



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.

FOODSAFE

We are now taking names for those people
interested in **FOODSAFE**

Please call Bonita at SCHSS 250-378-9745 ext. 204
Or Rhonda at Merritt Mom's and Families 250-378-5107 to
register .

This course will be held Wednesday June 28, 2023 with
limited seating at 1940 Quilchena Ave. Royal Canadian Le-
gion Hall (upstairs) 08:30 Sharp to 4:30pm.



Coldwater Indian Band
General Band Meeting – Community BBQ
Gwen Lake (weather permitting)
Fire Hall (if here, more tables need to be set up as last year)

June 22, 2023

Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Protocols:

As per Chief and Council's terms of reference for conduct at meetings.

- there will be no tolerance for lateral violence online or in person,
- please stay muted if you are not speaking,
- do not interrupt person that is speaking, you will get your turn,
- If you have any questions for presenters beforehand, write them down and ask at the appropriate time. You can send to Executive Assistant so she can give to presenters to have answers beforehand.
- Raise your hand when you have a question, state your name for the minute taker as she may not be looking at the screen.
- As per funeral protocols, the meeting will be postponed for one (1) week or longer if necessary.

1. 6:00 p.m. Opening Prayer

2. Meeting Minutes to Approve

- a. October 20, 2022 General Band Meeting
- b. November 24, 2022 General Band Meeting
- c. January 19, 2023 General Band Meeting

Please read beforehand and send any amendments to daugust@coldwaterband.org Thank you.
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3. Topics to Discuss

- a. Funeral Protocols

4. Presentations

- a. PGL Consultants – Leslie Beckmann
 - i. Work Plan for An Indigenous Assessment of Cumulative Effects to Cultural Heritage

8:45 p.m. BREAK?

5. Paper copies of Chief and Council Updates provided.



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HOW WERE YOU AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS AND FIRES OF 2021?

**Study Title: The Impacts of and Responses to Natural Disasters on
Community Resilience**

Researchers from the University of Alberta will be visiting Merritt in the **Summer of 2023** to conduct a study of the impacts of and responses to the fires and flooding that occurred in and near Merritt, B.C. in the Fall of 2021, and we would like to hear from you. This project is led by Dr. Debra J. Davidson, Professor in the Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology.

Are you 15 years old or older, and living in Merritt in the Fall of 2021? Are you interested in participating in a personal interview, that could take between 30-60 minutes? We can hold the interview at a location of your choice, including remotely if you prefer, and can offer \$20 to compensate you for your time. Please note that interviewees under the age of 16 will need to have the consent of a parent or guardian to participate!

Please contact Dr. Debra J. Davidson at debra.davidson@ualberta.ca or call or text *672-203-0992* to learn more, and arrange an interview.

This project has been reviewed and approved by the Human Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta (Ethics ID Pro00130421).

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Drop-in Clinic with Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada

Date: June 12th, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Coldwater Band Hall

Canada Revenue Agency

- Tax slips provided
- Information about benefits and credits, including Disability Tax Credit (DTC), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), and the Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax Credit (GST/HST)

Service Canada

- Pension Information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan
- Get a Social Insurance Number (birth certificate in most cases is required)
- Receive an access code to sign up for MyService Canada and MyAccount online
- Passport Services

* Please bring any ID you have as what is required will depend on the service accessed

For more information, please contact Cynthia Jagar at cynthia@coldwaterband.org



Contacting the Police for emergency/non-emergency calls

Emergency phone number

(for immediate police attendance)

9-1-1

Merritt detachment phone number

250-378-4262

Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 will ring to the Merritt detachment dispatch. After 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, you have the option of leaving a voice message or connecting to an operator.

The operator will be able to contact an on-duty member via radio.

Crime Stoppers for anonymous TIPS

1-800-222-8477

Crime Stoppers will take several days to get to a member so do not use for immediate action.

Merritt detachment online reporting

[Online Crime Reporting | Merritt RCMP \(rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](https://rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Can also be accessed by the city of Merritt website page under Merritt RCMP online reporting

This is meant to provide citizens with the convenience to report certain crimes online while freeing call takers and frontline staff to focus on the higher priority calls, which improves overall safety and response times in the city.

It is important to know that **not all crime can be reported** via the online process.

Citizens will be able to report the following crimes online:

- Damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
- Damage/mischief to a vehicle under \$5,000
- Hit and run to an unoccupied vehicle or property
- Theft of bicycle under \$5,000
- Theft under \$5,000
- Theft from vehicle under \$5,000
- Lost property

Incidents **must also satisfy** the following conditions to report via the online process:

- No witnesses or suspects.
- Item(s) lost or stolen must cost less than \$5,000
- Vandalized property or vehicle will cost less than \$5,000 to repair.

There are no items involving personal identity, firearms, licence plates or decals.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you see or encounter any wild
animals around any housing
areas on reserve,

Please call the

Conservation officer at:

250-378-8487

OR

1-877-952-7277

The more sightings reported, then
they are able to do something
about the animals.

Special Access for Coldwater Members to the TransMountain West Route

Newsletter Update – May 2023

*DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO OR THROUGH THE
TRANSMOUNTAIN EXPANSION PROJECT?*

*DO YOU NEED TO ACCESS THE PROJECT AREA FOR
HUNTING, FISHING, HARVESTING, CATTLE DRIVING, OR
CULTURAL PRACTICES?*

Access is normally restricted through the TransMountain Expansion Project (West Route) because of health and safety concerns. However, Coldwater have developed a **Communications Plan** with TransMountain to support Coldwater members maintaining access if they need it between now and when construction is planned to finish (September 2023).

To access the area please contact one of the following two people:

- ✚ Max Nock: "max_nock@transmountain.com" or 250-327-9520
- ✚ Fiona Cuthbertson: "fiona_cuthbertson@transmountain.com" or 403-514-6595.

Please provide TransMountain with the information below about a week before:

- What date do you need access?
- How long will you need access (i.e., morning, afternoon, all day, multiple days)?
- What part of the project do you need to go through (provide a description or mark a map)?
- How many people will there be and how many vehicles?
- Anything else that would be helpful to know (i.e., will you have guns with you for hunting, etc.)?

Questions?

Coldwater members can contact **Dale August** at daugust@coldwaterband.org / 250-378-6174 (ext 100) if you have any questions. Dale can relay the message to the appropriate person at the Coldwater-TransMountain Committee.

June 2023

Well gardens should be in as mothers-day has come and gone and is an indication its safe to bring plants outside, but the issue now would be to make sure you water them a lot as there is been very little rain and build a fence to keep dogs and bears out and away.

June is an exciting time of the year as there are lots of graduation ceremonies for students that put in the effort and are taking another step in the pursuit of their life goals and we wish them all the best in their endeavors.

Summer student's jobs for 2023 are about to begin for high school students you must attend an interview. It was sad to note that we did not get any postsecondary student applications and should have started May 23, 2023.

We had Coldwater members successfully complete the level 3 First Aide, a big congratulations to your efforts.

The Coldwater Band recycling crew was recognized for their great efforts and success over the passed year for doing a great job. They were one of three crews in the province for this recognition, they all received nice jackets and a plaque for the wall. Still waiting for a group shot to put into newsletter.

A fencing crew will be organized for fencing at the Coldwater Bands woodlot and around the IR 1 and IR 2 reserves this summer. Resumes to be dropped off at the Town Band office.

There was some interest showing that band members are willing to take the Fire Fighting S100 and S185. The office can organize a training for certification if we have enough interest showing. Maybe write a letter indicating interest and put your contact phone numbers preferably not a message and a mailing address.

Also: Jayson Dunlop is collecting resumes for work on the highway 5 bridge repair and work should go for a year.

Any questions on the above please feel free to contact me at the Band office in town.

Fire Department / Wild land Fire Season 2023

Please assist the fire department in any way you can, by reducing fire hazards in and around your home. If you got time to take some basic training it sure helps the Fire Crew when there is a fire regardless it wild land or Structure. Make Arrangements with the Band Office for Training.

Training is occurring now if you're interested. Please make Contact with Ron Aljam if your wanting training.

Spring Burning please have the appropriate personal and equipment and have a plan. Coldwater Fire is Very Limited on Fire Personal.

Outside debris removal, clean rain gutters of debris reduce exposure to water and snow getting to the roof and damaging the material.

- Evacuation Preparedness – Please review any data available on line and prepare your family. Copy of a preparedness plan can be picked up at either Band Office,
- Outdoor Activities if you're going out and about in the forest to pick or hunt, please let a family member know where you are going and when you are home.

Community Emergency Plan Training dates are available, Coldwater Needs Individuals to Participate in these training Dates.

Coldwater Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Coldwater will be re-assessing the community for Wildfire protection. Review will include wildfire hazards, crew safety, and visual of dangerous or hazardous objects surrounding the building within the house out to 30 meters.

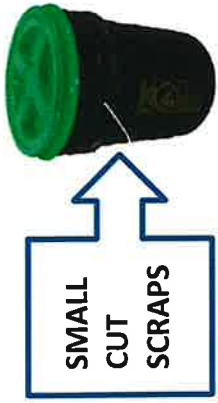
Community Refuse Pick Up Will Be passing out notices on composting, the new C Cans will hold the composting. Compost will be ready in three weeks if it's started rite.

Composting Demonstration will at the Fire Hall June 14, 2023 & a Barbeque will ready at Noon. A notice will be sent out Prior as a reminder for composting.

Please report any sighting of wildlife in our community.

Please Control your Dogs, they are a bothering the School Student as they get walking Home

Thank you
Ron Aljam
Public Works



Composting Guide

Questions? Call Rosanna at (778) 639-0109

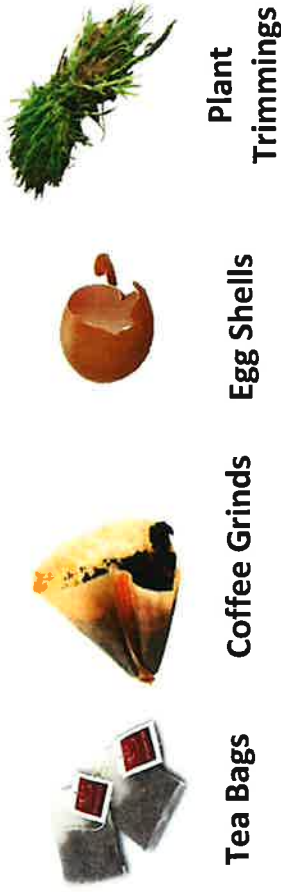


GOLDWATER
INDIAN BAND

✓ Fruit and Vegetable Scraps









✓ Other Food Scraps



✓ Browns



XNO

 X RAW Fish	 X RAW Meat	 X Oils	 X Bones
 X Dairy	 X Dryer Lint		

Composting is Easy!

1. Cut Scraps into 1-inch cubes & Put in Bucket



2. Place Full Bucket at Roadside for Collection by Crew on Thursdays



3. Take back Empty Bucket, Rinse and Re-use again



Questions? Call Rosanna 778-639-0109

Why Compost?

- ✓ **Up to half of our garbage can be composted.** In the Joracan Composters, food scraps become useable compost in about one month.
- ✓ This compost can go straight into your garden and will be weed free.
- ✓ Compost adds nutrients to the soil and keeps it moist – **helping to grow healthy food locally.**
- ✓ Keeping food scraps out of the landfill helps the environment and our community.

Composting is a natural process, which turns food scraps into soil nutrients.