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Wrong Chief – Right Attitude

Delta Police Chief Jim Cessford lent a hand to remove a long canoe from the waters off Wellington Point Park in Ladner during a Reception for the annual Pulling Together Canoe Journey. Approximately 20 canoes and 350 paddlers participated in this year's Salish Sea Journey from Port Moody to White Rock with several stops along the way.

The purpose of the program, coordinated by the Renfrew Collingwood Aboriginal Youth Canoe Club is to *“enhance understanding between Public Service Agencies and Aboriginal Peoples by Canoeing the traditional highway, strengthening our future relations.”*

The Delta Police Department has long been committed to ensuring strong public relations with all of our communities. Chief Cessford took the opportunity to support not only the canoe, but the underlying scope of this adventure. Three members of the Delta Police management team participated in the paddling, Deputy Chief Lyle Beaudoin, Inspector Kaare Coupar and Business Manager Melissa Granum. Other officers and Delta Police Department volunteers also took turns with a paddle in their hands.

After leaving Wellington Park later that day the paddlers headed for Tsawwassen First Nations land where they were greeted by a true First Nations Chief, Kim Baird, and welcomed to the TFN lands for a traditional meal and lodging.

Since accepting the policing contract for band lands several years ago the Delta Police Department and the Tsawwassen First Nations people have worked diligently together creating a strong relationship between both parties.



Chief Cessford speaks with Inspector Charna as he helps haul the long canoe from the waters of the Fraser River.