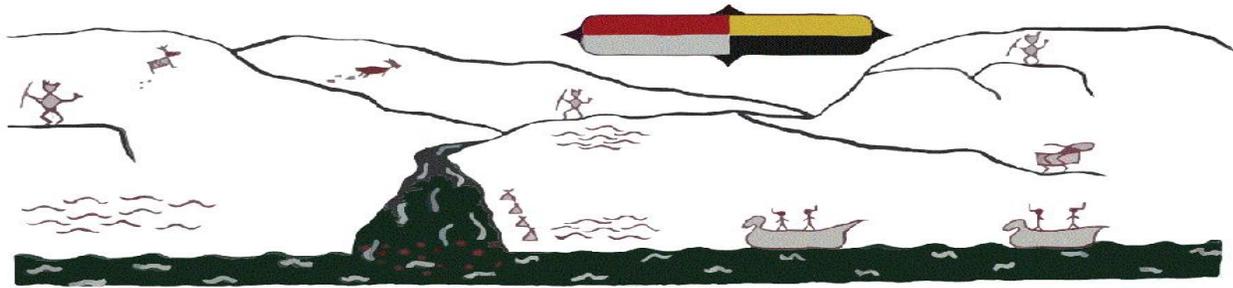


# Kanaka Bar Indian Band



November 30, 2021

**To the residents, decision makers and businesses of the Nlaka'pamux Nation**

**Re: What are our Collective Options for Rebuilding and Renovating our homes and Businesses?**

We can't control the weather - but we certainly don't have to be afraid of it either nor slip into despair. Together, we can prepare better, be ready to shelter in place, until the next event(s) passes, and even thrive in the new environment.

Our homes and business were built in accordance with the "needs of yesterday" and you don't need me to tell you what happened on June 30, 2021, or November 15, 2021, or November 30, 2021. You lived (or *are living*) it. How do we prepare, then, for more extreme heat, cold, wind and rain? We did for thousands of years, and we can do it again – just must remember how.

On November 10, 2021, a Kanaka letter was sent out with an invitation to gather and brainstorm options for rebuilding our lost homes and businesses and explore options for retrofitting the ones that survived.

Attached are the notes that I took from the gathering.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, I did a presentation to Asset Management BC on Climate Changes growing Extreme Weather events. Its on Kanaka's Website at: <https://www.kanakabarband.ca/files/asset-management-bc-november-25-2021.pdf> . There are some video links and other presentation within the PowerPoint. I hope you can access them by clicking on the links in the PowerPoint itself.

## **What can we do then?**

For most, we are currently relying on others to get the roads back into shape, the fire damage cleared and the electricity running. For many, we are then getting ready to redesign, permit and build back our losses. However, the danger is that if we build back with what we lost – we risk losing it all again and for the buildings that made it through - can we fix them better?

So, big question - is there an affordable alternative?

I Believe there is – just that we need to get the right information into our hands and see for ourselves – what our path forward can look like. So – Kanaka, along with leadership from our entire region, is advancing both an academic study and a build out of new "homes" so everyone has the same information to determine your future.

## **Options to Make informed Decisions**

The work has just started – its changing daily and we need to get feedback as soon as possible. Please share this letter and attachments with your friends and family – get it to your MLA and MP – we are all in this together. Many hands make for light lifting.

You know me and one of my sayings “the only bad question is the one you don’t ask”. Well, I mean it. I’ll respond to direct questions as they come in – but it may be best to respond to everyone, at the same time, so here is what I’m suggesting:

- Please review the attached document and the PowerPoint
- Share your questions comments and concerns virtually with Kanaka:
  - Our Engagement Coordinator will receive all emails at [engagement@kanakabarband.ca](mailto:engagement@kanakabarband.ca)
  - Please call me at 250-455-2200 if you can’t email
  - I’ll make some notes and share with the coordinator
- I will then distribute a summary document:
  - as an updated table and
  - frequently asked questions (or FAQ) by the end of December 2021 and
- In early January 2022 - Kanaka will host a live and virtual event to go over study progress and FAQ.

No one escaped the heat, rain and wind this year. The process I outlined above is to give everyone options for future extreme heat, cold, wind and rain events and will benefit and complement the recovery in all our impacted areas.

Like most of you, Kanaka is a virtual participant, albeit remotely, in the many conversations going on regarding impacts, recovery schedule and rebuild timelines in:

- the town Lytton,
- on LFN lands, and
- the other communities and neighborhoods in our region.

Please also participate in those conversations too. After all, it’s your future and most importantly, it’s our collective children and grandchildren’s future – let’s give them one.

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Attached: November 12, 2021, Notes (5 Pages)