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REMINDER: If you see any suspicious activity, please contact **Allegiance Security** at either **604-701-1692 OR 604-392-1692** and please state which property (Coqualeetza or St. Mary's) you are reporting from. If you believe it to be an emergency, please call 911.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OED)

The OED team is continuing to:

- Provide administrative support to the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) for their upcoming meeting and Stó:lō collective work with LABRC Denise Unger.
- Follow-up with our 11 member communities to request endorsement of the yearly Tribal Council Funding program package.
- Meet with McElhanney Ltd. and with ISC for funding approval for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement project at Coqualeetza.
- Work on the year-end submission to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for the additional funding received for the New Westminster Claims work.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

With the winter season upon us, a friendly reminder that if the Chilliwack School district is closed due to inclement weather, then the SSA Offices will be closed.

XYÓLHMET YE SYÉWIQWÉLH (Taking Care of Our Children) – [Community Update](#)

Investigating Unmarked Graves at Multiple Sites Associated with Three Former Residential Schools in S'ólh Téméxw

Stó:lō Nation Chiefs' Council (SNCC) is directing a broad-based and inclusive initiative to investigate missing children and potential unmarked graves related to three former Residential Schools and one Federal Indian Hospital within S'ólh Téméxw: All Hallows Boarding School in Yale, Coqualeetza Industrial Institute and Coqualeetza Hospital in Chilliwack, and St. Mary's Residential School in Mission.

The investigation team has been conducting archival, oral historical, and on-site remote sensing work since the fall of 2021. We are also working with local Stó:lō First Nations including Sqwá, Sq'ewqéyl, and Ch'íyáqtel regarding burials known to have been relocated to each of their cemeteries from the Coqualeetza grounds.

TakingCareOfOurChildren@stolonation.bc.ca

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL UPDATE:

This CBC article recently came out about the destruction of residential school records of abuses taken during the Independent Assessment Process. If Survivors provided a statement as part of the IAP, their records will be destroyed in 2027 unless they request their files for themselves or consent to send them to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. This would be good information for you to know and be able to share with anyone who this may affect. Contact Kathleen.Bertrand@stolonation.bc.ca with any questions.

[CBC News: Files documenting worst abuses at residential schools to be destroyed unless survivors ask otherwise](#)





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HOMEWOOD HEALTH

Click beside to see updated information.



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YOGA WEDNESDAYS WITH INNER VISION YOGA

Every Wednesday, 11:30 - 12:30 pm

SSA staff are welcome to attend FREE yoga sessions on campus in Portable 2C with instructors from Inner Vision Yoga, supported by the Stó:lō Research and Research Management Centre.

STÓ:LŌ GIFT SHOP

Online shopping is available 24/7 with in-store pickup!

Located at Building #19-7201 Vedder Rd. Chilliwack, BC

Email us with any inquiries to: sales@stologiftshop.com

STÓ:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

SASET Training Programs

Youth in trades are offering weekly completion incentives. Carpentry program dual credit with school district!

- [Employment Training](#) – Various communities & dates
- [Basic Computer Training](#) – Every Friday at SASET Chilliwack office
- [Service Canada](#) – Various locations & times
- [Carpentry Foundations](#) – Trades Centre, Sept. 8, 2025 – Mar. 20, 2026
- [ECE Training](#) - School of your choice, call 604-858-3691 or email info@saset.ca
- [LMI Survey](#) - \$50 Gift card for every completed survey!
- [Spring Break Certificate Training](#) - Cheam First Nation (FN), March 16-20, 2026
- [Spring Break Certificate Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, March 16-20, 2026
- [Basic First Aid Training](#) - Leq'a:mel FN - March 18, 2026
- [Traffic Control Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, April 20-21, 2026
- [Wildfire Fighting Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, April 13-24, 2026
- [Youth in Trades](#) - SASET EAS & UFV, Starts in July 2026
- [Culinary Arts](#) - TBA, Starts in September 2026



SASET CDP Outreach Schedule



SSA MEMORANDUM – INCOME ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT (SASET Client Memo)

A **friendly reminder** that you will need to continue to submit your monthly renewals and Monthly Employment Action Plan (EAP). You can arrange a meeting with a SASET Counsellor by calling 604-858-3691 or emailing info@saset.ca.





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STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Reminder to Staff and clients, the Dental clinic books up fast, but can always accommodate emergencies. Cleanings currently booking 2 months away.

- No walk-in clinic this month, spring break booked up with children off school.
- Open Saturday March 14th this month.

Bookings requested on text to 604-824-3234 or email: dental@stolonation.bc.ca or website: <https://www.stolonation.bc.ca/dental>.

Dental staff attended annual conference for Not-for-Profit Dental Clinics.



STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9am to 4pm at Building 7 for the month of March. Book NOW! Jane App: [Book an appointment with Dr. Smith here:](#) or call 604-824-3200.

QWÍ:QWELSTŌM EVENTS

Language Class

Every Wednesday
9:00am-10:00am

WellBriety

Every Wednesday
4:30pm-6:30pm

Mens Respectful Relationships

Every Wednesday
1:00pm-3:00pm

Grief and Loss Support Group

Every Wednesday
10:00am-12:00pm

Pathways to Red Road

Tuesday
10:00am-12:00pm





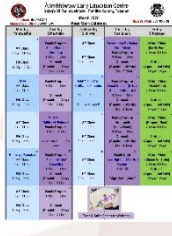
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Head Start, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am – 12:00pm
Please call for more information, 604-824-6505

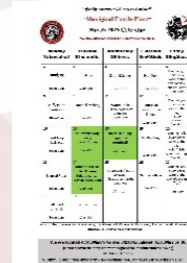


Head Start Newsletter



Head Start Calendar

ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE



Family Place Calendar

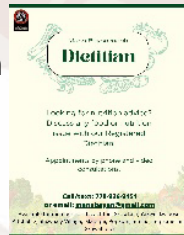
STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

[Book an appointment with Bel Bhushan here:](#)
or call 604-824-3200.



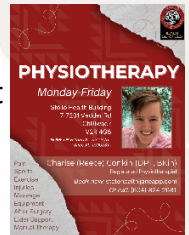
NUTRIION Advice?

Mana Bayanzadeh, Registered Dietitian
Call or text: 778-926-9451

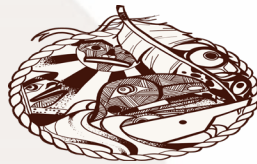


PHYSIOTHERAPY

Call 604-824-2681 to book an appointment



MÉMIYELHTEL PROGRAM



STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES

"Any Indigenous youth participants interested in this workshop, please contact Harley Kazonay by calling or texting: 604-824-5104 or email hkazonay@stolocf.ca to register."

CLASS ACTION SUPPORT:

Indigenous Community Legal Clinic Intake Line: 604-822-1311,
These UBC Law Students assist with drawing up Wills, and filing Class
Action Lawsuits, beginning July 1, 2025.





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CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD AND ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

Building 8A, 1st Floor, 2nd door

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Email June.jimmie@stolonation.bc.ca or call 604-824-3266 to book

Building 8A – North Side Entrance | Registry is on the Main Floor, 2nd door

PROTOCOLS FOR THE APPOINTMENT

- Give yourself enough travel time
 - Arrive on time
 - No walk-ins

CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

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

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLYING FOR SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD

- One valid picture ID
- Two recent passport photos

Valid Identification is required for applying for Status Cards, Registration, & other Personal Information Updates.

ISC is **no longer accepting expired ID** for registration, status card issuance, or for requests to update personal information in the Indian Register. All ID must be valid, that is, not expired.

Since provincial and territorial authorities that issue ID (such as health care cards and driver's licenses) across Canada have reopened, applicants with expired ID are encouraged to obtain valid ID as soon as possible.

For more information on the ID, requirements to apply for registration, and the status card, visit [What is considered valid acceptable identification.](#)

Bands that will be issued Certificate of Indian Status Cards and assistance with the Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards

Aitchelitz First Nation	(558)	Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation	(587)
Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation	(580)	Skawahlook First Nation	(582)
Matsqui First Nation	(565)	Soowahlie First Nation	(572)
Popkum First Nation	(585)	Sumas First Nation	(578)
		Squiala	(574)





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STÓ:LŌ WORKPLACE INCIDENT REPORTS

If a workplace Incident occurs, please follow the link to follow the procedure on how to report an incident:
[Workplace Incident Report Form](#)

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

- For meeting-room bookings, staff are encouraged to book meeting rooms in the building they have an office in. For bookings, please contact the following:
 - Building 7 Boardrooms – [Sheradon Roberts](#) / [Heather Walker](#) / [Lauralee Campbell](#)
 - Building 8B Small and large boardrooms- [Abby Duncan](#) / [Kelly Willmets](#)
 - Building 10 Floor 1 & 2 - [Tracey Joe](#) / [Tara Green](#)
 - Longhouse Bookings -[Tracey Joe](#) /[Tara Green](#) / [Jade Point](#)
- To Request new or changes to existing access cards, please complete the online Access Form at:
www.stolonation.bc.ca/access
- Tent rentals please contact June Jimmie at June.Jimmie@stolonation.bc.ca
- Cell Phones and Landlines! Contact Brianna Nakagawa for all things related to cellphones and landlines.
- **To review current operational policies and other general information, please go to N:\Info.**
- Reminder for all staff to submit any announcements/invitations to [Michelle Van Tongeren](#) for the monthly bulletin and to refrain from sending “all-staff” emails.
- Staff are reminded to avoid publishing phone numbers – work or personal – on Facebook or any other social media. Recently SSA experienced harassing phone calls from someone who obtained a staff’s cell number – as well as their relative’s numbers - on Facebook.
- USE THE MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORM (www.stolonation.bc.ca/mrf) for sending all requests to the Maintenance Team. Verbal, phone, or email requests not on the form will not be accepted. You can also use the QR code for easy access to the form.



HOMEWOOD HEALTH

Effective May 1, 2025, Homewood Health is the new provider for the employee assistance and workplace mental health program. All employees and dependent family members will have access to a range of employee assistance, mental health and wellness services. For over 140 years, Homewood Health has been Canada's leader in mental health services. If you are currently utilizing the Telus EFAP, you can continue until your issue is resolved (within the maximum plan). To connect with EFAP for a new situation after May 1, 2025 please contact Homewood Health. [Click here for updated articles.](#)

SSA GROUP BENEFITS PLAN - MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR

The Best Doctors Mental Health Navigator program offers you a discreet and confidential way to seek mental health support. If you or an eligible family member struggle with feelings such as depression, stress, or anxiety, contact Best Doctors. Supported every step of the way by your personal Mental Health Navigator and expert health professionals including psychiatrists and psychologists, we provide an assessment of your diagnosis and recommend an appropriate treatment plan, from the comfort of your home via phone or video conference. Your Mental Health Navigator will also provide you with support along your journey through the complex mental health care system. Please see the [MHN Employee Flyer](#) for more information.





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VISION

A healthier, stronger, brighter future for all communities.

MISSION

We empower, support, and contribute to the health and well-being of all people by providing leadership and delivering a broad range of quality services.

VALUES

We strive to act in accordance with our seven core values at all times.

Honesty We communicate internally and externally with clarity, honesty, and openness.

Accountability We accept responsibility for our decisions and actions and answer to our partners openly and transparently.

Pride We feel and demonstrate pride in our actions and accomplishments.

Professionalism We act professionally as an outward reflection of our internal values.

Integrity We do our best work, hold ourselves to the highest standards of conduct and act in the interest of our communities and partners.

Empathy We work to understand and relate to the feelings, experiences, and situations of others and are non-judgemental.

Respect We respect others' ideas, experiences, and ways of thinking and treat all people as equals.



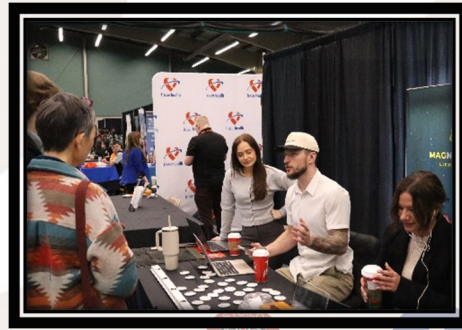


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SASET Career Fair 2026 was a huge success!

Congratulations to SASET on the Partnership Award with MTU Welding program-School District 78





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Coqualeetza Elders Group luncheon after Burning groundbreaking ceremony



Wellness Wednesday at SSA



Wellness Wednesday at SSA Crime Stoppers presentation on five scams of 2025!

