STELLAT'EN FIRST NATION

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NEWSLETTER

June/July

Band Manager

Marie Casimel

Good day everyone, thank you for joining us at the last Community meeting. First on my list is to get every SFN policy up to date and develop new ones to add to the many policies that we need to have in place. RIM, Records Information Management is where we will start, we had our RIM assessed for what we need, and most of the recommendations for the consultants, I am happy to say I have been working on/towards already, and funding applied for further training is in the plans. It is an extensive report but a good start for us to follow. Finance has it down packed and they will be training other managers who use Xyntax to use it with all our everyday duties that started with the year-end review on April 20th where everyone went over their transfers in their budgets, present revenue and expenditures and we have decided to do this monthly during Managers Meetings. We had our first Managers Team Building on June 1st and 2nd to start all these meetings and tentatively planned the next one on July 21st. This will continue with the monthly Managers' meetings to include the reviews, budgets,
and Xyntax assistance.

I am keeping very busy with Human Resources, more than I ever have been due to issues in this dept that have never dealt with before. It is only to make my staff comfortable and happy by providing our services to your community better, happy staff make happy community members.

As I advised previously, our Social Development program is stepping up to be more in compliance now, things have been lenient due to the pandemic, and we need to be prepared in case of a review of our program, which can be anytime. Denise and Corvina oversee the Prevention, Jordans Principle, with a different set of funding with ISC probably because of their policies, this program is more directed towards our culture now. CSFS will provide more Cultural staff to assist with this program.

Craig is no longer our housing Coordinator anymore; he does his best to cover emergencies as they come up. He will be assisting on call out in the community for water works, assisting Peter. We are recruiting a temporary person to step up to the administration of the program, which includes funding applications, keeping records, and reporting on funding that we get from ISC/CMHC. Nathan Silver, the Technical Services Manager, has been assisting us here, getting the Housing Policy ready to be ratified by the membership and passed so that we will finally have a Housing Policy to use. Tracy Appel and Christina Hull of Community Power have applied for (HSP) Housing Support Program, Governance & Capacity to develop a multi-year housing upgrade plan, this will give us a clear path to improve housing conditions and make homes more healthy, safe, and more comfortable in the community. An application for Rapid Housing Initiative has been sent for the 2 houses lost in A fire last winter and we are hoping for the best.
I wish you all a wonderful summer, stay safe, take good care, and love one another

Skills and Training

Phone: 250-699-6020

Upcoming training for June/July:

- Firearm Safety Training July 8-9
- Drivers training date TBA

Participants of Traffic control training May 1st and 2nd

Participants in s100 and s185 training that took place in May 2023

Wellness Centre

Phone: 250-699-8922

Upcoming events and doctor days:

July 4 – Wellness Fire 11-1pm
July 6 – Dr. Danette
July 13 – Nurse practitioner Celena
July 18 – Wellness Fire 11-1pm
July 20 – Dr. Cody
July 27 - Dr Cody
Aug 9 - Women's Wellness day, if you'd like to register for a mammogram contact Pam Fidler at the number listed above.

Community garden days are every Tues and Thurs 9-12pm everyone is welcome!

STELLAT'EN YOUTH POOL DAYS

VANDERHOOF AQUATIC CENTRE

YOUTH 8-29

390 Columbia St E, Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0

The **4th Saturday** of every month admission will be covered for Stellat'en Youth aged 8-29.
Status numbers will be required

If you have questions contact Raine

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Health center: 250-699-8922

Special Projects

Tracy Appel

The gazebo is in the final stages of completion for the Veteran's Memorial and then finishing touches will be completed. Please watch for the grand opening of the memorial coming soon. Special thank you to Deane Carlson for operating the loader and helping with the beginning stages of gazebo construction.

Language Resource Assistant

Dennis Patrick

Hadih Stella Whut'enne
The dictionary is in type setting mode. They align words and fitting pictures where possible.
The history book is in the same state. Adding pictures where they can.
The second stage is Learning bird contract. The process is very slow because we are checking and making sure everything is in order. The contractors, Education and Language program are working together with due diligence. June 5th will be an introductory meeting with our elders.
The Nechako documentary was partly filmed at the language center. Lyana is directing the crew in its function and meeting elders in the process.
First Voices web site. There are 1825 words with 45 audios yet to be completed. 778 phrases 100% audio. 16 songs including hymns. 8 stories with more on the way.
The language app is available on android and apple products. I would like some feedback and suggestions for the app. We must start networking with people and resources.
1. Relatives from near and far.
2. Organizations.
3. Work/school.
4. Friends.
5. Family.

Hopefully the dark days are behind us. The Elder's tea is running smoothly. Tanya and Michelle are taking much care in facility and food is prepared. Workshops and events are attended. The latest being UNBC visit with students, teachers, and professional members of society. The message is clear. We must communicate our needs within our environment what is left of our environmental capacity. awetza

Elders Mary Nooski and Joseph Charlie doing recordings for Learning Bird for future resources for Stella Whut'enne

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Dakelh Syllabics

Each Symbol only makes one sound. These six vowel sounds are the most important to learn.

A – as in h<u>a</u>t **U** – as in h<u>u</u>t **E** – as in gr<u>ey</u> **I** – as in s<u>ee</u> **O** – as in g<u>o</u> **Oo** – as in y<u>ou</u>

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Dakelh Syllabics

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U – as in h<u>u</u>t (wh**u**t'en)

E – as in gr<u>ey</u> (nusd**e**)

I – as in s<u>ee</u> (dunghi)

O – as in g<u>o</u> (nd**o**)

Oo – as in y<u>ou</u> (**oo**ghuni)

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Youth Support Worker

Chastity Casimel

For the month of July

you are invited to try out.

Paddle boarding and Kayaking

We will be doing alternate weeks.

19 – 29-year-olds will be July 6

12 – 18-year-olds will be July 13

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Snacks and water will be provided!

We will have transportation available for 10

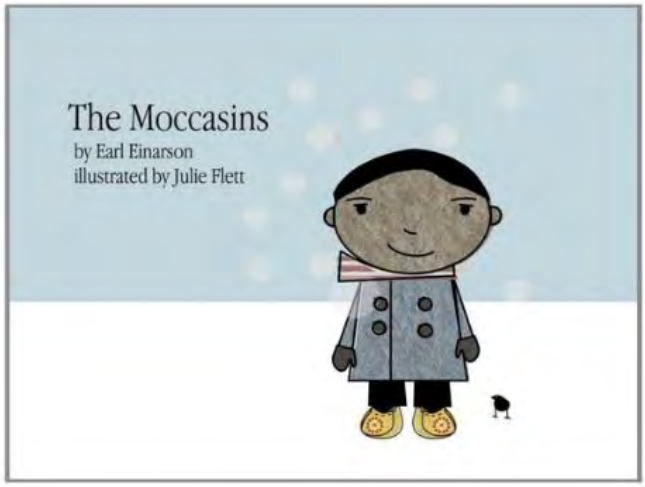
To sign up please contact

Karen George, Nadleh Health Director, 250-690-7272

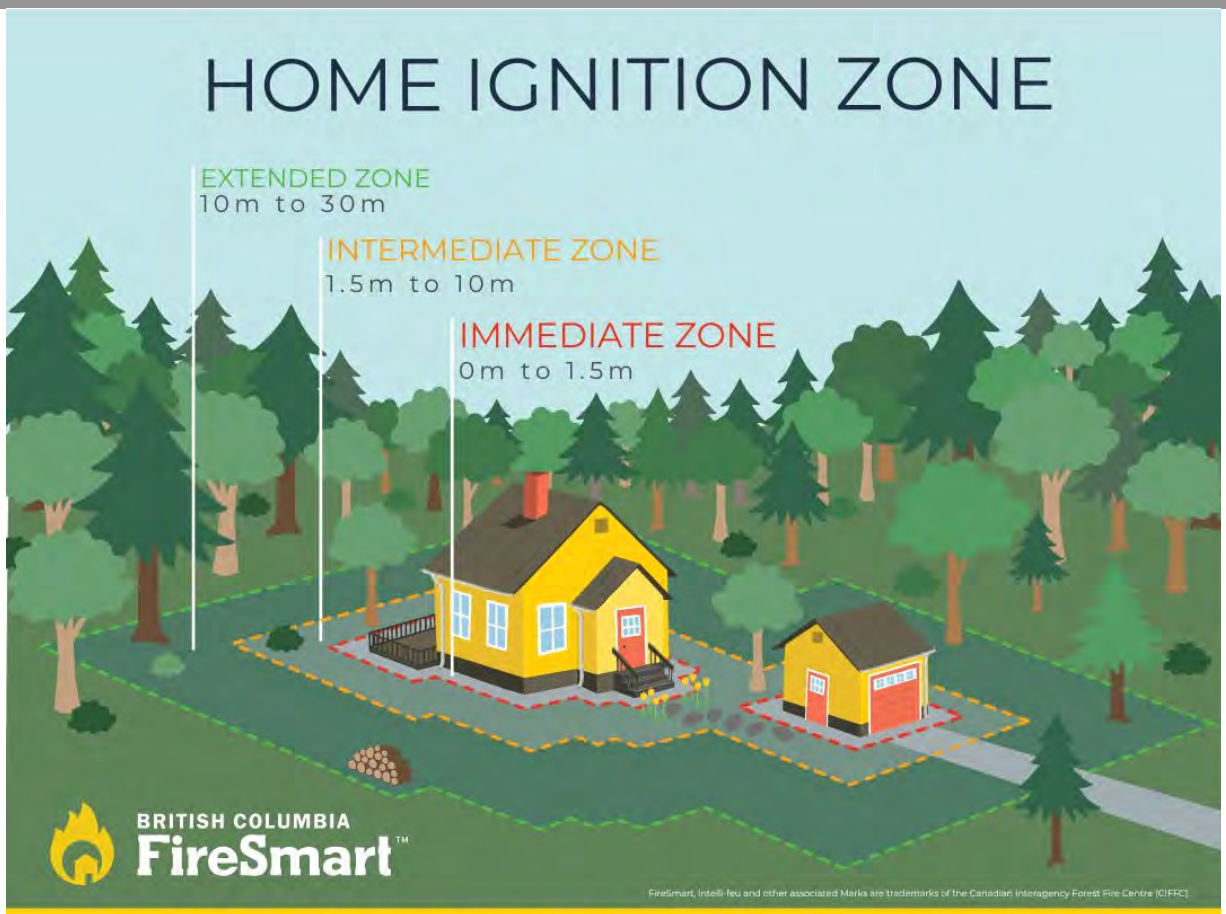
Chastity Casimel, SFN Youth support worker, 250-699-8747

Indigenous story time
With
Auntie Chas

Date: July 26, 2023
Time : 12:30pm—1:30pm
Location: Fraser lake
Library Basement



If you have any questions, or need a smoke detector, please contact Ed Attridge at edatt@telus.net or at 250 699-0057



THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY'S RISK TO WILDFIRE

Check out the*FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE
0m to 1.5m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.
- Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE
1.5m to 10m

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials.
- Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch.
- Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures.
- Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.

EXTENDED ZONE
10m to 30m

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your property extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns.
- Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels.
- Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30m. Work with your neighbours in overlapping zones and seek guidance of a forest professional if affected by other conditions, like steep slopes.

Get started on your FireSmart journey!

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Limited Partnerships

Adam Patrick

This report covers the Limited Partnership companies of Stellat'en First Nation.

Atsiyan Services financial engagement with SFN auditors MNP is completed. This is an important step in completing the financial audit for SFN as all entities owned by the Nation need to have their financial records reviewed ahead of the SFN Annual General Assembly and report to membership.

Atsiyan will also facilitate a review of all appointments to the board of directors of the companies to Stellat'en Holdings to ensure compliance with applicable agreements and legislation.

The managers of all the LPs had their first quarterly planning meeting in April. These meetings will be recurring and have already been helpful in facilitating communication on important topics that affect all the companies. The next meeting will be just before the AGA. The LPs plan to host a separate day of presentations to membership.

Lhai Ventures – a partnership between SFN, Nadleh, Saik'uz, and Lheidli Teneh First Nations – has been undertaking contracting work on the Coastal Gaslink project. The company will likely make a distribution to SFN this year as the project begins to wrap up.

Endako Tsey – a partnership between SFN and Nadleh – has been undertaking contracting work at the Endako Mine while it is in care and maintenance. This company is also expected to make a distribution this year.

Slenyah Store's financial engagement is complete. The store had a net income of approximately $338,000 last year.

Planning for a new building for Slenyah is in its early stages. Preliminary archeology and geotechnical studies are underway at the western end of the reserve. A funding application to Indigenous Services Canada is in development. The application will support the development of infrastructure for the redevelopment, however it is only available for an applicant with multiple businesses so the intent is to plan for a small commercial development including a restaurant and/or other retail businesses.

Limited Partnerships

Adam Patrick

Stellat'en Duchun Forestry's has two lines of business which are currently active. On one side, the company holds forest tenures for the benefit of SFN. On the other side of the business, workers provide contract services to West Fraser and others – principally in silviculture and wildfire fuel management.

Thanks to the assistance of Fraser Lake Forest Consultants, Duchun's tenures have been lucrative over the past years. The potential of utilizing the tenures for carbon credits is currently being investigated. A number of carbon specialists argue that a tree's monetary value to hold carbon will overtake its value as a source of lumber in the coming years. Along with other Carrier Sekani First Nations, SFN is undertaking Resource Management Planning in our territories with the Provincial Government. Atmospheric benefits of carbon will be a key consideration as forests in our territory continue to recover from industrial exploitation.

Stellat'en Duchun's contracting work has consisted of grass seeding so far this year. Another group is working on fuel management projects in the community. The company plans to move into brushing work with West Fraser in June and will transition to camp work with Hybrid-17 at Taktakysie Lake later in the summer.

Issues with accounting software have held up Duchun's financial engagement but progress is now being made.

Looking toward the future, energy projects that transition away from fossil fuels will be a focus. SFN is currently working with partners on generation and transmission of electricity including run of river generation and wind power as well as ownership of the infrastructure necessary to carry an increased energy load. Stellat'en businesses intend to be a major participant in the emerging energy sector in the region.

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Maintenance personal

SFN Job Board

Contact 250-699-8747 for more info

- Venue Technician
- Communications Officer
- Operations and Maintenance manager Trainee
- Wellness Worker (NNADP)

Upcoming Events

All SFN Offices Closed June 21, June 23, and July 3

- **June 27** - Language tea at MLMH (old hall) 1:30-3pm
- **June 27** - Education Dinner at New hall 4:30pm
- **June 28 and July 26 -** Storytime with Auntie Chas at Fraser Lake Library 12:30-1:30 (see pg 11 for poster)
- **July 4** - Schools out for summer event at Stellaquo Playground 11-3pm
- **July 6 & July 13 -** Kayaking/paddle boarding (see pg 10 for poster)
- **July 11 and July 25** - Language Tea 1:30-3 at MLMH (old hall)
- **July 22** - 2nd Annual SFN golf tournament at Prince George curling club 1pm
- **July 26 and July 27** - SFN Annual General Assembly
- **Aug 5th -7th -** SFN slo-pitch tournament in Fraser lake