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CHIEF JOE ALPHONSE

UPDATE

Hi, hope everyone is doing well. This is my attempt to provide my Chiefs report and update. It is challenging to keep everyone informed on all related issues associated with my role as Chief for Tl'etinqox at the best of times, but under Covid 19 rules it is even more complex. We continue to advocate for everyone to conduct themselves in a safe way as we are not out the woods yet. The 3rd wave is hitting and appears to be stronger than the first two. The best way to protect ourselves is simply don't visit or allow people to visit you.

The first order of business I'd like to address is to simply congratulate all the candidates that got elected in our February Chief and Council elections. Of course, I'd also like to thank everyone that came out to vote. It is a total honor to be elected as Chief, so I also like to thank the community of Tl'etinqox for having faith in me and electing me back in as Chief. It is a difficult job with plenty of challenges but if we continue to work together I'm confident we can overcome just about any obstacle that may present itself.

We've had a lot to celebrate this past year with the completion of our long awaited new gas bar, Chilcotin River Trading along with our new Water Treatment project, Elders Complex and the creation of our Horse Equine Program. We will be launching a couple new projects this coming year with a new Day Care facility and the start of our Horse Equine facility at Alexis Lake. The latest news we have received is our school has been approved of extending our classes to grade 12. We will now have students have the option of staying home to finish their high school education. As a community I believe this to be exciting times as we see the growth of our community in ways we would have never dreamed possible.

At the Nation level, I continue to serve as Chair of the board of Tsilhqot'in National Government. Chief Otis Guichon from Tsi Deldel is the Vice Chair. Negotiations with BC and Canada is moving at a

snails pace. Covid 19 has had a big negative impact on negotiations as we are not able to meet in-person so most of our interactions are via video conferencing. Resolving our overlap issues with our neighbouring Nations is deemed a high priority however resolving these issues are complex.

The Nation housing strategy is moving at a much slower pace than I had imagined it would. It has been a long time since the Federal Government has made the commitment to invest homes as part of our negotiation. We would like to see the roll out of this program this coming year with construction hopefully starting in some of our communities.

My read in the Negotiation agreement indicates to me the Federal Government is prepared to fund our own Tribal Police agency, however it remains up to us to develop how that agency will look and be structured.

These are only two of the programs we can benefit directly from TNG's negotiation efforts however my concern with the negotiation is that we are not utilizing our time at the Chiefs table in an efficient way. We have to be better organized and dedicate the time for negotiation to actually negotiation related issues. We seem more pre-occupied in dealing with everyday TNG related business than negotiation related business. Some of the most important issues we have with negotiation is finding a way to get feedback from our members. Without this we won't have unity in moving forward. I believe as Chiefs we need to refocus our vision and approach but I am confident we can move forward in a good way and bring much needed programs to our community.

I thank everyone for taking the time to read my report and update and any feedback on these issues are greatly appreciated. Continue to take care of yourselves and be safe.



Photo by: Tammy Haller

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE



ʔAbenanas/Dzinas Guʔen Guzun!

It has been a very busy year here in Tl'etinqox! We have a lot happening in the community, these are some very exciting times!

Just to name a few activities:

New horizons for seniors' fund- I applied for \$25,000 which covers the cost of building an arbor, benches, a firepit, and doing landscaping at the new Elders complex! The purpose of the grant was to create a space for our elders to be able to comfortably share their knowledge with community members. I thought that providing a story-telling environment would be a great way to encourage knowledge transfers. Once it is safe for our Elders, we will start hosting little events between them and youth in the community there.

P&ID funding- I applied for \$50,000 to do a custom election for Tl'etinqox. I have not heard back on the approval as of yet, but if we are successful then we will have on and off reserve meetings to get input on what a 'custom election' will look like for this community and hopefully be in a place to implement it by the next election of 2023.

Elders Complex – The Elders complex is completed! We started taking applications for the homes and are charging \$250 per month in rent for the dwellings for Elders. This cost covers lawn maintenance, shoveling and de-icing in the winter, yard care, wood chopping, and maintenance as needed. The units are energy efficient and come with little wood stoves, however the electric heat is sufficient to warm the building. Unfortunately, due to COVID we have had to postpone the move in dates and selection of tenants as the units are being used for isolation spots for community members who require them. Once we are safe from COVID selection of tenants will happen. Please be patient.

Street Signs- street signs and new addressing were finally delivered last year, unfortunately the ground froze early and we were not able to get the signs in. We will be installing these signs soon and will deliver community maps to each household that show street names and addresses. This is an exciting step for the community and has been a long time coming!

Land (nen) Use Planning- Most will probably remember we had Martha Elkins going door-to-door with our LUP consultant last year before COVID hit. The land use plan is done! We are just editing and adding more photo's to the document. We will deliver 1 book to each home when they are ready as well! This hard work resulted in the hiring of a "nen coordinator", we now have Tracey Elkins here full-time dealing with nen use issues and researching how we can create by-laws that protect our nen for the future generations.

I generally do a lot of administrative duties here. I am apart of all the committee's/boards in the community so that I know what is happening. My job is busy and can be tough sometimes, but I took this job because I felt I had something to contribute to my community.

I enjoy being a part of projects and doing proposals to push our community forward into the future.

If you have any questions about anything, I am always open to discussing issues, if I don't have the answer for you, I will find it.



Pink shirt day! Photo by: Eleanor Cooper

HOUSING UPDATE

We know housing is a big need here, we have been working hard trying to assess how we can bring new homes here. TGO is currently scheduling a meeting with TNG and Leadership to discuss future housing in the community.

There is a need to develop policies for new rental units. There is a lot to consider when it comes to the “true” cost of housing. We have to find a way to deal with maintenance costs that are not funded, such as; plowing, grading, garbage collection, minor interior/exterior maintenance that is needed.

One of the solutions we came up with was that TGO stopped paying for things like hot water elements, windows, doors, door knobs, faucets, etc. however, we will install these items for you for free as long as you purchase the items needed. When an item is \$30, and we are buying 150 of them (# of homes here) the costs really start to add up. We have to be more responsible with housing, and it is important to TGO to address the housing needs; however, we need to change how we are doing things so that housing is sustainable and we can continue to build to deal with population growth in the future.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

We collect rent from staff who live in section 9/10 homes (these are homes that are mortgaged and not owned. ie; subdivision), we are collecting rent for 6 units. The Housing Department is currently working towards collecting maintenance fees from all staff who are not paying rent in a rental unit, and at some point we will discuss doing this with community members.

However, the potential for being able to build 1 new home a year could be achieved by collecting rent for all homes at the subdivision and collecting a small maintenance fee on each CMHC and old home in the community.

When working out the math:

Rent currently collected:

Total rent paid per year to TGO = \$30,600 (this is 5 units in total)

We have a total of 26 houses at the subdivision. There are 24 units that we are NOT receiving rent for. This amounts to **\$9,600** of potential rent being missed out on **MONTHLY**, and **\$115,200 YEARLY**

If we were to collect just \$50 per house for all CMHC and older houses in the community for maintenance (garbage collection/snow removal/grading/chimney cleaning) this would amount to an additional \$6,200 MONTHLY and **\$74,400 YEARLY**

In total we could be adding **\$ 189,600** per year to our housing budget and this could be building at least 1 new home per year.

Some food for thought.

TGO also understands that there are people who are wanting to build or buy homes with their Day School money or purchase through mortgaging. We are currently deciding on the policies for this. The process to mortgage on reserve is complex and the band has to be willing to take on the liability for the loan defaulting. This means that if the person who has the mortgage cannot pay, instead of repossessing, the mortgage will then become the responsibility of the band to pay.

We need to decide what housing will look like in Tl'etinqox and what's the best way to approach this topic, and solve the issues surrounding funding since all of our housing money is with the TNG Housing Authority. There have been no decisions made on how to deliver this funding, the process seems slow. Housing is a huge topic is a dire need here, we want to ensure we do this right this time.

If there are people who want to be considered for new housing when it arrives, we are accepting applications. We will keep them on file. Candidates able and willing to pay rent will be highly considered.

HOUSING CONTINUED:



Hi! I'm Brent Lulua, and I work in the Maintenance department. I do various maintenance, but I mostly concentrate on housing maintenance in the community. My parents are Edmond Lulua and June Williams from Xenigwetin. I currently reside in Tl'etinqox with my family Kimberly and Brynley, I am a registered member of Tl'etinqox Government, I transferred last year. It's an honour to be working for Tl'etinqox Government. My job can be very challenging, but it's a great learning experience. I am working towards becoming a certified "housing specialist", which means I will be able to run the housing department someday. I enjoy my job and I look forward to continuing to serve Tl'etinqox. Sechenalyagh for having me!



2 of the 6 Elders Complex units! They are beautifully built and are Energy star homes. We are still accepting applications for when we open the homes up for Tl'etinqox Elders.

The purpose was to create a safe environment for our Elders where they can enjoy being around other Elders who are drug and alcohol free. This project serves our most important community members and we are so excited about it!

Please get your application from the front desk at the band office or ask for them to be emailed if you need.

receptionist@tletinqox.ca

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DIRECTORS UPDATE

Hello!

I am Tyron Harry, the Director of the Operations and Maintenance Department.

Water upgrade:

Our water project is done. We have all new pumps, new piping in the control building, new electrical control panel, also our new booster station that was out of commission for a number of years is now back up and running! The reservoir in Sandhills is full of water once again. All the reservoirs have been cleaned, and we have generators at the control building and booster station. This way, if we have a power outage our water will still be functioning. The system also has remote access, basically this means it will notify the people who are on the list through their phones and email if there are any problems. It's an amazing piece of technology that helps us better

monitor the water in the community. This allows us to see all the water levels from our cell phone or computer.

Roads:

Spring run off has been a pain this year. Once frost melts we plan on repairing roads and continue cleaning ditch lines, also installing culverts where needed.

Garbage Pickup:

Our garbage has been transferred to Williams Lake (CRD) for about a month now. Which means our dump site will be a bit cleaner, then in the future it will be shut down.

Thanks for taking the time to read my update.
Sechanalyagh !



Photos are of the new control rooms and equipment that runs our new water systems.





My name is Dawn Bursey. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager. I have been working with First Nations in various capacities

for the past thirty years and started with TI'etinqox in August 2017 after hearing that Chief Joe was looking for someone and had identified me as a potential candidate. It has been an honour to work with everyone at TI'etinqox.

Finance Update

The finance team consists of myself, Janel Alphonse (Accounts Payable), Kimberly Johnny (Payroll) and Karen Reedel (Dechen Ventures, TI'etinqox Economic Development, and Chilcotin River Trading). Collectively, we manage a budget of approximately \$22.5 million dollars.

We have implemented a variety of systems and internal controls necessary to ensure reliable and timely financial information. The finance team continues to build on the skill sets required in the discharge of their duties and are a pleasure to work with. We continue to make improvements in processing efficiencies and the team is learning more each day with respect to the importance of their roles and how everything ties together.

The overall position of TI'etinqox continues to improve. We now have a Financial Administration Bylaw in place, which we will continue to monitor and move forward to secure eligibility in becoming a member of First Nation Finance Authority, where we will be able to secure financing at government rates, and we are now under Indigenous Service Canada's 10-Year Grant Program which provides for added flexibility in budgeting and reporting requirements.

Department managers are now familiar with the budget process and are active, enthusiastic participants in establishing budgets from year to year. A shout out to Clayton for being the first to provide budgets for next fiscal! Woot! Woot!

FINANCE UPDATE

I would like to remind everyone that annual financial statements for TI'etinqox Government are available on both the Indigenous Services Canada website, as well as the TI'etinqox Government website.

Capital Projects

The Gas Bar project is nearing 100% completion; you will see some additional work being done this spring with respect to additional paving, road grading, gravel work, and landscaping. The Cardlock is now operational and is open to commercial and fleet customers. We have a few minor outstanding items that we continue to move toward completion, the major one being the kitchen improvements. We are waiting on equipment delivery before we can schedule more training and will continue to keep you updated on the CRT Facebook page. Another shout out to Alana and staff for their hard work; the store is really coming together. Our produce stands have arrived so we will now be able to stock fresh produce!

The Daycare is scheduled to begin construction this spring with occupancy scheduled for October. This promises to be a very welcome and exciting addition to the community. The Water System Upgrade is also nearing completion and we have now been approved for Wastewater System Upgrades. The Equine Facility Project structure designs are complete and ready for infrastructure design (power, water, wastewater). We will continue to update you as things progress at the property. The Elders Complex is now complete with some landscaping to finish in the spring. We also have an application prepared for the renovation of the Administration building.

Human Resources

Employees are encouraged to review the TI'etinqox Government Human Resources Policy Manual from time to time to remain informed as to employment expectations. If you do not have a copy, you can pick one up at the office. Covid policies are also being updated as we move through this unique time, so please make sure you review those as they roll out. We would also like to remind everyone that employees are expected to maintain the highest standard when representing TI'etinqox Government both on and off the job.

FINANCE CONTINUED:



Hi!

I'm Karen Reedel and I do all the financial and payroll processing for Tl'etinqox band owned entities including Dechen Ventures, Tl'etinqox Economic Development Corp and Chilcotin River Trading.



Hi, I'm Janel Alphonse and I process all of the invoices and payments for Tl'etinqox. This past fiscal, that was about \$14 million dollars. It's definitely been a busy year yet productive considering the pandemic we are under. I have been with Tl'etinqox as Accounts Payable since August 2015 and I work alongside Kim, Dawn and Karen in the Finance Department. Throughout the years it has been great to see all the developments happening within Tl'etinqox and I'm looking forward to the new developments in the works. The equine program has been excelling thanks to Sarah, Equine Director and Becca Rosette, Equine Assistant and I look forward to the upcoming events that are going to happen with the youth. As you all know the Williams Lake Stampede is cancelled yet again for another year so the Horse & Bike ride has been cancelled, which has been a big event for our youth and the community alongside our Tsilhqot'in neighbors.

My goal for this year to volunteer and help the equine program, as I love riding horses and I enjoy working with the youth.

Lastly, thanks for taking the time to read my update, be safe and stay healthy!



Hi, I'm Kimberly Johnny and I process all the payroll for Tl'etinqox Government and now Chilcotin River Trading, and make sure all relevant government remittances are made on time. This past fiscal, payroll costs were approximately \$3.6 million dollars. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Joe in hiring me back in May of 2010, and to our finance manager Dawn Bursey for allowing us to learn and strive in the finance department. I love my boss and I love working for my community.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2020-2021 Post Secondary

TI'etinqox received about 50 applicants – which included returning students, graduating students and new students

The majority were accepted pending their required documents were in place

With the Covid 19 Pandemic happening, the government gave additional dollars to each band for Post Secondary – It's called the "One-time Emergency Post-Secondary Education funding" based on per capita: Our band received \$ 107,752 extra. With that we covered the students entering the TNG's Carpentry program and also purchased laptops, with the Microsoft office programs installed, for all Post Secondary Students. Those were given to students before Christmas.

The majority of the universities/colleges are remaining with on-line courses/programs with very little face to face with students. The Trades (Carpentry, etc.), Sciences (Nursing, etc.), etc. are the only programs that will have actual students in classrooms/labs due to the requirement of the courses.

If at all possible, students work from home, the need for laptops were a required necessity more than ever with the way programs are being held.

More extra funds may be coming, if so, current enrolled students will receive more gifts to assist them with their education, however we want to remind everyone, it for THIS fiscal year only. We do not normally support these purchases.

Recent updates for Colleges/Universities, they are planning on opening the doors to student starting in September 2021, based on the provincial guidelines.

2021-2022 Post Secondary year - REMINDER that the deadline is:

MAY 15, 2021

for September 2021 start date

and SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Deadline for January 2022 start date

Our Post-Secondary policy/application is on our website as well as on Facebook.

All current students planning on returning, please renew your application by that date also.



High School: 2020-2021

This year has been very challenging for all our students with the Worldwide Pandemic that has put a strain into our everyday lives. Students are in back in classes currently but may change at any time, following the current provincial guidelines. The School District 27 and other school districts do have students back in school, we (TI'etinqox) have not made it mandatory for students to attend physically and we will continue to sponsor students IF they are picking up and dropping of school work. If there is no connection with the school then the sponsorship will end.

With the pandemic on a rise in BC, more pre-cautions are being taken

We also received additional funds this year for the TI'etinqox students on the Nominal Roll – meaning students who attend Alexis Creek School, WLSS school, Sacred Heart school, and the ones on my Room and Board program. Due to not being able to have events for Spring Break, we purchased backpacks and some craft kits that students can make at home, including sanitizers, hand wipes, TG logo facemasks. We also had enough funds to provide a laptop/chromebook for each student listed above. These funds received are ONLY for this school year.

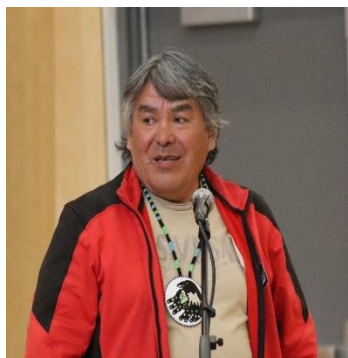
For September 2022 enrolment

Accepting Room & Board applications by

August 1, 2022

Pick up an application at the office, our facebook page or on our website

FORESTY AND LANDS DEPARTMENT



My name is Harvey Dick, I am the Manager for the Dechen Ventures. My duties include getting mistletoe contracts from Tolko, BCTS, and West Fraser. Dechen Ventures is also in partnership with Tsideldel through CCR (Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation), we are able to get mistletoe, fuel management, block layout, and silviculture surveying contracts. We also get to work on silviculture surveys with West Fraser. During the summer months we have firefighting crews, type 3 and 2. Type 3 are filled with 20 man crews (4, 5-packs). Everyone has to pass the fitness test where you carry 25 pounds on your back for 3.2 km in under 30 minutes.

Last year we had 9 people pass the type two fitness test but we needed 12. This year we have to have 12 pass the WFX fit test so we can have two 4-packs and 4 spares. Tickets needed for this are BC Faller, Level 3 first aid, Danger tree-assessor. For the WFX-fit test you have to carry 62.7 pounds 2 x 40 metres over a ramp, hose carry, lift n carry on back 25 x 40 metres over ramp 50 times. Charged hose advance with 123.5 pounds 2x 4 metres over a ramp and it has to be done in 17:30 mins. If you are interested in this come see me!

We also have 4 medic trucks working. One works in Tatla Lake (Smokey Lake), Anah Lake Road, Military Block, Lees Corner Lookout area, as of now the ground is too soft for logging, most companies are on breakup.

At the moment we have 30 people employed doing fuel management on Anah Lake road, which will be going through the summer. Sean O'niel will be coming in April sometimes to reticket the crews. All Dechen crew members need to have their first aid level 1 with transportation endorsement. For type two firefighting I have FNESS coming in April to do a two-week course. Two layout crews are also working, and when all the snow is gone there will be tree planting, silviculture surveys, falling etc.

We are always looking for crew members on short notice, please leave a resume with me if you are interested in working in the future.



LANDS DEPARTMENT

Hi Everyone! My name is Tracey Elkins. I am the Tl'etinqox Government Nen Coordinator. I am apart of a network of "nen planners", each community has one. I am so excited to really dive into the important aspects of lands in our territory. I'm back at home and working with TNG & TGO in the Lands, Water & Resource Departments.

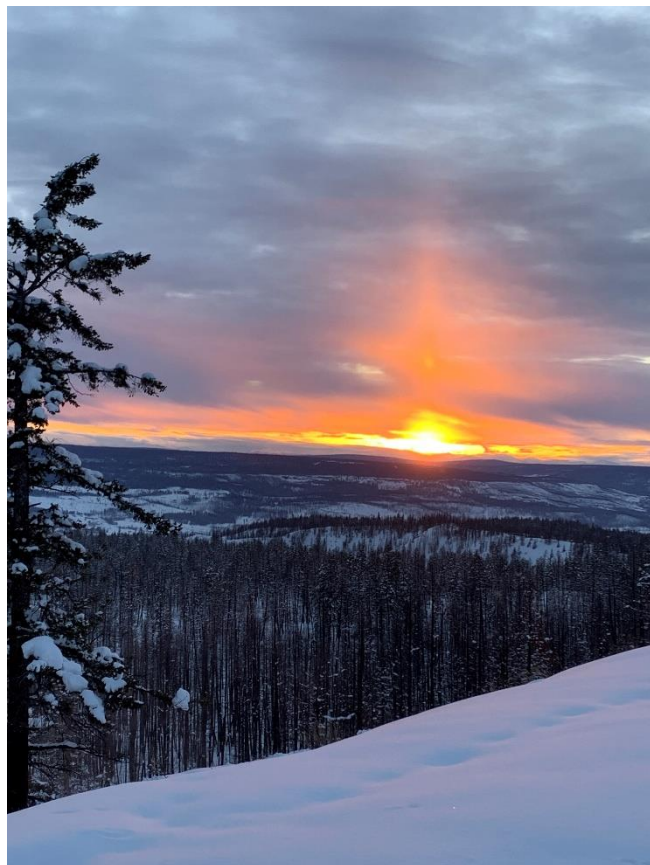


Photo by: Alana Bobby

We have to protect our Tl'etinqox Traditional Territory from over development of resources. We have to plan on how we will use, and protect our Lands and Water.

I was hired on after the last Hay season in 2020. I spend a lot of my time doing research and trying to figure out INAC and their lands systems.

According to Indian Affairs we have 5,665 Hectares of Anaham Indian Reserve Lands. (IR's)

Indian Affairs has had the responsibility of documenting and mapping IR Lands.

Indian Affairs has also been giving band members the same pieces of Land they gave someone else.

So in reality, you are right when you say, 'this is my land' and the other person says 'No its my families land.' You are both right, you both own a piece of that Land.

Indian Affairs calls this "fractional IR Lands". They created a mess.

We all know the problems we are facing when it comes to the tangled mess of INAC and their systems, but its important that the community get involved in the process, how would you fix this?

I'm open to discussions all issues concerning lands (even

hay fields) one on one. However, because of Covid we will not be having any group discussions anytime soon, so we need to be creative in how to address community concerns and have community meetings where we can all discuss these important issues.

The Nen coordinators/planners for all communities are working together to create a strong and united Nation Land Use Plan that addresses our unique needs according to our communities and what our members want. This will create a layer of protection, in the way the "medo" want is, but we can use it to our advantage so the Provincial & Federal Governments will not destroy our Tsilhqot'in Traditional Territory.

If you want to have a chat with me, feel free to call or email me.

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Missing Updates: Fleet Department and Reception

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hello Everyone,

My name is Graylin Jobin. I was raised by the Johnny and Elkins Family here on the reserve. My parents are Ina Johnny and Willard Elkins. My late grandparents are Otto and Mary Johnny and Thomas and Annie Elkins. My husband is Tyman Jobin. I have five children (one is my nephew Ryker), and Tyman has five children. Also, we're currently helping my cousin with her children. I love them all equally like my own. I have four brothers, one late sister, and numerous half brothers and sisters. I am grateful to have a supportive family.

I work in the Social Assistance Department as the new Director. I have been working here for the last 15 years. I was on council for four years with Chief Joe, and I enjoyed my time with Leadership. When I came to work for the community, my goal was to reconnect with the people.

I would like to update everyone on Special Needs and Burials. In the Special Needs Budget, the Income Assistance can no longer cover any appliances, such as, cook stoves, fridges, washers, etc. For the Burials, I would like to remind families to come and see us. So, we can photo copy the deceased person's identification cards, and get signatures from the person that's administering their estate. This will really help us with our paperwork.

I am very honoured to here working for the TI'etinqox people, and I look forward to many more years to come. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work our previous Leadership have done.

You all did a great job! Thank you for having me on your team!

Sechenalyagh,

Graylin Jobin

Director of Social Assistance



Pink Shirt day is important to TI'etinqox Government. As an organization that is concentrating on values of empowerment and support, we feel it is necessary to support anti-bullying day. We hope that when COVID is over we can have a TI'etinqox COMMUNITY photo showing how this community supports each other and stands strong against bullying. Be a buddy, not a bully.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Hello All,

My name is Angela Giovanelli. I'm from Tl'etinqox and currently the Chief's Advisor for Social services at TGO.

My role is to support and advocate for families who have/are at risk of involvement with the Ministry of Children and Families. This includes but not limited to assisting with finding resources, support services, planning and ensuring that our families' views and voices are heard and aid in prevention of children going into care.

The overall goal in the Tl'etinqox Social Services department is to keep children in a culturally appropriate

environment regardless of where you reside and our department has serviced both on and off reserve band members since backing out of Denisiqi in 2018.

The Tl'etinqox social department is committed to keeping families together however, and whenever possible.

We are always seeking to strengthen and build capacity within families and community to ensure our children maintain cultural connections/practices and our department always has room for growth and improvement. Our children need and have the right to develop pride in their

personal identity, to experience their familial and community belonging, and to know their place in their Nation.

Please feel free to reach out anytime 😊 If you are dealing with MCFD, I can assist you. I work for the community and my services are for community members, both on and off reserve. Dealing with the ministry can be a scary ordeal and I am here to help navigate with you.

Respectfully,

Angela Giovanelli

Chief's Advisor for Social Services



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Missing Updates: Reception, Special Needs and Social Assistance

HORSE PROGRAM

Tl'etinqox Horse Program

Sarah, Horse Program Director

Hello everyone! *Who-nilh-t'ah?* I moved to the community in October but have been in this role since last August. It is an honour to be helping bring Chief Joe's vision for a vibrant community horse program to fruition. We have been working hard for the last 8 months and have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time in terms of infrastructure, establishing standards and procedures, and program and curriculum development. Our current team members are Rebecca Rosette, Equine Program Assistant, and Emma Enns, Certified Riding Instructor (who is also a Teacher at Tl'etinqox School). *Sechanalyagh* also to all the community members who have volunteered their time, enthusiasm and experience to ensuring the program's success. This is truly a group effort!



We've just about completed the work at the fairgrounds, and have created a pasture for the program horses to live in down by the river. Our horse shelters have been delivered, we have a new round pen for training and experiential learning with horses set up in the pasture, and we also have a new tractor that was sourced for us by Chief Joe. We

held a community contest and have an official program logo now, thanks to Stacey Hance. We've named our yearling filly Yat'ax (sky), and her mother is just about due to give birth again in the next couple of months, a new life about to emerge along with the arrival of spring.



We've gotten the horses into regular health and hoof care, and they recently got some body and energy work done by Buckles Camille to help release pain and stuck emotions. Horses are community members, family members, sacred messengers, spiritually powerful guides, workers, and also horses 😊 Ensuring the horses' wellbeing is taken care of is part of how we are abiding by the Nenqayni Laws of Respect towards animals. If we are asking them to interact and to allow us on their backs, how are we ensuring that their needs are met and their voices are heard in the process? Are the horses feeling connected to us and safe with us and choosing to cooperate, or are they disconnected and simply complying through coercion? If something isn't good for one, how can it be good for the other? Are we engaging in activities at their expense, or can we cultivate activities where both horse and human benefit as much as possible? These are principles of healthy

relationships that we strive towards.

Our goal is to decolonize horsemanship and be trauma-informed in our interactions with horses. This means being gentle and compassionate about how colonial trauma has influenced existing horse-related practices. It also means re-evaluating existing methods and beliefs so that they align with traditional ways and values that preceded contact where possible. I read a beautiful article that talked about a First Nations community that saved their horse breed from extinction as a way to heal from their own experiences of genocide. As Lilla Watson said, "your liberation is bound up in mine." We are excited to see how overall health can improve when humans and horses move from oppression to a more liberated existence where choice, consent, and empowerment are prioritized.

We have different offerings that will be rolled out over the coming months at different times. We've collected registration forms and will be starting the process of meeting one on one with each participant shortly to do an intake so that we can identify needs, strengths, and interests and then plan individual and group activities based on that information. Due to COVID limitations affecting roll out, we may wind up with a waitlist for this season. We are grateful for everyone's patience and understanding as we do our best to work within unusual parameters as a result of the pandemic, which keep changing.



Now that we are about to hire our new Ranch Hand, the weather conditions have improved, and the horses' physical and emotional needs are met, the horses will be coming out of their winter rest and getting back into training to be ready for the riding portion of the program. The riding portion will begin in a few months. We're also just about ready to roll out the Saddle Horn Bag Workshop and working with a few youths on an individual basis to pilot the trauma-based equine interaction program.

We are hosting the online Indigenous Tools for Living workshop in April, which is currently full with a small waitlist. We are excited to have the team from Indigenous Focusing Oriented Therapy working with our community to offer this opportunity for healing through connection with culture, traditional medicines, and body-oriented practices. We have other activities in the works as well. Stay tuned!

Our big project – the Alexis Lake site development – is also moving forward. We've just reviewed some of the building plans for the lodge, arena and shop and we're excited about what is to come.

We ride for the health of it. We look forward to you joining us when COVID-19 conditions allow. In the meantime, feel

free to join our Facebook group for updates, resources, articles and more:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1055785234883433/>

Calling All Community Horse People!

We want to collect Tl'etinqox and Tsilhqot'in-based horse knowledge, values, traditions, practices and medicine protocols in order to preserve it for future generations.

Please contact us if you are a Tl'etinqox or Tsilhqot'in Nation member of any age (child, youth, adult or Elder) who can share stories, methods, photos, drawings, and language with us. We will collect this information and create a book that will be shared with everyone. This resource will be an important way of honouring the community's longstanding horse culture and ensure its survival for generations to come.

We will gather your stories and materials with your consent between now and June 1.

Please call 250-394-4302 or email equine@tletinqox.ca or equineassistant@tletinqox.ca

HORSE PROGRAM CONTINUED

Rebecca Rosette, Equine Program Assistant

I joined the program in June 2020 and have been working alongside my co-workers Sarah and Emma to put the pieces in place so that we can roll out our program this year. I am responsible for horse care, helping with developing and delivering the program, and coordinating various events.

We have been busy over the last 8 months planning the riding program's curriculum. This includes horse care, horse tack, safety and health, nutrition, and other topics. I have also been putting together a slide show of Traditional Medicine taught to me by my Shuswap family that we can use when we spend time with horses. We will be making it into a booklet for the youth in the horse program so they can pack it with them when we go riding.

We now have a horse pasture that was built in Dec 2020 by Wesley Alphonse and myself and a few other community members who helped make it possible. This was a huge project! We also have the riding arena up and ready to use once we start the riding portion of the program. The community and youth are more than welcome to use the riding arena whenever they would like to use it, as long as you clean up after your horses and pick up any garbage.

**The power of horses...**

Over the winter months, when I went and checked on the program horses, I walked up to one of our geldings. When I started petting him, I got a huge wave of emotions and I started to cry and he just stood there with his head down and kept looking back at me as I was petting him. I felt a connection with him after I was done crying and I am unsure if it was him or me that needed to cry. Ever since that day I feel a strong bond with him. He is such a gentle horse who has so much to offer to the youth in the horse program. This is what we want the youth in the program to experience with the program horses.

Whenever I need energy or I feel down, the horses always help me when I am out in the pasture with them. Every day I do the horse checks, there is always a different horse who greets me and helps me and gives me the energy to keep going.

I still have a lot to learn about horses, I learn something new every day and I am looking forward to teaching the youth what I know. I am looking forward to starting the program soon, once COVID-19 guidelines are sorted out.

Horse Naming Contest!

The sweet gelding in my story still does not have a name. We do not have any documentation about what his previous name was. ***Please help us name him!***

He is brave, kind and a good friend. He has a scar on his hind left hock from a past injury that has healed. Sometimes he seems sad, yet he continues to carry himself with gentleness in spite of it. We would like to give him a Tsilhqot'in name that reflects his caring and courageous personality.

Please email your name ideas to me at equineassistant@tletinqox.ca. The winner will receive a \$25 prepaid Visa card and an opportunity to meet the herd and have a personal experience with the horses.

CHILCOTIN RIVER TRADING

Hello everyone.

My name is Alana Bobby, as you all know I am the Manager of the Chilcotin River Trading/Tl'etinqox Trading.

We opened up Feb 26/2021. Ever since we opened everything has been a challenge with working with the new systems, different departments of all sorts. All my staff have been doing their best, so it is still a learning process.

Please be patient with the staff. Due to covid regulations, we're only allowed 6 inside the building.

Your store also has a kitchen, we are waiting on the rest of the kitchen to be finished up. When that is done, Mr. Bannock will come back & train the staff more in the kitchen. For now we can serve chili, stew, and sandwiches on order.

The new store also is a self serve for fuel, however if any seniors/elders need help, staff can help you.

Also please have your face masks on when you enter, as it's mandatory everywhere. Let's stay safe.

We sure hope we can get into small gatherings soon, let's all work together to keep one another safe.

We are accepting applications! If you want to work then drop off your resume with the store! Food safe would be an asset, but not a requirement. However you are required to be 19 years of age due to our cigarette/tobacco sales.

Please forward applications to gasbar@tletinqox.ca or drop off in person.

We look forward to seeing what the future of Chilcotin River Trading has in the kitchen area. We are excited to provide this service as a restaurant is highly needed in our area.

Sechanalyagh Gulin for all the support.



Photo by: Ryan Dick

TL'ETINQOX ?ESGUL

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My name is Clayton Grice and I have the pleasure and honour of being the Principal for our teams at Tl'etinqox School, Adult Education, and Head-Start. I have been in Tl'etinqox for almost three years now and in that time we have been able to achieve some great things and have even bigger goals for our students and Tl'etinqox Education moving forward!

With the pandemic changing things for education across the world last year, our team worked tirelessly to develop an online learning platform that would support our students in the event of a school closure, lockdown, or restrictions on class sizes. With this, we rolled out iPads and a comprehensive digital learning platform for all students in September. This platform provides students and teachers with immediate feedback on work being completed from home and provides the ability to host video lessons, much like you are in the classroom, and access to teachers even when not attending in person. As we have continued to add more to this digital learning platform, we have also rolled out a program called "Edsby" which allows parents and students to see their assignments, grades, and report cards, in real time through the website or phone app, and also allows parents to connect with their child's teacher at any time. While we have faced some challenges with the completion of work when cohorts are not in attendance, many of our students have thrived with their digital work and have gained some important Applied Design Skills and Technology skills in the process.

One of our main goals has been, and will continue to be, to increase Tsilhqot'in Language and Culture across all programs and we are very excited about what we are hearing and seeing! With a fantastic mix of conversation, vocabulary, traditional arts, and Total Physical Response teaching, our language instructor Patsy has students excited about learning and speaking their language and we are hearing more and more each day. As we continue to grow in this area we will work towards parts of the day where English will not be spoken in the school and Tsilhqot'in will shine bright! Through Patsy we are excited about the future of Tsilhqot'in Language and Culture in our school and look forward to learning and speaking more and more as we move ahead.

We are also extremely excited to share that we have been approved for the addition of Grades 10,11, and 12 at Tl'etinqox School and are already working on our implementation plan for High School. Due to many factors, such as current classroom space, expansion options, teacherages, funding, and the impact this could have on our students attending public and private schools outside of the community, we have worked with Indigenous Services Canada on a five year implementation plan so that we can ensure our high school programming is fully developed before opening registration for new students in these grades down the road. What this does mean is that our current senior students will be able to stay at Tl'etinqox School and work towards their Dogwood Diploma right away as we begin adding each additional grade over the next few years.

Adult Education welcomed a new instructor this year, Mr. Sean Chretien. Sean has worked to support Adult Learners in achieving not only their Adult Dogwood Diplomas but has also hosted several workshops with motivational speakers, traditional trades people, and has provided tickets for traffic safety, first-aid, food-safe, serving-it-right, and WHIMIS. Through a partnership with the Construction Foundation of BC Sean will continue to provide workshops and courses that will meet the wants and needs of Tl'etinqox Adult Learners, so please come visit Sean at Datsan Chugh and check out the programs being offered and the new furnishings and comfortable reading/study area he has created. We are also excited about a chainsaw carving exhibition being hosted by Adult Education in April 2021. Ryan Cooke, from the TV show "Carver Kings" and "Timber Kings" will be on hand working with Adult Education to design a raven chainsaw carving foo display in Datsan Chugh. Ryan will be taking design feedback from community members and will be showcasing his skills to all students interested in learning more about his trade and a career in the arts.

TL'ETINQOX ʔESGUL CONTINUED....

As you may have heard, Tl'etinqox Head Start will be moving into a new building in the future as Tl'etinqox has been approved for the BC New Places Fund! This project will see the construction of a new Head Start, Day Care, and After school programming, building in the field in front of Datsan Chugh. You have voted on the colour and as we approach groundbreaking day we will keep you posted and bring any developments or requests for feedback to you. In the meantime, Trudy has continued to provide our Head Start learners with packages to work on at home and has been connecting with parents to offer any supports. Trudy has been very happy with the progress her students have been making while working at home and we all look forward to welcoming them back when it is safe to do so.

We are now only 11 weeks away from the end of the year and, although this has been an extremely challenging year, we are very proud of our students for their commitment to all safety protocols and policies in place this year as they have been exemplary and have worked to ensure we are all safe while attending in-class instruction. I would also like to give a special "Sechanalyagh" to Tl'etinqox Leadership, Health, and School Board, for their amazing support and guidance as we navigated this Pandemic together and worked to provide the safest and most efficient programming possible given the circumstances.

Next, we would like to recognize our Parents and Guardians for their support and commitment this year. Your support in ensuring digital lessons were completed, your child attended all days they were scheduled, and your feedback and understanding of the constantly changing situation not only supported our team but, most importantly, it ensured your child was not negatively impacted by learning loss throughout the last year so they may be able to move on to their next grade in the fall!

Lastly, as we begin to plan for the next school year, we will continue to follow the guidance of Tl'etinqox Leadership, Health, and School Board, in order to provide the safest environment possible while working to maximize our instructional time in order to support our learners. With this we are happy to report that we are almost already at capacity for registrations in the fall and have an additional 100 hours built into the 2021/2022 School Calendar for additional instructional time in our core courses of Tsilhqotin, English Language Arts, and Numeracy.

We look forward to sharing our learning journey with you and wish happiness and safety to you all.

Sechanalyagh,

Clayton Grice, Principal

Tl'etinqox School



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TL'ETINQOX HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATE



My name is Dr. Mitch Verde, and I am the Health Director for TL'etinqox. During the past year, I have also been the Pandemic Director for this community.

I am from the Nisga'a Nation, I am a member of one of the wolf tribes, and hail from the House of Duuk'. I hold a PhD in psychology from UNBC, and was the first Aboriginal person to graduate from UNBC way back in 1995.

Prior to coming to TL'etinqox, I worked in the post-secondary system as a college professor for seven years, and a senior administrator for five years.

Before I was employed in the college system, I worked in the health care system, and eventually became the Chief Executive Officer for the Nisga'a Health Authority.

During my time in TL'etinqox, I have worked hard to build a stable and functional health care system. In that time, we have built up our Home and Community Care Program, and our mental health program. We recently started a new program called the Domestic Support and Advocacy Workers.

These workers go into the homes of Elders and people with disabilities to help with household cleaning, and they also help the clients to get help from the Health Department and the Band Office.

My goal is to provide a holistic approach to accessible health care for all the community members in TL'etinqox. My email is mverde@tletinqox.ca, and my phone extension is 215. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Sechenalyagh!



HEALTH CONTINUED....



Hello My Name Is Cybill Pigeon, I am the receptionist here at TI'etinqox Health Services. I Started here about a year ago, and when I first started here, I started out as a custodian. I really enjoy working here at TI'etinqox health, learning new things every day. I enjoy getting out and participating in activities with our co-workers. Just recently we took part in the fishing derby that the health held out at Fletcher Lake that was a lot of fun. I can't wait for everything to go back to normal so we can do more fun stuff with the community ☺

If you need to contact me, my email is- administration1ths@tletinqox.ca and my extension is 200 on the directory.



Hello, my name is Audrey Poucette. I am the medical receptionist/dental assistant here in TI'etinqox.

I have worked here for 4 years and I love my jobs. I live in the community and I have 6 children, and 4 horses. I enjoy working for the health of my community.

My work duties are to book appointments for community members with doctor deswardt, Tyler Judd our physiotherapist, and Christine Constable our dentist. I also help book appointments with Shab Gill our foot care nurse. I also help Abraham and Shab with anything that is needed. Sechenalyagh.



Hi there, everyone! My name is Tina Stump. I've been working here for a little over two years now as of January 25, 2019 as a full-time Health Care Assistant. When ever they have dentist, physio, Dr's clinic at the Health building I assist Audrey with them. I also assist Shab, and Abraham with home visits. I also do home visits with Aggie and Flora, we take turns doing the blood pressure, pulse, temperature, SpO2 stands for how much oxygen you have in your body, respirations (this is how many heart beats in one minute), I have my footcare certificate, Personal Support Worker Palliative Education Program, End of Life Doula, Environmental Cleaning Best Practices, Basic Custodial Procedures Workshop, Office Management, and Mapping and Compassing. I also assisted Orchids with the first COVID – 19 vaccine back in January. I really enjoy my job especially with the elders' because they compliment on how good of assessment that I do on them. I get along with the elders on the community as well as off the community. I am a hard-worker, on time, get along with my co-workers', being independent, honest, support anyone that needs it, and be there for one another as a family. I'm so happy that I got this position so I could support my family and friends that need my help as well. I look forward to helping out with sorting out food whenever the band office

gets the food out here. I am looking forward to some more workshops and courses to better my education and knowledge too. I didn't do this news letter for awhile so bare with me if I left any thing out. Sechenalyagh!

HEALTH CONTINUED...



Hello everyone!

Our names are Ashley Pigeon and Shirley Dick we are the new Domestic Support and Advocacy Workers (DSAW).

We are here to assist the elderly and others in need of basic housecleaning. We provide a cleaning service that includes kitchen, living and restroom areas.

Since spring has sprung we've been helping with cleaning yards, de-cluttering basements, washing windows, and removing ashes from wood stoves.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work and listen to our elders on a weekly basis.

We look forward to helping you if you need our help please call us at the health department.



My name is Enuma N. Abraham. I am a Registered Nurse with both emergency, geriatric, medical/rehabilitation/heart and stroke nursing care experiences. I graduated from the University of Port Harcourt, in Rivers State of Nigeria in 2012/2013 where I achieved a Bachelor of Nursing Science Degree, Registered Nurse License, Registered Midwife License, and Registered Public Health Nurse Licenses.

I proceeded to complete a Post Graduate Diploma Program in Canadian Nursing Review-Advanced/Leadership in Nursing in 2015. I further completed a 1yr course in Return to Registered Nurse Certificate Program at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops Branch, sat and obtained my Canadian Registered Nurse License in June 2018.

In the past, I worked more with elderly patients (Cognitively intact and those with Dementia/Alzheimer's), young adults with disability, heart and stroke patients, and those with acute medical conditions.

I lived in Richmond BC, Cowichan Valley (Duncan) BC, Victoria BC, Campbell River BC, and Kamloops BC.

I started working as a Home and Community Registered Nurse at Tl'etinqox Healthcare Services in Anaham Reserve. I basically provide health care services to all the community members directly in their homes and at the health center, provide complex health assessments, elderly care, end of life care (palliative care) to the dying using the Just-In-Case Palliative Kits, Vaccinations, manage communicable diseases, and support community members with referrals and medical appointments were necessary.

I so much Love you all.

Sechanalyagh!

HEALTH CONTINUED....



Hi! My name is Flora Stump, my position here is a Health Care Aid, I worked for one year as of January 6 / 2020, I work with Aggie Harry and Tina Stump. We work as a team along with Registered nurse Abraham Enuma, and LPN Shab Gill, they both supervised us.

In our Roles as Health care aides, some of our responsibilities are about who we should see, Health gives us a Schedule with the list of Elders, so we that's who we see in the community. We check their vital Signs, Blood Pressures, Spo2's, Pulse, Temperatures, Respirations, and we talk to them. We track everything in our notebooks so that the nurses can see how our Elders are doing. When something is serious the nurses attend right away, and if an Elder goes to the hospital sometimes, we go with them to so we can translate for them at the hospital.

Some of the safety measures that we have to take is that we cannot enter homes alone, we always have to be with someone for our safety and for the safety of the Elders.

My career goal as a Care Aide is my long-term goal as I love working for the Elder's, I really enjoy my time with the Elder's when we visit them. They like it when you talk to them in the Chilcotin Language. A lot of things changed since the Covid19 started happening. It was scary when it was spreading on our Reserve. We had to stop visiting the Elders because we were risking their safety and ours, so to prevent the spread of the covid -19 we stopped going into homes. It was a great day when we finally got our vaccines. Everyone should get theirs. I know everyone is tired of the COVID but we have to be aware of it.

So, if anybody see any Elder's who live by themselves to make sure to check on them. Let the Health Center know about it, they can do Assessment on them, that way we can make sure their being taken care of.

We are taking care of our Elder's in our community, to monitor their well being to be safe to prevent them from having a heart attack, high blood pressure, Arthritis, hard time breathing and we let the nurses know, they check our list of our Elders who we visit each day, sometimes, we have to keep checking peoples Blood Pressure, if its serious. They might get into shock or worse end up in ambulance, We want to prevent the Elders from going to the Hospital.

If you need our assistance, the Tl'etinqox Health Service phone number is 250 394 4240



Hi everyone, for those of you that don't know me, my parents were Andrew and Joan Harry; I have been working with the community as a careaide since 2001 and was laid off back in 2016. I can now say I am happy to be back as a Careaide since February 8, 2021. I always enjoyed working with my community.

I missed all the elders I used to work with but things sure have changed since the last time I have been here. With all this covid still around, we can only do so much. Hopefully things can go back to normal soon.

Right now, we are going to elders home and doing vital signs for the people who are 65 years and older. Vital signs is checking your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and respiration. We work with the Home Community Nurse who makes sure everything is fine, if not, then he goes and double check on our elders, it depends if the blood pressure or temperature is high.

. "High blood pressure raises the risk of having a heart attack, heart failure, stroke, or kidney disease."

Anyone, even children, can develop high blood pressure. Hypertension is a leading risk factor for death and disability worldwide," says Dr. Paul Whelton, an expert in hypertension and kidney disease at Tulane University

High blood pressure can make your heart work too hard and lose strength. The high force of blood flow can damage your blood vessels, making them weak, stiff, or narrower. Over time, hypertension can harm several important organs, including your heart, kidneys, brain, and eyes.

If anyone over the age of 65 would like to get your vitals signs check, or anyone who has concern about their health, just phone the health department, my extensions or email is attached at the top, or if I am not here, the nurse is available as well. We can check your blood pressure, etc. once a week or once a month, whatever you prefer. Sorry to say but Covid protocols are in place until further notice, so plan ahead.

We are here for you.

HEALTH CONTINUED...

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter, wish you well and be safe.

Most of you, remembered me as a Home Support worker which I enjoyed about 5 years ago. A lot can change in that time. Once we get rid of Covid, we hope to have our Elder's luncheon and outings back in full swing.

Fishing and flow of water calms your mind, help boost your self-esteem, it's a great low-impact activity. Fishing help improve coordination and balance. It's fun and enjoyable. Fishing can help reduce Blood Pressure. Fishing inspires a closer relationship with nature and all its creatures.

It's great to be in a company of an elder, to gain wisdom, our "experts" on living and it can serve helpful guide for us younger generation.

Elder's social interaction with family, friends, other communities, is essential to their health., it can also prevent depression.

Back in 2008, the health team did a Tropical Island theme, educate young people, people of all ages on their health and encourage young people to work in the health field; this would be something to see. Have brochures as to where they can start, etc..

In BC, we have shortage of doctor and nurses.

You all have a great spring.

Sechenalyagh, Aggie Harry aharry@tletinqox.ca ext 208



Hello Everybody! I am Cecil Grinder! I'm the Wellness Coordinator for Tl'etinqox Health Service. Our Men's & Women's Group, Outings on picking medicines, Men & Women's Healing Camps, RCMP Cross Cultural camp, Youth outings have been halted due to COVID. Hopefully we will be doing our events, activities and Camps this year and get back to normal.

The Mental issues that our people have is concerning here in the community, trying to understand it as a community to deal with the issues they have and send them to off to the right direction. We are approximately 45% of the Nation's population and our housing is in big need so our off-reserve members can come home to stay (Our houses are overcrowded now). Our youth need more sports to participate in so they can focus on staying healthy. The need of more culture and traditional outings with our youth. I see the school has been doing a lot as of today. The Horse Program is out and running. I will continue with the sports of Ice Hockey, Coed Volleyball and other sports to our community. Our future is our youth and teaching them the tools they need to strive to better themselves for the future. I get asked for help in funeral services for cultural services for our community and nation.

Missing entries from Health: Angie Stump, Shab Gill, Leah Johnny

TL'ETINQOX CHIEF AND COUNCIL 2021

TL'etinqox officially welcomed their newly elected members on March 24th, 2021 with a swearing in ceremony. This ceremony encompassed a blanket ceremony which represents the highest honor of our people and ancestors. The new council put on the blanket over their heart, this signifies purity. Then when their name is called, they smudge. The smudge creates a connection to our creator and provides protection, and cleanses their spirit before they sign the oath. The oath states that they will act in the best interest of their community. They are then gifted with something that represents their people. This term we were gifted with beautiful medallions made by Elder Martina Harry with the TL'etinqox Logo. This way we carry our community with us wherever we go. Then the Hereditary Chief Kirby Alphonse and a neighboring chief (Chief Francis Laceese) drape the blanket over the councillor's shoulders. The blanket represents the honor of their position and that it is blessed by the ancestors. The blanket is then gifted to the Councillor as a reminder of their commitments to the people and to the oath they took on this day.



A huge Newechenalyagh to Chiefs Lennon Solomon, Otis Guichon, and Francis Laceese for helping perform the ceremony. A continued show of gratitude to our Hereditary Chief Kirby Alphonse for always supporting every Chief and Council ceremony. Sechenalyagh to TGO staff, the school for providing the space and recording the event so the community could watch, and to everyone else who helped in any way! You make this all possible!

Congrats to all the elected Chief and Council leaders of TL'etinqox!

And Sechenalyagh to Tammy Haller for taking the photos of the event!



CHIEF JOE ALPHONSE



Congratulations on winning your seventh consecutive term!

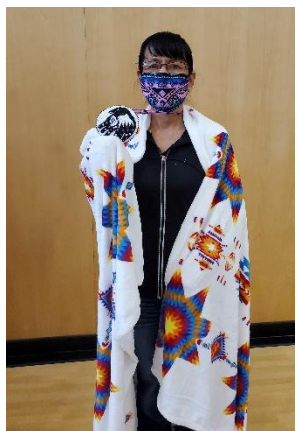
COUNCILLORS UPDATES AND PORTFOLIOS



Alana Bobby

My name is Alana Bobby I'm proud to say I'll be representing Tl'etinqox as your new council member on board, this is totally new to me. I'll be doing my best to represent my community of Tl'etinqox. As for being a role model, I understand my Tsilhqot'in language & if I put my mind to it I can speak it.

For myself on council, I'll be on elders/youth, infrastructure, and community safety. I look forward to working with fellow leadership. Working with powerful people will be a huge first step, learning more from them. Sechanalyagh Gulin for all the support.



Eleanor Cooper

Hello, my name is Eleanor Cooper, daughter of Victorine Stump. This is my 7th term serving as council along with Chief Joe Alphonse. I worked for the BC Ambulance Service as a paramedic for 28 years then crossed over to BC Coroners in training, they wanted me 24/7 on call but I didn't want to do that anymore. I decided to dedicate myself to my job at TGO and as a council member.

My portfolios I chose are Health, Administration/finance, Development Projects, Community Safety, and Security. I am also a regular signee for the band.

My goals for the next two years are to get my level 3 first aid instructors training so I can teach level 1,2, and 3 First Aid for the school because children need to learn CPR as they are usually babysat by their grandparents while their parents are working. This ensures that the kids know what to do in case of emergency. I would also offer my services to the community.

I also plan on looking for a new fire truck that a class 5 driver can operate. It would be great to get our volunteer fire fighting crew running again in order to protect our homes in case of a fire.

I attend all Tl'etinqox Chief and Council meetings whether by zoom or in person. This is my 7th term as council and I hardly ever miss meetings. I love to help, and I will always offer to help wherever needed. It is a great honor to serve Tl'etinqox again for another term. Sechenalyagh for believing in me.



Harvey Dick

I would like to thank everyone who voted me back in this term. My portfolios for this term is Capital Equipment/Infrastructure, Education, Gas bar, Forestry, and Housing.

Peyal Gilpin/Laceese

Happy Easter Tl'etinqox.

Portfolios: Land Claims, MCFD and Community Justice, Education, Forestry, Culture Camp and Elders, and Housing.



Cecil Grinder

Hello everyone, I'm thankful for getting back in on council on the last election. My time here on council last few terms has been challenging. Now we are dealing with the COVID-19 situation. All our events, ceremonies, our outings and all came to a halt. Be safe out there and take care of each other.

My Portfolios are Social, Justice, Housing, Agriculture and Culture Camp.

Social – The need of understanding our social lifestyle of being healthy for our future generation is in great need. Social issues like Drugs and Alcohol, Violence in homes, Elder abuse and the underlining issues that goes with it. We need to teach the culture back to our community in a holistic way. We have situations like family and criminal courts that the worker has to deal with. Dealing with MCFD, RCMP, Court System, Correctional Centers, Healing Circles is happening.

Justice- We have a lot of our people going thru the Justice system and we need all the help we can to help all that are struggling. Cross Cultural for RCMP members to understand our situation is to better the understanding with each other.

Housing- The need of housing of our people to live here is not enough for them. Now TNG has taken the lead on Housing in our Nation now and we have to go thru them. The need of repairs, education on how to keep the house safe to live in and the mold situation in homes. Probably more repairs are required in more homes in our community.

Agriculture-We have a community garden going by the river here of potatoes, corn, squash and pumpkins growing there last summer and it fed a lot of our members. We are planning on putting a fruit orchard beside the garden this year. We also have a community garden beside the school that has a green house. It also has a small orchard there. We had community garden boxes made and handed them out getting our community back into gardening. Our past ancestors use to do this and help each other in gardening.

Culture Camp-Our annual Culture Camp last year was cancelled due to Covid. Having these Camps are important for our community. The teachings of hunting, fishing, cutting meat and fish, harvesting medicines and learning about our ways of life.





Paul Grinder

Happy Easter everyone!

Portfolios: Development Projects, Economic Development, Chilcotin River Trading, Klatassine/Dechen, Title and Rights



Dale Hance

Portfolios: Agriculture and Dandzen

Agriculture: My grandparents, like many, many others, made a living off the land. That was our traditional way of life. We grew our food and hay for our horses and cattle.

Last year we got a small start with a community garden. We planted roughly 10,000 seed potatoes to help feed the community. My hope is to see that grow year over year and for it to create jobs in running it and selling the organic produce from it. The potatoes grew well and hopefully we can expand the range of produce we grow.

Dandzen: This is the Tsilhqot'in National Government's Economic Development organization. I am interested in learning more about opportunities that give our people jobs.



Ashton Harry

Hello everyone! I would like to start by saying Sechenalyagh to all those who voted for me. I am truly honored to represent my community for another term. I am really excited that we have more women on council. This shows the progress our community is making towards healthy changes and honoring our traditional practices by putting women back in leadership roles. I am a hard worker, and for the next two years I will continue to advocate for the safety of our community members, especially the vulnerable ones. This term I took on the MCFD portfolio because I was involved a lot in the last 2 years and my heart is there with our children. I feel like my purpose on council is to be the voice for our kids and to advocate for our women who need help. I also enjoy being apart of Economic Development. I like doing proposals and bringing projects to the community. I really enjoy seeing our community grow. I want to say Sechenalyagh again for believing in me, putting your trust in me, and allowing me the opportunity to show you that I am meant to be here.

Portfolios: MCFD and Community Justice, Youth and Recreation, Community Safety, Economic Development, Development Projects.



Rosaline Harry

My name is Rosaline Harry, my portfolios are Culture camp/elders, youth and recreation, community safety, agriculture, and fundraising.

I currently work at the school as a custodian. I love helping out our Elders and Youth in the community. I been helping out our members with groceries during COVID19 lockdown, I was able to do this by getting donations from other people. I would then buy the groceries and hand them out.

I recently asked for help with Easter baskets for the Elders, people have donated so now I will be handing those out soon.

Another fundraiser I am doing is for the playground at the subdivision. My goal is \$5,000 and I have fundraised \$2,000 so far.

I would like to thank all my sponsors that help me out and to the people who voted for me. I will do my best to help.



Tyron Harry

Happy Easter Everyone!

Portfolios: Capital Equipment and Infrastructure, Community Safety, Development Projects, Fish and Wildlife, Chilcotin River Trading, Klatassine/Dechen, TNG stewardship Council.



Melanie Johnny

Melanie Johnny selhts'edish, nitsil'in yaz taghasetsilhtin lhesh newhagwetsen chiqinesdzen hagunt'ih , sechanalyagh gulin

Portfolio ts'egwedish iyah nendewh taghaxilah:

Administration/Finance, Health, Culture Camp/Elders/Youth, Social Development, Housing/Capital
Guzun jid gagulhchugh nagwatadahl qwa?gul'in ?eguh ?etcha guzun, elhelh ?anat'in xunewha

Hi all:

I am Melanie Johnny, recently elected Band Council, I am very grateful and humbled by your trust and acknowledgement

The Portfolio that I have chosen are as follows:

Administration/Finance, Health, Culture Camp/Elders/Youth, Social Development, Housing/Capital

We are here to work together for a brighter tomorrow for our community



Leslie Stump

Hello everyone, my name is Leslie Stump. Born in Williams Lake and raised in Anaham. I would like to thank everyone that voted for me for one of the council positions here in Tl'etinqox. I would like to congratulate everyone that got in for Chief and Council, looking forward to working with you all. My portfolios for this term are as follows: Elders and Culture Camp, Chilcotin River Trading, MCFD and Community Justice. I also deal with TNG negotiations meetings that I host for TNG in community. I also am the appointed Councillor to deal with Day School forms. I have 6 different areas that I am involved in, I will do my best to serve our people, if anyone of our members needs advice on anything, please do not hesitate to contact me, or even to just talk. I am always available, thank you very much!

CHIEFS ASSISTANT UPDATE



Good Morning! Wishing you all an amazing day and all is well with you and your families during our hard times we are currently living in with covid-19 in the last year. Condolences to the families who have lost loved ones in the last year, as with protocols set in place there hasn't been much emotional support to the families by having others attend funerals. In a way grateful for social media as we are able to connect with others to get the support we need.

First of all, I would like to congratulate our leadership, Chief and Council for getting on this term, looking forward to what you will all bring for our community members in the next two years.

I work for Tsilhqot'in National Government and work as the Chiefs Assistant for Tl'etinqox, my work at the band office is admin work for Chief's day to day work..emails/phone calls, attending meetings when asked and where ever I am needed at the band office, usually assisting staff in organizing events, handing out goods to members.

I have two young adult sons, Cole is in his last year of high school and my oldest, Ty, is taking a carpentry program through TNG and is enjoying the program 😊 In my personal time, I enjoy working out at home and going for hikes in our back yard, with covid, I have realized the importance of taking care of my health, as I do have arthritis. Last year, when everything was shut down, I didn't do a whole lot on exercising and have gained weight, which took a toll on my arthritis, so in the new year, I got on board with exercising and haven't looked back since. I would like to look into opportunities for our community to be involved in healthy living...exercising, walks/running, anything to be active physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally.

That is all for my update.



LAST BUT NOT LEAST



A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO MARTINA HARRY FOR THE BEAUTIFUL MEDALLIONS. WE PUT IN A LARGE ORDER AND SHE ONLY HAD 3 WEEKS TO COMPLETE IT ALL! SHE FINISHED THE LAST ONE ON THE MORNING OF THE CEREMONY.

THANK YOU AGAIN MARTINA!

