



Annual Report

2024-2025



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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 in an open and transparent way.
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.



A:Imélhawtxw Early Education Centre



Shxwt'am:etsel
Aboriginal Supported
Child Development



Stó:lō Health
Services



Qwí:qwelstóm



Mémiyelhtel
and Youth Services



Stó:lō Aboriginal Skills
& Employment Training



People of the River
Referrals Office



Stó:lō Research and
Resource Management
Centre



Stó:lō Dental Clinic

- 250 Employees
- 50 Programs
- Serving Langley to Boston Bar
- Average Clients Served: 5, 000 per year
- Federal Revenue
- Provincial Revenue

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MESSAGE FROM THE STÓ:LŌ SERVICE AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SSA Board of Directors and SSA Management team from left to right: Angela Kermer, Kelly Willmets, Lauralee Campbell, Eric Sather, Sue Griffin, Jessie Ramsay, Carol Raspberry, Dave Schaepe, Tracey Joe, Rhianna Millman, Anna Celesta, Willy Hall, Abby Duncan, Sharlene Charlton, Sharron Young, and Derek Hansom.

The 2024-25 fiscal year is the Stó:lō Service Agency Board of Directors (SSA BOD) thirteenth year of supporting, and overseeing, the important work that SSA continues to provide in improving the lives of our citizens through the services and programs offered. The Board ensures that the SSA adheres to excellent standards of service delivery through the support and evaluation of existing programs.

The SSA BOD over the 2024-25 fiscal year held regular scheduled meetings with the Office of the Executive Director (OED) and attended the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) meetings. The Board takes pride in being present and available to support and oversee the work being provided by the OED and Directors of the departments. The work ethic displayed and experience within each of the departments is truly a valuable quality required for improving the lives of the community members they work with.

SSA BOD accomplishments this fiscal year included:

- Fostering relationships with member Nations by providing SSA operational updates to the SNCC through regular attendance at meetings.
- Continued support to the OED in the demolition process for the St. Mary's residential school and providing important communication as it becomes available.
- Providing leadership and assist where required regarding the Stó:lō collective properties.
- Passing resolutions for various proposals from programs/departments.
- Reviewing and approving the 2025-26 SSA Budget, Organizational charts and Workplans for implementation.
- Attending and supporting various SSA events.
- Attending the all-staff Christmas gathering to present the years of service recognition awards.

SSA BOD goals for the 2025-26 fiscal year include:

- Maintain relationships with service providers as requested from the OED and Directors and sharing ideas for moving forward together.
- Continue to provide leadership and assist where needed involving the Stó:lō collective properties.
- Continue to support the OED with the updates to the policies and procedures manual.
- Board and staff training and development.

We continue to advocate for and assist SSA with achieving their Vision, Mission and Values by committing to working closely with the OED and Directors conducting our business in the highest ethical standards. It has been a great honour and privilege to serve on the Board of Directors for the SSA.



June 2024 SSA AGM.



SSA BOD team at the annual golf tournament.



SSA BOD taking part in the Chilliwack Chamber Baseball tournament.



SSA BOD team Christmas lunch.



SSA BOD and SSA Management Team budget review meeting.



Board members, Sharron Young and Derek Hansom handing out Years of Service ribbons with Executive Director, Willy Hall at the SSA staff Christmas lunch.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Office of the Executive Director (OED) from left to right: Abby Duncan, Willy Hall, Sharlene Charlton, Kelly Willmets.

SSA is dedicated to identifying and ensuring programs are aligned to address the social and health needs of our growing population. We are committed to responsive and engaged decision-making, guided by our Vision, Mission, and Values. Community and leadership engagement is important to identify our collective goals which will help guide our programs and prioritize our next steps going forward.

The OED continued to build on existing connections with many of our First Nation communities maintaining strong and open relationships welcoming new ideas to sustain and where possible, expand on the success of current programming. Over the years we have explored new communication approaches and tools to improve information sharing so communities are aware of programs and services they can access and feel connected and supported while utilizing our services. We are constantly working to build and advocate our programs and services to the community through our Stó:lō bulletin and social media channels. Let's stay connected, collaborate, and continue cultivating growth, building strong and thriving relationships together. Community connections help build strong foundations, working alongside one another and sharing knowledge. The Annual Report highlights these many programs and services communities have available to them.

As the Executive Director, I have witnessed the talent and commitment of the Directors and Management team, working in ways that are culturally safe, developing strategies to make SSA a positive, enjoyable and desirable place to work.

I am thankful for the support, and the productive and meaningful collaborative discussions I continue to have with the SSA BOD, contributing to our respectfully envisioned (proposed/intended) outcomes.

FINANCE

GIFT SHOP

- Introduced the following **NEW** Artists to the shop:
 - Shirley Stanley - Jewelry
 - Michael Hill – Cedar Jewelry
 - Cynthia Robinson – Pottery
 - Roberta Malloway – Cedar Weaver
 - Dena Leon – Hand Made Moccasins for baby
 - Gracie Kelly – Cedar Rose
 - Richard & Autumn Lang – Silver Carver & Jewelry Candles



- Continued with the annual “Trick or Treats” day and the “12 Days of Gifting” contests. Customers enjoyed coming in for some fun, prizes and savings.



Some of the new books sold in the Gift Shop.

- 2024-25 was exciting in our library for new additions where we featured more language books and local community authors! We are always on the lookout for titles of interest and have been getting great feedback on how readers enjoyed many of the new titles.

- Crystal and Rico Worl brought Trickster Co. to the spotlight with some fun basketballs along with skateboard and longboard decks all styled with beautiful authentic Indigenous art of their own. They have been a big hit in the shop!



Trickster Co. line of basketballs and skateboard decks.

- Over the past year we were honored to be able to assist in the comfort of Indigenous Cancer Patients by donating lap blankets to BC Cancer and specifically the Abbotsford clinic. This year they were looking at ways to afford providing the same comforts to other locations in BC, so we expanded the reach of our blanket donation to include other outlying clinics. We received a beautiful letter of gratitude from the coordinator on how it's made a difference to the patients: *"Each one of the blankets are gifted to a diagnosed cancer patient, on the difficult journey of receiving treatment services provided by our Agency. The Indigenous patients receiving a blanket have been grateful and find comfort with this gift."*
- Celebrated hitting record breaking numbers, but more than that we celebrated how we work together and enjoy our days assisting our customers daily.



Gift shop team: Rhonda Bouzovetsky, Tracey Schile, Nordina Newton.

EDUCATION

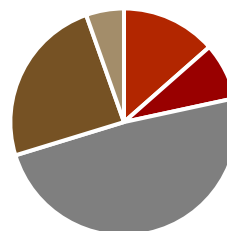
Post-Secondary: 37 Students

- Matsqui: 5
- Skawahlook: 3
- Skowkale: 18
- Tzeachten: 9
- Yakweakwioose: 2

K – 12: 238 Students

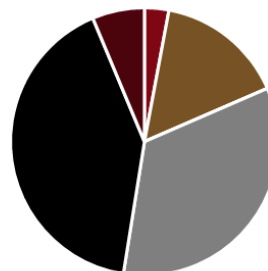
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- Matsqui: 37
- Skowkale: 81
- Tzeachten: 98
- Yakweakwioose: 15

POST SECONDARY



■ Matsqui ■ Skawahlook ■ Skowkale ■ Tzeachten ■ Yakweakwioose

K-12



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OPERATIONS

- Revamped the SSA website using the contracting services of Khula Studio. The new website refresh and migration was launched in October. Visit <https://www.stolonation.bc.ca>
- Celebrated a few Operations staff milestone birthdays this fiscal year.



Kelly Willmets celebrating her 50th.



Carol Biccum celebrating her 60th.



Richard Amatorio celebrating his 50th.

EVENTS

- Hosted a fun and well attended SSA Golf Tournament with 30 teams. This year, through the sale of raffle tickets, 50/50, cheat bags and the putting contest, we were able to raise \$2,498 for the SSA Christmas hamper fund. Thank you to our sponsors and partners who helped make this years' event a big success.

Gold Sponsors included:

All Nations
Baker Newby LLP
Bridal Veil Mountain Resort
Manning Elliot LLP, and
Miller Titerle & Company

Hole sponsors included:

C Hall Law Group
Eagle Bay Financial Services
Hub International Insurance
MNP
Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre
University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)



A few of the teams and sponsors for this years' SSA Golf Tournament.

- SSA Cultural team, in collaboration with Stó:lō leadership and the Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers Society, organized and assisted with the preparations of the fourth annual September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This event was well attended with 300+ in attendance and many staff and volunteers doing the work in providing an opportunity for others to learn about, recognize and commemorate the legacy of Residential schools in Canada and to acknowledge the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event at the Coqualeetza property.

- Many staff and tenants took part in the annual October 19 Shake Out BC on the Coqualeetza property which provided an opportunity to practice how to be safe during a big earthquake.



Shakeout BC at SSA.

- On November 11, the SSA Cultural Committee team hosted the Stó:lō Xa:yxeleq Há:kw'eles Swáyel (Stó:lō Veterans Remembrance Day) to honour the Stó:lō servicemen and women who fought for Canada and the Stó:lō people. The event, which hosted close to 300 attendees, began with a welcome provided by SNCC President/Squiala Chief David Jimmie, and words shared on the significance of the day by Xwéliqwetel Grand Chief Steven Point. Phil Hall announced the Stó:lō Veterans Roll Call followed by the Last Post and two minutes of silence. Wreaths and cedar bows were laid on the memorial before the procession carried on to the memorial ribbon ceremony sites.



Stó:lō Xa:yxeleq Há:kw'eles Swáyel (Stó:lō Veterans Remembrance Day) at the Coqualeetza property.

- On December 6, 2024, the Stó:lō Christmas Luncheon was held at the The'i:tseliya - SAY lands building where the SSA BOD presented the years of service ribbons to eligible staff. The event was well attended with over 140 staff enjoying a meal together and getting to know fellow workmates.



5 years of service award recipients.



10 years of service award recipients.



15 years of service award recipient, Carol Raspberry.



Sharlene Charlton receiving 30 years of service award.

- On December 8, SSA held a Fall Burning with the work being carried out by Helen Joe with assistance from John Williams, Kurt Joe, Valerie Paul and Cheyenne Gardner. A meal was shared together after the work was completed.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

- Due to the increasing number of employees, we expanded our HR department and welcomed new HR hire, Lisa Lorraine as the Recruitment and Selection Administrator.
- Continued working with MNP on updating and reformatting all SSA employee job descriptions as part of the overall SSA compensation review to develop a compensation program and salary structure for SSA.
- HR stats for the fiscal year:

	2024-25 Total
Job Postings	62
Interviews	119
New Hires including Summer Students	62
Staff Retirement/Resignation/Release	24
HR consultations with Staff/Supervisor	144
Pension and Benefit Enrollment	54
Pension & Benefits Education Sessions	3
EI Top-up Applications	11
Long-term Disability Application	7
Criminal Record Check Applications	66



Recruitment and Selection Administrator, Lisa Lorraine.

INDIAN REGISTRY

- Indian Registry services for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

	Births	Deaths	Band Transfers	SCIS Applications	CIS Cards	MISC (FTR)
Aitchelitz	6			18	12	6
Kwaw'Kwaw'Apilt				5	1	4
Matsqui	2	1		1	11	1
Shxw'ow'hamel	3	1		13	15	1
Skawahlook	1			13	12	5
Soowahlie	2	4	6	15	18	
Sumas	1			14	20	1
TOTAL	15	6	6	79	89	18

- In August, set up a table at Skawahlook First Nation to assist with the Secure Certificate of Indian Status forms. Helped 9 members complete the form.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Improved security measures put in place and many onsite systems were either retired or moved to secure cloud hosting.
- Setup Arctic Wolf cyber security monitoring solution to protect all connected computers and user accounts and data.
- Setup ManageEngine endpoint management system for remote control, inventory and mobile device management. The new system greatly improves our ability to support remote workers and provides more comprehensive software patch management.
- Cohesity cloud backup system was set-up to aid in protecting the data on all our Microsoft 365 and Azure virtual systems.
- Set up various security hardening policies in our Microsoft Entra/Azure tenant to protect against cyber-attack.

PROPERTY AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

- A number of benches were made and cemented down around the Coqualeetza property and on the walking path.
- Completed renovations of building 8B which included creating new office space and new Government House boardrooms and custom-made boardroom tables.
- Met with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Encora Engineers to review the utilities at St. Mary's in preparation for future demolition. Arranged with the Pipestem Enterprises Contractor for the Phase 1 Environmental Review and the pre-demolition hazardous building materials survey of the three outer buildings at the Pekw'xe:yles site.



- Added crush and leveled some spots around the Coqualeetza site to improve parking areas and walking areas.



- Cleared away the overgrowing brush from the roadway and lift station at St. Mary's.



- Installed signage at St. Mary's property to provide history of the Pekw'xe:yles St. Mary's Residential School, information of the deconstruction process and access to educational sites to conduct research on the residential school.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT

	2024 - 2025 Stats
Files created	2439
Files edited	2279
Boxes created	94
Boxes edited	138
Purged Files in Omni Database	1009

STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES (SHS)

ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS/PRIMARY CARE

- Kelowa Edel officially retired as the Health Director for Stó:lō Health. We will miss her greatly and we'll continue to build on the impact she has made.
- Elders Program grew to 15-20 participants in attendance every Friday and is now held in the portable to accommodate growth.
- Renovations were completed to the Health Clinic room and staff kitchen, to create a more welcoming and culturally safe environment for all.
- Successfully planned events that fostered staff wellness and community engagement, such as, our Culture of Healing event, our Truth & Reconciliation event and our Indigenous Recruitment Retreat event.
- Austen Renaud joined our team as an SSA Staff in April to lead the new Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Services Program. This innovative initiative is designed to simplify navigation of the MHSU system for Indigenous people and their families, offering culturally appropriate support with fewer barriers, greater autonomy, and enhanced flexibility.
- Helped deliver over 250 Christmas hampers in December 2024 to community members.
- Skwah First Nation hired SSA health to do a one-year exploration year to support and help build services for community.
- SSA Health in partnership with Seabird Island Health, Eyameth' (Sts'ailes Primary Care), Chilliwack Division of Family Practice, Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) held a retreat to recruit General Practitioners (GP's) and Nurse Practitioners (NP's) and have them come work for the territory once they complete school.



Blanketing Health Director,
Kelowa Edel.



Retreat held at Fraser River Lodge to recruit
General and Nurse Practitioners.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE (MHSU)

- Mental Health Team, was established in Fall 2024, and began operating primarily as mental health case managers who assessed and helped people make sense of their mental health concerns, then walked alongside them as we helped them connect with and navigate services such as counselling/therapy, psychiatry, support groups, hospital and crisis-related services, substance use support, and bed-based treatment.
- In Partnership with FHA, welcomed an experienced clinical counsellor and an elder peer support worker with lived experience to our team this quarter, significantly expanding our scope of practice, depth of knowledge, and range of skills available to support community members.
- Since establishment, directly served over 80 individuals, demonstrating the significant need for culturally responsive mental health services in our communities.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HOME CARE

- Stats for the fiscal year included:
 - 65-85 active Footcare clients.
 - 88-101 active Homecare clients.
 - 8-14 active Pre/Post Natal clients.
 - 478 immunization clients.
 - 9 families who continued to participate in Babytime.
- This year Sqwá (Skwah) First Nation hired SSA health to do a one-year exploration year to support and help build services for community.
- Home and Community Care added 3 new staff to support increasing needs.
- Staff continued to deepen their relationships with families and clients, providing one to one service to communities, and individual homes.
- Attended engagement events in Sumas, Shxwhà:y Village, Sqwá, Tzeachten, SAY, and Skawahlook.

DENTAL

- Eleven afternoon walk-in clinics were held during the year for those in need of relief of pain.
- New Panorex machine was installed.
- Registered as the 24th not-for-profit office with the BC Dental Association, to increase funding for patients and equipment updates.
- Approximately 4,856 patients seen this year.
- Monthly Production ranged from \$77,000 to \$145,000.



Panorex Machine example photo.

Á:LMÉLHÁWTXW EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

- Monthly Elder Visits continued with Julie L from Skawahlook First Nation visiting with each childcare program and Head Start Programs, reading, singing, and spending time with the children.
- Stó:lō Baby Time joined Head Start Family Program each Thursday.
- Head Start activities for the year included:
 - Field trips to the pumpkin patch, Chilliwack River Fish Hatchery, Sardis Library, and Woodsong Christmas Tree Farm.
 - Stó:lō Health guest speakers about hand washing, cough and cold season, and gut health.
 - Monthly hot lunch provided by Babytime staff.
 - Stó:lō Dental Guest speaker with a teeth brushing demonstration.
 - Pumpkin baking, apple baking, Christmas baking and various cooking activities.
 - Ice skating.
 - Guest speaker from Child Care Resource and Referral.
 - Food Preservation Workshop.
 - Baby Yoga.

- Centre Renovations this fiscal included a fully funded construction project for all cement walkways and cement play areas to be redone. Also, with additional funding from SASET, completed some safety renovations: new playground, new sheds, safety lighting, soffit upgrades to keep pests out, and new flooring in staff areas.
- The Centre won two categories for Chilliwack Community Votes 2024 – this year our Early Years Centre won the “gold” award for best in Daycare Services and “silver” in Child Care Services.



Two awards received from the Chilliwack Community Votes.



Jenn Carman receiving “BCACCS Child Care Recognition Award”.

- Awarded a ‘25 Years of Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve’ plaque from FNHA.
- In October 2024 and March 2025 - À:lmèlhàwtxw Early Education Centre hosted UFV / Chilliwack School District Dual credit students on two Saturday’s. These events were planned by Supervisor, Monique, and were funded by SVP Vancouver.
- In February, Centre Manager Jenn Carman was recognized for her work in the Early Years field from BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) and was presented with the “BCACCS Child Care Recognition Award” at the BCACCS Annual Provincial Conference.
- Staff Professional Development included – Learning about The Early Learning Framework – a government document that is not mandatory for our work, but it is a guiding principle in how we should and do conduct our daily practice with the children. Educators completed 5 hours of training in “Being a Behavioral Detective Social-Emotional Supports for Learning”. Educators also completed a full day of training with Bloom Behavior “Inclusive classroom – Introductory to Neurodiversity and Partnering Philosophy and Planning, Actionable Practice”.
- This fiscal year we welcomed 14 additional children into our various Child Care Programs.

SHXWT’AM:ETSEL FAMILY SERVICES

Mission Aboriginal Family Place (MAFP), Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD), Aboriginal Infant Development Program (AIDP)

- Number of Families Served 2024- 2025:

Programs	Chilliwack	Abbotsford	Mission
ASCD	123	74	68
AIDP	123	37	39
MAFP			55
Groups/Events	6	4	4

- Training sessions this year included: BC Inclusion Conference, Day C 2 Training, Inclusive Childcare Training Kit, ASQ /ASQ SE and the Early Years conference.
- New funding was negotiated through the ‘Pathways to Hope’ to allow for new services in the Mission region.

- Play and Connect successfully continued in Mission, Abbotsford and Chilliwack. This bi-monthly event connected families with their local Child Development Center Therapists in a comfortable setting, which made it quicker for children to be screened for developmental needs including speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy.
- Manager took part in the strategic planning interviews for the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre and an interview with the University of Victoria (UVIC) to discuss service gaps. UVIC is doing a research project for MCFD to discover service gaps and hopefully provide some advocating to reduce these.
- MAFP incorporated more cultural activities such as beading, drumming and story telling.
- ASCD, AIDP and MAFP attended the Early Years Fairs in Mission and Chilliwack.



Campfire and BBQ lunch field trip.



Hayward Lake field trip.

QWÍ:QWELSTÓM (WELLNESS SERVICES)

- This year, our team walked alongside our community in healing and strength. Annual statistics included:
 - 19 participants graduated from Respectful Relationships.
 - 34 participants graduated from Red Road Recovery.
 - Successfully trained 29 people in the Sexual Violence Response Training (SVRT).
 - Worked with 114 clients to assist in bringing back balance in their lives. The clients came from RCMP, Crown Counsel, probation, and self-referrals.
 - We had a total of 19 participants partake in the Grief & Loss group
 - We had 41 participants partake in the Wellbriety group
 - Responded to 52 bravely disclosed sexual violence experiences with trauma-informed care.
- Elders shared wisdom at monthly panels while 30+ language learners kept Halq'eméylem alive every Friday with up to 30 participants.
- Enhanced staff skills through professional development in justice, harm reduction, and cultural wellness.
- Through summer camps, cultural workshops, and our Wellbriety group, we created spaces where families could heal together. The funding we secured for Restoring Our Voices ensured these vital programs could continue.

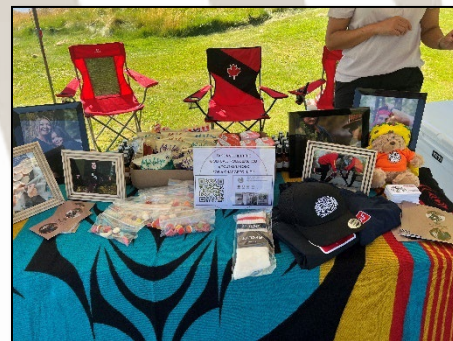


Weekly Halq'eméylem Class.

YOUTH SERVICES

Mémiyelhtel

- Have grown to 55 youth currently on the caseload with now 77 youth on the waitlist. The waitlist numbers are as follows:
 - 2025: 14
 - 2024: 36
 - 2023: 19
 - 2022: 6
 - 2021: 12
- Chilliwack Ford hosted their annual charity golf tournament in August & presented us with a \$18,568.90 cheque, which was \$7,100.90 more than last year's donation.
- Adopt-A-Road – 'Mémiyelhtel' stewardship, road clean-up (Knight Road, Shaw Avenue, Gaetz Street) continued.
- Continued growth of local partnerships such as Sidekick Brewing and Smoking Gun Coffee Shop.
- Continued sponsorship with Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd.



Booth set up at the Ford Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Lyáqthet (to transform yourself) – Recreation and Land-based Healing Project

- Hired staff for our new land base recreational program to support with coordinating and facilitating.
- Launched the first Lyáqthet cohort, hosting weekly sessions on Thursdays. We have since added 4 more youth for our spring/summer cohort.
- Some weekly sessions included:
 - Snowshoeing at Cypress at night to the Hollyburn Historic Lodge
 - Medicine making
 - Christmas party at Cultus Lake with food and personalized gifts
 - Snowboard/Skiing at Sasquatch Resort – multiple day trips and ski/snowboard lessons



A couple of the many Lyáqthet group activities.

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT TEAM (FET)

- Program statistics:

Total Number of Referrals:	15
Total Number of Intakes:	15
Current Case Load Per Advocate	12
Current Year End Waitlist	0
Total Active Clients	35
Obtained Full/Part-Time Employment	1
Attended Drug/Alcohol Treatment	7
Accessed Mental Health Services	16
Updated Education	8
Doula Services with FET	1
Refrained From Drug/Alcohol While Pregnant	5

- 65% of FET clients were Xyólheméylh clients.
- Joined the MCH/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Community of Practice through First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).
- Professional Development included: Livingworks training/suicide awareness, Lateral Kindness at Skawahlook, 3-day FASD conference, PCAP Core training, Diabetes training & Culture of Healing.

STÓ:LŌ ELDERS LODGE (SEL)

- Former SEL Office Manager, Michele Hobek retired in January 2025. We will miss her dearly but wish her the best in this next chapter in life.
- Morning social gatherings were held three times a week. In this gathering, we offered continental breakfast to residents while harnessing their relationships with each other.
- Family Townhall Meetings were held at the end of the month to connect with the family members of our residents. This meeting allowed space to discuss and share any highlights or concerns that families may want to address.
- Len Pierre's "Indigenous, Cultural Safety, Anti Racism, Allyship in Health Care" Training was assigned to each staff member after completion of performance reviews.
- Renovations to the Lodge included upgrades to the roof and gutters. Snowguard for the roof was also installed as well as automatic door systems for every suite.



SEL staff, tenants and SSA wishing Michele Hobek a happy retirement.



STÓ:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (SASET)

- On July 5, SASET welcomed Acacia Lai and Kristen Martin, Senior Program Development Officers of Indigenous Program Delivery at Service Canada, to visit several community projects.
- Service Canada visited the Á:lmélháwtx Early Learning Centre, the SASET Outreach Employment Office, the Sts'ailes Early Learning Centre, and the Sts'ailes Employment Centre, where they met with participants working on all SASET projects.



Sts'ailes Early Learning Centre.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES

- Provided full-time Employment Assistance Services (EAS) at SASET Chilliwack Outreach Employment Services office located at SSA and provided funding for full-time employment services to Seabird Island Band and Sts'ailes First Nation.
- SASET Chilliwack Outreach Employment Services employment counselors continued with on-site services at 19 outreach employment sites in Boston Bar, Cheam, Chawathil, Leq'á:mel, Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui, Mission Friendship Center, Shxw'ōwhámél, Skwah, Spuzzum, Soowahlie, Squiala, Sumas, Shxwhà:y Village, Tzeachten, Chilliwack WorkBC, Hope WorkBC and Abbotsford WorkBC one day a week on a regular schedule.
- Provided certified employment counselors who assisted with career decision making, essential skills assessment and development, labour market information, job search, developing resumes and cover letters, interview skills, job posting board, resource library, education and training information and facilitated employment workshops.
- Co-ordinated the Service Canada Mobile Clinics at the following locations: Boston Bar, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Chilliwack Outreach office on SSA grounds, Kwantlen, Leq'á:mel, Matsqui, Shxw'ōwhámél, Skwah, Soowahlie, Sumas, Spuzzum, Squiala, Sq'ewlets First Nation, Seabird Island Band, Sts'ailes, Tzeachten, The'í:tselíya- Health & Community Centre, and Yale. These clinics offered information and assistance with the following:
 - Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security and Guaranteed
 - Income Supplement
 - Social Insurance Numbers
 - Information on T4 slips and personal tax account overview
 - Information and help with benefits and credits such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, Canada Workers Benefit, and Disability Tax credit
 - Registering for the Canadian Dental Plan
 - The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)
 - Other federal programs and services

- Participated in the Langley Hiring and Education Expo, Sts'ailes EYAMETH Primary Care Centre Job Fair, Mission Career Expo and Job Fair, University of the Fraser Valley Trades & Technology Opportunity Fair, Abbotsford Hiring Fair & Post Secondary Expo, Mission Youth Transition Fair, Seabird Island Career Exploration & Information Fair, Kwantlen Career Fair, Seabird Island Career Fair, WorkBC Pathways to Success Maple Ridge Career Fair, Chilliwack Hiring and Post Secondary Education Expo Education, Career Fair Abbotsford, Fraser Valley Career Fair and Building your future-UFV Fair.
- Attended the following events: Spuzzum First Fish Ceremony, The'i:tselyia S.A.Y Open House, Boston Bar Graduation Ceremony, Seabird Health Fair & Sq'ewqel Days, Sts'ailes Open House, Skwah First Nation Meet and Greet, Chawathil AGM/Open House, and Matsqui Halloween Community Gathering.
- SASET Career and Hiring Fair was held on February 5, 2025, at the Chilliwack Landing Sports Centre. The event



Adrienne S and Laura P at The'i:tselyia S.A.Y Open House.



SASET Career Fair Opening.

featured 89 exhibitors, including employers, trainers, unions, community service organizations, and Service Canada Mobile Services. A total of 689 people attended the fair. We would like to extend our gratitude to Enbridge and Sts'ailes for providing lunch for both exhibitors and attendees, as well as to everyone who contributed to the door prizes.

- SASET was part of the 1st BC Indigenous Trades Apprenticeship Forum

hosted by the BC Aboriginal

Training Employment Alliance Members (BCATEAM) on April 30 to May 2, 2024. The event was well attended by Indigenous Skills & Employment Training (ISET) Agreement holders, Service Canada, Stakeholders, Unions, and Trades Training Institutions. The forum was a collaborative process in expanding the BC Labour Force through Indigenous Participation, Importance of Youth in Trades, and Sharing best practices.

- Employability Workshops facilitated at the SASET Chilliwack Employment Resource Centre:
 - Getting your "L" preparing for securing your Driver's License
 - Resume and Cover Letter
 - Basic Computer Training
 - True Colors
 - Money Management and Budgeting
 - Dress for Success
 - Interview Skills

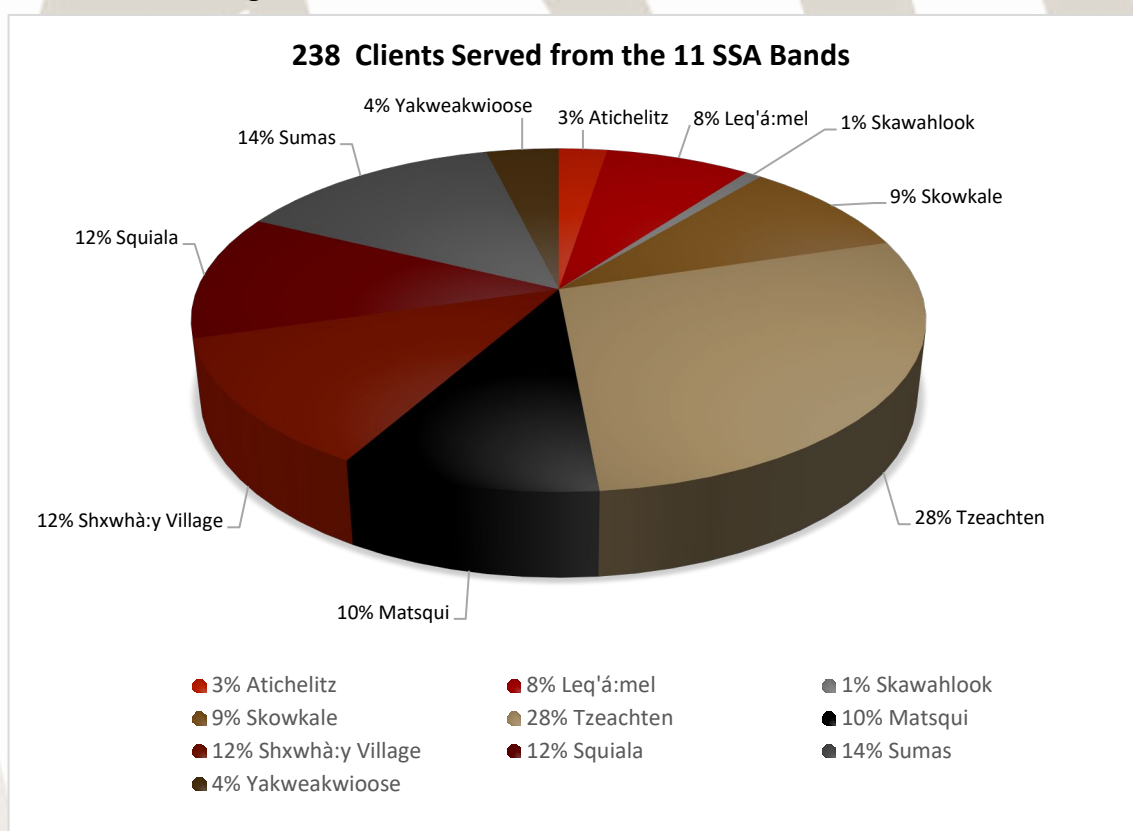


Norma F and James W at the Indigenous Trades Apprenticeship Forum.

- SASET partnered with SSA Health with the Christmas Hampers. From SASET, there were 127 Christmas Hampers delivered to the following communities: Skowkale (11), Shxwhà:y Village (18), Tzeachten (52), Yakweakwioose (5), Aitchelitz (4), Matsqui (6), Squiala (27), Chawathil (2), and 2 others.

EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING SERVICES

- Served 1714 clients (with 9318 interventions) averaging approximately 5.44 appointments per client.
 - There were 907 male and 807 female clients.
 - 6 clients were under 15; 558 clients were between the ages of 15 and 24; 628 were between the ages of 25 and 39; 354 were between the ages of 40 and 54; and 168 clients were over the age of 55.
 - Of the 1714 clients: 1072 individuals found employment, and 329 individuals returned to school or further training.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING SUPPORTS

- In 2024-2025 fiscal year, the employment sector with highest vocational request from clients:
 - Transition to Work: General Labour, Construction Worker, Warehouse Workers, Cooks, Rigging, and Administration.
 - Short-Term Vocational Supports: Security, Construction Workers, Fire Fighting, Food Service, Janitors, and Traffic Control.
 - Long Term Vocational Supports: Addiction Worker, Environment Technician, Medical Office Assistant, Early Childhood Educators, Beauty Industry, Forestry Related Trades, and Administration.

Community	VOCATIONAL TRAINING # of Clients April 2024 to March 2025					
	TTW	STT	LTT	In School	Employed	Total
Aitchelitz	1	0	0	0	1	2
Leq'á:mel	0	1	0	1	0	2
Matsqui	4	4	1	5	8	22
Sumas	3	1	1	2	4	11
Shxwhà:y Village	3	1	1	2	3	10
Skowkale	7	1	2	3	8	21
Squiala	6	2	0	4	6	18
Tzeachten	7	3	0	2	9	21
Yakweakwoose	1	0	0	0	1	2
SASET	68	24	19	38	75	224
LSTC	9	2	2	5	7	25
Aldergrove/Langley	0	0	1	1	1	3
Seabird	15	4	4	10	15	48
Sts'ailes	13	7	4	10	17	51
Boston Bar	4	1	1	2	4	12
Spuzzum/Yale	11	0	2	2	11	26
Cheam	19	0	2	2	19	42
Mission/Abbotsford	19	11	8	18	21	77
Katzie / Maple Ridge	7	4	1	4	8	24
Chawathil/Shxw'ow'hamel/Hope	43	12	2	11	43	111
Kwantlen	6	1	0	1	6	14
TOTAL	246	79	51	123	267	766
Transition to Work (TTW); Short-term Training (STT); Long-term Training (LTT)						

SASET SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Training Certifications classes offered throughout the catchment area included SASET facilitated workshops that covered: employer/employee expectations, resume/cover letter, interview skills, and job search workshops:

- Traffic Control Training April 4-5, 2024:** 13 participants completed the 2-day training at SSA.
 - Forestry/Construction Certificate Program April 15-26, 2024:** 12 individuals completed the 2-week training program at SSA. All participants received certificates in First Aid, Confined Space, WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System), Fall Protection, Traffic Control Training, mini-Excavator, Back talk, and Heat Stress.



Traffic Control Training.



Wildfire Training at SSA.

- Wildfire Training April 22 - May 3, 2024:** 10 participants completed the 2-week training program that included First Aid, Transportation Endorsement, WHMIS, Power Saw Operations, S-100 Fire Suppression, S-232 Pumps & Water Deliver, S-185 Fire Entrapment & Avoidance, S-212 Radio Communications, S-230 Crew Leader, ICS100 Incident Command, and SPP-115 Structure Protection and Site Preparation.

- **Wildfire Training April 22 - May 3, 2024 at Sts'ailes:** 10 participants completed the 2-week training program that included First Aid, Transportation Endorsement, WHMIS, Power Saw Operations, S-100 Fire Suppression, S-232 Pumps & Water Deliver, S-185 Fire Entrapment & Avoidance, S-212 Radio Communications, S-230 Crew Leader, ICS100 Incident Command, and SPP-115 Structure Protection and Site Preparation.



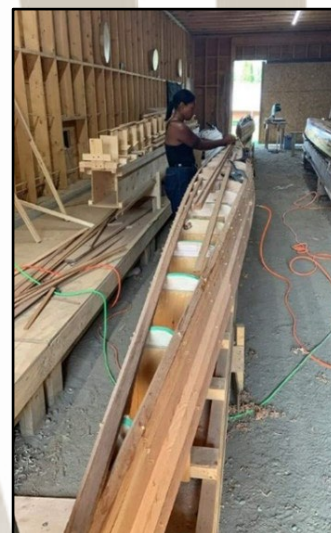
Landscape Training at SSA.

- **May 6-7, 2024:** 10 individuals completed the 2-day training at SSA.
- **Traffic Control Training May 16-17, 2024 at Sts'ailes:** 8 participants completed the 2-day training.
- **Landscaping Training May 27-31, 2024:** 8 individuals attended and completed the 1-week training program at SSA. The individuals received certification in: Scaffold & Ladder Safety, Preventing Heat Stress, Occupational First Aid, Respiratory Safety, Confined Space, Fall Protection, WHMIS, Skid Steer, and basic landscaping skills.
- **Landscaping/Hardscaping Training June 3-14, 2024 at Sts'ailes:** 10 participants attended and completed the 2-week training program. The individuals received their certification in: Scaffold & Ladder Safety, Preventing Heat Stress, Occupational First Aid, Respiratory Safety, Confined Space, Fall Protection, WHMIS, Skid Steer, and basic landscaping and hardscaping skills.
- **Construction Certificate Program with partnership with Liuna Union local 1611 June 10-28, 2024:** 10 individuals completed the 2-week training program at SSA. All participants received certificates in First Aid, Confined Space, WHMIS, Ground Disturbance Level 1 and 2, Back talk, Heat Stress, Hoisting & Rigging, and Chainsaw Safety Training.
- **Youth Certificate Program July 2-5, 2024:** 12 individuals completed the training at SSA, receiving certifications in FoodSafe, WHMIS, WCB Awareness, First Aid, and Customer Service.
- **Youth Certificate Program July 2-5, 2024 at Seabird:** 12 individuals completed the training, receiving their certifications in FoodSafe, WHMIS, WCB Awareness, First Aid, and Customer Service.
- **Youth Certificate Program July 2-5, 2024 at Sts'ailes:** 12 individuals completed the training, receiving certifications in FoodSafe, WHMIS, WCB Awareness, First Aid, and Customer Service.
- **July 2-5, 2024 at Katzie:** 12 individuals completed the training, receiving their certifications in FoodSafe, WHMIS, WCB Awareness, First Aid, and Customer Service.
- **Youth in Trades Sampler at UFV July 8 - August 9, 2024:** 12 youth completed the 1-week Trade Sampler in the following trades: Welding, Culinary Arts, Carpentry, and Automotive.
- **Basic Security Training July 15-19, 2024:** 13 participants attended and completed the training. All participants received a two-year security licensing after completion of the program.
- **Heavy Equipment Operators Training July 22 - October 9, 2024:** 5 participants completed the 12-week training program at the Operating Training school in Aldergrove. The machinery covered in the program was the Hydraulic Excavator Operator Course, and Loader Backhoe Course.
- **Occupational First Aid Level 1 July 26, 2024 at Cheam:** 11 individuals attended and completed the training.
- **Occupational First Aid Level 2 July 29 - August 2, 2024:** 13 applicants attended and completed the training at SSA.



Boom Lift Training.

- **Occupational First Aid Level 1 and WHMIS for Skwah Thélá:ylexw Awtxw Build your own Cedar Strip Canoe August 1-2, 2024:** 7 individuals attended and completed the training at SSA.
- **Construction Certificate Program August 6-16, 2024 at Chawathil:** 12 individuals completed the 2-week training program. All participants received certificates in First Aid, Confined Space, WHMIS, Skid Steer, Mini Excavator and Traffic Control Training.
- **Building Service Worker at UFV August 6-28, 2024:** 8 applicants completed the 8-day training.
- **Occupational First Aid Level 2 August 12-16 in Pemberton:** 11 applicants attended and completed the training.
- **Building Service Worker August 12-30, 2024 at Katzie:** 9 individuals completed the 3-week training.
- **Food Safe Certification July 26, 2024 at Shxw'ōwhámél:** 11 individuals attended and completed the training the 1-day training.
- **Medical Office Assistant Certificate at UFV Chilliwack September 9, 2024 - March 25, 2025:** 12 participants completed a 28-week training program. This seven-month certificate program included a two-week practicum and taught students to manage daily administrative tasks in doctors' offices, medical clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare settings. Upon successful completion of the program, students were equipped to manage office activities in various healthcare environments.
- **Occupational Health and Safety Joint Committee Training September 26, 2024:** 10 individuals completed a 1-day training session in Tzeachten. All attendees received the necessary tools and education to effectively serve as committee members, with an emphasis on making decisions that benefit both employees and the company.
- **Business Administration Certificate Training October 7, 2024 - June 20, 2025:** 13 individuals are participating in this training, both virtually and in person, at Sprott Shaw College in Chilliwack. This program focuses on effectively using MS Office applications such as Word, Excel, and Access. Participants will also develop and manage project plans, perform accounting activities, understand accounting statements, and enhance their communication skills.
- **Building Service Worker October 18, 2024 - November 22, 2024:** 9 participants successfully completed this 10-day training program hosted at Seabird Island College. The course introduced students to custodial and housekeeping operations through both theoretical knowledge and practical applications. Key topics included cleaning procedures for various surfaces, chemical safety, waste handling, WHMIS, and other safety protocols. This training is based on green cleaning practices as outlined by the Canadian Sanitation Supply Association (CSSA) and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System.
- **Traffic Control Training December 9 & 10, 2024:** 11 participants that attended and completed the two-day training.



Thélá:ylexw Awtxw Build your own Cedar Strip Canoe.



Medical Office Assistant students.

- **Piping Foundation at Seabird Island January 6 – May 30, 2025:** 15 individuals are currently enrolled in this 21-week training program at the UA Piping Industry College of BC at Seabird Island. The program is designed to equip participants with the essential skills and knowledge needed to design, install, and maintain piping systems across various industries. The curriculum includes topics such as pipe fittings, welding techniques, system analysis, and safety practices to ensure a comprehensive understanding of piping engineering. Students will earn credits towards a Level 1 Apprenticeship in Plumbing, Steam fitting, or Sprinkler fitting.
- **Remote Intervention Safety Certification (RISC) Training January 20-31, 2025:** 12 participants attended and successfully completed this training program which focused on teaching professionals the safety protocols and operational procedures necessary for conducting remote interventions in hazardous environments. The program emphasized risk assessment, emergency response, and the safe use of remote technologies to ensure personnel can perform tasks without direct exposure to danger. The RISC program was delivered by the Stó:lō Resource and Research Management Team in Matsqui First Nation.
- **Basic First Aid Certification (formally known as OFA First Aid Level 1) January 27, 2025:** 12 individuals attended and completed the one-day training session at SSA.
- **Basic First Aid Certification at Leq'á:mel January 29, 2025:** 12 participants attended and completed the 1-day training session.



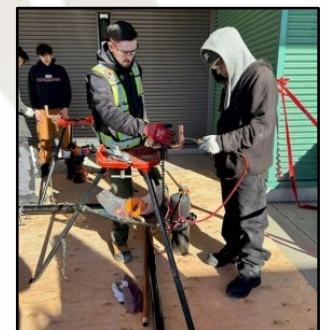
Piping Foundations students.



Indigenous Mapping Students.

- **Indigenous Mapping for Stewardship and Cultural Heritage Management February 10-14, 2025:** 11 individuals attended and completed this 5-day training which combined traditional knowledge with modern mapping technologies to support sustainable land stewardship, preserve cultural heritage, and promote self-determination in land and resource management.

○ **Try a Trade Mobile at Katzie February 10 – March 7, 2025:** 7 individuals attended and completed this 20-day training program. "Try a Trade" is an initiative that encourages individuals to explore various skilled trades as potential career paths. It allows participants to gain hands-on experience and learn basic skills in fields such as plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and welding, helping them determine if a trade is a good fit for their interests and abilities.



Try A Trade-welding.



Babysitting class.

- **Babysitting Certification February 14, 2025:** 6 participants completed this 1-day training which covered essential topics such as child development, emergency procedures, basic first aid, age-appropriate activities, and strategies for handling challenging situations. The course ensures that participants are well-prepared to provide safe and responsible care for children.

- **Microsoft Office Certification February 24 – March 4, 2025:** 8 individuals attended and completed this 7-day online training. The Microsoft Office Fast Track program at UFV was designed to help individuals quickly gain proficiency in essential Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. The program focused on enhancing productivity and technical skills through hands-on training, enabling participants to effectively use these tools in professional settings.
- **Land Guardianship Certification at Chawathil March 3 – April 4, 2025:** 12 participants attended this 4-week training program which focused on environmental stewardship, wildlife monitoring, cultural heritage preservation, and the use of mapping technologies. It empowered participants to actively manage and safeguard their lands and resources.
- **Employment Preparation Certification March 3-7, 2025:** 12 individuals completed this 1-week training program that provided certifications in Food Safety, First Aid, Fall Protection, Forklift Operation, and Aerial Lift Operation.
- **Employment Preparation Certifications: March 17-20, 2025:** 8 participants completed this 1-week training program which included certifications in Confined Space, WHMIS, Fall Protection, Forklift Operation, and Aerial Lift Operation.
- **SASET Spring Break March 17-20, 2025:** 12 individuals completed this 1-week training program that offered certifications in WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Awareness, WHMIS, Food Safety, First Aid, and Customer Service.
- **Spring Break Certificate Training at Seabird March 24-28, 2025:** 12 participants attending this 1-week training program which covered WHMIS, First Aid, and Customer Service certifications, along with valuable employability skills workshops.
- **Employment Preparedness Certification at SASET March 31 – April 4, 2025 (2 groups):** Back by popular demand, 20 individuals attended this 1-week training program which offered certifications in Confined Space, WHMIS, Fall Protection, Forklift Operation, and Aerial Lift Operation.



Employment prep.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

- In 2024-2025, SASET delivered funding:
 - **Student Employment Program:** a total of 27 contracts were funded for community student hiring. In total 125 youth will experience employment through the Student Employment Program this year.
 - **Targeted Wage Subsidy Program:** 29 programs were funded in our catchment area which provided employment for 62 individuals whose last barrier to employment may be work related experience.



TWS Skowkale - Land Guardian.



TWS Ucwalmicw All Nations Services Society: Shannon-Administrative Assistance.



Tzeachten Summer Students.

DAYCARE AGREEMENTS

- SASSET continued to administer three-day care agreements: SSA, Seabird Island and Sts'ailes, where "grandfathered" funding provided seat allocated supports.
- Budget 2021 announced \$264 million over four years, starting in 2022-2023, and \$24 million ongoing, to repair and renovate existing federally funded Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) centres. Fiscal year 2024-25 is the final year of this three-year approach which was approved for:
 - SSA Á:lmélháwtx Early learning Centre - \$ 460, 415.00 for shade cover, replacing cement around the centre, replacing playground equipment, flooring and fencing around outdoor AC units.
 - Sts'ailes Learning Centre - \$261, 848.00 for upgrading drainage systems, electrical upgrades, exterior painting, and fencing for outdoor play space.
- Total IELCC Repairs and Renovation funding for 2024-25 fiscal year was \$722, 263.00.

SASSET CULINARY ARTS FOUNDATION PROGRAM

- Partnership funding from Skills Trades BC: 16 individuals completed the 12-week training program at UFV starting in January. The program included Food Safe, First Aid level 1, WHMIS, WCB Awareness, Occupational Skills, cooking and preparing stocks, soups and sauces, vegetables and fruits, starches, meats, poultry, seafood, Garde-mange, eggs, breakfast cookery and dairy, baked good, desserts and beverages, and basic kitchen management. This training equipped participants with essential culinary skills and knowledge for the industry.



December 2024 SASSET Culinary Grads.



March 2025 SASSET Culinary Grads.

INCOME ASSISTANCE

- There were 29 clients who exited Income Assistance due to finding employment or other reasons (moving, no contact, did not renew application).
- Average clients from December 2024 to March 2025:

Band	Employable	PWD	PPMB	Average Monthly Total: 138	Total Band Members
Aitchelitz	4	0	0	4	4
Matsqui	3	5	1	9	6
Skawahlook	0	0	0	0	0
Skowkale	13	1	2	16	11
Shxwhà:y Village	10	10	0	20	16
Squiala	15	10	3	28	26
Tzeachten	35	16	6	57	49
Yakweakwioose	3	3	2	8	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employable – no barriers to attain employment, these individuals work with SASSET employment counselors. • PWD-Persons with Disability • PPMD- Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers 					This column shows the number of registered Band members from the total clients serviced in each community.

STÓ:LŌ RESEARCH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTRE (SRRMC)

HERITAGE STEWARDSHIP AND ARCHAEOLOGY

- Another productive year supporting communities in preserving their cultural heritage. We led over 80 internal projects, including heritage overviews, impact assessments, research, mitigation efforts, and cultural monitoring across S'ólh Téméxw. Half of these projects were dedicated to directly serving the community through on-reserve impact assessments for both residential and commercial developments.
- Highlights from our community-based service projects included:
 - Matsqui Cemetery Project: provided drone imagery (photogrammetry and light detection and ranging [LidDar]) and ground penetrating radar (GPR).
 - Chowéthel: drone imagery for wetlands on Chawathil IR4 and Welqámex (Greenwood Island).
 - Sq'éwlets: drone imagery for Qithyil Island; supported youth fieldtrip to retrieve recently preserved Qithyil baskets.
 - Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe: forestry cutblock assessments, fish habitat revitalization, monitoring, climate change baseline.
 - Xyólhmet ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children): drone, ground penetrating radar, office research.
 - Skagit River Valley: conducted a research project at Ross Lake to identify additional cultural sites impacted by the USA dam. The project is supported by the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission and includes the creation of a video geared toward encouraging Stó:lō youth's participation in cultural stewardship.
 - Shxw'ow'hamel: provided support in caring for their village disturbed by the Trans Mountain Pipeline.
- Contributed to the Trans Mountain and Enbridge archaeological assessments through active fieldwork, research, and permitting support. To enhance the capacity of external field staff involved in the Enbridge Program, we developed a cultural heritage training program.
- Played a key role in heritage resource management under the Stó:lō Heritage Policy framework. Community field technicians contributed to approximately 70 external projects across various industries, including forestry, oil and gas, residential and commercial development, utilities, and parks and recreation.
- Received SASET funding for both a summer student and the delivery of accredited archaeological and culturally modified tree inventory training (RISC) for community members. Matsqui generously hosted the week-long event, which saw participation from several communities.
- The repository was actively engaged in cataloging, accessioning, and uploading items to the SRRMC Repository on the Reciprocal Research Network (RRN). Between April 2024 and March 2025, the Unit reviewed and issued a total of 332 Stó:lō Heritage Investigation Permits.
- Participated in the First Peoples Cultural Council Repatriation Forum in Kamloops. The event provided the opportunity to engage in dialogue surrounding the Council's repatriation efforts and initiatives.



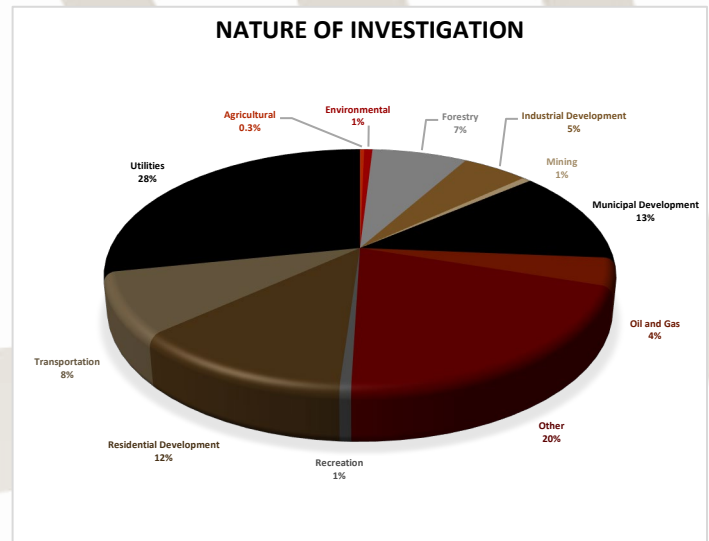
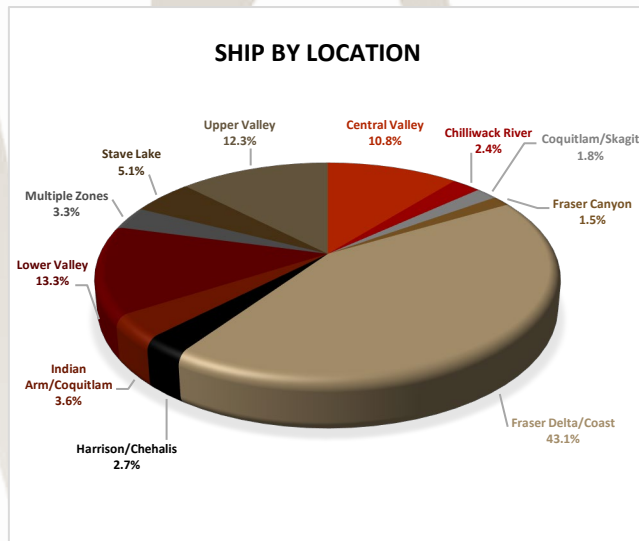
Cara Brendzy conducting preliminary field reconnaissance of Tamihi Creek forestry blocks.



Conducting preliminary field reconnaissance near Elbow Lake.



- Following are two graphs summarizing permits by Location and by Nature of Investigation.



S'ÓLH TÉMÉXW STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE (STSA)

Measure	STSA SEA Referrals	STSA CCEP Referrals	Other Referrals (Industry, Regional, Civic, etc)
Referrals Received	171	2	90
Final Response Timelines Met	100%	n/a	n/a

- Continued to work BC's Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT), formerly BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), on the question of road safety along highway 7.
- STSA's S'í:wes te S'ólh Téméxw (Teachings of Our Land) Summer Youth Land and Governance education program was formally approved by the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care. This is the first such Indigenous-developed Education Program in BC to be recognized and provided such accreditation in this provincial accreditation program.

- STSA's Collaborative Stewardship Forum (CSF) held an open house at the Stó:lō Research Centre (SRC) on February 21-22, 2025, with over 120 attendees. It was a very successful event with lots of positive feedback leading to plans for annual repetition and possibly expansion.
- Federal Negotiations continued with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Transport Canada, and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. Additional Federal Agencies who have expressed interest in STSA Canada Consultation and Engagement Protocol (CCEP) implementation were Infrastructure Canada, Environment & Climate Change Canada, Canadian Department of Fisheries Office, Transport Canada, and Parks Canada.
- PRRO just completed the annual STSA SEA report for 2024-25, summarizing and analyzing the thirteenth year of the STSA's Strategic Engagement Agreement (SEA) with the Province of BC. 2024-25 was the busiest year since launching in 2012, with 717 SEA referral submissions, equivalent to 2.85 per day or 1 submission every 2.5 working hours.
- PRRO is now operating under the 2024 Amendment to the STSA SEA, which significantly updated our agreement and increased the annual funding package.
- In February 2025 the first meeting of the 'STSA – BC Water Stewardship Working Group' was held, comprised of staff from both PRRO and BC, in the interest of addressing concerns around Water Stewardship in S'ólh Téméxw.
- In early 2025, PRRO exceeded 10,000 referrals in the StoloConnect system.
- Continued with the major restructuring of the StoloConnect system with our web development partners at Culture Code, to unify the various StoloConnect systems developed over the last decade (ie. StoloConnect 'classic' referrals platform, the major project modules for Trans Mountain and Enbridge, the Guardians module, the Stó:lō Heritage Investigation Permit [SHIP] module, etc.). The goal is to bring together all versions at a singular landing page at www.StoloConnect.com, from where users can navigate to whatever version they need.
- StoloConnect training sessions held/scheduled for the following:
 - January - new staff at Seabird Island First Nation, and new S'ólh Téméxw Guardians.
 - February - new Semá:th staff, general BC staff, and an intensive review of the Guardians Module with the S'ólh Téméxw Guardians.
 - March - a full overview of the STSA SEA and it's BC Heritage Conservation Act specifics as well as an overview of StoloConnect for the BC Archaeological Branch.



STSA's Collaborative Stewardship Forum (CSF) Open House at SRC.

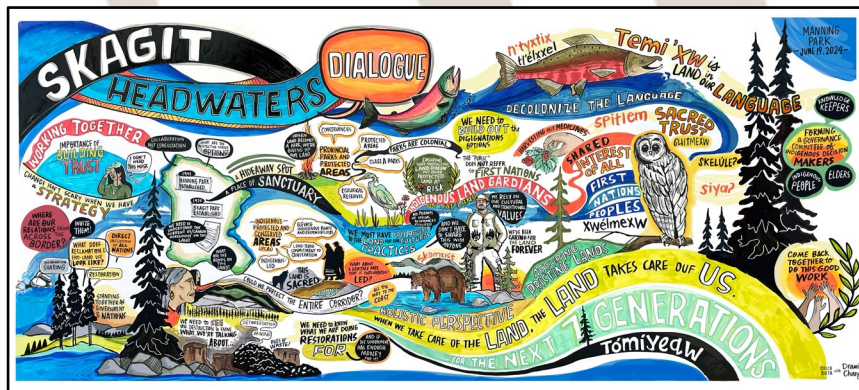


Part of the PRRO team at the annual SRRMC Christmas party.

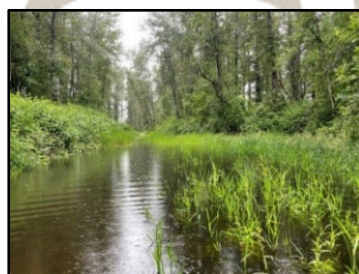
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND RESEARCH

- Welcomed 4 new staff members over the past year with a new Researcher (Hannah McSorley) and 3 new Project Coordinators (Raymond Kobes, Alli Calliou and Lily Shurgold).
- Organized a successful field survey season with Enbridge, being involved along with subject matter experts in 15 different types of surveys.

- Identify our strategic path forward with an area known as the Doughnut Hole in the Upper Skagit valley. There is potential to protect the area as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) designation. The Skagit dialogue brought together First Nations and Indian Bands who have interest in the area which included Indian Bands from Washington State.



- Successfully submitted a 700-page document to the Canadian Energy Regulator about the Enbridge Sunrise expansion and concerns from a STSA perspective to the development. The Enbridge Sunrise Integrated Cultural Assessment process began, and we worked out an agreement with Enbridge as to timelines.
- Gill Bar (Xay Syitsemilap) project studies:
 - Fish Updates: collected over 30 juvenile Chinook fin clip samples and observed several mountain suckers (blue-listed in BC), largescale sucker, longnose dace, northern pikeminnow, peamouth chub, redbside shiner, leopard dace, mountain whitefish, and juvenile chinook salmon, all of which are typical in this area.
 - Amphibians: tadpoles were observed in the wetland/old back channel that is right against the dike.
 - A small monitoring well was installed within the now flooded wetland in order to get a depth profile of the water level.
 - A number of logs were brought to site for future restoration work at Gill Bar. These were provided by S.A.Y Lands.



Gill Bar project studies.

- The team planned, organised and hosted a 2-day 'Species at Risk' dialogue that included community members. Stories, values and sharing of work with species at risk were discussed and informed.



Species at Risk Dialogue.

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) AND GEOMATICS

- Worked with Matsqui First Nation on the cemetery mapping project and delivered the final maps to Matsqui with the results of the GPR work.



- GIS/Geomatics completed background mapping and support for the Geohazard assessment project.
- A LiDAR survey was proposed and flown for Chawathil (yellow outline on the picture to the left), jointly with the drone crew from Heritage Stewardship. Outputs included digital elevation models, shaded relief plots, and contour maps.

- **Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Pipeline Project:** received ongoing transfers of spatial data from Enbridge/Westcoast (facilitated by Jacobs Consulting) including the Proposed Construction footprint and Biophysical survey data. This will continue as new data is gathered and made available.

- **Upper Skagit Headwaters Planning Project:** compiled and mapped multiple BC and SRRMC datasets into a comprehensive base map package. Several wall maps were plotted and printed. Copies of the data catalog for the project were provided for the Project gathering in Penticton.
- **Xyólhmet Ye Syéwiqwélh (XYS) Project:** surveyed 111 GPR grids for the 2024 field season including 78 for the YYS project and performed quality control and data management on the preliminary results. All data was formatted for final interpretation and sent to an outside consultant.
- **Traditional Use Study (TUS) (1996-97) Project:** staff worked to either digitize directly or do quality control and editing on contractor's input to process 101 interviews conducted in 1996 and 1997. There were approximately 1575 new cultural sites digitized in these interviews for import into the Stó:lō Heritage Database (SHeD).

SQWÉLQWEL STEWARDSHIP AND SUPPORT

Stó:lō Shxweli Halq'eméylem program

- The program turned 30 this year, which was a good time for reflection, but also a year of significant transition with the biggest transition being the creating and filling of staff positions which were once contractor positions. Program staffing included: Lori Kelly (Associate Manager), Jared Deck (Materials Developer), Roxanne Dool (Language Specialist-Youth Immersion), Dallas James (Language Specialist-Adult Immersion), Leandra Ndayifukamiye (Communications Assistant), Aleeta Sepass (Archives and Community Services Lead), Chris Thomas (Digitization Technician), and Sonja Thoma (Linguist).
- The team was also supported by Elders, Bibianna Norris and Peter Lindley. Willow Mussell had taken on the role of program lead this year, and helped steer the first cohort of our fluency immersion classes and the Halq'eméylem revitalization plan in particular.
- Continued development of the Halq'eméylem Immersion Fluency transfer program which adapted the Salish School of Spokane's Indigenous Language Fluency Transfer System and Curriculum (commonly known as the "Paul Creek Method"). While we have been working on this for the last couple of years, and in regular communication with the Salish School of Spokane, we received the official permission and license to do so from them this year. The Halq'eméylem Immersion Fluency Transfer program teaches Halq'eméylem immersively in Halq'eméylem – not English. This community-based program has four levels, and each level has a "Book" and "Storybook" that are each taught separately. We previously developed Book 1 and this year started work on Storybook 1. The topics covered in each level build upon each other; by the time a student completes Book/Storybook 4, they are considered completely fluent. A "bonus" of this methodology as developed by the Salish School of Spokane, when a participant successfully completes a level, they have the skills and ability to take a short teacher training, then be able to teach that level themselves.
- Completed our "cohort 0" class of our Immersion Program, focused on Book 1 in April, then developed and held a teacher training course in June, in preparation for the first community classes of Book 1 which started in September 2024. Due to a large number of responses to the request for expressions of interest in the class, we held two cohorts in September, having both a daytime and an evening class, with two 3-hour classes a week with a total of 31 initial registrants. Those who were able to complete it reported a high-level of enjoyment and increased use of Halq'eméylem in their families, communities, and workplace. Our community cohort classes completed their course and final assessment in February, with a high rate of successful completion. To support their continued exposure and fluent use of the language, we began hosting some interim immersion sessions while we complete Storybook 1, currently under development, and the associated teacher training.



Leandra Ndayifukamiye, teaching Book 1 in the Halq'eméylem immersion fluency transfer program.

"What they liked" feedback from our community participants at the completion of their course:

Thinking in Halq'eméylem
Elder recordings on the website
Confidence in speaking and writing in Halq'eméylem
Appreciate immersion style learning
Immersion makes you think
Immersion helps you lose English
Pictures are comical and helpful to learn meaning
Repetition helps with learning
Total Physical Response (TPR) and sign language to help learn
Games are fun + competitive
Balance in learning + fun
Liked having 3 teachers each with a different style
Room for mistakes
Methodology creates growth + challenge (aha moments)

- Events and activities throughout the year included:
 - A small celebration to mark the 30 years of Stó:lō Shxweli on June 21 which was well attended by members of the community, with many Stó:lō Shxweli members past and present in attendance.
 - A session of our “Voices from the Archives” listening series, focused on the early days of the Stó:lō Shxweli program.
 - Had a booth at the Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre’s 50th anniversary celebration on July 12.
 - Stó:lō Shxweli Open House on July 30.
 - Hosted an Open House in December with the theme of “Christmas” and had a number of community members attend, particularly from our Paul Creek Community Cohorts.





Stó:lō Shxweli Open House.

Stó:lō Library and Archives

- Continued the work of processing and sharing of archival and library materials. In the Library, the collection expanded by 116 new entries: predominately archaeology reports. This increase also saw additions to our books, booklets, articles, and DVD collections. An interesting addition to our Library collection this year were articles exploring the uniqueness of the Coast-Salish Woolly Dog; exploring its genetic information to show how it was a breed unlike anywhere else on Earth!
- Archives saw significant growth throughout 2024-25, with 107 new entries input into the PastPerfect archives database. Many of these records were textual records from the SSA Records Centre in the former Building #1, which were processed by Darryl Herrling, the Reference Library Assistant. They also included operational records from the Sumas Brick Plant, miscellaneous posters, and language materials. Maps are another large part of the increased collection, with 38 maps newly entered into PastPerfect.
- Throughout 2024-25, there were 124 researchers who visited the reading room, with another 21 researchers requesting assistance remotely. Vast numbers of materials were accessed by these researchers, with our numbers taking a massive jump from last year due to the wide encompassing nature of some of these research requests. 544 library materials were referenced, as were 267 archival materials and 288 oral histories.
- Worked on improving the oral history collection, improving the finding aid descriptions of approximately 81 interviews to improve findability and useability, and also finished the digitization of the Dr. Si:yémiya (Albert “Sonny” McHalsie)’s map collection which was begun last year.
- Assisted Xwchíyó:m and Chawathil in obtaining community relevant records from our archives.
- Applied for and received grants from the British Columbia History Digitization Program (UBC), the Documentary Heritage Communities Program (Library and Archives Canada) and the Museum Assistance Program (Heritage Canada). These grants will help to support staffing as we work to digitize the Sqwel’qwel Ye Stó:lō Newsletter, continue to process materials from the building 1 Records Centre for the Archives, and continue to work on improving our Oral History finding aids.

Stó:lō Genealogy

- The Stó:lō Family Tree Database had 58,470 names and 17,748 marriages recorded. It is amazing to see the growth of our database, symbolic of the many interconnections of Stó:lō people and families.
- Completed numerous research requests from communities and community members, assisted students with school projects about their family history and provided research and charts to Xyólheméylh Child and Family Services to help connect children to their extended families.
- Genealogy staff were invited to participate in several community gatherings this year and attended a community gathering at Seabird in June 2024, a family tree night at SAY in October 2024, a family gathering in Cheam in January 2025, a community event at Leq'á:mel in January 2025, and an open house at SRRMC in February 2025. They also attended individual family tree gatherings as requested throughout the year.
- **Stó:lō Veterans Research:** staff provided a connection between community members and the Last Post Fund (LPF) which provided funding for Veterans' families to assist with placing grave markers for their loved ones who served. Research continued for: Stó:lō Veterans' and Stó:lō Warriors' names to be added to the memorial site; service information details; newspaper articles; family information; and other information staff could find to add to the ongoing project. This year, one Veteran was added to the Roll Call list for the Remembrance Day Ceremony as a result of our research.
- **Listen, Hear Our Voices Project:** wrapped up in June 2024. With the funding provided by Library and Archives Canada, staff interviewed six Elders about family history and made corrections to the Stó:lō Family Tree database. Areas were identified where more research is needed for these families.
- Received 722 requests for family history. These came in the form of emails, phone calls, and Facebook messages. While researching these requests, new information was received and entered into the Stó:lō Family Tree Database. There were 2,472 names added and 800 partnerships (as marriages on the chart) entered this year. The total number of data entries edited was approximately 457.
- The total number of charts shared with requestors was 452 and the total number of records shared was 1055. These statistics do not include the documents and charts created in support of the XYS Loved Ones research. They also do not include the number of documents or research requests from staff.

	People:	58,470
	Marriages:	17,748
	File size:	92,484 KB

Cultural Education

- Cultural Resource Worker, Xavier Paul (our former contractor) joined the team in June.
- The Longhouse Extension Program (LEP) continued to be a highlight on the school calendar. In 2025, the program marked its 30th anniversary! While originally developed for the Chilliwack School District, this on-site learning experience which has students visiting the Coqualeetza Longhouse, Shxwt'a:selhawtxw (House of Long Ago and Today) Interpretive Centre, and the exhibits in the Stó:lō Resource Centre, became a go-to program for home-schools, independent schools, and schools outside of the Chilliwack area. Last school year, in addition to hosting all the Grade 3 classes in the Chilliwack School District (a total of 1,123 students), we had grade 2, 3, and 4 students from Abbotsford (3 classes), Port Coquitlam (1 class), and Maple Ridge (1 class) take the tour.

- Steqó:ye program of delivering in-class presentations on Stó:lō culture and history, remained in high demand. Presentation topics included: drumming and singing, landforms and waterways, Stó:lō governance, cedar and Salish weaving, fishing, and canoeing. In the last school year, we reached 6,771 students through 119 presentations.
- Continued to offer tours of Xá:ytem Interpretive Longhouse in Mission. Most of the tours there were for the Abbotsford School District, but we also hosted students from Maple Ridge, Surrey, Mission, and Richmond schools, as well as independent schools and Stó:lō children and youth programs. We led 32 tours of Xá:ytem, teaching 1,619 students about the sxwóxwiyám, as well as Stó:lō seasonal rounds, living patterns (longhouse and pit houses), and governance.



Left: Shane Henry Jr. sharing about the Billy Sepass Canoe at the Shxwt'a:selhawtxw (House of Long Ago and Today) Interpretive Centre. Right: Xavier Paul, Cheyenne Henry, and Melvin Wilson welcoming students to Xá:ytem.

Stó:lō Tourism

- Demand for placenames and grounds tours led by Cultural Advisor and Historian Dr. Si:yémiya (Albert “Sonny” McHalsie, also known as Naxaxalhts’i) continued to be strong this year with most of the interest being in the three grounds tours offerings (St. Mary’s, Coqualeetza, and Xá:ytem) and the “original” placenames road tour, the Upriver “Bad Rock” tour. In addition to the 62 grounds tours, and 26 road tours, Si:yémiya also did three boat tours: two of the Fraser and one of the Harrison River.
- Si:yémiya made presentations to the UFV Peace and Reconciliation Centre’s Xwelítem Siyáya: Allyship and Reconciliation Building program, to History and Indigenous Studies classes at UFV, and several K-12 classes across local school districts.
- Attended and presented at the Indigenous Collaborative Practices gathering in Winnipeg.

2024/25 Tour Statistics										
		Grounds			Road Tours			Boat Tours		Custom
		62			26			3		3
Totals:		Coqualeetza	St. Mary's	Xá:ytem	Bad Rock	Semáth	Chilliwack	Harrison River	Fraser River	
April	9	2	2	1	2		1			1 Hope area
May	19	2	7	3	6		1			
June	3			2						1 Hope area
July	13		7		2	1	1	1	1	
August	5	1	2	1			1			0
September	12	3	6				2			1 Xelhalh village site
October	10	2	4	1	1	1			1	0
November	7		4			1	2			0
December	1				1					0
January	3	2			1					0
February	0									0
March	12	2	8		2					0
TOTAL:	94	14	40	8	15	3	8	1	2	3

- Filmed a short video series, Rooted Waters, for the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce; each video profiled one of the Stó:lō First Nations in Chilliwack which were shared at an event for National Indigenous Peoples Day in June. You can watch the videos on the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce's YouTube page.
- Si:yémiya shared some of his knowledge with the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance's *S'í:wes te S'ólh Téméxw* youth land and governance course, SRRMC staff and the communities, including the Stó:lō Geohazards Project led by Seabird Island, and the SNCC's Xyólhmet Ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children) Residential Schools Project.
- This was the last full year of our current Bad Rock Tours program which was developed by Si:yémiya, who had been working on Stó:lō placenames research with elders and knowledge keepers since the mid-1980s. Si:yémiya will retire in May 2025 after over 40 years of this work and has been mentoring S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance Guardian, Ray Douglas for over the past year, passing along the knowledge not only of the placenames, but also who shared that knowledge with him, in order to respect the many generations of elders who have been so gracious to pass the knowledge along. While Si:yémiya's knowledge and years of reading, listening, and researching placenames is irreplaceable, we are looking forward to watching Ray continue his own journey of learning the stories of S'ólh Téméxw.



Left: Exploring Sxótsaqel (Chilliwack Lake Park) with Si:yémiya.
Right: sharing knowledge of the Harrison River.

Xyólhmet Ye Syéwiqwélh (Taking Care of Our Children) Residential Schools Project

- 2024-25 marked the third year of the Xyólhmet Ye Syéwiqwélh work, having started our work investigating missing children and unmarked graves associated with residential schools in the Fraser Valley in fall 2021, under the direction of the SNCC. Continued archival, oral historical and on-site remote sensing work in search of identifiable unmarked graves associated with St. Mary's Residential School (Mission), Coqualeetza Residential School and Hospital (Chilliwack), and All Hallow's School (Yale), identifying Stó:lō children who were sent to Residential Schools anywhere and did not return home, as well as supporting the commemoration and memorialization of Residential School Survivors and lost children within the Stó:lō communities and more broadly.
- Field crews began the field season in the spring of 2024 at Coqualeetza and then moved to the three locations of the St. Mary's Residential School – the Mission Tourism Building, Fraser River Heritage Park, and Pekw'xe:yles – over the summer and fall. SRRMC staff ran two, single-channel ground-penetrating radar (GPR) units over the ground at the Mission Tourism Building, Fraser River Heritage Park, and in cemeteries in Skowkale and Sqwá. The GPR company, GeoScan was contracted to run a multi-channel GPR unit at Pekw'xe:yles. Historic Human Remains Detection Dog teams also returned to Pekw'xe:yles in the fall.

- The total area covered by GPR by SRRMC teams from 2022 to 2024 is summarized below.

2022		
Location	Number of grids	Hectares
St. Mary's II - Heritage Park	27	0.57
Coqualeetza	33	1.04
Total 2022	60	1.61
2023		
Location	Number of grids	Hectares
St. Mary's II - Heritage Park	64	1.47
St. Mary's III - Pekw'xe:yles	46	0.73
Coqualeetza	1	0.02
Total 2023	111	2.21
2024		
Location	Number of grids	Hectares
St. Mary's I - Tourist Centre	16	0.30
St. Mary's II - Heritage Park	16	0.29
Coqualeetza	46	0.94
Total 2024	78	1.53
Total 2022-2024		
Location	Number of grids	Hectares
St. Mary's I - Tourist Centre	16	0.30
St. Mary's II - Heritage Park	107	2.32
St. Mary's III - Pekw'xe:yles	46	0.73
Coqualeetza	80	2.00
Total 2022-2024	249	5.35

- As of January 2025, the archival research team reviewed 34,619 pages of "Tier 1"(most relevant) historical and genealogical records from the United Church of Canada, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), Library and Archives Canada (LAC), community archives, and the BC Archives, which also hold records from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the Sisters of St. Ann. Health. Hospital records have been particularly challenging to locate and access due to many hospital records identified in the metadata from the NCTR being removed from researcher access. In response we are working with an archivist from LAC to get access through their repository.

Institution	Total Tier 1 Records	Total Records Reviewed	Total Pages Reviewed
St. Mary's	10,482	2,983	19,574
Coqualeetza	6,488	1,722	11,243
All Hallows	967	126	3,802
Total	17,937	4,831	34,619

- Genealogy team members continued to research family connections and create family trees for each loved one that passed away at St. Mary's Residential School, Coqualeetza Institute, Coqualeetza Hospital, or All Hallows School. In addition, maps were created illustrating community connections, cemeteries, institution land and buildings, as well as where loved ones traveled from to attend the institutions and the final resting places of individuals.
- Relevant information gained from archival and genealogical research related to the loved ones who we are aware passed because of a direct link with their attendance at an YYS institution, was moved into a confidential custom web-based portal developed specifically for this project.
- Members of the team continued to coordinate and chair meetings of the BC IRS Technical Working Group (TWG) which is made up of researchers and technicians who are working with and for First Nation communities leading and supporting Indian Residential School and Indian Hospital research in BC. In December, due to increasing challenges doing this work, a model of BC First Nations-led political advocacy was proposed by members of the TWG. Resolutions of endorsement for this model were adopted by the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the BC Assembly of First Nations. A resolution to the First Nations Summit is underway.
- In addition to meetings, workshops and training seminars with the TWG, members of the team also attended a number of gatherings: two provincial gatherings for BC Lead Communities; the final national gathering of the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burials Associated with Indian Residential Schools in Quebec; Owing History: Indigenous Histories and Records in Manitoba; Historical Grievances and International Law in Alberta; and the National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Burials.

- Set up information booths and spoke about the work at two events for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 29, “Walking Forward” was held at Semá:th First Nation hosted by the Sts’elmeqw Residential School Thrivers Society, and September 30, the SSA Cultural Committee hosted a public day at Coqualeetza.
- Continued connections with the Stó:lō Tribal Council staff working on an oral history project related to St. Mary’s, and with a group of Elders who are former students of St. Mary’s Residential School who have been greatly assisting our fieldwork.
- Continued to advocate for ongoing, long-term, sustainable financial support to all levels of government, both as an organization and as part of the BC First Nations-led political advocacy group.



Kristina Celli speaking on a panel at the National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Burials Gathering in North Vancouver.

S’ÓLH TÉMÉXW LAND GUARDIANS

- Hired two Guardians, Chris Schultz and Kaylo Julian, both from Seabird Island bringing the unit up to six full-time Guardians.
- In the previous fiscal year, Provincial funding proposal in the amount of \$283,421 was used this fiscal for the Guardians Training Initiative which supported the S’ólh Téméxw Guardian Cultural Program training course held at Seabird College from September to December 2024. There were 18 participants. Guardian training included: Tools to Identify and Respond to Environmental Spills and Agricultural Waste Discharge; and Occupational First Aid Basic.
- The team took the Enbridge Sunrise Project training and onboarding then participated in pre-construction environmental surveys with the Enbridge Sunrise Project/ Jacobs Consultancy.
- Continued work on STSA-BC Collaborative Stewardship Forum (CSF) projects under the Solh Téméxw integrity analysis and monitoring theme. This included support of the Forest Systems and Wellbeing project including data collection visits at Wahleach and Sxótsaqel.
- Activities and monitoring over the year included:
 - Monitoring on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project with particular focus on inspections of Stó:lō cultural heritage sites to ensure mitigations measures are being followed.
 - Hotspot monitoring in the Ts’elxwéyeqw River Valley, Cultus Lake, as well as adding other hotspots in different areas of S’ólh Téméxw, sometimes working alongside BC Parks and Natural Resource Officers.
 - Restoration at Buxton and Centre Creek.
 - Assisting with set-up of wildlife camera traps for the Gill Bar Project.
 - Field visits, at the request of First Nation Land Managers and leadership, to check areas of concern at Shxw’ōwhámél, Skwah, Hope River Slough, and Gill Bar.
 - Responding to incident response-reports of various environmental concerns by attending the sites; reconnaissance, reporting and following up with subsequent visits.

- Participating in the Pelólxw and Tzeachten Youth Spring Break Programs, as well as the Land Stewardship and Governance Summer program.
- Participating in the Guardian Symposium hosted by Cheam at Harrison Hot Springs; Skagit Headwater Dialogue and Grizzly Bear.
- Participating in the three-week BC Parks Boot Camp at Manning Park.
- Assistance with homeless camp clean-ups at Gill Bar, Chilliwack River Valley and Soowahlie First Nation.
- Attending and presenting at the Invasive Species Conference in New Westminster.



S'olh Temexw Guardians assisted Emergency Response at Stoney Creek in Abbotsford.



Guardian Exchange-September 2024. Shāwshe Yukon.



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