



# STÓ:LŌ SERVICE AGENCY BULLETIN

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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)

The Office of the Executive Director (OED), SSA Board of Directors (BOD) and staff participated in the Chamber of Commerce - Battle of the Businesses baseball tournament hosted on Tuesday, August 12 at Tzeachten sports field. Staff dusted off their cleats and put on their baseball gloves working hard to represent the Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA). They played for a charity of choice with the list selected by the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce.



SSA BOD members and the SNCC President attended the Chilliwack Ford Golf Tournament which raises money for the SSA Youth Mémihelhtel Program.



**Angie Kermer, SSA Board Chair and Jessie Ramsay, Board Member representing SSA at Ford Golf Tournament.**



**SNCC President, Darcy Paul, far left representing SSA at the Ford Golf Tournament.**





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The OED are preparing for;

- The BOD, Management team, Occupational Health & Safety meetings and SSA AGM in October; and
- Working with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Project Coordinator McElhenney on obtaining funding for the sewer project upgrade that is required on the failing system currently in place at the Coqualeetza properties with wording for the BCR in review.

We hope you were able to take time off over the summer months to enjoy some family time and relax before the back-to-school rush.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 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!
- [Culinary Arts](#) - TBA, Starts in September 2026
- [ECE Training](#) - School of your choice, call 604-858-3691 or email [info@saset.ca](mailto:info@saset.ca)
- [Employment Workshops](#) - Cheam First Nation, Every Friday 10am-noon
- [ECE Training](#) - Chawathil, September 14, 2026 - July 9, 2027
- [Don't Wait for A Group Training](#)
- [Business Administration](#) - UFV Chilliwack, October 6 - November 12, 2026
- [SASET Career Fair](#) - Chilliwack Landing, February 3, 2027
- [First Aid Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, October 15 & 16, 2026
- [Getting Your L](#) - SASET Chilliwack, October 15, 2026
- [Pipeline Workforce](#) - SASET Chilliwack, November 2-6, 2026
- [Traffic Control Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, October 13 & 14, 2026
- [Getting your L](#) - Chawathil, October 21, 2026
- [Basic Security Training](#) - SASET Chilliwack, November 23-27, 2026
- [Create Your Own Greenhouse](#) - SASET Chilliwack, February 22, 2027
- [Construction Craft Worker](#) - Liuna Local Training Centre, February 22 - March 26, 2027
- [Katzie Construction Training](#) - Katzie First Nation, October 5-16, 2026
- [Need A New Status Card](#) - Chilliwack Landing Centre, February 3, 2027
- [Getting Your L](#) - Sqewlets First Nation, October 27, 2026
- [Hospitality Essentials](#) - SASET Chilliwack, October 26-30, 2026
- [Construction Training](#) - Sts'ailes First Nation, October 19-30, 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](mailto:info@saset.ca)





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## STÓ:LŌ HEALTH SERVICES

### STÓ:LŌ DENTAL OFFICE

Walk in clinic will be on October 20 and November 7, 2026. Bookings requested on text to 604-824-3234 or email: [dental@stolonation.bc.ca](mailto:dental@stolonation.bc.ca).

Canadian dental care plan applications:

[View Posting Here](#)



### STÓ:LŌ ACUPUNCTURE

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

Book NOW! Jane App: [Book an appointment with Dr. Smith here:](#) or call 604-824-3200.

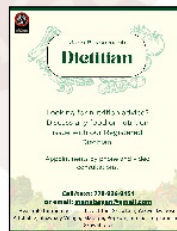
### STÓ:LŌ COUNSELLING

[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



### MÉMIYELHTEL PROGRAM

### Á:LMÉLHÁWTXW: Early Education Centre

Head Start, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am – 12:00pm

Please call for more information: 604-824-6505

### ABORIGINAL FAMILY PLACE

Á:lméLháwtXw Early Education Centre  
Head Start Calendar  
October 2026

| Day      | Activity   | Time             | Location   |
|----------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Tuesday  | Head Start | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Building 7 |
| Thursday | Head Start | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Building 7 |

Head Start Calendar

Á:lméLháwtXw Early Education Centre  
Head Start Newsletter  
October 2026

| Topic      | Content                                                                       |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Head Start | Information about the Head Start program, including activities and resources. |
| Activities | Details about various activities and games planned for the month.             |
| Resources  | Links to additional resources and information for parents and children.       |

Head Start Newsletter

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Family Place Calendar





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### 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 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](mailto:sales@stologiftshop.com)

### STÓ:LŌ COMMUNITY FUTURES

Are you interested in starting a business? Book a free, confidential appointment with SCF!  
Call today or book here:

<https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/Bookings@stolocf.ca/?ismsaljsauthenabed=true>

☎ 604-858-0009 ✉ [bhill@stolocf.ca](mailto:bhill@stolocf.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.

### STÓ:LŌ HALLOWEEN - Costume & Door Decorating Contest is Back!

Prizes awarded for: Best Costume, Most Creative Costume, and Best Decorated Door  
Photos must be emailed to Michelle Vantongerren by **NOON** on October 30th.

- 1 entry for each contest (costume and/or door decorating) per employee.
- winners will be announced via email by 4pm on the 30th.





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

**Building 8A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> door**

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

Email [June.jimmie@stolonation.bc.ca](mailto:June.jimmie@stolonation.bc.ca) or call 604-824-3266 to book

**Building 8A – North Side Entrance | Registry is on the Main Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stolonation.bc.ca/access)
- Tent rentals please contact June Jimmie at [June.Jimmie@stolonation.bc.ca](mailto: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](http://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

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A healthier, stronger, brighter future for all communities.

### MISSION

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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

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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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### Battle of Business Baseball Game

August 11, 2026



### Ford Golf Tournament-Mémiyelhtel

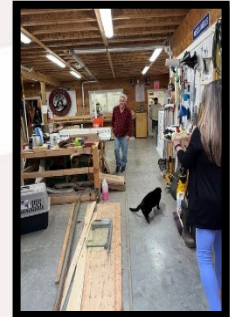
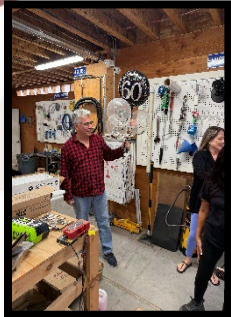
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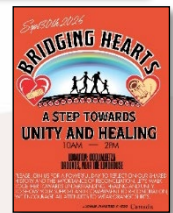


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**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Gary Sankey!**



**National 🍷 Day 🍷 for 🍷 Truth 🍷 and 🍷 Reconciliation 🍷  
Bridging Hearts: A Step Towards Unity and Healing**



**Thank you, Chief Darcy Paul for the Welcoming!**





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