

**Cache Creek and Area  
Community to Community Forum**

**Final Report**

**Delegates Attending**

Bonaparte Indian Band

Chief Mike Retasket  
Councillor David Antoine  
Councillor Shannon Porter  
Administrator Cameron Beck

Village of Cache Creek:

Mayor John Ranta  
Councillor Ida Makaro  
Councillor Wyatt McMurray  
Councillor Barb Shaw  
Administrator Martin Dalsin

**Major Issues Discussed**

Fire Protection  
Emergency Preparedness  
Regional Transit System  
Seniors Housing  
Mountain Pine Beetle  
Web Site Development  
Tourism  
Protocol Agreement  
2010 Olympics Opportunities

**Recommendation Made by the Participants**

All present agreed that these meetings were a very good idea and that there should be more meetings to discuss these and other issues in detail. Ongoing meetings will be held every two months, depending on the current needs of the two communities. There was also interest in having meetings for the public of both communities. Follow up activities are noted in the meeting notes.

**Meeting Notes**

(attached)

**Expenses**

(attached)

**COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM  
BONAPARTE INDIAN BAND COUNCIL AND CACHE CREEK COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

Present:	<u>Bonaparte Indian Band Council:</u>	<u>Cache Creek Council:</u>
	Chief Mike Retasket	Mayor John Ranta
	Councillor David Antoine	Councillor Ida Makaro
	Councillor Shannon Porter	Councillor Wyatt McMurray
	Administrator Cameron Beck	Councillor Barb Shaw
		Clerk / Administrator Martin Dalsin

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Chief Retasket**

Commented on the positive results of working together to prevent the Avian Flu contaminated chickens from going into the Cache Creek landfill. He stated that a meeting of this kind has been talked about for five years. He apologized for cancelling the previous meeting. He remarked that the Community to Community Forum is very positive and beneficial to our relations. It is also an opportunity to air concerns and get them addressed. The first words in the New Relationship are “We’re all here to stay”. Taking positive steps together has so much more potential. He concluded by thanking us for having the meeting.

**Mayor Ranta**

Thanked Chief Retasket for his words. He acknowledged the UBCM for their initiative in establishing the Community to Community Forums. He then commented on learning how to get along with neighbours after moving here from the lower mainland. He stated that locally, we have built relationships on a personal level and hoped that the “accidental” cooperation with the avian flu episode leads to cooperation at a more formal level. The best opportunity for the future is cooperation at the First Nation and municipal level. He is optimistic that issues can be addressed; looking forward to a partnership to address thornier issues in the future.

**Councillor McMurray**

The chicken fiasco provided a good example of what we can do together.

**Councillor Antoine**

The first step is getting together. We need a Protocol Agreement to meet regularly to address mutual concerns. Best done by meeting regularly in open public meetings. Let the communities listen to us. The leadership needs to hear from the communities. He commented that we should have talked before this. We need to put both “standards” together to build something together.

**Councillor Makaro**

While this is our first formal meeting, we have always had personal relations: the First Nations elders taking part in the Olympic flag raising made that event much more notable. Before this, we hadn’t actively made opportunities to work together; we need to do this more often. In Lillooet she learned that the First Nations want major involvement in the Olympics and would like to build on that here. She also commented positively on the Bonaparte’s newsletter.

### **Councillor Shaw**

The Cache Creek Recreation Commission has always tried to make sure First Nations are a part of activities such as the Canada Day celebration and with Emergency Social Services. She stated her appreciation of the reserve's involvement and that we can have more in the future.

### FIRE PROTECTION

This matter was discussed in 1992 and again in 2002. Some discussion of what issues and concerns from both Councils.

#### Issues & Concerns – Bonaparte

The Reserve has equipment, including hydrants, but no trained people. There does not seem to be much interest on the reserve to get trained – “it won't happen to me” syndrome. With the number of houses increasing, this is getting more urgent all the time.

#### Issues & Concerns – Cache Creek

There are concerns with having an agreement to provide fire protection to the Bonaparte Reserve for several reasons: we may end up short-handed if there is a fire in Cache Creek while attending to a fire on the reserve. If there were an agreement, the fire department would then feel obligated to provide coverage to the properties between Cache Creek and the Bonaparte Reserve, leaving us even more vulnerable. There are also concerns with liability and response times

#### Possible Solutions & Follow Up

Cache Creek could provide some training to Bonaparte.

Involve the Fire Department in future discussions.

Discuss the possibility of coverage from Ashcroft with the TNRD. Administration will follow up

Try again to encourage some interest from the Reserve to get involved.

Cache Creek Administrator is to prepare a file regarding this issue. Include any constraints on Cache Creek's response, including challenges we would need to resolve to provide coverage and / or training.

A follow up meeting is to be scheduled with Fire Department involvement.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Cache Creek outlined their involvement with the TNRD. At the reserve, Brenda Antoine has a list of contacts for any emergencies; they do get information from the TNRD. Many emergencies are a challenge to both communities; in any discussions of a relationship, we should include mutual aid and cooperation in facing these challenges.

## REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Background information was given on previous efforts to provide a regional transit system. The Seniors Dialogue meeting held on October 26 showed that transportation was the most important issue for seniors. Cache Creek is considering the taxi-saver program. There have been no discussions with the Bonaparte Reserve. The Bonaparte is interested, but is it affordable. There was some discussion of setting up a committee with representation from all our communities. Both Councils are approaching this matter with caution, as it could become very costly.

## SENIORS HOUSING

The transportation topic led to a discussion of keeping seniors in the community and in their own homes. Most felt that there is a need for some type of specialized housing for seniors, if not now, then in the near future.

## MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE

The TNRD has set up a committee to host a symposium to determine the best use of the funds that have been set up by the senior levels of government for addressing Mountain Pine Beetle concerns. The Bonaparte have been allocated 400,000 cubic metres of beetle killed wood. There was some discussion of other wood supplies available from beetle kill and fire kill. The symposium they recently attended in Prince George emphasized that there are more concerns than just the dead trees; there are also major concerns with the impacts on biological diversity and water. Reforestation of the clear cuts is now being done with mixed species.

*The next few topics were dealt with rather quickly as the meeting place was closing up.*

## WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

The TNRD is working on their web site and the Bonaparte could be mutually linked to that site for better coverage.

## TOURISM

There is a plan to widen and expand the Shuswap Trail to Lillooet. The Bonaparte Reserve is working with the Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch on a Memorandum of Agreement for tourism involvement. The Gold Country Communities Society is doing similar work and they are talking about involving the Bonaparte Reserve. Further work on pursuing funding could be done cooperatively through these meetings.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Everyone expressed their appreciation for this initiative and the desire to continue meeting. Future applications for these Forums should be done jointly.

**COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM  
BONAPARTE INDIAN BAND COUNCIL AND CACHE CREEK COUNCIL  
MARCH 21, 2006**

Present:	<u>Bonaparte Indian Band:</u>	<u>Cache Creek:</u>
	Chief Mike Retasket	Mayor John Ranta
	Administrator Cameron Beck	Councillor Clayton Cassidy
		Councillor Ida Makaro
		Councillor Annette Pittman
		Administrator Martin Dalsin

**OPENING DISCUSSION**

This process was felt to be very valuable by all present. There is now a need to provide opportunities for getting the communities together, not just the Councils.

**FIRE PROTECTION**

The reserve has begun to form a fire department. They are attempting to negotiate funding but they need to show that progress is being made before the funding can be accessed. They have had one house fire. The two trained people responded to the fire, which was put out with minimal damage.

**Possible Solutions & Follow Up**

The Cache Creek Department is willing to provide some training to the Bonaparte. The Fire Department needs to be involved in future discussions. Keep trying to encourage interest from the Reserve to get involved. A follow up meeting is to be scheduled with Fire Department involvement.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

While this was a significant topic of discussion, it was felt that there was not much we could do other than to encourage people to become aware of how best to prevent the spread of the flu.

**Possible Solutions & Follow Up**

There is a need to provide information and to build awareness of preventative measures.

## **PROTOCOL AGREEMENT**

The Bonaparte Band is interested in developing Protocol Agreement with the Village. This would provide a way to measure how the band is involved, how land is to be used and how information is shared. The Village it is interested in coming to an understanding on how best to work together on developing the Village's western boundary extension, which is crown land. The Bonaparte Band is concerned that any development could impact archaeology, heritage and culture. With information sharing we could identify what accommodations would be needed. There are three plateaus that would need water in order to be developed. The Village would like to involve the Bonaparte Band but is not certain of how best to proceed. The Protocol Agreement could also include a dispute resolution process. The administrators will gather other protocol agreements for study. The Bonaparte Band would require that any agreement would need to protect aboriginal rights and title. Once we have a process funding will follow. The Village would need to see, review and discuss any potential Protocol Agreement and they would want to feel that the people support the document before signing it. There was general agreement that a Protocol Agreement would be a valuable process to go through. Any document would need to go through a legal review before signing.

### **Possible Solutions & Follow Up**

The Administrators will track down other Protocol Agreements for consideration.  
The Administrators will meet regularly to work on issues from these meetings.

## **REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM**

The Village outlined the Seniors Transportation Pilot Project and asked about Federal participation to get the Bonaparte Band involved. The band feels that it would be very desirable to have such a service. Options for the transit system could include prescription deliveries which might be cheaper than traveling to the drugstore to pick up prescriptions. The Bonaparte Band has no awareness of any specific program but felt that they could get some funding to help support the system.

### **Possible Solutions & Follow Up**

The Village Administrator will determine if the Bonaparte Band could be added as a partner to the proposal.

## **TOURISM**

The Bonaparte Band is establishing an interpretive center as an aboriginal tourist destination at Hat Creek Ranch. They also want to share archaeology sites with universities to encourage further to tourism development. Both communities agreed that there is lots of potential for tourism development in the area. There were some comments regarding fear from those who don't know or understand First Nations. The band commented that so much could change by simply getting to know each other. They want to share stories of how First Nations helped Europeans settle the area. There are several major anniversaries coming up as well as the 2010 Olympics opening the doors for global exposure.

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

There is a need to discuss the closure of the Cache Creek landfill and the possible establishment of the Ashcroft Ranch landfill. There was a brief discussion regarding development of the landfill gas. Both communities would like to meet again in two months.

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Expenses**

Administrator's Hours

18 emails (list available) @ ~ 10 minutes each	= 3 hours	
Agenda Development (incl. requesting topics)	= 6 hours	
Phone Calls	= 2.5 hours	
November 2, 2005 Meeting	= 4 hours	
November 2, 2005 Meeting Followup	= 5 hours	
March 21, 2006 Meeting	= 4 hours	
March 21, 2006 Meeting Followup	= 5 hours	
Final Report	= 4 hours	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATOR'S HOURS</b>	<b>= 33.5 hours × \$35.76</b>	<b>= \$1197.96</b>

Treasurer's Hours

Final Report	= 1 hour × \$27.69	= \$27.69
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**TOTAL HOURS** **= \$1225.65**

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Photocopying:

Agenda topics	= 32 pages	
Agendas (16 copies twice, first meeting cancelled)	= 64 pages	
Minutes (2 sets, each 3 pages long, 12 copies made)	= 36 pages	
Final Report (8 pages, 20 copies made)	= 160 pages	

**TOTAL PHOTOCOPYING** **= 292 pages × .25 = \$73.00**

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Meals

November 2, 2005	= \$203.70
March 21, 2006	= \$110.57
<b>TOTAL MEALS</b>	<b>= \$314.27</b>

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** **= \$1612.92**

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