

WHAT'S NEXT?

A meeting with the Heads of the Families is planned for mid-December. The intent of these meetings will be to first review the work to date, and begin refining the goals, objectives and actions, which will form the substance of the Plan.

Drop-in Tuesdays have been formalized for the third Tuesday of every month. This is an opportunity to drop-in, meet the planning team, ask questions, make suggestions, or just see how we're doing.

The **Sooke Nation Youth** have offered to come and talk with our Youth about the success of their energy conservation program. Any interested Youth, please contact Michael McCarthy or Edward LeFluffy.

A second **Youth Workshop** has been delayed until January to allow the Nation to hold the annual Christmas Party.

Previous **Open House presentation boards** can be viewed at the Nation's offices.

We will continue to publish monthly **newsletters**.

Work has started on the **Nation's Photo Album**. We are looking for a small group of volunteers to seek contributions from each family – do you have any old photographs of people or special events?

TRIANGLE SITE

The next step in design of the Triangle site is an "encumbrance check" by INAC. This is a legal process that confirms there are no outstanding legal commitments to the Nation, and non-Nation, individuals and companies, and is required before final approval.

Approval for the intersection at Admirals Road is needed from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and a formal application will be made for construction of the rail crossing.

Research is being undertaken on the most recent commercial development prototypes. Many new shopping centre developments use underbuilding, rather than surface lot parking. This improves the shopping experience for pedestrians and visitors.

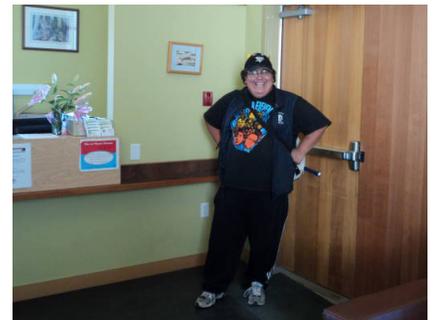
RECENT ACTIVITIES AROUND THE COMMUNITY

- The Elders Lounge will be welcoming Elders to just come and sit, and enjoy a cup of tea.
- The Toddler Room will be set up with toys.
- The Youth Room will be completed, and will welcome Youth and Youth Programming.
- The Employment Bulletin Board, located in the Nation's front office, contains internal, external and partners' postings.
- New Horizons programme worker.
- Economic Development continues looking for opportunities to develop stronger relationships with organizations that want to work with the Nation.

top right: New Horizons' worker, August Thomas

bottom right: Replacement of the Big House floor

below: Youth Centre painters: Serena Vaillancourt, Steve Thomas and James Brown.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 14th
Community Christmas Dinner

December 19th to 22nd
Youth Activities

December 27th to 30th
Youth Activities

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- **Talk with the Heads of the Families.**
- **Volunteer for a Special Project.** Contact Michael McCarthy at: michael@esquimaltnation.ca or sign up at the office.
- **Make sure everyone in your family reads the newsletter.**
- **Drop by the Nation's offices to see the Open House boards.**
- **Drop in the 3rd Tuesday of each month to talk with our Planning Consultant (starting in January).**
- **Visit the website: www.esquimaltnation.ca**

