

SNTC Chiefs' Meeting Updates

The first Wednesday of each month marks the coming together of the chiefs of the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council (SNTC) to voice their concerns and ideas, setbacks and successes, their community's needs and wants.

This February the agenda highlighted several ongoing concerns, and brought forth a few new ones.

Ongoing discussions surrounding the amendment of the Secwepemc territory map has led to the decision to change the current boundary to include the outermost defined borders.

Amendments have also been made to the election code for the SNTC Chairperson position. The election will take place April 1st of this year.

Discussions took place around options and proposals for office space for the SNTC, the development of a communications plan, a mentorship between SNTC and Ragan Creative Inc., and intergovernmental protocols with other First Nations.

The Child Welfare conference has been postponed till March 24th through 26th of this year.

Murray Ross, Director of Secwepemc Fisheries Commission (SFC), presented recommendations to the council to alleviate conflicts over Aboriginal Aquatic Resources & Oceans Management (AAROM) funding. The SFC has stated its intent to make an effort to communicate with the Shuswap Indian Band in the AAROM agreement.

A Report for the Central Interior Partners in Aboriginal Human Resource Development (CIPAHRD) regarding organizational restructuring was reviewed by the council.

SNTC in partnership with Community Futures (CFDC) and All Nations Development Corporation (ANTCO) will be planning a Business Opportunities Conference scheduled to take place this summer.

The creation of an Information Communication Technology strategy was discussed with the upcoming First Nations Technology Council conference taking place in February.

Among the news items for discussion, Chief Shintah, of Ts'kw'aylaxw (Pavillion), approached the council regarding Robertson Creek logging ventures.

The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council will reconvene Wednesday, March 4th, 2009.