



THE SUMAS CURRENT

Temkwikwexel

In the Stó:lō lunar year, the seventh month, around April, is called Temkwikwexel - time for baby Sockeye Salmon (Kwikwexel is baby sockeye salmon). Some also call the month Lhem'toles, which means spring showers in the eyes.

What's Happening This Month?

Community Health Nurses from Sto:lo will be at the Health Building every last Wednesday of each month between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Nurses come to the community to Administer Vaccinations as well as provide general health information.

If you require any vaccinations, or are interested in meeting with the Community Health Nurses, feel free to contact Flora Silver at 604-852-4041 ext. 118 or Flora.Silver@sumasfirstnation.com

Elders Lunches every Thursday at the Health Building.

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Stó:lō Shxwelí
Halq'eméylem
Language Program



Announcements

Lands Department

The Lands Department has welcomed a new member to their team!

Donna Blair has joined the Lands Department as the Legacy Project & Communications Assistant on Tuesday, April 3, 2024. Donna has a unique and diverse background. She was a dedicated Indigenous Support Worker and Life Skills Facilitator supporting healthy relationships, effective coping skills, employment skills and creating personal strategies for success. Donna has worked specifically with Indigenous Youth and Families for over 20 years with often included supporting children and youth within our community.

Since 1999, Donna was a Life Skills Coach and facilitator, leading workshops and programs focused on employment and personal goals such as coping, goal setting and problem-solving skills. This included organizations such as Okanagan Educational Center, Youth Unlimited and Canada Revenue Agency.

Donna has served 8 years on the Mamele'awt Qweesome and To'o Housing Society (MQHS) board and currently serves as Board Chair. This non-profit organizations is committed to providing essential housing and childcare services to Indigenous families in the Fraser Valley region.

Some of Donna's education through UFV includes a Professional Essential Communications Associate Certificate, Sto:lo Ways of Helping and Healing, Intercultural Communication and Introduction to Business. Prior to that Donna received her Life Skills Coaching, Human Relations and Family Counselling Diploma through Life Skills Training Center Inc

At the heart of Donna's work lies her passion and core values, which revolve around fostering a safe learning environment and empowering individuals in their daily lives. Her dedication to creating supportive spaces enables others to thrive both personally and professionally.

Donna is an ally and advocate with a strong desire to support the development and healing in the thriving communities around her.

Health Department

Sophie Loewen , who has been an integral part of our Preschool as a Preschool Teacher, has transitioned to a new role within our organization. Effective immediately, Sophie will be serving as our acting Health Manager.

Upcoming Events



SUMAS



CLAY PRODUCTS LTD.

Community Engagement Session for the Brick Plant Commemorative Park!



April 17, 2024 *Dinner*



5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Semá:th Community Hall



This is an opportunity to learn about project plans, hear from designers and provide feedback on site values, priorities and early design components.

Exciting Door Prizes!

50" TV Bluetooth Speakers Gift Cards!
Samsung Tablet Wireless Headphones 3

Upcoming Events

DOOR
PRIZES

JOIN US FOR OUR

Emergency Preparedness Fair

FRIDAY MAY 10TH 2024
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Meet emergency department staff have informative discussions with first responders & learn more about family emergency plans

Bouncy Castle
Carnival Games
Kids Activity Table
Balloon Twisting
Face Painting
Obstacle Course

2800 SUMAS MOUNTAIN RD

EMERGENCY.DEPARTMENT@SUMASFIRSTNATION.COM

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sumas First Nation

CONNECT ROCKET
EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Everyone signed up will be entered
to win a 200\$ Visa Gift card!!!
Winner will be announced MAY 1ST



Scan here to sign up now!

<https://sumasfirstnation.connectrocket.com/#>

Please Call or email if you would like assistance
signing up

604-852-4041 ext. 228 or

Emergency.Department@sumasfirstnation.com

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

MARCH 28TH 2024

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BULLETIN

QUARTERLY UPDATES



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

We are very excited to announce our preparedness fair!

Poster attached below for more information.

MAY 10TH 3:00PM - 6:00PM SFN SOCCER FIELD

200 DOLLAR VISA GIFT CARD

Please ensure you are signed up for Connect Rocket to be entered to win!

Draw deadline April 30th, 2024

ONLY USED IN EMERGENCIES - NO APP - ALL INFORMATION KEPT PRIVATE



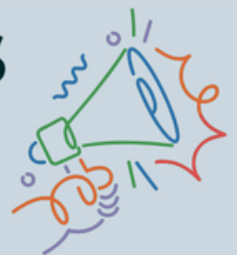
*Emergency Support Services
Grant Secured \$ 29,000.00*

*Dale Ganzeveld has started a new
role as the Emergency Preparedness
Coordinator*

THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS

HIRING A SUMMER STUDENT!

PLEASE EMAIL HUMAN.RESOURCES@SUMASFIRSTNATION.COM



PLEASE CONTACT EMERGENCY.DEPARTMENT@SUMASFIRSTNATION.COM
TO SIGN UP OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Agriculture Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Local Authorities

March 19th Mission

Emergency Management Earthquake Tabletop Exercise

March 26th Seabird Island

11th Annual Network of Emergency Support Services Teams

Conference *April 12th- 14th Kamloops*

Cultural safety and Humility sharing circle and dinner for community

June 14th and July 10th Sumas First Nation

PROJECTS



**EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING
PROJECT - GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)
MAPPING**

Emergency Support Service for Nations

A total of 13 nations have been attending monthly meetings and will be attending the Network of Emergency Support Services Teams 11th annual conference as an Emergency Support Services Team.

*LOGO CONTEST - Winner will receive a 400\$ VISA gift card
DEADLINE is March 31st*



LMS Emergency Response

Building up a sub regional emergency team to support our neighbors.

The Disaster Risk Reduction survey with the Elders and staff at lunch.

Cultural Safety and Humility survey with the Elders. We are planning further community engagement dates.

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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

MEETING WITH TMX AND ABBOTSFORD FIRE AND RESCUE AT THE ABBOTSFORD FIRE HALL



On January 28-29th the Emergency Department stood up our Emergency Operations Centre in response to monitoring a Flood Warning Event and conducted some Just-In-Time training with Holistic Emergency Response and Preparedness.



JIBC - Public Safety Lifeline Leadership



KILGARD CREEK SURVEY

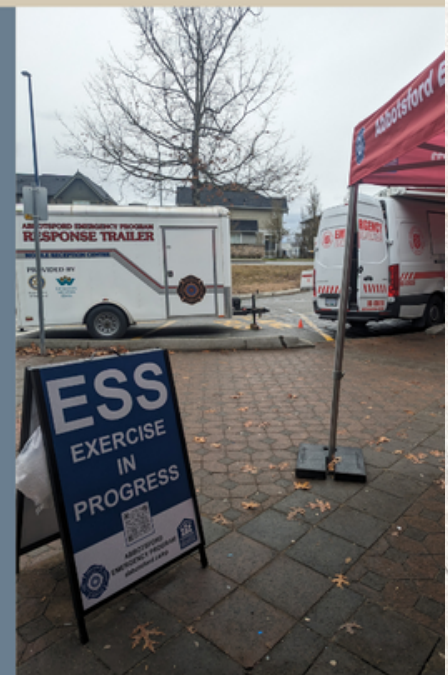


City of Abbotsford Emergency Support Services Reception Centre Exercise



PAST EVENTS

- Emergency Support Services exercise with Abbotsford, Langley and Chilliwack
- Busy Bear Preparedness Presentation
- Emergency Operations Centre Training - Logistics, Finance and Operations
- Evacuee Registration and Assistance Training
- Extreme Heat Risk Mapping Workshop
- Community Evacuation training with the city of mission and the JIBC
- Meeting with TMX at Sumas First Nation



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LANDS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Semá:th Lands Department

Community Newsletter

S'ólh Téméxwte ikwe'lo. Xólhmet te mekw' stám ít kwelát.

This is our Land. We must take care of everything that belongs to us.

Reminder to Community – PREVENTION OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND NUISANCE LAW

On May 25th, 2015, Chief & Council issued a Council Resolution to approve of the *Prevention of Disorderly Conduct and Nuisance Law*. This law was established to prevent disorderly behavior and both public and private nuisances. This law defines nuisances as activities such as, but not limited to:

- The abandonment of cars, household appliances or furniture.
- The dumping of storage, tires, garbage, and other refuse.
- The burning of tires, grass, garbage, leaves, and other refuse.
- The discharge of any potentially noxious substance into air or water.

Over the past several months, we have recorded and/or received complaints about several violations of this law including:

- Littering in and around Kilgard Creek.
- Uncontrolled mass burning of woody debris and vegetation.
- Burning of garbage.
- Abandonment of household goods and waste on CP land.

This is a reminder that the *Prevention of Disorderly Conduct and Nuisance Law* applies to all of Sumas First Nation lands, including CP land. Sumas First Nation implements fire bans as they are issued by British Columbia's regional fire centres and will only permit fires outside of fire bans. Even then, fires created by community members are to be reasonably small and controlled and created for either cultural or entertainment purposes. Under no circumstances should fires be created for the purposes of waste removal. All vegetative and solid waste must be removed from Sumas First Nation lands and sent to an approved facility.

Sumas First Nation reserves the right to issue warning letters and fines (at a maximum of \$1000) to violators of the *Prevention of Disorderly Conduct and Nuisance Law*.

For more information or to request copies of the *Prevention of Disorderly Conduct and Nuisance Law*, please contact the Semá:th Lands Department.:

Sasha Tuttle, M.Sc. in Zoology

Environmental Compliance Officer

Semá:th First Nation

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JOB POSTINGS



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	RECOVERY & PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANT
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK
SALARY:	\$28.00 PER HOUR
TERM:	1 YEAR TERM CONTRACT
REPORTS TO:	DISASTER RECOVERY MANAGER

[Read Full Description Here](#)



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	Responsible Adult
HOURS:	20 hours per week
TERM:	Temporary Contract
SALARY:	\$19.00 per hour
BENEFITS:	N/A
REPORTS TO:	Busy Bear Preschool Manager

[Read Full Description Here](#)



Shipping/Receiving Co-ord
Job Description

POSITION: Shipping/Receiving Coordinator

REPORTS TO: Operations Manager

We are looking for an **Shipping/Receiving Coordinator** to join our Warehouse team! This role will support our warehouse, sales and purchasing operations. By being the main check point for all deliveries, customer pick up and logistic functions, you will have the opportunity to streamline process and ensure accuracy and efficiency!

[Read Full Description Here](#)



Junior Accountant

POSITION: Jr. Accountant

REPORTS TO: Controller

As a Junior Accountant, you provide financial, administrative and clerical support to the organisation. The role is to complete payments and control expenses by receiving payments, plus processing, verifying and reconciling invoices.

The successful candidate must be able to work quickly and efficiently, have strong communication skills (both verbal and written) as well as an above average sense of detail, accuracy, and organization.

[Read Full Description Here](#)

SASET TRAINING



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

CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM



Course Includes:

- First Aid Level 1
 - WHMIS
- Mini Excavator
 - Skid Steer
- Confined Space
- Traffic Control
 - And more !

April 15 - 26, 2024

Training will take place on-site at Sto:lo Service Agency
Building 5B, 7201 Vedder Road Chilliwack, BC
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm



SASET—Chilliwack Office
5B-7201 Vedder Road
Chilliwack, BC
Phone: 604-858-3691

SASET— Sts'ailes Office
4690 Salish Way
Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-5536

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



Province's land purchase protects Indigenous sacred burial site in Abbotsford

89-acre Lightning Rock property to be transferred to Semá:th First Nation

 The Abbotsford News / Mar 27

<https://www.abbynews.com/local-news/provinces-land-purchase-protects-indigenous-sacred-burial-site-in-abbotsford-7334493>



<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/flood-projects/kilgard-creek>