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REMINDER: If you see any suspicious activity, please contact **Allegiance Security** at **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)

Congratulations to the Directors and staff for receiving approval of the Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) 2026-27 Budgets, Workplans, and Organizational charts at the March SSA Board of Directors meeting.

This fiscal year is coming to an end, and it is time to reflect on the past year, highlighting the many great services and successes this year has presented with submissions due for the Annual report on April 10, 2026.

The Office of the Executive Director (OED) team are preparing for;

- Continuing work on the Sanitary Sewer project with meetings set in late April with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and McElhanney for possible funding options available.
- Upcoming SNCC meeting with the selection of a new SNCC President and continued support to the Stó:lō Collective meetings.
- Continuing to gather the endorsement emails for the 2026-27 SSA workplan from member bands as per Tribal Council funding requirements requested yearly.
- The upcoming SSA AGM in early July with the preparation, reviewing and finalization of the 2025-26 SSA Annual report and Audit completion.

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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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 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
- [LMI Survey](#) - \$50 Gift card for every completed survey!
- [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
- [Basic Security Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, May 4-14, 2026
- [ECE Training](#) - School of your choice, call 604-858-3691 or email info@saset.ca
- [Employment Workshops](#) - Cheam First Nation, Every Friday 10am-noon
- [Don't Wait For A Group Training](#)



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

Walk in clinic is Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Noon registration.
Open Saturdays this month. Call to book your spring cleaning!
Bookings requested on text to 604-824-3234 or email:
dental@stolonation.bc.ca.



STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

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

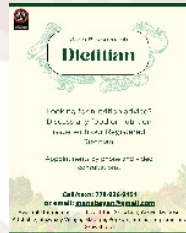
STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

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



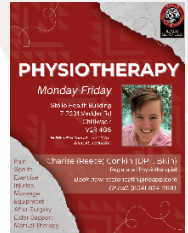
NUTRITION Advice?

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



PHYSIOTHERAPY

Call 604-824-2681 to book an appointment



QWÍ:QWELSTÓM EVENTS

WellBriety

Every Wednesday
4:30pm-6:30pm

Pathways to Red Road

Tuesday
10:00am-12:00pm



MÉMIYELHTEL PROGRAM





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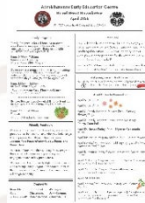
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Head Start, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am – 12:00pm
Please call for more information, 604-824-6505

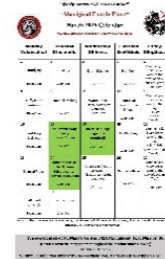
ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE



Head Start Calendar



Head Start Newsletter



Family Place Calendar



FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

SETTLEMENT- Learn more about the removed Child Class and the Removed child Family Class.

Visit <https://fnchildclaims.ca/> for more information.

Federal Indian Hospital Class Action Settlement Claims Open

If you were admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital while it was operated by the Government of Canada, you may be eligible to receive money as part of a Canada-wide Settlement that has been reached to compensate individuals for harms suffered. The Claims Period is now open, and you have until July 27, 2028, to submit a Claim. You do not need to have your records to submit a Claim, and there is legal and claims help available through the Settlement. For more information: <https://ihsettlement.ca/>.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE SERIES

Wednesday April 22, 2026 6:00-8:00 pm
Xá:ytem Mission B.C



On February 25 & 26, 2026, members of the SRRMC participated in a Wilderness First Aid course by Slipstream Wilderness First Aid. This course was designed to teach someone how to survive and treat first aid incidents when help is not easily accessible. Part of the course was generously supported by SASET.



STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES

Our team is here to help you start or grow your business!

April 23, 2026, 9am to 10am @ Leq'á:mel First Nation

April 23, 2026, 11am to 12pm @ Semá:th First Nation

Email or call to book an appointment: Bridgette Hill BHill@stolocf.ca 604-858-0009





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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.



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.

HOMEWOOD HEALTH

Click beside to see updated information.

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.





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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.



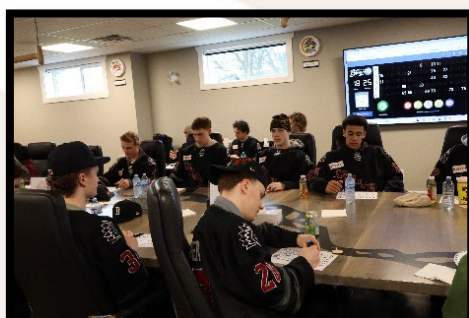
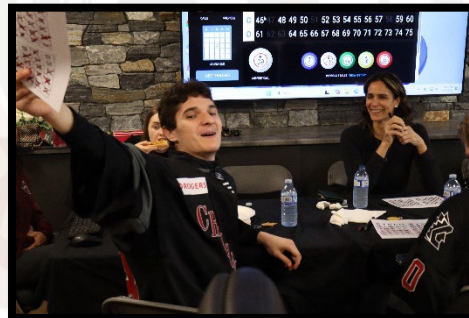
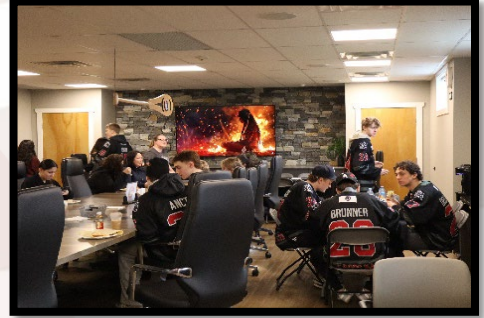


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Wellness Wednesday- Chilliwack Chiefs visit SSA!

Thank you for organizing Jenn, Lisa, June and Jeanette!

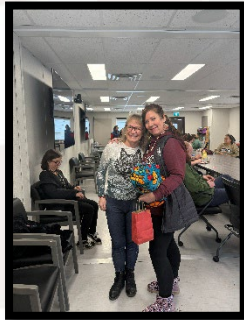
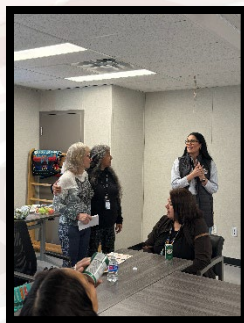




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Retirement luncheon for Leslee Picton. Congratulations and thank you for 13 years of Service!



Easter Egg hunt at SSA!

