

Band Manager's report

I want to thank the Chief and council for the opportunity to work back in my community again. Also thanks to the staff for working with me.

We made some revision to the Human Resource policy to reflect how we do business within our community. The revisions were presented to Council and approved. The next step is to review the new document with the staff.

The volunteer fire department asked if I could go with them to Hub Fire Engines. The main intention with the strong Canadian dollar versus the American dollar we may be able to save on the overall cost of the fire truck. The truck is on order and if there are any savings this will be passed onto the Band. This new truck will be available around April 15, 2008.

The Band Council approved the purchase of sand truck with a front plow. This will help the maintenance in spreading sand and will cut some cost that are presently being paid to outside contractors for road maintenance at Louis Creek.

I understand we are getting closer to doing the subdivision extension on the Coal Creek subdivision. Also there are plans to hook up the second well in the village area. A report was given in the last newsletter. Planning for an extension of the Chinook Cove subdivision has been on hold since 2003. I understand that no further action will happen on this until the Coal creek subdivision is built.

There have been a few changes in office. The education department office is now located on the lower floor of the Band office. There is ongoing discussion to revamp the GIS section and move the equipment to the Natural Resource building. This gives us an opportunity to use some of the skills we have in the community. We are also looking at dividing this space into offices. No firm costs are attached to this yet.

The hatchery Manager is leaving us. From the reports I received one of the positives things he leaves us with is that all reporting documents are computerized. This will help in getting timely reports.

The council has conducted interviews to fill the position of Band Manager. My contract ends February 1, 2008.

Eddie
Interim Band Manager