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T'ÍT'Q'ET
ANNUAL REPORT





Our Mission

We are the P'egp'íg'lha of the St'át'imc Nation. The Creator placed us here and that connection to our land can never be broken. The traditional ways, values and laws of our ancestors are held in the St'át'imc language and are written on the land. Our Elders have passed them down in the stories to the children and grandchildren since the beginning. We are committed to working together to build our community in a good way that is based on the teachings of our ancestors.

Our Vision

Guided by the P'egp'íg'lha Constitution, the mission of T'it'q'et Council is to: provide a safe community; allow our community members the opportunity to reach their full potential; maintain unity; encourage self-sufficiency; and provide staff with a supportive and secure work place.

To achieve this mission, the T'it'q'et Council will make informed decisions through: due diligence; hearing the voice of the people; being accountable and transparent; mutual respect; and focusing on meeting the needs of the community.

Nsnek'wnuk'wa7

Our Guiding Principles

"We will, to the best of our ability, adhere to and obey the seven sacred values provided to us by the Creator:

Health
Happiness
Generations
Generosity
Pity/Compassion
Power
Quietness

These sacred values are the fundamental basis for all other laws, policies, and actions. They are our guide to maintaining balance on our land, and in our community, allowing us to live in harmony with all other nations and creation as relatives."

A Message on behalf of T'it'q'et Council

K'alhwá7al'ap Nsnek'wnúk'wa7

T'it'q'et Council is pleased to provide this annual report to the community for fiscal year 2016/17. Administration has experienced several changes in staffing over the past couple of years; some previous staff have moved on to other positions while others have retired. The T'it'q'et team is dedicated and committed to the efficient and respectful delivery of programs and services to meet the needs of the community. Council and Administration continue to work to sustain the values of our ancestors as outlined in our Constitution: health, happiness, generations, generosity, pity/compassion, power, and quietness.

The goals of Council, mainly identified by the community through the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) development process, guide the work and key initiatives of T'it'q'et Administration.

Council hears the voice of the community. The P'egp'íg'lha Community Committee (PCC) is a committee of Council. The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations to Council. The committee members are appointed by their families, however, they consider the needs of the community as a whole in their deliberations. The PCC has reviewed program policies and has recommended changes to, for example, the post-secondary assistance program

policy and the housing policy. In addition, the PCC selects the successful applicants for social housing and post-secondary funding and recommends their decisions to Administration.

Accountability. T'it'q'et Council meets with and reports to our members at General meetings held four times a year. Council meets with and reports at quarterly Joint Council meetings. The Joint Council is the means by which communication flows amongst the Councils. Effective communication between the Councils and within our community is a key priority for T'it'q'et Council. For instance, the website is currently being redesigned and will be accessible by mid-September 2017. The newsletter has been revamped. To receive the newsletter and a link to the website, members are encouraged to provide their email addresses to reception@titqet.org so that Administration may update our members' contact information. While Council makes decisions regarding community issues, programs and services in meetings of Council, Council members hold portfolios to allow for further consideration of priority matters.

Portfolios are, listed alphabetically, as follows:

Education: Sarah Moberg & Marilyn Napoleon
Finance: Kevin Whitney and Marilyn Napoleon
Fisheries, Forestry & P'egp'íg'lha Community Committee: Robert Leech
Health, Child & Family: Kevin Whitney
Language & Culture: Marilyn Napoleon
O&M, Infrastructure, Economic Development & Housing: Kevin Whitney
Personnel: Sarah Moberg & Marilyn Napoleon
Poverty Action: Kevin Whitney & Marilyn Napoleon
Taxation: Sarah Moberg
Youth, Recreation & Sports: Sid Scotchman

As we reflect on the past, and move forward toward our community vision, Council is guided by and remains "committed to working together to build our community in a good way that is based on the teachings of our ancestors."

Kukwstum'úlhkal'ap.

Nilh ti7!

On behalf of
T'it'q'et council:



Kevin Whitney
Chief



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Administration Report

The administration report is for the fiscal period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. The work over the year supports the goals of Council and the community by creating a foundation for a self sufficient community that will support and sustain the needs of our future generations. A summary of the key areas of work and development follow.

UBC Res’eau WaterNET Research Program

T’it’q’et Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UBC Res’eau to participate in the WaterNET Research Program for First Nation Drinking Water Project. The collaborative research project goals include:

1. Effectively listen and engage with community members to identify long-term drinking water needs.
2. Work with community drinking water manager and operators to determine the feasibility of clean water and disinfection technologies.
3. Establish a comprehensive risk-based analysis that outlines key strengths and limitations towards the implementation of water treatment and disinfection solutions (i.e., chlorination).

Expected outcomes and tangible benefit to the community:

The work is expected to identify viable and sustainable solutions for improving the quality of drinking water, to evaluate the efficacy of the solution, and to build innovative entrepreneurial and technical capacity for youth and operators within the community. Through the development of streamlined approaches to solution implementation, some funding barriers can be addressed.

Capital Projects Approved 2016/17

The McCartney Flat’s Capital project for well drilling and hydrogeological assessment (\$151,400) was completed in 2016/17. This project included drilling a back-up well for the community water system. The well has been drilled and tested, and the water quality and quantity are good. A draft design has been completed for completing the well and connecting it to the water system. A draft design has also been completed for extending the distribution to the existing homes in the upper area. T’it’q’et is now seeking construction funding, and is working with Res’eau who will engage community members who live on IR 4 to review the potential improvements to the system.

Specific Claims Updates

Specific claims address past grievances related to Canada’s obligation’s under historic treaties or the way it managed First Nation assets or funds. Currently, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) is researching several past grievances for T’it’q’et for the loss of use of land or rights.. A summary of the specific claims include the following:

Seton Lake IR 5

A specific claims for the loss of use of land for the former reserve at Seton Lake IR 5 has been submitted to the Minister spring 2017. Once submitted the Minister will have three (3) years to determine whether to accept the Claim for negotiations. As discussed with the Elders and community, this is a specific claim only, and is without prejudice to Aboriginal Title and Rights.

Erosion of IR1 Adjacent to PGER Right of Way

Research is completed on this claim and the report draft is being finalised. UBCIC will present the research report and all documents to T’it’q’et and to Mandell Pinder by fall 2017. Mandell Pinder will then review the report and provide legal recommendations on how to proceed with the claim.

Fish Hatchery Obstruction of Seton Lake Reserved Fishery

This issue arose out of the Seton lake IR5 specific claim research. In 2014, Mandell Pinder wrote T’it’q’et to inform the Council that a basis for a specific claim exists around the loss of fisheries and rights reserved for T’it’q’et that resulted from the Seton lake fish hatchery. Significant additional research will be required to pursue this as a specific claim. Mandell Pinder identified specific research questions for UBCIC to address and this work continues. UBCIC hopes to present the research report and all documents to T’it’q’et and to Mandell Pinder by fall 2017. Mandell Pinder will then draft a claim for submission to the Minister and present it to T’it’q’et for review

and comment. When T’it’q’et is satisfied with the claim, UBCIC will seek a BCR to file the claim with the Minister.

Alienation of Reserved Fishing Stations

Research on this claim was already underway when the hatchery claim (above) was identified. While UBCIC continues to finalise this research, the focus was on the three claims listed above since they are closer to completion and filing. UBCIC hopes to present the research report and all documents to T’it’q’et and to Mandell Pinder by January 15th, 2018. Mandell Pinder will then review the report and provide legal recommendations on how to proceed with the claim.

Alienation of Water Rights from Dickey Creek

Early document review and preliminary research is complete for this claim and in-depth research continues. Research will be completed on this file after the fisheries research is complete.

Sat’

The town of Lillooet was formerly known to the St’at’imc as Sat. A band council resolution was signed for UBCIC to start research into the alienation of the village of Sat.

LEDSP 2016/17

Development design services for Seton Lake IR 5 funding was approved in the amount of \$60,000. T’it’q’et contracted Urban Systems to complete this particular project which included: updating the site

plan based on archeological field investigation and community engagement results; undertaking a highest and best use study for the development area; developing preliminary design for infrastructure servicing (water, sanitary sew, storm/site drainage, preliminary grading and roads); and identifying required approvals and permits for the next stage of development. The community had an opportunity for feedback and input on the development at a community meeting held on January 25, 2016.

First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFMB)

T'it'q'et is at the beginning of the Financial Management Systems (FMS) through FNFMB which includes drafting and implementing policies that meet specific standards set by FNFMB. In the Spring 2017, Price Waterhouse Cooper worked with T'it'q'et Council to draft policies using the standard templates provided by FNFMB. The scope of work included policy drafting so that T'it'q'et has a full set of approved policies (Governance, HR, Finance and Information Management) that meet the requirements of the Financial Administration Law (FAL) and our FMS standards. Additional work is required and Dean Billy has been hired as the policy writer to assist in the completion of the policies. Once those policies are finished and approved, we move into the implementation phase of those policies.

Safety Management Plan

T'it'q'et Administration accessed additional funds to contract the services of Roxx Ledoux who works with the St'at'imc Eco-Resources (SER) as the

Occupational Safety Health specialist to complete a safety management plan, including a worker's safety program.

NDIT Funding

T'it'q'et's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) to complete a pre-feasibility study for the daily harvesting garden project was approved. The facility will produce year round organic leafy greens and other produce, providing economic benefits to the community, including employment creation, revenue generation, and establishing T'it'q'et as a leader in emerging vertical aeroponic garden technology. The project is being further explored through the BC Rural Dividend funding.

BC Rural Dividend Proposal

A proposal was submitted to BC Rural Dividend to complete a "Feasibility and Market Analysis for the Expansion of T'it'q'et Agricultural/Food Business" was approved in the amount of \$100,000. The project will be completed during the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Geothermal Proposal

An application was submitted to BC Clean Energy for a geothermal power district heat pre-feasibility study. Regardless, if the results are favourable for a geothermal power plant, the project will proceed to develop a greenhouse heating design and system.

Sexual Abuse Protocol Update

Dr. Daria Shewchuk worked on the original sexual abuse protocol in 2001. The protocol outlines steps to follow when children disclose. Dr. Shewchuk met with the Council, Justice Committee and staff in December to update the protocol. The draft is near completion and has some minor edits. Dr. Shewchuk also provided a one day training on healthy sexuality on January 23, 2017.

Aspen

T'it'q'et, INAC and the Department of Justice are working together in the development of the Aspen Lease.

15 Pack Firefighting Crew

T'it'q'et submitted a proposal to Ministry of Forests for a type 1 and 2 firefighting crew which includes an initial attack team. The initial attack team proposal was not approved 2017/18; however, 3 fire fighting teams were actively working throughout the summer. T'it'q'et works in partnership with Dean Iverson, Iverson Forest Management who holds the essential safe certification in order to qualify for firefighting contracts. ASETS funding was approved in the amount of \$7000 that supported pre-season fire fighting training in March 2017.

Business Development Plan – Six Mile House

A business plan for a foster home at the Six Mile house was developed and submitted to the Ministry.

The provincial elections put the decision on hold. T'it'q'et is expecting a decision on the proposal in fall of 2017.

Master Investment Policy

Jack Jamieson and Leanne Kruger worked along with Council to develop a master investment policy for restricted funds. This policy was approved by Council on March 22, 2017. Council also agreed to accept Barrantagh as the investment managers. Barrantagh was selected based on their performance and valuations compared to other investment managers. Barrantagh consistently achieved greater investment returns than bank investment managers. Banks basically function as an intermediary who also charge a fee. Therefore, working directly with Barrantagh is cutting out the middle man which will result in a higher return. Barrantagh is also the investment manager for the St'at'imc Trust.

Composting Workshop

T'it'q'et received funding from Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council for a composting and recycling workshop. The workshop was coordinated by TEDA garden crew and held March 19 & 20, 2017 at the P'egp'ig'lha Community Centre.

First Nation Land Management Act Regime

T'it'q'et Council signed an agreement to pursue land code development to manage our own lands. Currently, for work on reserve lands, T'it'q'et needs to apply through INAC for approval. The opportunity to draft a Land Code would replace 34 provisions of the Indian Act that pertain to land administration and

to conclude an individual agreement with Canada that details the transfer of responsibility and identifies the reserve lands to be transferred which includes operational funding for land management. The process typically takes about 1.5 or 2 years to complete. Through consultation with the community, a land code for reserve lands will be completed then will go to a ratification vote to members for decision.

Seton Lake IR 5

Under the Community Settlement Agreement dated May 10, 2011 among T'it'q'et, BC and BC Hydro (the “CSA”), BC Hydro agreed to transfer DL 1575 and Former IR 5 to T'it'q'et, subject to certain existing charges registered against the lands and the registration of certain new charges over the lands in favour of BC Hydro.

The land transfer has been held up due to the foreshore issue. BC Hydro is currently in the process of applying to the Provincial Crown to obtain the foreshore of Seton Lake in order to consolidate it to the upland parcel.

As well, under the CSA, BC Hydro agreed to transfer District Lot (DL) 1575 to T'it'q'et. It is anticipated that this area of land will transfer to T'it'q'et sooner than the former reserve land due to the delay of the foreshore issue.

Strategic Plan

T'it'q'et Council and department heads updated the strategic plan in Chilliwack on June 911, 2017 with consultants Harold Tarbell and Dan Gaspe.

The core strategic directions for 2018 to 2023 include:

- Ensuring safety in the workplace and community
- Promoting wellness through healthy living
- Revitalizing relationships:
- Improving communications within and between council, staff, community
- Increasing coordination between the four (4) councils
- Ensuring collaboration with other entities (e.g. TEDA, St'at'imc, etc.) enhances self-reliance
- Engaging members and delivering programs and services in all 5 T'it'q'et communities (only 4 have residents at present)
- Identifying and accessing funding/revenues to support desired initiatives

Language & Culture

Name: P'egp'íg'lha Language Revitalization Group (PLRG)

Type of Group: Working group of Joint Council of the P'egp'íg'lha Government.

Goal: To increase the numbers of semi-fluent St'át'imc speakers by 2022 and to continue to advance towards St'át'imc fluency indefinitely.

Purpose: The P'egp'íg'lha Language Revitalization Group will examine and provide advice to Councils on how best to revitalize the St'át'imc language in the community through the development of a St'át'imc Language Plan

Mandate: Established at the JC meeting of January 30, 2017, the P'egp'íg'lha Language Revitalization Group was assigned the task of recommending a St'át'imc language revitalization plan and strategy. Composition, eligibility and terms:

- The PLRG is comprised of one representative of each of the four councils
- Eligibility — all members of the committee must be a representative or alternate of each of the four councils; and must be P'egp'íg'lha members.
- Term appointments of the PLRG shall be for a minimum of one year

Roles and responsibilities: The duties and responsibilities of the PLRG will include but will not be

limited to the following:

- recommending a St'át'imc language revitalization plan
- coordinating community language revitalization activities
- providing St'át'imc language advice and recommendations to councils
- working to ensure the use of best practice in St'át'imc language teaching and learning
- reporting language recommendations to respective councils and JC for action.

Report: The PRLG has obtained resources to hire a St'át'imc Language Coordinator who will be assisting the working group by conducting research related to language revitalization best practices and strategic planning. The community research will involve conducting a needs assessment to determine the level of fluency and interest in learning St'át'imcets amongst T'it'q'et members. The coordinator will be assisting the Elders with their language classes and is researching examples of community surveys. The PRLG is considering applying for major grants to allow the community members to learn St'át'imcets using effective learning strategies.

Culture Night is a new community event offered to members who came together to share a meal and participate in cultural activities such as beading, drumming and fish net making. The event was well attended by at least 50 participants on many nights. Culture Night will resume in Fall 2017. It will be supported by the Indigenous Perspective Society funding. The Education Coordinator will work along with the new Language Coordinator to incorporate language into future activities.



EDUCATION

Strive for success of our people today and future generations to be self-sufficient, independent, strong, and knowledgeable of today and of time immemorial. We must maintain this endeavour through guidance and support of each individual's dreams and visions.

Students K – 12:

- 15 students in Lillooet Secondary
- 11 Students in Cayoosh Elementary
- 12 Students in George M. Murray
- 16 T'it'q'et member's off reserve

Susan Napoleon has worked as the Education Coordinator for the past 8 years. She works closely with P'egp'ig'lha Community Committee (PCC) on post-secondary student lists and applications, and updating the post-secondary policy. The updated policy will be available on the new website. The Occupational skills and training policy is currently under review.

Susan works along with the schools in various ways including facilitating a traditional medicine workshop at the Lillooet Secondary School for grades 8 & 9. In addition. Susan has hosted tours of the S7istken for elementary students. She also participated in the Aboriginal day event hosted by the Lillooet schools by setting up an information table at the event.

Post-Secondary

- 2016/17 12 post-secondary students funded
- 2017/18 15 post-secondary students will be funded

T'it'q'et funded 12 full-time post-secondary students who attended various institutions including, Thompson Rivers University, University of British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan, Vancouver Island University, Vancouver Community College, Douglas College, Langara, and Fanshawe College. Susan works with the P'egp'ig'lha Community Committee who select the eligible students based on the criteria outlined

in the policy. T'it'q'et received 20 applications for Post-Secondary for 2017/18; however 15 applications are approved because of limited funding available.

Deadlines for application:

September enrollment	May 1
January enrollment	October 1
Summer session deadline	March 1*

**if funding is still available*

Occupational Skills & Training (OST)

Occupational Skills & Training (OST) program is designed to assist students in completing educational programs which prepare them to gain employment or enhance existing employment. Funding for this program is established on a fiscal year, which starts April 1st, but the various educational courses sponsored take place at different times of the year. The courses range in length from one or two days to a maximum of four (4) months. Some of the courses are provided from outside institutions on short notice so application deadlines are tailored to meet these short notice situations.

The purpose of the program is to support the development of self-sufficient, self-reliant members who wish to pursue new life opportunities, or to secure additional skills to better fulfill employment roles, through education and training.

The Occupational Skills & Training program is funded through the restricted funds. The OST budget is allocated to help T'it'q'et band members with a variety of short courses and work equipment. The funds have previously been used for but not limited to, steel

toe work boots, hi visibility vests, chainsaw courses, first-aid level 1 & 3, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED), life-guarding, construction, airbrakes, firearms & license, archaeology, wildfire courses and equipment, and food-safe. Approximately, 30 T'it'q'et band-members have been assisted by the OST Program over the past year.

Proposals Writing

Annually, the Education Coordinator applies for various funding proposals including the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) which funded 1-Summer Worker, 3-Skills Link workers, and a health & science project. Other proposals approved included the New Relationship Trust (NRT), Indigenous Perspective Society, and "Ask Aunty". The "Ask Aunty" funding supported workshops that guided participants in making their own moccasins. In the 2017/18 fiscal year cultural workshops will be offered and funded by the Indigenous Perspective Society.

Youth Program

T'it'q'et maintains a close relationship with the youth workers by supporting various events and tasks. The education coordinator helps by maintaining an up-to-date activity calendar for the youth summer and youth after school program, as well as fundraisers. A goal is to include an educational component such as "World Expeditions" which educates the youth about the vast world beyond our community. The youth also participated in a Health & Science career fair which was offered in collaboration with Xwisten. The two communities also cost shared a trip for the youth to tour 3 universities in 3 days in the spring.

Health & Wellness

To empower the P'egp'ig'lha to improve their health in a holistic manner, individually within families and the larger community through emotional, physical, spiritual and mental wellness. We will achieve this by providing programs such as Medical Travel support, Home Care, Nursing Services, Wellness and Addictions, Clinical Counselling, Family Preservation and Traditional Wellness.

Each New Year brings different challenges and, undoubtedly, our active approach permits us to quickly direct our limited resources where they are most needed. The success we achieve branches from our holistic approach to assisting the community to achieve the best health they can. Our passion and approachability, which is both pro-active and flexible, in constantly adapting to changing needs and our ability to obtain resources to meet the demand on our services on a timely basis.

We have taken steps to improve our services. Our team are able to provide this level of service by working closely together. This unique cooperation has created a strong measure of satisfaction for all those who participated. Amawil'calhcw Health will continue to strive to meet its mandate in improving the health and well-being of all.

The health staff would like to thank you and acknowledge our community membership for partaking in the health program activities and community awareness campaigns that the Health Centre offered and we as your health team are proud of our accomplishments. During this fiscal year, with the financial support of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) I am happy to report the following:

In Home Care

Monthly community luncheons – second to last Wednesday of each month is the normal schedule. We had a few luncheons with guest speakers, I would like to continue this practice for future luncheons... a Lunch & Learn. In preparing for these luncheons, our staff prepare extra food that we then package for our Meals-on-Wheels program.

Meals-on-Wheels program – This program can assist with some meals for those who are unable to

prepare meals themselves due to illness or injury. The intention is not replace home cooking, but to relieve some of the pressure from the individual.

Safety-checks – Home care staff do check in on elders particularly, if their families are away.

Care Aides – The goal of the care aides are to support a client to remain independent in their home for as long as possible. The community has two care aides, who have been very busy each and every day; however, they are only available to their clients Monday to Friday, during regular work hours.

Other Areas in Health

Medical transportation – This is a supplementary program to assist community members to attend appointments outside of Lillooet. This program is funded by FNHA, with a clear policy framework. We have added an application form to the process; the purpose is to use our time more efficiently, assuming the forms are filled out thoroughly. If you require assistance to filling out these forms, please ask – one of the health staff would be more than happy to assist you.

Community Mental Wellness Counsellor – as the community knows, Neil retired at the end of February and began his journey to Creator's side in May. I know there are many in the community that will miss him, as he supported a great many clients. Looking to the future – attempting to fill those mocasins has proven difficult for many reasons. Due to these issues, we have yet to fill this position. So we have chosen to separate the positions and have posted them both to have:

Clinical Therapist – a Master’s level therapist who will be able to provide clinical therapy to our members. This position will be part-time; therefore, clients will be able to book bi-weekly/monthly appointments.

▪ We are seeking other avenues to fill this position in the best possible way.

Wellness and Addictions Worker – we are seeking a Bachelor level individual who will be able to provide the addictions work, as well as support the Clinical Therapist, and the Community’s wellness workshops. The WA Worker will also be available in office as this position is intended to be a full-time position.

Community Health Nurse (CHN) – we are so happy to report that we have a 98% immunization rate in the community. The CHN also reported that she saw an increase with the Influenza Immunizations last year... let's get it higher this year!

NEW - Upcoming programs! St’at’imc Skuza7 (Children) – Every Friday 10am-2pm ... at the T'it'q'et Preschool. This program is supported by all the North St’at’imc communities health departments. The intention is to provide a gathering place for the caregivers and their children (4 and under) where they can have access to a CHN, share a healthy meal. A \$10 gift certificates may be available to attendees (one/caregiver or family).

Car Seat Program – All children have the right to be safe and secure while travelling. For those families that have young children that are required by law to be in a car seat or booster seat. Amawil’calhwc Health now has a Carseat program – One car seat/booster per child will be provided, meaning this is a one-time purchase per child. We are currently developing a written application; however, contact AJ – Health Manager for more information.

As requested by community:

YOGA! - We have brought Rose in to share Yoga with us... every Wednesday evening. As well as individual Elders Restorative Yoga. Ask your friends and neighbours if they have tried it, tell them how you like it... and come out and take an active (yet passive) role in your health. Here are two descriptions of Rose's yoga:

Restorative Yoga is the one form of Yoga that is 100% passive. NO effort or muscle engagement required during the postures. In Restorative Yoga we actively rest our thoughts, worry, stress and obligations. Our nervous system does NOT understand the difference from a bill that needs to be paid or a cougar chasing you. The human body was designed to function in stress for a burst of time then return to the natural state of deep relaxation. In 2017 chronic stress is an epidemic and Rose personally did not experience my natural state of deep relaxation until Restorative Yoga Teacher Training.

In Restorative Yoga we prioritize ourselves, our own health and wellbeing. We allow ourselves to let go and explore our natural state of deep relaxation. Sleeping is safe to do in this class. Every style of Yoga has at least one Restorative Yoga pose. In the stillness, in deep relaxation we receive the benefits of our self care. Restorative Yoga is focused on comfort and deep relaxation. Comfy clothes, blankets, pillows and a Yoga mat make this practice most peaceful.

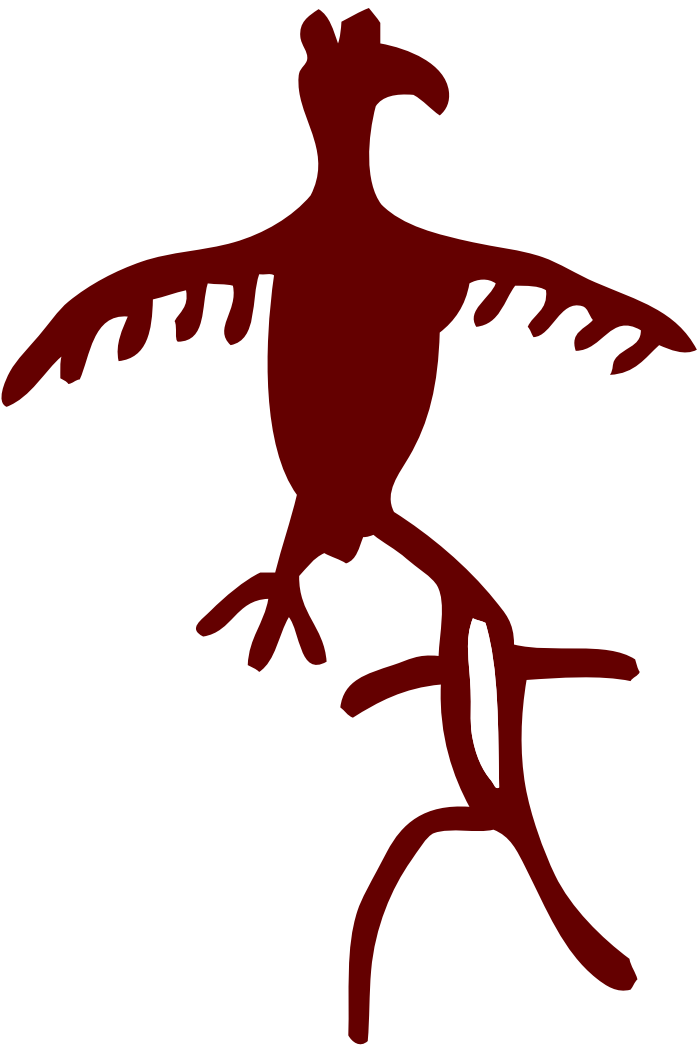
Hatha Yoga is a breathing exercise with equal parts of physical engagement and rest. Breathe leading the way through sensing, movement, and stretching we feel improved circulation, joint mobility, the melting away of stiffness and aches. Ocean like breathing is the source of posture benefits. Yoga must ALWAYS feel good within the individual. Hatha Yoga is an inclusive active style of Yoga beneficial for the

beginner and experienced alike. Breathable comfy clothing, water and a yoga mat make this style of Yoga more fun.

MASSAGE – Marilyn is back with Whispering Waters Day Spa. Marilyn comes in twice a month, for a day session for those available during the day... and an evening session for those who work during the day, particularly outside the community. The schedules book up very quickly, if you have not been able to book an appointment, please contact the Medical Clerk to be put on the list... we will endeavor to get you seen as quickly as can be. Sadly, due to many no-shows or late comers to appointments – new rules are now in place. For those who are No shows, or are late for their appointment without calling well ahead of time. They will have the choice to either forgo booking in the following two sessions, OR they will have the option to pay the \$25 for their missed appointment. This is no different than booking at the Pink House in town, and no-showing... they would still charge you too.

Finally, we have been working on a Wellness Room in the wing. All the wellness equipment that has been in storage and out a couple times per year, will be available for community members to come use. Once this is in place, we'll also be having an Open House, so keep your eyes peeled for the announcement Coming soon!

Amawil’calhwc Health wishes you all a very holistically healthy year. Drink lots of water, eat well, learn & teach something new each day and sleep enough... remember to wear sunscreen! Humet



Emergency Program

Emergency Management provides resources to help teach people to survive in emergency situations through training and education, establishing plans for safe zones and meeting places in case of emergency and promoting self-sufficiency through P'egp'ig'lha ways of knowing during times of disaster.

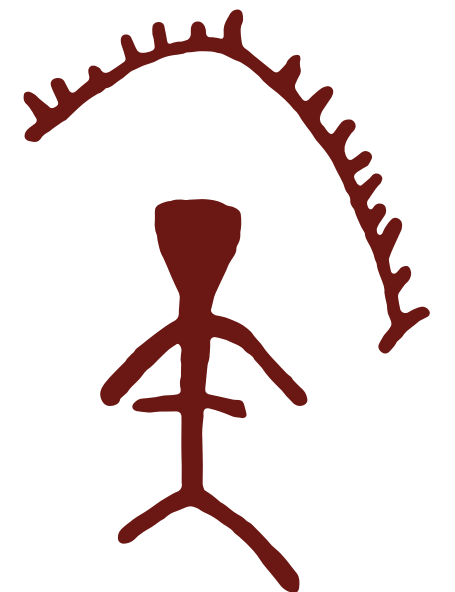
Shawn Scotchman, Emergency Program Coordinator (EPC) has facilitated emergency management training for three (3) new Emergency Operation Center (EOC) members. T'it'q'et Emergency Program currently has 17 community members trained in the Emergency Management field. Fourteen (14) have Emergency Operation Center (EOC) training and seven (7) have Emergency Social Services (ESS) training of which three of these seven are on the T'it'q'et Emergency Management team who can work in the EOC. The T'it'q'et Emergency Plan is complete and Council has signed a BCR acknowledging the Plan and support emergency awareness planning and public education around emergency preparedness. T'it'q'et Emergency Program also has mobile EOC kits to set up an Emergency Operation Center in any location.

As part of the public education around emergency preparedness, Red Cross facilitated an Emergency Preparedness Facilitators workshop and two (2) members were trained and facilitated their first workshop in July 2017 at the P'egp'ig'lha Community Center. Many community members attended and participated, door prizes were handed out at the end of the workshop. Red Cross supplied Emergency Preparedness kits and two were handed out at this first workshop along with Preparedness materials. Additionally, Red Cross and SGS established an Upper St'at'imc Advisory Committee, who worked with Red Cross in drafting an Upper St'at'imc Emergency Social Services (USESS) Plan; Shawn Scotchman was a key contributor in the first draft (March 1st, 2017) in creating an Upper St'at'imc Social Service Plan and Team.

Shawn Scotchman has been working closely with the District of Lillooet's Emergency Program Coordinator (EPC), Darren Oike in creating a local EPC Committee and they have been holding regular meetings at the Lillooet Fire Hall. Two (2) other First Nation communities have participated in the begin-

ning and 2 new Communities just recently joined in the meetings as the result of the 2017 Elephant Hill fire that saw the evacuation of Marble Canyon. As a result of the 2017 Elephant Hill fire, EPC Oike asked T'it'q'et to have Emergency Social Services Director (ESSD) Susan Napoleon to be the ESS Reception Center Manager at the Lillooet REC Centre. Another result of the 2017 fire, we quickly learned that more ESS volunteers were needed and District of Lillooet's ESSD, Pam Vilac registered 50+ volunteers. Shawn Scotchman worked with Emergency Management BC in Kamloops and coordinated ESS training for these new volunteers with the Justice Institute of BC. Now Upper St'at'imc Emergency Social Services Committee has an ESS consortium to create a USESS Team.

Future needs for the T'it'q'et Emergency Program is funding for emergency events, materials, and future training of more emergency management team members. Unfortunately, INAC does not support such initiatives and Bands are left resourcing from other funds to support emergency programs in their community.



Social Development

Social Development provides temporary financial assistance to meet the basic needs of individuals or families with the purpose for greater opportunities of self-sufficiency

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) funds four (4) social development programs; in order to assist Indigenous communities to become more self-sufficient, protect individuals and families at risk of violence (Family Violence program), provide prevention support to allow families to better care for their children or allow members of the community to continue to be supported in their own homes (e.g. National Child Benefit program or Assisted Living Program) and support greater participation in the labour market (e.g. Work Opportunity Program and Income Assistance Special Needs Confirmed Job Supplement) and of course Basic Income Assistance. “These services help First Nation communities meet basic and special needs; support employability and attachment to the workforce; and ensure that individuals and families are safe” (INAC Website). The Band Social Development employee is responsible to manage these programs.

Shawn Scotchman, Social Development and Emergency Program Coordinator has been extremely busy and productive; as INAC made various changes within the Program and their INAC Policy that impact Income Assistance recipients. In order to provide effective services to Social Development recipients, Shawn Scotchman collaborates with T'it'q'et Health, Education, Housing, Family Preservation Worker in

Child Welfare, and outside agencies such as, Lillooet Friendship Center's Food Bank, Open Door Group Employment Center and Aboriginal Skills Employment & Training Service holders to meet the needs of the P'egg'ig'lha. Shawn recently went through an INAC Program Review, where Program Reviewers enter First Nations communities to ensure that Social Development workers are adhering to INAC Policies and Procedures as required under the terms and conditions of INAC Funding. Shawn worked meticulously for several months prior to the Program Review to ensure T'it'q'et Administration passed the process with 100% and no recoveries.

Income Assistance Program

The Social Development program endeavours to help every client that comes into the office and the Social Development programs assist with that goal such as; the Income Assistance (I.A.) program. I.A. is temporary funds to assist with basic needs of food and shelter until one is able to regain financial independence. Shawn has informed individuals of the Policy changes personally and briefly discussed in Community Newsletters of the affected changes that impact the Social Development clients. Many of the changes were to assist in encouraging independence and accountability for I.A. clients who are receiving supports. The Persons with Disability designation has seen Basic Needs increases twice this year which is a substantial benefit to those clients as their needs are more significant than regular Employable clients. One positive aspect from new government, Basic Needs will be increase across the board for all I.A. clients to \$100.00 effective October 1st, 2017; but their Shelter amounts remain stagnant at this time. With increased BC Hydro fees and other utility cost, our Housing Department and Shawn find it challenging to assist clients with their set eligible Shelter amounts. Conversely many of the other Social Development programs have not

changed over the past several years and are continuing to offer support for the time being.

One I.A. program is the Work Opportunity Program (WorkOp); within the I.A. program, Social Development workers have the ability to transfer client's I.A. support to employment projects that must be supported by their Chief and Council via BCR. “The [WorkOp] is intended to enhance the independence and employability of on-reserve individuals in receipt of I.A. Individuals' I.A. entitlement are transferred and added to other sources of funding to create time-limited on-reserve employment and work experience opportunities for I.A. clients that would otherwise be unemployed” (INAC Policy S.12.1.1). T'it'q'et had approximately five (5) young adults participate in the WorkOp project and two are currently on WorkOp today. Another I.A. program that assists clients with employability is the Special Needs, Confirmed Job Supplement that provides clients the resource to purchase essential work clothes etc. in order to be employed.

National Child Benefit Reinvestment program (NCB)

The NCB program is currently helping the T'it'q'et Youth Center program, the Food Hamper/Box program, and the Cultural Camp initiative that is still being established at this time. Over the years, many Youth Workers have participated in the program and they have moved on to other T'it'q'et duties and/or task that benefit the Community overall and increase the community's labour capacity. The program also empowers younger youth to participate in cultural programs in order to be connected to our P'egg'ig'lha ways of knowing. The Cultural Camp initiative also supports P'egg'ig'lha ways of knowing and T'it'q'et staff are working together to develop this program. The Food Hamper program is another service that helps I.A. family units in order to support their chil-





dren growth and healthy development. Other special events have been supported throughout the year; for example, Community Christmas dinner with Santa, Community Halloween and other small community events. Unfortunately, INAC has stated this will be the last year they provide NCBR funds to First Nations communities in British Columbia, meaning these programs that T'it'q'et provides will no longer be offered in the future.

**Family Violence
Prevention Program (FVPP)**

Although this is small amount of INAC funds, together with other T'it'q'et departments, we were able to support a Lateral violence to lateral kindness training for youth and staff to participate in. Unfortunately, INAC has stated this will be the last year they provide Family Violence Prevention Program funds to First Nations communities in British Columbia, meaning these programs that T'it'q'et provides will no longer be offered in the future.

Assisted Living program

Under the Assisted Living program, T'it'q'et has three (3) Homemaker employees who assist Homemaker clients in their homes. "Homemaker services provides minimum set of household tasks such as, cleaning, laundry, and/or meal preparation in order to support and enhance the dignity and independence of physically disabled, mentally disabled or elderly adults, and to assist them to remain in their own communities with family and friends" (Assisted Living policy 2.1.1). The challenge of this program is that the budget is "Set", meaning that INAC only provides a fixed figure for the Assisted Living budget and Bands must stay within that budget or risk going into deficit. This makes it difficult when communities have an aging population and many community

members with disabilities who need the service. Unfortunately, Shawn needs to reduce Homemaker hours, and is supported by T'it'q'et Council, in order to stay within the budget constraints of this program.

Although Shawn Scotchman, Social Development and Emergency Program Coordinator has been busy with both of these important programs within the community, T'it'q'et Administration has him tasked with other duties to help our P'ehp'ig'lha community; such as, Band Designated Representative, who is there to support families when the Ministry of Children and Families get involved. T'it'q'et Membership Clerk in assisting Susan Napoleon, Membership Officer with band membership duties like Status Cards and birth records excreta. Moreover, Shawn still found time to establish T'it'q'et Bee City Committee, T'it'q'et is the very first Indigenous community to be recognized as a Bee City Canada partner in protecting our bees in Canada. Shawn also volunteers with the 1st Lillooet Scouts as Registrar and Scout Section Scouter and currently sits on the Lillooet Friendship Center Board of Directors as Vice President. Shawn also found time to assist the Okanagan Indian Band during the 2017 Floods in their Emergency Operation Center (EOC) as the Planning Section Chief for five (5) days. Which is valuable experience for our own T'it'q'et Emergency Operation Center (EOC), should the time come we have to set up our EOC.



Poverty Action

In November 2008, the Assembly of First Nations established the Make Poverty History Expert Advisory Committee comprised of First Nation, Metis and non-Aboriginal academics from across Canada. The Committee prepared a report in 2009 titled The State of the First Nation Economy and the Struggle to Make Poverty History. This report documented the extent First Nations families, individuals and communities are experiencing high levels of poverty and inequality in comparison to the rest of Canadian society.

The group prepared a five year research agenda on poverty issues and secured grant funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health for the purpose of designing and implementing a strategic plan to create a sustainable economic base, reduce poverty and improve the health and well-being of community members. Five First Nation communities across Canada were selected: T'it'q'et; Shubenacadie in Nova Scotia; Opiticiwan in Quebec; Eabametoong in Northern Ontario; Misipawistik Cree Nation in Manitoba

Regional members from the Make Poverty History Advisory Committee worked with the community to establish an Advisory Committee that would bring together personnel based on practical experience, academic knowledge and government experience. The Committee would provide the community with a base of expertise, knowledge of best practices, the ability to identify opportunities and the capacity to mobilize resources. The Advisory Committee for T'it'q'et was

co-chaired by Chief Kevin Whitney and Dr. Charlotte Loppie from the University of Victoria. Also sitting on the committee were an Elder, Mildred Mackenzie, youth representatives, Janice Whitney and Marilyn Napoleon, Geri Collins from CFDC: CIFN; Warren Weir from Vancouver Island University; Ernest Armann from St'at'imc Government Services. Youth representatives over the years included Sidney Scotchman, Marlayna Pelegrin and Dakota James.

Janice Whitney was the first project Community Coordinator and she conducted a survey of current members who are involved with economic development as well as select non-T'it'q'ete members who have worked with the community in the past. Janice moved on to other projects and was eventually replaced by T'it'q'et member, Dean Billy.

The goal for the project was to undertake a research based community assessment and environmental scan to identify the salient characteristics, strengths, challenges and opportunities that the community exhibits with reference to achieving reduced levels of poverty and the development of a self reliant economic base linked to improve community health and well being. The assessment included an environmental scan of community infrastructure such as water, sewer, housing, educational and other resources, and the community's relationship to the surrounding region.

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Worked with the community and in keeping with the community's vision of where it wants to go and the values that are important to it, the project contributed to the development of a strategic plan to reduce levels of poverty and the development of a self reliant economic base linked to improved community health and well being

Research Component

There were four research components:

Community assessment and environmental scan

- Understanding the community's history, including prior development efforts
- Documenting principal characteristics, such as land, population, businesses, infrastructure including housing/water/sewer, social organization, relations with surrounding area including St'at'imc Nation communities as well as the District of Lillooet.
- Undertaking an assessment of the community's strengths, vulnerabilities and opportunities for economic development
- Sources of data include historical documents, other published sources, key informant interviews within and outside the community and administrative records.

Impact assessment

- A central purpose of the research component is to be able to draw conclusions about the impact of the intervention that is applied. The Committee was interested in tapping both the economic dimension as well as a broad range of measures of health and well being. The community identified the kinds of indicators that would reflected their own sense of poverty, economic development, health and well being.

Ongoing qualitative research

- It was the intention to undertake qualitative research throughout the life of the funded project to capture the dynamic elements that unfold. On the

one hand, the wish is to document how the intervention rolls out – what issues are encountered, how they are resolved what lessons are learned about this kind of intervention. Secondly, the intent was to monitor what impact the intervention had on government policy and programs, whether at the community or broader level. Thirdly, the committee wished to deepen our understanding of the interaction between efforts to reduce poverty and rebuild the community economic bases on the one hand, and health/social and political factors on the other hand.

Community Initiatives

HEALTH SURVEY

T'it'q'et had been through a severe forest fire in the summer of 2009. The community on IR #1 had to be evacuated along with the people of the town of Lillooet. As a result, T'it'q'et was not able to participate in the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (FNRLHS). In order to get a better understanding of the health picture of the community, the Poverty Action Research Project developed a draft survey similar to the (FNRLHS). The community coordinator and the PARP Research Assistant Dominique Saheed worked with University of Victoria's Dr. Charlotte Loppie to get the survey approved by the University's research ethics committee. After this step was completed, the Regional Advisory Committee hired a temporary employee from the T'it'q'et community to survey the community along with Ms. Saheed. This process took 12 days to complete.

Afterwards, the Research Assistant took several months to organize the data, enter it into a social sciences survey computer program and later presented it to the Regional Advisory Committee for further study. The committee later presented it to the community.

What Does ‘POVERTY’ Mean to T’it’q’et?

There were several community meetings held to discuss the concept of poverty and what it means to our community. These notes are from those meetings.

Internal Factors

Ask not what T’it’q’et can give you, but what you can do for T’it’q’et.
Lack of knowledge of our history of oppression\lack of education.
Community members mentality - it's not my problem.
No spiritual belief of any kind – lack of trust in faith.
What can I get from community vs. helping myself.
Lack of knowledge of our history of oppression.
Addictions: co-dependency, alcohol, gambling.
“They owe me” vs. nobody owes you anything.
Lack of family connections + dependence.
Lack of cultural knowledge and practice.
Learned helplessness – victim vs. leader.
Loss of culture, language and identity.
Lack of a voice leads to apathy.
Loss of traditional knowledge.
Lack of language education.
Lack of cultural teachings.
Lack of role models.
Lack of spirituality.
Someone to ‘fix us’.
Lack of confidence.
Lack of self-worth.
Family unity.

External Factors

Lack of income to meet our own basic human needs (food, housing, access to health.
Schools/parents/community (no connection).
Unnecessary barriers to employment.
Restrictions on hunting/fishing.
Lack of control over resources.
Overuse of natural resources.
Very little capacity building.
Regulations are unfair.
Level of education.
Lack of resources.
Children in care.
Lack of options.
Oppression.
Hard times.
Prejudice.
Broke.

Personal Physical Factors

Not enough food.
Lack of food security.
Lack of clean healthy, water and environment.
Basic needs not being met: food, shelter, family.

Introduction to Indicators

These indicators are intended to promote an ongoing participatory process to define community conditions, needs and priorities in addressing poverty. This information will provide insight into institutional capacity and capability in order to give direction to future community development. It will help the community determine history and current situations in matters of health, social and cultural matters, education, and economic development as well as other issues that concern T’it’q’et development.

List of T’it’q’et Indicators Gathered:

HEALTH

REC Center usage.
Nursing home care and home visits
Morbidity and mortality rates
Diseases – physical/emotional/psychological

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Income
Income Assistance
Safety and Security
Education achievements and participation rates

CULTURAL

St’at’imc language
Traditional food gathering
Traditional medicine usage
Community participation in celebratory events

COMMUNITY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Water quality
Housing & availability
Recycling efforts
Energy Costs

These are examples of indicator information for T’it’q’et that were collected from various sources.

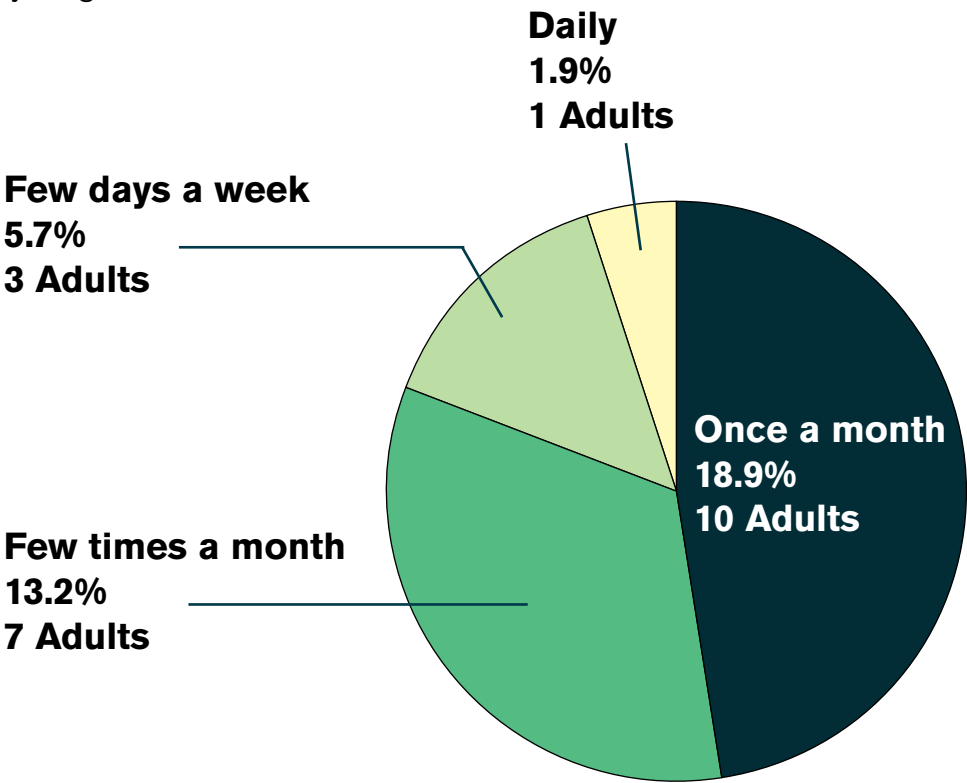


StatsCanada T'it'q'et profile education data

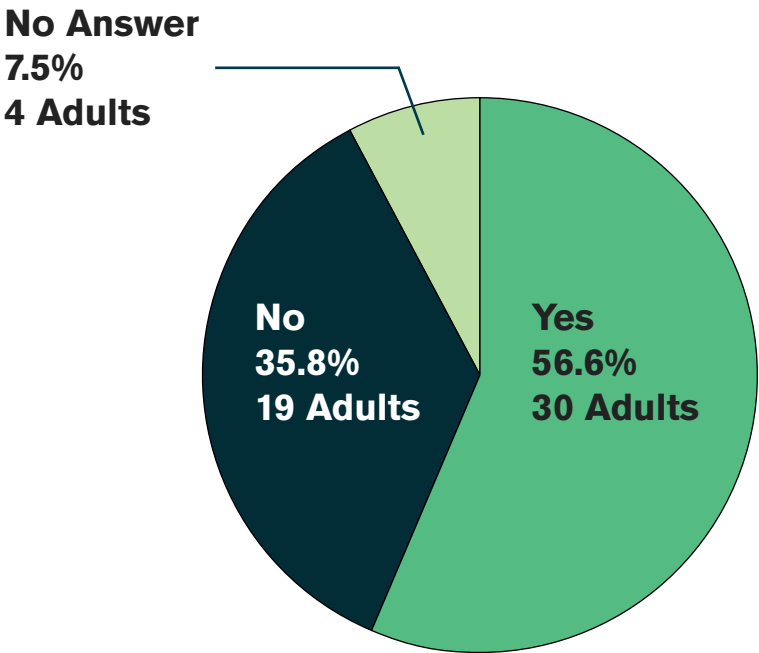
	2006			2011		
Education Characteristics	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Population 15 years and older	195	95	100	210	115	95
No degree, certificate or diploma	75	45	35	50	25	25
High school or equivalent only	45	25	25	55	25	255
Trades, apprenticeship or Non university certificate	45	20	25	65	50	15
University certificate below Bachelor level	15	10	10	15	0	15
University degree Bachelor level or higher	10	0	10	15	0	15

If yes, how often would you gather traditional foods?

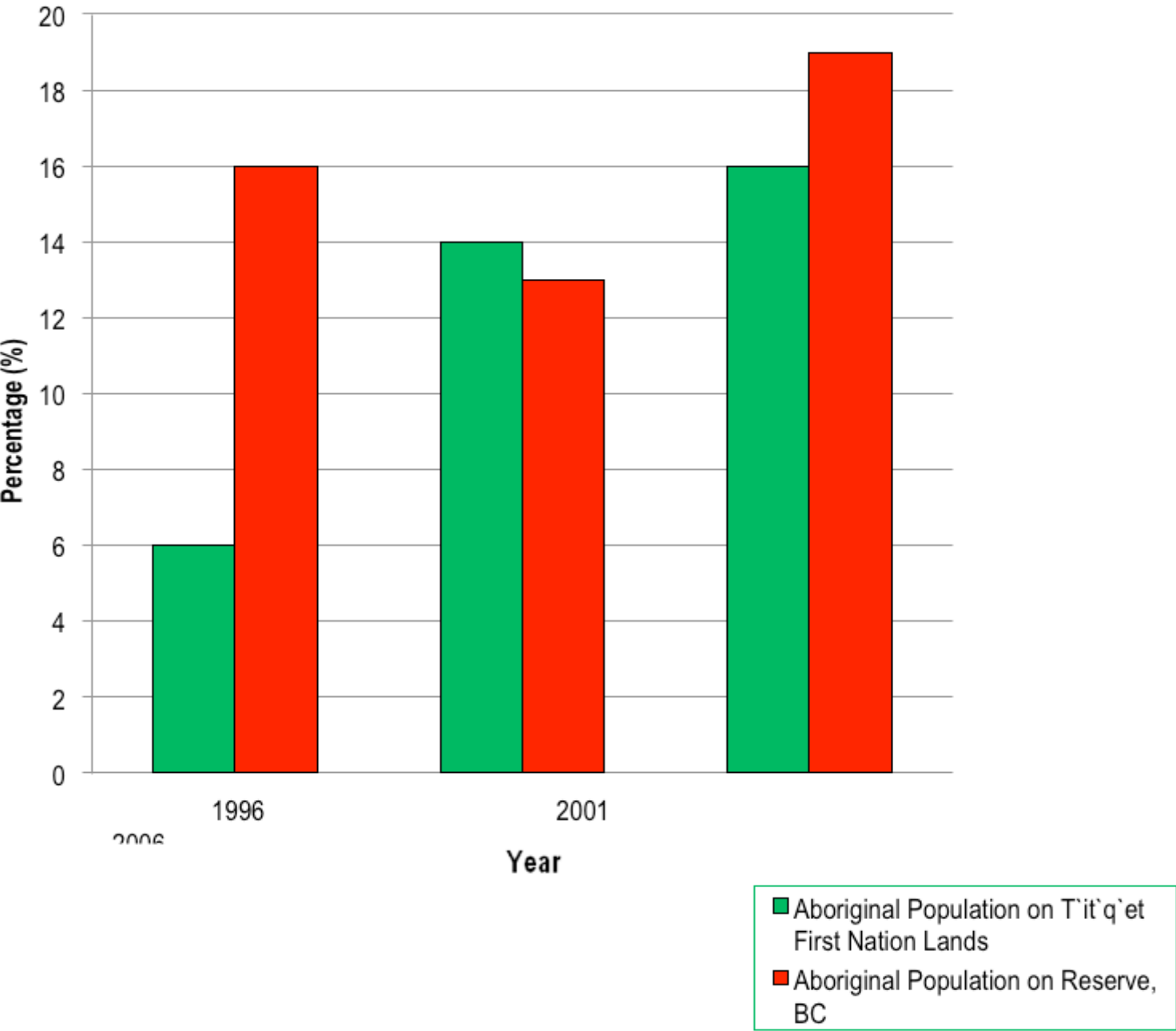
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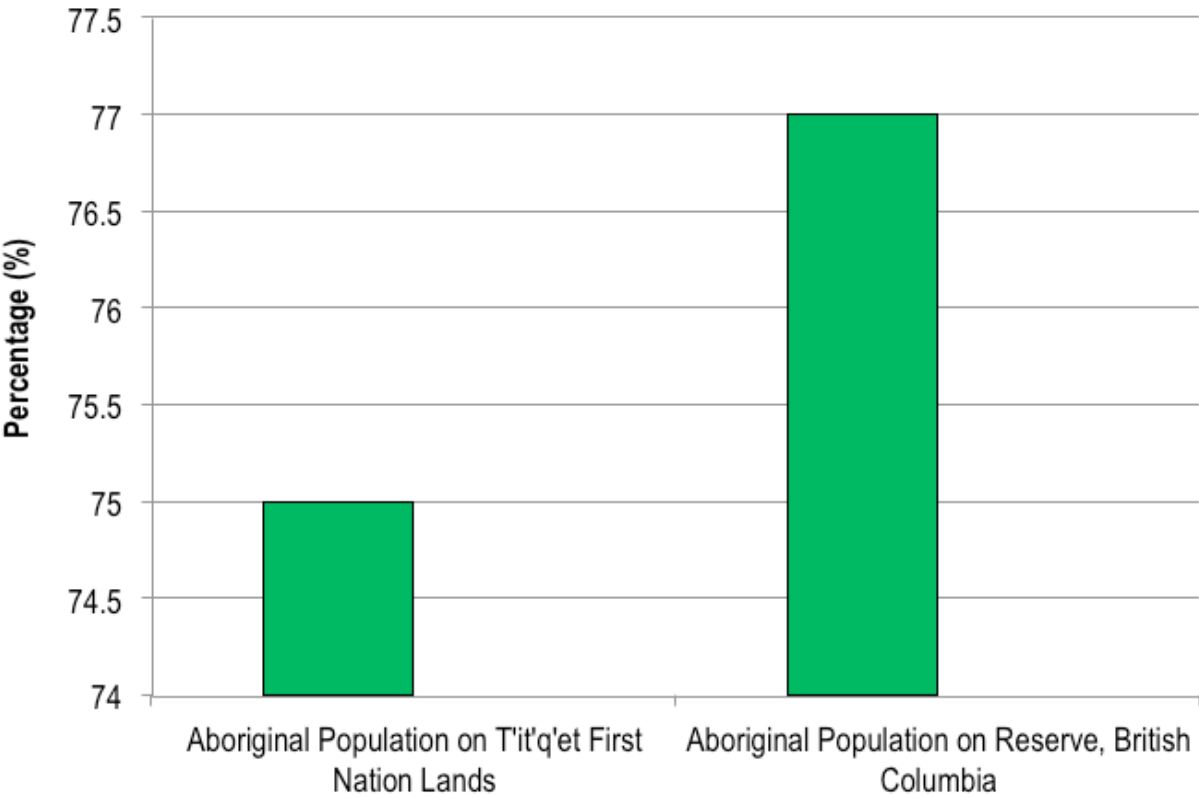
Do T'it'q'et members gather traditional foods?
From 2014 survey.



Population Percent (%) with Aboriginal Language Mother Tongue on T'it'q'et First Nation Lands and on Reserve



Percentage of Population having no knowledge of Aboriginal Languages on T'it'q'et First Nation Lands and on Reserve





Strategic Planning with the Regional Advisory Committee

In early 2013, the T'it'q'et Chief and Council, P'egp'ig'lha Council, the Elders Council and Administration staff met and planned to coordinate goals and objectives because several initiatives required community input. Community decisions are guided by principles derived from the Constitution and informed by the Comprehensive Community Plan and the Physical Development Plan. In late 2013 and early 2014, two community sessions were held to discuss TOWS (Threats Opportunities Weaknesses Strengths) and discuss strategies.

Threat	Mining - gold, molybdenum, copper mines are risk to personal and environmental health.
Opportunity	Address our dissatisfaction with provincial govt's inadequate consultation
Strategy	P'egp'ig'lha Council referral committee to address this and an opportunity for the community to assert sovereignty and stewardship over our St'át'imc territory. Referral Committee provides P'egp'ig'lha Council with information. If the referral is approved then there may be employment opportunities for membership.

Community weaknesses were discussed and matched up with the strengths.

Weakness	Strengths
Lack of water – people would like to irrigate their own gardens and grow their own food.	Community is working on gravity feed system to supplement current District of Lillooet supply. Drip irrigation has really reduced level of water use for community orchard.
High unemployment	Leadership can encourage our membership to start their own businesses. Work along with Retasket Lodge to provide attractions for tourism – horseback rides, etc. BC Hydro has opportunities with their annual maintenance plan. Math and English skills can be upgraded. Find tutors for members – work with Youth Council.

Implementation/ Management

T'it'q'et community strategic planning initiatives are membership driven and developed goals and initiatives with suggested actions. These strategies require prioritization, delegation and an acceptable timeline that suits community capabilities. We must identify our strengths, challenges and opportunities and clarify the protocols that give the proper governance body the authority to act and support the implementation of plans. We must maintain reporting levels of committees, boards, businesses (minutes, genera meetings) and strive for improved working relationships within and without the community.

MONITORING/ EVALUATION

Theme: Adaptability, Skills, Education



Initiative	Progress
Dogwood Certificate program with NVIT. Complete needs assessment.	Completed
Launch pellet mill construction.	Negotiations ongoing.
Establish formal arrangement with Ministry of Transportation and employers regarding the hiring of T'it'q'et members	Completed

The project held its final meeting of all 5 communities at the end of May 2017 in Nova Scotia. There were some talks of further funding being sought to continue this project as all participating communities expressed the need for further research on poverty issues in indigenous communities in Canada.

Initiative	Progress
Assessment of members' skill level, interests, education achievement levels, knowledge of St'at'imc heritage and culture.	2014 T'it'q'et survey in progress
Increase use of resource centre. Promote among staff that will increase user programs. Promote use at Nation Level and for companies entering the territory	Community events staff person hired to promote centre
NVIT Training initiatives. T'it'q'et and Lillooet Tribal Council partners in program for students of welding, millwright, carpentry and plumbing programs.	Completed





Food Security Initiative

As a result of the 2009 forest fire, the community experienced shortages of food for a brief period of time. T'it'q'et wished to become more secure in their sources of food and the Regional Advisory Committee gave direction to the community coordinator to study this issue.

First task was to gather some definitions of food security, and then a historical summary of past practices from St'at'imc elders. The summary of which was that the St'at'imc had been able to provide for their own food up until recently, but as a result of colonization and the legacy of residential schools, a lot of people had stopped growing their own food.

The community had begun work earlier with two volunteers who worked with the Ucwalmicxw Centre Society (a non profit society started by T'it'q'et that promotes education and training. They had completed a plan for developing a food security initiative. The goal of the T'it'q'et Food Security Initiative was to provide the Lillooet valley with food security. This means creating a system that will ensure people have access to adequate food supplies.

The community has experimented with several different crops and along with the community's greenhouse and orchard, has produced produce that has been sold in several local markets, including the town farmer's market. The food security initiative has created its own brand, Amlec Organic Ltd. Amlec is a St'at'imc word that means 'to gather food'. There have also been several workshops hosted on topics such as composting and fruit tree pruning.

Through seed saving, and producing healthy preserved food, growing specific food security crops and using first nation's traditional/cultural techniques, we hope that people will be able to achieve a true food security state





Left to right: **Regional Advisory Committee Vancouver 2016.** Kevin Whitney (Committee Co-chair), Dean Billy (Community Coordinator), Marilyn Napoleon (Regional Advisory Committee member), Janice Whitney (Regional Advisory Committee member), Dominique Saheed (Research Assistant), Dr. Charlotte Loppie (Committee Co-chair), Warren Weir (Regional Advisory Committee member).



Photo Right: **Dominique Saheed** – Research Assistant during planning phase for November 2014 T'it'q'et community health survey

Climate Change and the Upper St'át'imc Territory

This report, prepared by Dominique Saheed for the Poverty Action Research Project, consists of direct quotes and information acquired from a variety of sources, including international and national reports, agreements, journal articles and internet materials.

It is projected...that Lillooet and the entire Upper St'át'imc Territory will experience a 5.2°C warmer annual mean temperature during the 2080s. Such changes will affect the salmon fishery, forestry, sedimentation (meaning more landslides and run-offs), drought, as well as food security. Changing conditions will lead to increasingly unpredictable supplies of naturally growing foods and medicines that the St'át'imc have used. Communities, therefore, have had to learn to adapt in response to the changing weather events to survive...

Changing temperatures are not only affecting the distribution, abundance and habitat of wildlife, which are important to Aboriginal communities, but are also making traditional hunting sites inaccessible (Ford et al., 2010). [But case studies included in this report] will inform the St'át'imc Territory of successful examples of coping mechanisms, that if implemented correctly, can be used to reduce their sensitivities, and strengthen their resilience against the adverse effects of climate change in British Columbia.

[In regards to the hydroelectric power generating facilities in St'át'imc territory] BC Hydro and the St'át'imc will determine the operating regime (water flows) that will be use for the next 15 years. However, in order to determine such changes, the potential impacts of changing weather and climate must be carefully considered. Concerns include glaciation,

the size of the glaciers within St'át'imc territory have been decreasing and that leads to increased water flows. This leads to concerns about dam safety.

As new projections of climatic impacts become known, new adaptation measures should be researched, tested and implemented to enhance community resiliency (Krishnaswamy et al., 2012). It is also important to acknowledge that no community is entirely safe from natural disasters and disturbances; however, a resilient community is one that is able to mitigate its sensitivities and adjust to fluctuations from such hazards, while at the same time, functioning effectively.

Housing

To create safe and affordable housing for T'it'q'et members through various options, such as rental, subsidy, or ownership, energy efficient, clean energy, and innovative housing.

Total Housing on T'it'q'et Reserves

There are currently a total of 103 houses on T'it'q'et reserves.

Current CMHC Housing

There are currently 49 CMHC mortgaged housing units including the 2 four plexes, 2 triplexes, and 1 duplex.

Description of CMHC Social Housing

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) works in partnership with First Nation communities through its housing programs as well as capacity and skills development initiatives to support their efforts to take charge of their housing, build new and improve existing housing, and to further develop capacity to manage and maintain all aspects of their housing portfolio. Applications for housing are submitted to the housing coordinator and a housing request list of over 60 members is maintained. When a CMHC social housing proposal call is open then T'it'q'et submits an application. Four homes have been allocated for 2017/18; however, T'it'q'et is waiting for the final approval on the construction of the new homes as of September 2017.

Description of RRAP

On reserve residential rehabilitation assistance programs (RRAP) Funding is available through several programs to repair or rehabilitate existing standard housing to minimum level of health and safety to build special access for persons with disabilities, to help reduce overcrowding, and convert non-residential properties into rental housing. Households may be eligible depending on their household income. The level of assistance provided depends on the cost of eligible repairs. T'it'q'et submits applications; however, RRAP projects are approved based

on funding availability. Two homes were approved for 2016/17 and two additional homes were approved for fiscal year 2017/18.

Description of Band Administered Housing

On reserve Non-profit housing program (Section 95) Subsidy assistance is available for a maximum of 25 years for the construction or purchase and rehabilitation of rental housing projects on First Nation reserves. Capital funding for these rental housing projects is provided through CMHC direct lending or through a private lending institution. The loans are insured under the national housing act (NHA) and guaranteed by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) proposal development funding is available to First Nation Councils who are interested in developing a project proposal for the on reserve non-profit housing program.

Budget 2016 2nd Phase Application

A proposal was submitted for an Elders' complex unit in early spring 2017. A decision has not been made yet as of September 2017.

P'egp'íg'lha Council (PC Update)

The P'egp'íg'lha Council (PC) is part of the overall governance structure of the T'it'q'et community. The mandate of the PC is to “assert and protect Title and rights for the past, present and future generations of P'egp'íg'lha”. Family representatives are appointed by each family to attend monthly PC meetings. PC staff also organizes the quarterly Joint Council meetings and monthly Chairs meetings.

The PC has set a 5 year strategic plan that identifies the goals and priorities of the Council. The PC has several working groups that help achieve the strategic goals. PC working groups include: the Finance committee, the Personnel Committee, the P'egp'íg'lha Governance Working Group, and the Library Advisory Working Group (this working group is made up of representatives from each of the Councils). Portfolio holders are also appointed; Shelley Leech, Natural Resources, Mildred MacKenzie, Water, Nora Greenway, Mining and Yvonne Scotchman, Fisheries. Portfolio holders attend meetings in their respective areas and report back to the PC.

The foundation of all the PC's work is the protection of St'át'imc Title and rights. This includes the management and protection of resources such as water, forests, land, medicines, plants and wildlife.

Part of managing St'át'imc lands involves processing Provincial and Federal referrals. Referrals are requests for the use of land for various reasons (guiding, range, mining, forestry...). First Nations have the opportunity to comment on the applications in case

there is any conflict with the proponent's proposed use and the community's values on the land. The PC Referral Committee reviews and follows up with 80 – 100 referrals a year. Some referrals only require a quick review and other require weeks of study and external expertise in order to respond. The PC Referral Committee and staff spent significant amount of time talking to proponents that operate in the St'át'imc Territory with the goal of educating them about St'át'imc values and responsibilities.

Chief Shelley represents the community at the Lillooet Tribal Council “Land Unit Planning” for forestry cut blocks in T'it'q'et's area of interest. She also attends the Timber Supply Area (TSA) bi-monthly meetings to discuss relevant forestry issues. The northern St'át'imc communities have had several meetings with the Bridge River Valley Community Association to discuss trail development in the Gold-bridge area. Nora Greenway and PC staff attends the Bralorne Mines quarterly Environmental Monitoring Board to monitor the environmental performance of the mine and review its operating permits. These are just a few examples of the type of work that is being done to help manage Title lands.

This past year, there was a lot of time and resources allocated to working with other northern St'át'imc communities to address BC Hydro's change in water regime. A steering sub-committee was established to negotiate with BC Hydro to determine the best way to deal with a significant variation to operations. Kukwpi7 Mike Leach is the community representative at that table. There are ongoing discussions with the Water Comptroller about these operational issues as well as the renewal of some of BC Hydro's water licenses.

Protection of Title and rights has also been achieved through 2 key projects. The PC has completed a Traditional Use and Occupancy Study on behalf

of the community and has created the P'egp'íg'lha Information Centre (PIC or Zawatetálhew). Both of these projects involve the organization and protection of community specific information for the benefit of current and future generations. Zawatetálhew is located in the PC offices at the Kwekwa7 Centre.

One of the mandates of the PC is to maintain Intra and Inter Tribal Relations. Tribal Chief Shelley Leech represents T'it'q'et at the St'át'imc Chiefs Council (SCC) and Interior Alliance (IA) meetings. The SCC is where all 11 Chiefs in the St'át'imc Nation work together to protect Title and rights. The Interior Alliance is made up of the Nlaka'pamux, Secwepemc, St'át'imc, and Syilx Nations. In the last year Chief Shelley also participated in the SCC – St'át'imc Government Services (SGS) task group which provides recommendations to the SCC on how to move Nation level governance issues forward. Chief Shelley, PC representatives and staff also attended a community to community forum with the District of Lillooet (DoL) and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD). PC representative Helen Copeland is continuing to work with the SLRD and DoL to develop a communication and engagement protocol to guide future relations between the organizations. Shelley, along with the other St'át'imc Chiefs, met with Jati Sindhu (the Federal Liberal representative for Mission, Matsqui and Fraser Canyon) and Yvonne Jones (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) to discuss key political issues.

The PC in conjunction with T'it'q'et hosted a St'át'imc Water Forum. This event was designed to bring the St'át'imc communities and organizations together to discuss the importance of water and how we can value, respect and manage the water for our future. The PC, along with the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society, hosted a workshop on cumulative effects and offered a day of free training in the areas of: invasive species, species at risk, heritage

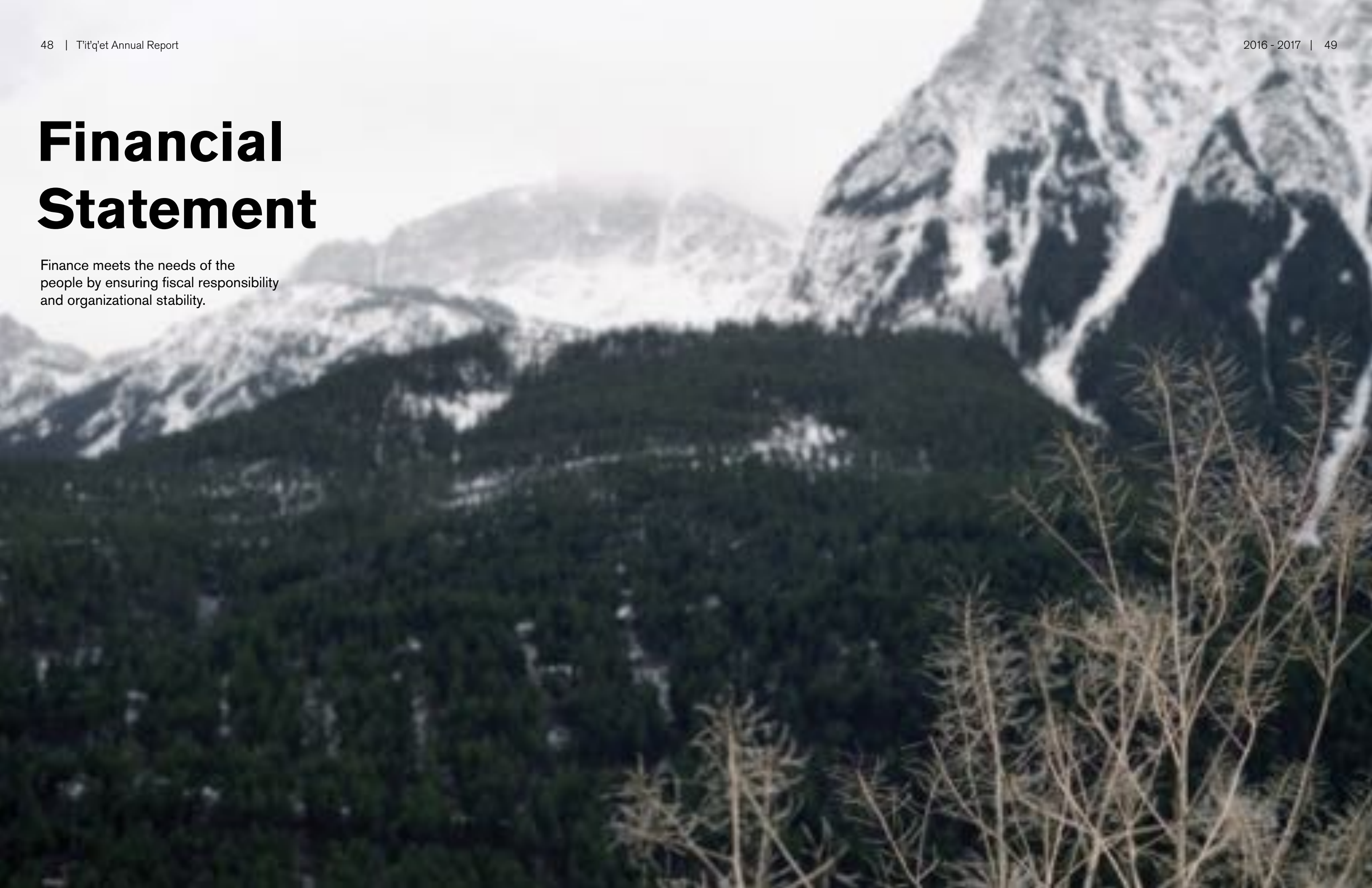
resources. The PC, in partnership with Splitrock, just completed a two year wetland project to identify and protect precious wetlands in the very arid climate of Lillooet. The PC also participated in several capacity building workshops. One was on how to read and understand financial statements and audits. There was also a “Fisheries 101” workshop held with DFO to learn more about their planning processes, how they determine closure and how run numbers are calculated. PC staff attended a diversity of workshops/presentations in the areas of: wetland identification, amphibians, white bark pine and sturgeon management. The PC also offers a bursary for a member that is in a post-secondary resources related program.

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