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1. THE CARIBOO FIRES

At the time of preparing this Newsletter, the fire danger continues to threaten the Cariboo and the Chilcotin regions, and our thoughts and prayers remain for all of those affected by the situation, both our own members as all other residents of the area. One of the indirect effects of this fire season has been the disruption of many events and working meetings of our member Bands and their various organizations, and those include our own project as will be covered in more detail in the next section.

2. OUR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Although delayed by the impact of the Gustafson fire that caused a 2-week evacuation of the 108 Mile Ranch area, Nigel Hemingway of Cariboo Geographic Systems was able to carry out his preparatory surveying work on August 19th, in turn permitting Bill Telford of Telford Geotechnical Engineering Services to conduct his geotechnical work on August 23rd. Bill's report to McFarland Marceau Architects Ltd. is anticipated to be in their hands by the end of August, and will permit them to continue with their work immediately thereafter. They – our architects – are quite confident that they will still be able to complete their work by the end of January 2018, and are looking forward to presenting an interim or progress report to our members in early to mid October.

3. INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS

We have felt much pleasure in being able to introduce to our readers some of our current members, namely Chief Patrick Harry of the Canoe Creek Indian Band who is our Vice President, our President Irene Gilbert of the Canim Lake Band, Esk'etemc Band Councilor Kerry Chelsea, and both members from the Williams Lake Indian Band, Helen Sandy and Laurie Ilnicki. Before the end of this calendar year we hope

to introduce our remaining three members, Alana Dixon, Canim Lake Band Administrator, Canoe Creek Indian Band Councilor Harold Duncan and Esk'etenc Band Councilor and Managing Director Patricia Chelsea. In the meantime we reintroduce the images of the five members we have already featured along with the dates of the issues in which their respective introductions were featured.



Irene Gilbert, Jan 2017



Helen Sandy, Dec 2016



Patrick Harry, Feb/Mar2017



Kerry Chelsea, Apr/May 2017



Laurie Ilnicki - Jun 2017

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