T'lisalagi’lakw School 2016/2017
Student of the Year - Darren Hunt

2017 Salmon Prince Kenneth Jack
2017 Salmon Princess Naomi Triebwasser

FEATUREURING:
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Based on a foundation of culture, the ‘Namgis First Nation Council will strive to create a self-governing, prosperous, healthy community with a strong, self-sustaining economy so that every member has the opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

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Victor Isaac
Robert Mountain
Dixon Taylor
Brian Wadhams

Greeting from Chief Don Svanvik

Hello ‘Namgis

I hope you are well.

First off, I would like to let you know that I am very proud to serve as your Chief Councillor.

I would like to share some of my experience with you.

I served on Council for five years in the late 90s.

Since that time I have sat on:
• Tri-Island Ferry Advisory Committee
• Finance Committee
• Housing Committee
• Treaty Caucus
• Title and Rights Forum
• Education Board

My work experience:

• Been a fisherman all my life
• Carver for 35 years
• Worked as a Paramedic in our community for past 25 years
• Firearm Safety Instructor for past 15 years
• ‘Namgis Archaeological Crew for past 15 years

The past month and half has been very interesting and exciting - having a more in-depth look at the issues. Discovering the areas of which I need to get a better understanding of. There is a lot of work to do. I am confident that with the expertise and experience of the ‘Namgis people, the ‘Namgis staff and the ‘Namgis Council, we will be able to look after the day-to-day business very efficiently.

Then we will be able to put the required energy towards our path to self-determination.
Ambulance Service Awards

BC Ambulance Service presented awards to Don Svanvik and Wayne Gauthier for commendations for service.

Wayne has worked for the ambulance for 30 years and for Don 25 years.

Superintendent Mike Aubie was on hand to present the awards at the surprise ‘Paramedic Appreciation Luncheon’.

It has been challenging to recruit and retain paramedics in our community.

Wayne will be retiring in January of 2018. Don has been very busy with his CMT work and now his new role as ‘Namgis First Nation Chief Councillor and has expressed an interest in retiring and turning over responsibility to younger people.

Don, Sue Bell and Shawna McKale are the paramedics. Shawna has recently returned to her job with the Coast Guard in Victoria. She is no longer able to provide much availability for work on the ambulance. She left the community permanently in June when her husband Brett is posted elsewhere with the RCMP. Both Derek Perrault and Wayne are trained as Emergency Vehicle Operators but not as paramedics. There has to be at least one paramedic on the vehicle any time it’s in service. Derek and Sue will continue to be available with Don available when his other schedule permits. As you can see this is a very difficult situation for us.

We are still looking for ways to promote the service in the community and we must find ways to encourage people to join. It’s critical to find a solution to this very serious problem.
Chris ‘Bukwas’ Anderson

I am a ‘Namgis Band member through my Grandma Rachael (Whonnock) Anderson born in Alert Bay on September 26, 1946 and passed away on January 17, 2015. Her parents were Hank and Alice Whonnock. My Grandma left Alert Bay when she met my Grandpa Phil Anderson, a Sts’ailes native from Agassiz B.C. They have two daughters: Carol Stauffer and my Mother Charlene Anderson. I was born and have lived in the Comox Valley my entire life where I met my girlfriend Kailyn Regner.

Half way through my amateur martial arts career, I found myself unable to compete. I was afraid of losing, the humiliation, the lights, camera and the pressure was too much and I was unsure if it was worth the danger. At that point my record was 5-1-1. During my time off, I came across the tale of Crazy Horse, the Lakota War Chief. The story inspired me to get involved in my own culture and to resurrect the philosophy of the warrior from the old days which was mostly about protecting and providing for the community, especially the children. At the time, my Grandma was still alive, I asked her about her culture. She knew a lot and she could speak the language.

I looked at the characters from our stories. The Bukwas was a perfect fit for me. I then returned to the cage as the Bukwas. Since then, my record is now 6-0 as pro and on a 11 fight win streak. I have not lost a fight, capturing four title and not losing a single round in the process.

When I was training for my first title fight, my Grandma got sick, she ended up passing away the day before I left to the mainland for my fight. At her funeral, one of her relatives stood up and pointed around the room and said “remember the things she taught you”. Some money was donated to a charity in her honor and we were reminded how much she loved sharing. That moment cemented my vision. I knew what I would do if I was successful and all of my donations would be inspired by her.

Outside of fighting, I gather sports equipment to fund community rec centers, and soon I will be on my fourth. The second community we gave sports gear to was Alert Bay. I arrived in Alert Bay with lots of sports gear and met the kids at the Lawrence Ambers Memorial rec center. I spent some time with Marcus Alfred and our families. I got to share with him my story and catch up. The next day we came back to visit and he had been up all night working on a drawing that he felt compelled to draw for me. To honor Marcus and his artwork, we are using this as the face of our non-profit foundation that is funded by my fighting.

Our goal is to bring sports gear to athletes and communities who are in need. I have soccer balls being manufactured overseas to distribute to communities across Canada. These soccer balls will have Marcus’ design.

On June 24th, 2017 at the Hard Rock in Coquitlam Chris moved up a weight category to fight for the vacant BFL Middleweight Title. Chris became a legend in BFL ~ the first to hold two division belts simultaneously and making history. This has put Chris down as the greatest fighter in BFL history to date: most KO/TKO, most strikes landed, longest win streak, most consecutive rounds won, 2x Ammy champion, 3x Pro Welterweight champion and undefeated in the BFL cage. I have been named BFL’s Most Dominant Fighter. Currently I am on UFC’s radar and will be the 5th champion from BFL to compete on the world’s biggest stage. NOTE: previous Welterweight and Middleweight title holder’s went on to fight in the UFC.

Chris is also registering a non-profit foundation that will not wait on Government grants or corporate sponsors. It will be funded and advertised through his fighting career. They hope to have Government and corporate financial support to help further our goals.

One goal is to help the next generations and cut back on the statistics that plague indigenous communities. The goal of the foundation is to be the voice for those who are not heard. To start, we are working with youth on reservations revolving around sports and culture. As the foundation grows we may tackle other issues.

Chris is an amazing athlete, donating his winnings to support children sports programs in community in need. Check out his page: Bukwas Foundation

This is what it’s all about people ~ getting out there and believe in yourself. Let nothing stop you from going after your goals and dreams!
‘Bukwas’ Anderson
Vickie Retires

Vickie Brotchie started her career with the ‘Namgis First Nation on March 1, 1982 and carried out her duties as the Secretary/Receptionist Membership Clerk until her retirement May 26, 2017.

Vickie worked for the Band for over 35 years and she was the force you met with as you entered the Administration building. Throughout the years Vickie had many supervisors and to name a few: Pearl Alfred, Lawrence Ambers, George (Satch) Speck and Verna Ambers. Vickie took her job seriously and she contributed in many positive ways to the growth of the Band; she saw many changes throughout her employment with the Band. Administration had a small retirement celebration in Council chambers and a “surprise birthday and retirement dinner” was held at the Lawrence Ambers Memorial Recreation Centre on May 26, 2017.

Many laughs, lots of great memories as well as some tears were shared by all who attended this beautiful celebration for Vickie. We want to wish Vickie a very happy and well deserved retirement and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all of the hard work she has contributed to the Band. Enjoy your retirement Vickie!

Thank You from Port Hardy Mayor

‘Namgis First Nation has received a thank you from Port Hardy Mayor Hank Bood for letter of support for the multiplex project.

“On behalf of the ‘Namgis First Nation, I am providing you with this letter supporting the District of Port Hardy in their proposal submission to the Federal Gas Tax funding delivered through the Strategic Priorities Fund under the category of Recreation Infrastructure for the Port Hardy Multiplex project,” wrote Chief Don Svanvik. It is clearly evident the District of Port Hardy is truly committed to making this project become a reality for the entire North Island Geographical Region’s use and benefit as well as for visitors to the region. The unbelievable amount of ground work completed to date by the District of Port Hardy is a significant undertaking and shows the commitment to making this project move forward in a positive and meaningful manner.”

“The new facility will be more sustainable and environmentally friendly and will offer a multitude of programs for all user groups living in or visiting the North Island. The construction of this capital facility will certainly boost the economy of the North Island Geographical Region and provide local workers, contractors and labourers with an opportunity to create and enhance our local economics by living and working in their community. The economic and social benefits for the North Island will be greatly enhanced during the construction period and for many years thereafter.”

Great things happen when our communities work together and support one another!
Natural Resources  Welcome Forester Geza Vamos

Hello everyone! My name is Geza Vamos and I am honoured to have started working for ‘Namgis First Nation as a forester in the Natural Resources Department. I re-trained from Sustainable Energy Engineering to forestry at UBC in 2009. My previous positions included tourism negotiator at the Sea to Sky Land Use Planning Table, a forest inventory for the Ecoforestry Society’s Wildwood forest near Nanaimo, and Forester in Training for Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians.

My role as the ‘Namgis forester is challenging and interesting, with a mix of office and field work. My work so far included managing the ‘Namgis field crew which does archeological surveys, technical research and analysis to support negotiations with Canada, the Province, and Forest Companies to get ‘Namgis an equal say about what happens on ‘Namgis Territory, and referrals from organisations who wish to develop projects.

This is an exciting time, with the strengthening of Title and Rights after the Tsilhqot’in decision, and new leaders elected to ‘Namgis and the Provincial governments. I enjoyed a warm welcome since arriving in Alert Bay in April 2017. I lived in Vancouver since 1993. I grew up in Nairobi, Kenya, and studied Energy Engineering and Environmental Sciences in England. I enjoy kayaking, surfing, folk music, and dancing. Gilakas’la

Order of Canada  Gloria Cranmer Webster

The Order of Canada, one of our country’s highest civilian honours, recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Recipients are acknowledged for their contributions which has enriched the lives of others. Appointments are made by the Governor General on the recommendation of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada.

Gloria Cranmer Webster has devoted her life to the preservation and celebration of founding her culture and traditions.

Gloria was the first director and curator of the U’mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, which preserves and promotes the cultural heritage of the Kwakwaka’wakw. She has lent her expertise in anthropology and museology to numerous exhibits within Canada and abroad such as the First Peoples’ Hall in the Canadian Museum of History and as a proud member of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Through her wisdom and determination, she has helped foster greater knowledge of her heritage as a proud member of the ‘Namgis.

Congratulations Gloria!
Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers

Bill Cranmer

The Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of individuals from across the country in a wide range of fields. As an official Canadian honour, the Medal pays tribute to the dedication and exemplary commitment of volunteers.

Dedicated to the preservation of Indigenous culture, Chief Bill Cranmer was instrumental in repatriating potlatch artifacts that were confiscated by the Canadian government in the 1920s, and in founding two cultural centres in British Columbia to preserve and exhibit these sacred items.

Congratulations to Bill Cranmer on receiving the Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada at the recent recognition ceremony in Ottawa.

Congratulations Bill!

Blue Box Program

ALL cardboard boxes MUST BE flattened! If they are not flattened/broken down, they will NOT be picked up.

DO NOT fill up boxes! Blue Boxes are available

Blue Boxes Available
Contact Public Works
Derek Perrault
250-974-8472
Civilian Review & Complaints Commission for the RCMP

The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP is an independent agency that reviews complaints made by the public about the on-duty conduct of RCMP members. The Commission is not part of the RCMP.

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VISION: Excellence in policing through accountability.

MISSION: To enhance the accountability of the RCMP by providing civilian review of RCMP activities and member conduct.

MANDATE: As set out in Parts VI and VII of the Royal Canadian Police Act, the mandate of the Commission is to:

- Receive complaints from the public about the conduct of RCMP members;
- Conduct reviews when complainants are not satisfied with the RCMP’s handling of their complaint;
- Initiate complaints and investigations into RCMP conduct when it is in the public interest to do so;
- Review specified activities; and
- Report findings and make recommendations.

If you have a complaint against the RCMP, our role is to ensure it is handled fairly.

Who can make a complaint? Anyone who has interacted with an RCMP member can make a complaint.

What can you complain about? The Commission takes complaints from anyone who has concerns about how RCMP members have acted while on duty.

How to make a complaint

You can contact us with any questions, concerns, or complaints about the RCMP at any time.

A staff member will explain the role of the Commission and help you to decide which steps to take to address your concerns.

Anyone with concerns about the conduct of an RCMP member may call the Commission at 1-800-665-6878 and talk about these concerns. A member of the Commission staff will describe our role to you and help you decide whether you want to lodge a formal complaint or take advantage of other options that may be available to you, such as alternate dispute resolution.

Complaints can be made:

Online at www.complaintscommision.ca Complete and submit the online complaint form. (This online form cannot be e-mailed.)

By Telephone or Fax: Call from anywhere in Canada: 1-800-665-6878
TTY: 1-866-432-5837
Print and complete the website and fax the completed form 613-960-6147.

By Mail:
Print and complete the complaint form and mail the completed form to:

Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP
National Intake Office
P.O. Box 1722, Station B
Ottawa, ON K1P 0B3

Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP

www.namgis.bc.ca
**Fisheries Update**

**Hatchery News** — All the chum fry and chinook smolts that have been reared over the spring at the hatchery have now successfully been released back into the river. Our hatchery team did another great job and there were very few fish deaths during the rearing period.

This spring Denzel Wilson and Brittany Dick did a work experience as part of the Fresh Start Program. Denzel carried on doing some shifts after the program completed. Welcome Denzel to our team.

Now that all the fish are released the crew is busy trying to get the fish fence in place so that we can have an estimate of the number of adult sockeye salmon returning to the Nimpkish Watershed.

After not fertilizing the Woss Lake last year, the hatchery crew are happy to once again be applying the liquid fertilizer to enhance the growth of phytoplankton and zooplankton and the sockeye fry that feed on the zooplankton.

Some hatchery staff are also doing maintenance on the hatchery, troughs, incubators and grounds.

Community fishing at the river will begin soon. Please see the schedule in this newsletter. The river remains closed to all food fishing except during the designated times in the attached schedule. Community members are requested to respect this closure.

We have tried to schedule the community fishing times so that everyone may have an opportunity to join us — we hope to see a big turnout for fishing as we aim to bring fish from the river back into the community for everyone to have a share.

**Stewardship Activities** — Jack Alfred and Ian McDougall are back as our fisheries technicians performing Natural Resource Department stewardship activities. Some of their activities include patrolling the marine and land portions of the territory documenting how the territory is being used and by which user groups. They will also be collecting wildlife sighting information, as well as water quality. We will have two summer students working with the Fisheries Team this summer doing some work with our technicians and also helping with office projects. They will start working with us on July 4th and we welcome them to our team.
Fisheries Update

Changes to the Fisheries Office Assistant - My name is Mona Madill (McDougall), I am the fisheries office assistant for ‘Namgis First Nation and have been here a long time. I am in charge of issuing food fish permits to fishermen, look after food fish distribution among other duties in the office. I applied to Mama’omas for their License Lease Manager’s position and was offered that job and started on June 5th, so now am also with this group in charge of issuing/leasing communal commercial fishing licenses to fishermen and also personal fishing licenses. I will be working part-time with Mama’omas the Fisheries Office Assistant. The position is being evaluated by the Natural Resources Department.

Summer Students - Welcome Summer Students: Kiana Hunt and Devin Williams

Food Fish Update

A reminder to all fishers to report their catch on all outstanding food, social and ceremonial (FSC) permits as soon after you complete your trip as possible. The Nation will be aiming to validate catch on random FSC permits. Please contact the Fisheries Office Assistant via radio or phone to report that you are coming into the dock. It is important to the Nation to understand how the resources are being used and accurate catch reporting is an important part of this. We are also requesting the fishers record their effort (ie number of traps/hook and their soak time).

The forecast for Fraser River sockeye for 2017 is projected to be poor. This means that we expecting to have limited amounts to share with the community. Therefore, we are encouraging members to participate during the community fishing days on the Nimpkish River so we can hopefully bring that fish into the community.

Door Hangers: We had these wonderful door hangers that Brian Svanvik had made on one side it states “fresh” food and on reverse is “frozen” and the date was entered. These worked great, if people weren’t home and found the door hanger they would call the band office to us know they missed the truck and are home now.

CLAMS - ‘Namgis First Nation bought about 6,000 lbs of clams from our local fishermen in March and distributed them to the community.

EULACHON/DZAXWAN - A tote full of eulachon was delivered to our community from Knights Inlet. The Fisheries Team scrambled to get these wonderful, delicious, long awaited fish to all First Nation households on Cormorant Island.

HERRING EGGS/A’ANT - In April a tote full of herring eggs on kelp were delivered to ‘Namgis First Nation from Klemtu First Nation and was distributed to First Nation households on the island.

PRAWNS - In May approximately 1,000lbs of prawns were fished by Waylon Isaac, Edgar Cranmer and Austin Joseph as part of Waylon’s commercial license agreement. These prawns were brought into the community. Again all First Nation households received these wonderful shellfish.
The Roosevelt Elk populations within 'Namgis Territory are recovering from historic lows due to the success of the Limited Entry Hunt (LEH) for the species. For over a decade 'Namgis has cooperated with the Province of BC in regard to the management of elk. Through an understanding with the province of B.C., the Nation currently receives approximately 50% LEH elk tags issued within 'Namgis Territory.

Limited entry hunts are like a lottery, with the winners getting the privilege to hunt. The reason for limited entry is conservation of elk, and while we see rising population numbers it will continue to be limited entry in the foreseeable future. Each spring 'Namgis participates with the Ministry of Environment in a helicopter inventory survey to count elk.

In 2016 we were allocated 23 of 45 elk tags from the Limited Entry Hunt in zones 1-11a/b, which are located in the Kokish and Upper Nimpkish Watersheds. Of these 23 tags, 11 were set aside as Food, Social, Ceremonial (FSC), often called ‘ceremonials’. These 11 tags are taken out by members, who receive a hind quarter for their effort, and the rest of the meat is butchered, and distributed to elder households on Cormorant Island.

This year we delivered a grocery bag of elk meat to 90 elder households, for a total of 133 elders. Each bag held an average of 18 lbs. of meat, cut as steak, stew, roast, and hamburger. This works out to around 1,600 lbs. of healthy, lean, wild meat from our territory. We deliver to all First Nation elders on Cormorant Island, not only ‘Namgis elders.

The 12 tags not set aside for FSC, are put into a draw, and eligible ‘Namgis members may put their name in for a chance to harvest one animal. The draw is random and happens in autumn at the ‘Namgis Administration Office. Once the season opens, the winning members may pick up their elk hunting tags and independently harvest their animal. These hunters report their harvest through the ‘Namgis Natural Resource Department, and are responsible for butchering the animal themselves and may distribute the meat to family and friends at their discretion.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make this a success!

If you have any questions contact info@namgis.bc.ca, or call the office direct 250-974-5556 or toll-free 888-962-6447
Alert Bay RCMP Newest Member

Cst. Biggar is the new member of the Alert Bay RCMP. He and his family arrived on June 13th and quickly settled in to their new home at the top of Larch Street.

Cst. Biggar arrived with his wife Jenny and their two children who enrolled in the Alert Bay Elementary School.

Cst. Biggar came from the Comox Valley where he policed for his first 7 years. He has had the opportunity to police Hornby Island for a season which boasted a similar style of policing. He also has experience on bike patrol and an interest in impaired type investigations.

He and his family hopes to quickly be a part of the community and to be involved in community based events.

ARE YOU A YOUTH 18-35?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN ‘NAMGIS TERRITORY?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING FOR OUTDOOR CAREERS?

Throughout the year the ‘Namgis Natural Resources Department often gets requests from companies working within our territory for temporary labourers in various activities such as, pile burning, tree planting, brushing, wildlife surveys, river surveys, invasive plant management, campsite operation, etc.

Also we may have training opportunities available throughout the year.

We would like ‘Namgis members interested in working in the territory to submit your name, and how you can be reached, and we will inform you of these opportunities as they arise.

Send your name and contact info to forestry@namgis.bc.ca, or come to the administration office and ask to speak with someone in Natural Resources Dept.
Kwak’wala
First Voices

κα’yakan : I’m playing soccer
κικα’yakinuxw : soccer players, good

i’amł’wat : playmates, teammates
yu’man amł’wadtux : playing with, that’s who I’m

κα’yaxtsud : kick the ball into the net or to score a goal
αμλ’damkan : soccer uniform, clothes you wear to play in

‘yako : lose (a game, race), to
κα’yaxsidze’ : soccer boot
‘Namgis Dental Clinic

NO SHOW UPDATE: JUNE 27, 2017

Broken appointments have reached last month’s total already.

Please, if you make an appointment, please keep it or cancel with notice.

The dental clinic is funded by our billings for services.

No shows and cancellations without notice mean empty time slots where we still have to pay for a Dentist, Hygienist and staff to be here. The loss of revenue seriously effects things like having funds to recruit Dentists.

I would much rather be talking about our successes. There are many benefits to you and your families’ health in having a dental clinic.

Debbie Armstrong
Dental Program Manager

‘NAMGIS DENTAL CLINIC - CLOSURE
July 17 to August 8, 2017

For dental emergencies, please see your Family Physician or attend Hospital Emergency Department

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

It is our optimal goal to provide high quality dental care. This clinic is funded by our billings for services therefore, in order to keep our doors open, we must see patients. Your dental appointment is considered confirmed at time of booking. That means we are reserving time with the Dentist or Hygienist.

Please take note of your scheduled appointment. If we are unable to reach you to remind you, your appointment will be unscheduled. Please do not make appointments you are not sure you will keep.

We ask that you please observe the following cancellation policy:

• Confirm your scheduled appointment 24 hours prior.
• The clinic requires 24 hours cancellation notice if an appointment must be cancelled
• Broken appointments are recorded. You are subject to a 60 day suspension for no shows and same day cancellations
• After the suspension if lifted, a $25 fee must be paid before another appointment is scheduled
• Further broken appointments will lead to us asking you to find a different practice at which point we would transfer your records to your new dental office
• Exceptions are made when in pain. If you have been suspended, you will not be given an appointment time but, come and wait to be WORKED IN.

CAN’T MAKE IT? DON’T NEED IT?
CANCEL IT!

10 Year Anniversary Celebration
Friday - May 4, 2012   2-3:30pm
Cake will be served
Keepsakes and other goodies
Meet the Dentist and your Dental Team
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Door Prizes
Nimpkish River Food Fishery

NIMPKISH RIVER FOOD FISHERY

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- Please be at the dock at least 15mins before scheduled departure time
- Bring a lifejacket, water, hat, sunglasses & snacks
- You will need a lifejacket to travel in the boat – if you don’t have one please contact Nic or Randy
- Children 16 years and younger need an adult to travel with them

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
Check [www.namgis.bc.ca](http://www.namgis.bc.ca) for updates

Questions can be directed to Nic Dedeluk or Randy Bell (250) 974-5556 or Hank Nelson (250) 956-4712
On May 11, 2017, “blessing ceremony” for the newly purchased vessel named ‘Cherish II’ took place in Alert Bay at the Government Wharf. Cherish II is a 37’ Deltaga Gillnetter/Troller with licenses AGC – North Coast and AGE – Southcoast Salmon licenses and a shrimp license.

Bill Cranmer blessed the vessel and Alert Bay School kids were drumming & singing a “Welcome song” which also seemed to stop the rain long enough for us to enjoy the viewing of the vessel and its beautiful banners.

Children from the T’lisalagi’lakw and Alert Bay Elementary School designed the beautiful artwork displayed on the banners on the boat.

Guests who witnessed this wonderful event had BBQ’ed hot dogs, juice, chips and water.

These are exciting times with the vessel which will also provide training opportunities with shrimp fishing and trolling.

Cherish II was brought to Alert Bay by Bruce Lansdowne and Marvin Jones who both said that the vessel is in excellent condition and runs smoothly.

Our next task is to get a fisherman out there fishing on the vessel by “lease” from Mama’omas and hopefully have some food fishing as well.

We are very excited to bring this vessel to the community and look forward to seeing this boat in operation.

Tina Jones - Business Production Manager
Mama’omas Limited Partnership
Phone (250)974-5556, Ext #3264
Email; tjones@namgis.bc.ca

Crisis Lines:
Vancouver Island Crisis Line
1 – 888-494-3888
24 hour service.

A & D On call Line
250-974-8015

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
Mondays: 7 p.m. at Sunshine Room
Wednesdays: 7 p.m. at Sunshine Room
Sundays: 1 p.m. at NTC (when group in session)

Narcotics Anonymous meeting
Fridays: 7 p.m. at NTC (when group in session)

ALANO
Meetings held every Tuesday at 7p.m. at A.A. Sunshine Room.
For relatives and friends of alcoholics.

Men’s Support Group
Organizer has moved away.
There are no Men’s Support Groups at this present time.
Membership Clerk  DeeDee Alfred

Welcome Juanita (DeeDee) Alfred as the ‘Namgis Membership Clerk.

Hours:
Monday  8:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday  8:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday  9:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday  9:00am – 12:00pm
Friday  8:30am – 2:30pm

Please call to book an appointment if you would like to see the Membership Clerk.
Phone:  250-974-5556 Extension # 2030

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
A large amount of correspondence mailed out to the membership has been returned to the Band Office. In order to receive information, election packages etc from the ‘Namgis First Nation, it is your responsibility to ensure that your contact information is kept up-to-date.
Contact DeeDee 250-974-5556 Ext 2030 or by email:  DeeDeeA@namgis.bc.ca
59th Annual June Sports

The 59th Annual June Sports Celebrations started Thursday June 15, 2017 with the Salmon Princess and Prince Pageant held in the Big House. Congratulations to the 2017 Salmon Princess Naomi Triebwasser and Salmon Prince Kenneth Jack; your community is proud of your achievement! Congratulations to those who competed in this exciting event. You all did a tremendous job and your communities are proud of each of you.

The 59th Annual June Sports Celebrations were held in Yalis June 16, 17, & 18th; what an exciting and fun filled weekend for everybody who participated. Every event hosted in the community was well attended; we had many positive comments about how well run the overall event was.

As you are aware there are many volunteers, behind the scenes, who continue to make June Sports a resounding success. Chief Don Svanvik and Band Council want to thank every single person who contributed to making the 59th Annual June Sports Celebration the success it was.

We know there are countless hours of team effort put into making the event so successful and so exciting which is why people come home each year to participate in June Sports Celebrations. “Council has no words to adequately express gratitude to our community members who continue to make this event an extraordinary one for everybody. From the bottom of our hearts we thank everybody for continuing to put our community on the map as being one of the most extraordinary and gracious hosts ever!” Band Council continues to be proud of everything the June Sports Committee, our Public Works Department, staff and community volunteers do to continue to make this event so darn successful! Congratulations to everybody for a job well done!”

We look forward to the 60th Annual June Sports Celebrations and anxiously wait to see what unfolds!

June Sports Champs
Port McNeill Lightning Women’s Soccer Team, who were the First Place Winners in the Ladies’ Division, have donated back the $500.00 prize money to our community for Alert Bay Youth Soccer.

What an amazing gesture! Thank You!
Congratulations! Kingcome Wolves ~ 2017 Champs
Congratulations on the ‘clean sweep’ ~ winning every tournament entered this year!

Congratulations!
Port McNeill
2017 Champs

Lil’ Shooters won the U-10 bracket.
This was their entry into the parade.
Planning is underway for 60th Annual June Sports to be held in Alert Bay: June 15-17, 2018

Anyone with old June Sports photos from the first June Sports until now, could you please get in contact with Gloria or Nola Hunt. If anyone has any input on what they would like to see at the 60th Annual June Sports, contact Gloria or Nola.

Gloria & Nola are working on the Summer Student program and are starting this exciting planning. You can contact Gloria by email at gloriafaith97@gmail.com.

60th June Sports ~ June 2018 Planning
Tribal Journeys

August 1, 2017

Welcoming of Canoes
Nations to ‘Namgis Territory
U’mista Beach
Please bring regalia

Dinner at Big House ~ Chinese Potluck
Cultural sharing after dinner

If you can take in billets and/or will open your home for use of showers, please contact Hazel Cook at 250-974-5556

August 2, 2017

Breakfast for pullers and crew
5-8am
Send off canoes/travellers

Kwagis Community Benefit Fund

The ‘Namgis First Nation established the Kwagis Community Benefit Fund for the development of social, cultural and community interests.

‘Namgis is committed to supporting individuals, events or activities that fall within the following focus areas:

• nurturing ‘Namgis youth;
• improving education outcomes for ‘Namgis youth;
• support ‘Namgis elders; and
• strengthening our language and culture

Only members of the ‘Namgis First Nation are eligible to apply for an allocation of Funds from the Kwagis Community Benefit Fund.

For an application form and to review the policy, please feel free to contact:

Verna Ambers at 250-974-5556
Chase the Ace

All proceeds are going to the Lawrence Ambers Memorial Recreation Centre (LAM Rec)

Live video feeds of the draw will be on the ‘LAM REC Chase the Ace’ Facebook page to assure accountability.

The Rules:

30% to the ticket winner
30% to the Chase the Ace Pot
40% to the LAM Rec

There will be 2 live video feeds, 1st one is to announce the winner and the 2nd is to chase the Ace (of Spades)

1. If the ticket winner draws the Ace of Spade, they automatically win the Chase the Ace pot
2. If the ticket winner does not draw the Ace of Spades, then Chase the Ace Pot carries over to the next draw.
3. The card that was drawn from the deck, and is not the Ace of Spades, is destroyed so that it can not be put back into the deck.
4. There will be a draw each week (Wednesdays).
5. Tickets are $5.00 each.

- Etransfers are accepted with a strict deadline of 4pm Wednesday.
  hazelcook17@hotmail.com
  dsvanvik@hotmail.com
  alisha.souch@hotmail.com

Please contact us early if you need someone to come see you. We may not be able to come see you before the draw if you wait til the last minute to ask. 250-974-5556

Sellers are: Dorothy Svanvik-Rufus; Alisha Souch and Hazel Cook
Aboriginal Title and Rights
   All Council

Economic Development
   Robert Mountain
   Dixon Taylor
   George Alfred

Social Services
   Kelly Speck
   Brian Wadhams

Public Works and Housing
   Kelly Speck
   Victor Isaac

Education
   Dixon Taylor
   George Alfred

Health
   Bill Wasden
   Kelly Speck

Health and Recreation
   Bill Wasden
   Steven Smith

Community Justice
   Robert Mountain
   Kelly Speck

Finance
   Dixon Taylor
   Victor Isaac
   Don Svanvik

Aquatic Resources (Fisheries)
   Victor Isaac
   Art Dick

Parks & Protected Areas
   Brian Wadhams
   Robert Mountain

Forestry
   Brian Wadhams
   Robert Mountain

Culture
   Art Dick
   Steven Smith

Database Contact Information

Ensure contact information is up to date with us.

Please send the following:
   Mailing Address
   Phone
   Email Address

It would be great to have the email address as we send out information this way at times and will be doing more so in the future.

The  Kala’mas is no longer mailed out. An email is sent out to the members that we have email addresses for with the link to the newsletter.

If you do not have an email address and are interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter mailed to you, contact:

   Gina Wadhams
   info@namgis.bc.ca   250-974-5556 Ext #3115

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