



Message from the Chief May 2017

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Greetings Homalco Members,

The last four months continue to be busy, I continue to work hard in moving our Nation forward and address the debt within the Nation and HFLP. Your government continues to follow budgets and only traveling when cost are reimbursed, the only exception has been for Councillor Trenholm as she is in the process of developing our land code. This has required attending workshops and courses to ensure this complicated area is being developed to suit Homalco's current and future needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that we are one family; it shouldn't be an "us" against "them" mentality! Our ancestors worked together respectfully to move our Nation forward. I have no interest in making enemies with any of my own people. My vision remains committed to ending poverty for our people, to improve the quality of life for all of us. One teaching we seem to hold tight too from residential school is how to be cruel to one another. We have to get past the finger pointing, rumors and allegations! We need to have compassion, empathy and respect for one another! As Chief I work hard for all our people every single one! Honoring our culture and ancestors is more than participating in a canoe journey once a year, or river bathing it's how we live our everyday lives through traditional teachings to live our lives with dignity to be humble in all that we do. I would hope this traditional teaching is something all of us would want to practice. I encourage all members to think about how each of us participates in this unhealthy behavior and turn that into kindness for one another.

Community Initiatives

We continue to work with BC Hydro to make our village as energy efficient as possible. We have just finished upgrading street lights in the village. It has made a huge difference so much brighter than the traditional lighting, making the community much safer. We will be working with members in the village to ensure individual homes are energy efficient reducing hydro costs while supporting the environment.

