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REMINDER: If you see any suspicious activity, please contact **Allegiance Security** at either **604-701-1692 OR 604-392-1692** and please state which property (Coqualeetza or St. Mary's) you are reporting from. If you believe it to be an emergency, please call 911.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Directors and staff for receiving approval of the Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) 2023-24 Budgets, Workplans, and Organizational charts at the March SSA Board of Directors meeting.

The scheduled environmental screening site visit with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) was conducted and SSA is awaiting final reports.

The Office of the Executive Director (OED) are preparing for;

- Performance report submission;
- Reviewing and finalization of the 2022-23 SSA Annual Report;
- Upcoming Stó:lō Collective meeting;
- Continuing work with ISC for potential funding sources which we will use for additional projects on-site and at St. Mary's (Pekw'xe:yles) and;
- Collection of endorsement emails for the SSA workplan from member bands as per Tribal Council funding requirements requested yearly, we have received 9 of 11 endorsements;

As a priority over the past few months the SSA Operational Policy Manual (SSAOPM) has been updated with help from the Management team and Board of Directors. In the coming months the Board of Directors will be prioritizing the policy review to help the Operations Director finalize this document.

OED are planning for our upcoming SSA AGM in June with the preparation of the Annual report and Audit completion.

COVID19 PROTOCOLS

We would like to remind staff that we reinforce in-place preventative measures. Variants of COVID-19 spread the same as the original COVID-19 so the measures already in place continue to be effective at reducing the spread. Please be diligent in doing your part to help reduce the spread. These include everyone eligible for getting fully vaccinated, doing your daily health check, staying home when feeling sick, using available space to spread out and respect personal space, wearing masks if required, cleaning hands, and disinfecting work surfaces regularly. If you are feeling ill or test positive for COVID-19, notify your supervisor and stay home.

Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwéh (Taking Care of Our Children) – [Community Update](#)

Investigating Unmarked Graves at Multiple Sites Associated with Three Former Residential Schools in S'ólh Temexw
Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council (SNCC), under the leadership of Chief David Jimmie, President of the SNCC, has launched a broad-based and inclusive initiative to investigate potential unmarked graves and missing children related to three of the former Residential School sites within S'ólh Temexw: the former St. Mary's, Coqualeetza, and All Hallows institutions in Mission, Chilliwack, and Yale. The project team will carry out archival, oral historical, and on-site remote sensing work in search of identifiable unmarked graves. We are also working with local Stó:lō First Nations including Sqwá, Sq'ewqéyl, and Ch'íyáqtel regarding unmarked burials known to have been relocated to each of their cemeteries from the Coqualeetza Grounds. *For more about this work, please visit www.stolonation.bc.ca/residential-school-project-information*





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SASET CDP OUTREACH SCHEDULE

WEBSITE FOR YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (MÉMIYELHTEL)



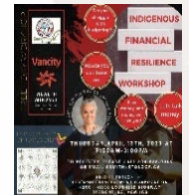
STÓ:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT (SASET) UPCOMING SASET Training Program

- [Heavy Equipment Training](#)- Various Intakes
- [Reaching Independence Through Employment](#)-April 17-28, 2023
- [Basic Computer Skills Workshop](#)-Every Tuesday & Thursday
- [Traffic Control Training](#)-April 17&18, 2023
- [Wildlands Fire Fighting](#)-May 15-26, 2023



STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES

Indigenous financial workshop, taking place on April 13, 2023, in-person at Leq'á:mél First Nation but open to all Indigenous people.



STÓ:LŌ GIFT SHOP

Online shopping is available 24/7 with in-store pickup!
Storefront open Monday through Friday **9:00 am – 4:00 pm.**



Wellness Wednesday's

For the month of April, due to limited space and as we await the opening of the new portable behind building 7, (hopefully May 1st), we want to continue to promote wellness and connection and have a few things for you to join:

1. Morning walks around the loop- Mondays, Wednesday's, and Thursday's at 8:30AM starting from the Veteran's Memorial site.
2. Every Wednesday, Winchester Victor will have office space in one of our talking rooms (1st floor of B7, rooms 104 or 105) and will be making space for somatic therapy (9AM-4PM)
3. Wednesdays, when the weather is nice, bring your lunch and join us for a picnic and connection on the lawn in front of Gov House.





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2023 - 2024 EDUCATION YEAR

Please see attached the Post-Secondary Application for the 2023/2024 Fall/Winter Terms and the Education Journey Forms for UCEP (upgrading), [Level 1 \(Certificate or Diploma\)](#), [Level 2 \(Bachelor Program\)](#) or [Level 3 \(Masters or PhD\)](#); it will depend on what program you are registered in - that Education Journey will need to be filled out.

Please ensure to send in all pertinent information with your PS Application, to have your application reviewed.

Post-Secondary Applications are due back **May 5, 2023**. Late PS Applications may be put on the waitlist for the 2024 Winter Term or the 2024/2025 Fall/Winter Terms, depending on funding.

[Post Secondary Application Information](#)
[Post Secondary Application](#)
[University and College Entrance Preparation](#)

You can either mail your application in to – Bldg#5-7201 Vedder Rd. Chilliwack, BC V2R 4G5 or scan to email it to: jewel.francis@stolonation.bc.ca If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jewel by phone 604 858-3366 or by email. Forward to anyone that maybe interested in attending University.

EVENTS

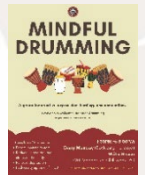
UFV Agriculture Open House

April 13, 2023. 5pm-6pm



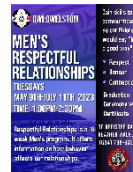
Join Us-Mindful Drumming

Monday's (excluding holidays) 1:30pm-3pm
Location: Métis House



Qwi:qwelstom Respectful Relationships Program

May 9-July 11, 2023. 1-2:30 pm





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STÓ:LŌ CAREERS

STÓ:LŌ JOBS -Family Empowerment Team (FET) - Advocate

Open until position is filled

Responsibilities are a collaboration of the Parent Child Assistance Program, Growing Great Kids Parenting Program and Indigenous Doulas.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS – Early Childhood Educators

Open until position is filled

Due to the growing demand for our Early Child Development Centre services, we are seeking energetic, passionate and dedicated ECE professionals to join our dynamic teams.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS- Project Archaeologist

Open until Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The Project Archaeologist will manage and conduct archaeological projects within S'ólh Téméxw.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Jr. Archaeologist

Open until Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The Junior Archaeologist will help analyze, catalogue, and curate artifacts in our repository and conduct archaeological projects within S'ólh Téméxw.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Archaeologist

Open until Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The Archaeologist will, assist with the administration of the Stó:lō Heritage Policy, be involved in cross-cultural awareness initiatives, conduct research, maintain databases, and analyze, catalogue, and curate artifacts.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Family Mediation

Open until position is filled

Family Mediation assists the justice system, the Qwi:qwelstóm program and the Aboriginal communities to better serve the needs of Aboriginal people coming into contact with the law.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS- S'ólh Téméxw Guardian

Open until Friday, April 21, 2023

This position is primarily outdoors on the land and water. Work will include environmental monitoring and enforcement linked to Stó:lō policies.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-SASET Finance and Administration Assistant

Open until Friday, May 5, 2023

Stó:lō Service Agency requires the services of a qualified SASET Finance and Administration Assistant with excellent database management skills.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS- Community Support Worker

Open until position is filled

The Community Support Worker will assist individuals with daily life activities such as grooming, basic cooking, shopping, household cleaning, and connection to other supports and services.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Administrative Assistant

Open until position is filled

The Administrative Assistant will provide overall administrative services and support for the operations of Health Services department.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Licensed Practical Nurse

Open until position is filled

Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) requires the services of a qualified Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to fill a vacancy with the Stó:lō Elder's Lodge (SEL) and the Health Team.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Part Time Cook

Open until position is filled

The Lodge Cook performs duties in food production twice a day (lunch and dinner) including ordering, receiving, storage, preparation and serving of food, and sanitation of production equipment and work area.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS-Residential Care-Aide

Open until position is filled

The Residential Care Assistant provides support to clients in attaining and maintaining their maximum level of independent living and personal dignity.

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S.A.Y LANDS JOBS

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter with three (3) references outlining how they meet the position's specific requirements to: manager@skowkalefn.com (Please include the position title in the subject line).

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

1. [Security Officer-Skowkale](#)
2. [Early Childcare Educator](#)
3. [Early Childcare Educator Assistant](#)
4. [Early Childcare Educator; Infant & Toddler](#)

SSA MEMORANDUM – INCOME ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT (SASET Client Memo)

This is a **friendly reminder** that you will need to continue to submit your monthly renewals and Monthly Employment Action Plan (EAP). You can arrange a meeting with a SASET Counsellor by calling the toll-free number listed above or emailing info@saset.ca. Next EAPs are due to be submitted to the SASET office by [May 2, 2023](#), along with your monthly renewal.

To view the full income assistance client memos:

[Employment Action Plan](#)

[Food Allowance Memo](#)

CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS

Here are a few class action lawsuits regarding Indigenous Family's. Please read through the links provided to see if you qualify. Contact: Leslee Picton at Leslee.Picton@stolonation.bc.ca for any questions.

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/claim-forms/>

<https://www.murphybattista.com/practice-areas/class-action-lawsuits/archdiocese-of-vancouver-abuse-class-action/>

<https://www.murphybattista.com/practice-areas/class-action-lawsuits/indigenous-child-welfare-class-action/>

<https://www.murphybattista.com/practice-areas/class-action-lawsuits/rcmp-indigenous-racism-and-assault-case/>

EMERGENCY PLANNING SECRETARIATY

We at EPS are happy to announce that we have grown! We have added two additional staff to our roster to provide additional supports, who you may know already! [Debbie Combes](#)- Emergency Programs Coordinator & [Dianne Garner](#)- Emergency Capacity Coordinator.





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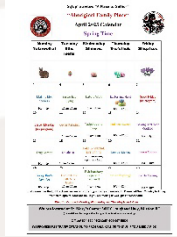
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ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE – APRIL 2023 CALENDAR

Sq'ep'ip awtxw "A Place to Gather"

This is just a reminder that we are currently only offering visits by appointment.

Please call at least a day in advance to schedule your visit. If you are feeling unwell, please reschedule.



STÓ:LŌ Genealogy Office

Archival Family Tree Digitization

Staff have been busy scanning and transcribing old family history documents. To date, staff have recorded over 200 names, preserved over 25 charts, and over 65 family history documents.



STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Call to book your appointment today, 604-824-3234. Booking about 6 weeks in advance for cleanings.



Rainy last April at the Tulip Festival , Hoping for better weather this year.

STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9:00am – 4:00pm at Stó:lō Health Services. Book NOW! Jane App: [Book an appointment with Dr. Smith here:](#) or 604-824-3200.

STÓ:LŌ PHYSIOTHERAPY

Chris Les offers appointments every Friday 8:00am-3:30pm
[Book an appointment with Chris Les here:](#) or call 604-792-0518



STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

[Book an appointment with Bel Bhushan here:](#) or call 604-824-3200



YOGA WEDNESDAYS WITH INNER VISION YOGA **Every Wednesday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** Stó:lō

Service Agency staff are welcome to attend FREE yoga sessions on campus in Building 2C portable with instructors from Inner Vision Yoga, supported by the Stó:lō Research and Research Management Centre.





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CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD AND ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

Building 8A, 1st Floor, 2nd door

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Email Leona.Sam@stolonation.bc.ca or call 604-824-3268 to book

Building 8A – North Side Entrance | Registry is on the Main Floor, 2nd door

PROTOCOLS FOR THE APPOINTMENT

- Give yourself enough travel time
- Arrive on time
- No walk-ins

CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

- Two pieces of valid ID, one with a photo
- Bring your own 1"x1" picture

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLYING FOR SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

- One valid picture ID
- Two recent passport photos

Valid Identification is required for applying for Status Cards, Registration, & other Personal Information Updates.

ISC is **no longer accepting expired ID** for registration, status card issuance, or for requests to update personal information in the Indian Register. All ID must be valid, that is, not expired.

Since provincial and territorial authorities that issue ID (such as health care cards and driver's licenses) across Canada have reopened, applicants with expired ID are encouraged to obtain valid ID as soon as possible.

For more information on the ID, requirements to apply for registration, and the status card, visit [What is considered valid acceptable identification](#).

Bands that will be issued Certificate of Indian Status Cards and assistance with the Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards

Aitchelitz	(558)				
Cheam	(584)	Shxwhà:y Village	(570)	Soowahlie	(572)
Kwaw Kwaw Apilt	(580)	Shxw ow'hamel	(587)	Sumas	(578)
Matsqui	(565)	Skawahlook	(582)	Tzeachten	(575)
Popkum	(585)	Skowkale	(571)	Yakweakwioose	(576)





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SSA GROUP BENEFITS PLAN

MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR

The Best Doctors Mental Health Navigator program offers you a discreet and confidential way to seek mental health support. If you or an eligible family member struggle with feelings such as depression, stress, or anxiety, contact Best Doctors. Supported every step of the way by your personal Mental Health Navigator and expert health professionals including psychiatrists and psychologists, we provide an assessment of your diagnosis and recommend an appropriate treatment plan, from the comfort of your home via phone or video conference. Your Mental Health Navigator will also provide you support along your journey through the complex mental health care system. Please see the [MHN Employee Flyer](#) for more information.

EMPLOYEE and FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIFEWORKS BY MORNEAU Shepell

[Employee and Family Assistance Program](#) (EFAP) helps employees address personal and workplace day-to-day problems, such as caregiving, life planning, financial advice, legal advice, health management services, short-term counseling services, 24/7 Services Centre, and many more. Please visit www.workhealthlife.com for more information on the services available under your EAP program.

STÓ:LŌ WORKPLACE INCIDENT REPORTS

A friendly reminder to All Staff:

If a workplace Incident occurs, please follow the link to follow the procedure on how to report an incident:

[Workplace Incident Report Form](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL STAFF:

For meeting-room bookings, staff is encouraged to **book meeting rooms in the building they have an office in**. For bookings, please contact the following:

- Building 7 Boardrooms – [Sheradon Roberts](#) / [Heather Walker](#) / [Lauralee Campbell](#)
- Building 8B (SGH) Small and large Boardrooms will be closed until further notice. [Abby Duncan](#) / [Kelly Willmets](#)
- Building 10 Floor 1 and 2 – [Tracey Joe](#) / [Tara Green](#)
- Building 10 Floor 3 - [Nancy Wasikowski](#)
- Longhouse Bookings - [Amber Kostuchenko](#) - (604) 824-2436

New VPN (Virtual Private Network) will make using your work laptop at home a similar experience to being at the office. Contact Garret MacAskill for information or assistance.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

- To Request new or changes to existing access cards, please complete the online Access Form at: www.stolonation.bc.ca/access
- Cell Phones and Landlines! Contact Brianna Nakagawa for all things related to cellphones and landlines.
- **To review current operational policies and other general information, please go to N:\Info**
- Reminder for all staff to submit any announcements/invitations to [Michelle Van Tongeren](#) for the monthly bulletin and to refrain from sending "all-staff" emails.
- Staff are reminded to avoid publishing phone numbers – work or personal – on Facebook or any other social media. Recently SSA experienced harassing phone calls from someone who obtained a staff's cell number – as well as their relative's numbers - on Facebook.





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STÓ:LŌ SERVICE AGENCY

VISION

A healthier, stronger, brighter future for all communities.

MISSION

We empower, support, and contribute to the health and well-being of all people by providing leadership and delivering a broad range of quality services.

VALUES

We strive to act in accordance with our seven core values at all times.

- Honesty** We communicate internally and externally with clarity, honesty, and openness.
- Accountability** We accept responsibility for our decisions and actions and answer to our partners openly and transparently.
- Pride** We feel and demonstrate pride in our actions and accomplishments.
- Professionalism** We act professionally as an outward reflection of our internal values.
- Integrity** We do our best work, hold ourselves to the highest standards of conduct and act in the interest of our communities and partners.
- Empathy** We work to understand and relate to the feelings, experiences, and situations of others and are non-judgemental.
- Respect** We respect others' ideas, experiences, and ways of thinking and treat all people as equals.

