



# Lheidli T'enneh

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## *Annual Report*

**“Lheidli T'enneh; a community built on the strength of its people”**

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**Chief  
Dominic Frederick**



**Councillor  
Louella Nome**



**Councillor  
Jennifer Pighin**



**Councillor  
Clarence John**

## Letter from Chief Dominic Frederick



**Dominic Frederick**  
Chief

Dear Lheidli T'enneh Citizens,

For Lheidli T'enneh, 2012/2013 was another year of delivering strong results. Even as the provincial and federal socio-political climate challenges persisted, we continued building the foundation for sustained growth in our operations and governance. Our goal is to continue to move forward for the benefit of our community.

At this time, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my team, for their time, efforts and contributions to the Nation in their role as Council:

Councillor Louella Nome  
Councillor Clarence John  
Councillor Jennifer Pighin

Furthermore, to acknowledge the public service and commitment of two former Councillors:

Councillor Shirley Wiltermuth  
Councillor Joshua Seymour

We have a responsibility to uphold our values as Lheidli T'enneh People! We define ourselves and we have the responsibility to direct our own future. We also need to take a step back and see all the posi-

tive milestones we achieved and celebrate our successes from time to time. I would like to acknowledge the good work that our Administration, Staff, and Contractors had completed! At the same time, recognize that we still have a lot more work to do for the upcoming year.

2013 is also a significant year for Lheidli T'enneh. We had the honour and privilege in hosting the 37th Annual BC Elders Gathering on July 9-11, 2013. The theme, "Honour Your Journey," was appropriate and fitting that recognized the 100th anniversary of Lheidli T'enneh being forced from our village in what is now downtown Prince George, to our current reserve. The Gathering allowed us to tell our story, welcome everybody across the Province of British

Columbia and across Canada to our beautiful territory. The resiliency of our People is a testament to itself, and I believe we are even stronger moving forward as an independent Nation.

Please find enclosed our Annual Report for 2012/2013. We have a lot to be proud of with all the progress and initiatives we have undertaken.

*"Our traditions and cultural beliefs are the driving force of our success and destiny."*

LHEIDLII T'ENNEH NATION

DOMINIC FREDERICK  
Chief

## Chief & Council Report



**Councillor Clarence John, Chief Dominic Frederick,  
Councillor Jennifer Pighin & Councillor Louella  
Nome**

**Our Community Vision**  
Lheidli T'enneh is a self-sufficient, sustainable, independent community with an educated and professional workforce able to compete in local, regional, national and international markets. Our people have excellent spiritual, emotional, mental and

physical wellness and the traditional family unit is a source of strength. Our Nation is protected from external government intervention and all citizens are active members of the community.

### **Our Mission**

To advance the sovereign au-

thority of the Lheidli T'enneh and to safeguard the reputation, assets and identity of the Nation and its citizens.

### **Our Vision**

The Lheidli T'enneh Government and officials will be accountable to their citizens through adherence to the Constitution of Lheidli T'enneh. Leadership will promote the unity and well-being of the people through providing effective and accountable government. Leadership will cooperate with one another in mutual trust and good faith, consult and inform one another, and coordinate their actions with one another.

### **Our Fundamental Values**

a) equality of all peoples under the law;

b) fairness;  
c) trust; and  
d) respect for individual dignity and independence within the collectivity.

### **Progress Report:**

- As part of our strategic planning, a concentrated effort and progress has been achieved with completion of our Draft Custom Election Code. This document will also serve as a governance handbook that will set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lheidli T'enneh Chief and Council.

- In our day to day operations, Lheidli T'enneh Chief and Council set the strategic direction and ensure that business is conducted in a responsible manner. Upon the inaugural "Sworn In-Cer-

## Chief & Council Report *continued...*

emony” of the newly elected Chief and Council, a two day staff update was completed that gave an overview of their respective departments using program logic models.

Lheidli T'enneh strives to provide responsible government practices. It means that more emphasis of community engagement meetings of the various portfolios; consistent annual reporting out of our Audited Financial Statements to the membership; and strengthened communications to all Lheidli T'enneh Citizens.

It was agreed upon that Chief and Council will be politically accountable in carrying out their duties, by reporting attendance from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 of all duly convened Chief and Council meetings. Below is a table showing attendance

<b>Chief and Council Meetings</b>	<b>Dominic Frederick</b>	<b>Louella Nome</b>	<b>Shirley Wiltermuth</b>	<b>Joshua Seymour</b>
April 4, 2012 - Band Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
April 23, 2012 - Band Business			✓	✓
May 24, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓
May 28, 2012 - Band Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
June 7, 2012 - Finance			✓	
June 20, 2012 - Band Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
July 5, 2012 - Specific Claims	✓		✓	
July 9, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	1/2	✓	✓
July 10, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	
July 11, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	
August 7, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	
August 8, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	
August 9, 2012 - Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	
October 12, 2012 - Band Business	✓	✓		✓
November 13, 2012 - Tripartite	✓	✓	✓	
November 27, 2012 - Band Business / 2015 Canada Winter Games	✓		✓	✓

## Executive Director's Report



**Jason Morgan**  
*Executive Director*

Welcome to all and thank you for attending the Lheidli T'enneh Nation's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 11, 2013. This Annual General Meeting is significant as we present a summary of our journey commencing with the welcoming by Chief Dominic Frederick and respected Council, to our Audited Financial Statements, and Staff Reports.

It is an honour and a privilege to be working for Lheidli T'enneh as your Executive Di-



**Dolleen Logan**  
*Administrative Assistant*

rector. In the last year, I have witnessed Lheidli T'enneh continue to be a leader among First Nations in Northern British Columbia. We have an excellent working relationship with our partners like that of the City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George; our education partners like College of New Caledonia and University of Northern British Columbia, and all our community and private-sector partners who continue to lend their support for Lheidli T'enneh! There are

too many to list...

As an Administration, we aspire to the following principles that form part of our service delivery and commitments to you:

- Equality of all Peoples under the law (Constitution of Lheidli T'enneh);
- Fairness;
- Trust; and
- Respect for individual dignity and independence within the collectivity.

Our team has been moving forward in policy development, and building upon a critical piece of strengthened internal and external communication strategies. With the implementation of our Strategic Plan and our Program Logic Models, we have more clearer and defined roles and responsibilities to strive for that will assist us as an Administration to keep moving

forward.

I have a lot to be thankful for! At this time, I would like to acknowledge our leadership, Chief Dominic Frederick, Councillor Louella Nome, Councillor Clarence John, and Councillor Jennifer Pighin. As well, the past commitment of former Councillors Shirley Wiltermuth and Joshua Seymour. With your dedication and public service, it is for the betterment of Lheidli T'enneh.

I am proud to be part of the Lheidli T'enneh team, and I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year ahead! I wish you all the best and hope you enjoy our Annual Report!

Respectfully,

Am Bax Gxan  
Executive Director

## Reception/Sales Department Report



**Candace Godwin**  
Receptionist

Reception, tobacco sales, community information/ support (faxing, coping, job openings, meetings/ events etc..)

### Projects / Initiatives Completed To Date

- Dealing with the public in person and on the phone first before they talk to anyone else.
- Maintaining a good standing with the Ministry of Finance tobacco tax (our license/ permit)
- Tobacco Sales
- Keeping track of incoming and outgoing inventory / nightly inventory / deposits, status cards to be shown with every purchase.
- Supplies for ALL offices / band office kitchen
- Helping people fill out Bill C-3 forms/ applications/ government forms
- Mail / Faxes incoming and outgoing, parcel pick up, distributing among staff/ members. Fax and Mail station repairs/ troubleshooting
- Type/print letters as per request
- Answering calls ,directing callers to the right department/ giving information

(events, meetings etc..) taking messages for members that don't have phones

- Incoming emails from the website as well as reception address
- Booking elders/ council for openings/ prayers
- Handing out Cheques on regular cheque days (Thursday & Friday) + SA days along with monthly renewals and any other paper work involved with distribution of cheques.

## Membership Department Report



**Shirley Wiltermuth**  
Membership

This past year has been very busy and hectic in the Registry Department due to financial cut-backs. The Indian Registry Administrator's duties encompass a wide variety of duties which are time sensitive.

- Registering events (births, deaths, marriages, divorces) which affect the Indian Register.
- Preparing monthly reports of all reported events.
- Posting Band Change Reports when applicable.
- Reviewing applications and appropriate documentation for registration and forwarding to the appropriate registration authority.
- Providing information to members of the band and

the general public.

- Issuing status cards to registered Lheidli T'enneh band members and to members of other bands. To issue a status card to non-Lheidli T'enneh member's information must be gathered and verified before a status card can be issued. **(PLEASE NOTE: In order to issue a status card band members MUST have 2 pieces of current identification ...one must be picture identification).**
- Recording the certificate of the status cards issued in the CIS register and providing a copy of that register to Regional Office on a monthly basis.

An amendment was made to the INDIAN ACT in January 2011 (**Bill C-3**) when eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of marrying a non-Indian could become entitled to registration (Indian Status)

In general, applicants who can answer yes to the following three criteria will qualify

for entitlement based on the INDIAN ACT amendment.

1. Did your grandmother lose her status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
2. Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be

registered under sub-section 6(2) of the INDIAN ACT.

3. Were you, or one of your siblings, born on or after September 4, 1951.



**New Secure Certificate of Indian Status**

The new SCIS features several security improvements such as:

- Laser engraving which burns information directly into the card;
- Touch data that uses raised letters and numbers on the card surface;
- patterns of extremely fine

lines that cannot easily be scanned or copied;

- An ultra-violet image and printing that is visible using specialized equipment; and
- A window, appearing as a clear area in the card that allows a secondary photo image of the cardholder to be visible from both sides.

## Health Department Report



**Louella Nome**  
**Councillor/Health Manager**

On behalf of Lheidli T'enneh Nation, I would like to personally thank my colleagues and the community members for making this an exciting year for the Health Department. A number of initiatives have been undertaken with the common goal of raising the quality of life for our Lheidli peoples. This includes health education, advocacy, information awareness, health campaigns, prevention, and direct client services support.

As a community, we face many challenges as it relates to access and services. It is also exciting to see on the provincial level a collective movement on health administration from Health Canada transitioning to a new First Nations Health Authority. I have been a part of these provincial meetings, and we will continue to advocate for the best interests of Lheidli T'enneh Nation!

With the strategic approach taking by Chief and Council and the delegated responsibilities to the Administration and the Health Department, we are moving forward, and through combined efforts I believe we can make a difference with our community as it relates to health and wellness. There is optimism for positive changes, and we will be positioned to plan and respond.

One of our priorities will be to collaborate with our health

partners such as Northern Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority, Central Interior Native Health Services Society, to name a few, to be able to provide direct service delivery to our community.

Another priority will be to research the development of a new Health Station, and to develop a health committee.

If there are any questions and or concerns please call, email or come see me or I can come see you.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

The Lheidli T'enneh Health programs are as follows:

Brighter Futures- this program is to bring awareness to the community around Mental Health, Child Development, Healthy Babies, Injury Prevention, Parenting Skills, improvement of my skills to assist the community

Mental Health Crisis- to address the mental health issues within the community

Solvent Abuse Program- to address the solvent abuse issues within the community

Canada Prenatal Nutrition- to improve maternal and infant nutritional health

Community Health Prevention- to promote healthy life choices around infant health, child health, school health, adolescent health, adult health, elder health

Environmental Health Program- to ensure the community has safe drinking water

First Nations Home Community Care- provides service for families to stay in their homes throughout their illness.

National Native Alcohol/Drug Abuse- assists clients with alcohol/drug addiction

HIV/AIDS Strategy- to pro-

vide education and prevention Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative- increase awareness of diabetes

My day to day activities are as follows:

- Filing/office administration duties
- Assist with clients going into treatment
- Getting clients to counselling sessions
- Overseeing the homemakers
- Assist clients with court issues
- Attend court on family court days when needed
- Attend court on criminal court days when needed
- Assist clients with doctor appointments
- Hospital visits if clients are there
- Assisting with medications for clients
- Weekly team meeting with family support and social development workers
- Working with the family support office
- Working with the social development office
- Hospital with moms to assist with delivery
- Home visits with families with new babies
- Meet one-on-one with clients to assist with everyday issues
- Assist clients with parenting issues
- Refer clients to organizations in the city e.g. Infant development center, PGNFC, food banks, Native court workers, healing center
- Discussions with Aboriginal education workers regarding clients
- Attend the First Nations Health Council meetings
- Attend the First Nations Health Authority meeting
- Weekly water samples
- Monthly water samples to

the lab in Prince George

- Assist with any other duties as they come up
- Attend Dakelh Ne Hub meetings
- Ongoing meetings with MCFD- Ministry of Children and Families
- Ongoing home visits
- Set up workshops
- Meetings with Northern First Nations Child Welfare Governance

The Health office works very closely with the Family Support Worker and the Social Development office as we all have shared clients that overlap into these three programs.

## Education & Social Development Department Report



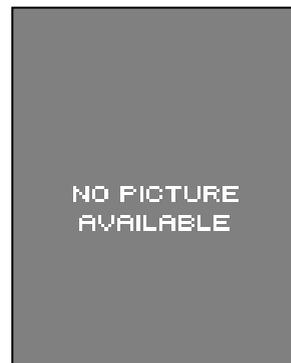
**Niki Lindstrom**  
*Program Coordinator*



**Phyllis Seymour**  
*Program Facilitator*



**Shirley Wiltermuth**  
*Elder Mentor, CNC Program*



**Rose Paul**  
*Bus Driver, CNC Program*

The departments I manage are Education, Training, Employment and Social Development. The staff who work in these departments are as follows:

Phyllis Seymour – Program Facilitator, Education Trailers  
Shirley Wiltermuth – Elder Mentor, CNC Program  
Rose Paul – Bus Driver, CNC Program  
Dalainey Bozoki – Youth Assistant, Education

### Projects / Initiatives Completed To Date

#### Education:

One of the objectives of the Education department is an increased number of Lheidli T'enneh youth and adults to graduate with their Dogwood. This year there were three students who returned to school and received their Dogwood Diploma. I'm hoping there will be even more returning student diplomas as we now have the CNC program in place.

Another objective was an increased number of Lheidli T'enneh youth and adults to pursue some form of post-secondary education. This year, there are several more post-secondary students than last year being covered under post-secondary dollars. The AANDC Post-Secondary and LTN funding are being fully utilized. We were able to pro-

vide more opportunities by stretching the dollars, as well as partnerships set up with post-secondary institutions (ie. UNBC.)

We also had a goal to provide tutoring for on-reserve students K-12. This was achieved by having an Agreement signed and implemented in November 2012. Tutoring has been taking place on the North and South sides. The old Treaty Trailer was designated by Chief and Council as the Education Trailer. These programs have proved to be very successful. Due to the progress made, we've been granted another year of tutoring. This program has been in partnership with UNBC.

Active Minds was a bonus to the tutoring as it was set up after the tutoring was set to be in place. Science students from UNBC came out to teach science to the North and South sides once a week. One of the Lheidli T'enneh students was awarded "Excellence in Science" this year. The students enjoyed this very much and some will be going into the Science Camp at UNBC in August.

Another objective was to have a Local Education Agreement in place with School District 57. An LEA with the school district will help Lheidli T'enneh students specifically by having more decision-making in the funds going these

students. This is still to be accomplished. This department needs to be able to source out additional resources for the manpower of this initiative or we require more time to dedicate to this objective.

Another goal of this department is to create internal Education Policy for Lheidli T'enneh. We had one session in Vancouver as a beginning. We need to have an equitable distribution of Lheidli T'enneh members. We would like to have an Elder, a Youth and representatives from both sides of the reserve, as well as members living off reserve. It's very important to have an approved policy in place by the end of this fiscal, prior to next year's education requests.

A special initiative that had not been done before is having signed an agreement with the College of New Caledonia. This was a proposal submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education. This initiative was to have workplace oriented training as well as the opportunity for students to attain their Dogwood. This program began on the Northside at the beginning of May and went to the beginning of July. The program will resume at the end of August. The goal of this program is not only to give students basic education, but to give them skills to obtain gainful employment as

well as keep that employment. We are currently accepting enrollment for the start up at the end of August!

### Training and Employment:

This department helps members to access training that will help them to pursue gainful employment. A number of members were sent on training directly related to the employment they are pursuing. This training ranged from general re-certification to equipment operation to UNBC courses.

A primary objective of this department is to create internal Training Policy. We need to do this by putting in place an equitable Training Committee. We need to have an approved policy in place as soon as possible.

This department has also aimed to increase member access to employment opportunities. When job postings come up, they are posted on both sides of the reserve and also now at the Economic Development Office. When companies have been looking for employees, we made sure we found a member to be employed with them, whether it was short or long term. Members have also needed help with their resumes or to do a job search and have been as-

## Education & Social Development Department Report *continued...*



**Dalainey Bozoki**  
Youth Assistant

sisted with that.

### Social Development

One of the objective in this department is to support members when they require assistance.

Members are currently being supported when they require assistance from this department in a timely manner. However, documentation is something we require when asked. We need to have all the required documentation in place prior to releasing a cheque. Some examples of such documentation are a rental agreement with the SA recipient's name on it, ROE's, bank statements, ID and other signed documents.

We also want to ensure all SD policies are upheld. Social Development policies have been upheld by approving only what's allowable under policy guidelines.

A continuing objective is to get members receiving assistance back to work. One of the ways we will do this is by requiring clients to show they are searching for work, if they are employable.

The last objective we had was to work with the Ministry of Housing and Social Development for greater efficiency in information sharing. A solid working relationship has been

established with MHSD and information is readily accessible at all times.

### What's New

We need to recruit a key committee for the Education and Training Committee. It needs to be equitable by having a representative from each side of the reserve, an elder, a youth and a few members living off reserve.

We will be creating forms, in partnership with the School District, so we can readily attain report card information for the purposes of the Awards Day celebration. We would like to have this information sooner than later. Consent to Release Information forms will go home to the parents of Lheidli T'enneh students.

### Some of the Boards and Committees

**AEB** – This is the Aboriginal Education Board for School District 57. We have been working on a Terms of Reference for this board. We will be meeting with SD57 to discuss the Terms of Reference. Our goal is to have more results-oriented conversations. Members of the board will be volunteering to be a representative on each committee in school district 57. The ultimate goal is to see actual improvements in graduation rates and further success for our aboriginal children. As the Lheidli representative, I not only represent aboriginal children in general, but specifically our Lheidli T'enneh students.

**FNESC** – The First Nations Education Steering Committee is committed to improving aboriginal education for all aboriginal students in BC.

Since its establishment in 1992, FNESC has worked to communicate the priorities of BC First Nations to the federal and provincial governments and to support First Nations communities in working together to advance education issues. Communications, research, partnership-building and advocacy are all central to FNESC's activities.

I've been a member of FNESC since November 2012. FNESC both champions and spearheads issues adversely affecting First Nations students in BC. There are a number of things I've brought up and would like to see in the near future. Having a designated seat for a First Nations School Trustee, a First Nations PAC in every community, and the history of First Nations taught early on in school to name a few. Currently, the only structured education for First Nations history is First Nations 12 and this is only taught in some districts throughout the province. I believe it's vitally important to teach students early on, so First Nations students know some of their history and challenges faced by older ones and also so other students gain some knowledge and insight as well. I look forward to continuing to serve on this committee and help to make change happen for our students.

**PGNAETA** – The Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Training and Employment Agency was established to serve aboriginal populations in today's shifting labour market and economy. There are aboriginal employment and training agencies in each urban area around the province. The small amount of dollars we receive is for on reserve; and therefore, other training requests are directed

to the urban centres, such as PGNAETA. Any training approved must meet a labour demand and be a current labour requirement. All training requests need to be done in writing.

### Important Dates

School Start-up Allowance (gift cards) will be distributed by August 26th, 2013. If you can bring the child in to pick it up with you, that would be preferable.

Awards Day will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014 next year. Please mark that date on your calendar.

## Aboriginal Family Development Department Report



**Tasheena Seymour**  
*Assistant Family  
Development Worker*

As the Assistant Family Development worker my job is to plan events for the families of Lheidli T'enneh. For the last year I have been holding community kitchens every second week for the youth at the Northside Community Kitchen. The kids are given recipes for a main dish and a dessert

or salad, to cook. Once they have cooked the meal, they sit together and enjoy it.

We have held many more events including movie nights, 8th Fire showings, Noah's Ark, sleepover at the Northside Trailers, family skate, community clean-up, and girls night.

Another part of my job is to transport members to doctor's appointments, and bring them to the food bank if needed. It has been an amazing year working with families and the youth in the community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [tseymour@lheidli.ca](mailto:tseymour@lheidli.ca)



*Community Kitchen at the Northside Trailers*

## Community Engagement Department Report



**Kevin Brown**  
*Contract Community  
Engagement Coordinator*

The past year has been both busy and productive for members of the Community Engagement Committee (CEC). After hosting a very positive and successful Community Open House in May 2012, committee members moved forward on two-tracks based on feedback and direction from community members.

### House Calls/Interviews

Since last year's CEC Open House committee members have been trying to con-

tact and speak to every adult Lheidli member in and out of town. Several elders and community members made it clear during the 2012 Open House that they would prefer to discuss the proposed treaty and share their views in person with committee members. The House Calls/Interviews process has been moving forward but it could be going better.

There are many Band members the CEC has yet to contact and meet. Others have been contacted but have not yet indicated whether or not they wish to participate in a confidential interview. It is so important the CEC meet with as many people as possible to hear their input. The voice of Lheidli needs to be heard. Please ensure the CEC has your contact information so we can schedule a House Call/Interview with you as soon as possible!

This is our future. This is your future. So please be a part of it.

The information the CEC collects from the interviews is very important because Chief and Council need to submit a report with recommendations

to BC Treaty Commission on where the community stands on a 2nd ratification. The CEC is planning to complete the House Calls/Interviews process by the end of October. Feedback received from community members will be reflected in a report to Chief



*Round Table discussions at the open house July 19, 2013*

## Community Engagement Department Report *continued...*



*Lheidli T'enneh youth Dalhia, Rhia and Rayne*

and Council by the end of November.

### 3 Paths Project

The newest initiative of the CEC is the 3 Paths Project. The committee began thinking about this initiative following the 2012 Community Open House and through the initial House Calls/Interviews where people stated they would like more information and to better understand the options for our community.

The first path would be an implemented treaty.

- What are the PROs and CONs of voting to sign a treaty with British Columbia and Canada?

- Is our community ready to implement a treaty and how would this be done?
- The agreement-in-principle is almost 7 years old, what are the lands and other benefits worth in today's values versus when our community voted the first time?
- The second path would be continuing as is or Status Quo.
- What does our future look like if things stay the same as they are today?
- What support does our community receive from British Columbia and Canada today?
- What community benefits are generated today through our band-owned

companies?

- What are the costs to our community of voting not to support the proposed treaty with BC and Canada?
- The third path would be a path of self-determination.
- What could our community gain by moving to a process of proactive self-determination and partnerships with BC and Canada and the many companies wishing to do business on our traditional territory?
- What would our community need to do to pursue a model of self-determination and partnerships?
- What are the costs and challenges associated with this model?

The CEC will be seeking feedback and input from community members on each of the 3 paths as the House Calls/Interviews are completed. The CEC will also plan to host a series of three workshops, one on each of the 3 Paths. These are likely to take place in early 2014 so look for more information later this year.

### 2013 CEC Open House

The CEC hosted its 2013 Open House on July 19 and wel-

comed the participation of over 30 community members. Participants discussed each of the 3 Paths and offered feedback and suggestions that will help the CEC plan and prepare for the workshops. Community members also had the opportunity to provide feedback on other topics and issues of importance and interest to the Lheidli T'enneh Nation.

Chief and Council thank current committee members Elizabeth Bjorklund, Lenora White, Frank Frederick, Shirley Gustason, and Felicia Nome for their work over the past year. The CEC would like to welcome back Dolleen Logan to our group and welcome Kevin Brown who is the new CEC Coordinator. Norman Dale is no longer with us but the CEC acknowledges his hard work and the many contributions he made to the process and our community. The committee would also like to acknowledge Barry Seymour, Josh Seymour and Rena Zatorski for their past services and Chief and Council for their support and guidance.

## Governance Report



**Jody Stewart**  
*Governance Consultant*

The governance activities for this fiscal year focussed on the creation of the Lheidli T'enneh Custom Election Code. This involved consultation and drafting of the first version with the Governance Code Working Group which included Lenora White, Elizabeth Bjorklund, Felicia Nome, Rena Zatorski, Frank Fred-

rick with Governance Consultant Jody Stuart. Information gathered in the first community survey was also included.

### Projects / Initiatives Completed To Date

The first draft has been completed and presented to Chief and Council for their review

and the next step is to begin hosting community consultation sessions to revise the code and prepare it for ratification in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

## Lands & Natural Resources Department Report



**Barry Seymour**  
*Lands Manager*

### Property Taxation:

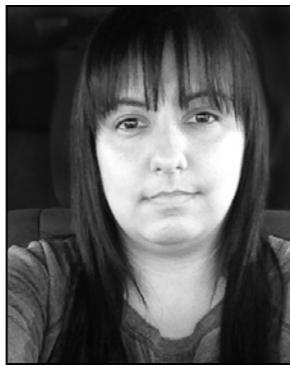
The Lheidli T'enneh have been accepted into the First Nation's Fiscal Management Act (FMA). The new process provides for the Lheidli government the jurisdiction through the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) to manage our own property tax system.

Property Tax payers contributed \$78,045 to the Lheidli government in the 2012 tax year which is January 01, 2012 to December 31st, 2012. These monies are utilized to support government activities that are specified in an expenditure plan.

Last year a portion of the tax monies was utilized to upgrade 1.5 kilometers of the road on I.R. #2 north side. This year there is a handicap access ramp with a roof and a renovation to the foundation and the building is getting a new roof.

### Housing:

The housing strategy contains a new governance structure, there is a housing committee (HC). The HC is mandated by Chief and Council and operates under a terms of reference to advise Council and assist the housing department implement the housing strategy and policy.



**Nicole Wiltermuth**  
*Lands Clerk/Communications*

The new housing policy (HP) provides all parties with the required components to operate a credible and effective management regime. The HP includes a chapter on home ownership, this will enable members to purchase their current homes or for others to build their own homes on Lheidli lands.

The Band currently owns thirty-six units. There are nine DIA section 10 houses built in the 1960's and 70's; nine CMHC section 56(1) units built in the mid 1980's; fifteen CMHC section 95 built in 1998/99 and a Band mortgaged triplex built in 2000. There is also one member owned unit.

Over the next several months all units will be thoroughly inspected and the required repairs will be documented and priced out for proposal development or negotiation



**Wendy Jael**  
*Housing Coordinator*

purposes. Also, over this same period of time all the housing units and Band assets will be appraised to determine a value. These two initiatives will provide necessary baseline data that can be utilized in the establishment of market value.

### Public Works

This department is responsible for maintaining the infrastructure; the roads, water system and community facilities. The goal is to provide quality services to the members; the roads have been maintained through an agreement with Falcon Construction Ltd., this company grades the roads a minimum of four times annually and applies the dust control. The winter roads are maintained primarily by the Community Maintenance Technician (CMT) with the backhoe. The water system is monitored BK Woods. The wa-

ter system will be flushed the last week of August. There are on-going water quality tests conducted by the health representative. The maintenance of the exterior grounds of the community facilities includes lawn maintenance, removal of bee hives, weed control and repair of buildings. This summer two students were hired to assist the CMT.

### Lands

The Lands Authority (LA) had met six times over the past year. They have dealt primarily with the environmental management and assessment regime with consultant Richard Krehbiel. The paper produced is intended to advance implementation of Lheidli T'enneh Environmental Management and Environmental Assessment Regimes under the authority of the Lheidli T'enneh Land Code.

Other initiatives is the review of the Land Use Plan (LUP); over the next year the LUP will be revised to include a zoning law to meet current and future needs of the members. Shirley Wiltermuth has been hired on a part time basis to create a database of the members, the demographic information gathered will be utilized for primarily planning purposes.



*Band Office renovation of the handicap access ramp*

# Forestry Department Report



**Jackie Brown, RFT**  
*Forestry Coordinator*

There is a variety of core values and program objectives that the forestry coordinator must utilize, to assist in the overall administration, for the community of Lheidli T'enneh.

The key functions of the forestry coordinator are:

- To assist in identification and location of potential harvesting or silviculture activities for the purpose of generating working capital and revenue opportunities with on-and-off reserve lands.
- To assist in the administration of forest licences for the purpose of generating revenue and working capital.
- Provision of capacity building supports to Lands Authority Membership and Lands Office Staff Members to support knowledge transfer required for engagement and inclusion in development of Lheidli T'enneh forestry-related activities.
- Review of data for forestry referrals including maps, impact assessments, revenue potential and partnership opportunities.
- Administration of various forestry related contracts including budget review, financial planning and contract negotiation.
- Working with various government bodies and their appointed representatives.

- Prepares regular progress/ monthly reports on the process to management and political (internal) representatives.
- Support management in strategic planning and program implementation.
- To assist as a key point of contact for contracting and employment related opportunities.
- Assistance in negotiating and developing partnerships or protocol agreements.

There were a number of business opportunities within the last year that benefited the Lheidli T'enneh community.

A new 5-year Non-Replaceable Forest Licence(NRFL), A90812, was awarded to Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership in April 2013, which is owned by Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, which has renewed a management agreement with Canadian Forest Products (Canfor). Canfor will administer the planning and operations for the NRFL, on behalf of Tano T'enneh LP.

- Annual Allowable Cut of 101,888m<sup>3</sup>/yr over 5 years for a total of 509,440m<sup>3</sup> for the term of license
- Revenue is generated by the sale of logs from Tano to Canfor.

Year	Harvest Volume
Year 1 (2013-14)	101,888m <sup>3</sup>
Year 2 (2014-15)	101,888m <sup>3</sup>
Year 3 (2015-16)	101,888m <sup>3</sup>
Year 4 (2016-17)	101,888m <sup>3</sup>
Year 5 (2017-18)	101,888m <sup>3</sup>

**CF K1N Table**

Year	Deciduous	Pine leading	Cumulative deciduous	Cumulative pine leading	Totals
2010	7,504.25	11,662.75	7,504.25	11,662.75	19,167.00
2011	10,000	30,000	17,504	41,663	59,167.00
2012	10,000	30,000	27,504	71,663	99,167.00
2013	10,000	30,000	37,504	101,663	139,167.00
2014	10,000	30,000	47,504	131,663	179,167.00

Total 5 Year Cut Control = 179,167m<sup>3</sup>

Harvested volume must come from Lheidli T'enneh traditional territory and cut volume attributed to this licence must be from timber types containing coniferous stands of Lodgepole Pine, Spruce and Balsam.

The overall plan is to attribute approximately 509,440m<sup>3</sup> of harvestable volume to this licence until April 1, 2018 to fully complete the licence. Please refer to Tano T'enneh LP Map area.

Community Forest (CF) Licence, K1N, has a business partnership between Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership and Ainsworth Lumber Company. Ainsworth will manage this licence, on behalf of Tano T'enneh LP, which would involve all levels of planning and harvesting operations. LTN Contracting Ltd. will be given opportunity to help manage this licence, in regards to harvesting the wood.

AAC for 2010 is pro-rated (by month) and calculates to be 19,167 m<sup>3</sup>. This is 10/12th at 15,000 and 2/12ths at 40,000. The remaining four years are 40 000m<sup>3</sup> per year for a five year total of 179,167 m<sup>3</sup> available for harvest.

The uplifted AAC is divided between deciduous and MPB damaged pine leading stands, 10,000m<sup>3</sup> (25%) and 30,000m<sup>3</sup> (75%) respectively. In the first year of the cut control (under the original AAC), 5837.5 m<sup>3</sup> were allocated to the deciduous, and 6662.5 m<sup>3</sup> were allocated to coniferous. This is calculated over

the first 10 months of 2010. For the remaining 2 months of 2010, under the AAC uplift, 1666.75m<sup>3</sup> are allocated to deciduous, and 5000.25m<sup>3</sup> to MPB damaged pine leading stands.

This totals to 7,504.25 m<sup>3</sup> deciduous and 11,662.75 m<sup>3</sup> coniferous for 2010. The AAC for the remaining 4 years is 10,000 m<sup>3</sup> deciduous and 30,000 m<sup>3</sup> pine leading coniferous for a 5 year total of 179,167 m<sup>3</sup>.

The following table provides cumulative volumes for the 5 year Cut Control over the next 4 years. Please refer to CF K1N Table.

As a license holder, one of the main objectives we have as a business, such as Tano T'enneh LP, we must meet our silviculture obligations with the older licenses, such as Non-Replaceable Forest Licenses(NRFLs), A56313 (1998) and A72190 (2004). We contracted Van Dolah Enterprises Inc. to survey these re-planted blocks, last year in May 2012. Those surveys determined that brushing work would be needed to lower the level of competition species, such as Trembling Aspen and Red Alder from the crop tree species of Lodgepole Pine and White Spruce, that were planted within Tano T'enneh LP NRFLs, A56313 (1998) and A72190 (2004).

Tano T'enneh LP has contracted Spectrum Resource Group, an experienced silviculture company from Prince

# Forestry Department Report *continued...*

## Tano T'enneh LP 2013 Brushing Summary

Licence	CP	Blk	Opening Number	Location	Stratum ID	Survey Area (ha)	Status	Planting Area	Brushing Area	Treatment Priority	Access
A56313	101	6	93J006-005	Ness Lake	1a	4.9	SR				
					1b	11.1	SR		11.1	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	101	8	93G095-058	Ness Lake	1a	39.0	SR				
					1b	12.5	SR		12.5	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	102	63	93G051-536	Pelican	1a	20.1	NSR	20.1		High	4WD/ATV
					1b	5.6	SR				
					2	7.6	NSR	7.6	7.6	High	2WD
A56313	102	65	93G042-563	Pelican	A	21.9	SR				
					B	28.7	SR				
A56313	301	2	93G077-042	Red Rock	1a	46.6	SR				
					1b	11.8	SR		11.8	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	998	1	93G098-022	Shelley	1a	27.8	SR				
					1b	48.8	SR		48.8	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	998	2	93G097-001	Shelley	1a	132.8	SR				
					1b	22.5	SR		22.5	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	998	3	93J018-114	Salmon/Hwy 97	1a	36.8	SR				
					1b	13.5	SR		13.5	Moderate	4WD/ATV
					1c	11.6	SR		11.6	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	998	7	93G096-098	Ness Lake	1a	16.2	SR				
					1b	20.4	SR		20.4	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A56313	998	9	93G095-036	Ness Lake	1a	76.1	SR				
					1b	19.1	SR		19.1	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A72190	997	5	93J018-115	Salmon/Hwy 97	1a	23.4	SR		23.4	Moderate	ATV
					1b	8.0	SR		8.0	Moderate	ATV
A72190	997	10	93G066-021	West Lake	1a	15.9	SR				
					1b	2.3	SR		2.3	Low	2WD
A72190	997	11	93G076-072	West Lake	1	38.3	SR				
A72190	997	14	93G067-018	West Lake	1a	12.1	SR				
					1b	11.9	SR		11.9	Low	2WD/ATV
A72190	997	17	93G075-051	Telachick	1a	30.7	SR		30.7	Low	2WD/ATV
					1b	4.4	SR				
					1c	13.2	SR		13.2	Low	2WD/ATV
A72190	997	24	93G085-103	Telachick	1a	234.8	SR				
					1b	32.2	SR		32.2	Moderate	4WD/ATV
A72190	997	25	93G084-002	Isle Pierre	1a	71.7	SR		71.7	High	4WD/ATV
					1b	26.0	SR				
						<b>1160.3</b>			<b>27.7</b>		<b>372.3</b>

George. Spectrum is hoping to have interested, hard working community members to be a part of the brushing team to complete the work needed to meet our silviculture obligations for these 2 licenses, NRFLA56313 and NRF-LA72190, to achieve Free To Grow status. Tano T'enneh LP hopes to achieve that status within 2 or 3 seasons from this year, with a Free To Grow survey in that timeframe. Once Free To Grow status has been confirmed, Tano T'enneh LP will then recoup silviculture deposits that are being held by the Prince George Forest District, as per license agreements.

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and its community members, were a key silviculture contractor a number of years ago and would like to develop into that again, as we move forward in working with businesses, such

as Spectrum Resource Group, to achieve that goal. Please refer to Tano T'enneh LP – 2013 Brushing Summary Chart for more details.

Another initiative that was completed within the last year was a Lheidli T'enneh Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This CWPP utilized crown land that is immediately adjacent to on-reserve lands. The fire hazard rating within these crown lands is low. The communities that were surveyed are Lheidli T'enneh IR #2, north and southside, also Lhezbanichek IR #3.

There were various ways that data was collected and utilized for determining a fire hazard rating. The use of ground plots and GPS units helped locate areas that showed forest timber type characteristics and their potential for fuel

loading. Kim Forest Management Ltd., a forestry consultant, worked in conjunction with Jackie Brown, RFT – Forestry Coordinator and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Fire Protection Branch to complete the report.

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation is committed to its community in developing various opportunities for revenue generation and capacity development for its members. It is with these various organizations within the forest industry and government, that this can be achieved. These initiatives would not be done without the collaboration of key administration staff of Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, such as: Jason Morgan, Executive Director

Judith Gauthier, Finance Coordinator

Niki Lindstrom, Education,

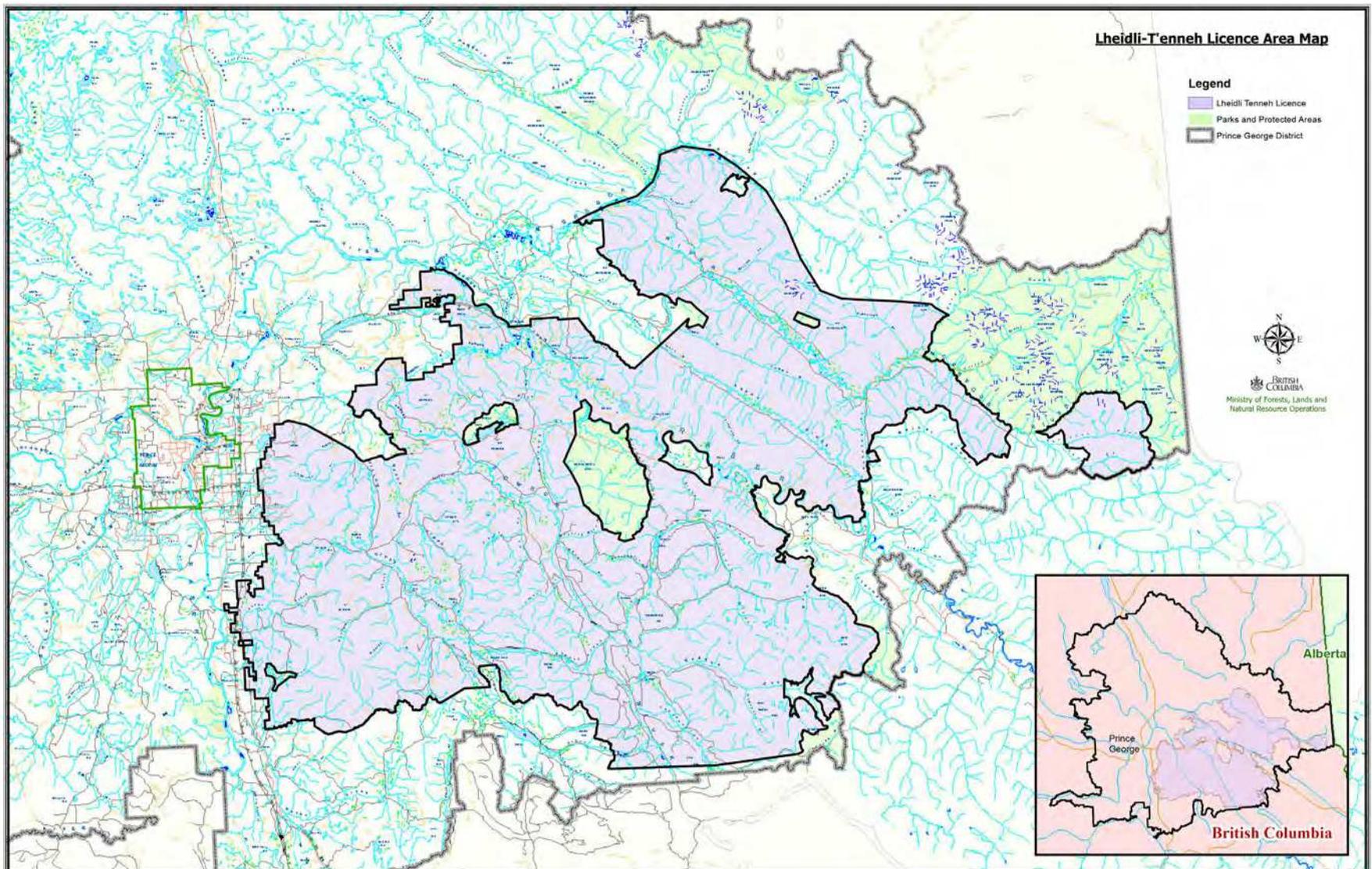
Training & Employment Coordinator/Social Development Worker

Keith Henry, Economic Development Coordinator  
Barb Allan, Special Projects Coordinator/Job Coach  
Barry Seymour, Lands Manager

Gord Haines, GIS Technician  
Chief Dominic Frederick,  
Lheidli T'enneh First Nation  
Lowell Johnson, RPF, Forestry Consultant

## Forestry Department Report *continued...*

### Tano T'enneh LP 2013 Brushing Summary



## Fisheries Department Report



**Brian Toth**  
*Contract Fisheries Manager*

Lheidli T'enneh's fisheries program receives its core funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) via the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS). The purpose of the funding agreement relates to the Department's consultative responsibilities regarding the management of salmon



**Carl Frederick**  
*Fisheries Manager Trainee*

and Lheidli's fishing rights. The AFS agreement funds the monitoring of Lheidli's salmon fishery and a number of technical projects. The AFS agreement terminated on March 31, 2013, and a new 3-year agreement was executed.

Fisheries program staff also apply for funding through other programs and sources to support project-based objectives. Funding received in 2012 included an Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk grant to support sturgeon research in the upper Fraser.

Lheidli T'enneh's fisheries program strives to ensure it meets its obligations under any contribution agreement or contract it enters into, doing so in a financially responsible manner. The program has a long history of successfully undertaking and completing high priority and complex technical endeavours, and working cooperatively with

both Provincial and Federal agencies to redress common management concerns and objectives. It attempts to balance the pursuit of program growth, the maintenance of technical strength/soundness, and community member employment and capacity development.

Fisheries personnel include two contract fisheries biologist (Brian Toth and Chris Pharness) and Carl Frederick (Asst. Program Manager); and various staff are hired for seasonal positions including Konrad Frederick, Trent Seymour, Chelsie Auger and Alec Paul.



## Fisheries Department Report *continued...*



**Summer Student Trent Seymour**

participant transportation on the day of the function. Plans for next year (2013) are to coordinate this event in September with Rivers Day at Ft. George Park IR#1.

6. Working at the regional and watershed level to promote Lheidli's fisheries interests

Carl participates in all Fraser Conservation & Harvest Planning Forums, Fraser Salmon Roadmap process meetings, and is a Board of Director for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFFCA) and a Director-alternate for the First Nation Fisheries Council (FNFC). All of these forums are used to convey the fisheries-related interests



**Summer Student Chelsie Auger**

of Lheidli T'enneh, and learn about the challenges and interests of other First Nations and regions.

**2013 Fishing Opportunities**  
In 2009 the Fraser sockeye run returned at about 10% of what was forecast. That year (2009) was the brood/parent year for 2013 returns, so it is quite likely that there will

be low numbers of sockeye returning through Lheidli's territory. We will do our best to keep Lheidli's fishers informed of openings and closures that may occur. Also, we'll be circulating log books for fishers to report their catch in.

## Economic Development Department Report



**Keith Henry**  
*Community Economic Development Manager*

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Keith Henry and I am the Community Economic Development Manager. I started work with Lheidli T'enneh Nation on December 5, 2012. I am from the Ochapowace First Nation in Saskatchewan and have lived and worked



**Gord Haines**  
*GIS Technician*

within Lheidli T'enneh Territory for the past 18 years. My past work experience includes working with the Aboriginal Business Development Centre, the Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment & Training Association and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. I look forward



**Barb Allan**  
*Special Projects & Job Coach Coordinator*

to working for the Lheidli T'enneh Nation.

The Economic Development Department is made up of the following key positions:

Keith Henry Community Economic Development Manager

Gord Haines GIS Technician  
Barb Allan Special Projects & Job Coach Coordinator

Unfortunately, Gord Haines has submitted his resignation and will be leaving in September 2013. He was given an exceptional offer by the Doig River First Nation, where he worked for 6 years previously. The Economic Development office will be looking for someone to fulfill the position as soon as possible. We wish Gord all the best with his new endeavors.

Barb Allan has provided a paragraph with some background information to introduce herself. I am a member of the Stellat'en First Nation. I have worked at PGNAETA

## Economic Development Department Report *continued...*

for past ten (10) years utilizing many opportunities, but the latest one being the Workforce Promoter – Aboriginal Employment Gateway Department. While attending the College of New Caledonia in 2006, Business management diploma program, Algebra is my favorite area of study. I also avidly participate in the annual Sun Run, and enjoyed being the Team Leader for the Sole Survivor's Team (PGNAETA). I was the lead creator with our logo and name for the team! I look forward to creating a working relationship between Industry and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

Lheidli T'enneh hosted the Grand Opening for the new Community Economic Development Office on December 6th, 2012. The office is located at #100 - 215 George St.

The Economic Development Department has been created to engage in economic development opportunities for the Lheidli T'enneh Nation that continue to generate and expand sources of Nation owned revenue to support long-term financial independence and self-sufficiency for the Nation. Specifically the Economic Development Office will focus on the development of local capacity to effectively develop, manage and govern economic development initiatives as recommended in the Lheidli T'enneh Economic Diversification Plan, the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Community Plan. The Economic Development Office will also work in partnership with community and regional economic development stakeholders to develop, communicate and capitalize on economic development opportunities relevant to Lheidli

T'enneh Nation.

### **Lheidli T'enneh Economic Development Mission Statement**

To generate and expand sources of Nation owned revenue to be used to support long term financial independence and self sufficiency for the Nation and it's Citizens.

### **Lheidli T'enneh Economic Development Vision Statement**

Lheidli T'enneh Nation is self sufficient Nation with the technical expertise to advance larger scale economic ventures, ensure sustainable employment, support the entrepreneurial spirit of its Citizens and sustain a strong, recognizable presence within the Lheidli T'enneh Traditional Territory. Activities undertaken by the Nation will be based on principles of open information sharing and engagement with it's Citizens.

### **Benchmarks for Economic Development**

1. Finalization of the Economic Diversification Plan for Lheidli T'enneh Nation.
2. Creation of an Economic Development Office and Community Economic Development Manager.
3. Established the Tano T'enneh Limited Liability Partnership.
4. Development of a community consultation and engagement strategy specific to economic development.
5. Initiate and strengthen a working collaboration with the City of Prince George, Regional District of Fraser Fort George, Initiative Prince George, Industry, Government, First Nations and other community stakeholders.

6. Implement community based economic development priorities.
7. Enhance Lheidli T'enneh's participation and role as the Official Host First Nation of the 2015 Canada Winter Games.
8. Build the profile of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation.

The economic development priorities are: Expand Business and Economic Development Capacity; Develop Business and Project Partnerships/Joint Ventures; Attract Investment; Support capacity development of the Lheidli T'enneh workforce; and Expand our business network with Governments, Industry and other First Nations

The following Industries present economic development opportunities within the Traditional Territory: Mining; Pipelines; Alternative Energy; Forestry; Land Development & Management; Construction, Fabricating & Manufacturing; Transportation; Environmental Services; Innovation, Research and Technology; and the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

### **New Business Structure**

The Lheidli T'enneh Nation has established a new business structure, the Tano T'enneh Limited Liability Partnership (LLP). The LLP will act as the umbrella business structure for future business development and joint ventures. The LLP was created to separate the business operations from the governance objectives of Lheidli T'enneh Nation; to ensure the assets of the LTN are protected from the liabilities of the forestry operation; to minimize income and other taxes in connection with the forestry operations, and other future economic development

opportunities; to allow for accumulation of income and capital for economic opportunities.

### **What are the benefits of the LLP?**

#### *Taxation benefits:*

- LTB holds 99.99% interest in the LLP.
- Income is taxed at the partnership level, resulting in 99.99% of the Forestry Operations taxed within LTB.
- Indian Act S. 87 and Federal Income Tax Act S.149 have taxable income exemptions for First Nations

#### *Liability benefits:*

- Provides limited liability to the limited partners.
- Tano T'enneh General Partner Corporation is established to act as "managing partner" and is the directorship of the LLP. Lheidli T'enneh Nation is the limited partner.

The values by which the LLP operates are: To act for the community; Respect for First Nation values; Sustainable growth for the community; Accountable to the community; Transparency in all respects and Integrity

### **Aboriginal Interest & Use Studies**

During the 2013 field seasons, a number of environmental and engineering field programs are planned for the proposed pipeline projects. These programs will take place throughout the Traditional Territory of Lheidli T'enneh. The participation of Lheidli T'enneh members is a very important component in many of these studies. In general, environmental surveys are completed to assess existing environmental conditions and types of land use in the proposed project corridor.

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The results of these surveys will be included within the Environmental Assessment which forms part of proponent's applications for the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO), Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the National Energy Board (NEB).

Studies of particular interest include:

**Traditional Knowledge Studies (TKS):** These studies involve the collection of traditional knowledge from potentially affected Aboriginal communities through their participation in the biophysical field programs for the Project. While in the field, Aboriginal participants will provide traditional knowledge to inform baseline environmental and socio-economic conditions; to document the nature and location of trails, habitation sites, medicinal and food source plants, hunting, fishing and trapping areas, gathering places and sacred areas; and to identify mitigation opportunities that contribute to Project design.

**Traditional Land Use Studies (TLUS):** These studies will be proposed with each potentially affected Aboriginal community based on interest, proximity and/or their assertion of traditional and cultural use of the land. Each Traditional Land and Resource Use study is developed under the direction of the participating Aboriginal community.

The Economic Development Department has taken the lead for the following Traditional Land Use Studies:

1. Kinder Morgan – Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP)
2. TransCanada - Coastal

Gas Link Pipeline Project (CGL)

3. Graymont – Giscome Lime Plant & Quarry Project

We've been meeting to discuss and finalize the Workplans for the Traditional Land Use Studies for three separate proponents. TERA Environmental Consultants (TEC) is the lead contractor for completing the Environmental Assessments for both the CGL and TMEP Pipeline Projects. Lheidli T'enneh will be doing the work for the TLUS and have Lheidli T'enneh members assist in the file for the TKS. The timelines are short; it is going to be challenging to meet the deadlines that are set as we have three (3) studies to complete.

For the Kinder Morgan – TMEP we are contracting with the Chignecto Consulting Group, Karl Sturmanis is the consultant that Lheidli is working with for this TLUS. Karl will be responsible for assisting with the activities of the TLUS and completing the final report for TEC's environmental assessment application. In addition Karl will help facilitate the creation of an effective land and resource referral/consultation process for Lheidli T'enneh.

Kinder Morgan has proposed to twin the existing oil pipeline that runs from Edmonton to Burnaby and goes through Lheidli T'enneh Territory in the Mount Robson and Valemount areas. We completed a field trip to Valemount from July 22nd to 24th as part of the TLUS. The TUS results were released at the meeting on August 8th, but were not available at the time of submission for this report. The pipeline is at the headwaters of the Fraser, Columbia, and

Thompson Rivers, so obvious areas of concern are the river crossings and spawning habitat. The TUS will be submitted to TEC by the end of August; the study will recommend more field work in areas that we couldn't access due to road conditions.

Environmental Dynamics Inc. (EDI) will be working with Lheidli on the TransCanada CGL TLUS and the Graymont – Giscome Lime Plant & Quarry Project. EDI will be working with the community members to complete interviews, have a site visit of the proposed areas of work within the Territory and complete the final report for TEC's environmental assessment.

In addition we will be contracting with ARCHER CRM Partnership for the Archaeological Impact Assessment with the Graymont – Giscome Lime Plant & Quarry Project. We hope to start the work in August pending the permit application is approved by the BC Archaeological Office.

### **Special Initiatives: Employment Related Activities**

The prime contractor, TERA Environmental Consultants (TEC) is conducting the Environmental and Engineering Field Studies for both the Kinder Morgan – Trans Mountain Expansion Project and the Trans Canada - Coastal Gas Link Pipeline Project.

TEC has provided opportunities for Lheidli T'enneh to participate in the field studies and have provided short term employment opportunities. Lheidli Members are recruited for different studies such as wildlife, soils, wetlands, aquatics, archaeology and vegetation.

There are opportunities with some of the contractors for the Geotechnical field work with both the TransCanada - CGL and Enbridge -Northern Gateway Pipeline. This preliminary work is required to provide additional information for the construction phase of the pipelines. Some of the companies include Worley Parsons and AMEC.

If any Lheidli members are interested in any of these employment opportunities, they can contact out Special Projects & Job Coach Coordinator, Barb Allan at the Economic Development Office. Barb can be reached at (250) 562-0847.

### **GIS / Consultation & Referrals**

We are currently in the development stages of a community consultation and engagement strategy specific to economic development. In addition to Karl Sturmanis assisting with the Kinder Morgan TLUS, he will also be facilitating the creation of an effective land and resource referral/consultation process for Lheidli T'enneh. We hope to have a draft document for referrals and consultation process by the fall of 2013.

Lheidli T'enneh Community Information Meetings

May 9, 2013

*Kinder Morgan – TMEP*

June 24, 2013

*Graymont – Giscome Quarry and Lime Plant Project*

July 31, 2013

*Trans Canada - GGLPP*

August 8, 2013

*Kinder Morgan – TMEP Traditional Land Use Study*

Upcoming Lheidli T'enneh Community Information Meetings

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(Dates, location and times are to be determined)

Graymont – Giscome Quarry and Lime Plant Project  
Pacific Northern Gas – PNG Looping Project  
TransCanada – CGLPP Traditional Land Use Study

### Stone Creek Highway Expansion Project

The Ministry of Transportation wants to expand Highway 97 south into 4 lanes. In the area just north of Stone Creek and the Great Canadian Campground, they want to install a kilometre of rip-rap along the eastern bank of the Fraser River. This is just upstream of the modern fishing site, and may affect the flow of the river, as well as historical fishing and camping sites. Work is scheduled to begin in 2014. We need to have a community meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss this project. A meeting date has not been determined.

### Place Names

A recent referral that has raised some old issues is a proposal to name a mountain south-east of the confluence of the Bowron River and Haggan Creek to "Dillon Peak". No one raised any concerns with this particular location, but the question of Lheidli T'enneh place names has been raised once again. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operation's contact for this file is Janet Mason, with whom the Elders discussed place names during Treaty negotiations. She is very keen on getting more place names from the community and would like to get audio recordings as well. Two (2) sites that had been agreed upon previously are Ts'un dusai and Dzulhyazchun, but their adoption by BC had been

linked to the signing of the Treaty. Janet wishes to proceed with these names regardless of Treaty, and is interested in finding more Lheidli T'enneh place names. As the Dillon Peak proposal was to name a mountain after someone who has passed away, the Elders suggested naming more places after Elders who have passed on.

### 2015 Canada Winter Games

From February 13 - March 1, 2015, Prince George and Northern British Columbia will play host to 2,350 athletes, 950 coaches and officials, up to 4,500 volunteers, hundreds of media and medical professionals, and thousands of visitors. This event will be the largest multi-sporting and cultural event to ever be held in Prince George and Northern British Columbia and is forecasted to generate an economic impact of \$70 - \$90 million while building champions and inspiring dreams amongst Canadian youth. The games are to take place on the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.

On December 18, the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and 2015 Canada Winter Games Host Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Lheidli T'enneh Nation will be acknowledged as the Official Host First Nation and will participate in a formal partnership with the 2015 Canada Winter Games Host Society. The Carrier Syllabics and translation will be incorporated and used in various marketing, pre-event and Games signage to honor the Lheidli T'enneh Nation.

As the Office Host First Nation, The Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Chief and Coun-



cil on behalf of their community wish to establish a positive and mutually beneficial partnership with 2015 Canada Winter Games Organizing Committee and its partners to participate meaningfully in the planning, staging and hosting of the Games.

The Department has engaged with Tewanee Joseph of the Tewanee Consulting Group (TCG) to assist in establishing a Host First Nation Secretariat (HFN).

TCG worked with both the Four Host First Nations Secretariat (FHFN) and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The centerpiece of the FHFN participating was the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion and the 2010 Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase which provided a unique showcase of the diversity of Aboriginal artistic, business and cultural expression across Canada.

We are currently in the process of trying to secure some funding so that a coordinator can be hire and start the planning for enhancing Lheidli T'enneh's participation and role as the Official Host First Nation of the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

### Business / Corporate Relationships

Our office has been engaged in meetings with the following

companies and organizations.

- Canadian Dehua – Coal Mining
- Kinder Morgan - Pipeline
- TransCanada – Pipeline
- Enbridge – Pipeline
- Environmental Dynamics Inc. – Environmental Consultants
- Graymont – Mining
- LNG Direct Rail – LNG by rail
- ABC Modular – Construction/Training
- Britco – Workforce Camps
- Pacific Northern Gas - Pipeline
- Xstrata – Exploration for Mining
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources
- Initiatives PG
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- 2015 Canada Winter Games
- Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC

### Enbridge – Northern Gateway Pipeline

The Enbridge – Northern Gateway Pipeline (NGP) is proposing to construct a pipeline from Edmonton to Kitimat. The Project involves the construction and operation of approximately 1,177 km of 36 inch diameter pipeline and will carry an average of 525,000 barrels of petroleum per day. Construction of the pipeline is subject to approval by the National Energy Board (NEB) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agen-

## Economic Development Department Report *continued...*

Company	Project Name	Type of Product	Environmental Assessment Status	Start and End Points	Size and length of Pipeline and Capacity	Estimated Cost	Estimated Date of Completion
TransCanada	Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project	Natural Gas	Pre Application Field Studies	Dawson Creek to Kitimat	48" 650 kms 1.7 bcf/day	\$5 billion	2015
Kinder Morgan	Trans Mountain Expansion Project	Heavy Crude Oils	Pre-Application Field Studies	Edmonton to Burnaby	36" 980km 890,000 barrels per day	\$5.4 billion	2017
Enbridge	Northern Gateway Pipeline	Crude Oil	Application under review by Joint Review Panel	Edmonton to Kitimat	36" 1177km 525 barrels per day	\$5.5 billion	2017
Pacific Northern Gas	PNG Looping	Natural Gas	Pre-Application Field Studies	Summit Lake to Kitimat	24" 525 km 600 MMscfd	\$1.5 billion	2016
Pacific Trail Pipelines	Pacific Trail Pipeline	Natural Gas	Certificate Issued	Summit Lake to Kitimat	42" 463 km .75 bcf/day	\$1.8 billion	2018
Graymont	Giscome Lime Plant & Quarry	Lime	Pre-Application Field Studies	Giscome	Quarry 600,000 tonnes/yr Lime Plant 198,000 tonnes/yr	\$80 million	2016
Canadian Dehua	Wapiti UG Coal Mine Drilling & Bulk Sample	Coal	Baseline Field Studies for Bulk Sample Permitting (Technical Assessment Report)	Tumbler Ridge	Bulk Sample 200,000 tonnes	unknown	2014 (Bulk Sampling not a full mine)

### Projects within Lheidli T'enneh Traditional Territory

cy (CEAA) otherwise known as the Joint Review Panel (JRP). The NEB regulates the construction and operation of interprovincial pipelines to ensure their safety, security and economic efficiency. Interprovincial pipelines transporting petroleum products or natural gas require approval from the NEB before they can be built. In addition, the NEB will regulate the pipeline for its lifetime. The NEB and CEAA-led panel will hold public hearings along the route for Aboriginal groups, stakeholders and individuals to express their views and opinions on the pipeline directly to the government.

Ongoing meetings with Enbridge - NGP to discuss what the business and contract opportunities are with the Northern Gateway project. It was identified that there will be opportunities in clearing the right of way, road building, camp services, equipment storage yards, safety and security, trucking, line locating, surveying, suppliers for sand, gravel, skids, mats and signs. In addition, Enbridge

has funding for individuals to access training programs that lead to employment opportunities.

This project is currently being reviewed by the JRP. Although the Geotechnical field work has started. This preliminary work is required to provide additional information for the construction phase of the pipelines.

#### Graymont – Giscome Lime Plant & Quarry Project

Since early January 2013, we've been meeting with Graymont, they are a mining company that is interested in establishing operations in Giscome. The Project will include a Lime Plant, a limestone Quarry and a haul road to move crushed limestone from the Quarry to the Lime Plant. The major activities at the Lime Plant will be the production of lime by heating crushed limestone in a lime kiln and the transportation of lime by rail. The Lime Plant site is owned by Graymont and located adjacent to the CN rail line near the south-

west tip of Eaglet Lake. The Quarry will be located on BC Crown Land. Graymont holds claims on a high quality limestone deposit adjacent to a rail line for shipping products to customers throughout Western Canada and the North. The limestone reserves are estimated at a 50 year supply. The proposed Quarry is about seven (7) kilometres southeast and one hundred forty-eight (148) metres upslope from the Lime Plant. Phase 1 of the project will commence with small quarry and one (1) lime kiln. Depending on the market demands in future years, there is potential to expand the project to include two (2) additional lime kilns.

To date we have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a relationship with Lheidli T'enneh Nation and to dialogue on issues relating to the project including a framework for negotiation of an Economic Benefits Agreement. We have recently engaged in discussions with the Graymont representatives to start the process of negotiating an Economic Benefits Agreement.

In comparison to other mining projects this project is small in terms of jobs, but there is opportunity for other economic benefits such as joint venture opportunities and contracting opportunities. The construction for Phase 1 will require a labor force of forty (40) to fifty (50) people. The operations of both the plant site and quarry will require approximately twenty (20) permanent positions.

#### Canadian Dehua – Wapiti River Coal Mine Drilling & Bulk Sampling

The Wapiti River Coal Property is located at 45 kilometers

southeast of Tumbler Ridge. It covers 15000 hectares with estimated amount of 7.0 billion tons of coking coal in the area. The coal license was submitted in January 2010 and the review of the coal license is in progressing to date.

In the region of the topography, the project area is situated within the Peace River Coalfield and eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The Lower Cretaceous coals of Gates and Gething formations are the two main coal-bearing units occurring through the property. The Gates formation contains 12 coal seams, of which, the maximum thickness from single seams is approximately 11.5 meters. The Gething formation contains 5 coal seams that the single seam thickness is approximately up to 8 meters. The underground coal mine will be planned in the Wapiti River property. The long wall with room/pillar mining methods will be applied in this with a potential capacity of 6 million tons clean coal production. The geological exploration of the Wapiti River coal property will be planned to commence in September 2011. The environmental baseline study will be started at the same time with the coal exploration.

The testing and analysis for bulk sample proposes to collect 200,000 tonne of coal to test quality and processing feasibility, using two declines and one shaft (3 portals). Planned surface facilities include portals, waste rock storage, settling pond, raw coal storage, warehouse, and temporary site structures.

To date we have has an introductory and project informational meeting with Canadian

## Economic Development Department Report *continued...*

Dehua representatives, we will be engaging in discussions for a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a relationship and to dialogue on concerns and issues relating to the project including a framework for negotiation of an Economic Benefits Agreement.

### **Kinder Morgan – Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) is proposing an expansion of its current 1,150-kilometre pipeline between Edmonton, Alberta and Burnaby, BC. The proposed expansion, if approved, would create a twinned pipeline that would increase the nominal capacity of the system from 300,000 barrels per day, to 890,000 barrels per day. There will be 11 new pump stations built and the existing stations along the route are to be expanded.

This is not the first time the Trans Mountain line has been expanded. In fact, since operation began in 1953, the capacity of the pipeline system has been increased numerous times, with the initial expansion in 1957. The most recent expansion project took place between 2006 and 2008 with the construction of 13 new pump stations and modifications to existing stations along the route. Also during this time, the Anchor Loop project added 160 kilometres of new pipe through Jasper National Park and Mount Robson Provincial Park between Hinton, Alberta and Hargreaves, BC.

To date we have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a relationship with Lheidli T'enneh Nation and to dialogue on issues relating to the project including a framework for negotia-

tion of an Economic Benefits Agreement.

### **Pacific Northern Gas – PNG Looping**

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) is proposing to upgrade its transmission pipeline capacity by looping its existing natural gas transmission system between Summit Lake and Kitimat in order to serve new small scale Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Projects proposed for construction in Kitimat. The project is referred to as the PNG Looping Project and involves construction and operation of approximately 525 km of 24 inch diameter pipe. The Project also includes upgrading of four (4) existing PNG compressor stations. One (1) new compressor station site is expected to be required due to the space limitations while the remaining three (3) existing compressor stations sites are expected to be adequate for the upgrades although it is possible that additional land may need to be acquired adjacent to existing sites to accommodate the proposed project. The new pipeline will operate in parallel with the existing pipeline to increase the overall pipeline capacity of the PNG Transmission System in order to meet the requirements of its existing customers and the proposed LNG facilities. The Project would require temporary infrastructure during construction, such as access roads, temporary bridges, stock sites, borrow sites, contractor yards and construction camps. PNMG has been providing natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial customers in this area of BC for over 45 years. PNG has an established track record for operational excellence and has developed and maintained relationships

with landowners, Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders across its pipeline system. PNG is committed to designing, constructing and operating the project in a safe and environmentally responsible manner that respects the communities within which it operates.

To date we have had an introductory and project informational meeting with Canadian PNG representatives, we will be engaging in discussions for a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a relationship and to dialogue on concerns and issues relating to the project including a framework for negotiation of an Economic Benefits Agreement.

### **TransCanada – Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project**

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. (CGL) is proposing to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from approximately 40 km west of Dawson Creek to the proposed LNG export facility near Kitimat. The Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project involves the construction and operation of approximately 650 km of 48 inch diameter pipeline, metering facilities at the receipt and delivery points, and one compressor station with provision for up to an additional five compressor station sites to allow for future expansion. The Project will have an initial capacity of approximately 1.7 billion cubic feet (bcf)/day (48 million cubic metres (mcm/d)) with the potential for expansion. The expansion scenarios do not involve the construction of any additional pipeline; only the number and locations of potential future compressor stations would change. The conceptual pipeline route passes through four regional districts and numer-

ous First Nation territories, with a combined population of about a quarter of a million people. Construction is projected to begin in 2015, with Project completion before the end of the decade.

Construction of the pipeline is subject to approval by the BC Environmental

Assessment Office (BCEAO), the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BCOGC). A Project Description was provided to the CEAA and to the BCEAO on October 30, 2012. The Project Description was accepted by these agencies, which has the effect of starting the environmental assessment process for the Project. Coastal GasLink is currently targeting January 2014 for submission of an environmental assessment to the BCEAO and CEAA. CGL also expects to file an application to the BCOGC in 2014. Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada).

The Project might also involve the construction and operation of a natural gas liquid injection facility or a hydrocarbon dew point control facility (or both). In addition to these facilities, the Project would require temporary infrastructure during construction, such as access roads, temporary bridges, stockpile sites, borrow sites, contractor yards and construction camps.

A wide range of economic benefits will emerge in relation to the Project, including employment, gross domestic product, labour income, and government revenues, as well as the enhancement of workforce and business ca-

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capacity. The Project will create significant short-term employment and contracting opportunities during planning and construction, and a limited number of long-term jobs during Project operations. The Project will also provide fair bidding opportunities for local contracting work.

To date we have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a relationship and to dialogue on concerns and issues relating to the project including a framework for negotiation of an Economic Benefits Agreement. We have recently engaged in discussions with the CGL representatives to start the process of nego-

tiating an Economic Benefits Agreement

**Environmental Dynamics Inc.**

Lheidli T'enneh and Environmental Dynamics Inc. (EDI) have had discussion in regards to working together. Both Parties anticipate that the implementation of a teaming agreement will provide the framework required for a more formal business relationship such as a joint venture or corporate entity in the natural resource/environmental field, where Lheidli T'enneh would hold a majority of shares and EDI a minority. Ongoing discussions are planned.

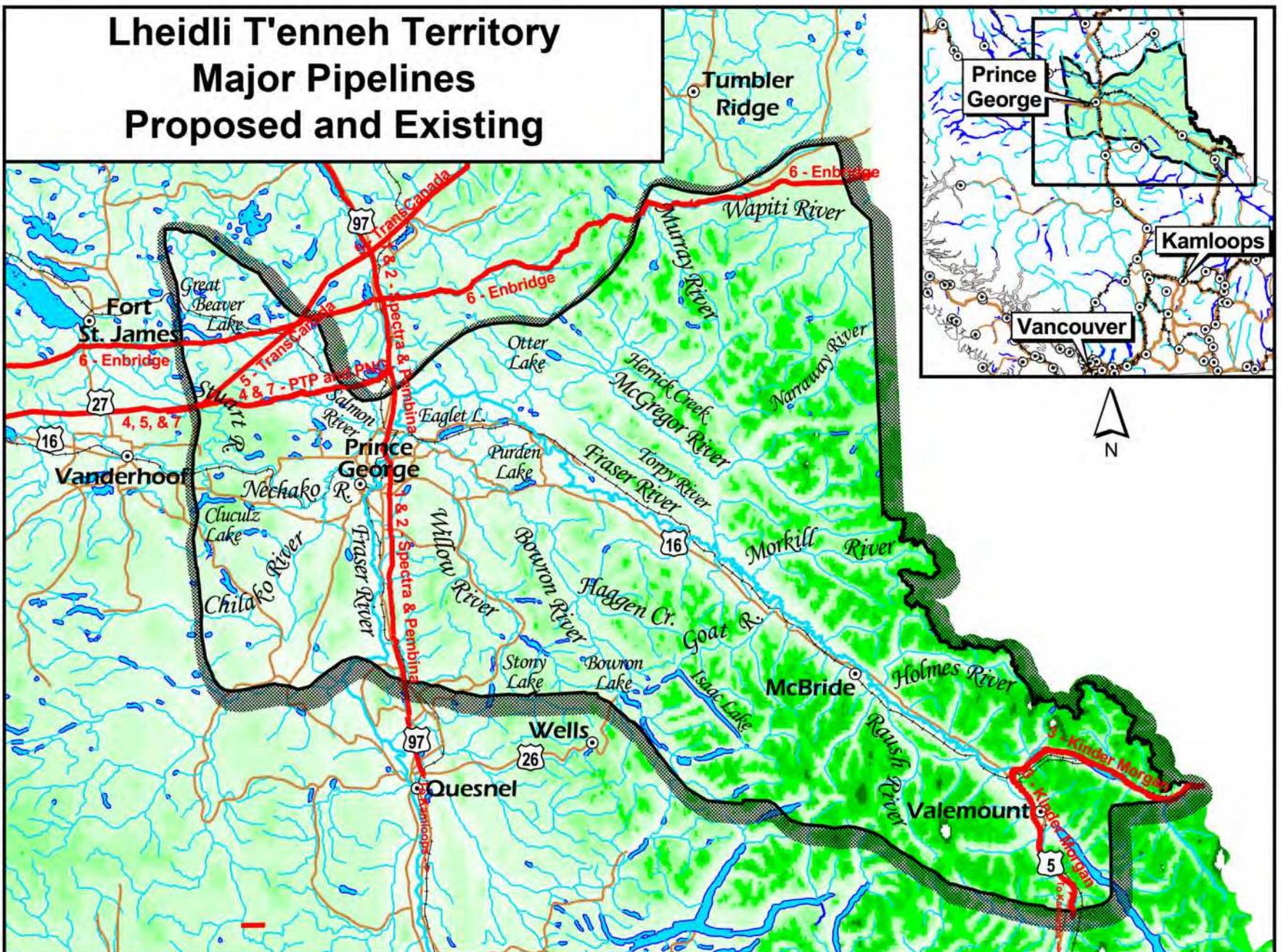
**Aboriginal Business Match**

I attended the Aboriginal Business Match (ABN). The ABM provides an opportunity for First Nations to connect with the broader business community to develop economic opportunities. The event employs a unique trade show format of pre-scheduled appointments to discuss opportunities between pre-qualified business matches. First Nations and Tribal Councils are one sided of the match, all other delegates participate on the exhibitor side, which include First Nations and Métis business looking for procurement opportunities; industry sharing information and discussing procurement oppor-

**Business**

tunities; consulting firms offering expertise; construction companies ready to build and looking for partners; manufacturers with employment opportunities; associations offering programs to develop and grow industry sectors; government agencies offering programs to support economic indicatives; financial institutions with tailor made packages for business and partnership development.

We attended 29 meetings/matches with various exhibitors to discuss economic development opportunities. Lheidli has met with a couple of the exhibitors to further discuss potential business relationships with Lheidli T'enneh.



## 37th Annual BC Elders Gathering



**Rena Zatorski**  
Project Manager  
Red Earth Management



**Brett Lowley**  
Event Coordinator

This year Lheidli T'enneh was given the honor to host the 37th Annual BC Elders Gathering. The gathering took place July 9th at CN Center and July 10th and 11th at the Northern Sports Center and UNBC campus. It was a great success with over 2400 in attendance!

The purpose of the yearly Elders Gathering is to bring together all First Nation elders in BC and celebrate their life, experiences, and to honor them as our 'knowledge keepers'. Elders are fundamental to First Nations as they teach our traditions, culture and language. Today, some of these aspects are on the verge of being lost & forgotten so the Annual Elders Gathering is vital as it helps to keep this knowledge alive and flourishing.

The theme of this year's Elders Gathering is "Honor Your Journey". Moreover, this year also marks the 100th anniversary of Lheidli being forcibly relocated from our village which was located in downtown Prince George to our current reserve. One of the many highlights of the event was the slide-show illustrating our 100 year journey in conjunction with a narration explaining important events that have occurred. The Khast'an Drummers in collaboration with the Prince George Symphony Orchestra

put on a magnificent performance by combing two very different musical genres, and creating musical pieces that have never been heard before. The Planning Committee for this event wanted to ensure that there were ample things to see and do during the 3 days. We had approximately 100 information booths and vendor tables, 20 different workshops, free manicurists, 20 healers that worked on over 200 elders, various speeches from dignitaries and leaders, a traditional salmon dinner with bannock, and a dance featuring Rick Stavely and Renee Gervais, and much more!

Another highlight of the event was the tour to Exploration Place. Exploration Place along with Lheidli T'enneh Nation created a Lheidli T'enneh Exhibit. This exhibit illustrates and showcases the amazing journey of the Lheidli people from past to present. Elders were given the opportunity to gain deep knowledge of the people via our historical timeline, including major events that have shaped and continue to influence the journey of our people today. Also, on display are beautiful cultural artifacts of the Dakelh, Sekani and Nanai (Russian Aboriginal) Peoples. Elders especially enjoyed the mini-train ride! At the end of the three day event a new Host Nation was announced. We are pleased to

announce that Penticton Indian Band will be hosting the 38th Annual BC Elders Gathering in July of 2014! Thank you to outgoing King Duncan Gouchie and Queen Mary Gouchie.

This event could not have been the success it was if it wasn't for the many volunteers and especially our Lheidli people! Moreover, a very special thank you to Judith Gauthier who put in over 600 hours of her own time to help ensure this event stayed on track. Also, Brad Boyes the Director of the Elders Gathering Society, who was a very big help raising money from various Sponsors. Without our Sponsors this event could not have happened.

Jason Morgan - Project Champion

Nicole Wiltermuth - Media & Communications

Brett Lowley - Event Coordinator

Barry Seymour - Research & Narration

Mike Bozoki - Project Writer

Darlene McIntosh - Healer Coordinator

### Bannock Makers

Violet Bozoki, Anne Bozoki, Josh Seymour, Phyllis Seymour, Tasheena Seymour, John Bozoki, Kenora Stewart, Dolleen Logan, Candace Godwin

### 50/50 Sellers

Dolleen Logan, Candace Godwin, Phyllis Seymour, Tasheena Seymour, Nicole Wiltermuth, Tabatha Flynn, Kenora Stewart, Jackie Brown, Lenora White, Barb Allan, Niki Lindstrom

### Lheidli Production

Chief Dominic Frederick, Councillor Louella Nome, Barry Seymour, Nicole Wiltermuth, Marcel Gagnon

### Elder Prayers

Mary Gouchie, Violet Bozoki, Minnie Bjorklund, Jeannette

Kozak

### Khast'an Drummers

Jennifer Pighin, Merle Seymour, Curtis Seymour, Deryl Seymour, Helen Seymour, Samantha Seymour, Nathan Seymour, Marcel Gagnon

### Art, Regalia, Gifts

Kiom - Activators, Jennifer Pighin

### Exploration Place Tours

Josh Seymour, John Bozoki

### Dug-out Canoe

Robert Frederick, Edith Frederick, Jennifer Pighin

### Entertainers

Kym Gouchie, Buddy Gouchie, Jason Frederick, Merle & Curtis Seymour

### MC's

Leo Hebert, Paul Michel

### Organizations

Kikino, Fire Pit, Positive Living North, Prince George Native Friendship Centre, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, Carrier Sekani Family Services, The Exploration Place

There are many, many, more people that put it endless hours of their time as well, that are not listed but we are very grateful for their help.

I personally want to say thank you to Lheidli Chief and Council and Jason Morgan for giving my company Red Earth Management to opportunity to manage and coordinate the 37th BC Elders Gathering. It was a privilege to be part of such an amazing event. A HUGE THANK YOU to ALL those involved in helping in any and every way imaginable. It was amazing to see how everyone came together to create an event for our beloved Elders. They are the ones who began to break down barriers so the next generation could thrive and strive. The truly deserve to be honored and celebrated!!!



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July 31, 2013

To All Lheidli T'enneh Citizens  
 &  
 Respected Funding Partners

**RE: Finance Report**  
**Subject: DMC – Chartered Accountants**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide our Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements for your review. As part of our commitment to our Lheidli T'enneh Citizens and Funding Agencies is to provide full disclosure of our financial position.

Our Finance Department is here to provide and develop local community governmental financial accounting standards in the most efficient and effective manner for the overall betterment and the future growth of the community. Our goal is to continue to improve its ability to meet deadlines and accurately and efficiently report out at any given point of time the Band's financial position. Lheidli T'enneh Citizens who require more detail or wish to review the complete audit report, please contact our office to schedule an appointment, and we would be more than glad to accommodate you. Special acknowledgements to Mrs. Judith Gauthier, CGA, Finance Manager and Ms. Tabatha Flynn, Finance Officer for a fantastic job well done!

Respectfully,

**LHEIDLII T'ENNEH**

**JASON MORGAN**  
 Executive Director



### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of  
 Lheidli T'enneh Band

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lheidli T'enneh Band, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2013, and the statements of revenue, expenditures and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the First Nation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the First Nation's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

## Financial Statements *continued...*

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*Basis for Qualified Opinion*

The activity of First Nation (PTP) Group Limited Partnership Ltd. (FNLP (PTP)) has been included in the financial statements on a modified equity basis as described in Note 2. The valuation of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification, as the December 31, 2012 financial statements for the FNLP (PTP) have not yet been released. Accordingly, our verification of this investment is limited to the amount recorded in the records of the Nation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary.

*Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the First Nation as at March 31, 2013 and the results of its operations, the changes in its net debt and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Prince George, British Columbia  
 July 29, 2013

*Dean Mason - Company Inc.*  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS**

Lheidli T'enneh is a self-governed First Nations Band and operates on the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation reserve and its head office is located in Prince George. Off-reserve aboriginal communities are also located throughout the North East and Southern areas of Prince George.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

**(a) Fund Accounting**

The First Nation uses fund accounting procedures which result in a self-balancing set of accounts for each fund established by legal, contractual, or voluntary actions. The various funds have been amalgamated for the purposes of presentation in the consolidated Summary Financial Statements. Detail of the operations of each fund are set out in the supplementary schedules. The First Nation maintains the following funds:

- The Operating Fund which reports the general activities of the First Nation administration.
- The Capital Fund which reports the capital assets of the First Nation not included in other funds, together with their related activities.
- The Trust Fund which reports on the trust funds of the First Nation and held by third parties.
- The Social Housing Fund which reports on the social housing assets of the First Nation together with their related activities.
- The Enterprise Fund which reports the First Nation's investment in self-supporting commercial entities.

**(b) Inventory held for sale**

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value based on average costing method determined by purchase price.

**(c) Investments**

Investments with significant influence are accounted for on a modified equity basis. Portfolio investments are accounted for on a cost basis.

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**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(g) Financial Instruments**

The entity initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The entity subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash (restricted and unrestricted), temporary investments, accounts receivable, long-term investments, due from related party, and note receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to related party, long term debt, treaty loan and replacement reserve.

The entity has not designated any financial asset or financial liability to be measured at fair value.

**Credit risk**

Lheidli T'enneh Band has an extensive history with its funding agencies and customer base and does not believe it is exposed to an unusual level of credit risk with respect to its accounts receivable.

**Fair values**

Financial instruments with short-term maturity are reflected in these financial statements at carrying values, which approximate fair values due to their short-term nature. The carrying values of the restricted cash, trust assets, and long-term debt approximate fair values as the terms and conditions of the arrangements are comparable to current market terms and conditions for similar items. It is not practical to determine the fair value of the investments in related entities due to the investments having no active market and no specific terms of repayment.

**Financial risk**

The financial risk is the impact of Lheidli T'enneh Band's income from fluctuations in interest rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. Lheidli T'enneh Band does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to financial risk.

**(h) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(d) Tangible Capital Assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded except for reserve lands, natural resources and cultural resources which are not recorded.

Amortization on capital projects in progress will commence when the projects are complete and the assets are considered available for use.

Amortization is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows

Automotive equipment	5 years	Straight line
Boats and fisheries equipment	10 years	Straight line
Buildings	30 years	Straight line
Computer equipment	3 years	Straight line
Fuel tanks	20 years	Straight line
Land improvements	50 years	Straight line
Machinery and equipment	10 years	Straight line
Office furniture and equipment	8 years	Straight line
Portable classrooms	15 years	Straight line
Recreation site	20 years	Straight line
Roads	50 years	Straight line
Signage	10 years	Straight line
Social housing	25 years	Straight line
Water systems	30 years	Straight line
Website development	10 years	Straight line

**(e) Revenue Recognition**

Funding received under the terms of agreements is recognized as revenue when received. Funding received but not yet expended is included in the applicable statement of revenue and expenditure.

**(f) Surplus recoveries and deficit funding**

Under the terms of funding arrangements, remaining surpluses of certain programs may be recovered by the funding agency, and remaining deficits may be funded by the funding agency.

## Financial Statements continued...

### LHEIDL T'ENNEH BAND

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### (i) Asset Classification

Assets are classified as either financial or non-financial. Financial assets are assets that could be used to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Non-financial assets are acquired constructed or developed assets that do not provide resources to discharge existing liabilities but are employed to deliver government services, may be consumed in normal operations and are not for resale. Non-financial assets include tangible capital assets and prepaid expenses.

##### (ii) Net Debt

The First Nation's financial statements are presented so as to highlight net debt as a the measurement of financial position. The net debt of the First Nation is determined by its liabilities less its financial assets. Net debt is comprised of two components, non-financial assets and accumulated surplus.

#### 3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Portfolio Investments

The First Nation adopted the use of the equity method for Portfolio investments as in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Board standard PS 3450.020. Portfolio investments are no longer recorded at cost. Instead, they are recorded using the equity method requiring the First Nation to record the investment at Fair Market Value. Unless the Portfolio investment does not have a active market in which to obtain a quote in this case they are recorded at cost as per Public Sector Accounting Board standard PS 3450.039. As a result of this change there has been no change in the value of the Portfolio Investments.

##### Investment in Government Business Entities

The First Nation adopted investment in Government Business Partnerships reporting in 2013 in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Board standard PS 3060. Investment in Government Business Partnerships are no longer recorded at cost. Instead, they are recorded using the modified equity method requiring the recording of the First Nation's portion of equity in the partnership. The prior period has been restated to reflect this change. As a result, the prior year surplus has been ...

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#### 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2013	2012
Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada	\$ 6,320	\$ 6,586
Band Member Loans	675	5,758
Canada Forest Products Ltd.	34,346	167
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	-	11,241
Federal Government	80,113	53,082
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	-	13,575
Lazy F-D Ranches	-	15,496
PGNAETA	3,647	50,794
Province of BC	-	17,231
Receiver General	34,273	65,708
Rental Revenue	136,361	47,431
Union of BC Municipalities	4,000	-
Other Accounts Receivable	12,238	29,137
	<b>311,973</b>	<b>316,206</b>
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<b>(95,040)</b>	<b>(9,748)</b>
	<b>\$ 216,933</b>	<b>\$ 306,458</b>

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**8. INVESTMENT IN LHEIT LIT'EN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The fiscal year end of Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation is March 31. The financial summary of Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation from the March 31, 2013 audited financial statements, is summarized as follows:

	2013	2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 273,111	\$ 138
Due from related parties	2,822,720	2,823,036
Property, plant and equipment	6,417	8,219
Promissory note receivable	1,825,435	1,736,587
	<u>4,927,683</u>	<u>4,567,980</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	360,608	395,366
Due to related parties	1,710,225	1,403,094
Investment in related party	1,581,019	1,557,739
Promissory note payable	2,027,546	1,928,862
	<u>5,679,398</u>	<u>5,285,061</u>
<b>NET EQUITY AS PER BALANCE SHEET</b>	<u>(717,081)</u>	<u>(708,352)</u>
<b>REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>		
Revenue	88,847	629,784
Expenses	100,200	727,365
Loss in equity of Chunzoolh Forest Products Limited	(23,281)	(609,233)
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u>\$ (34,634)</u>	<u>\$ (706,814)</u>

Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Band, which in turn holds a 100% interest in Chunzoolh Forest Products Limited.

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**5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS**

	2013	2012
Investment in Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation	\$ (751,718)	\$ (708,355)
Investments in Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership	3,377,856	2,742,679
FN (PTP) Group Limited Partnership (606 Units)	1	1
	<u>\$ 2,626,139</u>	<u>\$ 2,034,325</u>

Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Band which in turn holds a 100% interest in Chunzoolh Forest Products Limited. During the year, the Development Corporation had expenditures in excess of revenues in the amount of \$ (2012 - \$698,085). These changes in net assets have been included in the Investment in Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation. Financial statements for this controlled entity are available for review.

Effective April 1, 2009, Lheidli T'enneh Band acquired 2,208,549 partnership units amounting to a 99.99% ownership in Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership which in turn holds a 50% interest in LTN Contracting Ltd. During the year, the Partnership had revenue in excess of expenditure of \$ (2012 - \$1,094,846). These changes in net assets have been included in the Investment in Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership. Financial statements for this partnership are available for review.

**6. ADVANCES TO RELATED PARTIES**

	2013	2012
LTN Education Fund	\$ 10,469	\$ 40,707
Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership	166,016	165,630
CMHC Social Housing	350,134	273,996
	<u>\$ 526,619</u>	<u>\$ 480,333</u>

Advances to Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lheidli T'enneh Band are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

Advances to LTN Education Fund, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

Advances to Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership, a related party, are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

**7. INVESTMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTITIES**

Lheidli T'enneh Band owns 1 common share in FN (PTP) General Corporation. This investment has been accounted for on a cost basis.

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9. INVESTMENT IN TANO T'ENNEH LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

The fiscal year end of Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership is March 31. The financial summary of Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership" from the March 31, 2013 audited financial statements, is summarized as follows:

	2013	2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and short term deposits	\$ 48,211	\$ 2,791
Accounts receivable	-	18,927
Advances to related parties	3,574,137	4,279,101
Investment in subsidiary	252,395	208,345
Timber harvest contracts	83,546	84,000
	<u>3,958,289</u>	<u>4,593,164</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	54,319	21,226
Due to government agencies	47,097	217,974
Silviculture liabilities	345,436	345,436
Advances from related party	166,016	165,630
	<u>612,868</u>	<u>750,266</u>
<b>NET EQUITY AS PER BALANCE SHEET</b>	<u>3,345,421</u>	<u>3,842,928</u>
<b>REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>		
Revenue	606,948	1,199,175
Expenses	254,425	87,114
	<u>\$ 352,523</u>	<u>\$ 1,112,061</u>

Lheidli T'enneh Band owns 2,229,142 partnership units amounting to a 99.99% ownership interest in Tano T'enneh Limited Partnership, which in turn holds a 50% interest in LTN Contracting Ltd.

10. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLE

Promissory note is receivable from Lheit Lifen Development Corporation unsecured bearing interest at prime plus 2.0% per annum, with no set terms of repayment.

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11. OTTAWA TRUST FUNDS

	2013	2012
Surplus, beginning of year	\$ 2,970	\$ 2,966
Interest earnings	906	918
Transfer to First Nations Land Management revenues	(884)	(914)
	<u>\$ 2,992</u>	<u>\$ 2,970</u>

12. RESTRICTED CASH

	2013	2012
Funded replacement reserve		
Under the terms of the Nation's Housing Agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), a separate replacement reserve account is maintained. The funds in this account may only be used for repairs and maintenance as approved by CMHC.	\$ 371,825	\$ 348,414
Funded treaty activity		
Consists of funds dedicated to dispute resolution of issues arising under the terms of the Settlement Negotiation Agreement.	105,812	148,812
	<u>\$ 477,637</u>	<u>\$ 497,226</u>

13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	2013	2012
Trade accounts payable	\$ 321,296	\$ 97,090
Accrued accounts payable	96,984	76,413
Accrued wages	36,633	39,886
Accrued interest payable	3,082	3,082
Employee deductions payable	15,851	11,792
Vacation payable	17,410	31,098
	<u>\$ 491,256</u>	<u>\$ 259,361</u>

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15. LONG-TERM DEBT, continued

	2013	2012
CMHC mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$2,554 including interest at 2.86% per annum, maturing on December 1, 2023, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	284,202	305,772
	\$ 991,794	\$ 1,095,121

Should the bank not demand repayment of the demand loans, principal portion of long-term debt due within the next five years:

2014	\$ 112,591
2015	115,584
2016	118,664
2017	100,354
2018 and thereafter	544,601
	\$ 991,794

16. TREATY LOAN

Treaty loan is an Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, promissory note, representing advances for negotiations with the British Columbia Treaty Commission. Repayment provisions for these loans are outlined in Sections 13.0 and 14.0 of the Negotiation Support Agreement. It is a non-interest bearing loan to paid out over a 10-year period after the signing of Final Agreement between Lheidli T'enneh Band, the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.

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14. ADVANCES FROM RELATED PARTIES

	2013	2012
Chunzoolh Forest Products Ltd.	\$ 229,013	\$ 230,195
Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation	11,158	11,157
CMHC Social Housing	273,990	211,853
	\$ 514,161	\$ 453,205

Advances from Chunzoolh Forest Products Limited, a company related by being a wholly owned subsidiary of Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

Advances from Lheit Lit'en Development Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lheidli T'enneh Band are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

15. LONG-TERM DEBT

	2013	2012
CMHC mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$2,567 including interest at 2.57% per annum, maturing on August 1, 2024, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	\$ 305,334	\$ 327,386
CMHC mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$1,054 including interest at 1.39% per annum, maturing on August 1, 2027, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	165,329	171,042
CMHC mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$2,080 including interest at 1.65% per annum, maturing on May 1, 2017, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	100,608	123,154
Royal Bank mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$1,165 including interest at 4.25% per annum, maturing on November 2, 2013, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	68,221	79,029
Royal Bank mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$1,934 including interest at 3.24% per annum, maturing on April 1, 2014, secured by a Ministerial guarantee and social housing with a net book value of \$887,643.	68,100	88,738

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17. REPLACEMENT RESERVES

Under the terms of an agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the Band is required to make annual deposits of \$22,926 to a replacement reserve bank account to cover the cost of replacing certain capital items in the rental housing projects financed by CMHC. Similarly, an operating reserve must be established to fund the ongoing operating costs of the rental housing projects financed by CMHC. As at March 31, 2013, the replacement reserve was over funded.

	2013	2012
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 333,845	\$ 310,919
Contributions required during the year	22,926	22,926
Disbursement for capital purchases	(2,471)	-
	<b>\$ 354,300</b>	<b>\$ 333,845</b>

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18. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Additions	Disposals	Accumulated amortization	2013 Net book value
Automotive equipment	\$ 28,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,185	\$ 7,000
Boats and fisheries equipment	106,372	-	-	68,726	37,646
Buildings	245,614	-	-	128,059	117,555
Capital projects in progress	1,000,661	308,808	-	-	1,309,470
Computer equipment	66,574	13,602	-	62,377	17,799
Fuel tanks	207,268	-	-	98,452	108,816
Land improvements	251,442	-	-	76,102	175,340
Machinery and equipment	105,354	5,395	-	104,583	6,166
Office furniture and equipment	41,110	10,057	-	19,162	32,005
Portable classrooms	108,265	-	-	44,535	63,730
Recreation site	295,656	-	-	44,257	251,399
Roads	1,050,665	-	-	551,031	499,634
Signage	40,724	-	-	10,181	30,543
Social housing	2,414,749	-	-	1,527,106	887,643
Water systems	1,040,725	-	-	587,999	452,726
Website development	14,718	-	-	3,680	11,039
	<b>\$ 7,018,082</b>	<b>\$ 337,862</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,347,435</b>	<b>\$ 4,008,511</b>

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	Cost	Additions	Disposals	Accumulated amortization	2012 Net book value
Automotive equipment	\$ 18,185	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 19,185	\$ 9,000
Boats and fisheries equipment	103,852	3,964	1,444	61,447	44,925
Buildings	245,614	-	-	119,872	125,742
Capital projects in progress	1,000,661	119,240	119,240	-	1,000,661
Computer equipment	54,873	14,283	2,582	55,321	11,253
Fuel tanks	207,268	-	-	88,089	119,179
Land improvements	251,442	-	-	71,073	180,369
Machinery and equipment	104,130	70,428	69,204	104,191	1,163
Office furniture and equipment	35,040	7,551	1,481	13,815	27,295
Portable classrooms	108,265	-	-	37,317	70,948
Recreation site	196,365	99,291	-	29,474	266,182
Roads	1,050,665	-	-	530,018	520,647
Signage	40,724	-	-	6,109	34,616
Social housing	2,414,749	-	-	1,438,176	976,573
Water systems	1,040,725	-	-	553,308	487,417
Website development	14,718	-	-	2,208	12,511
	<b>\$ 6,887,276</b>	<b>\$ 324,757</b>	<b>\$ 193,951</b>	<b>\$ 3,129,603</b>	<b>\$ 3,888,481</b>

**19. CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

Lheidli T'enneh Band has a demand revolving credit facility agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for \$300,000 bearing interest at prime plus 1.25% per annum. This facility revolves in increments of \$25,000 and is secured by a general security agreement with a fixed charge over equipment.

**20. B.C. TREATY COMMISSION FUND**

In August 1994, the member of the Band entered into a loan agreement to finance treaty negotiations with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. The specific terms of repayment are contained in Section 4.6.1 of the agreement, but the understanding is that upon reaching a final settlement, the entire debt will be repaid from the settlement.

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**21. CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION SUBSIDY**

The Band has received federal assistance through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation pursuant to Section 95 (previously 56.1) of the National Housing Act to reduce mortgage interest expense to as low as 2.0% per annum to enable the projects to provide housing to low income individuals. The amount of assistance received in the year was \$80,636 (2012 - \$71,238).

**22. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE**

Lheidli T'enneh Band receives a significant portion of its revenue pursuant to a funding agreement with Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada. The Band's ability to operate certain programs depends on the continuation of this funding.

**23. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

Due to changes in revenues identified, some of the prior year figures have been restated. The impact of changes to the 2012 figures are as follows:

	As previously reported	Increase (Decrease)	Restated
Advances to related parties	\$ 206,336	\$ 273,996	\$ 480,332
Advances from related parties	(241,352)	(211,853)	(453,205)
Replacement reserves	347,847	14,002	333,845
Accumulated Surplus	1,450,320	76,145	1,526,465
	<b>\$ 1,450,320</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,526,465</b>

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