

Seabird Island

Community Infrastructure



Housing Department

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1. General/Admin

- **Select Management Company**
 - Ongoing Monthly Meetings to review outstanding items and upcoming move in and move outs
 - Continuing to work diligently to complete work orders and perform inspections as required. (April –June: 72 work orders)
- **Meetings**
 - Climate Resilient Housing meeting with SFU, BC Housing, F.N. Housing Infrastructure Council, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, and Technical Safety BC
 - BC Housing project meeting
 - CMHC Special Contribution project Meeting
 - 3EYOND Consulting Group to update the Community Energy Plan /10 Year Housing Energy Reduction Plan.
 - Community Open House for new Townhouses and Accessible Units.



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3. Projects

- **ISC – 24-unit Housing Project**
 - Electrical and Mechanical design has started.
 - Cultural work to be completed prior to ground-breaking.
- **CMHC 2023 Special Contribution**
 - Received Funding in April
 - Quote received and awarded in May
 - 17 of 32 units currently under renovation
- **Clean BC Rebate Program Application**
 - There are 20 energy rebate incentives which housing will be applying for as renovations and retrofits take place
- **National Housing Strategy Rapid Housing initiative**
 - Approval of funding for 9 units
- **Fortis & BC Hydro Rebate Program Applications**
 - Applications are submitted after the Clean BC rebate has been applied for and work has been completed.



Capital Projects

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- 1. Cultural Center**
- 2. Fire Hall Addition & Renovation**
- 3. BC Housing 30 Unit Complex**
- 4. Four Six-Plexes**
- 5. Rapid Housing Initiative**
- 6. Ten Homes Remediation/Remodel/Demolition**
- 7. Child and Youth Center**



Fire & Emergency Management

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1. Practices and Trainings

- 15 practices conducted from January to June
- Areas of focus were on:
 - Apparatus pump operations
 - Small engine operations
 - Familiarization and hall / apparatus maintenance.
 - Familiarization of the new Fire Engine
- All equipment was removed from the old fire engine in preparation for its retirement
- Current active membership 11.
- Attended training for Critical Incident Stress Management which was held at the Agassiz fire department.
- The course was attended by students from the Kent Harrison Emergency Social Services program, Agassiz Fire Department, Popkum Fire Department, Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department.
- Seabird members received certification in Group Crisis Intervention and Assisting Individuals in Crisis. The certification is recognised across North America and is credited through the ICISF through the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

This training is designed to help or assist others after times of traumatic incidents.

Practice and Training Hours from January to June totaled 344 man hours.



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2. Calls for Service:

The fire department had a total of 20 calls for service from January to June.

- Medical Assist (2)
- Commercial Alarms (3)
- Burning Complaints (2)
- Motor Vehicle Accident (1)
- Two calls were for faulty Smoke / CO detectors. Tests were completed and a detector was replaced with a new unit.
- One call due to smoke from the Chehalis River wildfire, which did not impact Seabird Island Band.

Calls for service from January to June totaled 58-man hours.



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3. Emergency Management:

- Met with representatives at the Haig Fire Base from BC Wildfire.
- Attended the Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Seasonal Readiness Meeting in Langley.
- Freshet started in late April, where the Fraser River initially peaked early May and then a gradual drop for the following few weeks.
- The Maria Slough saw a standard rise in water levels but remained in a 2-year return and was not a concern to staff for flooding protection or issues.
- Transition to Wildfire Protection concerns is top priority for the Emergency Management team now that Freshet appears to have passed.
- In June we saw an increase in local area wildfires.
 - Mainly focused in the Chehalis River area and only mildly impacted Seabird with a few days of smoke in the valley.



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4. Fire Hall Renovations:

- The main office space is now functional.
- The new fire truck bay is framed and sheeted.
- Lighting was installed in the hose tower.
- The roofing has been completed and the rough-in electrical is completed.
- New windows and a new front entry have been installed.
- Siding has begun and the project is on track to meet the projected completion date.
- Once the new garage doors are installed, we will be at a complete lockup state that will allow for the old interior wall to be removed.



Fleet

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Scheduling

- End of School field trip scheduling proved challenging as we had to make sure there were enough drivers available to accommodate the requests. In the end all trips were accommodated
- Health drivers have been busy doing patient travel along with their own field trips.

Maintenance

- All vehicle inspections have been performed and are caught up until the fall
- Yard cleanup for vehicle parking was started and is ongoing
- Vehicle repairs have been very minimal this month as regular servicing has been most of the repairs.
- A few windshields will need to be replaced due to rock chips
- Cleaning of vans and public works vehicles is ongoing, but the public works staff have been keeping their vehicles clean.



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Training

- Fleet is coordinating equipment safety course going for the new employees that have been hired in public works.

General Updates

- Fleet is ensuring that staff using company vehicles have the appropriate licensing and have completed their driver's abstracts.
- Electric vehicles have been a topic lately with Seabird liking to move into an electric fleet in the future.
- We are looking into possibly putting charging station in at the school and band office, we will be getting an electrician in to see if the power on Seabird can handle them or what upgrades will be needed.



Public Works

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Upgrades

- Large cottonwood was cut down and hauled away due to it being a danger to the College and the Public works building
- Flashing speed signs were installed in the school zone and look great!

General Updates

- High school drainage issue was repaired successfully.
- Road repairs around the community was awarded and work will start last week in June.
- Fire hydrant maintenance has been started by Fraser Valley Fire Protection.



Public Works

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Mill Hall

- Contractors were on site for renovation quotes, to repair Mill Hall after the fire.
- It has been determined that the Mill Hall building will continue to be used for the foreseeable future. Kitchen renovations and AC upgrades will be done.
- CJB was chosen and repairs started last week in June.

Garbage Update

- Major garbage pick up has been changed to a regional system now.
- The first Wednesday is the community core, nearest the band office. The third Wednesday is all outlying areas.

Custodial

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Events

- Over and above regular duties, the custodial team was involved with 49 additional Events.



Lands

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Spay & Neuter Project

- Update the list of interested participants (20 pets) gathered at the Open House sessions and taken from the list of problem dogs with information such as animal weights, age, species, owner's information, etc.
- Met with the vet to brainstorm how to get the most impact on a shoestring budget
- Booked gym for 3 spay days to occur in July, August, and September
- Planned shuttle service to ensure all pets have a ride to and from the vet's office
- Booked catering for spay days
- Planned to host a dog tag licensing booth on all spay days
- Cat voucher program is an option in addition to spay & neuter days – work with members to get them to access this program



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Training

- Building inspector course, 1 staff member
- Property Tax Administrators course, 1 week – 2 staff members
- Land Management Certificate program, 1 graduate – 1 team member
- Stó:lō Guardianship Training – 3 staff members, 2 community members, 1 staff member is the Curriculum Reviewer
- Ancestral Link training, 1 day – 2 team members
- RELAW workshop, “indigenous Law in Dialogue”, 3 days – 1 staff member
- Conservation Guardianship training, 3 days - 4 staff members
- Monthly Tax Administrator’s course at TULO Centre of Indigenous Economics, 2 staff members
- Natural Resources Training Group’s Indigenous Land Guardian program, 5 weeks - 4 staff members



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Will writing workshop

- Booked 4 additional 2-day sessions to include will signing, will writing workshop, and one-on-one meetings with members (aiming for 10-15 members/per session)
- Booked the gym and catering

Shxwoxwelstexw ye Silelyólexw (Cemetery Infrastructure project)

- Design discussions continue and preliminary work is being scheduled

Permits issued

- Various permits – 8

Registered Instruments

- *17 permits registered in the First Nation Land Registry Systems*



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