



SQUAMISH NATION

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To: **ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE SQUAMISH NATION**

From: Chief Gibby Jacob
Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources & Revenue

RE: Designation Vote – December 4, 2008 (2 Votes 1 Ballot)

A YES vote on Thursday, December 4, 2008 is NOT about providing FINAL approval for a Community Gaming Centre at Stawamus IR #24, or approval of a 99 year lease for development at Chekwelp IR#26.

A YES vote on Thursday, December 4, 2008 permits MEMBERSHIP to further CONSIDER and APPROVE or NOT APPROVE leasing opportunities available both at Stawamus IR #24 and Chekwelp IR#26.

The Department of Indian Affairs will not be able to grant a lease unless the terms of the lease have been approved at a Membership meeting.

If the community votes NO on December 4, 2008, Membership PREVENTS the consideration of ANY leasing opportunities on the parcels of land at Stawamus IR#24 and Chekwelp IR #26.

A YES vote on December 4, 2008 means Membership is in the “driver’s seat” to consider available leasing opportunities – leasing lands is something Squamish Nation Membership and Council have done in the past to keep pace with building homes for members and funding social programs and services.

Membership size is growing faster than the current lease revenues - the current lease revenues are NOT keeping pace with costs required to fund community needs!

There is further work to do to understand the specific opportunities AFTER December 4, 2008 including an ADDITIONAL vote by membership (i.e., Community Gaming Centre at Stawamus IR #24).

A YES vote means taking a very important and necessary FIRST step but not the FINAL step in investing in the future together.

Sincerely,
SQUAMISH NATION

Chief Gibby Jacob
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