

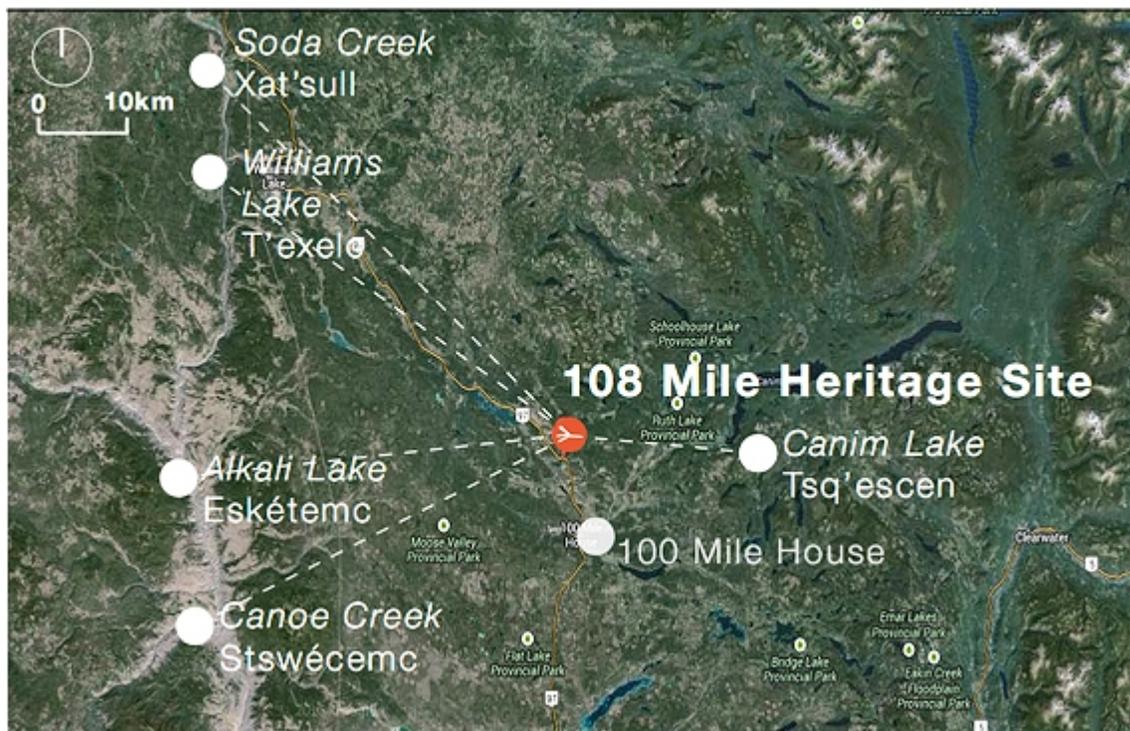


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1. BUSINESS PLAN

For the time being we have postponed our examination of possible ways and means to compensate for the lack of the Soda Creek Band's share of the operational funding, and have still not had an opportunity to meet with its Band Council.

However, as reported in the September 2015 Newsletter, we are making significant progress towards the carrying out of some of our mini projects.

All of the funding is now in place for the commissioning of our architects – McFarland Marceau – to undertake the design development phase of their work. We are pleased to repeat the list of generous donors who have made it possible to proceed with this phase of the overall project. They are CN, Aboriginal Tourism BC, and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition.

2. THE EARTHEN MONUMENT

Our applications to the Canada 150 Fund of the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage and to the Northern Development Initiative Trust have been submitted for the funding required to design, engineer and construct the earthen monument that will honour the victims of the residential school system, assist in educating both the aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities about the history and legacy of that shameful system, and most hopefully play a significant role in moving down the path to reconciliation.

3. OUR 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held in Williams Lake on November 20th, and will be attended by our architects who will lay out the program for carrying out the design development phase of the overall project, with particular emphasis on gaining the fullest possible input from our members and from our member Bands.

4. OUR CONTINUING OPTIMISM

Our members continue with their mood of optimism regarding the future. Each of the mini projects is moving us one more step along the road to completion of the overall project, and is giving us the time to find the solution to our operational funding shortfall.

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