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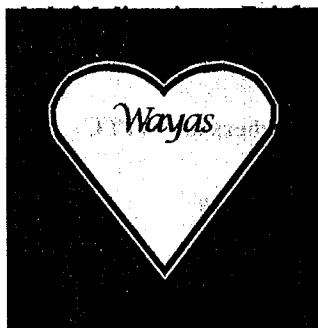


**"We want to be involved
And kept up to date"**

The Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council held their AGM on Jan. 22-23, 2002 in the 'Namgis Recreation hall. "Communications" that was the echoing theme brought up after every presentation by the membership with 50-75 in attendance every day. The membership stated that they wanted to be involved and be kept up to date on what's going on. The Audit for 2000-2001 and the MTTC Constitution ammendments brought many questions from the floor of the General Assembly. The Ammendments were tabled until the next AGM in September, 2002.

A Power Point Presentation by the Management Information Systems Office informed the Assembly the process of GIS Mapping and the set up of the MTTC Web Site. There was good feedback and

Sweetheart



and helpful direction from the Assembly.

There were brief reports from the Directors on their portfolio areas. An updated report on the Fishfarms in the Broughton Archipelago area was presented by Brian Wadhams and Connie McIvor and the extent of the damage being done to the environment (clam beds) along with more fishfarms still popping up

There was lots of concern expressed and re-affirmed support for zero tolerance for fishfarms in our area passed by a Motion from the General Assembly. Bruce Burrows from Living Oceans presented information about MPA'S Marine Protected Areas and what the MTTC might consider. A lot of concern was expressed from the floor on this issue and the after the fact consultation with First Nations was a no-win situation for our people.

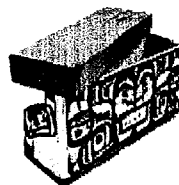
An update on the Anthony Dawson Case by Yvon Gesinghaus explaining that a civil pursuit against the police would be filed by Feb. 1,2002. Anthony was a human being that needed Medical help. The court case will be held in 2003.

Vera Newman mentioned

that a Kwakwala Steering Committee has been struck up from the U'Mista Cultural Centre looking for membership and support. There are interviews, video tapes being developed along with language curriculum. All to help with the promotion of our language.

Lois Dawson's group from the Alert Bay School did a presentation on a cultural exchange happening this year for some of our members going to Quebec and they in turn come here. The request is for support by way of monies to help off set the costs involved.

Wonderful meals by the Stauffers were served each noon with snack breaks in the morning & afternoon. At the end of the AGM a beautiful turkey dinner was served to close the 2 day AGM Event.



MTTC Box of Treasures
People, Forestry, Fishery
Language, songs, stories



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CAROLE'S CORNER

**KNOWLEDGE is
POWER and-
UNITY is
STRENGTH-by
keeping this in
mind we as a
Tribal Council
have a lot to be
thankful for &
a lot to share.**

FORESTRY-Added Value

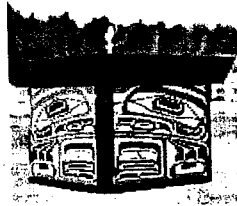
To date, the mandate for the Forestry Consultant, Jay Silverberg is to look for opportunities in all sectors of forestry for the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council. I have been listing and interviewing all the companies and individuals within these sectors for him to see if there are any opportunities available for joint ventures with First Nations. Etc.

A workshop was presented by Jay Silverberg on forestry, Forestry Added Value, Tourism and Non Timber Forest Products on January 24, 02. I am

happy to say that there were many interested parties who participated and made the workshop a success.

Any questions or inquiries, please feel free to call me at the MTTC office during working hours.

Christine
(Deane)
Wadhams



THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

WE WILL DO THIS ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS, SO IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO PUT SOMETHING IN FOR MARCH AND APRIL, JUST CALL:

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COME BY THE MTTC OFFICE

Salmon Farming Moratorium Lifted!

Since the AGM, you may know by now, the moratorium on fish farms has been lifted as of January 30, 2002 and applications for new aquaculture sites will be accepted after April 30, 2002 and are expected to take up to a year to process. They (the government) expect production to begin by 2003. We (the MTTC) are pursuing this issue very strongly and have sent a letter to the Minister in Charge reaffirming our vehement opposition to fish farms within our territories. It was stated that the MTTC is located on northern Vancouver Island and adjacent mainland including the Broughton Archipelago which currently has 26 fish farms situated within in. Despite the fact that 25 of the 26 fish farms are sited in ecological sensitive areas and that the First Nations of this area do not want them to remain here, industry again wins out. "Until the Provincial government can prove to us that there

is no environmental damage to our territories, we will remain opposed to fish farms.", States Chief William Cranmer Chairman of the MTTC. "We are the stewards of our territories which belong to our children and their children. These waters and the environment within it are far more important than the profit line of major industry and are certainly far more important than the promised political contribution for future elections. These waters, land and environment are for the enjoyment of the children of today and those yet to be born. It is not our right to devastate this pristine area in the same manner as has Scotland and the east coast of Canada"

"The provincial government cannot show us any scientific studies showing that fish farms are safe for our territories because none have been carried out." despite the fact that every request to have an independent

scientific study carried out has been ignored by his ministry." "The Provincial government can rest assured that the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council will not permit the site of one more fish farm within our territories" Chief Cranmer contended. "The Musgamagw people remain committed to ensuring the total removal of all fish farms from our territories."

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FishFarm Researchers for MTTC
Connie McIvor
Brian Wadhams

KWICKSUTAINNEUK FIRST NATIONS

Chief Percy Williams is busy attending meetings and managing Band Affairs at Gilford along with William Triebwasser & Kathy Williams. The MTTC Technical Advisor Vijay Vyas is assisting Percy for a short time in Band Set up practices. Dorothy Barnes has moved into the Assistant Band Manager position while Herb Chamberlain is the new bookkeeper for Kwicksutaineuk. Edna Coon is the Communications Officer and Chehalis Williams is the Alcohol/Drug Counselor. A lot of new changes brings adjustments. It's wonderful to see everyone getting involved to be part of the Solution!

That's what you call- Win-win management !

TSAWATAINEUK FIRST NATIONS



Head Carca Bear Den with some of the poles in progress

Ground has been broken for the New Big House and several people have come forward to assist with the process.



Work Site for New Dighouse - January 2002

'NAMGIS FIRST NATIONS

We now have our own Dentist : located right next to the Health Centre

'NAMGIS DENTAL CLINIC

OPENING Feb. 19th, 2002

Dr. Moseley

Dentist

1-250-974-5205

STUDENT SUCCESS!

I would like to congratulate my niece **MICHELE MUNDY** on her academic achievement during the time she has been involved in the Child and Youth Care Program at Malaspina University College.

In November 2001, Michele received an award for academic achievement from the National Aboriginal Foundation. It is very rare for a student in a 2 year diploma program to receive a national award such as this. This is a great

accomplishment that deserves acknowledgement, not only for Michele but also for our community in **Receiving an award of this standing.**

We are very proud of her academic success and would like to congratulate her on her accomplishments. We wish you the best of luck as you complete your degree in **Child and Youth Care** and for your future. Love Auntie Vi & your entire family.

BIRTHS



Andrea Wadhams— Girl—
Jordon Nicole
Arlene Brown— Boy—
Kevin William
Rosalind Cook— Girl—
Daysha

CONDOLENCES

Heart felt condolences to the families of the Musgamagw that have lost their loved ones in the last months:

Charlie Dick - Tsawataineuk-Nanaimo-
Angelia Williams- Kwicksutaineuk- Vancouver -Dec. 13/01
Irene Hayman Nee Hunt - Kwagiulth-Vancouver-Jan. 12, 02
Dolly Prevost - 'Namgis-Vancouver - Jan. 11, 02
Kay Bullock—'Namgis—Alert Bay, Feb. 3/02
Daisy Joseph-Turnour Island, Feb. 8/02

BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Cook—Jan 5th
Patricia Alfred—Jan 17
Sarah Scow—Jan. 19
Duggan Warren— Jan 30
Shelley Cook—Jan 29
Emma Alfred—Feb.3
Andrew Warner-Feb.17

If we have missed someone above, let us know so they can be included.

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KWAKWALA CENTRE

Yo = Hello

Gilakas'la = Thank you

Halakas'la = Farewell, good by

'Wiksas = How are you?

Ik'man = I am fine

L'axalan = I am working

'Witlas le? = Where are you going?

Latlan laxa kal'wilas = I am going to the store.

Greetings for Valentines:

Wayas = Sweetheart

Noke' = Heart

Laxwala nukwan plus = I love you

Dlugwe = Treasure

Kwala'yu = You are my reason for living

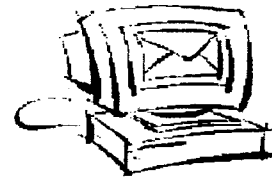
Kapi da gaxan = Give me a hug

Hasdaxala'yu = You are my breath To live

* Thanks to the U'Mista Cultural Centre and Marion Warner for sharing the language expressions.

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Vijay Vyas—Accounting
Danielle Willie—GIS mapping
Char Alfred—Web Site
Tracey Alfred—'Namgis project

BINGO—BINGO—BINGO

THAT'S RIGHT!

\$5,000

TO GO!

DATE & PLACE: TBA

Very soon!!!!

Proceeds towards
The Kingcome Big House

