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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)



SNCC Membership – Passing of the Paddle Ceremony June 4, 2026

The Stó:lō Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) is proud to announce the successful Passing of the Paddle Ceremony, held on June 4 at the Stó:lō Government House, honouring the leadership transition from Chief David Jimmie to Chief Darcy Paul.

Chief David Jimmie of Squiala First Nation served as President of the SNCC for the past 10 years. During the ceremony, he formally passed the paddle to Chief Darcy Paul of Skowkale First Nation, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the Council's leadership.

The ceremony was well attended and took place on the beautiful Coqualeetza grounds outside of the Stó:lō Government House. Guests enjoyed powerful drumming, inspiring remarks from speakers and the opportunity to come together to celebrate this meaningful occasion.

The SNCC extends its sincere gratitude to Chief David Jimmie for his decade of dedicated service and leadership. We also offer our warmest congratulations to Chief Darcy Paul as he assumes the role of President. We wish him every success and are confident his leadership will continue to strengthen and support the Stó:lō people.

Congratulations to the Directors, Management, and the Staff on meeting the Annual Report due date and to the Office of the ED, Operations and Finance Directors for completion of the Audit. It will be nice to have the reports completed before the summer months and staff holidays begin.

Please note: ** SAVE THE DATE ** for the Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) Annual General meeting (AGM) has been postponed to Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 12:30 pm building #8B, Government House boardroom.





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The next few months ahead;

- SSA Board of Directors (BOD) will be actively pursuing additional applicants to fill open positions within the SSA BOD.
- Work will continue with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Project Coordinator at McElhenney on obtaining funding for the sewer project upgrade that is required on the failing system currently in place at the Coqualeetza properties.
- We still require outstanding endorsements from our member bands for the Tribal Council Funding (TCF) Workplan and will be reaching out at month end to our 11 member bands for endorsements of the SSA Annual Report.
- Attending the Battle of the Businesses Baseball tournament hosted by Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at Tzeachten Sports fields.
- Supporting the Chilliwack Ford Golf tournament on Thursday, August 21, 2026 at the Sandpiper Golf Course, and
- Will help coordinate the Xá:ytem (Stó:lō Heritage Trust Society) AGM scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 11am via Zoom.

I hope you're able to take some time off over the summer to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with your family.

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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Cultural Experience Series

2026 Summer Events:

- Tuesdays in July at 10:30am, Xá:ytem Interpretive Centre
- Tuesdays in August at 10:30am, Coqualeetza Grounds
- Wednesday July 15 & Wednesday August 19 at 10:30, St. Mary's

Everyone welcome - By donation



STÓ:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

SASET Training Programs

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

- [Basic Computer Training](#) – Every Friday at SASET Chilliwack office
- [Service Canada](#) – Various locations & times
- [LMI Survey](#) – \$50 Gift card for every completed survey!
- [Youth in Trades](#) – SASET EAS & UFV, Starts in July 2026
- [Culinary Arts](#) – TBA, Starts in September 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
- [Building Maintenance](#) – SASET Chilliwack, July 7-24, 2026
- [ECE Training](#) – Chawathil, September 14, 2026 - July 9, 2027
- [Landscaping Training Program](#) – SASET Chilliwack, July 27 - August 7, 2026
- [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

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.





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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 HEALTH SERVICES

STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Holiday closure July 1- July 12, 2026. Emergent doctors will be unavailable, but messages will be answered when we return on Monday July 13, 2026.
Saturday clinics and walk in clinics will not run through the summer months.
Bookings requested on text to 604-824-3234 or email: dental@stolonation.bc.ca.
Canadian dental care plan applications:

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STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Karen Smith, Dr. TCM, R.AC, offers appointments on Monday's, 9am-4pm at Building 7 for the month of July.
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.



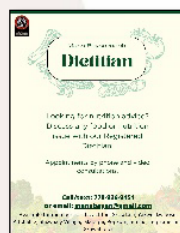
PHYSIOTHERAPY

Call 604-824-3200 or 604-824-3271 to book appointment



NUTRITION ADVICE?

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



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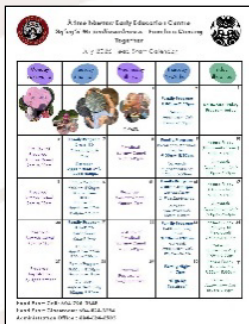


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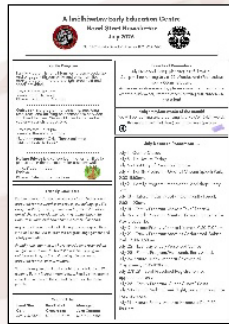
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Head Start, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am – 12:00pm
Please call for more information: 604-824-6505

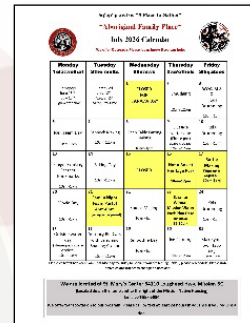


Head Start Calendar



Head Start Newsletter

ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE



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

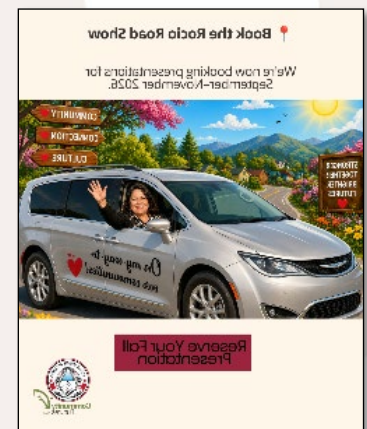
If you were admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital while it was operated by the Government of Canada, you may be eligible to receive money as part of a Canada-wide Settlement that has been reached to compensate individuals for harms suffered. The Claims Period is now open, and you have until July 27, 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/>.

STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES

The Rocio Road Show is now booking for Fall 2026!

Join Rocio Zielinski, General Manager of Stó:lō Community Futures, as she visits communities throughout the Stó:lō Territory to share information about business services, financing, entrepreneurship programs, and community economic development resources. Presentations can be tailored to your community or organization. Interested in hosting a presentation?

📞 604-858-0009 ✉ bhill@stolocf.ca





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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

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.

HOMWOOD 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.

140 years

Homewood
Health

Experience
the power
of care





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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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STÓ:LŌ JOBS - Homecare Team Lead

Closing Date: July 10, 2026

The Home Care Team Lead supports the delivery of respectful and culturally grounded home care services for community members receiving care in their homes and community.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS - Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program Coordinator

Closing Date: July 14, 2026

The ECE Program Coordinator promotes supportive and encouraging collaboration among team members to ensure the effective delivery of programs and services.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS - Early Childhood Education (ECE) Assistant

Closing Date: July 14, 2026

The ECE Assistant (ECE-A) will provide quality inclusive childcare programming and supervision for young children in a group setting and perform other tasks assigned by the immediate supervisor.

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STÓ:LŌ JOBS - Headstart Early Childhood Education (ECE) Worker (Maternity coverage)

Closing Date: July 15, 2026

The Headstart ECE Worker will provide quality inclusive childcare programming and supervision for young children in a group setting.

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Passing of the Paddle - June 4, 2026

SNCC President- Darcy Paul

Thank you, David Jimmie for 10 years of Service.



S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Open House

June 5, 2026

