

SKAWAHLOOK NEARS COMPLETION OF REBRANDING PROCESS



Skawahlook has teamed with local artists to design new logos and websites for the Nation and it's businesses.

"We are thrilled with the branding updates and our overall new look. It is clean and modern, but incorporates several aspects of our history and heritage."

- Chief Maureen Chapman

The process began with a call to local artists. Carlo Skolrud was selected for our logos and he worked with community members and the Skawahlook administration team to hear their vision. He created separate but coordinating logos for Skawahlook First Nation and the Ruby Creek Art Gallery.

Once the first two logos were completed, Skawahlook Economic Developer, Mike Bellegarde, and Project Coordinator, Emily Sayward, worked with Matt Vogt of Vogt Visuals to create bold, modern, and intuitive websites for both Skawahlook First Nation as well as Ruby Creek Art Gallery.

We are currently in the process of updating all signage throughout Skawahlook.

A message from your Council, Debra Schneider

As part of the Council I have been very busy! I stay involved in the Aboriginal Education Committee (AEC) for School District 78.

I have also been very busy with the Sto:lo Strategic Engagement Agreement pilot (SSEAp) project since its conception. It is now a legal entity consisting of 14 Sto:lo communities and has been renamed to a traditional name called the S'olh Te'me'xw Stewardship Alliance Association (STSAA). This group gets together to talk about all referrals from proponents or organizations that propose or want to do work in our traditional territory and Skawahlook's core interest areas.

I represent Skawahlook by sitting on the SXTA (Sto:lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association) Committee as well as play an active role on the Lands Governance Working Group.

A new exiting initiative I have been involved in is the Elders Hereditary Chiefs project involving our Elders, which I'm finding very rewarding.

Dave and I are keeping busy on the farm! With plum season ending, pickling is just beginning. This summer we celebrated "Christmas in July" and much of the family was able to attend, including the littest one, our new grandson Elouan.



Skawahlook First Nation Sq'ewá:lxw



A message from the Chief: Maureen Chapman



First Nations Progress in BC

We are so pleased to provide another update to our community members. As you will read, we have new staff and every addition to our team assists in providing new opportunities for you and your families. This is not possible without your continued support and participation and, this is appreciated by all working for you.

As you have read and heard in the media, the Supreme Court of Canada issued a landmark decision June 26, 2014, recognizing Native title in BC and defining what it means. The Tsilhqot'in Nation, a coalition of First Nations, laid claim to approximately 656 square miles in the western region of BC and, the title holders have the right to use, enjoy and profit from it. This decision directs the Canadian governments to obtain First Nations consent before allowing development.

In the event consent is not granted, the court said development can only proceed under Section 35 of the Constitution Act,

1982. Specifically, the court said the following conditions must be met: 1) the government must discharge its procedural duty to consult and accommodate; 2) the government must show how its actions are backed by a compelling and substantial objective; and 3) the government must show how its actions are consistent with the Crown's fiduciary obligation to the First Nations.

The Tsilhqot'in decision gives First Nations in BC even more leverage in future negotiations with government. Congratulations to the Tsilhqot'in Elders, Chiefs, members and children!

Enjoy a beautiful fall!

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:
Membership Gathering
November 1, 2014
Skawahlook Hall
11:00am with lunch at noon



SKAWAHLOOK First Nation
SQ'EWÁ:LXW

SUMMER 2014

STO:LO CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



This year marked the 22nd Annual Sto:lo Nation's Children's Festival. As always, it was a terrific event! The rain held off and gave us great weather all day. The festival was very well attended and the children enjoyed countless bouncy castles, a catered lunch, a midway of games, facepainting, a talent show, a lego building contest, service provider booths, and lots of giveaways... just to name a few highlights!

Keep your eyes open for this event again next summer... it's one you won't want to miss. Check out the Skawahlook facebook page to see pictures of this awesome day.

SKAWAHLOOK'S BYLAWS FINALIZED



Skawahlook is excited to announce the finalization of our six bylaws.

In late 2011, the Spousal Bylaw was adopted as law. Now, in 2014, it was time to finish the process and adopt the others.

In May, printed copies were sent to each member for review and feedback. In June, Chief and Council reviewed the final copies and signed the BCRs.

All of the PDF files can be found on our website at www.skawahlook.com

Please take time to familiarize yourself with these laws and give us a call at the office if you have any questions.

SFN LANDS Update

The Lands Committee has had a very busy productive year. This year we have completed the Emergency Management Plan and consulted with community members for feedback on the Land Use Plan (LUP). Stay tuned for an upcoming members meeting to vote and pass the final LUP.

This spring the lands department offered members the opportunity to complete a custom will. Thank you to those who attended.

As of July 14, 2014 Skawahlook acquired the property of the Estate of the late Edward Chapman Sr. through a Section 50 sale of land. Debra, Lands Manager worked very hard to register the new parcel of land in the First Nations' Land Registry System and completed this process on August 6, 2014.

BRINGING HOUSING BACK HOME

On July 17th, Skawahlook's newly formed Housing Committee held their inaugural meeting. The call went out to members some time ago seeking applicants for this committee. We had a great selection of applications, and through a clearly defined process, five committee members were chosen.

Monty Chapman, Shannon Chapman, Julie Lungal, and Bill Davis were selected as local representatives. With great new technology available, it was also possible for Leah Sjovold to join the team from another country!

Building on the Skawahlook Lands Committee's work from the past four years, the Housing Committee will be meeting monthly to work on bringing more housing to Skawahlook.



For more information about this Committee, please contact Sharron Young at sharron@skawahlook.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUMMER STUDENT CALEB!

Caleb Sjovold has spent his summer here in BC, visiting from Ohio. He worked on odd jobs around Skawahlook as the hired summer student, and spent the rest of his summer participating in a fire safety course on Vancouver Island.

Caleb was accepted into the Fire Sciences program at his high school which he will begin this fall. Caleb continues to excel in hockey. This year his team went to Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska.

IT'S A BOY!



Debra and David Schneider are pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, Elouan David Schneider, born on June 6, 2014 in Vancouver, weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz.

Proud parents are Charlotte Humphries and Jeremiah Schneider. Other proud grandparents are Keith and Helene Marie Humphries of Vancouver.

AVA WINS CHAMPIONSHIP!

Breanne and Carlo Skolrud are excited to announce the recent successes of their daughter, Ava, who competed in the United States Baton Twirling Association Nationals competition in Stockton California this past July.

Ava won 1st place in the 9-year old Strut Division. After this win, she went on to compete in the Juvenile Strut division with the top athletes in the 9-12 year old divisions where she came in 6th place.

Ava placed 6th place overall in the 9-year old solo division which is a routine that consists of specific movements and requires speed and mastery of the basic skills.

This was her first year competing in Nationals and is looking forward to competing in the future.



Ruby Creek ART GALLERY Update

Hello from the Ruby Creek Art Gallery! This summer we have been very busy taking the gallery on the road. We have had our products displayed at Klahowya Village in Stanley Park as well as at the Sto:lo Community Gathering and the Spirit of the People Pow Wow in Chilliwack. We have had a great deal of success and look forward to hitting the Pow Wow trail in a big way next summer!

If you haven't had a chance to come and visit the gallery this summer, you can visit us online at www.rubycreekartgallery.com.

Almost all of our inventory is listed online and we can ship anywhere. Please make sure that you sign up for our electronic newsletter

so that you are the first to hear about special offers and gallery events.

Speaking of special events...we are planning a big open house this fall. We will have artists on-site to share their talents and stories with us. The exact date has yet to be confirmed but you can be the first to find out by following us on Facebook or on Twitter @RubyCreekArt.

New to the gallery are gift items by the Vancouver based company 'Native Northwest'. With this addition, we now have many Northwest Coast designed gift items for under \$60!

With extensive project and operations management experience, Emily joined the Skawahlook team as the Project Coordinator in the spring of 2014.

You will see Emily's smiley face at the front desk of the office. Some of her projects will include web and document design, project assistance, and committee work.

Emily and her 6 year old son, Rohan, live in Chilliwack. In her free time, she can most often be found outside hiking, camping, exploring, and dreaming about the newest adventure.

Emily can be reached at emily@skawahlook.com or at the office Monday to Wednesday at 604-796-9129.

SKAWAHLOOK HONOURS HEREDITARY CHIEFS



Skawahlook has launched an exciting initiative, honouring our respected Hereditary Chiefs and Elders and recording their cultural stories and family histories. As referenced in the Skawahlook First Nation's strategic plan, Council and staff identified the importance of maintaining their cultural history through strong relationships with the Elders. As requested by community members, they plan to do so by recording the elders' stories.

From the Strategic Plan, Section 3.0 states Skawahlook will "Support community efforts to learn, maintain and teach Skawahlook

culture and traditions for the benefit of future generations."

The process began in April, 2014, with an Elders Membership Gathering that took place on Skawahlook territory. Lexa Photography took pictures of the Elders and their families and Bear Images recorded the time of sharing.

This film included sacred memories of childhood and family stories.

Between July and August, 2014, Councillor Debra Schneider and Consultant David Carson conducted one-on-one recorded

"I feel very blessed that our Elders have trusted us to record & interview them, and getting pictures from them from long ago, is just amazing. Those pictures are a treasure, and sitting & talking with our Elders is something I will always carry close to my heart."

- Debra Schneider

interviews in the homes of each of the six of the Hereditary Chiefs: Charles Chapman, Mary Chapman, Gladys Paul, Margaret George, Delores Jim and Lucy Chapman.

Upon completion in the fall, this video will be available to the membership and public through the Skawahlook Office.