



# STÓ:LŌ BULLETIN

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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

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

- Upcoming SSA Board of Director's meeting for end of May,
- 2022-23 fiscal year-end completion,
- Reviewing and finalization of the 2022-23 SSA Annual Report and draft Audit for approval,
- Reviewing the agenda and supporting documents for the upcoming Stó:lō Nation Chief's Council (SNCC) meeting and,
- Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June.

The scheduled environmental screening site visit after deconstruction of building 1 at the Coqualeetza Complex with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) was conducted. Excavation and confirmatory sampling were part of this work. No further assessment or remediation is necessary at this time. Following ISC Environmental Specialist Genevieve Lindsay's site visit, no additional environmental concerns were observed. ISC maintains its 2021 position that the Coqualeetza Complex can be accepted into federal reserve status despite the contamination that remains on-site. The department will continue to risk manage the property, as needed, to ensure that there are no adverse impacts to any human or ecological receptors.

OED and SNCC President have finalized the Statutory Right of Way documents with the Stó:lō lawyer and Cathy Figol from the Department of Justice and are waiting on the updated final documents.

Continuing as a priority over the next few months, the SSA Operational Policy Manual (SSAOPM) has been updated with help from our Policy and Procedures contractor, Operations Director, Management team, and the 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.

As warmer weather is around the corner and the heat is beginning to slowly make an appearance, we need to do our part and prepare for the summer months ahead. Stay safe and remain cool.

### 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 Syéwíqwéh (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'yáqtel 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](http://www.stolonation.bc.ca/residential-school-project-information)*





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Stó:lō Shxweli graciously accepting a \$5000 donation from RBC to go towards the Stó:lō Shxwelí Language Program. Lori Kelly – Language Program Coordinator, Dezirae Ned-Nash – Website & Data Entry Clerk, John Schulstad RBC Community Manager and Jessica Rybij, RBC Branch Manager.



### 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
- [Basic Computer Skills Workshop](#)-Every Tuesday & Thursday
- [First Aid Level 3](#)-June 19-30, 2023



### 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 May, due to limited space and as we await the opening of the new portable behind building 7, 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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### STÓ:LŌ CAREERS

#### 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.

[View Posting Here](#)

#### CULTURAL HERITAGE COLLECTIONS ASSISTANT

Open until position is filled

The Cultural and Heritage Collections Assistant will help with the management of material cultural resources stored within the Heritage Stewardship and Archaeology Unit at SRRMC.

[View Posting Here](#)

#### Skilled TRADE BC

Manager, Indigenous Programs (permanent, full-time)



### S.A.Y LANDS JOBS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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](mailto:manager@skowkalefn.com) (Please include the position title in the subject line).

1. [Security Officer-Skowkale](#)
2. [Recreation Coordinator](#)

### 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](mailto:info@saset.ca). Next EAPs are due to be submitted to the SASET office by [June 5, 2023](#), along with your monthly renewal.

To view the full income assistance client memos:

[Employment Action Plan](#)

[Food Allowance Memo](#)





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## 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](mailto:Leslee.Picton@stolonation.bc.ca) for help navigating website, assisting with registration or applications.

<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.

## ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE – MAY 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.





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### STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

#### STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

We are happy to announce we are doing training on a new intraoral scanner for patient ease and comfort, more to report in the coming months. More doctor time has been added to lessen the wait time for folks in need of dental treatment. Call to book your appointment today, 604-824-3234.

#### STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9:00am – 4:00pm at Stò: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 Building2C portable with instructors from Inner Vision Yoga, supported by the Stó:lō Research and Research Management Centre.

### EVENTS

#### Qwi:qwelstom Respectful Relationships Program

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



#### Join Us-Mindful Drumming

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





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Wellness Wednesday! May 3, 2023, beautiful day! Thank you, Sheradon and family for the yummy Bannock.



MMIW Walk Friday May 5, 2023.



Emergency Preparedness Event, Friday May 5, 2023.





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

Building 8A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> door

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm**

Email [Leona.Sam@stolonation.bc.ca](mailto:Leona.Sam@stolonation.bc.ca) or call 604-824-3268 to book

Building 8A – North Side Entrance | Registry is on the Main Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### *LIFEWORCS 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](http://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-[Abby Duncan](#) / [Kelly Willmets](#)
- Building 10 Floor 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](http://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

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A healthier, stronger, brighter future for all communities.

### MISSION

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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

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

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

