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## PARTNER LETTER

Our team continues to grow and we are very excited to have Connie Greyeyes and Katie Robertson join our team! Our workload is increasingly providing support beyond proposals into active participation in our client's projects. As such, we continue to add to our team in order to better assist our clients in getting their projects and programs from the drawing board to operation.

Our head office will be moving to Kamloops at the end of this month so stay tuned for updated contact information.

*Grant Barley*



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## WELCOME CONNIE AND KATIE!

Connie Greyeyes is an advocate for Indigenous women and girls in Canada. She is a member of Bigstone Cree First Nation and currently resides in Fort St. John, BC. A violence survivor herself, she co-founded the annual Sisters in Spirit vigil in 2008 to honor missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in northeast BC. She started the Women Warriors support group and was instrumental in encouraging Amnesty International to travel to Fort St. John to study the impact of resource development on Indigenous women in northeast BC. This led to her being profiled in an international campaign for International Women's Day.



Katie Robertson has a degree in Human Geography from the University of British Columbia where she concentrated her studies in community development and planning. Her experience working in community planning provides insight and depth for our clients. Katie enjoys experiencing and learning from other cultures and communities. Based in Burnaby, BC, Katie has a keen interest in sustainable living and her hobbies include graphic design, the fine arts and spending time outdoors.

## BC CLEAN ENERGY

**The Indigenous Habitat Participation Program (IHPP)** was launched by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to give Indigenous communities opportunities to participate in the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat.

**1. Engagement**, includes engagement in relation to FFHPP program changes, developing new policies and making regulations. Development of processes to notify Indigenous communities when the Department has received applications for authorization for projects affecting fish and fish habitat.

**2. Building Capacity** to establish organizational structures, coordinating and managing activities across multiple communities groups, increase access to training and skills development programs for Indigenous peoples in the inland regions of Canada.

**3. Collaborative Activities** that support the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat with long term benefits. Such as, planning, protection, monitoring, conservation, management and data collection.

**Eligibility:** All First Nation bands, governing bodies and organizations are eligible to apply.

**Application Deadline:** The deadline for the upcoming intake period is **August 31, 2019**.

## DEASE RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Dease River Development Corporation is in the process of pursuing the largest proposed First Nation Forestry License in British Columbia through a Dease River First Nation owned company called Tsa Cho Forestry.

The Strategies North Team spent several days in Good Hope Lake speaking with community members about their concerns regarding what a forestry license could mean for the community and what benefits this opportunity presents.

Forestry is multifaceted and there are multiple opportunities aside from the physical harvesting of trees to consider when embarking into the industry. Wildfire suppression and maintenance can be impacted greatly by a successful forestry program. Opportunities for entrepreneurship and subcontracting will also be available.



## KEY DATES

### August 15: BC Rural Dividend Deadline

The BC Rural Dividend fund is open to rural communities, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous to support economic development initiatives.

### August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

"Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment." - UN

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lubicon Lake Band visit.

Three members of the Strategies North Team will be traveling to Little Buffalo to meet with their economic development team about forestry initiatives.

### Welcome Back Lauren!

We are excited that community analyst Lauren McIvor is back with our team full time! Lauren has been working in Nepal over the past several months.



## CARCROSS

**Our August client profile is  
the Carcross/Tagish  
Management Corporation!**



One of our Yukon clients, **Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC)** is the economic development branch of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. Located within the Yukon River Basin, their Traditional Territory extends from the Carcross Cut -off, to Carcross, Tagish, Squanga and past the B.C. border.

As the gateway to the Yukon from Alaska, Carcross has carved out a thriving tourism economy based on being in the middle of the 110km historic White Pass Railroad, from Skagway to Whitehorse. Take a detour when in Yukon and experience the rich culture and history. For more info please visit <https://destinationcarcross.ca/experience-carcross/>



## BC WINTER GAMES ART

Our very own Community Analyst Harriet Stanford was selected to design the new street banners that will be displayed along the streets of Fort St. John to commemorate the upcoming 2020 BC Winter Games.

The games will be held in Fort St. John from February 20 to 23, 2020. Up to 1,200 athletes are expected to compete in 18 different sports. The Games are expected to generate significant economic impacts for the City. Fort St. John is the northernmost community to host the Games, 1984 being the last time.

**"There are big skies, northern lights, wind and snow. I wanted to pick lesser represented sports and put them firmly in a northern context."**



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