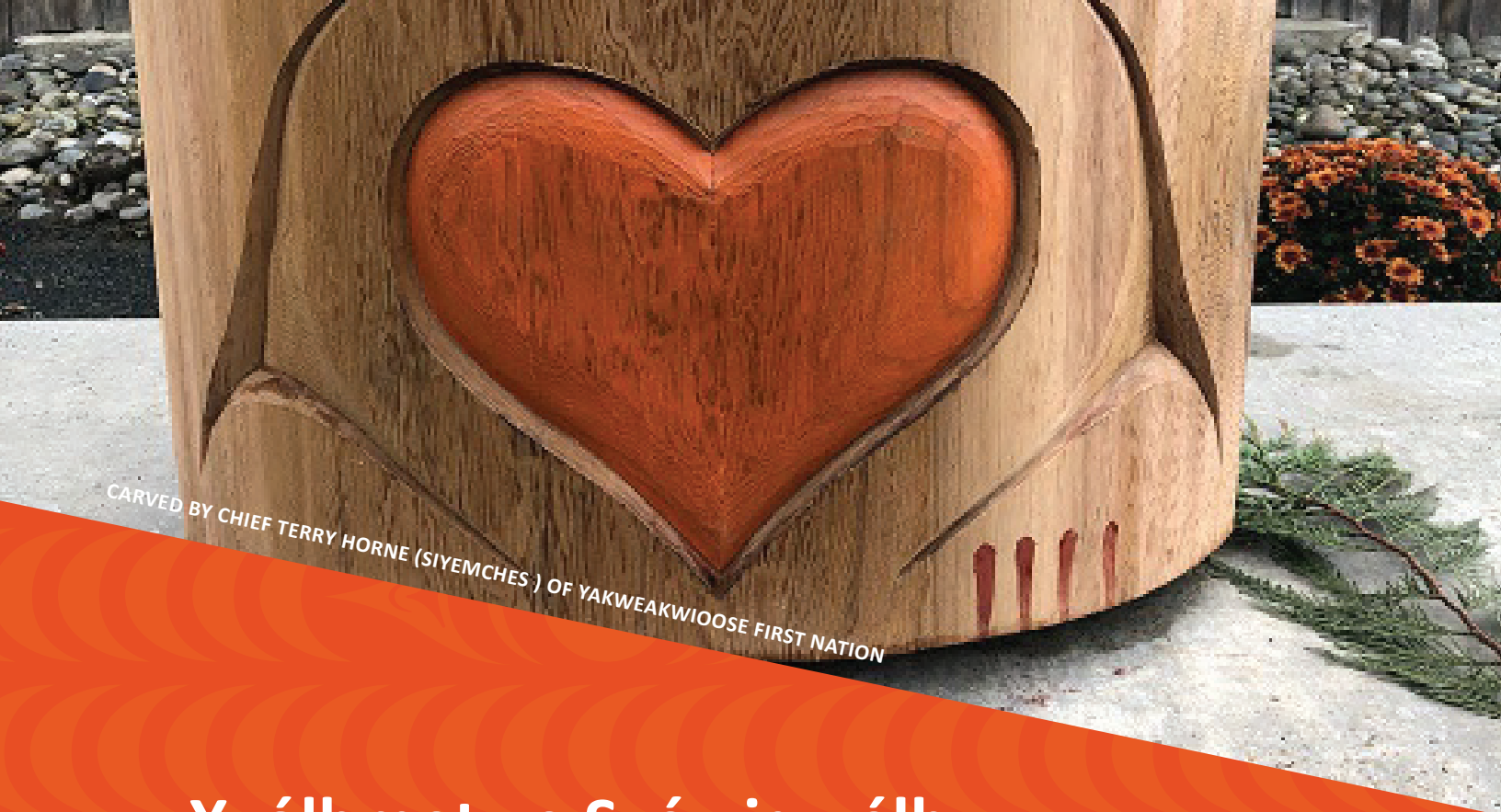




Xyólhmet ye Syéwíqwélh

(Taking Care of Our Children) Project
Media Kit





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In 2021, the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council, under the leadership of Chief David Jimmie, president of the SNCC, launched a broad-based and inclusive initiative to investigate potential unmarked graves and missing children related to three former residential school sites within S'ólh Téméxw, St. Mary's, Coqualeetza and All Hallows institutions, as well as those associated with the Coqualeetza Indian Hospital. After careful consideration and guidance from House of RespectCare Taking Committee members, and Elizabeth Phillip's sharing of her Halq'eméylem language knowledge, the name for this important work was created: Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children).



For more information about this work, please scan the QR code

Halq'eméylem is the Indigenous language of the Stó:lō, which means "People of the River."



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Chief David Jimmie is Chief and CEO of Squiala First Nation, a position he's held since 2009. His traditional name is Lenéx wí:ót, which means "One who works for the people." He is president of the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council, representing nine communities, and president of Ts'elxweyéqw Tribe Management Limited, representing seven communities. He currently sits on the Chilliwack Hospital Foundation Board and Tourism Chilliwack, and serves as chair and vice president of Finance for the Western Indigenous Pipeline Group.

David holds a Master's in Business Administration and is owner/operator of DJimmie Construction, which has built 224 homes and 175 apartment units in Chilliwack and Westbank, B.C. and is currently building a 330-unit townhome development in Chilliwack B.C. as well as 103-townhome development in Westbank B.C.

Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council



The Stó:lō Nation is the political amalgamation of 11 Stó:lō communities. The Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council (SNCC) consists of elected council members and elder representatives from nine Stó:lō Nations: Aitchelitz, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui, Shxwha:y, Skowkale, Squiala, Sumas, Tzeachten and Yakweawkwoose. S'ólh Téméxw is the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, who have lived here since time immemorial. The Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children) project takes direction from the SNCC and advisory groups, including a number of additional First Nations and cultural advisors. It is operationalized through the Stó:lō Service Agency Board of Directors and Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre. Stó:lō Nation's main centre of operations is in Chilliwack, BC.



Stó:lō Service Agency



The Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) is the service delivery arm of Stó:lō Nation. SSA provides services to the Stó:lō and Aboriginal communities throughout S'ólh Téméxw. The SSA aims to ensure the health and social well-being within the Stó:lō community through services and programs in the areas of education, human resource development, early childhood education services, such as daycare, headstart, and family support, elderly care, social development, health services, a dental office, tourism, and research and resource management services.

Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre



The Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre is a department of the Stó:lō Service Agency. This group of experts has many years of experience working within the Stó:lō community. They provide professional service with an understanding of, and respect for, Stó:lō protocols. They maintain strong research ties to local universities and consulting firms and offer high-quality services that are both culturally and scientifically sound.



Sto:lo Research & Resource Management Centre