

## For immediate Release

### The Sasquatch returns to Harrison Hot Springs

#### Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., April 6, 2012 –

After nearly 70 years, Sasquatch Days are coming back to Harrison Hot Springs. June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> this historic event will bring the local First Nations Band Sts'ailes back to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs for two days of games, fun and excitement. This intercultural celebration will include canoe races, traditional salmon barbeque, medicine walks, cultural boat tours, arts & craft activities, games, entertainment and most importantly talks on the Sasquatch from Sts'ailes experts and local Harrison Hot Springs Sasquatch investigators.



Harrison Hot Springs Mayor, Leo Facio said, "The Village of Harrison Hot Springs is glad to see the Sasquatch Days on the shores of our beautiful community. We would like to welcome all visitors to Harrison Hot Springs to celebrate the cultural diversity of our region. Diversity is the commonality that unites as all, let's celebrate it together. "

Harrison Hot Springs has always been a center of Sasquatch activity and little wonder as the very word Sasquatch derives from the Sts'ailes word "Sa:sq'ets" meaning 'wild man'. The Sasquatch is sacred to the Sts'ailes and as the symbol of their people it is only fitting that this celebration stick with the name given to this very popular event that last took place in 1938.

This two-day event will begin at 9:30 am Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> with a short procession to Harrison Lake Plaza where a welcoming ceremony will be held at 10:00. Each day will feature Cultural Boat tours, artisan activity tables, medicine walks and opportunities for intercultural sharing. Saturday morning the main event starts as war canoes gather for a friendly competition that will continue with final races on Sunday. Of course, no canoe race is complete without a traditional salmon barbeque that will take place Saturday afternoon.

The joint hosts for this event, Sts'ailes First Nations and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, invite visitors to this unique event that brings two communities together in an opportunity to learn about the traditions of the Sts'ailes people and share cultural experiences.

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