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November 2018 Newsletter

1. The Northern Secwepemc Exhibit Roadmap Project

David Jensen reports that he and his team are continuing to work with the exceptional material they were given by the many Band members who attended the two sets of community meetings in August and October of this year. Lesia Davis maintains contact with our five Band Representatives and wants it to be known how grateful she is for their commitment to the project. We would like to acknowledge and thank them one more time, namely Irene Gilbert (Canim Lake), Marie Camille (SXFN), Ashley George (Esk'et), Cheryl Chapman (Soda Creek) and Laurie Ilnicki (Williams Lake).

David's team plans two more visits to our region, the next one most likely to be in late March or early April. He would like to hold one or two meetings in central locations at which Band members from all five Bands could attend, but he is being advised that the best chance of interacting with large numbers of members is to hold individual meetings in each community. The Society will look ahead to working with the five Band Administrators in order to establish a schedule of meetings.

2. Our 2018 Annual General Meeting

Our 2018 Annual General Meeting was held as scheduled on November 23rd and resulted in the re-election of Kerry Chelsea as President, Irene Gilbert as Vice President and Graham Leslie as Secretary. In addition, Harold Duncan was elected as Treasurer and Laurie Ilnicki as a Director at Large. The second position of Director at Large is open for the appointed representative of the Soda Creek Band. The Society's Bylaws stipulate that each of the six participating organizations shall occupy one of the six positions of Director, and that requirement has been honoured – as always.

Among the other business conducted at the AGM, it was decided to explore the possibility of retaining a professional fundraiser, and two individuals who have been strongly recommended to us, will be approached in the coming weeks in the hope that we might be able to start the process very soon.

3. Christmas Holiday Wishes

As this is our final edition circulated ahead of Christmas, we take the opportunity to extend our best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year to all our readers who include our five Band Chiefs and Councillors, their staff members, and all our other readers who include many who have provided support and encouragement to us during our almost 15 years journey to the exciting point at which we have arrived. All of your family members and friends are included in our thoughts and wishes.
