

Beecher Bay Update 2020



Spirit Bay/Industrial Area

In 2012 there was a vote on Spirit Bay and Spirit Bay Industrial Site, 85% of the voters, voted yes.

Throughout the years there has been homes built, infrastructure put in, and will be an ongoing issue till build out is complete. Industrial site Lot 32 was set aside for leasable lands when Spirit Bay was created when lands on reserve become leasable to 3rd parties, it allows members or others to come in and create businesses on those lands by leasing the lands, We are still have some servicing issues (sewer/water/hydro) on that lot, but we are moving towards creating a subdivision design) for that area in hopes that we attract amenities to our community, for example, a small grocery store, and a gas station, it would make it easier for our members to do their grocery shopping and it would give rise to additional jobs here in our community if we had those types of activities right here at Beecher Bay, also make it easier to bring appropriate sewer/water/hydro to the West side of IR#1 (WhaleView Cresent area), which is where the band is working to build serviced lots for new homes for members. The clearing and the selling of the timber will help pay for the preparation for use on site.

Lands Update

Throughout these endeavors the land committee is working on Laws/policies/processes to ensure

appropriate rules are followed in the leased areas including throughout our Land, Once Covid 19 rules ease, we will continue the processes for our Land Use and Zoning Map and reintroduce it to the Community with all information from community members from prior community meeting and surveys. We will be reviewing existing Laws to ensure they still apply to Band needs.

New Temporary Band Office

It is getting closer to start date within the next few weeks the Contractor will be out for a site assessment.

Once that part is complete then it will be approx.: a 110 to 120-day process, it will be good to finally have a safe, Healthy building for Members / Staff and visitors alike.

COVID-19 and Services Contact Numbers:

8-1-1 = Public Health Hotline (BC)

- Lines can be busy. Please try throughout the day or later at night.
- Referral required from 811 in order to obtain screening.
- You must have been in contact with someone who has tested positive who has travelled or been something symptomatic who has travelled within the past 14 days.

Public health office (Victoria Health Unit)

- Victoria Screening Centre (Referral Only)
- Address & Number:
- 1947 Cook St
Victoria, B.C. V8T 3P7
- 250-388-2200
- Fax: 250-388-2249

The Public Health Agency of Canada

- Novel coronavirus (covid19) information line.
- Contact Number: 1-833-784-4397.

TELUS Babylon virtual Walk-in Clinic:

Download app

Arrange a date and time to meet virtually with a GP

- Referrals, Lab requisition, Prescription Refills, Online assessment via Face time
- Website:

- <https://www.telus.com/en/bc/health/personal/babylon>

Cool Aid Community Health society:

Elizabeth Lofts

Call: 250-385-1466

First Nations Virtual Doctor

Call: 1 855 344 3800

open 7 days a week.

8:30am – 4:30pm

Angie Gibson – Community Health Nurse

Office: 250-391-5791

Email: angie.gibson@fnha.ca

Annemarie Richmond: Community Counsellor Beecher Bay councilor.

- Cell: (250) 710- 2118 (text, FBmessage, or leave voice message)
- annemarie@inclusionarts.com

Krista Johnny (Community Health Representative)

- Email: kristaljohnny87@gmail.com

Rita Marshall (Maternal child and health)

- Email: rita.marshall@fnha.ca

Health Department Update:

Naloxone Kits:

- We have recently received a shipment of naloxone kits.
- These kits provided by the Towards the Heart campaign to help fight overdoses.
- Please schedule a time to meet and I will provide one on one Training.
- Limited number of kits, but I have access to getting supplies quickly.
- If you have a naloxone kit: Please check to see if it has expired. I have refills for these kits.
- Any and all questions, never hesitate to phone my office, email or message me.

Covid19:

- Screening in community. I am currently becoming certified to screen/test for covid19. At this time it is not clear what that will look like here in community, but we are hoping to just be as prepared as we can.
- Testing would not be available until the fall.
 - Again, any questions or concerns about that please contact myself (Angie)
- We have developed a Covid19 Prevention and Safety Plan along with screening questions for any and all activities going forward. Copies made upon request.

Nursing Office Hours:

- Appointments are required at this time.
- No walk-ins

- This is to ensure sanitization of surfaces in between clients.
- Please call the health office @ 250-391-5791 to book an appointment.
- Masks are required during your scheduled appointment.
- Please give me a call for any questions or concerns.

Immunizations:

- All immunizations are being offered now for infants - adults
- Please inquiry if you'd like a copy of your records from the online database.

Influenza Season:

- I would like to begin any education or concerns about the annual influenza vaccine.
- More information will be released closer to influenza season when the new vaccine is released.
- Each year they provide a preservative free vaccine for those who are allergic. If this is you and you'd like an influenza shot this year, please let me know and I will be able to order accordingly 😊

Foot Care:

- Foot care is officially back up and running.
- Priority is given to diabetics and elders at this time due to supply issues.

Nurse Practitioner: Elizabeth Lofts

- We will continue to post on the Scia'new Newsletter Facebook group regarding weekly clinics.
 - Upcoming clinics: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Unless otherwise posted.
 - Please contact me for bookings (Angie)
- Masks are mandatory in the community building
- No waiting area
- Prescreening questions will be asked prior to appointment booking.
- As always, we really appreciate everyone's patience =)

** Thank you everyone for your continued patience and understanding. These are confusing and scary times for a lot of people. We need to continue to follow the rules and be safe. We also need to continue to social distance, wash our hands and avoid populated areas and keep our circles small. This is not over, but we will continue to do are best in continue to flatten the curve. Thank you so much everyone!! =) **

Absolutely any inquiries or concerns regarding health and wellness. Please give me (Angie) or Krista a call and we can navigate your questions to the best of my abilities.

Angie Gibson

Community Health Nurse

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Kirsta Johnny

Community Health Manager

Office: 250 -478-3535

Email: krista@beecherbay.ca

Cell Tower

On June 24th 2020, DR Clough Consulting came out to do an assessment of the Cell Tower site (Garibaldi Hill) with Ruth and Bernice, down through Speyside, up through Byron's driveway and up Garibaldi, there is no set time line yet, the potential to have cellular service here in Beecher Bay is one step closer. Once we've confirmed details an update will be provided.

Center Mountain Business Park

Center Mountain Business Park has been logging/blasting and filling in a portion of the business park in order to make the area useable and rentable for businesses, there is a lack of road access to the portion of the business park and all partners are pooling resources to create a road access through the business park, we will be trying to come up with the shared resources to install power/sewer and water, this will take time to complete.

Housing Update

- Creating Policies and Procedures to support Housing Policy
 - I have new Rental Agreements prepared
 - Created a new updated Housing Applications (finishing setting up for digital forms)
 - Creating Poll for future Housing
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SC'IANEW (Beecher Bay) Social
Development Department updates:
COVID-19 and Services Contact
Numbers:

SC'IANEW community remains in
essential service, no public access to
Band Office currently.

Social Development Office hours,
every Tuesday + Wednesday, 9:00-1pm in office (250-478-
3535) and working from home, which I can be reached by
email: bsdwbfn@telus.net (this email will be changing soon
and will keep you posted)

As COVID hit during SA renewals in March, we are playing catch-up. Many have completed your renewals and we are still waiting for others.

We will be providing declarations to each person receiving a Social Development cheque and requesting this be filled out with updated information. Changes to your household, actual number of people living in your household. In completing the social development fiscal renewal, we require a copy of your 2019 taxes for your file and updated photo ID, with and for your renewal package -INAC-policy.

Social Development cheques are given out the second last Wednesday of each month, next cheque delivery,

JULY 22nd, 2020

August 19,2020

Sept. 23,2020

We are all working to continue most services as well as creating and delivering the “New Norm” of programs with caution, focusing on safety first! Please be patient and stay safe!



SC'IANEW FIELD TEAM (Children and youth programming) and CSETS Summer Work Experience Programs

When COVID-19 hit in March, life as we knew it came to a stand still. Our focus was to assist in bringing community together. Programs created around community gatherings / groups and building teams! Then COVID hit and we all went into isolation...

Instantly, we were all thrown into the unknown. Transition began for individuals, families, community, province, and the world.

Youth activities became available virtually, as did, the way education was/is delivered. The band invested in their children and youth and provided chrome book for all school aged community children and youth assisting with virtual education as well as with social connections.

Education, recently, we partnered with Frontier College that provides resources and mentorship to community members to assist children and youth as well as adults with educational goals. Ruby Dee with guidance from all our youth Team (Hallie, Sherry, Danny and especially Paula), together with Frontier

College are creating an educational program specific to the SC'IANEW community. This new program will assist school aged children and youth to continue to be successful in school providing tutoring as well. Currently, with COVID this program is delivered virtually and are working towards one to one and small group activities.

CSETS Summer Student Work Experience, will start in community on July 13, 2020-fingers crossed! Two students will be working at East Sooke Search and Rescue and they start, Monday July 6th. Work experience will be focused on outside activities, community garden, painting projects, lawn maintenance, marina area and hopefully some fishing /seafooding...

All supervisors and summer student work experience people will be given a Covid 19 prevention orientation prior to any activities. A prevention COVID package will be provided and requires a parent and/or guardian to be signed and initialed by participant.

Marina Update

During this Covid crisis, we have done things a bit differently. We could not promote "business as usual" and have the parking lots full with boat launchers and people milling about everywhere, so we promoted moorage and

boating recreation, family time and just getting out on the water in a safe and socially distanced manner when there were limited activities that families could do at the time. Our moorage sales more than doubled, and moorage has the highest profit margin. Our customer demographic has seemed to change from the weekend warrior fishermen to more of a family affair. Fishermen are still prominent - not as much the single or couple of guys going out, but rather families out boating, fishing, and crabbing together.

OCEAN RESOURCES UPDATE

WCMRC – WESTERN CANADIAN RESPONSE CORPORATION

Background:

The partnership between Beecher Bay and WCMRC began back in September 2014 as an outcome of our discussions with the formerly Kinder Morgan Canada (which has since changed to Trans Mountain Corporation). In an effort to protect the livelihood of the Scianew people and its bountiful ocean resources Beecher Bay sought as much protection as possible

by negotiating one of five potential spill bases that were being planned by the government in an attempt to increase spill response times. Beecher Bay felt it was important to have increased protection while lowering the spill response times considering the incumbent increase in shipping traffic through the Scianew territorial waters. Through early community consultation we sought the concerns of the community. Those concerns included employment and training, concern for potential spills, and protection of the ocean resources. These concerns were brought to the table for development and implementation.

Training Objectives and Achievements:

OBJECTIVES:

Beecher Bay's objective was to bring the level of environmental response capacity in the community up to industry standard in order to be called upon by either the Canadian Coast Guard and or WCMRC in the event of a spill. For Beecher Bay to be the first First Nation organization to call upon because our operations are reliable, effective, respectful and with an efficient response team that raises the credibility of not only Beecher Bay but of First Nations as a whole.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Our partnership with WCMRC led to many opportunities in the marine space. This included paid training through WCMRC, connections with government agencies for further training through Coast Guard including an internship with Coast Guard, and SAR training. With the training funds that were made through our services agreement with WCMRC we were able to not only pay those that were being trained but put funds aside to provide further certified training programs for community members which is detailed below.

In the community today, we have the following trained in the following areas:

TRAINING	PARTNER /ORGANIZATION	CERTIFICATION	# OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
Coastal Spill Response Training	WCMRC	No official certification but ongoing training provided by WCMRC	14
SVOP	Transport Canada	SVOP Certificate	13

Small Vessel Operators Proficiency			
ROC-M Radio Operator Certificate - Marine	Transport Canada	ROC-M Certificate	11
MED I/II/III Marine Emergency Duties	Transport Canada	MED I/II/III	2
Coast Guard Internship	Canadian Coast Guard	No official certifications but 6-month internship with federal access	1
SAR Search and Rescue	Canadian Coast Guard	No official certifications. Upcoming SAR training for 2 more community members postponed due to COVID	4 Potentially 6
SCAT Shoreline Cleanup	Canadian Coast Guard and WCMRC	No official certifications	10

Assessment Technique			
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Coastal Response Training (Oil Spill Response – ongoing training)

- Setup & deployment of on and offshore containment booms.
- Setup of spill response staging area and knowledge of decontamination procedures.
- Instruction and usage of toxic gas reading equipment.
- Health and Safety
- Site Assessment
- Shoreline Treatment / Flush
- Skimmer
- Booming and Shoreline Sensitivity
- Decontamination – Personnel and vessel
- Oil Recovery and Temporary Storage
- Site assessment and atmosphere monitoring
- Containment, exclusion, deflection and casualty booming.
- Shoreline sensitivities
- AquaGuard RBS and T-Disc skimmer
- Seaslug and buoy wall tank
- Siting and setting up a staging area

SAR – Search and Rescue Training (December 2018)

- RHIOT - Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator Training
- PIW - Recovery of Person in Water
- Hypothermia

- Agency interoperability, and teamwork
- Improving SAR communications
- SAR techniques including Search Patterns and Rescue considerations
- Understanding our maritime SAR system
- Risk Assessment and Mission Safety
- Cold Water survival and treatment
- On water search and rescue training scenario

SCAT – Shoreline Clean Assessment Technique Shoreline Clean Up Training Includes:

- discuss safe work practices,
- safely set-up and demobilize shoreline flush kit
- safely set-up, utilize and demobilize shore seal boom
- explain the importance of completing all required documentation
- explain the process of shoreline clean-up (SCAT, STRs, clean-up, post-SCAT)

[Spill Response Base:](#)

MARINE SPACE:

One of the reasons the spill response base has taken such a lengthy time to come to fruition is because it is directly tied to the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP). Since the project was held up in 2016 for over a year, this delayed the construction of all new spill response bases, including Beecher Bay.

More recently, WCMRC has been given the green light from TMEP to continue with the construction of the base here in Beecher Bay, and has just recently secured their contractor to do so. What you can expect from here on forward is an overhaul of the marina at the top ends of Docks A, B and C (total 48 slips), including the gangway that will incorporate the heat exchange. Also, a new breakwater will be going in. The breakwater will be decked and will have capacity to move the gas bar onto the breakwater whenever there are funds to do so. That will be quite costly but the good news is that once achieved, Scianew will benefit from being able to sell Diesel to WCMRC and others which will increase annual revenues into the \$200k per year range. It's going to take one strong sturdy step at a time to achieve that milestone but it is in our scope.

The construction itself will take approximately 12 months ending in June 2021 when the new base, docks, gangway, and breakwater are in place and completed. The pilings are expected to go in around September with the majority of the new build beginning in December. Our gangway will be moved temporarily to create access to the rest of the marina. Hours of work for the construction crew will generally be from 8am – 6pm. There may be a need now and again for weekend work but we will cross that bridge when we come to it.

Our negotiations around the new marina build area, the breakwater and the new WCMRC area have taken some time but we have finally come to an agreement between the Mi'nuw'ilum Marina Limited Partnership Board (Cheanuh Marina) and WCMRC. They will have a sublease with us over the next 20 years.

What this exciting partnership will bring to Beecher Bay is an opportunity for employment with WCMRC and immediate response to spills that may occur. Our goal is to have the class (A, B or C) of our marina to increase and become a first-class area for boaters, environmental response and overall community involvement in the protection of the ocean and its resources. The partnership will also open up the doors to other partnerships and in turn potentially generate more resources for the community.

Small but sturdy steps need to be taken to reach those marks. As an example, the breakwater will not have gas sales capabilities right now, but in the future that capability will be there with more hard work and dedication, and the nation will then see some own source revenue being generated through gas/diesel sales.

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significant cost. Without the waterlot lease, Scianew would not have been able to house WCMRC and increase the protection value of having spill response right here in Beecher Bay.

The second piece to the WCMRC partnership includes their warehouse (see Land Space).

LAND SPACE:

WCMRC will also need a place to build a new warehouse to store their belongings and conduct their day to day business. They will be placed on the lands of Beecher Bay so that they are situated as closely as possible to the marina in case of emergency response.

The location is still being discussed but the building should begin construction in the early part of the new year 2021. There are still details that need to be worked out but both parcels (marine and land) are part of the overall partnership with WCMRC.

Challenges:

Our main challenge with our partnership has been the delay of the TMEP. We hit a point where WCMRC was not able to continue moving forward with the negotiations or the project so we sat in a lull for just over a year. Once back up again we

have resumed and concluded our negotiations for the spill response base.

Another challenge is that Beecher Bay does not always have the cash on hand to do the things that will eventually make the nation a profit. Infrastructure needs of the spill response base also caused another challenge for us. As you know the 3-phase power (which also services Spirit Bay) was necessary for the spill base so this took a significant amount of time to accomplish having 3 phase power implemented in the community. This reality slowed things a fair bit as we navigated through this significant improvement in hydro services.

Consistent and well thought out steps need to be taken to reach the goal of an increased own source revenue for Beecher Bay. As an example on this project, the breakwater will not have gas sales capabilities right now, but in the future that capability will be there with more hard work and dedication, and the nation will then benefit from the revenue being generated.

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IMPORTANT UPDATE ON TEST PILING:

Test piles (not the real pilings that will go in over September) will be going in at the marina on Tuesday and Wednesday on July 14th and 15th. This will affect those who are housed on C Dock and the courtesy dock for about 3 – 4 hours in the morning of July 14th. Cheanuh Marina will be reaching out to those on Dock C and also the courtesy dock about the non-access to that area during this time.

There will be 6 test piles done over a two-day period, which means that there will be a pile barge in the bay for 2 nights to accommodate the work. The pile barge is approximately 30 metres long and 10 metres wide and will be held into place by the use of “spuds” which will anchor it into place. The barge will enter the marina on Monday night, July 13th in preparation for work on July 14th.

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Report provided by Trina Sxwithul'txw
Project Manager

I have been checking my emails daily, (bernicebbfn@live.ca) to this day, July 9th, 2020, I have not received any email requests for a digital copy to be sent, from any Band Members away from home.

Stay safe and Healthy through these strange Covid 19 days

Wear masks when required, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer.



