

#### **November 2020 NEWSLETTER**

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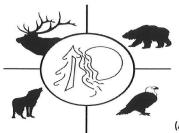
#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.

## Help prevent the spread of Covid-19 Please do not entre this workplace if you:

- Have any of the following symptoms:
- ✓ Fever
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ New or worsening cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath
- ✓ New muscle aches or headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- Have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 day

Your temperature will be take before Entering the office.



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(Exec. Assist, C & C, Finance, Social Development, Finance)

**Hello Coldwater Community Members** 

<u>OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</u> for membership has been authorized. There will be designated entrance and exit points at the Administration office on reserve. There are limits of warm bodies allowed in each room set by the Province, so you will have to adhere to the directions given to you when making your appointment on where you can enter and exit. You will be asked by the receptionist and Executive Administrative Assistant any of the staff you are arranging for appointments some questions.

Note the attached document that will be in effect with booking appointments. If you have an appointment and are ill you will have to rebook. Please practice Social Distancing at all entrances and follow the signs. Thank you.

NOTE: This will change if the Province goes into lock down and limited to only essential shopping and traveling should the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID 19 rise.

Please read carefully:

The Merritt Office at 2249 Quilchena Avenue, shall be open for APPOINTMENT ONLY on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm starting November 16, 2020 to allow for cleaning procedures. Please arrive at your designated appointment time as those shall take place in the boardroom and the limit is 2 in the room. The waiting rooms at both offices are not open to the public at this time. At this location are the Band Administrator/I.R.A., Public Works, Economic Development, Housing & Taxation, Education Coordinators and Lands & Wills Administrator as well as the Receptionist. As the staff have to coordinate the use of the Boardroom for appointments all arranged appointments will be booked by the Receptionist as well. The Status Cards are limited and will be done only on Monday's only by appointment, so please call 250-378-6174 and the Receptionist will book an appointment. These appointments shall be scheduled for 45-minute intervals to allow for paper work to be completed, id's to be photocopied and pictures to be taken. The card will not be processed at the end of this time, but when the card is ready you will be notified for a designated pick up or they can be sent via registered mail.

The Administration Office on reserve shall be open for APPOINTMENT ONLY on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm starting November 18, 2020 to allow for cleaning procedures. Please arrive at your designated appointment times. The entrance and exits are the Boardroom for C & C or Administration appointments only and the back side of the building for any Social Development Appointments only. At this location are the Finance Department, Social Development, Executive Assistant and the Chief and Council.

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#### **Activity Report October 2020**

Work is ongoing at the Light Industrial site, to drill a well (scheduled in October but due to COVID19 would be delayed due to more preparation to make COVID19 safe on the drill site) that will serve the light industrial site for domestic and fire protection, drafting up medium sized reservoir that will supply the industrial site and eventually act as the backup system for housing and future housing. Also drafting the restructure of Comstock Road to lessen the grade, widen, ditch properly for better access. Draft the extension of the 3-phase hydro power line to service the new light industrial lots.

Coldwater Band has successfully secured funding for Governance Workshops scheduled for November 2020 for Chief and Council and membership and our other organizations that provide services to the Coldwater Indian Band. This includes Governance, taking meeting minutes, and Chairing a meeting. This would be very beneficial for those interested in participating in any organization and manage properly, keep records and host a good productive meeting, to avoid long repetitive meetings and control loud controlling individuals. An online registration will be posted for individual registration as we need to prove registrants for funders at NRT and this be done with Eventbrite.

The Coldwater Indian Band Forestry committee meetings have slowed due to COVID19 and how the meetings conducted, via zoom if possible, teleconference or face to face in the boardroom but staying COVID19 safe and practicing social distancing. The forest license Coldwater Indian Band signed off earlier is now in play as Stuwix Resources are setting up blocks to be harvested under the Coldwater Indian Band license.

The forestry committee is trying to fully understand the application for the Non-replaceable Forest License applied for and to be operated under the Upper Nicola Band FTOA.

Some band members have taken advantage of the Emergency Loan Program via Community Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations, where you have an opportunity to borrow up to \$40,000 and granted \$10,000 and pay back \$30,000 over 4 years and interest does not start until the 13<sup>th</sup> month.

Been in discussion with Companies wishing to set up a Cannabis store on reserve and another wanting to secure land to grow, if your interested I could match you up.

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Safe your house inside and out, unplug any unused appliances, clean your dryer filters and venting system, Clean Around your Furnace, Wood Stove, electric Heaters, and Keep your escape routes clear. Fire Safe your home, Information is on line also.

Please ensure to slow down for the changing road conditions. Weather changes and time change, be prepared for and emergency.

Coldwater will start closing the Transfer station over the next few months. The Garbage truck and Recycling truck have been delivered along with the recycling bins, Composter's, Compost Buckets and a Band Member has completed the first stage to recycling. Training for recycling will be done for the community Membership as the program develops.

The Truck Operators will receive training for each unit. Coldwater will be reviewing the current refuse location at each home. Coldwater will remain following the rules of Covid-19.

Large items like appliances Beds etc. will be picked up as soon as enough items can fill the truck. More information is yet to come on the disposal of Fridges and Freezers. Dangerous good will not be handled at this time.

Coldwater Band will be setting up a group to discuss the Refuse and Recycling.

Final Fall Clean-up for 2020, Coldwater is making a list for refuse removal for a crew to take refuse to the Demolition Bin or directly to recycling in lower Nicola, Call Connie Bob to get on the list, Coldwater crew will only pick up from the outside of homes.

Coldwater Band and The Fire Keepers had completed a successful burn across the river in October. More burning is going to occur in the Spring of 2021.

Thank you Ron Aljam



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October 28, 2020

I have heard that there are rumors saying that Coldwater has a final agreement with Trans Mountain.

No. We are not there yet. The two sides are close.

Rest assured that a deal isn't going to be done until community members have their say.

Trans Mountain has to make another submission to the CERB (Canadian Environment Regulation Board). This is a government body that reviews projects and if all regulation requirements are met, they approve projects to move forward.

They must see support from affected entities before projects are approved. As you know Trans Mountain went to the CERB for the Eastern Route. This route was approved by the CERB. Coldwater then challenged this approval in court and won.

The "West Alternate Route" was proposed as an acceptable choice. This option will keep the pipeline out of our Aquafer. This was our main concern with the "Eastern Route"! Our belief is that a pipeline leak is inevitable.

We don't want our source of drinking water rendered useless by an oil spill. The consequences are unthinkable.

As for Indigenous Services Canada, we are at the preliminary stages of talks.

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Coldwater Indian Band Vice Chief/Councilor Larry Antoine

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30 October 2020

Dear: Coldwater Membership

Coldwater Indian Band is preparing to for the winter months, and we are asking that the membership please prepare their homes for the colder weather that is approaching.

While all issues are important, at this time the housing department is focusing on the repairs that will ensure the membership has a safe house that they will feel comfortable raising a family:

- Hose bibs (remove your garden hose and store for the winter);
- Electrical systems;
- Heating systems (clean your furnace and change the filter);
- Plumbing;
- Roofs & gutters clean
- Chimneys and fire safety clean
- Doors and windows (check for drafts);

While the housing department would like to address all concerns, please keep in mind that we are limited in what we can do and at the present time our focus is on health and safety of the membership for the winter cold.

If you have any questions please contact the Coldwater Administration office, Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Thank-you, and have a nice day

Donald Kraus

Donald Kraus Housing / Tax Administrator

Do you have a passion for vehicles Are you mechanically inclined? and troubleshooting?

Do you enjoy working outdoors and beautiful landscapes?



**Automotive Service Technician**  **Training February 2021** 

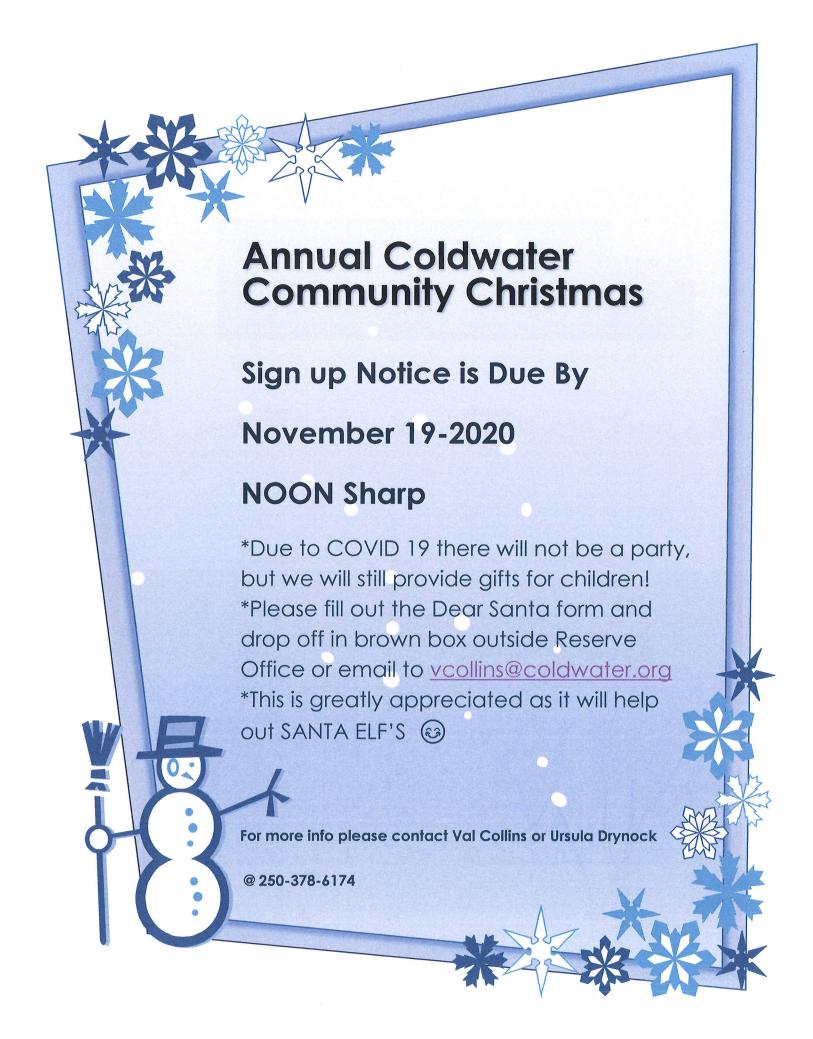
Campground, Landscape and **Ground Maintenance** 

**Training April 2021** 

If you are interested call Shannon Goss (Ed. Coordinator)

(250) 378-6174

For more information.



Date:
Dear Santa,  My name is  I amyears old. I live in
This year I have been very nice naughty
A few things I did that were nice are:
If you're not too busy here is my wish list.
A book to read Something I need
Thank you Santa, for all that you do! I hope that someone is good to you too.
With love from,

PLEASE HAVE YOU CHILD/REN FILL OUT AND RETURN TO EITHER

TOWN OFFICE 2249 QUILCHENA AVE TO CONNIE BOB 250-378-6174

RESERVE OFFICE TO VAL- 250-378-6174

Or email to vcollins@coldwaterband.org

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19, 2020, 12:00 PM SHARP!!!

### Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: December 8th, 2020

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

DISCUSSIONS ON

Introduction to NHSS Board of Directors
NHSS updates
Financial Report
Appointment of Auditors
Questions & Discussion
Door Prizes

Due to COVID19 Restritions this will be a virtual ZOOM meeting

JOIN BY COMPUTER - Meeting ID 832 3312 5456 Passcode: 2503789772

JOIN BY PHONE - Dial in Information: 1-778-907-2071 Passcode: 2503789772

Zoom link can be found on FB @nlxhealth

OPEN TO 12 NLAKA'PAMUX COMMUNITIES SERVED BY NHSS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society at 250-378-9772 or email mhreception@nlxfn.com

# JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL AGM TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!



For meeting information visit our Event Link on our Facebook page @nlxhealth

## \*DOOR PRIZES\*

1 st prize PREPAID VISA & WALMART
GIFT CARD
(VALUED AT \$300)

**2** prize

WALMART GIFT CARD & SAVE-ON GIFT CARD

(VALUED AT \$200)

3 prize

MEAT DRAW FOR NICOLA VALLEY MEAT

(VALUED AT \$150)

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Please see the current information regarding the SCFSS AGM this year.

