



# Sasuchan

## Development Corporation

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Community Update

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2018

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## Message from Chief John French

Hadih. I am proud to introduce the first Annual Community Update from Sasuchan Development Corporation.

When the Takla Nation started Sasuchan, our vision was to create an economic development corporation that could bring wealth to the nation, that could bring us toward independence, that we could be proud of. Sasuchan is starting to realize that vision. And I am proud.

Our nation has a massive territory — it's one of the largest in the region, maybe in the province. For years we've watched money and resources leave our territory, and we've had to fight hard just to get scraps.

Now, through Sasuchan's professionalism, and this council's tenacity, I'm proud to say that we're no longer getting just scraps. Sasuchan is signing contracts for brushing, road maintenance, and forestry. We upgraded the Driftwood so our community can evacuate in an emergency. We've been negotiating, on the Nation's side and through Sasuchan, for a portion of the profit from all resource extraction in our territory. And for the first time in our Nation's history, we're succeeding.

A lot of our members know that Sasuchan is doing good work, because through a number of contracts and negotiations, they've provided employment, grants, and loans to our members.



Soon Sasuchan be branching out beyond forestry into tourism and other business opportunities. We know that if we are going to be successful, we can't only rely on forestry and mining to bring in revenue for our nation. We need economic diversification. And the team at Sasuchan is delivering that.

It's easy to forget that Sasuchan is only a few years old. These kinds of businesses only start turning a profit after three or four or five years. But Sasuchan is already in the black. Because of our council's wise investment early on, and attracting some of the top business talent around, Sasuchan will start being able to pay the Nation a dividend to cover the shortfall in federal funding that we've faced for generations. With a successful economic development corporation the Nation can now begin to focus on our own needs: healing, education, bringing our culture back to its original strength.

In many ways we are just starting on this journey, but we have achieved so much in a very short time. I am proud, and I know that all of our members have something to be proud of in Sasuchan.

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**John French,**  
Chief, Takla Nation

## Message from Tom Lewis, CEO, Sasuchan Development Corporation

I'm Tom Lewis, the CEO of the Sasuchan Development Corporation. My background is in resource management and business development, and I'm a Registered Professional Forester. I have worked for small, medium and large organizations in Western Canada over the past 40-years. That's why the Sasuchan board, and Chief French, chose me to head up the organization. I take my direction from the board of directors, who are all well-respected in their fields and know business. And the board takes direction from the Takla membership, which is why we're holding community meetings and distributing a report for the first time.

Sasuchan is the economic engine for the Takla Nation. Our first job is to build businesses that make sustainable, long-term wealth for the nation. We also have a mandate to employ Takla members, which we're succeeding at — Sasuchan put 56 Takla members to work from April to September 2018. Finally, we help Takla members who own businesses, or are hoping to start a business, with planning, securing loans, and grants. Last year we held 16 training sessions in a variety of locations, and helped Takla member-owned businesses secure \$35,000 in loans and grants.

Sasuchan is a new business, but we're proud of the gains we've made in just a couple of years. On the forestry side, we've put together a fantastic team of people who are digging into new opportunities.

We've got a new 3 year contract timber development signed, and a new partnership with two forestry consulting companies, which means we'll be able to employ more members, and make more money that can pay for programs delivered by the Takla Nation.

Even though the Kemess mine construction has been put on hold, we successfully completed the powerline brushing project, worth \$3.5 million, and have the maintenance contract for the access road to the mine.

We're also developing innovative ways to increase economic opportunities in Takla Landing and improve the community. We've completed feasibility studies for a timber frame construction business with a sawmill that will provide the materials required to construct homes and cabins. The waste from the sawmill can be used as fuel for a new biomass heating plant, which we're currently working on the design and engineering.

Sasuchan is dreaming big, and not everything we try is going to succeed. But I think that what we've accomplished in the short time we've been in operation is impressive, and I hope you agree.

This is our first Community Report, and we plan on delivering these every year to make sure that Takla Nation members are kept informed about everything that Sasuchan does. I hope you find the contents informative, and if you have questions please contact our communications officer Caitlin Abraham at [communications@sasuchan.ca](mailto:communications@sasuchan.ca).

Respectfully,

**Tom Lewis, RPF**  
CEO, Sasuchan Development Corporation

## Sasuchan Mission

The purpose of Sasuchan is to create economic wealth, sustainable employment and business opportunities for the Takla Nation and conduct operations in a manner that protects the land, the people and the culture. Sasuchan will leverage the Takla Nation's rights to build a diversity of profitable and sustainable businesses both within the Takla traditional territory and at a regional, provincial and national level.

## Core Beliefs

- Respect for the land and our culture;
- Protection for the capacity of the land to protect the environment, culture, and economic well-being of the Nation;
- Blending the western world with the traditional world, so it balances;
- Purpose beyond profit;
- Sharing knowledge and building understanding;
- Operating with integrity;
- Creating safety and security for all.

## Values

### Stewardship:

We respect the land, the environment and each other.

### Learning:

We strive to continually learn and improve our ability to achieve our mission.

### Balance:

Respecting the wisdom of our elders, leaders and members, we collaborate with business, industry, government and partners to leverage the rich resources of the Territory in sustainable and responsible ways.

### Fairness & Equity:

We are committed to maintaining the principle of fairness in providing opportunities to members, employees, and partners to achieve their goals and the goals of the Nation.

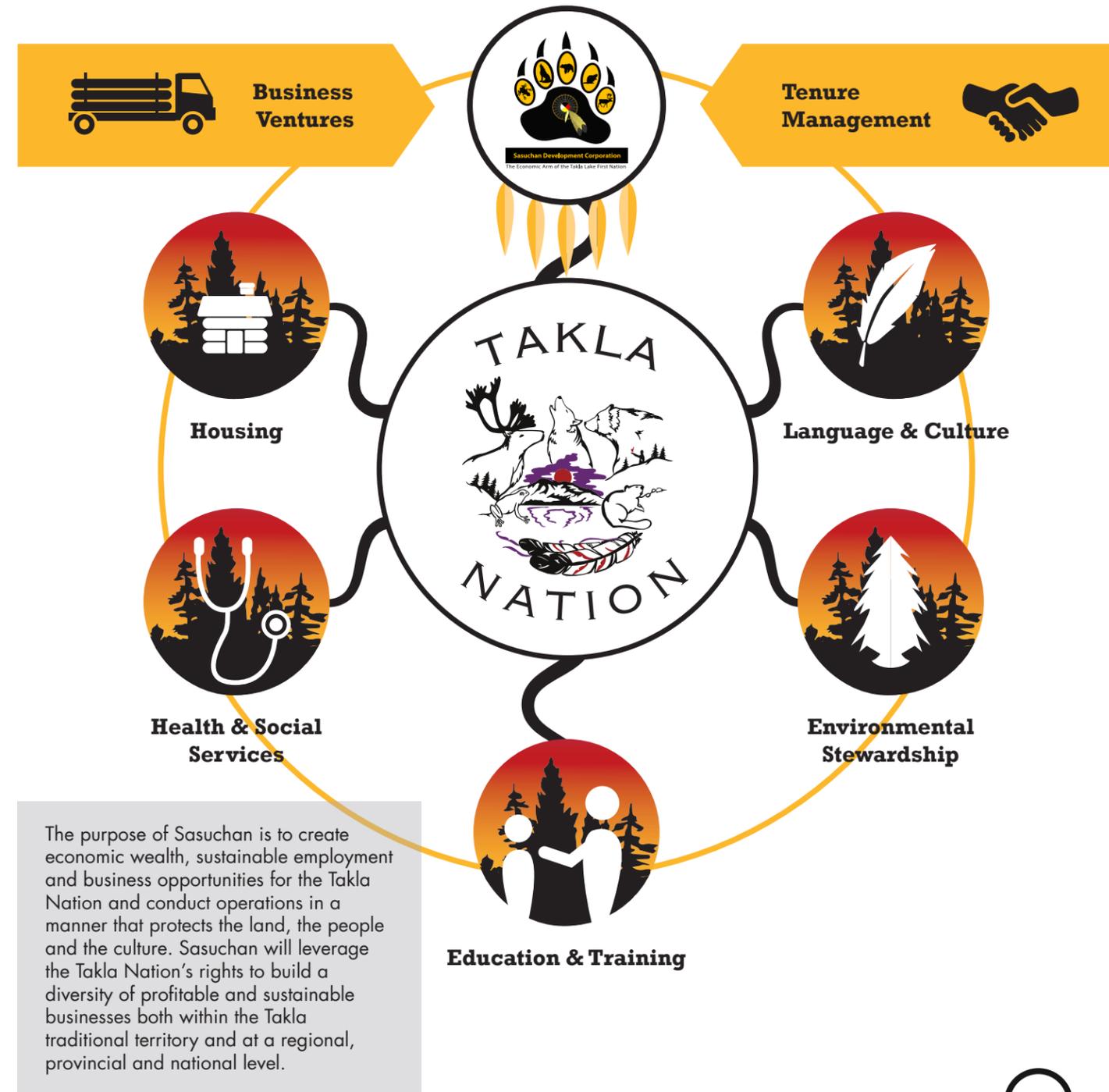
### Community:

We are committed to building a positive team climate.



## Sasuchan Development Corporation: Generating Wealth for Takla Nation

Sasuchan Development Corporation provides resources to the Takla Nation to develop the programs Nation members need to be healthy, prosperous, and connected to Takla culture.



## Takla Nation Members Employed through Sasuchan Projects, April to September 2018

Employed By	Project	# Employed	Job Description(s)
Sasuchan Dev. Corp.	Driftwood FSR Harvesting & Upgrades	21	Supervisor/Traffic Control/FA Attendent
Spectrum Resource Group Inc.	Kemess Powerline Brushing	12	Brush Cutters
Spectrum Resource Group Inc.	Timber Development	1	Technician (block & road layout)
Glezyay Holdings Ltd.	Driftwood FSR Upgrades	19	Equipment Operators
Glezyay Holdings Ltd.	Driftwood Road Maintenance	1	Equipment Operator
Lepka Holdings Ltd.	Kemess ORAR Road Opening and Mtce.	2	Equipment Operators
<b>Total:</b>		<b>56</b>	



## Sasuchan Development Corporation Financial Standing April to September 2018

Through an aggressive approach to building our business, and an understanding that Sasuchan's profits will serve Takla Nation, Sasuchan is turning a profit in the first six months of the fiscal year.

	YTD: April – September 2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,968,155
TOTAL DIRECT COST	\$ 2,287,212
TOTAL GENERAL & ADMIN.	\$ 827,797
NET INCOME	\$ 853,146



# Sasuchan Business Development Strategy

2018

## Forestry: Business is Starting Up

- Successfully hired 56 members.
- Contract for powerline brushing with Spectrum signed.

## Mining: Strategic Plan Stage

- Creating a timeline for accomplishing goals
- Road maintenance contract started on the Kemess Access Road.

## Tourism: Concept Stage

- Completed feasibility study for Takla Narrows Lodge.
  - Looking into tourism and Guide outfitting.

2019

## Forestry: Growing

- Ramping up silviculture activities:
  - Tree Planting
  - Brushing
  - Pile Burning
  - Surveys
- More jobs for members

## Mining: Business Starting up

## Tourism: Concept and Strategic Plan being Built

- Starting to look at what needs to be done for Tourism to be successful.
- Creating goals and outlining a timeline for those goals to be achieved.

2020

## Forestry: Still Growing

- More contracts being made
- Starting to develop Sustainment

## Mining: Growing

- Camps and Camp services coming along for workers.

## Tourism: Starting Up

- Looking at what people are more interested in seeing.

2021

## Forestry: Sustainment

- More money coming out than going in.
- Nation is able to keep the business going on its own.

## Mining: Still Growing

- Starting to see profit
- Building toward sustainment

## Tourism: Growing

- See people coming in and learning the culture.
- Increasing tour sites and attractions based on viewer wants and needs.
- More work for members being created.



## Communications Update

As we move forward, Sasuchan's communications capacity is growing by leaps and bounds. Caitlin Abraham moved into her role as Communications Officer this year, and is doing a remarkable job of pushing information out to the community members.

Since the start of this fiscal year, Sasuchan has set up a Facebook page and is posting news for Takla members and other stakeholders regularly. We've also designed a new website that includes job postings and a form to apply for jobs directly on the web. Caitlin is also responsible for distributing posters and fliers about everything from job postings to training opportunities.

Caitlin also works with Mike Teegee and Susan Stearns on improving communications with Takla membership, and keeping an updated database of certificates and training. See the Community Services and Development Update for more information.

The Forest Opportunity Fund continues to provide loans and grants to members, and Caitlin is working to ensure that Takla members know about those opportunities.

Additionally, if you have any questions about the contents of this report, Caitlin is your main point of contact. She can be reached at [communications@sasuchan.ca](mailto:communications@sasuchan.ca).

## Community Services and Development Update

Sasuchan established a new direction for the Community Services and Development (CS&D) in July 2018. Our mandate is to work with the community members and the Takla Nation staff to support the development of programs and services available to the members.

In a few short months, a number of activities are moving forward and even more are underway based upon feedback from the community members'

surveys and ongoing feedback. We are confident that by the new fiscal year the department will be supporting a number of new community initiatives, programs, and activities. We invite Takla community members to continue to share their visions, aspirations, and needs with us as we continue to tailor our programs and services to respond in a manner that can appropriately meet the needs while ensuring SDC continues to grow, develop and provide employment and training to members.

### Surveys

Sasuchan Development Corporation, in partnership with Takla Nation, has developed a member survey to obtain information from the members. We'll be using this information to contact members about job opportunities, maintain a record of tickets, certifications, and education and to learn what the desires of the community members are so that SDC can explore ways to support these endeavours.

Mike Teegee, SDC Liaison Officer, has conducted over 100 surveys to date and will continue to interview community members both in person and on the telephone; the goal is to interview all members over the age of 18. The surveys are also available on the Sasuchan website at:

[www.sasuchan.ca/survey](http://www.sasuchan.ca/survey)

If you haven't heard from Mike yet, please go to the survey online, or call the Sasuchan office at (236) 423 0909.

### Training and Education

Class 5 Drivers Training has taken place in Takla and Prince George. One member also has had support for their Class 1 Drivers Training.

SDC is currently working towards establishing a training and education program that supports training for members to be employed with SDC and sub-contractors. In addition to this, SDC is exploring opportunities to provide specific training programs that support employment that employs Takla Nation members.

In addition to this, SDC is exploring education and training programs in partnership with Takla Nation in order to support specific education and training endeavours by the Nation members.

### Business Development and Support

SDC supported a Business Development Officer position from February 2018 – June 2018.

During this time we provided 12 workshops focusing on business plan development, accounting, and business leadership. Along with this, the Aboriginal Business Development Corporation (ABDC) came up and provided a financial literacy workshop and access to financing for Aboriginal Business workshop.

Since February 2018 over 20 businesses or individuals pursuing entrepreneurial aspirations have been supported with business development support ranging from business planning support through to accessing financing and/or funding, including the SDC Forest Opportunity Fund.

SDC continues to support Business Development and Support for entrepreneurs through the Director of Community Services and Development position. Part of the responsibilities of this position is to continue with supporting entrepreneurs and developing business plans.

### Forest Opportunity Fund

The Forest Opportunity Fund (FOF) has been leveraged by 4 businesses and members. The objective is to provide funding for business start-up and growth plans.

In addition to supporting business, the funds are available to support community initiatives that are spearheaded by a specific community group.

Whether you own a business, are hoping to start one, or are a student or a member of a community group looking to go on a field trip, please consider applying for FOF funding.



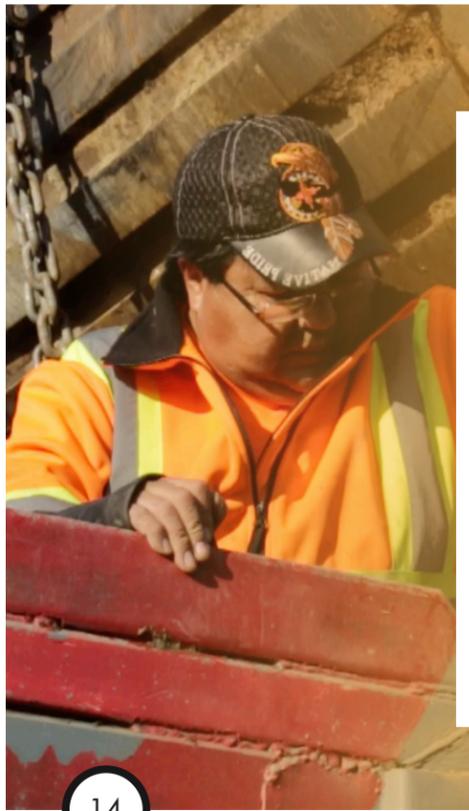
## Human Resources

Over the past few months, the focus has been collecting human resources intelligence via the community members' surveys, and using this information to search which individuals have the skills to fill positions in our office and/or with sub-contractors.

We are putting a searchable skills database in place to as this will provide us an opportunity to reach out to those that are qualified for jobs available to members. The goal is to manage the HR in a manner that those with the required skills are filling the positions at SDC and with our subcontractors while ensuring those who need training to achieve these positions are being supported in moving forward with their goals and aspirations.

### Moving forward

The Community Services and Development team will use the information collected in the surveys and the roundtables at the Community Meetings to assist with the development of an action plan for March 2019 – April 2020. The action plan will be done during December and finalized in January in order to be provided the Board in time for the Annual 2019-2020 budget approval. We welcome ideas and suggestions on an ongoing basis as our programs and services need to work for the community and its members.



## Marvin French: A Good News Story

Marvin French has had his class 1 license for almost 20 years, and he drives all sorts of trucks — gravel trucks, water trucks, snowplows. Until recently, he was always driving someone else's truck.

Through the Forest Opportunities Fund, Marvin was able to access a mix of loans and grants to help him purchase his own gravel truck. He's been using it to work on the road construction with Twin Rivers and KDL, and he's looking forward to helping other members who are looking for careers in transportation.



## Takla Trading Post

Sasuchan Development Corporation has a contract to manage the Takla Trading Post. Sasuchan views the TTP as an essential service to the people of Takla Landing, and as such Levi Davis has been working hard to improve the services provided by the store. The Takla Trading Post has undergone some big changes in the last year.

The building itself has seen some serious improvements:

- Crawlspace. Adding concrete & structural brackets to the posts that hold the building up as they were rotten and settling.
- A New Roof
- Fixing the gutters (facia to be completed next season)
- Deep cleaned and painted the kitchen
- Installed much needed shelving throughout the store

Inside the TTP we added five new vendors, with a sixth soon to be added for frozen food. We're working to ensure that healthy options are available for everyone living in Takla Landing, whatever their dietary needs.

On the ground around the TTP we added RV pads, power and water, and cleared out brush and trees around the fuel and propane tanks to reduce the risk of fire.

The summer of 2018 was difficult with forest fires burning across the province. During the community evacuation alert TTP was prepared to feed the community with basic necessities, and we stocked up with extra toiletries, meat, water, water containers, jerry cans and stocked 2 weeks of groceries in case the community was trapped.

SDC has also upgraded our freight delivery by replacing our old 2008 Freightliner with a brand new International. We also had a contract with Serengeti Resources during the summer transporting groceries and core samples to their camps.

Finally, this summer saw internet installed in Takla Landing! The community has enjoyed 6 months of free internet while we figure out the problems that come with operating a service like this. We now have accurate data as to how much the average user consumes every month and can build accurate plans. Billing is scheduled to start in December 2018.



## Program Update: Community Wildfire Plan + Driftwood Egress

Sasuchan has been working on two important projects to reduce the risk of wildfire destroying Takla Landing.

### Driftwood road corridor egress plan

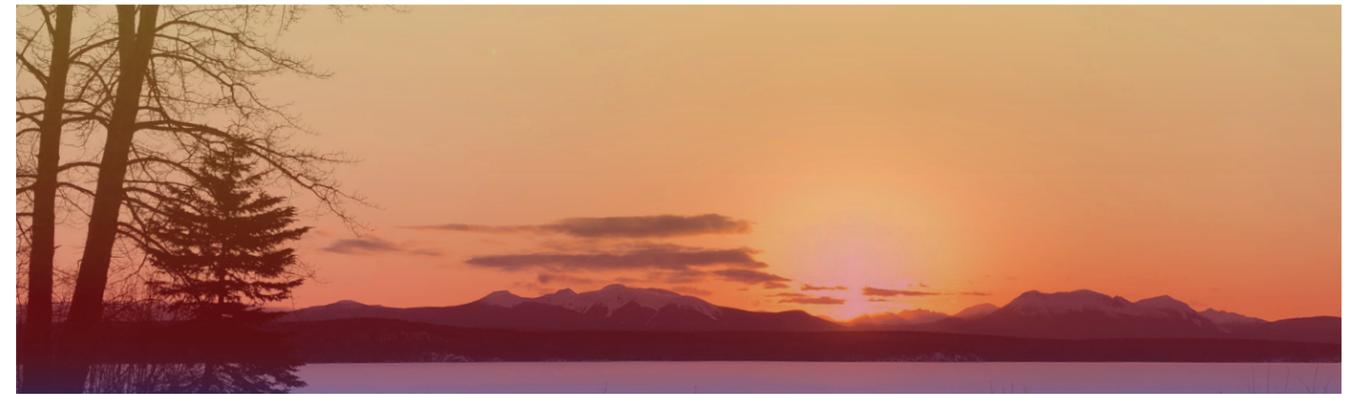
The Driftwood road was widened, and we removed mature and dead timber along the corridor to Takla Lake. Should a wildfire occur, when those trees burn they won't fall on the road and block the exit.

We were able to secure a license to log the right of way from the province, and all wood has been delivered and sold. Piling of waste is complete, ready to burn.

In the next year we'll be looking at new opportunities for berry patches, which was put on hold after 2018 wildfires.

### Upcoming work:

**look at new opportunities for berry patches, that's been put on hold after 2018 wildfires.**



### Community Wildfire Plan

The land around Takla Landing is too dense with trees and bush, which means there is a lot of fuel close to the community. To reduce the risk of a wildfire destroying our community, Sasuchan began community outreach to develop a plan. We've now started to proceed in two pieces: BC Crown Land and Federal Reserve Land

### Crown land

SDC, thru Takla Nation, will receive a direct award license to cut. Community meetings have gotten us direction on how to proceed.

We completed slope stability and archaeological assessment. The timber has been cruised and laid out in prep for harvesting this winter. Cutting permits will be in place at end of November 2018.

### Reserve land

We are trying to log the Takla Landing reserve land at the same time as the Crown Land, but there are a lot of hoops to jump through. We won't be able to sell the wood, for instance. We're still pushing for permitting to be in place so we can do all the logging at the same time.

In the spring and summer, piling will be done. Piling reduces potential for the slash to burn - it's better to pile than to leave it. Then all the waste will be burnt in the fall of 2019 and reforestation will start in the spring of 2020.



# Bios of Staff and Board

## SDC Board of Directors



### Dean Daly

Dean Daly is a Registered Professional Forester who lives in Smithers, British Columbia where he has been a partner in a consulting company Woodcreek Ventures Ltd. since 1998. The company specializes in First Nations business development and forestry operations management including timberland and tenure valuations.

Dean's most recent contracts have been working as Aboriginal Relations and Negotiations group as a lead negotiator for a wide variety of consultation/capacity funding and impact/benefit agreements. Prior to forming his consulting company, Dean was Vice-President and Manager of Rayonier Canada Ltd, a forest products company that specialized in First Nations joint ventures for timberland management and forest product exports to Japan, Korea and China.

In his volunteer work, Dean currently is President of the Wood Product Development Council, a Director of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union, a Director of the Bulkley Woodlot Association and a member of the Back Country Horsemen of BC.

In his spare time, he likes to travel, snowboard and explore local trails on horseback with his wife Janette.



### Elke Lepka

Elke's family is the Wolverine Alexanders; cousins to the Hogem Alexander family and Takla Lake Johnny family. Elke grew up just outside of Fort St James, rural Dog Creek, and spent the majority of her summers within the Takla territory. During the summers, she would assist building bridges and roads in the family business, go back to homestead in Wolverine and Germansen Landing and returning to the old country Austria to visit her relatives.

Elke attended college in 2000 to study Forest Technology, and later returned to pursue Business Marketing and Management.

In her professional work, Elke has worked in the First Nations field in Forestry related management roles, followed by being a Takla Lake First Nation Band Councilor. After her term, she became a stay at home mom to two boys: 2.5 and 1 years.

She has returned to the workforce part time, with the Sasuchan Development Corporation and is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities with the development of Sasuchan, but first and foremost, the relationships with the Takla membership.



### Jim Bennett

Jim's desire is to work together with First Nations to realize their economic goals and play their rightful role as key contributors to the economic fabric of Canada.

Jim currently serves four First Nations (Takla, Namgis, Nuxalk, and Shx'wowhamel) as a member of the Board of Directors and is also an integral part of the finance team as Treasurer.

Jim also has considerable background in financial reporting, audit, negotiations and financial controls as a previous member of KPMG Chartered Accountant's natural resource practice. Jim was a partner at KPMG and worked there for over twenty years.

Jim grew up in the Comox Valley and has recently moved back to Comox.



### David Bryden

David was born and raised in British Columbia and has been married for 42 years with two daughters.

Employed in the Forest Industry for more than 35 years, David has gained experience on Vancouver Island, Fort Nelson, Fort St. James, and for the last 33 years in Prince George. He is experienced working with small independent family operations up to the largest forest company in B.C. He has also managed company workforce from 5 - 80 persons, supervised company-owned harvest operations as well as large contract work force in areas of road building, silviculture, harvesting and planting.

David has worked with a variety of First Nations communities in the 35 years in the forest industry, gaining knowledge of First Nations community values and aspirations and has worked closely with Takla Nation on and off since 1991.



### Marilyne Teegee

Marilyne Teegee is a board member for Carrier Sekani Family Services, sitting between 1997 and 2007 and rejoining in 2012. An advocate for First Nation interests, she continues to work towards solutions to support our members to reach their full potential.

Marilyne's previous experience includes working for the School District in Vanderhoof as an Aboriginal coordinator/liaison between the School District and First Nations. She also enjoyed working for Fort Outreach employment services, Northern BC Winter Games and the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General. Marilyne recently retired from her job at the Province of BC and is very grateful for the experience and is looking forward to continue to be a part of Takla's vision and building our community.

Travelling is one of Marilyne's passions, and she hopes to fill her retirement with plenty of experiences in new places. Her years of coaching volleyball at the Ft St James secondary school were some of her most memorable moments.



**Thomas Lewis,**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
*Elected CEO in May of 2017.*

Tom Lewis has over 30-years of experience in the forest industry in Western Canada.

Previously, Tom was the Chief Operating officer for Jemi Fibre - a division of CanWel Building Materials Group involved in all aspects of operations from the forest to the market in Western Canada. Tom worked for Canfor Corporation for 17-years and was Vice President Woodlands – Canada where he was responsible for safely delivering 17 million (m3) of high quality logs annually to 16 primary manufacturing facilities and represented Canfor on forest policy, sustainability, environmental leadership and stakeholder relationships at a regional and provincial level in BC and Alberta.

Tom has extensive experience in Organizational Development, Human Resources and Continuous Improvement. Tom is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) who holds a Certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Justice Institute of BC, a Green Belt in Six Sigma and several advanced Lean Production System credentials. Tom has lived in Prince George since 1992.



**Mona Rhodes,**  
*Executive Assistant*  
*Joined SDC in January of 2017.*

Mona and her 6 siblings were raised in the Terrace area, then Burns Lake; however, her family roots are from the vicinity of the Takla Traditional Territory by way of her mother, Lina Joseph (Takla Landing) and her father, Frank Erickson Sr. (Fort St. James)

She has previously worked for the Burns Lake Native Development Corporation, the Edmonton Police Headquarters and the Takla Lake First Nation, as an administrator or within payroll and accounting departments.

Mona spends her free time travelling, reading and crocheting. Spending quality time with her husband Robi, her sons and beautiful grandchildren is what she loves best.

She gives her time to help others by simply lending a hand to those who need it at the time.



**Caitlin Abraham,**  
*Communications Officer*  
*Joined SDC in May of 2017.*

Caitlin has been working in various positions with the Takla Nation for the past seven years. Originally, she was the receptionist of Sasuchan and has since evolved to the communications role, while continuing to work on several governance projects for the Nation.

Caitlin has attended UNBC for psychology and CNC for her criminology diploma and is still exploring her options within the psychology and law fields. Her plans are to assist the Nation with future challenges within the territory.

Caitlin is the eldest of six and recognizes as a member of the Frog clan. She is an avid softball player and enjoys trying new things and quiet time with her fur babies, Phillip and Oliver.



**Kyle Bloom CPA, CGA,**  
*Financial Controller*  
*Joined SDC in May of 2018.*

Kyle graduated from UNBC as a Chartered Professional Accountant. Kyle leads the accounting and financial reporting aspects of SDC, while supporting business development. He joins SDC after working in the drilling and hospitality industries. Kyle brings a strong background in process development and implementation.

Kyle volunteers as a coach with the College Heights Community Association and participates in a variety of sports.

Kyle enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Jacquie and their 3 children.



**John Masich,**  
*Information Systems Coordinator*  
*Joined SDC in February of 2018.*

John has 21 years of experience in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) field primarily in the forestry and utility sector. His role is to blend traditional GIS with new and emerging geo-spatial technologies to improve data management and communication within SDC. John is also a sessional instructor in the Environmental Planning Department at UNBC.

John is a father of two and along with his wife Karen, plays an active role in their children's activities as coach and team manager. In his spare time John can be found camping or fishing with his family, all the while being followed closely by the family dog Pebbles.

He also volunteers with the Point in Time homeless count, the St. Vincent DePaul Society and various sports organizations in the Community.



**Chelsea Chilibeck,**  
*Forestry Supervisor*  
*Joined SDC in August of 2018.*

Chelsea attended UNBC and is a RPF with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. She worked with TDB Consultants from 2013-2015, Kim Forest Management from 2015-2017, and is now bringing her expertise to Sasuchan.

Chelsea likes spending time with her mom, dad and brother, Chad.

Her hobbies include horseback riding, exercising, walking dogs at the SPCA or going on hikes with her fur baby, Pico.



**Levi Davis,**  
*Manager of Takla Trading Post*  
*Joined SDC in July of 2017.*

Levi oversees community services for the Takla Nation. This include the Takla Trading Post, delivery services to and from the community and working with Nation members to help build their small businesses.

He has a Project Management Masters certificate and is a member of the association of Project Management Professionals. Levi has previously worked as a field operations supervisor with Statistics Canada. His entrepreneurial spirit can be found at the local farmers market selling buffalo meat.

Levi volunteers with Prince George Highway Rescue and with the PG Search and Rescue and has travelled extensively in South-east Asia.



**Andrew Groom,**  
*Operations Supervisor*  
*Started at SDC in September 2018.*

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Andrew attended Sir Sanford Fleming College studying in the School of Natural Resources and is now a Registered Forest Technologist. He has 29 years of experience in the forestry industry in Ontario and a variety of other areas in British Columbia.

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys spending time with his wife, son and daughter. His hobbies include kayaking, cycling and skiing.



**Michael Teegee,**  
*Community Liaison Officer*  
*Joined SDC in July of 2018.*

Michael has attended the College of New Caledonia to study a variety of different courses: public speaking, social development administration and inspection courses.

Michael has lengthy experience in politics as he was chief of Takla Nation for 9.5 years and was on council for 5 2-year terms. He has worked for Rockteck as a Class one driver before joining SDC. Michael is married and has 3 children and in his spare time he enjoys playing the guitar and helping people in any way that he can.

