



APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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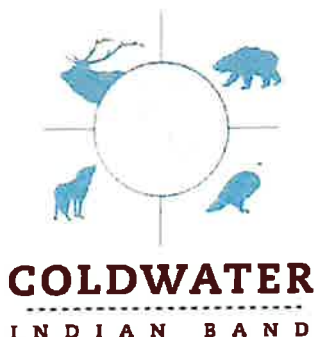
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I AM KRISTOPHER OPPENHEIM. I AM THE LANDS, WILLS, & ESTATES ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COLDWATER INDIAN BAND.

IF ANYONE IS LOOKING TO DO THEIR WILLS. I CAN GIVE YOU A TEMPLATE OR YOU CAN COME IN AND FILL ONE OUT. IT IS BETTER TO HAVE ONE THEN NOT TO HAVE ONE. THIS WILL HELP YOU SAY WHO GETS WHAT AND HAPPENS AFTER YOUR GONE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN GET A HOLD OF ME AT THE COLDWATER BAND OFFICE IN TOWN.

Call Band Office at (250) 378 - 6174



WHEN YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IN ORDER, YOU HAVE THE SAY ON WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR ASSETS. NO ONE ELSE CAN TAKE YOUR POSSESSIONS!

COLDWATER INDIAN BAND HOUSING

DUPLEX IS ALMOST READY FOR RENT

One-Bedroom Units

For more Information Contact:

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Deadline : 1-June-2022

**Applications available at the town
office**



Coldwater Indian Band Monthly Report January - April 2022

Cheryl Rule

Boards/ Committees Rep: Vice Chief, Housing Committee, Hydrogeological Study, nK'e?xép Drought Committee, Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Committee, Western Route (Alternate), Coldwater School Advisory

C&C Meetings / Special Meetings/ Band Meeting

Meeting	Date	Time
Special meeting with outgoing C&C	Jan 19, 2022	6:30 pm-10:35 pm
C&C Signing in	Jan 20, 2022	7:00 pm-8:30 pm
C&C Meeting	Jan 26, 2022	6:00 pm-10:39 pm
C&C Meeting	Feb 09, 2022	6:00 pm-10:58 pm
Governance Training	Feb 18, 2022	5:00 pm-9:00 pm
Governance Training	Feb 19, 2022	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Governance Training	Feb 20, 2022	9:00 am-4:00 pm
C&C Meeting	Feb 23, 2022	6:00 pm-11:36 pm
C&C Meeting	Mar 09, 2022	6:00 pm-9:47 pm
Special Meeting	Mar 10, 2022	5:30 pm-7:40 pm
General Band Meeting	Mar 17, 2022	7:00 pm-10:57 pm
C&C Meeting	Mar 23, 2022	8:30 pm-10:05 pm
Special Meeting	Apr 06, 2022	5:00 pm- 7:28 pm

Vice Chief

- Minister Mike Farnworth, Public Safety & Solicitor General & Nicola Valley Chief's Meeting
- Minister Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, Minister Mike Farnworth, Public Safety & Solicitor General, National Chief Archibald, Chief Lee Spahan, Kris Oppenheim, Lands & Wills Department, Vice Chief Cheryl Rule
- Site Visits along the Coldwater River IR#1
- Ceremony for the First Nations Archeological Remains Found by Shackan Band & Cooks Ferry Band

Housing Committee

- Upcoming meeting to be scheduled with Housing Committee
- Upcoming meeting to be scheduled with BC Housing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Hydrogeological Study Committee

- Upcoming meeting to be scheduled with the Hydrogeological Study Committee

nk'e?xép Drought Committee

- Developed Draft Strategic Plan
- Helicopter flight to see fire & flood damage: Coldwater, Brookmere, Maka, Cooks Ferry, Shakan, Nooaitch
- Drought Management Community Planning for the Nicola Valley

Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Committee & Western Route Committee (Alternate)

- Committee update
- The Cumulative Effects is a project to establish Coldwater Band priorities for managing long-term changes in the trmix.

Coldwater School Advisory Committee

- Revitalization Coldwater Education Projects
- Development of Draft Strategic Plan
- Development of Draft Terms of Reference



nk'e?xép Drought Committee
Draft Strategic Plan

Flooding damage on CWIB #1

Black Bridge by
Collins & Oppenheim property



Minister Fleming, Minister Farnworth,
National Chief Archibald, Chief Spahan,
Kris Oppenheim & Cheryl Rule

Boards and Committees Chief and Council sit on

Board/Committee	Council Appointed	Alternate
Assembly of First Nations	Chief Lee	
B.C. Assembly of First Nations	Chief Lee	
Citw Nlaka'pamux Assembly	Chief Lee	
Fisheries Salmon Management Council	Chief Lee	Harry Spahan
Gateway 286	Chief Lee	
Highland Valley Coper Mine Implementation Committee	Chief Lee	
Spayum	Chief Lee	
Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs	Chief Lee	
Vice Chief	Cheryl Rule-Bob	
Esh-kn-am Cultural Resources BCR required	Harry Spahan	Jackie Aljam
Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society BCR required	Carol Smith	Jackie Aljam
Scw'exmx Community Health Services Society BCR required	Veronica Jameson Michael Smithers	
Scw'exmx Tribal Council BCR required	Chief Lee	
BC Hydro Committee		
Core Council (NWGP)	Jackie Aljam	
Drought Committee (NWGP)	Cheryl Rule-Bob	
Emergency Planning Committee	Jackie Aljam Veronica Jameson	
Finance and Audit Committee (FAL)	Jackie Aljam Shawn Bob	
Forestry Committee	Michael Smithers Harry Spahan	
Housing Committee	Cheryl Rule-Bob	Carol Smith
Human Resource (HR) Committee	Veronica Jameson Gerome Garcia	Shawn Bob
Hydrogeological Study (BCGW)	Cheryl Rule-Bob	
Qweet Forest Products	Harry Spahan	Michael Smithers
Referral Committee		
School Advisory Committee (SAC) Coldwater School	Cheryl Rule-Bob Jackie Aljam	Veronica Jameson
Stuwix Resources Joint Ventures	Harry Spahan	T. Lee Spahan
Terrestrial Cumulative Effect Initiative Committee - PGL Consultants	Michael Smithers Cheryl Rule-Bob	
Water Planning Committee (NWGP)	Carol Smith	
Western Route (Trans Mtn)	Michael Smithers Shawn Bob	Cheryl Rule-Bob

April 2022

Good Day to All! My name is Carol Smith. Little background history for you all:

My Mom: Tillie Swakum

My Dad: Joseph (Sam) McLeod

I have family connections throughout the Nicola Valley-I am sure I have relatives I have not even met yet. I was raised in Coldwater community in a one room home just down the hill where I now currently reside. I was always close to my Grandmother-Lily August and my Uncle Willie August. They looked after my sister Joyce and brother Darcy most of our lives. I left Merritt when I was 17 years old and lived in Saanich for 33 years-moved back home in 2005 as my uncle asked me to move home. After being away so long, things changed. People grew up, had families of their own. Every time I met someone- I would ask "Who is your parents"? Then I would know who they are. I am happily settled in now.

My husband-Wilson moved to Coldwater with me and my daughter Willa. She now has her own little family. I have other children who live down the island: Roger Smith-My oldest, Jerome Smith-second oldest, Bernice Henry-oldest daughter, Lydia Jim-2nd oldest daughter, Willa Ermineskin-youngest daughter. I also raised my brother's daughter Darci Charlie. They all have their own families now. I am proud of each and every one of them.

The boards I sit on:

- Scw'exmx Child & Family Services
- Coldwater Housing
- Nicola Watershed Governance Project Water Planning Table

I did not sign in to too many committees as I also have a full-time job with Upper Nicola Band. I have been working with UN since 2017 as Child & Family Preservation and it keeps me busy.

I will be learning as I go through these meetings and I always say "Learning never stops-doesn't matter how old you are".

Thank you to each of you who voted for me in this last election. I appreciate your trust in me and I will do my very best to represent Coldwater. I am proud of our community! We have struggles, but what community doesn't?

I appreciate the council members who sat at this table before us. They had a difficult job struggling through the Covid pandemic, fires and flooding. I am sure things were difficult and they had to do a lot of hard work. I raise my hands in appreciation to all of them.

I raise my hands to all of you as well, as we had to struggle through these hard times. Learning to do meetings virtually, having to isolate ourselves from family and friends. I really missed visiting my children through the pandemic, as I am sure many of you did as well.

As always, be safe as you go about your daily lives!

Respectfully,

Carol Smith

Council member-Coldwater Band



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Post-Secondary Applications **Dead Line**

April 30, 2020

Reminder to all Coldwater Band Member

To Qualify

Check List

- Be enrolled in 4 courses
- Provide Letter of Intent
- Provide an Acceptance Letter
- Provide current Transcripts
- Fill out Post-Secondary Application & requirements

Please Contact Jessie Aljam at 250-378-6174

Email: jessie.aljam@coldwaterband.org

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The Coldwater Band will be participating in Earth Cleanup



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Day April 22, 2022

Meeting at: Firehall

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The school will be joining us.

Lunch will be provided.

Band members welcome to volunteer on this day.

Garbage bags will be provided.

Later date will be posted for larger item's

Identifying Home Maintenance Needs

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from April 19th to May 24th

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

Identifying Home Maintenance Needs is a nine part training session which helps anyone interested in housing gain more information about basic housing maintenance.

The session will cover how to:

- Identify housing maintenance and repair needs
- Prioritize repair needs
- Estimate the cost of repairs
- Complete a maintenance condition review and summary report

This session is intended for anyone involved in housing or is new to housing and has an interest in learning more about maintaining a home.



Date and time:

- From April 19th to May 24th
- Tuesdays 1:00pm – 2:30pm (PDT)
- Wednesdays 1:00pm – 2:30pm (PDT)

Location:

- MS Teams Video Conference (Link obtained through RSVP)
- MS Teams can be downloaded in the App Store and in Google Play

RSVP:

- Please register by email to sheer@bchousing.org to confirm your attendance.
- Please provide name, email address and phone number of all attendees.