

Chief – When we talked about the committee it will be a committee of all the communities you would select individuals to represent you. What will happen is that the recommendation will go to the whole community and discussion will take place again, it may take a couple of times before there is an actual decision on where those funds will go. The first one on the top of the list Housing – water, sewer and roads we've applied for capital dollars from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The amount applied for is 1.2 million, we said we need 7.2 million to cover all of Cowichan Tribes, so the approach we went for is the 1.2 million. Hopefully that will be something that is approved by INAC and we can take it off the list.

Abner Thorne – There's an issue here that I didn't quite understand, are we going to go forward with the referendum that we passed the referendum on? It's good to have this information here and it reports the issue but I would prefer to have more elaboration where the members benefit. I would like copies of the CIF bylaw and copies of the Budget Implementation Act. I don't know why the motion at the general meeting wasn't attended to right away. It's been two years and that's where I think this complicated things it should have been addressed sooner than this. This is kind of the cart before the horse. The main thing is that the members have to have a say on what happened regarding their aboriginal rights and this concerns your aboriginal rights. It's not fair to use that section of the Indian act regarding that, regarding us. The section of the Indian act where they call together an Information Meeting and your consulted and that's it, that's Indian Affairs point to do that. To have that referendum is the main idea and that's what that motion was for to have the referendum. That's all I have to say Mr. Chairman.

Chief – It's a very good point we've been instructed to call a general meeting directly after this and hold a referendum as soon as possible after that. It's in the motion that we call a referendum so there will be a vote that will take place after the general meeting. To let you know in March of this year is when this whole process started and that's only 3 months after I've been in office. I thought we were kind of moving along quickly. We were to consult with you first and we didn't have the proper information to give to you on the numbers. What you see in this graph is only a conservative estimate, it's very low we feel it's either double or triple that per month. But we won't know until the end of this month. In order for us to come to you the community and give you that kind of information we would have had to instruct the auditors the CCRA to go and do an audit on the fuel stations the stores that collect tax for tobacco and alcohol. What

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To me a few extra cents on gas makes sense for Tribes people

Dear editor,

I am Cowichan band member No. 1573. My mother was a Cowichan band member from Cowichan Bay (Kil-pal-us). I was one of the 20 invited guests, of which only 12 showed up, who sat in on the meetings held by Chief Harvey Alphonse. These meetings were information meetings regarding a proposal to implement a Community Improvement Fee on Tribes lands. The money collected through this fee could be used to build some much-needed homes in our community. I believe the fee would be very minimal to us, but the benefits in terms of housing and creating jobs could be enormous. Last year only 10 homes were built through CMHC. At that rate it would take 40 years to build the 400 homes

needed now. Can we afford to wait that long? Or should we dig into our own pockets and take part in contributing and help build these much needed homes — homes our children can be proud to say they live in?

A few short months ago we voted in chief and council. These people are not strangers to us. It saddens me to hear people say we cannot trust them. I trust them. I sincerely hope my fellow band members will analyze the pros and cons of this improvement fee and see clearly the meaning of the words Community Improvement Fee. To me, a few cents extra per litre of gas can go a long way in building a better community.

— Theresa Drouillard
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MEMORANDUM

FROM:	Bruce Russell	DATE:	March 13, 2009
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RE:	<i>Duncan issues</i>		

To follow up on the items we briefly discussed in your office on March 11th:

1. DUNCAN PLAZA EXTENSION ~ You suggest Geoff Johnston was waiting for "some lease from you" which he should received by today. You estimate he can have the LOO to you by March 17th. PLEASE PUSH HIM. Notwithstanding you having your son from the 18th we need a Land Management RESOLUTION approving the extension as proposed and a BCR by March 24th.

I spoke to ~~Barbara Ann~~ on March 11th. He has not spoken to ~~Barbara Ann~~ but guarantees she will support the extension (\$\$\$\$!). Have you heard from her or ~~Doug~~ ~~Garuth~~? Have you called them?

2. ABNER THORNE ~ I have a letter coming to both of you today. You now have my quick email reply to Barbara-Ann's email of 3/12/09. I was not aware Steve Dale-Johnson had called for Expressions of Interest. I wish you had informed me earlier. In order that we take nothing for granted I am responding, HOWEVER, as we have previously suggested, Steve WILL NOT negotiate until he is convinced the land lease has been extended. Gulf Pacific's hands are tied w/o that extension. You suggested that Abner "is being difficult in refusing to allow the Band their ten (10%)". **Do we need another meeting to state the facts of life?** He could well lose DFO. Steve implied they won't deal only with him, they want a professional involved. Gulf Pacific cannot perform without the tools an extended land lease.

The letter you showed me from Garuth Hughes is confusing and disturbing. He implies there is a possibility he might be able to "hang in there/around" for another two (2) to five (5) years. If that is the case, Abner does not need Gulf Pacific. As you say, where did this idea come from? I have been clear, I do not want to speak to Garuth (I have not yet called him) if we are not all VERY CLEAR as to "who is on first base and who is on second". I am beginning to question, are we playing baseball or soccer?

If Abner has yet to meet Bill Younie or another lawyer we are losing valuable time on structuring the post C & G leasing involvement/era. LET'S HAVE ANOTHER MEETING. Gulf Pacific is willing to help but is not willing to go through a wasteful wheel spinning exercise.

3. PARKING COMPOUND ~ I spoke briefly with Ernie. He insists the compound must **first** be relocated to the NW corner of the mound lands (storage of war canoes) then a second move to the least commercially attractive portion of the mound lands, **AFTER** the Independent Living BC project (!!!) is completed. As long as the compound is moved from the present location and quickly, that is fine by us. A *short term location* on a key corner of the mound lands should not be a problem.

Get some pricing for new chain link fencing. I would guess \$20-\$30,000. Let me know if you want Kevin Gullins to assist. Gulf Pacific will provide short term financing, if necessary, with 30 days interest free then five (5%) interest. We do not want to be out of pocket for long.

4. SAFEWAY EASEMENT ~ Connie is being totally foolish and selfish in suggesting the 2004 CMML:CSL easement is all Safeway requires. There is no such agreement. Further, the photo I will provide clearly shows their trucks trespass on the DV #2 triangle/"pinch corner". More importantly, how could any company be so self centered to forget the **EXTENSIVE** amount of co-operation extended by the Band, CMML and GPG on the land swap that allowed construction of their new store!! **HELLO!** What is good for the goose is good for the gander, even the neighbouring gander! What is it about Cowichan Commons she does not understand?



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