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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 SSA Board of Directors and staff participated in the Battle of the Business baseball tournament on Tuesday, August 15 at Tzeachten sports field. Staff rolled up their sleeves and put on their baseball gloves working hard to represent SSA and play for a charity of their choice - Chilliwack Bowls of Hope society. Unfortunately, SSA did not win the \$5,000 to donate but had a great time representing SSA.

The SSA Golf Tournament held Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Cultus Lake Golf Course was a great success. We received compliments and positive feedback from those in attendance, which makes for a successful event. A big thanks to those who organized and worked to make this event happen.

The next few months ahead we are preparing for;

- Xá:ytem (Stó:lō Heritage Trust) AGM scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 11am via Zoom and,
- Hosting the Truth and Reconciliation ceremony at the Coqualeetza site on September 30, 2023 in collaboration with Stó:lō leadership and the Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers Society.

Stay safe and healthy. Hope with the upcoming rain in the forecast this week will slow the forest fires that have been raging in BC. Prayers for those fighting the fires and affected by evacuations.



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'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



Mémíyelhtel Program



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

- [Heavy Equipment Training](#) - Various Intakes
- [Basic Computer Skills Workshop](#) - Every Tuesday & Thursday
- [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](#)-Skway Village-September 21, 2023
- [Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada Mobile Clinics](#)-Yale First Nation- September 27,2023
- [Basic Security Training](#)- SASET-Chilliwack office, August 28-September 1, 2023
- [First Aid Level 2](#)-SASET-Chilliwack office, August 21-25, 2023
- [Advance Security Training](#)- SASET-Chilliwack office, August 23-25, 2023
- [Getting Your L-](#) SASET-Chilliwack office, August 24, 2023
- [Warehouse Training](#)- SASET-Chilliwack office, September 18-29, 2023
- [First Aid Level 1& Food Safe](#)- SASET-Chilliwack office, August 28 &29, 2023
- [Minute Taking & Microsoft Office](#)-Online, September 11-28, 2023
- [First Aid Level 2](#) - SASET-Chilliwack office, August 21- 25, 2023
- [Culinary Arts](#)-UFV, September 11-December 1, 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.**





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STÓ:LŌ CAREERS

STÓ:LŌ JOBS -WEBSITE AND DATA ENTRY CLERK

Open until August 25, 2023

Provides overall support to Stó:lō Shxweli Language Program within Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre (SRRMC.).

[View Posting Here](#)

STÓ:LŌ JOBS- ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT

Open until August 24, 2023

SMRRC is seeking individuals interested temporary work as part of the archaeology crews for Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP).

[View Posting Here](#)

Sto:lō Xwexwilmexw Government-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Temporary Contract

Open until August 31, 2023

SXG requires an energetic and motivated Administrative Assistant to work as administrative support for the SXG's Executive Assistant and SXG staff.

[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](#)

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 [SEPTEMBER 05, 2023](#), along with your monthly renewal.

To view the full income assistance client memos:

[Employment Action Plan](#)

[Food Allowance Memo](#)





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EVENTS

Work Update –

Thursday, September 21, 2023

On Thursday, September 21 the Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children) team will provide an update on oral-historical, archival and geophysical findings from 2022/23 in our work into missing children and unmarked burials at St. Mary's Residential School, Coqualeetza Industrial Institute, All Hallows School and Coqualeetza Indian Hospital.

- Morning: Update for Sto:lo communities.
- Afternoon: Public update

More details about how to watch will follow in early September.

St. Mary's Commemoration Gathering

Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1, 2023

On Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1 ceremonies will be held at Fraser River Heritage Park for Residential School survivors, families, and communities to take care of the missing children and the children with unmarked graves who attended the St. Mary's Residential Schools in Mission, BC.

www.xyólhmetyesyéwiqwélh.com

Stó:lō Service Agency's Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremony

Saturday September 30, 2023

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 the SSA Cultural Committee will host a public event for National Truth and Reconciliation Day at Coqualeetza Memorial Post (immediately north of the Coqualeetza Longhouse).

Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers Society board members will be in attendance and will be speaking. The ceremony begins at 10:30am and will be followed by a meal.

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

Join the Stó:lō Business Directory

Contact: SCF Business Analyst Shannon Smith 604-824-5278



Coqualeetza Cultural Experience

August 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2023 10:30-noon





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STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

To arrange your appointments for your family members, 604-824-3234. September Varnish Clinic is open for registration, click on poster for more information.



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 August. 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'itsel'ya 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



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

ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE – AUGUST 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.





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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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Staff Appreciation Day: Wellness Wednesday, July 26, 2023



Anything but a cup! Wellness Wednesday August 9, 2023

