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BC ELDERS COMMUNICATION CENTER SOCIETY

ELDERS VOICE

ATTENTION:
ELDERS SUPPORT PEOPLE
PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO **MAKE**
COPIES OF THE ELDERS VOICE
EACH MONTH FOR YOUR ELDERS.

EV'S 91st Issue!

Please note: Elders Gathering Forms are on pages 4-9 again and can be found at our website www.bcelders.com as well as the Host's own site www.eldersgathering2008.ca

Hi there,
AWO is moving effective May 1, 2008. Our new location will be at Koomseh and our new number effective today will be 604 594-7547 (office) and the pager will be on. AWO cell # 604 813 0373 will be the new pager....but until then please forward the pager number 604 320 3881. The new office number is hooked up today.....Please post new numbers in the event that someone would like to contact AWO, and also for your records.

All my relations,
Juanita Desjarlais
Aboriginal Women's Outreach Program
Atira Women's Resource Society
604 594 7547

Re: Knowledge Network

Dear Elders,
Please note the dates that this series is being re-run in June (the announcement came in too late for the March issue of the EV but they are re-running it). Here are the June repeat dates for episode 8 of The Leading Edge: Innovation in BC VI:

Monday, June 16 at 7 pm Wednesday, June 18 at 1:30 pm
Friday, June 20 at 12:30 pm Tuesday, June 24 at 11 pm

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Easy Bakers Corner – Almond Poppy Seed Muffins – Makes 12

In a large mixing bowl, blend together the 1/2 cup chopped almonds, 2 Tbsp. poppy seeds, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 2 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt.

In another bowl or measuring cup, mix together the 2/3 cup melted butter or margarine, 2/3 cup of milk and 1 egg beaten.

Add liquid ingredients to the dry ingredients. Mix just until the dry ingredients are moistened. The batter will still be lumpy. Do not overbeat.

Place paper cupcake liners into 12 muffin cups. Spoon batter into the cups. Sprinkle tops with 1 Tbs. of granulated sugar (optional).

Bake at 400°F for 20 to 25 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Handy Tips: The best way to get rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store-type works, too. I was at a deck party a while back and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it!

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/Birthday Wishes, 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

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 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).

Comments? Please feel free to call in to the Communication Center - contact info is on the back page.

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.

BC ELDERS COMMUNICATION CENTER SOCIETY

8th Year GRATITUDE LIST

Groups who have thankfully paid their \$250 'Yearly Support Fee'
so far for the Dec. 2007 – Nov. 2008 Year

1. Gingolx Elders
2. Seton Lake Elders
3. Assembly of First Nations (Ottawa)
4. Mamalilikulla Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band
5. Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council
6. Hamatla Treaty Society
7. Hailika'as Heiltsuk Health Centre
8. Qualicum First Nation Council
9. Quatsino First Nation
10. Tobacco Plains Indian Band
11. Tansi Friendship Centre Society
12. Tsleil-Waututh Nation
13. Gitsegukla Band
14. Bridge River Indian Band
15. Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society
16. Sumas First Nation
17. Tsawwassen First Nation
18. BC Assembly of First Nation
19. Osoyoos Indian Band
20. Carnegie Community Centre Association
21. Wuikinuxv Nation
22. Mowachaht/Muchalaht
23. Wewaikum First Nation
24. Da'naxda'xw First Nation
25. Tseycum First Nation
26. Gitanyow Human Service
27. Uchucklesaht Band Council
28. Chehalis Indian Band
29. In-SHUCK-ch Nation
30. Wet'suwet'en First Nation
31. Douglas First Nation
32. Xaxli'p Indian Band
33. BC Transmission Corporation
34. Squiala First Nation
35. Ts'kw'aylaxw Elders Society
36. McLeod Lake Tse'khene Elders Society
37. Kitamaat Village Council
38. Tsawataineuk Band
39. Cook's Ferry Indian Band
40. Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre
41. BCAAFC
42. Kwikwetlem First Nation
43. Musquem Indian Band
44. Adams Lake Indian Band
45. Kamloops Indian Band
46. We Wai Kai Nation
47. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
48. Ka:'Yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Nation
49. Lower Kootenay Band
50. Carrier Sekani Family Services
51. Doig River First Nation
52. Lower Nicola Indian Band
53. Soowahlie Health Services
54. Tsewultun Health Centre
55. Union of BC Indian Chiefs
56. Fort St. John Friendship Society
57. Nuxalk Nation Elders
58. Hesquiaht First Nation
59. Ehattesaht Tribe
60. Kluskus Indian Band
61. Samahquam Band
62. Canoe Creek Band
63. Homalco Indian Band
64. Mount Currie Band Council
65. Kermode Friendship Society
66. Old Massett Village Council
67. Lytton First Nation
68. Spallumcheen Indian Band
69. Ulkatcho Indian Band
70. Eniyud Health Services
71. Tl'azt'en Nation
72. N'Quatqua Band
- 73.

Dear Elders Contact Person,

***If your office has paid the support fee, thank you very much for your assistance!**

***If your office/group has VOIDED the Invoice for this year and faxed it back in to this office.**

***If you are in the process of paying the fee with the new fiscal year upon us, then thank you very much.**

***Staff changes often occur, so please call into the office if you require the Invoice to be resent to a new Contact Person.**

**Thank you for your continued support!
Donna Stirling, BCECCS Coordinator**

Note from the Co-ordinator - 32nd Annual Elders Gathering Committee - Prince Rupert, BC
FIRST GLIMPSE into how the 2008 Elders Gathering set up is going

To Respected Elders, Communities and Organizations,

Well July 06, 2008 is coming fast, time is flying and I'm still scrambling. I just wanted to let you folks know that I'm trying my hardest to ensure that the request to be "entertained" and not work-shopped will be a reality.

I have confirmed the Nass Chug-a-lugs, Gingolx Men's' Choir, a few Church choirs, a Fashion Show, Various Dance groups, Nass Valley Mass band is in the works, Kiki and the Wolfman, Erik Esrada, and many many more other people and groups to entertain you.

Our King and Queen, Leonard and Mona Alexcee, our Spokesperson and MC Murray Smith, myself and depending on where we travel members of the Kaien Island Elders are visiting Villages in our surrounding areas and doing the traditional invitation. We've been received very well and the Kitsumkalum Band and in partnership with Kitselas and local Nisga'a group and the Kermode Friendship Centre hosted a dinner in our honor. It was fantastic and the smoked oolichans were delicious, haven't had them in years. They did a blanket dance for us at the end of the evening and we were presented with \$546.20 from the hearts of the people that were left at the end of the night.

Our menu I'm shooting for all First Nations' foods and delicacies. At the present time we are receiving donations of fresh herring eggs and everywhere we go we let them know we need donations of traditional foods. A Chief from Kitkatla has donated 3 large freezers full of traditional food. Of course seaweed season is happening quickly and we are crossing our fingers our requests will be fulfilled. We are open to receive any kind of donation of food so that all of you can feast and enjoy the food of the North Coast. We know you won't be disappointed.

The committee has set up different committees and its hard starting fires under these folks to meet however I've been working on everything and now its all starting to fall into place.

It definitely has been a roller coaster ride for me. At times I feel my head is now flat from banging it on the wall some days...haha...needless to say I feel "dizzy"...haha...kidding...

I know it will all be good, I pray in the morning and at the end of the day and ask for God's guidance in my work and for God's help so I know it will be a good memory for all.

Our Theme is "THE ELDERS ARE WATCHING" and I know this is a good theme and so appropriate because we are losing so many elders and now we want this gathering to be good so they can talk about it up there.

I also ask that you bring your regalia. On the Registration form I've added for you to add your Chief's name, if you hold one, your Matriarch's name and the phonetic sounding of it.

In our tradition if we mispronounce a name and embarrass the person and/or yourself we have to hold a forgiveness feast. We don't want to hold any feast like that so please help us in that department. I'm setting something up different for those folks that hold names.

Also, I want all the Veterans to bring their uniforms including their medals. After the Chiefs and Matriarchs of the welcoming group the Veterans will and their families will walk in first.

If your loved one(s) have passed please bring a 8 ½ x11 and carry it with you. We want to honor our Veterans.

At the moment I'm asking for all your prayers for continued guidance, direction and for the Angels and God to walk with me and my committee members that are trying to be active.

I've been working so hard on proposals and being hired so late I've missed deadlines. The funding agency we thought would be our biggest funder has revamped and we will not be eligible for the amount that was given to last year's gathering. When I was told that on April 1st my heart fell to the ground, I picked up my heart, wiped it off and started again...so our biggest effort right now is for financial donations.

We will have a minute of silence for all the Elders that have gone ahead. Monday and Tuesday's meals will be dinner and dance so bring your dancing shoes, both nights will have lots of entertainment and I'm working on karaoke.

I've set up tours with my summer employment bosses and with the unknown status of our finances there might be a small cost to the tours.

One is Exchamskis River where you get a riverboat ride, nature walk and a salmon baked on the fire. You will hear local history/stories/First Nations history around here and the Skeena and Nass Rivers. This is my summer employment and I'm one of the guides and this is a good tour.

Another tour is to the North Pacific Cannery Museum. It's an original cannery and the only one left on the Skeena River. It was the home to hundreds of First Nations, Japanese, Chinese and Non-natives. This is one of my summer employments and I'm an interpreter there so I know it's good...

Another tour is a city tour with historical information and I'm working on a harbour tour and I'm working on a tour to the village of Metlakatla and Pike Island. This is a restored Indian village and this is a nice boat ride and tour.

I will be posting the information on the site and I will need people to pre-register so that I can get an idea of how many buses we will need to rent and figure out a cost, if necessary, for each tour.

I know we aren't supposed to ask our Creator for financial abundance however I ask for you folks to strengthen our prayers for assistance in all areas of the gathering.

I'm remaining optimistic and positive knowing the end result I'll be wondering why I was so worried. The feelings of worry, upset, confusion, befuddlement, and everything else will have only been a "figment of my imagination".

And I know when we meet you won't look at my flat head...haha...]

I'm looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and just to see you enjoying yourself will be my payment. Oh yeah, I'm on a promissory wage so...you know I'm doing this for the elders.

Until we meet, I pray that God keeps you and your families in good health, travel safely and give you a calm spirit and open mind.

Darlene Harris Wolfe, Co-ordinator
1-866-622-6180 or eldersgathering2008@gmail.com

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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

32nd Annual Elders Gathering—Prince Rupert—July 6-9, 2008
Jim Ciccone Civic Centre & Lester Centre of the Arts

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FAX: (250) 627-5724
EMAIL:
elderesgathering08@hotmail.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ Chief/Matriarch Name: _____
Phoenetic Sounding of Name: _____
Native War Veteran # & Division: _____ Which War?" _____
Family of Veteran Deceased? When? _____
Traditional Territory: _____ BAND/NATION: _____
GROUP Name: _____ Leader: _____
Address: _____
City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Email: _____

Elders Group Leaders will be asked to check in on behalf of their group

HEALTH INFORMATION: *(Keep medical/contact info with you at all times)*

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Conditions & Allergies:

Download Registration form at: eldergsgathering2008.ca

(No Cash or personal cheques; money orders or certified cheques please:

Mail Completed Registration and Payment to:

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE, Box 22092, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 4P8

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00 per person

“The BC Elders Communication Centre Society strongly supports the initiating of a nominal Registration fee to assist—to some small degree—with the enormous costs associated with hosting thousands of Elders and support people attending the Annual BC Elders Gathering this year...with the Elders Gathering now in its 32nd year, and likely to attract between 2-4000 attendees, it is no longer the responsible course of action to incur a lot of costs for administration etc. and not charge a nominal fee” Donna Stirling Coordinator, BC Elders Communication Center Society

Register BY MAY 01, 2008 and you will be entered to win \$400.00

Register by JUNE 01, 2008 you will be entered to win \$200.00

Registration WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED after JUNE 20, 2008


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INFORMATION BOOTH Registration Form

32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering – 2008 JULY 06-09

Jim Ciccone Civic Centre & Lester Centre of the Arts

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ P.C. _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Other: () _____

Email: _____

First Nation (If applicable): _____

TYPE OF INFORMATION you will provide: _____

PAYMENT:

Information Book registration fee is payable with Registration. Payment accepted only by Certified Cheque or Money Order in the amount of \$300.00 (No Personal Cheques will be accepted)

Upon Receipt of Registration with Payment, you will then receive Confirmation of payment and an assigned floor space (there will be no changing spaces

SET UP CAN BEGIN SUNDAY – July 06 – 9 A.M.

Booths Are to be Set Up no Later than MONDAY – July 07 – 9 A.M.

GUIDELINES/NOTES:

- The 32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering Committee and Volunteers are not responsible for lost or stolen items or injury
- Information Booths may not sell Food, Drinks or Raffle tickets
- One table and 2 chairs will be provided for each Booth
- Note of Cancellation – must be provided no later than June 22, 2008
- Any cancellations after June 22, 2008 will NOT be issued refunds
- No burning will be allowed in the Booth area due to Respiratory ailments
- If a booth is not set up by 9 AM Monday, July 07, 2008 of the Gathering the Booth space will be re-rented with no refund being issued to the original renter
- Electrical outlets will not be available
- If you do not hear from us within 10 days of submitting your registration please call 1-866-622-6180 or 250-627-5723 to confirm that the form was received.

Download Information Booth Registration form at: www.eldersgathering2008.ca

Mail Completed Registration form and Payment to:

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE, Box 22092, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 4P8

For more Information contact Darlene, Co-ordinator,

"The Elders Are Watching"

1-866-622-6180 or 250-627-5723 or at

email eldersgathering2008@gmail.com

I agree to adhere to all of the above guidelines:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Email: eldersgathering08@hotmail.com

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR Registration Form

NAME: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Email: _____
First Nation (if applicable): _____
TYPE OF CRAFT: _____

PAYMENT: *Vendor Booth registration fee is payable with registration.
Payment accepted only by certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$125.00
(No personal cheques will be accepted)

*Upon receipt of registration with payment, you will then receive confirmation of payment and an assigned floor space (there will be no changing spaces)

SET UP CAN BEGIN SUNDAY- JULY 06—9 am

BOOTHS ARE TO BE SET UP NO LATER THAN 9 AM July 07

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- Note of Cancellation—must be provided no later than June 22, 2008.
- Any cancellations after this date will not be issued refunds.
- No burning will be allowed in the booth area as many Elders have respiratory ailments.
- If a booth is not set up by 9AM on Day 1 (July 7) of the gathering, the booth space will be re-rented with no refund being issued to the original renter
- Electrical outlets will not be available
- If you do not hear from us within 10 days of submitting your registration, please call to confirm that it was received.

Download Vendor registration form at: eldersgathering.ca

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION and PAYMENT TO:

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE, Box 22092, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 4P8

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Date _____



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VOLUNTEER Registration Form

NAME: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: (h) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____
Email: _____ or _____

SKILLS and INTERESTS

Education Background: _____

Current Occupation _____

Hobbies, Interests, Skills _____

Is there a particular type of volunteer work in which you are interested (Check all that apply. Enter your preference for the areas you are interested in with a "1", "2", etc. If not interested, leave the space empty.

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> souvenir/Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Billeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating | <input type="checkbox"/> Elders Escort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food— Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Food—Cook | <input type="checkbox"/> Food—Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Food—Clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical—Set up | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech—sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech—lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment—seating | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment—elders seating | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain-tickets | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain-cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain-security | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain-back | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain-programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-p/Take down | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

At what times are you interested in volunteering?

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____

There are times during Sunday-Wednesday I cannot do volunteer work _____

Do you have a valid Driver's Licence? YES ___ NO ___ CLASS _____

Do you have access to an automobile you can use during the gathering?

YES ___ NO ___ (keep receipts as will be reimbursed for gas)

How did you hear about the 32nd Elders Gathering? _____

Any other info you would like us to know at this time? _____

Need your size for t-shirt to be used for the volunteer days: _____

I will adhere to all rules and regulations from the Committee while volunteering for the Gathering? Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2008 Elders Gathering

July 6—9, Sunday to Wednesday

Jim Ciccone Civic Centre & Lester Centre of Arts

RE: **SPONSORSHIP or DONATION**—2008 Elders 32nd Elders Gathering

The Kaien Island Elders are seeking the support of community businesses through a Sponsorship program. Please consider being a sponsor or consider a donation.

The Kaien Island Elders has been a proud community organization in Prince Rupert since the early 1960's. We have taught and provided opportunities to youth and adults and we always stress "doing your best" and remembering others. Many of our Elders have been wonderful ambassadors for our City. They've been a very active group fundraising for every one of their events that they attend in and out of town. They donate to various organizations and groups. Our Elders are members of various First Nations that live in Prince Rupert. They are Tshimsian, Nisga'a, Gitksan, Tahltan, Cree, Metis and we have members from different countries that are considered "aboriginal". Their group is open to any elder that wishes to participate.

The Elders is completely operated by themselves, volunteers and is fully funded by their efforts of fundraising, grants and they do not rely on government or City funding. Without the generous support of our community the group would not exist. Sponsorship and donations will be an essential part of revenue for the upcoming Elders Gathering.

Sponsors will be identified on the advertising on signs at the Civic Centre . Donators will be publicly acknowledged in the local papers as well as letters. These ads will be viewed throughout the Northwest, Vancouver and anywhere else our guests are from.

Four Sponsorship Levels: \$200 Bronze Sponsorship— Your company name on Sponsor Board
\$250 Sponsorship—your company name/logo on sign hung in Auditorium
\$300 Sponsorship—Your company name/logo hung separately in Auditorium
\$500 Sponsorship—Your company/logo hung separately hung on 4'x6' sign in Auditorium

All Sponsors will receive 2 complimentary tickets to our Catered Dinner on Monday, July 7, 2008 where again they will be publicly acknowledged. There will also be a special draw for sponsors. A committee member, Darlene, will be contacting you to follow-up on this letter.

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**Thank You for Your
Consideration to
our Request!**

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TRADITIONAL FOOD DONATION form

32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering – 2008 JULY 06-09



If it is possible for you, your family, your group or your Band and/or Nation to become a regular OR a one-time contributor of Traditional Foods for the Annual Elders Gathering please fill out this form and fax or hand deliver to the Co-ordinator and you will be contacted with more information:

NAME: _____ Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Home Address: _____
Email: _____ Other contact: _____

Fishing Licence #: _____ Permit #: _____

Type of Traditional Food to be given:

Note: Please note that Fish should be “Round” which will alleviate the Elders having to clean before cutting, storing and cooking for the Gathering.

To Be Filled Out when Delivering to the Elders

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____
(Elders Representative)

Amount Received: _____
Product Delivered to: _____ for Storage

Please remember that due to Food Safe Regulations it is required that Wild Meat be processed in an approved facility (butcher/processor) and the various seafood items must be labeled with “Date and Place Gathered.”

“The Elders Are Watching”



BC First Nation Elders Grant Program Application

Name of Elders Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone / Fax: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Project information

Name of Project: _____

Description of how funding will benefit Elders in your community/nation:

Budget:

Project Cost		Financing	
Expenses		Equity	
Other (identify)		First Nation band/ Organization	
Other (identify)		Fund Raising	
Other (identify)		Funding Requests	
		Other (identify)	
Total Project Costs		Total Source of Funds	

** Total Project Costs should equal total source of funds*



BC First Nation Elders Grant Program

I understand that the information submitted in and with this application will be used to assess my eligibility for the BC First Nation Elders Grant Program. I hereby certify that all the information provided on this application form and in all the documents accompanying it is true, accurate and complete. I have read all the policy and guidelines under this New Relationship Trust BC First Nation Elders Grant program. By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by the policies and guidelines of this program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Application deadline: Friday, June 13th, 2008 by 4:00 p.m.

Applications must be mailed to:

New Relationship Trust
1008-100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

Faxed and e-mailed applications will not be accepted

Only one application will be accepted per Elders group, First Nation community and organizations

BC First Nation Elders Grant Program Support Documentation Checklist

- Completed Application form (signed and dated)
- Project Description; information about Elders group, First Nations band or organization and how many Elders will benefit from project
- Short Description on how many Elders will benefit from project; information about Elders group, First Nations band or organization
- Letter of Support from your Chair of Elders Group, First Nation government or CEO/ Executive Director of FN organization



BC First Nation Elders Grant Program

The New Relationship Trust and the First Nation communities realize the importance of our Elders. Accordingly, the NRT Board of Directors identified Elders as a strategic priority. Our Elders hold the wisdom of past generations. The ongoing support and participation of this group is essential to strong, healthy nations.

The New Relationship Trust allocated \$125,000 for 2008/09 to assist British Columbia First Nation Elders.

Who Can Apply?

All Elders Groups and/or First Nation communities and organizations representing BC First Nation Elders can apply. Priority will be given to those applications that benefit Elders and/or Elder's groups at the community or nation level. These projects, activities and/or events will benefit a group of BC First Nation Elders.

Program Objectives

The purpose of this program is to provide incentive for BC First Nation Elders groups, First Nation communities and organizations representing BC First Nation Elders in British Columbia to provide specific programming targeted to BC First Nation Elders. BC First Nation Elders groups, First Nation communities and organizations are able to apply for funding to provide their First Nation Elders with targeted projects, activities or events. The maximum amount available is \$2,500 per application.

For the purposes of the 2008 BC First Nation Elders Grant Program, First Nation projects must benefit Elders at the community or nation level.

Priority will be given to Elders groups, communities and/or organizations that demonstrate how First Nation Elders will benefit from BC First Nation Elders Grant Program funding. Areas that fall under BC First Nation Elders Grant Program enhance knowledge, abilities, skills and processes in such areas as:

- Leadership;
- Traditional Knowledge;
- Oral Traditions;
- Culture & Language;
- Elders Gathering.

Eligibility:

The Elders Community Program is available to all British Columbia First Nations Elders groups, First Nation communities and organizations representing BC First Nation Elders.

Examples of Ineligible Expenses or Projects:

1. Projects currently funded under another NRT program
2. Projects that have occurred prior to approval of application
3. Administration costs
4. Honorariums

Maximum Program Contributions

The First Nation or organization is eligible to receive a contribution to a maximum of \$2,500 per project.

Deadline Date

BC First Nation Elders Grant Program will have a deadline date for applications and proposals by **4:00 pm, Friday, June 13th, 2008**. All completed applications and proposals must be received at the New Relationship Trust office by 4:00 pm of the deadline date. No exceptions. Applications and proposals must be delivered by mail or dropped off in person. Faxed and e-mail applications will *not* be accepted.

Project Requirements

1. Completed Application Form
2. Short Description how funding will benefit Elders in your community/nation
3. Budget breakdown
4. Provide description of project; information about First Nation band or organization, and how many Elders the proposed project will benefit
5. Letter of support [from either from the Chair of Elder's group, the local First Nation government (council); or FN organization from the CEO or Executive Director].

Approval / Evaluation Process

NRT will approve applications that meet the proposed criteria, provide all support documentation and offer meaningful opportunity to their BC First Nation Elders.

Reporting Requirements

If successful in your application, your band, Elders group or organization will be required to submit a final report with participant and financial information, the name of a contact person is also required for follow-up at the completion of the program.

The narrative report will discuss how the Elders benefited from funding. Other materials, including pictures, participant and program evaluations are also encouraged, and, if submitted, may be published in the NRT Voices Newsletter.

The Province of British Columbia has contributed \$75,000 towards Canada's first Aboriginal Sport Gallery and touring exhibit.

“Aboriginal athletes in British Columbia have made great contributions to the world of sport but, until now, have never had a permanent place to celebrate their achievements,” Minister de Jong said. “By creating this awareness and encouraging Aboriginal people to pursue healthy, active lives, this gallery will help support the Province’s efforts to close the gaps in health outcomes for Aboriginal people.”

Minister de Jong joined project partners and athletes at the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Vancouver to unveil the first artifact for the exhibit, the feather headdress of world-champion wrestler and Tsartlip First Nation Hereditary Chief Jean Baptiste Paul, known as Chief Thunderbird.

As British Columbians celebrate 150 years of their history, they will be reflecting on the contributions to the province’s development made by citizens representing diverse cultures and communities. The heritage of Aboriginal people is uniquely rooted in the landscape of B.C.

“A key pillar of BC150 is to showcase the remarkable contributions of Aboriginal people in B.C. in every facet of our society,” said Stan Hagen, Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. “The stories told in this sport gallery and on tour will motivate and excite our young athletes training for this summer’s North American Indigenous Games and inspire them to excel.”

“The Aboriginal Sport Gallery is not only a tribute to our ancestors and our athletes of today but a ‘celebration of dreams’ that our future generations can aspire to,” said Tewanee Joseph, Executive Director of Four Host First Nations. “The lessons learned in the area of sport can help prepare youth for the challenges in life. It is our hope that young people can draw inspiration from these champions.”

The gallery will include photographs, video exhibits, text panels and artifacts that celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal athletes.

“The BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is truly proud to be the home of the Aboriginal Sport Gallery,” said Sue Griffin, President and CEO of the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. “We are grateful to the First Nations communities for sharing their inspiring sport stories and to all of our partners for their enthusiastic support of this unique project.”

As part of the project, a portable Aboriginal sports exhibit will be created to reach Aboriginal people in isolated and rural communities. BC150 supports the exhibit as part of its mandate to provide a forum for Aboriginal people in B.C. to share their stories and achievements with others across the province and around the world. The exhibit will travel throughout B.C. on display at events including the 2008 North American Indigenous Games in August on Vancouver Island, where 6,000 Aboriginal athletes from across North America will compete.

The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games will put a focus on sport in British Columbia. The Province supports 2010 Legacies Now, a not-for-profit society working with British Columbians to develop sustainable legacies in sport and helping communities create economic and social opportunities leading up to and beyond the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

For more information about the Province’s efforts to build the New Relationship with Aboriginal people in B.C., visit www.gov.bc.ca/arr. To learn more about the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, visit www.bcsportshalloffame.com.

For more information about BC150 events and programs, visit www.bc150.ca.

Healing Village Will Help Close Health Gap from www.gov.bc.ca/arr

On March 14, 2008, Premier Gordon Campbell joined chiefs and leaders from the Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe Society to celebrate a partnership that will make possible the Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village, a centre for Aboriginal healing in the Fraser Valley.

Premier Campbell announced that the Province is supporting Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village with \$3 million in funding and a transfer of land. A traditional village site near Chilliwack will be the location of the new and unique Aboriginal facility.

“Thanks to the vision and perseverance of your chiefs and your Elders, today we can announce that the Province will support the Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village here on your traditional territories. Aboriginal people want a greater say in their own health care, and we are responding,” said Premier Campbell. “The village will be a place where the wisdom of Elders and traditional healing practices will join with modern approaches to help Aboriginal youth and families from across B.C. overcome histories of trauma, addiction and mental illness.”

The Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village will be operated by the Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe Society, consisting of First Nations in the Chilliwack area. Provincial funding will be used to renovate existing buildings at a former youth correctional facility at Centre Creek. The lands at Centre Creek (13.14 hectares) will be transferred by the Province to the Tribe Society for the village. The site was once an Aboriginal village named Stehiyáq.

“Consistent with our commitment to the Transformative Change Accord to improve the lives of Aboriginal people, the village is one important way we can address the health-care gaps that separate Aboriginal people from other British Columbians,” said Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister Michael de Jong. “By listening and partnering with Aboriginal people, we can build stronger, healthier Aboriginal communities and families.”

“The Premier has honoured us today with his commitment to the New Relationship and we are deeply moved by the Province’s decision to support our desire to commit this sacred land as a place for healing and wellness for our young people and their families,” explained Yakweakwioose First Nation Chief Frank Malloway, chair of the Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe Society. “In our language, the word for ‘grandfather’ and ‘grandson’ is the same. The Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village will bring these family members together and help our young people fill their emptiness and overcome their sickness and addictions with strength drawn from their culture. We understand what is needed to heal our people, and we are proudly taking responsibility for the health and well-being of our children.”

Eight bands from the Chilliwack area support the wellness village: Yakweakwioose First Nation, Tzeachten First Nation, Aitchelitz First Nation, Skowkale First Nation, Shxwhà:y Village, Kwaw kwaw Apilt First Nation, Soowahlie First Nation, and Skwah First Nation Council.

Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village will consist of 28 healing beds and accommodate 32 people, including staff. Residents of the village will have access to counselling and program space, kitchen and dining facilities, indoor and outdoor recreation and healing space. The village is scheduled to open in October, 2008.

The village will serve Aboriginal youth and families who are struggling with addictions and who are victims of sexual, physical, substance, mental and emotional abuse, including residential school survivors. The concept of Stehiyáq is unique in that it focuses on traditional Aboriginal practices and concepts within a village setting.

The project aligns with B.C.’s tri-partite First Nations Health Plan that commits to strategically investing in new approaches to close the health gaps that separate Aboriginal people from other British Columbians. Through partnerships, treaties and other agreements with First Nations, the Province is committed to closing the socio-economic gaps that separate Aboriginal people from other British Columbians and to build a New Relationship with First Nations based on respect, recognition and reconciliation.

For more information about the Stehiyáq Healing and Wellness Village, visit www.gov.bc.ca/arr.



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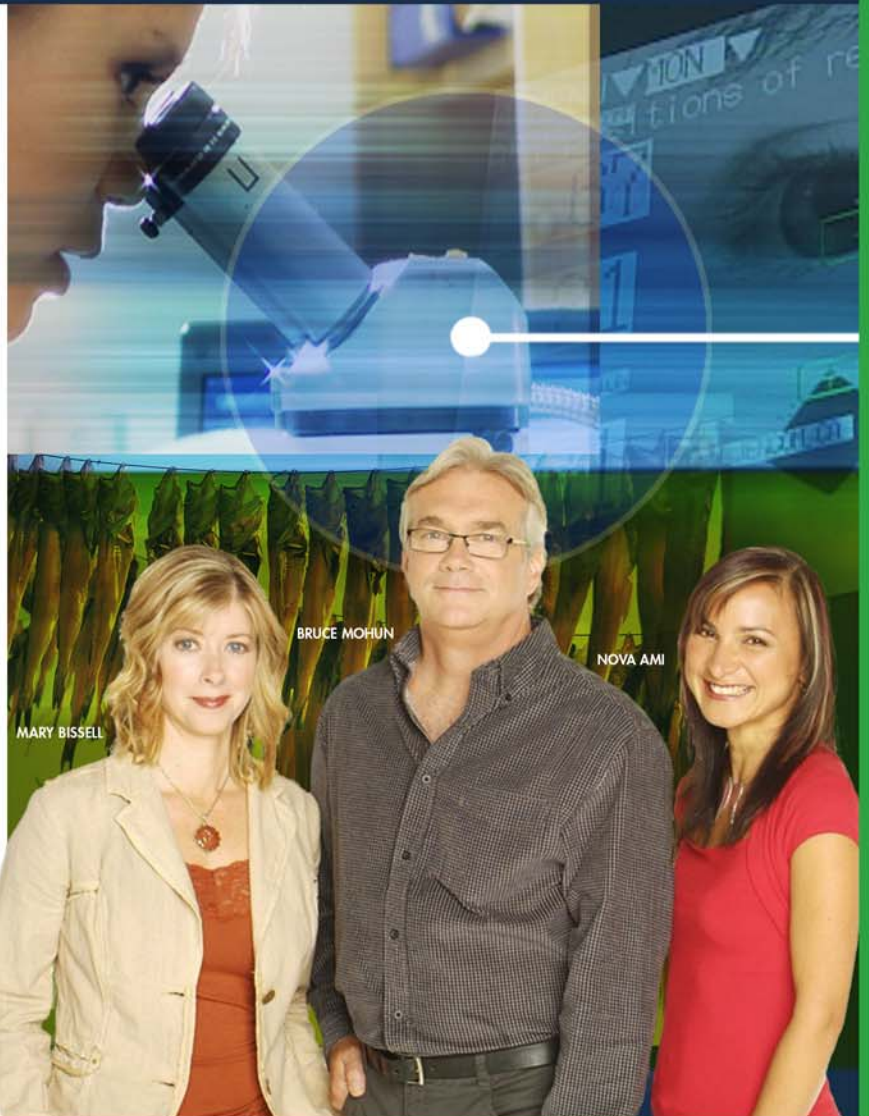
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PRESS RELEASE FOR “THE ONE NATION”

May 8, 2008:

Hundreds of Indigenous Sovereign Nations who live and prosper in the traditional ways within the current borders of Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the Caribbean have agreed to sign The Declaration of Sovereignty of The One Nation (being a Nation consisting of all Sovereign Indigenous Nations of the World), by which these Indigenous Sovereign Nations unite as ONE to re-assert their inherent sovereignty as ONE, inviting all other Indigenous Sovereign Nations from all around the world to join. This “happening” was foretold in the Prophecies thousands of years ago. On April 20, 2008, The Algonquin Nation from Northern Quebec held a sacred ceremony, at which time the traditional Elders signed the Declaration, thereby giving birth to The One Nation. The signing was done by the Algonquin to “light the torch” to be passed along to other Indigenous Sovereign Nations. The Cree followed soon thereafter. The Mi’kmaq Nation is to follow up in June of 2008 with its own signing ceremony. Two (2) Choctaw Bands have also signed. Other Nations are welcome to hold their own ceremony in their own way in their own time to effectuate their own signing.

Otherwise, the next major gathering for the purpose of signing is currently scheduled to take place on July 11, 2008, in Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of The Longest Walk, when many Elders and Nations will be present. It is hoped that the Dalai Lama will also be present for this sacred event. The Australian and New Zealand Sovereign Indigenous Nations have now begin to effectuate their own signing across their sacred lands at their sacred “Dreamtime” sites. The torch will be passed across The Australian and New Zealand Continent at this time. This signing may take a couple of months to be accomplished, but it will be accomplished.

As most of you know, on September 13, 2007, the United Nations’ General Assembly approved the much touted United Nations’ Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the “UN Declaration”). Although this UN Declaration, importantly, recognizes the right of our Nations to seek self-determination, it does not, in and of itself, take the next step to advance the cause of Indigenous Sovereign Nations around the world. The One Nation IS that next step, the necessary next step to lead us forward.

Again, those who know will understand that the traditional governing systems and the traditional cultures of these Indigenous Sovereign Nations were and continue to be decimated by laws enacted by their “host” countries, including Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the Caribbean and numerous others, which laws, among other things, impose false (proxy) (foreign) governments and laws on our peoples, and force our Nations to bow before the colonizing courts to resolve inter-nation disputes with them. This Declaration of true Sovereignty has the blessing of the Creator, the one true Law.

The creation of The One Nation “immediately” frees the Indigenous Sovereign Nations to re-assert their sovereignty, an inherent sovereignty granted by the Creator to each human at birth, which was never surrendered and never could have been surrendered. It has taken the Indigenous Sovereign Nations over 200 years to regroup and arrive at this crucial point in history to re-commence performing their sacred duties to care for Mother Earth, all Her creatures, great and small (and, hence, all humans too). It is no accident and no coincidence that the Creator has chosen this time to arrange for the re-assertion of these ancient Nations. The air, the water, the land and all living things are in danger now as never before. The One Nation is born from all things positive, not from anger for past oppression and atrocities undeniably committed. These things are forgiven. When the colonizers arrived, as predicted in the Prophecies, our ancestors welcomed them and cared for them, as the Creator instructed, when they could not care for themselves. They were like children sitting at our feet in need of sustenance, which many of our ancestors gladly provided. The children grew up steadily over the course of several hundred years, only to rebel against their caregivers, reacting with greed and forgetfulness of all that was done for them and all that we tried to teach them, harming our Mother the Earth in the process. For this they must also be forgiven. The time has come, however, when these now young adults must realize and admit the error of their youthful and frivolous ways and turn once again to the wisdom and care of those who raised them. Unwittingly, they developed along the way the technological and linguistic means for all Indigenous Sovereign Nations to now join together with one good mind and one pure heart for the good of all humans.

In conclusion, The One Nation extends an open invitation to all Indigenous Sovereign Nations to join on this historic and epic peaceful path into the future and also to convey this all-important message to all colonizing states: “The One Nation extends, once again, its open hand in friendship and in good faith as our gesture of our desire to continue to coexist for the benefit and respect of all living creatures and our one true Mother, the Earth herself.”

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Canada, B.C. and First Nations Leadership Council Sign First Nations Housing MOU

News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 21, 2008



Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver –The First Nations Leadership Council, Government of Canada, and Province of B.C. today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), agreeing to work together to develop a comprehensive approach to improve housing for First Nations communities, individuals and families both on and off reserve.

"Nothing is more important to First Nations individuals than having a healthy, high-quality environment in which to live," said Chief Judith Sayers, First Nations Summit Task Group member. "For too long our people have lived in substandard, unhealthy homes which affect our physical and emotional well being. We need comprehensive, strategic action to address the critical housing crisis First Nations in BC are facing."

This agreement will acknowledge that working in partnership is necessary to overcome barriers and to address the housing gaps between First Nations people and other British Columbians. It will also commit to exploring innovative approaches to improve housing and infrastructure for First Nations, individuals and families, including housing programs currently in place, and set out an initial framework for the collaborative development of interlinked on and off reserve housing strategies.

"The ability to provide shelter for one's family is one of those basic needs that far too many First Nations struggle with", said B.C. Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo). "This MoU signifies the fact that we all recognize and accept our responsibility to give our children the best possible chance to live in a home that allows them to feel safe and secure. It is heartening to think of what may be accomplished when the promise of this MoU is reached."

"For too long the Indigenous People of this country have been deprived of the fundamental human right of decent, affordable housing," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. "In fact, many, many of our people are homeless. Therefore, we must avail ourselves of every opportunity to rectify this completely unacceptable situation. The First Nations Housing Memorandum of Understanding may represent an important first step."

A committee representing all parties to the MoU will be formed within three months to collaboratively develop a plan for interlinked on and off reserve housing strategies in support of First Nations individuals and families. The Government of Canada, Province of B.C. and First Nations Leadership Council will then meet annually to discuss progress in implementing the MoU.

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The First Nations Leadership Council is comprised of the political executives of the BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

The Council works together to politically represent the interests of First Nations in British Columbia and develop strategies and actions to bring about significant and substantive changes to government policy that will benefit all First Nations in British Columbia.

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UBCIC Digital Collections Project Completion: UBCIC History Now Online!

Press Release For Immediate Release May 7, 2008

(Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, BC) – The Union of BC Indian Chiefs is pleased to announce the completion of the UBCIC History Online project. This project resulted in the digitization and preservation of a variety of multimedia materials produced during and related to the establishment and early years of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

Since its creation, the UBCIC has produced a wide variety of materials to support its operation, advance its position, and to provide up-to-date information on the activities of the organization as well as report on issues important to the UBCIC member community.

The UBCIC History Online Collection includes:

Unity: Newsletter published from 1970 to 1971
Nesika: Newsletter published from 1972 to 1977
UBCIC News: Newsletter published from 1977 to 1980
UBCIC Posters: Posters created in the 1970s to present day
UBCIC Photographs: Photographs from the UBCIC Archives

This project is part of the UBCIC Resource Centre's larger digital initiative. These newly digitized materials will compliment our existing digital collections which include *Our Homes Are Bleeding*, which focuses on the cut-off lands in British Columbia and the First Nations Digital Document Source, a collection of documents supporting land claims research. Both of these collections were also enhanced and expanded as part of this project.

The collections are accessible at on the UBCIC website under Resources:
<http://ubcic.bc.ca/Resources/Digital>

This project was made possible with the generous support of the Irving K. Barber Centre's BC History Digitization Program, National Archival Development Program and Pacific Region - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

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