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NADLEH WHUT'EN NEWSLETTER

FEB 1st, 2024



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NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the elecors of the Nadleh Whut'en band will be held at the **Nadleh Whut'enne Yah Gym**, located at **823 Nautley Road** on **Tuesday the 20th day of February, 2024** beginning at **5 (five) p.m.** and lasting for at least three hours, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the position of **one (1) chief and five (5) councillors** for the Band Council of the said Band for the next ensuring term.

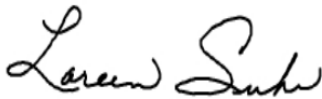
The **election** will be held at the **Nadleh Whut'enne Yah Gym**, located at **823 Nautley Road** on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** with the polls open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also note that any voter may vote by mail in ballot.

Mail in ballots will be sent to every off-reserve member for whom the band has an address. Any member who would like to use the mail in ballots may do so by contacting the Electoral Officer and requesting a ballot be sent.

Please note that any voter may nominate candidates by using a mail-in nomination form. You can either deliver, mail-in or e-mail a written nomination form and a **completed, signed and witnessed** voter declaration form to the Electoral Officer before the time set for the nomination meeting OR you may nominate candidates at the nomination meeting. Mailed nominations not received by the Electoral Officer before the time set for nominations meeting are void.

If you have any questions, please contact the Electoral Officer at the information below.

Given under my hand at Prince George, BC this 21st day of January, 2024



Loreen Suhr Electoral Officer
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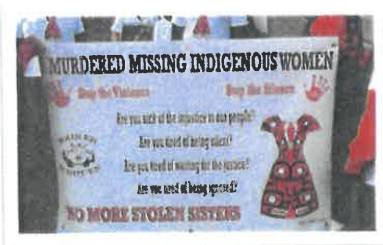
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If you agree to have your name and address released to any candidate at this election for the purpose of sending you campaign literature, please check the statement below, print and sign your name, detach this form at the dotted line and return to the Electoral Officer's address above

I authorize my name and address to be released to any candidate at this election.

Address: _____
(Street name and number) (First Nation/Municipality/Province) (Postal Code)

Print Name Date of Birth Signature

E-mail address Telephone



Feb 6th at:
Nadleh Whut'enne Yah

4 pm Sacred Fire Ceremony
5 pm Banquet
6 pm Acknowledgements

R.S.V.P.
Serina Greene (250) 699-2599
Juan Cereno 250-699-2368
Ashley Heathcliff (250) 690-7211

**Come join us, everyone
invited to ceremony!**



RELEASE TO FIRST NATIONS

NADLEH WHUT'EN INDIAN BAND

NADLEH WHUT'EN CONTINUES SEARCH PROCESS AT THE FORMER LEJAC INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Due to the confirmation of unmarked burials throughout BC and Canada, Nadleh Whut'en requests the utmost honour and respect for the grounds of the former Lejac Indian Residential School.

Nadleh Whut'en Indian Band, BC (December 2023) – Nadleh Whut'en continues the implementation of search processes around children who did not return home from the federally administered, Roman Catholic Church operated, Lejac Indian Residential School, under a project entitled *Whuz Noolh'en* or “we are looking / searching” in an area known to its people as Tseyaz Bunk'ut.

The geophysical survey methods of ground penetrating radar and magnetometry have been completed on a small area of the former Lejac Indian Residential School grounds. Results from the geophysical findings will be made in the new year allowing ample time for professional analysis.

Geophysical survey methodologies are but one aspect of the entire process and must be executed conscientiously, meticulously and in a trauma informed manner. Nadleh Whut'en will move forward in a manner respectful of Survivors of the Lejac Indian Residential School, First Nation governments and with the support from provincial and federal governments.

The findings of unmarked burials on or near former Indian Residential Schools from the Tk'emlúps te Secwé pemc, the T'exelcemc of the Williams Lake First Nation and the S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō), elevate awareness for healing and supports for Indian Residential School Survivors and the legacy of intergenerational trauma. Nadleh Whut'en is one of many First Nations in Canada tasked with stewarding IRS investigative processes in their territories and understands the work must be implemented with appropriate capacity and supports.

In 2022, Nadleh Whut'en was represented as part of the Indigenous delegation meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican and to Maskwacis as witness to #58 of the Truth and Reconciliation's Calls to Action where the Pontiff extended an apology for the Roman Catholic Church's role in genocidal practices committed at Indian Residential Schools in Canada.

For more information, contact Terry Luggi, Nadleh Whut'en, Indian Residential School Project Manager at (226) 331 – 5836 or via e-mail at tluggi@nadleh.ca.

24/7 supports are available through the IRSSS Lamathut Crisis Line at 1 (800) 721 – 0066.

UPDATE ON MILLAR BAY HOSPITAL

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Thank you for contacting Klein Lawyers LLP and expressing interest in the Indian Hospitals class action.

On June 13, 2018 we filed our case against the Government of Canada on behalf of Indigenous persons who suffered harms as a result of being placed in Indian Hospitals. We are pleased to report that on January 17, 2020, the Honourable Justice Favel certified the Federal Court lawsuit as a class action. The Government of Canada consented to the certification, so no appeal will be filed. A copy of the Certification Order is on our website. Having the case certified as a class action is a significant step in moving the case forward, but please keep in mind that certification does not mean that this case has settled.

A class action is a lawsuit that groups people with a common claim together against the same defendants. Class actions allow people whose voices might otherwise go unheard to fight together for a common interest. This process makes it possible for people, by joining together, to challenge even the largest organizations.

As you are interested in this case, we have added you to our mailing list. Although we do not represent you in this matter, we will do our best to inform you once this action settles. Please contact us immediately if there is any change in your address or email. It is your responsibility to keep your contact information up to date with our office and to stay informed on this action.

You can also follow this case on our web site at www.callkleinlawyers.com.

Regards,
Klein Lawyers

Winter Wellness Days

February 18th - 19th, 2024

Please join us for the Nadleh Whut'en Family Winter Wellness Days

Where: Nadleh Whut'en Gymnasium, Rec Centre.

When: February 18th-19th, 2024.

Time: starts with Breakfast 8:00am with Events Starting at 10:00am.

Events:

Hockey Tournament, Igloo Building, Snow Sculpture building, Lahal Tournament, table games (poker, crib), relay races, Karaoke/Talent show

There will also be Bouncy castle, Craft Kits, Braids by Jen, Haircuts, Nails, Photo Booth (360 photo booth and regular photos) and many more fun and exciting things to do with your family and community members.

FAMILY
FUN DAY



Nadleh Whut'en Band (NWB)

Job Posting

Position: Youth Support Worker

In collaboration with other youth workers and as a role model to the youth, this position offers guidance, support, encouragement and a stable environment while also maintaining healthy boundaries. Carrier Sekani

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Cooperative development and implementation of support services and programs for youth
- Facilitate life skill development by offering workshops, guest speakers and community experts.
- Provide educational opportunities for at risk youth including - health and wellness, addictions, family violence, abuse, self-esteem and culture and traditions in CSFS Member Nations.
- Engage youth, families and individuals in healthy activities. Assist in implementing prevention programs.
- Maintain confidentiality concerning employee files. Update and maintain all necessary program documents.
- Assist in the coordination of culture camps that will include traditional First Nations hunting and gathering activities. Assist with the Elder Youth Mentorship program.
- Assist the youth's family or any other professionals involved with planning or implementing strategies or goals.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES / PREFERRED SKILLS

- First Nation's Culture and Traditions; Knowledge and understanding of contemporary social, health, economic, and justice issues faced by First Nations
- Understanding of the factors and influences that place youth at risk of becoming involved in high-risk activities.
- Excellent group facilitation and resolution skills. Experience organizing and coordinating events.
- Knowledge of the Youth Justice Act, Family Services and Child Welfare Acts and Regulations
- Computer skills using Microsoft Office suite (Outlook, MS Word, Excel)
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to compose business correspondence

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12
- Preferred: post-secondary education in Social Work/Human Services/Child and Family/First Nations Studies Diploma. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered
- Social Services/Child & Family Certificate or equivalent
- Experience working with children, youth and families
- Must possess a valid class 5 driver's license and reliable vehicle; must provide driver's abstract
- Clear Criminal Record check

Please apply by resume by email to: kgeorge@nadleh.ca

Position open until filled

****Applicants will be shortlisted according to prior work history and qualifications.
Only those selected for an interview will be notified****

Preference will be given to band members if qualified

NOW CASTING

Indigenous People

ADVENTURE

CULTURE

A LIFE CHANGING JOURNEY

REQUIRED TO BE ON THE

LAND FOR 4 DAYS

Secret Location in Canada!

Must be "Canadian"

All expenses covered & honorarium for participants

No experience necessary!

Send a 60 sec video introducing yourself

castingforadventure@gmail.com

Deadline: Midnight (PST) January 31st, 2024

must be 18+

WINTER WELLNESS DAYS

Would you like to enter the Winter Wellness days Igloo building and Snow Sculpture Building?

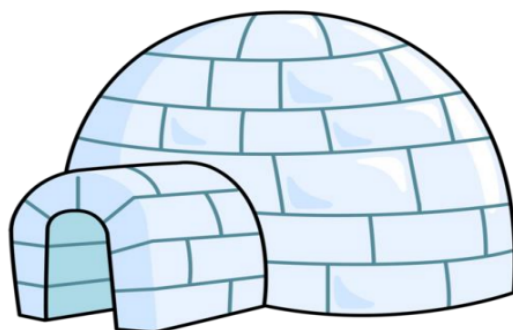
You can start preparing for the contest now and start building the Igloo's and Snow Sculpture's for **Feb 18th-19th**.

Please Take a Picture of what you have built and send it to **Karen George at the Health Centre**.

You can also start preparing for the Winter Wellness Days Karaoke/talent show.

All times and posters will be sent out closure to the Winter Wellness Days Feb 18th-19th.

The Bigger the igloo/sculpture the better!





Dear Community,
We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the tremendous success of our recent hockey event between Burns Lake and Nadleh/ Fraser Lake teams. Your generous spirit, combined with the support for the Nadleh Whut'en Men's Group & Wellness team's initiative, made it a remarkable evening. Thanks to your

kindness, we collected an abundance of non-perishable items and gifts for the Burns Lake food bank, bringing warmth and joy to families during these challenging times. Your commitment to making it a sober event underscored the importance of fostering a supportive and inclusive community. The success of this event goes beyond

the scoreboard; it reflects the strength and compassion within our community. Thank you for being an integral part of this heart-warming occasion. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we look forward to future opportunities to come together for the greater good. With heartfelt appreciation.

STELLAT'EN FIRST NATION AND NADLEH WHUT'EN

REELING AFTER CLOSURE OF FRASER LAKE SAWMILL

(Stellaquo Village/Nadleh Village/Fraser Lake, BC) Stellat'én First Nation and Nadleh Whut'én chiefs and councils are expressing deep sympathy to those who have lost their jobs due to the sudden closure of the Fraser Lake Sawmill. The sawmill is the economic engine of Fraser Lake, the villages of Stellaquo and Nadleh, and the surrounding region. After years of work by the nations and the province to protect the forest industry in this region, West Fraser unilaterally shut the mill with no regard for those affected.

"We've got members who work at that sawmill, and so does Nadleh," said Chief Robert Michelle of Stellat'én First Nation. "Add to that the job losses from people working in the bush, hauling logs, all the way down

to people working in restaurants and pumping gas, and you can see the economic impact for our communities will be dire."

It has been well-known that the Fraser Lake sawmill, like many other mills, in the region have had challenges accessing economical fibre due to high rates of salvage harvest following the disastrous mountain pine beetle infestation over the last 25 years. Reduced international demand for dimensional lumber further impacts this already difficult situation. Nadleh and Stellat'én have been working with the Province in recent years to attempt to secure fibre for the mill; West Fraser's decision to close the Fraser Lake Sawmill came despite this continued effort on behalf of governments.

"We have been trying to make a difference in the forest industry, to ensure that we all have a future with this industry, and with one announcement, West Fraser ruined it," said Chief Martin Louie of Nadleh Whut'én. "If West Fraser is not interested in supporting the regional economy, then we need to ensure that the forest resources that they continue to control -- the licenses themselves -- are transferred to local interests," he continued. "Working collectively with industry and government,

our Indigenous communities have ensured economic impacts from LNG benefit Northern BC. Innovative solutions to local forest industry problems will follow this positive trend."

Stellat'én and Nadleh are calling on the province of British Columbia to extend further resources to their nations and the people of Fraser Lake to provide training to work in other sectors, temporary increases in funding to the municipality of Fraser Lake to maintain adequate levels of services, and investment in the local economy from small business development through to large-scale industrial projects.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with our non-Indigenous neighbours as we all endure these lean times together," said Chief Michell. "We know our territories can and will provide wealth for our nations and our neighbours in the future. Right now we all need support from our fellow British Columbians to diversify our economies across the north."

Items in Dakelh



Across

- [4] fireweed
- [5] dryer
- [6] vehicle
- [7] war club
- [10] refrigerator
- [12] washer
- [13] air tight stove
- [14] mountain lion
- [15] lighting strikes
- [16] waste basket

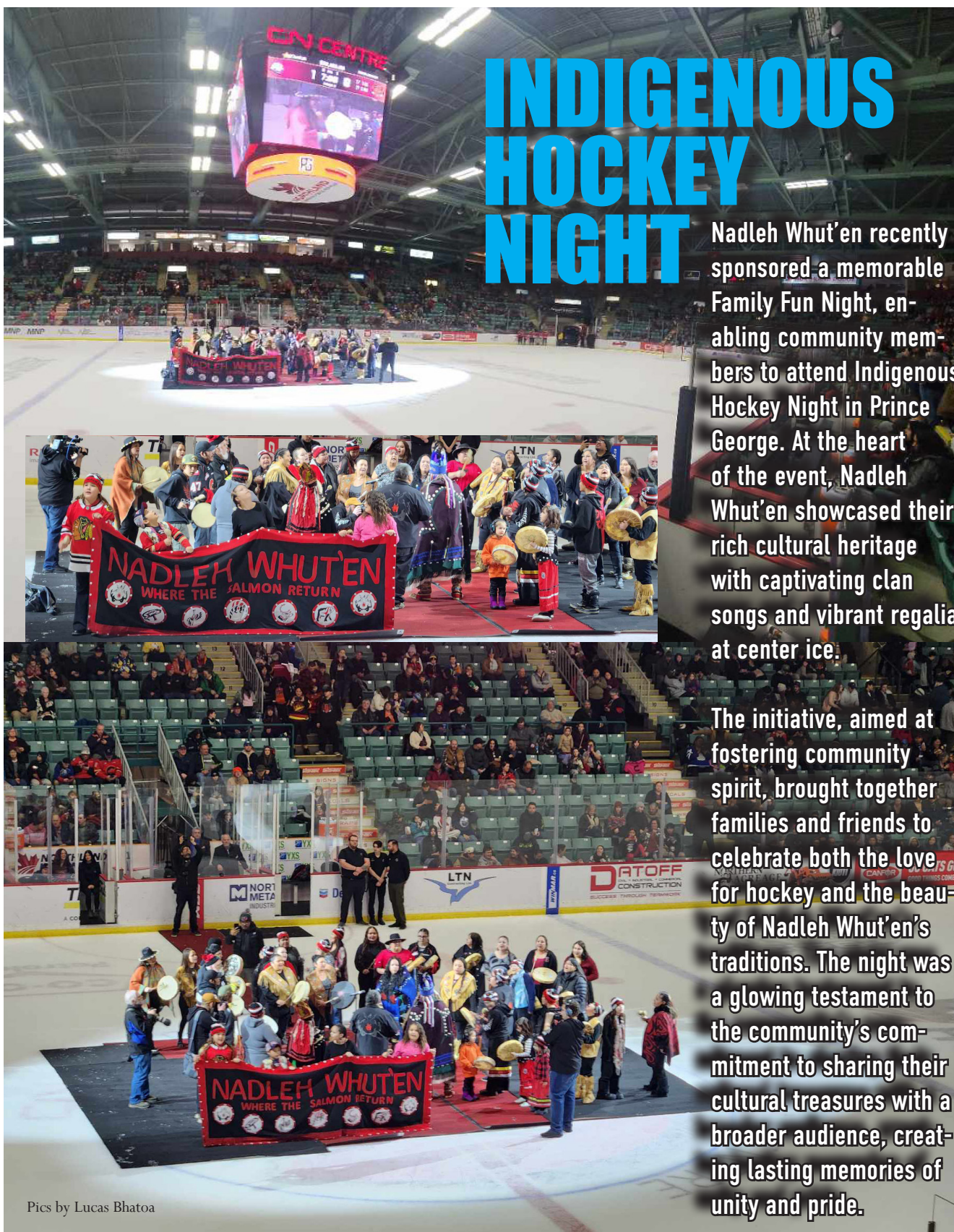
Down

- [1] indian paintbrush
- [2] her face
- [3] his nostrils
- [5] ruler
- [6] camera
- [8] music/stereo
- [9] blind
- [11] cat
- [12] 1) car 2)my vehicle
- [16] telephone

INDIGENOUS HOCKEY NIGHT

Nadleh Whut'en recently sponsored a memorable Family Fun Night, enabling community members to attend Indigenous Hockey Night in Prince George. At the heart of the event, Nadleh Whut'en showcased their rich cultural heritage with captivating clan songs and vibrant regalia at center ice.

The initiative, aimed at fostering community spirit, brought together families and friends to celebrate both the love for hockey and the beauty of Nadleh Whut'en's traditions. The night was a glowing testament to the community's commitment to sharing their cultural treasures with a broader audience, creating lasting memories of unity and pride.



Pics by Lucas Bhatoa

Nadleh Language Program

Whulhtat Dzen

Wednesday

Yuske'nigus 7, 2024

Yuske'nigus 14, 2024

Yuske'nigus 28, 2024

February

Nadleh 'Uske' nuwhulyih

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Gym

Contact 250-690-7211 ext. 119

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