

## A Long, Winding Road of Career Discovery

When fifty-eight year old Ron Pielle was a young boy, he would often think about how his dream job would involve working outdoors. In the years that followed, Pielle a Klahoose First Nation member, has worked in a variety of different jobs, in aquaculture, building and grounds maintenance, sawmilling and as a surveyor.

Now after recovering from a serious operation and being off work for two years, Pielle is wanting to improve his employability skills and re-enter the workforce. “I heard about this employability skills course from Klahoose career coach James Delorme. It was perfect timing for me, as I want to upgrade my First Aid and WHMIS certificates and refresh my math skills before looking for work again in March.”

Pielle is one of four Klahoose members and eight Sliammon community members who are currently taking a six week course at Ahms Tah Ow School. The course focuses on improving essential skills, pre-employment and personal development skills. Pielle is thankful for this opportunity to improve himself at this stage of his life and would like to thank the Klahoose for sponsoring him and the Sliammon First Nation for allowing him to participate in this program.

Klahoose career coach James Delorme is pleased with how the course is progressing and commented, “the four Klahoose participants have been warmly received by the staff at Ahms Tah Ow School. These Squirrel Cove residents have come to learn, grow and improve their employability skills at the Sliammon community. I am grateful for the hard work that Gerry Brach, Michael Peterson and Walter Paul have put into this important program. I look forward to the successes ahead and for future Klahoose involvement.”

If you are interested in enhancing your career opportunities our next Employability Skills Course is scheduled for May 9-June 17. Contact Walter Paul (FNES Job Coach) to register.

Gerry Brach  
Head Teacher – Ahms Tah Ow School