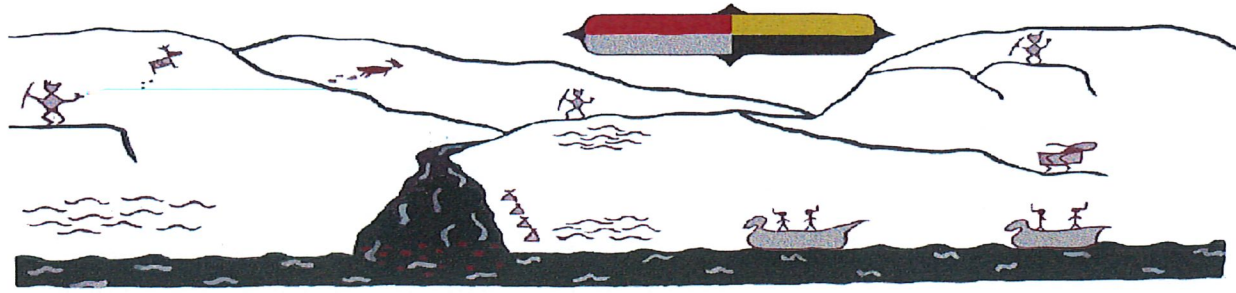


Kanaka Bar Indian Band



July 5, 2021

Community Members
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RE: Preparing Kanaka and Neighboring Communities

We hope everyone is staying safe in these trying times. Further to our Council meeting today, we wanted to share the following information and clarifications regarding community donations and the Necessities Store:

1. Donations brought here will go to those in the greatest need; particularly individuals and families displaced by the fire, or those who on the front lines or are directly supporting front line workers / response and recovery efforts.
2. Kanaka will NOT re-sell donations.
3. Recognizing the loss of local shops, Kanaka is working to increase available items and service levels at the Necessities Store at cost (so no markup). BC's State of Emergency ended July 1, 2021, but please continue to follow COVID best practices when you come to the store!
4. If you have not been directly impacted by the fire, we respectfully ask residents to use their personal resources to safely travel the additional 13 km to Boston Bar for day-to-day shopping beyond what is offered at the Necessities Store. 4 stores and 3 gas stations remain open there.
5. Please note, we are anticipating that evacuees will be looking to come to Kanaka in the coming days (5 came in yesterday and 1 is anticipated tomorrow). We want to ensure that we have resources available to best support them. After all, many of our friends and family have lost everything and, as a community, let's support them.
6. As things settle over the next few days and should needs evolve in Kanaka, we will revisit the approach above. We will discuss our plans at the now scheduled special meeting (July 7, 2021, at 5pm).
7. Should you have a specific need or require assistance resulting from the fire, please reach out to our Emergency Coordinator, Christine Brown at epc@kanakabarband.ca, and she will do her best to secure resources for help.
8. If you are in a tough spot from these tragic events, Kanaka, through Christine, will make sure you have access to the donations.

We appreciate everyone's contributions to Kanaka and Lytton over the past few days. This is going to be a long recovery effort and community cooperation and patience is dearly appreciated.

Regards,

Chief Patrick Michell

C.c.: Council and Staff, Kanaka Bar Indian Band