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HAPPY YOUNG BLOOD TRIBE COUPLE CELEBRATE SIXTY YEARS TOGETHER

On April 17, 1949, two young people were wed in holy matrimony. Today, sixty years later, both man and wife, surrounded by loving family, relatives, friends and well-wishers celebrated the renewal of vows. Bernard and Rita Tallman, among the most respected people in Indian country, stood proudly before the Reverend Morris Little Wolf to once again fulfill a commitment to honor, love and cherish each other for the rest of their lives.

To begin their blissful day, both Bernard and Rita, who are respected spiritual leaders, performed a traditional pipe ceremony. The happy couple then met adoring family and friends at the Old Agency Hall where two rows of hand drummers sang as they entered the community hall. Reverend Morris Little Wolf from the Pikanni Nation then performed the renewal of the wedding vows the Tallman couple had made those many years ago when they were both entering into early adulthood. With son Jerome Tallman

beside his dad, and with Mrs. Lena Russell standing alongside Rita, the proud moment was shared by the many people in attendance in witnessing a vow that has left behind a legacy of love, life and happiness.

During the meal, many of the elders sitting prominently as guests at the head table offered words of encouragement and stories of the couple. One particular memory shared was from elder Mrs. Rachael Hoof who said she attended the residential school with both Bernard and Rita. She then said that Rita had met the 'good looking one' and was happy for them both. Bernard, ever so cool, was probably blushing on the inside as Rita was trying her best to use hand signals to stop Mrs. Hoof from saying much more. The people enjoyed hearing stories from each of the honored head table guests. Many of the elders praised Bernard and Rita for their love for each other and encouraged all couples to honor their commitments to each other

in trying to attain lasting relationships. Blood council member Josh Curly Rider presented the happy couple with a gift and a Pendleton blanket on behalf of Chief & Council and the two horses raffled off by the Tallman family were won by Andrew Weasel Fat and Mrs. Doreen Little Shields. The M.C.'s were Cory Wadsworth, Russell Red Crow and Hal Eagle Tail.

A round dance followed the ceremony and meal with many local singers sharing their talents with the people. Both Bernard and Rita joined in on the celebrations as the people danced well into the early hours of the morning to the beat of the drums and the melody of the songs.

The Tallman families wish to thank everyone for attending the renewal of wedding vows by Bernard and Rita and thank all those who brought gifts and food in making this celebration a happy and memorable occasion.



Both Bernard and Rita Tallman seem to be reflecting on the many years they have spent together in raising their children and grandchildren.

2 *Many people in attendance offered words of praise and shared stories of the happy couple.*

MOSES LAKE'S RESIDENTS EVACUATED FROM FIRE



A firefighter, seen here, is putting out spot fires in a blaze which evacuated many members of the Moses Lake community.

A grass fire at Moses Lake April 13, threatened the homes of nearly 1200 residents with many of them being evacuated as the raging flames approached their homes. The fire which started on

the west side of the community, was fed from 80 km/hr. west winds and soon became out of control. Alarmed residents quickly called 911 for help when they realized they were in danger of losing their homes. Others pulled out their garden hoses to soak down the grass near their homes as the flames approached. Emergency Services from the Blood Tribe, the County of Cardston, Magrath and Milk River responded quickly and arrived to fight the blaze. Ambulances were called to be on standby as the Blood Tribe Police controlled traffic and assisted residents to evacuate their homes. Blood Tribe Public Works trucks were also called to be on standby to assist if more water were necessary. It was a tense four hours as the flames burned everything in its way. It was so close to a number of houses, the plastic siding started to melt. Some residents did suffer losses when a barn and a garage burned to the ground and fences

were also destroyed. It was the quick response of the residents of Moses Lake in calling for help and assisting in containing the flames until the fire trucks arrived, which prevented any casualties. Although there was property lost, there were no homes lost or fatalities that occurred. Blood Tribe Emergency Services officials are sighing relief and caution all not to burn at this time.



Thick smoke covers many homes in Moses Lake.

TREATY SEVEN CHIEFS HOST KOREAN DELEGATION

A Delegation of 15 entrepreneurs and Government Officials were recent guests to southern Alberta, bringing with them gifts and entrepreneurial ideas. The Korean group also consisted of high ranking Minister of Art and Culture, Madame Lee and the Mayor of Cheongsong County, Mayor Hahn. The delegation was on a tour of the Morley and Banff area and were treated to a traditional food and entertainment by local dancers at the Nakoda Lodge, April 5/06. Chief Charles Weasel Head, Grand Chief of Treaty 7, hosted the event by saying: "We welcome the delegation from South Korea and hope that you will enjoy your stay here in our land." The purpose of the Korean visit was to talk about a possible partnership in a tourism project called Juwangsan Resort Project, an area near the eastern coast of that country and visited by many tourists from around the world. The plan which would be a Theme Park consisting of an Indigenous Peoples' Forum, is calling for Native American Tribes to partner in the project with them. The Koreans

would provide the venue for artists and crafts people to sell their wares, a wide market for Native American art supposedly exists in the Orient. The Koreans have even toyed with the idea of having a tipi camp there, to offer a unique experience to tourists, and an igloo is also in the plans. To show their sincerity and respect for the Treaty 7 Chiefs, they offered unique gifts that came all the way from their homeland. Chief Weasel Head was the recipient of regalia worn by Emperors, others received traditional fans crafted by Korean artisans. The Koreans also received gifts in exchange. Mayor Hahn stated: "We are not here looking for investors at the present time, but we are here to share this idea of a Resort Project. We will have further discussions in the future." The Treaty 7 Chiefs Association, who initially invited the Korean delegation, have been exploring tourism in the global marketplace and the Juwangsan Resort Project could provide opportunities for some First Nations communities.



Treaty Seven Grand Chief Charles Weasel Head is seen here wearing traditional regalia worn by Korean Emperors. The Koreans are seeking to expand tourism in the global marketplace.

FORMER LANDS EMPLOYEE MOVES INTO NEW CAREER

Debbie Melting Tallow



Debbie Melting Tallow, former Lands employee, is looking forward to her new employment role.



For 23 years Blood Tribe Lands department has been the workplace of a very dedicated employee--Debbie Melting Tallow has worked with the Lands department since the mid 1980's. She started out as the credit clerk working alongside the credit manager in which her duties were to assist in processing the land occupants' grain assignment loans. After Melting Tallow briefly left to return to college for business administration training, her title was then changed to Credit Services Officer. Although her title changed, her duties, for the most part, remained the same. One of Melting Tallow duties was acting as a liaison between land occupants and lending institutions. When she started at Lands, there were 53 farmers, and at the time of her departure from the Lands department, only 10 farmers are currently farming on the Blood reserve. Melting Tallow has seen her share of changes with the Lands department throughout her years. When she first began, typewriters were still predominant in the office and policies and procedures, with time, had changed as well. While working at Lands, she had built close professional relationships with co-workers,

land occupants, farmers, Scotiabank employees and the public, but what Melting Tallow enjoyed most about her job was being of service to people. Her serviceable and vivacious personality allowed her to gain trust with the public and people she worked with. Melting Tallow said that on occasion elders would feel so comfortable with her that they would trust her to help them with their finances regarding their accounts. "That's what really made me feel good that these people actually trust me in that sense." Melting Tallow thought about her career choice and decided it was time for a change. "I thought, I've been doing this for a long time. I wanted to do more than accounting and working with numbers... I wanted something more challenging, more hands on, where I could assist and help people." An opportunity arose for a change when the Kainai Peace Making program was being established. Debbie applied for the Administration Assistant position and was offered the job. "I thought I'm going to accept this job because it sounds so much more challenging. It's about helping people, assisting people and helping elders, and that's what really drew me to this. It's promoting peace making

and healing in our community and I'll be there to assist and organize the peace making session." Debbie looks forward to the program's success and her contributions to her community and acknowledges the support from past and present Chief & Council, Lands department staff, the public and the farmers. On her last day, the Lands Office Manager had arranged a surprise farewell gathering for Debbie, but she had accidentally come across a memo about the party. Although she was privy to this information she was touched and overwhelmed by the notion. "It's such a good feeling knowing that these people are really, really going to miss me," she said. Melting Tallow was touched when realizing that even some of the farmers had donated funds to go towards her farewell dinner. Melting Tallow was also impressed with the dinner, entertainment and puppeteer Derrick Starlight. Although she closes the door on a long chapter in her life, she opens another new, personally fulfilling and exciting chapter and is ready to take on whatever comes her way.

SPEAR CHIEF TAKES THE LEAD AS BLOOD HOUSING DIRECTOR



MELVIN SPEAR CHIEF



The Blood Tribe Housing department has filled an employment position vital to its operation. Melvin Spear Chief has been named the Housing Director in an effort to revitalize the day-to-day business functions which accompany such a huge undertaking.

“I worked for Housing before under New Housing, and I was familiar with the intensity of the job,” he said. “I wasn’t walking into an area I was unfamiliar with—I knew what I was walking into.”

Prior to his current occupation as the Housing Director, Spear Chief worked in a number of trades and businesses which developed his skills in the housing industry, but he gives his late father, Allen, credit for instilling in him a solid work ethic. “For most of my life, I’ve been involved in construction in one form or another, and my father used to work in Calgary doing contract work,” he remembers in describing his involvement of the housing trade. “When I was about 14 or 15-years-old on weekends, my dad used to get me to work for him while everyone else was out having fun. Because I was the smallest, I was the

one who had to climb the buildings, to do the danger stuff. So, I’ve always been involved in construction and that’s who (his father) I wanted to follow.”

After his employment with New Housing, Spear Chief then worked with Public Works & Government Services Canada and who worked within Indian & Northern Affairs Canada on a project on the Stoney First Nation and Treaty 7, where he project managed new and renovated houses. After his two-year term was done, he accepted an offer from PCL Construction Management as an estimator which gave him an even more in-depth look at other areas in the construction industry. He then decided to return home to work for his people. Spear Chief is currently in an orientation process after accepting the position on March 23, 2009, but is already looking at areas which will improve the current housing needs for the benefit of the Tribe. “My long-term goals are to get housing where it should be which is to best serve the community,” he explains. “That includes the construction of new homes, renovation programs, and of course, to develop a rent collection pol-

icy. If you don’t have a rent collection policy, we are never going to get out of the situation we are in, and the ones we are going to be hurting in the future are our children.”

With such high expectations placed upon him, Spear Chief keeps his feet firmly planted and is looking toward how he envisions how housing can be improved upon. “I was hired as the Director; it is not my job only, it’s everyone’s job,” he said. “By that I mean that all departments and band membership ensure that whatever I do, or whatever recommendations I bring forward, that we have to keep in mind that we all have to work together, because they are our programs, the band’s housing programs. My job is to try to develop something that will hopefully improve the housing operations on the Blood reserve.”



BTA DEPARTMENT PROFILE: BLOOD TRIBE EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS TRAINING

One of the departments on the Blood reserve who are playing its role in preparing people for employment is the Blood Tribe Employee & Skills Training program. With an ever increasing number of youth seeking employment, but for many of those who may not have the skills or training, having the opportunity to become more employable through job preparedness is a function the BTEST department contributes.

The BTEST department consists of a number of components including the Employment Office, In-House programs, Youth Programs Office and Career Counselors. Each of the areas within the BTEST department focuses on employment skills training in preparing the participants for employment possibilities. For example, if an individual has basic work skills required to function in a job, or are unsure of their future careers and may require some assistance on future career paths, several BTEST counselors are prepared to offer advice in developing a career path for the individual. Also, for those who have some work experience but may require additional training, or for those who identified their career path but may require work experience to supplement their education, BTEST can readily assist these individuals in meeting requirements employers are seeking.

Wayne Beebe, Director, BTEST, says they offer training programs often working in conjunction with departments or organizations who may need trained personnel to fill available employment opportunities. "We take care of the Blood Tribe's employment related needs, also, training, and training is considered anything that is one year or less," she describes of their roles. "We have a lot of training sessions that are designed for individuals who want to start work right away rather than go away for two-to-four years for a long-term education. Our approach is more training-orientated where they develop work skills and that gets them into the workforce faster and easier."



Part of the skills offered to individuals is the Pre-Employment Readiness section. Beebe says this helps each person become familiar with employment expectations. "What that is, is those kinds of skills you need to find a job. Things like writing a resume, how to do a proper job search, utilizing the tools of technology we have available as nowadays, a lot of people recruit on-line," she says of helping people seeking employment. "We try to provide the tools to get people started."

Among the training programs offered by BTEST have been the Christmas Work project, Summer Work project, Safety Certification workshops, Student 4 Hire program, Emergency Medical Respond-

er training, High School Community project, Industrial Construction program, Labour Market Introduction program, Aboriginal Junior Forest program, Women's Shelter program training, Youth Work Experience program and many other training programs and workshops designed to meet employment needs or requests. Beebe says the training programs offered can be adjusted to meet Tribal needs and many organizations and businesses contact BTEST to inquire if they have any individuals who may be employable as the need or request arises. "There are a lot of different projects we get involved in and it just depends on what the opportunity is out there and how we can capitalize on it."

BTEST STAFF:

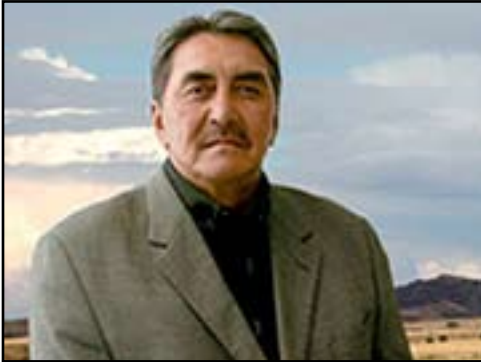
Director:	Wayna Beebe
Accountant:	Gina Many Bears
Administrative Support:	Nicole Many Fingers
Receptionist:	Theresa Russell
In-House Programs Officer:	Ian Bruised Head
Employment Officer:	Jaime Blood
Youth Programs Officer:	Levi Little Mustache
Career Counselor:	Ivan Singer
Career Counselor:	Marvin Many Chief
Janitor:	Will Black Plume (Replacing Marjorie McDonald/Medical Leave)

BTEST MISSION:

To facilitate a process that creates opportunities for members of the Blood Tribe to develop their individual skills in order to become active participants in the labour market.

AROUND THE REZ...

LAWYER LOOKS AHEAD TO LIFE AS PROVINCIAL JUDGE



Eugene Creighton prepares for his role as Court of Queen's Bench Judge..

It was an emotional time for a long-time Blood lawyer who bid farewell to friends and colleagues in looking ahead to his role in a judicial environment.

Eugene Creighton, a partner of Walsh Wilkin Creighton, left his law firm and has accepted his calling as a Provincial Court of Alberta Judge.

Creighton, who stood before the Chief & Council, and with many elders, family and friends, thanked the Chief for giving him the opportunity to serve the Blood Tribe for the past twenty-three years.

Creighton acknowledged the many that inspired and supported him, and thanked the numerous leadership, administrators and staff in allowing him to be a part of their lives.

"I was extremely fortunate to have worked for three chiefs; I worked for nine sets of councils, and I worked with six senior executive officers," he said of his history with the Blood Tribe. "I have worked extremely well with all of them. I have always respected all of them."

Chief Weasel Head, speaking on behalf of Council, acknowledged Creighton's dedication to his duties as legal counsel for the Tribe. "The support you have provided to the Blood Tribe and the many years of service is acknowledged," he said. "We appreciate your professionalism, your diligence, your integrity toward the best interests of the Blood Tribe. The Blood Tribe is very proud of your accomplishments."

One story Creighton shared was when he was appointed in 1987 by then Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney to the Parole Board in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Creighton approached former Chief Roy Fox to share the news and of his intent to accept the appointment. "I gave Roy the letter and asked him to read it. He was opening his mail and reading it, but he took my letter, read it and gave it back to me," he recalled of his meeting with the former chief. "He then started reading his mail again. I sat there for what seemed like ten minutes and he said: 'We (the Blood people) are relying

on you.'" Creighton then took the letter from the Prime Minister back to his office, phoned Ottawa, and graciously declined the offer. "From that point on, I dedicated my time to the Blood Tribe." As part of his duties as a judge, Creighton will be accompanying other Provincial Court judges to observe court procedures until he becomes familiar with the judicial processes. Creighton was sworn in as a Provincial Court Judge on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in Calgary with family and friends in support.



Creighton, standing proudly among his family, had an opportunity to thank the Chief & Council, administrators and staff for their friendship during his years of service as legal counsel for the Blood Tribe.



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KAINAI HIGH SCHOOL HOST TREATY 7 CONFERENCE



The Treaty 7 Youth Conference was held on April 1st & 2nd and was hosted by the Kainai High School. The theme of the conference was “Shaping The Future For Tomorrow’s Leaders.” Middle school and High school students from the Treaty 7 area arrived on the Blood reserve to take part in the conference. The conference began with a flag song performed by the Kainai High school drummers led by Seymour Eagle Speaker and a prayer was given by Elder Delphine Good Striker. Additional opening remarks were offered by Kainai High School principal, Morris Many Fingers, KBE superintendant Richard Fox and Blood Tribe Chief Charles Weasel Head. Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band was the keynote speaker and spoke about his Tribe’s economic successes. The Osoyoos Indian Band leads the way in First Nations’ owned and operated businesses in Canada. The reserve has virtually a zero unemploy-

ment rate. His words offered encouragement to any entrepreneurs looking to open their own businesses, which in turn would help their community’s economy. The two-day conference offered sessions that covered a variety of topics and interests. The students had the chance to choose sessions that ranged from theatre and acting to music, to cultural activities. Special activities included a play written and performed by students from the Centre of Indigenous Theatre in Toronto Ontario, which consisted of Kainai High School alumni. Local musical talent was also showcased. Local performers, rappers and bands shared

their musical talents with the youth in attendance.

The first day focused on leadership and the following day focused on building self-esteem. Post secondary institutions were on hand to inform the students on possible future careers and training available to them after the completion of high school. The Treaty 7 Youth conference committee worked on organizing the conference for a number of months. The Coordinator, Wendy Standing Alone, was pleased with the turn out and acknowledges the dedication and hard work of the conference committee for making the youth conference a success.



Student council reps presenting Chief Louie with a jacket and making him a honorary Kainai High School Student.



The people in attendance are standing in honor of the opening ceremonies in the Kainai High School Gymnasium.

HOCKEY PLAYERS PREPARING TO SKATE IN EUROPE

For some minor hockey league players, the season is over, but for three young stars from the Blood reserve and Stony, their season has shifted overseas. Both Andrew Rabbit and Emmet Twigg, Blood reserve, and Bailey Benjamin, Stony, were scouted at the recent Native Provincials from representatives from Team Canada Polar Bears to play on the squad in exhibition games and a tournament in Europe.

Rabbit, a 14-year-old defenseman playing with the Kainai Braves bantam club, was scouted by Team Canada Polar Bear officials and was invited to join them in Europe for three full weeks of hockey. “I’m excited to go to Europe,” said the shy teenager who is looking forward to travelling overseas. “I was scouted in

Edmonton at the Native Provincials, and I felt really good to be selected.” Rabbit, the son of proud parents Andrew and Micheline Rabbit, got his first pair of skates at age three and one year later, had to sign a waiver to allow him to play hockey with the five- and six-year-old players. Micheline, speaking on behalf of her husband, said they would like to accompany their son on his trip because of the memories it will have for them. “It will be nice to travel with him, but he has to go,” she said. “He’s going to remember this for the rest of his life. We’re so excited for him.”

The European hockey trip will begin in August for three weeks and will give the youngsters plenty of time to stay active and keep their minds focused on hockey.

“I work out and exercise,” said Rabbit. “I really enjoy playing hockey.” The three hockey stars were selected from players across Canada for their exceptional skills and talent.



Young hockey star Andrew Rabbit Jr.

BLOOD BUS CO-OP HONORS LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES



Left: Don No Runner presents Justine Cross Child with a plaque for years of service as a bus driver.



Above: Larry Rabbit receives a plaque from the Bus Coop in recognition of his retirement as a bus driver.



Right: Celina Goodstriker is presented with a plaque recognizing her retirement in providing years of bussing children to the destinations.

The Blood Tribe Bus Coop recently paid tribute to its long-time employees in an honor night at the FCSS Teepee room on March 30, 2009, in recognition and appreciation of their service in contributing to the educational pursuits of the children of the Blood Tribe.

A total of 16 plaques were awarded to long-time employees, retired supervisors and members who safely drove thousands of children over the years to schools both on-and-off the reserve. Both Richard Fox Sr. and Alfred Standing Alone Sr., who served as supervisors for over 40 years, and of whom were instrumental in the establishment of the Bus Coop, each received a plaque acknowledging their dedication and support throughout the years. Established in 1968, the Bus Coop has flourished and thrived during its 41

years of service and is a business which has a distinction of being one of the longest serving enterprises on the Blood reserve. The Bus Coop was incorporated under the Cooperatives Association Act of the Province of Alberta in Edmonton, AB., on May 3, 1966, after some of the non-Native contracts began to expire. With the assistance of Indian Affairs Financial Officers, a number of grants and loans were acquired and, as a result, fourteen buses were purchased. The Bus Coop Board of Directors was established and bids were then secured to transport a growing number of students to schools both on-and-off the reserve. Today, the Bus Coop has over seventy buses which are in constant demand to bus thousands of children to their daily educational destinations.

BLOOD BUS CO-OP

Following is a list of the plaque recipients:

Retired Members:

Lorraine Standing Alone,
Lily Standing Alone, Richard
Healy

Retired Drivers:

Sylvia Weasel Head, Ce-
lina Goodstriker, Mabel Fox,
Larry Rabbit, Justine Cross
Child, Don No Runner, So-
phie Tailfeathers, Nora Day
Chief, Shirley Healy, May
Weasel Fat, Alfred Standing
Alone, Sr.

Retired Supervisors:

Alfred Standing Alone Sr.
Richard Fox Sr.



Blood Tribe Administration has two programs for its employees; Group Insurance and Pension. These are mandatory programs for employees of Blood Tribe Administration. The following is a general description of the two programs; Further assistance and details can be obtained by contacting the Human Resource Office at 737-8118

Pension Defined: a fixed amount of money paid regularly to somebody during retirement.

General Provisions:

The Pension Plan is a program available only to Permanent employees after successful completion of a Probationary Period.

Contribution is based on a percentage of employee salary from 2.5 % – 5.5 % and determined by employee. Blood Tribe Administration will match the employee contribution into the plan.

An employee can increase or decrease contribution rate only on January 1 of each year.

It is “locked in” which means contributions into the Pension Plan cannot be withdrawn until the first day of the month following your 65th birthday or through early retirement.

An employee may retire early at any time up to 10 years prior to normal retirement date.

The exact amount of your retirement income can only be determined when you retire.

Group Insurance Defined : an insurance plan that covers a number of individuals under a single contract. It is typically for the benefit of employees.

General Provisions:

The Group Insurance commences on the first day of employment for all employees of Blood Tribe Administration provided the employee makes application for coverage on or before commencement of employment.

Coverage begins and ends with your employment.

Coverage includes spouse and children as listed by the employee.

Premium payments are based on an employees rate of pay and considers whether a family or single coverage has been applied.

It is an insurance program that is non refundable which means an employee cannot get reimbursed the premiums paid into the program even after employment ceases with Blood Tribe Administration.

CARDSTON BYLAW ANIMAL CONTROL REQUESTING PURCHASE OF LICENSES

Are you missing your dog? The Town of Cardston Bylaw Animal Control Peace Officer says he works in the Town of Cardston and has had to impound dogs from the Blood reserve who are not licensed. Lloyd Steward, employed with the Town of Cardston, says people from the Blood reserve, especially the residents of Moses Lake, who may have a missing pet, can visit the dog pound to see if their dog is impounded.

“I am quite reasonable with the people from Moses Lake,” he says. “I’ve picked some dogs up two-or-three times and brought them back to the owners. If I know who the dog owners are, I return them within reason. I’ve had dogs I returned three-or-four times until I just had to start writing tickets. It’s unreasonable for them to expect me to do this for them all the time.”

Steward says a dog license costs \$15 and, though the Blood reserve does not require dog licenses, it would be a good idea to purchase a dog license from the Town of Cardston to avoid the \$50 fine. “Even if you don’t live in Cardston, but if you live nearby, it would be a good idea to purchase a dog license. If your dog is licensed, I can return the dog back to you,” says Steward.

The Bylaw Animal Control office is located on the Waterton highway and will have a sign notifying people of the location. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m.

10 to 4 p.m.



Lloyd Steward, Cardston Bylaw Officer, requesting for dog owners in Moses Lake to purchase dog licenses.

**APRIL 6, 2009,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Eugene Creighton** bids farewell to Chief & Council, Administration, Staff and Family members. Eugene will no longer be with Walsh Wilkins Creighton since his appointment as Provincial Court Judge.
2. **Police Commission:** Jim Gladstone replaced Franklyn White Quills as representative on Council on the Police Commission. Gladstone was sworn-in as new Police Commission representative.
3. **Pillar Chair up-date:**
Public Services Marcel Weasel Head reported on some of the activities of the Public Services: Foodbank, Health, FCSS. *Tribal Government:* Kirby Many Fingers requested a name change to the existing Jerry Dawson Gymnasium; discussions taking place in formally renaming BTEST building.
Morgan Structures up-date: Discussion on possibility they can build homes for the Tribe.
Chief Weasel Head will keep Council updated on any Housing stimulus announcement details.
4. **Amendments to INAC's supplementary funding.**
5. **1st round of budget discussions for council 2009** Blood Tribe Budgets presented by Finance Committee Chair approved for programming base budgets. All other requests will be reviewed May 2009. Council made motion to accept Tribal budget as presented.

**APRIL 7, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Opening remarks on Agriculture sector AGM.** Overview of the history of the Ag-Sector and how it was developed. Review of the Financial Statements for the F/Y 2007/2008. Recommendations: Meyers Norris Penny to be Auditing firm and to retain present members-at-large for additional six months. Motion made and passed by Chief & Council.
2. **AKERS TRUST:** Consultant Craig Simmons, Akers 1 & 2 up-date on offers to purchase of land.

COUNCIL NOTES APRIL 2009

**APRIL 8, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **FNOGMMA:** Chief & Council meeting at the Lethbridge Lodge. September deadline for the referendum. Dal McCloy FNOGMMA up-date: Currently the Federal government manages Oil & Gas resources and revenues. IOGC collects all monies and the Blood Tribe applies to access monies. Options: Regulate & Manage Oil & Gas monies through FNOGMMA.
FNOGMMA Development Phase: Laws and governance (Oil & Gas laws created by Chief & Council); Provincial administration/enforcement of Oil & Gas laws; Regulation and enforcement will rest with the Tribe but Alberta will do it presently for us until we develop our own Codes. Possible Referendum September 30, 2009. Chief & Council BCR passed to begin the process of opting into FNOGMMA (Transfer agreement). Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer.
2. **Arbitration process presentation to Chief & Council.** Arbitration to address non-judicial, non-land dispute matters. Follow up to include further discussion of appointed Chief & Council reps and administration and then to present to Chief & Council. Clarification on how this process will affect current Policies & Procedures, Corporations and Entities.

**APRIL 20, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Discussion on Ag Society** and looking at clean up around existing facility.
2. **Discussion on the up-coming annual Kainai Indian Days** and the issue of increasing security.
3. Presentation by Ruby Eagle Child/Julian Black Antelope on One Herd Productions to archive Blackfoot traditional lifestyle, culture and possible television station.
4. **Presentation by Jason Fox/Roanne Weasel Head on the Kainai Diabetes Program** to get people active

and involved. They have a logo & create your own commercial contest and a Nike shoe initiative.

5. **Housing up-date from Director on Morgan Buildings.** Housing Director to do follow-up on possible construction of houses. Director to look at Elder/Handicap units, floor plans and basements.
6. **BCR's signed.**
7. **Meeting adjourned.**

**APRIL 21, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Children's Services up-date by Director Susan Bare Shin Bone.** Sod turning on renovations of existing Women's Shelter and infrastructure funds secured to begin renovations. Sod turning tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2009, at Old Indian Hospital at 2 p.m.
2. **BCR's signed.**
3. **Four positions within the Police Commission are to be posted for competition immediately.** Communications dept. to post Police Commission positions and advertisements.
4. **Up-date from Economic Director on Morgan Building and damages suffered as a result of a break-in,** and the Impact Assessment Study media release. Director to look at security concerns.
5. **Human Resource Director presentation on Compensation Review Panel.** Compensation review completed and Compensation Review Panel decisions rendered.
6. **Tammy White Quills-Knife presentation on Blood Tribe Office Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention Committee.** Request for support and endorsement from Chief & Council.
7. **Blood Tribe Police and concerned community members presentation on Gangs.** One week tentatively scheduled from May 11-15, 2009, to bring together all relevant service providers to gather solutions in creating healthy communities. Chief & Council endorsed community members efforts.
8. **BCR's signed.**
9. **Meeting adjourned.**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2009

currently offering

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

Blood Tribe Employment & Skills Training

This One day Workshop offers individual and classroom training to unemployed Blood Tribe Members through a variety of services including career and job search support, hands on computer training and follow up.

Workshops are scheduled for:

April 29

May 13

May 27

June 10

June 24

This program is offered at the Blood Tribe Employment & Skills Training Center in Lavern

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BLOOD TRIBE POLICE COMMISSION

FOR 4 (FOUR) POSITIONS
REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates:

- Shall possess good character, credibility and reputation within the Blood Tribe;
- Shall have fundamental knowledge of and possess an interest in policing matters;
- Shall have obtained a security check on the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) and a local indices check;
- Shall not have a criminal record relating to an indictable offence in Canada or a felony in the United States;
- Shall possess grade 12 education or equivalent experience;
- Should have previous experience serving on a management board;

CLOSING DATE; May 6, 2009 @ 4:30 P.M.

Please send your resume, security clearance check and cover letter indicating why you should be considered for an appointment to the Blood Tribe Police Commission to:

Blood Tribe Chief and Council
c/o Darlene Plume
Senior Executive Officer
Box 60
Standoff, Alberta
TOL 1Y0

Fax: (403) 737-2336

Please mark your envelope as "Confidential."