

Report to Squamish Nation Elders
May 14, 2008
Elder's Gathering Place

Dear Elders,

It has been busy trying to adjust to my job, and all that it requires. I appreciate all that responded with the "Questionnaire/Survey" in January 2008.

We had our first meeting on February 20th here at the Centre. I went through the responses with those that attended the meeting. I am attaching a copy for those that weren't able to attend.

The following list is what was considered a priority and a status report:

1. A copy of the New Fiscal Year Budget: *Copies of the Budget for 2008/09 were requested on April 10th, via email to Les Harry and Audrey Larson. I am confirmed to meet with Les on Thurs. May 15th, as I have had no response yet.*
2. A copy of the Elder's Phone Numbers and Addresses: *I have not had time to sit and meet with Monica, but was informed by the former coordinator that the issue is a privacy one.*
3. It is important for the Elder's to reciprocate the luncheons that were attended at Lummi, Nooksack, Tulalip and Suquamish Tribes in the United States. *I still don't know what the budget is, and can't plan for anything this size.*
4. Programming attendance – *Transportation is a big issue for programming.*
5. Get Price Quotes for the Elder's Gathering in Prince Rupert. *I have summarized all the gathered information on one sheet.*

Facility Programming:

My mandate is to provide programming for people 55 and over.

Currently the Center is open for use on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week. I use Monday and Friday to go shopping and do errands.

- Monday's is computer lessons with Trevor Schofield at Esliha7an Learning Center.
- Tuesday's is slated as scrapbooking, but I have elder's come in and do what they want.

- Wednesday's is social gathering and lunch day. I have a therapist come in for massage therapy, reiki and relaxation massage on alternate Wednesdays.
- Thursday's is weaving. I have had two elder's complete their first headbands. I'm looking at having Chief Janice George come in to do a "Shawl" workshop.

The doors of the centre are open, for any and all elders, to use at their leisure. Although there are events posted on the calendar – if an Elder wishes to drop by for a cup of tea and to socialize – please do so. I purposely don't put a time to the scheduled events – unless I have a facilitator scheduled to come in – so there is no pressure.

I would like to start scheduling in the following on a monthly basis:

1. A Field trip – First Friday of the month.
2. A Matinee Movie Trip – Schedule & advise at Wed. Lunches
3. A Potluck Dinner night – Third Thursday of the month.

I would also like to know how many people would be interested in:

1. Seattle Mariners Baseball Game
2. Vancouver Canadian's Baseball Game
3. Seattle Seahawk's Game

Revenue:

When I started in this position I had been approached by programs to utilize the facility.

I set up a "booking revenue" ledger for incoming funds and the corresponding ledger is "Elder's outings". To date the Incoming revenue totals \$2,385.00. The following is a list of the main contributors – The Land Codes Membership Committee who are meeting on bi-weekly basis; the Child and Family Services – Weaving Program – who are in the facility on Wednesday evenings.

Richard Band Trust Fund:

I personally, did not know anything about the Trust fund and the purpose for the fund, so I have asked Linda Calla to come and do a presentation. I am attaching a copy of the presentation.

Other business:

Since I started my job, the following individuals - families – departments have made the following donations to the Elder's Facility.

1. Child & Family Services Department – Donated the massage table in the side room.
2. Tony Moody and Family – Donated beads, wool, and crafting supplies.
3. June Baker – Paperback books for the Library at the Elder's Center.
4. Glen Newman – Donated a box of beads.
5. Vivian Stogan – Donated wool.

I want to spend a good week getting everything sorted out in the Craft supply room, so that everything is organized and accessible to the Elders.

Diabetic Prevention Program:

In discussions with Linda George, Manager of Community Prevention and Awareness Program – I applied for funds and received a grant of \$5,000.00 to deal with Diabetes prevention.

The funds from this program have been designated to producing a calendar, planting a community garden, and community canning kitchen.

New Business:

Due to the high cost of travelling to the Elders Conference in Prince Rupert, the Elders that are on the list to travel are being asked to participate in Fund raising events. (To be determined – asap)

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – Pam Baker has requested time to do a presentation on the Elder's Care Facility. I have confirmed for 1:15 pm. She will be in to do the presentation with a tech crew.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (604) 987-4646.

Respectfully submitted:

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ELDER'S FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

Total Surveys submitted: 26

Question No. 1

Do you use the Facility?

Yes: 12

No: 14

Question No. 2

If no, what's preventing you from coming to the facility?

- The commute (X2)
- Not on the mailing list
- Lack of info & Inability to get around
- Work (X3)
- Health Issues
- No Transportation
- Receiving Notices by Mail – LATE
- Busy

Question No. 3

How can we best utilize the Center?

- Better Accessibility ie: Transportation
- Need Programming for Men
- More Activities
- More Arts & Crafts (X2)
- Have a "Drop-In" day for coffee-games-TV (socializing) (X6)
- Family Gatherings
- Establishing programs that the elders want. Work them into the monthly calendar, if a program fails – move to the next option.
- Establish the programs – then prioritize
- Do the best to make us feel comfy
- More people to use it – Especially from North Van.
- Introducing more programs (X4)
- Open the facility to all Elders – Men & Ladies
- More relevant programs – especially to do with the culture.
- Small bingo night, Potluck lunches, sewing days
- Being respectful to all Elders
- Stop by to have a cup of tea & socialize.

Question No. 4

What would you like to have planned in the way of Field Trips/ Shopping Trips / Sporting Events?

Day Trips for Men & Women on the 1st Friday of every month