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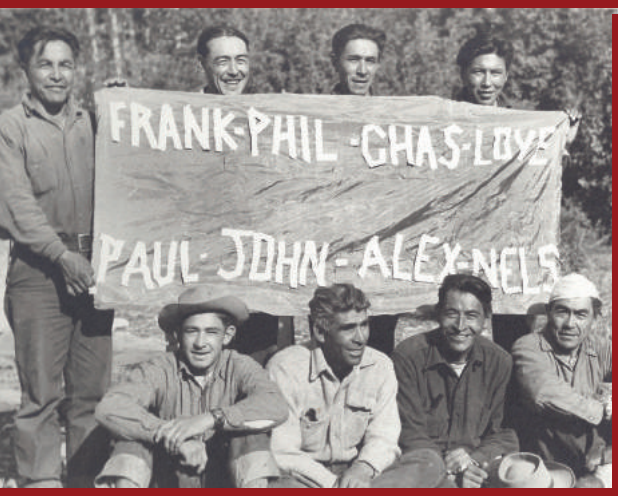

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President's message

Annita McPhee, President of Tahltan Central Council

Good day, Tahltan Nation! Once again March was a busy month working for the future of our Nation.

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)
At the beginning of March, I attended the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference in Toronto. This is the biggest mining convention in the world, and over 30,000 mining executives were in attendance. It was a great opportunity to share our story on a world stage. I am proud to be one of two Aboriginal people on the PDAC board of 50 national directors; I am also the first Aboriginal woman on the board. With so much resource development activity in our territory, it is important to talk to the people who make the rules!

While at the conference, I was invited to meet Prime Minister Harper but was disappointed to find that it was not an actual meeting. Although this was the first time a Prime Minister has attended a PDAC conference in 82 years, it was a wasted opportunity. No questions were taken from the floor; they were all scripted. I wanted to ask him what he is going to do to facilitate the conversation between First Nations and the resource development industry. The federal government has a legal obligation to consult with us, yet they refuse to have a conversation and delegate the responsibility to industry. As a Tahltan, with five mega projects and 250 exploration referrals in our territory, I was offended by comments that Aboriginal people lack basic mining skills.

Lawyer Rob Miller and I presented to mining executives about Tahltan environmental mining standards, our approach of responsible development, and creating a balance between development and protection. We also discussed our Nation's participation and share in mining benefits, and how we are a complex, sophisticated people with a great deal of experience in mining and protecting our land! We had a positive response and excellent turnout.

International Women's Day
In March, we celebrated International Women's Day. I raise my hands to the moms who stay at home and work tirelessly to take care of their babies, to the moms and other women who work in camps, to the warrior women who stand up for our land, to the moms who are career women and must work outside of the home to take care of their babies, to the women who serve us tea in restaurants, to the women who are in care homes or suffering from illnesses, to the women who must leave their country and their children to support their families, to the women who dedicate their time to stopping violence against other women -- to all the women who are strong, beautiful, loving, kind, and make this world a beautiful place.

Tahltan Winter Carnival
Later in the month, I attended the Tahltan Winter Carnival and enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at the rec centre. Meduh to Tahltan Health for putting on such a wonderful event. It was a fun day, full of good food and laughs. I was also happy to attend our Elder Regina's 70th Birthday in Iskut the following day.

Training and education
At the end of March, I talked to industry, government and our people who work in education and social development about training and education opportunities for Tahltan people. We want our people to have the best opportunities in our territory for employment and training. We have a multi-skilled workforce and we need to keep building to work toward self-sufficiency.

National Aboriginal Economic Development speaker series
I also travelled to Victoria to speak as a guest lecturer in the University of Victoria's National Aboriginal Economic Development speaker series. I presented on our Tahltan Nation approach to protecting lands and resources while ensuring business sustainability. I was honoured to participate as a University of Victoria law graduate.

Fortune Minerals banned
Finally, I was very excited at the end of March when Fortune Minerals was banned from our communities, with both Iskut and Tahltan Bands passing Band Council Resolutions. Save the Klappan and our Sacred Headwaters!

I want the best for the Tahltan Nation. I will always work for our people no matter where I am on this planet and until the day I cross over.

Meduh!

Annita McPhee

Creating jobs for the future

The Employment and Training Chapter of the Socio-Cultural Working Group (SCWG) has been conducting a series of roundtables to identify stakeholders' interests, and to understand challenges and barriers related to employment and training. This foundational roundtable occurred on March 25, 2014 and included representatives from provincial ministries, the resource industry and Tahltan leadership. A direct outcome from the first roundtable was the creation of a task group with a mandate to develop a vision for maximizing the training resources and infrastructure available to the Tahltan people.

To ensure progress on these conversations continues, two more roundtables will be held (dates to be determined); they will include representatives from the education sector as well as local employers. The goal is to develop a view of employment and training in the territory that considers the current situation and the future.

These will be ongoing discussions and the SCWG is working toward developing and addressing the needs of future employers and creating local training opportunities.

Grandmas against bullying

After hearing about several cases of bullying at the local school, a group of Tahltan grandmothers are taking a stand against bullying in Dease Lake. Lil Moyer, Penny Louie, Milly Pauls, Marie Tashoots, Fanny Lynstrom and Hazel Callbreath Sharko have "teamed up with the school to work one-on-one with children who are prone to bullying," said Hazel, a part-time Justice Worker and grandmother of six grandchildren. "We believe that grandmothers have a special way with children."

Although their initiative is still in development, the plan is that if a child gets caught bullying, they will be paired up with a grandmother of their choosing to spend an hour with. The pair will then spend time in the garden, go for a walk or some other healthy activity so that they can have a chance to have a conversation and discuss any challenges or problems the child might be facing.

Next steps involve presenting the idea at an upcoming Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting to obtain feedback from parents and the community, with the hope of launching the project in the upcoming school year.

Dzimēs Chō T'oh

Iskut Language Nest

In Tahltan, the Swainson's Thrush is called Dzimēs chē; and "t'oh" means "nest." Our Elders have told us that this is the only bird we know of that moves the location of its nest and eggs to protect its young from predators. It's a very unique bird in our area. Its name translates to "big bird" in English.

"Immersion" is a method employed to teach a language in situations that use only the target language in an everyday context. Next to the natural option of raising children at home in the Indigenous language, immersion practices are the most effective method for creating fluent language speakers in a short period.

Dzimēs Chē T'oh, the Iskut Language Nest, is expected to open in early May and will be used as a pilot project for beginning other language nests within the communities of Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek over the next year or so.

To start, we would like to have three children (aged 0 - 3 years old) attend. The Language Nest will operate three days each week from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will have one or two fluent speakers and one caregiver present at all times during the day. The setting will be like home, and will give the children access to the spoken Tahltan language. Activities will range from caregiving (including snacks, meal time, naps), playtime, reading, playground activities, and going for walks. The only language spoken at the language nest will be Tahltan.

To find out more about the Language Nest program, please stop by the Family Place with your child to speak to one of the members of our Tahltan Language Revitalization team. We welcome your input and ideas on how this program can be a success. Please share this information with others who may be interested in the program as well.

If you are interested in having your child attend Dzimēs Chē T'oh, make sure you get a copy of the intake application form from the Iskut Band Office, Iskut Valley Health Centre or Family Place. For more information, contact:

- Odelia Dennis at 250-771-4000 odquock@hotmail.com
- Judy Thompson at judithcthompson@gmail.com

Indigenous language revitalization at UVic

Graduate certificate and Master's degree

The University of Victoria's Indigenous Education department, in partnership with its Department of Linguistics, is currently offering a full-time Graduate Certificate program and Master's Degree in Indigenous Language Revitalization.

The program was created to ensure a generation of language experts will have the language and academic skills to participate and lead successful language revitalization efforts in their communities, and to develop language scholars who will have the expertise to support post-secondary instruction in the revitalization, recovery and maintenance of Indigenous languages.

The program begins July 2014. It is set up so that students can still work in their communities over the next two years while attending classes at UVic in the summer, as well as every two months for a week at a time. Seats in the program are still available. Tahltan educators who are passionate about revitalizing our language are encouraged to apply!

For information on admissions or the application process, please contact Allison Benner, Indigenous Advisor of the Indigenous Education department at UVic, at iedadvis@uvic.ca or 250.721.8389. Applications will be accepted until the program is full. Potential Tahltan applicants can also contact Judy Thompson, Tahltan Language and Culture Lead, at judithcthompson@gmail.com.

Fourth Annual Dease Lake Job Fair: a success!

The Fourth Annual Dease Lake Job Fair, hosted by the Tahltan Central Council was held on April 12, 2014. At the fair, community members and potential employers, training providers and funders had a chance to get together to discuss future opportunities. Additionally, a special program was introduced this year to match younger members with possible careers in the region.

Success

The fair was a huge success. This year, there were 110 participants (including 39 youth) and 30 companies in attendance - the best-ever turnout! There were participants who traveled all the way from Houston to attend and companies were directly calling the organizers to get a booth at the fair. Many giveaways and prizes were handed out, including an iPad and an iPod.

Contributions

There were many organizations that contributed to make the job fair a reality. CFNR Radio was on location and broadcasted interviews with participants on their Journeys Program. CFNR also provided all radio advertising for the fair at no cost. Jeremy from BC Hydro alongside the younger members of the Dease Lake Rangers helped with the set-up, take-down and cleaning. The Dease Lake School generously donated the space for the second year in a row. Finally, the Dease Lake graduating class provided delicious coffee and snacks as a fundraising activity.

Thank you

A huge thank-you to all participants, employers, companies, funders and training organizations for their amazing contribution to this year's fair.

The Job Fair by numbers

110 Participants

39 Youth

30 Companies

Tahltans represent at the Yukon Kilrich/ Northern All Native Hockey Tournament

Jeanie Dendys (president of the Yukon Indian Hockey Association, wearing Alano Edzerza's new design) and her son Jedrek who played for the Tahltan Selects.

"Tahltan leadership has allowed the tournament to really flourish and become what it is today. It is a very important event for the Tahltan Nation"

The Tahltan Nation was well represented at this year's 37th Annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, which took place from March 28 to 30.

"The tournament continues to grow and it is something that all of our Tahltan teams look forward to every year," said Jeanie Dendys, second-term president of the Yukon Indian Hockey Association. "It will continue to grow for our Nation."

The stands were packed with Tahltans cheering on a total of seven Tahltan teams that participated in the tournament. Congratulations to the Nannock Warriors, who took second place in the A division, and to the Tahltan Selects, who took first place in the Jamboree division for the second year in a row!

Tahltan members also received some of the most prestigious awards given out at this year's tournament. Each of these awards are chosen by nomination.

Sylvia Cook, a Talhtan Elder, won the "Jean Gleason Memorial Hockey Mom Award," which is given in memory of Jean Gleason, long-time board member and hockey advocate.

Peter and Rhoda Jakesta from Iskut won the "Harry Allen 'Samay Thia' Memorial Leadership Award" for their involvement in managing and coaching the Iskut Wolverines. This award is given to the coach or coaches who demonstrate leadership qualities by providing guidance, inspiration and sportsmanship, and by encouraging their players to strive for excellence on and off the ice.

"Tahltan leadership has allowed the tournament to really flourish and become what it is today," said Jeanie. "It is a very important event for the Tahltan Nation. There have been many mentors over the years. It is definitely an institution within the Yukon."

There are many Tahltan members who have been a part of the executive over the last 37 years, including Ray Quock, Brenda Asp, Jamie Edzerza, Randy Merkel, Don Asp, Sandi Gleason, William Carlick and current treasurer Alicia Vance. The YIHA logo was done by Tahltan Artist Vernon Asp. His design was selected through a competition in the late 80s. New YIHA merchandise also features an Alano Edzerza design that was premiered at this year's tournament.

Tahltan Selects:

demonstrating how dreams do come true

Kimberley Marion, along with many other Tahltan moms, has been a hockey mom since her boys could walk. When her boys were young, it was difficult to get the support needed for them to play competitively locally. Over the years, Tahltan kids would be invited to hockey tournaments, but they couldn't play competitively together.

Five years ago, there was an opportunity to take over the rec centre and build the indoor ice rink. The project was totally community-driven, with volunteers applying for grants and doing a lot of fundraising. Even with the ice rink in the community, if kids wanted to play hockey they had to be split up from their friends and play on different teams. With no Tahltan team, Kim saw the opportunity to create one that would be a source of pride for the players and for the Nation.

As a result of Kim's hard work and determination, and with the support of Tina Etzerza, Rick McLean, and Cory Higgins, the Tahltan Select team was born. Because the Selects are representing the Tahltan Nation, it was important to Kim to create strong ground rules for players to be on the team to ensure they represent the Nation well both on and off the ice. This includes having a dress code when they travel to games.

Players are selected based on skill, dedication, Tahltan ancestry, and most importantly, work ethic. Players live all over BC and beyond. To maintain their position on the team, they follow strict rules of being a leader in school and in the community.

They were coached by Cory Higgins, who had played Junior A, Troy Creyke, and Chris Vance. Kim is the general manager and Hankin Asp is the manager.

The first year the team came together, in 2010, they were able to go to the Yukon All-Native Hockey Tournament. Players came from all corners of BC a week early and stayed at Kim's house -- sometimes there were as many as 15 to 20 players -- so they could practise together. The team was able to secure funds from generous sponsors, including Rick McLean, Hankin Asp, Cory Higgins, and Bill and Devlin Ostrich's guiding outfit, which loaned the team jerseys because they lacked funds to purchase their own.

Through dedication, hard work, and high standards, the team took gold that year in their division. This was a huge accomplishment for the team, as the Dease Lake Rink had only got ice four years before. The team is

After years of not winning tournaments, driving kids long hours just to play, and having families move away so their kids could go to school or play competitive sports, Kim's dream has finally come true. When she was young, she and her friend Clyde Dennis, who passed away 10 years ago, dreamt of an all-Tahltan team that could compete at the highest level. So, when it came time to get the team's jerseys, the team had them dedicated to Clyde; the jerseys have a "C/4" patch on them in his honour.

The Tahltan Selects won gold in their division again at the tournament last month. Kim credits the success of the team to the hard work of the players and supporters, both on and off the ice. The team has also had tremendous help from sponsors, for which they are very grateful. The team's trophies will be showcased at the band office in Telegraph Creek for a while, and then will go to the arena there as well.

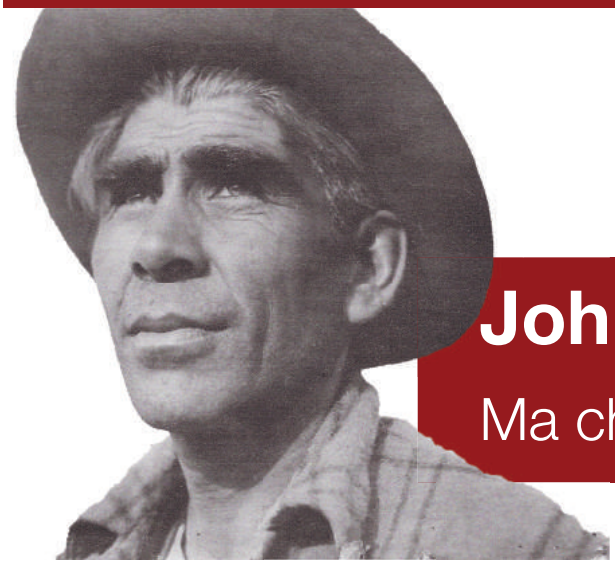
Tahltan Beardogz:

a new dream team is born

The idea to create the Tahltan Beardogz began a couple of years ago after Jarett Quock, who grew up playing hockey and attended school in Whitehorse, began watching the Nannock Warriors play in the Yukon All Native Hockey Tourmament. From there, his interest in creating a team gathered momentum and he asked his mother, Melva Quock, to help get it started.

Through word of mouth, they managed to find enough interested people to help, as so many Tahltan members had grown up never playing together and wanted to provide those opportunities to kids now. While the team does have players who live in the territory and can scrimmage together, other players are scattered through BC and beyond, which is challenging at times. The Tahltan Beardogz are coached by Kelso Marion and have a core group of supporters working hard to make everything happen.

Last year was the Beardogz' very first year in the All-Native tournament. They won their first game, lost their second, then came through the back door to finish in fourth place. This was a huge accomplishment for a team that hadn't had a lot of ice time together. This year, they lost their first two games to two tough teams in their division, but they worked hard, had fun, and never gave up. Melva is proud to have an all-Tahltan team and loves the support the teams receive from the fans. She said it was a wonderful feeling to see the benches full of Tahltan members cheering on the Nation's teams.



John Creyke:

Ma chud es clat tu ‘go get 'em dad’

John Creyke (Dennis) was born in Telegraph Creek, BC, on December 13, 1906. His parents are Ida Quock and Lancelot Creyke. John never knew his birthfather, but loved his stepfather, Bear Lake Billy Dennis, who taught him the wilderness skills of a trapper and hunter.

On January 4, 1932, John married the love of his life, Dinah Dennis, daughter of Hyland and Louise Dennis. Together, John and Dinah raised a family of 15 children; four girls and 11 boys. John was a good provider for his family, and passed this trait on to his children.

In 1938, John registered his trap line, which ran along the Klappan River. Together with his brother, Alex Dennis, brother-in-law, Thomas Dennis (Dutze), and older sons, John trapped marten, lynx, beaver, wolverine, and other fur-bearing mammals. Many memories were forged here as John taught the boys the ins and outs of trapping and the craft of snowshoe building. One pair of John’s handcrafted snowshoes still survive today.

In 1950, John and Dinah started a big game outfit that they named Kinaskan Lake Outfitters. John was the first Tahltan guide outfitter. He employed many of our Tahltan people. To this day, 64 years later, our father’s legacy lives on. Kinaskan Lake Outfitters is still operated by the Creyke family (brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews). Our father’s trails that wind through our territory are still in use today. Parks and Recreation Canada, hikers, and backpackers from all over the world, continue to explore the majesty of our land utilizing these trails.

John was a good steward of the land. He respected the country and the animals that roamed in the mountains of his guiding territory. He was a game conservationist, never taking more than was needed. He willingly shared his bounty with the community around him, bringing meat to the Elders and those in need.

John was a soft-spoken, humble man. His clients grew to admire his skills and knowledge of the land. So great was their respect for John that a number of them sponsored John as he proudly established Kinaskan Lake Outfitters.

John was always a hard-working man. During the off season, when not trapping, John worked snagging, blasting stumps and main hang-ups on the Stikine River. He worked for Walter Simpson and Gus Adams, along with his fellow Tahltans, Herbert Hawkins and Roy Quock. John worked until 1959 for the Department of Highways as a dozer operator on the Telegraph Creek Road.

Throughout his life, John had a strong bond with nature. On July 22, 1969, our beloved father passed away in Vancouver. Two days before his body returned home to Telegraph Creek, a mountain billy goat ventured in to the village to pay his respects. On the day of John’s burial, the goat left town. We considered this to be a tremendous tribute to our father – a respectful, hardworking, and honourable man.

John Creyke is gone, but his legacy lives on in his children and grandchildren, many of whom have embraced his ideals.

Meduh from the Creyke family.

Tahltan family business blooms

Vicky and Shianne Etzerza are the mother and daughter team behind Petals 'n Blooms, a busy flower shop in Fort St. John. With a growing customer list and steady repeat customers, they are enjoying success by bringing people happiness in their hometown. Vicky is the daughter of Ira and Lil Etzerza, and is from the Crow clan. Her father moved the family to Fort St. John in 1964, and her family has lived there ever since.

Petals 'n Blooms will be celebrating its second year of business this May. The idea to open the shop came after a local florist, Flowers by Tammy, closed down. Shianne had been working at this shop at the time, and in the flower industry for 10 years, while Vicky had been doing crafts, including Native wood carving and artificial flowers, for 10 years. Once they decided to go into business, it took about nine months for them to apply for grants, finalize details and open their doors.

Vicky and Shianne say they make a great team because they know their business, have great communication skills, and enjoy working together. Vicky had previously worked for the local transit for nearly five years, so she knows the town well and handles most of the shop's deliveries. Shianne enjoys the creativity of floral arrangements and satisfaction that comes from creating arrangements people love. They both enjoy interacting with customers and making them happy. They are also grateful for their team. They say they have lots of wonderful people helping them who bring great experience and knowledge.

The first year the store was open, one of their customers asked them to spell "Will you marry me?" with roses. They set it up in his living room with a huge rose arrangement behind it. That year, they also participated in a local wedding show and had one of the nicest booths at the event. The store also carries locally hand-made items such as cards and other crafts, Native carvings, jewellery and other gift ideas.

Tahltan artist Peter Morin listed for Sobey Art Award

Congratulations are in order for Tahltan artist Peter Morin, who was recently chosen to be on the long list for the prestigious Sobey Art Award.

Peter was selected for his "Becoming Andy Kaufman in the Museum, stand-up comedy for Totem Poles 2012" performance at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria, BC. He currently lives in Brandon, Manitoba.

The Sobey Art Award has been one of the most highly sought-after awards for young contemporary artists since it was created in 2002. This year, the winner will receive $50,000, and four runners-up will each receive $5,000, with the remaining long-listed artists receiving $500.

The award was created by Donald Sobey, former chair of the National Gallery of Canada. It is given to an artist who is under the age of 40 and has had a public gallery exhibition within 18 months of being nominated.

A jury of five has chosen 25 candidates, split into groups of five based on geographic region. Peter is one of three Aboriginal artists on the long list. A short list of five will be announced in early June, with the winner being named in mid-November. Works by the short-listed artists will be exhibited at the Winnipeg Art Gallery beginning in November.

Northwest projects update from AltaGas – moving to completion

AltaGas continues to make solid progress on the construction of its three run-of-river projects, Forrest Kerr, Volcano Creek and McLymont Creek. It's going to be an exciting year as we move toward commissioning our Forrest Kerr and Volcano Creek projects later this year and start producing clean, renewable energy.

Project milestone – Tailrace tunnel breakthrough

On March 11, we reached a project milestone with the successful excavation and breakthrough of the remaining four metres of rock that separated the Iskut River from the tailrace tunnel. The breakthrough was completed successfully, without any blast rock entering the Iskut River. This means that water from the intake can be diverted through the power tunnel and generators and returned to the Iskut River, all within a 3.2 kilometre span. Three smaller excavation blast sequences were required to complete the tailrace tunnel, and final excavations were completed at the end of March.

"I would like to acknowledge the professionalism of Procon Tahltan Mining and Tunnelling for their work in completing both the tunnels and powerhouse excavations," said Loren Kelly, Manager Environment - Hydro. Over the past three years, Procon has excavated six kilometres of tunnels at Forrest Kerr and the 90,000m^3 Generator Hall. The amount of rock excavated from the Generator Hall alone is enough to fill 36 Olympic size swimming pools.

Forrest Kerr – 195 MW project

An enormous amount of work was accomplished over the winter, and as a result, Forrest Kerr is now mechanically complete. The focus this spring is on commissioning activities to generate electricity later this year. Based on the progress made by BC Hydro over the past six months, the Northwest Transmission Line is expected to be ready in May, and Forrest Kerr to be in service and generating power by mid-2014.

Volcano Creek – 16 MW project

Over the past year, we have made great progress at our Volcano Creek project and expect that it will be in service and generating power in late 2014, two years ahead of schedule.

McLymont Creek – 66 MW project

At our McLymont Creek project, crews have started to clear the snow off the 4.3-kilometre intake access road constructed last year in preparation for the completion of the final 1.4-kilometre stretch of the road. Construction of the intake and weir will begin this summer and will continue into the fall. The power tunnel is now more than 50 per cent complete. Procon Mining and Tunneling passed the 50 per cent completion milestone in mid-March and their crews are now on the downward stretch working toward completion in October. Power generation at McLymont is scheduled to start in 2015.

The KSM Project: An update from Seabridge Gold

This summer, Seabridge Gold expects to hear the decision on its environmental assessment application for the KSM Project, a proposed gold-copper-silver-molybdenum mine located 65 kilometers north of Stewart. The environmental assessment is a mechanism for government to review, identify and evaluate potential effects of a proposed project. Seabridge Gold has been conducting environmental studies on the KSM Project since 2007 and officially submitted the Environmental Assessment Application in February 2013.

Since acquiring the KSM Project, Seabridge has made significant efforts to ensure the project has minimal environmental impact. In order to study potential impacts of the project, Seabridge considered baseline conditions in the area including water quality and quantity, fish species and aquatic life, wildlife populations, and plant species, among many other things. At the same time, Seabridge worked with regulatory officials, federal, provincial and municipal governments, local Treaty and First Nations and communities to identify culturally and economically important aspects of the environment, called Valued Components. Seabridge then used technical experts to model and predict the project's effects on these Valued Components. Finally, based on the predictions, Seabridge made several design changes and proposed mitigation measures to ensure the KSM project leaves a minimal impact.

Water was identified as one of 60 Valued Components. Seabridge recognizes water is an important resource, and protecting water is a guiding principle behind the design of the KSM Project. Because higher concentrations of metals occur naturally in the water around KSM, Seabridge has to manage not only water that comes in contact with mining activities, but other naturally poor quality water in the area. The company has developed an extensive water management system to protect water at the mine site, and to collect water used in the mining process to be stored and treated. This is just one example of how Seabridge works to protect the environment.

In each of the Valued Component areas, Seabridge will establish follow-up programs to confirm the predictions of its environmental assessment and to ensure mitigation measures are performing effectively.

Seabridge understands community members may want to learn more about the project and we make an effort to be in the community and available to answer questions. A few of our staff were recently in Dease Lake for the annual Career Fair and enjoyed sharing information about the project.

In addition, the project website, www.ksmproject.com, contains updated project information and responses to frequently asked questions. Visitors are welcome at both the Dease Lake and Smithers community offices, and local staff can be found in the community at the following events over the next month.

Event Schedule

- **Smithers**
  Northwest Trade Expo — May 2/3
- **Smithers**
  Mining Week Luncheon — May 9

Fifth annual Chief's Ride

The Chief's Ride was started by Chief McLean in 2010 as an effort to raise awareness and interest in the community about mountain biking, healthy active lifestyles, and tourism, as well as to raise money for the community's Special Request Fund. Last year, 17 riders participated and the event raised just over $80,000.

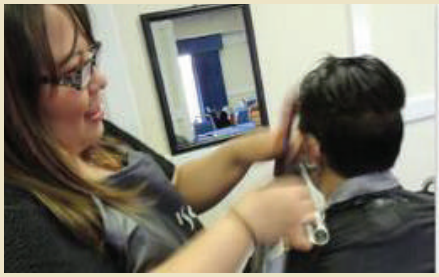
The ride is a one-day event with a route from Dease Lake to Telegraph Creek, a distance of 115 km along a partially sealed gravel road. It's a beautiful ride with amazing scenery of the Tanzilla, Tuya, Tahltan and Stikine river valleys. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the ride, grab a mountain bike with front and back disc brakes, and join us for the fun!

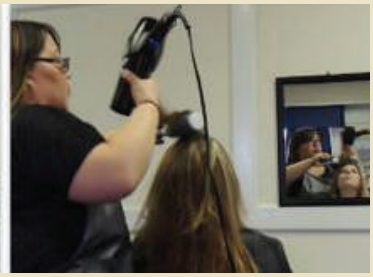
All companies who donate funds will be recognized on our banners and communications. Look for more details about the event in the May newsletter.

Congratulations Tahltans!

Bobby and Gladys Quock on their 50th anniversary

Leigh Lindstrom for graduating from hairdressing school





Red Chris Mine community meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Red Chris Mine community update meetings in Prince George, Fort St. John, Telegraph Creek, Dease Lake, Red Chris mine, Iskut, Whitehorse, Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert and Vancouver – We hope we answered your questions.

The meetings were held so that community members could get an update on the mine's progress, learn about how it will affect community members, and hear from leadership about how a proposed impact benefit agreement might look.