SUMAS FIRST NATION

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June Tengogo high water time

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a significant time to delve into the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. For us at Sumas First Nation, it is an opportunity to celebrate our unique heritage and the resilience that defines our community.

In 2009, Canada's House of Commons recognized June as National Indigenous History Month, urging all Canadians to gain a deeper understanding of the First Peoples. The most impactful way to do this is by engaging with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis voices through our stories, books, films, videos, and music. Events. Page 6: Staff Updates. Page 7: Busy Bear School Updates. Page 9: Governance & Natural Resources Department Updates. Page 11: Job Postings & Upcoming Trainings. Page 27: News Central.

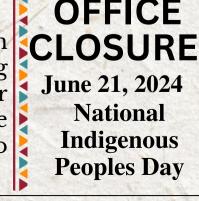
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On June 21, the summer solstice marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day for people across Canada to celebrate the unique heritage, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs of Indigenous communities. It is a time for us to share our stories, achievements, and enduring strength.

We at Sumas First Nation, along with many other First Nations communities in British Columbia (BC), invite you to join us in celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day. Look for opportunities to engage with and celebrate alongside on June 21, as we all come together to honour our shared history and future.



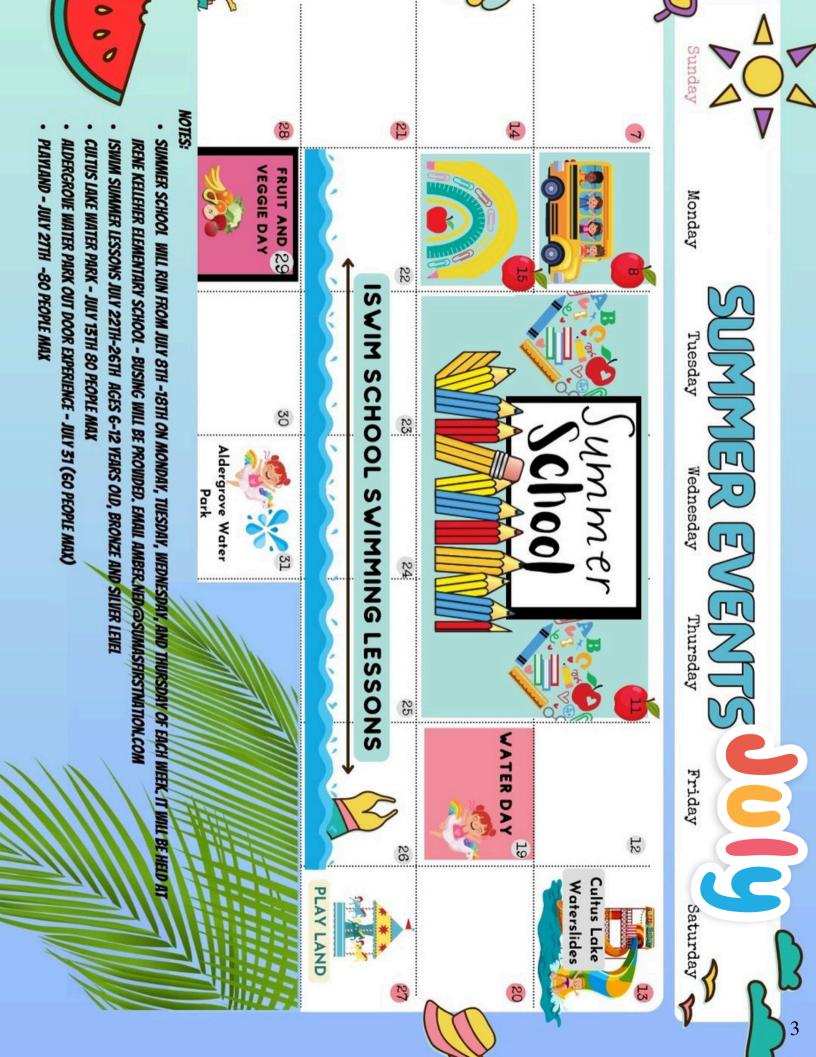
Communications@sumasfirstnation.com

June

2024



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SFN STAFF UPDATES

We are excited to share that Ida Dutt has accepted the position of Governance and Policy Officer at the Nation! Ida has had the honour of serving Semá:th as the Communications Officer for the past three years and has cherished the love and support she has received from the Community.

As she embarks on this new journey of being the Governance and Policy Officer, she looks forward to applying what she has learned from her time as Communications Officer to this new role. Ida is committed to upholding the values and traditions of the community, while also working towards enhancing Semá:th governance and policy frameworks to better serve our Nation. Thank you all for your continued support. Ida is eager to continue working with everyone in this new capacity, and is excited about the positive changes we can all achieve together!

WE ARE HIRING A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Send your resume and cover letter to Human.resources@sumasfirstnation.com



Ida Dutt, Governance and Policy Officer, meeting with the U.S. Department of State Head of Political and Economic Division Sung Choi, Chief Dalton Silver, Consul General James DeHart, and Councillor Troy Ganzeveld (from left to right).

THE BUSY BEAR CLUB PRESCHOOL UPDATES (MEW HIRES





Greetings everyone, my name is Manpreet Kaur and I am currently serving as an Early Childhood Educator Assistant at the Busy Bear club preschool in the Infant/Toddler program. I am from Punjab, India and moved to Canada in 2018. I came here to study at Capilano University in North Vancouver. In 2020, I graduated and set out to accomplish my goals in life. I have worked with children for one year now.

I started working as an ECEA in 2023 and this is my second job at Busy Bear Club Preschool. Previously I worked at a daycare in Abbotsford in an Infant and Toddler program. I am excited to join the team at The Busy Bear Club Preschool. I am eager to learn new things from everyone and excited to experience new opportunities. Also, I'm super excited to get to know the children and be part of their learning experience!

Hello everyone, I'm Kirandeep Kaur Gill, originally from India and now residing in Canada since 2018. My journey as an Early Childhood Educator began in Castlegar, nestled in the Okanagan Valley, where I specialized in caring for children with Special Needs and in Infant and Toddler care, completing my tenure in 2020. I immersed myself in forest school environments, embracing a play-based approach infused with the Reggio Emilia philosophy. Transitioning to the Lower Mainland in 2021, I had the privilege to work within a Montessori-based structure, further enriching my pedagogical toolkit. My passion lies in nurturing and empowering children, assisting them in their developmental tasks. Beyond my profession, I find joy in exploring diverse cuisines through travel, with a sibling residing in Australia. An avid animal lover, also delight in forging meaningful connections and Ι friendships wherever I go.



I'm Amrita, and I'm thrilled to be a part of Sumas First Nation-Busy Bear Preschool! I bring a warm and energetic spirit to the classroom, fostering a fun and engaging environment where learning is an adventure. With 10 years of experience caring for children ages 1-12 years, I'm passionate about helping them grow and develop through play-based activities. I've spent the last 7 years working in Alberta and the last 3 years in BC. I hold an ECE with Special Needs and Infant Toddler Certification, allowing me to provide specialized care for all children in my class. I believe in open communication with parents. Let's work together to make your child's daycare experience the best!

THE BUSY BEAR CLUB PRESCHOOL UPDATES



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This month:

- Thursday June 13th, Last Day of Afterschool Club
- Wednesday June 12, Preschool Graduation (1030am 12pm) Invitations will be sent out to preschool families.
- Saturday June 15th Herbal Remedies Classes hosted by Busy Bear Club Preschool (sign up at the preschool).
- Sunday, June 16th, Father's Day

We are learning about salmon, gardening, and the 7th teaching, Sabe (honesty). Also, with the weather getting warmer, we have been enjoying water play.

We have a knowledge keeper and an Elder visiting us in June in preschool. They will be sharing their knowledge of weaving and salmon with us. The children will be doing some weaving and helping with cleaning and preparing salmon for lunch.

We are working on our emergency preparedness by replenishing supplies and reviewing our emergency evacuation plan.



Our Halq'emeylem teacher is continuing to come weekly Bear. We appreciate her so much! Thank you, Roxanne.

The children will be visiting the Elders this month at their luncheon and singing the new Halq'emeylem songs they have been learning.



Thank you to Sasha for sharing her knowledge of gardening, the children are enjoying the visits to see how the garden project is progressing.

We want to welcome our newly hired staff. Please see their

In-house Newsletters have been sent to each program at the daycare with important information. Also, information will be posted on the Lillio App as well.

Ts'ithóme tsel – thank you, The Busy Bear Club Preschool

GOVERNANCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATES

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The Governance and Natural Resources Department, in collaboration with Chief and Council, engaged in strategic planning and relationship building with the Redd Fish Restoration Society in Ucluelet, BC, in the beginning of May.





During our time together, we delved into the innovative initiatives currently underway within the GNR department and charted a course for future projects. The Redd Fish Restoration Society, a reputable registered charity dedicated to restoration, research, and education, proved to be a valuable partner in our discussions. With over 28 years of experience, Redd Fish (formerly known as Central Westcoast Forest Society) has been instrumental in ecological restoration efforts within the Hahuuli (territory) of the Nuučaanul Nations in Clayoquot, Nootka, and Barkley Sound.



GOVERNANCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATES



Over the course of our time with Redd Fish, we exchanged insights, highlighted ongoing projects, and visited a couple of their worksites. These interactions fostered connections with other like-minded entities and nations.

Furthermore, as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance visibility and community engagement, we proudly adorned the doors of our Kilgard Road office with the SFN logo. Additionally, we have prominently displayed the SFN logo on both sides of our work truck, ensuring greater visibility and recognition within the community and at project sites.





SEMÁ: TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER			
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK			
TERM:	PERMANENT POSITION			
SALARY	\$62,000.00 to \$72,000.00			
REPORTS TO:	GOVERNANCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER			
1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY				

The Communications Officer is responsible for providing professional communication services, advice and support to SFN First Nation ("SFN") administration; planning, developing, and implementing a comprehensive integrated Communications Program that reflects the SFN First Nation's strategic direction, priorities, policies, programs, and initiatives. This includes working with SFN elected officials and departments to meet communications deliverables, including the coordination of events, advertising, and promotional materials. The Communications Officer's primary responsibilities include writing, concept design, copy/photo editing and preparing media materials for distribution. The Communications Officer also assists with promotional materials for SFN departments and ensures products adhere to the visual identity guidelines.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implementing SFN's strategic communication plans by designing effective and innovative publications, articles, graphics, briefing materials, press releases, and employee messaging.
- Provide all communications needs across the organization, including email marketing, social media, advertising, print publications, and management of websites.
- Work with external communications professionals and SFN leadership to develop an organization-wide integrated communications strategy.
- Prepare and implement SFN annual reports, and specific communications plans for General Assemblies, Community Consultations, Referendums, and any other SFN Government initiatives or events.
- Maintain and update SFN electronic media including the SFN website, Facebook page(s) and other social media platforms, updating events, calendars, news items, Chief & Council messaging, employment opportunities, departmental content, training and educational opportunities and deadlines, and general content, developing new materials as required and staying abreast of web and social media technology developments, methods, and platforms.
- Distribute communications-related items to the community and SFN membership.
- Providing training and instruction on the use of the web and social media when appropriate.
- Assist in the development of policies relating to internal and external communications.
- Maintain a working relationship with SFN Chief and Council with regards to the preparation of communications-related products. This may include working with a community-appointed representative and or committees of Council.
- Coordinate the display and printing of advertisements and other promotional material.
- Research, prepare, and distribute media-related materials, including media releases and backgrounders.
- Research new documentation relevant to advancing communications efforts, issues, and concerns for SFN.
- Update the SFN web site and facilitate internal web requests with discretion.
- Performs related duties as required.

3.0 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Post-secondary degree in public or media relations, corporate communications, journalism, marketing or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Adept knowledge of media relations and corporate communications.
- Knowledge of municipal, provincial, and national current events, particularly pertaining to First Nations.
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills.
- Advanced technical skills or ability to enhance, including web site content management (updates), photography, advertisement and graphic design, word-processing, spreadsheet, and other advanced computer skills.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and ability to effectively interact with community members, staff, media, service providers, and external agencies.
- Exceptional organizational and time-management skills and ability to prioritize multiple tasks to meet strict deadlines.
- Self-motivated and ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge of SFN and Indigenous culture is considered an asset.
- Awareness and sensitivity to Indigenous issues and communities is considered an asset.
- Must be capable of maintaining confidentiality with a high level of accuracy regarding information.
- Adept working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Internet, Wire Services, Media Monitoring Software, and other public relations tools.
- Preference will be given to candidates of Indigenous descent.

TO APPLY:

Please email your cover letter & resume to Human.Resources@SFNfirstnation.com Deadline: June 5, 2024





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Job Posting

POSITION:	MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT			
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK			
TERM:	TERM ENDS MARCH 31, 2025			
WAGE:	\$17.40 PER HOUR			
REPORTS TO:	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR			
1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY				

The Maintenance Assistant is responsible for completing a variety of indoor and outdoor maintenance tasks. This position is responsible for the effective and safe use of available materials and equipment and must operate with minimal direct supervision. This position has been provided through the funding of Stó:Lō Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training (SASET).

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain daily contact with the Maintenance Supervisor to confirm work priorities, report on accomplishments and discuss upcoming maintenance activities.
- Ensure the accurate and timely completion of paperwork required for purchase orders, timecards and activity reports.
- Ensure that building gutters flow freely to downspouts and that drains run clearly.
- Work in compliance with the Canada Labour Code, WCB and WHMIS rules and regulations at all times.
- Remove graffiti on exterior building walls and repaint area as necessary.
- Ensure building exterior windows are cleaned regularly.
- Prepare and paint building walls and trim as necessary.
- Provide assistance in the repairing of doors, windows, lights, switches and office furniture.
- Provide assistance in the repair of minor plumbing issues in relevant buildings.
- Inspect and assist in the maintenance of fire extinguishers and fire sprinkler systems.
- Provide assistance in the inspection of heating, cooling, water, and electrical systems to determine if they are functioning according to specifications and assist in minor repairs as required.
- Check alarms and respond to breaches in building security and reset alarm as required.
- Ensure that all doors and windows have functioning locks and repair or replace door locks as required.
- Operate and maintain equipment in a safe and cost-efficient manner.
- Maintain power and hand tools to ensure they are in good operating condition.
- Safeguard tools and equipment against vandalism or loss.
- Ensure that walkways, building entrances and parking lots are free from snow, debris.
- Plant and nurture trees and shrubs as required.
- Mow and water lawns and playing fields as scheduled.
- Remove snow from parking lots, paved areas and around buildings.
- Move and/or make minor repairs to office furniture.
- Ensure that drainage ditches, catch basins and culverts always run freely.
- Assist in the delivery of the water management program and the maintenance performed on water management equipment.
- Perform related duties as required.

- Excellent communication and customer relations skills.
- Basic IT skills.
- High School Graduation Preferred.
- Good time/ resource management skills.
- Ability to work in a variety of weather conditions.
- Must be a Sumas First Nation Band member.
- Must not have been previously employed with Sumas First Nation through Stó:Lō Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training (SASET) funding.
- Self-motivated and ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge of SFN and Indigenous culture is considered an asset.
- Awareness and sensitivity to Indigenous issues and communities is considered an asset.
- Preference will be given to candidates of Indigenous descent.

TO APPLY:

Please email your cover letter & resume to Human.Resources@SFNfirstnation.com Deadline: July 15, 2024

Upcoming SASET Programs

Youth Certificate Program SEABIRD and SASET CHWK

July 2 - 5 / 2024 SASET - Chilliwack Seabird EAS

Piping Foundations

Janurary 2025 SASET - Chilliwack Bldg #5B 7201 Vedder Rd

Service Canada Mobile Clinic

May 27 / 2024 SASET - Chilliwack Bldg #5B 7201 Vedder Rd

To Be Determined Dates

- Medical Office Assistant (UFV)
- Microsoft Office Training
- Building Service Worker (UFV)
- Road Building (IUOE Union)

And so much more. Stay tuned!

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Construction Training Program

June 10 - 29 / 2024 SASET - Chilliwack Bldg #5B 7201 Vedder Rd

Traffic Control Training (TCP)

May 15 - 16 / 2024 Sts'ailes - Agassiz 4690 Salish Way

SASET Landscaping Program

May 27 - 31 / 2024 SASET - Chilliwack Bldg #5B 7201 Vedder Rd

Sts'ailes Landscaping Program

June 3 - 14 / 2024 Sts'ailes - Agassiz 4690 Salish Way

Sts'ailes Self-Care Workshop

June 6 & 7 / 2024 Sts'ailes - Agassiz 4690 Salish Way

Construction Certificate

June 10 - 20 / 2024 T'szil Learning Center 125 Lillooet Lake Road, Mount Currie

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

ROADBUILDING & HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM

July 15 - October 4, 2024

Looking for a BC apprenticeship in heavy equipment operation? The IUOE Local 115 training school offers the best in Road Building instruction and equipment. Our 12-week program sets you up to earn an apprenticeship as a Heavy Equipment Operator Technician, under guidelines set by the BC Industry Training Authority.

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Call us to

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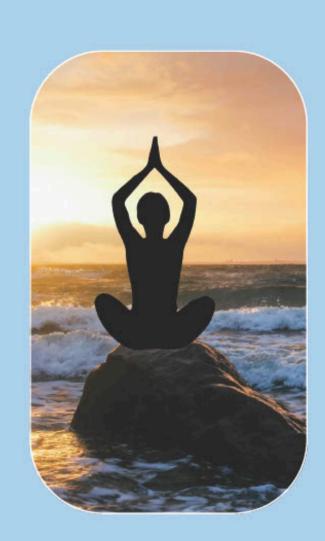
Self-Care Workshop

June 6 & 7, 2024

Looking to learn new ways and ideas on how to do self-care right for you?

This workshop will cover:

- Understand Self Care
- Identify support networks and resources
- How to manage your mental health



Workshop will take place on-site at Sts'ailes EAS 4690 Salish Way Agassiz, BC

June 6 & 7, 2024 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

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Sto:lo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training in partnership with Lil'wat Employment & Training is pleased to host the ...



CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM AT TS'ZIL LEARNING CENTRE



Course Includes:

- WHMIS
- WCB Awareness
- Heat Stress
- Back Awareness
- Mini Excavator (2 Days)
- Fall Protection
- Respiratory Protection
- Skid Steer
- Forklift
- First Aid

June 10 - 20, 2024

Training will take place at Ts'zil Learning Centre 125 Lillooet Lake Road, Mount Currie, BC, VON 2KO Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm



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JOIN US

5B - 7201 Vedder Rd Chilliwack



To sign up call 604.858.3691 or email info@saset.ca

CERTIFICATE TRAINING



FoodSafe First Aid WHMIS WCB Awareness Customer Service Dates

Employment Training

July 2-5 2024

Location

Seabird EAS 2895 Chowat Road Agassiz, BC

LUNCH IS PROVIDED



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CONSTRUCTION TRAINING



Are you an Indigenous individual residing in the SASET catchment area who has an interest in construction?

If so, contact a SASET employment counsellor to book an appointment and complete the application

CERTIFICATES

- Confined Space Entrant
- Fall Protection
- Ground Disturbance Level 2
- Hoisting & Rigging
- Chainsaw Safety
- Small Tools or TCP
- Skidsteer
- Telehandler

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Lunch Provided



DATE & LOCATION

June 10th - 29th 2024

Bldg 5B 7201 Vedder Rd Chilliwack BC

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CULINARY ARTS PRE-TRADES PROGRAM



Course Includes

Certificates: FoodSafe, First Aid Level 1, WHMIS & WCB Awareness

- Occupational Skills
- Stocks, soups and sauces
- Vegetables and fruits
- Starches
- Meats & Poultry
- Seafood
- Garde-mange
- Eggs, Breakfast cookery and dairy
- Baked goods, desserts and beverages
- Basic kitchen management
- Two week practicum placement

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This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

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Starting September 2024

Employment Training

Are you an Indigenous, Metis or Inuit individual residing in the SASET catchment area who has an interest in the cooking profession?

If so, contact a SASET Employment Counsellor to apply



UFV

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CERTIFICATE TRAINING

FOR YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Dates

Employment Training

Course Includes

FoodSafe Emergency First Aid with CPR WHMIS WCB Awareness Customer Service

Location

July 2-5 2024

SASET EAS Bldg 5B 7201 Vedder Rd Chilliwack BC

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STO:LO ABORIGINAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Is pleased to host:

CANADA REVENUE AGENCY & SERVICE CANADA MOBILE CLINIC

SASET Chilliwack	May 27th / 2024		
Katzie	June 3rd / 2024		
Kwantlen	June 10th / 2024		
Soowahlie	June 12th / 2024		
Skwah	June 17th / 2024		
Tzeachten	June 18th / 2024		
Stsailes & Leqamel	June 19th / 2024		
Squiala	June 26th / 2024		
Matsqui	July 10th / 2024		

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

- Information on T4 slips and personal tax account overview
- Address Changes
- Information and help with benefits and credits such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, Canada Workers Benefit, and Disability Tax credit
- The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Service Canada

- Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Social Insurance Numbers (SIN)
- Other Federal Programs and Services

Please Note: Bring 1 photo ID and your Social Insurance Number to receive assistance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL INFO@SASET.CA

www.saset.ca



BUILDING SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM





Are you interested in the custodial/cleaning industry?

Are you an Indigenous person residing in the SASET Catchment area?

Are you unemployed or underemployed?

Are you willing to commit to the full length of the program?

Starting August 12, 2024

Classes will be Monday to Friday 5pm - 9pm

> At Katzie FN 19700 Salish Road Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G1

If so...

Contact James to apply at james.woyke@saset.ca or 604-702-8115

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PIPING FOUNDATIONS

Learn the basics of Plumbing, Sprinklerfitting and Steamfitting!





Upon successful completion, students are awarded a certificate of completion and given credit for completion of Level 1 apprenticeship in their chosen trade!

JAN 06 - MAY 30, 2025



SASET is currently working on securing transportation to and from the training facility at 1658 Fosters Way #101, Delta, BC V3M 6S6

For more information contact us at 604-858-3691 or info@saset.ca

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NEWS CENTRAL



Cost to return flooded B.C. community to nature nears \$1 billion - BC News

Buying out all the properties built in an old Abbotsford, B.C., lakebed hit by devastating floods...

😪 CastanetNews



Could re-flooding the Sumas Prairie help buttress Abbotsford against climate change? - BC

The B.C. government drained Sumas Lake in the 1920s to make room for farmland, displacing the Sumas First Nation and its members.

😖 Global News/Jun 4



Should we allow B.C.'s Sumas Prairie to revert to a lake?

8 days ago | <u>News</u> | 15:03



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Times Colonist/Jun 3

Cost to return flooded B.C. community to nature nears \$1 billion

Buying out Abbotsford lands devastated by 2021 floods could cost nearly \$1 billion — less than half ...

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NEWS CENTRAL The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn



Play Segment

9:26

Share Segment

The fact that the Sumas Prairie used to be a lake was news to a lot of people in 2021.

That's when floodwater from an atmospheric river covered the prairie -- drawing national media attention. At the time, the Sumas First Nation took the opportunity to remind us all that settlers drained the lake for farmland in the 1920s.

And that perhaps, keeping the lake at bay indefinitely, was not a sustainable option. That is the focus of a new research paper. It asks the question: should we allow the lake to return? The senior author is Tara Martin from UBC's Department of Forest & Conservation Sciences.

Aired: June 3, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-91-the-early-edition/clip/16072232-shouldallow-sumas-lake-return



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Researchers call for return of Sumas Lake following devastating 2021 floods

A new proposal has emerged in response to the November 2021 floods that swept Sumas Prairie in...

ScienceDaily / 05:02 PM

Researchers call for return of Sumas Lake following devastatin...

A new proposal has emerged in response to the November 2021 floods that swept Sumas Prairie in the Fraser Valley, British... Buying out Abbotsford lands devastated by 2021 floods could cost nearly \$1 billion — less than half ... Business in Vancouver/Jun 3

