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## **ALIB Community Communique**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Attention: Adams Lake (Cstèlnec) Band and Community Members

Re: Chief's Message/Update to Membership

The October 4, 2018 General Band Meeting (GBM) focused on the 2018/2019 Adams Lake Indian Band (ALIB) Annual Budget. The presented budget brought up several pointed questions from many of the people in attendance.

It is important to note that the annual budget practices have not changed much over the past years. The 2018/2019 Annual Budget is approved based on a thorough review of all projected revenues and expenditures. Taking into consideration all political and business initiatives with a focus on internal and external organizational operations. The main departments are shown separately in the annual budget.

The detailed planning process for next year's fiscal budget has already begun in some of our departments. The Band will fill two of our top senior positions within the next few weeks.

The Chief and Council appreciates the good words and constructive criticism brought up within the GBM meeting. There are many divisive community issues that still need to be addressed. Uniting our community is fundamental in moving forward. Leadership recognizes that improved transparency and more meaningful dialogue would bring about a more united community. Chief and Council (C&C) will continue to keep listening.

There are many strong leaders within the community. C&C will make special efforts to be more reachable and to work collaboratively with community members to reach common goals. C&C has gathered the notes from the community meeting held on September 24, 2018. C&C will review and provide replies to the questions and concerns brought forward.



The trust issues about leadership from one or two band members has been noted. As well as the many good comments from elders and membership. It is a two-way street and if we all listen more, learn the Secwepemctsin stories and legends, we will begin to comprehend and respect other journeys, not just our own. There is plenty of time, for we as Secwepemc are patient, respectful and survivors of much harsher activities from governments, settlers and corporations. Let us work together and channel our energies towards similar targets and common goals that will bring us all forward as a family, community and Nation.

There have been some comments about my health that needs clarification. My health is very private. Yes, I was in the hospital for a serious health issue. A health plan is in place. I expect a full recovery and I am mending fast and look forward to my continued work for the membership. There is no exact date established as to when I can return to full time work. I appreciate the well wishes from many elders and members. Kukstemc (thank you) for all the get well wishes, cards, flowers etc. Much appreciated.

Adams Lake Indian Band continues to be involved on the many important issues regarding our lands and water. We are moving forward with the assistance of managers and technical people.

Currently we are involved in two major capital projects: Chief Atahm School Expansion and Sexqeltqin Health Centre. Funding is secured. There is a strong working team on all levels of the two projects. This is exciting news for ALIB. Smaller but equally important projects include: waterline line extension; and an on-reserve renovation program. Please watch for progress update reports on the various projects coming up.

In closing, the hard work of Band Council, Finance Committee, Directors/Managers and staff is greatly appreciated. This has brought us all together and has made us better team players working on balancing the budget.

Hope everyone had a great family thanksgiving dinner together and enjoyed your time with your families.

Sincerely,  
Kukpi7 Cliff Arnouse  
Adams Lake Indian Band

cc: ALIB Band Council