

Wednesday January 2nd, 2019

The Atlin Whisper

"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world."

Margaret Mead

Congratulations Nadia!

The North didn't have to wait long for its first medal at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George, B. C., as Team Yukon biathlete Nadia Moser picked up a silver yesterday on the second day of competition.

"I was pretty excited," said Moser. "I was really surprised too, actually."

Moser's medal came in the in the junior women's 12.5 kilometre individual event. The Whitehorse resident finished the race in a time of 42 minutes and 55 seconds, and hit 16 of 20 targets in the shooting portion of the event.

One minute is added to a racer's time for each missed shot, resulting in a final time of 46 minutes and 55 seconds—just under two minutes off the gold medal winning time from Ontario's Leilani Tam von Burg, and 47 seconds ahead of third place Emily Dickson, from B.C.

Moser is a 17-year-old competing in an event where athletes can be as old as 21.

"I wasn't expecting it," she said of her finish. "I've raced against a lot of these girls before and I don't usually place."

Article and Picture by CBC





Antoine St. Cyr

Celebration of Life

January 15, 2018

5-7pm

Atlin Recreation Centre Hall

Antoine St. Cyr

Jan. 15, 1976 – Dec. 14, 2018

Antoine St. Cyr was born in Dunlevy Creek, B.C. on January 15, 1976. He was the second son of Father Larry St Cyr of Evergreen, Illinois and Shirley Pawluk of both Yellowknife, NWT and Kuroki, Sk. Antoine's family history was as interesting as his life. His mother, Shirley, is the child of Polish-Ukrainian immigrants that were Jewelers in the NWT, creating a life-long interest in gold and mining. His Father, Larry, was an American born child of German and Polish heritage that left his prestigious university education at MIT for Northern Canada in his early 20s. Larry changed his last name from Freudenberg to St. Cyr by scrolling through a phone book.

Shirley and Larry met in Yellowknife where they fell quickly in love and soon departed on a three month canoe ride down the Mackenzie River. When Shirley became pregnant with their first son Beau, they left the river, but continued on with their life in the bush, eventually settling in the Hudson's Hope area. By this time the St. Cyr family had three beautiful children including little sister, Tina. All 3 children were born at home in the bush, delivered by their Father's own hands. They named Antoine after a Native Elder in Dunlevy Creek. The young couple's adventures in the bush took them many places, until they settled in Atlin, B.C. and purchased the mining claims of the old Discovery townsite. Antoine had many memories of his childhood in the old Discovery cabin ranging from shooting his brother with a BB gun to being lost for hours only to be found sleeping cozily with the dogs. The couple raised their children in the Discovery cabin together until Antoine was around 7 years old. The couple separated around this time and Larry left Atlin to set up a new life, eventually ending up in Prince George.

Shirley began a relationship with Leonard Parisien and this began the Taku River portion of Antoine's childhood. Shirley took the kids back and forth from Discovery to the Parisien homestead on the Taku River for around 2 years. This was a difficult time during Antoine's life with his Father gone and his mother in a turbulent relationship. At around 10 years old, Antoine's life in the remote North was temporarily paused when he returned to his Father's care in Prince George to where his older brother Beau had already made the move, followed shortly by his little sister. This would prove to be only a short departure from the North. Antoine's childhood in the bush instilled a lifelong love for the Northern way that he returned to as soon as he was old enough.

Antoine finished his education in Prince George at Duchess Park Secondary. Antoine was a natural born athlete with the reflexes of a wild animal. He played both volleyball and basketball throughout high school. Although, he was not a big fan of academics, he really enjoyed high school, being a jock and very popular. Unbeknownst to himself, something else emerged in high school that his life in the bush had not prepared him for. He was extremely good looking and the girls loved him. His rugged and wild bush nature, combined with his flirtatious charm and good looks, were an irresistible combination to the ladies throughout his life. There is also a rumor of him having been a Calvin Klein underwear model for a brief moment.

For his entire life Antoine spoke fondly of his love and admiration for his father. He described his Father as a hard-working man that gave him a huge amount of freedom, but also expected him to take responsibility for himself and his actions early in life. He remained always grateful that his Father

raised three children alone in Prince George and offered him a stable home where he was safe and loved.

As soon as high school ended Antoine returned to Atlin and took up residence in his childhood home, the old Discovery cabin. He worked for John Clark unloading fish at the airport for a few summers as he reacquainted himself with old childhood friends ranging from the kids he went to school with to the bush hippies that lived at the warm springs and the Taku River. His most cherished reconnection in Atlin was his life long friend and mentor, Michael Strange. Eventually, Antoine set up a pattern of working seasonally planting trees and travelling the winter either to Atlin for snowmobiling or to the US for adventures with his brother. And there were many adventures ranging from doing construction in California; to being a waiter in Colorado; to providing rides up the mountainside in Mexico for paragliding expeditions while drinking raicilla with the natives; to drinking a scotch around the bonfires in Atlin. Anybody that knew Antoine during this time would describe him as having a bright light in his sparkling green blue eyes; as being a notorious bad boy that was both rebellious, yet hard working and responsible with money; as being happy, playful, charming, and having an unmistakable zest for life.

It was on one of these adventures in California that at 24 years old Antoine met his future wife, Sherene Djafroodi. This began a 13 year relationship that was both intensely passionate and extremely turbulent. Sherene and Antoine continued their travels from Alaska to Mexico to the tip of Florida, always back and forth from Atlin in between work destinations. Eventually the couple settled in Calgary, Alberta, where Antoine was working as a roofer. This period between 2003 and 2009 was a happy, healthy, and productive time for Antoine. He married Sherene. He worked with her to build Done Right Roofing. Most importantly, he fathered his only child, Coral St. Cyr.

Work was something that Antoine reveled in and took very seriously. He would say, "I'm the laziest workaholic you'll ever meet." Meaning that he worked extremely hard, but when work was over he did everything he could relax and take it easy. Despite his dislike for school, Antoine proved to be very bright in business. He always rose to the challenge of learning new software and computer programs that Sherene would put in place for the business. He did every job in the field at some point, ranging from estimating, to sales, to roof installation, to project management, and he did them all extremely well. He loved to work. He loved to teach and taught many young men throughout the Calgary area to be excellent roof installers. He excelled most of all as a Project Manager, visiting job sites beforehand to account for materials, always scheduling jobs for fast transitions, and amazing production times. His organization and methodical systematic approach to installing roofing systems was unbeatable and gained him a reputation in the office and in the field as being "amazing to work with." This allowed him and Sherene to grow Done Right Roofing into one of the biggest residential roofing businesses in Calgary in a matter of years.

Although reluctant to become a Father at first, it was as a Father that Antoine shone the most. He was delighted by his daughter Coral. In her younger years, she had a permanent seat on her Daddy's shoulders. Although Antoine and Sherene divorced in 2012, they continued to co-parent together. They both separately relocated from Calgary back to the Atlin area for the purpose of raising their daughter together. In 6 years of being divorced, Sherene never denied Antoine access to his daughter one time and Antoine never denied Sherene help with anything, always concluding, "Well, you are the mother of my only child after all." Up until the day of his death, Antoine and Sherene remained family and friends.

They continued to stay connected and care for each other, united by the most powerful love of all, their love for Coral.

Above all, Antoine taught Coral a love for the outdoors. They could be seen around Atlin going on walks together; or him teaching her how to carve and use knives; or shooting BB guns and bow and arrow outside his house; or snowmobiling around local trails in the winter, while 4 wheeling around those same trails in the summer; or playing sports together; or having regular weekend fires together. If they weren't doing any of these things then they were certain to be found doing his favorite leisure activity – sitting on the lazy boy watching movies. Coral referred to going to her Daddy's house as "vacation" with no chores other than cleaning up after herself, Daddy stocking his house with treats for her arrival and serving them to her during movies, Daddy giving her \$20 at a time to go to the Trading Post and buy whatever she wanted, and Daddy taking her shopping for whatever she wanted or needed. Coral says her favorite memory with her Daddy was going to Jamie Tate's shop where Antoine bought her her first snow mobile at 8 years old and taught her how to ride it at the Atlin Airport. Coral was, is, and will always be, the best part of Antoine, and Daddy's little girl.

From the years of 2012 and 2018 Antoine returned to his hometown, Atlin, B.C. He eventually bought his own home after living in his little sister's guest cabin for 3 years and became a permanent winter fixture in Atlin, while continuing to return to Calgary to run his own Roofing Repairs business. Antoine enjoyed a wide group of close friends that were like family. He lived to snowmobile with his buddies, do some work with Mike Strange, have dinner with his sister Tina, playing Bocci Ball with Ian Coster, or have one of his nonstop outdoor gatherings where he surely would be the one in charge of the fire! Fellow Atlinites remember Antoine as both kind and helpful. He loved to haul wood and even though he didn't need the money, would do it just to "keep himself busy" and help people. His neighbors loved him and appreciated his constant plowing of their driveways in the winter. Antoine could always be counted on to lend a hand. He helped his mother keep and maintain the Discovery homestead. He helped his sister to buy the General Store. He helped Mike on jobsites. He helped Sherene with everything from wood to business. He helped friends with money. He was always helping everyone so much, that when the time came for him to ask for help, it was very difficult for him.

His last summer of 2018 was spent running his repairs business in Calgary while living with his close friend, Paul Manual. Paul describes Antoine as, "His most trusted friend." Paul and Sherene worked together to support Antoine through a rapidly declining and devastating mental health crisis that ultimately resulted in his shocking death on Friday, December 14, 2018.

Sometimes a light goes out in the world that is so bright, the loss of it temporarily covers the world with darkness. For the people that loved Antoine, this is how it feels. We are left with a big ache, a big emptiness, a crushing sadness, from the loss of someone we loved so much. We are left with a deep wound that only time can heal. Antoine lived an amazing life as an adventurer, a traveler, a businessman, a Father, a son, a brother, and a true-blue Northern Boy. He will never be forgotten and he will always be loved.

Antoine is survived by his mother Shirley; his brother Beau; his sister Tina; and his precious 10 year-old daughter, Coral St. Cyr. He is predeceased by his Father Larry.



THANK YOU



To all that made the Christmas Craft Fair and then the Christmas Bazaar/Flea Market a big success.

Especially Corinne at the Food Basket for her continuing and generous support.

To all that helped with organization, set up, table helpers and clean up, especially Linda Reed for always being there.

To everyone who helped in the concession.

To all of you who donated and shopped and to the vendors who rented tables.

To Fiona for lighting the stove. To Wava for cleaning the grill. To anyone else that helped who we may have left off this list. (we apologize)

Nov. 24th Raffle Winners:

- Brent McNeil, Lg. Gift Basket, donated by Lynn Turnbull
- Susan Thompson, Turkey, donated by Brewery Bay Chalet
- James Michelin, Ham, donated by Brewery Bay Chalet
- Lorraine Clarkson, Scooter, donated by Pat Logan
- Tina Robinson, Christmas Decorations, donated by Joe Q

Dec. 08 Bazaar 50/50 draw. \$196.00 Tammy Fetterly & Taylor Fetterly



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January Movies

The Historic Globe Theatre

Friday **January 4:** The Croods



Doors Open 2:30

Show Time 3:00– 4:45 Rated G

3D computer-animated comedy adventure: *When the Crood's prehistoric cave is destroyed, they set out to explore a spectacular landscape filled with fantastic creatures, strange surprises, and a whole new world of adventure.*

Sunday **January 6:** Roxanne

Doors Open 6:30

Show Time 7:00 – 9:00

rated PG

Starring Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah directed by Fred Schepisi

Romantic Comedy: *Fire chief C.D has an astonishingly long nose which is no laughing matter. C.D contends with jerky nose jokes, a bumbling crew of firemen, and his secret love for astronomy student Roxanne.*

Sunday **January 13:** Tombstone

Doors Open 6:30

Show Time 7:00 – 9:15

rated 14A

Starring Kurt Russell Val Kilmer directed by George P. Cosmatos

Western: *U.S Marshall Wyatt Earp, and Doc Holiday team up to bring law to the lawless in a notorious showdown with ruthless outlaws at the O.K. Corral.*

Admission Donation

Concession items marked

All proceeds go towards the heating bill

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Atlin Hydro Expansion Project News and Updates

The Atlin Hydro Expansion Project is a potential project that would expand power production on Pine Creek through the development of two additional micro-hydro powerhouses. One powerhouse would be located adjacent to the existing powerhouse (the “upper powerhouse”), while a second would be located on lower Pine Creek (the “lower powerhouse”). Power would be exported to southern Yukon communities via a proposed transmission line from Atlin to Jake’s Corner. The feasibility of the project is currently being investigated by its proponent company, Tlingit Homeland Energy Limited Partnership (THELP), a company 100% owned by the Taku River Tlingit First Nation.

On November 27th, THELP held a public open house at the Globe Theatre. Our intention was to update the community on the work that has been carried out this past year, changes to the project design, and to share information on upcoming work. For those of you who were unable to attend, we’d like to share the key topics from that meeting.

First, the final Transmission Line Feasibility Study has been completed. The final design did not change from the draft feasibility study presented in February, 2018. The line would be a 69Kv line comprised of 3-strands on 55 ft. western red cedar poles spaced at approximately 100 m apart. Located almost entirely on the east side of the Atlin Highway within the Right of Way (ROW), the line would require a 13 m wide clear-span width. Comments and concerns heard last February from the public related primarily to the construction, operation and management of the line, and will be considered further and incorporated during the environmental and socio-economic assessment of the Project.

Second, work on the Generation Feasibility Study has begun, with the focus being on the upper powerhouse components, (e.g. development of a power canal with a headpond and penstock to the upper powerhouse), and hydrological and power studies. Of critical importance to this work was determining a storage range on Surprise Lake, and the minimum flows required in Pine Creek, as both of these have a direct and significant bearing on how much power can be produced, i.e. water flows and volumes diverted for power production, and the type of turbine that can be used. At this stage of the project, the following design criteria have been selected in consideration of environmental and socio-economic values:

- Storage range of Surprise Lake: 2.0 m with 913.85 m elevation at the upper range and 911.85 elevation at the bottom range. The current license for the existing hydro facility has maximum flood elevation of 913.85 m.
- Pine Creek minimum flows: Minimum flow of 0.4 m³/s in the by-pass reach, which means the minimum flow that would remain in the creek below the points where water is diverted into the penstock (i.e. piped to the powerhouse), including the flow over Pine Creek falls. Before development of the existing hydro facility, this was the natural winter flow in Pine Creek.

Developing a good picture of what this looks like operationally for the lake and Pine Creek at different times of the year is still in progress.

In terms of the lower powerhouse, although no significant design work has occurred, a few key changes have been made to the project concept based on feedback from the community. For example, the location of the powerhouse has been moved from near Pine Creek recreational beach to a site to the northeast, away from potential recreational users. As well, the need for a surge pipe up Monarch Mountain has been eliminated from the design at this time. Although more expensive, we worked hard to find a solution to this project component to reduce the impact to residences and users of the Monarch Mountain trail.

Last, the penstock has been re-routed to cross Warm Bay Road to pass in front of the campground in the existing cleared ROW (the penstock is underground and not visible), avoiding residences near South Pine Drive. As a final comment, we also reiterated that, while the existing powerhouse has no sound dampening technology employed in the construction of the building, a lower powerhouse near residential areas would be designed and constructed to minimize and/or eliminate noise to the greatest extent possible.

In addition to the feasibility work, baseline studies have also been ongoing for wildlife and wildlife habitat, fisheries, water quality, hydrology, and archaeology. The data and implications of this first year of baseline studies are still to be compiled. Something of interest to the environmental and socio-economic assessment was the significance of the low-lying mouth of Pine Cup Creek on Surprise Lake to both spawning Arctic grayling and nesting Arctic terns. This area influenced our decision to assume the lower 2.0 m storage range at this time, rather than a 2.5 m storage range for Surprise Lake, to avoid inundating the habitat there.

Finally, we also discussed the benefits of the project, with direct examples from how the existing hydro project has generated employment and wealth in the community, (e.g. the growth and expansion of ATELP with nine full-time employees, three part-time employees, and a new welding business). The development of the Skills Employment and Training Program, as well as implementation of the Taku-Atlin Land Use Plan, and \$40,000 annually to the Atlin Community Improvement District are all examples of contributions from the existing hydro project.

So, although the project would create few direct jobs after construction (~4 – 8), we shared that the real post-construction benefits of the project would come from the dividends – dividends that would be re-invested in the community through other business opportunities and business expansion, and local governance, programming, education and development initiatives that bring reliable jobs and social benefits. Unlike a business from outside of Atlin providing a few seasonal jobs but removing the majority of profits to their own home town or province, the hydro expansion project would be a local business that is mandated to reinvest its dividends in the community. And unlike extractive industries, the real benefits would occur not only in our lifetimes, but in our children's and future generations' lifetimes, as hydro projects typically last multiple generations.

But do economic benefits always translate into community benefits? We agree with you, if you said no, not always. While there is a large body of evidence to suggest a correlation, there is also evidence of a growing disconnect between Gross Domestic Product and quality of life all over the world. It is no longer assumed that economic development necessarily will lead to improved community well-being. Instead, there is a greater focus on the type of development, its ownership and centre of control, (e.g. is it local? Or do profits leave the impacted area?), and how the development fits into the social fabric of the community. With consideration of this more complete understanding of economic development, we believe that the Atlin Hydro Expansion Project has much to offer, being locally owned and operated, being responsive to community concerns, and in developing a renewable resource that is sustainable for the environment and consistent with the desire to sustain and grow our community into the future.

An important consideration in the discussion of socio-economic and community benefits was also the question "Who is your community?" How you define your community affects your perception and understanding of the costs and benefits of a project. The answer to the question of whether you need to receive a direct monetary benefit from the project to believe that it benefits you, or whether you believe that projects that benefit members of your community, (monetarily or otherwise), also by extension benefits you through various direct and indirect pathways, is influenced by how you define your community – from the local level to the global. For example, if your community includes both Tlingit and non-Tlingit residents, or is a broader Northern regional community, or includes a global community in which we all have a responsibility to reduce greenhouse gasses, how you understand the project benefits may change.

We will be having another public meeting with updates in the New Year, so please stay-tuned for more thoughtful discussions and productive meetings in the future.

Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to seeing folks at the next meeting.

Gunalcheesh and thank you!

Peter Kirby, Stuart Simpson, and the

Tlingit Homeland Energy Team

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by Jeff Salmon

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And draws you in to hear more
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Or blow hurt from way down deep.

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With thanks, Dana and Mary Hammond

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