



THE SUMAS CURRENT

Sqwélqwel te S'ólh Téméxw

Stó:lō-Xa:yxeleq Hákw'eles Swáyel Veterans Remembrance Day

In 1993, we came together as the Stó:lō to honour our veterans in the first annual Stó:lō Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Coqualeetza grounds were chosen for the location of the memorial because it is central to all Stó:lō. This specific location was chosen by veterans Howard Wells and Wes Sam for its privacy and so the memorial could be erected facing east towards Lihlheyq (Mt. Cheam) and the rising sun.



Roll Call: Stó:lō Veteran Kenneth Ned does the roll call from the plaque.



Ceremony: Naaxwáhts'i and the Cultural Committee host the annual event. Elder Eddy Gardner assists with the roll call and Holy emblem prayer. Members of the public are welcome to join us November 11th to remember our veterans

Stó:lō Veterans: Their Service and Sacrifices, Not Forgotten

Veteran Wesley Sam, a member of the Planning Committee.

Veteran Gordon Hall.

Cedar & Poppies

The procession from the Longhouse to the Memorial Site.

The Memorial Post site.

"He (the figure on the post) is wearing a cedar hat. Above him is the eagle; some call him the creator's pet. With an eagle feather you can pray. If (the prayer) is taken up to heaven... Overseas, some of them (the veteran's) guardian spirit is above them, bringing them home, and some of them didn't come home. Here is a staff, representing that he is a veteran. Also there was a thought that came up of putting a Canadian flag (on the post), (representing) that he fought for this country. The eagle feather on the staff, before the (Canadian) flag came along, the staff with the eagle feather, when people come into a native gathering they carry this warrior staff, and a Canadian flag; represent they are a native person and fought for this country."

The bronze memorial plaque Stó:lō Veterans: Their Service & Sacrifices, Not Forgotten lists the names, communities, and war campaigns each served in. Since the unveiling of the original bronze plaque, veteran's family members have come forward with additional names for the plaque. Three smaller bronze plaques were attached below the main plaque with the additional names.

On November 11, 1995, four memorial cedar trees were planted behind the memorial parallel to Luckakuck Creek. Each year, as part of the Stó:lō Remembrance Day Ceremony, family members are invited to tie poppies and red ribbons to each cedar.

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Éwe Kw'e Melqlexw
Yela Xeylex -
Lest We Forget

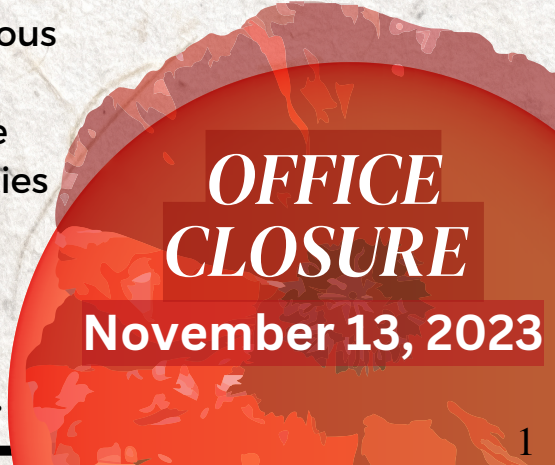
Semá:th Veteran Kenneth Ned doing Roll Call for Stó:lō servicemen and women.

In this week of reflection and appreciation for veterans, we would like to express our gratitude for the contributions Indigenous and non-Indigenous veterans have made to the Stó:lō People, Canada and the world.

History of National Indigenous Veterans Day

November 8 marks the National Indigenous Veterans Day, a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, along with consequent wars. National Indigenous Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994, a time when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities. This Day is now observed in many communities across Canada.

We raise our hands and express our heart-filled gratitude to all those who have and continue to contribute to the safety of our Land and Peoples. Ts'ithóme tsel - thank you.



Éwe Kw'e Melqlexw Yela Xeylex

Lest we forget

Memory shared by Sydney Ned, Ts'ithóme tsel – thank you Sydney.

November 8th marks Indigenous Veterans Day. My uncle, Kenneth Ned, was an Indigenous veteran from Semá:th First Nation in Abbotsford, B.C. Born to Edna Joe and Clarence Ned on June 5th, 1936, he was the eldest of eight children. In 1958, Uncle Ken married Auntie Shirley Ann Pettis from Seabird Island.

Uncle Ken attended St. Mary's Residential School in Mission, B.C. Upon completing his time there, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1957 at the age of 21. Captain Kenneth Ned served in the armed forces from 1957 to 1992, earning recognition for his outstanding contributions as the Chief Flight Engineer of the 442 Squadron. He served as a Leading Aircraftman during peacetime and participated in United Nations missions. After retirement, he played a role in European Search and Rescue operations.



Known for his humility and grace, Captain Kenneth Ned loved his community, family, and country. He actively participated in many Stó:lō Remembrance Day ceremonies, where he read the Roll Call to honor all Stó:lō servicemen and women. As the last surviving veteran from Semá:th First Nation and the final Indigenous veteran in the Stó:lō Territory, Uncle Kenneth passed away on June 9, 2022, shortly after his 86th birthday.

A colleague of mine reached out, recalling her visits with Uncle Kenneth and acknowledging how close he is to my heart:

“The one story that stuck out in my mind was when he told me about how much he loved the drum and how powerful it was. Even powerful enough to turn your enemy away. I remember he said they probably needed fewer guns & bombs in the war and more drums.”

We honour Kenneth and his dedicated service to our country and Indigenous communities.



Sydney Ned pictured with Captain Kenneth Ned.

Upcoming Events

STÓ:LŌ XA:YXELEQ HÁ:KW'ELES SWÁYEL

STÓ:LŌ VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY

HÁKW'ELESTSET YE STÓ:MEXELH

“WE REMEMBER OUR PAST WARRIORS”

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Coqualeetza Longhouse
7201 Vedder Road
Chilliwack, BC

TIME

9:00 am Longhouse Doors Open
10:00 am Ceremony Begins
10:50 am Processional to Memorial Site
11:00 am Roll Call
11:11 am Moment of Silence
Laying of Wreaths

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Building 10 / Longhouse



Upcoming Events



Please come join us for dinner

Disaster Recovery Community Information Session Dinner

- Door Prizes
- Emergency Alert System Launch
- Evacuee Registration Assistance, pre-registration
- Disaster Risk Reduction Project Introduction
- Child care & Transportation from SFN and back; **available upon request, please email us to sign up**

Ledgeview Golf Course

35997 McKee Rd, Abbotsford BC V3G2L6



Friday,
November 17th 2023
5:30pm - 8:00 pm



Please contact us by email if you have any questions
Emergency.department@sumasfirstnation.com

Upcoming Events



SFN Band Meeting November 21, 2023



AGENDA

1. Review Minutes.
2. Department Strategic Plan Reporting 2023-2025.
3. Safe Community - What does that look like to you?
4. Council Portfolio Reports.
5. Additional Items by Community.



Semá:th Community Hall

5pm-8pm

Please submit any agenda items you would like to be discussed to
Rhonda.Jack@sumasfirstnation.com by
November 14, 2023.

For those unable to attend in-person, a Zoom link has been emailed and is accessible on the Members-Only Facebook group. Should you require the Zoom link to be resent, please contact Ida Dutt, Communications Officer, at communications@sumasfirstnation.com.



STÓ:LŌ ARTISTS WANTED

FOR RESILIENCY REPORT

PLEASE EMAIL A
PORTFOLIO TO SIGN UP

THANK YOU

EMERGENCY.DEPARTMENT@SUMASFIRSTNATION

THE BUSY BEAR CLUB PRESCHOOL UPDATES



ÉY SWÁYEL

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Telxwi:ts - The leaves are falling

Fall offers us many blessings and we plan to find some of those and bring them back to our classroom. From fallen leaves to pinecones (and so much more!) the children will be able to find something they love on our nature walks.

The children enjoyed their field trip to the Apple Barn. They went on a hay ride, picked a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, and visited the goats!

Our Halq'emeylem Teacher, Roxanne has been amazing! She continues to join us at circle time to teach the children more songs, words, and phrases.

We shared lunch with our Elders. The children all helped make a gift to say thank you to the Elders which they presented at the luncheon. The children also sang songs in Halq'emeylem with great enthusiasm.

The children went trick or treating at the offices. The children have been going trick or treating to all SFN offices for more than 10 years now.

Thank you to all our families that attended our family night in October in the Infant and Toddler program. Thank you to Lori Kelly for coming and sharing her cultural knowledge and saying a prayer to start things off in a good way.

We welcome our new support worker, Melissa Puttman. She has joined us in the daycare program.

After reviewing the surveys filled out by our families, we have started to plan some exciting new events for our Busy Bear Club Preschool families which we will hold in the New Year.

We will keep you posted!

Individual newsletters for each age group have been sent out to families enrolled at The Busy Bear Club Preschool. Please read them as they have important information about your children's program.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

Our AFTERSCHOOL CLUB is running at full capacity. **We now have a wait list.**

The staff from Stó:lō Child Care Center came to visit us. We enjoyed sharing ideas about our programs and getting to know each other.

Future for Nations in Mission will be visiting us as well. We look forward to their visit!

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Busy Bear Club and Afterschool Club will be Closed on Monday, November 13th, 2023 for Remembrance Day



SFN JOB POSTINGS



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	Early Childhood Educator
HOURS:	35 Hours per Week
TERM:	Permanent
SALARY	\$21 an hr * Additional increase as part of the Wage Enhancement program
BENEFITS:	Benefits and Pension Plan after probationary period (3 months)
REPORTS TO:	Busy Bear Early Childhood Education Manager

<http://www.sumasfirstnation.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-10-30-SFNJB-Early-Childhood-Educator.pdf>



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	Early Childhood Education Assistant
HOURS:	Full Time at 35 hours per week
TERM:	Temporary
SALARY:	\$19 per hour
REPORTS TO:	Busy Bear Early Childhood Education Manager

<http://www.sumasfirstnation.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-11-07-SFNJB-ECEA-position.pdf>



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK
TERM:	PERMANENT POSITION
SALARY	TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
REPORTS TO:	FINANCE MANAGER

<http://www.sumasfirstnation.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-11-02-SFNJB-Accounting-Admin.pdf>

SASET TRAINING



Canada 

Sto:lo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training is pleased to offer:

EMPLOYMENT PREP TRAINING NOVEMBER 20—30, 2023

Are you an Indigenous individual who:

- Is un- or under employed
- Resides in SASET's catchment area
- Is willing to commit to a 2 week full-time certificate training program

If so... we are presently accepting applications for this training opportunity. There are a limited number of seats, so don't delay in scheduling an appointment with your Employment Counsellor!

Training will take place on-site at Sto:lo Nation
Building 5B, 7201 Vedder Rd
Chilliwack, BC
Monday to Friday
8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

COURSE INCLUDES

- **First Aid Level 1**
- **WHMIS**
- **Skid Steer**
- **Aerial Lifts**
- **Forklift**
- **Food Safe**
- **Fall Protection**
- **And more!**

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ASSISTANCE AND
SAFETY GEAR PROVIDED!



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Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-5536

SASET—Seabird Office
2895 Chowat Road
Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-6865



NEWS CENTRAL



Kilgard Business Park in Abbotsford to celebrate grand opening

Sumas First Nation holds celebration on Friday.
<https://www.abbynews.com/community/kilgard-business-park-in-abbotsford-to-celebrate-grand-opening-6527981>



PHOTOS: Kilgard Business Park celebrated by Sumas First Nation in Abbotsford

Mayors, businesses and public turn out to welcome new business area into the fold
<https://www.abbynews.com/news/photos-kilgard-business-park-celebrated-by-sumas-first-nation-in-abbotsford-6832254>



Health Benefits News

First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

fnha.ca:443

Health Benefits News

<https://www.fnha.ca/benefits/health-benefits-news>



STÓ:LŌ BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2023

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Office of the Executive Director (OED) staff hosted a successful Xá:ytem (Stó:lō Heritage Trust) AGM on September 28, 2023. This meeting is held to update communities on the work that continues to be done at the Xá:ytem properties site, which in turn keeps Stó:lō Heritage Trust Society's charitable status current and effective.

The third annual Truth and Reconciliation ceremony was hosted at the Coqualeetza site on September 30, 2023 in collaboration with Stó:lō leadership and the Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers Society. This event was well attended with many staff and volunteers doing the work in providing an opportunity for others to learn

https://www.stolonation.bc.ca/files/File/Bulletin/2023/2023-10/October_Bulletin.pdf



HALQ'EMÉYLEM WORDS OF THE MONTH



Stó:lō Xa:yxwleq Haqweles Swayel -

Stó:lō Veteran's Remembrance Day

Eyém~Iyém - Strong