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**EV'S 122nd Issue!**

**ATTENTION: Elders Contact People Please Remember To Make Copies of The EV Each Month For Your Elders And If You Could Also Make Copies For Your Chiefs and Councils That Would Be A Great Help, And Much Appreciated!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL ELDERS BORN IN JANUARY !!**

**\*\*\*Any group who does not yet have a member on the BC Elders Council is encouraged to contact this elder's office at 1-877-738-7288 or email: bcelders@telus.net**



**BC ELDERS COMMUNICATION CENTER SOCIETY**

**ELDERS VOICE**

ATTN: 35th Annual Elders Gathering forms are on Pgs. 4, 5, 6 Please note both the deadline for registration and the additional fee for late registration, and book your rooms immediately, if you haven't already. More forms to follow.

Dear All,

Support fees that allow this office to run for you are due and requested now. Please talk to your group leaders and Chief and Councils for support in paying this fee. I need your help here please.

Thank you.  
Sincerely, Donna Stirling, BCECCS Coordinator,  
Secretary, BC Elders Council

*Happy New Year to All!*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
JASON PRICE FOR BEING ELECTED  
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO  
THE UBCIC!!  
JASON HAS BEEN THIS OFFICE'S WEB-  
MASTER FOR THE LAST 122  
ISSUES OF THE ELDERS VOICE. AND WE  
APPLAUD HIS ACHIEVMENTS!**

## Easy Bakers Corner – From the Conayt Friendship Society Cookbook

### Gingersnaps, by T. Price

In a bowl, cream 1 1/2 cups of butter and 2 cups of sugar; add 2 eggs, and 1/2 cup of molasses.

Then add 4 cups of flour, 2 tsp of baking soda, 2 tsp of cinnamon, 2 tsp of ground cloves, and 2 tsp of ginger.

Roll into 1 inch balls; roll in a bit of sugar. Bake at 375°F for 15 to 18 minutes.

### Ginger Sparkles, by Sheri MacDonald

Cream 3/4 cup of butter, and add 1 cup of brown sugar, 1/2 cup of molasses. Then add 2 cups of all-purpose flour, 1/2 tsp salt, 2 Tbsp. of baking soda, 1 tsp of ginger, 1 tsp of cinnamon, 1/2 tsp of ground cloves and 1 egg and combine.

Roll in 1 inch balls and then roll in a bit of sugar. Bake at 375°F on a greased cookie sheet for 8-10 minutes.

### HANDY TIPS

1. Meat loaf - Make your favourite recipe but cook the meatloaf in muffin tin. Garnish the bottom of the muffin pan with a thinly sliced onion ring and 1 tsp ketchup and then fill with meatloaf. Bake for 35 minutes at 375°F. When done invert pan on a cooling rack with a pan underneath it to catch any fat. You have it already portioned out for you and with less fat.

## What Can you please share?

The following is a short list of Elders suggestions of what might be shared: Your local Newsletters/Upcoming Local Events/Prayers/Poems/Quotes/Comments/Storytelling/Drawings/Articles of Interest/Native Songs Lyrics/Wellness Seminars/Obituaries, etc. Submissions are best forwarded to me via email by the 15th of the preceding month. If you are interested in providing articles, please do so, I look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to contribute to the content of your newsletter.

Gilakasla, Donna Stirling

### ‘PRESERVING THE PAST’

New Elder’s Website: [www.bcelders.com](http://www.bcelders.com)

The *First Ever* Elder’s Website “Preserving the Past” is now online (as of Sept. 2002). Registration forms, booth forms, maps of the host territory, accommodation information, etc. concerning the Annual Elders Gatherings are available each year on the BC Elders Communication Center Society’s website [www.bcelders.com](http://www.bcelders.com) as soon as they are made available from each new host community.

Issues of your Elders Voice Newsletter are also posted on the website each month, though all issues still continue to be mailed out to your Elder’s Contact People throughout the province (to ensure that no one is left out because of a lack of access to the internet).

### Disclaimer:

Health articles, etc. are provided as a courtesy and neither the BC Elders Communication Center Society’s Board/ Members or anyone working on its behalf mean this information to be used to replace your doctor’s and other professional’s advice. You should contact your family physician or health care worker for all health care matters. Information is provided in the Elders Voice for your reference only. And opinions contained in this publication are not those of Donna Stirling, Coordinator unless her name appears below the material.

# **BCECCS 11th Year GRATITUDE LIST**

**Support Fee from Dec. 1st 2010 – Nov. 30th 2011**

(In the past the fee has always been \$250 yearly, but in these economic times it has become necessary to ask groups to consider assisting more, if possible to make up for groups who cannot help.) Your support is much appreciated!

## **LEVELS OF SUPPORT**

**\$1500 – Bear**

**\$1000 – Salmon**

**\$750 – Frog**

**\$500 – Sisiutl**

**\$250 - Hummingbird**

### **Sisiutl Level**

- 1. Adams Lake Indian Band**
- 2. Ts'kw'aylaxw Elders**
- 3. Tsleil-Waututh Nation**
- 4. Cook's Ferry Indian Band**
- 5. Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation**

### **Hummingbird Level**

- 1. Nuxalk Ts'Ikt Elders**
- 2. Kla-How-Eya Circle of Elders**
- 3. Shuswap Nation Tribal Council**
- 4. Kluhx Kluhx Hu-Up**
- 5. Indian Residential School Survivors Society**
- 6. Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society**
- 7. Osoyoos Indian Band**
- 8. Tansi Friendship Centre Society**
- 9. Tobacco Plains Indian Band**
- 10. Uchucklesaht Band Council**
- 11. Douglas Band**
- 12. Neskonlith Indian Band**
- 13. Qualicum First Nation**
- 14. Gitxaala Nation**
- 15. Ka:'Yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Nation**
- 16. Heskwen'scutxe Health Services**
- 17. Ehattesaht Tribe**
- 18. UBCIC**
- 19. Cowichan Elders**
- 20. Wei Wai Kum First Nation**
- 21. BCAFC**



## **35TH ANNUAL ELDERS GATHERING**

**J U L Y 1 2 , 1 3 , 1 4 , 2 0 1 1  
T R A D E X A B B O T S F O R D**

### **Hosts are the Sto:lo and Coast Salish Communities**



The Purpose of the Elders Gathering is so the Elders can come together and take their rightful place as advisors, teachers and leaders. Many Elders are involved and work at the community level throughout the year. They participate at meetings, workshops and various event to support the Youth, education committees, Band Council and so on. T he Gatherings are a time to socialize and celebrate their accomplishments as well as regenerate themselves for future work. It provides an opportunity for Elders to share traditional ways with visiting cultural and linguistic groups. This is done through songs, dances and ceremonies throughout the event.

Information about the  
Gathering please contact

Elder Millie Silver—Chair  
604-852-4159

Dianne Garner—Alternate  
604-796-2116

King is “ Qwahonn” Johnny Williams from Scowlitz Indian Band

Queen is “ Siyamex” Virginia Peters from Chehalis Indian Band

### **Qepothes te Mestiyexw –Bringing People Together**

“Honouring Our Ancestors Through Our Elders  
& Recognizing our Future Through Our Youth”



## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Elders Gathering

Hosted by:

Stó:lō and Coast Salish

QEPÓTHET YE MESTÍYEXW

*"Bringing people together"*

### ← EARLY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION →

**Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nation/Tribe:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you an (√): Elder (55 & over) \_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Info:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Caregiver at Gathering:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging Name & #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact (if different from above)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ANY HEALTH CONCERNS** (This will be on your badge for emergency purposes)

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This registration form and \$50.00 per person fee, is due by May 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 mail to:

\*\*\*\*\*Please note after May 11<sup>th</sup> it will be \$75.00\*\*\*\*\*

*Please make Cheque payable to "35<sup>th</sup> Annual Elders Gathering"*

*C/O Wendy Ritchie, #1 - 7355 Vedder Rd. Comet Plaza, Chilliwack, BC, V2R 3V4*

*\*\*\* The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering Planning Group is not responsible for lost or stolen items,  
nor injuries/illnesses during the gathering.*

# 35th Annual Elders Gathering

~~July 12 - 14~~

All hotels are within 30 minutes of Tradex	Reservations	Rate	Block Rate	Rooms	Expire Date	Code #	Breakfast	Included	Smoke	Accessibility	Amenities
<b>ABBOTSFORD</b>											
Host Hotel for the Gathering Abbotsford Sandman Hotel, 32720 Simon Avenue	604-556-7263 800-726-3626	-	119.00	60	13-Jun-11	Elders	No	Denny's Rest on site	No	Elevators	Full kitchen; room service; free wireless internet insuite washer / dryer
Best Western Regency Inn, 32110 Marshall Road	604-853-3111 800-771-3077		119.99	All Booked	11-Jun-11	Elders	Yes	Hot Continental	No	Elevators 2 Handicap	free WiFi, indoor pool / hot tub, room service, microwave / fridge
Coast Abbotsford Hotels and Suites, 2020 Sumas Way	604-853-1880 800-669-1144		104.00 to 114.00	39	01-May-11	Elders	No		No	Elevators	24 hour room service, high speed internet, indoor pool, spa, fitness centre free parking, pets welcome
Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre, 36035 North Parallel Rd	604-870-1050 888-411-1070	139.00 169.00	119.00 149.00	2 Standard 10 Business		Elders	No	White Spot on Site	no	Elevators	Free parking; Indoor pool & spa Close to freeway entrance/exit
Best Western Bakerview, Sumas Way	604-859-1341 800-937-8376	139.00 - 145.00	109.00	50	11-Jun-11	Elders	No	Restaurant on site	Yes	Ground Floor	Indoor pool/hot tub, close to freeway entrance/exit, all rooms have fridges & microwaves *pls request
Super 8 Abbotsford, 1881 Sumas Way	604-853-1141 800-663-9842		119.00	First come first served		Elders	Yes	SuperStart Breakfast	Yes	Elevators Ground Floor	Indoor waterslide / pool, Whirlpool & fitness centre, free highspeed internet, secured underground parking, guest laundry, fridge/microwave. Multiple restaurants within walking distance
University of the Fraser Valley - Residences Abbotsford Campus	604-557-4063	35.00 - no bedding 50.00 - with bedding		80 beds			No		No		
<b>CHILLIWACK</b>											
Chilliwack Travelodge Hotel, 45466 Yale Road West <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 26.15 km</i>	604-792-4240 800-566-2511	79.00	79.00	46			No	Pantry on Site	No	Stairs 1 Handicap	Guest laundry, Indoor pool & spa, free wireless internet 10% off at Pantry
Coast Chilliwack Hotel, 45920 First Avenue <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 27.87 km</i>	604-792-5552 800-716-6199		85.00 99.00	50 Comfort 20 Superior	11-Jun-11	Elders	Yes	Continental Breakfast Buffet	No	Elevators	complimentary wireless internet; free local calls, indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, fitness area Free Parking; Bus parking *** Cots, fridges, microwaves need to be requested when booking room
Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, 43971 Industrial Way <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 23.25 km</i>	604-795-3828 800-665-1030		109.99	40	11-Jun	Elders	No - \$3.00 coupon	Coffee Mill	No	Ground Floor Upstairs	Indoor pool, room service, parking for buses, easy access to freeway, Tim Hortons next door, cocktail lounge, free local calls, coffee shop on premises
Days Inn, 8583 Young Road South <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 27.47 km</i>	604-792-1955		89.00	20	31-Mar-11	Elders	Yes	Continental Breakfast		Rooms on Ground Floor	Free parking; free internet service; free calling card, toll-free and local calls Rooms with microwaves & mini-fridges
Comfort Inn Chilliwack, 45405 Luckakuck Way <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 25.72 km</i>	604-858-0636 800-228-5150	134.00	105.00	50	15-Jun-11	Elders	Yes	Comfort Sunshine Breakfast		Rooms on Ground Floor	Free wireless internet; Free local calls; Tour bus parking Free parking
Vedder River Inn, 5788 Vedder Road <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 25.14 km</i>	604-824-7999 800-591-0181	134.99 - 244.99	107.00 - 180.00	51		Elders	No		No	Rooms on Ground Floor	Units available with fridges, microwave, mini kitchenettes, some units with small appliances
<b>LANGLEY</b>											
Best Western Langley, 5978 Glover Road <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 26.36 km</i>	604-530-9311 888-530-9311		119.00	40		Elders	Yes	Hot Continental		Elevator	WiFi, pool / hot tub, fitness room, fridges, guest laundry
Coast Hotel & Convention Centre, 20393 Fraser Hwy <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 26.91 km</i>	604-530-1500 800-663-1144		117.00	75	11-Jun-11	Elders	No	Restaurant on site		Elevators 2 Handicap	CASINO, free parking, fitness & steam rooms, free internet
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 8750-204th Steet <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 28.90 km</i>	604-882-2000 888-771-7666	Morning				ELD	Yes	Hot Continental	No	Elevators 3 Handicap	Pool, bus parking *** fridge / microwave extra on booking
Quality Hotel & Suites, 6465 201 Street <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 27.94 km</i>	604-534-5110		109.99 to 124.99	30 2 handicap	11-Jun-11	Elders	Yes	Continental	No	Elevators 2 Handicap	Wireless internet, fitness facility, laundry, fridge / microwave Shopping nearby, 24hour coffee machine, pet friendly rooms
Sandman Hotels, Inns & Suites, 8855 - 202nd Street <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 29.26 km</i>	604-888-7263 800-726-3626		119.00			Elders	No	Denny's Restaurant on site		Elevators 3 Handicap	Kitchenettes available; Room service; Fitness Facility; Free parking, wireless internet, washer/dryer
<b>MISSION</b>											
Best Western Mission City Lodge, 32281 Lougheed Hwy <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 9 km</i>	604-820-5500 888-552-5542	99.00 - 135.00	95.00	57	10-Jun-11	Elders	No	Restaurant on site	No	Elevators 2 Handicap	Pool, hot tub, sauna, fitness facility, fridge, microwave
Diamond Head Motor Inn, 32550 Logan Avenue <i>Distance from Abbotsford: 9 km</i>	604-826-8144	68.00 - 75.00	68.00	First come first			No		Yes	Ground Floor	free wireless, restaurants nearby, microwave, fridge

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
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Ministry of Children and Family Development

### **ABORIGINAL CHILDREN, FAMILIES CELEBRATE ADOPTION JOURNEY**

DUNCAN – La'lum'utul Smun'eem Child and Family Services in Duncan, the Aboriginal Delegated Agency for the Cowichan Tribes, are celebrating an historic event today with the placement of nine Aboriginal children into First Nations homes.

“We know that Aboriginal children do best when they are strongly connected to their heritage, culture and community, and we are proud to support the important work the Cowichan Tribes is doing to find forever homes for their children,” said Mary Polak, Minister of Children and Family Development. “I feel privileged to be a part of today’s Journey of Honour celebration, and to witness the adoption of these children into the open arms of their new families.”

Two years ago, the Council of Cowichan Tribes celebrated the signing of B.C.’s first-ever Adoption Delegation Enabling Agreement with the Province. The agreement paved the way for its Delegated Aboriginal Agency, La'lum'utul Smun'eem Child and Family Services, to take full responsibility for adoption planning for Cowichan children in care, which was formerly done by the provincial government. The agreement was the second of its kind signed in Canada; the first being signed with the Yellowhead Tribal Services in Alberta.

“The continued development of our adoption program reinforces the Cowichan Tribes’ value that ‘our children are sacred’ and we are excited to celebrate this journey for our children,” says Chief Lydia Hwitsum. “This is an integral part of the shift to return our jurisdictional rights of children and family matters back to Aboriginal communities.”

“Maintaining the connection between Aboriginal children and their culture is a key part of achieving reconciliation,” said Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister Barry Penner. “Placements like these will help to strengthen B.C.’s Aboriginal communities, and that’s something that benefits all British Columbians.”

The agreement that was signed two years ago with the Cowichan Tribes and their delegated Aboriginal agency enabled the agency to complete all aspects of adoption planning for their children in care. At that ceremony, ten Aboriginal children were placed by the agency with adoptive families who became the children’s guardian.

The number of Aboriginal children placed with Aboriginal families has averaged slightly more than 56 per cent over the last five years. An ongoing need still exists to discover more families who reflect B.C.’s cultural diversity and are willing to maintain life-long connections with a child’s cultural community.

November is Adoption Awareness month in British Columbia. For more information about adopting a child, visit: [www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption)

Media Contact: Christine Ash  
Media Relations  
Ministry of Children and Family Development

# Canada Invests an Additional \$4 Million in Healing and Reconciliation

Ref. #2-3439

**Ottawa, Ontario (December 1, 2010)** – The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, today announced that \$4 million will be allocated in the 2010-2011 fiscal year under the Advocacy and Public Information Program (APIP).

"This program is an integral part of Canada's commitment to healing and reconciliation," said Minister Duncan. "Our responsibility is to ensure that former students are aware of their rights under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, especially the September 19, 2011, deadline for applying for a Common Experience Payment."

Since the implementation of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) began in 2007, over 100,000 Common Experience Payment applications and over 18,000 Independent Assessment Process applications have been received. To date, over 76,000 individuals have been compensated through the Common Experience Payment component and over 7905 individuals have been compensated through the Independent Assessment Process and other provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

INAC issued a call for proposals in May 2010 to organizations to conduct public education and provide information on the settlement agreement to Aboriginal communities throughout Canada. Nineteen projects were selected for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The APIP initiative began in 2007. More information can be found on the Advocacy and Public Information Program and on the funded projects.

Please also see:

- [Backgrounder: Advocacy and Public Information Program](#)
- [List of APIP Partners](#)

**For more information, please contact:**

## **Minister's Office**

Michele-Jamali Paquette

Press Secretary

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Office of the Premier  
BC Achievement Foundation

### **ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS PRESENTED**

VANCOUVER – The recipients of the 2010 British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards were honoured Wednesday at a gala celebration hosted by the BC Achievement Foundation. Nineteen awards were presented by Premier Gordon Campbell to recipients from across the province.

“The recipients have shown the true entrepreneurial spirit that exemplifies British Columbia and stand as examples of what it takes to succeed in business,” said Premier Gordon Campbell. “The awards reflect the expanding role of Aboriginal business in the province and its importance to the overall economy.”

The awards are presented by the BC Achievement Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and are generously supported by New Relationship Trust, BC Hydro, Teck and Encana.

“These awards highlight the wealth of talent we have in B.C.’s Aboriginal business community – from web design to excavation, retail to catering,” said Barry Penner, Minister of Aboriginal Relations. “I applaud the recipients for their achievements and know that their business flair and success will inspire a new generation of Aboriginal businesspeople to make their business dreams a reality.”

The following recipients were selected by an independent jury panel which evaluated submissions based on viability, sustainability and competitiveness.

- Young Female Entrepreneur of the Year:  
Recipient: Amy Dopson, PAC10 Tutoring, Prince Rupert
  
- Young Male Entrepreneur of the Year:  
Recipient: Robert Ellis, Ellis Excavating Ltd., Nanaimo  
Outstanding Business Achievement:
  - Michael Salto, Salto Waterworks, Kamloops
  
- Business of the Year – one- to two-person enterprise:  
Recipient: Jeff Ward, Animikii Inc., Sooke  
Outstanding Business Achievement:
  - Jags Beanstalk, Haida Gwaii
  - MUG Solutions, Coquitlam

- Business of the Year – two- to ten-person enterprise:  
Recipient: Little Kingdom Gas and Grocery, Vernon  
Outstanding Business Achievement:
  - A.J. Towing, Chilliwack
  - Grizzley-Man Resource Management, Kamloops
  - Theytus Books, Penticton
  
- Business of the Year – ten-or-more-persons enterprise:  
Recipient: Kekuli Café and Aboriginal Foods and Catering, Kelowna  
Outstanding Business Achievement:
  - DL Safety Consulting, Burnaby
  - Selkin Logging Ltd and Michell Enterprises, Fraser Lake
  
- Community-Owned Business of the Year:  
Recipient: Coast Tsimshian Resources L/P  
Outstanding Business Achievement:
  - Quinsam Shell Station, Campbell River
  - Tseshah Market, Port Alberni
  
- Joint Venture Business of the Year:  
Recipient: Stuwix Resources Joint Venture (partners – Coldwater Band, Cook’s Ferry Band, Lower Nicola Band, Nooaitch Band, Shackan Band, Siska Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper Similkameen Band)
  
- Outstanding Business Achievement:  
Katie Coast Marine (partners – Katie First Nation and Coast Marine Services)

In addition, the Individual Achievement Award, selected by the board of the BC Achievement Foundation was presented to Dolly (Watts) McRae of Port Alberni.

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is an independent foundation established in 2003 and endowed by the Province of B.C. to celebrate excellence in community service, arts, humanities and enterprise.

For more information on the recipients, their businesses and the foundation, please visit: <http://www.bcachievement.com/aboriginalbusiness/recipients.php>

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## ***News and Employment opportunities from the First Nations Health Council***

### **NEWS**

## **Gitsegukla Health Literacy Video – Available on FNHC YouTube Channel**

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### **Team BC Selection Process Announced**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **Team BC Selection Process for the 2012 North American Indigenous Sport Championships and the Launch of the 2011 Aboriginal Provincial Championships**

The Aboriginal Sports, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council (Partners Council) is pleased to announce the launch of the Team BC processes for the selection of Aboriginal athletes and coaches who will compete at the 2012 North American Indigenous Sport Championships (2012 NAISC). This process includes the delivery of 14 Aboriginal Provincial Championships in the summer of 2011 and the opportunity for First Nations, Metis Chartered Communities and Friendship Centres to apply to host a Championship event.

Attached is a detailed release of the Team BC Launch and supporting documents - including the Team BC 2012 Selection Process and the 2011 Aboriginal Provincial Championships Host Application Process & Form (note: the deadline for applications is January 14, 2011).

**Please assist us by circulating this important information throughout your networks.** Inquiries can be directed to the attention of:

Rick Brant, Director  
Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council  
250-710-4604  
[rbrant@bcaafc.com](mailto:rbrant@bcaafc.com)

Further information and documents can be found on our website at:  
<http://www.bcaafc.com/initiatives/asrpa-partners-council>

### **NEW PUBLICATION: Developing Community eHealth**

Community level services are self-directing, each with their own planning processes and cycles, and with accountabilities to their Health Board and/or Chief's and Councils, and

members. As such this document is not intended as an eHealth plan.

Rather, its purpose is to identify viable and relevant entry points through which communities can pursue their developmental paths with respect to eHealth.

While First Nations Health organizations and departments share many commonalities, they are also unique in many ways. Therefore, the answer to the questions of if-where- how eHealth can add value and be of assistance to these services, will vary across communities. By creating a dynamic and non-linear picture of eHealth development areas, we hope that this document will continue to be of value for communities in different ways at different points in their journey as health service providers.

To view this document in full please visit [Developing Community eHealth](#)

Developing Community eHealth was produced with the generous input of BC First Nations Health Directors, the technical team would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the Health Directors that took part in informing this document.

## **Vancouver Coastal Region – NEW Health Governance Liaison**

Please be informed that James George has been determined as the Health Governance Liaison for the Vancouver Coastal Region effective Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. James also serves as the Health Governance Liaison for the Fraser Region and brings a breadth of experience to the Vancouver Coastal Region that is dependable and organized. James will provide logistical and technical support to the Vancouver Coastal Regional Health Governance Caucus.

FNHC would like to acknowledge the work and effort of Tamara Rampanen in her role as Health Governance Liaison with the Vancouver Coastal Region and trust that her future endeavours are successful.

James can be reached at (604) 913-2080 (extension 224) or via electronic mail at [JGeorge@fnhc.ca](mailto:JGeorge@fnhc.ca).

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Request for Proposals- Governance Facilitation**

#### **DEADLINE- January 12, 2011**

The FN Health Society is requesting proposals from consultants, experienced in facilitation in British Columbia, to provide senior level facilitation capacity to the FN Health Council to support discussions throughout BC to inform Chiefs and health technicians of the contents of the Basis Agreement, discuss the development of the Framework Agreement and Health Partnership Agreement, and facilitate further dialogue for the creation of a First Nations Health Governance Structure in British Columbia.

#### **Key Dates:**

Request for Proposals issued: December 17, 2010

Date potential proponents to notify FNHS of intent to submit a proposal: December 24, 2010

Closing Time January 12, 2011 at 4:00pm

Proposals received after this time will not be considered and will be returned directly to bidders accordingly.

[RFP Facilitation | pdf download |](#)

[RFP Facilitation Response template | word doc |](#)

## **Executive Director: First Nations Health Directors Association Secretariat**

### **Closing Date: January 7th, 2011**

[Executive Director FNHDA Secretariat | pdf download |](#)

The Executive Director reports to the CEO of the FNHS, and is a member of the FNHS senior management team. The Executive Director will work closely with the Board of Directors of the FNHDA to guide the work and ensure the goals and objectives of the FNHDA are met. The primary responsibility of the Executive Director is to oversee policy, logistical and planning functions for the First Nations Health Directors Association. Secondly the Executive Director will be responsible for the broader First Nations community health planning and engagement activities undertaken by the FNHS as part of the implementation of the TFNHP to date while working to integrate this work with that of the FNHDA.

The key areas of responsibilities include: overseeing a team of policy and community engagement personnel; supporting the First Nations Health Directors Association to implement its Strategic Plan; providing advice and analysis to the CEO and senior management team; inter-government relationships as it relates to multi-jurisdictional community and health planning, overseeing development of First Nations community engagement hubs, and supporting the advancement of tripartite health actions as required.

***Please feel free to distribute this information, and we apologize in advance for cross-posting.***

Sincerely,  
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## Advocacy and Communications for the Indian Residential Schools Unit

**Project Lead:** Assembly of First Nations

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$400,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN), formed in 1982 (previously the National Indian Brotherhood), is a national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada. The AFN is proposing an advocacy and communications strategy to ensure the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, the Independent Assessment Process as well as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commemoration are understood and accessible to all eligible former Indian Residential School students and their families. The primary audience and priority will be former IRS students and families in remote and isolated communities.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

### “Outreach”

**Project Lead:** Dene Nation

**Locations:** Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

[up to \$190,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Dene Nation is an Aboriginal Governmental Organization serving the 29 Dene Chiefs and Communities in Denendeh, Northwest Territories. Dene Nations' mandate is to advocate, inform, and coordinate on Dene issues. The Dene Nation will organize and deliver five community information sessions and support to Dene communities, Indian Residential School (IRS) survivors and front-line workers relating to the IRS Settlement Agreement. The Dene nation will particularly focus on former IRS survivors not yet reached, such as the homeless and incarcerated.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Indian Residential Schools

**Project Lead:** Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

**Location:** Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

[up to \$300,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Indian Residential School Program's Vision is to provide information, education, support and access to information for former students of Indian Residential Schools (IRS). This year's funding will expand outreach to include those survivors who are homeless, incarcerated in Federal or Provincial institutions or otherwise disadvantaged with respect to information about and participation in the IRSSA; provide outreach in remote and isolated communities and provide survivors with information on the IRSSA; and promote healing and reconciliation by helping Canadians to understand the IRSSA and the impact that the legacy of the IRS has had on First Nations communities.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## IAP Outreach/Support Activities

**Truth and Reconciliation National Event Preparation Project Lead:** Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

**Location:** Inuvik, Northwest Territories

[up to \$100,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation was established by the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, also known as the Western Arctic Claim. Funding will help reach Inuvialuit former Indian Residential School (IRS) students who may require assistance with the Independent Assessment Process (IAP), and to provide supports to Inuvialuit former students to allow them to participate in the IAP knowledgeably and safely; provide former IRS students in remote communities with access to estate and legal planning services; and promote healing and reconciliation through the activities of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Advocacy and Public Information Program

**Project Lead:** Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

**Location:** Winnipeg, Manitoba

[up to \$133,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The primary objective of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is to properly inform Manitoba First Nation of initiatives, programs, services and/or benefits resulting from the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement regardless of where they reside within the province of Manitoba. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, funding will help AMC inform communities, and in particular Indian Residential School Survivors, of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Commemoration Initiatives, and the Independent Assessment Process.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## National Intergenerational Impacts Conference

**Project Lead:** Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

**Location:** Winnipeg, Manitoba

[up to \$210,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Funding will go towards the National Intergenerational Impacts Conference. The purpose of the conference will be to identify and understand intergenerational impacts caused by Indian Residential School so that potential solutions may be identified.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## The Atlantic Policy Congress Advocacy & Public Information Program

**Project Lead:** The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat

**Location:** Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

[up to \$150,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Atlantic Policy Congress (APC), was federally incorporated in 1995 and is tasked with conducting policy research and advocacy for 38 Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy and Innu chiefs, nations and communities in Eastern Atlantic Canada. APC will particularly focus on former IRS students not yet reached, such as those located in mental health institutions, the homeless and the incarcerated.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Residential School Settlement Agreement

**Project Lead:** Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

**Locations:** Iqaluit, Nunavut

[up to \$165,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) assists Inuit who are former Indian Residential School students to better understand and access programs under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA), including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Independent Assessment Process. NTI will reach out to underserved target groups such as urban and homeless Inuit and incarcerated and isolated populations by providing information on compensation and commemoration initiatives under the IRSSA.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Journey Forward

**Project Lead:** Pauktuutit Inuit women of Canada

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$200,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Pauktuutit is the national representative organization of all Inuit women in Canada. The goal of this project is to focus on providing information on the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to former Inuit residential schools survivors and to promote and facilitate Inuit healing and reconciliation from the legacy of the residential schools experience.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## **Wedamoshin (Tell Me) Project**

**Project Lead:** Nishnawbe Aski Nation

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$150,447] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) represents 49 First Nations communities within the territory of the James Bay Treaty 9 and the Ontario portions of Treaty 5. The “Wedamoshin (Tell Me)” Project will provide resources and information on an ongoing basis to NAN communities and Indian Residential School survivors on residential school issues; information to residential school survivors within the NAN territory who are still unfamiliar with the Independent Assessment Process and the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC); and assist residential school survivors who are interested in actively participating TRC national and regional events.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## **“Healing Happens: National Day of Healing and Reconciliation”**

**Project Lead:** Native Counselling Services of Alberta

**Locations:** Edmonton, Alberta

[up to \$200,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Native Counselling Services of Alberta was established in 1970. The “Healing Happens: National Day of Healing and Reconciliation” (NDHR) initiative will form partnerships and support initiatives designed to educate Canadians about the collective history with respect to residential schools and the policies affecting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people relations and other ethnic groups; explore healing and reconciliation issues and develop information resources that describe the impact historical policy implementation has had on Aboriginal individuals, families and communities and other ethnic groups; distribute information and resources that will increase community capacity to create healing and reconciliation opportunities for Aboriginal peoples, and between Aboriginal peoples and other ethnic groups; develop and distribute promotional materials to community organizations throughout Canada to enhance their participation in the NDHR campaign; support, encourage and facilitate the process for community organizations throughout Canada to celebrate NDHR each year by hosting an event.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## **National Forgiven Summit**

**Project Lead:** Gathering Nations International

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$249,602] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Gathering Nations International is a First Nations founded, non-profit corporation established for the purpose of bringing reconciliation, healing and unity in people, nations, churches and governments. Funding will help to bring First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people face to face with representatives from the Government of Canada to give and receive forgiveness, and to celebrate that freedom together; to educate the public not only about the negative impacts of Indian Residential Schools (IRS), but also the positive future that is possible; to encourage sharing diverse viewpoints on IRS issues; to share stories of forgiveness, healing, and hope; to contribute to the restoration of Aboriginal families through a shared positive, intergenerational experience; and to create a positive experience shared between Aboriginal and non-aboriginal families and people.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## **The Elder and Youth Gathering on Reconciliation and Hope**

**Project Lead:** Gathering Nations International

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$204,851] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Funding will help to rebuild broken relationships between elders, youth, and families; reinforce cultural identity of youth; promote an appreciation of heritage to positively affect self-esteem; acknowledge that descendents of



survivors were impacted by Indian Residential Schools (IRS) and have a place in reconciliation efforts; and provide information and support resources related to IRS.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## "Exhibitions, Education and Outreach Program"

**Project Lead:** Legacy of Hope

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$400,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Legacy of Hope is a national Aboriginal charitable organization whose purpose is to educate and create awareness and understanding about the legacy of Indian Residential Schools (IRS), including the effects and intergenerational impacts on First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and to continue to support the ongoing healing process of IRS Survivors. Funding will go towards fostering awareness among young Canadians of the history and legacy of the IRS system in Canada and the issues it engenders; supporting Survivors and providing them with a private, respectful and culturally-appropriate forum with which to share their stories; providing information on available health supports; creating exhibitions and educational materials that communicate experiences; and in providing information to communities on best practices in healing and de-colonization. Funding will also be used to ensure that Survivors have a voice in education, to build on existing educational materials as well as create innovative new resources and delivering mechanisms.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Projects of Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services dealing with Indian Residential Schools issues

**Project Lead:** Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission

**Location:** Wendake, Quebec

[up to \$150,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Founded in 1994, the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission assists Quebec and Labrador First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations in defending, maintaining and exercising their inherent rights in the area of health and social services, and in developing and delivering these programs. Funding will go towards promoting healing and reconciliation while informing communities, organizations and Indian Residential School (IRS) survivors of all components of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement; and pursuing outreach into remote communities, schools and with IRS survivors who are homeless or are incarcerated in federal or provincial institutions. Funding will also be used to develop, promote and distribute the documentary named: "The Heritage of the Québec Indian Residential Schools" as well as develop a museum exhibition from this work, to promote the truth and healing on this subject with all Canadians.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Métis Survivors of Indian Residential Schools

**Project Lead:** Métis National Council

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$132,100] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Since 1983, the Métis National Council (MNC) has represented the Métis Nation nationally and internationally. The broad objectives of the Métis National Council with regard to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement are to engage in an information sharing process within the Métis community and with Métis survivors to contribute to the enhancement of benefits to eligible Métis recipients. Funding will go towards maintaining and updating MNC's interactive Métis Residential Schools' portal, held within the Métis National Council website; and organizing and assisting Métis survivors and family members of survivors in Advocacy and Public Information which will ultimately contribute to the ongoing healing and reconciliation process.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Culturally Relevant Gender Based Models of Reconciliation

**Project Lead:** Native Women's Association of Canada

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

[up to \$200,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

Funding will help to reach the large number of Aboriginal women incarcerated in federal and provincial institutions to advise them of their potential benefits under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement and to attempt a modest scale reconciliation that could be used as a model or could be a best practice that would influence change in the correctional system and to provide better outcomes for Aboriginal women.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## 2010 – 2011 Indian Residential School Survivors Society

**Project Lead:** Indian Residential Schools Survivor Society

**Location:** Vancouver, British Columbia

[up to \$300,000] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Indian Residential Schools Survivor Society (IRSSS) was created in 1995 as a subcommittee of the First Nations Summit under the title Provincial Residential School Project and in 2001, was incorporated as a non-profit society, to fully serve all Indian Residential School (IRS) survivors in British Columbia. Funding will help IRSSS continue its mandate of providing information, response and healing workshops to IRS survivors, communities and the general public. IRSSS will focus particularly on preparing for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission national, regional and community events and the sexual abuse issues that may be brought forward to the TRC by survivors, as well as how to address intergenerational issues. In addition, IRSSS will continue its work in informing the Canadian public about the history and impacts of IRS, will continue to dialogue with key groups such as the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Japanese Canadians, the Chinese Benevolent Society, as well as high schools, post-secondary institutions and churches on issues of truth-telling, truth-listening, sharing of histories (both common and divergent) and on how all can participate in the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Status: Agreement finalized; project initiated

## Renewed Relations: Creating a model for healing and reconciliation from Indian Residential Schools

**Project Lead:** Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee

**Location:** Sioux Lookout, Ontario

[up to \$31,500] [\[Note 1\]](#)

The Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee provides communities in Sioux Lookout and North western Ontario with a forum for building, nurturing and sustaining relationships among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Funding will go towards developing a handbook for communities interested in exploring the legacy of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) and understanding the IRS Settlement Agreement. The handbook will guide these communities in the process of creating safe spaces for dialogue so that healing and reconciliation can be nurtured and sustained.

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### Footnotes:

1. Projects will be monitored through regular due diligence and reporting. They will be allocated funding in a phased approach, up to the total recommended to ensure that projects are proceeding as expected.

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## UBCIC Objects to Passage of Bill C-3 without Amendments

News Release November 26, 2010

On Tuesday November 22nd, Bill C-3, Gender Equity in Indian Act, passed through the House of Commons and was quickly introduced in the Senate for consideration on November 23rd, passed Second Reading on November 25th and has been sent to the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights. The Bill was created in response to direction given by the BC Court of Appeal in the *McIvor v. Canada (Indian Registrar)*, but in its current form continues to perpetuate discrimination against Indigenous women and their children in the Indian Act regarding citizenship.

Chief David Walkem, a member of the UBCIC Bill C-31 Working Group stated “The Union of BC Indian Chiefs continues to support constructive and inclusive amendments to Bill C-3. Many people, organizations and Members of Parliament attempted to work with the federal government to have Bill C-3 reflect the true intent of the *McIvor* court decision. By proceeding with the Bill, the federal government has chosen to continue the unjust discrimination against the next generation of First Nations families and communities.”

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs said “I am absolutely astonished and appalled that the federal government is pushing C-3 so rapidly, yet still has not announced a funding and services strategy for First Nations to cope with the great influx of an estimated minimum of 45,000 people who will become eligible for Indian Status.” He concluded “Bill C-3 does not acknowledge our Indigenous laws which have been affirmed by the United Nations’ Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and which ultimately supersede the Indian Act. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs will continue to keep the federal government accountable to our families and communities and work on the issues surrounding Indigenous citizenship.”

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### QUOTES

“In seeking wisdom,  
the first step is silence,  
the second step is listening,  
the third step is remembering,  
the fourth step is practicing,  
the fifth – teaching others.”

**Ign Gabirol (Avicbron)**  
**Jewish poet and philosopher**

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” **Albert Einstein**

“The difference between a dream and a goal is a plan.” **Anonymous**

“Action is the antidote to despair.” **Joan Baez American Folk singer**

“Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.” **Samuel Johnson**

## **Police and Advocates Push for Sobering Centres**

### **Press Release November 30, 2010**

A group of non-profit organizations, along with police, health authorities, first responders and housing groups will be at a meeting convened by the BCCLA to discuss how to save the lives of those who are arrested for being drunk, high or otherwise intoxicated in public. The event will be live online at <http://www.mywebtvhost.com/members/bccla/>

The meeting, also sponsored by the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, the Elizabeth Fry Society, and the Frank Paul Society, will focus on alcohol harm reduction and feature speakers from the RCMP and Vancouver Police Department, as well as speakers from Portland's Sobering Station and Toronto's Seaton House

"This issue is beyond debate," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs. "We must organize ourselves to work on this pressing issue, explore real solutions and to send a strong message to the province that they have must act immediately on one of the key recommendations of the Frank Paul Inquiry."

The Vancouver Police Department had fully developed plans for a sobering centre that was never funded by the province. The RCMP advises the BCCLA they are currently working in the Yukon to establish a sobering centre in Whitehorse.

"The Frank Paul Inquiry first phase report recommended the implementation of sobering centres to save lives," said David Dennis, President of the Frank Paul Society, noting that three of the eight B.C. coroner's inquests held this year into in-custody deaths recommended the establishment of sobering centres for the same reason.

"The point for us is that a minimum of 18 people between 2008 and 2010 would likely not have died had they received medical supervision and attention in sobering centres," said Shawn Bayes, Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society.

There is no natural constituency to push for attention to this issue," noted Robert Holmes, President of the BCCLA. "Groups of homeless, chronic alcoholics are not going to make their way to Victoria to lobby for this. Police departments under budget constraints are not going to have this at the top of their list. Yet the public is getting tired of hand-wringing after each death occurs. So we have decided to give a voice to those who otherwise won't be heard. We're thankful others are partnering with us and we ask the public to join in calling for government to deal with it."

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** This is a by invitation only event, but it is open to the media. Meeting is December 9, 2010 from 9 a.m. to noon at Simon Fraser University's Harbour Centre.

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## BACKGROUNDER

Recent coroner's inquests calling for sobering centres, compiled by the Elizabeth Fry Society:

[MILLER, Christine Bernadette](#) – October, 2010

[WALKER, Scott Alexander](#) – September, 2010

[YOUNG, Ian Alexander](#) - August, 2010

According to figures compiled by the Elizabeth Fry Society, there were twenty-three inquests into deaths in police custody between 2008 and 2010 in British Columbia. Of those inquests, 13 deaths were related to substance use (over intoxication, toxicity, organ failure because of it, respiratory arrest, pneumonia, etc). A further 6 deaths were due to head injury. The remaining 4 deaths were either for unknown causes or other reasons.

### List of deaths in custody since 2006 that may have been prevented by sobering centres

1	Candice Pete	9 Jan 06	Overdose	Vancouver
2	James Bertholet	30 Aug 06	Alcohol	Surrey
3	Chris Tom	5 Aug 07	Alcohol	Tofino
4	Steven Qualtier	5 Aug 07	Head injury	Kelowna
5	Michael Stein	16 Aug 07	Overdose	Kelowna
6	Larry McPherson	28 Aug 07	Overdose	Fort St. John
7	Daniel Hong	2 Sept 07	Overdose	Vancouver
8	Duane Nelson	20 Sep 07	Head injury	Victoria
9	Cecil McKenna	27 Oct 07	Overdose	Surrey
10	Daniel Serbeh	7 Dec 07	Overdose	Vancouver
11	Debra Coon	14 Mar 08	Head injury	Victoria
12	Albert Prevost	23 Mar 08	Overdose	Campbell River
13	David Stitt	19 Jun 08	Overdose	White Rock
14	Scott Walker	7 Feb 08	Alcohol	Surrey
15	Christine Miller	8 Aug 08	Overdose	Abbotsford
16	Stanley Cardinal	4 Aug 09	Overdose	Kamloops
17	Ian Young	19 Oct 08	Head injury	New Westminster
18	Kevin Vigar	27 Jun 10	Alcohol	Victoria

### Selection of some of the organizations who are sending representatives:

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Vancouver Police Department
- New Westminster Police Department
- South Coast B.C. Transit Authority Police Department (Transit Police)
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- City of Vancouver
- Vancouver Fire Department

- Metis Nation B.C.
- Downtown Community Court
- Province of British Columbia – Police Services Division
- Tsow-Tun Le Lum Centre
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Frank Paul Society
- Atira Housing
- Portland Hotel Society
- Carnegie Community Centre
- Carnegie Community Action Project
- Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users
- West Coast Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society
- Spencer Herbert, MLA
- Wish Drop in Centre Society

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## **UBCIC Announces Election Results for UBCIC Executive and UBCIC Active Members**

**NEWS RELEASE December 9, 2010**

(Vancouver/Coast Salish Territory – December 9, 2010) The UBCIC Chiefs Council met on November 25, 2010 at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre on Squamish Nation land in North Vancouver. As part of the agenda, the UBCIC conducted proceedings recognizing Chief Chamberlin and Chief Baptiste to the UBCIC Executive and held elections for three Active Member positions of the UBCIC Chiefs Council.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), stated "It is my true honor to announce that Chief Bob Chamberlin, Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation, has been acclaimed as UBCIC Vice-President and Chief Marilyn Baptiste, Xení Gwet'in First Nation, has also been acclaimed as UBCIC Secretary-Treasurer. Chief Chamberlin's political experience and Chief Baptiste's on-the-ground experience will significantly strengthen and complement the political advocacy work of the UBCIC."

Chief Chamberlin said, "There are many issues, for example safe drinking water for our communities or the impact of industry on our waters and lands, that we as First Nations must address to protect our families and our territories. As Vice-President, I will always be respectful of each Nation's authority and autonomy to determine what is in the best interests for their families and their territories. I will be available to assist any and all UBCIC Member Nations protect and further their interests to government and/or industry."

Chief Chamberlin is currently completing his third consecutive term as the elected Chief Councilor of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-kwa-mish First Nation and has served as Chairman of the Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk Tribal Council for five years. Last week, the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation won the right to launch a class action lawsuit over damage to wild salmon stocks related to salmon farms in the Broughton Archipelago.

“As Chief of the Tsilhqot’in People of Xenigwet’in, I strongly represent our People’s Title and Rights. As a Nation, we defended our Title and Rights to stop a proposed mine from destroying Teztan Biny and our lands,” said Chief Marilyn Baptiste. “As Secretary-Treasurer, I will continue to support Nations to move our shared values forward as caretakers of our respective territories whether that it is in the courts or on the land.”

Last month, Chief Marilyn Baptiste and fellow members of BC’s First Nations Women Advocating Responsible Mining (FNWARM) were recognized with a Boreal Award at the annual Canadian Boreal Leadership Council Awards Gala dinner hosted by the Canadian Boreal Initiative. The award recognized FNWARM’s work to promote responsible mining in British Columbia.

The UBCIC Chiefs Council created three new Active Member positions to the Chiefs Council. Numerous nominations were submitted and nominees made personal representations at the Chiefs Council meeting. An Elder’s Representative, a Women’s Representative and a Youth Representative were successfully elected at the Chiefs Council meeting.

Jennifer Bobb, Spuzzum First Nation, was elected as the Elder’s Representative. Jennifer was a band councilor of Spuzzum First Nation for 20 years and Chief of Spuzzum First Nation for 13 years. Her goal has always been to bring community issues of utmost importance such as health, education and keeping our children home, to the forefront of political discussions at the community, regional and national levels.

Coo-la Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, was elected as the Women’s Representative. Coo-la is an elected councilor of the Okanagan Indian Band. Her professional background is in Business Management and Natural Resources. Coo-la brings confidence and an open mind to the UBCIC. She will continue to create space for women of today and tomorrow with the same strength and confidence gifted to her by the strong women in her life.

Jason Price was elected as the Youth Representative. Jason is an elected Councilor of the Campbell River Indian Band and also works as the Land Code Coordinator. His education background is in Business Administration. Jason sees the importance of engaging our youth and providing education so they can provide a strong voice for our future. He looks forward to gaining more knowledge and experience on all the issues that are present in Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights.

“We were extremely fortunate to have a number of gifted individuals put forward their names for the Active Member positions,” said Grand Chief Phillip. “The UBCIC Executive looks forward to working with Jennifer, Coo-la and Jason.”

Grand Chief Phillip concluded, "On behalf of the UBCIC Chiefs Council and staff, I appreciatively acknowledge the work of Chief Willie Charlie, Chehalis Indian Band, during his tenure as Vice-President. His commitment to his community and to his family will carry him forward to many future accomplishments."

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A year where life is peaceful,

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A year in which you cherish

The past year's memories,

And live your life each new day,

Full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday

With happiness galore;

And when it's done, I wish you

Happy New Year, and many more.”

By Joanna Fuchs

***QUOTES:***

**“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.  
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.” Bill Vaughn**

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