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September 2018 Newsletter

1. The Northern Secwepemc Exhibit Roadmap Project

Dates have now been set for David Jensen's exhibit design team to return to the area in order to conduct half-day meetings with each of our five member-Bands. They will meet with the Canim Lake Band on October 16th, with the Soda Creek and Williams Lake Bands on October 17th, and with the Esk'etemc and Canoe Creek Bands on October 18th.

It is worth noting that expressions of interest in having the proposed Cultural Centre play a prominent role in the preservation of the Secwepemc language, were numerous and very prominent during the first round of meetings with the David Jensen team in August. That matter has always been near the forefront of our Society's deliberations since its inception, and we will be most interested to follow the progress of the continuing discussions between David's team and our member Bands in that respect.

2. Esk'etemc First Nation Band Council Election

The repeat election for Esk'etemc Chief and Band Councillors was held in mid-September, resulting in the election of former Chief Fred Robbins as Chief, and the election of our Society's President Kerry Chelsea to a further four-year term as a Band Councillor.

3. Our 2018 Annual General Meeting

President Kerry Chelsea has established Friday, November 23rd as the date for our 2018 Annual General Meeting. By that date we anticipate both the Williams Lake and Esk'etemc Band Councils to have appointed replacements for Helen Sandy and Patricia Chelsea whose resignations were recorded in our most recent edition. We also expect that the Soda Creek Band Council will by that time have appointed a second representative to join Councillor Sheri Sellars.

4. The Orange Shirt Story

For those of you who are not already aware of it, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's book, *The Orange Shirt Story*, went on sale in bookstores throughout the province in early September. Phyllis is a former President of our Society, and the book recounting her experiences in the residential school system is recommended reading for all our readers.