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XCEDP NEWSLETTER

PAULINE MICHELL, PROJECT MANAGER

Hello Everyone:

The XCEDP project is in its final stages and will begin work on the draft Xaxli'p 5-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan.

The XCEDP team will determine how to have members identify the two main ideas to carry out pre-feasibility studies.

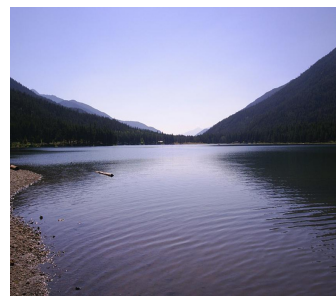
In the last six months, we received positive and negative input from members at the Community meetings and Drop-ins. We greatly appreciate the input as it allows the opportunity for members to voice what they want for the community and members, and the direction for Xaxli'p in the next five years.

The analysis of the survey is complete and been presented at the last two community meetings. We re-

ceived 133 surveys, 121 were analyzed and the 12 have yet to be analyzed. The analysis report will be available at the next community meeting and XCEDP Open House.

An important part of the project involves "capacity building" of the XCEDP team which is the Project Manager and two Assistants. The reason is to have people in the community trained and working in the area of economic development.

The project also provides work experience for the Assistants. Skills gained are doing regular reports (written); building rapport with community members; communication skills; planning & organizing of events, meetings & drop-ins; carrying out a survey; research skills; taking notes at meetings; awareness & understanding of "building sustainable communities"



Fountain Lake

and "Alternative Energy" options; having good work ethics; office procedures, human resource policy, learning to use the various computer programs & internet; budget & financial management; and reports to INAC.

During the project, the community meetings created awareness and understanding of what economic development is. At each meeting, a presentation was done and then time for questions. I believe we do need to continue the process to identify and have more discussions on the challenges and obstacles for community economic

Survey Report:

- Received total of 133 surveys
- Economic Development identified as a very important issue
- Eco-cultural Tourism, Store & Agriculture/Ranch were given highest support and feasibility to pursue
- Specific locations for consideration: Fountain Flats; 12 & 14 Mile; Valley; Fountain Lake; 6 Mile; main Reserve; Chilhill; old hall and purchased properties
- Based on people's interests, training was identified as high priority
- 94% of people still carry out traditional practices to help out their personal economy



Pauline Michell, Project Manager cont'd

development and growth.

The XCEDP has two more community meetings and two drop-ins in March, and plans for an Open House.

Jack and Emerson attended an "Alternative Energy for BC First Nations" gathering on February 17th & 18th. The reason is because of the areas of opportunity for economic development and community innovation. The gathering examined trends and encouraged discussions on practices and policies in BC First Nations' alternative energy development. The gathering brought together First Nations leaders, industry specialists and government representatives.

To continue the work of community economic development, Xaxli'p submitted, to INAC, a Statement of Intent for another Community Economic

Opportunity Program project for 2011-12. On or after March 4th, if successful, we will be invited to submit a full application.

The XCEDP also made submission for a "Poverty Action Research Project." The deadline was February 15th and was extended to March 31st. This project is a joint effort between the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Dalhousie University. The AFN has a Chiefs Committee on Economic Development which established a "Make Poverty History Expert Advisory Committee." This Committee was successful in getting a 5-year research grant. The Poverty Action Research Project will identify five volunteer First Nation communities in different parts of Canada that is interested in working with the Research Team. The project will consist of a needs assessment and development of

a strategic plan to create a sustainable economic base, reduce poverty and improve the health and well-being of community members.

At the end of the project, we will have a wrap-up session, and do the draw for the lap-top and prizes for youth.



Bald Mountain

Jack Narcisse, Assistant

Hello again people,

It seems like yesterday that I wrote the last report. But, I guess it's been nearly a month. Time sure has been flying by.

Since the last report, a lot has happened. Along with the Drop-Ins and Community Meetings, I have been busy researching for old and new maps of our community. I found a few maps but not the ones we really need. I also searched for papers that would show how much land is CP (Certificate of Possession) owned and

how much is Band land.

We need this information to know how much land can be used for any ventures we plan. We also want to talk to landowners about any plans they may have for their lands.

During the Drop-Ins, we have been showing the maps and getting people to talk about the lands. We have been getting good input on this.

At our next Drop-In, we will have maps of Bell Property, Sabotka Ranch, Fountain Lake, Yaremchuk

Place, Oullette Place and the Rusty Creek Subdivision. We would like to hear your suggestions on these places. We will also have a question sheet for people to do that would help gather more information about development.



View of main reserve & valley

In the Community Meetings, we went over the survey results. This is quite interesting.

We are also planning for an open

Jack Narcisse, Assistant, cont'd

house in March. We will let you know the date once it's set.

There are only two meetings left and if you haven't come to one yet, come and see what we're all about and what we are doing.

On February 17th and 18th, Emerson and I attended a conference in Vancouver called "Alternative Energy for First Nations." This was a very informative conference. What surprised me was the attendance of half was native and half were non-native (some worked for First Nations). I thought the majority would be native.

One leader I talked to said the sama7

always want to get our resources, which is true. The conference was hosted by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. A lot of the discussions were around wind turbine, solar panels and photovoltaic, ocean energy, bio-energy, bio-gas and a lot of other energies.

One of the positives of the conference was meeting a lot of the people who switched to green energy, and finding out the pros and cons of each of them.

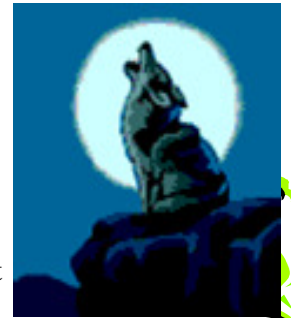
The majority of the people were approachable and easy to talk to. So a lot of advice was given. All and all this was a very good conference.

Our next Drop-In session is on Friday, February 25th from 10:00 am to

3:00 pm at the Education Learning Centre. Hope to see you there.

So until next time, take good care of yourselves.

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Emerson Adolph, Assistant

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are well. Spring is just around the corner. Although it doesn't feel like it with the odd snow storm blowing in now and then. I heard the pussywillows are starting to come out in the Lillooet area. That has to be a sign Spring is near.

This is the month XCEDP wraps up drafting the Xaxli'p 5-Year Economic Development Plan focusing on two areas for pre-feasibility studies.

We've had a few meetings, and a few drop in sessions since we started in October 2010. In this time frame

we developed a survey for members input; and we received 120 surveys back. Thank you very much for your input.

On February 17th & 18th, Jack and I attended a conference in Vancouver hosted by INAC and other partners. The conferences' (*Alternative Energy for BC First Nations Gathering*) main focus was alternative energy. We became aware of agencies that assist in such projects; who to contact for inquiries relating to alternative energy, and what is possible and within reach should we decide to look into developing and/or utilizing alternative energy projects.

During the conference we heard from numerous delegates representing universities, government agencies and alternative energy businesses established in Canada.

There were many positives to this conference but one negative: hearing Kevin Ainsworth speak. His former company



Rainbow over main reserve

Emerson Adolph, Assistant cont'd

(Ainsworth Lumber which was taken over by Bondholders in 2008). Also how government and government agencies contributed to the demise of some major ecosystems (through clear-cut logging tenures and practices) which played a role in the introduction of the Pine Beetle epidemic.

Now he has partnered with Chief Mike LeBourdais et al and they plan on going after the pine beetle killed stands for bio energy development. They stated the stands are like, "oil sitting on the ground which is dead energy" and they want to tap into it with their initiated company: Whispering Pines Energy, established in 2008. I think it is very ironic how he plans on financially benefitting from the pine beetle epidemic.

In conclusion, it was a great conference. It provided a great opportunity to become familiar with alternative energy options and businesses who are paving the way for the growing industry as a result of striving to live a

more sustainable lifestyle by relying less on fossil fuels

On another note, APTN was present filming coverage of the conference.

A highlight for me was when we met with the Xaxlip Community Forestry Corporation (XCFC) Board members (February 10th).

At this meeting we told them the community is supportive of the XCFC and its initiatives as it was identified as one of the priorities. I agree with the members as XCFC is asserting our title and rights over our territory by stating where we can cut and cannot cut and what is allowable for harvest.

I noticed the professional quality signs in their office that will be installed in our territory, and professional quality maps of our survival territory on the walls (each map for a specific purpose). I understand they are utilizing the Ecosystem Land Base Plan is positive and TUS (Traditional Use Study).

It's good we have a company that takes into consid-

eration the whole picture focusing on sustainability: right from the ecosystem to the people and to future generations.

When we take *everything* into consideration everything benefits: the land with its hoshum and other fruit bearing trees and shrubs, the Mycorrhorizae (fungi that is the essential part of the forest ecosystem), the animals, ourselves and future generations.

There is also positive feedback in the community of the workers.

I'm glad we met with XCFC to establish a line of communication. We look forward to assisting in any matters relating to economic development if needed.

There are two meetings and two Drop-In sessions in March. Stop in and give your input; positive or negative we want to hear it. We look forward to chatting with you.

Performance Measures:
Colleen Jacob

Skills Development—Project Manager outline skills & aim for workers to do presentation

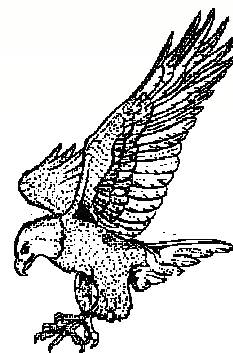
Xaxli'p Economic Development Plan—consultation done through survey & continues with meetings

Participation of members—133 surveys done & attendance at meetings & drop ins

Governance Structure—continue to research

2 prefeasibility study documents—identify 2 (or 3) projects as being most feasible

Identify appropriate government structure—continue to research



We're on the Web
xaxli'p.ca

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