



# STÓ:LŌ BULLETIN

## JANUARY 2023

**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

Hopefully staff had a chance to recuperate after the hustle of the holiday festivities over December and were able to enjoy time with family and friends, "all while staying safe and healthy."

A draft of the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) Orientation Manual has been emailed to communities for review. This will be an introductory document for new SNCC members to understand the background and current position of the Nation. I am happy to announce we have received the final Band Council Resolutions (BCR's) for approval of the next steps to the additions to Reserves process for the Coqualeetza properties. Indigenous Services Canada will be meeting with the Department of Justice and will be in contact with us on the next steps moving forward. The All-Staff Christmas luncheon was well attended with The Board of Directors presenting staff in attendance, with their Years of Service Ribbons.



The Office of the Executive Director are preparing for:

- Upcoming Stó:lō Collective Meetings.
- The remodeling of the Government House has been approved via SNCC resolution and will commence in the coming months.
- The 2023-24 Budget & Workplan preparations have begun, and department/programs have been working to finalize drafts for review and final approval at the SSA Board of Directors meeting in March.
- Working with ISC on receiving funding for a Building Assessment for the St. Mary's site and to discuss options on the future of the building.

As we head into the month of January, please remain prepared for winter weather. Rumor has it, a storm may be coming our way. Being prepared is the best remedy.

### 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.

**Winter weather** is upon us so please dress for the cold weather and be cautious for the slippery roads and sidewalks.





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

### **SASET CDP OUTREACH SCHEDULE**



### **NEW WEBSITE FOR YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (MÉMIYELHTEL)**



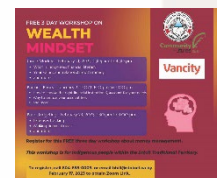
### **STÓ:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT (SASET) UPCOMING SASET Training Program**

- [Self-Care Workshop](#) - February 16-17, 23-24/ 2023 / March 13-14, 20-21/ 2023
- [Caring for Oneself](#) - January 30-February 10, 2023
- [Reaching Independence Through Employment](#) - January 16-February 10, 2023
- [Forestry/Construction Training](#) - January 16-27, 2023
- [Health Care Assistant Training](#) - Starting Hybrid in January
- [Caring for Oneself](#) - January 30-February 10, 2023
- [Warehouse Training](#) - January 16-27, 2023



### **STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES**

The Wealth Mindset program promotes Indigenous financial resilience and addresses the colonization and multigenerational impacts on the concepts of wealth, cultural values, and relationships with money. The Wealth Mindset program is ideal for pre-entrepreneurs, those considering starting a business, to give them the ability to understand and apply financial management concepts to their personal finances, and to have the knowledge and confidence to make good decisions for their money. These concepts can be carried to future business plans.



### **STÓ:LŌ GIFT SHOP**

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





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### EVENTS

#### Qwí:qwelstóm Welcomes You!

Day Treatment Program

January 10<sup>th</sup>-March 14, 2023. 10am-11pm

Register today with Darren Charlie: 604-824-3200



#### Qwí:qwelstóm Welcomes You!

Men's Respectful Relationships

January 10<sup>th</sup>-March 14, 2023. 1pm-2:30pm

Register today with Darren Charlie: 604-824-3200



#### SASET: CAREER AND HIRING FAIR

February 22, 2023. 10am-4pm

Tzeachten Community Hall



#### DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE

Body Systems Maintenance-Traditional Wellness

January 30, 2023. 1-3:30pm

Open link to register today



### STÓ:LŌ CAREERS

#### RESEARCHER- Open until 4pm, January 20, 2023

Stó:lō Service Agency requires the services of a qualified Researcher to fill a vacancy within the Research and Special Projects (RSP) Unit.

[View Posting Here](#)

#### PROJECT COORDINATOR/RESEARCHER-Open until 4pm, January 27, 2023

The Project Coordinator/Researcher is an enthusiastic and collaborative individual, dedicated to advancing Stó:lō-led Indigenous stewardship of the land, water, and the natural and cultural resources within S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō traditional lands; the lower Fraser River watershed).

[View Posting Here](#)

#### Stó:lō Xwexwílmexw Government (SXG)

##### Community Engagement Coordinator-Open until 4:30pm, January 23, 2023

The Community Engagement Coordinator works as part of the Outreach and Communications team to provide events, materials and interactive communication opportunities.

[View Posting Here](#)

##### SXG Executive Assistant-Open until January 26, 2023

The Executive Assistant is responsible for a wide variety of administrative duties in support of the Board of Directors of the SXG and the SXG's CEO.

[View Posting Here](#)

##### SASET-Employment Counselor-Open until February 8, 2023

The SASET Employment Counselor will: provide professional, courteous, confidential employment counseling services.

[View Posting Here](#)







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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](mailto: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](#)
5. [Receptionist](#)

#### 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 **January 31, 2023**, along with your monthly renewal. Additionally, ISC has approved the budget to use COVID-19 funds towards a monthly \$100 food allowance from April 2022 to March 2023, also a One-Time Hardship Inflation Relief benefit of \$300 to eligible Income Assistance clients.

To view the full income assistance client memos:

[Employment Action Plan](#)

[Food Allowance Memo](#)

### Federal Indian Class Day School Class Action Lawsuit

**Deadline: January 13, 2023**



### CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS

Here are a few class action lawsuits regarding Indigenous Family's, deadline to apply is March 7, 2023. Please read through the links provided to see if you qualify.

<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/>





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### À:LMÉLHÁWTXW EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

We have some great activities planned throughout the month of January. Please view the calendar or A:lmélháwtxw Facebook Page for more details. Outreach sessions are available for some one-on-one time with one of our Head start staff. Let's find out how we can best support you and your family. Information we can share with you and your child ages 0-6: printing with your child, Food budgeting, Healthy snacks, Meal planning, crafts, and sharing recipes! Sign-up for a session of fun. For more information, please contact Ashley. Office (604)-824-6505 or Cell (604)-703-4764.

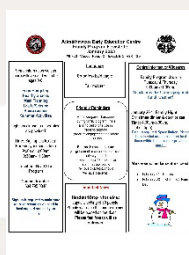
#### Preschool Newsletter



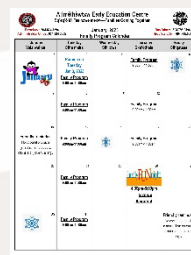
#### Preschool Calendar



#### Family Program Newsletter

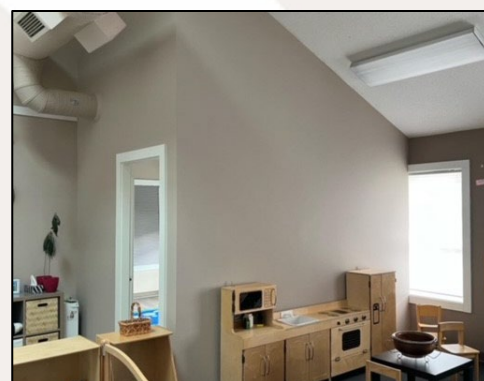
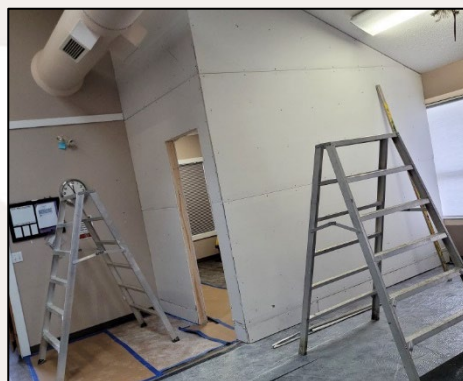
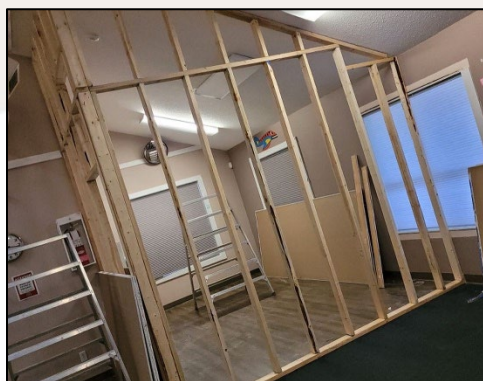


#### Family Program Calendar



### Huge Thank You, to West Bow Construction – Gives Back Program!

West Bow built A:lmélháwtxw a nap room over Christmas break. We needed a dedicated space for the children napping and we were selected as part of West Bow's Gives Back Program. This is such a great space that will be used everyday! Thank you!



### ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE – JANUARY 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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### STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

#### STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Back to regular scheduled hours: 8am-4pm Monday to Friday. Starting in February, Dr. Shergill will be working Thursday and Friday to accommodate more patient needs. Reminder for patients, if inclement weather we follow SD33 guidelines, "if schools are closed" we are too... Call to book your appointment today, 604-824-3234.

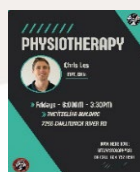
#### STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9:00 AM – 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 8:00-3:30pm  
[Book an appointment with Chris Les here](#): or 604-792-0518



#### STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

[Book an appointment with Bel Bhushan here](#): or 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.

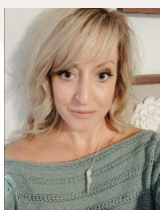
#### SCIENCE WORLD IS HONOURED TO HOST [SACRED JOURNEY](#)

Science World is honored to host Sacred Journey, to share a powerful story of canoe resurgence as told by its leaders, and to uphold narratives of Indigenous Peoples as knowledge keepers.

To celebrate, we're offering **free admission for Indigenous Peoples** from July 15–Feb 20, 2023.

You are welcome to walk up in-person for a free visit. Please let the Admissions staff know you are using the coupon code "SACREDJOURNEYSW" or that you self-identify as Indigenous. You can also purchase a ticket on our website with the same code. If you have any questions, please contact [info@scienceworld.ca](mailto:info@scienceworld.ca) and our team will gladly assist you.

#### Welcome Ashley to the Finance Department!



Ashley White-Fougere is the newest addition to the finance team. With 15 years of accounting, finance, and administrative experience, she will be an asset to the team. Ashley and her children and husband spend a lot of their free time exploring the outdoors with their dogs and riding dirt bikes in Chilliwack. When she isn't at work you can find her and her family on their bikes exploring Vedder mountain trails, enjoying campfires in local campgrounds or enjoying the quiet of their home with their two bulldogs.







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### APPLICATION FOR THE SECURE CERTIFICATE AND 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
- One person to attend the appointment
- No walk-ins

### CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

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

### 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.**

Since March 2020, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has accepted expired government-issued ID due to the challenges faced in obtaining or renewing ID during COVID-19.

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: No Exceptions**

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)

**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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### 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 – [Abby Duncan](#) / [Kelly Willmets](#)
- Building 10 Floor 2 – [Tracey Joe](#) / [Tara Green](#)
- Building 10 Floor 1 and 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.



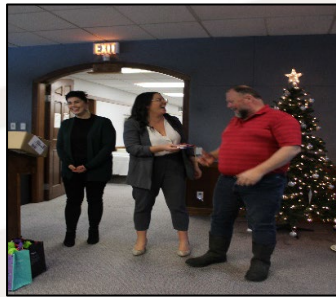




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### Years of Service Ribbons 2022







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### Christmas Staff Lunch 2022



### Christmas Door Decorating



**Winner: Dentist office for traditional style.**

**Kelly Willmets for creative style with a secret elf!**





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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.

