



TSARTLIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
December 21, 2009



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



TSARTLIP COMMUNITY XMAS DINNER
TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND 5PM
LAUWELNEW TRIBAL SCHOOL GYM
PHONE US IF YOU NEED A RIDE

Special Recognition of Language Teachers

Ivan Morris, Tom Sampson & John Elliott

Special Recognition of members who saved the Tsartlip
Longhouse from fire (**Brandon, Tacho, Blaine**)

Gifts for Children 12 and Under

Invitation to Xmas community dinner.



We would be very happy and honored if our community members will join us for a traditional Christmas dinner Tuesday December 22, 2009 Tribal School Gym.

There will be special recognitions of our current language teachers **Ivan Morris Sr, Tom Sampson and John Elliott Sr.** Ivan and Tom continue to be instrumental in keeping our language alive. John received a honorary doctorate for is work in language programs.

Recently there was a fire on the roof at the longhouse luckily our community members were there to put the fire out before the Central Saanich Fire Department arrived. We will acknowledge these men (**Brandon, Blaine and Tacho**) for their efforts and saving the longhouse.

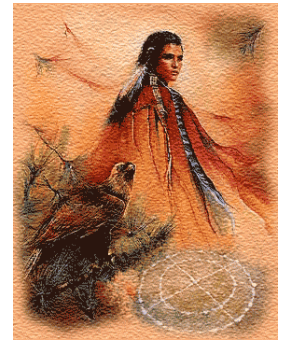
The staff and Chief and Council started a fundraising campaign in October and have raised enough funds to have a community dinner and offer presents to the children 12 & under.

We look forward to seeing our Elders, Youth and Families.



CRAFT WORKSHOP ~ for Ladies

@ LOG CABIN DECEMBER 29, 2009 (10am - 4pm)



“Empowering our Grandmother, mother Spirit”

***Supplies provided**

Open to community members (all ages) if you are interested in making **shawls, beading or knitting.**

Get out and enjoy some company during the holidays. Crafts are a very strong part of our culture and we would be honored to gather to keep the tradition alive.

CRAFT WORKSHOP ~ for Men

@ LOG CABIN DECEMBER 30, 2009 (10am - 4pm)



“Empowering our Warrior Spirit”

***Supplies provided**

Open to community members (all ages) if you are interested in making **paddles for shirts, painting or beading.**

Get out and enjoy some company during the holidays. Crafts are a very strong part of our culture and we would be honored to gather to keep the tradition alive.

Refreshments will be provided at both workshops~

Xmas Financial Bonus.

Unfortunately we do not have the financial resources at this time to provide this distribution. We have received numerous phone calls regarding the Xmas bonus.

In the past Tsartlip received funds from Saanich Tribal Fisheries and combined that with the Tobacco sale money and were able to complete this distribution. Saanich Tribal fisheries no longer exists and the tobacco sales have decreased dramatically.

Its been a very difficult year and Chief and Council are very disappointed that we are not able to provide these much needed funds to community members.

We will continue working on being able to provide this type of fund to community members. Once again our apologies to community members.



Foods Gift Certificates

Our fundraising campaign has allowed us to distribute a \$50 gift card to each registered Tsartlip household. This gift from Tsartlip we hope can be used towards your Christmas dinner.

The cards will be distributed only as follows Tuesday Dec 22nd:

ONE card per house

Head of household will sign for their card (please check with family member before calling office).

We understand there are homes with more than 1 family.

Our budget only allows 1 per house. (Sorry, no exceptions)

Only on reserve homes. (Sorry, no exceptions~budget limitations)

WE cannot replace lost or stolen cards.



Survive THE HOLIDAYS

*Don't invite disaster
to your holiday
celebrations.
Check your smoke
alarms and review
your fire escape plan.*



Treat with **FIRE** RESPECT

*Never leave a fire unattended.
Always use your fireplace
screen and keep lit
candles out of the
reach of children.*



Have a FIRE-SAFE CHRISTMAS

*Make sure the base of
your Christmas tree
is immersed in
water at all times.*

*Never place lit
candles on
or near
the tree.*



Housing & Maintenance

Congratulations to all the housing tenants who have been keeping up with their mortgage payments and being very punctual.

We encourage housing tenants to please keep up with your monthly mortgage payments.

Payments can be made to Tsartlip Finance.

Strategic sessions will be starting in January for the housing committee to plan for future housing, debt recovery and other immediate housing needs.



Community Economic Development.

Gowdy property referendum results.

The results of the referendum vote held on the December 1, 2009 were as follows:

Total No. of Eligible Electors:	627
Total No. of Ballots Received:	201
Total No. of Ballots in Favour of Proposal	172
Total No. of Ballots Against Proposal	25
Total No. of Spoiled Ballots	4



AND WHEREAS the First Nation did not achieve the "double majority" required under the *Indian Referendum Regulations* on the referendum, but the proposed designation was assented to by a majority of the electors who did vote in the referendum

Chief and Council will be discussing next steps for Economic Development. Feel free to provide any feedback to Administrator Karen Harry.

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote and we look forward to seeking more feedback from Community members for future projects.

As mentioned in previous newsletters everyone's vote counts and your opinion matters.

Indian Registry – Eileen Black



Tuesdays-8:30-4pm

Thursdays-1-4pm

Phone: 250-652-8366



**Tsartlip Holiday Office Hours
CLOSED**

December 23 – January 4

Return to work on Tuesday January 5th



Tsartlip Technical Lands Committee

Over the past few months there have been a number of grievances forwarded to the office regarding family disputes. It's difficult to see these grievances and how they are effecting families.

The Technical Lands committee has a "draft Disupte Resolution Process" and are committed to completing this policy. Policy assures consistency, fairness and clear guidelines that protect the rights of individuals and land holders.

The final form of this type of policy will require thorough legal review since we are governed by the Indian Act. Please be assured we hope to see resolution to these issues. We will keep you posted.

SIDNEY NON EMERGENCY # (250) 656-3931



Community Policing: Tsartlip currently has a tripartite *agreement with the Sidney RCMP*. There are community members who want assistance in making reports or complaints to the Sidney. Some of the complaints to be reported can range from

*Trespassing,
family violence,
impaired drivers.*

Dan Steffes aboriginal division officer assigned to our communities. Dan continues to work with the Youth programs and schools on prevention and safety programs. Please let us know if you have any questions.



EMERGENCY CONTACT During Holidays

Bruce Morris (250) 652-3914 (m)

Karen Harry (250) 480-9351