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REFLECTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN

LEADERSHIP

GOAL: SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL IDENTITY OF SIB.

- Continuing to work with the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Seabird Island, Seabird is involved in all areas which directly affect our territory to ensure our rights and title are not infringed on.
- Involved in Provincial and Federal Governmental Policy changes, providing input into various Acts, Legislation or Policy changes to reflect United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- Continued involvement and keep up to date in the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
- Regular meeting with Enbridge for continued updates of future planning.
- Information gathering on the Enbridge Sunrise Project.
- The Ministry of Transportation trespass and right-of-way. On-going negotiations.
- The Ministry of Transportation Highway 7, Highway 9 and Haig Highway reviews, On-going negotiations
- Meeting and correspondence to Ministers outlining areas of concern.
- Lets'emot Community to Community Meetings On going monthly
- Regular meeting on the Transmountain to keep up-to-date and progression of the pipeline and any concerns.
- The application for obtaining a Seabird Island Woodlot has been submitted waiting for the process to be completed, still in a holding pattern.
- Networking with Sasquatch Parks to have the realignment of the park boundaries so we are able to have access to the Woodlot once approved.
- Working toward taking over the management of Sasquatch Parks, the contract will be up for renewal in 2025.
- Reviewing and developing administrative policies for all areas.
- Alignment of policy with Education Law
- Reviewing and redrafting the funeral and hardship policy, implementing cultural and traditional values.

MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: ENGAGED, EMPOWERED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT SQ'EWQELO:MEXW

- Started Phase II of the Membership code community engagement from January to June 2023.
- Recruitment for a Membership Committee to assist in the disposition and communication of all changes in the Membership Code.
- Members only site for more detailed information for members.
- Set up booth at Health Open House
- Developed information pamphlet for the Inter-Government Affairs Department.

- Provided information on major projects working on providing comment and input to ensure our rights are not infringed on.

ENVIRONMENT

PROTECT AND ENHANCE S'ÓLH TÉMÉXW, INCLUDING LAND, WATER AND AIR CONSISTENT WITH TÓMIYEQW

- Completed an assessment of habitat requirements, project is defined for funding opportunities.
- Working towards a Master Plan to open the slough back up at the head of the Island.
- Promoting and advocating for habitat restoration projects.
- Working with LFFA on recording critical spawning habitat areas affected by the Atmospheric River Event.
- Working with LFFA to develop immediate and a five-year plan to address concerns for Spawning habitat.
- Submitting application for funding for habitat restoration projects.
- Working with the Emergency Planning Secretariat of emergency response training, critical incidence command stations, and the Fraser River cleanup of man-made item, debris and sediment build up. Ensuring the protection of Culturally sensitive areas and fishing sites.
- Reviewing and providing comment into various fish related areas such as the White Sturgeon, Deep Cove Fish Farms, etc.
- BC Hydro Wahleach Water Use Plan and Fisheries Act Authorization
- Working on five major referral projects to ensure our rights are not infringed on, protecting culturally significant areas and environments measures are in place.
- Approved for a Regional Geo-Hazard study
- Working with Sto:lo Resource and Management Center on the study of Wolverines with in the territory, patters, habitat.

CULTURE, HEALING, HEALTH & WELLNESS

GOAL: ÁY:MEXW – HEALTHY PEOPLE, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

- Working on providing food sources for the four-legged family members, working on providing the protections and controls required.
- Working towards food security practices, teaching that can be passed on to community members.
- Working on Indigenous Knowledge implementation into the Fisheries Act, highlighting the importance of the protection and preservation of salmon as our main food source.
- Meeting regularly with the various Ministries and organizations to ensure the recovery work to the slide area is sufficient and continues to protect habitat and our visions for future.
- Advocating for the cumulative affect that have impacted our way of life and food supply, such as fish.

INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL: AN ECONOMICALLY STABLE COMMUNITY THAT MEETS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR FUTURE GROWTH.

Within the past 5 years

- Stat's – N/A

Within the past year:

- The Referral process identifies areas of potential economic opportunities, this information is passed on to the Development Corporation and they are then included in referral process.

- Working with ISC, Emergency Management BC (EMBC), MOTI, Forest, Lands, Natural Recourses Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) on the atmospheric river and slide repairs and clean up. District of Kent is also involved in the Seabird Island Road repairs.
- Involved in the Highways 7 and 9 review with the Ministry of Transportation, advocating for direct rewards of contract aor ensuring our company is used..
- Involved in the planning for the reroute of the Fortis line. Possible opportunities for equity partnerships exploring this opportunity, on hold till end of year.
- Involved in the planning of the Enbridge Sunrise Project.
- Creating awareness with the Minister on the possibility of a Sto:lo Salmon Centre of Innovation & Excellence
- Meetings with Indigenous Services Canada for the upgrades and raising of Seabird Island Road.