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1. OUR ARCHITECTS' CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

McFarland Marceau Architects are into the early stages of their work which during the next month will include a more detailed topographic survey to be conducted by Nigel Hemingway of Cariboo Geographic Systems, and a Geotechnical Study by Bill Telford of Telford Geotechnical Ltd. The Telford assignment will involve disturbing the soil in the area of the proposed building, and will require the involvement of a qualified Band member to examine the disturbed soil for evidence of archaeological matter. The Canim Lake Band will be supplying one or more qualified individuals.

2. OUR JUNE 15TH INFORMATION SESSION

The Society hosted the previously announced Information Session on the morning of June 15th, and although the Session attracted almost two dozen individuals to listen to, and participate in a brief review of the history of the project to date and a review of the architectural design by Craig Duffield of McFarland Marceau Architects, it was a major disappointment that only a small handful of our member Bands' Councillors were able to attend, since the Session had been arranged primarily for their benefit.

However, our many guests participated in an extremely useful discussion about our way forward, and we were delighted to have them participate with us. Among those who attended were CRD Chair Al Richmond who made some highly encouraging remarks about the project and its importance to the future of the tourism industry in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region, Mayor Mitch Campsall of the District of 100 Mile House, and CRD Director Joan Sorley who has been a staunch supporter of our project and a major contributor to an effort to spread understanding of the need for reconciliation between aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities in our region.

We continue to seek an opportunity to bring our five member Band Councils up to date with our progress and our future plans, and will be considering a request to meet for that purpose with the NStQ Leadership Council later this year. Because the Esk'etemc First Nation functions outside the NStQ treaty process, we will hope to meet separately with its Chief and Council at about the same time.

Our Information Session was most generously supported by McDonald's of Williams Lake who supplied us with coffee and bottled water, and by Canada Safeway of 100 Mile House and Williams Lake who provided delicious vegetable and fruit trays.

3. INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS

We were saddened to accept the recent resignation of Cody William as one of the two representatives of the Williams Lake Indian Band, but are delighted to welcome in his place Laurie Innicki who will join the Band's other member Helen Sandy whose profile was featured in our December 2016 Newsletter.

Laurie was born and raised at Sugarcane, and helped her Mom and Dad raise cattle there until she moved to Riske Creek following her marriage. There she helped run her new family's logging company. She has raised four children all of whom competed in rodeos until they left home, following in the footsteps or stirrups of their mother who had rodeoed herself for 30 some years. Laurie is now residing back at Sugarcane.



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