

### A Busy Council

Chief and Council business has been very hectic and we look forward to a time when we can acquire the funding necessary to hire more community members to share some of this work.

We are almost moved into our very own Band office (we purchased Grandpa's trailer) and we will host a GRAND OPENING this fall.

We also hired a Band Administrator. Alice Thompson was recently hired to

### We Want to Hear from You

Please send news, articles of interest, pictures or anything else that you would like included in our newsletter. We want to be in touch with you and all our community members.

Our next newsletter will be issued by mid-July. Please send your contributions by the end of June. We look for-

### About this Update Newsletter

This Update Newsletter was completed by *Juan C. Cereño and Associates* as part of the management support services offered to the Skawahlook First Nation under a contractual service agreement.

Please submit comments, questions and/or suggestions to the Skawahlook

work with us in the position of Band Administrator. This position will free-up some of the Council's time to be devoted to other projects.

B.C. Gas, B.C. Hydro and West Coast Energy continues their efforts to conclude access negotiations through our lands. As prior negotiations with some of these groups were not in the best interest of Skawahlook First Nation, we are now proceeding with caution. We will keep you posted.

ward to see your articles and some of your new pictures.

I pray for your safety each day in your journeys and travels and pray for our good Creator to protect you always.

Chief Maureen Chapman

First Nation, attention: *Alice Thompson, Band Administrator.*

We offer our sincere apologies for any potential errors and/or omissions.

Respectfully,

*Juan C. Cereño*, Social Planner

*"We look forward to a time when we can acquire the funding necessary to hire more community members to share some of this work"*

*"Participate and make your views and interests Known"*



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# SKAWAHLOOK FIRST NATION

## UPDATE NEWSLETTER



*Special Update Report to the Skawahlook Membership*

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### Family News From The Chief

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and happy.

The renovations are completed at Anna and Wally's and we are very glad to see the home lit up and lived in again.

Grandpa Lloyd is doing well at the Riverside Manor in Hope; please call him and wish him a belated 92nd birthday at (604) 869-5186.

Congratulations to Shannon for being the successful candidate for the publications position at Stó:lō Nation; her hard

work and studies have paid off.

*Continued encouragement to our students who are still hitting the books in university: Leah, Sharron, Breanne, Carlo and Jeremiah.*

Andria, who is now living in Kelowna, is doing well and continuing with her singing lessons – she is a natural to replace Ce-line and Shania!

Crystal was accepted into Beauty School and we'll look forward to free manicures and haircuts!

Angie was successful in her bid for the Events Coordinator position with Seabird Island – congratulations

Forrest (my 7-year old grandson) and his team finished in 2nd place in hockey after coming from last place by knocking out the first place team and sending them to the consolation bracket – way to go!

Congratulations and blessings to the new bride and groom Breanne (aka Princess) and Carlo.

### Let Us Plan a Family Reunion...

We would like your feedback about a family reunion. The Council has had some discussion about holding one this fall but we need to know

if there is interest in attending and whether community members would help in making this happen. *Please call with your input.*

*There are two weddings coming up: Stephanie and Thomas in August; and Leah and Simon in December – we look forward to these celebrations.*



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### Treaty News – By Councillor Debra Schneider

I have been involved with the Stó:lō Nation Wide Caucus, a committee mandated to study treaty issues and provide recommendations to all Stó:lō Chiefs and Councils.

The treaty talks are at a standstill right now. Stó:

lō Nation has presented Interim Measures Agreements designed to deal with fisheries and forestry issues, but the province of British Columbia refuses to deal with them.

As a committee, we are soon realizing that, to get

anywhere regarding our rights to lands, fishing, forestry, mining and the administration of other resources, we must deal directly with Canada.

Our Committee will present recommendations to the Chiefs' table for further discussions and decision making.

*"All Chiefs, Councillors and Elders must deal with the current Constitutional crisis affecting the Nation"*  
-Chiefs' Table

### Stó:lō Nation Constitution – By Councillor Debra Schneider

A group of 60 community representatives attended a 4-day workshop in Kamloops last April 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The purpose of the workshops was to work on draft number 16 of our

Constitution document

It is agreed by the leaders that Stó:lō Nation must have a Constitution to govern itself.

A Constitution will help the Nation to hold fair and honest elections in

the future.

Representatives at the Chiefs' table agreed that all Chiefs, Councillors and Elders must deal with the current Constitutional crisis affecting the Nation.

### Home Renovations – By Councillor Debra Schneider

Since the end of January 2002, David Schneider and Brett Chapman have been busy renovating six homes in our reserves.

To date, they have finished the renovations on Anna Maguire's home.

Anna and Wally finally moved back into their home last April 12. Their home was built during the early 60's and needed much work done to it. Although we could not do all the repairs

needed due to limited funds, both Anna and Wally appear happy with their renovated home.

The renovations project will continue throughout the year until completed.

### \$ 75,000 Towards Skawahlook's Department of Lands and Natural Resources

The Skawahlook First Nation was successful in accessing \$ 75,000 to undertake the establishment of a Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

The funding acquired through the B.C. Capacity Initiative will assist us in our efforts to protect and

manage our lands and natural resources in a manner that respect the values and interests of all community members.

The funding will also assist us in our ongoing negotiations with B.C. Gas, B.C. Hydro and West Coast Energy.



### New Project Ideas

Skawahlook First Nation has recently submitted a funding application under the Income Security Reform Project to plant an orchard and a commercial-type garden in our reserves.

We requested a total of \$ 50,000 to complete this project.



View of Fraser River

### NORHA Update

Our New On Reserve Housing Approach (NORHA) project completed the first year of operations.

While doing an inventory of the work completed to

date, we found that our renovation work is well ahead of schedule. We originally planned to complete one major renovation this year; instead, we are in the proc-

ess of completing the renovations needed in six homes.

Funding to complete this project is being accessed from Human Resources Development and DIA.

*"We are in the process of renovating six homes"*



Chief Maureen Chapman Councillor Debra Schneider and Councillor Angie Chapman