



SUMAS FIRST NATION NEWS

LET'S EMO:T - One Heart. One Mind.

January 2020

Happy New Year!

The past year was full of accomplishments and trials, each one leaving their mark on us all. 2020 is the beginning of a decade for us to continue to improve our community and come together to celebrate regularly.

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- **JOB POSTING: ECE at Busy Bear Preschool**
- **Welcome to Communications Officer Emily**

"Ts'lhimexósem" Going for a walk together

*"The authority of
Sema:th to govern its
land and resources
flows from the Creator"*

*"Improving the quality
of life for future and
all generations"*



Council and staff working on strategic planning

Chief and Council 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting

- Chief Dalton Silver
- Councilor Murray Ned
- Dr. Michelle Corefield
- Councilor Clint Tuttle
- Councilor Chris Silver

* CANCELLED TIL FURTHER NOTICE

NOTICE OF VOTE

TO: MEMBERS OF SUMAS FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the Community Ratification Plan on January 29, 2020, in order to determine if Voters approve:

1. the Sumas Park Estates Ltd. 49-year lease extension; and
2. a 99 year lease on Lot 25 for a strip mall/approximately 10 retail business.

The following questions will be asked of the Voters of the Sumas First Nation on separate ballots:

Do you approve:

- The application of Sumas Park Estates Ltd. to extend the term of its 49 year lease with SIDNEY KELLY, NORMAN KELLY and FRANCIS KELLY, dated June 1, 2015, for an additional 4 years?

AND

Do you approve:

- Of a 99 year lease term on Lot 25 to allow for Sumas First Nation to enter into retail/commercial leases to offset costs of the Semath Multiplex?

* The Ratification Vote will take place on 29th day of January 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 2788 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2J2 (Building 1).

An Information Meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Sumas Community Hall 2800 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford V3G2J2

Copies of the *Sumas Park Estates Ltd. 49-year lease* and a summary of the *Sumas Park Estates Ltd. 49-year lease extension*, in addition information on the proposed 99 year lease on Lot 25, may be obtained from the Sumas Lands & Resources Department, at the Sumas First Nation Administration Offices.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all Members of the Sumas First Nation 18 years of age or older as of the date of the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote,

Any Member may contact the Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below.

DATED at Chilliwack, Province of British Columbia this 11 day of December 2019.

Leona Sam, Ratification Officer

In the City of Chilliwack, Province of British Columbia

Telephone: (604) 791 3671 email: Leona.Sam@stolonation.bc.ca

NOTE: Any Voter may vote by mail-in ballot. A mail-in ballot will be sent to all Voters living off of the Sumas Reserve whose address is on record with the Sumas First Nation. If an Eligible Voter has not received a mail-in ballot by January 13th, 2020, please contact the Ratification Officer so that the necessary form can be supplied to you.

Not Just Naloxone

Decolonizing Addiction & Naloxone Training



Location:

Sumas First Nation
Community Hall

Date: Feb 6, 2020

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Who Should Be

There: Community
Members

The Indigenous Wellness Team supports strengths-based, community conversations about exploring the roots of addiction in the workshop

'Decolonizing Addiction'

afterwards will be Naloxone training, to those interested.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Dinner and
Door Prizes



fraserhealth
Better health for all health care

For More Information Please Contact:

CSF



Collaborative
Stewardship
Forum

STSA-BC Collaborative Stewardship Forum Community Conference

Friday, February 7, 2020 – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Stó:lō Resource and Research Management Centre,
Building 10, 7201 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC, V2R 4G5

The Collaborative Stewardship Forum is a joint initiative between the Province of British Columbia and the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance, a group of 15 Stó:lō First Nations. It is designed to strengthen government-to-government relationships and enable exploration of shared responsibility for environmental stewardship.

Great
Food &
Prizes

The forum is guided by the Stó:lō First Nations perspective of “Lets'emó:t” meaning one mind, as it relates to seeking consensus and collaboration.

Join us for two days of learning, sharing and collaboration!

DAY ONE

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Target Audience: CSF Collaborators,
STSA/Provincial Leadership, CSF Partners

Experiential hands on learning

- » Singers
- » Weavers
- » Cedar Workers
- » Language Lessons
- » Painting demonstrations
- » Hand on- object based learning
- » Storytelling/ group tours

Keynote speaker: Provincial
executive

DAY TWO

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Target Audience: Community members,
CSF Collaborators, STSA/ Provincial Leadership,
CSF Partners

- » Collaborative Stewardship Forum
Project presentations
- » Breakout stations

Keynote speaker: Honorable Steven L. Point
(Xwě lī qwě l tē l), Former Lieutenant Governor
of British Columbia



You are invited to a Drum Making Workshop

Hosted by Busy Bear Club Preschool

Open to all Sumas community members and families that attend preschool.

Date: Sat, February 22nd or Sat, February 29

Time: 10AM – 1PM

Facilitated by Darren Charlie

Lunch and Door Prizes included

Location: To be announced

Please sign up for this workshop by Mon, February 10th

Sign up at the Health Building or Band Office

or

email Geshia Flores at geshia.flores@sumasfirstnation.com

(One drum per family)



**Invasive Species
Council of BC**

January 13th, 2020

Notice:

FREE Pesticide Applicator Certification Course: March 2 – 5, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The Invasive Species Council of BC is organizing a Pesticide Applicator Certification Course (PAC) for March 2-5th, 2020 in the Lower Mainland (location TBD). The course will run for 4 days and will include the certification exam. This course has been specifically tailored to Indigenous participants, and the instructor has had excellent reviews from past course participants.

The Invasive Species Council of BC will be subsidizing the PAC course and covering the cost of the course, course manual, final exam, and instructor fees. This is a great opportunity to acquire provincial certification and skills training – but don't delay. Space is limited, and participants will be enrolled on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in obtaining their Pesticide Application Certification, please fill out the enclosed registration form and send to Caitlyn Therrien Iannone, Indigenous Coordinator by **January 20th, 2020**.

More information about the PAC course can be found at this link: <https://bcinvasives.ca/resources/invasive-species-training/pesticide-applicator-course>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the PAC course,

Kind regards,

Caitlyn Therrien Iannone
Indigenous Coordinator,
Invasive Species Council of BC
liaison@bcinvasives.ca



EARLY CHILDHOOD MANAGER REPORT

January 22, 2020



The Busy Bear Club Preschool Updates

We currently have 10 children enrolled in our preschool program and 16 in the Afterschool program.

Auntie Maureen has been preparing and teaching the children about traditional food twice a month.

Mamele' awt has been partnering with us by sharing culture and language with the children once a week.

The preschool held a Christmas event in December. Joe Pierre was invited to share his knowledge through drumming and prayer.

Joan Silver has been our elder in residence and visits the preschool weekly. The children love "Grandma Joan".

One of our former parents (Trista Tsang) an orthodontist, visited our class to share her knowledge about dental health.

We have partnered with UFV and Douglas college to take in practicum students.

Currently we have a practicum student from UFV in our program from January – March.

Afterschool Club

We went on a field trip to "Glow" in December.

An upcoming "Fishing" field trip to the Trout hatchery is scheduled for April.

Keisha Ned came and taught our children a traditional song and dance in Halq'emeylem. She was accompanied by an elder, Tess Ned.



Baby Group

Transportation has been provided for families so they can attend baby group.

Lunch for baby group is prepared by Auntie Maureen.

Development and Operations of the New Facility

Operations

We are ready to set up and operate however we are waiting on Fortis, Metric, and other trades/companies to complete their jobs. Once everything is complete, the licensing bodies can also complete their final inspections. The opening of the center has been contingent on factors that are unfortunately beyond our control. Fortis Gas has postponed. They are scheduled to come now between Jan 27th and Jan 31st, 2020.

Currently we have 6 full-time staff and are in the process of hiring 4 more staff. In addition, we have a cook, Auntie Maureen.

Fire plan

Elite is completing the Emergency Fire Plan. The Fire Chief (Mike) from Abbotsford also came by to inspect the facility and made minor recommendations.

Licensing

Next Licensing inspection is scheduled for the end of January 2020
The Policy and Procedure Manuel for the new center has been reviewed by the Childcare Licensing Office and recommendation and changes are being addressed.

Construction

Currently, we are waiting for the railings to be installed.
The floors still need to be sealed in the facility.
Turf has been laid out and is close to completion.
Entrance and Foyer is in process of being completed.
Security has been installed. The alarm system and security cameras are operating.
Currently maintenance help is needed for the new center.



Community Led Development and Planning Grant

Busy Bear has been granted funding for Community -Led Development and Planning. The intention for this grant is to engage communities to imagine a better future for young children and their families and support them to create an action plan to achieve their vision. We have used a portion of the funding to send out a survey to families in the community as well as coordinating a Drum Making workshop.

Upcoming important dates

- Monday, February 17th, 2020 - **Family Day Holiday**
- Friday, March 16th - **March 27th -Spring Break (Preschool closed)**
- Friday, April 10th – **Good Friday Holiday**
- Monday, April 13th – **Easter Monday Holiday**
- Monday, May 18th – **Victoria Day Holiday**
- Friday, June 19th – **Preschool Graduation**



Busy Bear Club Preschool
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Early Childhood Educator

Category: **Infants/Toddlers and Daycare**
Organization: **Busy Bear Club Program**
Nation: **Sumas First Nation**

Application Deadline: **Open until filled**
Start Date: **February 03, 2020**

Description: Sumas First Nation is seeking energetic and qualified full time and on-call Early Childhood Educators to work at a new center. Positions available are for infant/toddler, preschool, and 3-5 yr. Old daycare programs. Early Childhood Educators will provide quality and inclusive programming in a group setting supporting children and families. Programming also incorporates the 6 Head Start components: Culture and Language, Education, Health Promotion, Nutrition, Social Support, and Parent and Family Involvement.

Experience:

- Planning and implementing developmentally appropriate activities and experiences
- Knowledge and understanding of cross-cultural issues that impact the Sumas First Nation community
- Knowledge of the Community Care and Assisted living Act and Child Care Licensing Regulations
- Demonstrating understanding of the development of children and their mental, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs
- Demonstrating an understanding of inclusivity of children with special needs
- Encouraging children's learning and positive development of their self-concept
- Appropriately guiding and supervising children in various settings
- Supervising children's indoor and outdoor activities ensuring required safety standards according to licensing are met
- Possessing excellent written and oral skills as well as interpersonal skills
- Ability to maintain healthy collaborative working relationships with members of staff, community, and other representatives from various organizations

Qualifications:

- Valid ECE Basic Certificate and License to Practice in BC
- Minimum one-year recent related experience
- Clear Criminal Records Check conducted under the *Criminal Records Review Act*
- Valid first aid certificate

Contact:

Geshia Flores

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New Communications Officer at Sumas First Nation

Emily Slater is joining Sumas First Nation in the Governance and Natural Resources Department as Communications Officer. This role will communicate the Nations message and develop awareness of issues and successes to members and the public.

Emily has a background in Communications, Sociology, and Public Administration from UFV and UVic. She has worked in community support for vulnerable people in the Fraser Valley and abroad (she just returned from working in Wales over the past year). She has also worked in government negotiations.

Emily's interests include getting outside in the local nature, reading, cooking, and travelling when possible. She looks forward to meeting everyone in the community and getting to work alongside them.

Welcome Emily!

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