



## 2007/2008 OTDC Annual Report

### LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND SERVICE AREA

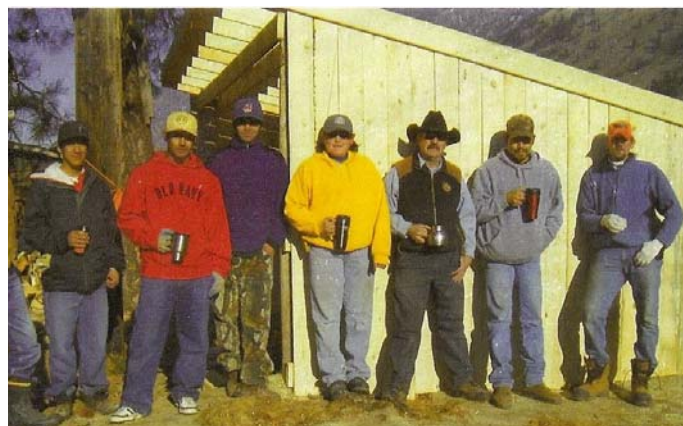


First of all we'd like to thank Joanne Dennis and Lisa Richter for their tireless efforts during the nine months the position was vacant. This year Chief and Council have given additional support and asked us to address more closely the trends in Trades. This has been a great opportunity for those members previously in forestry to retrain as that market trend is slowly dissipating its employment opportunities. Our focus is to empower our people with a means of employment and/or training and foster independence. There has been diversity in the last year with regards to training and we strive, as always, to make differences in employability. Our aim

is to fulfill the personal employment agendas of the people in the service area as well as work closely with the band and surrounding businesses to provide more thorough employment opportunities; we have worked closely with Okanagan College and also want to foster better partnerships with training institutions such as En'owkin Centre and UBC Okanagan. Based on the diversity of our people and their interests, we have assisted in the following trainings in this past year:

- Organic farming – 2 participants
- Foster parent training
- S100 Fire suppression
- Dangerous tree assessment – 2 participants
- Falling and bucking – 2 participants
- Recruit fire fighter academy
- Teacher training-total physical response (TPR)
- Masters in Indigenous studies-Okanagan traditional systems
- Developmental standards teaching certificate (DSTC) – 2 participants
- Audio engineering
- Custodial workers certificate program
- Community restoration project – 8 participants
- Office Assistant Certificate –
- Excavator training
- Class 1 Drivers License training
- Residential construction program – 7 participants

LSIB Employment and Training would like to congratulate the participants of this last year for their educational endeavors. I would also like to encourage fellow members and service area candidates to follow through with their employment and training goals.



*L to R: Josh Prosper, Colter Gottfriedson, Haggard Gottfriedson, Jennifer Louie, Kenny Richter Sr., John Louie, and Huie Dool (Community Restoration Project 2008 – Elder's Sheds – August and Christine Terbasket)*



*L to R: Jeff Walker (Okanagan College Instructor), Haggard Gottfriedson, Jen Louie, and Lyle Terbasket (Residential Construction Program Students)*



*Congratulations to Robert Edward (DSTC participant, he had a 3.65 GPA in his course work) and Jeanine Terbasket (Masters in Indigenous Studies – Okanagan Traditional*



*Lisa Richter (Office Assistant Certificate) will be finished the program as of December 2008. We would like to applaud Lisa's efforts to finish the program online as she continues to work and do course work.*



*Back Row L to R: John K. Terbasket, Frank Qualtier, Jen Louie, and Jeff Walker.  
Front Row L to R: Colter Gottfriedson, John Louie, Haggard Gottfriedson, and Ira Edward.*

Course/seat purchase program – 22 participants  
Youth/Student development program – 4 participants  
Work place training program – 2 participants  
Employment Services Program – 22 participants  
Human Resource Investment Fund (EI) – 5 participants

