## **Bonaparte Sales Limited Partnership**

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



2024

#### FIREWOOD DISTRIBUTION

Bonaparte Sales Limited Partnership (BSLP) have completed the first round of Firewood Distribution to community members within IR#1, IR#2, and IR#3.

The Firewood Distribution list was provided from the Bonaparte First Nation (BFN) office to BSLP to ensure community members requiring firewood were provided the assistance.

If you require Firewood Distribution in the new year, please ensure your name is on the list at the band office.

Details of Firewood Distribution:

Each household listed for delivery will be required to SIGN-OFF on the load of wood being dropped off at your residence.

BSLP is currently working on the second round of Firewood Distribution throughout the community. Again, the list provided from the band office will be used for distribution.

The second round of Firewood Distribution will be completed prior to December 20th, 2024.

#### **GARBAGE**

Through the Fire Smart Program, the BSLP office was able to support the community by providing 120 extra garbage services to homeowners this 2024 year.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP—Wednesday's as scheduled

#### **SNOW REMOVAL**

Community members drive-ways will be plowed or cleared of snow during the Christmas Holidays.

#### RECYCLING

Recycling pick-up will be done on Thursday's throughout the Christmas break.



BSLP will be closed during the Christmas Holidays.

CLOSED: December 21st. 2024 to January 5th, 2025.

Office will be re-open on January 6th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

### **EMERGENCIES DURING HOLIDAY SEASON Contact:**

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# St'uxwtews Pesuten Heritage Society Updates...



Hello, everyone! My name is Brandy Cooper-Chardon, I am proud to share that I am the granddaughter of Nelson and Mary Ghostkeeper, and the daughter of Wilfred Ghostkeeper and Linda Cooper. Cache Creek has been my home since I was three years old, though I spent seven years in Alberta before returning to the place where I feel most at peace—surrounded by the people and community I love. At 46 years young, I am as passionate as ever about fostering connections, preserving

culture, and driving economic growth in our beautiful region.

My kokum was my first mentor, teaching me the value of hard work and resilience. Her skilled hands crafted moccasins and traditional hide mittens for many, including the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Inspired by her entrepreneurial spirit, I've dedicated myself to encouraging small business development and showcasing tourism as a powerful economic driver.

In my previous role with Gold Country Communities Society as the Executive Director of Marketing, I helped revive overdue projects delayed by the pandemic. Gold Country, famous for launching Canada's first-ever Geocache Tour, provided me with the opportunity to lead a groundbreaking GeoTour project focused on telling our history accurately—highlighting pre-contact Indigenous stories. Yes, there was life before the Gold Rush! Building relationships with local Indigenous communities during this time was a privilege and a personal highlight. I also earned certifications in digital tourism marketing and conflict resolution through UBC in the Okanagan, equipping me with tools to amplify regional tourism and bridge meaningful connections.

Today, I'm thrilled to apply my experience to promote visitor ship at McAbee Fossil Beds and Historic Hat Creek Ranch. Joining the team during the off-season has allowed me to dig deep into operations, including reviewing daily sales data—a task that revealed a 7% revenue increase compared to 2023! Most recently, I had the honor of coordinating community engagement sessions for the creation of a strategic plan that will guide our shared vision forward.

As we continue to grow together, I'm committed to reflecting my deep appreciation for Indigenous culture in all that I do. The future is bright, and I look forward to working with you to make our region a thriving hub of culture, history, and tourism.

Warm regards,
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**NEW LOGO!!!** 

Bonaparte Sales Limited Partnership Logo.

Created by Bonaparte First Nation band member Spud Barker.

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