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News from SXD Limited Partnership

Weyt-k from SXD Limited Partnership (SXDC). The following is an update of business activities for May-July 2021.

As vaccination levels increase, it is nice to see some resemblance of "normal." As summer rolled in, many of our youth graduated high school with celebrations recognizing their achievements. So too came extreme hot and dry weather. As we recap our successes and accomplishments over the last two months, the health and safety of all members remain top of mind.

- 1. Safety Plans With the continuance of high temperatures and little precipitation, we prioritized updating Safety Plans to protect employees, guests and animals at Big Bar Guest Ranch and Meadow Lake. Currently we have 2 fire crews working in the Cariboo fire region.
- 2. Store Renovations continue to be in progress. Sewer lines have been installed and we wait for the imminent arrival of new floors and equipment. For safety reasons, we were forced to close during the week of late June and early July when temperatures exceeded 40 degrees Celsius. We continue to work towards maintaining convenient hours for customers. The Store and Gas station remain open with extended weekday hours and weekend convenience. We also welcomed Sharmon Lulua as the new store manager. She has already started putting her experience into practice. Please drop by and congratulate Sharmon on her new position.
- 3. Big Bar Guest Ranch Progress continues at Big Bar Guest Ranch. New biking trails continue to be added. A new well was drilled providing 88 gallon of water per minute. The new well will eliminate boil water advisories and transportation of potable water onto the property. Roofs are next on the renovation agenda. BBGR is always looking for staff. If you or someone you know is looking for an incredible work experience, please contact Elyse at manager@bigbarranch.com or 250-459-2333.



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- 4. **Grants** SXDC confirmed \$182,000 in grants. These grants include the following:
 - a. **CCATEC Grant**

i. \$38,000 4 employees for the garden ii. \$69,000 6 employees for the ranch iii. \$25,000 Store manager and reception

b. Canada Summer Student

i. \$25,000 7 students for Big Bar Guest Ranch ii. \$25,000 4 students for miscellaneous projects

We are currently hiring more students. Please contact Clayton directly at 250-440-5652 or clayton@sxdcltd.ca to apply.

- 5. Greenhouse Expansion We are currently working on the business plan for the garden to include greenhouses. Greenhouses will provide an earlier harvest allowing us the opportunity to sell produce at farmers markets a month earlier.
- 6. **Big Bar Slide** Due to heat and fires, the reclamation project is on hold until further notice.
- 7. Audit A full audit is in progress with KPMG. The audit supports our strategic priority for open and transparent communication with all members.
- 8. Now Hiring Executive Assistant/Receptionist Reporting to the General Manager, the Executive Assistant/Receptionist plays a strong role in ensuring a smooth operation of the Economic Development Office and SXDLP businesses. Other duties include:
 - excellent computer skills, can build relationships, answer calls and welcome visitors
 - maintains websites, while providing professional, effective, and timely assistance and solutions for administrative requirements.
 - is a key front-line staff member, and must have excellent critical-thinking, organizational and people skills.

For more information, please visit our website ww.sxdcltd.ca/employment opportunities



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With a growing number of employment vacancies, we continue to build business for the benefit of Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, members, land, and culture. Our guiding principles reinforce our resolve for developing, fostering, and investing in economic opportunities that generate profitable outcomes while anchoring our respect for our people, land, water, and wildlife. As the pandemic ends and fires present ongoing challenges, the safety of members, staff, guests, and animals are a priority we take very seriously.

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