

LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



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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

Áma Sq'it Tákem Swat,

And Happy New Year to everyone. 2020 has been a challenging year and we are hopeful that better times are ahead.

Our department continues to function well under COVID restrictions. The social isolation from working from home is challenging, and I am grateful for our staff's effort to stay safe but still support one another to carry out the important stewardship work for Lílwat Territory. I also really enjoyed coming together for our department Christmas gathering on Zoom. Not as good as in person, but we had lots of laughs playing charades. (Thanks Marley and Presley for your enthusiastic participation!)

Looking ahead, we are going to be offering some great opportunities for people interested in working for us as Lílwat Skél7awlh. There will be Environmental Field Skills training offered in February, and soon to confirm Archeology Field training in April. We hope to recruit more people from the community who are interested and enthusiastic about working out on the land.

Thanks for your interest in our department and we hope you enjoy the read.

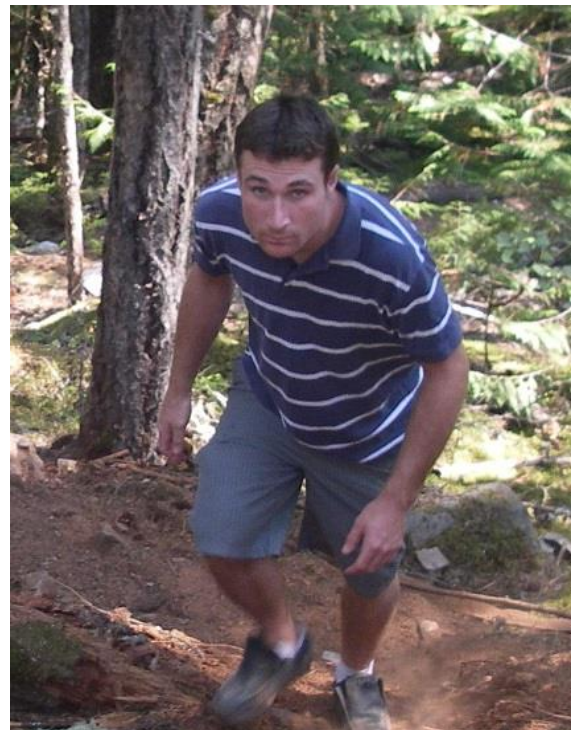
Amhalhts'a (be kind), T'ul'lec (be calm), Ats'xentsut (be safe)

We were all very saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Graham Haywood on December 28, 2020.

Graham worked at the Lands and Resources Department from 2011 – 2015.

He will be remembered for his kindness, friendship and commitment to his work for the community. His work on our Community Land Use Plan is one of many lasting contributions to our department.

We will miss Graham and send our condolences to his wife, family and many friends.



Update on Visitor Use Management Strategies

The Lands and Resources Department is working with the Province on three different Visitor Use Management Strategies: Joffre Lakes Park; Meager and Keyhole Hot Springs; and Tenquille Lake.

All three areas have experienced a rapid increase in visitation, causing concerns for impacts to the environment, cultural sites, and traditional use.

Joffre Lakes Park is the most extreme example of this. In 2019, 150,000 people visited Joffre Lakes Park, compared to 30,000 visitors in 2012.

Since March, Joffre Lakes Park has been closed due to COVID-19. This has given us time to plan for how to better manage visitors once it is appropriate to re-open. We are looking at putting a limit on the amount of people allowed to enter the Park each day and will also bring back the Lílwat and N'Quatqua Skéł7awlh for another season, similar to the Skéł7awlh program we ran in 2019.



Meager Hot Springs and Keyhole Hot Springs are more remote and harder to access but still very popular places for recreational users. Both places have unique plant life, wildlife habitat, archaeology sites and cultural sites. We are working to protect these important features through better public communications about closures, monitoring use, and increasing enforcement measures.

Most recently, we started work on a Visitor Use Management Strategy for Tenquille Lake. Tenquille is located in the alpine between the Lillooet and Birkenhead River. It is a traditional hunting and gathering place for Lílwat people, and more recently a recreation destination for hikers, mountain bikers, and back country skiers. We posted an on-line survey about Tenquille Lake to gather your input. Thank you to all that took the time to fill out this survey. If you did not get a chance to do the survey, but would like to share your thoughts, ideas, or knowledge about Tenquille Lake, please do not hesitate to contact us. The more information and knowledge we can receive from you, the better our strategy will be in protecting Lílwat interests and values.

For more information on any of these Visitor Use Management Strategies please email harriet.vanwart@lilwat.ca or reach out to by phone at 604-894-6115 ext. 2464.

Are you interested in the On-Reserve Land Registration Process?

Here is a brief overview of the steps:

- Discuss your interest in registering the parcel with your immediate family -Grandparents, Parents, Aunts and Uncles and Siblings. Gather information on the history of the land.
- Contact the Lands and Resources Department. The Lands Registration Coordinator will provide you with the Application form and a Map of the parcel.

We have two types of forms:

- Lands Registration Form
 - Lands Transfer Form (Please note that the Lands must registered in order to be transferrable)
- Fill out the entire form, including the community support signatures and return to the Lands Department.
 - The completed application will be reviewed by the Land Management Board and if approved will be posted for 60 days on the Lílwat Nation's community posting notice boards and Online.
 - If no disputes are received during this time, the Land Management Board will finalize the registration.

For more information, please contact

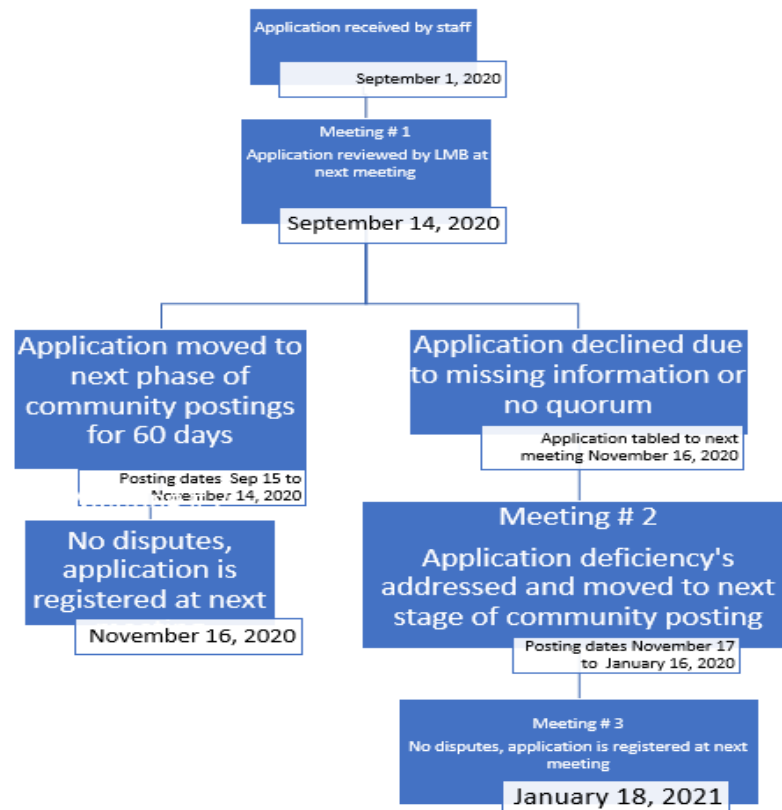
Maria Andrew, Lands Registration Coordinator, at 604-894-6115 ext. 2463 or by email at maria.andrew@lilwat.ca

Land Management Board – Meeting Schedule

The Land Management Board reviewed the timeline of the meetings alongside the current 60-day Community Postings. It was decided that the board meetings would be rescheduled to better align with the community posting timeline to offer better service to our community members.

Previously, due to the meeting schedule it would take 3 meetings to finalize applications.

Here is an example of
the new processing
timeline:



The Land Management Board will be meeting every 63 days (9 weeks) so that the 60-day Community Postings can be reviewed a few days after the posting period.

Here is a list of our tentative meeting schedule:

- 15-March-2021
- 17-May-2021
- 19-July-2021
- 20-September-2021
- 22-November-2021

For more information, please contact:

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REFERRALS UPDATE

CARRIE LESTER – Referrals Manager

The Referral department is keeping busy responding to the many land use referrals we receive from government and companies wanting to carry out activities in Lilwat Territory. During 2020 we received a total of 119 referrals. These ranged from proposed logging cut blocks, to recreation tenures, to research studies. Our responses often include that archaeological studies be conducted, or environmental monitoring is carried out by Lands and Resources field technicians.

Referrals are brought to our Referral Committee monthly for direction on how to respond. The Referral Committee is chaired by Councilor Lucinda Phillips and made up of William (Bill) Ritchie, Carl Wallace, Chris Irving and AJ Nelson. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to attend committee meetings remotely, on-line.

In addition, I have also been devoting my time to more long-term planning regarding land use within Lilwat Territory. I am compiling mapping information about cultural sites and areas of interests for Lilwat Forestry Ventures so they can be better informed about places to be protected from logging. I am also involved in the Visitor Use Management Strategy work for Joffre Lakes Park, Meager Hot Springs, Keyhole Hot Springs, and Tenquille Lake. Recreation use is growing in Lilwat Territory, and we are working on how best to manage impacts that can come from this.

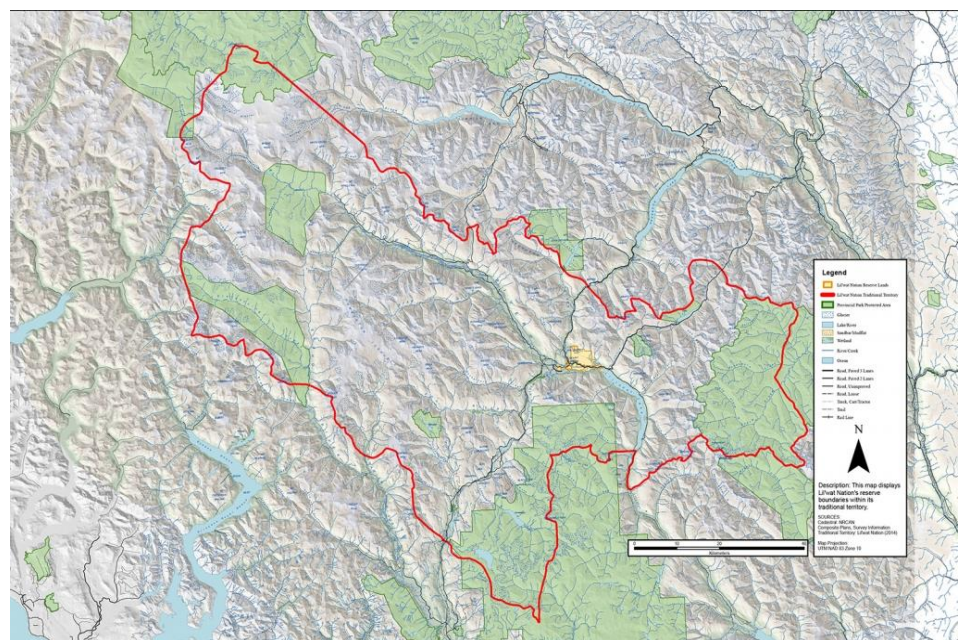
Finally, please be in touch if you are interested in working as an on-call Archaeological Field Technician. We are planning to offer training in April and posting to hire for seasonal on-call work shortly after.

For more information, please contact:

Carrie Lester, Referral Manager

604-894-6115 ext 2462 or email

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FISHERIES REPORT

MAXINE JOSEPH-BRUCE – Fisheries and Environmental Manager

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The fall/winter months has the Lilwat Fisheries Technicians conducting Coho Salmon presence surveys throughout the Lillooet River watershed. In the upper Lillooet River area, the Birkenhead River and Poole Creek are examples of the systems where the surveys are conducted, and in the Lower Lillooet River, Sloquet River is an example of the systems surveyed. These specific surveys are done by way of river-bank walks that rely heavily on observer efficiency and expected to be completed by end of January to middle of February.

Lilwat Fisheries has other projects on the go with the focus on Coho Salmon; From September 20, 2020 to November 20th, 2020, the Coho Salmon count was underway (very similar to the Sockeye Salmon count). This project requires that we install a Sonar/Underwater camera into the Lillooet River, the camera collects the information, and we review the information and document onto a spreadsheet the amount of salmon that swim passed the camera. Documenting the information will take a couple of months to complete.

Regarding the Environmental works, we are preparing for the upcoming spring and summer works, we're anticipate implementing a stewardship program for Joffre Lakes Park and Tenquille Lake Park, a Lilwat Environmental Monitoring

Program for the Upper Lillooet Hydro Electric Facility, the installation of a river gauge into the Birkenhead River and developing a Birkenhead River Restoration Plan for Salmon Habitat.

Once all the Coho Salmon numbers are entered onto a spreadsheet, a summary of the overall count will be provided. Stay tuned. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-894-6115 ext 2465 or send an email to Maxine.bruce@lilwat.ca

Sneknukwa7, please see the following regarding Fisheries & Environmental Monitoring Field training:

Environmental Field Skills (2 weeks Mt. Currie)

Natural Resources Training Group will provide two weeks of training in Environmental Field Skills within the community of Mt. Currie between February 8 and 19, 2021. This training is designed to introduce participants to the basic skills used in many disciplines working in environmental fields, from forestry to wildlife to environmental monitoring of construction projects. Topics covered will include recording field notes; use of map, compass and GPS; measuring slopes and heights; basic forestry skills and an introduction to wildlife surveys. The course is comprised of two parts; lecture in the morning (delivered by experts remotely via Zoom) and supervised field exercises in the afternoon emphasizing the practice of the skill which was discussed in the morning lecture. By the end of the course participants will understand the basic measurement methods common in environmental sciences and some practice at completing these in a realistic outdoor setting.

To learn more about this training opportunity, contact Maxine Bruce at 604-894-6115 ext 2465 or email Maxine.bruce@lilwat.ca

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We hope you enjoyed the read and please provide any feedback or questions
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