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ALIB Community Communique

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Health & Safety

Kukpi7 Cliff Arnouse

The following is an update to Band Members, Band Staff of the organization. There was an accident with a staff member last week. The Band and employees were shaken and shocked. The staff member has had operations to ease swelling and time will tell how fast healing takes. Due to Covid and the wish for family privacy, we will work with designated persons. ALIB and other staff have been raising funds to assist the family including turkey dinner. We all wish him a speedy recovery, get well soon.

There have been two ground-breaking ceremonies for our Subdivision and Waterline Projects. The contractors will be breaking ground soon on the Phase 111 waterline project from Kenoras pump house to our ALIB reserve boundary, where elder Lawrence Michel resides. There is going to be clean fresh *potable* water for homes down on Kamloops Shuswap Road. This opportunity is an encouragement to build your home on CP lands and can bring more families' home.

The new subdivision project will enable us to build single detached houses and multi-family units. 12-15 more units can be built there. These families will have the option/opportunity to bring their children to go to school at nearby Chief Atahm School that expanded to new High School and Language Centre.

The Ancestral bones found in the subdivision project are being taken care of and they will be moved to a special place in the graveyard as the Elders

have indicated. Their direction also gives us the information to leave bones found off reserve where they are found, to keep our title and rights marked.

There have been improvements around our community because of the removal of unwanted persons creating problems in our community. In discussions with ALIB Security, they mentioned how quiet it is around certain areas that had problems prior. We have asked/requested the RCMP continue to be more visible in the community. We are also developing a *Survey* to find out the type of community protection ALIB wants. Tribal policing, enhanced security, or a RCMP liaison agreement. Survey will be distributed very soon, please take the time to fill in the survey or attend any discussion groups regarding community safety.

Thanksgiving long weekend is here soon, where families gather to meet and have their turkey dinners. Some families may continue this family practice but urge everyone to continue practicing Covid safety protocols that we all have been doing. We do it for our families, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, our sle7e, kye7es.

I again commend everyone on their compliance with washing your hands, wearing the masks, staying in your family bubbles or groups.

Fall weather is here, the gardens are almost all picked out/harvested. Canning and preserving. Season for deer, moose, and fish and then into the freezers. Maybe not everyone yet. This time of year is the most colorful, with hot days and colder nights. Make sure there is enough firewood, for the upcoming winter's cold weather. Enjoy the fall bounty.

In closing, wishing a very Happy Thanksgiving to all the families.

Kukpi7 Cliff Arnouse