

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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YOUR LANDS DEPARTMENT STAFF

Clockwise starting with:

Jane Calvert – Lands Manager

Darian Weber – Natural Resources Project Officer working on restoration and wildlife

Benjamin Roy – Oil and Gas Project Office also working on EAO/CERB

Dale Chipesia – Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer

Mae Whyte – Restoration Project Officer

Ranish Shakya – BCH Project Officer and GIS Technician

Neha Kapoor – Oil and Gas Project Officer also working on EAO/CERB

Missing:

Joanna Chipesia – Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer



Lands Weekly Staff Meeting Photo – introducing all of us who work for you, the Blueberry River First Nations community.

MINERAL LICK

On a recent OGC project, an Elder and Monitor report documented a mineral lick location along the proposed access road. Blueberry Lands Team and the Elder and Monitor who identified the lick went out to the field to collect water samples so we could write a report asking for the access location to change. This report considered both the results of the analysis and the importance of traditional ecological knowledge.

Please always report mineral lick locations to the Lands office so we can do our best to protect them; they are a critically important landscape feature. Ensuring good documentation while out in the field is one way to we can protect them on the landscape.



RANGE FENCING

See any fences on Crown Land blocking game trails, migration paths, or falling apart? See any wildlife tangled in a fence? Please GPS the area, take a picture, and send the coordinates or concerns to Lands office.

BOAT CREEL SURVEY

There is potential to be hired to do Williston Reservoir Angler Creel Surveys during the summer months with MFLNRORD. The goal of this proposed project will be to provide information about recreational fisheries for Lake Trout, Bull Trout, Kokanee and Rainbow Trout in Williston. You would need to be able to identify the fish listed above and interact with the public to complete the survey.

For this project, technicians would be conducting a survey about 5 days a month (3 weekend days, 2 weekdays) to survey anglers at each boat launch during the open water season. They are looking for local observers to work on this project.

If you would like to be involved, or would like more information. Please contact naturalresources@blueberryfn.ca.



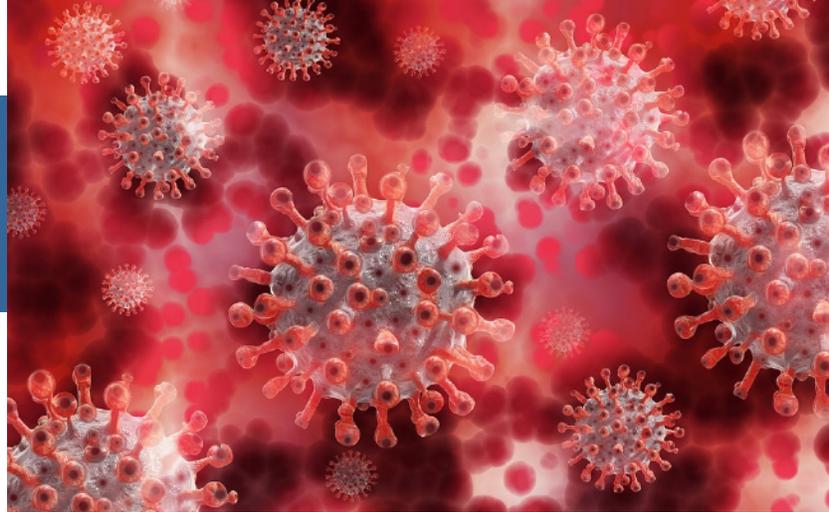
EAO PROCESS – WONOWON SECURE ENERGY PROPOSED LANDFILL:

On September 23rd, 2020 two members of the lands department linked up with the aboriginal liaison of SECURE ENERGY to tour the site of their proposed secure oil and gas waste landfill. The two lands members toured the site asking questions related to the project, taking notes, and capturing pictures of the site. Community members had previously conducted site visits at the current location but this was the first time for current lands staff to go to the site. Due to COVID the process is on hold but will proceed in the future where we left off.

The proposed site was recommended by previous work conducted by former lands manager who worked with the community and the proponent to recommend a site that would avoid cultural impacts and where there is existing landbase impacts. The current location is proposed on an existing cutblock.



COVID UPDATE AT SITE C



On October 20, 2020, BC Hydro confirmed three positive COVID-19 cases to people working on the Site C project. The health officials have confirmed that none of the cases originated at site. According to BC Hydro, “the first worker has not been to site since being exposed and testing positive. The second worker returned to work for two days last week after being exposed off site and later tested positive upon returning home. Both workers are currently isolating at home. A third worker developed symptoms two days after arriving at site last week and subsequently tested positive. This case is unrelated to the other two cases and this third worker remains isolated at camp under the care of the on-site medical clinic. Site C contact tracing has been completed and, as a precautionary measure, two additional people are isolating in camp.”

On the week of October 12, BC Hydro also confirmed two isolated COVID cases at the camp. BC Hydro has been monitoring COVID-19 closely since early 2020 and has continuously implemented measures to minimize the risk of transmission to, or within, site. These include health screening prior to accessing site, enhanced cleaning throughout the worker accommodation, mandatory mask use in camp and construction offices, and adherence to physical distancing rules throughout site. BC Hydro continues to work with the Northern Health Authority and strictly follows all federal and provincial health guidelines to protect other workers in the camp and the local community.

According to BC Hydro’s website, “To date, BC Hydro has been notified of seven positive cases of COVID-19 related to people working on the project. None of these cases originated at site.”

As per BC Hydro’s website, the status of Site C camp on October 26, 2020 are as follows

Number of people in camp	1,592
Number of people in self-isolation at camp	12

Blueberry River First Nations continues to keep our cultural monitors safe by either having town members stay in their own homes while monitoring and members living on reserve will be provided hotel rooms and per diems. BRFN chooses to keep our members out of the Site C camp as an extra measure to reducing the COVID risk. Our number one goal is to provide casual work opportunities while implementing measures that are meant to keep you safe.

Joanna and Dale encourage Blueberry River First Nations’ members to report any oil and gas concerns that you see when on your territory.

Complaint Information Form



For an EMERGENCY call the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) Complaint Reporting Number:

1-250-794-5200

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

First Nation: _____
Land's Office Contact: _____
Land's Office Number: _____
Land's Office Email: _____
Complainant Name: _____
Complainant Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date Observed: _____
Date Reported: _____
Company Name: _____
Activity: Wellsite Pipeline Geophysical Other _____
Location: _____ Easting: _____ Northing: _____
NTS: _____ DLS: _____
Road Directions to Site: _____

Describe Terrain/Vegetation in affected area: _____

Is the incident confined to company property? Yes No

Describe the Incident (provide as many details as possible): _____

Odour Spill Noise Land Other:
Wind Direction: N NE NW S SE SW E W
Wind Strength: Calm Moderate Strong Gusty

Complaint Issue:

Animal Health Contamination Drilling Fluids Dust
 Emergency Response Plan Environment Erosion Explosion
 Fire Flaring Fire Garbage Noise Noxious Weeds
 Odours – call Emergency #
 Property Damage Public Health Safety Concerns
 Seismic Smoke Soils
 Spillage Surface Water Runoff Trapper
 Water Management Watershed Contamination Wildlife Habitat
 Other _____

Photos Taken? Yes No (If yes, please provide)

FORESTRY

Lands have been continuing to go weekly out to potential cutblocks with members this past month to walk around the forest and write down concerns and document environmental features on the landscape. We've also been putting our winching skills into good practice! We'll be compiling all this cutblock information into a report and commencing with family meetings in mid-November if weather cooperates this month.

There are only 6 potential cutblocks remaining to visit with members. BRFN Lands staff and members have completed 17 field visits thus far.



RESTORATION UPDATE



Dormant wells

CNRL has hired ClearStream to reclaim dormant well sites in and around the BRFN reserve. Staff and members were able to attend and learn about soil sampling with a drill rig at the end of October.

Soil samples are taken at areas of potential environmental concern (APEC) on site such as sumps and flare pits, then sent for testing levels of potential contaminants of concern (PCOC). This is part of a Phase 2 site assessment and guided by BC's Contaminated Sites Regulation. The CSR can be viewed here: https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/loo77/loo77/375_96_03.

We are starting to receive and review companies' 2020 Annual Work Plans for dormant well cleanups and are working with several companies to get BRFN standards (and members!) on the landscape for this important work.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



Lydia Saddleback, Youth Winner



Keep watch for another
adult/youth photography
contest this winter!

RESTORATION UPDATE

We have applied to the Indigenous Community-based Monitoring funding pool for monies to support our water quality monitoring program. Unfortunately, due to new COVID-19 protocols and closures, we were not able to offer further water quality training for members in 2020, and only got out twice for monitoring. We hope to hit the ground running (so to speak) in 2021.

Lands staff and consultants are calling BRFN members to assess our community's needs for a restoration nursery to grow native plants for seeds to use in restoration. This is part of a Stage 2 process under the feasibility study for the Indigenous Agriculture Development Program. Keefer Ecological is conducting the work; if you would prefer to complete the survey online, please visit <http://bit.ly/brfnsurvey>. We have extended the deadline – be sure to enter, as there are \$200 gift cards being given to participants from a random draw of all entries!

**Joanna and Dale also encourages Blueberry River
First Nations members to ...**



REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS (RAPP)

Observed by: _____ Event Location: _____

Event Date: _____ Observation time: _____

ALP Liaison Name & Nation:

Description and comments: (Describe the type of violations, description of suspect, how many, name, height/weight, transport involved, vehicle, license plate, make model, year)

Select a violation type RAAP Line	
Aquatic Invasive Species - Includes the detection of high-risk watercraft and equipment to prevent the introduction of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into BC waters.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dumping - Includes the illegal dumping of construction debris, industrial/business waste, waste oil and other chemicals, household garbage, sewage, vehicles, furniture, appliances, electronics batteries, or paints.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fisheries - Includes angling offences, illegal guiding or damage to fish habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Practices - Includes forestry operations, range use, recreations sites/trails, and forest service road construction/use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heritage Conservation Act - Includes damage to archaeological / historical sites cultural features.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Act/ Unauthorized Use of Crown Land - Includes squatters and unauthorized structures built on crown land.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Burning - Includes burning waste, burning industrial or construction waste, burning prohibited materials, and smoke-related issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pesticides - Includes use of rodent baits or poisons and the spraying of chemicals, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, or and fertilizers that may contain pesticides or toxic chemicals (i.e. Round Up).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-Road Vehicles - Includes: no insurance or plates, no helmet, operating in a closed/sensitive area, access management areas (AMA's), environmental damage, or mud bogging, sensitive grassland/riparian area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste - Includes violations which involve a facility / business operation that would likely require a permit to operate (e.g., sewage facility, composting operations, slaughterhouse, mine, pulp mill, sawmill, landfill, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water - Works in a stream, water diversion and foreshore access.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weed Control - Invasive plants, noxious weeds.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildfire Act - Includes violations related to campfires and fire restrictions, as well as arson.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>

LANDS OFFICE TRADITIONAL LAND USE STUDY (TLUS):

Lands Office is currently implementing our third and final TLUS this fall ahead of the snow. While the two other TLUS were to support our review in EAO and CERB processes, this latest TLUS is to support BRFN's review of a proposed OGC file review. In addition to collecting cultural and environmental information, BRFN is also evaluating what restoration will be required, if this project proceeds.

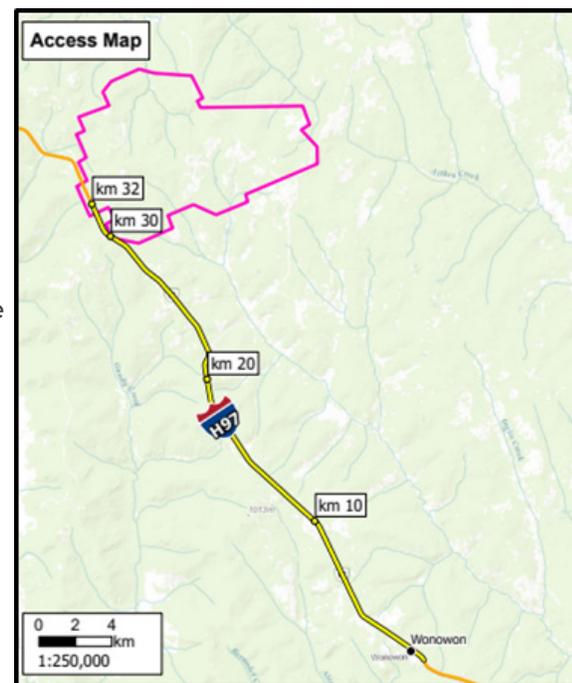


Traditional Lands Use Study for 3D Seismic Project.

Explor is a Calgary based company that specializes in low impact seismic technology. The project is a 3D geophysical survey called the "Aitken Creek 3D Program" it aims to fill in existing information gaps and to upgrade the data quality of the area.

Explor Geophysical Ltd. is proposing to conduct 3D geophysical survey, requiring 128.75 ha of Crown Land of which 71.23 ha will be new cut.

Due to the large scope of the proposed activity, BRFN and Explor has reached an agreement for BRFN and Firelight Group to conduct a Traditional Land Use Study (TLUS). The primary goal for this study is to work with community members and identify important cultural values, key issues and traditional knowledge within the proposed area, so that effective mitigation strategies can be discussed with the proponent.



BRFN and Firelight Group has started TLUS study with members on October 21, 2020. The plan is for 8-day site visits to several locations along and near the project area.

Considering that the seismic program runs through Yahey and Apsassin family trap-lines it was important to create the Explor Seismic TLUS and have knowledge holders attend the field portion to share their stories and gather information.

LANDS MONITORING UPDATE DURING COVID-19



The Blueberry Lands Department continues to be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lands is continuing to implement the monitoring program and has implemented measures to ensure the health and safety of community members and staff. Refer to the community notice dated April 2, 2020 for these measures or you can request them.

Lands department is happy to announce that Dale Chipesia has rejoined our BRFN Lands team again, and it looks like the season is going to be busy again so we will require members to provide the following:

- Updated Tickets
- Drivers License
- Insurance

These are all needed in accordance to BRFN liability and safety for all members.

For those members that wish to continue casual work from the lands office, contact:

- Joanna at compliance@blueberryfn.ca and 250-630-2819
- Dale at lands@blueberryfn.ca and 250-630-2826

Please respect our time and only contact lands from 9am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday to ensure that you are on the employment list.

Measures have been implemented to share information digitally or by hardcopy at the town office mailbox system.

OGC referrals are picked up at the town office at a pre-designated time. Lands staff will at the designated time, place your work assignment with maps in an envelope at the front door.

All work verification and reports are to be dropped off at the BRFN town office through the mail slot which is right of the glass doors.

It is important to keep lands informed weekly whether you require additional employment or not. Once a member has worked, your name comes off the board.

We understand this is a stressful time for everyone due to COVID but we would like to remind members that they must adhere to the human resource policies that have zero tolerance for bullying and/or abuse towards staff. We are all in this together and the lands department is committed to providing casual employment to those following the human resource policies.

Lands office will continue to keep you updated as things change. Thank you for your patience and understanding, please stay safe. If you have any suggestions or feedback on how these practices are going, let us know.

Remember to always

Practice social distancing – this distance is equivalent to one large moose

Wash your hands often for minimum 20 seconds

Stay home as much as possible

If you have symptoms, self-isolate for 14 days

Wash surfaces often

Cough into your elbow, not your hands

Don't touch your face



NOW HIRING!

Water Treatment Plant Operator

Location: Blueberry River First Nations
Reports to: Public Works Manager/Director of Operations

Summary of the Position

Water treatment plant and system operators manage a system of machines, often through the use of control boards, to transfer or treat water or wastewater.

Responsibilities and Duties

The duties and responsibilities but are not restricted to:

Monitors the water treatment process through supervisory control.

Makes adjustments in plant production rates accordingly, maintaining control of flow, chemical feed rates, processing of water, residuals, and finished water quality.

Visually inspects the plant and equipment to ensure proper functioning.

Add chemicals, such as ammonia or chlorine, to disinfect water or other liquids.

Collect and test water and sewage samples.

Record meter and gauge readings and operational data.

Operate equipment to purify and clarify water or to process or dispose of sewage.

Clean and maintain equipment, tanks, filter beds and other work areas.

Other related duties as required by the department.

Qualifications and Skills

Minimum of three (3) years experience with water treatment plants required.

High school diploma required.

Requires continuous heavy physical work in all weather conditions.

Ability to communicate effectively, particularly when dealing with the public.

Clean criminal record check.

Valid Class 5 driver's license.

Ability to work independently.

Must be able to pass INAC certification requirements including the following:

BRFN Sewage Treatment Facility – Certificate needed: MWWT-I

BRFN Wastewater Collection system – Certificate needed: WWC-I

BRFN Water Distribution System – Certificate needed: WD-I

BRFN Water Treatment Plant – Certificate needed: WT-II

Please e-mail all resumes to ihipolito@blueberryfn.ca. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

BLUEBERRY RIVER INTERIM DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

October 23, 2020



TRANSMISSION MAIN & RESERVOIR TIE-INS

- BTN Construction is finishing construction of the civil works. A transmission main has been installed and pressure tested for leaks. A reservoir tie-in and piping modifications are to be completed by October 25/26, 2020.
- Associated will be onsite for a final inspection of the civil contract during this time.



**WATER TREATMENT
PLANT UPGRADES
(EQUIPMENT SUPPLY &
INSTALLATION)**

- Next phase of construction works will be centered around the water treatment plant (WTP).
- New WTP equipment was procured from DWG Process Supply and was delivered to site on October 20, 2020.
- Knappet Industries will start removing existing WTP equipment week of November 2, 2020.
- Installation of new equipment will follow.
- **Water hauling will be required once work of replacing existing WTP equipment begins because WTP will not be able to produce drinking water during this time.**
- Water hauling has been organised to make sure that there will be no water outages during the construction process.



KEY CONTACTS

- **Art Auger (250-793-8314)** if you experience any issues with water supply during the construction project.
- **Robyn Sherstobitoff (250-980-8023)** if you have any concerns about WTP construction works.
- **Freda Leong (leongf@ae.ca)** if you have any questions about overall project.

UPDATE TO MEMBERSHIP TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT CLAIM

BACKGROUND AND CLAIM

Blueberry's Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) claim is based on the Crown's failure to set aside adequate reserve lands for Blueberry's ancestors as required by Treaty 8. Blueberry has been negotiating the TLE claim with Canada and the Province since 2004/2005.

The settlement of the Claim will have two components: a monetary component and a lands component. Generally speaking, Canada will be responsible for providing the money, which is intended to compensate Blueberry for the Crown's failure to provide it with all of its reserve lands in the early 1900s. The Province will be responsible for providing the lands

CURRENT STATUS: FINANCIAL COMPENSATION

Ratcliff has been working with representatives of Canada to prepare the final Settlement Agreement for the cash component of the TLE Claim. We are close to completing the settlement agreement drafting process, following which Blueberry Chief and Council will be in a position to put the agreement to the community for voting and ratification.

Blueberry is working towards developing a trust structure appropriate for the significant sum of money that will be coming to Blueberry as a result of this settlement.

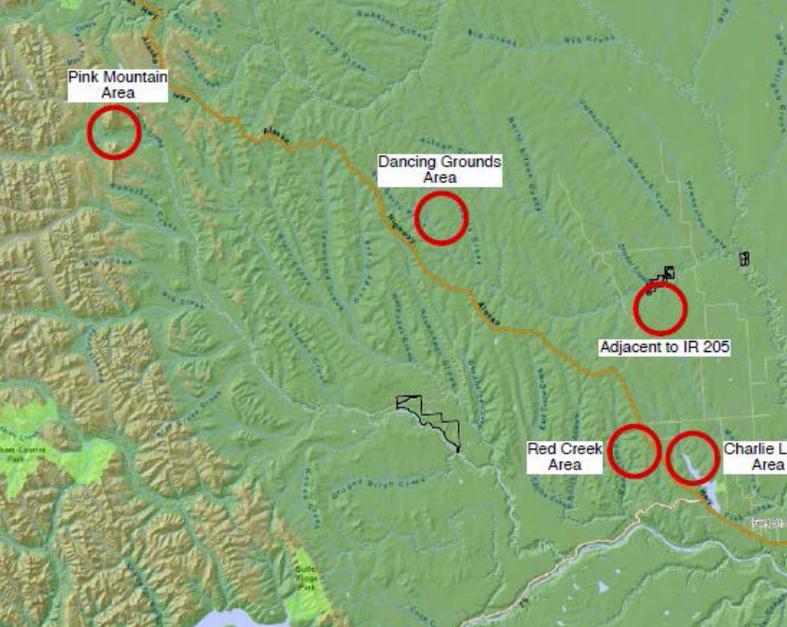
LANDS COMPONENT

Blueberry proposed its final TLE land selections to BC in 2014, and came to agreement on those lands the same year (September 2014). The lands proposal by Blueberry was the result of a comprehensive community consultation process that took place starting in 2005. The five selected parcels (shown below) are intended to meet Blueberry's traditional use, cultural, social and economic needs moving forward. These selections have been endorsed by Blueberry members and respective Councils from 2005 to present.

On March 31, 2020, your current Council unanimously affirmed its support for, and intention to settle TLE on the basis of, the five TLE parcels shown below. That BCR is attached to this update.

Ratcliff has also been working with representatives of BC to draft the agreement for the lands component of the TLE claim. It is intended that this agreement also be put to the community for voting as part of the ratification process.

Given the amount of land agreed to (22,240 acres), there is significant procedural and technical lands work that is ongoing now. Ratcliff and Blueberry have been working with representatives of BC to undertake this significant volume of technical work, which will continue after settlement. The following work is ongoing, and will continue after the settlement is ratified by the Blueberry community:



Technical land status and third party interests – Blueberry and BC have identified and catalogued existing tenure holders within the TLE parcels. There are approximately 150 existing legal interests in Blueberry’s TLE lands (43 legal interest holders). Representatives of Blueberry and BC continue to work together and with Canada to create and implement a plan for dealing with these tenures as the lands are transitioned to Blueberry.

Stakeholder consultation – over the past two years, BC has undertaken a review of Blueberry’s TLE parcels based on local public feedback and held

discussions with Blueberry about addressing concerns raised, including about access through and around the parcels and related issues. Blueberry has made minor adjustments to parcel boundaries to address stakeholder concerns and stated interests. The Province’s stakeholder consultation process concluded in March/April following residents open house meetings held at the Charlie Lake Community Hall about the Red Creek and Charlie Lake parcels. Legal counsel attended those meetings to ensure Blueberry’s interests were properly represented.

- First Nations consultation – Representatives of Blueberry have been engaged with neighboring First Nations to work towards addressing any issues raised around Blueberry’s TLE parcels. In particular, Blueberry and Halfway River have been working towards addressing interests raised by Halfway with respect to Blueberry’s Pink Mountain parcel.
- Environmental and survey work – Transitioning of the TLE lands from Crown lands to Blueberry reserve (and private) lands will require that the lands be subjected to comprehensive environmental review and surveying (including for minor boundary adjustments). Blueberry continues to work with qualified professionals to undertake this work.
- Community planning - Blueberry’s TLE settlement (lands and funds) will present a unique opportunity for community planning. Blueberry will have significant resources from the settlement, and will be seeking to determine and confirm community aspirations for the TLE selections (as well as other possible programs/initiatives that might be made possible by the settlement funds).

FUNDING

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Band Council Resolution 2020 - 09
Blueberry River First Nations, in the Province of British Columbia
Blueberry River I.R. #205

Date: March 31, 2020

Re: Council Support For and Advancement of BRFN Treaty Land Entitlement Land Selections

The Chief and Council of the Blueberry River First Nations, in the Province of British Columbia
DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

WHEREAS:

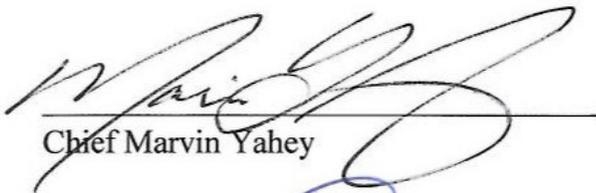
- A. Blueberry River First Nations (“BRFN”) submitted its Treaty Land Entitlement (“TLE”) claim in 1999, and has been negotiating its resolution with Canada and the Province of British Columbia (“Province”) since 2005.
- B. Starting in 2005, BRFN undertook a comprehensive land review and community consultation process in respect of its TLE claim, reaching a substantial majority of its membership. By way of this process, BRFN identified TLE areas of interest (“AOIs”).
- C. BRFN refined and narrowed its TLE AOIs between 2005 and 2014 to accommodate existing legal and other third party interest holders in and proximate to the AOIs.
- D. In 2014, BRFN and the Province reached agreement on BRFN’s final TLE land selections, which were and remain substantially consistent with the AOIs, and located at:
 - 1. Charlie Lake;
 - 2. Red Creek;
 - 3. Pink Mountain;
 - 4. Dancing Grounds; and
 - 5. IR 205 (south of) (together, the “Final Selection Lands”).
- E. Between 2005 and 2014, every elected Chief and Council of BRFN consistently supported and advanced the AOIs in accordance with the will of the BRFN community as expressed through the community consultation process and subsequent community engagement. Since 2014, every elected Chief and Council of BRFN has consistently supported and advanced the Final Selection Lands in accordance with BRFN’s agreement with the Province.

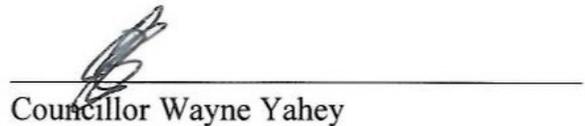
- F. In August of 2017, by way of a full BRFN community ratification process, BRFN adopted a custom election code (“Election Code”) intended to reflect its traditional mode of governance. By way of the Election Code each BRFN family group is now represented on Council by a Family Councillor, whose responsibility it is to engage with and speak for their family at the Council table.
- G. Since 2017, BRFN, as represented by its Chief and five Family Councillors, have consistently sought to advance the Nation’s TLE settlement on the basis of the Final Selection Lands.

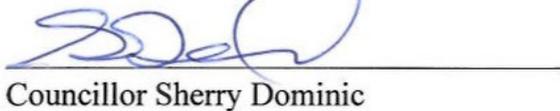
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. BRFN, as represented by its Chief and five Family Councillors, unanimously affirms its support for, and intention to settle its Treaty Land Entitlement claim on the basis of, the Final Selection Lands as generally depicted in the maps appended to this BCR as Schedule A.

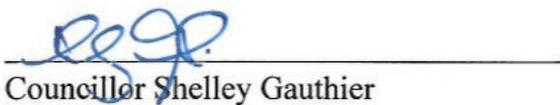
APPROVED AND PASSED at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council of the Blueberry River First Nations this 31st day of March, 2020.

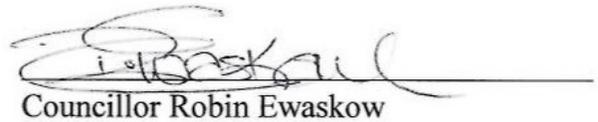

Chief Marvin Yahey


Councillor Wayne Yahey


Councillor Sherry Dominic


Councillor Troy Wolf


Councillor Shelley Gauthier


Councillor Robin Ewaskow



Charlie Lake Selections
Updated February 2020

Blueberry River First Nation
Land Selections

ATR

CATEGORY	ACRES
ATR	640

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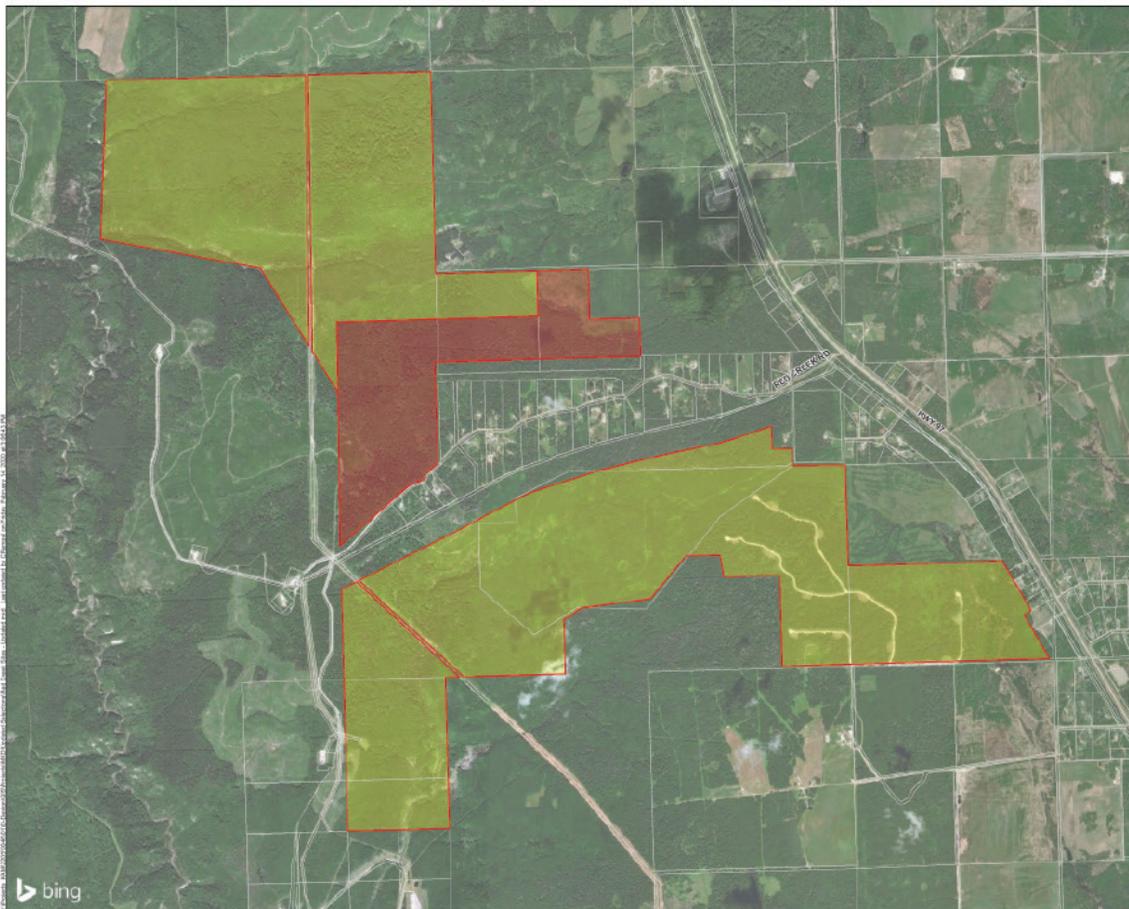


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- Imagery provided by ESRI/DeLorme.

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FIGURE 1



Red Creek Selections
Updated February 2020

Blueberry River First Nation
Land Selections

Shortfall (ADGFS)
ATR

CATEGORY	ACRES
ADGFS	450
ATR	2032

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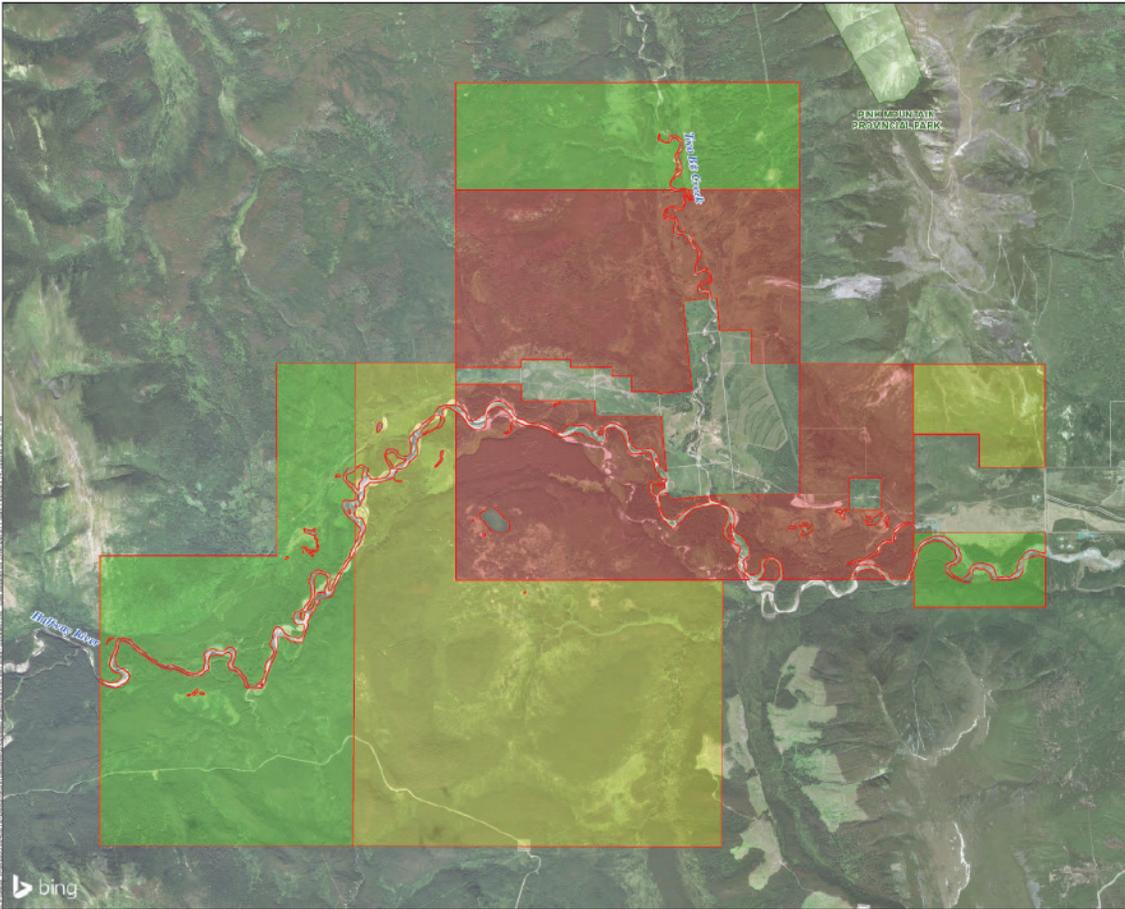


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FIGURE 1



Pink Mountain Selections
Updated February 2020

- Parks
- Blueberry River First Nation**
- Land Selections**
- Shortfall (ADOFs)
- ATR
- Fee Simple

CATEGORY	ACRES
ADOFs	4852
ATR	4820
Fee Simple	4852

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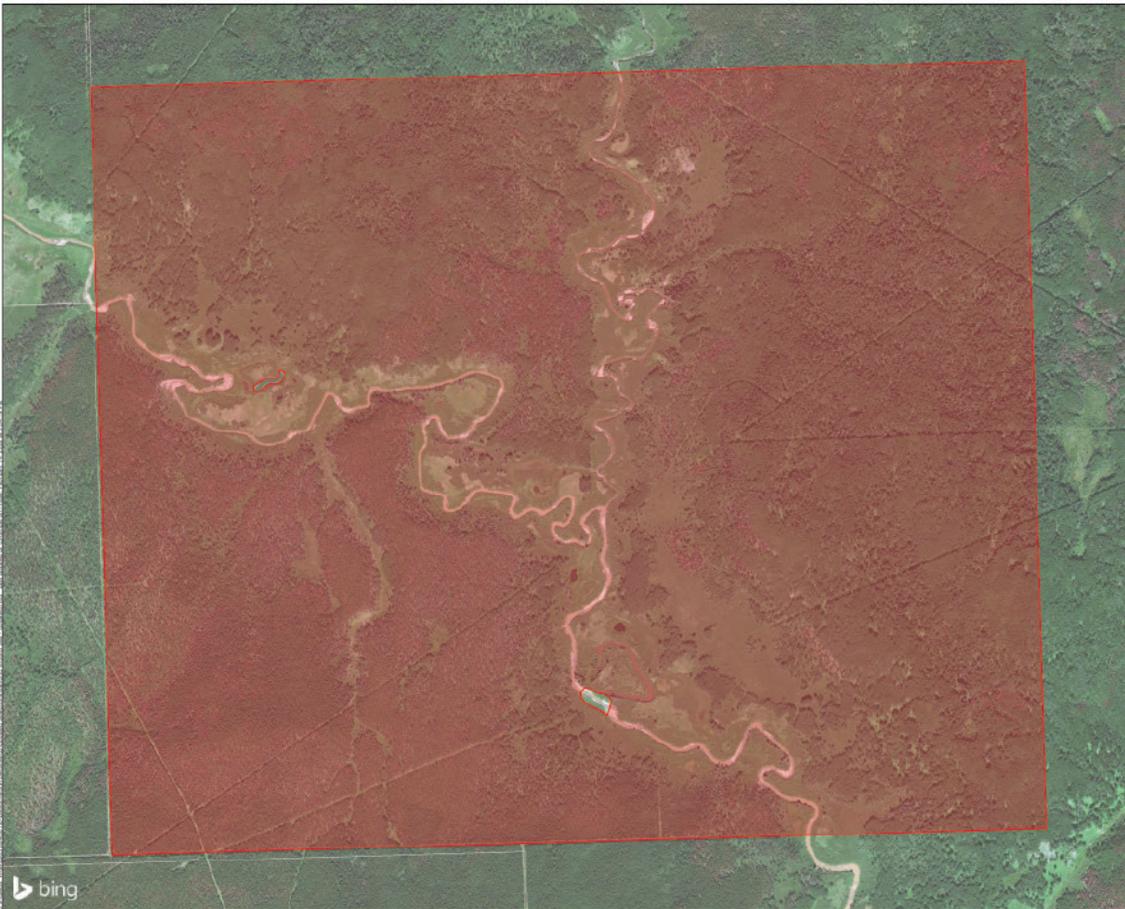
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FIGURE 1



Dancing Ground Selection
Updated February 2020

- Blueberry River First Nation**
- Land Selections**
- Shortfall (ADOFs)

CATEGORY	ACRES
ADOFs	1509

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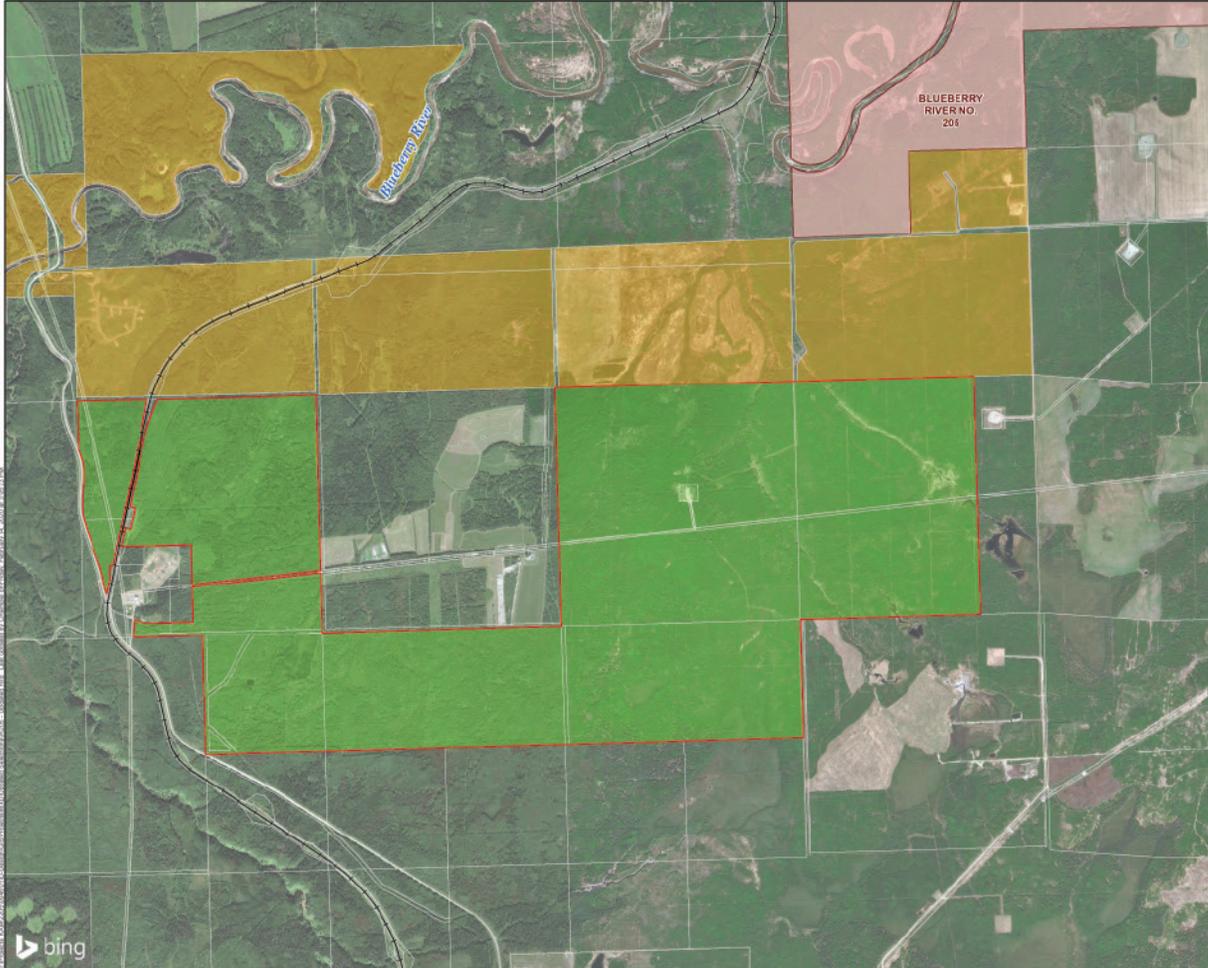
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**IR205 Selections
Updated February 2020**

- BRFN Private Land Holdings
- Blueberry River First Nation Reserve
- Railway
- Blueberry River First Nation
Land Selections**
- Fee Simple

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Blueberry River First Nations

PO Box 3009
Buick Creek BC V0C 2R0

Tel: (250) 630-2800
Fax: (250) 630-2588
Toll Free: 1-800-988-3533

Date: October 16, 2020

Attn: BRFN members

Blueberry River First Nation community

Dear BRFN Adult members,

In light of the Covid-19 we anticipate that any future transfer of fund or distribution for Blueberry River First Nation (BRFN)' s adult members will be direct deposited into your respective bank accounts; therefore, we would like to ask you to provide our Administration and Finance department your bank account information.

Please email your bank account information to reception@blueberryfn.ca.

Sincerely,

Signed by and on behalf of Blueberry River First Nation

Chinh Chris Nguyen, Director of Finance



BRFN Health Services

P.O. Box 3009
 Buick Creek, BC V0C 2R0
 T: (250) 630.2830 F: (250) 630.2189

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Benjamin's Health & Wellness Massage with Edna @ FSJ 9am – 6pm 	6	7
8	9 Counsellor Shamalla (Medical Services Team)	10 FNHA Nurse Christine 	11 Staff Holiday 	12	13 Jeannie Tea Leaf Reading Via Phone Call 	14
15	16	17	18 Reflexology By Brandy @ FSJ 11am - 5:45pm 	19 Benjamin's Health & Wellness Massage with Edna @ FSJ 9am – 6pm 	20	21
22	23	24 FNHA Nurse Christine 	25 Diabetic Bag 	26 Prenatal Day & Soc. Dev.	27 Jeannie Tea Leaf Reading Via Phone Call 	28
29	30	Reminder PO's issued every Tuesday		Cheque's are made Every Friday		

DR. Al Saigh @ ABC Medical Clinic open for BRFN Members from 10am – 2pm (Monday – Thursday) Please contact Lillian @ 250-630-2833 @ Health Department to the Schedule appointments 1 week prior.

Lest We Forget



NOVEMBER

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1 MOVEMBER 	2 write down a goal for the MONTH	3 BAKE for a ELDER	4  BUY FLOWERS	5 say NICE things to YOUR SELF	6 ORGANIZE 1 space	7 Sleep ^{z z z} → in ←
8 HAVE a healthy break-fast 	9 TAKE a BATH 	10 Call a friend or loved one	11  LEST WE FORGET	12 DRINK lots of WATER	13 TAKE & SHARE a Selfie 	14 GO FOR A DRIVE 
15 Watch YOUR favourite movie 	16 Sit OUTSIDE & enjoy THE SILENCE	17 meditate -OR- DO YOGA	18 CHECK OFF 3 THINGS FROM YOUR TO-DO LIST	19 Bake something 	20 GET AT LEAST 30 minutes OF exercise 	21 Give someone a Compliment
22 #NAAW NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK 	23 ADD a COZY item to your office 	24 Take care of Your NAILS 	25 #CHANGE BEGINS WITH ME 	26 START A FEEL GOOD ripple 	27 BUY yourself something NICE	28 #NAAW NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK 
29 EAT DRY MEAT healthy 	30 LEARN a traditional word OR Phrase	<p>➔ From their website:</p> <p>"Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer - we're taking them all on. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up research and motivating men to take action for their health.</p> <p>GROW A MO Patchy, lopsided, itchy or epic - whatever Mo you grow this Movember, your face will raise funds and awareness for men's health.</p> <p>MAKE A MOVE Run or walk 60km over the month. That's 60km for the 60 men we lose to suicide each hour, every hour across the world.</p> <p>HOST A MO-MENT Rally a crew and do something fun and easy - virtually. Hosting is all about having a good time for a good cause."</p> <p>More information about Movember here: https://ca.movember.com/?home</p>				

Health Centre Services continues to offer the following services:

Please contact the Health Centre to make appointments at **250 630-2189**



Foot Care

Foot care with Loretta and she works primarily with elders and those who are diabetic. This is by appointment in Fort St. John and by scheduled appointment

First Nations Health Authority Nurse

Christine comes out to the community on a weekly visit and does phone consultations



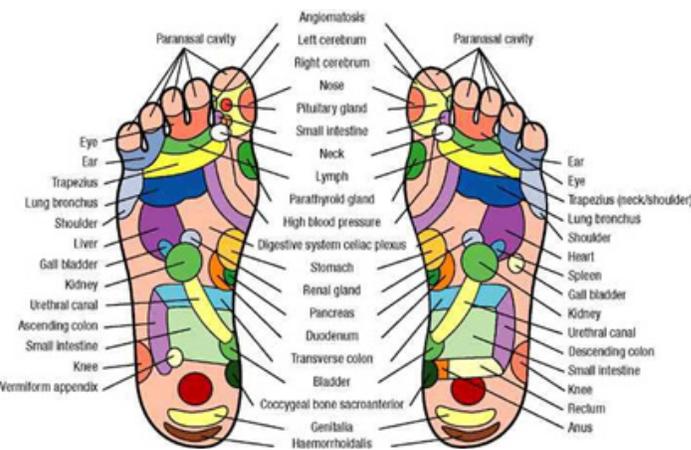
Benjamin Health and Wellness

Massage with Edna twice a month from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. two Thursdays a month by appointment in Fort St John. Transportation can be provided by the Health Centre for members to access these appointments



Tea Leaf Readings by Jenny via phone calls and scheduled appointments are set.

Diabetic bags are provided once a month and this will occur on November 25, 2020



Reflexology with Brandy at Blue Moon Yoga and Wellness Studio 10` 40 – 100 Avenue. She assists individuals with diabetes with general wellness and circulation. Brandy is scheduled in once or twice a month

Medical Transportation

The medical vehicle is available for appointments in Fort Saint John
There are requirements for those using the medical van

- Sit in the second row behind the sneeze guard (newly installed)
- Wear masks provided
- Regularly use sanitizer

Confirmation of Appointment Attendance Forms are located at Creerver Store

Please ensure you have your current direct deposit information with BFRN Finance Department

Reminder: Tuesday and Thursday are P.O. Days and checks are made on Friday.

Please let Lillian know one week in advance requests for trips for patient travel; it does take time to process the requests. This will help the Health Centre staff be more effective and you will get your checks in a timely manner.

Appointments with Doctor AlSaigh at the ABC Medical Clinic in Fort St John

Appointments will be available between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Alsaigh Monday to Thursday every week. If you require transportation into Fort St. John, please contact Lillian one week prior to the date that you would like to go so she can make arrangements with Dr. AlSaigh. The medical transportation vehicle can only transport 2 individuals at a time. If you would like to go into the ABC medical clinic, please contact Lillian so she can work on the scheduling with the clinic.

Northern BC VIRTUAL DOCTOR OF THE DAY

For First Nations and their families living in and out of community
Non-First Nations family members are included in the program



Need to see a doctor?
Book your virtual appointment

1 855 344 3800

7 days a week
8:30am-4:30pm



***You will need:**

- laptop
- tablet
- or smartphone
- internet connection

telephone only is also available

COVID-19 Northern Health Online Clinic & Info Line
1-844-645-7811

Non-Medical COVID-19 Questions:

1-888-268-4319 or text 604-630-0300 7:30AM-8PM (PST)

**FNHA Virtual Doctor of the Day program to set
up virtual doctor's appointments: 1-855-344-3800**

Flu Shots – Fort St John FNHA offices for BFRN members

The Health Centre will organize a schedule for community members to get flu shots between November 2 – 6, 2020

Please contact Lillian so she can organize the schedule and the time you would like to go into Fort St John; individuals can go on their own or be transported with the Health Centre Medical van into Fort St. John. On Friday, November 6, the Health Centre will not be available to transport individuals, however the FNHA clinic will still be open to individuals if you would like to go on your own Friday, November 6, 2020



The flu shot: this year, it's more important than ever to get one!



A message from Dr. Helena Swinkels, Office of the Chief Medical Officer; and Marion Guenther, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Immunizations, CDPPH office of the Chief Nursing Officer

We often think of “the flu”—short for influenza—as being “no big deal,” but every year in BC it causes serious illness, many hospitalizations, and even deaths. The good news is that there is a safe and effective vaccine that may prevent you from getting seriously ill with the flu and requiring hospital care. The flu vaccine is recommended every year, especially for those at high risk of serious illness, such as Elders, babies over six months of age, and people with chronic medical conditions. It is also recommended for healthy people who care for or visit those most at risk for complications from the flu.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic makes it even more important to get immunized this year. Even though a COVID-19 vaccine is not yet available, we do have a flu vaccine and, like other vaccines, is a powerful way to stay as healthy as possible. (See our previous message about adult immunization.)

Why you should get the flu shot

The symptoms of seasonal flu and COVID-19 are very similar, so getting the flu vaccine will reduce the chance that you will need to be tested and possibly quarantined for COVID-19. Simply put, by getting a flu shot, you will be decreasing your chances of respiratory illness. You will also be decreasing your worry, confusion, and the need for testing, isolation, and visits to your healthcare practitioner. And better yet, you will be decreasing the chance of having to leave your community for isolation and/or treatment during the pandemic.

What's more, by getting your flu shot, you can help protect not just yourself but also your loved ones and everyone in your community—especially those who can't be immunized or are at high risk of serious illness from the flu. Getting immunized greatly reduces the risk of getting and spreading the flu, especially when combined with those everyday measures that have now become a habit: washing our hands, keeping to our bubbles, staying two metres (six feet) apart, wearing a mask when we have to be close, and staying home when we are sick.

Even if you don't belong to the highest-risk groups, Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends that everyone six months of age and older should get a yearly influenza vaccination, with rare exceptions.

So, please make sure you get your flu shot this year! If you've thought about it, but have not done so before, this is the year to do it!

About the flu shot

In BC, the flu shot is provided free to Indigenous people. Those who are not eligible for a free influenza vaccine can purchase it at most pharmacies (pharmacists can immunize people five years of age and older with an injectable vaccine, and two years and older with nasal spray influenza vaccine).

The vaccine is usually given as one dose. Children under nine years of age who have never had a seasonal influenza vaccine need two doses. The second dose of vaccine is important to raise their level of protection and should be given four weeks after the first dose.

COVID 19 and how to take care of yourself

It is important to underscore that COVID-19 can take up to 14 days after exposure to the virus for symptoms to appear. During this time, the virus can easily spread to others. This means that decisions made today affect families, friends and communities for weeks to come.

Because of these growing numbers linked to private gatherings, preventative measures that help stop the spread are of utmost importance.

When you choose to see people outside of your household, choose a small circle that your family will see regularly and who will also choose to see you regularly. When we consistently limit our contact to the same small circle, we keep our households, schools, and workplaces safer.

Remember to not let your guard down during this fall's festivities. Celebrations this year will look different. Consider setting up a virtual get together with people outside of your household or make sure to proceed with caution when visiting in person by maintaining a safe distance, wearing a face covering, and bringing your own food.

Additionally, it's critical that we stay home if feeling sick. If you think you may have symptoms, there are COVID-19 self-assessment tools provided by your province or territory of residence that can help you determine if you need further assessment or testing.

The trend in new cases of COVID-19 we are seeing in Indigenous communities is similar to the one we are seeing in the general population; we urge everyone to help change the trend by making wise decisions, and following recommended public health measures.

6 Tips to Wearing a Mask With Your Hearing Aids

We want all of our Elders to stay safe during COVID-19 by wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing while out in public. But an unexpected side effect of this has been the loss of hearing aids when removing the ear loops. Here are six helpful tips to keep yours from getting lost.



Wearing a face mask and practicing physical distancing are among the best ways to protect against COVID-19.

The most common masks have loops that go behind the ears to keep them in place. Masks with ear loops can be tricky for people who wear hearing aids. A hearing aid can fall out if it gets caught in the loop or the wearer accidentally knocks it out when removing the mask. A hearing aid is easy to lose if it falls out while walking outside—for example, in the street, parking lot, grass or snow.

Here are six tips for keeping hearing aids from falling out while wearing a mask. (And remember to always wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before fitting or removing a hearing aid or mask.)

1. When unlooping a mask from behind the ears, stand still and slowly remove one loop at a time. Standing still enables you to see where the hearing aid lands if it falls out.
2. Remove the mask in the same place every time, such as inside a car, home entrance way or living room. If a hearing aid falls out, it will be easier to find in an enclosed space.
3. Sew a button on each side of a headband or ball cap, or on each end of a flat strip of cloth to make an 'ear saver'. Hook the ear loop over each button to secure the mask to the ear saver. (These headbands are also available for sale in some pharmacies).
4. Buy or sew a mask that ties around the back of the head instead of the ears. This design can be found in stores, through craft sellers and online.
5. If sewing isn't an option, grab a t-shirt and a pair of scissors and make a t-shirt mask.
6. Tie long hair into a pony tail, braid or bun and crisscross the loops around it. If the loops are too short, make two ponytails or braids and loop the mask around them.

Elders with limited hand dexterity may find it hard to tie and untie straps or attach loops to small buttons. Larger buttons or elasticized straps are easier to handle.

Anyone experiencing hearing loss is encouraged to make an appointment with an audiologist. Hearing aids are covered by the First Nations Health Benefits Plan. Visit fnha.ca/benefits or call 1-855-550-5454 for information on how to access coverage.

Do you have any tips to share? Visit the [FNHA Facebook page](#).



Virtual Substance Use & Psychiatry Service

How It Works | How to Get a Referral | Service Hours | For Health & Wellness Providers

The First Nations Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service provides individuals with access to specialists in addictions medicine and psychiatry.

This is a referral-based service and is available at no cost to all BC First Nations people and their family members, even if those family members are non-status. Specialists are dedicated to the principles and practices of cultural safety and humility, and to delivering trauma-informed care.

How It Works

This service is unique in that it encourages the referring provider or another community health support person to attend the specialist appointment with the client. This ensures that local knowledge is available to the specialist for care planning and that there is continued support for the client between appointments.

The client and the health and wellness provider call a toll-free number together to set up the appointment. Appointments can happen on the same day of the call, or within a few days, depending on demand for the service.

The service is delivered through Zoom for Healthcare at a scheduled time that works for the provider and client. Attending an appointment on Zoom is simple. Clients and providers click the link in an email invitation to launch the appointment.

Clients can work with their care providers to choose a location for the appointments. This may include a private room in a health centre or the client's home. If a provider is not able to be with the client for the entire appointment, the service asks that they be nearby in case they are needed for support or planning next steps.

How to Get a Referral

The service welcomes referrals from trusted health and wellness providers, Knowledge Keepers and Elders. Examples of referring providers also include, but are not limited to: general practitioners, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and registered psychiatric nurses, addictions workers, wellness workers, Traditional Medicine specialists, mental health counsellors, community health reps, treatment centre staff, the First Nations Virtual Doctor of the Day service and mental health counselors registered with First Nations Health Benefits.

Service Hours

The service currently runs on weekdays (the goal is to expand to weekends as needed and capacity increases).

Substance Use and Addictions Medicine: Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Psychiatry: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



BRFN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Happy October! We have been busy at Blueberry River First Nation School this month! Our Adults have been busy working on their English and Math Refresher courses. We have started our Career Life Education 12 class and have been enjoying interacting and engaging with presenters both in person and via Zoom. We were very lucky to have Justin Young start off our course with a two day in-person visit to talk about goal setting and envisioning our future and what steps we need to take to get there and creating a plan. Through our partnership with the Construction Foundation the students have been working with a variety of presenters on resume building, job skills, and goal coaching. We observed Orange Shirt day on September 30th, and talked about its origins and purpose, and why it is important to remember and create conversations around it with others.

In our primary program we have been learning about the lifecycles of butterflies, mammals and snakes in our daily reading and science program. Did you know that a whale is a mammal and that when it is born it has some hair on its head! In mathematics our upper primary students have been learning about adding and subtracting up to 20, and working with doubles. Our younger primary students have been practicing counting up to and down from 10, and how to write their numbers. They have been learning their letter sounds and letter names and have begun to sound out beginning high-frequency words, and beginning to read key words in stories. We are excited that we can all write our names and recognize our classmate's names when handing in work or handing out classroom supplies! Students have been excited to read Autumn and Halloween books and create crafts to hang up on our bulletin board. We are excited to decorate the classroom and wear costumes for our Class Party on Thursday! Can you guess what we will be!

Our Intermediate class has made great progress in numeracy and literacy. The grade 6 class has been working on their addition, subtraction, and sentence-writing, while the grade 8 class has been working on multiplication, problem-solving, and paragraph-writing. Both classes are also learning about the science of the human body, as well as computer skills such as online research and typing. The grade nine math students have been working on reviewing and strengthening number theory and problem-solving skills. They will now join the adult students working toward completing the grade nine and ten math programs.

Attention Post-secondary students. Emergency Covid19 funding is still available. Indigenous Services Canada recognizes this back to school is challenging for many post-secondary students this fall because of Covid19 and the measures educational institutions must be taken to keep students safe. The majority of classes are online however there are some exceptions. Due to these circumstances there is extra support available to assist Indigenous students with online learning please contact Patsy Greyeyes at pgreyeyes@blueberryfn.ca or 250-262-8837 for more information.



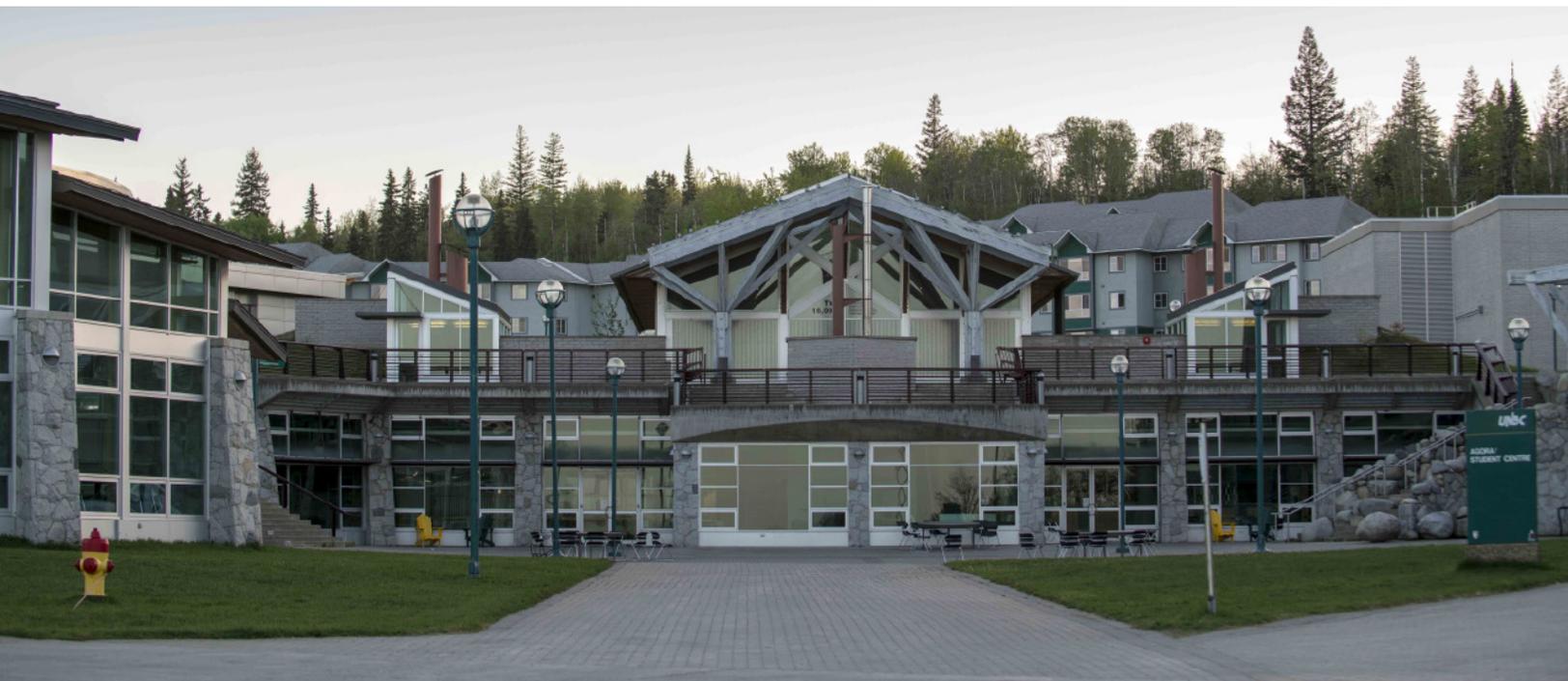
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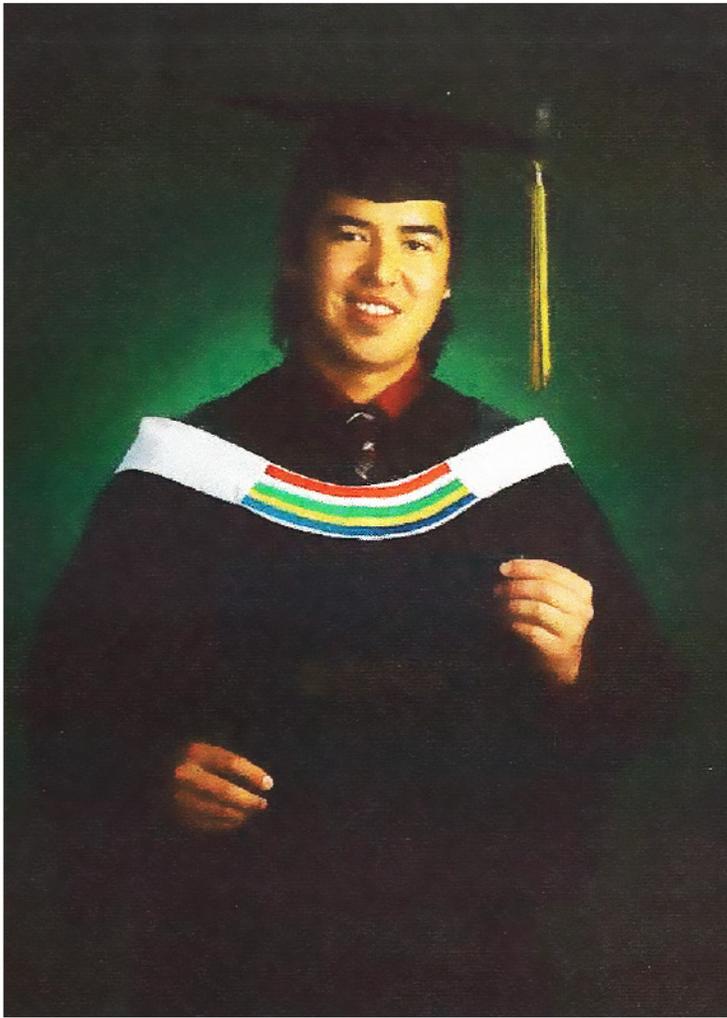
In September 2021, the University of Northern British Columbia will launch the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program (NBNP), offered in the UNBC space at the Northern Lights College campus in Fort St. John. The NBNP provides students with the skills and knowledge to enter the registered nursing field. It introduces students to the unique aspects of delivering health care in small urban and rural communities located throughout B.C.'s Peace region and beyond.

The application process for students interested in this program is now open and information about the NBNP program and information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.unbc.ca/nursing/northern-baccalaureate-nursing-program>

We look forward to having the first cohort of students starting in September 2021. The program, delivered in five consecutive semesters, is designed for individuals with previous experience and achievement in university-level, post-secondary education who are interested in careers as Registered Nurses (RNs). Upon completion, students earn a BScN and are eligible to write the NCLEX-RN, which qualifies them to work as RNs in any health-care sector where RNs have legislated scope of practice.

This is a very exciting opportunity to provide Nursing education in the Peace region and we hope it provides local access to post-secondary Nursing education while contributing to positive health outcomes in the region. Please spread the word!





Thank you Chief and Counsel/
Education Department for your
continued support of Jared Jack
Davis.

Jared has now officially
completed his Bachelor
Degree in Native Studies June
2020.

Jared's current completion of his
goal to obtain a Degree from the
University of Alberta, and his
continued success in largely due
to his determination
and commitment to education.

We equally acknowledge the
contributions from
Blueberry River First Nation.

Thank you BRFN for the
opportunity and
continued support, you are all
part of every band member
success!

Jared Davies & Tammy L. Taylor



October Birthdays

Walter Apsassin Oct 21

Joseph Apsassin Oct 15

Malcolm Apsassin Oct 1

Brenda Apsassin Oct 22

Danny Yahey Oct 10

Marvin Yahey Sr Oct 29

Charlene Pouce Coupe Oct 21

Dale Chipesia Oct 1

George Yahey Oct 24

Harreit Wokeley Oct 25

Carol Davis Oct 25

Wenona Apsassin Oct 12

Kelsey Apsassin-Yellowknee Oct 17

Jhonika Chipesia-Bailey Oct. 12

Tichia Davis Oct 30