

XAXLI'P COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT

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REMINDERS

- ◆ Community Meetings—January 18th
- ◆ Drop-in Sessions—January 14th & 28th
- ◆ “Draw Your Community” contest—we’ve only received one entry & encourage more people to enter. 1st prize is \$100.00 & 2nd prize is \$50.00
- ◆ Surveys—deadline is January 7th. This survey is focused specifically on Economic Development. We encourage you to do one—so your voice and ideas are included in the final report



K’alhwa7al’ap (hello everyone) and HAPPY NEW YEAR to y’all !! Hope you all had a great holiday with family and friends.

The XCEDP project is now in its 5th month and the objectives are being met.

In the community meetings we’ve had to date, a total of 26 people have attended. We have started showing maps of Xaxli’p reserves and traditional territory, to give people an idea of the land base, types of land holdings and Band land. In our discussions, people need to start considering locations that can be used for development and what type of development. We will have these maps on display in the hall. We encourage you to stop by to give us your comments and ideas.

In the Drop-in sessions, a total of 25 people stopped in to visit. The meetings and drop-ins are to update people, and to get as much feedback and input. Your participation is important in how economic development will be carried out in Xaxli’p. The survey deadline has been extended to January 7th.

An additional activity we had was the Xaxli’p Arts, Crafts & Traditional Foods Fair held on December 13th. We had 11 community members sign up for a table, selling works of photography, beadwork, bags, hats, blankets, crochet, knitting, net-making, floral arrangements, boxes with native designs, scarves, wall hanging, basketry and art (I may have missed a few items). The fair started at 10:00 am

and ended at 6:30 pm. We had a total of 58 people stop in to buy or just browse. This provided the Xaxli’p arts & crafts people an opportunity to showcase their work and talents (believe me, the work was excellent and very creative).

Colleen has started the analysis work of the surveys that have come in. Once completed, it will identify what information still needs to be gathered, and determine discussions in the remaining community meetings.

We are also gathering information from other projects done (Eco-tourism; TUS; Ecosystem Land Management; and Xaxli’p ventures—Ranch, Fiberglass shop, Forestry Corporation).

This project is a great and learning experience for me.

Jack Narcisse, XCEDP Assistant



Since my last report, the project has been quite busy. Collecting surveys from people, having our bi-weekly drop-ins and community meetings.

The surveys are coming in slow and I've been going around bugging people about that (all in good fun). It's very important to get your valuable input. That's what helps develop Economic Development.

The Drop-Ins are going well. A few people have come in and visited with Emerson and I.

They have also given us good information and advice on what they believe should be done and how it should be done. The snacks also help bring in people. A lot of goodies. Fatten up people for Christmas.

The XCEDP Community meetings have also been going well. People are showing up to learn about what Economic Development is, see what we are about and how far we have advanced.

Colleen Jacob has been doing good presentations and activities to help

demonstrate our work. They make things clearer and easier to understand. Some concerns have been expressed, and that helps us do our work more effectively. Any kind of advice is valuable.

Colleen and Pauline went to Vancouver and Kamloops on December 6th and 11th to do presentations to the off reserve members and give updates on the project.

Now that we're back from the holidays, I hope everyone had a very good Christmas and a happy New Year. Holy!!! 2011 already, where have the years gone.

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year and I hope all of your dreams come true. *And keep your resolutions.*

"Happy New Year"

One And All

- Don't join the s h o u l d a , woulda, coulda, gang
- Just do it
- Only the strong survive

