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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 all the staff for meeting the early Annual Report (AR) and Audit due date. We moved the deadline date last year and with the successful early completion date met again this year we finalized the AR and the Audit in the middle of June. It was nice to have these reports finalized before the summer months and staff holidays begin. We hosted a successful hybrid Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) Annual General meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at building #10, 1st fl. boardroom.

The next few months ahead we are preparing for;

- SSA Golf Tournament Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the Cultus Lake Golf Course,
- Xá:ytem (Stó:lō Heritage Trust) AGM scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 11am via Zoom and,
- Continue working on Additions to Reserve status and the right of way finalization.

As the weather is changing and the heat is beginning to make an appearance we need to prepare accordingly. Reach out to family in extreme heat to check in on them and offer a helping hand, if needed. Wishing you and your families a relaxing summer, stay safe and healthy.

COVID-19 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.

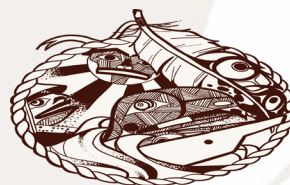
Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwéh (Taking Care of Our Children) – [Community Update](#)

Investigating Unmarked Graves at Multiple Sites Associated with Three Former Residential Schools in S'ólh Téméxw
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 Téméxw: 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*

[SASET CDP Outreach Schedule](#)



[Mémiyelhtel Program](#)





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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](#) - July 3-14, 2023 at SASET Chilliwack Office
- [Customer Service Training](#) - July 17-21, 2023 at SASET-Seabird Office
- [Youth Employment Program](#) - July 24-Aug 4, 2023 at SASET Chilliwack Office
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#) - July 10-28, 2023
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#) - August 16-18, 2023
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#) - Skwah First Nations - August 14, 2023
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#) - Sts'ailes - September 6, 2023
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#) - Shxwhà:y Village - September 21, 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 June, 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. July 26, 2023, SSA staff appreciation lunch! One free meal with a beverage for the food truck of your choice.



YOGA WEDNESDAYS WITH INNER VISION YOGA Every Wednesday, 11:30 - 12:30 SSA 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.

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 [August 8, 2023](#), along with your monthly renewal.

To view the full income assistance client memos

[Employment Action Plan](#)

[Food Allowance Memo](#)





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STÓ:LŌ CAREERS

STÓ:LŌ JOBS-SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT WORKER

Open until position is filled

The Social Engagement Worker will assist in the development and maintenance of the Mémíyelhtel website and social media platforms. Create promotional materials that highlight the services of the Mémíyelhtel program.

[View Posting Here](#)

STÓ:LŌ JOBS- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Open until July 21, 2023

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.

[View Posting Here](#)

S.A.Y LAND 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 (Please include the position title in the subject line).

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

Tzeachten First Nation

1. [Maintenance Coordinator](#)
2. [Director of Community Service](#)





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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 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/>

STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Office Closure for Summer Holiday: August 7, 2023- BC Day Closure and August 14, 2023- Closed for Staff Summer Holidays. Returning August 21, 2023.

To arrange your appointments for your family members, **604-824-3234**.

Dental staff picture: Left to right: Ashely, Dani, Sheila. Dani is moving to the Island; we wish her all the best and will miss her!



STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9:00 – 4:00 at Building 7 for the month of July. Book NOW! Jane App: [Book an appointment with Dr. Smith here](#): or 604-824-3200.



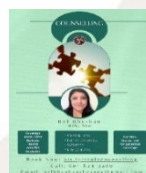
STÓ:LŌ PHYSIOTHERAPY

Charise Conkin offers appointments Tuesdays at The'í:tselíya Building and Fridays at Stó:lō Health Building. [Book an appointment with Charise Conkin here](#): or call 604-824-2681.



STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

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



CASCADE THERAPY

Massage Therapy & Chiropractor

S.A.Y Health Building- 8256 Chilliwack River Road. Call to book your appointment: 604-792-0158





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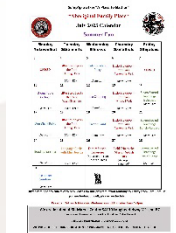
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ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE – JULY 2023 CALENDAR

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.



EVENTS

Qwí:qwelstóm Respectful Relationships Program

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



Join Us-Mindful Drumming

Monday's (excluding holidays) 12-3pm

Location will either be at Metis House or Portable 1A, call to inquire: 604-828-2459



Stó:lō MEANS BUSINESS-Community Futures

Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop

July 28, 2023-Zoom



Stó:lō Shxwelí-Open House

July 19, 2023. 2pm-6pm

Building #10, 1st floor, Alétse: Language Room, SRRMC



We are pleased to invite you and members of your community to an Indigenous engagement session to share your views and experience on poverty and well-being in Vancouver on Monday, July 24 from 12:00pm-5:00pm at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre. This session is hosted by Mahihkan Management on behalf of B.C.'s Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. Your insights will help inform an update to Together BC: B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy and a review of B.C.'s income and disability assistance program legislation.





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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)	Shxw' ow'hamel First Nation	(587)
Kwaw Kwaw Apilt	(580)	Skawahlook First Nation	(582)
Matsqui First Nation	(565)	Soowahlie	(572)
Popkum	(585)	Sumas First Nation	(578)





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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 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
- 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.





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Naxaxalhts'I, Albert (Sonny) McHalsie, awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from University of the Fraser Valley. June 14, 2023. Congratulations!



New Woven Cedar Skirt for the Welcome Figure



Audit Day & Annual Report Meeting

