

# CCP NEWS

Cook's Ferry Indian Band



## CCP IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE GETS STARTED

Chief and Council recognize that it would be impossible to implement the 34 goals and 119 action items identified in the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) in May 2016 all at once. It's during Phase 3 that Chief and Council, with the advice from the CCP Implementation Advisory Committee (Committee), will be prioritizing the goals and identifying the action items that will help achieve them over the short-, medium- and long-term.

The purpose of the Committee is to represent community members in making recommendations to Chief and Council for implementing and monitoring the CCP in a sustainable way.

For starters, the Committee will review all CCP documents and community input received to date (a big job) and, from that input, begin to prioritize goals and actions they believe are most needed and that the community will support.

The Committee will then bring these draft priorities and action items to Band members in February through an on-line survey (provided in paper for those who prefer this method) to get their input on the draft prioritized goals, and actions and monitoring the Committee has identified.



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The Committee members will then use the results of the survey to finalize their recommendations to Chief and Council for the goals, action items and monitoring of outcomes that they believe represents what the community has asked for.

Chief and Council will consider the Committee's recommendations, as well as use their own knowledge of community needs and resources, to decide which projects should be referred to staff. Staff will then bring additional information to the table, and work with the Committee, to answer a few key questions, like:

- What work will the proposed action require?
- How much will it cost?
- How long will it take?
- Where will we get the resources, like people and funding that will be required?
- When should the work be completed?
- How will we know we're successful?

The work plans will go to Chief and Council for final approval and sign off and then, those actions that are approved, will form the final CCP Actions and Implementation Report.

The CCP Phase 3 work will wrap up the middle of May 2017.

## MEET THE COOK'S FERRY CCP IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In November, Chief and Council put out a call to all Band members to consider participating in the CCP Implementation Advisory Committee. By the deadline for applications, we had four band members apply and be accepted by Council.

### **PEPEYLA (VERNA MILLER) B.A., M.ED.**

Pepeyla was raised by her traditional paternal grandparents and then attended Indian residential school near Lytton, BC. After raising her family and serving in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, she attended the University of Victoria and received a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Geography and Environmental Studies (2005). In 2013 she earned a Master of Education degree at Thompson Rivers University. Her project Capstone paper was titled; Indigenous ways of teaching and learning in context of culture: the Braided Theory.

Pepeyla has worked for her community as the Director of Tmixw Research – an Indigenous Research Group consisting of Ethnobiological interests, water rights, title and rights, cultural/ sacred landscapes and archaeology. In 2004 she was appointed as Project Facilitator for the Nlaka'pamux Health and Healing Society to provide mental and spiritual counselling for victims of the residential schools and subsequent Settlement Agreement

She has been a member of various Boards of Directors for local Indigenous organizations, Board of Governors at TRU, and is the current Chair of the Nlaka'pamux Child and Family Services Society. In 2006 she was selected to go to Thailand to be a member of the Ethics Committee for the International Society of Ethnobiology (ISE) and had presented numerous papers on related issues of concern to Indigenous peoples around the world. She is the current President of the International Society of Ethnobiology (ISE).



## JEAN YORK B.ED., M.ED.

Jean is the daughter of the late Theresa and Wilson Albert. Her grandparents were Lucy and Joe Albert from Kloklowuck. She has three children and two great granddaughters. She grew up at seven mile and went to St George's Residential school for several years.

Jean has a large range of experience mostly in education. She was the principal of Lytton Elementary school and a trustee for School District #58. She worked with the Ministry of Education flying all over the province as the regional liaison for the Aboriginal Branch. She also worked as the Education Director for the Lower Nicola Band, assisting with the plans for the new school. Currently, Jean is job sharing with Jack Miller developing curriculum with Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly as the Language Coordinator.

Jean was a Band Councillor for the Cooks Ferry Band for 16 years providing leadership and governance. She also was the Health Manager for Heskwen'scutxe Health Services Society for 7 years.

She is the owner of two businesses 1. Skeke'kya Curriculum Consultants specializing in the development of First Nations language curriculum and 2. Genie's Garlic growing natural garlic seeds.

She loves sewing and traditional food gathering, canning and making jellies and jam. Her purpose is to share her knowledge with others.



## ROSEMARIE HILL

Rosemarie Hill grew up in Hope, McBride/Valemount, Spences Bridge (B.C.) and Iqaluit (NU) and she is a proud member of the Cook's Ferry Indian Band. She graduated from College of the Rockies in Creston, BC as a Horticulture Technician and from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, BC as a Natural Resource Technician and more recently from the Office Administration program also at NVIT. She has also studied Ethnobotany and Eco-tourism.

Rosemarie's first job was in Iqaluit at the high school cafeteria in the kitchen when she was 12 years old and she has had many jobs since, as a fisheries technician, forestry technician, farm labourer, garden centre attendant, waitress, program coordinator for two friendship centers where she developed programs and successfully applied for grants and other funding opportunities and for six and a half years as the receptionist for Cooks Ferry. She has also worked as an Executive Assistant for a local health centre.

Rosemarie has 3 children (two boys and one girl), ages 2, 9 and 11 and is expecting a fourth child. Rosemarie's interests include beading, sewing, gathering traditional foods, dancing at pow wows, hand drumming and singing and participating in community events.



### LENA NICHOLSON

Lena Nicholson, daughter of Carol Walkem and Monty Nicholson (grand-daughter of Gertie Toodlican and Frank Walkem), grew up in Spences Bridge and Pinantan Lake. Lena attended post-secondary studies in Elliot Lake, Ontario with a focus on photography. She returned home for a period of time when her son Jared was born in 2003. In 2005 Lena returned to her studies in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

She has travelled to Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, Indonesia as well as parts of the United States.

Currently, Lena is employed as the Language Program Illustrator at Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly in Merritt.

Lena enjoys learning and sharing knowledge about traditional plants, as well as fishing with family and friends. Lena is excited about joining the CCP Committee to be involved in implementing some of the great ideas that were put forth through the Community Comprehensive Planning meetings and the surveys. She believes there are some really positive ideas and opportunities for growth as a community and as a nation!

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS SPEND THEIR SATURDAY IN TRAINING

On Saturday December 10th, the Committee came together with Chief and Council to take some committee training, to get familiar with what's expected of them and discuss how they can work effectively together. If you want to know more about the Committee's tasks, have a look at the Terms of Reference posted on our website [cooksferryband.ca](http://cooksferryband.ca). The Committee Terms of Reference is the document that will guide how the Committee will work together and come to decisions regarding the recommendations they will make to Council. Lena Nicholson was elected by fellow Committee members to chair the Committee.

## TIMELINE FOR CCP COMPLETION

