



November 2024

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NEWSLETTER



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The'í:tseliya

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<https://www.skowkalefn.com>

Welcome

ADMINISTRATION



Kailee Narte
Lands Clerk

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Business from the University of Victoria. Over the past 5 years, I've gained in-depth experience in Indigenous Lands Governance, working closely with communities and government through my role at Indigenous Services Canada. My work has focused on land management and supporting land transactions. I'm excited to bring my knowledge, experience, and dedication to this new role, contributing meaningfully to the team and the community we serve.



Richard Campbell
Village Maintenance Worker

I had the opportunity to work on the Fraser River Flood Program in 2021, which was one of the most rewarding projects I've been involved with. The cleanup effort spanned several communities, from Yale to Mission, and I worked extensively on the Coquihalla and Fraser Rivers.

I'm also a licensed River Guide, having completed my training at Reo Rafting in the Nahatlatch Valley. It was an intense seven-week course on the water every day and one of the most influential experiences of my career. The group I trained with came from seven different countries, making it a truly global experience.

Crystal Chapman
Child and Family Advocate

I am dedicated to fostering health, healing and cultural connections while supporting members in community. Specialize in program development, cultural safety and trauma informed care that creates meaningful change and healing.



DROP IN SESSIONS

Our doors are always open... we have started a monthly drop-in session for you to stop by and ask questions, get assistance with forms or leave a message. If you are looking specifically to speak to Stacy McNeil, come by between 1-2pm.

- **November 13th (9-3)**
- **December 11th (9-3)**



Election Code Update

Attention all Skowkale Community Members,

October 23, 2024, the Skowkale Executive Director received a petition with 62 member signatures requesting an amendment to the Skowkale Election Code. The requested amendment was specifically related to family representatives being voted for solely by their family members during times that multiple representatives have been nominated.

In the current election code, the amendment clause states in section 35:

1. Amendment proposals shall be in writing and delivered to the Sq'ewqéyl Manager and must be accompanied by a petition showing support from at least 30% of the eligible electorate.
2. The Sq'ewqéyl Manager shall commence amending procedures within 10 days of receiving the written proposal.
3. The Sq'ewqéyl election regulations may be amended after:
 - a. Notice is given to the Sq'ewqéyl members that an amendment has been proposed, and
 - b. Consultation with the Sq'ewqéyl members specifically to discuss the amendment proposal has occurred, 14 days after the notice, and
 - c. Support from at least 50%+1 of the present eligible electorate of the Sq'ewqéyl First Nation has been achieved in a referendum held specifically for that purpose. A referendum shall be held within 30 days of the consultation meeting.

Requested amendment was specifically related to family representatives:

10. SELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

1. At the nomination meeting, eligible electorate will nominate eligible members from their ancestral family – one of the Archie, Hall, Point, Sepass families;
2. If only one (1) is nominated in a family, they are elected by acclamation;
3. If more than one (1) member is nominated, their names will be entered **on a family specific election ballot** (pending acceptance) under the applicable family;
4. Nominees will have until 25 days before the election date to withdraw from the election and be removed from the ballot;
5. All eligible electors of the Sq'ewqéyl First Nation will by secret ballot choose a Councilor **in their own Family grouping**. The candidate with the highest number of votes in that Family will be declared the Councilor/Representative of that Family and for the Sq'ewqéyl First Nation.

The Amendment Section in the Election Code indicates that once the Executive Director receives that petition, there must be a notice to membership and then a meeting called within 14 days before a referendum is held within 30 days.

Meeting to discuss – Monday November 4th @ 5pm



INDIGENOUS GRADE 12 DAY

UBC



Join us at UBC to learn more about how to apply, our campuses, awards, and Indigenous student spaces.

Lunch will be provided!

Monday, Nov 4, 2024
10:00am - 2:00pm

Deadline to register with your school counsellor:
October 28, 2024

Space is limited!

Who: Indigenous Grade 12 students
Where: UBC's Vancouver campus

Community Engagement

October 2 – Community Visioning for Cultural Center

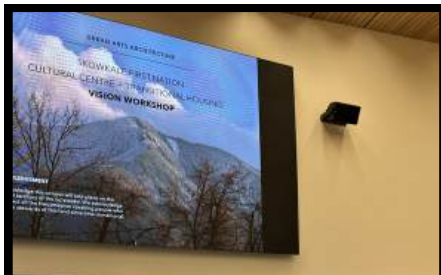
October 3 – Stewardship and Geocaching Night

October 17 – Resident Lands Town Hall

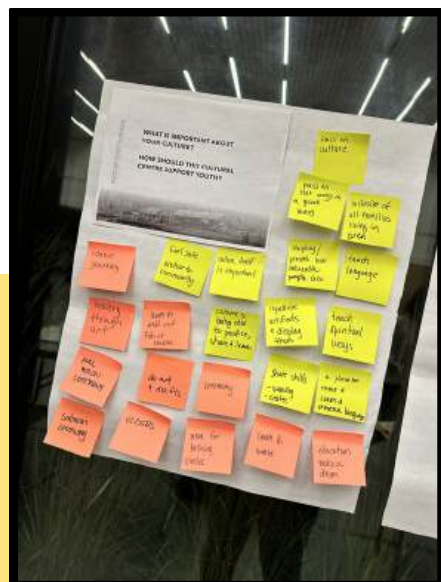
October 23 – AGM

the best
IS YET
to come





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The GREAT SHAKE OUT – All staff participated in the great shake out to help raise awareness around earthquake safety and preparedness



STOKLO ABORIGINAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING IS PLEASED TO HOST:

Business ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

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Get the training you need to reach your employment goals by talking to one of our employment counselors today about vocational funding!

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Stoklo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training is pleased to announce:

Pre-Trades Foundations Program

Learn the basics of Plumbing, Sprinklerfitting and Steamfitting!

Upon successful completion, students are awarded a certificate of completion and given the opportunity of Level 1, 2 or 3 training in their chosen trade.

JAN 06 - MAY 30, 2025

For more information contact us at 604-850-3881 or info@saset.ca

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CULINARY ARTS PRE-TRADES PROGRAM

Course Includes:

- Certificates: Foodsafe, First Aid Level 1, WHMIS & WCB Awareness
- Occupational Skills
- Stocks, soups and sauces
- Vegetables and fruits
- Steakhouse
- Meats & Poultry
- Seafood
- Garde-manger
- Eggs, Breakfast cookery and dairy
- Salted goods, desserts and beverages
- Basic kitchen management
- Two-week practicum placement

September 30th 2024 to December 6th 2024

Are you an indigenous, native or first individual residing in the SASET catchment area who has an interest in the culinary profession?

If so, contact SASET Employment Counsellor to apply

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The UA Piping Industry College of BC

PIPING FOUNDATIONS

Training consists of learning the basics of those of the piping trades: Plumbing, Sprinklerfitting and Steamfitting. With a strong focus on safety and practical projects, this course is designed for individuals who are unsure of which trade they want to pursue or who are looking for a career change. It also includes a two-week practicum placement in a piping trade.

TOUITION FREE

JAN 06 - MAY 30, 2025

For more information contact
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TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLOR

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NEW MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

No new members this month

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Its time to update your information

Please ensure that your membership information is up to date so you have a smooth time voting during election season.

Only members can vote so if you are unsure if you are a member, please contact our Lands Clerk at kailee.narte@saylandsoffice.ca.

Please notify us of any family losses that have occurred. We require a death certificate to update our band membership list and to officially notify Indigenous Services Canada.

It's important that we keep our band membership list up to date as it can impact government funding that is based on this.

A membership update form can be found at The'i:tseliya or www.skowkalefn.com

MEMBERSHIP & STATUS CARDS

Check out Skowkalefn.com under the members login section for a membership application form.

For more information or to book an appointment, contact our Lands Clerk Kailee NArte at:

kailee.narte@saylandsoffice.ca
778-731-0776



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 256



FITNESS GYM

Hours:



At this years parent
Teacher dinner we are
hoping to highlight a
few things but we
need your help

RECREATION , YOUTH & FAMILIES

PARENT & TEACHER DINNER

DATE: NOV 20, 2024
TIME: 5PM - 7:30PM
LOCATION: THE'I:TSELIYA

SCAN QR CODE
TO EMAIL

RSVP



CALL OUT

Deadline - Nov 10th

email a picture and your attributes to
Wanda.dartnell@skowkalefn.com

Adults - what are you doing now??

Educators often wonder how or where the students they taught are now. Are you in university, a graduate, singer, nurse, mechanic, tradesperson etc. Let us know so we can share your story.

Youth - what are your talents? We want to share with our educators what all your wonderful talents are. Are you an artist, drummer, canoer, dancer, weaver, singer etc. We want to hear from you and if you have art to display lets get it displayed.

FITNESS CLASSES

Nov 13 - Fitness with Shelley

Nov 18 - Fitness with Shelley

ELDERS

Nov 17 - Johnny Cash Show

Nov 29 - Elder Lunch

CHILDREN 4-12

Nov 19 - Small Skills Soccer

Nov 26 - Small Skills Soccer

ADULTS OPEN GYM

Nov 18, 15

SAVE!
THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

Nov 1 - Bowling

Nov 4, 18, 25 - Drop in Sports

Nov 6 - Tik Tok Creations

Nov 15 - Escape Room

Nov 13 - Dinner out

Nov 26 - Movie Out

Nov 28 - Glow Christmas Lights

CHILDREN, PARENTS, FAMILIES

Nov 7 - Jordan's Principle Info Session

Nov 20 - Parent/Teacher Dinner

**DROP IN
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP**

Do you
want these?

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 12 AND 14, 2024

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONCE IN A LIFE TIME OPPORTUNITY



DR GABOR MATE

THE HUNGRY GHOST: A BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVE ON ADDICTION, FROM HEROIN TO WORKAHOLISM AND WHEN THE BODY SAYS NO: MIND/BODY UNITY AND THE STRESS-DISEASE CONNECTION

A RENOWNED SPEAKER, AND BESTSELLING AUTHOR, DR. GABOR MATE IS HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER FOR HIS EXPERTISE ON A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING ADDICTION, STRESS AND CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT.



HOBBY SIDE HUSTLE ENTREPRENEUR



All three can lead into starting a business. This is where you can become your own boss, set your own hours, and control all the financial aspects of your business.

Start small, dream big with Stó:lō Community Futures.



CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCATE



WHAT WE DO:

The Skowkale Child & Family Advocate supports existing programs and services for Skowkale members. We provide assistance and help aid in navigating through government systems such as MCFD, income assistance, legal aid, members benefits, old age pension and security applications, etc.

MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAM

● DEADLINE ● PAYMENT

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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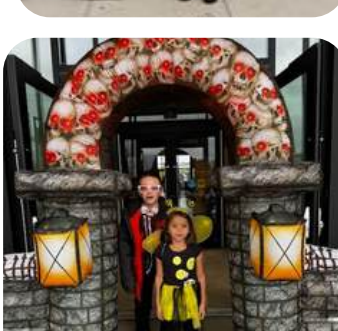
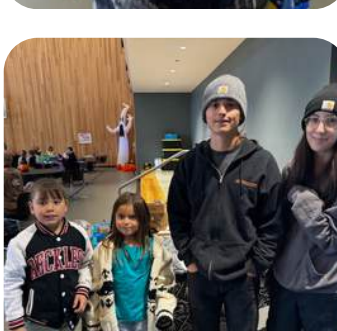


MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAM BOOKLET IS BEING UPDATED!

EVENT PICTURES

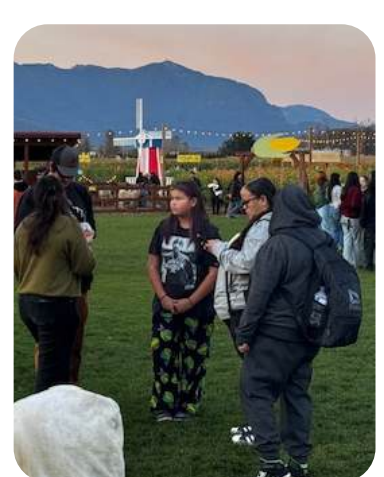


HALLOWEEN PARTY



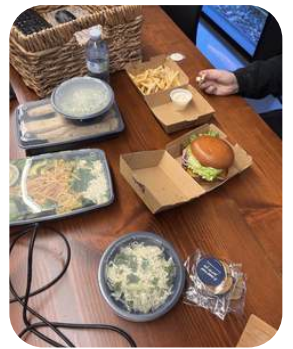


Community Corn Maze



YOUTH PICTURES

**Lunch /
Dinner**



**Fright
Nights**



Reapers



**Youth
DROP IN**



**ESCAPE
ROOM**



Youth



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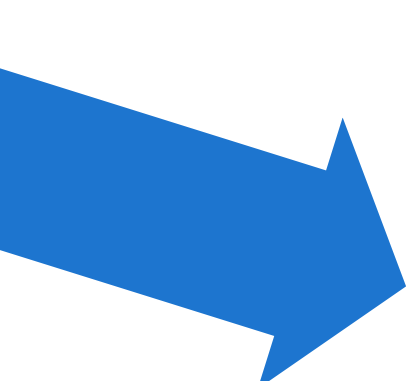
Youth Calendar
(Ages 12-18)

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Bowling @ Galaxy Bowl 1:30 PM	2
3	4 Drop-In Sports 3 PM	5	6 Tik Tok Creations 4 PM	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Youth Dinner 5 PM	14	15 Escape Rooms @ EXIT 3:30 PM	16
17	18 Drop-In Sports 3 PM	19	20 Parent Teacher Dinner 5 PM	21 Boys Club: Top Tracers Driving Range 4 PM	22	23
24	25 Drop-in Sports 3 PM	26 Movie Night @ Cineplex 4 PM	27	28 Glow Langley 3:30 PM	29	30

STAY UP TO DATE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY CHANGES THAT MAY HAPPEN. ANY QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER CONTACT TARUN YOUTH WORKER @ tarun.minhas@skowkalefn.com or call at (604) 256-9963





VOTE
Earls



YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Youth
Dinner & Movie
Wednesday
November 13th
@ The It'seliya Council Room


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event

To vote, sign up, or for more information contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com






YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Tik Tok
Creations
Tuesday
November 6th
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Viral Crackling Cup Coffee

Please Sign Up
@ The It'seliya Kitchen

To sign up or for more information call Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or e-mail at Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com


FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Escape Room
Friday
November 15th
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Jumanji @ 3:50 PM
Five Nights @ 4 PM
Cabin in the Woods @ 4:10 PM


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event
EXIT Chilliwack

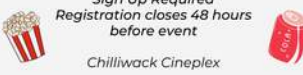
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WICKED

RED ONE


YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Wicked or Red One (2024)
Tuesday
November 26th
Bus Departs @ 3:50 PM from The It'seliya


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event
Chilliwack Cineplex

To sign up, or for more information, contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com




YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Bowling
Friday
November 1st
PRO-D Day Event
Bus Departs @ 1:30 PM from The It'seliya


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event
Galaxy Bowl Abbotsford

To sign up, or for more information, contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com




YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Drop-In Sports
Mondays
November 4, 18, 25
3 - 5 PM
Come for Healthy Snacks!
Pizza on the 25th!


Please Sign up
@ The It'seliya Gym

To sign up or for more information contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com




YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Boys Club: Driving Range
Thursday
November 21st
Bus Departs @ 4 PM from The It'seliya


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event
Top Tracers Cultus

To sign up, or for more information, contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com




YOUTH GROUP
Ages 12 -18

Glow: Christmas Lights
Thursday
November 28th
Bus Departs at 3:30PM from The It'seliya


Sign Up Required
Registration closes 48 hours before event
@ Glow Langley

To sign up or for more information contact Tarun Minhas at 604-256-9963 or Tarun.Minhas@skowkalefn.com

Community Movie Night



Staff Team Building



Elders Dinner at Bow & Stern





CULTURE AND LANGUAGE



Ashley Lockerby
Culture & Language
Manager



Sabrina Bob
Cultural Programs
Coordinator



Vivian Williams
Halq'eméylem
Language Teacher



Wendy Ritchie
Halq'eméylem
Language Teacher



Kecia Prevost
Halq'eméylem
Language & Heritage
Preservationist



Joy Hall
Halq'eméylem
Language & Heritage
Preservationist

SQ'EWQEYL FIRST NATION
CEDAR WEAVING WORKSHOPS
With Crystal Chapman
Theme: Cedar Work

Discover the ageless craft of cedar weaving! Join us to learn, create, and connect with the deep history and traditions surrounding the cedar tree.

**When: Every Tuesday evening
November 5th to November 26th
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Where: The'itseliya - SAY Health & Community Centre

Spaces are limited! To register please email Sabrina Bob at sabrina.bob@skowkalefn.com or call 236-522-1814.

It's been a wonderfully busy month! We began by exploring family trees, drawing great participation.

We held our first planning session for the Sq'ewqéyl Cultural Center, guided by the Urban Arts team, focusing on community-identified spaces.

Next, we celebrated family food traditions, sharing recipes like baking fish and making fried bread, creating memorable experiences for participants.

We concluded our food preservation season with a canning workshop for pears.

Additionally, we co-hosted an informative field trip for St. Mary's School, focusing on traditional medicine making and plant extractions.

Community Halq'eméylem Language Class

Our iHalq'eméylem Language Classes will be offered as an enhancement to our Cultural Programs as it is best to learn while in a natural home environment

with Teachers Wendy Ritchie & Vivian Williams

**Every Thursday 5:30 - 7:30
at The'itseliya**

Please RSVP for meal planning & learning material preparation purposes to:
Sabrina.Bob@saylandsoffice.ca or 604-262-9835

Family Trees

Food Preservation

Family Food Traditions

Cultural Center Planning

Halq'eméylemqel Síló :lém

Week 11

Xwetelqethox – repeat after me

Pronounce the words with the QR code

	lhq'á:lets
	spélhxel
	stó:telō
	theqthéqet
	xwe chal chexw?
	tsel lam te ___
	α'a tsel lam te ___

Week 12

Xwetelqethox – repeat after me

Pronounce the words with the QR code

	t'ilem
	xwemxálem
	lhép'otl'em
	kwúkw
	qw'eyílex
	yó:ys
	thíyest te lálem

Week 13

Xwetelqethox – repeat after me

Pronounce the words with the QR code

	lí chexw?
	éy stexw
	kw'es tílem
	lí chexw éy stexw
	kw'es xwemxálem
	lí chexw ey stexw te kwúkw?
	Lí chexw ey stexw te yó:ys

Week 14

Xwetelqethox – repeat after me

Pronounce the words with the QR code

	tsk'wím
	tsqwá:y
	qwiqwóyels
	sqwóqwiyeł
	pípeqwels
	ts'meth'
	ts'q'eyx

LANDS ADMINISTRATION



There are so many new buildings being built on the SAY lands. The Tiny homes at on Skowkale now have residents in them and they are enjoying the comforts of the cozy, energy efficient tiny home project. The apartment buildings and townhomes on Temelhem Creek and moving along and are looking great so far!



BERNARDO HALL

7120 Chilliwack River Road

So close to being complete. Only a few more key things left like handrails, and a final check of all the water, fire alarm and sewer systems at final inspection and it will be ready.



YAKWEAKWIOOSE GAZEBO

46496 Edna Lane

Look at this beautiful gazebo! It is about done and ready for everyone to enjoy!



YAKWEAKWIOOSE LONGHOUSE

7176 Chilliwack River Road

This addition is well on its way. The longhouse will soon have more bathrooms and also a mechanical room that holds the new sprinkler system for fire protection.



Community Safety Bulletin!



Who you gonna call?

Emergencies: Call 911

In the event of an emergency, you need immediate assistance, dial 911. The police can help with various situations, including:

1. A crime in progress, a medical emergency, or a fire, call 911 immediately.
2. Domestic Disputes or if you fear for your safety:
3. Missing Persons: If someone is missing, especially if it's a child.

Vandalism / security of SAY Property:

If you see vandalism of SAY Lands property or security issues in any SAY Lands operated spaces, let Maintenance know, they can call Imperial Security.

Jesse.Fraser@skowkalefn.com
604-819-0682

Complaints / SAY Laws:

Noise, Abandoned vehicles, animal issues, etc. Issues will be followed up with during business hours:

Salina.derish@saylandsoffice.ca
604-798-2599

Non Emergency RCMP

Hit & Run to Unoccupied Vehicle or Property, Driving Complaints, Damage/Mischief Under \$5k to Vehicle or Property, Lost Property, Theft Under \$5k (incl. Theft from Vehicle and Theft of Bicycle)

604-792-4611

Community Safety Information! TRAFFIC



We heard your concerns!

Based on the Community Safety Survey from July, the #1 concern indicated by community members was traffic safety. Many of you wrote that speeding along Chilliwack River road has you very concerned for the safety of our communities, especially the children and those using the new trails.

SPEEDWATCH IS COMING!

The City of Chilliwack has a Speed Watch program where volunteers go to "problem areas" to set up speed monitoring. We hope that having them come out a few times will remind those who use Chilliwack River Road as a faster route to bypass Vedder Road traffic that people live here, and they need to slow down and drive safely.

Keep it coming!

Thank you to everybody who filled out the community safety survey back in July. It provided me with vital information on the safety concerns of the communities. There will be a more comprehensive survey coming out next month, but you can always call or email me to discuss specific safety concerns.

Salina.Derish@saylandsoffice.ca
Cell: 604-798-2599

COMMUNITY SAFETY

SALINA'S SAFETY TIPS



Community Safety Bulletin!



Floods

Have a plan!

Having an emergency plan is one of the best steps you can take to prepare for a flood. It can be as easy as starting a conversation at home, check out: PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyPlans

If flooding is imminent:

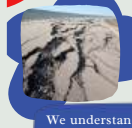
- Follow all evacuation alerts and orders from your band office, municipality, or local authority. Trust in your emergency plan.
- Stay updated via local radio, TV, and social media for information on sandbagging stations and evacuation procedures.
- Use bottled or boiled water unless it is confirmed that the tap water is safe.
- If a flood warning is in effect, shut off electricity in flood-prone areas.

Meeting Places

In case you are not with your family members when disaster strikes, have a designated meeting place that you all know, memorize important phone numbers. Choose one meeting place that is close to home (walkable) and another that is further away in the event of a regional disaster. Examples of good meeting places: The public library closest to your home (or in between your home and work), a family members house in a different city, a school.

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Community Safety Bulletin!



Earthquake Preparedness.

We understand the recent small earthquakes have caused concern. While we can't predict when or where the next earthquake will occur, we can always take steps to be prepared. Having an emergency plan, securing your home, and knowing what to do during and after an earthquake can help reduce injury and keep our community safe. Preparedness is our best defense, and together we can be ready for whatever comes our way.

Early Warning Alert.

Canadian Earthquake Early Warning System
The system alerts you when an earthquake that could cause damage is imminent, giving you seconds to take action. If you receive an early alert: Drop, Cover, and Hold on immediately. Learn more: canada.ca/earthquake-early-warning

Preparing Your home

Reduce damage and injury risk by securing your home before an earthquake:

- Secure bookcases and furniture to walls.
- Move heavy items from high shelves to lower ones.
- Avoid hanging pictures or mirrors above beds.

Get more tips at preparedbc.ca/earthquakes

Family Emergency Plan

Make sure your family knows what to do if:

- Your home is unsafe to stay in.
- Someone needs to turn off the gas.
- Family members are at school or work.

Start your emergency plan with templates at preparedbc.ca/emergencyplan

Emergency Kits

Be ready with:

- Non-perishable food (3-7 days)
- Water (4L per person/day)
- Battery-powered radios, flashlights
- First aid kits & medications

For a full list, visit: preparedbc.ca/emergencykit

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AMAZING

Public Works staff
work so hard in
rain, shine, cold
and heat

PUBLIC WORKS

WHAT'S THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UP TO THESE DAYS?

- Picnic table going in at the north Sub playground - Spring 2025
- Fencing was put around the pump station in the North Sub
- Speed bump painting has been completed
- Now that extra parking had been added to the building, there was some lighting installed for safety
- Bollards completed outside the front of the building
- Asset mapping and planning underway. Should be completed in 8 month by KWL
- API - Annual Performance Inspection for water and sewer system has been completed.
- New cleaners "Bee Clean" started in September

Time to winterize

- Staff have ordered and received salt and sand so they are ready for the first snow fall.
- The buildings HVAC system has been winterized
- It is time for you to winterize your homes too
 - Disconnect your hosebibs
 - Watch for pooling around your home
 - Clean around all outside drains and gutters

The It'seliya

RECYCLE DEPOT
OPEN 730-430PM

FLEXIBLE PLASTICS	PAINT CANS	SMALL APPLIANCES	STYROFOAM	BATTERIES	LIGHTBULBS
					
					
					
					
PLASTIC BAGS AND OVERWRAP, PACKAGING, FOOD WRAP, ZIPLOCKS, CHIP BAGS	PAINT CANS, SEALERS, STAINS AND AEROSOLS	SMALL APPLIANCES, POWER TOOLS, ELECTRIC OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	STYROFOAM PACKING, FOAM CUPS, TRAYS,	HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, CAR BATTERIES	HOUSEHOLD LIGHTS, HALOGEN AND FLUORESCENT LIGHTS



CURRENT PROJECTS

- Sport court nearing completion
- Permit applications for East Side Crossing still in process
- Cultural Center planning underway, community engagement session scheduled
- Aitchelitz has been approved for more small homes and planning is underway.
- Yakweakwioose subdivision designs in final stages, preloads are in place. Bernardo Hall renovation nearing completion.
- Archaeological monitoring will take place during construction along Edna Lane.
- Day to receive a new covered area over playground for shade and rain cover

HOUSING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

SMALL HOMES



BERNARDO HALL



DAYCARE
COVERED AREA



SPORT COURT



APARTMENT



TOWN HOMES



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LANDS Stewardship Team

"We are Water Protectors" is now on the trail. This beautiful book is written by Carole Lindstorm and illustrated by Michaela Goade.

"We are Water Protectors" is about protecting the environment and being stewards of the land. Being a steward of the land, you take care of all things that use it. The story starts at the beginning of the trail across from The'í:tselíya.

Carole Lindstorm is Anishinaabe/ Metis and an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, and her tribal homelands are in Belcourt, North Dakota.

Michaela Goade is a member of the Tlingit and Haida tribes in Alaska. She also illustrated "I Sang You Down from the Stars," the previous book that was on the trail.



The Land Stewardship Department has planted over 7,000 trees and shrubs this month including some 4.5m tall Douglas Fir trees along Chilliwack Creek to improve wildlife habitat and increase shade for the stream benefiting Chum and Coho salmon. Many volunteer groups have helped including the Seabird Island Guardians, local businesses, DFO, Provincial staff, and school classes.

A new cantilevered viewing platform, made from Yellow Cedar, was recently completed using grant funding. The platform over Chilliwack Creek is a great spot to watch the returning Chum salmon in the creek right now!



S.A.Y. Homeowner Grant



Guiding Principle:

Skowkale, Aitchelitz and Yakweakwioose are First Nations addressing the housing gap for Indigenous people in their community. Efforts are to be made to support their members in subsidizing the cost of construction for their homes within the community.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a Homeowner Grant as a one-time only subsidy program that reduces the cost of construction for a member building their own home in community. This is made possible through the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) at CMHC.

Scope:

This policy applies to all members of Skowkale, Aitchelitz and Yakweakwioose that have met the requirements to construct a family home on their respective community lands and request financial assistance.

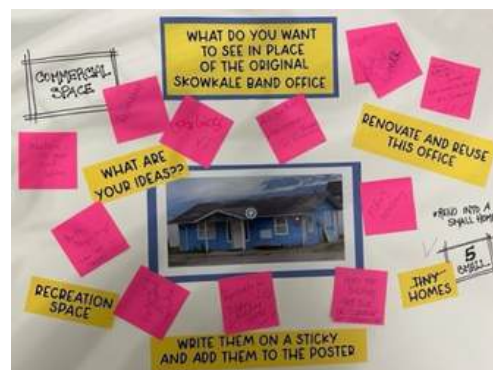
Procedures:

- 1) Amount
 - a. Subsidies are available in the amount of \$20,666
- 2) Availability
 - a. These funds are available for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only
 - b. There are six (6) subsidies available in Skowkale, five (5) in Aitchelitz and four (4) in Yakweakwioose
- 3) Application
 - a. Members must submit a written request for the funds to the housing department and include, in writing:
 - i. Confirmation of land allocation; and
 - ii. Confirmation of financing; and
 - iii. Confirmation of membership; and
 - iv. Construction timeline.

Limited
Time
Only

Many thanks to HAF/CMHC

DNA is currently planning and putting together some housing option for the “old band office” site. With this opportunity for CMHC we will be able to move forward with this space.



Stay
Tuned



FROM THIS
TO THIS



AND JUST LIKE THAT WE HAVE A NEW COVERED
PLAY AREA TO PROTECT OUR LITTLES FROM THE
SUN, RAIN AND SNOW



S'IWESÁ:YLHEM CHILDCARE CENTRE

SKOWKALE S'IWESÁ:YLHEM
CHILDCARE CENTRE
46337 SMOKEHOUSE RD



HEAD START FAMILY PROGRAM & OUTREACH



QUESTIONS:

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FAMILY PROGRAM

PARENT PARTICIPATION
PROGRAM
FOR CAREGIVERS WITH
CHILDREN

AGES 0-6 YEARS OLD. DAILY
ACTIVITIES,
CIRCLE TIME, OUTDOOR PLAY,
& SNACK. OCCASSIONAL GUEST
SPEAKERS,
FIELD TRIPS, & MONTHLY
FAMILY NIGHTS!

**MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:30AM-
12:00PM**

CUT OFF TIME: 10:00AM

SKOWKALE S'IWESÁ:YLHEM CHILDCARE CENTRE

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MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:30AM-12:00PM.
& PARENT/CHILD OUTREACH & HOME SUPPORT
SERVICES.

CHILDCARE SERVICES:

INFANT TODDLER CARE (0-36 MON.)
3-5 YEAR OLD CARE
OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (5-12 Y/O); AFTER
SCHOOL CARE.

TO ADD YOUR
CHILD TO OUR
WAITLIST
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FAMILY SPIRIT PROGRAMS

**S. Supporting
P. Play through
I. Intergenerational
R. Relationships
I. Indigenous
T. Traditions**

- Evidence-based, culturally tailored home visiting program.
- Promotes optimal health and well-being for parents and their children.
- Combines the use of paraprofessionals from the community as home visitors as culturally focused, strength-based curriculum to support.
- Parents gain knowledge and skills to promote healthy development and positive lifestyle for themselves and their children.



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BC FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE COUNCIL

GENERAL ENQUIRIES
HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
1-778-704-1355

46140 YALE RD #201,
CHILLIWACK, BC V2P 0J6
FAX: 1-778-704-1355

SERVICES AT THE CHILLIWACK INDIGENOUS JUSTICE CENTRE

The Indigenous Justice Centre (IJC) in Chilliwack offers supports to Indigenous people – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – dealing with criminal and child protection matters who otherwise cannot access help through legal aid.

The Chilliwack IJC is a diverse team providing services to the surrounding communities, with lawyers and outreach teams working with Nations and local service providers to connect people with services to support them, their families and their communities while dealing with legal issues. The IJC team maintains accurate, up-to-date information on local programs, eligibility criteria, waitlists and other programming.

Come in and meet with our staff, and they will work to help you decide what services are appropriate for you.

The Chilliwack IJC offers:

- A meeting with our staff lawyer
- Advocacy and support for dealing with the Ministry of Children & Family Development
- A liaison to help you get support from your First Nation
- Supports accessing housing, treatment, social services
- Access to culturally relevant supports



BC FIRST NATIONS
JUSTICE COUNCIL

NOV 5TH, 2024
1PM - 4PM

JOIN OUR FREE CLINIC

WHAT IS A BAND DESIGNATE UNDER CFCSA?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 05 1-4PM

Our **Chilliwack Indigenous Justice Centre** lawyers will provide information about what a Child and Family Designated Representative (Under CFCSA) does. Lawyers will also be available for general legal advice for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Persons.

Tuesday | November 5th | 1pm-4pm

Chilliwack Indigenous Justice Centre
201-46140 Yale Road (In District 1881)

Questions? Contact Natalie at 778.704.1666 or email
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Communications Coordinator
- recreation Coordinator
- On-call positions (Various).

Hawk Communications App



DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION



Visit one of our websites for past issues of our monthly Newsletter.

- www.skowkalefn.com
- www.saylandsoffice.ca

GYM space use in October

Daycare	2
Youth Group	2
Internal Booking	6
Member Booking	4
External Booking	1
Setup/Take Downs	14

Internal Event

- Fitness with Shelley X2
- Slow Stretch and Flow X1
- Community Visioning- Cultural Center
- Stewardship Launch
- Youth Drop in - 2
- Infant/OOSC Gym Time - 2
- Lands Town Hall
- Say AGM
- Staff Team Building
- Qweqwelstom Elders Event
- Halloween Party

External Events

- BC Election Voting

Member Bookings

- Member - Soccer
- Member - Wedding
- Member - Wedding
- Member - Aitcheliz Halloween Party

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Adult Open Gym 6-9pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Dr Gabor Mate 915AM Adults only	13 Fitness w/ Shelley 830-930AM	14 Dr Gabor Mate 915AM Adults only	15	16
17 Elders Johnny Cash Show 2PM	18 Adult Open Gym 6-9pm Fitness w/ Shelley 7pm	19 Small Skills Soccer 330-430pm 4-7 + 8-12 years	20 Parent Teacher Dinner 5pm	21	22 Staff Chili Contest Come for leftovers @1pm	23
24	25 Adult Open Gym 6-9pm	26 Small Skills Soccer 330-430pm 4-7 + 8-12 years	27	28	29 Elders Lunch 12pm	30

Community Services
Recreation Programs
at The'itseliya

*Small Skills
Soccer*

Tuesday Nov 19 & 26th
4-5 pm

2 age groups
4-7 and 8-12 years old

For more information contact Raven
George at 778-731-0776 or
raven.george@skowkalefn.com

Community Services
Elders Event

*Johnny Cash
at the cultural center*

Sunday Nov 17th

12-1pm lunch at The'itseliya
1:15pm Depart to Cultural Center
2pm Show Starts

*Registration Before
Nov 8th*

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

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Community Services
Recreation Programs

*Adult
Open Gym*

Monday
November 4, 18, 25
6-9pm

at The'itseliya

For more information contact
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STAY
ACTIVE!

Community Services
Elders Event

*Elders
Luncheon*

Friday Nov 29th
12pm
at The'itseliya

We will be ordering in lunch and having an
open table discussion on what Elders want to
see in the new year.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

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Community Services
Recreation Programs
at The'itseliya

*Fitness
Classes*

Fitness With Shelley
Wednesday Nov 13th
8:30-9:30AM

Fitness with Shelley
Monday Nov 18th
7-8 PM

For more information contact
reception 778-731-0776

**STAFF CHILI CONTEST
NOV 22 @ THE'ITSELIYA**

**COMMUNITY
IS WELCOME
TO COME AT
1PM
TO ENJOY
SOME CHILI
OR TAKE
SOME HOME**



QWI: QWELSTOM



**QWÍ:QWÉLSTÓM
PATHWAY TO
REDROAD PROGRAM**

SEPT 10 - NOV 12TH 2024
TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM
TUES & THURS

REGISTER WITH HEATHER WALKER 604-798-3328
GRADUATION CEREMONY WITH CERTIFICATE

SAVE THE DATE! You're Invited
Qwi:qwelstóm Elder's
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME DANCE

TRIBUTE ARTISTS: TINA TURNER, ROD STEWART & ELVIS
★ PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME! ★

Wednesday
October 30th
12PM-4PM

THE'TSELIYA SAY
COMMUNITY BUILDING
7256 Chilliwack River Road

For More Info call:
Heather Walker 604-798-3328 or
Alicia Peters 604-819-8942



QWÍ:QWELSTÓM

**WELLBRIETY
GROUP**

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SEPT 11TH-NOV 27TH
4:30PM-6:30PM

A WELCOMING PLACE FOR ANYONE WHO IS, OR HAS STRUGGLED WITH ADDICTION.
COME LEARN ABOUT WELLBRIETY.

VENUE:
STÓ:LŌ NATION PORTABLE 1A
7201 VEDDER ROAD, CHILLIWACK



QWÍ:QWÉLSTÓM

**MEN'S
RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS**

TUESDAYS
SEPT 10TH TO NOV 12TH 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Join us for Lunch!

Respectful Relationships is a 10 week Men's program. It offers information on how behavior affects our relationships.

Gain skills to communicate as our Elders would say "In a good way"

- Respect
- Honour
- Connection

Graduation Ceremony with Certificate

TO REGISTER CALL HEATHER WALKER (604) 798-3328



Halq'emeylen Language with Qwi:qwelstóm

Who: Stó:lō Community

Where: Stó:lō Portable 1A

When: every Friday

Time: 9:00am-9:30am

Any questions please call Heather Walker at 604-798-3328



QWÍ:QWELSTÓM

**FAMILY SUPPORT
GROUP**

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SEPT 11TH-NOV 13TH, 10AM-12PM

Join Us

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