



MELI KISMAS
FROM THE Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council
& Staff



From left around the circle to the right
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**We honor Our Elders
for their Strength, Wisdom and Guidance**

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CAROL'S CORNER

Gilakasla! It has been a while, but all has been going well. I was reminded the other day of a saying that I heard at a Holistic Workshop a couple of years ago. It has stuck in my mind, because I have come to really believe and live it, it goes like this:

WHEN FACED WITH A PROBLEM, YOU CAN DO ONE OF THREE THINGS:

1. You can ignore It
2. You do the same thing but harder
3. Or you can try some thing different.

This saying, I think can bring us as far as we want. I'm feeling with the Tribal Council and our future-the sky is the limit!

I believe number 3 was guiding our Annual General Meeting this past September in Kingcome, because it went extremely well. The weather fully cooperated and was sunny and hot, the community was very welcoming and the Nun'wa'kola Cultural the entire 2 days of the AGM. A very special thank you to Gloria Nicolson for making us feel comfortable and giving out the hugs when you knew we needed them!

The AGM was very special because after 3 years of trying; the changes to the constitution were completed. Merv Child was the legal advisor that helped make the changes and he made the presentation as well so that any questions could be answered immediately. Much appreciation and thanks to Merv. As many of you know Merv works and excels in a number of areas but he always makes time for the MTTC when we need him, he is always willing to share his connections, his education and his experience with us. Again, thanks Merv.

Basically the Constitution is a list of rules that come from the Society's Registrar in the Ministry of Finance. The Tribal council is a non-profit society and each year we have to apply for a Certificate of Good Standing from the registrar of Societies. This certificate then gets forwarded to Indian and Northern Affairs along with our yearly application for funding. The Constitution includes our name, purpose, membership, officers, committees and meetings. The Constitution had to be updated because our membership had changed and these changes have to be on file with the Ministry of Finance and INAC to show the withdrawal of Gwawaenuk Tribe, which in turn changed a few items in the constitution. If you would like a copy of the Constitution, just call our office and we will mail you one.

Also our Audit was completed, all programs came in on budget and on time. This was presented by Irene Patterson. Irene has been assisting the MTTC to set up a smooth operating accounting office. She has been instrumental

in helping us set up the proper protocols and schedules to keep us accountable and organized. I have quickly found out a well run accounting office is key to a successful organization. A very big thank you to Irene, Deane and the MTTC Finance Committee who are: Calvin Johnson, Lawrence Ambers and Roberta Smith

I recently attended a conference in Vancouver called "Strategic Conversations" it was 2 entire days spent on Economic Development. Also, to my surprise, INAC managed to get some time very quickly to discuss the review of the CEDO program. CEDO is the Community Economic Development Officer program, and is the Etc Dev flow through dollars that the MTTC issues to the member bands for their own economic development programs and projects. Anyway INAC is reviewing this program and hopefully this will not lead to the program Being cut. I get suspicious of INAC when they do their reviews, because the end result is not usually an increase in program funding but historically has always meant a cutback. I will be keeping close tabs on this and keep you informed.

Talking about Ec. Dev. , Betty McCullough has resigned from the MTTC effective January 4, 2003. We have been advertising since the beginning of December and will be interviewing in January. We wish Betty the best in whatever path she chooses. Economic development is a very time consuming program, there are many, many pots of money out there and just as many different application formats. The key to this program is strong direction from the Bands about what their needs are, what funds you would want this position to pursue. The MTTC Economic Development officer can also assist individuals with business proposals, training proposals, etc. And all this assistance at no cost to you or your band. We will be certainly keeping you updated in the New Year on who this person will be, funding programs available and dates this person will be in your community.

I would also like to mention, in the New Year we will have space available in our main office for members to use a computer. A work station will be set up for any members of the MTTC to come use a computer-you can check your email, do your resumes, letters, etc. This should be completed by Mid-January, hope you will drop by when you can.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for helping us by dropping by, offering advice, providing guidance, keeping in touch. Have a very merry and safe Christmas.

The First nations coordinator and the Local Steward Coordinator would like to update the membership on some of our concerns with the fish farming industry.

We have demanded that Industry and government remove the eight fish farms that are on the migratory route of Pink Salmon in the Broughton Archipelago, Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Traditional Territories.

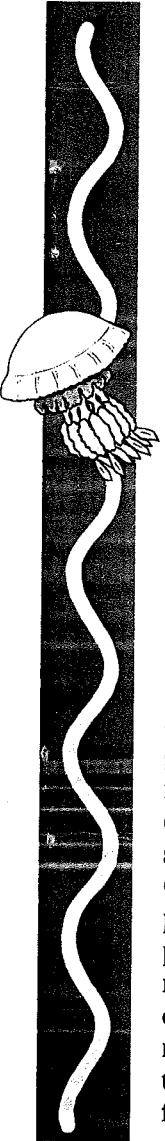
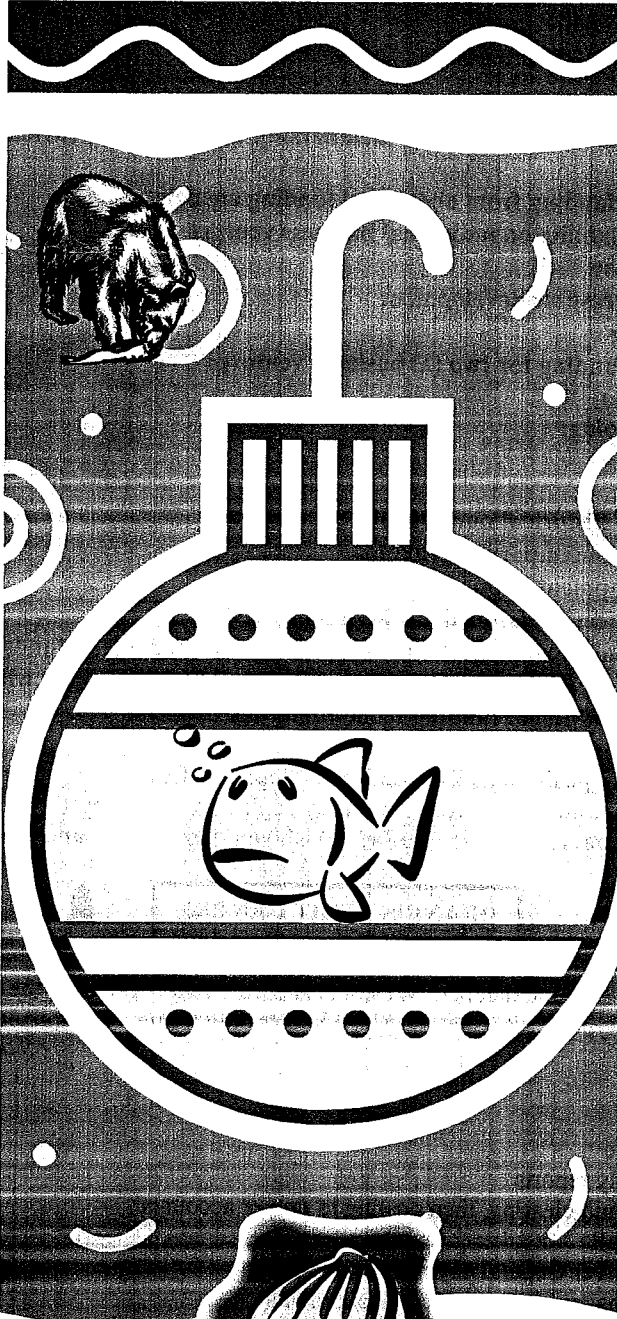
The reason why we have asked them to remove these farms is because of the sea lice problem and the fact that out of 4 million pinks estimated to return to the rivers and streams, approximately 45,000 survived. After this request, Stolts Sea farm Industry went ahead and re-stocked Blunden Pass and Sergeant Pass, yet again ignoring our Fraser (Pacific fisheries Resource Conservation Council) have completed reports that prove sea lice are the major cause of this collapse and have recommended that they remove these fish farms by mid

B & C FISHERIES

February. KTFC has sent a letter and met for legal action. The Tribal Council does not have the authority or legal ground to take Industry to court, only individual Bands do. Bella Bella and the Bella Coola communities are arranging legal action and protests in Ocean Falls to restate their zero tolerance towards fish farms in their Traditional Territories. We will continue to gather information on First Nations Communities who have a zero tolerance policy like the MTTC. We are also willing to work with first nations to educate them about the impacts that we are witnessing in the Broughton Archipelago. together in order for us to make a difference and protect our way of life for generation to come.

Brian Wadhams/
First Nations
Outreach Coordinator

Connie McIvor /
Local Steward
Coordinator





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The economic development office has provided the membership with advice at various levels:

- ◆ How to access funding from aboriginal funding agencies
- ◆ Determining viability on individual business ventures
- ◆ Capital planning
- ◆ Assisting with resume development
- ◆ Report writing
- ◆ Research for funding for two (2) business ventures

The following projects are on going:

- ◆ Restoration of historical burial site
- ◆ Expansion of contemporary gravesite
- ◆ Seawall development in phase one of three phases
- ◆ Language project for Gilford has been approved
- ◆ Traditional ecological project was rejected (due to shortage of funds)
- ◆ Bighouse project for Kingcome (status unknown) is still on going with etc. dev.
- ◆ Applying for additional funding from numerous funders.

To conclude I will be leaving my position as Economic Development Community Planner and would like to thank everyone for their support and guidance. I wish my replacement the best in this challenging and interesting position. To all the members and their families I wish you good health and have a safe and prosperous holiday.



DEANE'S DEBIT CENTRE



The Training for the Bookkeeper was completed in September 2002. We have now hired the trainee on as our Bookkeeper. Welcome aboard Deane! Although the training is complete, we find that the time period for this type of work needs to be a longer time frame. The trainee has had the following training from Irene Paterson:

- ACCPAC - accounts payable
 - Journal entries
 - Accounts receivable
 - Running off monthly reports
- Travel Advances – claims and clearing, then posting to proper accounts
- Simply Accounting – Payroll
 - Receiver General payments
 - Journal entries to correct departments
- Purchase Orders - keeping in numerical order
- Posting to proper vendor
- Bank Reconciliation- which the trainee still needs a great deal of assistance



The accounting procedures is a very intense and difficult process to learn in six months, our trainee has done a job as well as can be expected in the time period. We will still need to get a little assistance for portions of the office work.



Merry Christmas to you all!

Just a short report on some of the activities I've been doing.

◆ There are 2 major projects we are trying to do right now.

The first is the Forestry Development Corporation:

- ❖ We've had one meeting with the 3 R.P. F'S to talk about the development corporations and just to inform them of what we are trying to do on behalf of the Tribal Council.
- ❖ We have a draft forest tenure application ready to go to the forest service; once we get it approved, we will go forward with it.
- ❖ To apply for a forest tenure license it will take some time before the provincial government does approve it.
- ❖ As talks continue on the tenure application, we still have other work that needs to take place.
- ❖ We still need to do presentations to the three communities. So if Chief and council could give me a call with tentative dates; so we can come and do a presentation to the community.
- ❖ Once this is done then we need to get a board of directors set up and find training dollars to get some training for the newly formed board.



The second major project is Setting up a Tourism-Marketing Co-op:

- ❖ As most of you are aware tourism is becoming a big business and a lot of it is happening within our traditional territories.
- ❖ So part of our job is to find ways to ensure that the Musgamagw nations reap some of revenues. We are looking at setting up a Tourism-Marketing Co-op
 - If anyone has any experience with tourism we certainly would like to hear from you and we are also looking for one rep. from each Band of the Musgamagw nations to sit on the Advisory Board. So if you have an interest please give me a call at 974-5516.
 - We also would like to do a 1 day orientation workshop on non-timber forest products with the mainland bands,
 - ❖ so if there is any interest, please call and we will make arrangements to go in and do the workshop.
 - ❖ If you want more information on these initiatives, please drop by my office. I'm in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4.p.m.
 - ❖ We also have draft documents on the Forestry development corporation and the tourism-marketing agency, so come down and pick them up.
 - ❖ So see you in the New Year!
 - Have safe Holidays!
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Willie's Woodland

HEALTH

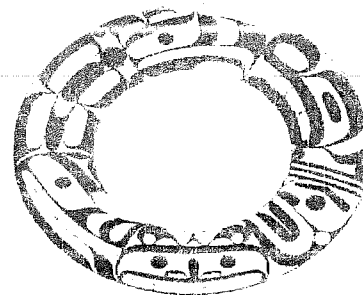


FAS/FAE:

WHAT ARE THEY
AND HOW DO THEY
RELATE TO YOUR BABY?

INFORMATION MADE
AVAILABLE TO YOU FROM
MTTC

*Look inside and see how
FAS/EAE can affect you and
your unborn child.*



Yo! Nu gwa am Pudlidi.
Hello! My name is Ivan
(Pudlidi) Voyageur. I am from
the Tsawataineuk band. My ma-
ternal grandparents were
Datcha (Billy Sunday Willie)
and Dutda (Jane Willie). My
parents are Evelyn (Willie) Vo-
yageur and Ernie Voyageur. I
am the father of three beautiful
children, Rebecca, Miranda-
Dawn, and Paul, and I have a
foster daughter Calista. I have 5
grandchildren, three girls-
Kalina, Dakota, and Sway, and
two Boys-Sam Jr. and Charles.
I recently completed my
Bachelor of Arts degree
with a major in First Na-
tions Studies from
Malaspina University Col-
lege in Nanaimo. I am ap-
plying for my master's de-
gree in First Nations Edu-
cation at Simon Fraser
University in Vancouver. I
am thankful for the Tsa-
wataineuk band for sup-
porting me through my
education.

I am very grateful to
the Musgamagw – Tsawataineuk
Tribal Council (MTTC) for allow-
ing myself the opportunity to
complete this contract. This con-

The BC Aboriginal Net-
work on Disability Society gave
the funding for this program to
the MTTC. My part of the pro-
gram was to design and develop a
brochure that relates to Fetal Al-
cohol Syndrome (FAAS) and Fetal
Alcohol Effect (FAE). I was given
the opportunity to research and
design the brochure from infor-
mation that directly relates to
FAS/ FAE. The information that
is used comes from research from
doctors and community agencies
such as the YWCA, but also from
the BC liquor stores and Women's
Hospital.

I believe this topic is im-
portant to our people as we have
been exposed to alcohol for only a
short time and we have quickly
felt the effects of how this man
made drug can be seen in our chil-
dren. Like alcoholism FAS/FAE
has no socio-economic or cultural
boundaries, it can affect anyone
anytime when a mother decides to
drink while pregnant.

Gilak'asla

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CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
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COUNCIL OFFICE-**

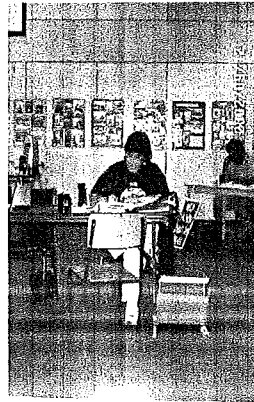
AGM PICTURES

Once again we at the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council are coming to the end of a year reflecting our memories of the past months and how each event, person, and project of the Tribal Council has been woven into a timeless fabric depicting the intent of good will for all our members and future generations. We honor the elders for their strength, wisdom and guidance. This is like one of our blankets that is woven on a loom where we all are weavers working with delicate beautiful threads of family traditions, language and values, interweaving the struggles and causes we face in displaying the battles for our people, resources, land and water to ensure this for our future generations.

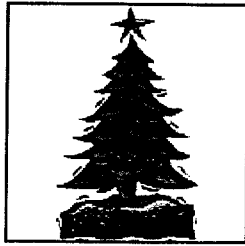
At the two AGM's we had this year, members came forward and said we want to change the pattern and design and we want to be involved in that change of design for our lives instead of someone else sewing their interpretation of what our design should be. All areas of our way of life are affected constantly and this year has been no exception with the loss of so many loved ones in our areas and the knowledge and lessons they have left behind for us to carry on weaving and completing the design. As the New Year 2003 is around the corner may we release the old patterns that are not working for us and move on with new colors and designs and ideas to strengthen our ties to each other in our beliefs and traditions and come with honor

and vision that was set by our ancestors to our Big House .and dance in celebration and honor of the strength, wisdom and Guidance.

Gilakasla!



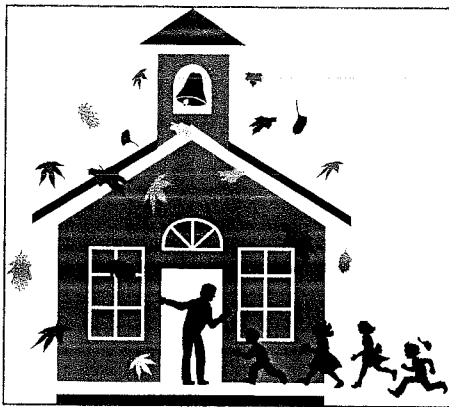
Ethel's Cutting edge:



Hello! I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. This year has been a tough one for me. I try and practice the saying " appreciate what you have, because tomorrow it may be gone." A large number of families have lost their loved ones in this last few months, so my advice to all is stay close to the ones you love, for they may not show it but it is going to be a hard time. At this time I would like to thank the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council for the kind donation for always allowing us the use of equipment and cost of paper and photocopying without them I would not be able to provide the service of funeral pamphlets. The staff is also a great support when it comes time to close my doors and give support to the families in need.

As for me I looking forward to the holidays, but most of all I am looking forward to spending time with my grandchildren. My grandchildren are my healing medicine. I love acting like a kid when I am with them, and not have to worry what people are thinking. We drive around listening to potlatch cd's and just yell the lyrics out. It's great. I think everyone should take time and be care free run, jump, scream, what ever it takes.

Merry Christmas
And



Happy New Year

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CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Ten Things To always Remember...
And One Thing to Never forget

- ❖ Your presence is a present to the world
 - ❖ You're truly one of a kind—
- ❖ Your life can Be what you want it to be —
 - ❖ Take the days Once at a time—
- ❖ Count your blessings, not your troubles
- ❖ You'll make it through Whatever comes along
- ❖ Within you are so many answers
 - ❖ Have courage: be strong
- ❖ Wish upon a star and don't ever forget...
 - ❖ How very special you are.

---Collin McCarly

KWAKWALA CENTRE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SILENT NIGHT

Siltek sa kga nuklik
Pba da kii da nahwa
Higa am qaka tli da
Ma yu gla ma na qatla
Mayu glamunts giya
Ikya Zasa gina num.

Ekiuk da gka nuklik
Gakmi egala ze
Sints ikye gika maya
Nakis ta mas ka nahwa
Mayu gla munts Giya
Ikya zasz gina num

O COME ALL YE
Kunts ekikuli
Ka unts gikumaya I
Jesus Christ
Gaka Yutla
Mayuglum kwa
nalak.

Kila kunts zilwaki Ki
Kila kunts zilwaki Ki
Kunts zilwakik
Christ kunts Giku-
maya