Kamloops Indian Band Timeline

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This timeline may have inaccuracies and is intended to provide a starting point from which to prepare a more comprehensive timeline for ongoing planning and educational purposes.

Note: Timeline changed from 10 year to 5 year increments

KIB Businesses

- 1896 KIB has good crops because of irrigation
- 1965 Mount Paul Industrial Subdivision established; KIB became first Band in Canada to have a planned subdivision
- 1967 Paul Creek Kindergarten Nursery opened
- 1975 Paul Creek Kindergarten Nursery renamed Little Fawn Nursery
- 1979 Skelep School Started
- 1983 The Secwepemc Educational Society (SCES) was established to promote the language, culture and history of the Secwepemc People
- 1986 The Secwepemc Museum was established
- 1999 KIB purchased Harper Ranch
- 2004 –April- TKemlups Gas Bar Opened
- 2005 -October- Forestry business formalized
- 2006 -June 27- KIB takes over Secwepemc Museum
- 2007 KDSN Agreement signed
- 2009 -July- Car Wash opened

Band Office

- Old Band Office on Chief Louie Way
- 1957 2 Staff
- 1961 KIB hires first Emltployees Secretary & Accountant
- 1976 6 Staff
- 1976 Don Seymour started working for KIB
- 1978 Jeanette Jules started working for KIB
- 1983 Rosie Casimir Wendy Bruzzese
- 1985 Grant Seymour Carrie Leonard
- 1986 Freda Jules
- 1988 Arnold John
- 1985 20 Staff
- 2008 216 Staff
- 2009 235 Staff

Leadership

- 1852 – 1915: Chief Louis Xle Xxle'xhen
- 1913 1920 Chief Eli Larue
- 1920 – 1932 Chief Phillip Tomma
- 1932 – 1939 Chief Antoine LaRue
- 1939 – 1953 Chief Alex Thomas
- 1953 – 1955 Chief Dave Leonard
- 1955 – 1959 Chief George Leonard
- 1959 – 61 Chief Alex Thomas
- 1961 – 1962 Chief George Leonard
- 1962 – 1971 Chief Clarence Jules Sr.
- 1971 – 1972 Chief Gus Gottfriedson
- 1972 – 1974 George Leonard
- 1974 – 1984 Chief Mary Leonard
- 1984 – 2000 Chief Clarence (Manny) Jules
- 2000 – 2004 Chief Bonnie Leonard
- 2004 – 2009 Chief Shane Gottfriedson

Significant dates on KIB Reservation

- 1811 First white men arrive in Kamloops
- Population about 900
- 1852 Original KIB Reserve boundaries established (Douglas Reserve)
- 1867 First church opened on KIB Reserve
- Population 334
- 1877 KIB had water rights allotted.
- 1877 Indian Agent recorded that the KIB Reserve was "finest" in BC.
- 1881 Kamloops Agency first created
- 1882 Harper Ranch water rights allotted
- 1890 Kamloops Indian Residential School opened
- 1897 KIB meets with HI Smith to allow remains to go to New York
- Population 241
- Population 242
- 1905 Chief Louis wrote letter to King Edward regarding Harper Ranch and its water rights
- 1913 Royal Commission met
- 1914 First CNR Train went through Kamloops
- 1915 Chief Louis passed to the Spirit World, age 81
- At least 6 men from KIB voluntarily joined the military to fight in WWI
- Population 184
- 1937 Outbreak of Measles and Influenza
- 1939 16 men from KIB voluntarily joined the military to fight in WWII
- Population 174
- 1942 KIRS had 285 students – largest Indian Residential School in Canada
- 1952 KIB voted unanimously to adopt provisions of section 73 for election of Chief & Council
- Population 254
- 1962 The Indian Agent stated that the Kamloops Indian Band was the most progressive and stable Band in his agency.
- 1960's SCOOP – Took over 120 KIB children away and put them into foster homes.
- 1980 KIB sends members on the Consitutional Express
- 1980-85: Children who had been taken away in 60's and were now 19 were dropped back onto the Reserve.
- 1982 Seventeen Secwepemc Bands sign Shuswap Declaration
- 1999 John & Susan Seymour crowned King & Queen at the 23rd Annual BC Elders gathering
- Population 795
- 2006 KIB resubmits its Douglas Reserve specific claim to its original reserve of 1862
- 2007 Six Mile Agreement Signed
- Population 1099

Significant Dates effecting First Nations

- Royal Proclamation of 1763 Recognized Aboriginals as living under crown protection on lands within British domains and territories.
- 1860 Province of Canada passed the Indian Lands Act
- 1867 Constitution Act gave legislative authority over Aboriginals to the federal parliament, removing it from the provincial legislatures.
- 1876 First Indian Act passed

Amendments to the Indian Act

1885: Prohibition of several traditional Aboriginal ceremonies, such as potlaches. **1894:** Removal of band control over non-Aboriginals living on reserves. This power was transferred to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. **1905:** Power to remove Aboriginal peoples from reserves near towns with more than 8,000 people. **1911:** Power to expropriate portions of reserves for roads, railways and other public works, as well as to move an entire reserve away from a municipality if it was deemed expedient. **1914:** Requirement that western Aboriginals seek official permission before appearing in Aboriginal "costume" in any public dance, show, exhibition, stampede or pageant. **1918:** Power to lease out uncultivated reserve lands to non-Aboriginals if the new leaseholder would use it for farming or pasture. **1927:** Prohibition of anyone (Aboriginal or otherwise) from soliciting funds for Aboriginal legal claims without special licence from the Superintendent General. This amendment granted the government control over the ability of Aboriginals to pursue land claims. **1930:** Prohibition of pool hall owners from allowing entrance of an Aboriginal who "by inordinate frequenting of a pool room either on or off an Indian reserve misspends or wastes his time or means to the detriment of himself, his family or household."

- 1944 North American Indian Brotherhood was formed to fight for aboriginal rights and land claims.
- 1951 Anti-Potlatch law was deleted from Section 141 of the Indian Act.
- 1952 Section 73 of Indian Act Regulations: One Chief plus one Councilor for every 100 Band Members. No less than 2 Councillors, no more than 12.
- 1968 National Indian Brotherhood was formed in response to federal government's White Paper Policy.
- 1969 KIB hosted the first provincial meeting of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs
- 1972 KIB protest down Main Street Kamloops
- 1974 Office of Native Claims established to settle outstanding land claims
- 1978 Indian School closed down
- 1985 Bill C31 passed Women could no longer gain or lose Indian status as a result of marriage plus other changes.
- 1988 Indian Act changed to allow Bands greater powers to tax land and to mortgage leaseholds.
- 2007 Tobaiano Agreement Signed

World Events

- 1800 Napoleon conquers Italy. William Herschel discovers infrared rays.
- 1815 Napoleon defeated by Wellington at Waterloo
- 1824 Mexico becomes a republic 3 years after declaring independence from Spain.
- 1825 First passenger carrying railroad in England
- 1840 Lower & Upper Canada united
- 1857 US Supreme Court rules that a slave is not a citizen in Dred Scott decision.
- 1865 Lincoln assassinated
- 1867 Dominion of Canada established
- 1871 BC joined Canada
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built for the Paris exposition.
- 1890 Sioux Chief Sitting Bull killed by police on Pine Ridge reservation.
- 1893 New Zealand become first country in the world to grant women the vote.
- 1903 Man's first flight in a heavier-than-air vehicle – the Wright brothers fly in Kitty Hawk
- 1914 – 1918 World War I
- 1920 League of Nations holds first meeting in Geneva, Switzerland
- 1927 The Jazz Singer with Al Jolson, the first part-talking motion picture.
- 1933 Hitler appointed German Chancellor
- 1939 – 1945 World War II
- 1945 US drops atomic bombs on Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- 1952 King George VI dies, daughter becomes Queen Elizabeth II
- 1957 Russians launch Sputnik, first Earth orbiting satellite - the Space Age begins
- 1963 Kennedy assassinated
- 1967 Canada's Centennial
- 1967 First human heart transplant performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in South Africa
- 1977 Scientists report using bacteria in a lab to make insulin
- 1980 Smallpox eradicated
- 1988 US and Canada reach Free Trade agreement
- 1995 Quebec narrowly rejects independence from Canada
- 1998 Clinton orders air strikes on Iraq
- 2001 9/11 attack on Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York City
- 2008 Barack Obama wins US presidential election

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