

2007



SEABIRD ISLAND
ANNUAL REPORT



We dedicate our 2006-2007 Annual Report to our Youth. They are our future.

It is our responsibility to prepare them to assume this task. Formal education is important, but so is knowledge about our history, our culture and traditions, and our need for self-government. Parents, educators, community members, our own lawmakers, and Elders play an important role in teaching our youth who we are and the values we aspire to live by.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

~Helen Keller~

St’ehyelh xwelam kw’e mi á:y maqa **A Prayer For A Better Future**

Eyelh selsilá:lh, eyelh sí:lalh, tset petame’ kw’as maytoxw.
Good grandmothers, good grandfathers we ask for your help.

Maytoxw kw’as xwlalam, léts’e chalex late témexw.
Help us listen with one hand to the earth.

Maytoxw kw’es qwa:l qe léts’e chalex ite th’aleset.
Help us speak with one hand to our heart.

Xét’e ta s’í:westset, xyolhmet te xwel mi á:y staxwelh.
Our teachings tell us to watch out for our children to come.

Maytoxw kw’es hokwex te q’e’í:les te siwalehtset, te télmels ye selyolexwé,
Help us use the wisdom of our ancestors, the knowledge of our elders,

Te shxw’eyems ye sí:ya:mtset, te shxw’eyems ye q’alemi swoweles, qas ste’a te smestiyexws te xwewa is kwó:l kw’as thi:yt kw’e ey wayeles xwelam ye staxwelhtset.
The strength of our leaders, the vigor of the youth and the purity of the unborn to make a better tomorrow for our children.

Ste’astexwtset cha wa sq’eq’otset cha.
Together it will be done.

Eyelh selsilá:lh, eyelh sí:lalh, th’exwmetoxwtset.
Good grandmothers, good grandfathers, we openly accept your help.

Te’ile th’kwsale xwel mi á:y qas swas th’ekwsale xwel mi á:y mestiyexw.
This, for our seven generations to come, and their seven generations.

Stó:lō smestiyexw wiyothe.
Stó:lō Spirit Forever.

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SEABIRD ISLAND BAND MISSION STATEMENT

Seabird Island Band exists to promote a healthier, self-sufficient, self-governing, unified and educated community. We believe that a healthy community is one that has achieved physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and cultural balance.

We work towards building a community where communal pride and respect are based on family values and respect for other people's values, views and ideas. We want to co-exist with other communities and governments while exerting our right to be a self-governing nation.

Seabird Island Band promotes full employment, the development of our local economy, and improved housing conditions. We want our community to be a safe and prosperous place for our people. We aim at achieving a good standard of living for all our Band members.

Seabird Island Band will accomplish this mission with the energy of our youth, the wisdom of our elders, the strength of our families, the vision and determination of our political leaders, the guidance of our spiritual and cultural leaders and the contributions of our staff members.



A Message from your Chief

Chief Clem Seymour

I would like to express my gratitude to the Seabird Island Department Managers and staff for their hard work, dedication and support. The Annual Report will illustrate some of the many accomplishments that were achieved in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The Seabird Island Band started construction of the new high school and renovations of the elementary school. Completion is scheduled for September 2008. The Band is currently involved in Education Jurisdiction, which will give us control over the education of our children, and is participating in regular Jurisdiction meetings sponsored by the First Nation Education Steering Committee.

Seabird is currently involved with several other initiatives, such as the Land Code and wireless internet/telephone services for Band administration and Band enterprises, as well as providing internet/telephone services to Seabird community members at a nominal charge.

Overall, the Seabird Island Chief and Council would like to thank the people for creating balance through practicing our culture and traditions.

Seabird Island had another first this year. One of our Band members received her Masters degree in Education. On behalf of Seabird Island Band, Chief and Council would like to congratulate her on her achievement. Many other Band and community members received recognition in educational achievements, community service, and other milestones and Chief and Council would like to extend congratulations to all of them.

Appreciation is extended to the past Chief and Council members for their contributions while serving this last term.

Sincerely,

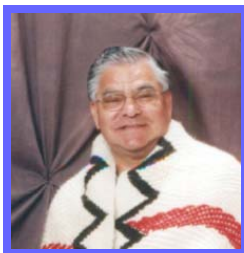
Chief Clem Seymour



**Portfolios: Executive Committee,
Economic Development, ex officio
member on all portfolios**

PAST SEABIRD ISLAND BAND CHIEF AND COUNCILLORS

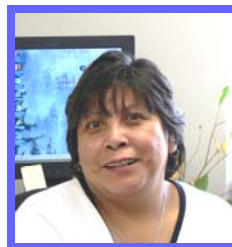
April 2005 – March 2007



Chief Wayne Bobb Sr.



Councillor Lisa Peters



Councillor Donna Andrew



Councillor Richard Louie

Seabird Island Band Councillors

April 2007 – March 2009



Councillor Robert Armstrong

Portfolios: Economic Development, Safety and Emergency Services



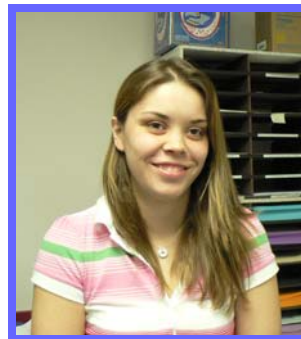
Councillor Jim Harris

Portfolios: Executive Committee Co-chair, Safety and Emergency Services, Capital and Housing



Councillor Carol Hope

Portfolios: Health and Social Development, Education (Alt)



Councillor Stacy McNeil

Portfolios: Education Committee, Safety and Emergency Services, Health and Social Services (Alt)



Councillor Margaret Pettis

Portfolios: Education Committee, Education Executive, Health and Social Development, Safety and Emergency



Councillor Marcie Peters

Portfolios: Executive Committee, Economic Development, Capital and Housing (Alt.)

Executive Committee and Portfolios 2007-2009

Portfolios 2005-2007

Executive

Lead: Chief Clem Seymour Chair
Members: Councillor Jim Harris, Co-Chair
Councillor Marcie Peters, Member
Council Members, Alternate(s)

Economic Development

- Natural resources
- Business development
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Gravel

Lead: Chief Clem Seymour Chair
Members: Councillor Marcie Peters
Council Bob Armstrong

Education

- Culture
- Language

Lead: Councillor Maggie Pettis
Members: Councillor Stacy McNeil
Councillor Carol Hope, Alternate

Health and Social Development

- Justice
- Daycare
- Xyolhemeylh

Lead: Councillor Maggie Pettis
Members: Councillor Carol Hope
Councillor Stacy McNeil, Alternate

Safety and Emergency Services

- Fire Department
- Security

Lead: Councillor Stacy McNeil
Members: Councillor Jim Harris
Councillor Bob Armstrong
Councillor Maggie Pettis

Capital and Housing

- Operations and Maintenance

Lead: Councillor Jim Harris
Members: Councillor Marcie Peters, Alternate

Committees 2005-2007

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[WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON OUR COMMITTEES.](#)

- Bylaw
- Care
- Custom Election Code
- Economic Development
- Education
- Elders
- Housing
- Finance
- Land Code
- Membership
- Recreation and Sports
- Youth

****Treaty is a shared responsibility of all Council but not a specific portfolio**

2006-2007 Chief and Council Communication

The following is a brief update on some of the Seabird Island Band initiatives.

Wireless Broadband Network

The Seabird Island Band and Siemens Canada will be installing wireless broadband network on Seabird Island. The network is providing the island with high-speed broadband wireless access supporting residential, educational and business communication requirements.

The network will offer a broad range of communications and revenue opportunities for us," stated Chief Clem Seymour. "We will be able to create new services for the community and offer our local schools increased educational opportunities through new high speed connectivity."

Child and Family Welfare

The Seabird Island Chief and Council support the Seabird Island Health team in their efforts to improve services and accountability for the families of Seabird Island.

The Chief and Council members, staff and families participated in protests, meetings with the Ministry of Child and Family Development and will continue to be involved to ensure the rights of Seabird children and families are protected.

Justice

Seabird Island Justice Guidelines have been drafted and are in the review process. The Justice Guidelines will enable the Seabird Island Band to deal with community justice issues.

The Justice Committee meets on a monthly basis and receives regular security and R.C.M.P. reports.

The Justice Committee is exploring ways to make individuals aware of harm they are doing to people, how it affects the family and community, and to make them accountable for their actions.

Community Tripartite Agreement

A Community Tripartite Agreement was signed between the Canadian and British Columbia governments, the Sto:lo Tribal Council (on behalf

of the Scowlitz, Kwantlen, Soowahlie, Shxw'ow'hamel, Seabird Island, Chawathil, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nations) and the Chehalis First Nation. This Agreement recognizes:

- the need for effective, efficient, professional and culturally responsive policing services within our First Nations communities;
- that the First Nations communities have a role in determining the level and quality of policing services which they receive and that this agreement will give concrete expression to this role;
- that the policing services provided include the enforcement of applicable federal and provincial statutes, bylaws present or future enacted pursuant to the Indian Act for purposes as specified in this Agreement, the prevention of crime and the maintenance of order; and
- that, subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, enter into this Agreement to enable peace officers deployed under the RCMP First Nations Community Policing Service to provide policing services to the First Nations communities.

Education Jurisdiction

On November 23, 2006 Bill C-34, First Nations Jurisdiction over Education Act, was introduced in the House of Commons by the Honorable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Since then, it has been passed by both the House of Commons and the Senate, and received Royal Assent on December 12, 2006.

Education Jurisdiction will grant Seabird:

- law-making powers that cover the Seabird Island school and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12);
- provincial education standards that must be met; and
- the right to establish Community Education Authorities to manage the education system for Seabird as a Participating First Nation

Messages from your Council

Councillor Robert Armstrong

I would like to thank the Seabird Island Band membership for their continued support.

Now that the Forest and Range Agreement is signed, there is much work to be done on Seabird's forest tenure. Seabird Island Band members and the Aboriginal people will see a lot of changes over the next few years what with Treaty negotiations, Land Code and Education Jurisdiction and I look forward to being a part of it.

In addition to being Co-chair of the Executive Committee and a member of the Finance Committee, I hold portfolios for Economic Development, and Health and Social Development.

If you would like to speak or meet with me, I can be reached at the Band Office most days or leave a message with Fern Angus, Council Secretary, at 604-796-2177 and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Councillor Jim Harris

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. As you can see another year has gone by and it is time for the annual report again. This past year has been quit chaotic [weather wise]. It was nice and warm last summer, then we had all that super cold spell in November, that weird wind storm at the beginning of this year that knocked down trees and power lines all over the valley, and then there was the threat of a flood this spring. I am glad that everyone made it through the rough times fine.

It was also nice to see that no matter how hard times get, our people will still go out of their way to try to make sure that everyone is okay. This is what we were taught when we were young, and I know that this is what our young people are seeing and learning.

We just went through another election in March and there were a few changes. I would like to say that since my first day on Council [June of 1999], it has been a great learning experience to sit on Council with Chief Wayne Bobb and on the Education Committee with him until this past election.

I would like to say thank you to Donna Andrew, Lisa Peters and Richard Louie for sharing their knowledge with the rest of the Council, and dedicating their time to work for the Seabird Island membership for the past two years. Welcome to Carol Hope and Stacy McNeil as new members of Council, and to Bob Armstrong for returning to Council for the next two years. Congratulations to Clem Seymour, Seabird's new Chief. It will be good to work with Maggie Pettis and Marci Peters again, and with the rest of council for the next two years.

This term, I have made a few changes to my portfolios, I still have the Capital and Housing portfolio [which is now the Public Works]. This time around, I have decided to move on from the Education Committee, of which I was the Co-Chair. It was a pleasure to work with Edie Karacsonyi, Cheryl Peters, Celeste Bobb, Stacy McNeil, Maggie Pettis, Chief Wayne Bobb and Sherry White, our principal.

I am now a member and the new Co-Chair of the Council Executive Committee with Chief Clem and Marcie Peters. I look forward to working with Marcie, Clem, Chuck and Fern in this new position.

It is nice to see that construction of the new high school is underway. Also, there will be upgrades to the existing school to make it stronger to withstand earthquakes, and there will be a few changes to the inside to go along with the new high school.

Looking at our community, it is nice to see that there are a number of our members working here on Seabird, not only in the office but also at job sites around Seabird. They are working with the dentist, the doctor, and with the finance, economic development, housing, construction,

and maintenance departments as well as throughout the health department.

It sure looks like a busy year for the construction and housing crews, with the all houses being renovated, and the building of two new four-plexes.

I would also like to thank all the people who helped to prepare for the possible flood. Even though we did not flood, it was better to be safe than sorry.

Thanks for taking the time to read my report.

Councillor Carol Hope

Hello, my name is Carol Hope.

I am a newly elected Council member of the Seabird Island Band as of March 2007. I have worked within several different departments of the Band since 1989, except for three years that I took off for education leave and received my Business Administration Certificate.

As Council member, my portfolios are Health and Social Development and Education (Alternate).

My current position, I am the Education Committee Confidential Secretary, the Indian Registry Administrator, and the Membership Clerk,

I have a certificate for Electoral Officer and when I am not running for a position, I am involved in all aspects of the Election process.

I have completed a training course and received a certificate for the Indian Registry Administrator

position. I am currently taking a Leadership Training Course.

Other committees that I sit on are the Land Code and Housing Committees.

When I can, I am part of the Community Watch Program.

I am also proud to say that I was chosen for Jury duty for one week in January. It broaden my horizons!

I did attend many of the Chief and Council meetings in my previous position as the Chief and Council Confidential Secretary, but I am very grateful to be part of the Council team and to be working for the benefit of the Seabird Island Band membership.

Councillor Marcie Peters

To Our Elders Veterans, Youth and Seabird Members:

On behalf of the Chief and Council, we are pleased to present to you the 2006/07 Seabird Island Annual Report. It has been exciting to see the progress in our community. Realizing there is

always room for improvement, I welcome input from community members.

Capital and Housing

One area that we have worked on is our Housing Policy, which is currently in draft form and ready

for review by Chief and Council. I share this portfolio with James Harris.

The Band has initiated wage parity for the construction crew and fine tuned their job descriptions, recognizing the importance of the crew having input into schedules and ordering.

Economic Development

The Chief and Council have resumed working on developing an Economic Development Corporation. Chief and Council members and department managers have recently participated in workshop training.

Safety and Emergency Services

Through various meetings with the Seabird Island Fire Department and review of the roles and responsibilities, in-house elections have been established.

In closing, I encourage the Seabird Island members that were nominated and our youth to attend our Council meetings to gain experience for the future.

Councillor Margaret (Maggie) Pettis

I have been a Councillor for seven terms and would like to thank all the people who put their trust and belief in me. It has been a pleasure serving on your behalf.

My portfolios are Health and Social Services, Justice, Education and Culture.

Health and Social Services:

- 1) The Xyolhemeylh Child and Family Service Program: Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol for the Seabird Community School and for School District #78 has been signed and ratified.
- 2) The Child and Services program has been transferred back to the Ministry and Xyolhemeylh is under their direction and supervision. Seabird Island Council has submitted letters and direction to Indian and Northern Affairs and, as Council, we would like our funds transferred to the Fraser Salish Child and Family Services. There has not been much change since last term regarding how they provide services and how much we are to receive from them.
- 3) The Community Care Committee has not met for a few months, but we have been invited to attend the National Care Committee meeting to be held on October 17th, 2007.
- 4) Family Court: I attended a number of hearings with our families trying to help our families see how crucial it is for them to start being involved and following the plan of care for their children. It is distressing when I have to go to court and the families are losing their children

to Continuing Care. We, as families, need to step up and start taking responsibility over our own grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins. It is very sad to know our children who are in care and are off reserve not able to participate in our programs and services. Let us work together to ensure our children are happy, healthy and in a safe environment.

Justice:

- 1) There have been a lot of vandalism, alcohol and drug abuse with our youth, violence within our community, as well as domestic violence. It is now 2007, we should be learning how to work, support and care for one another and be the brothers and sisters we ought to be. What is this saying to our future generations, our children and grandchildren—that is okay to beat and hate one another? Let us start making changes for our generations to come.
- 2) The Justice Committee meets on a monthly basis with the Agassiz Police Department and Qwi:Qwelstom to discuss any incidents. The Agassiz detachment also provides us with a quarterly report stating when they respond to any investigations or when they do community liaison.
- 3) We now have the Vandalism Tip Line Operating Guideline and Procedures. Please help to stop all the vandalism within our community and do not be afraid to report suspicious persons or disturbances. Just remember, the costs of repairs are going up and the money that is used to pay these costs could be used for other things,

such as outings for the Elders and youth or additional programs for our community.

4) I would like to thank the following people who come and sit as part of our Justice Committee meetings: Barb Chapman, Evelyn Peters, Art Andrew, Chuck McNeil, Staff Sgt. McCarthy , and the First Nation Constables: Gail Starr, Ed Knak, Angelina Bowen and Chris Gosselin, our Security personnel: Gary Kroes, Ron Joe and Leo Reyburn, and Qwi:qwelstom worker, Jason Campbell.

Education:

Our committee members are Stacy McNeil, Co-chair, with Carol Hope as the alternate, Wayne Bobb and Edie Karacsonyi hold appointed positions and Celeste Bobb and Cheryl A. Peters are elected.

Majority of the Education Governance has been approved by the Seabird Island Council. The Council needs to finalize their expectations of the Education committee. The Education Sub-Committee is finalizing the Education Committee's Terms of Reference and we will be submitting it to Council for an approval.

1) Education Jurisdiction: As a community as a whole, we all need to be involved to ensure we have a good understanding of what is expected. The Education Committee is working hard to provide a better understanding what Education Jurisdiction means to us by getting information out to the community. We have had a couple of general meetings to share this information and will be having a loonie auction and dinner for our community. Please become involved and provide your input on what programs you would like within our community school.

2) High school expansion: As you can see, we have been approved. There is a lot work that needs to take place, especially building our main school to earthquake standards by September of 2008. The students, I am very sure, are excited and anxious to move in. It has been a long process for Dwayne and Chuck meeting with the

architects and other consultants. Good job guys! I am very proud that our Band has accomplished another one of our past Elders' dreams.

3) Post -Secondary Policy guidelines from Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) are now being followed.

4) INAC has indicated that all schools where our children attend are required to sign an LEA. (Local Education Agreement). These have been all signed with public schools and, as part of the LEA, the Education Committee has requested quarterly meetings with Kent and Agassiz Senior Secondary schools. This will keep the communication open and accountability for our students who attend these public schools.

Culture committee:

The Cultural Committee meets on a regular basis and reviews all the cultural events within our school and community. Much thanks to Evelyn and her group for making our events very successful. Thanks also to all the staff who volunteer at our functions and being a part of this committee.

Council

Seabird Island Council needs to review our Council's Governance and make changes. The Land Code Committee is working very hard on the Land codes and meeting with our legal representative to get a better understanding so they can provide information to our community members.

As you can see, a lot of work has been done in our portfolios. If anyone has any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and ask questions. My door is always open to anyone and our Council meetings are open to you as well. Contact our Confidential Secretary or the Assistant if you need to find out when our meetings times are held.

I thank you for your time in reading my report; take care and have a great day.

Councillor Stacy McNeil

Congratulations on another year! Everyone has done a wonderful job! I am new to Council, but hope to continue with the positive changes within

the community, particularly with our youth and elders. My hope is that as a team, we can work

together towards being a healthy and safe community.

My portfolios for this term are Emergency Services (fire department and security), Education (co-chair), and Health and Social Development (Alternate).

Fire Department:

Our fire department has recently received long awaited turn-out gear, along with Nomex gear (for grass fires and motor vehicle accidents), haix structure boots, updated emergency lighting on old fire trucks, winch bumper and winch for mini pumper, fog machine, extra sets of gloves and balaclavas, new pagers, new tires on 2 of the 3 fire trucks, and recently received approval for new radios and radio system for engine, new smokebreaker LED flashlights, 2 new pistol grip nozzles, forced entry tool, and a multi gas detector! Phew! Our fire department sounds prepared! However, they are still recruiting new members, and hoping to replace some hoses.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the fire department, please contact Jeremy Joseph, Fire Chief, or stop by practice on Tuesday nights between 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Our Security also expanded this year to have multiple staff members. They are hard at work throughout the week looking after our band assets. If you see them, give them a thumbs up!

Education:

Our education committee has been working diligently on our community's education needs.

One of the current working items is Education Jurisdiction; the right to control our own education. We have held several information sessions already, but will be hosting many more, so come on out and learn about what Education Jurisdiction will mean to you and your family. Feel free to also speak to our committee members and ask questions.

Congratulations to our graduates this past year, particularly Dianna Kay, who received her Masters—the first one in Seabird. We are all very proud of her! We are also proud of all of our students who have maintained the honour roll in high school; this is such a tough job. Another project on the go is our new high school, set to open in September 2008. We are all very excited to see the work unfold.

Health and Social Development:

As an alternate, I am on hand for Maggie Pettis and Carol Hope, if they need any support in this area. This area covers Child and Family services, and justice as well as general health, so it is a big portfolio.

If ever you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to talk to me and we can take a look at what needs to be done together.

All my relations.



SEABIRD ISLAND BAND CHIEF AND COUNCIL

1940 TO PRESENT

1940- 1953 Chief Harry Joseph Council Member 1941-1953 Edmond Joe	1953 - 1957 Chief Alfred Hope Council Members Vincent Harris Johnnie Bobb	1954 - 1959 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members William Pettis Sandy McIntyre	1959 - 1961 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Herman Francis Bobb Stanley Joe Peters
1961 - 1963 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Arthur G. Andrew Henry Pettis	1963 - 1965 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Arthur G. Andrew Henry Pettis	1965 - 1967 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Lawrence McIntyre Henry Pettis	1967 - 1969 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Richard Hope Lawrence McIntyre
1969 - 1971 Chief Vincent Harris Council Members Richard Hope A. Ivan McIntyre	1971 - 1973 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Marie Louise Andrew Ivan McIntyre James Thomas	1973 - 1975 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Marie Louise Andrew Henry Pettis Harold Peters	1975 - 1977 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Wayne Bobb Henry Pettis Harold Peters
1977 - 1979 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Henry Pettis Allan Peters Harold Peters	1979 - 1981 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Ethelyn Harris Henry Pettis Harold Peters	1981 - 1983 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Marcia Peters Henry Pettis Harold Peters	1983 - 1985 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Jeffrey W. McNeil-Bobb Harold Peters Clifford Wayne Pettis Allan F. Peters
1985 - 1987 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Jeffrey W. McNeil-Bobb Richard Louie Allan Peters Clifford Pettis	1987 - 1989 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Allan Peters Jeffrey W. McNeil-Bobb Richard Louie Harold Peters	1989 - 1991 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Clifford Pettis Jeffrey W. McNeil-Bobb Richard Louie Allan Peters	1991 - 1993 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Paul T. Andrew Richard Louie Allan Peters Clifford Pettis
1993 - 1995 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Paul Andrew Marcie Peters Allan Peters Clifford Pettis	1995 - 1997 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Marcie Peters Paul Andrew Clement Seymour Sylvester Joe Jr. Margaret Pettis	1997 - 1999 Chief Archie Charles Council Members Marcie Peters Margaret Pettis Richard Louie Clement Seymour Paul Andrew	1999 - 2001 Chief Wayne Bobb Sr. Council Members Marcie Peters Richard Louie Tyrone McNeil Margaret Pettis Clement Seymour James Harris Clifford Pettis -moved away
2001 - 2003 Chief Wayne Bobb Sr. Council Members Margaret Pettis Clem Seymour James Harris Robert Armstrong Sally Hope William Andrew	2003 - 2005 Chief Wayne Bobb Sr. Council Members Margaret Pettis Clem Seymour James Harris June Harris Paul Andrew Marcia Peters Lisa Peters	2005-2007 Chief Wayne Bobb Sr. Council Members Margaret Pettis Clem Seymour James Harris Marcia Peters Lisa Peters Richard Louie Donna Andrew	2007-2009 Chief Clem Seymour Council Members Margaret Pettis James Harris Marcia Peters Robert Armstrong Carol Hope Stacy McNeil

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND'S STRATEGIC PLAN

This year's Strategic Planning Workshop was held January 3 & 4, 2007 in the school gym. Participants included Councillors Donna Andrew, Lisa Peters, Marcie Peters, Maggie Pettis, and Clem Seymour; Education Committee members Celeste Bobb, Edie Karacsonyi, Cheryl Peters, and Stacy McNeil; and staff Chuck McNeil, Lisa Douglas, Brian Jones, Debbie MacGregor, Dwayne McNeil, Carolyne Neufeld, Evelyn Peters, Wendy Phair, Shari White, Terry Andow, and Jim Morrison as facilitator.

- Family tree development
- Role for Elders in High School
- Continue with Ceremonies

Planning & Managing Change

- Staff: community members are involved, informed & understand the plans
- A wider range of community members (family groups) involved in planning process
- Increased awareness of major initiatives-will



Each year during our Planning Workshop, we review our 2020 Vision and Strategic Goals to ensure we are continuing to move towards our objectives. Goals are sometimes modified to include additional activities or measures of success, or expand on those already identified. The following are our plans for 2007.

Culture

- Name the Band office wings, high school; blessing high school ground for school and gym
- Support & participation of staff in cultural events
- Expand cultural committee
- Support group on cultural / grief
- Develop plan for Culture Interaction Centre
- Increase language use—each house tapes/ CDs;

require vote approval: land codes, education jurisdiction, custom election code

- Improved information flow to & from all people

Land Use Planning & Mgmt

- Immediate March 2007 negotiation of extension deadline - completion of land codes
- Long-term land use plan (forms part of comprehensive community plan)
- Comprehensive community plan \$\$ available & acquired, 2007/08
- Complete land code – reviewed, revised, ready for vote in 2008
- Herbicide and waste management study - developing SIB standards (by-law)

Healthy Lifestyles

- Community Care committee, Terms of Reference.

- Resource person for year's program & plan
- Monthly themes stand through community
- Counselor is available all the time
- Role model from leaders' council
- On Patrol community hours fulfilled
- Active recruitment of volunteers
- Block parent initiative
- Parents forum – support

Youth

- Youth trip (road trip)
- 10-14 year olds programs / plan
- Use youth/Elders together for programs
- Seabird ACTT program throughout year
- Violence/drug forum for families& youth
- Sleepover in gym (younger ones)

Political Stability, Governance & Accountability – 2007 Exp.

Results

- Education governance model completed; clarity of roles – Council, membership, staff
- Justice: C.T.A. – RCMP, community justice committee, council; Qwiqwelstom workshops providing information to clients
- By-Laws – draft: collect, review by Council & staff, committee revise & oversee new ones
- Constitution work by Council, Band Manager
- Seabird Education jurisdiction – community, Chief & Council, Education Committee



l-r: Lisa Douglas, Chuck McNeil, Brian Jones

Self-Reliance & Independence

- Housing authority homes transferred to home ownership
- Land status of membership clarified by Council
- Lifeskills training for youth (Elders), family involved, also school, office, staff resources

- Applications policy & procedures – membership workshops involving all departments
- Time management workshops – Council, Band Manager, staff – setting priorities

Building An Economy

- Community Economic Development Plan drafted and approved
- Investment strategy: profitability goals, net reinvestment strategy
- Terms of Reference for CED Board – define relationship within Chief & Council; organization / Council training

Education

- Increase attendance / academic achievement
 - Decrease truancy by 80%
 - Increase in academic achievement (passing all classes)
- To have a drug free school (campus)
 - Increased attendance
 - Increased academics
 - Decrease in counseling referrals
 - Increased attitude (motivated, enthusiastic)
- Expand facility (wish)
 - Added portables, deck/roof, gamesroom lunch room
- Expand support services: Language arts teacher, counselor
 - Completed I.E.P.
 - Increase in dogwood diplomas
 - Increase in academic achievement - moving from modified to mainstream program
 - Decrease in behavior (less EBS referrals)
- Expand cultural mentor program
 - Number of students participating in events as servers, speakers, witnesses, M.C. greeters
- Promote student identity
 - Team uniform
 - School jackets, T-shirts, etc.
 - Digital year book (all students receive CD ROM at end of year)
- Promote competitive activities / clubs
 - Traveling basketball, volleyball
 - District track & field
 - Aboriginal mini games hosted at Seabird in June – guests

Daryl (Chuck) McNeil

Message from the Band Manager

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Once again, I am pleased to report on the developments over this past year in our administration programs and services.

We are fulfilling our goals as we move towards our 2020 Vision for our community and our strategic plan to make Seabird Island the best place to live.

We now have two physicians and a second dentist working at Seabird, and construction has started on the new high school. We are installing a wireless network throughout the reserve and Seabird will be providing wireless communication and high speed internet to community members.

In our efforts towards self government, we are developing a Land Code to manage our own lands, developing laws over our community school education, and developing our own Election Code. These initiatives will be brought forward to our membership for their approval.

There are many other exciting things happening as you will see when you read this report.

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Daryl (Chuck) McNeil

Management Committee

Band Manager
Economic Development Manager
Finance Manager
Health & Social Development Manager
Housing Manager
Public Works Manager

Daryl (Chuck) McNeil
Brian Jones
Lisa Douglas
Carolyne Neufeld
Wendy Phair
Dwayne McNeil



Telus' "Last Mile" for
Seabird's wireless internet



Staff Service Awards (l-r: Councillor Clem Seymour,
Yvonne Duncan, Marie Harris, Kathy Bailey,
Loretta Thomas, Wendy Phair, Stacy McNeil, Fallon Ludman)



Mervin Felix at Staff Barbeque

Daryl (Chuck) McNeil Band Manager

Band Administration

The Band has taken on a number of significant new projects over this past year. We are in the process of developing a Land Code for Seabird Island, building a high school for our children, installing a wireless broadband network on Seabird, and are in the initial phase of Education Jurisdiction, which will give Seabird the right to make decisions about the education of our children.



TELUS installing cable for wireless network

The Housing Committee is working on the Housing Policies and Procedures for presentation to Council for approval. The Education Committee has been reviewing and updating the Education policies and the Band is still working on the Governance, the Custom Election Code and the Membership Code.

Our Strategic Plan is being updated continually as projects are completed and new ones are added. To make sure that the Strategic Plan is a 'living document', Council, Department Managers and



Strategic Planning Workshop – January 2007

other pertinent employees come together in January each year to review the overall Strategic

Plan and its relevancy to present circumstances, and determine the direction Seabird should be going, the expected outcomes and how we will get there. Council and Department Managers then meet on a quarterly basis to review the status of the various objectives.

The Management Team, under the authority of the Band Manager, is responsible for the efficient, effective and productive operation of the Seabird Island Band's employee organization. The managers are individually and collectively responsible to the Band Manager and each is in charge of their own department's resources.

The Management Team continues to hold a Staff Development Day to inform and educate employees on aspects of their business and personal lives, to pass on our culture and traditions, and to generate harmony and build a team.



**l-r: Chuck McNeil, Stacy McNeil
announcing door prize winners**



Team Building Game

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

TEAM REPORT

Our Chief and Council acknowledge that it is important to design an emergency response plan for our community. An emergency Response Team was brought together to prepare and respond to the flood concern. Art Andrew has been assigned as the Emergency Coordinator.

The Team's objectives are:

- 1) to ensure the safety and well being of our residents;
- 2) to protect the property and environment in and near our community; and
- 3) to ensure that the community is able to receive aid from, or offer aid to outside organizations as quickly as possible.



Sandbagging in case of flood

The Team motto for 2007 is "Plan Prepare Participate". The Coordinator and Team monitored the impending flood emergency. They met weekly to plan, prepare and keep up to date with current conditions and possible response actions.

Several handouts and brochures were developed to assist with community and family preparedness. These pamphlets were also modified to meet the needs of several of the local Bands.

A Special Thanks goes out to the Lower Nicola Band who opened their community and hearts to

our elders and community members. Lower Nicola Band agreed to take in our elders and members if our Band was to evacuate. Their Chief asked their ER Coordinator often "How are our family doing at Seabird?" To recognize the Chief and Community for their efforts, our Team and Chief attended an Honouring Ceremony at Lower Nicola to thank them. 150 people came to this event.

A visit to the Lower Nicola Band



Band Registry and Membership Program

Submitted by Carol Hope, Indian Registry Administrator

Member Services

As Membership Clerk, Carol Hope manages the Band Registry and Membership Program for Seabird Island Band according to Department of Indian Affairs' membership regulations. Carol is also available to assist other First Nation people; however, she gives priority to cases involving Seabird Island membership. Services provided:

- Status card, birth, marriage, death registration
- Change of names forms
- Transfers and registration
- Indian status applications
- Status assessments for registration
- Upgrades in status designations
- Miscellaneous amendments
- Recording of residency status (on or off reserve)

During the Seabird Festival weekend of May 28, 2006, Seabird Island and other surrounding band members were invited to apply for the new version of the status card (Certificate of Indian Status). The event put on by Treaty-7 was a pilot project using the new status card mobile unit. The mobile unit was also at the Port Alberni Elders Gathering in July 2006 and Okanagan Indian Reserve #1 in September 2006.



Three generations of Seabird Island Band members

In October 2006, approval was given to replace the old laminated card as well as the interim pilot card to a more secure and enhanced version. The

target date, albeit ambitious, is to have all locations processing applications by early as mid year 2008.

Band Membership

Our Membership Code received approval from the Band in 1999 and was submitted to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for approval. INAC requires changes to the Code before receiving assent. Our Band Membership Code determines who is eligible to be a Seabird Island Band member. Services provided:

- Band membership applications
- Band transfers
- Band membership lists
- Band election lists

Please note the following changes resulting from the re-engineered Indian Registration System (IRS).

Effective June 2, 2003, the new system will generate a unique registration number for registered Indians whereby all newly registered individuals will receive a unique registration number. In other words, individuals added to the Indian Register by birth or through the entitlement process after June 2, 2003 will receive a unique registration number containing an '01' individual number.

Effective June 2, 2003 new registration numbers will no longer be generated by the system when an individual attains the "age of majority." Those wishing to have their own unique registration number when they attain the "age of majority" must submit a written request to the department in order to have a unique number issued. Similarly if an individual registered prior to June 2, 2003 wants to have their own unique registration number, they can also submit a written request to the department to have a unique number issued. Requests on behalf of individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years of age must be signed by the individual's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Effective June 2, 2003, the renewal date on minor's Certificate of Indian Status cards (status cards) will be increased from two (2) years to three (3) years. Status cards for adults will continue to have a five (5) year renewal date.

The Seabird Island Band Profile

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Male	369	377
Female	405	409
On Own Reserve	513	520
On other Reserve	20	20
Off Reserve	241	246
Total Population	774	786

The following Statistics are from September 2005 to April 2007, according to monthly reports forwarded to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. There have been events that have not been registered with the Indian Registry Administrator.

Band Registry Program

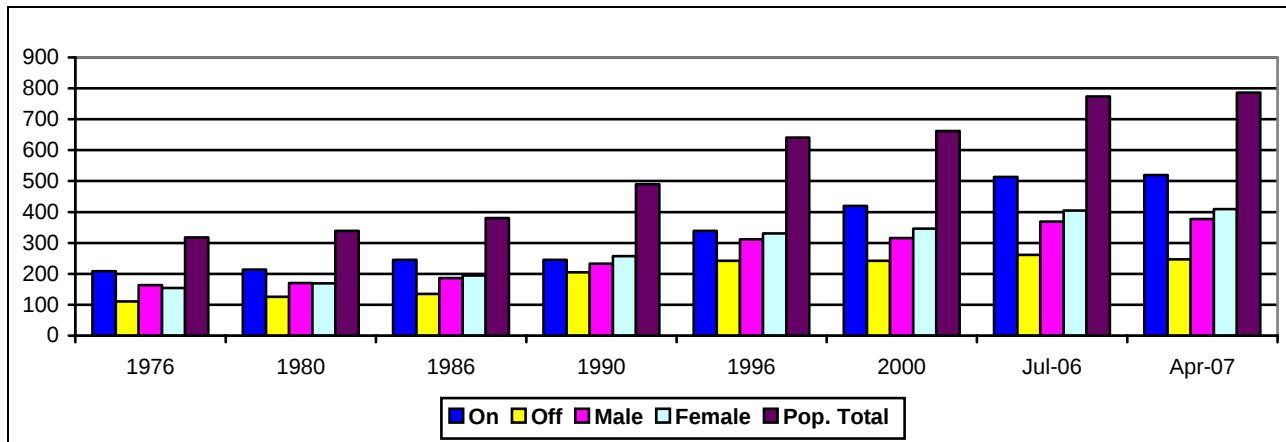
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Miscellaneous Amendments	6	1	1	0
Births	16	6	20	6
Deaths	1	1	1	0
Marriages	4	2	3	0
Divorces	0	0	2	0
Status Cards Produced	123	40	166	35
Total Transactions	150	50	193	41

Did you know?

Our oldest Elder was born in 1915

Our youngest member was registered June 2007

Population Growth



Two generations of Seabird Island Band members



Seabird Island Band Elders

Lisa Douglas, CAFM Manager

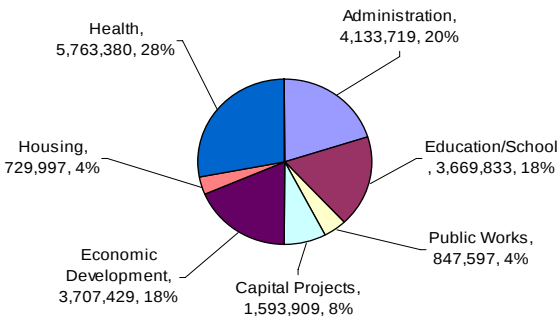
Finance and Administration Department

2006-2007 Financial Highlights

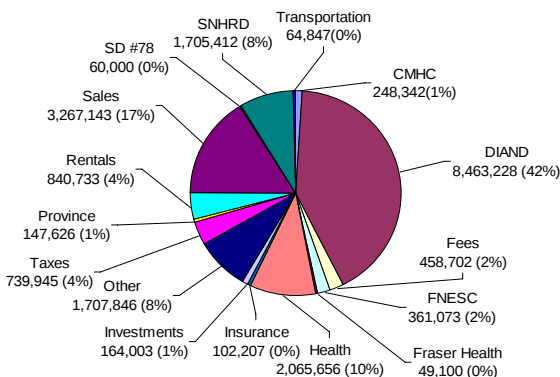
Seabird Island Band experienced steady growth and financial success in the 2006/2007 fiscal year. There were several new programs, several expanded programs and we continue to grow in personnel and services.

Total Revenues for the year were \$20.4 Million

**Seabird Island Band - Revenue by Department
Fiscal Year 2006/2007**



**SEABIRD ISLAND BAND REVENUE BY FUNDING AGENCY
FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007**

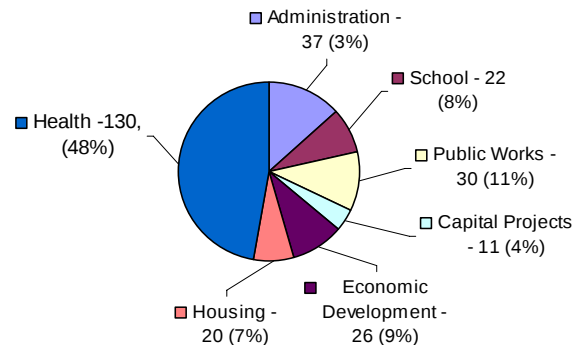


At March 31, 2006, debt includes \$3,761,455.45 housing mortgage loans and \$88,522.96 non-housing debt. With a low non-housing debt load, we are able to use more funds for programs and services.

The Band's overall financial position continues to be strong with cash, short term investments and trade accounts receivable totaling \$6.14 Million. The Social Housing Replacement Reserve is fully funded at \$743,279. In addition, over \$284,300 is held in Seabird's Federal Government Trust Accounts.

In the 2006/2007 fiscal year, our economic enterprises experienced mixed success. The Gas Bar, Gravel Operations, and Scott Project all showed profits, while the Nut Farm and Café struggled with losses. Sadly, the Café operations were closed at the end of the fiscal year.

**Seabird Island Band - Employees by Department
Fiscal Year 2006/2007**



Finance/Administration Department Operations.

Staffing continues to experience changes as our structure continues to adjust for growth. This year reception and administration have been added to the team.

Administration Staff

- Linda McNeil-Bobb
- Leah McNeil

Finance Staff

- Lisa Douglas
- Doris Neuert
- Loretta Thomas
- Danna August (Maternity)

Accounts Receivable

l-r: Kathy Gombots, Yvonne Harry



Accounts Payable

l-r: Lisa Peters, El-lea Sam



Payroll Staff

l-r: Diane Angus, Ava Heathcote, Fallon Ludman



Once again, the tax clinic services were available to community members. Thanks to Fallon Ludman, Diane Angus and Lisa Peters for their expertise.

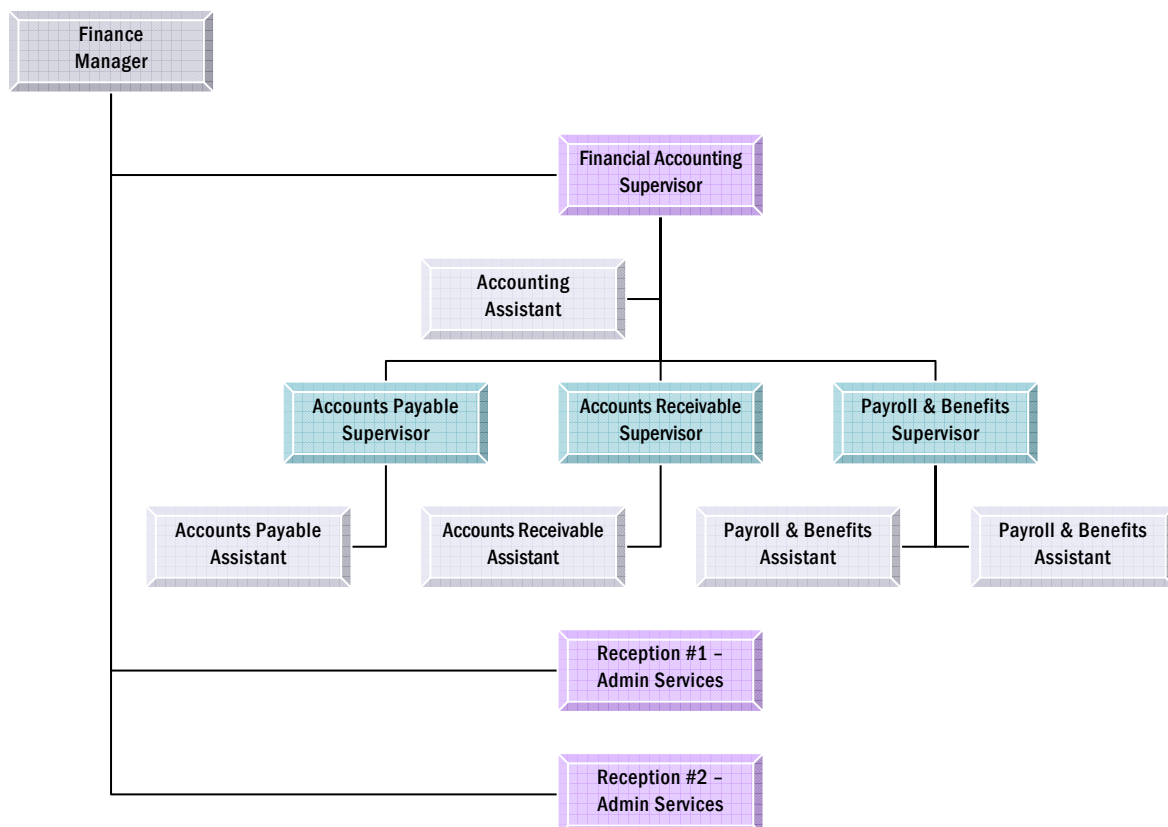
The Finance and Administration Department staff has been working very hard this year to improve systems in order to serve the staff and community

members better. We do our best to assist in a fair and equitable manner. We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding.

We look forward to serving you in the coming year, and hope to offer further enhancement to services.

Finance Department Organization Chart

Effective March 19, 2007



Brian Jones Manager

Economic Development Department

What a year! After five long years, we are starting to see the growth potential for Seabird Island. During these past 5 years, we have been building a solid foundation for partnerships in gravel operations, forestry agreements, and commercial and business investment opportunities. As the year ended, we experienced a loss with the café closing but gains in our land leasing and forestry agreements. We have also seen the potential for expanding our partnerships with the gas bar and gravel operations. 2007/2008 will bring more exciting news to the community.



Café Honouring Ceremony

l-r: Marie Harris, Sandra Hope, Loretta Thomas, Kathy Bailey, Louis Olney

We have had another successful year with significant growth across all our business service areas. Our continuing focus is on quality in everything we do, enhancing our people programs, serving our clients with integrity, and taking an active role in our community.

Economic Development Goals

To implement a community economic plan that strives to achieve the following:

- community and member economic prosperity
- promote private business development
- increase training and skills upgrading opportunities
- enhance employment opportunities
- promote capacity development
- promote socio-economic self-reliance and sustainability for our community

Economic Development Mandate

To promote and enhance economic opportunities including program and service delivery to Band members in varying aspects of economic development with major emphasis on the areas of privately owned businesses, the development of employment and training opportunities, and the development of partnerships with existing businesses. As well, create an atmosphere for potential investors, promote Seabird as a business leader, and provide advisory services in all areas.

Program and Services Goals

Business Development: To assist both private and partnership business initiatives to prosper, taking into consideration the cultural uniqueness of our community and simultaneously enriching the local economic social environment.

Training: To increase employability capabilities via development of local human resources through various means, such as entrepreneurial training opportunities and the Community Economic Development workers' training program.

Employment: To create employment opportunities with our land lessees for interested Band members, and to work with the Seabird Employment Prep and Training Centre to break down barriers to employment.

Tourism: To assist Band members develop tourism initiatives.

Advisory: To offer support, guidance and referrals to agencies for members interested in becoming business owners.

Resource Management: To build capacity, create platforms and focal points to guide the activities and direction of our natural economic resources to meet the needs and priorities of our community

Social Responsibility: We believe Band businesses have a responsibility to give back something to the community. Our Gas Bar continues to invest in our community's social and health programs.

Promoting Partnership Initiatives with Seabird: Partnerships with First Nation and non-First Nation organizations is a key component to our community reaching self-reliance and sustainability. Some of our most exciting opportunities are yet to come.

Business Financial Support: This program provides small business loans to members. The funds will be used to enhance, promote and encourage self-employment opportunities and community-based economic development objectives to improve access to other resources.

Business Infrastructure: To examine the potential for businesses to set up their business in our community. This means a good source of revenue for our community as well as employment opportunities for our employable youth and adults.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Seabird Island Economic Development Plan

A draft of the Seabird Island Business Development Corporation was presented to our leadership. Once the edit is complete, we will host a community meeting to present the Business Development Corporation structure, policies and guidelines to the community.

Business Retention and Expansion

At the close of 2006/2007, there were eleven lessees, two band ventures, and one partnership business. There is potential of more in 2007/2008.

The land leases now bring in an estimated \$227,000 a year. Successful negotiations saw an increase from \$100 to \$300 per acre this year.



Seabird Annual Tulip Festival held for three weekends in April

In the coming year, we will be including the hazelnut farm operation as a subject in our

Entrepreneurial Training Program. The students will research the business operation and develop a marketing and promotion plan. These submissions as well as suggestions from community members will be reviewed by our Economic Development team and used to make the hazelnut operation a profitable business. Your comments and suggestions are valued, so keep them coming in.

The Gas Bar, United Petroleum Products and the Band are negotiating to expand the Gas Bar. The majority of the cost would be borne by UPP with only a minimal amount to the Band. With more retail space, you, our valued customers, will enjoy easier access to items and a better selection of products.

Investment Attraction

As mentioned earlier, this is an exciting year! We obtained funding from Indian and Northern Affairs to do a marketing and promotion campaign for our community.

Bear Image Productions has been contracted to do a marketing video to showcase the potential for business opportunities in our community. Nadia Design has been contracted to develop brochures, investment packages, and other marketing and promotional materials to attract business opportunities for our community.

The Band is looking at signage on the No. 7 Highway to increase exposure to potential investors and the business community.

Tourism

There is good potential for Seabird entrepreneurs to start new businesses. With the 2010 Olympics only two years away, now is perfect the time to explore business opportunities in the tourism sector. Some examples are:

- Arts and Crafts
- Tours
- Eco-tours
- Agro-tours (the Band is still a noted site on the Agassiz Agro-tours)
- Retail and Commercial

The Band is exploring a mini-mall concept for First Nation businesses. A possible location is in the Gas Bar area. Once members develop business plans and start their own businesses, the Band will be better able to anticipate their business needs.

LAND AND RESOURCES

Cottonwood Tree Farm

The Band's tree farm venture on 1200 acres is growing and developing.

Gravel

This past year, we were able to remove 30,000 cubic metres from the river and a potential partnership venture could remove another 300,000 cubic metres of gravel this year with no cost to the Band. Gravel removal will lower the riverbed and greatly reduce the possibility of flooding and land erosion. The removal does not affect the salmon runs.

Forestry Agreement

The Band is expecting \$1.7 million from the Ministry over the next five years from our forestry agreements. In our partnership, Cattermole Timber will be mentoring the Band on policies, procedures, and requirements for cutting timber, road access agreements, silviculture, and other areas of the forestry industry. We hope to gain experience and knowledge to assist the Band to become a standalone or a partner in a timber company.

Special note to cedar workers: Under our Forest Agreement, we are trying to have our cedar artisans harvest the cedar bark and/or roots before logging the trees. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information with the Economic Development department.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Seabird Island Economic Development Plan

As part of the Economic Development Corporation:

- The Entrepreneur Development Fund will provide financial assistance to community organizations to deliver entrepreneurship and business aftercare services.
- The Small Community Initiatives Program will provide financial assistance to community economic development projects.
- The Business Development Programs will support the development of community economies through funding assistance.
- As a spin off to the Entrepreneurial Training, we are exploring a Business Co-operative for new businesses. The Development Corporation would provide a trailer or facility

to house up to six new businesses. On a sharing basis, the entrepreneurs would be responsible for the cost of office space, telephone, fax, and other administration costs. This would help new business ventures lower their start up costs.

Community Capacity Building

Entrepreneurs

We will be offering an Entrepreneurial Training Program in the New Year. When we have the dates confirmed, we will advertise for the ten openings. If you are interested, please leave your contact information with the Economic Development department.

Community Economic Development Officers

We are in the final negotiations to host a Community Economic Development Officers Training program. This is an exciting opportunity to become a practical Community Economic worker. We will be posting this opportunity for eight applicants, once dates are set.

Expansion of the Gas Bar

United Petroleum Products is very interested in financing the expansion efforts. If the Band decides they are interested in a new building concept, we will invite the community to share their ideas about what they would like to see there.

Gravel Operation

We have the opportunity to form a partnership with Valley Gravel to remove 300,000 cubic metres from the Fraser River. This partnership requires minimum investment from the Band and the Band would have an excellent revenue source.

The Economic Development Manager and the department have always believed in an open door policy: where any interested member can come in to discuss a business idea or potential funding sources for your business. We look forward to working with you through your business idea.



Seabird Island Commercial Centre

Submitted by Rose Charles, Supervisor

Gas Bar

The gas bar remains a private gas business; we do not compete with big gas companies on gas prices. Each week our gas provider, United Petroleum Products, notifies us the gas price and changes are made at the pump each Wednesday. UPP also donated uniforms and vests for the Gas Bar workers.

Our staff is committed to providing extra customer service to our Elders and handicapped customers. Staff will pump gas, check the oil, and bring forms to their car for signature.

The Gas Bar donates 1% of retail sales to our Community Spirit program. More details are in the Community Spirit section of this report.

After many years, we finally received cigarette quota increases to 300 cartons a year. We introduced a two-tier pricing program for our cigarettes. Top selling brands have a fixed cost but Number 7 Canadian classic and Peter Jackson can be purchased at a significantly lower price.

Important notice to all purchasers of tax-exempt fuel or tobacco products: Due to tighter government regulations, we are required to verify at the time of purchase, the customer's eligibility for exemption by viewing his/her *Certificate of Indian Status* card and have the customer sign the required forms. If the customer fails to do so, he/she will have to pay the full price. There are no exceptions. If we make a tax-exempt sale without the proper identification, the Band could be fined and our facility closed for a minimum of one month.

Convenience Store

To provide the best selection for our customers, we have discontinued poor selling products. We continue to stock top selling products, a good variety of snack items, and staple groceries such as bread, butter and milk. An expansion to the Gas Bar will allow us to increase our retail space and provide more products.

Café

After much deliberation, it was with great sadness that the Band decided to close the Café. There were many reasons but the most deciding factor was the decrease in walk-in customers, due in

part to the change in traffic pattern at Popkum and traffic rerouting to Highway No. 1. This had a direct impact on daily sales at the Café. We will miss the Café, the workers, customers, and our friends, who came for a meal and the conversation with each other.



l-r: Marie Harris, Sandra Hope, Loretta Thomas, Kathy Baily, Louis Olney

Employment

Each year, we need workers during the summer months to cover workers' vacation days and the increase in retail sales. We welcome resumes from April to September. We provide practical training to students from our Community School and often call them back during the summer.

Community Spirit Program

The Commercial Centre donates 1% of retail sales to Community programs, such as recreation events and programs, health and social programs, and community tobacco reduction programs. The Band Office administers these donations.

Annual Open House

The Commercial Centre took part in the annual open house with a Pepsi – Coke Challenge. Pepsi donated door prizes.

Employee Promotions

We are pleased to announce that Jody Thomas and Starr Alexander were promoted to shift supervisors.

Plans for 2008

We are excited about a partnership that is developing between United Petroleum Products and our Gas Bar. We are in negotiations, but hopefully United Petroleum will finance an expansion of the Gas Bar. This could mean a new building with a larger area for the convenience store. We will keep you informed of these discussions.

Seabird Island Land Code

**Submitted by June Harris, Land Code
Coordinator/Lands Committee Chair**

It has been a big job keeping track of all the information and steps that need to be taken regarding the First Nations Land Management Initiative that Seabird Island has taken on. We have a great committee working to pull the Seabird Island Land Code together. The committee meets regularly twice a month. Seabird Island members will be invited to participate in upcoming discussion sessions:

- 1) Phase 1: Environmental Site Assessment
- 2) SIB Boundary
- 3) SIB Land Code Draft presentation
- 4) SIB Communication Strategy and others.

Seabird Island Land Code Committee:



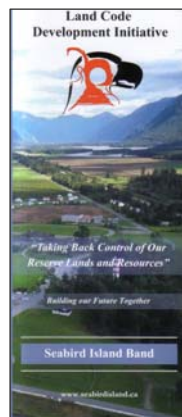
Top L-R: Allyson Fraser (Musqueam Councillor, LAB Technician), Linda Kay Peters, Wilfred Charlie, Dianna Kay, Lorna Prette, Shannon McIntyre, Carol Hope.

Bottom L-R: June Harris, Chair, Lyle Bobb, Grace Bobb, Teresa Peters (Communications Assistant) and Emma Peters.

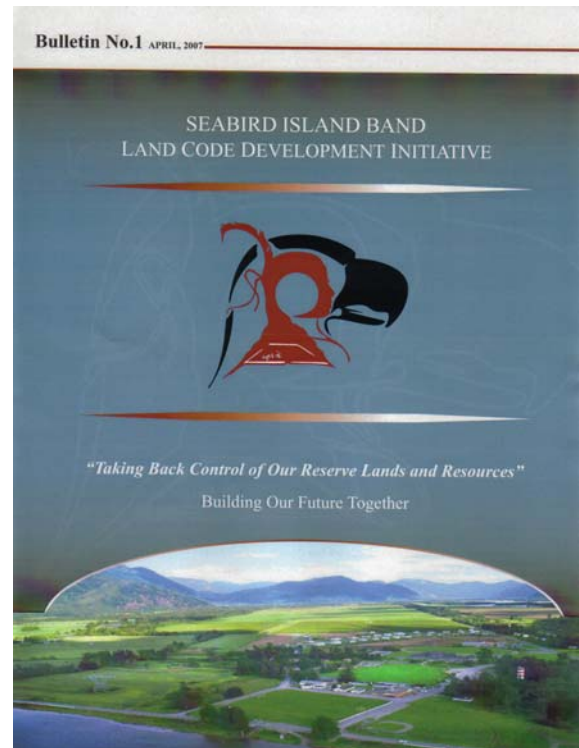
Seabird Island Land Code Process

Much information has gone out to the community in the form of notices and information sessions, and it is now posted on our website.

A bulletin and a brochure were developed which shows the First Nations Land Management history, Land Code process, benefits, future participants and a plan of action. They will be distributed at upcoming events on Seabird Island.



Please visit the Seabird Island website at www.seabirdisland.ca.



Seabird Island Land Code Draft

With the assistance of the Lands Advisory Board, the Seabird Island Land Code Committee completed a second draft of the Seabird Island Land Code in February 2007. There were a number of clarifications that required input from Seabird Island management, e.g. finance. The committee will continue to work on the draft code and present to the community through a series of meetings in the coming months.

Seabird Island Boundaries

A meeting was held in October 2006 with Steve Minnie, BCLS, CLS, Head of BC Client Liaison Unit, and Canada Centre for Cadastral Management, Natural Resources Canada concerning the "Survey of Exterior Boundary of Seabird Island Indian Reserve".

INAC provides Seabird Island with a legal description of the reserve lands to determine jurisdictional boundaries. INAC and Natural Resources Canada will complete a description of the reserve lands, with INAC paying the cost of preparing the legal description.

Natural Resources Canada (Steve Minnie) has provided Seabird Island with a draft report

showing a number of discrepancies that are presently being discussed.

Seabird will review Information that has been presented by INAC and Natural Resources Canada.

Phase I – Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)

Seabird Island and INAC established a Joint Management Committee (JMC) and chose an environmental assessor to carry out Phase I – ESA.

The Phase I-ESA identifies any environmental issues, provides an assessment of the issues and includes recommendations for follow up. INAC pays for the cost of the PHASE I-ESA and when there is a successful ratification vote in favour of the SEABIRD ISLAND LAND CODE, INAC will pay for the cost of the Phase II (clean up). The summary of the Phase I-ESA will be attached to the Individual Agreement between Seabird Island and Canada.

Dates have been set for the start date for the Environmental Site Assessment. Community information sessions will be required for the assessors to gather information to complete the assessment.

Information Sessions

Many information sessions have been held to provide the community with information and to receive input from the members, such environmental concerns, land ownership, the land code process. There will be many more planned in order to keep the membership informed.

Communication Strategy

A Communications Strategy is being developed for Seabird Island that will identify how, what, who, when and where information will be presented to the community. Community input on how we should best communicate is of great importance.

Lands Advisory Board/INAC

There have been a number of sessions that First Nations who are in the process stage must attend regarding renewing funding arrangements to implement the Framework Agreement process. First Nations from across Canada attend these sessions, which include INAC, Natural Resources Canada and Environment Canada. There are still many issues that need addressing that will help make this process work better. The Land Code Coordinator attends these meetings to bring forward Seabird Island's issues.

For more information on the First Nations Land Management Initiative, please contact the band office.

Seabird Island Band Oregon Spotted Frog Project 2007

Submitted by Keena McNeil, Conservation Technician

This year, we had a very low number of Oregon Spotted frog egg masses. It was a mere 21, which means there are only 42 breeding adults left on Seabird Island. In 2006, there were 99 egg masses or 198 breeding adults. (To determine the estimated number of breeding Oregon Spotted frog adults, the number of egg masses are multiplied by two (one male and one female per egg mass). This is a very dramatic decline on the biggest population in Canada. There were two new sites discovered this year with egg masses, but there were none found in the traditional site and the constructed site areas.

We continue to be involved with the two husbandry facilities located at the Greater Vancouver Zoo and the Mountain View Conservation and Breeding Center. This year, water was tested weekly at both facilities to make sure the water quality was satisfactory for our growing frogs. The froglets will be released back into the wild once they have metamorphosed and been proven healthy.

We have done great outreach programs this year with the Seabird Island Community School students and the community. Thanks to Deb Soutar and Janet Hutchinson, Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society, for helping with our field trips again this year. Some of the outreach programs this year included:

Field Trips

In March, different groups of grades 4-12 students from our school were brought out to the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society. They were



shown the Great Blue Heron colony at the Society, and watched an eagle have his lunch right in front of their eyes! They were also shown how to draw cartoon animal characters.

In April, grades 4-7 students were brought to one of the Oregon Spotted frog sites on Seabird. They got to dip a net in the water for creatures, learned about different plants, talked about the Oregon Spotted frog and played games related to species at risk.



Environment Day- Spring Clean Up 20 April 2007

On this day, 254 people from the community and school signed up to pick up garbage around Seabird. 26 teams of 5-8 people (school classes were their own teams) were out picking up the garbage on Seabird along the roads, ditches and fields. The volunteers filled approximately 250 large garbage bags. Thank you to everyone who participated on this day, and I hope to see you next year!

Best Yard Contest

Nine people signed up for the best yard contest in May to beautify their yard. This was a follow up after the Spring Clean Up to give people incentive to keep our environment clean. After the deadline, pictures of each participating yard were displayed for the public to vote on their favorite yard. The results are as follows:

Jeremy Joseph	18
Joan Peters	15
Izzy Peters	3
Pam Dyson	2
Cathy Hope	2
Sandra Hope	1
Leah McNeil	1
Rhonda Monro	1
Yvonne Harry	0

The winner was Jeremy Joseph, who received a solar lantern to add to his beautified yard.



Jeremy Joseph's yard

Ongoing Outreach

The OSF Project has been sending out monthly articles in the community newsletter with topics relating to species at risk, environmental issues, etc. The staff at the band office and school has also been receiving emails about the same topics as well as energy saving tips and recycling tips. We have conducted periodic in-office contests to keep staff involved in the project. All these things will continue.

Some of the Goals for the OSF Project for the remainder of 2007 and for 2008:

- Continue ongoing outreach programs with the school and community.
- Build a park on Seabird Island with a wildlife-viewing pond for educational purposes.
- Possibly build a husbandry facility on Seabird in 2008, starting with 1-2 tubs for educational purposes and produce more frogs (pending the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team decision).
- Fill in the Chaplin OSF site to make it more shallow and suitable for the frogs.
- Plant more native plant species and remove non-native ones.
- Relocate the exotic Green frog from the wetlands.

Education Department

“Indian Control Of Indian Education”

Education Jurisdiction means we will have control on what works for our community to ensure success for and empowerment of own students to fulfill their dreams and desires.

The Bill C-34: First Nations Jurisdiction over Education Act was passed and received Royal Assent on December 12, 2006. Once the Provincial legislation is passed, which could be as early as fall of 2007, it will make way for Seabird to develop its own laws for education for kindergarten to Grade 12 in our community school. As a result, certain sections of the Indian Act will no longer apply.

The Department of Indian Affairs has recognized Seabird as being one of the communities that is pursuing this control over education. When all the protocols, authorities and agreements are finalized, which could take up to three years, it will be voted on by the members.

During this process, our membership must be kept informed of the progress. Hence, we have held several community meetings during this past year and information has been circulated a number of times to the community through newsletters and pamphlets. A ceremony is planned for this fall. We will continue to update you—stay tuned!

When this process is finally complete, we will have full jurisdiction over education in our kindergarten through to Grade 12.



Tyrone McNeil, FNEC & Sto:lo Tribal Council and Hon. Tom Christensen, BC Minister of Education at official signing of the package of Agreements by BC First Nations, British Columbia and Canada on July 5, 2006 in North Vancouver.

Cultural Development

With the assistance of funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, First Nation Education Steering Committee, and School District No. 78, we were able to complete the Individual Resource Packages and the Cultural and Halq'eméylem Resource Kits for Graduates and Kindergarten to Grade Seven.

The resource kits will assist the classroom teachers to incorporate culture and language in each of the subject areas. The resource kits have First Nations' books, posters, charts, visual aids and supplies appropriate to each grade.

First Nation Education Steering Committee

The Band applies and receives funds from the First Nation Education Steering Committee to assist the Band's goals in 3 areas:

New Paths

There were several projects included in this program:

- Education Jurisdiction awareness and promotion activities to assist the Education Committee, Band Leadership, and members become better decision makers regarding the issues arising from having our own Education Jurisdiction.
- Parental Involvement in their children's education: we offered 2 sets of workshops to our parent's: topics ranged from communication, literacy, education planning, etc. We hope these workshops will be ongoing.
- Offering and hosting a community career fair
- Providing residents with a guided tour of available education institutions

Science and Technology

The Band partners with the Summer Recreation Program and the Community School to offer our children and youth exposure to career awareness and promotion of careers in science and technology. The Summer Recreation Program takes the youth to several hands-on field trips to

maximize their exposure; the band works with the school to provide the students and youth with a Science Fair and science and technology related tours.

Student Summer Employment Opportunity Program

This year, the Band received funding to hire two students.

- a law student completed research on by-laws, copy right procedure, and child welfare issues
- the office students worked with administration staff to complete the newsletter, forms, program pamphlets, display boards and more. They were a valued addition for the short time they were with us.

School Net Program

This year two members applied for the BC region Computer Technician Certification program sponsored through FNEESC. This program combined on-line training with work experience. Both youth completed the training and are waiting for their certificate. One youth was offered a job for the new fiscal year which she gladly accepted. The other participant is working in Chilliwack. Congrats to both students and our funder—FNEESC.

Post Secondary Program

Seabird Island's Post Secondary Education Program receives its funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Their objective is to improve the employability of First Nations people by providing eligible students with access to education and skills development opportunities at the Post Secondary level.

Seabird Island Band recognizes the importance of moral support, counselling, and financial assistance for students pursuing further education and training. Seabird Island Band members may be eligible for post-secondary funding based on eligibility requirements and the availability of funds. Every effort will be made to assist band members to successfully pursue and complete their education programs.

It is the hope of the Seabird Island Education Department that, through education and training, Seabird Island Band members become economically self-sufficient and realize their potential for contribution to the Seabird Island community, other First Nations communities, and to society.

There were twenty-eight students from our community attending the following Post Secondary Institutions during 2006/2007:

<u>Post Secondary School</u>	<u># of Students</u>
Camosun College	1
Sprott Shaw Community College	1
University College of the Fraser Valley	18
University of British Columbia	1
Simon Fraser University	4
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	2
British Columbia Institute of Technology	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	28

Since March 2007, we have had seven new applications to the post-secondary program for full and part-time sponsorship. Four students are preparing to go to UCFV to major in Business Administration, Kinesiology, Dental Hygiene and the Teacher Education Program, two for NVIT for Academic & Indigenous Studies/Social Work, and one for UBC for a Bachelor of Science.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the National Post Secondary Education Program Guidelines will receive direct sponsorship for either full- or part-time studies. A student who is registered into a full-time program will receive funding for their tuition, books & supplies, and a living allowance. A student who is enrolled in part-time studies will be eligible to receive sponsorship for their tuition, books & supplies.

Post-Secondary Graduates of 2006/2007

Congratulations to all our Graduates:

- ✦ Dianna Kay, received her Master of Education from Simon Fraser University.
- ✦ Danielle Gabriel, received her Advanced Business Management/E-Commerce Honors Diploma from Sprott-Shaw Community College
- ✦ Reid Peters, received his Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma.
- ✦ Kristopher Peters, who completed his Civil Engineering Technology Diploma Program in June 2007 from Camosun College.
- ✦ Patrick Jay Hope, who completed his Bachelor of Arts Program majoring in Sociology/Anthropology in May 2007 from University College of the Fraser Valley.

Seabird Island Education & Community Services Awards Ceremony

This year the Seabird Island Education Awards were combined with the Community Service Awards to celebrate and recognize the

accomplishments of all Seabird Island Member/Students. The ceremony took place on July 27th, 2007 at the Seabird Band Office gym.



To recognize and acknowledge students for all their hard work and effort this year, they were all given T-Shirts; some students were nominated from their school to receive the following awards:

- Perfect Attendance
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Academic Excellence (3 awards or more)
- Artistic Ability
- Athletic Excellence
- Honor Roll
- Language Recognition
- Cultural Recognition

High School Graduates and Post-Secondary graduates were honoured with blankets, plaques, sweatshirts, certificates of recognition, and received a cheque for graduation incentive.

Max Jack received the Bertha Greta Peters Memorial Award for 2007 at the Seabird Island Education & Community Service Awards Ceremony on June 27, 2007. Rod Peters, District Aboriginal Education Coordinator for School District #78, presented the award. Congratulations Max!



The award for \$500.00 is provided by Spectra Energy for students graduating from Grade 12 at Seabird Island Community School, Lalme' lwasawtexw, to promote high achievement in Science and Math.



Shari White
Principal

Lalme' Iwesawtexw **Seabird Island Community School**



Lalme' Iwesawtexw (Seabird Island Community School) was named in the memory of Mary Charles who was the mother of Grand Chief Archie Charles and a long time resident of Seabird Island. Mary's family and friends gave her the name Lalme. It was Lalme's dream to have a band controlled community school for the children of Seabird Island. **IWESAWTEXW** is Halq'emeylem for 'House of Learning'. Seabird Island School proudly celebrated its 15 year anniversary on May 10, 2006.

Lalme' Iwesawtexw is an Independent Band School committed to providing quality education and maintaining an environment that promotes and encourages students to learn to explore and experience new pathways. Our mission is to provide a supportive and culturally relevant learning environment, which places a high value

on life-long learning, respect for self and others, honesty, integrity, generosity and hard work. All staff is certified with the B.C. College of Teachers. Our school offers K-7 education, as well recognized and accredited courses at the secondary level enabling students to receive a B.C. Dogwood Diploma.

Our dedicated administration and teaching team for the 2006-07 school year included:



Principal
Siyoyaweth:Shari White



Vice-Principal
Deborah McGregor



Diana Amundsen
Receptionist



Carol Litzenburger
Secretary



Stacy Reyburn
Attendance Officer



Celestine Reyburn
School Elder



Jennifer Nowak
Kindergarten/Gr.1



Sandra Eustache
Kindergarten



Patricia Klafki
Gr. 1-2



Brandy Casey
Gr. 2-3



Melanie Emsley
Language Arts Gr. 4-7



Tyrone SittingEagle
Soc. Studies/PE Gr. 4-7



Rae-Dawn Ajabu
Soc. Studies/PE Gr. 4-7



Rick Joe
Science/Computers Gr. 4-7



James Sutherland
Math/Fine Arts
Gr. 4-7



Cindy Makonin
Math/First Nation St
High School



Ira Cotroneo
Social Studies/PE
High School



David Bezeau
Science/Trades
High School



Jeff McNeil-Bobb
Halq'emeylem



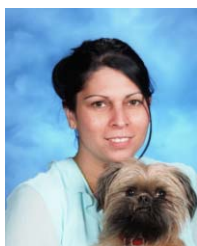
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Librarian



Linda Brawn
Learning Assistance



Bea Stewart
Learning Assistance



Melissa Nielsen
Counselor



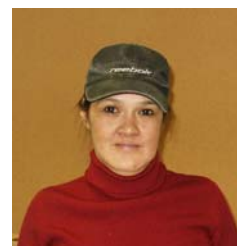
Neil White
Counselor



Theresa Lemkey
Special Aid Assistant



Emerald John
Special Aid Assistant



Deanna McIntyre
Cook



Dolores Joe
Cook Assistant



Jutta Landrath
Bus Driver



Myrna Campbell
Bus Driver



Roberta Peters
Bus Driver



Terry Andow
Volunteer Supervisor



Diana Kay
Adult Ed Instructor



Sally Louis
Teacher Aid



Tracy Alexander
Custodian



Bill Garner
Custodian

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Available*

Kwosel –
Halq'meylem

Evelyn Peters
Elective

New High School Ground Breaking Ceremony

A ground breaking ceremony was held on January 24, 2007. In attendance were many dignitaries,



officials, staff, community's members and all the students from Seabird Island Community School. Shortly after the ceremony construction on the new school began. We are anticipating the new school to be ready for September 2008.



A school wide competition was held and opens to all students to create/draw a high school logo. All students and staff voted on the entrees and the winner was Zorana Edwards-Shippentower an aspiring artist. This logo will be printed on school sports jerseys and other pieces of clothing that will be made available for purchase next school year.



Model of what the new school will look like

Specialized Programs

Halq'emeylem

Lalme' Iwesawtexw remains committed to the preservation of the Halq'emeylem language. At Lalme' Iwesawtexw, the Cultural Identity Studies program begins in Nursery and continues through Grade 12. The classes are designed to promote and encourage students to be proud of their First Nations' heritage and identity. An understanding of who First Nations' people are prepares the students to become valuable contributing members of society and learn to take responsibility for the future generations.

A group of dedicated individuals has been working for the last few years on developing a (first ever) Ministry of Education Halq'emeylem Integrated Resource Package for grades 5-12. The IRP is in the final approval stage, which we expect to be complete in September.

Learning Assistance

Lalme' Iwesawtexw was able to offer learning support time to 92 students consistently throughout the year. All Kindergarten students received individual support for 20-30 minutes per day. 69 students in grades 1 through 7 received 45 minutes daily in groups and some 90 minutes 3X per week. 23 students received SOI (Structure of Intellect) instruction for 30 minutes each week.

Counselling

Individual, group and classroom counseling support continues to be an effective service that Lalme' Iwesawtexw offers to all students; 265 individual sessions were held this year. 146 classroom sessions in grades K-7 were held. We were fortunate to have been able to add a First Nations male high school counselor to the team.

"Griffy" (Melissa's right hand assistance is still in training but is a big hit with all students and staff. Our days just wouldn't be the same without him!)



Trades



The Introduction to the Trades class gave students practical skills in a variety of construction techniques. During the course, students framed their

own individual project walls, and then installed a sink, electrical outlet, switched light fixture, cable TV, telephone line, insulation, and drywall. Many students went on to install a computer network and speaker wires in their projects.

The Physics 11 class made a rocket car that propelled a student, and on April 11, 2007 the High School students watched it drive.



The rocket car was fueled by diet Coke and Mentos mints. We started out with 20 bottles of diet Coke and a lot of mints.

Then disaster struck when half of the fuel escaped! We only had 10 bottles left, and we were concerned that the car would not run. But....success... the rocket car took off and drove approximately 35 feet!



Extra

Curricular Activities



This year at Seabird Island School teachers were involved in many extracurricular events and projects, including a school wide Science Fair and Literacy Fair.

Bringing parents and community members into our school is important. Our annual Christmas concert was a real crowd pleaser.



Grades K-7 students participated in the event. Many hours of practice went into the hit play "Santa scores again"! Even Wayne Greatskate showed up! Parents, grandparents and family members attended and applauded the students' efforts.

Special Events

We had many special cultural events this year including: Sto:lo New Year, Remembrance Day, Sto:lo Days, Naming Ceremony, First Salmon Ceremony and Pow Wow.

Sto:lo New Year: On October 19, school staff,



students and community members took part in the Sto:lo New Year's celebration. This involved thanking the creator for the abundance of traditional food prepared for winter storage.

Sto:lo Day: Sto:lo day was held on January 18.



Students from neighboring schools came out to participate in cultural games and activities, such as carving, beading, cooking, drawing, dancing, drumming and Slahal.

Naming Ceremony: On February 15, nine students and two adults received traditional names and were honoured in a traditional ceremony. The following are the names and recipients:

Sxa'eylem..... Blair Hamilton
SiyalexwMatteo Bobb
Lexwmi:laJada John-Olney
Lel:ts'eSkylar McNeil
Xyolhwemiya Sherice Hulbert
Koi Kana KuBrandi McNeil
Stl'iyatelotDoreen McIntyre

Simelexw Victoria Inyallie
Slaweten..... Robert Blenkin
Sqetaliya..... Candace Robothom
Xwemxwalamot..... Angie Chapman



We had an amazing turnout for our June 1 Pow Wow. All students who have received traditional names were in the Grand Entry. Many students wore their regalia. Everyone danced and had a wonderful time. Our sincere thanks to Phillip Lockerby and the Fraser Valley singers and dancers drum group.



Congratulations Lalme' Iwesawtexw on another successful year! Students, we are very proud of your accomplishments! See you next year!

**Carolyn Neufeld, RN, M.A.L.
Manager**

**Health & Social Development
Department**

**Message from Health and Social
Development Manager**

In partnership with Chawathil, Cheam, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skwah, Kwaw'Kwaw'Aplit, Scowlitz and Union Bar, it has been an exciting year with the signing of five new Bands to our transfer.

We have expanded services to include:

Nursing Services: communicable disease control, Doctors' office, prenatal classes, new baby visits, pre/post-natal teaching, health education teaching, optometry, massage.

Homecare Services: including nursing foot care and home support workers, who assist with meal preparation, cleaning, personal care, transportation to doctor's appointments, a shopping program and meals on wheels.

Nutrition Services: including diabetes education and awareness, nutritional menu planning, one-to-one visits for personal nutritional advice.

CHR Services: including patient travel, medical forms, and appointments for the optometrist, audiologist, traditional healing and massage therapist.

Drinking Water Testing: including monthly water testing, hot tub testing, dental equipment management, and mosquito monitoring for West Nile virus.

Mental Health Programs: including alcohol & drug counseling, family and individual counseling, youth programs and aboriginal healing foundation programs and family home.

Recreation/Community Services Programs: including out-of-school care, has expanded to 40 seats, adult recreation programs, Seabird Festival, justice programs, summer program and the fitness center. Community events such as the Halloween Party and the Community Christmas Dinner are also administered through this program.

Early Childhood Programs: including, daycare, preschool, Headstart, ECE, Aboriginal Infant Development and supportive childcare programs for both on/off reserve and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children and families.

Social Development: including social assistance, special needs, Guardian Financial support, adult in-home support care program, which includes "Meals on Wheels" and transition to employment programs.

Dental Services: including full dental services and dental education.

Elders Programs: includes outings, weekly grocery shopping trips and social club activities.

Employment and Training Center: Our center has seen over 500 clients. Weekly job club training programs and employment readiness services are offered. Our employment center has focused on leadership training.

Highlights of 2006

- Purchased 3 new vehicles for CHR's in Cheam, Chawathil and Shxw'ow'hamel/Scowlitz
- Assisted with the building of a new health center at Skwah
- Opened a new health center at Cheam
- Started Headstart programs for Scowlitz and Cheam
- Expanded Employment services to all the Bands that Seabird services

Carolyn Neufeld, RN, M.A.L.



Health Services Directory

Child & Family Advocate

- Funeral arrangements
- Xyolhemeylh Liaison
- Pensions
- Child care subsidy
- Court appointments

Doctors Services

Walk in Clinic - Tuesday: Doctors Clinic, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Appointment Only – Friday: 10:00 – 12:30

Dental Services

Our on-site Dental Office is open Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please book your appointment with the Dental Receptionist. Full dental services are provided.

Drug and Alcohol Support Services

Our NNADAP Worker is available Monday to Friday. Residents can access the service by drop in or appointment. Services provided:

- Individual and Group Sessions
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referrals
- Sweat lodge
- Men's pancake breakfast

Early Childhood Services

The Early Childhood Development Programs believe all children and parents want to provide an environment that promotes the health and well-being of all children. Yet some parents have barriers, which interfere with full participation. The ECD aims to overcome these barriers by offering a wide variety of Early Childhood Programs for families. Services provided:

- Licensed daycare services; infant/ toddler & 3-5
- Licensed 3's Pre-School/Licensed 4's Pre-School
- Parents and Tots/Nobody's Prefect parenting classes
- Supportive Child Development Services
- ECE Training Center

Financial Aid Services

There are times when families need financial assistance. Our Income Assistance Worker is available Monday to Friday between the hours of

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Band receptionist will direct you. Services provided:

- Financial Assistance Application and Assessment
- Work Opportunity Program Referral
- Food Bank Requests
- Employment Referrals
- Guardian Financial Assistance Application
- Shopping Program Referral
- Special needs

Medical Coverage:

Our CHR can assist you with information or forms for medical coverage. Services provided:

- Forms and Application
- Medical Transportation
- Reimbursement

Mental Health:

Our on-site clinical counselor is available on Wednesday and Thursday.

For appointments, direct your calls to the Health Clerk. Services provided

- Counseling: individual, couples or group referrals

Nutritionist Services:

To learn how to manage or prevent diabetes meet with our certified Nutritionist. She is available weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Services provided:

- Diabetic and nutrition clinics
- Managing blood sugar/ diet and exercise
- One-to-one nutrition education
- Menu analysis and planning
- Personal or group counseling
- Nurses clinic: pre/post natal services

Optometrist Services:

The Optometrist is on site once a month and brings a wide selection of glasses with him. You can also have your BC Medical coverage forms completed while you wait. For more information or to book an appointment, please call the CHR. Services provided:

- Eye examination
- Eye glass or contacts on-site
- Specialist referrals
- Coverage referrals

Youth Services:

Our Youth Worker plans, organizes, and coordinates a variety of youth activities during the week and weekends. Services provided:

- Counseling is offered to individuals, groups or families.
- Movie outings/ evening activities
- Youth dances/ youth camps
- Group activities/boys only/girls only
- Youth Council

Community Health Report

Submitted by Tammy Bobb, R.N.

This past year continued to be a year of change and improvement for the health segment of our community. We continued to work with one full time community health nurse, Tammy Bobb, and Linda Forseth continues to work with our communities one day per week.

During the year, we were very busy with the new communities now amalgamated with Seabird Island Health: Shxw'ow'hamel, Chawathil, Cheam, Scowlitz, Skwah, and Kwaw'Kwaw'Aplit. These communities, as well as Seabird, receive the services of immunization clinics monthly to bimonthly where children now receive 3-4 inoculations at each routine visit. Most families in the communities have been doing well keeping their children's immunizations up to date.

The communities continue to benefit from pre and post natal classes. Once a month, expectant and postnatal moms and dads from Seabird, Scowlitz, Shxw'ow'hamel, and Cheam are welcome to attend our pre/post natal class. During this time, various speakers present information to families on topics such as post partum depression, FAS/FAE, nutrition, dental care, fitness, parenting, development, safety, etc. The information sharing is followed with a nutritious lunch as well as some prizes and a financial incentive for attending. This class averages 20-30 families. This same pre/post natal class is repeated in Skwah with Kwaw'Kwaw'Aplit attending as well. This class averages 10-15 families with a similar format.

Another component of community health is the post natal visits or early maternity discharge visits. Again, this service is available to all communities serviced by Seabird Island. We average a total of approximately 50 to 70 births a year for all communities combined. During this visit, we

monitor moms and babes, as families are getting discharged from hospital earlier than ever. We attempt to ensure that mom and babe are coping well and that families are aware of the supports available in their respective communities.

A new and exciting health information system was added to our computer system. This has made our job of charting and keeping track of client care so much easier. We are able to access client files from our computer rather than paper files. This has made accessing information much easier for our health staff and has provided better statistical reports as well.

In the next year, we will be looking to maintaining all our programs in each of the communities. We look forward to the year ahead with our part time nurse during the summer, Rona, as well as collaborating with our new home care nurses!

Kwiyos Program

Submitted by Tammy Bobb, R.N.

This program had a fresh start in our communities late last summer. This program, which receives funding through a wonderful proposal Candace Robotham submitted, enabled the Health Department to initiate a creative and much needed program to assist and support expectant and new parents.

This maternal child health program began with the hiring of two home visitors or "kwiyos" workers as well as hiring a maternal child supervisor. Earlier this year, all the initial staff moved on. With the rehiring of new staff, we believe this program is now well underway to delivering the support and resources to our families that we have been wishing for from the start.

Our kwiyos workers collaborate with families from each of the communities serviced by our health department. The caseload for each kwiyos is approximately 15-20 clients. Their main responsibility is to develop relationships with families by assisting and supporting them in any way possible. This program is a "too good to be true" type of program. Our two kwiyos workers, or "aunties" as they are sometimes called, have assisted families by attending doctor/ ultrasound/ specialist/nutritionist appointments, attending community programs, assisting families with shopping or cleaning, talking and sharing information with families, and so much more. The kwiyos workers are able to assist our families in

many ways that can help make a huge difference in the upbringing of each child. Our two kwiyo workers, Angie Peters and Robyn Cobon, have received training as birth doulas, and in labour support and breastfeeding. They look forward to obtaining more training in the upcoming year.



doula training

This is a new program and we welcome referrals to the maternal child supervisor, Tammy Bobb. We hope that each family that is expecting or has a child under one year will feel open to having this extra support in their journey towards new life.

Community Water Systems Program

Submitted by John Bobb, Water Technician

Seabird monitors drinking water from those communities' water systems and private wells included in Seabird's Health Transfer agreement with Health Canada.

John Bobb, a Seabird Island Band member and certified small water systems operator, has been testing drinking water for Seabird Island for over four years.

He visits the communities every two weeks to collect water samples. He is able to sample water from the hose bib, but prefers to sample from the sink where you get water for cooking and drinking. The samples are tested in the laboratory at the Band office.

Once a month, John sends samples out to the Provincial laboratory in Vancouver to make sure the sampling results are accurate and precise. Mark Turner, Environment Health Officer also routinely collects water samples.

A report is presented to Chief and Council each month with the results. John works diligently to make sure Seabird has good safe drinking water. He is available to answer any questions the community might have about water and keeping it safe for families.

Community Services Department

Submitted by Stacy McNeil, Community Services Supervisor

Sports Sponsorship

For 2006/2007, our sponsorship program sponsored twelve youth to the Totem soccer tournament, eleven youth in the Chilliwack soccer league, five youth in Ice Hockey, one team for the Chehalis soccer tournament, eighteen youth in the Agassiz Indoor Soccer league, two teams to the Mount Currie Soccer tournament, three youth in the Chilliwack Spring Soccer League, two teams and three individuals for the Chilliwack Ball Hockey League, ten youth/adults for other recreation, eight teams in 2-Pitch, hockey and soccer at various tournaments/leagues. Our Sponsorship Guidelines have been altered slightly, and our guidelines around volunteering in the community for the dollars sponsored are being strictly enforced. Please pick up your copy today.

Three youth also attended a Recreation Camp in the summer: Cameron Grant did the Junior Eagles, Tyanna Harris and Hillary Andrew did an aquatic leadership program. These camps were held at the Pearson College in Victoria. Cameron will soon be certified in Hiking and as a Lifeguard. Congratulations guys!

Justice

Our Justice Committee meets monthly, on the second Tuesday each month. The Justice Committee includes community members, the Council Justice Portfolio Holder, RCMP liaison, Qwi:Qwelstom staff, and the Community Services Supervisor. These meetings act as a link between the community and the justice system. Any justice concerns the community has can be forwarded to the Justice Portfolio Holder or the Community Services Supervisor to be heard at the committee meeting.

Our Justice program has many resources available to assist community members with their justice questions and concerns, from pamphlets, videos, booklets, to a CD-Rom. The LAWline is available to those who have legal questions toll-free at 604-408-2172 (press 7) or Legal Aid at 604-793-7243.

Our community violence workshop was held in March of 2006 and 2007, which gave a place for community members to talk about their concerns in the community. We also, through the

assistance of our Community Watch Coordinator, offered equipment engraving, and special justice workshops.

Our Community Watch and Patrol programs are still out there every weekend, and we are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in giving back to your community and making it a safer place at the same time, please contact our Community Watch Coordinator.

Out of School Care

Our program is licensed for forty children during the regular school year (September-June, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) and (newly) seventy-five children during holidays (Christmas, spring break, and summer 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Our program is run out of Lalme'lwesawtexw during the school year, and the Seabird Island Millennium Hall during holidays. Our regular year program enjoyed the supervision of four staff, many field trips and activities such as the pumpkin patch, theatre, swimming, the park, swimming lessons, homework, crafts, games, sports, and more. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact your Community Services Supervisor.

Our holiday programs involved many field trips, going to McDonalds, the theatre, swimming, skating, bowling, and Crash Crawlys, Fraser River Discovery (49 children), Ferny Coombe pool 7 times (50 children average), magic show (45 children), Chuck E Cheese (67 children), Harrison Children's Day (52 children), Laser Tag (58 children), UBC Museum (53 children), The Fort (51 children), waterslides (53 children), Science World (65 children), Playland (62 children), , Colossus, Boston Pizza, plus many more!

Family Fun

Our families enjoyed a trip through the amazing displays at Stanley Park on both the Ghost Train, and the Bright Nights Train in 2006. In the upcoming year, there are plans for family outings to go bowling, the waterslides, Hicks Lake for a picnic, and more! Watch your newsletters for more information!

Elders Recreation

Our hands go up to our dedicated elders who continue to come to the fitness centre every Monday and Wednesday morning! You guys are role models to our youth and families for your healthy lifestyles. Our elders meet on Mondays

and Wednesdays at 10:00 in the fitness center. All elders are welcome, and transportation is available.

Youth Recreation

2006 marked the year our recreation department stepped back into youth programming. youth 13-18 enjoyed the following activities: Metrotown, their own Christmas dinner/dance, skiing, dances, leisure centre, Mandarin Garden, Castle Fun Park, and laser tag. Early in 2007, the recreation department began offering programs to the 'tweens'—youth ages 10-14. This age group has already enjoyed going to the movies, out to lunch, a sleepover, Science World, to name a few. Please stay tuned to our newsletters for many more upcoming programs!!

Fitness Centre

Our fitness centre was open throughout the summer, and during the rest of the year Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Our new card-swipe system met with success as community members can purchase a membership and receive a magnetized card that they simply swipe at the door to gain access. We have lots of great equipment that will suit every fitness level, and have a fitness leader who is trained in weight training, and pre/post natal fitness. Contact your Community Services Supervisor for more information, or to book an appointment!

Our fitness center is also home to many programs and incentives. Our Walking Club ran from June-September, Monday through Thursday evenings. Biggest Loser Pam won our biggest loser program, Mindy Peters won a turkey dinner for our most pounds lost, and Karla Kay won a gift certificate to a clothing store for the most inches lost...Congratulations guys!

Integration of Services

Our fitness leader has offered her services in many workshops and meetings to discuss how people can begin their healthy, active lifestyle.

Aboriginal Sports/North American Indigenous Games

Congratulations to our eleven youth who all brought home gold or silver medals (mostly figuratively, as most are still waiting for their medals to arrive) in soccer. Way to go guys! Our next tryouts are in the summer of 2007 for the

Cowichan 2008 North American Indigenous Games.



Elders Social Events

Each month, our elders get together for activities that may include in-house lunch and games, tours, theatre, dinners, other community visits, fruit gathering for preserving, and the annual elders gathering held in a different BC community each year.



I-r: Elder Arnold Peters Home support worker Cathy Hope, Jeannette Peters, and Elder Betty Peters

Catering

Catering is available for in-house events, and outside programs hosting events in our community. We offer in-house catering, or we can arrange for catering by one of our many fundraising groups in the community. 2006/2007 we instituted our first Catering guidelines, which specify deadlines, rules, and how the program works. Pick up your copy today!

Fundraising

To ensure equality in fundraising events held in and around the community core, we have instituted guidelines to help caterers know what is expected from them, in terms of food and service. Each group interested in fundraising is encouraged to submit an application with our Events Coordinator, including availability so that we can plan accordingly.

Nutrition

Submitted by Noy Khounviseth, Nutrition Educator

In February 2007, we hosted our first conference on diabetes and it was a great success. The speakers were very inspiring and informative. Hopefully the participants gained some knowledge that will help them to live better with diabetes.

The different panels included those who were either living with diabetes or lived/living with someone who has diabetes. They shared their stories of successes and challenges, and their powerful words were very moving and gave support to the attendees. Many people commented that they were very impressed with the presenters' stories and would like to see this conference repeated next year.

Our diabetes support groups are still meeting regularly and the mobile lab continues to come out every three months to process the required lab work from the diabetics. The focus for this year was to increase fibre consumption and, of course, keep active.



Seabird Nutrition Walk

The nutrition month family fun walk/run had a smaller turn out (about 240 people); however, fun was had by those who took part. Mother Nature was kind enough to provide sunny weather as the

participants walked or ran their way through the course.

The training for the Nutrition run was structured differently this year as some people were also training for the Sun Run. Participants were either training with Stacy McNeil, Karla Kay, or Noy Khounviseth in order to take part in the 15 km event, which also gave them a chance to prepare for the Sun Run. There were about ten people who completed in the Sun Run this year. Next year we are hoping to have more participants.



top l-r: Karen McNeil, Stacy McNeil
2nd l-r: Karla Kay, Noy Khounviseth,
Chuck McNeil, Keena McNeil
Bottom row: Dianna Kay

The Community cooks and health promotion (workshops and presentations) programs are progressing well with the communities of Skwah, Cheam, Scowlitz, and Shxw'ow'hamel. These programs have been well received and have made quite an impact in the lifestyles of the participants. It has been noted that more people are including more vegetables and fruit in their daily food intake, and there is an awareness of the importance of nutritious food on health. In addition more people are keeping active (as

indicated by the number of people walking around the communities).

Overall, it has been an incredible year filled with different activities. I am looking forward to having more activities, working with and meeting new people in the coming year.

Child and Family

Submitted Edie Karacsonyi

Edie Karacsonyi was hired as the Child & Family Service/Mental Health Team Supervisor in July, 2006. This was a new position created to oversee all mental health programs, the Seabird Island Child & Family Advocate position, and the Seabird family home. She has a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and a Specialization in Child Protection. Before working for Xyolhemeylh as a Child Protection Investigator on the Intake Team, Edie was a member of the Seabird Island Health Team, She looks forward to working in her own community again, and with the other Bands to provide services in a culturally sensitive and respectful manner.

In the past year, Sto:lo Tribal Council has been working to get their own Child & Family Service Agency and we look forward to new developments in the next year.

The Seabird Island Band still is providing Child & Family Advocacy in two different capacities. Margaret (Maggie) Pettis provides advocacy for those children and families involved in Child Protection matters. Matilda (Tillie) Charlie provides advocacy for daycare subsidies, elders' pension applications, and the driver's education programs to name a few. Tillie will be spending more time helping those affected by the Indian Residential Schools soon. As of July, 2006, Tillie has been doing advocacy only on Tuesdays & Thursdays, as she works in Chawathil as an A & D counselor the other three days of the week.

One of Edie's jobs is taking Mental Health referrals for those who need to see a counselor, play therapist, youth worker or addictions counselor. The Seabird Island Band has three contracted counselors, who work with our members. They are Dr. Allyson Cushing, Mark Douglas and Melissa Nielsen.

Edie supervises the Youth Workers and Alcohol & Drug Programs in Seabird and other Bands for which Seabird has Health Transfer Agreements.

These Bands include Skwah, Cheam, Scowlitz, Chawathil, Kwaw'Kwaw'Aplit, and Shwx'ow'hamel. As mentioned, Tillie Charlie now works as an addictions counselor in Chawathil on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mervin Felix works in Scowlitz on Tuesdays and Shwx'ow'hamel on Thursdays. In emergency situations only, Tillie Charlie will see clients when Mervin is not at Seabird.

Melanie Emsley, who is a teacher at the Seabird Island Community School, was contracted to work with our Youth Worker this year for one night per week. Melanie started a Girls' Group on this night.

A new and exciting program that Seabird started this year is the Community Mobilization Program that is targeted at decreasing crime, and building healthy youth by providing personal development and leadership training for youth. As a part of this program, Next Generations has been contracted to facilitate a youth conference in November 2007, so we hope to see not only our youth but the rest of the family there as well.

Blaise MacNeil was hired as a Family Counselor and started on October 2, 2006. He is providing counseling services on a 1-to-1 basis, families (family circles), youth and groups. The family counselor also provides crisis intervention and mediation, and works with individuals and families to promote healthy families and a healthier community.

This has been a new and exciting year for all of us in the Child & Family Service/Mental Health Team. We hope to report on more new & exciting programs and services in next year's Annual Report.

Seabird Island Dental Center

We have had a very successful fourth year in business with over 1600 active patients. We are a full-service dental practice. During this past year, we have been a training center for many students (dentists, assistants, receptionists and summer students). One of our Band members, Joan Peters, went on to further her education by taking the dental receptionist program.

Our dental team has expanded to Dr. Noreen Goldwire, one hygienist Lisa Welch, two receptionists Joan Peters (who also doubles as a chair side assistant), and three certified dental assistants Eileen Payment, Valencia Bobb, and

Kristina Bray. We are pleased to have another dentist, Dr. Jennifer Parrott join our team this coming June.



I-r: Eileen Payment, Dr. Noreen Goldwire

Seabird Island Early Childhood Programs

Daycare

Submitted by Carlene Brown, Supervisor

We opened on October 13th, 1998 with 12 infants and toddler and 25 3-6 year old spaces.

As of April 1st, 2007 we now have childcare space for:

- 12 Infants , birth to 18 months
- 12 Toddlers, 18 to 36 months
- 25 3-6's Year olds

Our daily program offers activities for all children in art, science, drama, music, language, free play, outdoor free play, relaxing rest periods and nutritious snacks. Whenever possible, our children participate in the cultural and traditional ceremonies at the Seabird Island School and Band Office. Our program is shaped and influenced by values and teachings of the native cultural traditions.

Seabird Island Daycare Centre's mandate is:

- To provide quality childcare services within the community, and
- To operate a childcare facility that promotes healthy development and embraces the individual needs of the children.

We achieve our purpose by:

- Incorporating the seven components of Head Start into our program: Culture & Language, Education, Health, Nutrition, Social Support, Parental & Family Involvement, and Special Needs,
- Supporting parents by providing a caring, safe atmosphere for their children, and
- Managing the centre in an accountable fashion, such that it remains financially sound while achieving.

Seabird Island Daycare Centre's purpose and goals

- Providing a high quality inclusive program which promotes the emotional, physical, spiritual, cognitive, and social development of the children in our care
- Offering individualized attention by providing small group activities within the larger group context
- Offering staff professional development to keep staff fresh with ideas
- Fostering interactions between the children and members of the community
- Incorporating the First Nation's Philosophy into the daily structure of the program
- Including Halq'eméylem Language into the daily teaching program
- Fostering the children's First Nations experience and knowledge by incorporating drumming, crafts, dancing and cultural events into the program

Philosophy of the Centre

The Seabird Island Daycare Centre believes that providing a caring environment for children, as well as, being a support system for the family, is essential components of care. The centre provides a loving and supportive atmosphere in a caring and enriching environment where the staff members meet the individual needs for the social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional development of each child.

At the Seabird Island Daycare Centre, the team of staff will help the individual child's development by encouraging the children to establish a positive self-concept and providing opportunities for active participation through play and positive interactions with peers, adults and the environment.

Our Program

The theme approach is used to facilitate the learning process. We use a variety of individual, small group and large group activities with an emphasis on learning through play. Teaching is done effectively by giving the children a variety of materials and experiences and by integrating music, art, science, social studies, dramatic play, cultural experiences and field trips into the program.

The Daycare is set up into learning centres. Children are encouraged to choose those centres that are of interest to them. The learning centres promote a balance between individual and group play, directed and free play. Our well equipped play areas offer a wide selection of play materials and activities that enhance learning and help your child develop independence and self-confidence.

We emphasize the social aspect of group care, providing ourselves as models-a cooperative staff, sharing the workload and communicating openly. We help younger children accept responsibility and encourage verbalizing of feelings and emotions.

The staff at the Seabird Island Daycare are qualified Early Childhood Educators, some of which have their Infant/Toddler Diploma and/or their Special Needs Diploma in the Early Childhood Profession. The staff is dedicated and well versed in the childcare field and brings many opportunities to share this with the children on a daily basis.

Highlights for the year

We were very privilege to be part of the pilot project—Seeds of Empathy, since September of 2005. The centre was chosen as one of 10 Aboriginal Centres within BC to be part of this project. The staff was trained at a weekend conference in Vancouver with the staff from other centres. The project is based on the Roots of Empathy that has been in schools for a number of years. During the Seeds of Empathy process, a family with an infant comes into the centre every 3-4 weeks for a circle. The family and other siblings and staff discuss what the infant is able to do and what they think the babe may be feeling when he/she smiles, cries or is upset. This is showing the children feelings, and how people deal with them. This has proven to prevent bullying In some schools, and lessen the teen pregnancy

rate in some communities. The children and family have had wonderful year getting to know each other and watching the babe grow.

One of the former participants, Bert, has now started daycare full time and the children on the 3-5 side still call him "MY BABY BERT" and he is now over 1½ years.

We were very excited in October of 2005 when we heard that we had received the grant for the expansion of the daycare centre. That year was full of talks with the Architecture (Peter), to ensure that we were building what we needed at the daycare. The plans looked great when they were done, and then we had to wait for the construction to begin. Construction began in June of 2006. It was slow going for the summer. The expansion of the new infant side, office, storage/staff room and the playground was completed in March of 2007. We were excited to use our new space.

During the year, the daycare children participated in the following Seabird Island Band sponsored functions.

April 2006

- 1st Salmon Ceremony
- Seabird Island Band Open House
- Seabird Island Band All Staff Meeting

May 2006

- Seabird Island Festival

June 2006

- Aboriginal Fun Day
- Preschool Graduation Ceremony (Head Start)



Naming Ceremony at SICS

October 2006

- Sto:lo New Year
- Seabird Island Band All Band Staff Meeting

December 2006

- Community Christmas Dinner
- Seabird Island School Christmas Concert

February 2007

- Naming Ceremony

March 2007

- Nutrition Walk/Run

The following lists the Daycare special events, outings, and other happenings at the centre:

April 2006

- Seeds of Empathy Circle cont' until Sept 06



Seeds of Empathy Circle with Baby Bert and mom El-Lea

- Swimming Lessons 3-5's
- Cinemazoo and Hot lunch



Cinemazoo at the daycare

May 2006

- Mothers Day outing to Vancouver Children's Festival
- Swimming Lessons con't

June 2006

- Construction began on the new infant side
- Fathers Day outing to the Vancouver Zoo



Father's Day at the Zoo

July 2006

Berry Picking and Jam Making – 3-5's
Dinotown
Funland

August 2006

Xyolhemeylh Children's Festival
Hope Park 3-5's
Bear Creek Park
White Rock Beach 3-5's
Chilliwack Water Park 3-5's

September 2006

Apple Farm 3-5's

October 2006

Bear Creek park – Pumpkin Train
Halloween party

November 2006

Special Visits to Dental Office, Nutritionist
Firefighters, and Health Nurse

December 2006

Dickens's Chocolates to see Santa
Christmas Party



January 2007

Movies and McDonalds 3-5's
Pajama Day

February 2007

Valentine Day Party
Save On Foods Tour

March 2007

St. Patrick's Day- Gold Hunt
Easter Party- Easter Egg Hunt
Science World 3-5's

Construction is complete and we received our license to open the new infant side, staff/ storage room and office

We have been very busy over the past year with the number of children increasing steadily to capacity on the 3-5 side for most of the year and the infant/toddler side was full until construction began. We decided to not take any new children during construction.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call 604-796-3463 Monday to Friday from 7:30-5:30

Head Start Preschool

Submitted by Carlene Brown, Supervisor

Our Head Start Preschool has been a licensed facility since September 14th, 2000. We serve the families of Seabird Island Community members, neighboring First Nations communities, and the Agassiz community.

We have two classes of twenty children each

- 4's Preschool runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Seabird Island Community School buses provide bus transportation.
- 3's Preschool runs Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation.

The purpose of the Seabird Island Head Start Preschool is:

- To provide quality a preschool program within the community
- To operate a preschool program that promotes healthy development and embraces the individual needs of the child

We achieve our purpose by:

- Incorporating the seven components of Head Start into our program—culture and language, education, health, nutrition, social support,

parental and family involvement, and special needs

- Supporting parents by providing a caring, safe environment for their children
- Managing the centre in an accountable fashion, such that it remains financially sound while achieving its purpose and goals
- Providing a high quality inclusive program, which promotes the emotional, physical, spiritual, cognitive, and social development of the children in our care
- Offering individualized attention by providing small group activities within the larger group context
- Offering staff professional development to keep staff fresh with ideas
- Fostering interactions between the children and members of the community
- Incorporating the First Nation's Philosophy into the daily structure of the program, Including the Halq'eméylem Language into the daily teaching program
- Fostering the children's First Nations experience and knowledge by incorporating drumming, crafts, dancing and cultural events into the program

Philosophy

We believe that a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills develop to their full potential in a quality early childhood setting. We believe that a quality setting includes:

- a warm, nurturing and caring staff
- a rich and stimulating environment
- a flexible daily routine
- on-going communications between a child's home and the centre staff

We strongly believe in the importance of our Sto:lo culture and traditions. Wherever possible, the Sto:lo culture, tradition, and Halq'eméylem language will be incorporated into the program

information about the Preschool Program

Culture

As part of the Preschool Program, children will be provided the opportunity to learn about the Sto:lo culture through activities, storytelling and arts and crafts. Two language-cultural teachers from the Seabird Community School provide age appropriate cultural and language activities for the children everyday. Other guests may come into

the Program to talk about culture. Children will also begin to learn the Halq'eméylem language through their daily exposure to songs, alphabet, and beginning words.

Learning through Play

Play is an important part of the typical development of a child. It is through play that children learn. The child's involvement in stimulating activities enhances their overall development.

The types of play environments include:

- free playtime: includes a housing /doll corner, blocks, a book corner, art materials, table toys (puzzles etc.), science centre and climbing apparatus?
- outdoor play: small and large climbing apparatus enhance gross motor skill development.
- circle time: this is a time for reading a story, discussing children's interests, singing songs, and introducing new concepts.
- snack/social time: a pleasant time to practice good manners, table conversation and enjoy a small healthy snack.

These activities provide unlimited creative opportunities for discovery, challenge and exploration, as well as a safe environment for building self-confidence, self-awareness and supportive relationships with peers.

If you would like additional information on the preschool, please feel free to call 604-796-5568 Monday to Friday from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm.

Preschool Events

October

- Sto:lo New Year at the Community School – preschoolers sing four Halq'eméylem songs
- individual photos at the Community School

November 11

- participated in Remembrance Day with the Community School

December

- Xmas Concert participation at the Community School

January

- Sto:lo Day at the Community School

March

- Seabird Island Community walk – 5 kms.

May

- First Salmon Ceremony at the Community School
- class group photo and panorama at the Com. School

June

- participated in the Year End Pow Wow at the Community School

June

- Preschool Graduation

Outings

October

- Green Acres Field trip to the Pumpkin Patch
- Seabird Island Dental Office
- Agassiz Library Field Trip – Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb

December

- Dickens Chocolates field trip (Santa) Chilliwack

April/May

- Swimming Lessons to Hope

April

- Seabird Island Band Office Open House

June

- Xa:ytem - field trip

Visitors:

February

- Tammy Bobb and two students (Nathan & Katie), Seabird Island Nursing – washing hands (germs)
- ECE students observing

December

- Santa visited for the Xmas Party

March

- Terrell from the Agassiz Library visited the – 3's

April

- Kierra's Grandma and Bunny (Easter Party) – 4's
- Seabird Island Fire Department with the fire truck – 4's
- Seabird Island Dental Office visits the 3's program

April/May/June

- Stacy McNeil is in the gym with the 3's and 4's

Preschool Ongoing Activities

- Judy Quinn – speech language each Tuesday and Thursday morning
- Kwozel – Halq'eméylem Language Circle daily for 30 minutes
- Fire Drills – twice each month
- Earthquake Drills – monthly
- Kindergarten Visit – June
- Walk throughout the community – weekly
- February to June – “Moe the Mouse”
- September to June – “Seabird Island Support Workers”
- Special Parties – Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's, Easter, etc.
- Drumming and Dancing

4's Preschool Graduation – June 13, 2007



3's Preschool Graduation – June 13, 2007



aboriginal Infant Development Program

Submitted by Cheryl Sauve

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Aboriginal Infant Development Program is to honour this gift given to us by the Creator, by supporting the development of Aboriginal children within the context of the family, community, and culture, and by offering access to culturally-appropriate early intervention and prevention support programs for Aboriginal babies and toddlers, birth to three years of age, who require extra support due to physical, social, intellectual, emotional and developmental challenges.

About the Program

The Aboriginal Infant Development Program is a voluntary, family-centred program that provides services to babies and toddlers from birth to three years of age and offers support for Aboriginal families, babies and toddlers who are at risk or have developmental delays. The program supports families both on and off reserve by providing home visits, group programs or educational programs.

Developmental screening and assessments are provided by the Aboriginal Infant Development worker. Individual activity plans that support each child's healthy development are agreed upon with the children's family.

Whether the family's needs are best met in their home, in group or educational programs, they are offered in a partnership approach to suit a family's individuality and uniqueness.

Services are provided to:

Agassiz	Kwaw'Kwaw'Aplit
Boothroyd	Laidlaw
Boston Bar	Lake Errock
Chawathil	Peters Reserve
Cheam	Scowlitz
Chehalis	Seabird Island
Douglas	Shwx'ow'hamel
Harrison Hot Springs	Skawahlook
Harrison Mills	Spuzzum
Hemlock Valley	Union Bar
Hope	Yale

Infant Massage

The Aboriginal Infant Development worker is trained to teach parents and guardians in Infant Massage. Infant massage can help babies relax and sleep better. It can also help relieve gas and colic and promote good circulation and digestion. Best of all, massaging your baby is a wonderful and enjoyable way to build the loving connection between you and the baby. Please feel free to ask the AIDP Worker for more information about Infant Massage. Classes normally last four days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Community Events

Submitted by Angie Chapman, Community Events Coordinator

Lateral Violence – March 22, 2006

Seabird Island Band hosted a Lateral Violence Workshop for staff and Community members. Approximately twenty-six people attended the session.

Nutrition Walk – March 29, 2006

Well over 300 people participated in the Annual Nutrition Walk and afterwards everyone was invited to stay for lunch of beef chop suey with rice. Participants had a chance to warm up with a trainer and when they returned from the walk/run, they were treated to some fruit and milk until lunch was served. Thanks Noy for making such a delicious lunch!

Annual Open House – April 26, 2006

269 people including students from our Community School attended the Annual Open House. Many departments set up interactive displays, from the cake walk to the fitness test--can't have one without the other), to encourage community members to participate.

Early Childhood Conference – May 3-4, 2006

The Seabird Island Early Childhood Department hosted a conference on May 3-4, 2006, with 150 participants, who came from as far away as Mount Currie and Boothroyd. The highlight of the conference was the performances of various dance groups.

School 15 yr. Celebration – May 10, 2006

On May 10, 2006, the Seabird Island School celebrated its 15 year anniversary. Members of the School Committee, architects, staff and those



people that made construction of the high school possible were honoured. The 250 people attending were shown a short video.

Elders Conference – July 17-21, 2006

Port Alberni hosted this year's annual Elders Gathering. Fourteen Seabird Elders traveled to the event. A number of self care sessions were offered but one of the best parts was the dance hosted by Port Alberni.

Summer Students – July 27-August 26, 2006

Summer work placements were offered to eleven students at the Seabird Island Café and Seabird Island Gas Bar. The students worked four hours a day and the Band helped provide them with work uniforms.

Dr. Pocock's Ceremony – August 3, 2006

An honoring Ceremony was held for Dr. Pocock to recognize all his years of working with Seabird. This gave Community members the opportunity to say goodbye. We were pleased that 120 people could attend the ceremony.

Elders Fruit Picking – August 15, 2006

On August 15, 2006, Elders from Seabird and Chawathil along with other Community members travelled to Keremeos for fruit picking. This also gave the Elders the opportunity to visit with Birdie Peters. The large white truck accompanied the

elders, which meant that we were able to bring home a lot of beautiful fruits and vegetables.

Community Halloween Party – October 30, 2006

The Annual Community Halloween Party was hosted on October 30, 2006. Those attending were treated to hot dogs, veggies & dip and a light dessert. As well, there were many tables for crafts and interactive games for the children. The evening concluded with a visit from Cinemazoo and costume judging,



Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 10, 2006

November 10, 2007 was our Veteran's Day for Seabird Island. We honored all our veterans, and the Seabird Island School helped out with the event. The students had the opportunity to share with the others what Remembrance Day meant to them and the importance of this day. It was very moving to hear some of the poems and readings that the students had done. 169 people were present for the ceremony.

Nooksack American Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 16, 2006

Fifteen Seabird Elders attended a thanksgiving dinner in Nooksack. Besides a wonderful turkey dinner, several dance groups entertained the guests. The elders were each given a bag of goodies to take home with them.

Addictions & Mental Health Celebration Dinner – November 22, 2006

A dinner was hosted on November 22, 2006 for all the clients that attended treatment for the year. The clients were blanketed and walked in with an honor song. 50 people witnessed this event.

Community Christmas Dinner – December 6, 2006

The Annual Community Christmas dinner was held on December 6, 2006. Community members were served a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings. After dinner, children aged 12 and under were given the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa. Before Santa left for the North



Pole, he handed out gifts to those children 12 years and under.

Due to other events happening at the same time, only 257 people came out for the evening.

Staff Christmas Dinner – December 8, 2006

The annual Staff Christmas Dinner was held on December 8, 2006 at the Harrison Hotel Resort. Staff and their guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and afterwards were entertained by a comedian from Vancouver.

Community Make & Take – December 18, 2006

The Annual Community Make & Take was held on December 18, 2006 at the Seabird Island Community School. Many different craft stations were set up for people to take part in. As well, the 98 people attending were provided with dinner.

Elders Christmas Dinner – December 19, 2006

Our Nutritionist, Noy, served a special luncheon for 28 elders at their Annual Elders' Christmas

Dinner. There was a wide selection of different and appetizing items from which to choose.

Community Christmas Hampers – December 21,-22, 2006

This year the Seabird Island Band was able to deliver hampers to 128 families during the Christmas season. The hampers were assembled by volunteers from the community as well as help from members of our Adult Learning Centre. We thank everyone that helped us; it was very much appreciated.

Elders Outings

Every last Monday of the month is the Elders' outing day. There is something different each month—sometimes they remain in the Band office and have a guest speaker, or go shopping and out to lunch, or join in with festivities with the Diabetic group. It varies and depends on what the elders choose. If you are interested in joining the Elders group, please call Angie to register.

Valentine's Dinner – February 14, 2007

The Annual Community Valentine's dinner was hosted on February 14, 2007 at the Millennium Hall. The couples that attended had the option of having their children looked after by Daycare or the Out School Care Program. The evening was filled with entertainment and a wonderful dinner prepared by Noy. 20 couples and 12 elders took part in the event.



I-r: Donna Bobb and Les Andrew

School Naming Ceremony- February 15, 2007

210 people attended the School Naming Ceremony at the Seabird Island Community School

on February 15, 2007, which saw eleven receive their Indian names. They are

- Angie Chapman – Xwemxwalamot
- Blair Hamilton – Sxa`eylem
- Brandi McNeil – Koi Kana Ku
- Candace Robotham – Sqetaliya
- Daryl McNeil – Tsetsa`wtm
- Doreen McIntyre – Stl`iyatelot
- Jade John Onley – Lexwmi:la
- Matteo Bobb – Siyalexw
- Robert Blenkin – Slaweten
- Sherice Hulbert – Xyolhwemiya
- Skylar McNeil – Lel:ts`e
- Victoria Inyallie – Simelexw



Elders Forum - March 16, 2007

The 19 Seabird Island Elders and Community members attended a gathering in Burrard First Nation. The gathering focused on empowerment and honouring the Aboriginal Women and their achievements. It was a successful conference and was enjoyed by the group.

38th Seabird Island Festival

The Annual First Nations festival took place on May 25-27, 2007 and was a very successful event

once again. Grand Chief Archie Charles and his family provided the traditional Salmon Barbeque. You could see our Band staff working throughout the festival in all venues. Volunteers are always needed. Next year, we hope more community members will volunteer. A little bit of your time can mean a lot.

Listed below are the winners of each bracket for all sports categories.

7 & under Youth Soccer

First Place	Cowichan Eagles
Second Place	Musqueam
Third Place	Lil Sasq's

10 & under Youth Soccer:

First Place	Steqoyes
Second Place	Sechelt
Third Place	Cowichan Eagles

11-13 Youth Soccer:

First Place	Sechelt
Second Place	Musqueam
Third Place	Cowichan Eagles

14-16 Youth Soccer:

First Place	JP United
Second Place	Cowichan Eagles
Third Place	Musqueam

Men's Soccer:

First Place	Chehalis Chiefs
Second Place	Musqueam Blues
Third Place	Nanaimo Snipers

Women's Soccer:

First Place	Rainbow Stars
Second Place	Squamish Nation United
Third Place	Saanich Hurricanes



Men's Hockey:

First Place	The Wild
Second Place	Chehalis Cobra's
Third Place	Stone Tbirds

Women's Hockey:

First Place	Monarchs
Second Place	Seabird
Third Place	Creekside Snipers

50/50 Winner:

Antoine Jackson	\$1128.16
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Seabird Island Employment Preparation and Training Centre

Submitted by Raymond-Adair, EPT Supervisor

The Seabird Island Employment and Prep Training Centre (EPT) has been very active in the service area (Cheam to Boston Bar, both sides of the Fraser River) this past year providing; one-to-one employment counseling, group workshops in basic life skills such as conflict resolution, team building, boundaries and employment skills such as resume and cover letter writing and formatting, job search, internet use and employment maintenance. These workshops were facilitated by the employment counselor and supervisor in addition to providing employment counseling services in the community at the local band offices of Boston Bar, Cheam, Shxw'ow'hamel, and Chawathil as well as Seabird Island.

Skills development training was another initiative facilitated this past year through the EPT Centre. The skills training opportunities were developed in partnership with a number of recognized training institutes (BCIT, UCFV, VCC and Valley School of Driving) to provide not only the EPT centre clientele but the territory managed by the local AHRDA (Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agency – SNHRD) clientele an opportunity to learn and to engage in developing and/or enhancing their skills to secure full-time employment opportunities.

Client Intake and Outcomes for 2006-07:

There were 467 clientele files input into Contact IV this past year through the EPT Centre. The intake of the clientele was shared primarily between the

Career Practitioner and Supervisor/Career Practitioner. Clients who utilized the Centre for job search, resume writing/formatting or research on their own through the Resource room were also recognized in the intake files. The average new files opened per month for the region was approximately 21 per month. Participation, completion and employment were remarkable considering the high unemployment rate for the region. The statistics outlining the participation of clientele in the region for this past reporting year are as follows:

Total Clients served	467
Total Active Clients.....	295
Total Interventions.....	1,396
Total Employed.....	91
Total Returned to School	50
Targeted Wage Subsidized FT.....	4
Targeted Wage Subsidized (Dec/06 to Mar/07) ...	5

Using the Targeted Wage Subsidy has increased greatly this year due in part to an increase in funding available, but also because more of our people were able to maintain full-time employment and were attached in some capacity to the labour market. The majority of the positions that were secured by our clientele in Seabird and Cheam were actually non-band member clientele. They may have resided here at Seabird but were registered to other outlying BC bands.

Transition from the Contact IV to Arrowsuite Database:

Our funding agency SNHRD (Sto:lo Nation Human Resources Development) has introduced a new database called Arrowsuite to replace the current Contact IV database. Changing databases is always challenging and there was some confusion initially, but we hope to have all the files transferred over to the new system by the end of May 2007.

Programs facilitated through the Seabird Island EPT Centre:

The skills development programs were offered through partnerships with BCIT, UCFV and Valley School of Driving. The following section outlines the success of each program that was facilitated over this past fiscal year through the Seabird Island EPT Centre.

Intro to Trades and Aboriginal Carpentry Apprenticeship

- 38 participants
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- 36 successfully completed the program
- 22 are working fulltime
- 9 students returned to school
- 5 are not job ready
79% of the participants have either returned to school or secured employment

Early Childhood, Family Child Care and Special Needs Certification

- 41 participants
- 16 ECE Training - program is still in session
- 10 Special Needs -
- 15 Family Child Care Certificate
90% of the participants have either completed and working or they are continuing their studies in ECE Program.

Basic Word, Excel and Bookkeeping Level 1

- 55 participants
- 15 MS Word - 11 completed
- 17 Excel - 11 completed
- 23 Bookkeeping - 12 completed with "A's"

Class IV Tutorial

- 18 participants
- 13 completed
72% completed the program and completing the formal exam
This provided many with the necessary licensing to secure their employment

Leadership Certificate

- 20 participants rotating and ongoing through to Oct. 2007
Facilitated by Vancouver Community College - there will be 12 courses offered to interested participants from throughout the Sto:lo Territory and AHRDA service area. Participants may complete one or all 12 - if 12 are completed they will receive a formal certificate of completion and credit through Vancouver Community College.

Following workshops were facilitated by EPT Staff:

Workshops were offered on a rotating basis every week throughout the service area to the four main bands, Chawathil, Cheam, Shxw'ow'hamel and Seabird Island Band. Participation was consistent

at Chawathil, Shxw'ow'hamel and Seabird Island; however, a number were directly referred to participate as part of their Social Development Action Plan schedule. Overall, the participants enjoyed the activities and were requesting additional workshops for the new fiscal year.

Personal Development Workshops: January to March 2007 - Chawathil, Cheam, Shxw'ow'hamel and Seabird Island

- My Job Your Job
- Leisure Skills
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Resolution 1 & 2
- Time Management
- Identifying Feelings
- Listening Skills 1 & 2
- Anger Management "Recognizing Anger"
- Shopping Skills Money Management
- Transportation Options
- Getting Along with Co-workers
- Positive Assertive Skills.

Employment Skills Workshops: January to March 2007 in Cheam & Seabird

- Skills Identification
- Resume Formatting
- Job Search Strategies
- Basic Computer Skills
- Basic Driver's Training

Next Fiscal Year 2007- 2008:

For the next fiscal year, the funding agency SNHRD has indicated that there will be a focus on one-to-one services to the clientele. This means case managing a client on a one-to-one basis to ensure they actively engage, complete and are successful in skills development training, education and employment. The EPT Centre will be submitting proposals for Targeted Wage Subsidy positions (8), Summer Career Placement, and for the Health Industry, Residential Care Attendees and entry into Nursing. This proposal is very exciting because it truly addresses another area that is experiencing extreme shortages for our people and will allow the participants to ladder into additional training in the Health field industry. We anticipate an even higher success rate for our clientele through new partnerships in the community to provide the required support system to enable success.

School Addition

The new high school encompasses five new classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, home economics classroom, science classroom, computer classroom, covered work yard, industrial arts building and future mezzanine space for up to three classrooms. Our anticipated move-in date is September 1, 2008.



Renovations for two extra classrooms and the woodwork shop are planned for September 2007.

Seismic Upgrading

The main school will have some interior renovations, major seismic upgrading, along with mechanical & electrical upgrading. Work is expected to be complete before September 2007 and the renovations will be done next summer.



911 Address System

A regional 911 address system has been completed for the Seabird Island Community. The 911 system will make it possible for fire, police, ambulance and utility companies to locate residences and properties and to react more effectively to individual calls for emergency service.

Erosion

This year the Band received INAC maintenance dollars to upgrade five groynes, and the Band funded the construction of two additional groynes by the cattle farm. INAC contracted Hay & Co to re-inspect dykes for potential flooding. We raised the dyke road and three groynes near the cattle farm road.

Daycare Expansion

The Seabird Island Daycare Centre construction began in April 2006. The expansion of the centre included a new Infant/toddler centre with an additional capacity of twelve children, birth to 36 months, new playground for infants, redesigned and upgraded playground for toddlers, a staff room with storage for toys and other general items and an office.





Construction was completed in March 2007 and was approved by the Fraser Health Licensing office.

House Construction

Phase 3 Social Housing 20 unit housing project includes two single bedroom 4-plexs, one two-bedroom 4-plex, and renovating the current 8-Plex.



New Insulated Concrete forms

Operations and Maintenance

We receive funds from INAC for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of all on-reserve capital assets, which include 100,000 square feet of community buildings, fire protection, including chimney sweeping, smoke alarm testing and fire extinguisher checks.

Sewage

The sewage metering station is averaging just over 3900 cubic metres of sewage per month, down from last year. 90% of the sewage volume is funded by MTSA with INAC. The Sewage system is discharged to the District of Kent Sewage Treatment plant. The community building and housing septic tanks are pumped annually, they are not connected to the community sewer system.



Lift station Behind Fire Hall

Sanitation

The current tipping fees at Chilliwack (Bailey) landfill are averaging just less than 15 tons per month. Household garbage is picked up twice per week, recycling is picked up once per week, and the major garbage pick-up is the first Thursday of every month.

Water

Water metering station is pumping an average of 200,000 litres per day.

Security

We have two security persons patrolling all community buildings including the Commercial Centre and any vacant housing units, and Band vehicles.

Call 911 to report any illegal activity, or injury to persons or property.

Roads

The District of Kent maintains Seabird Island Road through a Municipal Service Agreement and the Band maintains all private roads, including Chowat Road, other subdivision roads/gravel roads and one bridge.

Grounds

Approximately 20 acres of community grounds are maintained by Band personnel; this includes the new park and cemetery.

Municipal Type Service Agreements

We have municipal type service agreements with the District of Chilliwack for our sanitation and recycling, the District of Kent for road maintenance and sewer discharge, BC Hydro for the streetlights, and Salish Disposal for the large garbage bins.

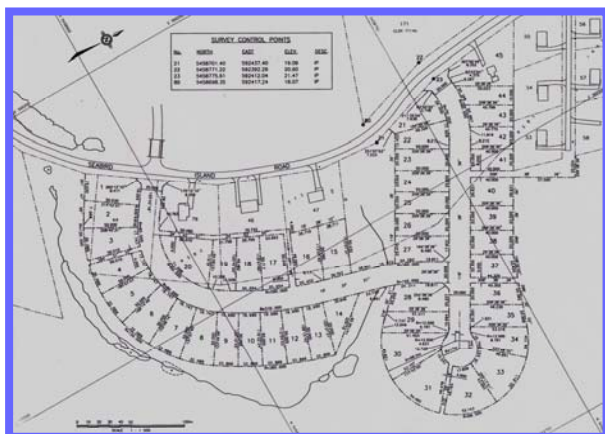
Seabird Island Road Upgrade

Design improvements are proposed for Seabird Island Road, which serves as a thoroughfare for the Seabird Island community and is the only access for off-reserve residents, including Agricultural Canada's Research Facility. The majority of future community residential development in Area 2 and Area 3 subdivisions will utilize Seabird Island Road, which will increase traffic volumes.

This project may involve reconstruction, surface works, drainage ditches, lane widening, hydro pole relocation, tree removal and shouldering on both sides of the road.

Area 3 Subdivision Design

The new subdivision has been designed and is waiting for funding, but it is a low priority with INAC, because of the number of the vacant lots in Area 2 subdivision.



The Area 3 subdivision will be located on the west side of Seabird Island Road, across from the Area 2 subdivision. Area 3 will incorporate Ya:la Drive, which already has 6 lots.

The subdivision will be serviced by water mains connecting to the existing water supply, sanitary sewer, and other utilities including electricity, telephone and gas. Two subdivision roads will provide access to all 45 lots and intersect with Seabird Island Road.

Seabird Island Volunteer Fire Department

The Seabird Island Volunteer Fire Department had another busy year—where does the time go?

The Seabird Island Volunteer Fire Department has a dedicated group of men and women, who attend weekly fire practice from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday. The Seabird Island Band and its community members are grateful to these individuals, who volunteer their time for callouts, training practice, and numerous community awareness activities, including serving at the 2006 Community Christmas Dinner.

Seabird Fire Department carries out live burns on training nights and, whenever possible, old houses and cars, which have been donated by Seabird Band and community members, are used in these training practices.

The Fire Department has been called out to a variety of emergency situations, including structure and barn fires, vehicle fires and accidents, grow-ops and, in one case, to rescue a dog which had fallen through thin ice in Maria Slough. The dog was Buddy and we are informed that he is doing fine and if he could talk, he would thank his rescuers for saving his life.

During the next year, we will be providing our members with Basic Firefighters Level 1 training (Justice Institute of BC Fire and Safety Division) and First Responders' Level 3 with spinal cord endorsement training (Justice Institute of BC Paramedic Academy). Upon completion of the training, each firefighter will receive a certificate from both programs.

Our much needed new pagers have been received. They are capable of storing and repeating a message in the event a firefighter missed the page or was unable to hear it. It sure beats the old telephone system!

This spring, Jeremy Joseph assumed the position of Fire Chief and Aaron McNeil is our new Assistant Fire Chief. Jeremy has almost fifteen

experience with the Fire Department and Aaron has 10 years experience.

If you are interested in becoming a member with Fire Department, please contact the SIVFD at 604-796-3125.

TO REPORT A FIRE OR AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

Physical Development Plan

The following items are noted in this year's Five-Year Long Term Capital Plan. The plan assists the Band in identifying needs and establishing priorities for INAC funding.

- High School Addition
- Flood Construction Level Definition
- 911 Address System
- Social Housing
- Daycare Expansion
- Dental Expansion
- Seabird Island Road Upgrade
- Housing
- Mold Remedial Works/Renovation

Other items, for which funds are pending, are the Community Lot In-fill, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, Area 2 Lot Development and Maintenance of the Erosion Spurs.

Social Housing

- 1-5 years – Six homes are planned for construction each year.
- Mold Renovations – 1-5 years
- Individual Loan – 3 Units
- Housing Renovations – 15 per year
- RRAP (16,000 each) – 3
- HASI Senior Adaptation
- Multi Family Units

Planning

- Community Development Plan
- Additions to Reserve
- Excreted Lands

Services/Infrastructure

- Area 3 Subdivision, design and ready for construction
- Seabird Island road upgrade, design and construction
- Seabird Road and Chowat Road connector

- Area 2 Subdivision lot development
- Area 6 Subdivision, lot development along Chowat Road to the Commercial Centre
- Satellite Fire Hall
- Fire truck replacements

Water Systems

- Phase 4 to Peters Road, connects Ya:la Drive to Peters Road
- Phase 6 along Chowat Road, connects from Sthitsem Road to the Commercial Centre
- Phase 7 to Wahleach Road, connects Chowat Road to Wahleach Road
- Phase 8 Remainder, connects Wahleach Road to Peters Road
- Natural Gas Loop, the loop will connect Wahleach Road to Chowat Road.
- Sewage Disposal, two systems are planned: 1) from Sthitsem Road to the Commercial Centre and 2) will connect the homes from Schiye Road (Area 2 subdivision)
- Erosion
- Deflecting spur
- Dyking
- Revetment of Area 14 spur
- Erosion Control
- Erosion/Spur Upgrades 3
- Community Facilities
- Addition to School
- Fire Department

Preparing for the flood



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-2008

September 2007:

September 3		Labor Day – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
September 4		School Opens- ½ day only
September 4		Out of School Care starts
September 5		Pre & Post Natal
September		Four's Program begins
September		Parents & Tots starts
September 8		Seabird Island Crafts & Canning Fair
September 10		Managers' meeting
September 12		13-18 Youth Leave for Disneyland
September 17		Three's Program begins
September 20		Education Committee Regular Meeting
September 20		Welcome back dinner/ Parent gathering
September 24		Managers' meeting
September 24		Elders' Outing
September 26		Social Assistance
September 27		School Burning & Cleansing
September 27		Chief and Council Regular Meeting
September 28		Non-Instructional Day Education Think-in Workshop



October 2007:

October 3		Pre & Post Natal
October 8		Thanksgiving – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
October 10		Chief & Council & Managers Quarterly Meeting
October 11		Sto: lo New Year
October 13		Social Assistance – Mid month
October 16		Fire Prevention Week – date to be determined
October 18		High School First Interim Report
October 18		Education Committee Regular Meeting
October 19		School Non-Instructional Day – Staff Development Day
October 19		10-14 Swimming & Movies Evening Recreation
October 22		Managers' meeting
October 24		Annual General Meeting
October 24		Ghost Train to Vancouver (community)
October 25		Chief and Council Regular Meeting
October 26		Primary/Intermediate Interim Report
October 26		13-18 Youth Dance
October 29		Social Assistance
October 29		Elders Monthly Activity
October 29		13-18 Haunted Houses – Playland
October 30		Community Halloween Party

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November 2007

November 7	Pre & Post Natal
November 7	 Education Committee & Staff meeting
November 9	 Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 12	Remembrance Day (in lieu of) – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
November 15	Education Monthly Meeting
November 16	 High School First Report
November 19-25	National Addiction Awareness Week
November 20-21	Managers' retreat
November 22	Chief and Council Regular Meeting
November 26	Staff Development Day Band Office – ALL BAND OFFICES CLOSED
November 26	 School Non Instructional – Staff Development Day
November	Elders Monthly Activity – date to be determined
November 28	Social Assistance
November 30	 Primary/Intermediate First Report



December 2007

December 3	 Parent/Teacher Interviews
December 5	Managers' meeting (tentative)
December 5	Community Christmas Dinner
December 5	Pre & Post Natal Class
December 7	Christmas Hampers – Deadline for applications
December 7	Staff Christmas Dinner – BAND OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:00 pm
December 12	Adult Program Christmas Dinner
December 12	Youth Christmas Dinner
December 14	 School Non Instructional Day
December 15	Make & Take Community
December 15	Education Committee Regular Meeting
December 17	Managers' meeting
December 19	 Student Christmas Dinner
December 19	Christmas Train
December 20	Christmas Lights Train to Vancouver (community)
December 20	 Education Committee & Staff Meeting
December 20	 School Staff Christmas Dinner
December 20	 Christmas Concert
December 20-21	Christmas Hampers/Certificates
December 21	 School Winter Vacation Period Begins
December 25	Christmas Day – GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED
December 26	Boxing Day – GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED
December 27	Chief and Council Regular Meeting (tentative)
December 31	News Year's Party 13-18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-2008

January 2008

January 1	New Year's Day – GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED
January 2	Pre & Post Natal Class
January 2-3	Council/Band Management Strategic Planning Meeting
January 7	 School Reopens
January 14	Managers' meeting
January 16	Quarterly General Band Meeting
January 17	Education Committee Regular Meeting
January 18	 School Non-Instructional Day
January 24	Chief and Council Regular Meeting
January 24	 Sto:lo Day at School
January 24	Education Committee Meeting
January 28	Managers' meeting
January 29	Social Assistance



February 2008

February 6	 Education Committee & Staff meeting
February 6	Pre & Post Natal Class
February 8	 High School Second Report
February 11	Managers' meeting
February 14	Sweetheart Dinner – date to be confirmed
February 14	 Primary/Intermediate Second Interim Report
February 15	 School Non-Instructional Day
February 21	Education Committee Meeting
February 25	Managers' meeting
February 26	Social Assistance
February 28	Chief and Council Regular Meeting

March 2008:

March 5	Pre & Post Natal Class
March 6	 School Burning
March 10	Managers' meeting
March 13	 School Naming Ceremony
March 14	 High School Third Interim
March 14	 School Spring Vacation Period Begins
March 17-21	 Spring Break
March 20	Education Committee Regular Meeting
March 21	Good Friday – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
March 24	Easter Monday – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
March 25	Managers' meeting
March 26	 School Re-opens after Spring Break
March 26	Social Assistance
March 27	Chief and Council Regular Meeting

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APRIL 2008

April 2		Pre & Post Natal Class
April 3		Primary/Intermediate Second Report
April 7		Managers' meeting
April 9		Education Committee & Staff meeting
April 9		Annual Open House – tentative
April 11		High School Third Report
April 16		Quarterly General Band Meeting
April 17		Education Committee Meeting
April 20		Education Committee Regular Meeting
April 21		Managers' meeting
April 24		Chief and Council Regular Meeting
April 25		School Non-Instructional Day
April 26		Social Assistance
April		1st Salmon Ceremony – Community School – date to be announced



May 2008:

May 5		Managers' meeting
May 7		Pre & Post Natal Class
May 9		Mother's Day Tea
May 9		Primary/Intermediate Third Interim Report
May 15		Education Committee Regular Meeting
May 16		School Non-Instructional Day
May 19		Victoria Day – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
May 20		Managers' meeting
May 22		Chief and Council Regular Meeting
May 24-25		Seabird Island Festival
May 26		Day of Grace – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
May 28		Social Assistance
May		District Sports Day TBA
May 30		School Year End Pow Wow

June 2008

June 2		Managers' meeting
June 4		Pre & Post Natal Class
June 5		High School Awards
June		Cultural Sports Day – date to be confirmed
June 6		Intermediate Sports Day
June 6		High School Fun Day
June 6		Last Day for High School
June 12		Elementary Awards
June 12		Primary/Intermediate Final Report

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June 13	 Last Day for Primary/Intermediate
June 13	 High School Final Report
June 16	Managers' meeting
June 16-17	 Admin Days
June 16-27	 High School Provincial Exam Week
June 19	Education Committee Regular Meeting
June 21	National Aboriginal Day (Government of Canada chose June 21st for National Aboriginal Day because it is also the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many Aboriginal peoples have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day.)
June 26	Social Assistance
June 26	Chief and Council Regular Meeting
June	Community Awards – date to be confirmed
June 30	Managers' meeting



July 2008:

July 1	Canada Day – BAND OFFICE CLOSED
July 2	Pre & Post Natal Class
July	Recreation Program Begins – date to be confirmed
July 14	Managers' meeting
July 17	Education Committee Regular Meeting
July 24	Chief and Council Regular Meeting
July 28	Managers' meeting
July 28	Social Assistance

August 2008:

August 4	BC Day Holiday – BAND OFFICE CLOSED
August 6	Pre & Post Natal Class – date to be confirmed
August 11	Managers' meeting
August 21	Education Committee Regular Meeting
August 27	Social Assistance
August	Last day of Summer Program - date to be confirmed
August 25	Managers' meeting
August 28	Chief and Council Regular Meeting

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