” from fishers. The second part of the Birkenhead River Chinook Salmon survey is done by way of river-bank walks and dependent on observer-efficiency starting in early July to late September.

This is not a fisheries enforcement program and participation is voluntary

Part 1 of the Birkenhead River Chinook surveys is just started, as mentioned, this is the Birkenhead River Chinook Salmon Creel survey. This survey essentially involves a brief discussion with fishers who are asked the following questions:

- Gear type and catch numbers
- Location and time of catch
- Length and measurements
- Request for scale samples
- Historical information is also very important

Your participation is greatly appreciated

Come fall-time when both surveys are complete, the catch numbers will be combined with the amount of Chinook observed in the spawning grounds, and this information will give us an idea what the run size is like for this year.

Thanks very much for your time, should there be any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact Maxine Bruce at the Lílwat Nation’s Land and Resources Department at 604-894-6115 or email [maxine.bruce@lilwat.ca](mailto:maxine.bruce@lilwat.ca)

TO REPORT FISH or FISH HABITAT VIOLATIONS, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS AT THEIR TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-800-465-4336.

## **CONTACT THE LANDS AND RESOURCES STAFF:**

We are working from home, but you can still reach us by email or by calling our office numbers and leaving a voice mail. We will then call you back as soon as we can. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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