



Upper Similkameen Indian Band

The Upper Similkameen Indian Band is located in the upper Similkameen watershed. Their reserves are located in Princeton and Hedley. The Band membership consists of fifty-nine members with most residing on the (IR#2) Chuchuwayha reserve at Hedley, BC. The band has been very involved in the business community for the past ten years and has become one of the larger employers in the area. They are involved in a variety of endeavors including all aspects of forestry, archaeology, environmental studies as well as tourism.

The Band is very community minded and employs both native and non-native people within the various operations that come under their control. The Band employs approximately thirty-five people on a full time basis, and employees exceed one hundred during the peak summer season.

The priorities that were designated for OTDC funding, were an Accounting Assistant, Youth and Residential Construction. Since the development of the Snaza'ist Discovery Centre, OTDC has funded many positions and this year the Centre has been self-sufficient.



Minister Neufeld visits with members of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) during the Association for Mineral Exploration BC's 25th annual tradeshow in Vancouver.