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October 2018 Newsletter

1. The Northern Secwepemc Exhibit Roadmap Project

David Jensen's exhibit design team returned to the region this month, and held half-day meetings at Canim Lake (October 16th), Soda Creek and Williams Lake (October 17th) and Esk'et and Canoe Creek (October 18th). Many of those who had attended the first series of meetings in August, did so at these follow-up meetings, providing David's team with the assurance it needed that it had heard their opinions and suggestions correctly the first time. In addition, several significant new ideas were expressed and duly noted by David's team members who have now returned home to digest and reflect on what they now understand to be the wishes of Band members regarding what and how their objects and stories should best be exhibited in the proposed Cultural Centre. In the new year - most probably in February or early March - David Jensen's team will visit us again in order to present their initial findings and thoughts about how our ideas can be translated into actual exhibits.

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of the five individuals who have accepted the role as their Band's representative for the balance of the project, and who will act as the conduit between David's team and their Band's members. They have all been instrumental in organizing the two meetings that have so far been held, and in promoting the project within their respective communities, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by our Society and by David Jensen and his team members. The individuals in question are Irene Gilbert (Canim Lake), Marie Camille (SXFN), Ashley George (Esk'et), Cheryl Chapman (Soda Creek) and Laurie Ilnicki (Williams Lake). Our sincere thanks are also extended to their five Band Administrators as well as to Bettina Johnson who is Ashley's department head.

2. Our 2018 Annual General Meeting

As previously noted, our 2018 AGM will be held on Friday, November 23rd in the offices of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council. The Esk'etemc Band Council has already appointed Ashley George to be its second member (joining our President Kerry Chelsea), and we hope that the Soda Creek and Williams Lake Band Councils will each have appointed a second member by the time of the AGM to join Sheri Sellars (Soda Creek) and Laurie Ilnicki (Williams Lake).
