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1. Funding the Centre's Operations

The Band Council of the Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem First Nation – better known to many of our readers as the Canoe Creek Indian Band – has already approved our request for funding, and the matter is under active consideration by the Band Council of the Esk'etemc First Nation which will make its decision on September 24th. Canim Lake's Band Council planned to make its decision on September 3rd, but was prevented from giving consideration to our request by special circumstances in the community, and will deal with the request at its next meeting on October 1st. The Williams Lake Indian Band Council will deal with the request at its September 9th meeting, assisted by Marg Shelley who recently left her position as the long-time Band Administrator in order to assume the position of Executive Director at the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council. The Band's loss is certainly the Tribal Council's gain, and we all wish Marg every success in her new position.

2. Funding Construction of the Centre

As we have pointed out in several previous issues, the start of our fundraising campaign is dependent upon the affirmative decisions of our member Band Councils without whose commitments we will not be able to proceed. In the hope of receiving those Band Council approvals by the end of September, we continue to plan for a campaign strategy meeting in October at which Secwepemc member Carlie Chase will attend to provide us with advice and to consider acting as our consultant moving forward. It will be useful to reintroduce Carlie to you by adopting the contents of her biographical information.

Carlie is the Principal of Nawaska Consulting, and is Secwepemc First Nation from the Skeetchestn Band centred in Savona, BC. Carlie is an accomplished executive in the non-profit sector with over 15 years of experience. She is the former Executive Director of the Legacy of Hope Foundation, a national charity that educates all Canadians about the legacy of residential schools and leads inspired action to promote hope and healing across Canada. The first of her family not to attend residential schools, Carlie is dedicated to being part of a new cultural narrative in Canada.

In 2014, Carlie created a small consulting firm specializing in Indigenous community development. She brings her extensive experience within charitable organizations to all the Indigenous-based projects she leads. This experience includes strategic planning, management, human resources, training, facilitation and community mobilization. Note that fundraising is not one of the areas in which Carlie currently acts, but she will consider acting in an advisory capacity to our future efforts.

As Director of Partnerships for Reconciliation Canada, Carlie led the strategic development of partnerships within the government and corporate sector to further the vision and fundraising goals of that charity. Of particular interest to us was Carlie's leadership and execution of the \$15 million fundraising campaign at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health in Ottawa, enabling the construction of the Centre's new building that has been referred to as a "jewel" by the media, and is a cultural touch point for thousands of urban Aboriginal people.



Carlie holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of British Columbia and is a Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP).

Hopefully in next month’s issue we will be able to report both the successful outcome of our funding request to our member Bands, and Carlie’s agreement to a specific date to travel to Williams Lake to meet with us.

3. The Sources of our Project’s Funding to Date

Listed in the date order of their grants and donations are the numerous organizations – both private and public – that have contributed to our efforts since our project started to take shape in 2005. Every single one of them has been crucial to that progress, and regardless of the relative sizes of those donations, we are immensely indebted to each and every one of them.

2005	<i>Cariboo Regional District</i>	\$1,600	topographic survey
2005 - 2007	<i>Northern Development Initiative Trust</i> and	\$36,917	phase 1 of a major feasibility study
	the <i>Union of B.C. Municipalities</i> via the <i>Cariboo Regional District</i>	\$4,350	
2007 - 2009	<i>Department of Canadian Heritage</i> and	\$62,687.50	main feasibility study
	<i>Western Economic Diversification Canada</i>	\$149,800	
2008	<i>Department of Canadian Heritage’s Museums Assistance Program</i>	\$35,000	start of an effort to identify artifacts and stories reposing with the Bands and their individual members
2008	<i>Community Futures Development Corporation</i>	\$50,000	\$10,000 to each of our five Bands and which the Bands agreed to contribute to the Society
2012 - 2013	<i>Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition</i>	\$25,000	business plan, schematic design by our architects, and an environmental review
	<i>Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada</i>	\$42,435	

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2014	<i>New Pathways to Gold Society</i> local businesses in 100 Mile House and Williams Lake, supplemented by grants from <i>ArtsVest</i>	\$25,000 \$10,000+	construct the bridge to joins the B.C. Government's 108 Mile Rest Area to our building site
2015 - 2017	<i>Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition</i> <i>Aboriginal Tourism BC</i> <i>Canadian National</i>	\$32,000 \$5,000 \$5,000	finance our architects' design development phase
2017	<i>BC Rural Dividend Program</i>	\$99,550	architects carry out the preparation of construction documents
2017	<i>BC Rural Dividend Fund</i>	\$100,000	retain our exhibit design consultant to prepare an exhibit roadmap
2018	<i>Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada</i>	\$25,000	secure through the agency of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council to pay our architects for work they had already carried out but which the Society had been unable to pay for at the time
2005 - 2019	<i>Our Member Bands</i>	\$168,000	in addition to the \$50,000 contributed on their behalf by the Community Futures Development Corporation

There aren't words sufficient to thank them all for persevering with the Society through more than 15 years of our ongoing efforts.



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