

MOCCASIN TELEGRAM



Ts 7acw tetsitsla te Swuvwt (Happy New Year)



SteS Members in Minor Hockey



Brook-Lyn John



Blake John



Derek John

STES LEADERSHIP

TÁWAM7ÍPLA7 DAWN FRANCOIS



Waytk'p (Hello Everyone):

I hope all is well with everyone! I've been working on many portfolio items. My overall goal is to provide economic freedom for our Skwlāx band members and to accomplish that; we must ensure that processes are followed. I want to welcome our new Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Ballard. She's a great asset to our Skwlax team, comes with an excellent skill set and is highly qualified :) I'd also like to welcome Kyle Kreutzer, ED of Administration; he brings a wealth of information and experience. Stop in and say Waytek to them both.

Update:

Here is a condensed list of meetings I've attended since last fall and winter 2024 up until the most recent. I missed the previous newsletter update and wanted to add this.

This gives you a snapshot of the governance and business meetings I attend. This list is not all-encompassing, but it is a glimpse. For a complete list, come into my office and peek at my whiteboard, and we can discuss my role and responsibilities. I look forward to visiting.

September 4th, 2024: attended the land use planning sessions held at various locations at the lodge and in Osoyoos.

September 12th and 13th, 2024: Columbia collaborative meeting, proxy vote, 2-day event

September 24th, 2024: Meeting with Minister Hajdu, housing rebuild- Indigenous Services Canada update with Councilor Julie

October 1st and 2nd, 2024: Strategic planning session with the ED team to review old strategic plans and update

October 3rd, 2024: SNTC meeting in Kamloops to discuss Columbia collaborative
October 4th, 2024: Three-band meeting at Quaaout Lodge

October 8th and 9th, 2024: BC AFN, Musqueam - Proxy vote for final settlement agreement (BC Chiefs and proxies voted it down)

October 16th, 2024: First Nations Infrastructure Institute presentation discussed ideas on funding and what their free services are

October 17th, 2024: meeting with Premier Eby in Victoria (proxy for chief)

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October 21st, 2024: Four Band health meeting I was selected as the governance Lakes Representative for the Le te Melamen Society

October 25th, 2024: Governance training in Salmon Arm, where Skwlax band members participated

November 1st, 2024: Three-band meeting in Splatstin discussed data breach with FNHA

November 4th, 2024: four band health meeting discussed data breach

November 6th, 2024: SNTC chief's meeting, CRT interim revenue sharing agreement

November 14th, 2024: Le te Melamen Health Society proxy vote for Lakes (4 band representative)

November 15th, 2024: storybook signing Emery Arnouse, Betty Arnouse, Virginia Wooldridge book release

November 18th and 19th, 2024: First Nations health authority meeting, proxy vote

November 24th, 2024: Land Use Planning, Salmon Arm

December 3-5th, 2024: Assembly of First Nations, proxy vote, voted on 40 resolutions, voted on final settlement agreement. Chiefs across Canada voted it down and participated online.

December 4th, 2024: SNTC "proxy vote" for CRT Internal Revenue sharing agreement

December 8th, 2024: MC Skwlax band community dinner

January 10, 2025: 4 Band meeting at Quaaout Lodge

January 15th, 2025: Columbia Collaborative Bi-Monthly meeting

January 20-22nd, 2025: First Nations Leadership meetings in Vancouver, met with Min. of Health and Asst Deputy Minister Mark Armitage with Domina Francois, Skwlax Health Mgr. and a separate meeting with FNHA funding Advisor, plus various 4 band meetings

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January 25th, 2025: Skwlax Staff Holiday party MC, close to 180 attended :) It was fun; we all shared good food and some good laughs!

I'm glad Kelly is on board. Now, we can move forward with some of our multi-year financial planning and map out our future plans.

The wellness expansion planning is in the feasibility phase, and there is a lot of work to do before it is completed. The community will be consulted shortly; please watch for those invites.

Skwlax's Children's Jurisdiction path has been an ongoing discussion since 2023, before the fire. Since then, we have had to pause this planning, but now we are back on track. Desira John has presented a preliminary path multiple times at various band meetings and during land use planning in Osoyoos. Our members will support choosing a model for jurisdiction as this is a whole band member initiative, not just a select few.

She is organizing a team with the wellness centre, and Rod Jeffries is part of that team. We are in the infancy stage, just the beginning. We are conducting a needs assessment first to see where the gaps are, and Desira will consult with band members at every stage. Please watch for those invites.

Please recycle, update your email and mailing address, and participate in various committees. We need all your voices represented! If you have any questions, please email me at dawn.francois@lsib.ca

Kukstamc,
Dawn

Child & Family Jurisdiction
Facilitated by Rod Jeffries

Community Conversations

Stes Elders are invited to an engagement session on Child and Family Jurisdiction.

BRUSH OFFS MEALS BINGO DOOR PRIZES

Where: **Quaaout Lodge**
When: **February 11th & 12th 2025**
Time: **8:30AM - 3:00PM**
Call: **250-679-3702**

BOOK SHUTTLE RIDES BY CALLING THE SKWLAX WELLNESS CENTRE

BAND MEMBERS!!

Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM



The intent of this notification is to inform the Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw Referendum Vote to amend the 2017 Custom Election Regulations.

TITLE:	2025 Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw Custom Election Regulations Referendum
DATE:	Saturday, February 22, 2025
TIME:	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
PLACE:	Skwłāx Band Hall - 1886 Little Shuswap Lake Road

To vote in person, please bring your status card and another piece of identification. Off-Reserve Membership, mail out ballots will be automatically mailed out, please read instructions on how to return your package after you have voted.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the referendum, please contact:

Jen Thomas, Electoral Officer
CELL: 778-878-5113
EMAIL: jenjen6727@gmail.com



Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw

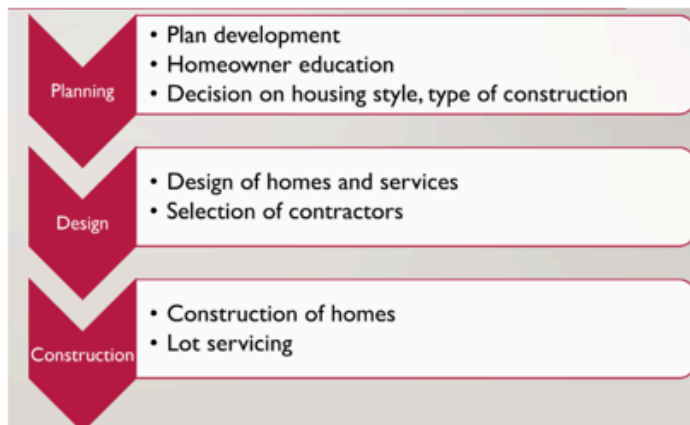
This month's Referendum has been postponed. It will now be held in conjunction with the next Band election. That will be held later this year (2025). For more info contact the band office (250) 679-3203

Housing Recovery Update

We're excited to share some important updates regarding the rebuilding of our community's homes.

First, we are happy to announce that we have hired Mallory Gosse as our new Housing and Recovery Coordinator to join the rebuild team. Mallory may be a familiar face to some of you, having served for many years as the school secretary. Now, in her new role, Mallory will be based in the Housing Department corner, and she is eager to meet with band members and support you throughout the rebuild of your forever homes. If you haven't met her yet, stop by and say hello—she's a friendly face and here to be your connection during this important project.

In another exciting milestone, as of January 25th, all band members have been successfully moved back onto their homeland! We're happy to report that the 5-plex resort property is now mostly complete, and we were able to coordinate smooth move-ins over the weekend. It is with great joy that we can say, "We are all home!"



Looking ahead, we've completed our engagement sessions with homeowners and the architect, which means we are officially entering the design phase of the rebuild. While we have a general understanding of what homeowners are seeking, there's still much to be done. As we engage contractors and work on the Request

for Proposals (RFPs), we kindly ask for your patience and understanding. This process is new to all of us, and we are committed to achieving the same end goal: to rebuild homes and build back better for everyone.

In terms of funding, we're pleased to share that we have received the Approval-in-Principle from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and are now awaiting the formal letter. With this important step, we are officially moving into the design phase. We know there will be questions along the way, and we encourage you to reach out to our Housing Team with any concerns. You can contact us by phone at **250-679-3203** or via email at **housing@lslb.ca**. We'll do our best to respond promptly and provide you with the information you need.

Housing Recovery Update

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work together to rebuild our community. We are excited for the progress ahead and look forward to keeping you informed as we move forward!

As the weather can change quickly during the winter months, the housing team kindly reminds tenants to notify us if you plan to be away for more than a few days and leave your home unoccupied. You can reach us by phone (250) 804-6892 or by email at housing@lslb.ca . Thank you for your cooperation.



SKWLĀX TE SECWEPENCÚLECW WINTER SCENES



Photos: Rhys Laug, Natalie Durning,
Sam Frye, Dustin Tomma

WILDFIRE RECOVERY AND EMERGENCY PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

As we move through the winter months, the Emergency Management Program has slowed down a bit, mainly focusing on supporting evacuees and continuing wildfire recovery efforts. However, we are excited to share that the Rapid Housing Project is nearing completion, with three households set to return to their new homes soon. If any residents encounter issues with their new rapid homes, please reach out to the Housing Department for assistance.

Looking ahead, we are beginning preparations for the spring and summer, which will include planning events, hosting training sessions, providing educational opportunities, and applying for additional funding.

Upcoming Events for February/March/May

FireSmart Committee –

We are restarting our FireSmart Committee meetings, which are held every couple of months. This committee includes 8-10 members from the community, including band/community/lease holders. Over time, the committee aims to implement FireSmart initiatives within the community and offer education and mitigation sessions to enhance wildfire preparedness.

Wildland Firefighter Training – March 3-14

This two-week training session will provide participants with essential wildfire certificates, such as WHIMS, S100, S185, and others. The initiative is supported by FNESS and is open to anyone who identifies as First Nations. If you are interested in registering, please contact Kristina John for more information.

Red Cross CPR Training – February

The Red Cross will be offering a free CPR course in Chase in February. This full-day event, hosted at the Secondary School in Chase, is organized by an external group with SteS involvement. Look out for the poster with a QR code for registration details. If you are interested, please reach out for more information.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – May 3, 2025

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign that encourages individuals and communities to take actions that improve resilience to wildfires. The Skwllax Emergency Management program will collaborate with the FireSmart Committee, Housing Department, and Operations & Maintenance to create a game plan for the day. This will include promoting and supporting FireSmart initiatives on individual properties.

For any inquiries regarding the training or committee, please contact Kristina John at kjohn@slb.ca.



Hi, my name is Logan Launay, I am 13 years old and am from the 'William' family. My mom is Marlene Manness and my dad is Rick Launay. We live on the Island in Nanaimo but this year I have been living in Victoria to attend a hockey academy.

This all started out when I learned to skate when I was just three years old and started playing hockey when I was five. For the past five years I have been on the ice 8-12+ times a week improving my skills. Over the years I have tried out for and made some highly competitive teams including HPL Wolves, Snipers, Nanaimo Tier 1 two years in a row and now the Pacific Coast Hockey Academy. Last year with the Nanaimo Tier 1 team, we won the Island Division and came fourth in the Provincials. I was also invited out to the 'Up My Hockey Invitational tournament' and played for a team at the Prince George Aboriginal Youth Hockey tournament.

This year I am in grade 8 attending the Pacific Coast Hockey Academy. Our day consists of class in the morning, daily ice practice and physical training in the gym. I have been working hard and was recognized for my work both on and off the ice by being made an assistant captain on our team. As part of our program, we spend a lot of time travelling to other cities as a team without our parents. When we travel as a team I am required to be accountable for myself by making good decisions. The academy has helped me become not only a better hockey player but a healthy, motivated and responsible student.

I have been given a lot of support to get where I am today and am very thankful to my family, the band and others that are helping me pursue my goals.

MEET THE NEW STES C.F.O

The beginning of the 2025 calendar year brought with it the start of Kelly Ballard's tenure as the Chief Financial Officer of Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw.

"We were planning to relocate to the Kamloops area this year (from Fort St. John in the north) and the opportunity to work with SteS interested me as it seems to be a very progressive Nation with lots of exciting growth ideas to move forward on," she says.

Ballard joins SteS from the Treaty 8 Tribal Association where she provided advisory financial services. For the past 23 years, she has worked with most of the BC Treaty 8 Nations including heading up Finance for the Doig River First Nation (Peace River/Fort St. John area).

Originally, she started in the oil and gas industry in Calgary. Ballard holds a Chartered Professional Accounting designation (CPA) and is a Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager (CAFM). She attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and continued on-line to achieve her designations.

She remembers what sold her on joining our organization: "I visited the golf course and had an amazing meal at the restaurant last summer and was really impressed with what I saw at SteS. When the opportunity to work in Finance with SteS presented itself to me and I was invited to the community to meet with the selection committee I was further impressed to hear all the exciting plans and ideas being circulated to grow the Nation's economy."

Kelly looks at her appointment as CFO as one with a lot of opportunities and potential. "It's hard to know what to focus on each new day. It is a bit overwhelming; but in time, I'm sure things will become clearer for me." She adds, "It's super exciting to be here as the Band undergoes its rebuilding and explores other business ventures. I look forward to being part of the Nation's successful expansion."

Married with two daughters, one of whom will graduate from high school in June, Kelly is very active outdoors including hiking and kayaking. "I love walking my dogs, reading and travelling. I started learning to play the guitar three years ago. It's been a very slow process as I have very little free time. But I am hoping to be able to play some of my favorite tunes on the guitar at some point—fingers crossed!"

MEET THE NEW STES C.F.O



Kelly certainly cares about others and the community. She shares: "prior to Covid hitting, my dog (named Ozzy Osbourne) and I were a dog and handler team in the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog program in Fort St. John, and we'd visit elders once a week – it was Pawsome!"



She was also part of an exciting initiative during her time in Treaty 8 territory. "We created a "Molly" doll and a "Tommy" doll which were both based on respected elders that had passed; we sold the dolls and used the proceeds to put towards youth and elder initiatives at the Tribal Council level. It was fun to help design dolls and then see the finished product-they were so cute."

As far as a message for SteS band members, Ballard states: "They are lucky to have such a beautiful reserve by the water. Most of the Nations I'm used to working with are very remote and must drive at least an hour to get to their newest town with services (most have no groceries nor gas stations on reserve). I'm in awe of the beauty of the area (and no six months of snow)".

The message to her colleagues is: "We are all paddling in the same canoe-let's work together to be an amazing team in supporting the Nation and its members".

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILLAR

Dale Jackson-Executive Director



Chevron Update Jan 2025
(photos and article by John Anderson)



The weather this winter has been awesome for things like driving. Not so awesome if you're building the kids a backyard rink, but it's only the middle of January! And yes, the Gas Station has also benefitted from this mild winter! More people are driving, and it's been not so abrasive on our equipment and Temp Building.

The Gas Station phone number is 250.679.8657. Its hours of operation are:
7 Days Per Week
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sales through the holidays were good, despite the expected seasonal decline. Gift cards sales shot up and were our second biggest seller behind only fuel!

We have installed more roadside signage and updated other signs with store hours.

By the middle of February, we should have the canopy all dressed and looking more like a Gas Station.

Our current complement of staff is sufficient. They do such a great job!! There are always challenges in staffing this type of business 365 days a year. Resumes are always welcome.

All the best to everyone in Health & Happiness. Be safe and be good to yourself!!!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILLAR

Band Member Owned Business Profile



Economic Development is proud to recognize Band member entrepreneur Damian Arnouse. Damian started Shuswap Home Detailing in 2020 offering window cleaning and house washing services. When the pandemic struck, Damian showed great resilience and determination and pivoted his company to offer interior and exterior painting services for both commercial and residential properties. Shuswap Home Detailing proudly serves the North Shuswap including, Chase, Scotch Creek and Anglemont, and as far south as Vernon. If you would like to inquire about services, you can contact Damian at 250-515-4469.

We wish you continued success with this and future business ventures, Damian.

Economic Development would like to celebrate all Band Member Owned businesses in this space. Please email your submission along with logos and pertinent info to Maureen Clarke: mclarke@lslb.ca.



Federal Election 2025 Elections Canada is looking for SteS members for various positions

Quaaout Lodge will be the site of a polling station for the upcoming election (Date TBA). There are various paid positions available. These positions include “Ambassadors-both for an Elder and Youth (over age 16)”.

To apply: elections.ca/jobs

Questions? please contact ^tBirgit Widmaier: Assistant
Returning Officer (250) 351-6147

Some positions include training hours (paid). There will be a number of different polling stations including Quaaout Lodge, Chase, Celista, Scotch Creek and Anglemont. Please indicate to Elections Canada where you would like to be located.

TALKING ROCK GOLF COURSE & QUAAOUT LODGE – UPDATE



Cody Bell



Rhys Laug

After acting in the Interim General Manager role for Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Resort since March 2023, Rhys Laug has chosen to step away from this role to focus on major projects including restoration of the Quaaout Lodge and Resort Master Planning. His new role as Director of Facilities & Capital Projects will continue to support various SteS initiatives as part of the SteS Major Projects Working Group, Emergency Management & Wildfire Recovery Team, and the Economic Development Pillar. Rhys has been actively supporting the Skwlax community since joining the Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Resort in December 2010.

The new General Manager/Executive Golf Professional for Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Resort is Cody Bell, who joined the resort as the Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional in August 2023, quickly becoming a strong and collaborative leader within the resort management team. Cody came to the Resort after moving back to his hometown of Salmon Arm where he was born and raised. Coming from a golf course management background, Cody has been recognized by the Professional Golf Association of BC as an award-winning professional both on and off the course and still plays competitively whenever he has the chance. He looks forward to leading the Resort team and the opportunities that lie ahead for the facility.



We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to Margaret Anderson and her team at Little Bear Giftshop for the incredible partnership we have shared over the years. Since 2008, Little Bear has been a cherished part of Quaaout Lodge Resort, and its presence has become a beautiful reflection of Indigenous culture and spirit.

It has truly been a privilege to work alongside Little Bear and its dedicated staff. The shop not only offered unique and meaningful gifts, but also became a symbol of our shared identity. We will deeply miss Little Bear, and we are grateful for the lasting impact it has had on our community.

As Margaret embarks on her next chapter, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. May her path be filled with success and fulfillment. We would like to thank Margaret and Little Bear for everything and know they will always be part of the Quaaout family.

With warmest wishes,
Quaaout Lodge Resort Management



SteS Band Members in Minor Hockey



Harlow Tomma



Jarvis Jr and Keaton Manuel

JANUARY 2025 SKWLAX UPDATE



Please join us in congratulating the recipients of SRM 2024 Annual Employee Core Value Awards:

Accountability Award: Yolanda Court

Innovate Award: Carmelita Martin

Inspire Award: Jeremy Tomma & Cody Spencer

Honour Award: Jessica Nicolson

Community Award: Larry Purdaby

SRM is committed to living out our Core Values, building a culture of excellence.

Hello (to one): Weytk (why-tk). Hello (to many): Weytkp (way-t-k). Thank you (to one): Kukstsémc (cooks-jam). Secwepemctsin is the Secwépemc language. The word itself roughly translates to "spread out people," which suits the varied locations of our communities throughout our vast traditional territory. SRM is starting the new year by introducing a new word every two weeks to learn, speak, and write. Join us in learning this weeks word is Secwepemcúlcw - Shuswap First Nation land. To pronounce: [Shuswap Language \(Secwepemctsin\)](#) - [Shuswap Band](#)

ENSURING A BALANCED & PROSPEROUS FUTURE



#SRMSocks

Together, we build a positive work environment that fosters connection and joy. Every decision we make is for our people, with our people, and aims to uplift and empower our community. This spirit of inspiration drove our team to spread joy by delivering #SRMSocks to the Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlcw community, hoping to spark positivity and create meaningful connections for all. Share a photo of your footwear on social media tag #SRMSocks we would love to see how your keeping your toes toasty.

We are getting closer to naming our new basketball court on Dancing Fawn Rd. We want to hear from you! Choose your favorite from the options below or share your ideas for a name and let's make this court a slam dunk for our community!

- #1 - Skwlāx Hoops (Black Bear)
- #2 - Sqlew' Court (Money)
- #3 - Shoe-Swap Courts
- #4 - Ts'i7cem (Dancing Deer)
- #5 - Cts'e7'eltcem (Dancing Fawn)

We are looking for a name that reflects our heritage, honors our land, or inspires future generations.

Send your submissions to info@skwlax.com



STES JOB POSTINGS



How would you like to be a part of our SteS Team? Lots of Opportunities and a great workplace environment. We could have a spot for you!

Check out the job postings at <https://lslb.ca/employment/>

EMAIL: HR@LSLB.CA

FAX: 250-679-3220

IN PERSON: STES OFFICE

1886 LITTLE SHUSWAP LAKE ROAD, CHASE, BC V0E 1M2



Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw Education Department went to Vancouver in early December for an off reserve Training and Employment Needs Assessment and Holiday Dinner (photos from Councillor Julie John)



Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP **EXPLORING PERSONALITIES WORKSHOP**

All Nations Trust Company in Collaboration With
Special Guest & Facilitator Michelle Dignard, From
Insightful Training Solutions Inc.

DATE: March 14, 2025
TIME: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
WHERE: ANTCO Boardroom
320 Chief Eli LaRue Way,
Kamloops BC, V2H 1H1

Register with April Paul by March 12, 2025

aprilp@antco.ca

Space is limited - Register Early!

OBJECTIVES:

- Join us as we take a unique approach to learning more about ourselves as Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs.
- Explore how personality types impact the different approaches we take to work and life.
- Identify factors to consider when creating a business lifestyle that works for you.

INCLUDES: Snacks, Lunch, Swag, & Door Prizes

Insightful

Training Solutions Inc.



**ALL NATIONS
TRUST COMPANY**

THC HIGHWAY EXPANSION

TAPPEN COMMUNITY

Highway 1 Ford Road to Tappen

LOCATION: TAPPEN HALL

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2025

TIME: 5PM

**DINNER WILL BE
PROVIDED**

**Join Us for an Exciting Community Event on Upcoming
Construction Projects!**

**We are excited to invite you to an important community
meeting regarding upcoming construction projects that
will impact our neighborhood. This is an opportunity for
you to learn more about the planned developments, ask
questions, and provide your feedback.**



Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlec





Skw'ax te Secwépemcúlcw (SteS) - Child & Family Jurisdiction - Community Update **January 30, 2025**

January 1, 2020 - Bill C92, An Act, respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families came into effect in Canada. The Act recognizes that communities are free to develop their own policies and laws pertaining to Children and Family services.

June 14, 2024 SteS began work to focus on our child and family jurisdiction.

Historically, and to date, SteS has an agreement with the Ministry of Child & Family Services (MCFD). This agreement states that MCFD has full authority to determine the course of action for all child protective concerns related to SteS children on reserve. The relationship between MCFD and SteS has remained consistent in the protection of SteS children without much recourse.

SteS is not affiliated with any Secwepemc Nation organizations such as Secwepemc Child & Family Services Agency and/or Stsmemelt. The reasons for not joining these organizations are often in question. Historically, SteS has remained independent with regards to many Secwepemc Nation related agreements.

This independence allows SteS to pursue a pathway to jurisdiction that is solely our own. We can develop our own child and family jurisdiction laws, which will direct the programs and services available to SteS members both on and off reserve.

Leadership has made it clear that they will not pursue any pathway or sign any agreements until the Band Members decide which direction SteS will go. This is a major decision and there are many pathways to consider. We are considering a hybrid model and/or a phased approach to jurisdiction that is based on the needs of the community.

The process of determining our jurisdiction includes the following areas:

- Engage Community (sessions for members to provide input to the process of jurisdiction)
- Identify gaps in services and assessment of services.
- Identify values, beliefs & principles.
- Research child & family jurisdiction and traditional family law/customs.
- Identify wise practices in child & family jurisdiction.
- Consult with child & family practitioners.
- Identify Needs of community & children
- Develop framework for practice.
- Governance approval by Kukpi7 & Council
- Develop our own laws.
- Develop our own child and family jurisdiction policy.
- Implementation of jurisdiction

We will begin by hosting sessions to engage community related to children and family services. The sessions are scheduled to begin in February 2025. Join a community engagement session to learn more about jurisdiction and provide your feedback.

The jurisdictional team: Desira John – Lead, Bernadette Charlie – Wellness ED, Jennifer Jack – Social Work Lead, and Rod Jeffries – facilitator. For further information please contact Desira John at djohn@lsib.ca or cell (250) 319-3534



Child & Family Jurisdiction

Facilitated by Rod Jeffries



Stes Elders are invited to an engagement session on Child and Family Jurisdiction.

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MEALS

BINGO

DOOR PRIZES

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📞 Call: **250-679-3702**

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SteS Band Christmas Party



Quaaout Lodge was the site of the Skwłāx te Secwepemcúlecw Band Christmas party in early December





Band Member Assistance

Band Member Assistance

- Dental costs, anything above what FNHA and what your medical benefits do not cover (proof required). If you cannot pay and get reimbursed please contact CSW.

- Prescription costs, anything above what FNHA and what your medical benefits do not cover (proof required). If you cannot pay and get reimbursed please contact CSW.

- Optical costs anything above what FNHA and your medical benefits do not cover (proof required). If you cannot pay and get reimbursed please contact CSW.

Recreation Funds

- Ages 0-3 is \$300 per fiscal year
- Ages 4-18 is Unlimited per fiscal year
- Ages 19 and over is \$1000 per fiscal year

- Recreation activities must be provided through a registered league, or organization. All receipts and invoices must have an official business letterhead/logo.
- If you are unable to pay and get reimbursed please contact CSW.

- Funding for youth 4-18 includes tournament fees and cost of accommodations. This will provide one room per family. Proof of tournament dates and registration needed.

Funeral Assistance

- The first step if a family member passes away on reserve is to contact Social Development (Destiny Francois).

- Off reserve members are to contact the Community Support Worker directly (Shania West).

- There is a funeral document and brochure to refer to. Reminder that once you figure out a funeral home to contact us with an update.

Compassionate Care Medical Crisis/Funeral

This policy supports band members to travel in regards to family medical emergencies or to funerals for loved ones. This policy supports up to \$500.00 for travel costs such as gas, meals and accommodations.

Compassionate Care End of Life/Palliative Care

This policy supports band members that are experiencing long term medical distress, Palliative Care, or if their in serious medical distress. This fund is to assist with long term hospital stays for any of the above, any extensions of stays are viewed on a case-by case basis and needs approval by Executive Director of Wellness or by Chief and Council.

Nutrition Hampers

This policy provides band members living on reserve with emergency supports regarding food security up to 4 times per fiscal year. To apply for one please contact the Community Support Worker for the application, it is given through purchase orders to Safety Mart in Chase.

“To ensure our strong families continue to flourish rich with love, empathy and respect that is rooted in our Secwepemc laws and culture.”

Child and Family Services Vision

Shania West
Community Support Worker

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8am -3pm

 15-1528 Little Shuswap Lake rd, Chase, BC, V0E 1M2

 Office (250)679-3702 ext 212 Cell (778)824-1391

 swest@skwlaxwellness.com

CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT BY NOLA MARKEY

Skwlāx Cultural Heritage Protection Department has been involved with repatriation research that identifies cultural property held in museums or private collections, in preparation of their return to Skwlāx in the future. For example, research results and museum visits identified some of the Skwlāx material culture (artifacts) held at the Royal BC Museum (RBCM) (Photo 1) and the repatriation initiatives of private collections (Photo 2) undertaken by the Tomma family (Leo, Molly, Virginia, and Patsy). Among some of the artifacts identified are fish sinkers, fish spears, arrowheads, digging stick handles, pipes, wedges, gravers, hammer/pounders, baskets, beaded headwear and purses, dresses and other regalia, along with a variety of classic mortar (stone bowl) and pestle (stone club-shape) sets (Photo 2), including types of smooth stone slabs and stone hand hammers or cylindrical shaped pestles (Photo 3).

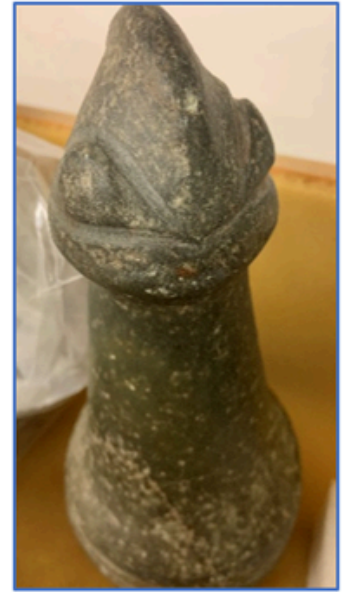
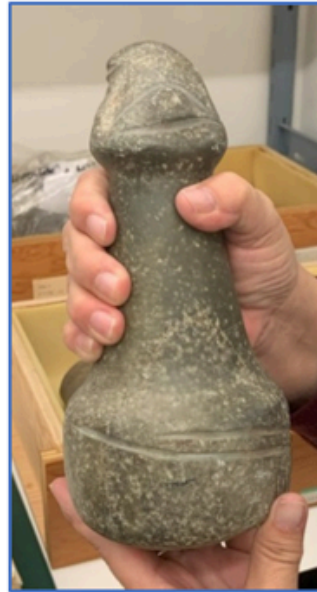


Photo 1: RBCM - Quaaout Andesite Pestle with carved animal head, possibly linked to an individual style or story



Photo 2: Skwlāx repatriated: Mortar and Pestle in 2023

When people think about mortars and pestles, one of the first things that comes to mind is food preparation. Mortars are vessels in which dried fish, meat, or berries, for example are, pounded or rubbed with a pestle. This device could be used to finely process hard or fibrous food for feeding the very young or the very elderly who had difficulty chewing, for example. Skwlāx member (Virginia Woolridge) recalled her mother would grind the hazelnuts and mix them into bread batter. A mortar and pestle tool set could also be used to grind

technology. The archaeological (ancient) record suggests that mortars and pestles of any age are not very common at archaeological sites on the Canadian Plateau. However, based on research conducted by the Skwlāx Cultural Heritage Department, a variety of mortar and pestle tools have been recorded from both Quaaout and Chum Creek ancient village sites that currently link up to approximately 5,000 years ago. The tools have been associated with long term village life, strategically located near reliable food resources that support communities year-round. The detail of work on the pestle illustrated in Photo 1 required a significant amount of time, patience, and skill. Mortars and pestles crafted by Skwlāx ancestors were an important and valued part of their toolkit.

Mortars and pestles have a long history (40,000 years) and varied uses by peoples around the world, including the Secwépemc. When



Photo 3: Chum Creek – Arnouse Collection: Stone slabs, hand hammers and cylindrical shape pestles

CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

BY NOLA MARKEY

herbs for teas and medicines, as well as manufacturing ochre from iron rich rocks to grind into a fine powdered pigment to be used as paint ([Photo 4](#)). The ochre powder was then mixed with oil or animal fat for medicinal and ritual use, as well as painting designs on clothing, baskets, animal hides, and pictographs on rock faces, as



Photo 4: Vermilion Pass: Ochre Powder

documented on Squilax Mountain. Smaller mortar and pestle tools were used to grind wild species of tobacco for ceremonial purposes, and pestles made of birch wood were used for berries.

Skwłāx is uniquely located in an area rich in salmon where harvesting and drying salmon was a common practice. Once the drying of salmon was completed, a portion of the salmon was pounded into a fine powder, mixed with some fish oil and dried berries to produce a salmon pemmican. Not only was the salmon nutritious, it sustained the Secwépemc communities over the winter months and was also traded with the Stoney and Piikani Blackfoot in exchange for resources such as buffalo meat or various medicines not available in the Shuswap Lakes region.

What do we know about mortars and pestles:

- Mortars and pestles were often made from similar stone materials such as hard granites, basalts, andesites and quartzites; other cultures used wood or ceramic depending on the resources available in their area.
- Pestles were multipurpose tools used as hammers to pound wooden stakes in the ground, or to pound bone and antler wedges to split wood, and in some cases as weapons (cylindrical shape):
- Mortars (bowls) were made from a naturally shaped boulder by chipping/pecking with hammerstones and sometimes chisels, creating a circular groove to the specific depth around the unwanted portion of the bowl; percussion flaking was used to shape the bowl; rubbing soft stones or sand were used to smooth the bowl.
- Experimental archaeology tested that manual mortar production of a small sized bowl is estimated to take about 20 hours to make – the softer the stone (soapstone) the easier the process, the harder the stone (granite) the longer the process, but will create a more durable bowl.
- The arrival of mortar and pestle tool production are linked to climate change, different resources available (i.e., salmon, hazelnuts) and social structure (changing tasks by gender, processing labour):
- Residue analysis in other studies indicate that the functions of mortars include their use in grinding both floral (plants) and faunal (animals), pigments, clays, and medicinals; and used as vessels (mixing, cooking, storage), oil or fat lamps, and for ornamental and ritual purposes; and,
- Pestle designs ([Photo 1](#) and [5](#)) could be associated with practical resource function, individual artistic style, family totem/clan, speciality (medicine man/woman), regional gift exchange or trade.

The ingenuity and longevity of the mortar and pestle, designed by our ancestors, has changed very little over thousands of years, used by numerous cultures worldwide. Mortars and pestles are used today by pharmacists, chefs, and is still part of our modern kitchen toolkit – it's timeless!



Photo 5: Skwłāx pestle styles repatriated from a private collection in 2023



PURPOSE:

To provide a consultative forum that can effectively address issues regarding the protection and stewardship of Tmicw (the Lands) within Skw'xw'w'ecw. The reconciliation process may include addressing self-government and self-determination issues and providing input and direction on creating an inclusive and collaborative pathway based on free, prior and informed and responsive consent on all matters of importance to Skw'xw'w'ecw.

The Committee is to represent and be accountable to all Skw'xw'w'ecw members by providing recommendations directly to Kukpi7 and Council on items of concern, actions, direction, implementation and processes necessary for the community and the committee to fulfill its goals and objectives of self-determination.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The SDC will consist of eight (8) to twelve (12) Skw'xw'w'ecw members living on or off reserve representing each of our families equally and equitably.

Families may only designate up to two members to the committee in relation to a family unit, lineage or family-tree with the understanding that only two members of any given family will receive an honorarium.

MEETINGS:

Meetings take place at the Skw'xw'w'ecw Band Hall or Tappen Band Hall and are available online.

Meetings are generally 2 hours during the week (evenings) or may be held on weekends.

Special meetings may be called if requested Kukpi7 and Council. Honorariums will be submitted to members who attend SDC meetings

Self Determination Committee (SDC) CALL OUT FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 15 2025

Skw'xw'w'ecw Band Hall

10:00am – 11:00am.

**Come join us for
breakfast!**

TERRITORIAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Please confirm your attendance and interest with Brianna Andrews at bandrews@lsib.ca or 250-241-9194 by Tuesday, February 11th at 12:00pm.

WELLNESS PILLAR

BERNIE CHARLIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHAT TO DO WHEN A LOVED ONE PASSES AWAY



WHEN A LOVED ONE PASSES AWAY IT TENDS TO GET STRESSFUL AND BUSY. THIS GUIDE WILL ASSIST WITH THE INITIAL STEPS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

First Initial Steps

Decide who the appointed family/representative will be for all communication purposes. They will be the point of contact for everything.

Connect with Sylvia Andrew, Executive Director of TRS Lands, Tax Administrator, Wills & Estates for Sk'wlax to locate a will if the band member had one.

The family representative can connect with Sk'wlax Social Development Staff member and the Community Support Worker by contacting the Sk'wlax Wellness Centre.

Monetary Supports

Sk'wlax Social Development/Indigenous Services Canada

Band Member Assistance

Off Reserve can contact the Community Support Worker directly.

WELLNESS PILLAR

BERNIE CHARLIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Funeral Homes

Choose a funeral home in your area, after you've chosen one, contact Social Development or the Community Support Worker to update on where you choose for administrative purposes.

Local Funeral Home Suggestions

<i>Shoenings (Kamloops)</i> <i>513 Seymour St, Kamloops, BC</i> <i>www.dignitymemorial.com</i> <i>(250)374-1454</i>	<i>Kamloops Funeral Home (Kamloops)</i> <i>285 Fortune Dr, Kamloops, BC</i> <i>www.kamloopsfuneralhome.com</i> <i>(250)554-2577</i>
<i>Bowers (Salmon Arm)</i> <i>440 10 St SW, Salmon Arm, BC</i> <i>www.bowersfuneralservice.com</i> <i>(250)832-2223</i>	<i>Fischers (Salmon Arm)</i> <i>4060 1 Ave SW, Salmon Arm, BC</i> <i>www.fischersfuneralservices.com</i> <i>(250)833-1129</i>

Off Reserve Social Development Information

If the person was residing off reserve at the time of death and burial is to take place on reserve within BC, the Ministry of Social Development will pay any or all of the following:

- 60 percent of the funeral providers service fee to a local funeral director
- the cost of a casket to a local funeral director
- transportation to the person's reserve

The family representative will need to call 1(866)0800 to start the process.

Ask to speak to the funeral director.

WELLNESS PILLAR

BERIE CHARLIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*"We believe that equity, reliability, empathy, integrity,
and compassion are critical to the establishment and
maintenance of healthy relationships."*

SKW'LAX TE SECWEPENC'ULECW VALUES

Mental Health Support

Kuu-Uus 24 Hour Crisis Line Toll free (1-800-588-8717)

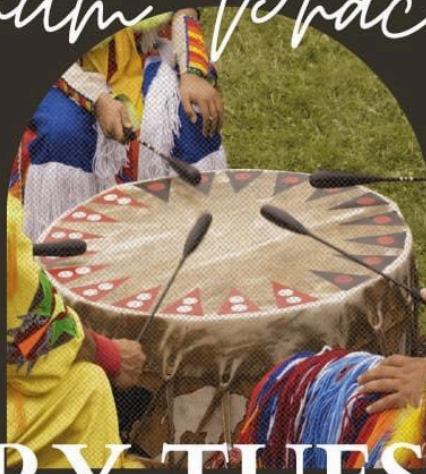
WHO TO CONTACT

SHANIA WEST - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
SWEST@SKWLAXWELLNESS.COM
(250)679-3702 EXT. 212

DESTINY FRANCOIS - SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
DESTINY.FRANCOIS@SKWLAXWELLNESS.COM
(250)679-3702 EXT. 209



Drum Practice



EVERY TUESDAY

Open to Community

3:00PM - 6:00PM



SKWLAX WELLNESS CENTER

WELLNESS PILLAR

BERNIE CHARLIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HEADSTART

The ongoing provision of excellent childcare for the members of SteS is shown by how many children start at the infant program and transition out to kindergarten. There is space for 28 children. (12 infant/toddlers, 16 3-5 years) As of today, there are 7 infant/toddlers and 8 (3-5 years). The playground has got some renovations. All are welcome to stop by and say hi to the staff and kiddos!

We appreciate everyone's cooperation when it comes to calling the Wellness Centre for services. Please be patient with staff as we do the best we can to provide quality services to the members. Gentle reminders to be cautious when going out in public, wash your hands often, if you are feeling unwell, please stay home. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions we will do our best to support you.

Mé7e

Yes

Weyt-k, lé7-en-
k'úuc?

Hello, how are you?

Weytk

Hello!

tá7e

No

Kukstsémc

Thank you! /
You saved me

Ta7 ks tselxemstéten

I don't understand, I
don't know

Swetí7 ke7 skwest?

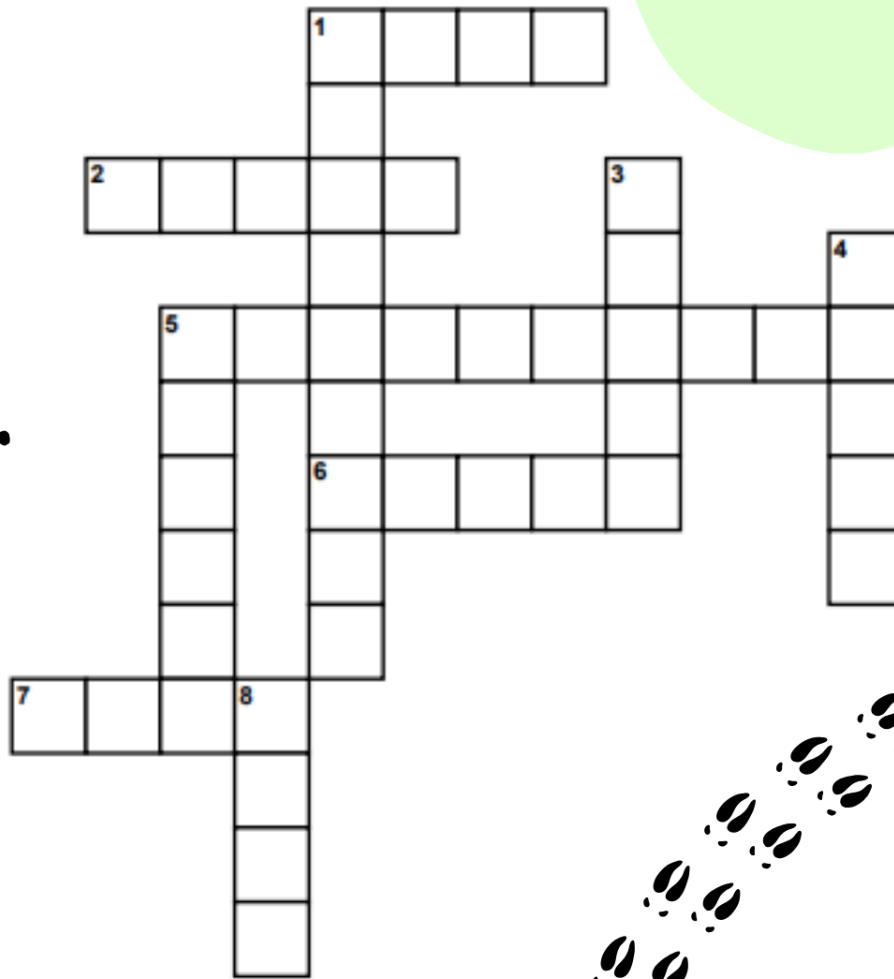
Who are you? What is
your name?

SECWEPÉMCTŚÍN PHRASES



CULTURE CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

*You
Got
This!*

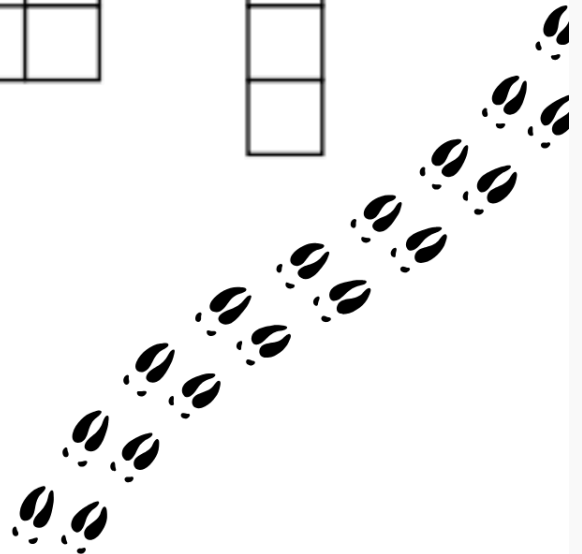


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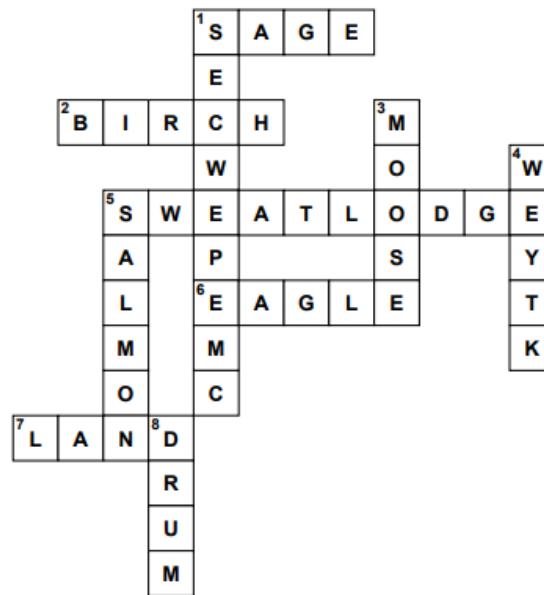
- [1] A sacred smoke that helps cleanse the spirit and bring good vibes.
- [2] A giving tree whose bark turns into baskets, canoes, or even kindling.
- [5] A steamy and sacred space for cleansing the body, mind, and spirit.
- [6] The one who flies closest to the Creator, carrying prayers on its wings.
- [7] The keeper of stories, medicines, and the footprints of our ancestors.

Down

- [1] The people of this land, whose language and culture are rooted here.
- [3] The forest's giant, teaching us strength, patience, and providing sustenance.
- [4] A friendly "hello" in Secwepemc, inviting connection and kindness.
- [5] The gift of the rivers, symbolizing life, abundance, and perseverance.
- [8] The heartbeat of Mother Earth, uniting us in rhythm and ceremony.



Solution



____ Honour ____ **YOUR NEEDS**



The poster features a light cream background with a brown border. It is decorated with various colorful illustrations of crafting supplies: a pink polka-dot fabric piece, a blue button, orange and green fuzzy pom-poms, a blue clothespin, a red button, three balls of yarn (green, orange, red), a pair of red-handled scissors, a green spool of thread, a blue dressmaker's mannequin, a red button, a red ball of yarn, a needle with thread, a pink button, a pink fabric piece, a pink buttonhole foot, a red button, and a blue sewing machine. The main title is in a large, bold, brown serif font. The event details are in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font. The location is preceded by a red location pin icon. The activities are listed in a black sans-serif font. The welcome message for children is in a black sans-serif font. The host is at the bottom in a black sans-serif font.

Midweek Makes: Crafting Night

Every Wednesday

 **3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

 **Skwlax Wellness Centre Boardroom**

Bring Your Crafts & Works-in-Progress!
Relax, Chat, & Enjoy Tea

Open to community, Bring Your
Beadwork, Sewing, Crocheting,
Knitting, Painting, or Unfinished
Projects!

Children are welcome but must have a
parent with them at all times.

Culture Department Skwlax Wellness Centre

STES WELLNESS PILLAR

What you need to know about the

FLU

When to Seek Urgent Medical Attention

In Children:

- Fast breathing or working hard to breathe
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash
- Being unable to eat
- Having no tears when crying

In Adults:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Flu Prevention

- **Get vaccinated** each year.
- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.



- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**
- Try to **avoid close contact with sick people.**
- If you have the flu, **stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone** except to get medical care or for other necessities.
- **Practice good health habits.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

COLD

VS

FLU

Common Symptoms:

Cough, sore throat,
runny or stuffy nose,
minor muscle or
body aches, mild fatigue



Common Symptoms:

Fever, chills, cough, sore
throat, runny or stuffy
nose, muscle or body
aches, headache, fatigue

STES WELLNESS PILLAR

Join Us This February to make Chili!



COMMUNITY KITCHEN



FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2025

3:30PM-7:00PM

Sk'wlax Band Hall

FEEL FREE
TO BRING
OWN
CONTAINERS

TO REGISTER CONTACT
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
(250)679-3702 EXT. 209
DEADLINE TO REGISTER
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2025



EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw

PRIZE 1: SKWLAX MEMBER ONLY
TROY-BILT Lawn Tractor (\$2500 Value)

PRIZE 2: \$2000 TRAVEL VOUCHER
DRAW DATE: Nov 27/2024

WHAT IS THIS?
A survey to collect Training & Employment DATA to assist the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

WHY?
To Develop a TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT Strategic Plan to match training with Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw Labour Market NEEDS!

WHO?
ALL ON & OFF RESERVE MEMBERS & SteS Staff

All information gathered with be held in high confidence and only for training purposes!

This questionnaire will be available electronically using Survey Monkey and by Paper Copy if requested!

SCAN ME
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY
E-mail: cassandra.kearley@LSLB.ca
250-679-3203 X 110

Supported by Chief & Council

Fully Funded

TRU Women in Trades

Feb 18 - May 1, 2025

Indigenous-Focused Women in Trades Training Exploratory Program

Sample seven different trades offered at TRU and gain up to 10 trade-specific tickets during this 11-week exploratory (non-credit) program

778-471-8365 www.tru.ca/witt witt@tru.ca

Canada **BRITISH COLUMBIA** **SKILLEDTRADES^{BC}** **ATEC**

This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.



Sunset at Quaaout Lodge (Photos-Rhys Haug)

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TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

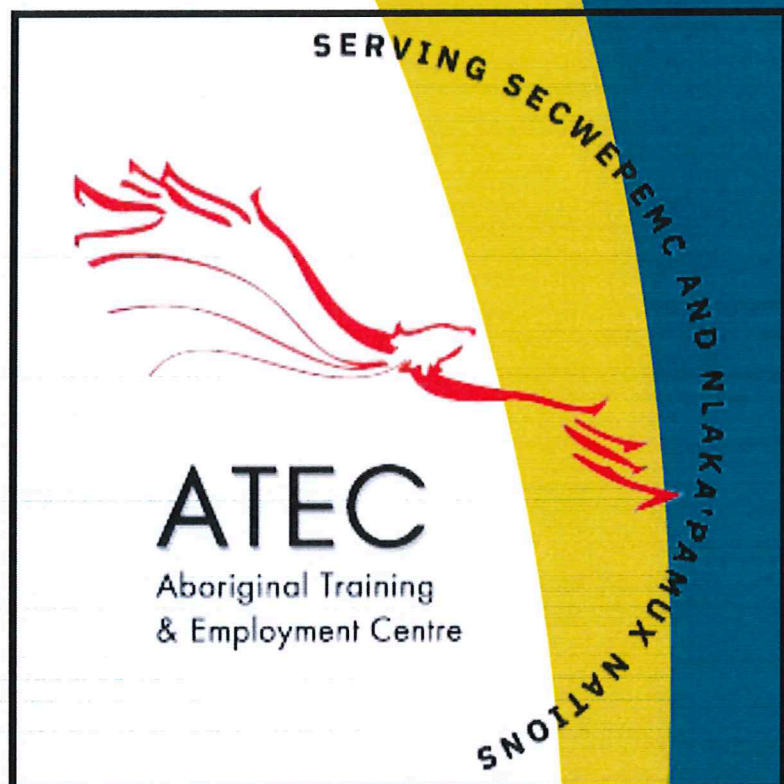
SNTC ISET IS THE SERVICE CANADA INDIGENOUS SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (ISET) AGREEMENT HOLDER SERVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LOCATED IN THE SECWEPENC AND NLAKE'PAMUX NATIONS IN THE CENTRAL INTERIOR OF B.C. SNTC ISET PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN OUR SERVICE AREA, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN IN CANADA.

Our Services:

- ✓ RESUMES/COVERLETTERS
- ✓ FUNDING FOR TRAINING
- ✓ TRAINING
- ✓ RESOURCES



Skwłāx te Secwepemcūlecw



SERVING SECWEPENC AND NLAKE'PAMUX NATIONS

Contact us for an appointment:



Phone Number:

250-679-3203 EXT 110

Email



cassandra.kearley@LSLB.ca

EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
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Please join the
Education Department for a
Valentine's Day

*Community Training &
Employment Needs
Assessment Luncheon*

14 February 2025

Location;
Skwlāx te Secwepemcú'ecw Band Hall
1886 Little Shuswap Lake, Rd
Time: 12 pm - 2 pm

RSVP

**Cassandra at
cassandra.kearley@LSLB.ca**



EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

FIRST NATIONS



PARENTS CLUB



PLEASE COME AND JOIN **STES** **PARENT CLUB**



We are excited to announce the launch of the Stes Parent Club and invite all parents to get involved! The Parent Club is a great opportunity to connect with other parents, support your children's education, and be part of fun and meaningful activities that strengthen our community.

Club activities will include:

- Parent gatherings to share experiences and ideas
- Guest speakers on topics important to our families
- Student attendance initiatives to promote success in school
- Books, games, and resources to encourage learning and parental involvement



Skwłax te Secwepemcúlecw



Skwłax te Secwepemcúlecw

Join us in making a positive impact on our students' learning journey!

For more information or to sign up, please contact
Lisa Stanley at lstanley@lsib.ca



EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY



Happy Graduation

All Graduates are encouraged to fill out our Graduation Registration.

Please scan the QR code below or send request for registration form
to: Beverly Narcisse Email: btomma@lslb.ca

REGISTER NOW



EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

Congratulations!



Brianna Billy
For Graduating the
ECE Program 🎉

EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

Catering Call Out for Skwlāx te Secwépemcúlecw *Celebrating Secwepemc Culture & Cuisine*

We are seeking catering professionals to provide catering services for various event. This call is open to all caters.

Details:

- **Location:** 1886 Little Shuswap Lake Rd, Chase, BC
- **Event Date(s):** February 14, 2025 & others
- **Type of Event:** Community Luncheon & various events
- **Number of Guests:** 80-100
- **Cuisine Style:** Home style Food
- **Deadline to apply for this event:** February 11, 2025

Requirements:

- Experience with indigenous, locally sourced ingredients preferred.
- Knowledge and respect for Secwepemc food traditions and dietary needs.
- Ability to work with diverse dietary restrictions (e.g., vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.).
- Excellent presentation and delivery standards.
- Collaboration with Secwepemc community members to ensure cultural accuracy and relevance.
- Valid Food Safe Certification

We look forward to working with a team that is committed to celebrating and honoring the rich history of Skwlāx te Secwépemcúlecw through food.

Please submit your proposals to: Cassandra.Kearley@LSLB.ca

Kind Regards,

Cassandra Kearley

SteS Education Program Coordinator
Skwlāx te Secwépemcúlecw (Little Shuswap Lake Band)

EDUCATION UPDATE

TAMMY THOMAS
EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

Skwlāx te Secwepemcúlecw
presents the 2nd Annual:



JOB & CAREER FAIR

APRIL 16, 2025



Location

**QUAAOUT LODGE & TALKING ROCK
RESORT**
1663 LITTLE SHUSWAP LAKE ROAD

REGISTER NOW



EVENT TIMES:

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM– EVENTBRITE RSVP

SCHOOL DISTRICT 73 & 83 STUDENTS ONLY

3:00 PM– 6:00 PM– EVENTBRITE RSVP

OPEN TO PUBLIC



Indigenous

EDUCATION UPDATE

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EDUCATION MGR/POST SECONDARY

Skwłax te Secwepemcúlecw

UNIVERSITY TOUR MARCH 17- 20, 2025

ABOUT US

We provide a good quality education system with international standards for our students.

REQUIREMENTS :

- GRADE 10-12
- GOOD ATTENDANCE
- NEVER BEEN ENROLLED AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDING

- Thompson Rivers University
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- University of British Columbia
- Capilano University
- Native Education College
- Justice Institute of British Columbia

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
MARCH 1, 2025

MORE INFORMATION :

• CASSANDRA KEARLEY @ LSLB.CA

• 1886 LITTLE SHUSWAP LAKE RD

• 250-833-2967

STES BAND MEMBERS ONLY

QR CODE

Logos: UBC, Thompson Rivers University, Justice Institute of British Columbia, Capilano University, NVIT, Native Education College

Skwłax te Secwepemcúlecw

Education Department: Encourage Attendance Parent's Club Workshop

Date to be Announced.

Encourage Attendance! Here's Why It Matters:

- Supports academic growth for Indigenous students
- Strengthens cultural identity and fosters community connections
- Access to heritage-honoring programs and resources
- Inclusive activities that welcome all students
- Builds meaningful relationships with peers and educators

Let's support our students' success together!

Please contact:
Bev Narcissse at btomma@lslb.ca or
Lisa Stanley at lstanley@lslb.ca

Logos: Apple, Books, Graduation Cap, Skwłax te Secwepemcúlecw

SteS Band Members in Minor Hockey



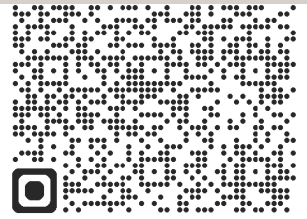
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EDUCATION UPDATE

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Scan to apply.
Application deadline:
February 20th

Start Your Career with BCLC's Customer Support Team!

Embark on an exciting journey with BCLC's Customer Support team, where your passion for service will shine!

As a Customer Support Associate, you'll be joining our fun, dynamic, customer-obsessed team, delivering exceptional service to players in lottery, casino and at PlayNow.com.

Start your career with us and learn about every aspect of the business. Your journey to making a difference begins here as a Customer Support Associate at BCLC!

Tk'emlúps Career Fair

Date: February 12th, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: Moccasin
Square Garden

357 Chief Alex Thomas Way,
Kamloops





QUAAOUT LODGE

March 8, 2025

PARENT CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY:

Skwlax te Secwepemcúlecw

Beverly Narcisse

Email: btomma@slsb.ca

Adams Lake Indian Band

Diane Anthony

Email: danthony@alib.ca

Neskonlith Indian Band

Jo Anne Buffalo

Email: educationadvisor@neskonlitheducation.com

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

TOPICS INCLUDE:

**MAIN EVENT:
ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION
PROCESS**

**KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12
NOMINAL ROLL PROCESS**

LOCAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS



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Kyle Kreutzer	Kyle.Kreutzer@slsb.ca	Executive Director of Administration
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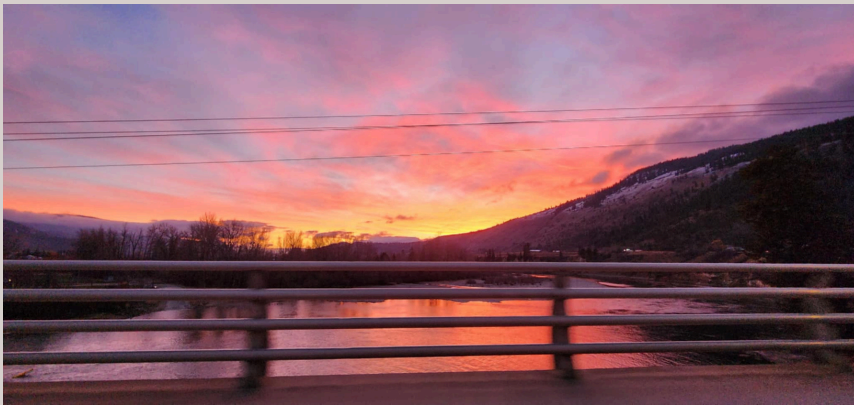


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