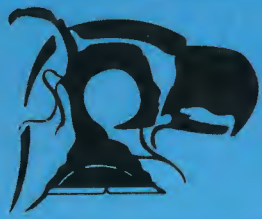


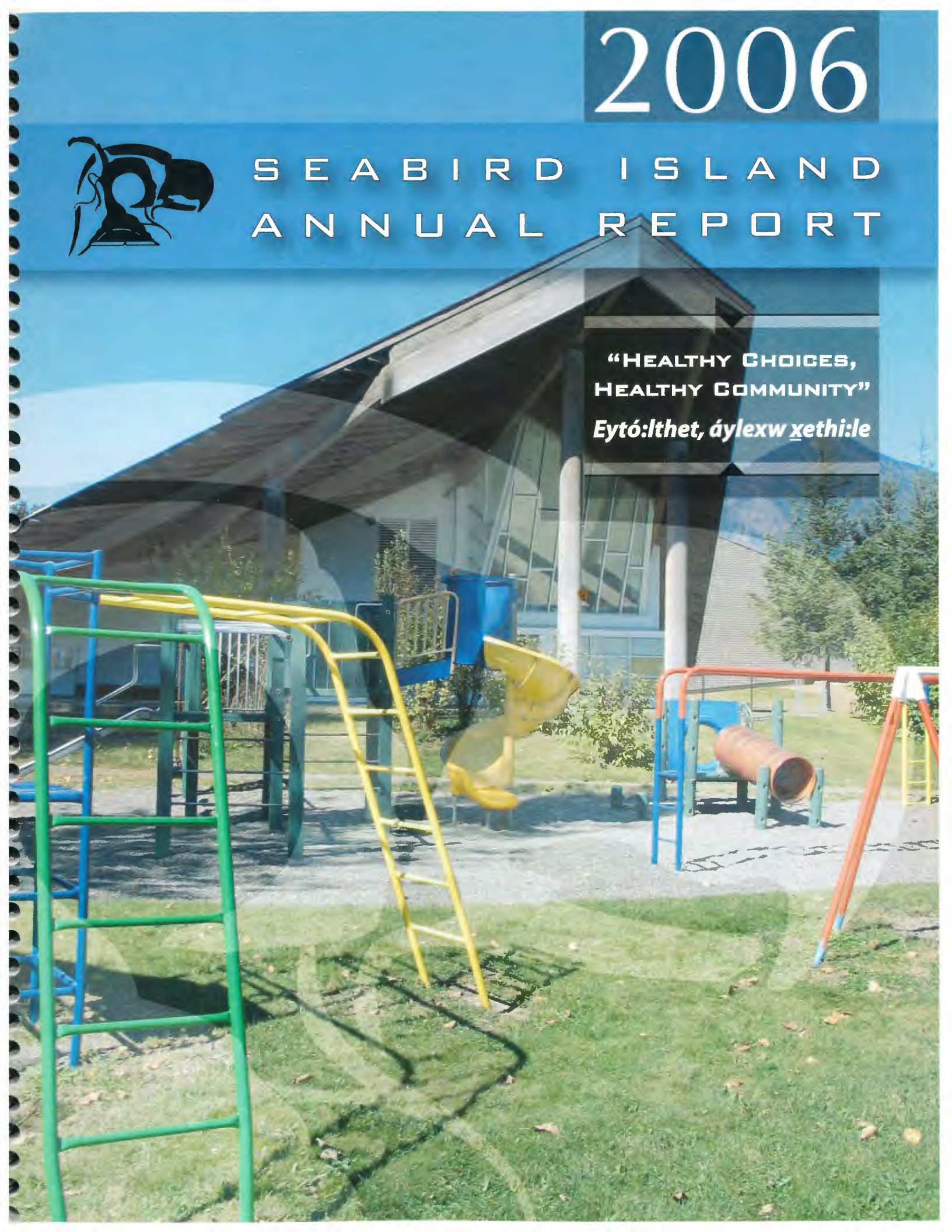
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**"HEALTHY CHOICES,
HEALTHY COMMUNITY"**

Eytó:lthet, áylexw xethi:le



ST'EHEYELH 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'f: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'f: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'astextwtset 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 Wayne Bobb Sr.

As Chief of Our First Nation it gives me great pleasure to introduce our annual report for the year 2005/06. The report is a good reflection of the progress that has been made! It shows the hard work being done by the Band members, Chief and Council and our dedicated staff.

The General Quarterly band meetings are a time when the Chief and Council and program managers report on the progress being made by each department. The meetings are also a time that we share ideas and get direction on what needs to be done in the future. I would like to thank the band members for attending these meetings and also to sit on the various committees that have been established, for example the Education, Lands Code and Housing Committees. In order to have great community participation we still need a parents committee on education and one on Economic Development. What do you think? Would you like to participate on any of these committees? Call me. I could give you more information. Get involved with your community. Make a difference.

As the Chief of the First Nation for the past seven years I think we are making good progress in all areas, economic, social development, education and housing. I know this annual report will show you how we are doing. I would like to close by thanking all the staff and committee members for the hard work and dedication that you have shown.

Yours truly,

Chief Wayne Bobb



SEABIRD ISLAND BAND COUNCILLORS

2005-2007



Councillor Clem Seymour



Councillor Margaret Pettis



Councillor James Harris



Councillor Marcie Peters



Councillor Lisa Peters



Councillor Donna Andrew



Councillor Richard Louie

Executive Committee and Portfolios 2005-2007

Executive

Chief Wayne Bobb Chair
Councillor Clem Seymour Co-Chair
Councillor Marcie Peters Member
Council Members Alt(s)

Health and Social Development

- Justice
- Daycare
- Xyolhemeylh

Lead:

Councillor Maggie Pettis

Members:

Councillor Richard Louie
Councillor Clem Seymour, Alt
Councillor Donna Andrew

Safety and Emergency Services

- Fire department
- Security

Lead:

Councillor Donna Andrew

Members:

Councillor Marcie Peters
Councillor Lisa Peters

Economic Development

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

Lead:

Councillor Clem Seymour

Members:

Councillor Richard Louie

Education

- Culture
- Language

Lead:

Councillor Maggie Pettis

Members:

Councillor Jim Harris
Councillor Donna Andrew, Alt

Capital and Housing

- Operations and Maintenance

Lead:

Councillor Jim Harris

Members:

Councillor Lisa Peters
Councillor Marcie Peters, Alt

- Treaty is a shared responsibility of all council and not a specific portfolio.

Committees 2005-2007

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

SIGN UP NOW!
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO SERVE ON OUR
COMMITTEES.

Messages from your Council

Councillor Clem Seymour

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 Marcie Peters

To our Elders, Veterans, Youth and Seabird Members:

On behalf of the Chief and Council, we are once again honored and pleased to present to you the 2005 version of the Seabird Island Annual Report. It has been a busy and exciting year and I will attempt to capture the highlight of some of the major initiatives we have underway.

The Seabird Island Fire Department is working on updating their Fire Department policy and procedures handbook. They will be working with the Justice Institute and/or FNESS to determine what additional training requirements are needed. (Just a reminder—they are recruiting new members.) We are fortunate at Seabird to have such a group interested in volunteering their time and their willingness to learn.

We started having Housing Committee meetings to update the Social Housing policy. We realize it is long overdue and are happy to have such an enthusiastic group sharing their ideas and recommendations.

The Carpentry Apprenticeship Program was provided at Seabird and most of our construction crew enrolled in the program. The course was eight weeks long and we congratulate the crew for completing and receiving their certification.

As you are aware our construction crew has, and is working on the following projects:

- Community School
- Daycare
- Fire Hall (addition to the fire hall)
- Community Hall
- Old School renovations
- Old Community Hall renovations
- Band Office
- Dentist office expansion
- Addition to the Daycare
- CMHC funded demonstration project
- Building 104 Social Housing units
- Construction of the Smoke Shop and renovations to the café
- All previous housing renovations

Looking at the growth of our community, we are fortunate our construction crew is capable of doing these projects instead of giving them to off-reserve companies. In closing, I am very proud of the accomplishments and growth of our community knowing there is always room for improvement but we do have a great deal to be proud of.

Marcie Peters

Councillor Margaret (Maggie) Pettis

I have been a Councilor for 6 terms and would like to thank all the people who voted for me. It's been a pleasure serving on your behalf. I am very proud to be part of Seabird as we strive to be the best at serving our community. Many of our staff who attend other meetings or functions hear many positive words about Seabird Island Community and what has been accomplished. If you have any questions or concerns regarding my report, please do not hesitate to ask.

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

Health and Social Services

- The Community Care Committee is presently working on Terms of Reference. The following members of our committee are Gail Michell, Edie Karacsonyi-Pettis, Sue Harris, Stacy McNeil, Celeste Bobb, Chuck McNeil and Matilda Charlie. Seabird Council has hired a Child and Family Service lawyer who advises on our responsibilities regarding our families especially at the Court level and has been a great assistance to me.
- The Xyolhemeylh Child and Family Service Programme: Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol for the Seabird Community School and for School District #78. We will be having a signing Ceremony for this document on September 15, 2006.
- Seabird Council is very concerned that the Ministry, INAC and the Transition team have not followed through with the recommendations regarding the Xyolhemeylh Program. Councillor Donna Andrew and I have been a part of the Action Committee to take further steps regarding the Xyolhemeylh Child and Family Services program. Some of you are aware that we held a rally at Chuck Strall's office in late August to show support that we are not happy with the lack of services provided by Xyolhemeylh Program. The committee would like the Questionnaire regarding Xyolhemeylh services to be filled out as soon as possible, This information will help us when we are meeting with key people to discuss the lack of services that are provided by Xyolhemeylh.

Justice

- Seabird Island Council has signed on with the Community Tripartite Agreement along with Sto:lo Tribal Council and Chehalis Band. We have sent our Letter of Expression to the RCMP. Councillor Clem Seymour will be meeting with them mid September and a follow-up meeting is scheduled next February in Kelowna.
- We meet on a monthly basis with the Agassiz R.C.M.P. and Qwi:qwelstom to discuss any incidents. The Agassiz detachment also provides us with a quarterly report detailing when they respond to any investigations or when they do community liaison.
- We now have a Vandalism Tip Line Operating Guideline and Procedures which Chief and Council approved. If any person is a witness to any vandalism, they can call our Tip Line anonymously and receive an award. I would like to thank the following people who come and are part of our Justice Committee meetings: Barb Chapman, Evelyn Peters, Art Andrew, Chuck McNeil, Staff Sgt. McCarthy, First Nation Constables: Gail Starr and Ed Knak and the Seabird Island Security – Gary Kroes and Ron Joe, Qwi:qwelstom workers-Joanne Jefferson and Jason Campbell.

Education

- The majority of the Education Governance has been approved by the Seabird Island Council. The Council will need to finalize their expectations of the Education Committee. The Education sub-committee is presently working on our Terms of Reference and the majority of this work has been completed. There are some minor additions, then we will be resubmitting to Council for final approval.
- Education Jurisdiction: As a community we all need to be involved to ensure we all have a good understanding of what is expected.
- High school expansion, we are still waiting for approval from Indian and Northern Affairs for cost of the school. There is a lot work that needs to take place especially meeting earthquake standards.
- Post -Secondary Policy Guidelines from Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) are now being followed.

- INAC has indicated that all schools where our children are attending are required to sign an LEA. (Local Education Agreement). As part of the LEA, the Education Committee has requested quarterly meetings with Kent and Agassiz Senior Secondary School. This will keep communications open and accountability to our students who attend these public schools.

Culture Committee

I presently sit on the Culture Committee along with the Seabird and Agassiz schools' staff. The committee decides on the expectations for the school year regarding the cultural events. We meet monthly or more when an event arises. I

would like to thank the following who have been part of the committee: Shari White, Debbie McGregor, Evelyn Peters, Star Pettis, Yvonne Duncan, Sandy Eustache, Brandi Casey, Melissa Nielsen, Kasey Chapman, Nancy Pennier, Chuck McNeil and Clem Seymour.

Seabird Island Council will be meeting to discuss and review our Council's Governance and our first meeting is in September. Along with the governance, we have a lot of work ahead, which includes the Land Code, Education Jurisdiction and Election codes. It would be great if our membership became involved, as these will affect our families and community once approved. The only way to voice your concerns is to be a part of these committees or meetings.

Councillor Jim Harris

Hello everyone,

One more year has gone by and it is time for the annual report again. I'd like to start off by saying CONGRATULATIONS to all the youth that went to Colorado to attend the Indigenous games, and came home carrying their GOLD metals for being the best in soccer—the best from all the youth from North America, plus winning the game against Mexico. An outstanding achievement!

I would also like to say "way to go" to all those old nail benders for setting a good example by going back to the books and receiving your first year in carpentry. I also encourage you to carry on with the best of the course to receive your Journeyman's papers.

Last year in my report, I mentioned that we had some house fires that caused the community a great deal of concern. Since then, there have been quite a few more fires. Now we have a lot more to worry about. There is someone going around and starting these fires, and this is costing the Band a lot of money. The money that we have to spend on fighting these fires and on the increased insurance premiums is taking away from programs that the community could be enjoying. So, I would like to ASK THE COMMUNITY to help keep a watchful eye in your surrounding neighbourhood. In the end, this will benefit the whole community, which reminds me, we are always looking for more volunteer firefighters.

I hope everyone is enjoying the addition to the dental office and the employment center upstairs.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed seeing all the different colours of tulips in the field next to the cedar shrubs. Now that the sheep are gone, we have the opportunity to lease a lot more land to different types of farmers.

It is nice to see that the carpentry class is teaching another new set of students. I believe it is the third set of new students. It is also nice to see the dedication of the students and teachers who are out there in the water practicing on the big canoe. Speaking of canoes, we should all be proud of our elders group who raised enough money to go on their third cruise. This time they went to Hawaii.

For the past four or five months, I have been busy with the business Sue and I have. At the beginning of the year I bid on a number of homes to renovate, some were in Skowkale, Yeakweakwioose, Sumas and Shxw'ow'hamel First Nations. As a result, for the past few months, I have been very busy, and I have to apologize to the Band membership for not being around as much as I use to be. If anyone ever needs to talk to me or see me for anything, you can call me on my cell phone. If I can't answer right away, leave a message and I'll call you back as soon as possible.

Thanks for taking the time to read my report.

Jim Harris

Councillor Richard Louie

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to see the efforts and "dreams" of our ancestors and that leadership beginning to take place. It is rare that we see Federal and Provincial leaders willing to work along with the First Nations.

At the National Assembly, our First Nations veterans were honoured and recognized as well as Chinese veterans.

I have been involved in sweats with Mervin Felix on Strawberry Island and at Clem and Marilyn Seymour's place. We were privileged to have nineteen Buddhist monks attend as well as fourteen family and child care workers. A number of First Nations people from Saskatchewan and Manitoba have also attended.

One of the first functions I attended as a councillor was the Fun Run/Walk that involved Seabird School, Band staff, and community members from Seabird as well as neighbouring reserves. The youngest was pushed in a stroller and the oldest was 81.

There was a youth conference, "Watching the Young Eagles Soar", involving the Army, Corrections Canada and the R.C.M.P. They provided information on available careers in their specific unit.

The soccer try-outs for the Indigenous Games held in Denver, Colorado were held here and it was an opportunity to see a lot of our up and coming and talented athletes in action. I got to meet a number of coaches and chaperones. It took a lot

of organization, planning, and dedication by the cooks and helpers as their days started a lot earlier than usual and ended with cleaning up after the day was over. Thank you all for your dedication and patience!

Gravel extraction meetings are on-going. Federal, Provincial, Municipal and First Nations elections play an important role in how the talks go. Environmental concerns affect us all, health as well as safety for ourselves, our neighbours and future generations.

Forestry talks are ongoing. With changes due to the elections, communication needs to be improved, protocols need to be developed and the necessary information passed on.

With the advances made in the last few years, it is important that everyone continues their education. Hopefully, if it is not available now, we will have more opportunities for Band and community members to pursue their chosen career, i.e. computers, teaching, trades, politics, etc. Education will be the key to our future.

We have been in the early stages of self-government for a number of years and everyone is progressing well. There are still limitless opportunities available, so the best to all your endeavours.

Richard Louie

Councillor Lisa Peters

Hello Community!

I am not going to do a report on what I or we as council have accomplished this past year because we have made significant contributions that signal great change and you can see these changes with your own eyes. Some examples are the expansions to the Dental Office and Daycare, and our Elders successful trip to Hawaii.

I want to take advantage of this opportunity to focus on more important issues. Mistrust, Drugs, Alcohol, and Violence with OUR FAMILIES! I have always said and will keep saying that we are all family and we need to work together and once we

do, this will be Seabird's greatest accomplishment.

I myself hear the whispers of, "The Band Office/Council doesn't do anything", "so and so has family on Council or in the Band Office they will get away with anything", "The Band Office/Council doesn't care", "Council won't let anyone go to their meetings".

This hurts because I do care, we work hard to make the best decisions for the betterment of our community, we have prohibited family members from seabird for the safety of the rest of our community—heck one was my very own Auntie!

Furthermore, I stated in my last report that community members are more than welcome to come to our council meetings and that invitation is still open.

What are we going to do? How can we restore and strengthen our families? How can we regain trust? How do we stop the drugs, drinking and fighting amongst ourselves?

I beg and plead with all of you to take more of an interest in our community and its needs, dig deep inside yourselves and find some pride and respect for your heritage.

Please come to our council meetings, please get involved with the committees, please help yours, ours and my children succeed to achieve better things in life than drugs, drinking and fighting! We all grew up with some kind of hurt in our lives; let's stop the cycle and not use our past as an excuse to be less than what we really can be, or more importantly, what our children can be.

We need to start working together as an entire community, not just relying on "what Council is going to do about it," or "I'd say something but so and so in Council/Band Office will be mad." You voted us in; you can vote us out; we are here for you!

It's your right to be determined, recognized and respected! Please come to our meetings, request to see our minutes, know our policies and call us on them. Don't be afraid to use your voice!

- We are strong people.

- We should not be fighting each other when we have bigger battles to win.
- We need to stop putting our youth down and start encouraging them.
- We need to stop blaming our issues on certain families or using family alliances to circumvent policy.
- We need to demonstrate leadership abilities.
- We need to listen to what our Elders have to say.
- Together with collective efforts, we can focus on a new generation that will have the willingness and self determination to achieve better things in life not only for themselves but for the entire community.
- We need innovative thinkers to come forward and express themselves.
- We need **Community** involvement.

Let's start right now! Let's work together to make a change—a change for the better, because if we don't someone is going to get hurt or die due to drugs, alcohol, or violence. Are we going to wait until that happens then point fingers at each other and blame one another, or are we going to unite and work together for what we love—our families and each other? I do not mean to offend anyone, but I am only speaking from my heart.

I would like to say thank you for your support; it truly is an honor to represent our community!

With Seabird pride, love and respect,

Lisa Peters



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 Elections will be held in March 2007 (date to be announced)

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND

Strategic Plan 2005-2006 Update

VISION FOR 2020

Major themes of the vision include:

- Culture
- Planning and Managing Change
- Youth
- Education
- Land Use Planning & Management
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Political Stability, Governance & Accountability
- Self-Reliance & Independence
- Building an Economy

CULTURE

Over the last twenty years, our community has revived its everyday use of Halq'emeylem, including its use in the various meetings, gatherings and signage on buildings and roads. Staff and students learn our language in schools and offices. Our community buildings hang many pictures of our history, our Elders and our Chiefs. Seabird Island members freely express their pride in our culture, our spiritual practices, the long house and ceremonies that mark important events. Seabird Island members keep up their diverse spiritual practices and beliefs. Family gatherings are held throughout the village during the year and the oral traditions, family heritage and storytelling are maintained. A museum and cultural centre help in sharing the culture and in-season monthly salmon BBQ's are important gathering events.

PLANNING AND MANAGING CHANGE

The involvement of community members is the cornerstone to our comprehensive community planning. This approach has enabled the community to adapt to the changing needs of the population and the environment. Five-year plans have served well to provide the focus for community and organization in health & social planning, community economic development, education and physical development. A sustained emphasis on human resource development and education has resulted in community jobs being filled and high employment rates. Stewardship of the territory's natural resources have contributed to the healthiness and sustainability of these valued assets and the local economy.

LAND USE PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

The land and environment are protected through the First Nation's legislation on environment, water, air, forestry and land management. With borders diked on the Fraser River, annual land erosion has been reduced. Seabird has negotiated smartly with other organizations such as Duke Energy, Terasen and C.P.R. as partners in industrial sites to assist in reducing erosion. Technical efforts have helped to maintain the Maria Sloughs water level year-round, enabling the development of recreational and eco-tourism businesses. Through proper planning and zoning development, several light industrial businesses are operating while other land supports agricultural enterprises.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Seabird Island is comprised of healthy individuals and families who live in a safe and prosperous community that celebrates the balances of life. Our community has healthy babies and no children are born with FAS. There is support for children with learning disabilities. Along with a concentrated, long-term campaign of zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol and elimination of the dealers (and associated crime), the community has focused on the healing centre for youth and families. Members' self-esteem is high and they choose healthy lifestyles. Children are raised without fear or economic poverty and they have opportunities to achieve all they can. Soccer is played under the lights until 10 p.m. The recently held 43rd Elders' gathering celebrates the balance of cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical well-being. The Elders' complex is a centre for housing and services where retired teachers can sit in their chair telling

stories and listening to traditional music with their great grandkids.

POLITICAL STABILITY, GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Our traditional custom governance, constitution and election system that took several years to build have been a foundation of strength for political stability in our community. The Youth and Elders Councils are fully functioning and provide input to the Council table of community decisions. Also, boards and commissions are established to support our self-governance, including a tribal justice and court system. Over 25% of the members attend community meetings and have that feeling of mutual support and accountability necessary for working towards our community vision. The treaty work provides for clarity in governance responsibilities as well as economic opportunities.

SELF-RELIANCE & INDEPENDENCE

The families' financial well-being ensures that members own and maintain their homes. Housing payments in arrears is an issue that has long since passed. All households practice good financial management and personal financial planning. With a strong economy, our Nation has eliminated the poverty of 20 years ago and achieved higher incomes and standard of living. Several small businesses are profitable and provide employment for members. Our community has the technical capacity to perform the work that is required. Recently, we achieved a milestone where less than 25% of community government revenue comes from external government funding. Taxes, business revenues and secondary financing resources are the main sources now.

BUILDING AN ECONOMY

Tourism

Since 2002, we have built tourism as a major pillar of our economy that uses cultural knowledge to offer services and experiences to visitors. Guided by our cultural and heritage policies, Seabird economic activity centres on a cultural destination village and its many experiences. A cultural & heritage interpretation program engages the visitors in their desire to increase awareness. Eco-tours and wilderness experiences are available and singing and dancing are displayed in the theatre. The Café has become famous for bannock, salmon and lamb and brings

in tour buses daily. The Maria Slough is used year round as a recreation lake, while also contributing to strong fish stocks.

Construction

A reputable contractor with fully trained, certified and ticketed employees, the construction company has successfully undertaken many projects over the past 20 years. Its First Nations' staff is known for their quality work and efficient operations in constructing homes, a mini mall, office & storage space and numerous other projects both on and off reserve.

Training & Education

Seabird College and the Seabird training plan have contributed greatly to members having the skills and knowledge to fully participate in the developing economy. Where once our employment and income was created at home and in the upper Fraser Valley, Seabird members now take up opportunities in Vancouver, British Columbia and throughout the world. A major initiative several years ago was to modify the high school curriculum to include agriculture, tourism and small business training. The funding needed to support high quality education begins at the birth of the child when community and parents contribute to an individual savings plan.

Home-based Industry

Building on our history of small business operators, Seabird members and their families have built a wide range of enterprises. These range from appliance repair to arts & crafts, accounting & consulting support, hairdresser, fish farming and non-timber forest products. Our successes have received support from the small business training and strong networks that have developed over the years.

Land use and zoning

Seabird policies and decisions determine the uses of the land. Our diking systems stopped the erosion from the Fraser and with stability came productive agricultural use. The commercial zone has consolidated around the area only comprising the café and gas bar & store. Our homes and condominiums are financed through an Aboriginal financial institution and CMHC sponsored housing no longer is used.

Technology

Seabird members use laptop computers for school, business and home affairs. Every home is

connected through fiber optics and then on to the world. The internet is used extensively to market Seabird products. Our members hire out as computer specialists and repair technicians.

Agriculture

Operating as profitable ventures, Seabird families operate the nut farm and sheep farm. The sheep farm exports lamb around the world. Skins are sold to health stores and the wool is processed into weavings. The nut farm exports its harvest and value added products to the US with extra duties charged. CP landowners utilize land to provide vegetables to band enterprises. We manage the tree farms and a spawning grounds-based fish hatchery while also growing and marketing traditional plants such as nettles, elderberries and devil's club. Our organic gardens supply much of the needs of Seabird families.

Natural Resources

Seabird forest tenure extends over many square miles of sustainable harvest of wood and non-timber forest products. The reserve now occupies many more acres than in 2004. Stewardship of resources and habitat is a primary concern of Seabird management in its traditional territory. A processing plant adds value to our harvested resources of wool, lamb, vegetables, wood, nuts and fish. Seabird uses wind and geo-thermal to produce its needed energy.

Independence & Governance

Using the development corporation structure, business and politics are separate and the community is confident with its family representative leadership. All businesses have sound management and marketing plans. The relationships with First Nations are strong and there are stakeholder representatives that are liaisons between organizations and First Nations' governments. Seabird benefits from revenue sharing of the resources in the traditional territory.

Full & Suitable Employment

Seabird enjoys full employment that has resulted from major efforts to enhance skill levels in the many types of jobs. From careful planning, the labour pool meets local needs. As a result, household income has increased to high levels that support the family. Profitable businesses, many of which are individually or family-owned are established on-reserve and these provide many employment opportunities. Joint ventures involving the natural resources have proved beneficial to the community. Other businesses

provide commercial services, eco-tourism opportunities and harvesting from effective use of the land. The community circulates its revenues several times and benefits from little leakage by purchasing Seabird produced goods and services.

Equity Investment in Outside Business

Seabird owns many off-reserve, successful businesses. Additional land has been purchased for business and residential development for sales revenue. Seabird invests in profitable off-reserve ventures. Partnerships and joint ventures are important to Seabird's business development strategy.

EDUCATION

With a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of all ages at Seabird, no student is left out and his or her learning needs are met. All organization efforts stay focused on learners' needs. Early childhood education programs for HeadStart, day care and preschool contribute to our children having high self-esteem and achieving the success of their own goals and a high graduation and completion rate. At the same time, satellite technology contributes to programs in adult education and post-secondary studies for lifelong learning of all community members. Seabird Island college-university is growing in its activities and now enjoys the programs of an elder college.

The Seabird Island School provides specialized services in speech and language development and works collaboratively with other service providers for strong prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome within the community.

The teaching of Sto:lo history and Halq'emeylem is in all schools and involves Seabird Island members as teachers. A fine arts cooperative, museum and cultural theatre increase the experiences and understandings for all persons and serve to eliminate racism. All minorities are visible as staff members and more high school students graduate in the public schools.

One hundred per cent of all students in early childhood education programs are speaking our language and other immersion programs contribute to students talking Halq'emeylem in the hallways. Seabird is well-staffed with Halq'emeylem teachers (with Bachelors of Education), certified language teachers and a full-time cultural worker. Halq'emeylem is spoken at all community cultural functions and heard on TV and radio in collaboration with other Sto:lo

communities. Today, Seabird has approximately 200 fluent speakers and 150 community members are attending language classes regularly.

Cultural and language resources and curriculum have been developed over the years and they have recorded origin stories and elders' stories. Cultural buildings are the centre of many activities: a long house, cultural and canoe shed. Traditional song and dance groups perform at gatherings.

Communication is all encompassing, effectively connecting departments, the home and school, within the offices and community. Feedback is given and people feel respected and trusted. Policies and standard options are well defined and the youth are heard through the holding of community forums. Quarterly education update meetings attract many community members. Acknowledgement is given in all ways. Community members have a shared vision that includes education.

All parents feel education is important. Respect is held in all directions. Parents are active in the Parent Advisory Committee and volunteer into the many school activities. Children feel that their parents are actively supporting their learning. September parent conferences are mandatory for attendance and parents highly participate in parent - teacher night. As a result of the good relationships being established, they have an immediate dialogue if a concern arises. 90% of parents attend community school functions.

Departments, school organizations and Sto:lo Nation share, partner, swap program and funding resources for the learning programs of Seabird. The public and Seabird schools work closer together than 10 years ago. As an example, the public school bus drops off kids at Seabird and SIB bus does its round to include public school kids drop off. Elders and youth are involved in integrated team meetings that also include the

Education Committee, school staff, department managers and families. Strong liaison exists among Seabird departments with establish key contact persons and systems in place. A community continuing education centre symbolizes the connection between service providers. The functioning political structure works well and reinforces the strong working relationships that have grown over the last 10 years.

The 8-year-old high school building of 10 rooms is being well-utilized with its many shops, labs and gymnasium. Its youth recreation facility is expanding along with the growth in various school sports teams. Career fairs and youth entrepreneurship programs have been shown to be very effective over the last few years. Adult learning programs are integrated into the facility activity and offer more courses.

Seabird graduates have many occupations, including lawyers, doctors, nurses, foresters, and business operators. The graduates are well-known for their character of independence, making choices, self-motivation, sharing and good role models as citizen and family member. Fifty percent of the Band's professional staff are community members and several grads of 2000 are now teaching at SI community school. All graduates have a positive attitude and feel that they are contributing to the community.

School funding is equal to the provincial public system. Government funding for education recognizes the needs and is sufficient to address them. Treaty funding and a strong economic base annually contributes to the schools and its needed equipment. Seabird's Education Department controls education funding.

Human resources development planning has contributed to capacity building and professional development. Over the years, the annual inventory of community members' training needs has tracked these changes.

SEABIRD ACHIEVEMENTS & PROGRESS TOWARDS THE STRATEGIC GOALS

CULTURE

1. Increased use of Halq'emeylem.

2005 Results

Classes for all programs: parent/Tot, 3's and 4's program; Kindergarten - grade 12, 6 staff members passed their written/verbal tests, 2 people opening meeting with prayer in Halq'emeylem.

2. Maintain and promote a high level of involvement in the community - gathering, sharing and processing, teaching and practicing with traditional foods, mentoring, encouraging the development and sharing of gifts, passing on the teachings, family gatherings & naming ceremonies.

2005 Results

Hunting for Elders and youth, fishing for Elders, Elders' trip to Okanagan for fruit, traditional give-aways at ceremonies, good community participation/support in fundraising activities, funerals, 3 staff attending language class, Halq'emeylem language/voice mail, opening of meetings, own drum group.

3. Recognize the achievements and contributions of individuals and families.

2005 Results

Ceremonies: forestry, naming, Emil Spitkoski farewell, graduation/awards, 4 posts-innovative housing, Chief & Council swearing in and leaving, Veteran's honouring on Remembrance Day, SD #78 pole raising, Agriculture Canada post raising, school burning/brushing, Band office brushing, openings.

PLANNING AND MANAGING CHANGE

1. Establish community & staff involvement in the planning process, including on-going participation in committees that provide input and feedback.
2. Increase in communication and reporting to community members and families

EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY, TRADES

1. Establish trades training into the Seabird community and school system.

2005 Results

16 level 1 graduates (June 2004), 12 level 2 graduates (June 2005), also participating in work experience.

ALL LEARNING NEEDS, ALL AGES

1. All students are reading at the appropriate level.
2. Increase standard test scores in reading, writing and math of intermediate and high school students.

3. Increase student success in provincial level examinations.

2005 Results

All 2005 grade 12 graduates passed English provincial exams with a 70% or higher.

4. Increase success rate of adult students in math and English

2005 Results

Steady increase in K-TEA test scores in reading and math grades 1 through 7.

5. Increase in post-secondary success rate in completing the trades, certificates, diplomas and undergraduate and graduate degrees programs for successful employment.

2005 Results

See Post-Secondary, Trades (above).

MULTI-CULTURAL, RACISM & INTEGRATION

1. Cultural centre is constructed.
2. Increase the number of Seabird Island members as resource persons in a wide range of roles in School District 78.

2005 Results

Aboriginal Education Coordinator looking to identify Seabird Band members to place on First Nations support worker sub list (to gain skills to compete in future positions in district).

3. Increase exchanges with neighbouring schools for greater multi-cultural understanding.
4. Create and implement a First Nation-based curriculum to increase understanding amongst all peoples

2005 Results

Currently working on social studies, ECE program First Nations content integrated into curriculum, Halq'emeyem IRP.

COMMUNICATION / PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Parents actively participate in education of the children, in school, at home and in the community.

INTEGRATION OF SERVICES

1. Identify and implement the resource and organization linkages necessary to support the learner to their potential
2. Achieve the community standards for organization integration and delivery of services that have an impact on the learner (e.g. health immunization).

2005 Results

Working on school staff handbook, policies and procedures.

SCHOOL EXPANSION

1. Provide all necessary infrastructure (educational & cultural facilities) of optimum size to accommodate student growth over the next 5 years - waiting to begin construction.

LIFE-LONG LEARNER

1. Development and involvement of the personal growth plan that values healthy lifestyle, culture, good citizen, employability, language, respect, honesty and leadership.

RESOURCES

1. Broadened resource base funding for school programs such that local revenue sources provide for community & school program services that are self-sustaining.
2. Increased and expanded partnerships with colleges, universities, other communities, businesses and agencies (linkages outside of school).
3. Increased administration and support personnel (technicians, counselor) and teachers or elective courses.

4. Adequate printed/non-printed materials & equipment.

LAND USE PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

1. Development of Environmental Protection and Maintenance Policies and Plan.

2005 Results

New leases on agriculture lands, recycling increased.

2. Selection of land management governance structure and authority.

2005 Results

BCR passed and submitted to land management, received confirmation in process (funding commitment \$79k received), sub-committee in place, advertised for coordinator/staff, established modular home site within new subdivision.

3. Seabird manages its land.

2005 Results

Reduce erosion by gravel extraction, sales of gravel generated revenue and surplus gravel available for use/sale, secured 911 funding, proposal for FCL approved,

4. Additions to Seabird's land base.

2005 Results

Forest Range agreement annual revenue.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

1. Seabird and families take responsibility for health and safety of children and community members.

2005 Results

Decision to establish own child & family services (BCR sent to WAC), Europe Kids, PE - integration of services at school, out of school care license needed to be increased to 40, added programs supported childcare, Trinity research project, new employment services, 2 days/week doctor, nurses' clinic p.m. every day, reputation is such that we have been approached to be "Centre of Excellence" for health, MADD presentation.

2. Elders' have assisted living facilities and services
3. Sports & recreation has high participation by all ages.

2005 Results

Provincial soccer camps in Seabird: 12 talented, Seabird children selected for team representing BC in 2006 NAIG, increase children's participation in ice hockey.

4. Promote exercise and proper nutrition leading to a decrease in diabetes and overweight members.

2005 Results

Improved—made full breakfast program at SICS.

POLITICAL STABILITY, GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Updating the governance model.

2005 Results

Chief & Council Committee established, those that can make it, Youth Council Terms of Reference – task given to youth, Elders Council Terms of Reference – draft given to Elders (no response to date).

2. Development of a constitution and by-laws.
3. Establishment of an Education Authority with respect to Seabird Island Community School, policy, legislation

SELF-RELIANCE & INDEPENDENCE

1. Develop a comprehensive plan and policies for home ownership and land, and individuals and families take ownership of their own housing issues and needs.

2005 Results

Annual workshops groups and individual information meetings on what is required, ongoing 1 to 1 meeting with individuals interested in pursuing homeownership, 2 individual homes in 2005, C&C commitment to Trust agreement, changes/amendments to operating agreement with CMHC to increase subsidy/adjustment to meet interest rate changes upon renewal, conveyed ownership of 1 H.A. unit to members-member renovated & upgraded home.

2. Decrease in Band reliance on government funding and double the Band's own source net revenue to \$2 million by 2008.

2005 Results

Closure of sheep farm and leasing out the land.

BUILDING AN ECONOMY

REDEVELOP & RESTRUCTURE EXISTING BUSINESSES

1. Profitable, separate entities supported by the development corporation and with individual managers, community support and improved facilities.

2005 Results

Sheep farm closure, commercial centre feasibility.

REDUCE THE LEAKAGE

1. Reduction in leakage as seen by an increase in Seabird members employed, improved facilities for goods & services, increased number of members buying services & products.

2005 Results

Researching leakage through LMI, need for Gas Bar expansion to offer more products, cross network buying

VALUE-ADDED

1. Added-value products from wool processing, nut processing, sawmilling, gravel and food.

2005 Results

Marketing workshop at school, hazelnuts – working with locals on product development, sawmilling and gravel – research being done.

ARTISTS

1. Artists established and well known; First Nation fine arts school begins operations.

SUPPORT SERVICES TO BUSINESS

1. Small, stand-alone businesses provide support services: marketing/publishing, booking, services for roofing and housing, computers.

TOURISM & HOME-BASED INDUSTRY

1. Aboriginal tourist destination in Seabird

2005 Results

Land-use planning – land codes, lands management, Circle farm tours.

PRIORITIES, STRATEGIES & RESULTS EXPECTED IN 2006

High School

Construction and Programming, Marketing, Growth and staffing, emergency preparedness.

Draft Strategy

Plan for wider selection of course delivery

- Added electives
- Added trades
- Added senior core courses
- Added teaching staff to provide for additional courses, e.g. trades masters, science masters
- Increase communication with partnership schools for trades electives/work experience
- Continue course development with First Nations focus in senior academic courses
- Increase Band membership in Seabird school

Market of high school and main school

- Increase communication with families (newsletters, info sessions)
- Advertise accomplishments in brochures, etc. and deliver to surrounding Bands and school districts
- Promote teacher qualifications and additional support staff
- Promote info sessions and tours of existing school
- Engage youth in marketing strategy e.g.: phone messages, Halq'eméylem prayers, tours, design of brochure
- Design of high school logo
- Design and sale of clothing

Results Expected in 2006

- High school enrollment increased by 30%
- Main school enrolment increased by 10-20 students

Responsibility Areas

Management – Principal and teachers
Staff of school and Band – engaged in marketing

Youth

Draft Strategy

- More recognition of youth volunteers
- Youth council formed/youth leadership identified
- Youth peer counseling to help youth make healthy choices
- Education youth on life skills, career awareness, drug awareness
- Youth attend and help plan ceremonies and Band events
- All departments engage youth

Results Expected in 2006

- Youth attend local & regional youth meeting, Band Council meetings, Summit, Strategic planning sessions
- Decrease in youth using drugs and alcohol
- Increase in youth self-esteem, less vandalism, more youth involved in healthy activities
- Honoring ceremony for Youth Council members
- Youth attend and help plan ceremonies and Band events

Responsibility Areas

C&C – encourage participation at meetings

Youth working – youth council & peer counselors

Staff/C&C – recognize volunteers and engage youth

Youth – to be involved and communicate

Chief – lobby externally for funding

Daycare construction

Programming, marketing, growth, staff.

Draft Strategy

- Design and construction
- Programming and staffing/advertising
- Provide services for Band members, employees and students
- Re-establish daycare Committee

Results Expected in 2006

- Break ground (March 2006)
- Daycare Committee operational

Responsibility Areas

Management – Public Works Manager and construction crew

Programming – Health and ECE managers and Daycare Supervisor

Economic Development Strategy

Draft Strategy

- Develop community support: quarterly meetings, information sessions for input, community involvement
- Business options examined through viability/feasibility study
- Prepare zoning maps: by-laws: agriculture, industrial/commercial/housing/band land/green space, environment (HC, species at risk, CEAA)
- Financial analysis conducted
- Possible partnerships/joint ventures
- Ownership issues resolved: development corporation models, individual/family-owned options

Results Expected in 2006

- Completed and approved community economic development strategy
- Business plans

Responsibility Areas

C&C – all involved

Portfolio – Leads

Management – Leads

Child & Family Services

Draft Strategy

- Seabird has new agency for prevention and child protection to meet children's, families and community's needs for a safe and healthy lifestyle
- Community Care Committee establish community standards
- Social development social workers hired to help transition to new agency
- Communication and information sharing with community members

Results Expected in 2006

- Decrease in family violence, drugs and alcohol (longer term)

- Community standards set/written
- New agency is established and transition in place, in conjunction with Sto:lo Tribal Council
- Social worker hired
- More Care Committee members
- Children stay in community

Responsibility Areas

C&C – Negotiate with Provincial and Federal governments, provide resources for social worker

Management – Negotiate with governments

Family – provide input (standards) to model

Care Committee & Council – recruit new care committee members

Justice Strategy

Draft Strategy

- Community offender rehabilitation
- Community policing
- Jurisdiction & authority
- Security
- By-laws and enforcement
- Educating community
- Community standards, community values
- Volunteers – patrol, block watch
- Responsibility – roles defined, expectations, i.e. within family, school, administration
- Circle/courts
- Tripartite agreement
- Relationship with RCMP, Canada/Provincial justice
- Prevention

Results Expected in 2006

- Strategy development
- Terms of reference for Justice Committee
- Review by-law

Responsibility Areas

C&C – support

Management – All, School

Facilities Management – protection of assets

Draft Strategy

- Security system/camera/lights
- Security crew/RCMP
- Community Block Watch
- Increased Security personnel – certain times
- Crime prevention through environmental design

Results Expected in 2006

- Minimum vandalism and theft
- Block watch operational

Responsibility Areas

C&C – All

Portfolio – All

Management – Public Works, Housing, Economic Development and Band managers

External Agency – RCMP

Family – Community, Community Services Supervisor

Employment Centre

Draft Strategy

- Sustainable, career-orientated jobs
- Long-term funding, multi-year
- Interest, aptitude test, skills assessment, counseling
- Career planning
- Provide access to training

Results Expected in 2006

- Secured multi-year funding

Responsibility Areas

Portfolio – Councillors Richard Louie & Clem Seymour

Management – Education Coordinator, School Principal, EPT Supervisor, Health Manager

Health Centre Plan in Region

Draft Strategy

- Working relationships with outside agencies
- Is this what we want to do?
- Proposals, seeking funding
- Lobbying

- Community awareness
- Facility/infrastructure
- Staffing

Results Expected in 2006

- Community awareness
- Decision made; if yes implementation of services will start

Responsibility Areas

C&C – all

Portfolio – members

Management – Health Manager

Family – preparation and awareness

Trades Training Centre

Draft Strategy

- In conjunction with school
- Bring stakeholders together
- Develop partnership
- Interim facilities

Results Expected in 2006

- Qualified, recognized program in place
- Training close to home; ultimate goal – self-independence

Responsibility Areas

Portfolio – Responsible

Management – Responsible

Land Code Negotiations

Draft Strategy

- Communications strategy: quarterly meeting, newsletter, open forum, municipal sharing of information
- Land-use plan
- Preliminary lands advisory meetings: budget, basic framework, signed framework agreement
- Hire a coordinator and assistant
- Set community meeting
- Compile list of community advisory committee
- 43 steps

Results Expected in 2006

- Hire a coordinator and assistant
- Interim selection committee – management, portfolio and community

Responsibility Areas

C&C – leads
Portfolio – leads
Management – leads

Flood Control Construction

Draft Strategy

- Links to Emergency Preparedness Plan, environmental protection
- Defining the flood level (1-200)
- What happens if the FCL is higher?

Results Expected in 2006

- Feasibility completed in 2006
- FCL confirmed and approved

Responsibility Areas

C&C – all
Portfolio – Councillors Jim Harris, Lisa Peters, Marcie Peters
Management – Public Works Manager
External Agency – INAC, Lands, water, NHC, HC
Family – all new construction; aware of FCL and future building

911 Address System, Fire

Department

Draft Strategy

- Proper address for all assets
- Roads properly named and defined
- Update at community quarterly meetings

Results Expected in 2006

- Draft proposal approved
- Signage in place by end of 2006

Responsibility Areas

C&C – approval
Portfolio – Jim, Lisa, Marci
Management – Chuck, Dwayne, Brian, Wendy
External Agency – Fraser Regional District; Post Office; INAC
Family – Prepare for change

Forest & Land Agreement

Draft Strategy

- Areas of interest finalized: negotiate with InterFor; MOF signs off
- Harvesting contract template (107,000m³) tenure stand along, financial start-up
- Provincial government policy reviewed for opportunities
- Financial use: – Economic Development Business Ventures, equity investment, Development Corporation start-up funds, cultural centre/gallery/ museum

Results Expected in 2006

- Areas of interest finalized: negotiate with InterFor; MOF signs off
- Harvesting contract template (107,000m³) tenure stand along, financial start-up
- \$1.2 million invested

Responsibility Areas

Management – management team & Ec. Dev. Mgr.

Comprehensive Housing Plan

Draft Strategy

- More than social housing (bylaws; maintenance of house, noise, yards)
- New policy additions to support housing purpose and goals, what is purpose? priority?; band member vs. community
- Accountable for rent payments
- Ownership
- Allotment of extra dollars; where does the debt reduction go?
- Taxation? For infrastructure?
- Housing committee – engage members
- Financial management policy and practices in place

Results Expected in 2006

- Policy revisions
- Community awareness of changes
- By-laws reviewed by INAC
- Define the purpose? priority?
- Education

Responsibility Areas

Portfolio – involved
Management – Housing Manager



A Message from Stó:lō Tribal Council

The Stó:lō Tribal Council is providing Education and Social development programs and services to the following communities: Shxw'ow'hamel, Soowahlie, Kwaw'Kwaw'Apilt and Scowlitz (social development). The Stó:lō Tribal Council has not received treaty funding for this year, as we need to come to an understanding with Stó:lō Nation Society and they refuse to do so. Negotiations must occur with Stó:lō Nation Society to divide the debt that has accumulated since Stó:lō entered the treaty process in 1995. We must continue negotiations on Family and Children programs. Those STC communities that do not look after their own health programs have entered into an agreement for Seabird to deliver health services on their behalf. We will continue to work with and develop positive relations with business to create partnerships and business opportunities for members. We will continue to rent office space from Seabird. As we expand, we will also rent space such as what we are doing at our area office in Soowahlie.

The Stó:lō Tribal Council would like to thank Seabird Island Chief and Council for their commitment by providing office space for the organization. We thank all of the Bands for their dedication in trying to make things better in our communities. We must cooperate on governance for our communities. It is a way into the future so we are not dependent on government. We wish everyone the best in the year to come.

As there is much work to be done in all areas we would like to prioritize organization around child welfare. We can make a significant difference in the development of a program of which we would all be proud. We all need to act now to make that change. Come together during our proactive demonstrations and the changes will take place.

The Tribal Chiefs

Tribal Chief for Aboriginal Rights and Title
Grand Chief Clarence Pennier

Tribal Chief for Child & Family Wellness
Tyrone McNeil
(also Education and Language)

Tribal Chief for Intergovernmental Relations
Grand Chief Doug Kelly

Tribal Chief for Elders
Grand Chief Ron John

Tribal Chief for Culture
Chief Betty Henry

Tribal Chief for Health
Chief Wayne Bobb, Sr.

Tribal Chief for Youth
Councillor Tim Peters, Jr.

Staff

Ernie Crey – Policy Analyst and Fisheries

Andy Phillips – Policy Advisor

Lori Kelly – Treaty Coordinator

Karen McNeil – Finance

Norma George – Education and Social Development

Kristi McNeil – Assistant for Education and Social Development

Vision Statement: The Stó:lō Tribal Council is mandated to

- Practice strong cultural values and rights,
- Create a positive shared vision
- Work together with Letsemot, and
- To improve our family and community well-being.

Daryl (Chuck) McNeil

Message from the Band Manager

Éy Swayel

It is my great pleasure to report to you on the developments and progress for the 2005/06 fiscal year as we move closer to our Vision for 2020. This year's theme is Healthy Choices, Health Community.

We see more and more of our people making healthy choices as they move towards healthier life styles. This has been demonstrated through their participation in walking, losing weight, exercising, eating healthier; completing school (saying 'yes' to a healthier life style), helping children succeed, sports, volunteering, taking time for themselves, going onto higher education, obtaining a driver's licence, and the list goes on. "Way to Go People!"

I look forward to the completion of our current initiatives—Seabird's Education Jurisdiction, Land Code and the start of the construction of our high school and trades centre—along with the continuance and expansion of existing and new programs and services, and many other developments that will move us forward.

I would like to thank the following for their involvement; Chief and Council for their guidance and direction, the management and staff for their dedication and support, and to those who went out of their way to make it happen.

Éy Swayel mekw'wat

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 (started August 2006)
Don Davis (left February 2006)
Carolyn Neufeld
Wendy Phair
Dwayne McNeil



Band Registry and Membership Program

Submitted by Carol Hope, Indian Registry Administrator

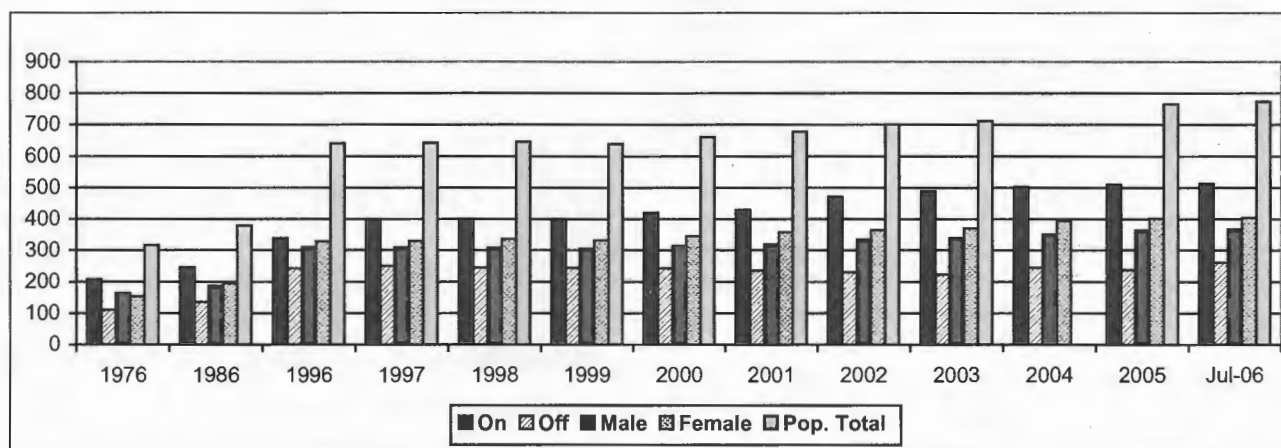
As of January 2005, Carol Hope assumed the responsibility for Membership and the administration of the Seabird Island Band Registry Program. Carol is here to assist members with registering births, deaths, marriages, divorces.

The population of Seabird Island Community is approximately 643, which includes Band and non-Band members.

The Seabird Island Band Profile

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Male	364	369
Female	402	405
On Own Reserve	510	513
On other Reserve		20
Off Reserve	237	241
Total Population	766	774

Population Growth



The following Statistics are from September 2005 to July 2006. 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.

Age Distribution Comparison

<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
0 - 3		37	44
4 - 8	Nursery to Gr 3	65	70
9 - 12	Gr 4 to Gr 7	68	62
13 - 17	Gr 8 to Gr 12	87	90
18 - 25		111	110
25 - 65		358	355
66 up		29	27

Band Registry Program

	<u>Seabird Band</u>		<u>Other Bands</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Miscellaneous Amendments	1	6	0	1
Births	17	16	5	20
Deaths	6	1	0	1

Our Oldest Elder was born in 1915
Our Youngest was registered in Sept 2006



Lisa Douglas, CAFM Manager

Finance Department

2005-2006 Financial Highlights

Seabird Island Band enjoyed much financial success in the 2006 fiscal year. With new programs coming on board, we continue to grow in personnel and services.



We are well positioned with very little non-housing debt that requires servicing from our operating budget. Non-housing debt totaled only \$202,083 at March 31, 2005. The result of having a small debt load to service allows more funds to flow to programs and services for the Band.

The total value of all housing mortgage loans at March 31, 2005 was \$3,876,511.

The Band's overall financial position continues to be strong with Cash, Short Term Investments and Accounts Receivable totaling nearly \$6 million. The Social Housing Replacement Reserve is fully funded with term deposits totaling nearly \$636,666.00. In addition, over \$244,378.00 is held in Seabird's Federal Government Trust



Accounts

Total revenues for the year were nearly \$20.9 million. Expenditures for the year were \$21.1 million.

Our Band enterprises continue to enjoy only mixed success. The Gas Bar, Hazelnut farm and Gravel Project were all profitable and continue to show improved results. These positive indications are mostly offset by losses in the Café, Wool Project, and Forestry. The Sheep Farm was discontinued and sold this year.

Finance Department Operations

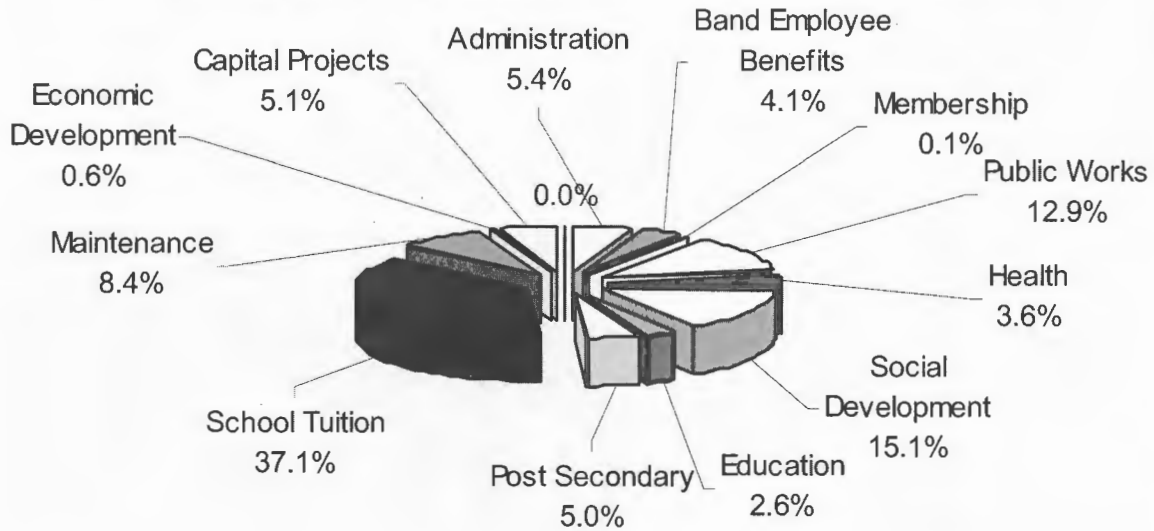


During the year, several staffing changes occurred. Long time Finance Manager Don Davis moved on to new endeavors. Lori Falys has been with us since May, as part time acting Finance Manager. Fallon McNeil and El-lea Sam have now returned from maternity leave. Diane Angus is now part-time here while she continues with her studies. The Finance staff have all taken on extra duties with all of the staffing changes. I joined the team as Finance Manager in August.

We continue to assist the community with our annual income tax preparation clinics. Many thanks go to Ava Heathcote, Kathy Gombots, Diane Angus, and Fallon McNeil for their excellent work in preparing well over 300 tax returns and performing other financial troubleshooting for staff and community. This is the first year that we did e-file.

The Finance Department thanks all the staff and community members for their support and understanding. We do our best to serve everyone in a fair and equitable manner, and we are always ready to assist when needed.

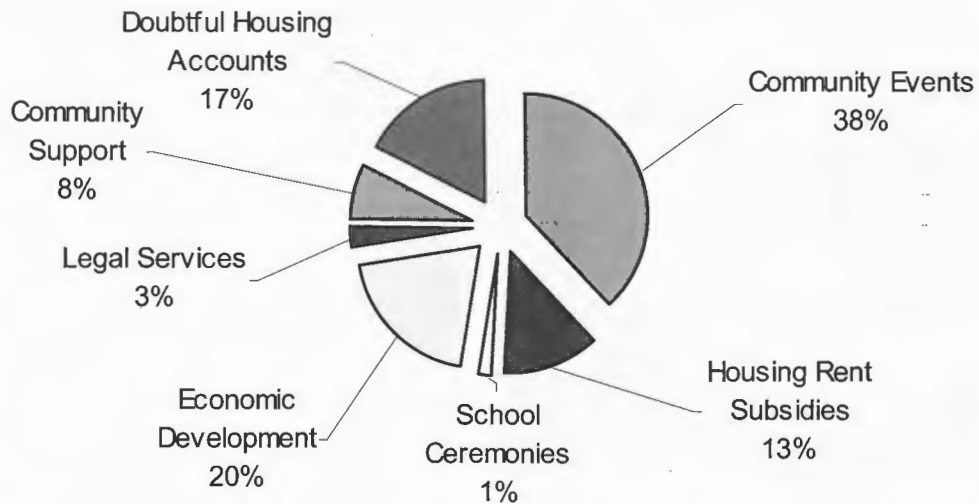
SEABIRD ISLAND 2005-2006 DIAND REVENUE



Total 2005-2006 DIAND REVENUE = \$6,380,63

SEABIRD BAND REVENUE FUND 2005-2006 EXPENDITURES

TOTAL = \$362,215



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

**Health & Social Development
Department**

2005 was a year of tremendous growth for our department. Our department completed a 5-year Evaluation with Health Canada, re-signed another 5-year transfer agreement with Health Canada, and added 4 new Bands to our transfer. Our Health Transfer agreement now includes Seabird Island, Chawathil, Shxw'ow'hamel, Scowlitz, and Kwaw'Kwaw'Apilt First Nations. We also provide Health services to Cheam Band and Skwah Band through memorandums of understanding. Altogether, a total population of about 2000 people on reserve receive Health Services. With the addition of other Bands into our agreement, this also meant that we needed to add more staff. At present, the Health & Social Development Department has approximately 78 full- and part-time staff.

Highlights of the year include:

- Renovation and move to new Health Facility in Cheam.
- Addition of Headstart programs for Cheam and Skwah Band.
- Addition of new delivery truck for Seabird.
- Purchase of 3 new vehicles to help with transportation issues.
- Opening of 2 more dental chairs for a total now of 4 chairs.



- Increase in supportive childcare to include on and off reserve, Native and non-Native families.
- Increase in out-of-school program to 40 spots from 20.

- Addition of 4 new Bands into our transfer agreement.
- Move into new Employment Center.
- Addition to Daycare started to add 12 more infant spots.



- Addition of New Maternal Child Health program.
- Funding secured to start second ECE program in September 2006.
- Funding secured to run 2 carpentry training programs in 2006.
- New optometrist office added, including regular optometry services. New equipment was purchased for this.



Of course, this short list does not include the many programs and services that our staff ARE providing for communities. It is through a dedicated staff and communities that are so supportive, that we move forward to find new and innovative ways to support each person on their journey to better health.

I thank you all for your participation in this report, please feel free to call with Your ideas or suggestions for how we can deliver services that meet the community needs.

Sincerely,

Carolyne Neufeld

Community Health Report

Submitted by Linda Forseth and Tammy Bobb

During the year, we experienced a lot of change in our roles and staff involved with Seabird Island. We have embraced 4 new communities—Scowlitz, Shxw'owhamel, Chawathil and Kwaw kwaw apilt. We look forward to developing new relationships with the new communities as well as providing a high quality of care. Our nurses continue to strive to maintain a high degree of dedication for the communities of Skwah and Cheam, which are already serviced under Seabird Island.

The Community Health nurses, Linda Forseth and Tammy Bobb, visit all the communities,

keeping all children's vaccinations up to date. They continue to focus on our mandate of communicable

disease (infectious diseases, immunizations, health promotion, STD follow up, and teaching). Immunizations continue to be a large part of the job!

We are blessed with three wonderful nurses (Leslie Leger, Jean Schmidt and Kathy Paradis) working in Home & Community Care. They spend their time working in Seabird Island as well as being the "community delegated nurses" in our newly affiliated communities. As well as our three nurses, and 3 CHR's—Maggie Pettis (Seabird Island), Sue Harris (Cheam), and Denise Francis (Skwah and Kwaw kwaw apilt), there are two new CHR's—Shirley Louie and Audrey Sam.

Linda and Maggie carried out Well Baby clinics every other Monday. The basic immunization

schedule for children requires 3 vaccinations at every visit. Parents have been awesome at keeping up with their children's vaccination schedule. Preschool vaccinations will be completed at the end of August. Children entering kindergarten receive one needle and a backpack full of goodies. Our September immunization clinic will be held at Seabird School and will be conducted with the grade 6 and grade 9 students, (Hepatitis A and B clinics, meningitis and varicella). Flu clinics begin in mid to late October. Stay tuned to our monthly newsletters for more information.

Pre and Postnatal continue to have a great turnout with approximately 30-40 moms from Seabird,



Cheam, Skwah, Scowlitz and Shxw'owhamel attending each month. Our focus has been health promotion for the family. Our guest speakers (mental health, recreation, nutrition, dental team, alcohol and drug worker, etc) have tied in wonderfully to this theme. The social aspect to the program has encouraged families to attend.



The wonderful lunch and prizes prove to be a great bonus for our young families. The real reason of success of course lies with the families but as well with the support of the staff (CHR's - Sue, Denise and Shirley, child care workers, Cathy Hope, Walter May, Noy Khounviseth, our nutritionist, and Celeste Bobb and John Bobb from our Health Department, who create a warm environment that proves welcoming to all. We look forward to



creating a new program for the Skwah community in the fall as our class continues to increase in size!



Since last May, we have had 16 new babies born on Seabird! Our job has been to provide support to these families with early maternity discharge visits as well as ongoing follow up.

With this program, we provide baby gift packs as well as an added incentive to help our families in the purchase of needed items after baby is born. This service is now being provided to all the communities we service.

We cannot forget to include an area that is much appreciated and utilized by the Seabird community, biweekly doctor clinics. Doctor Pocock comes out 2 days a week to compensate for the ever increasing demand for physician care. He currently comes Tuesdays from 2:30 pm-5:30 pm on a drop-in basis. Average number of clients ranges from 15-30 clients. He is also available on an appointment basis on Thursdays from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. During this time, approximately 10-15 people are seen. After working in Agassiz for over 13 years, Dr. Pocock will be leaving in early August. We appreciate his time and dedication to the people of Seabird. We look forward to new faces assisting with Doctor's clinic, Kathy and Leslie, as well as meeting our new doctor!

Our goal for the coming year is to maintain the health of the all members in the communities serviced (Seabird,



Cheam, Skwah, Kwaw kwaw apilt, Chawathil, Shx'wowhamel, Scowlitz), through the ongoing involvement of our health staff in the various programs, health teaching in the communities, immunization clinics, early maternity visits and participation at the community school. We hope to tie in monthly themes in health promotion in all communities.

We encourage you to check out our monthly newsletters to find out about all the new and upcoming events.

Seabird Island Home and Community Care

Submitted by Jean Schmidt, R.N.

It is the aim of our program to deliver care that is effective, accessible, comprehensive, equal, and culturally sensitive in response to the unique health and social needs of those living with persistent or acute illness at Seabird Island. In helping our clients to reach optimum health, well being and independence, we seek to assist their family and community while utilizing support services outside of the community as needed.

This year Jean Schmidt and Leslie Leger have been gifted with a wonderful group of ladies. The home support work—personal care and some home making—



has been given with careful consideration and love by Cathy Hope, Roxanne Joe and Bonnie Nickel. It is always a fine balance of helping our elders while trying not to take away their independence. We celebrate the delivery of a Meals-On-Wheels program two times per week to 29-32 clients and supportive services to 21-26 clients several times per week.

Jean and Leslie have had the privilege of being part of end-of-life care to several clients over this past year. They will be in our hearts as they are in yours forever. We also assisted Noy Khounviseth (nutritionist) with Diabetic Clinics and counseling several new diabetics. Both Jean and Leslie attended two arthritis workshops this year, and hope to use some of the information this autumn. Leslie accompanied the elders on the Hawaii Cruise—it was a memorable experience for all. A group of health staff is currently working on a multifaceted presentation about the anticipated Avian Influenza. Our focus will be sharing information about how to prepare yourself and your family to face the challenges that a pandemic (global outbreak) of this virus could bring.

Recently, we welcomed Kathy Paradis R.N. to our staff. Kathy works on Thursdays, where she helps out at the Doctor's Clinic and the afternoon

Nurse's Clinic. Kathy brings expertise as an emergency nurse and an Auricular Therapist (Acupuncture using laser rather than needles).

The Home and Community Care Staff look forward to serving the community for the coming year with its challenges and rewards.

Community Water Systems Program

Submitted by John Bobb, Water Technician

This year I took the environmental operators certification program, and received my certificate for Small Water System Operator. This past year, I tested all the private wells water and did a weekly check of the community water system. Each morning I do a daily check of our pump house, which consists of checking the chlorine level, monitoring the pump hours and the chlorinator, and reporting any abnormalities to either the Maintenance Supervisor or Public Works Manager. Once a month, water samples are taken for Health Canada, which are checked and the results sent back to me.

I have the following certifications: Class 4 Driver's License, WHIMIS, Food Safe, Back Safety Workshop and Occupations First Aide Level 1.

Community Services Department

Submitted by Stacy McNeil, Community Services Supervisor

Sports Sponsorship

For 2005, our sponsorship program supported over 12 teams in 7 different tournaments/



leagues, and over 100 children in various other leagues. We also sponsored 11 youth for the upcoming 2006 North American Indigenous Games. Our Sports Sponsorship Guidelines Manual, which came out in 2004 for the first time, was revised in the fall of 2005. Pick up your copy today to find out whether your child is eligible to apply for full or partial sports sponsorship.

Justice

We continue to have monthly meetings with our Justice Committee, which includes representatives from the community, Chief and Council, RCMP, Qwi:Qwelstom, as well as our Community Services Supervisor.

Our Justice section has numerous resources available for interested community members, from videos (on welfare, child protection, family court matters, etc), and booklets (on legal aid, social assistance, battered women, what to do when you are charged with a crime, your rights as a senior, how to plan a will when you live on reserve, etc), to CD-Rom.

You can also call the LAWline toll free with questions at 604-408-2172 (press 7) or Legal Aid at 604-793-7243.

Our Vandalism Tip Line began in 2004. Concerned community members can call the tip line at **604-796-6825** and leave information on witnessed vandalism, and be eligible for a reward. *Anonymity is guaranteed.*

We hosted a community violence workshop, a youth violence workshop at the school, a community "Meth" workshop, and a staff "Meth" information session. 2005 also marked the year that Council took steps to ensure community safety by prohibiting several people from the community. For a list of persons prohibited from Seabird, please contact a member of Chief and Council, or the Community Services Supervisor.

In 2005, we hired a Community Watch Coordinator. Our coordinator was in charge of setting up our Seabird Island Community Patrol and Block Watch programs; including recruiting and training volunteers, developing manuals and forms, connecting with local RCMP, scheduling volunteers, and ensuring program materials were available to volunteers. The program has met with great success, and we are very happy to have it on Seabird. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Community Watch Coordinator **TODAY!**

Training

Your Community Services Supervisor is able to offer individualized training programs for health and fitness. After completing a Fitness Knowledge course, she went on to complete Weight Training Level 1 and Advanced Weight Training. She has also completed training to instruct Osteofit. Please contact her to set up your program or to receive advice on your path to fitness!

Out of School Care

In September 2005, we increased our license for the Out of School Care program to 40 seats from 20. This is very exciting as it



allows us to enjoy the company of many more children. Another change was that we moved our program from the Band office to Lalme' Iwesawtexw (Seabird Island Community School). We are now based in the Home Economic and grade 5/6 classroom. We are now able to access, uninterrupted, the school gym and playground on a daily basis. We enjoyed many field trips throughout the year, including the winter and spring breaks. For more information on our program, or to find out how to register your child, please contact our Community Services Supervisor.

Summer Program

The 2005 theme was 'Take it Outside'—and that we did! The children enjoyed 7 weeks of taking it outside,

with fun games and adventure. The adventure included field trips to Crash Crawlys, Harrison Children's Festival, 7



trips to the Ferny Coombe Pool, the Vancouver Aquarium, Dinotown, Mahon Wet Park, Science World, Santa's Funland, TransCanada Waterslides, Space Museum, Sto:lo Nation Children's Day,

Cinemazoo, Hicks Lake, the Fort, White Rock, Tsawwassen Waterslides, Lynn Valley Ecological Center, and Playland. In-house



fundraising like summer idol, carwashes, bake sales, sock hops, and bottle drives helped the kids pay for their trip to Playland.

Family Fun



Our

families again made two trips to Stanley Park in 2005. One was for the Haunted Train during Halloween, and the other was to Bright Nights for a train ride decked out in Christmas cheer. Both trips involved walking through wonderful displays of holiday decorations. Over 60 people enjoyed these trips, and we hope to continue them in 2006!

Evening Recreation

Floor Hockey remains the most popular evening program. During 2005, we ran the following drop in programs: Ladies' Floor Hockey, Men's Floor Hockey, Coed Floor Hockey, and Coed Soccer.

Elders Recreation

Many elders became dedicated participants, and we are very proud of their accomplishments! Elders also enjoyed a nutritious lunch every month after their workout. We will soon be offering Osteofit, a fitness class for those living with Osteoporosis.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center enjoyed another year in its new location. We purchased new equipment, a Pec Dec, bench press, treadmill, stair climber, just to name a few! Come check us out. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 8 am-8 pm, and Fridays 8 am-4 pm. We have many incentive programs, including our own version of Seabird's Biggest Loser!



5 o'clock walking club

Our fitness center also continued with many video fitness classes throughout 2005; 'Rez' Robics, Pilates, Step Class, Fit Kids, and more!

Aboriginal Sports/North American Indigenous Games

In July 2005, we hosted our second soccer ID camp with over 80 participants from all over Region 3. Following this, Seabird hosted 2 Provincial Camps in October—one for girls and the second for boys selected from the ID camps. We were very happy to report that 13 of Seabird's own youth were selected to represent Team BC in the



2006 North American Indigenous Games. Congratulations! Our youth will be competing in July 2006. We continue to host the training camps, and look forward to hosting ID camps in the summer of 2006 for the 2008 North American Indigenous games in Cowichan.

For more information, contact our Community Services Supervisor.

Integration of Services

Seabird Recreation and Lalme' lwesawtexw entered into a friendly sharing of services during the 2005/2006 school year, where the Community Services Supervisor taught Physical Education to children in grades kindergarten through grade 4. This allowed teachers extra time to prepare lessons for their classes.

Child and Family

Submitted Edie Karacsonyi

I was hired as the Child & Family Service/Mental Health Team Supervisor in July 2006. This was a new position that has been created to oversee all Mental Health Programs, the Seabird Island Child & Family Advocate position, and the Seabird Family Home. I have a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and a Specialization in Child Protection. Before working for Xyolhemeylh for the past two years as a Child Protection Investigator on the Intake Team, I worked for the Seabird Island Band. I look forward to working in my 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 hard trying to get their own Child & Family Service Agency. We look forward to any

developments in this in the next year. The Seabird Island Band still is providing Child & Family Advocacy in two different capacities. Margaret Pettis (Maggie) has been providing advocacy for those children and families involved in Child Protection matters. Matilda Charlie (Tillie) has been providing advocacy for Daycare subsidies, Elders pension applications, and the Drivers Education programs to name a few. Tillie will soon be spending more time helping

those affected by Residential Schools. As of July 2006, Tillie has been doing advocacy on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and working in Chawathil as an A & D counselor the three other days of the week.

Part of my job 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 counselors that we have contracted to work with our members; these counselors are Dr. Allyson Cushing, Mark Douglas & Melissa Nielsen.



I supervise the Youth Workers and Alcohol & Drug Programs in Seabird and with Skwah, Cheam, Scowlitz, Chawathil, Kwaw'Kwaw'Apilt, and Shwx'ow'hamel, which have Health Transfer Agreements with Seabird. As mentioned, Tillie Charlie now works as an addictions counselor in Chawathil Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Mervin Felix works in Scowlitz Tuesdays and Shwx'ow'hamel on Thursdays, so they are unavailable on those days. In emergencies only, Tillie Charlie will see clients when Mervin is not at Seabird.

This year, Melanie Emsley has been contracted to work with our Youth Worker for 1 night per week. Melanie will be starting a Girls' Group on this night. Melanie is a teacher at the Seabird Island Community School.

A new and exciting program that Seabird has begun this year is the Community Mobilization Program that targets decreasing crime and building healthy youth by providing training, personal development and leadership training for

youth. As part of this program, Next Generations has been contracted to facilitate a youth conference this November, so we hope to see not only the youth there, but also the families.

Blaise MacNeil has been hired as a Family Counselor and will begin October 2, 2006. The family counselor will be providing counseling services on a 1-to-1 basis, families (family circles), youth and groups. The family counselor will provide crisis intervention and mediation, and will work with individuals and families to promote

healthy families and a healthier community. We look forward to your participation in this new and exciting program.

I look forward to a new and exciting year as the Child & Family Service/Mental Health Team Supervisor. We hope to report in next year's Annual Report on the new & exciting programs and services that we will be providing.

Mental Health: Building Healthy Communities

Counseling Service

Submitted by Dr. Allyson Cushing

Our Counselor works for the Seabird Island Band 2 days a week, providing one to one counseling as well as couples counseling. She sees an average of twenty-six (26) clients per month—95% of which are adults and a small percentage is teenagers. The most common concerns surround childhood trauma and present symptoms are Depression,

Attachment Issues, Grief and Loss, and PTSD. Remaining concerns tend to be more crisis-orientated, arising from domestic violence, sexual assaults, and suicidal ideations.



What are of concern are the number Elders presenting symptoms of PTSD, Anxiety, and/or Depression due to their Residential School Issues. Many of these individuals have never spoken of their experience and these symptoms are being triggered due to the amount of attention being focused on the Residential School Survivors settlement. Although the Indian Residential School Settlement Society (IRSSS) has and continues to do excellent work - there remains a lot of misinformation and inadequate support for these individuals. A support service specifically for these individuals is critical.

Seabird-Drug and Alcohol Program

Submitted by Mervin Felix

Within the past year, I have been involved with the Fathers and Sons Breakfast that is held every Wednesday from 9am-1pm. There have been as many as twenty-five (25) members showing up for a meal and to visit with one another.

Since last July, when the program first started, I have been working with community members in our Drivers Education Program. We have had fifty-four (54) students sign up for the program with twenty-six (26) achieving their letter L, N, class 5, and 4, or class 3 license. Some have even expressed interest in trying for their class 1. I feel that this is a success because it will help those people wishing to look for work outside the community or to continue with their education.

I have also been involved with one-to-one counseling, couples sessions, sexual abuse victims, and with Xyolhemeylh family services. There has been a successful case with Xyolhemeylh where the parents had their children

returned. We are now going through this process with two other families.

Fifteen (15) band members have gone to treatment with another fifteen (15) that have plans to go to treatment. In November, a Couples Retreat was held with ten (10) couples participating. Each November during "Addictions Awareness Week," we have an honouring dinner for sobriety in the community. As part of cultural healing, a Sweatlodge was built for community members, where ceremonies for men, co-ed sweats, and one lodge for women have been held.

Cheam -Drug and Alcohol Program

Seabird has also employed a full time Counselor at the Cheam Band. She currently has been working with strengthening families who are dealing with children involved in drugs. Current caseload is approximately (26-35) clients. Pancake breakfasts have been started in the community in order to develop a community spirit and open doors with the A&D worker. This has been very well received with up to fifty (50) people attending weekly. Clients have been referred to treatment programs in the last quarter. A two-day workshop was held to discuss alcohol and drug problems with the youth. This was very successful with twenty (20) youth attending. There also was an honoring ceremony for those that have succeeded in treatment. There were over hundred (100) participants and this was a very emotional time for the community and a very positive step forward in the healing of many families.

Skwah -Drug and Alcohol Program

Seabird has also employed a full time Counselor who conducts one on one sessions with clients through office and home visits. His weekly group meetings are attended by regular clients. Prevention services have been set up for youth and some program activities have been organized, such as sweats, healing circles, AA meetings, workshops and an Alano Club for the community.

Seabird Island Dental Center

Our dental practice has completed its fourth year of operation. Our patient load is over 1400 active clients. Our patients travel from Kamloops to Vancouver Island.

Our staff has grown to nine employees. We have a permanent hygienist working two days a week.

We continue to be a training center and have offered office and chair side assistant training

with some of our band members furthering their career in the dentistry field.



With our expansion, our office has quadrupled in size. We have increased our chairs to four with all of them equipped with the latest in equipment.

Seabird Island Early Childhood Programs



Submitted by Candace Robotham, ECE Manager

Head Start

The Parent and Tot Program is open to all Seabird Island families with children 0-5 years old. The program is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September to June and includes many fun and exciting activities for parents and children. Parents enjoy an opportunity to meet other parents, participate in arts and crafts activities and talk with staff, Toni Mussel and Julie Giroux, who are knowledgeable in child development issues. Children take pleasure in playing with their friends, doing arts and crafts, singing and having fun with all the toys. Families also enjoy nutritious snacks and a wonderful meal prepared by Cathy Hope. Parents participate in the Parents Advisory Circle and help with program planning,

menu planning and fundraising activities. For example, the loonie auction helped raise money for Christmas presents for the children and extra fieldtrips during the Seabird Festival.

Other activities funded by Head Start are parenting programs such as 'Right from the Start' and 'Nobody's Perfect'. In these



programs, parents have an opportunity to talk to other parents and learn about parenting issues in a supportive environment.

Seabird Island began a collaborative project with Skwah and Cheam First Nations this year. We have supported these two communities to develop Parent and Tot programs that have been very successful.

Daycare

The Seabird Island Daycare Center is a licensed group childcare center for 37 children between the



ages of 0-kindergarten. The daycare is open five days a week year round. The daycare offers a variety of fun and educational experiences for the children, such as community walks, arts and crafts, water and sand play, computer time, circle time, free play and outside time. Children enjoy nutritious snacks each day. The daycare children and many of their parents have enjoyed fieldtrips

to the Vancouver Zoo, Stanley Park and Dinotown. Other activities include berry picking and jam making. Many daycare children, families and elders participated in the Agassiz Fall Fair parade, which has become a yearly tradition. Daycare staff and children attend all the cultural events the Band and Community School offer including the First Salmon Ceremony, Naming Ceremony and Sto:lo New Year.

The Seabird Island Daycare was fortunate to be chosen to pilot a 'Seeds of Empathy' program. 'Seeds of Empathy' is a precursor to the very successful 'Roots of Empathy' program and is specifically for preschool age children. The program teaches empathy to children, has been proven to decrease bullying and aggression in children, and has even been shown to decrease teen pregnancy when offered to older children.



The Seabird Island Daycare is undergoing an expansion this year. We received funding from the Ministry of Children and Families Capital Projects Fund to expand our existing daycare to include 12 new infant seats.

Preschool

The Seabird Island Preschool Program has enjoyed another successful year. The Four's Program had 21 registered children and was offered Monday through

Friday for three hours each day. Children are transported by the Community School's buses. The Three's Program had 20 children



enrolled and was offered for two hours twice a week. The teachers for the 2005-2006 school year were Dianne Wilson and Juliana August. A comprehensive holistic curriculum was developed that focused on children learning school readiness skills, peer relationship skills, health and safety skills and learning about healthy eating. Play is an important part of learning, and children enjoy

many opportunities to learn through play. Children learn Halq'eméylem language and culture with Starr Pettis and Jeff McNeil, who are Language Instructors from the Community School. Other activities include pow wow dancing, walks, fieldtrips and swim lessons. Graduation ceremonies held at the end of the school year, are always enjoyed by family and friends.

Supported Child Development

Seabird Island developed the very first Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program in the Province and has been offering services since 2004. Support services are offered to Aboriginal children, who require extra support physically, mentally, socially, behaviorally or communicatively, in order to reach their full potential. The Supported Child Development Program is offered, on and off reserve from Chehalis to Boothroyd. Consultants Lani Beadman and Lisa Pettis

determine the eligibility of children with special needs to receive services. Support Workers offer support either 1-1 or to groups of children



depending on the need. The needs of the child, families and centers are used to develop a plan to assist the child or youth to be successful. Support is offered in daycares, preschools, out of

school programs and anywhere that children gather. Beginning in 2005, we started delivering services to non First Nations children.



Early Childhood Education Training Center

In partnership with the University College of the Fraser Valley, Seabird Island has been offering early childhood education courses on Seabird Island since 2002. We have received funding from the Sto:lo Nation Human Resources Development, Indian Studies Support Program and in-kind contributions from the Seabird Island Band.



ECE Graduates of 2006

- 2002 Family Childcare Certificate
- 2004 Early Childhood Education Certificate
- 2005 Family Childcare Certificate
- 2006 Family Childcare Certificate
- 2006 Special Needs Diploma

Out of the 95 students registered in these programs, 75 have successfully graduated. This is far above the success rate in the mainstream post secondary school system. We will be offering the Early Childhood Education Certificate and the Infant Toddler Diploma in September 2006.

Nutrition

Submitted by Noy Khounviseth, Nutrition Educator

This has been a great year for Seabird Island community. More and more people are taking an interest in



their health as indicated by the number of people taking part in our nutrition programs and services.

In February, the health department hosted the first Nutrition Fair at the school. There were about 15 booths displaying anything and everything to

do with food and nutrition, and fitness. The surrounding schools in Agassiz and Harrison were invited to attend. It was a great hands-on learning experience for all those who attended—the youth, teens, and parents.

Our 3rd Annual Nutrition Month Run/Walk was incredible. There were approximately 40 more participants than last year. We also added a 15 km route to this year's course, and we had about 60 people complete it. The participants received water bottles (donated by the 'Honour Our Health' program) and T-shirts.



The diabetes support group continues to meet every 3 months for their laboratory work and education. People are becoming more aware about diabetes and its complications. It is hoped that with the partnership with Trinity Western University, more people will learn about this disease and ways to prevent it.



With a grant from the Honour Our Health Challenge, we were also able to promote smoking cessation in the community. The group of 6 participants met one day each week for 6 weeks to learn about the health effects of smoking, second-hand smoking, staying active, and nutrition. At present, 2 of the participants have quit smoking and the rest have reduced their tobacco use.

In the prenatal and post-natal classes, the families are striving for better nutrition. They are very conscious of what they are eating and the portion size.



It has been a busy and fun-filled year. I look forward to working with more families in the community as they challenge themselves to a healthier future.



Update from the Children and Youth Diabetes Prevention Project

The Prevention of Diabetes Type 2 in Children and Youth project is off to a good start this fall with Phase I of the 3-part project. The project is a partnership between Seabird Island and Trinity Western University. Noy Khounviseth and

Carolyne Neufeld are working with Heather Meyerhoff, Sheryl Reimer Kirkham, Lynn Van Hofwegen and Bill Luke in this research project looking at ways to prevent Type 2 diabetes in the children and youth of Seabird Island.



Diabetes Type 2 is very common among the older people of Seabird Island and is dramatically increasing in children and youth around the world. The children and youth of Seabird Island are at risk for this condition and the project team is looking for your help to find ways to protect the health of the children and youth.

The team has enjoyed meeting with different groups in the community to talk about the health of children and youth and the prevention of Type 2 Diabetes. We have met with members of the Band and Council, some of the



elders, as well as the nurses and health staff. We have also introduced the project to the community at the AGM and the staff day. The people we have talked to have many great thoughts and ideas for the project.

We hope to move on to Phase II of the project this fall. This involves taking the information we have gathered from community members and putting it into action.

Community Events

Submitted by Angle Chapman, Community Events Coordinator

Elders Gathering:



This year, the Annual Elders gathering was held in Prince George on October 4-6. Elders attending the gathering were Flossie Joe, Arnold Peters, Walter May, Sharon Joe, Virginia Seymour, Betty Peters, Shirley Peters, Dave Peters, and Andy Louie. The elders had the opportunity to participate in the Grand Entry with Tyrone McNeil singing for the elders. The event was a wonderful experience, and the elders and staff, who accompanied them, will cherish the memory.

Hawaiian Luncheon:

The Health Department hosted a luncheon for the elders that focused on Diabetes and the Hawaiian Trip scheduled for May 2006. The day started out with the opportunity for the elders to get their blood work done, followed by a light breakfast. Next was a presentation from BCAA about the cruise and then the elders had an opportunity to ask questions. The event finished off with door prizes and lunch.



Elders Monthly Activities



Seabird Island Elders and staff

The Elders have been going out and trying new things every month and events are scheduled for the last Monday of every month. Elders in the



community are welcome to attend. If you need a ride, you can call Angie to add your name to the list. The elders plan their activities one month in advance, so you can always call into to see what is scheduled or give input, so please feel free to call.



Community Halloween Party:

The Annual Community Halloween Party was held on October 27, 2005. The evening entailed a special one-hour presentation from Cinemazoo.

There were tables of activities set-up for the children to partake like cookie decorating, mummy hands, crafts, tattoos, pumpkin carving table, and a hockey challenge. The evenings wrapped up with costume judging and listed below are the following winners:



3 & under Winners:



1st: Nadia McNeil- Joseph
2nd: Earl Louis
3rd: Echo Reyburn

13-18 year old Winners:



1st: Danielle Peters
2nd: Boone Harry
3rd: Cameron Grant

4-7 year old Winners:



1st: Amber Charlie
2nd: Marshall Pennier
3rd: Teagean McNeil

19 & up Winners:



1st: Shannon Peters
2nd: Suzanne Ellis
3rd: Joan Peters

8-12 year old Winners:



1st: Brandi McNeil
2nd: Tavis Thomas
3rd: Malcolm Bobb-Wilson



Remembrance Day Ceremony:



The Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on November 10, 2005 beginning in the Seabird Island Band Gym. The event started with a welcome from Chief Wayne Bobb and proceeded with an honor sung to the Veteran's pole outside. Here the ceremony continued with a Moment of silence, Roll call, and laying of wreaths.



Community Christmas Dinner:

The Community Christmas Dinner was hosted on December 2006. The Band staff has continued to



help make this event happen for the community. Band staffs are involved from preparation,



decorating, clean up, and set-up. Once the meal was finished, Santa has made his appearance for handing out gifts for children aged 0-12 years of age.



Community Christmas Hampers:

This year the Band had the opportunity to help 134 families in the community this year. The

community Christmas Hampers are given out each year to those families who have applied to and been approved through the Health Department. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped assemble and deliver all the hampers out the community members that are unable to pick-up.

Valentines Party:

This year's Valentine's party was held on February 14, 2006 and we had a 63 people attend. We had the pleasure of having the daycare do child



minding for children aged 0-5 and 5-12 were with the Out of School Program.



Open House

The Annual Seabird Island Band Open House was held on April 26, 2006. Band departments and business were well represented, as well as numerous outside agencies.

Everyone enjoyed the information and laughter!



37th Seabird Island Festival

The 37th Annual Seabird Island Festival was held on May 27 and 28, 2006. The weather was a little wet but it did not dampen anyone's spirits. Vancouver Island and Southern BC were well represented. The following teams took part in the event.



7 & under Youth Soccer

Cowichan – Cowichan Tribes
 Little Sasquatches – Kwantlen First Nation
 Musqueam
 North Shore Jr Indians- Squamish
 Saanich Arrow- Saanich
 Scorpions- Alkali Lake
 Sechelt Dragons- Sechelt First Nation
 Sechelt Little Stars- Sechelt First Nation
 Soochten – Soowahlie
 Takaya Cubs- Tsleil Waututh First Nation

10 & under Youth Soccer:

Ahousaht
 Bear Walkers- Sechelt
 Canim Lake
 Chehalis
 Cowichan
 Cp United- Sto:lo Nation
 Hot Shots- Chehalis
 Junior Wolves- Sechelt
 Lil Blue's- Musqueam
 Musqueam A
 North Shore Jr Indians- Squamish
 Scowlitz
 Seabird
 Soochten – Tzeachtzen
 TWN Eagles- Tsleil- Waututh Nation

11-13 Youth Soccer:

Ahousaht
 Chawathil
 Cowichan #1

Cowichan #2
 Lil Nanaimo Legends- Nanaimo
 Musqueam Blues
 North Shore Jr Indians- Squamish
 Saanich Jr Braves
 Scowlitz
 Seabird
 Sechelt
 TWN Titans – Tsleil Waututh Nation

14-16 Youth Soccer:

Beecher Bay
 Cheebirds- Chehalis
 Chehalis Panthers- Chehalis
 Esketemc Clovers- Esketemc
 Musqueam Blues- Musqueam
 North Shore Jr Indians – Squamish
 North Shore United- Squamish
 Rex Racers- Ashcroft
 Scowlitz
 Seabird
 Sechelt

TWN Juniors – Tsleil Waututh Nation

Men's Soccer:

Chehalis Chiefs
 Cowichan Eagles
 Guilford Island Breakers- Island Pick-ups
 Musqueam Blues- Musqueam
 Musqueam Raiders
 Nanaimo Snipers
 North Shore Jr Indians – Squamish
 Saanich Arrows
 Saanich Braves
 Sasquatch- Chehalis
 Sechelt Chiefs



Sechelt Renegades
 Tzeachtzen Lancers- Sto:lo Nation
 Warriors- Tsleil –
 Waututh Nation

Women's Soccer:

Cowichan Ravens
JB Select- Sto:lo Nation
Lady Suns- All Nations
Lady Warriors- Tsleil Waututh Nation



Musqueam Blues
Nanaimo Spoilers
Nifa - Cowichan
North Shore Jr Indians- Squamish
Rainbow Stars- Chehalis
Saanich Arrows
Saanich Hurricanes
Saanich Red Nation
Seabird
Sliammon FC
Squamish Nation
Xenichen Ya'ya's- Sechelt

Ladies Hockey:

Just us Gals- seabird
Stingers- Chehalis
Maaqtusiis Lady Serpents- Ahousat



Lady Smith Warriors- Chemainus
Ahousat Ravens
Alkali Shamrocks- Esketemo
TFN Queens- Tofino
Lil Rock's - Esketemo

Men's Hockey:

DMC Warriors- Skeetchestn
Dawg Creek MADD Dawgs- Canoe Creek
Cobra's - Chehalis
Stone Thunder Birds- Tsihqotin Nation
Ravens- Cowichan
Ahousat Islanders
North Shore Chiefs- Squamish
Wolf Pack- Skatin
Thunder Comingatcha- Seabird
Thunder Sports- Tsehaht
Sugar Kane Killa Beez- Secwpemc
TWN Flyers- Tsleil Waututh Nation
Ahousat West Coast Serpents
Tsi Del Deb- Alexis Creek
Red Royals- Chehalis
Cowichan Rebels



Elders Hawaiian Cruise

After much fundraising and with great anticipation, on May 19, 2006 Fourteen Elders left on their Hawaiian cruise. Pictures speak louder than words!



Community Awards

Without the help of our many volunteers, many things would be left undone. The Community Awards Ceremony gave Seabird the opportunity to publicly acknowledge these volunteers and their contributions. The volunteer selected in each of the categories as well as everyone that was nominated were honored with blankets, certificates and plaques

Athlete of the Year – Sheldon Peters

Sheldon has been dedicated to the sport of soccer for many years and, as a result, has advanced to where he was selected to represent Team BC in the North American Indigenous Games. While training for this, Sheldon was selected to play in the Elite Super Y soccer league. Having to make a tough decision between playing in the Indigenous games and advancing his soccer career in the Super Y league, Sheldon chose the Super Y league and has been doing great. We are very proud to say that Sheldon is Seabird's Athlete of the Year.

Recognition – Chelsea Whiteduck-Bobb

Chelsea is well on her way to being a professional soccer player. She is a dedicated participant in her games, practices and one-on-one sessions. Wherever soccer is, Chelsea is. Way to go Chelsea!

Recognition – Artie Andrew

Although Artie is still young, his soccer skill is like that of a much older athlete. Artie is a player sought by many teams, and besides being chosen as a member of Team BC going to the North American Indigenous Games, was selected to participate in the Super Y soccer league. Keep it up Artie!

Award for Community Service – Maggie Pettis

Maggie is a member of Chief and Council, Chair of the Education Committee, the Community Care Committee, the Justice Committee, the Cultural Committee, and acts as the after-hours contact for Xyolhemeylh, and this lists only a few things Maggie does for her community. Community members have long known that Maggie is someone you can trust, and someone that you can go to when you need help, either with your family, your health, your event or just friendly advice. You can always find Maggie during events helping in the kitchen or with the food, and staying after events to help clean up and making sure

everything is okay. We very much appreciate Maggie for all that she does.

Coach of the Year – Chuck McNeil

Chuck would more aptly fit coach of the millennium. Chuck has been instrumental in the development of soccer in Seabird for over 20 years. If there is not a team for a child, Chuck will make that team, and find the players to fill it, coaching them and encouraging them to do their best. Chuck always brings his own equipment, along with his son and grandchildren, to share with the community children. Chuck, we thank you for continuing bringing soccer to our children. Without you, many children would not be playing.

Recognition – Brandon McNeil

Brandon is often found outside in the soccer fields with the 7 and under and 10 and under soccer teams. He always wants to make sure the kids have a chance to play, and is willing to coach them to have fun. We would like to recognize Brandon for his contributions to soccer in this community over the past year. Thank you Brandon!

Recognition – Art Andrew

Art has always been the go-to-guy when your child wanted to jump on a soccer team – because he has coached them all! Over the past year, Art has moved away from just coaching Seabird kids to assisting with the ID and Provincial Camps to the Training Camps for the North American Indigenous Games. If there was a camp coming up, Art was making sure the parents knew about it, and during the camp, made sure they had somewhere to sit. Thank you Art!

Youth Volunteer – Kim Chapman

Kim is so like her big sister – organized, and ready to get things done. You can always see Kim helping her sister at the many Seabird Island events. Kim will not only complete the tasks you ask of her, but she will usually find friends and family to come with her and help as well. Kim, your contributions to the community are awesome, and we are proud to see our youth stepping up and helping their community.

Community Leadership – Leanne Dunk

Leanne has shown many athletes and parents how to organize and fundraise for their goals. She has been instrumental in fundraising for the children in our



community that are going to the North American Indigenous Games, as well as offering her expertise to others. The NAIG fundraising group had this to say, "Leanne took the initiative (out of her own busy schedule) to organize fundraising in the fall before the soccer players were chosen to participate in the upcoming North American Indigenous Games....Leanne is a very kind and patient person. She is fair to all the youth and parents. Without her, we would not have the few extra dollars towards our trip to the North American Indigenous Games." Thank you Leanne.

Volunteer of the Year – Shirley Peters

Shirley was also nominated for elder of the year because of her awesome contributions. The Panel felt that Shirley was entitled to volunteer of the year because she not only contributes enough as an elder volunteer, but also as a community volunteer. Shirley is found every Tuesday and Thursday at the elders bake sale along side Betty. Before this, she was shopping, cooking, preparing, picking up elders for the bake sale or just needing to get out of the house, going to the bank, taking bottles and cans to the depot, getting ready for the next loonie auction, catering job or 50/50, and encouraging her family members to come out and volunteer. Every time you see Shirley, she is doing something that helps the elders with their fundraising. This is all on her own time and out of the goodness of her heart. The community is honoured to have so active an elder.



Betty and Shirley Peters

Elder of the Year – Betty Peters

You will often find Betty sitting on a Tuesday and Thursday behind the elders bake sale table.

Fighting illnesses and fatigue, Betty made sure that the elders fundraised enough to go to Hawaii.

Recognition – Walter May

Walter goes above and beyond his title of 'bus driver' by assisting elders on and off the bus, watching out for elders during shopping escapades, and picking up elders in his own car to make sure they get where they are going. Thank you Walter!

Family Volunteer Award – Julliana August and Family

The August family is known to help without having to be asked – if they see that something needs to be put away, cleaned up, or helped with, they are



the first family to jump up and do it. If you do need help at an event, and you see them there, all you have to do is ask because you know they will help you out. This family is usually the last ones to leave events, and they stay behind to stack tables and chairs. Our nominator says of the family "Julliana is an awesome member of our community, and has really gone above and beyond to make our community events successful. We are very fortunate to have Julliana and her family as members of the Seabird Island Community". Thank you to the August Family!

Recognition – Evelyn Peters and Family

Evelyn is our community's cultural teacher. Whenever there is an event, Evelyn is the lady to go to to ensure that everything is done just right. And, with her expertise and support comes the assistance from her family. We very much appreciate all that Evelyn does for us, and would like to recognize her and her family for all of their contributions to the community! Thank you!

Seabird Island Employment Preparation and Training Centre

Submitted by Cynthia McNeil, EPT Supervisor

The Employment Preparation and Training (EPT) Centre exists to support individuals explore new skills and discover hidden talents on their employment journey.

The training programs the Centre provides will aid individuals to overcome personal barriers by assisting them to 1) realize their skills and talents, 2) develop personal learning and employment plans, 3) gain entry-level certification in a career field that they are interested in, and 4) provide an opportunity to gain work experience after their training.



The Centre plans to deliver in two areas: the Employment Preparation Program and the Certificate Program. The Employment Preparation Program focuses on developing the individual's employment skills; expose the individual to a multitude of employment opportunities, and identify their career talents. In the Certificate Training programs, the Centre has developed



partnerships with BCIT, UCFV, and Mission CSC to provide certificate-training programs in carpentry, health, early childhood education, trades and

EPT Centre Class 1 Drivers Graduates



office skills.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 19 were referred for training: 3 Chef's: 13/16
Carpentry, 3 ECE Training
- 29 Individuals obtained their Food Safe
- 16 Individuals obtained their WHMIS training
- 15 Individuals obtained their First Aid Certificate
- 7 Individuals obtained their Class 5 Driver's
License
- 10 Individuals obtained their Class 7 Driver's
License
- 2 Completed Welding Level "C"
- 2 New Hire Orientations: 21 individuals
- 2 Driver's training sessions: 8 individuals



2006 looks to be an exciting year for the EPT Centre. The Centre will be moving into a new facility complete with offices, training area, and reception area. The counselors will receive Contact IV and the Provincial Instructor's Diploma training, which means that participants can receive certificates for courses taught by our counselors.



Standing L-R: Daryl McNeil, Dwayne McNeil, Brandon McNeil, Sheldon McNeil, Randy Pettis, Melvin Pennier, Jason (Chuck) Pettis, Joseph Joe, Aaron McNeil, James Manfield, Rick Dohl (Chief Instructor for Carpentry, BCIT)
Sitting: David Gall (Carpentry Instructor, BCIT) Missing: Paul Pettis



Hard at work in the EPT Centre



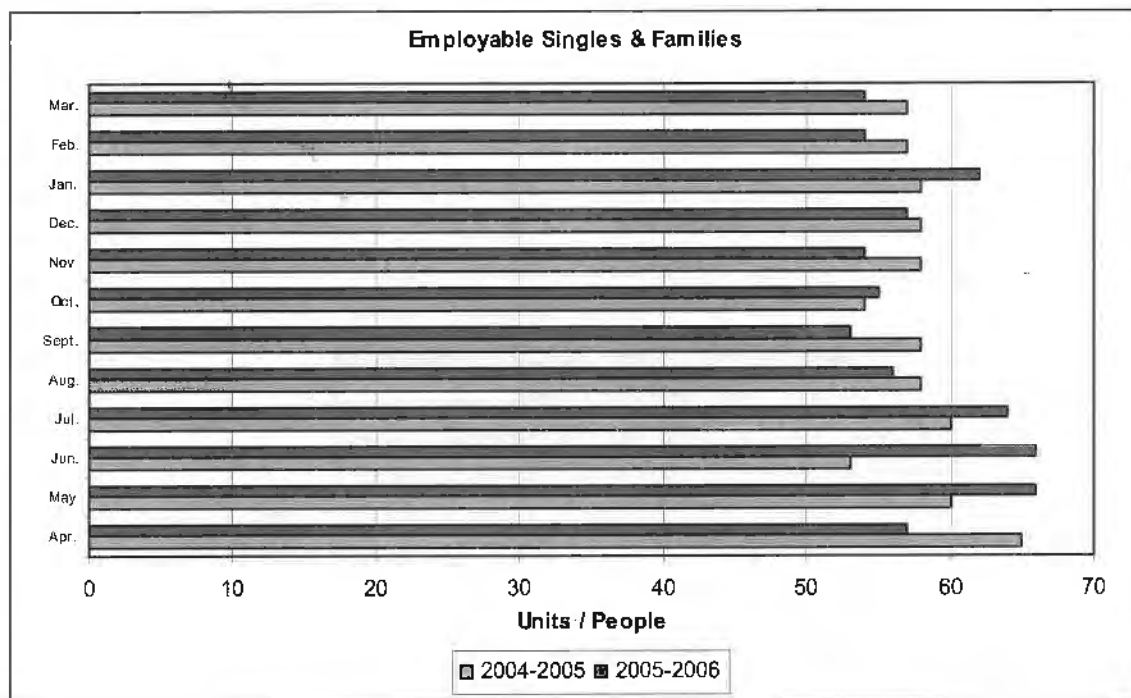
Mary Conlon, ECE Student

Social Development

Submitted by Joanna Charlie

A lot has been accomplished in the Social Assistance Department and considerable progress has been made in the role of Financial Aide Worker. Time management systems have been developed and maintained to meet deadlines, to complete regular office duties/responsibilities, and more importantly to provide maximum service and availability to the community. Forms have been revised and at every opportunity that comes available, clients are informed and made aware of the purpose and requirements of the Social Development Program.

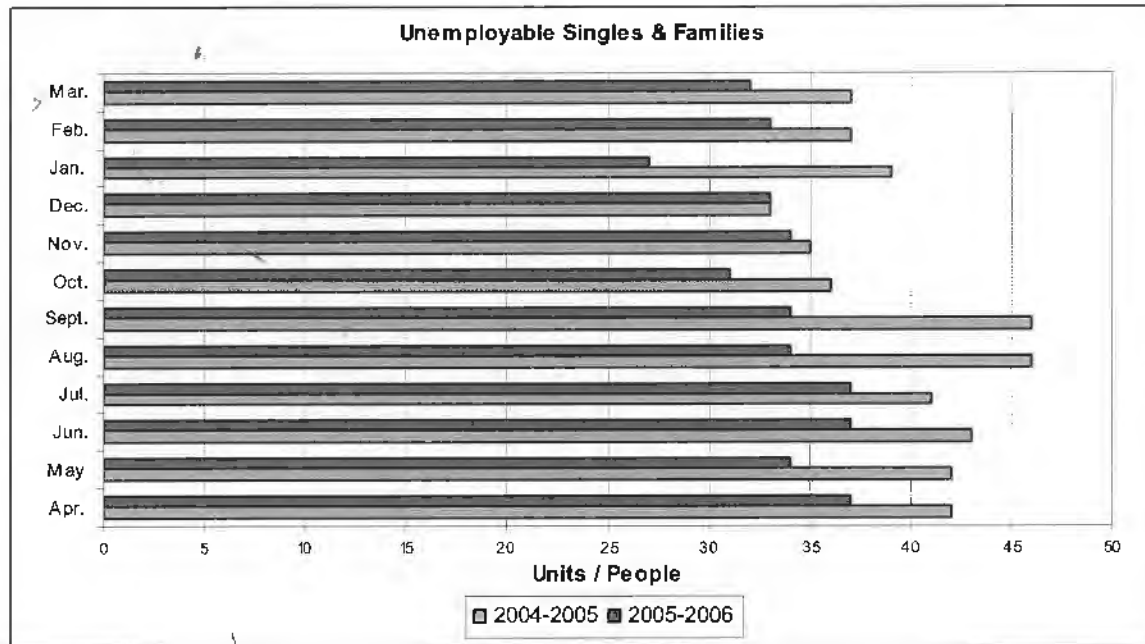
Good working relationships have been developed with other Band staff, outside suppliers and agencies. Personal responsibility and active participation are the key principles of Seabird Island's Social Assistance Program. The Seabird Island Band Social Assistance Administering Authority has been working closely with the Seabird Island Employment Preparation & Training Centre to help people achieve their potential by moving people from income assistance to sustainable employment. Employable clientele are expected to seek work, complete an Employment Plan, and participate in job placement or job training related programs.



From April 2005 to present date September 2006 there have been thirteen successful participants who have completed the transition to employment, Work Opportunities Program (WOP). A program which is intended to enhance the independence and employability of persons in receipt of Social Assistance, providing needed community services, further development of community facilities and for the improvement of the

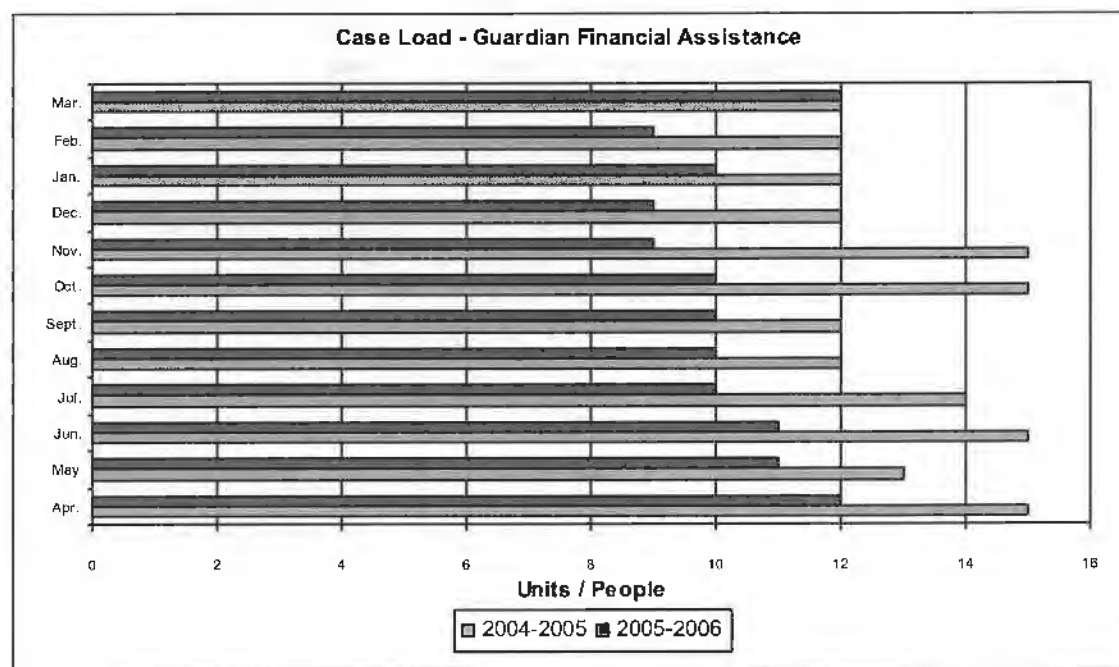
community environment. Often participants are hired after the one year program and are employed full time.

As of April 2005 to present date an inspirational total of 62 Employable single clients and families have reached their goal of complete independence and self-reliance from Social Assistance.



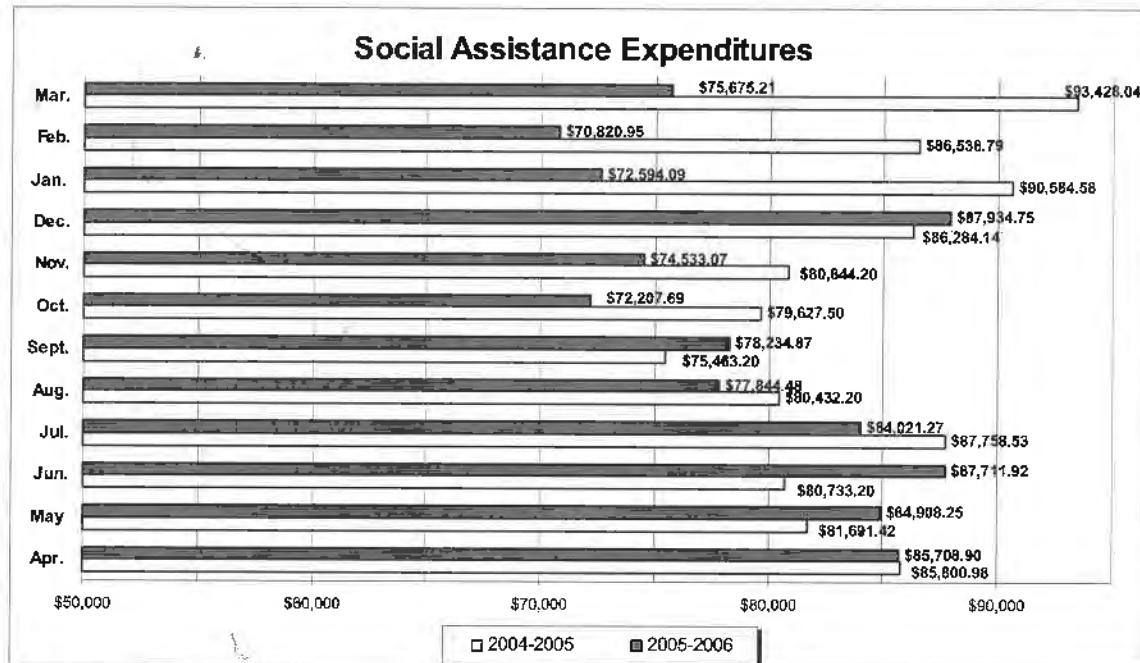
Those who are unable to fully participate in the workforce are accessing other services such as Counseling, Drug & Alcohol Counseling some have chosen to continue and

complete their education from every level, from getting their General Education Diploma (GED) to post secondary education to Skills and Trades training.



As showed in the above graph the number of people in receipt of Guardian Financial Assistance has dramatically decreased. There is a high level of involvement from parents and community members who are accessing

all sorts of great programs, programs that teach and help them to physically, emotionally, culturally and financially provide for their own children.



Seabird Island Band continues to invest in employment-related programs that help community members to transition into employment and promote self-reliance, the things that help build up the social functioning of individuals and the community as a whole.

What do these graphs mean? Who are these graphs for?

The graphs that are displayed in this report illustrate that the Seabird Island Band has a lot to be proud of. I am very proud to be able to make a contribution and work

collaboratively with Seabird Island Band team members towards a common goal, to promote a healthier, self-sufficient, self-governing, unified and educated community.

Seabird Island Band believes 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.

☺ Awesome



Education Department

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Committee

The Education Committee is comprised of six members, of which two are elected by the Seabird Island Band membership and two are appointed by the Seabird Island Chief and Council. The Chief sits on the Committee as an ex officio member and the Band Manager as a non-voting member.

The Education Committee has been active with developing the Education Committee Terms of Reference, Seabird Island Community School policies, Education Governance Policy (recently adopted) and the Child Abuse Protocol between the Seabird Island Community School, School District #78 and Xyolhemeylh.

Education Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Co-Chair, Band Manager (non-voting member) and Confidential Secretary (staff). The Executive Committee meets to set the agenda for their monthly meetings.

Education Department

The Education Department oversees In-School K4 (Nursery) to Grade 12, Post Secondary program and the Seabird Island Community School Lalme' Iwesawtexw.

POST SECONDARY PROGRAM

Eligible students that have completed an education plan receive support to attend post secondary. The Department of Indian Affairs National Post Secondary Guidelines came into effect in the fall of 2004, which included restrictions on student eligibility, funding, limits, incentives, area of study and defined what is considered an eligible institution.



BCIT/Seabird Island Band Carpentry Trades Program

Carpentry Level 1 Apprenticeship

Joseph Joe	Glen McIntyre
Chuck Pettis	Aaron McNeil
Paul Pettis	Brandon McNeil
Randy Pettis	Sheldon McNeil

Intro to Trades Certificate

Earl Louis Sr.	Megan Louis
Clark Louis	Chad Ludman

MCSC Welding Certificate

Jeremy Joseph

Post Secondary Graduates of 2005/06

Congratulations to our Post Secondary Graduates:

- Renee Angus, RCMP Law Enforcement Program Diploma,
- Pamela Hope, Early Childhood Diploma Lisa Pettis, ECE Special Needs Diploma,
- Gail Michelle, ECE Special Needs Diploma
- Jenny Lee Russell, Professional Aesthetics, Professional Spa Aesthetics.

IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There were 284 students from our community attending the following schools during 2005/06:

<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>
Seabird Island Community School	150
School District #78 - Agassiz	118
School District #33 - Chilliwack	6
Private Schools (3)	8
Total	284

The program includes tuition fees to the private and provincial schools, supplies and allowances for registered and entitled to be registered, ordinarily living on reserve students. Students attending Seabird Island Community School Lalme' Iwesawtexw receive their supplies from the school.

High School Graduates

Special Congratulations to our high school graduates of 2006.

Tasheena Charlie	Megan Louis
Keith Jimmie	Melissa McIntyre
Stan Jones	

Honour Roll

The Band provides an award to any Band member who gets on the honour roll.

A Honor Roll

Chelsea Whiteduck-Bobb	Matthew Point
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B Honor Roll

Danielle Peters	Kim House
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Effort Honor Roll

Brienna Robtham	Tanisha Jack
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Seabird Island Education and Community Services Awards Ceremony

Each year, the Seabird Island Band hosts an Awards Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of all Seabird students. This



year to celebrate all our accomplishments, the Seabird Island Education awards were combined with the Community Service Awards. The ceremony, which was held on July 28, 2006, celebrated and honored the students' many achievements.

Graduates were honoured with blankets, plaques and certificates for their efforts in pursuing their education goals for the year 2005-2006. All students were given T-shirts.

Special thanks to our keynote speakers, Dianna Kay, Candace Robotham, and award presenters, Celeste Bobb, Gracie Kelly and Cheryl Peters.

The Community Services Award report is presented in another section.

Education Jurisdiction

The Seabird Island Band Council submitted a letter of Intent to Indian and Northern Affairs indicating that Seabird Island wishes to pursue Jurisdiction of Education. Education Jurisdiction is a legal term to give power and authority to govern and control K-12 education on reserve. Community authority will be recognized by Federal and Provincial governments. First Nations will control curriculum, class size, testing, learning philosophy and teaching methods. The signing of the Education Jurisdiction will give us the opportunity to set higher curriculum and teacher standards, use better and more flexible teaching methods, create a better learning environment, teach language, culture, community values and better prepare students for post-secondary education through higher standards. Our children will receive a better education based on community values.

On July 5th, 2006, Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Jim Prentice, BC Premier Gordon Campbell, Chief Negotiator Nathan Matthew, and Deborah Jeffrey, President First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) signed a historic agreement that will lead to recognition of First Nations' jurisdiction over First Nations' education in British Columbia.

This agreement will serve as an important stepping-stone to achieving increased education success for Seabird Island First Nations learners. It will trigger the governments of Canada and BC to put into place the necessary legislative measures to implement this significant achievement. The First Nation

Education Steering Committee will work with the Seabird Island First Nations to assist in developing education laws and establishing Community Education Authorities to deliver education programs and services.

Education Enhancement (EA)

The Seabird Island Band EA was signed on March 8, 2006 at a ceremony held in the Seabird Island Band gymnasium along with other First Nation communities. The agreement is between the School District #78, Seabird Island Band, and the Ministry of Education. EA's are designed to

enhance the educational achievement of Aboriginal students. The EA establishes a joint partnership between Seabird Island and School District #78 that involves shared

decision-making and specific goal setting to meet the educational needs of our students.

EA's highlight the importance of academic performance and more importantly, stress the essential nature of our traditional culture and



language to our students' development and success. Fundamental to EA's is the requirement that the school districts provide strong programs on the culture of our people.

Seabird Island Community School 15th Anniversary

The 15-year anniversary of Lalme' Iwesawtexw was held on May 10, 2006. Beginning with tours that were directed by current students and open



displays of pictures and models of the school, the day continued with a traditional lunch. The ceremony that followed honoured those who were a huge part of the birth of Lalme' Iwesawtexw; the 1991 School Board Wayne Bobb, Christine (Tiny) Pettis, Martha Henry, Roberta Peters and Sandra Victor, the Building Committee staff members Vivian Ferguson, Daryl McNeil, Evelyn Peters and the Architects (Patkau). Also honoured were the first graduates of Lalme' Iwesawtexw (Haley and Willow Walker) and the first person to go through our school from Preschool through to Grade 12 (Gary Thompson). A video was presented on Lalme' Iwesawtexw: 1991 to present. Current students opened and closed the ceremony, and also entertained with songs and dances. The current Education Committee members and past students handed out giveaways to all those who attended.



**Shari White– Siyoyaweth
Principal**

Lalme' Iwesawtexw Seabird Island Community School



Lalme' Iwesawtexw (Seabird Island Community School) was named in 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'eméylem 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 teaching staff are certified with the B.C. College of Teachers. Our school offers K-7 education as well as 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 2005-06 school year included:



**Shari White
Siyoyaweth
Principal**



**Debbie McGregor
Vice Principal**



Sandra Eustache
Kindergarten



Shelley Janvier
K-1



Brandy Casey
Grade 2-3



Sarah Chadwick
Grade 3-4



Tyrone Sitting Eagle
Grade 4-5



Rick Joe
Grade 5-6



James Sutherland
Grade 7



Cindy Makonin
High School



Christiaan Baikie
High School



Melanie Emsley
High School



David Bezeau
Trades



Jennifer Reid
Learning Assistance



Carol Litzzenburger
Secretary



Diana Louis
Receptionist



Celestine Louis
Elder & Duty Supervisor



Theresa Lemkey
Special Education
Assistant



Yvonne Duncan
Librarian

Photos were unavailable for the following staff:

Melissa Nielson	Counselor
Kwosel	Halq'eméylem Instructor
Jeff McNeil	Halq'eméylem Instructor
Ira Cotroneo	High School
Deanna McIntyre	Cook
Emerald John	Special Education Assistant
Doloros Joe	Cook Assistant
Dan Dunk	Bus Driver
Judy Landrath	Bus Driver
Roberta Peters	Bus Driver

Specialized Programs

Halq'eméylem

Lalme' Iwesawtexw remains committed to the preservation of the Halq'eméylem 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 have worked for the past few years on developing a (first ever)

Ministry of Education Halq'eméylem Integrated Resource Package for grades 5-12. The IRP is in the final approval stage and is expected to be completed this year. Congratulations!

Learning Assistance

Lalme' Iwesawtexw was able to offer learning support time to 103 students consistently throughout the year. All Kindergarten students received individual support for 30 minutes per day. Students in grades 1 through 7 received additional academic support for 30 minutes daily in small group settings. All 103 primary students received SOI instruction for 30 minutes each week.

Housing Authority Financial Commitment

# of Units In Project	Project 1 16	Project 2 3	Project 3 3	Project 4 3	Project 5 2
Capital Asset					
(At Cost)	235,590.99	45,779.07	53,351.61	69,114.39	
Amount Financed	218,950.00	42,785.00	51,300.00	65,416.00	57,000.00
Interest (Fixed Rate)	7 7/8	7 1/4	7.0	7 5/8	8
Term	50 Years	50 Years	50 Years	50 Years	50 Years
Monthly Payments	1444.21	262.12	304.75	433.88	395.45
Start Date	June 1, 1971	Mar. 1, 1972	Dec. 1, 1972	Sept. 1, 1973	July 1, 1975
End Date	May 1, 2021	Feb. 1, 2022	Nov. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Adjustment	-9 years	0	0	0	0
Date Project Paid Out	May 1, 2012	Feb. 1, 2022	Nov. 1, 2022	Sept. 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Outstanding Balance at March 31, 2006	91,430.79	30,206.99	37,031.09	50,222.41	45,968.50

Total Housing Authority Principal \$ 460,836.06
Outstanding @ March 31, 2006 \$ 254,859.78

Individual Home Loans

	Proposed Individual Home Loans Over 5 years for the Period of 2001 - 2006	Actual Individual Home Loans From 2002 to 2005	Variance
Individual	17	8 Complete 2 Pre-Approved	7
		3 Pending	
		8 Inquiries	
Maximum Value/Unit	\$100,000 est. cost/unit	\$126,068.00 average cost/unit	\$26,068
Total	\$1,700,000	\$1,008,546.00 Total Value of completed projects	
		\$797,594.00 Total Value of Ministerial Guarantees issued for new home	

The band continues to provide Ministerial Guarantees to qualified Band members. Information brochures and booklets are available upon request at the Housing Office.

New Lending Program

The Band is reassessing the establishment of a "Trust Agreement" with CMHC.

Under current arrangements for the Ministerial Guarantee, the Band supports individual applicants with a submission to Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, whereby the Minister of Indian Affairs provides a guarantee document to the lender, which states that in case of default by the borrower the minister will pay out the outstanding debt including accrued interest. That amount is then submitted to the Band for reimbursement of

the funds expended. Essentially the band is left footing the entire outstanding amount on any and all guaranteed loans, and takes possession of the home for resale or other arrangement for the disposition or use of the property for debt recovery of the default loan.

Benefit # 1

30% saving on defaulted loan paid out by the trust arrangement

This new arrangement between the Band & CMHC provides for insured loans where in the case of default CMHC will pay out up to 70% of the outstanding debt including interest with the 30% covered by the insurance. CMHC would then submit to the trust for reimbursement of what was paid out.

Benefit # 2

Cuts out INAC involvement and requirements for a Ministerial Guarantee-also saves time in processing of loans.

Benefit # 3

Provides for 1% fee payable by the lender to the trust-current arrangement this fee is paid by the lender to CMHC for the insurance.

2005/06 Housing Project

2005 Social Housing Project: is limited to apartment style units due to available MUP not to exceed 75,000.00 per unit.

A 20 unit special allocation is available for 2005-the proposed plan for this project is to buy-in the existing 8-plex apartment complex, and build another 8-plex, one bedroom apartment unit as well as a 4-plex row style housing unit.

The existing 8-plex apartment building total capital investment of \$267,619.00 will be recouped back to the Band.

New construction cost including buildings and landscaping \$839,800.00 plus fees and other charges (i.e. Interest/inspection/audit) totaling \$10,900.00.

Financing this project

INAC Capital Subsidy	
12 full subsidies @ 23869.00 ea.	\$286,428
INAC Renovation Subsidy	
8 @ 11934.50	\$95,476
INAC Inspection	\$5,400
Band Loan: ANTCO	\$860,040

New construction

2002 Delivery- Renovation (Old Phase 2)

Re-construct one home and renovate 7 existing homes, four of which require mold remediation work. Two of the existing 7 units will be subdivided with fully functioning granny basement suites to accommodate elderly occupants within the family home.

This 7 unit renovation will convert to 9 units with the addition of one new construction for a total project of 10 units, all to form new Section 95 subsidized housing project.

House Insurance

Seabird Island Band has purchased insurance for all band-owned property. This insurance covers all social and housing authority units as well as other band properties and houses. The insurance covers the cost of replacing the home and 5,000.00 of band-owned contents, such as appliances and window coverings.

This insurance does not cover tenant/occupants personal belongings. Tenants and other occupants of band property are once again encouraged to **PURCHASE PERSONAL CONTENT OR RENTERS INSURANCE.**



After Fire



New Construction



Before



After

Housing Insurance Claim History

	Value of Claims	# of Incidents
1999/2000	\$87,868.00	2
2001	\$2,105.00	1
2002	\$11,155.00	6
2003	\$37,295.00	1
2004	\$195,058.00	2
2005	\$188,787.00	2
2006	\$26,975.00	1

Maintenance & Replacement Reserve

Seabird Island Band provides for maintenance for all housing units on the reserve for which the band receives rents and/or operating and maintenance funds for those units covered by an operating agreement with CMHC.

The Replacement Reserve Fund is maintained for all subsidized housing project. The replacement reserve is used to replace capital items that are no longer functioning. A capital item is a major building component, basic facility or mechanical system with a generally accepted useful life expectancy. Such repairs would not extend the useful life by any reasonable length of time.

A standard list of specific capital items covered by the Replacement Reserve Fund includes:

Roofs, siding, doors, windows, heating systems, hot water and septic tanks, appliances, cabinets, countertops, faucets,

sinks, toilets, tubs, fixtures, and other major equipment features, such as flooring.

Home Inspections form part of the maintenance regime and are conducted to protect the resident, and preserve the unit in a decent, safe and sanitary condition for current residents and to ensure the long term availability for future tenants. Housing inspection reports will continue to be essential in establishing and maintaining budgets and prioritizing ongoing maintenance activities.

The Volunteer Fire Department conducts fire Safety Inspections on an annual basis. These inspections include chimney, smoke detectors, extinguishers, unit access/exit, furnace and heating systems. Items identified through this process are dealt with at the time of the inspection and a copy of the report is provided to the housing department and tenant.



Brian Jones Manager

Economic Development Department

The Seabird Island Economic Development Department promotes the development of business, both on and off reserve, including our existing businesses, the café, gas bar and hazelnut farm. It also looks after our natural resources and land base.

Our reserve consists of 4300 acres, of which are used for various land uses.

Uses	Acreage
Farm land	1,593.3
Housing & private lands	223.3
Certificate of Possession	114.0
Managed forest	492.0
Unmanaged forest	1,270.0
Recreation, cemetery, ancillary buildings	76.0
Land lost to erosion	1,200.0
Leased land	1,061.0
Non-leased land	522.0
Commercial: café & gas bar	28.0
Rights of way	219.0
CPR	65.0
Highway	130.0
BC Hydro	130.0
BC Transmission Line	u/k
West Coast Energy	31.0
Seabird Island Road	41.0

Land Code

In October 2005, the Seabird Island Band entered into a Framework Agreement with the Government of Canada, which provides First Nations with the opportunity to opt out of the land administration sections of the Indian Act and establish their own regimes to manage their lands and resources, providing for more decision making at the local level.

Under this agreement, Seabird will have the ability to create its own land code to govern their lands and resources, specifically with respect to:

- developing land codes;
- passing laws (in areas such as the environment and matrimonial real property);
- enforcing laws;

- establishing intergovernmental relationships with provincial and municipal governments; and
- clarifying the legal status of Bands and Band Councils.

draft a community ratification process and enter into a further Individual transfer agreements with Canada. The specific steps are set out in the Framework Agreement.

A Land Code Committee has been established to develop the Seabird Island Land Code and meets two to four times per month. Present members include Lila Peters, Dianna Kay, Grace Bobb, Lyle Bobb, Carol Hope, Emma Peters, Lorna Prette, Wilfred Charlie, and Linda Kay Peters. There is currently one seat open with an application process in place. The Land Code is being drafted with the assistance of the Lands Advisory Board who has provided a technician, Allyson Fraser (Musqueam First Nation, Councillor).

The Land Code Committee is at the beginning stage of drafting the Seabird Island Land Code. As we get further into the development, community sessions will be held to fully inform membership and to get direction from membership to go forward.

Teresa (Tracie) Peters, Seabird Island band member, has been hired as the Seabird Island Land Code Communications Assistant to assist with this process. Her job will be to develop and implement educational programs that will promote and inform the Seabird Island Band members, employees and the general public of the Seabird Island Band Land Code Initiative through information sessions, reports, brochures, and newsletters.

A vote date of March 2007 has been tentatively set by Seabird Island Band Council, which will be reviewed due to amendments in the process.

Fraser River Gravel

The rising gravel bed of the Fraser River continues to be a threat to flooding and erosion of our land.

It was fortunate that we were able to remove 75,000 metres of river bottom gravel over the past

two years. We have sold all the gravel except for 50,000 metres, which will be used for our own construction needs.



Plans are underway to remove 450,000 metres of gravel but are dependent upon the low water condition and obtaining funding or developing



partnerships to install a bridge and extract the gravel.

Band Forest Management

The Band entered into an agreement with Scott Paper to log Phase II of our five-year Forest Management Plan.

A 2020 reforestation of fourteen acres of farmland was converted back to managed forest with funds received from the Federal government as part of the Green Plan. The forest stand will be managed for five years until it is established and able to survive on its own.

We have from two to three Seabird Island people providing contracted labour to assist Scott Paper in their planting and nursery.

Commercial Centre

In 1978, the Café was opened as a convenience store and café. It was built by local labour using logs from our land. Huge changes have occurred over the years.

History of Café and Gas Bar

- 1978 Café was built
- 1980 Café kitchen was expanded
- 1983 Convenience store added
- 1985 Truck Stop (now the Gas Bar) built including overnight room, showers and a truck wash
- 1985 Chevron card lock lease (for 10 years)
- 1985 Parking lot paved
- 1998 Gas station was built
- 1998 Store expanded

There are now up to forty people working at the Commercial Centre.

Gar Bar

Along with the non-taxable gas and cigarettes, the store sells a variety of snack foods, convenience items as well as lotto tickets and telephone cards.

In 2005, an arrangement with United Petroleum Products (UPP) was entered into whereby we lease our fuel tanks and card lock then purchase the fuel from UPP as we sell it to customers. This eliminates any gas inventory, for which the Band has to recover costs.



A new cash register and computer system was purchased in 2006 (replacing the old tired one) to assist us with managing inventory and sales.

With our growth, there is a need to expand our store. Plans are being initiated to determine what is needed.

Café

Regular customers and new customers come to enjoy our delicious home-cooked meals prepared by our awesome cooks and served by our friendly staff.



The Café is open year round.

Spring & summer hours 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Fall & winter hours 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

Land Leases

We continue being looked at for the availability of farm land as undeveloped land in the Fraser Valley becomes more and more scarce by the steady population growth.

Our commercial leases, such as to the tulip and landscape growers, can earn the Band up to \$325 per acre. A breakdown of leased land follows.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Lot 113	7.0	vacant
Lot 114	114.0	hazelnuts
Lot 114	1.0	vacant
Part Lot 115	0.25	propane storage
Lot 115-1	48.0	nursery stock
Lot 115-2	68.0	vacant
Lot 115-3	20.0	vacant
Lot 115-4	27.0	vacant
Lot 115-5	21.0	silage corn
Lot 116	9.0	vacant
Lot 115-7	16.0	vacant
Lot 115-8	37.0	vacant
Lot 115A,B,C,D,E	76.0	vacant
Lot 115F,G,H,I,J,K	100.0	tulips
Lot 115L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S	130.0	nursery stock
Lot 115T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z	97.0	nursery stock
Lot 121C	40.0	silage corn
Lot 116-1	43.0	raspberries
Lot 116	125.0	silage corn
Lot 117	162.0	cole crops
Lot 118	22.0	vacant
Lot 119	2.25	vacant
Lot 120	7.0	vacant

<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Lot 121A	47.0	silage corn
Lot 121B	53.0	silage corn
Lot 121B2	16.0	horses
Lot 121D	21.5	vacant
Lot 121F	64.5	silage corn
TOTAL	1,061.25	
VACANT	523.25	



With the Band leasing more and more land, we are ensuring the need to balance farming practice and neighbouring residences.

Sheep Farm

This past year, we have seen the close of our sheep farm and wool operation.

The flock of 1500 ewes and 40 rams were sold in September 2005 to two sheep farms in the East. 1700 lambs were sold to Pitt Meadow Meats, with the last of the lambs shipped January 2006.

Some of the farm equipment was traded in on the tractor for the hazelnut farm. The remaining equipment will be sold.

Hazelnut Farm

The 15,000 Barcelona nut trees on our 115-acre farm produced approximately 82,000 pounds of nuts.



The workers harvested the nuts in the fall of 2005. The nuts were then shipped in large containers to a local processing facility in Agassiz for washing and drying. Willamette Hazelnut Farm in Oregon purchased all our process nuts for \$1.15 US per pound.

Oregon Spotted Frog Project

Seabird Island has been a member of the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team since 1999. In 2006, Seabird is working with the Canadian Wildlife Service to survey, monitor, and protect the Oregon Spotted Frog (*Rana pretiosa*), which is an endangered species. The Oregon Spotted frog is the rarest frog in Canada.

There are only three known habitat sites left in Canada—Aldergrove, Mountain Slough in Agassiz and our own Seabird Island, which has the largest population. These frogs are highly aquatic and need wetlands for their survival. There are many reasons the populations are declining, such as habitat loss, invasive vegetation, and introduced exotic species like the Bullfrog and Green frog.

The unveiling ceremony for the Interpretive Sign as shown below was held on June 1, 2006 at Seabird Island Community School.

We have ongoing outreach programs with the Seabird Island Community School to educate the children on the Oregon Spotted Frog, their habitat and the importance of maintaining its habitat.



Seabird Island Indian Band ~ Stewards of our Environment

(*Rana pretiosa*)

Oregon Spotted Frog [Pípehó:m]

Maria Slough wetlands are home to the Oregon Spotted Frog (*Rana pretiosa*), the rarest frog in Canada.

Maria Slough is a NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT site because it provides habitat for hundreds of these frogs; the large population left in Canada. This frog originally occurred in wetlands throughout southwestern British Columbia to northeastern California.

Due to the large and pristine wetlands that still exist in Maria Slough, the Oregon Spotted Frog has managed to survive the threats of habitat loss, disease, and the highly predatory bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) which was introduced to British Columbia from central Canada several decades ago.

Seabird Island Community School

What Frogs and Wetlands mean to us...

"I believe we respect every wetland habitat."

"We have to take care of the land, the animals, and the people."

Elizabeth Chapman Gr. 4

The Seabird Island Indian Band has created a new habitat for the Oregon Spotted Frog.

For a long time, the Seabird Indian Band has been working to protect the Oregon Spotted Frog. The frog is a very important part of our culture and we want to make sure it stays in our area. We have created a new habitat for the frog and we hope it will help the frog population grow. We are very proud of what we have done and we hope you are too.

Seabird Community School students submitted articles and drawings on the Oregon Spotted Frog. The drawing by Elizabeth Chapman was chosen for the sign and quotes were taken from articles by Brenon McIntyre and Alex Paul.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007



September 2006:

- September 4 Labor Day – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
- September 5  School Opens- ½ day only
- September 5 Out of School Care starts
- September 5 Evening Recreation Programs begins
- September 6 Pre & Post Natal
- September 11 Fours Program begins
- September Parents & Tots starts
- September 15 Social Assistance – Mid-month
- September 15 Education Committee Regular Meeting
- September 18 Threes Program begins
- September 20 Chief and Council Regular Meeting
- September 21  Welcome back dinner/ Parent gathering
- September 22 Education Committee Regular Meeting
- September 23-24 Recreation Indoor Soccer Tournament
- September 25 Elders Outing
- September 27 Social Assistance
- September 28  School Burning & Cleansing

October 2006:

- October 4 Pre & Post Natal
- October 9 Thanksgiving – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
- October 11 Health Fair
- October 13 Social Assistance – Mid month
- October 14-15 Recreation Indoor Ball Hockey Tournament
- October 16 Fire Prevention Week – date to be determined
- October 18 Annual General Meeting
- October 19  High School First Interim Report
- October 19  Sto: lo New Year
- October 20 Education Committee Regular Meeting
- October 25 Ghost Train to Vancouver (community)
- October 26 Chief and Council Regular Meeting
- October 27 Social Assistance
- October 30 Community Halloween Party
- October 27  Primary/Intermediate Interim Report
- October 30 Elders Monthly Activity

November 2006

- November 1 Pre & Post Natal
- November 8  Education Committee & Staff meeting
- November 10  Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 13 Remembrance Day – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
- November 17 Social Assistance – Mid month
- November 17  High School First Report
- November 17 Education Committee Regular Meeting
- November 19-25 National Addiction Awareness Week

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007

November 20 Staff Development Day – ALL BAND OFFICES CLOSED
 November 20  Non Instructional- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
 November 23 Chief and Council Regular Meeting
 November 28 Social Assistance



December 2006

December 1 Christmas Hampers – Deadline for applications
 December 1  Primary/Intermediate First Report
 December 4  Parent/Teacher Interviews
 December 6 Community Christmas Dinner
 December 6 Pre & Post Natal Class
 December 8 Staff Christmas Dinner – BAND OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:00 pm
 December 13 Adult Program Christmas Dinner
 December 14 Parents & Tot Christmas Dinner
 December 14-15 Christmas Hampers/ Certificates
 December 15 Social Assistance – Mid month
 December 15 Education Committee Regular Meeting
 December 16 Make & Take Day
 December Social Assistance
 December 20 Christmas Lights Train to Vancouver (community)
 December 21  Christmas Concert
 December 21  School Staff Christmas Dinner
 December 22  School Winter Vacation Period Begins
 December 22 Chief and Council Regular Meeting (tentative)
 December 25 Christmas Day – CAFÉ, GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED
 December 26 Boxing Day – CAFÉ, GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED

January 2007

January 1 New Year's Day – CAFÉ, GAS BAR and BAND OFFICE CLOSED
 January 3 Pre & Post Natal Class
 January 8  School Reopens
 January 8-9 Council/Band Management Strategic Planning Meeting
 January 17 Quarterly General Band Meeting
 January 18  Sto:lo Day at School
 January 19 Social Assistance – Mid month
 January 19 Education Committee Regular Meeting
 January 19  School Non-Instructional Day
 January 25 Chief and Council Regular Meeting
 January 29 Social Assistance

February 2007

February 7  Education Committee & Staff meeting
 February 7 Pre & Post Natal Class
 February 9  High School Second Report
 February Sweetheart Dinner – date to be confirmed
 February 15  School Naming Ceremony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007



February 15
February 16

-  Primary/Intermediate Second Interim Report
Social Assistance – Mid month

February 16
February 16
February 22
February 26

-  School Non-Instructional Day
Education Committee Regular Meeting
Chief and Council Regular Meeting
Social Assistance

March 2007:

March 7

Pre & Post Natal Class

March 8

-  School Burning

March 16

-  High School Third Interim Report

March 16

-  School Spring Vacation Period Begins
Election for Chief and Councillors – date to be confirmed
Social Assistance – Mid month
Education Committee Regular Meeting

March

March 16

March 16

March 26

-  School Re-opens after Spring Break

March 28

Social Assistance

March 24

Chief and Council Regular Meeting

APRIL 2007

April 4

Pre & Post Natal Class

April 5

-  Primary/Intermediate Second Report
Good Friday – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
Easter Monday – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

April 6

April 9

April 11

-  Education Committee & Staff meeting
Annual Open House – date to be confirmed
Social Assistance – Mid month

April

April 13

April 13

-  High School Third Report
Quarterly General Band Meeting
Education Committee Regular Meeting
Social Assistance

April 18

April 20

April 26

April 27

-  1st Salmon Ceremony – Community School
Chief and Council Regular Meeting

April 26

May 2007:

May 2

Pre & Post Natal Class

May 11

-  Mother's Day Tea

May 11

-  Primary/Intermediate Third Interim Report
Social Assistance – Mid month

May 18

May 18

-  School Non-Instructional Day
Education Committee Regular Meeting
Victoria Day – BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
Chief and Council Regular Meeting
Social Assistance

May 18

May 21

May 24

May 29

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007

May 26-27
May 28

Seabird Island Festival
Day of Grace - BAND OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED



June 2007

June 1
June 6



School Year End Pow Wow
Pre & Post Natal Class

June 7
June



High School Awards
Cultural Sports Day - date to be confirmed

June 8



Last Day for High School

June 8



High School Fun Day

June 14



Elementary Awards

June 14



Primary/Intermediate Final Report

June 15

Social Assistance - Mid month

June 15



Last Day for Primary/Intermediate

June 15



High School Final Report

June 15

Education Committee Regular Meeting

June 18-19



Admin Days

June 18-29



High School Provincial Exam Week

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 27

Social Assistance

June 28

Chief and Council Regular Meeting

June

Community Awards - date to be confirmed

July 2007:

July 2

Canada Day (in lieu of) - BAND OFFICE CLOSED

July 4

Pre & Post Natal Class

July

Recreation Program Begins - date to be confirmed

July

Aboriginal Fun Day - date to be confirmed

July 13

Social Assistance - Mid-month

July 26

Chief and Council Regular Meeting

July 27

Social Assistance

August 2007:

August

Pre & Post Natal Class - date to be confirmed

August 6

BC Day Holiday - BAND OFFICE CLOSED

August 17

Social Assistance - Mid-month

August 29

Social Assistance

August

Last day of Summer Program - date to be confirmed

August 23

Chief and Council Regular Meeting

August



School Staff to report to work - date to be confirmed

August



School Opens - ½ day, morning only - date to be confirmed



= School Calendar

Our new website is under construction.
We'll keep you posted as we progress.



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Community

Canoe races are one of the exciting events at our annual Seabird Island Festival. Look in Community > Events

Community Calendar

July 2006						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Mouse over date above for more information

July 3, 2006

No Events scheduled today.

July 12, 2006

Housing Committee meeting, Noon - 2 p.m. Band Office.

July 27-28, 2006

Kids Summer Fun, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. School Playground.

[Click here](#) for larger Text on Calendar page

Inside / New on the Site

The project to blanket the community with VoIP access is well underway. [Stay informed here.](#)



Learn about the time-honoured craft of weaving baskets, as well as their many uses, in the [Culture](#) section.



The new Community Land Use Plan is available for viewing in the [Land](#) section.





ELDERS' HAWAIIAN CRUISE – MAY 2006



Front row L-R: Helen Arnedo, Caroline Nickel, Barb Chapman, Lillian Thomas, Tillie Edwards, Emma (Maisie) Peters
2nd row: Helen Angus, Edie Karacsonyi, Madeline Harry
3rd row: Cathy Hope, Sharon Joe, Walter May
4th row: Brian Kaplan, Arnold Peters, Wayne Bobb Sr., Leslie Leger, John Bobb