

TI'azt'en Nation Welcomes New Manager of Public Works & Housing



On March 29, 2016 the Administrative Team of TI'azt'en Nation welcomed its newest member, Mr. Ronald (Ron) Prochot into the fold. Ron arrived in Canada as a youth from the Netherlands in 1958, and briefly attended St. Maria Goretti School in Fort St. James before moving to Kitimat, where he graduated from Mount Elizabeth Secondary School, prior to obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. He came back north to work with the architecture and planning firm of DJ Parker & Associates, eventually moving into his own design firm, much of it focussed on improving the quality of housing for First Nations. Over the years Ron has designed, inspected and tested the construction of many homes, including energy efficient homes, in northern British

Columbia, and some in foreign lands. He believes that the standard of housing in First Nations communities should be no different than that applicable to other communities in Canada, or for that matter some of the better quality homes built abroad. Over the past few years, with the collaboration of organizations such as CMHC and the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, and following a course studies in the School of Architecture at the University of Manitoba, Ron has focussed his knowledge and experience on improving the quality of housing on Reserve, primarily with an emphasis on the elimination of mould and improvements to ventilation.

Ron is father to a son and two daughters who currently reside in the USA, and are mom and dad to two grand-children. When not at work he likes to sing, and enjoys participating in community choirs as a chorister or conductor. You can see him in *The Mikado*, which will be performed in Prince George in May. *"I appreciate the warm reception I received from Chief and Council, my associates in Administration, and members of the community at large. I look forward to helping to build the Team, contributing to building this community to meet its potential. Thank you all for your warm welcome!"* Please welcome our new Manager of Public Works & Housing. Let him know your concerns. He can be reached at the Tache Administration Building.