



SPLATSIN

KUKPI7 & TKWAMIPLA7 (CHIEF & COUNCIL) ACTIVITY REPORT

AUGUST 2020

BAND MEMBERS

Monitoring of reserve backroads for highspeed traffic and drug use.
Policies and procedures need to be developed to deal with elder abuse.
Received various band member complaints including against Splatsin Health Services.

Response to basement flooding in one home; disturbing the peace; public use of drugs; parties; home insurance affordability.

SPLATSIN STSMAMLT SERVICES

Travelled for two separate cases. Concerns over news story published in Winnipeg regarding Splatsin's CWP laws and portraying them in an unfavourable light. Indigenous Services Canada and Federal Government opposite saying Splatsin's CWP is a model for the rest of Canada.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SDC Letter of Expectations for Chief & Council expectations to be drafted.
Met for SDC AGM and to discuss the Letter of Expectations.

EDUCATION

Shihiya School opening mid-September; students will attend half days; some in mornings, others in afternoons. Plan to be evaluated at the end of September.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Reviewed RCMP list sent August 11. Sought whereabouts of band member's son due to medical needs.

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Contacted Cst. Karla IVANY regarding member complains of police interceptor speeding on reserve roads. A recent incident involving a band member left them seriously injured. Violence against female band members to be investigated. Stolen flat deck left in band member's yard.

Emergency service providers have an incorrect version of Splatsin addresses; correct version being sent for future use.

ELDERS

Attended Elders' meeting held on August 6th. Not many Elders present. The hiring of an Elders Coordinator being discussed; to be resolved at the next Elders' meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Finance meeting. Meeting with the auditor; audit accepted as presented. Meetings: Rail Trail Governance Committee meeting; Community Futures Steering Committee; and Secwepemc Lakes Tourism.

Secwepemc Lakes Tourism website being developed to sell artisanal goods. Splatsin artisans attended a photography and showcase event on August 20.

Reviewed report from Shuswap Trail Alliance on Secwepemc Landmarks project. Splatsin members assisting with the main marquee. Meeting with Shuswap Trail Alliance regarding next steps for funding Splatsin parts of the Armstrong-to-Sicamous Rail Trail.

Determining guidelines for usage of pictographs and traditional stories in the public. Involved in collecting application forms for the Kweseltkem Farmers & Artisans Market hosted by Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations. Attended the opening ceremony of the market running weekly until September 27; band members encouraged to attend. Secwepemc Lakes Tourism wanting to hire a Splatsin band member for coordinator position.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Attended Indigenous Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting. Letter sent to Minister of Agriculture requesting more action on food sovereignty and developing sustainable agriculture as supply from the U.S. is impacted due to COVID-19.

Delivered food, hampers and canned produce to elders and band members in need.

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Housing Policy meeting to determine terms of reference for Appeals Committee and execution of housing plan that has been developed over three months. Housing disputes brought forth to the Appeals Committee. Letter received from First Nations Health Authority regarding priority housing issues; Splatsin to respond.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Reviewed job descriptions alongside Human Resources Manager for vacant positions including Housing Manager and Title & Rights positions.

HEALTH

Attended Qwelmínte- Secwepemc virtual meeting; seven communities part of the G2G process; concerns about information access and storage. Splatsin paid \$1,000 to attend each meeting.

Secwepemc Health Caucus 'On The Land' meeting to receive funding for cultural practices such as fishing camps and basket weaving.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise; rumoured cases in Enderby.

Attended weekly meeting. A letter being drafted to the Provincial Government to request more information to be exchanged on their channels.

Three attended the ground-breaking ceremony as dignitaries for the new Secwepemc/Shuswap Healing Centre to be constructed in Sicamous; will showcase Indigenous culture. Sang the honour, salmon and farewell song; Youth danced.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

Meeting held in Kamloops regarding MoTI MOU for section 35 on August 4th. Now understanding affected roads. Terms of reference for MOU being developed; keeping lawyers out of the process to save money. Negotiation process to begin soon. Bruhn Bridge and ancestral burials need to be considered; avoid damage to this area.

MISCELLANEOUS

Delivered on-reserve monthly newsletters due to vacant delivery position. Got onto the land to pick berries and harvest vegetables; given to a family in the grieving process and to the Community Garden coordinator to give to people in need. Class action lawsuit letter reviewed regarding water quality; initiated by a Band in Ontario.

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Asserted rights/stood up for territorial border on the early morning of August 25 against OKIB at Mabel Lake. Councillors travelled together to the site of concern; reminded about the importance of parts of territory through sharing stories; wanting to meet with Ministers to discuss the issue instead of dealing directly with OKIB.

Cultural Assessment Report regarding Wilsey Dam reviewed. Kicking Horse Regular Meeting; technical group talking about Kicking Horse. Interfor is subdividing their license and giving one half to Simpcw First Nation; Adams Lake Indian Band is having issues with this as it causes a division between Secwepemc Nation bands.

Tk'emplups has been contracted to complete street light work on Splatsin territory. Band members should be hired for this.

SECWEPEMC NATION

Emergency Management agreement being developed with all 17 communities and the Federal and Provincial Governments. New video from Secwepemc Chiefs being developed to help with COVID-19 response; too many Nation members gathering and not practising safety measures. Nation to continue promoting safety measures together.