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Councilor Garry Oker in the Kema tent at High On Ice.



Kema Experiences



High On Ice 2020 Photo by: Patrice Villeneuve

LANGUAGE



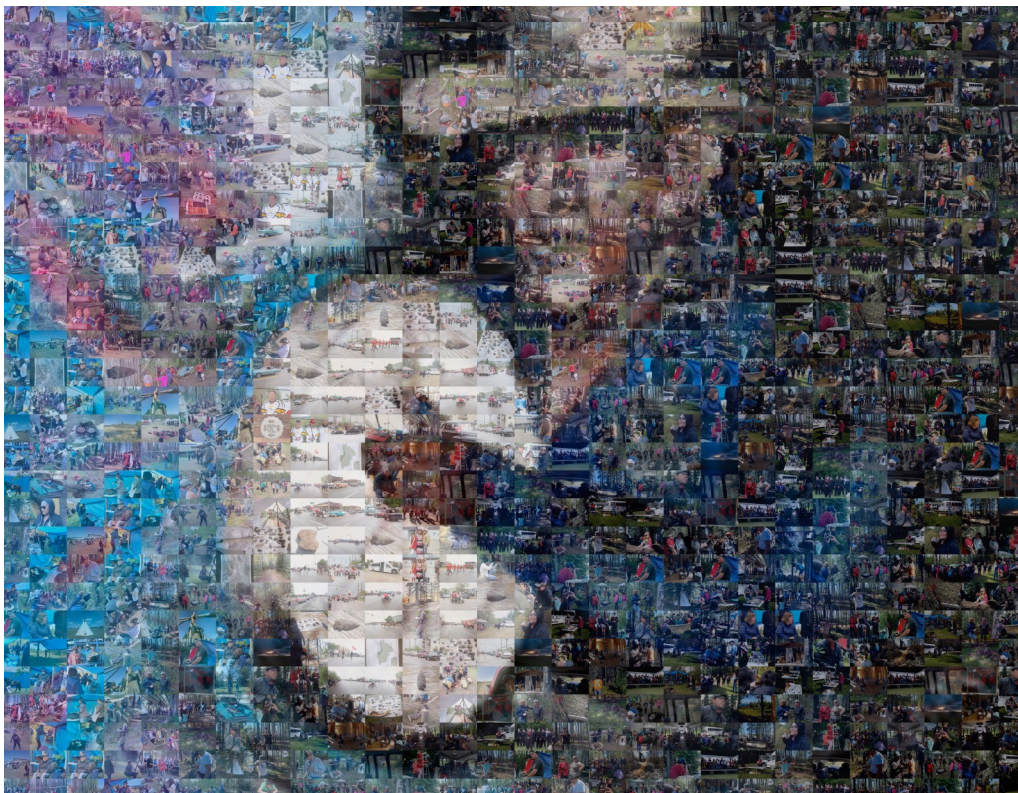
February 2020



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LANGUAGE



March 2020



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HEALTH & SOCIAL



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

INFORMATION UPDATE | FEBRUARY 24, 2020

CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE

FNHA Novel Coronavirus

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

There have been a total number of seven confirmed coronavirus cases in the province to date. Of these seven cases, the first case has recovered and the others remain in self-isolation and under care from public health teams.

While the risk to First Nations people in British Columbia from this virus continues to be low, the threat is being taken seriously. The First Nations Health Authority is working with our provincial partners and the Public Health Agency of Canada to actively monitor the situation. Protocols are in place to screen for infections in any returning travelers and follow up on any identified cases. The Public Health Agency of Canada continues to reassure Canadians that our public health system is well positioned to identify and manage any additional cases.

The novel coronavirus causes a respiratory disease that has similar symptoms to other respiratory illnesses, including fever, dry cough, sore throat and headache. The virus is spread by droplets produced when a person with the infection coughs or sneezes. There is no reason for travelers returning from Hubei province or other locations in China who have been screened and found to be without symptoms, to be prevented from working, going to school or attending events unless instructed to do so by public health officers.

We are reminding everyone to take the following measures, which can also protect against other respiratory illnesses such as influenza:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Stay home when sick

We have received some questions regarding the need for community members to wear face masks for protection from coronavirus. We do not recommend that the general public wear masks. Surgical masks are not designed for this purpose and are unlikely to provide significant protection.

More information about novel coronavirus can be found on the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website:

www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus.

Anyone who is concerned they have been exposed to – or are experiencing symptoms of – COVID-19 should contact their primary care provider, local public health office, or call 811

HEALTH & SOCIAL

Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when **hands are visibly dirty**



If your **hands are not visibly dirty**, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



EDUCATION

Local Education Agreement

Je aa haanach'e
(How are you?)

As you are likely aware, Doig River First Nation is currently negotiating a Local Education Agreement with the Board of Education of School District No. 60 (Peace River North).

DRFN is working towards completing the Agreement by the end of March or April 2020. DRFN will be notifying Students, Parents and Guardians once the Agreement is finalized. Please see Stephanie for the Local Education Agreement Information Package. This information package is intended to educate all DRFN Students, Parents and Guardians on the negotiation of the Local Education Agreement between DRFN and School District No.60.

Also, for Students, Parents and Guardians who were unable to make the Community Education Visioning Session on February 18, 2020, please see Stephanie and she will give you a questionnaire sheet that lists some important questions. Your response and contribution in the questionnaire are very valuable for the negotiations of the Education Agreement. Once you have filled out the form, please take a picture and text to 250-264-2828. (Note: this questionnaire sheet is also for Post-Secondary Students.)

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this Agreement, please contact the Band Office and speak to either Band Manager, Shona Nelson or Office Assistant Stephanie Attachie at 250-827-3776.

Thank you

Doig River First Nation Education Team



On February 21, 2020, The Federal Indian Day School Class Action sent out a **Scam Alert** to all Class Action Members with the following important information:

SCAM ALERT: Do Not Give Out Your Banking Information!!!

We are hearing that Survivors are being contacted by individuals posing as representatives from Gowling or Deloitte and asking for Survivors' banking information. This is a scam.

Gowling and Deloitte are not asking for and do not need this information from you. In respect of the Indian Day School Claims Process, do not give out your personal banking information.

If you have any questions at all about compensation, please call Deloitte, the Claims Administrator, directly: [1 \(888\) 221-2898](tel:18882212898).



LANDS

Upcoming lands engagement meetings:

No community engagement sessions planned for March

Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Forestry Protected Areas" session and the "Caribou and Moose Habitat" session. We received a lot of great information!

Wolf Cull Program

Wolf Cull project is still ongoing. This program is managed by DRFN and funded through FLNRORD and provides members with a cash bounty for any wolf! Thank-you to all the members who continue to go out and try to help reduce the wolf numbers.

Coastal Gas Link-February update

- Section 1 from Groundbirch to Pine Pass:
- 62 % of Route Cleared
- Chetwynd Lodge accommodation site under development
- Blasting has started South of Chetwynd
- Roads and Bridges are being upgraded in project area
- 15km of pipe has been delivered to storage areas.



Community Liaisons

Madeline Oker, DRFN Wildlife Liaison and Lori Lineham, DRFN Oil and Gas Liaison spent some time in Victoria, BC at the Semi-Annual Aboriginal Liaison meeting. While there, they got to present to Provincial staff and other Liaisons on the Doig River First Nation community and its history and how they are involved with Compliance, monitoring, stewardship, wildlife and emergency response in the region.





Site C Update:

- Lynx Creek will soon be closed to boaters as the Highway 29 realignment work ramps up.
- Debris burning continues on the North bank of the Peace River.
- Trucks hauling rip rap from South of Chetwynd to the Halfway River will cause traffic delays until April 2020. This material will be used for the construction of the new bridge crossing the halfway River.
- Trucks hauling gravel will be busy on Hwy 29 near Lynx Creek.

BC Hydro has communicated that there will be potential impacts to wildlife and water during river diversion and inundation.

- There may be impacts to Beaver Dams and mortality of beavers.
- Impacts to den sites and young animals using the dens.
- Wildlife could be stranded.
- Methyl Mercury in fish is a risk.

Please see Charmayne or Jen if you have concerns about any of these or want more information on how BC Hydro is managing these issues.

FORESTRY



Community Garden Update

We have secured funding through the Victoria Foundation for food security initiatives around the community. Currently we are planning to have vegetable and fruit growing spaces, a kid's garden, composting, rainwater collection, fencing, and integration of arts, language, and culture. We are going to be partnering with NEAT (Northern Environmental Action Team) for support and programming through the summer and will be looking for community support and member involvement to make this program a success. Future initiatives may include greenhouse growing space, beekeeping, canning and preserving workshops, and year-round indoor gardening! See Sara in the Lands Department for more info.



PUBLIC WORKS



Ja hanache everyone,

Just wanted to give a brief update from the Housing and Public Works Departments. We have a lot going on right now and a lot of exciting projects that we are working towards.

We have a partnership with BC Hydro to make the houses on-reserve more energy efficient. Over the next month or two, I will have installers from the community coming to your home to do some installations that will assist with making your house more energy efficient for the environment and your hydro bill 😊

Come spring we will be doing some site preparation in the community so that we can work towards constructing some smaller more accessible homes for Elders. Stay tuned for more information on that as we progress forward!

This spring/ summer we have a bunch of community enhancement projects that we are applying for funding on. Things like recycling bins, mini tool sheds, mini greenhouses and hopefully some residential fencing – so keep your fingers crossed!!

Over the next few months you will also see various things going on within the community, as after years of hard work with ISC, we are finally approved to start moving forward in the construction of the new RO Plant Yay!!

Sincerely,

PUBLIC WORKS – KORBIN DAVIS; MAINTENANCE – KEVIN GEIST;
HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR – JENNIFER DAVIS

PUBLIC WORKS



Housing and Public Works are in the process of building our capacity and working closer together as one unit.

Kevin and Jennifer will be gradually moving down to work in the Public Works Office Building in the lower community, and we are working on restoring the maintenance and public work buildings in the area.

At this time, you will notice that Jenn will be in the main band office during the mornings and then at the Public Works building in the afternoons as they work on this shift – you are welcome to visit them at either office when you need something or still contact them via phone.

As part of this, the departments want to work hard on building up their employee capacity.

- If you are interested in working on building projects when started please let them know.
- If you have experience running equipment and can be available to assist Public Works with regular maintenance and projects, again please let them know.

And... if you have any thoughts or ideas to help build our community, housing program or public works program; come have a coffee with Jenn (I love my coffee ☺) and I firmly believe that the issues we face in housing and making it better needs to stem from the community and tenants; we need to solve the issues and build our Pcommunity together)



DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION ON RESERVE HOUSING EMERGENCY CALL LIST

NAME	Department	Phone	Email
Kevin Geist	Maintenance	250-263-2000	kgeist@doigriverfn.com
Jennifer Davis	Housing	250-261-0850	jdavis@doigriverfn.com
Korbin Davis	Public Works	250-263-7755	kdavis@doigriverfn.com

If you have an on-reserve household emergency, please contact these individuals at the numbers provided first.

Please DO NOT contact Chief and Council as they will not have access to emergency equipment or contacts.

If your emergency involves the immediate safety or threat of human life, please contact 911 and then the list above.



THIS MONTH'S CHECKLIST

- ❖ ADD 2 CUPS OF WATER TO BASEMENT FLOOR DRAINS
- ❖ CHECK ELECTRICAL PLUG COVERS
- ❖ CLEAN & TEST SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- ❖ ENSURE DOWNSPOUTS ARE DIRECTED AWAY FROM HOUSE

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds everyone healthy! Thank you all for participating in the Inspire Conference last week. This was our first of hopefully many, we wrote down some notes on how to make it better for next year and would love to hear some feed back from you!

Our main focus of Inspire was to help indigenous youth, job seekers and entrepreneurs with opportunities from our Partners and local businesses that took part! We also wanted to give them some motivation and show them the importance of continuing in school. It also shines light on our peers as to how some struggle at home and how they can climb out.

We had some draws for the participants when they finished their networking! Youth had an iPad provided by Triple J pipelines, with some of the money that was donated we were able to purchase a \$1000 gift card to Steel Toes for the job seeker and \$1000 in bookkeeping for our Entrepreneur!

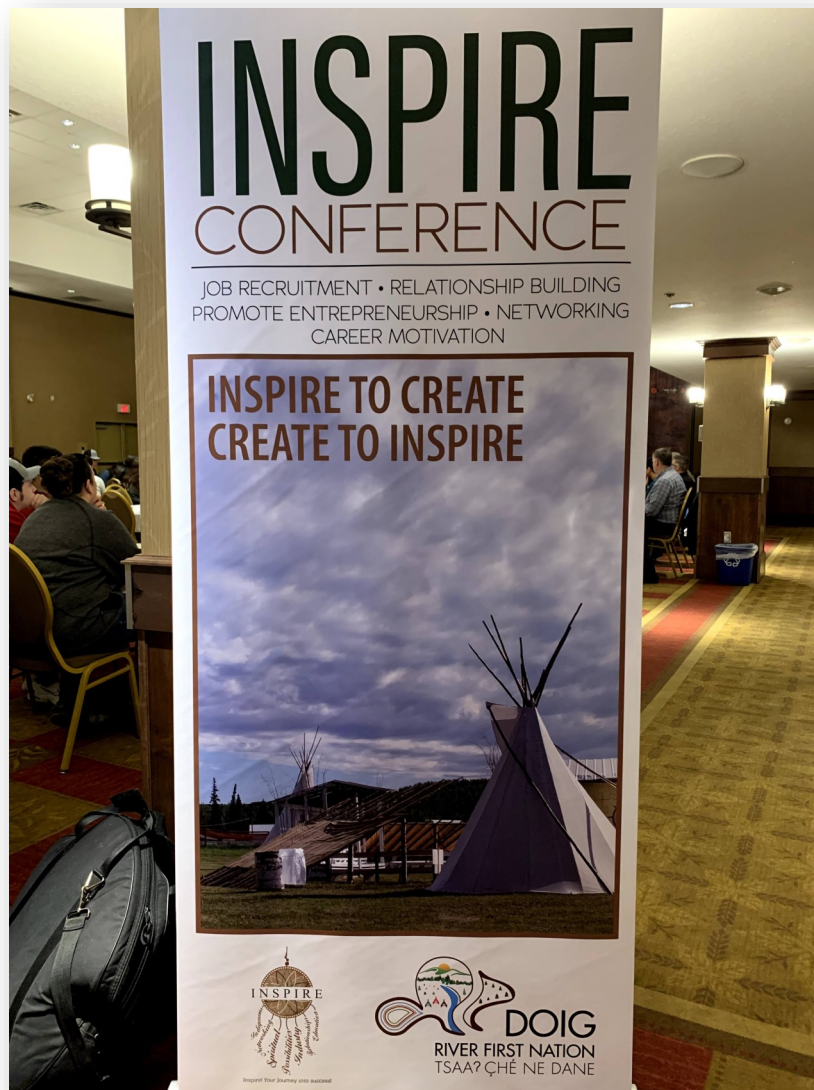
Thank you to our participants who sent gifts and money towards the conference: Northern Lights College, Triple J Pipeline, AFDE, Tervita, Canfor, Fraction Energy, Bailey Helicopter, Mountainview Safety, DW Wilson Services, Chinook Scaffold, Candoo Oilfield Services, Scott Hydrovac, Uujo Developments LP, Shell, TC Energy, MNP, Dawson Road Maintenance, Allteck, Halfway River Ventures, BC Hydro, CNRL, Northriver Midstream, First Nations Ed Centre, and Matrix solutions.

I couldn't be happier with how this turned out!

Also some great news.. we had two Doig members get a tentative hires for security positions, we had another fella have great dialog with multiple businesses and he will continue his path towards Carpentry apprentice! Multiple connections made with others these are just a few that came to me after. Our students left the day inspired to continue with school and know there is something out there even if they have some struggles to push through and believe in themselves..

Jodie Surerus-Chapple





SAFETY

ICE SAFETY

Every year there are upwards of tens of thousands of accidents as a direct result of ice. According to the [Canadian Institute for Health Information](#), in 2016 to 2017 there were over 9,000 trips to the hospital related to accidents on ice and icy surfaces, and that is just in Canada!

These statistics just go to show how important it is to take ice and [ice safety](#) seriously. 1. It is the time of year that the first snow falls will likely result in some surprise ice patches that could lead to a nasty fall. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you are out and about, whether it is walking the dogs, walking to work, or actually on the job.



WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR

There is never a more important time of year to watch what you have on your feet. Winter is a time when you occasionally have to ditch your favorite work boots to make sure you have footwear with proper grip that is designed to provide better traction on icy surfaces. Better yet, research footwear accessories like [these pull on cleats](#) that can keep you from falling when working or walking outside. Your feet are your last line of defense to prevent a slip on ice. Making sure you have proper footwear is one of the first things to consider, and possibly one of the best ways to stay safe.

STAY ALERT WHEN WALKING ON ICE

It is extremely important to pay attention to where you are walking and keep your mind on your task whenever you are walking or working on ice. Staying alert will help you remember to do small things to help keep yourself from slipping and falling. These could include holding onto a vehicle when walking around to get in, or using any other device or secured item that can add to your support when you are walking on ice. Being mindful of the fact that you are in a higher risk situation every time you walk on ice and snow can really help to increase your safety.



BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PARK

One of the more forgettable moments of day-to-day life is getting in and out of the car each time we park or take a drive. In winter, our parking spot can be an important factor in preventing falls on ice. It is incredibly easy to simply park your car at work and not pay any attention to hazards that may be right under your feet as soon as you get out. Ice on the pavement outside of your car is often an area where people will have an accident on the ice before they are even aware that they are back on ice.

Whenever you pick a parking spot be aware of what will be waiting for you when you get out of the car. If you can, simply avoid parking spots with ice. If you can't avoid an icy spot then be more mindful as you exit the vehicle and make sure you hold on as you exit in case the ground is more slippery than you expected.



DOIG RIVER DRUMMERS

Shout out to our drummers for making appearances and opening events throughout the peace region!

The Doig River drummers are Athabaskan speaking group of Beaver/ Dene people who's ancestors lived on these lands for 12,000+ years. Their traditional territory ranges into Alberta and British Columbia. Today, over 1,000 beaver /Dene reside in The peace country.

They continue to sing prayer songs for ceremonies and are honored to be apart of the many celebrations they are consistently invited to.

Doig River First Nation's, vision and passion, is to connect people, land and spirit to leverage hunters wisdom through technology to lead the way in global health and wellness.



MARCH 16 - 27, 2020

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR

A decorative graphic for a Spring Break announcement. It features a central yellow hexagon with the words "Spring Break" in a black cursive font. The hexagon is surrounded by various spring-themed illustrations: red poppies, blue cornflowers, green ferns, and a small bee. The background is white with faint, light green floral patterns. Below the hexagon is a horizontal line of blue dots.

**Spring
Break**

RETURNING MARCH 30, 2020

Guess that elder?



If you have any pictures or information you would like to submit please contact Amber Attachie.

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