

LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



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Ucwalmícw Tmícw

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THE LÍLWAT NATION WEBSITE.

WWW.LILWAT.CA

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.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

HARRIET VAN WART - Lhíkminan, Director, Lands and Resources Department

Áma Sq'it

N7útsqa7 (springtime) is here, and we are getting busy with field work. We have hired some new Skél7awlh (Steward) Field Technicians for the season to work in Lil'wat Territory, and shared Lil'wat N'Quatqua Territory under the management of our Fisheries and Environmental Manager, Maxine Bruce, and Crew Supervisor Tammie Jenkins. Projects this season include environmental monitoring of the Upper Lillooet and Boulder Creek Hydro Projects, Tenquille Lake Recreation area, Joffre Lakes Park, as well as the continued work on our salmon stock assessment program and archaeological assessments throughout Lil'wat Territory.

Our Referral Manager, Carrie Lester, will be coordinating another year of registering archaeology sites in Lil'wat Territory. We are so fortunate to have Lex Joseph and Johnny Jones as our Cultural Technicians for the department. They know of many archaeology sites in the Territory, so we can create an inventory of these sites and follow up with the field work to have them mapped and registered for protection. From working with Lex and Johnny over the years we have registered a total of 202 archaeology sites in Lil'wat Territory. And still more work to be done!

Our Lands Registration Coordinator, Maria Andrew, is keeping busy working with the Land Management Board on new applications to register traditional land holdings. We are so pleased to see Lil'wat people continuing to come forward to register their family land. Our registration process follows the Lil'wat Land Law created by the Lil'wat people.

And please have a look at Julia Poetschke's (Projects and GIS Coordinator) update in this Newsletter regarding community engagement on the Lil'wat Community Land Use Plan. This plan will provide guidance for land use On-Reserve for the next five years. We look forward to hearing your input.

Finally, I would like to give our warmest wishes and gratitude to Richenda Grafton who will be leaving her role as Administrative Assistant at the end of June. Richenda has been such an integral part of our team for the last 3 years and we will miss her greatly. We wish you the best on your new endeavours, Richenda! Kukwsturnúlhckacw



It is with much gratitude and some sadness that I announce my departure as the Administrative Assistant for the Lands and Resources Department.

I have more than enjoyed my experience over the last 3 years working with such a wonderful team and learning so much more about Lil'wat territory than I ever imagined I could.

I will always remember my time with the Lands and Resources department with great fondness and a grateful heart.

Thank you, Lil'wat Nation for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community.

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

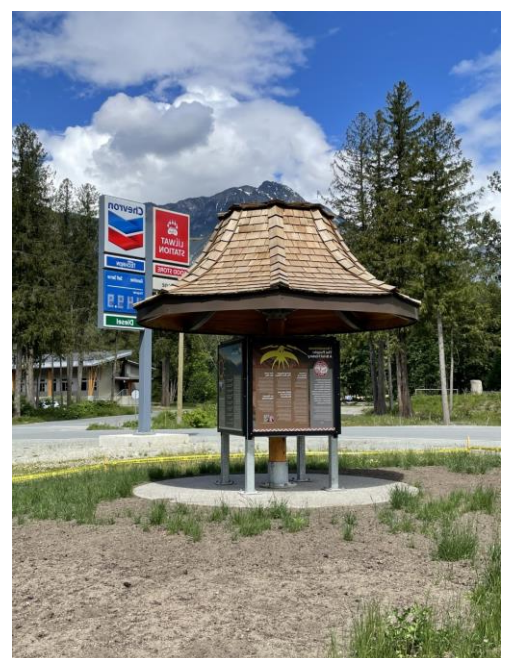
Áma Sq'it Tákem Swat

Richenda Grafton - Psíl'itqwa

We are so thrilled to announce that Lílwat Nation information kiosk has now been installed at the Lílwat Gas Station!



**Kukwstumúlhckacw to
Kukwpi7 Gélpca1 and
Councilor Mamaya
for your leadership and
support to complete
this project!**



REFERRALS UPDATE

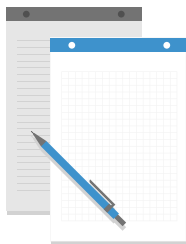
CARRIE LESTER – Referrals Manager

From January 2021 to now we have received a total of 47 referrals regarding land use activities in Lil'wat Territory. Referrals are brought to our Referral Committee on a monthly basis for direction on how to respond.

Recently, a Trails Master Plan has been approved by the Referral Committee. This plan was developed by the Squamish Lillooet Regional District with our input and involvement. The Trails Master Plan recognizes Lil'wat traditional connection to the lands and emphasizes the importance of following a proper review and authorization process before building new recreational trails. Now when we receive referrals for proposed new trails, our Referral Committee can refer to the Trails Master Plan and make sure the trails are in line with an overall vision for recreational trails and avoid more intrusions on Lil'wat hunting and gathering places.

ON-RESERVE LANDS UPDATE:

MARIA ANDREW – Lands Registration Coordinator



Spring has been a busy time in the Lands Registration office with a steady increase in inquiries and requests for applications.

The Land Management Board meets every nine weeks to review completed applications. The next meeting is in July, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your land or are thinking of applying to register a parcel, please contact

Maria Andrew, Lands Registration Coordinator

amaria.andrew@lilwat.ca

or 604-894-6115 extension 2233

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:

- 12-July-2021
- 20-September-2021
- 22-November-2021

Land Registration Process:

Here are the steps:

1. Complete the Lilwat Nation Land Registration or Land Transfer form. Follow the instructions on the front page of the form. Only Lilwat Nation Citizens are permitted to register, transfer, or sell reserve land.
2. Submit the Land Registration or Land Transfer form, along with any relevant documentation proving your or your family's past use, occupation and title of the land being registered, to the Lilwat Nation Land and Resources Department. Ensure all of your contact information is on the form so the Lands Officer can contact you. The Lands Officer will review your application and advise if any further information is required.
3. The Lands Officer will construct a map of the land and add this to your file. The land boundaries may already exist in the Nation's Land Registry. If the boundaries are unavailable, incomplete or unknown, the Lands Officer will set up an appointment to take GPS points of the boundaries of the land.
4. Once complete, your file will be taken to the Land Management Board, who meet approximately every six weeks. The Board will review and consider the file. If the supplied documents are sufficient to prove title and intention, the Board will move to have the land registration posted in the community for a period of 60 days. The Board may request further evidence of title or intention; this may be additional signatures of verification, older photographs or maps of the land, etc.

Note:

If the Board is aware of a major dispute, the file may still proceed to community posting in order to bring the dispute forward. If the file has already been posted, or if the dispute is of an outstanding nature, the Board may request that the disputing parties enter into facilitated discussions prior to the file moving forward.

5. Following successful approval, the Lands Officer will create a poster of your land registration application. This poster will be posted in the Lilwat Nation's Community Notice boards. The postings will be displayed for 60 days to give the community a chance to review the application. Any disputes over the application must be received at the Land and Resources office in writing before the end of the 60-day period. The notice will indicate the relevant dates.

If a written notice of dispute is filed with the Land and Resources Office, the parties will be required to enter the dispute resolution process as set out in section 7 of the Lilwat Land Law (2010).

6. If no disputes are received during the 60-day posting period, the Lands Officer will take the file back to the Land Management Board for finalization. The Lands Officer will update the Board on the status of the posting and any dialogue that may have occurred regarding the land. The Board will move to finalize the registration.
7. When a land registration is finalized, the Lands Officer will issue a letter of certification outlining the motion passed by the Land Management Board and, where necessary, any conditions that might have been imposed on the land registration. This will include a new map of the final, confirmed boundaries of the land parcel. The Lilwat Nation Land Registry will also be updated at this time.

For more information or an application form, please contact Maria Andrew at
maria.andrew@lilwat.ca or 604-894-6115 extension 2463

FISHERIES REPORT

MAXINE JOSEPH-BRUCE – Fisheries and Environmental Manager

Ama swa takem swat. Entsas Lhpatq. Lheltsamecwkan

I am pleased to inform you that this Month of May 2021 the Lil'wat Skel7awlh Technicians (Stewards) have kicked-off the season conducting surveys on our land and resources. The surveys are being conducted on-reserve lands and off-reserve. Please be advised that over the next few weeks the Lil'wat Skel7awlh will be needing access to the Birkenhead River or Grandmother Slough and will likely be walking through the Lil'wat member's yards/property.

- You will see the Skel7awlh on the Birkenhead River and Grandmother Slough, (yes, they are working the weekends), they are conducting surveys for Fish Habitat Restoration planning and looking for a suitable sites to install a river gauge.
- On a whole other project, the Lil'wat Skel7awlh will be in and about the Grandmother Slough conducting surveys for Flood Mitigation efforts.
- As in previous years, the Lil'wat Skel7awlh are conducting Chinook Salmon Creel Surveys, essentially this survey involved interviewing fishers on the amount of efforts they are applying and if they'd have any catch to report. Also, we are asking fishers to alert the Techs to collect scale samples off their catch.
- It's awesome that the Lil'wat Skel7awlh have now conducted 1 Archaeological Surveys within the Lil'wat Territory.
- A new project that the Lil'wat Skel7awlh are involved in conducting Environmental Monitoring on the Joffre Lakes Park trail as well as the Tenquille Lake Park's trails.

In closing, I want to congratulate the Lil'wat people on all of our endeavors. When you see the Lil'wat Skel7awlh, wave and say hello, and when you see them in the rivers or sloughs honk for support.

On behalf of the Lil'wat Skel7awlh, Kukwstumulhkalap, Nilh ti

Welcome to our new Skél7awlh for the Lands and Resources Department:

Thomas Williams

Nicholas Dan

Ally Truscott

Vanessa Dan

Mikhail Gabriel

Wade Wallace

Cassidy Pascal

Talon Pascal

PROJECT UPDATE: COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN RENEWAL

JULIA POETSCHKE – Project and GIS Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who completed our community survey throughout March and April to provide input on key issues and priorities for Lilwat community lands. Your feedback is invaluable! We will be sharing the results of the survey on the Lilwat website soon. In the meantime, we want to share a summary of what we heard.

Some important themes for community land use that we have gathered from the survey responses include:

- The desire to have more land available to people for both housing and agriculture
- The need for more flood protection for the community
- The need for diverse housing options for people with different circumstances
- The success of Lilwat farm and desire to help teach and encourage more people to grow their own food
- Concerns around road safety including the need for road repairs
- Improving community infrastructure
- Protecting cultural sites
- Creating space and venues for cultural activities
- Creating more recreation spaces, including trails
- Protecting our rivers from impacts from both tourism and livestock

What's next?

Over the next month, we will continue to seek input from the community on how our community lands should be used in the future. Due to covid-19, all engagement will be done virtually. Keep an eye out for postings about engagement sessions and videos on the Lilwat website, Facebook page and on posters around the community. If there is someone in your family who may not have access to a computer, we encourage you to help them get involved and attend these sessions together.

If you are not able to attend any engagement sessions but would like to provide feedback, please contact Julia Poetschke, Projects & GIS Coordinator, by phone at 604-894-6115 or via email at Julia.Poetschke@lilwat.ca, or reach out to one of our Steering Committee members!

About the Project:

The Lands and Resources Department is working on updating our Community Land Use Plan (CLUP). A CLUP is a guiding document used by staff to manage community lands, guiding decision making on what can be done on different parcels of land. A CLUP will typically have an overarching vision with specific goals, objectives and strategies. The current CLUP was completed in 2015 and was designed to be updated every 5 years to reflect changing circumstances, concerns and priorities.

Our Team:

Lilwat Steering Committee

Helena Edmonds, Council Representative
Dawn Wells, Land Management Board Rep.
Marcella Jim, Housing Board Rep.
Maxine Bruce, Corporations Board Rep.

Alison Pascal, Lilwat citizen
Richenda Grafton, Lilwat citizen
Tara Ritchie, Lilwat citizen

Contact the Lands and Resources Staff:

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We hope you enjoyed the read and please provide any feedback or questions
or if you would like to sign up for a digital copy
of this newsletter, please contact richenda.grafton@lilwat.ca

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