

## NW Public Presentations

Spring 2018 Schedule – 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

### **May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mel Bevan (Past Kitselas Chief Councillor, Band Manager, and Chief Negotiator)

*“From Clearing Trees to Modern-day Treaty Negotiations: Kitselas First Nations Governance over the Last Half Century”*

The presentation begins with a review of the Indian Act and how it has shaped all subsequent efforts at First Nations governance and self-government. The history of the establishment of the Kitselas reserve(s) is discussed along with a summary of the changes in the community(s). Mel will provide an overview of his participation from more than a half-century of involvement in first nation's governance including roles as a councillor, chief councillor, band manager and inter-nation liaison. The goals, process and changing nature of treaty negotiations will be discussed with a particular emphasis on the lessons for contemporary First Nations governance. Finally, a summary of the role of the modern-day councillor will follow including input from current councillors; as Mel's daughter Sue expands on the next-generation of Kitselas governance.

### **June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Anika Brookhart (RN, BScN, MN (Senior Lab Instructor II, UNBC))

*“The New Graduate Rural Nurse Transition to Practice: The Good, Bad and Ugly”*

In this presentation, we will explore the experiences of new graduate nurses working in rural and remote areas. Rural nursing is gaining more recognition as a complex and challenging area to work. Various challenges exist for new nursing graduates; however, less is known about the rural new graduate nurse experience. This presentation scratches the surface of the novice graduate experience with three meta-themes identified: professional, organizational, and personal realities. The hope is that once these experiences are further understood, we can then identify areas in which we can support these nurses to be successful and thrive in rural communities; thereby, improving recruitment and retention. Our northern communities are ideally positioned to explore this phenomenon.

### **June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Flo Sheppard (Rd, Bsc(HuEc), MHSc) & Rebecca Hasdell (BA, MPH)

*“Where you live, what you eat: Results of the FRESH-IT study in Northwest BC”*

Access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food is a key contributor to community health, and retail food environments (stores and restaurants) are an important component of food access. This talk will report on results from the 'Food Retail Environments Shaping Health – Intervention Toolkit' (FRESH-IT) project. We will discuss geographic access to food stores across the Northern region, as well as the cost, availability and quality of common food items in the Northwest corridor of Houston to Terrace. A key focus of the presentation will be on locally-driven responses to improve food access shared by storeowners, community groups and municipal and health planners in response to food environment assessment data.

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