

Lands and Resources



Pal7míntwał i ucwalmícwa múta7 ti tmícw

The land and people are together as one



Áma sqít tákem
swat - and best
wishes for 2022!

We hope you
enjoy this
Newsletter
highlighting
some of the
many projects
keeping us busy.

*Pictured here is the Skél7awlh team's first attempt in recovering their under water camera. Buried 5 feet deep at one of the sites after the catastrophic November 2021 rain events. (from left to right: Vanessa Dan, Tammy Jenkins, Misha Gabriel and Keith McKewon- Photo taken by Niki Godfrey).

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Lands on Reserve

By Maria Andrew

Lílwat Registration of “Band Lands”

In this past quarter, Lílwat Nation Governance department had applied to formally register the parcels known as “Band Lands”. Examples of these parcels include Ullus and the Public Works facilities.

Many of these parcels are actively used to house the Nation’s infrastructure and our key Community operations such as the Band Office, Firehall, Lílwat Health and Healing, X’etolacw Community School and Ts’zil Learning Centre.

The Lílwat Business Group had also applied to register the Tsipun, Lílwat Gas Stations and the future marketplace area.

There are approximately 60 Band Land parcels throughout the territory that staff and the Land Management Board members are in the process of reviewing. The Band Land registrations started in December 2021 and will continue through 2022.

By registering these parcels, we are following the Land registration process and the Lílwat Nation Land Law. All approved parcels by the Land Management Board will proceed to the next stage of the community posting for 60 days prior to being finalized. This process looks for Lílwat Community engagement to share your knowledge or any concerns.

Visit the this link to view our updated Land Registration Postings under the “LAND REGISTRATION: COMMUNITY NOTICES” TAB : <https://lilwat.ca/lands-resources/on-reserve-lands/>

Benefits of registration include seeking community information from Lilwat Citizens, confirmation of band lands, confirmation of parcel acreage and boundaries, funding opportunity, land swap for infrastructure development if needed and knowledge of what lands are available for future projects.

For a complete list of the parcels or current Community Notices please see <https://lilwat.ca/lands-resources/on-reserve-lands/> or contact Maria Andrew, Lands Registration Coordinator at maria.andrew@lilwat.ca or 604-894-6115 ext-2233.

Directors Update

By Harriet VanWart

We have now have three Visitor Use Management Strategies (VUMS) approved, and work is ongoing for implementation. The VUMS requires the Province and Lílwat to work closely to find the best way protect sensitive areas from impacts of recreational use. Through this, the Province is learning about Lílwat interests and value in the land, and we are learning about the work involved in managing parks and recreation sites.

Joffre Lakes Park VUMS <https://bcparks.ca/planning/management-plans/joffre-lakes/joffre-lakes-park-visitor-use-management-strategy-2021.pdf?v=1644955839023> was implemented last season, including the Day Pass system and our Lílwat Skél7awlh (Stewards) conducting environmental monitoring. Overall, the Day Pass system has been very successful in controlling the number of visitors. (Reminder! Lílwat people do not need a Day Pass to go to Joffre). And we are so proud of our Lílwat Skél7awlh. They did a great job working at Joffre, and the BC Parks Conservation Biologists were very impressed with there data collection. We are planning for the Skél7awlh to be back next season. We will continue to meet with BC Parks this winter to discuss winter use management.

Meager Hot Springs and Keyhole Hot Springs VUMS

https://landuseplanning.gov.bc.ca/api/document/6074bac208e61b001b45f5f6/fetch/Hotsprings_Visitor%20Use%20Management%20Strategy_Phase1_Apr2021.pdf implementation work is ongoing. We have an archaeological assessment of both areas completed and will use this information for future planning. More discussions are needed to determine the long-term plan for both places. We will also be developing a work plan for the Skel7awlh to monitor activity at both hot springs.

Tenquille Lake VUMS was just approved by Lílwat Chiefs and Council this month. Soon the finalized version will be posted online. We are meeting regularly with the Province and Pemberton Wildlife Association volunteers for implementation planning for next season. And yes, our Skél7awlh will be working at Tenquille as well!

NEW! Meager Geothermal Development

A company called Meager Creek Development Corporation is proposing to develop a geothermal project at Meager Mountain. We visited the site in the fall and are currently working through our consultation process with the company. This includes researching the potential impacts and benefits from the proposed project by conducting an archaeological assessment, Traditional Use Study, Socio-economic study, and Environmental study. Community engagement will occur to learn more about your thoughts, interests, and questions about having this development occur in Lílwat Territory.

SUCCESS! Lillooet Lake Wildlife Management Area

Last Spring we heard many concerns about people taking their vehicles on to the shoreline at the northwest end of Lillooet Lake. This is an ecologically sensitive area, and a Provincially designated Wildlife Management Area. We followed up directly with the Province for better signage, barriers and monitoring. We also encouraged people to report their concerns through the RAPP line. Recently, the Province informed us that they are processing a new Legal Order that will prohibit motorized activities in this Wildlife Management Area. Thank you to all who expressed your concern through the RAPP line. We are happy to see the Province following up with legal tools to prohibit and prevent future motorized access to this sensitive habit in Lílwat Territory.



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LÍLWAT NATION
Community Land Use Plan Renewal

PROJECT UPDATE:

Community Land Use Plan Renewal

By Julia Poetscke

Work on the Community Land Use Plan (CLUP) Renewal began in August 2020 and is now near completion! The project was led by the Lands and Resources Department, with support from a Technical Working Group of senior staff and guidance from a Lilwat Steering Committee. The Firelight Group, an Indigenous owned consulting firm, also provided technical support.

The final document has been reviewed thoroughly by the project team, including the Lilwat Steering Committee and the Technical Working Group. Now, Chiefs and Council will review the document, provide feedback, and then formally adopt the plan.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in our engagement activities throughout the project. Your ideas, knowledge and feedback are extremely valuable, and your participation is essential to ensure the CLUP reflects the needs and desires of the community. Kukwstum'ickálap!

Keep an eye out for another project update in the spring! Once adopted, the new CLUP will be available on the Lilwat website, or a printed copy can be requested from the Lands and Resources Department.

What is a 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 previous CLUP was completed in 2015 and was designed to be updated every 5 years to reflect changing circumstances, concerns, and priorities. [Click here](#) to view the 2015 CLUP.

Historical Líl'wat

By Cultural Technician Lex Joseph

Winter Horse Racing

In the 60's and 70's- Some might remember Winter Horse Racing as top notch entertainment here in Líl'wat .

These would take place a few weeks after new years on Rancheree street or what the locals call the 'old reserve'.

The matches would be one to one and a betting table was set up for spectators interested in placing a bet on a certain horse.

No profits were gained by the racers, they were in it for FUN!

At times, a cow hide race was part of the fun day usually a Sunday.

A man by the name of 'Taya', also used to come to these horse races--to set up his crown and anchor game of chance.

Bets for his games were as low as 5 cents.



30 Seconds Of Pure Excitement!

Skél7awlh “Land Care Taker”

The fisheries and environmental team (Skél7awlh) had an overall busy and successful year out on the rivers and lands of Líl'wat Nation. They worked an entire circle around the sun engaging in parks stewardship, salmon spawning season and flash floods. In celebration of a new year we have curated stories and pictures from a few of our many amazing Skél7awlh and their adventures with a short questionair or brief writing.

Kúkwstum'ckálap Skél7awlh- each and every one of you!



*Tammy Jenkins and Maxine Bruce, in another attempt to retrieve their underwater camera, November 2021

AJ Nelson

Q: How long you have been a Skél7awlh?

A: 3 years Part Time and 7.5 years Full Time

Q: What is your favorite memory of the past year?

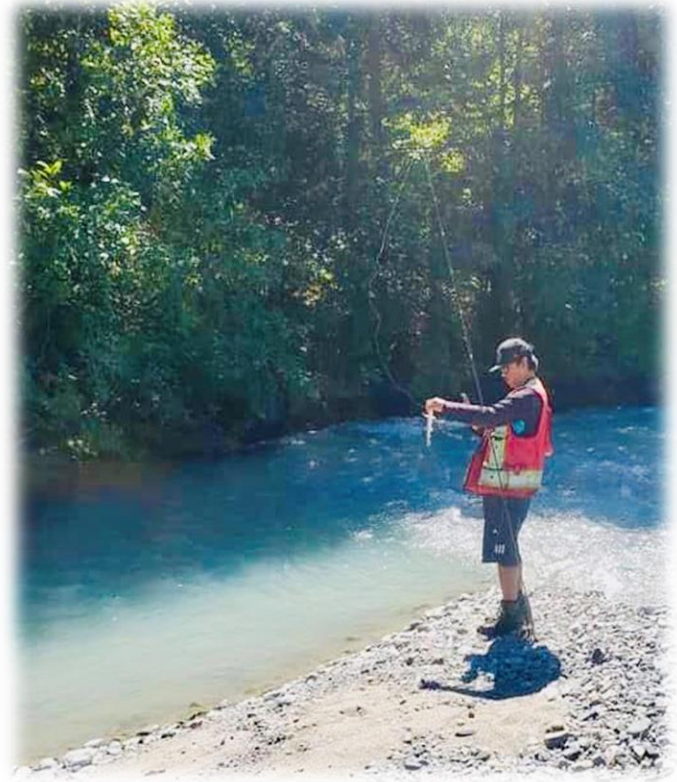
A: During the Chinook Survey, mid to late spring, we did a lot of bank walks. Being on several rivers and creeks allowed me to really connect with the land. I never felt afraid or threatened, I always felt safe.

Q: What is a new ucwalmícwts word you learned out on the land?

A : mecáož – huckleberry

Q: What makes you proud to be a Skél7awlh?

A: I am proud and honored to be able to look after our fish and our waters; to have a lot of knowledge of our territory, that I may pass onto anyone who would like to know. I am also proud and honored to sit on the Land Referral Committee and the Joffre Lake Management Committee.



Welcome Skél7awlh Niki...

(Below, one of many views nikin gets to see at work)

My name is Niki Godfrey.

My Mother is May Pascal, My Father is Vernon Brooks. I was born in Grandfather Williams cabin on Main St in 1970. I was scooped away at 4 days old and adopted up at 6 days old. Since birth....I have always been a traveler, including 5 years in Australia.

I returned to Lílwat in the Fall of 2021 and began work as a Fisheries Technician. I worked at Roger's Creek until end of November. This was a great opportunity to spend time working with and learning from the land and the river. Also learning about how that FSR road is "Ever changing"

The greatest adventure as a fish tech this fall was the recovery of the camera after the first big rains. 6 days digging... "no pressure... but hurry cause there's more rain coming". We won the battle and not a day to soon as the rains came again not long afterward.

I am filled with Gratitude on so many levels to be Home again and working on this amazing team. I look forward to spending more time on the land, learning from that which it has to offer. Meet more of Our people, learn more of Our language and engage in more of the local Cultural activities.

-Peace Love and Balance for All



éntsa s Mikhail Gabriel (Misha)

Q: How long you have been a Skél7awlh?

A: Since April 28th, 2021

Q: What is your favorite memory of the past year?
(Funny, Scary, Adventurous, Educational?)

A: Exploring-many new lakes, rivers, and dirt roads.
Scary- crossing rivers at hip level—we laughed later.
Educational- learning more about archaeology.
Learning new plants and herbs that are beneficial.

Q: What is a new ucwalmícwts word you learned out on the land?

A: Ama Sn'an'atcw- Good Morning

Q: What makes you proud to be a Skél7awlh?

A: I am proud to be Skél7awlh because we take care of the land and regulate the use.
I am proud because I'm learning so much, so fast about our culture and the way we do things to keep the land protected.



Nesa7- Thomas Williams (Tommy Gun)

Q: What is your favorite memory of the past year?

A: Bank walking, seeing the land and exploring places I have never seen before.

Q: What is a new ucwalmícwts word you learned out on the land?

A: Can't think of one word right now
BUT I HAVE LEARNED A LOT!

Q: What makes you proud to be a Skél7awlh?

A: All the work I am learning from my co-workers.



Slade Wallace

Q: What is your favorite memory of the past year?

A: My fav memory was seeing a moose up the valley that was bigger than our work truck that was a few feet away from the driver door!

Tammie Jenkins

Q: How long you have been a Skél7awlh ?

A: I have been connected to the earth as a Ske'l7awlh since time began, pleased to land a job such as this for the past 10 years. Which lead me to supervisor position since July/20.

Q: What is your favorite memory of the past year?

A: With all the high-water events this year, working with a sonar cam in coho season, at one site- we had our camera buried 5-6ft in gravel that came from a land slide. Took us 1 week to dig out. But we did it.

Q: What is a new ucwalmícwts word you learned out on the land?

A: Skèk7a7- ancestors Skelawlh- land caretaker

Q: What makes you proud to be a Skél7awlh?

A: Doing something natural to my innate self

*picture above: raging river at Battle Creek, picture to the right: Mama Grizzly and cubs- discovering an alternative use for farmer's hay.



Sama skwátsits, Maxine Joseph-Bruce, Lheltsamecwkan

Q: How long have you been a Skél7awlh?

A: I've been employed as a Skél7awlh/Fisheries Manager since 2005. I feel very proud to work in the Land and Resource Department as a Skél7awlh. I'm even more proud that our department is called the Skelaw7lh.

Q: What is your favourite memory of the past year?

A: A funny/peculiar memory I want to share took place when we were starting the Coho Salmon Surveys and completing the Sockeye Salmon Surveys. We were at Roger's creek area when I used the outhouse, I learned later that day that about the spiders as I had found a cluster of spider bites on a peculiar area...in the lower extremities. And about a week after that, we were removing the shed from the sockeye counting site, and later that day, I found a number of spider bites on my shoulder. I learned that there's a lot of spiders at that time of year. Note to self: search the web to find out more about those spiders.

Q: Is there a new ucwalmícwts word you learned out on the land?

A: An ucwalmícwts word I learned this year is from the Charlie Mack book; he talked about a big bird similar to a woodpecker, but about the size of an eagle. The ucwalmícwts word is "qwuqwsmtaxen". I can now pronounce this word, and I did some research on the world wide web to find this type of bird to no avail. Interesting eh?

Q: what makes you proud to be a Skél7awlh?

A: I am proud to be a Skél7awlh because it gives me the opportunity to help my community in taking back our responsibility to manage our own land and resources.

We Are The Ucwlamícw-tmicw

-People of the Land