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INFORMATION BULLETIN

FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

As directed by First Nations leadership through resolutions, the First Nations Leadership Council continues to advocate with provincial government officials. The FNLC is working with the offices of Premier Clark and Minister Polak to establish a regular meeting schedule to identify joint goals.

The FNLC has approved a Strategic Plan in-principle, and is currently working on finalizing this work. The Strategic Plan takes direction from the All-Chiefs' Task Force recommendations, and takes into account the increasingly restrained provincial and federal funding climate.

The FNLC is in the process of formalizing its relationships with each council, and will also seek to formalize relationships with other key partners. This process includes joint development of a Declaration & Protocol of Recognition, Support, Cooperation and Coordination, and is intended to set out respective roles and responsibilities in addressing sectoral issues and priorities identified by Nations.

FNLC Supports Re-Appointment of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as Representative for Children and Youth (Open Letter to Premier Clark- July 27, 2011)

We are writing to express our full support for the reappointment of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as the Representative for Children and Youth in British Columbia.

The BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit and Union of BC Indian Chiefs have supported

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond's comprehensive work since her appointment in November 2006. During this time, Ms. Turpel-Lafond has provided much-needed critical insight into the current state of the child protection system through a number of in-depth reports and investigations, and has provided recommendations to both the federal and provincial governments regarding issues such as child poverty and the Youth Criminal Justice Act. As a judge, lawyer, mother, professor, and Aboriginal woman, Ms. Turpel-Lafond possesses incredibly unique and highly skilled experience for the position of Representative for Children and Youth.

Importantly, Ms. Turpel-Lafond has acted as a strong advocate for Aboriginal children, who are disproportionately over-represented among children in care, and who comprise the most vulnerable sector of society in BC. We continue to recognize Ms. Turpel-Lafond's unwavering commitment to address the underlying and cross-cutting root causes of the inter-generational poverty that characterizes a tragically high percentage of Aboriginal families in BC. Her tireless passion to work in partnership and make change has resulted in an accord with the provincial government to work cooperatively together and, most recently has resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Nations Education Steering Committee. She refuses to accept that any child should be in an unsafe and unsupported environment, and also continues to clearly articulate the need for adequate supports to be provided to caregivers.

The enormously important and

valuable work of Ms. Turpel-Lafond is just beginning, and she must be able to continue her effective advocacy for improving the lives of children and youth in British Columbia. Further, she must be able to continue providing much needed oversight and recommendations to the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and to establish opportunities for joint dialogue. Once again, we strongly urge you to reappoint Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as the Representative for Children and Youth.

(To download the full release, please visit www.bcafn.ca; www.ubcic.bc.ca or www.fns.bc.ca.)

First Nations Develop Strategy to Expand Market Opportunity in China

On August 9, 2011 the BC First Nations Leadership Council announced a China strategy aimed at cultivating stronger relations with China and respond to growing commercial interest in British Columbia's natural resources sector, the respective traditional territories of First Nations. The First Nations-China: Transforming Relationships strategy was launched in Vancouver at a press conference hosted jointly with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada as part of the Foundation's new initiative called the National Conversation on Asia.

"First Nations in British Columbia are experiencing unprecedented inquiries from Chinese companies to develop projects on their territories. Our respective organizations have passed resolutions pertaining to a proactive China-First Nations strategy to ensure that our land rights and environmental and cultural values are properly protected," stated Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of British Columbian Indian Chiefs.

The UN Declaration on the Rights of

Indigenous Peoples states that First Nations must be allowed to give their "free, prior and informed consent to activities on their traditional territories." This principle is central to our strategy and to how First Nations in BC do business. We recognize the importance of informing investors that our communities must be involved in decision making processes," stated Grand Chief Edward John, political executive of the First Nations Summit.

"The innovative response developed through the First Nations-China strategy is exactly the type of engagement we hope to inspire through our National Conversation on Asia. The strategy represents a significant step forward in developing a broader appreciation for the rise of Asia and its impact on Canada and First Nations communities," said Mr. Yuen Pau Woo, President and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

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FNEMC UPDATE

BC First Nations China Strategy: Details

On August 9th, 2011 the First Nations Leadership Council and the First Nations Energy and Mining Council launched the First Nations China Strategy (noted above). The report was introduced to the Chiefs and supported by resolutions at the June UBCIC, FNS and BCAFN meetings.



Grand Chief Ed John, 2010 Totem Pole Unveiling Ceremony in Chengdu, China

With the goal of creating economic, cultural and educational opportunities for First Nations youth, elders and businesses, the China strategy includes a seven-point action plan to:

- Build the internal capacity of First Nations' awareness and understanding of China;
- Promote reciprocal annual missions between First Nations/Canada and China;
- Establish a China Desk to assist First Nations to respond to and develop business opportunities;
- Develop best practices to help Chinese investors understand the consultation and collaboration process with First Nations;
- Expand market opportunities for First Nations in China;
- Urge the creation of a joint First Nations/Provincial and Federal technical working group;
- Creating a branding strategy to promote First Nations opportunities in China.

The full report can be downloaded at www.fnbc.info/fnemoc.

A list of related news articles can be viewed at www.fns.bc.ca

FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

AANDC Tripartite Negotiations

In December 2010, the federal government unilaterally introduced a new approach, which provided BC First Nations with three options for funding First Nations schools:

Option 1: A return to the national Band Operated Funding Formula (BOFF). This would result in a significant decrease in funding for First Nations schools in BC.

Option 2: Engagement in implementation-ready tripartite agreement. This was viewed by First Nations as providing BC with an oversight role over First Nations schools (which it has never had) and requiring closer alignment of First Nations school programs, standards and services with provincial schools.

Option 3: First Nations education jurisdiction with Own Source Revenue (OSR). This raised serious concerns because First Nations firmly rejected the application of federal OSR policy during the jurisdiction negotiations and want to avoid undermining First Nations treaty negotiations by including it in sectoral agreements.

As a matter of due diligence, FNEESC negotiators have engaged in discussions with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) since July 2011 on implementing Option 2 and have negotiated a draft tripartite education framework agreement that is intended to benefit First Nations schools and support the BC First Nations education system, without providing any provincial oversight over First Nations schools. *In particular, the following changes to Option 2 have been achieved:*

AANDC is no longer requiring that:

- BC play a role in overseeing First Nations schools;
- First Nations schools align themselves with the provincial education system;
- Each First Nation sign its own tripartite agreement; or
- FNEESC play a compliance role;

AANDC has agreed to:

- Recognize the existing BC First Nations education system;

- Explore new approaches to funding transportation and technology; and
- Provide funding for FNEESC to prepare a business case to support additional funding for language and culture; and

BC has confirmed that:

- It has no interest in overseeing First Nations schools; and
- It has a collaborative working relationship with FNEESC.

The draft Tripartite Education Agreement provides the following:

- Recognition of and support for the BC First Nations education system developed by FNEESC and the FNSA;
- Sustainable funding approach;
- Reduced proposal and report writing;
- Secure funding for second level services (such as school assessment, professional development for teachers and principals, management of data collection on performance measures, distance education);
- Greater ability to tailor second level services;
- New interim funding approaches for transportation and technology, with a commitment to jointly develop a long-term approach; and
- A primacy clause that ensures this agreement will prevail over other federal policies and guidelines that are incompatible with it.

NEXT STEPS

The Board of Directors of FNEESC, which includes one director appointed by each member First Nation, will meet on November 18, 2011 to review and, if acceptable, approve the proposed Tripartite Agreement. FNEESC will seek political support for the direction it proposes to take regarding the negotiation and approval of the Tripartite Education Agreement.

Additionally, FNEESC is seeking reaffirmation of the First Nations Summit and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' support for the comprehensive BC First Nations education system that has been designed by FNEESC and the FNSA. FNEESC is also seeking support for its continued efforts to negotiate and finalize Tripartite Education Agreement with Canada and British Columbia. Finally, FNEESC is seeking confirmation that it is the responsibility of the FNEESC Board of Directors to review and, if acceptable, approve the final version of the Tripartite Education Agreement.

Individual First Nations will be able to decide whether to participate in this initiative after they have received financial information on the tripartite model that is specific to their community.

FNEESC welcome and encourages questions and input on this subject.



Educators at the First Peoples Curriculum 3-Day Summer Institute, in Kamloops, August 17-19, 2011

National Panel

From September 26 to 29, 2011, the National Panel on First Nation Elementary and Secondary Education will be visiting British Columbia. They are meeting with First Nations across the country to address funding and governance accountability. The initiative is part of a joint action plan announced by the Assembly of First Nations and AANDC.

FNEESC and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA), along with several other bodies, are preparing panel submissions and participating in the process. In July, the FNEESC Board met briefly with the three panelists, Scott Haldane, George

Lafond and Caroline Krause, and they provided the board with an overview of the initiative.

Children in Care

FNESC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Representative for Children and Youth for BC, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond on July 8, 2011. It describes our joint commitment to find ways to better address the education needs of children in care. FNESC has long-advocated for an education plan for all children in care and a Superintendent of Aboriginal Achievement in the public education system.

Events

FNESC and the BC Ministry of Education will host the 17th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education in Vancouver from November 24-26, 2011. The conference theme, "*Student Success: Dignity, Diversity and Well-being*" is inspired by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Keynote speakers include Grand Chief Edward John and advocate for equitable funding for children in care, Cindy Blackstock.

Regional Sessions are annual community meetings about First Nations education. In 2011/12 they will be in Williams Lake, Campbell River, Duncan, Kamloops, Prince George, Smithers, Kelowna, Vancouver, Cranbrook and Prince Rupert.

About FNESC

FNESC is an independent society dedicated to achieving quality education for First Nations students in BC. All First Nations in BC are welcome to appoint a FNESC Board representative.

FNESC welcomes Ben Berland from Carrier Sekani Tribal Council as its new Secretary on its Executive. Continuing FNESC Executive members include: Tyrone McNeil, FNESC President, Barbara Barltrop,

Vice-President, and Monty Palmantier, Treasurer.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The First Nations Health Council is pleased to announce the Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey IV Forum Report! This exciting compilation will be mailed to all First Nations and posted to our website at www.fnhc.ca. The report includes:

- **A Conference Report:** The report summarizes the proceedings of the historic Gathering Wisdom event, and includes summaries from each of the speakers and agenda items, and highlights of the Resolution debate.
- **Gathering Wisdom Media Collection:** This companion DVD brings to life the powerful moments of the forum and includes a highlight reel and full video versions of each presentation.
- **Consensus Paper and Resolution:** The Consensus Paper and resolution provide a roadmap for the ongoing work of the First Nations Health Council, First Nations Health Directors Association and First Nations Health Society. These key documents will inform health governance reform efforts in the coming months and years.

At this year's Forum, First Nations leaders made a historic decision to approve the transfer of First Nations

health programs and services from federal control to First Nations control. Through Resolution 2011-01 and a *Consensus Paper: British Columbia First Nations Perspectives on a New Health Governance Arrangement*, First Nations also provided the First Nations Health Council, First Nations Health Directors Association, and First Nations Health Society clear direction on the standards of this new arrangement, and next steps for its implementation.

For the past several months, we have been hard at work, implementing the direction First Nations provided to us at the Forum in May. We are anxious to share this work with you in the coming months, through a series of regional caucus sessions to take place throughout the fall and winter. Your feedback and input is crucial to the ongoing success of this work.

Important Note: Although First Nations provided their approvals for the new health governance arrangement in May, we are waiting for final approval from our partners. As a result, the workplan for the implementation of Resolution 2011-01 will not be circulated on September 1, 2011, but will be circulated as soon as possible following final approval of our partners. We want to ensure that the workplan includes the most realistic, up-to-date, and accurate timelines and information available.

Along with the workplan, we will be asking for your wisdom and guidance through a First Nations Health Governance Structure Workbook. We will be asking for your advice on our collective vision for First Nations health, and the mission statements and roles and responsibilities of the First Nations

Health Council, First Nations Health Directors Association, the First Nations Health Authority, and First Nations Regional Caucuses – including the relationship between all of these various components. Importantly, we will also be seeking your input on the governance structure of these various components, such as their membership and appointment processes.

Thank you for your patience as we prepare the best possible materials for your review and consideration. We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming round of regional caucus sessions to build on the momentum and unity achieved at the Gathering Wisdom Forum, and to continue this historic process of health governance reform.



FIRST NATIONS
FISHERIES COUNCIL

FIRST NATIONS FISHERIES COUNCIL UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of months for the FNFC as the organization continues to concentrate on strategic planning, relationship building and other emerging issues.

Strategic Planning and Relationship Building

The FNFC has developed a three-year strategic plan, which provides direction for the establishment of an improved governance mechanism that enables First Nations to meaningfully engage and participate in the planning and management of fisheries and aquatic resources at various scales and with respect to

multiple issues, species and socio-economic contexts.

The strategic planning process is complimentary to relationship building activities intended to improve communication and accountability at the provincial and regional scale. In response to recommendations from the FNLC and First Nations, it was determined that the formalization of the relationship between the FNFC and FNLC was an immediate and necessary action to advance elements of the strategic plan. Building on this relationship, it was acknowledged that the FNFC could not operationalize the strategic plan in isolation, as First Nation fisheries organizations and processes at various scales maintain an integral role in achieving collective goals. The FNFC recently developed a Charter, which represents an inclusive good-faith agreement among respective parties to promote enduring relationships and constructive dialogue among First Nations.

Economic Access Working Group Update

The FNFC recently passed a motion to support *Fishing for a Better Future: A First Nations Business Case for a Second Phase of the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative* (PICFI). The current program, introduced by Fisheries & Oceans Canada in 2007 was a \$175 million investment in the Pacific fisheries over a five-year period (2007-2012) for the purposes of economic access, enhanced accountability, capacity building and co-management.

Eulachon Assessment Update

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) has recommended to Environment Canada that three “designatable units” of eulachon be

considered for listing under the Species at Risk Act (SARA):

1. Fraser River
2. Central Coast
3. Nass River and Skeena River

In response to these recommendations, Fisheries & Oceans Canada is in the process of preparing a Recovery Potential Assessment. The FNFC has continued to monitor the process and has initiated dialogue among First Nations to determine how First Nations can engage and participate in this process moving forward.

2011 Fisheries Assembly

The FNFC will be hosting the annual Fisheries Assembly on November 8 and 9 in Penticton. Further information regarding the theme, agenda, travel and accommodations will be provided in early September.

Want to know more?

The FNFC hosts a bi-weekly update conference call that is open to all First Nations. To receive dial-in information and other important updates, please visit our website at www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca or email info@fnfisheriescouncil.ca.

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FNCFWC UPDATE

Welcome to New Staff

The First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC) would like to welcome its newest members of the staff: Kyra Mason, Coordinator; Stacey Leech,

Executive Assistant; Felicia Greekas, Communications Officer; and Deja Johnson, Administrative Assistant. In the coming weeks, FNCFWC will also add a Policy Analyst and Finance Officer to the team.

Community Engagement

Recently, the FNCFWC completed the second of three scheduled rounds of *Community Engagement Sessions* to be completed this year. These dialogue sessions are held at various locations in each region across BC to build awareness of the Wellness Council; to provide information concerning implementation of the Indigenous Child at the Centre Action Plan and to engage in ways and means to collaborate effectively and efficiently.

Round One – Winter Session focused on Goal #2 of the Action Plan (*to enable First Nations governance and Nation-building*) and had a total of 76 workbooks completed during the sessions that occurred in January and February of this year. These findings are included in the *Round One – Regional Engagement Draft Summary Report* currently published online at www.fncfwc.ca.

Round Two – Summer Session allowed the information and outcomes gathered during the Round One to be reviewed with additional discussions that focused on Goal #1 of the Action Plan – *to create a safe, nurturing environment for the health and well-being of First Nations children, youth, families and communities*. The findings from these Summer Sessions, held in July and August, will be available in early September and included online.

Fall Sessions have been scheduled for November 2011; watch for upcoming dates on our website.

Information gathered from the community engagement sessions along with work to date will feed into the agenda and work set out to be completed at the **Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum IV (ICC IV) being held October 6 & 7, 2011 at the Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel**. A notice for ICC IV is being circulated, please register early.

More information about the community engagement sessions and ICC IV are available online (www.fncfwc.ca). If you would like further information please contact FNCFWC at admin@fncfwc.ca or 604.922.7795.



FNECDC UPDATE

Fall Grants for Early Childhood Now Available!

The First Nations Early Childhood Development Council is pleased to announce a fall 2011 funding opportunity. **Grants to a maximum of \$20,000 will support Language and Culture activities and resources for B.C.'s Aboriginal children.** First Nations communities and Aboriginal organizations with a clear mandate and client-base that services children ages 0-6 years are eligible to apply.

These grants are part of the provincial Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative and are being administered by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. The application process is fast and easy! It does not require a Band Council Resolution. Application packages are available online at www.bcaafc.com/initiatives/ecdreinvestment

To request a hard copy of the package you may contact: aecd@bcaafc.com or Toll free: 1-888-480-3931

Please forward any questions or comments to Tyrone McNeil, chair of the FNECDC at tyrone@fnesc.ca OR to Jennifer Fox, FNECDC coordinator jfox@fnesc.ca.



ICAB UPDATE

Regional Forums

ICAB will host its third regional forum *Best Practices in Aboriginal Procurement and Partnership for Industry and Business*. ICAB will partner with the *Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council (CAMSC)* to deliver the next forum scheduled for some time this Winter 2011/12 in Fort St. John (TBD). This forum will shift its focus to procurement challenges, opportunities and processes as they relate to Aboriginal business and provide opportunities for entrepreneurs to identify how best they could partner to access industry procurement opportunities. The forum will also examine the role and benefits of the CAMSC Aboriginal supplier accreditation program in procurement. CAMSC is a private sector-led, non-profit membership organization governed by a board of Directors comprised of major multinational corporations operating in Canada. The organization aims to boost economic development efforts and employment and is associated with the National Minority Supplier Development Council - an American non-profit organization providing a direct link between corporate

America and minority-owned businesses.

First Nations Economic Development Working Group (FNEDWG)

With completion of the BC First Nations China Strategy (FNEMC), the regional forestry forums (FNFC) and the Economic Development Officers toolkit (ICAB), the Working Group took the summer off. The Group will be reconvening on Thursday, September 22 to revisit the First Nations Economic Development Work Plan and set new priorities for the next year.

History of the FNEDWG

In mid-2007, through resolutions, BC First Nations tasked the BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC with coordinating the development of a BC First Nations Economic Development Action Plan. To achieve this, the BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC established an Economic Development Working Group composed of volunteer First Nations economic development experts, other First Nations organizations, federal and provincial governments and industry. Through the ongoing work and advice of this group, a draft BC First Nations Economic Development Action Plan was developed and reviewed by First Nations through various regional sessions in fall 2007 and a province-wide First Nations Economic Development Assembly in February 2008.

Following the adoption of the Action Plan by resolution, the FNEDWG conducted a series of regional engagement sessions with First Nations in fall 2008, and a series of breakout sessions at the BCAFN Regional Chiefs' Assembly in February 2009. Based on the feedback received, the FNEDWG identified priority actions for its first year of work under the Action Plan, and proceeded with implementing those actions. In the fall of 2009, the FNEDWG conducted another

series of regional engagement sessions to obtain First Nations feedback for key priority actions in year two and beyond of the implementation of the BC First Nations Economic Development Action Plan.

A First Nations Economic Development Work Plan was developed and since September of 2010, ICAB has been coordinating the implementation of key activities of the Work Plan.

Aboriginal Business Association

ICAB is moving forward with the BC Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce by establishing an Aboriginal Business Association as an important first step. Details will be posted on the ICAB website as they become available.

ICAB Events

Breakfast Meetings: September 23, 2011

Social media as a Communication and Ratification Tool in the Northwest Transmission Line and Altgas Projects – the Tahltan Experience.

PR Associates and the Tahltan Central Council will discuss the role of social media in engaging community in economic development.

December 9, 2011– KPMG will present tax and accounting issues and updates for First Nations.

Breakfast meetings take place at: Segal School of Business, SFU from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Presenter information will be posted on the ICAB website when confirmed.

'On Common Ground' Gathering: November 18, 2011 on Vancouver Island: *Partnerships and Capacity – Building the Foundation for Economic Development Success.*

The Gathering objective is to provide opportunities for First Nations Economic Development Officers and Aboriginal business CEOs to build capacity in key economic development areas by reviewing available resources, engaging professionals in dialogue, and learning about standards of practice in Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal partnership development. Location: TBD - more details to follow at www.icab.ca

"On Common Ground" Celebration



The sun came out for the 2nd annual Celebration at AtBC's Klahowya Village in Stanley Park on July 22.

A jovial group of ICAB supporters started the evening by hopping on the Spirit Train before enjoying an exquisite First Nations fusion dinner by *Salmon and Bannock* featuring keynote speaker Calvin Helin. The evening also included door prizes and zany games that contributed to ICAB programming. The event ended with dancing under the stars to the rock and blues music of the *Original Beat*. A wonderful time was had by all!

The 3rd Annual Celebration will be held July 27, 2012.

ICAB AGM a Successful Event – August 11th

ICAB's Annual General Meeting on August 11 reaffirmed the organization's commitment to

supporting and enhancing economic development initiatives that provide benefits to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal businesses throughout BC.

While she will continue her commitment to ICAB as a Director at Large, Marlane Christensen, after 8 years of exemplary leadership, stepped down as President of ICAB. Thanking those who have walked the journey of developing the organization with her, Marlane encouraged new members to find the time to participate at any number of ICAB events and asked for everyone's support in the continued development and delivery of programs. "It is only through your experience and voice that together we will overcome the seemingly simple but very difficult task of realizing our shared vision. With commitment and dedication we will move forward toward economic prosperity for all," she concluded.

The ICAB Board and staff express their deepest appreciation to Marlane for her years of dedication, her vision and her commitment to finding common ground upon which Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people can prosper together. In addition, the organization bids farewell and expresses its appreciation to John Emery (AMEC), Roy Millen (Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP) and Robert Simpson (PR Associates) for their dedication and hard work in guiding ICAB in fulfilling its mandate and vision.

ICAB Website

A new ICAB website was launched in February of 2011 – check it out www.icab.ca.

Membership

ICAB honours and welcomes four new members:

- All Nations United Energy

- KPMG LLP
- Midgard Consulting Inc.
- SFU – Learning Strategies Group

Thank you for becoming part of the vision of creating an economy where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people prosper together.



AtBC UPDATE

The Aboriginal Tourism Association of British Columbia (AtBC) has had another productive summer promoting and marketing the Aboriginal cultural tourism industry:

- AtBC was a proud part of the 3rd annual Canada Day Parade in Vancouver on July 1st, 2011. More than 120,000 spectators lined Georgia and Burrard Streets, cheering and waving in support of the Aboriginal cultural tourism industry and building the brand of AtBC.



Marching with the AtBC banner

- The Klahowya Village located in Stanley Park in Vancouver BC was showcased as a media story throughout July:
 - North Shore News July 3rd
 - APTN July 6th
 - CBC Radio Interviews July 7th (Lower Mainland and Victoria newsrooms)
 - CKNW Bill Good Show July 8th (Lower Mainland)
 - CKNW World Today July 10th
 - CBC Almanac (throughout BC) July 12th
 - Ming Pao and Sing Tao (China Town papers in Vancouver)

featured stories on Aboriginal tourism August 7th

- Vancouver Island travel blog on August 9th
- CBC, OMNI and Fairchild featured stories on August 12th



Klahowya Village Install

These media stories are all available to stakeholders and Aboriginal community members who have signed up for our email distribution list. More importantly AtBC continues to build awareness of the growing Aboriginal cultural tourism industry that is leading the country.

AtBC also carried on a number of other activities such as participating with go2 to update the Tourism Human Resource Action Plan to set the human resource vision, goals and strategies for the next five years for BC's tourism and hospitality industry. In addition AtBC promoted the Xat'sūll Heritage Village by promoting awareness of their second Cultural Event of the 2011 Season on August 13th. Xat'sūll invited people to celebrate the salmon and enjoy their traditional cultural activities, including:

- Fishing demonstrations and fish preparation
- Traditional dancing, singing and drumming
- Story telling
- Traditional arts and crafts
- Guided Tours of Xat'sūll Heritage Village
- Workshops
- Traditional local food

Finally AtBC coordinated a cultural event at Canada Place in Vancouver on August 14th with an afternoon of Aboriginal entertainment that featured Alex Wells (Lillooet Nation), Eagle Song Dancers (Squamish Nation) and Le La La Dancers (Alert Bay). The event was a major success with thousands taking in the afternoon cultural performances.

AtBC has a busy fall scheduled with the **Annual General Meeting scheduled for October 21st and 22nd, 2011.** AtBC invites all stakeholders to attend and review the new and exciting developments in the cultural tourism industry for the new year.

For more information or to join AtBC as a stakeholder please view our website www.aboriginalbc.com, sign up for our email distributions, or contact our office located at 600-100 Park Royal, West Vancouver 1-604-921-1070.



FNTC UPDATE

Technology Summer Camp

FNTC recently completed a Technology Camp in Dzawada'enuxw (Kingcome Inlet). A total of 14 youth were involved – 6 being summer students who zipped through the camp during an evening session a little faster than our youngest campers who were 8 years old. Participants during the 3 day camp were – “Computer Programmers” (working with a free program, developed at MIT, that anyone can download at <http://scratch.mit.edu/>); “Mechanical Engineers” (building robots with lego that they then

programmed); “Electrical Engineers” (using Snap Circuits to build projects that lit up; made sounds or pumped water) and “Scientists” using the Data Harvester to collect data (monitoring their heart rate after jumping, etc.). After the camp, the children did a presentation to community members who showed up in big numbers to cheer on their budding technologists!



Participant at FNTC Summer Camp

MOU with Ecotrust Canada

FNTC and Ecotrust Canada have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The first project that will start in September is the **First Nations Online Health Atlas.** FNTC was successful in winning an RFP posted by the First Nations Health Council. Phase I of the project will develop the Atlas software and the database to hold publically available health data and to develop the look and feel of the Atlas. Both organizations are very excited to be working with the Health Council on a project that will display data in a way that will tell regional stories.

Aboriginal Trades Forum

FNTC is working with the First Nations Human Resource Labour Council to support their Aboriginal Trades Forum in Kamloops September 20-21. Anyone interested in working in or involved in the Trades, Employment Counsellors, Social Development

Workers, Education Counsellors or Industry/Employers should attend. Registration is at <http://fnbc.info/aboriginal-trades-forum2011>

FNTC at Clean Energy Conference

FNTC is working with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council and will be sharing a booth at the Clean Energy Conference September 26/27. Registration for the FNEMC Workshop can be done through the First Nations Portal at: <http://fnbc.info/fn-energy-and-mining-council-clean-energy-workshop-registration>.

Financial Literacy Project

FNTC is working with AFOA, the BC Trustee and other partners on a Financial Literacy project. AFOA will be releasing a Financial Literacy Handbook but for a sneak preview, check out a series of videos recently posted to our vimeo site <http://vimeo.com/fntc/videos>.

Consultation Toolkit

National Centre for First Nations Governance "Government to Government Consultation Toolkit" is now online. Check it out on the Portal at: <http://fnbc.info/government-government-consultation-toolkit>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- UBCIC Annual General Assembly: Sept 14-16 (Fairmont Chateau Whistler)
- First Nations Summit Meeting: Sept 21-23 (Chief Joe Mathias Centre, North Vancouver)
- Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum IV (ICC IV): Oct 6-7 (Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel)
- 17th Annual Aboriginal Education Provincial Conference: Nov 24-26 (Vancouver)
- See others under FNTC Update