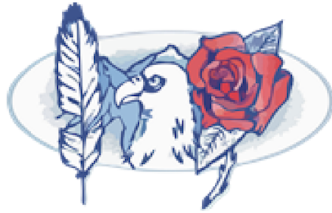


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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DIRECTOR

Vanessa Thevarge

Hello community members:

The Health Centre is still currently closed to the public until there is a final safety plan in place.

When the plan is in place, the office will be open by appointment only.

There will only be a maximum of six employees in at a time on a rotating schedule.

We encourage washing your hands or using hand sanitizer and wearing a mask upon entering the building.

I will be away from the office Friday, June 26-Monday, July 6, 2020. Returning to the office July 7, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact George Petel/Band Manager.

Respectfully,
Vanessa Thevarge
Health Director



UPDATE FROM NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF

On Wednesday, June 10, 2020 Jenny Allen conducted Safety Orientation with 12 participants for Safety Orientation 2020 in the compound of the Bonaparte Natural Resources Office. Warm welcome to the field staff! Safety is everyone's responsibility! The field staff hired to date are Tyler



Zabotel, Bryan Isnardy, Austin Ingram, Daytona Retasket, Gail Pierro, Sarah Mahoney, Jenny Allen (Forest Team Lead/Safety)

and Bert William (Archaeology Sr. Advisor). Missing from this photo are Melanie Minnabarriet, Fawn Pierro Zabotel, and Howard Antoine. Our office support staff include Kelsey Thorne (Contract Manager taking place of





Jennifer Casorso-Thank you for all that you have done and Congratulations on your new baby coming soon!), and Amanda Murrell Hughes (Referrals Clerk). Watch for upcoming job postings

throughout the season or feel free to drop your resume off with Kelsey Thorne for future hiring throughout the season.



Below will be a written letter from Mr. Dan Simmons, along with a typed copy.



THANK YOU!

MARCH 26/20

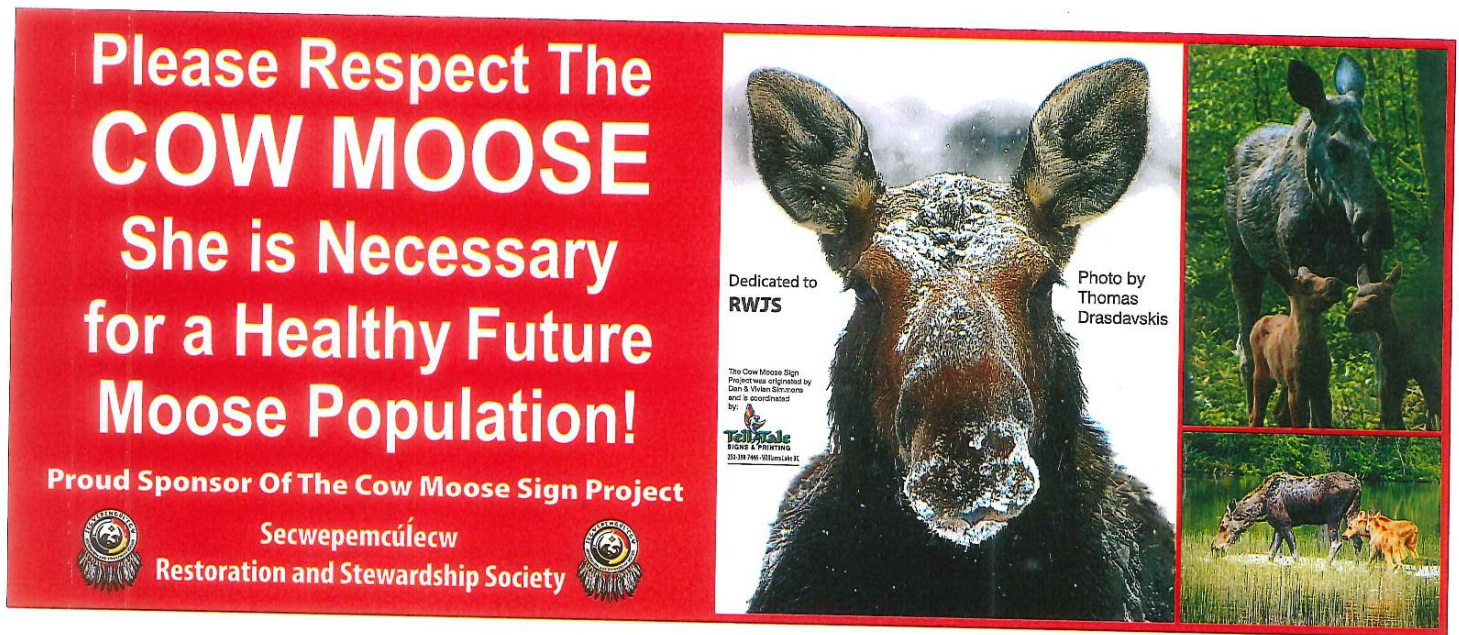
TO ALL THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES,
ELDERS! CHIEFS!, AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
THAT ARE SUPPORTING AND INVOLVED WITH THE
COLLABORATIVE POST-WILDFIRE RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR
THE KLOPPAN MILE AREA, AND BEYOND!
ANY TIME! YOUR SPECIAL DEDICATION! AND
CARE SO MUCH FOR WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITAT.
BARRY ALLEN, GEORGIAN PRESTON AND RODGER
STEWART ARTHUR MORGAN AND SON! SO MANY
MORE! THANK YOU FOR WORKING TOGETHER AND
UNDERSTANDING THE LOGISTICS OF THE CAD MOOSE
SIGN PROJECT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR
EXISTENCE IN THE PROVINCE. MOOSE MATTER! TO ALL
IN THIS PROVINCE, AND A VERY BIG PART OF US ALL.
I TRULY BELIEVE WORKING TOGETHER, TEACHING
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THE CAD MOOSE SIGN PROJECT IS VERY OPTIMISTIC
IF WE CONTINUE ON THIS PATH, THE MOOSE WILL
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WE ALL LOVE AND CARE HOME AND WILL ALWAYS
CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION AND RESPECT
FOR THE CAD AND ANTIPODEAN MOOSE. THEY ARE
NECESSARY FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE MOOSE POPULATION.
(R.W.T.S.) RODGER WILLIAM JOHN STEWART'S
FIRST JOB WITH MINISTRY WAS WITH THE
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRIBAL COUNCIL'S =
Secwepemcweew

THIS BILL BOARD IS IN HIS DEDICATION!

THANK YOU! RODGER = DIAN SIMMONS





THANK YOU!
DAN AND VIVIAN
SIMMONS

"Thank You!

To all the Indigenous Communities, Elders! Chiefs! and all community members that are supporting and involved with the Collaborative Post Wildfire Recovery efforts, for the Elephant Hill area, and beyond! Amy Tipler you're special, dedicated! And care so much for wildlife and their habitat. Jenny Allen, Georgian Preston, Mr. Rodger Stewart, Arther Morgan and son! So many more! Thank you for working together and understanding the logistics of the Cow Moose Sign Project, and the importance of their existence in the province. Moose matter! To all in this province, and a very big part of us all. I truly believe working together, teaching respect, will only help to insure the long term increase! In provincial wide moose populations'.



The Cow Moose Sign Project, is very optimistic if we continue on this path, the moose will thrive, again throughout this beautiful province we all love and call home, and will always continue to promote the protection and respect for the cow and antlerless moose! They are necessary for a healthy moose population - (RWJS) Rodger William John Stewart's first job with ministry was with the Central Interior Tribal Council's Secwepemc'ul'ecw. This billboard is in his dedication!

Thank you!

Rodger-Dan Simmons!!"

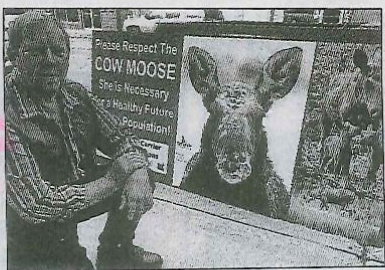


Cow Moose Sign founder wants LEH for antlerless moose hunt stopped

Angie MINDUS
Staff Writer

It's been five years since Dan Simmons started the Cow Moose Sign Project to stop the shooting of antlerless moose in Region 5 and the campaign is continuing to grow and gain momentum.

This past year has seen major growth in the Cow Moose Sign project, with 57, four by eight foot signs purchased in 2019 bringing the total number of larger signs to 107, and another 710 smaller signs. All



Angie Mindus photo

Cow Moose Sign Project founder Dan Simmons said he is proud of the work done and the relationships built through the campaign.

the signs have been either purchased or donated and distributed around the province in hunting regions

including Omineca, Cariboo, Skeena and Thompson-Nicola.

"I'm so proud of all the people involved

and how the First Nations communities have stepped up," Simmons said, noting 30 First Nations communities are on board supporting the campaign. "They are trying, yes they are. They do care."

Simmons said he took the stand to protect cow moose by educating the public through the signage on the importance of the cow moose for the future of its population, which has struggled over the last decade for a number of reasons.

Signs can be seen

at businesses, along highways and even nailed to trees in moose habitat to serve as a reminder to those tempted to shoot antlerless moose, which is legal for First Nations hunters year-round.

"For me, it just got to the point where I thought, 'enough, I have to do something,'" said Simmons, a former guide and hunter.

"The project has definitely changed me. A lot of guys, including myself, wouldn't even shoot a moose now. Certainly not an antler-

less moose. Shooting a cow moose — it's just not the right thing to do, especially in this region."

Simmons said along with attitudes, the next thing he'd like to see changed is for the government to end the antlerless moose Limited Entry Hunts.

"The cows shouldn't be allowed to be hunted by anyone, that's my opinion. There should be a total moratorium on antlerless moose. Give them a chance to recover. Take them out. Set an example," Simmons said.

"Just stop it. It's the right thing to do."

Currently there are four LEH tags available for antlerless moose in Region 5, 175 in Region 4 and 161 in Region 7, he said.

"I don't understand it at all. They shouldn't be in our limited entry. Why are we killing cow moose?"

Simmons said he believes the moose population has declined due to mismanagement, but does acknowledge the efforts to reduce the number of LEHs

locally and provincially and by local ministry staff, particularly that of the late Rodger Stewart.

"He did so much to help me with this project," Simmons said. "I'll never forget Rodger for all his dedication and work. He was highly supportive of the project."

Simmons believes there is hope for the population, and remains cautiously optimistic that it will turn around with the efforts being put forward by government and First Nations leaders.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Karen Warren

Good Morning, as some of you know, the community garden is up and running. 😊 The garden has been a working progress this year, as I have planted many vegetables for Elders and families which will soon be ready for the taking. If there are people that are bored and would like to help weed the garden, it would be greatly appreciated! There is much work to be done, as we have had a lot of rain, and will be expecting more.

Last year we planted apple, plum, choke cherry, goji berry, saskatoon, and red currants. Some berries are just about ready (I think) lol. I am learning about some of these bushes as the days go by, as well as their uses.

This fall, we will be revamping the garden by making it more accessible for Elders that would like to come and visit. 😊

If anyone may have any suggestions, please come by the garden and give me your input since this is a COMMUNITY GARDEN. I am there in the mornings between 8-10 am, or 7pm depending on the weather. Otherwise, you can reach me at 250 320 6314 by text or phone call.

Thank you,
Karen Warren



PATIENT TRAVEL

Jeannie William

June 02, 2020

FROM First Nations Health Authority (FNHA): In response to the changing COVID-19 pandemic environment, Medical Transportation (Patient Travel) benefits have been reinstated

- Medical transportation requests are to be assessed and approved by Patient Travel Clerks (PT) as per normal MT policy
- While some routine health and dental appointments may be available, PT clerks should confirm these appointments with the provider BEFORE arranging travel – so make sure you have contact info (Doctor's #)
- Medical transportation travel requests for urgent appointments no longer need to be submitted to Health Benefits as a benefit exception
- Travel for prenatal confinement, over 5 nights duration, escorts while client is in hospital, etc MUST be submitted as a Benefit Exception
 - Paperwork to support request must be provided
- You may also hand in a letter from doctor's office for reimbursement (make sure it has time, date and doctor's or receptionist signature/stamp on it)

I will be going into office every Monday; I can be contacted at 250.457.6233 ext 229 or on my cell phone: 250.457.3302

- *Office is still closed to the public, so please contact me by phone*

Any questions regarding Medical Transportation can also be directed to FNHA: 1.855.550.5454

Stay Safe,

Jeannie William

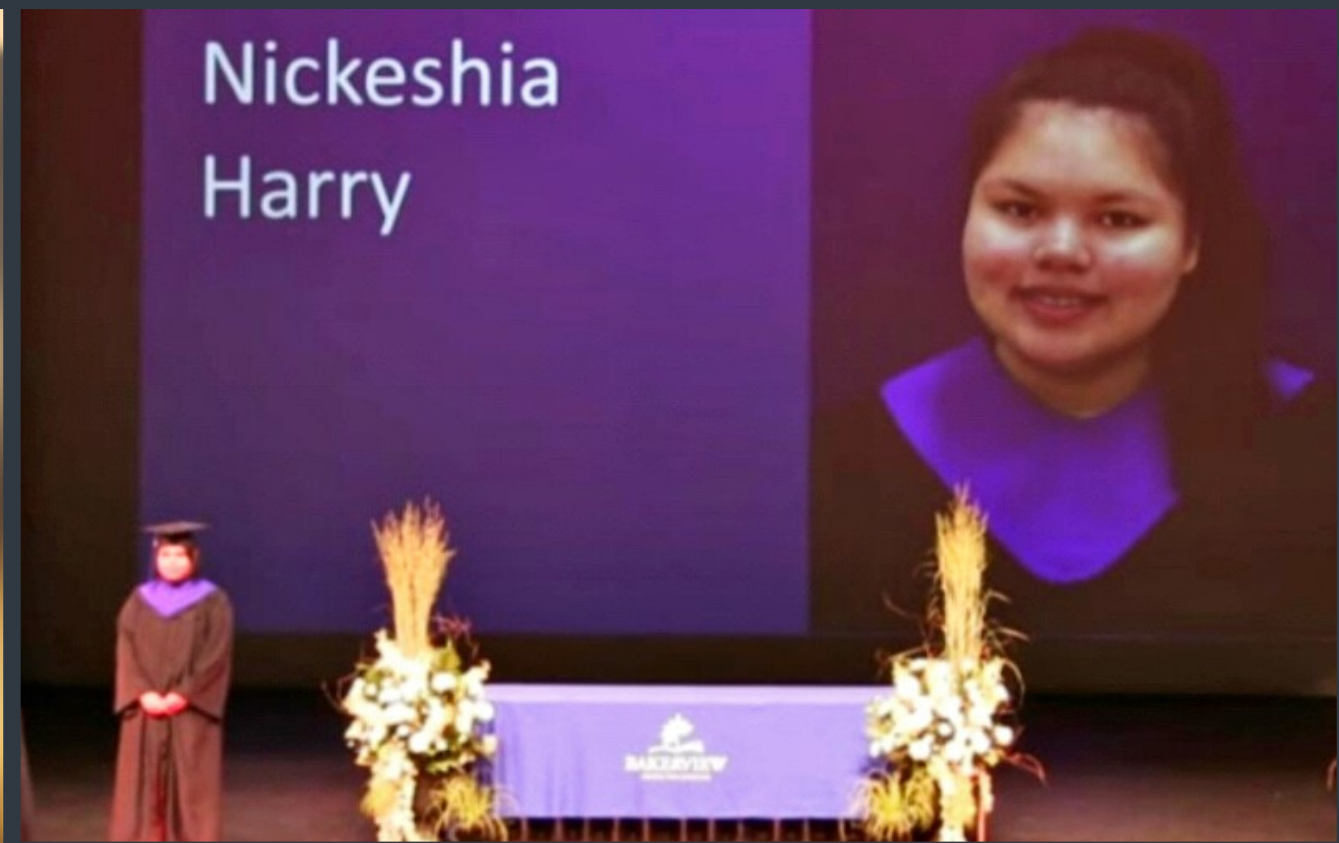


Graduates of St'uxwtewsemc

• NICKESHIA HARRY	11
• COLE KASHINO	13
• MITRA MORGAN	15

• CONGRADULATIONS •

*Nickeshia
Harry!*



Over the years from Abby middle playing rugby to being in the Bachelorette program at Abby senior to spending time at the football games at the concession to tutoring foreign students and finally graduation at Bakerview. I love your perseverance and stubbornness to achieve your grade 12. You are an independent, intelligent, overachieving beautiful Queen that is extremely determined to “just do you” - with that being said Nickeshia Betty-Ellen Harry congratulations to graduating 2020.



• CONGRADULATIONS •

Cole Kashino!





SON OF STACEY
KASHINO



Cole was awarded top student at his Aboriginal Grad, and received multiple gifts. He has been accepted into SFU!



*Mitra
Morgan!*



**DAUGHTER OF
JARET MORGAN
AND HEIDI SMITH.
GRANDDAUGHTER
OF SANDRA AND
WILLIAM MORGAN
AND NIECE OF
KARA MORGAN**



Mitra graduated from Sahali Secondary School, and received several Achievement and Monetary awards such as: School District 73 Student Leadership Legacy Fund, District Authority Award-Community Service, Rotary Club of Kamloops Bursary, Sa-Hali Secondary Bob Cowden Award, as well as a university scholarship!

