

## **Skeena Valley Flood**

I live in Skeena Valley Trailer Court on Queensway Drive.

The first thing us kids noticed was the river starting to rise, our parents told us we could not go to the creek beside the trailer court without an adult because we could get swept into the high flowing water.

The construction workers were cutting down the trees as they slowly dug the ditch on the left side of the trailer court deeper. The last tree they cut down was my favorite climbing tree. I could see farther than the trailer court and across the river to Ferry Island. While up in the tree spying on my friends, the wind would make the tree and I sway back and forth.

On the right side of the trailer court they cut down more trees, one tree was four feet across we called it the big tree fort we spent lots of time playing there. When I noticed that it was gone, I was sad that they cut it down and mad at the people who did it.

The river kept rising higher and higher as we kept close watch hoping it would not come over the dike as the workers hurried to make it bigger. Dump trucks came and went as they continued their efforts to keep the flooding waters away. The park had a worn down hole that filled with ground water we splashed in it and made mud pies with the clay we scooped from the bottom. As the ground water rose, the trailer court owner brought a big noisy machine to pump it back on the other side of the dike.

A lady from the newspaper came to take pictures of the flood, she took one of my mom, my cousin and a two other people on top of the dike, the next day it was in the Vancouver paper. We got copies of the paper to keep for later.