

Sumas First Nation Vol 25 Issue 6

Tem'elile Salmonberry time

May 20 - June 17

Around May, is salmonberry time, Tem'elile. These are the first berries out and signal the beginning of six or seven months of berry picking time.

Temqoqo; Temt'á:mxw High water time; Gooseberry time

Jun 18 - Jul 17

The ninth month, around June, is Tempogo: - high water time, when the rivers are high with melted snow water. Another name, less common, is Temťá:mxw - gooseberry time.

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June 5-6: Health Building CLOSED June 23: All offices CLOSED (for National Indigenous Peoples Day)



Phone: (604) 845-2322

Email: communications@sumasfirstnation.com

Upcoming Important Dates

LMS Society Land-Back Celebration

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Fraser River Heritage Park (7494 Mary St, Mission, BC)

Mark your calendars! All Semá:th Members are invited to the upcoming LMS Society Land-Back Celebration. More details will be published for the community very soon! FLYER ON PAGE ___

Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Program Information/Engagement Session

Tuesday, June 17 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Semá:th Community Hall

Please join us for a community-hosted, regional information session where we will discuss the status of the proposed summarized Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Project within S'ólh Téméxw. FLYER ON PAGE ___

Semá:th First Nation Salmon Ceremony

Thursday, June 19 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Semá:th Longhouse

Our Salmon Ceremony will be held June 19th; all Semá:th Members are invited. We can't wait to see you! FLYER ON PAGE ___

Department Updates



June Important Dates

June 12th - Last day of Afterschool Club June 18th - Preschool Grad June 23rd - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Daycare Closed)



Recent Updates & Activities

We took a fun trip to Aldergrove Regional Park for a nature-themed adventure! The kids had a blast learning about frogs, slugs, the changing seasons, and more. It was an awesome chance to explore the outdoors and connect with nature. We wrapped up the day with a picnic in the park.





We were so honored to host an Elders Tea, giving the children and elders a special time to connect and share stories. A big thank you to all the wonderful elders who joined us—it meant so much to have you there!

We celebrated the amazing women in our children's lives with a special tea at the daycare. The kids were so excited to share the heartfelt gifts they had worked hard on, and it was a beautiful way to show appreciation for all the love and care these women give every day!

Thank you to Bruce Silver who came out to play soccer with our Afterschool Club and taught the kids some awesome tricks! They had a great time and learned so much—thanks for making it such a fun experience!

Updates Continued

Thank you to May Shaunessy, our IELCC Regional Facilitator from BC Child Care Aboriginal Society for visiting us at the daycare. We are truly grateful for the ongoing support and funding BCACCS provides —it makes a meaningful difference in our programs.

Chawathil First Nation is building a new daycare and reached out to network with us. They will be visiting the daycare soon.

We hatched butterflies from the caterpillar stage and released them. The children were thrilled to hold them in their hands. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience about the life cycle of a butterfly."

Thanks to Our Speech & Language

Pathologist: Our weekly visits from the speech and language pathologist, Chelsea van Tol are invaluable. She also led a professional development workshop for staff to support language development in young children.

Thank you to Kristina and John from the GNR department for joining us and sharing your knowledge about nature, conservation, and fish.







Updates Continued

Thank you to Patricia Ned and Cheyenne Ned for coming and sharing their knowledge about cedar and Coast Salish weaving. Our children really enjoyed the hands-on learning experience!

Thank you to our Afterschool Club kids! We've had so much fun with you this year and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall.

Congratulations to our preschool graduates! We've truly enjoyed having them in our program and will miss them as they move on to kindergarten. We wish them all the best in their future learning journey.





We're excited to welcome a new staff member to our Infant & Toddler program. Her name is Anastasia Nahanee, and her ancestral name is Na7aliya. She comes from the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). She is 32 years old and a mother of two children. She obtained her Early Childhood Educator (ECE) license in July 2022. Anastasia is very passionate about working with children, as she strongly believes that "this is where it all begins".

Each week, a librarian Ray & Millie Silver Indigenous Library, joins us during circle time to share stories with our infants and toddlers — a special time that fosters a love of books from the very beginning!

Our Book Club also continues in the 3–5-year-old program: every month, children bring home a new book to enjoy with their families.

Our language program continues to thrive thanks to our dedicated language teacher, Roxanne Dool. Each child received a language book to take home, which is updated monthly with new words and phrases. Be sure to check for the latest additions.

In-House Newsletter & Updates

Please remember to check your in-house newsletters and the Lillio App regularly for an messages or important info about programs, etc.

We're looking forward to another wonderful month of learning, growth, and connection. We leave you with this Aboriginal Head Start Statement of Beliefs and Values about children ...

We believe...

"The children deserve opportunities to gain knowledge and experience of how to live a good life"

Ts'ithóme tsel – thank you from all of us at The Busy Bear Club Preschool!



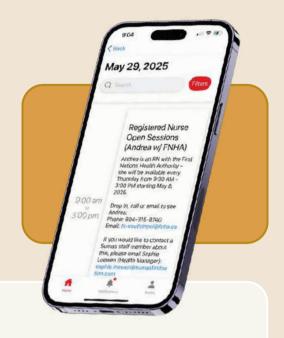


Comms Dept. Updates

It's June!

We have several key updates to the Communications Department this month.

These changes are being made based solely on valuable feedback from the community!



New App: Hawk Communications

We will no longer be using the Sumas App (the app will no longer be available as of June 30th, 2025).

Instead, we are moving to a NEW app: Hawk Communications. All of the information for the NEW app is on the next two pages.



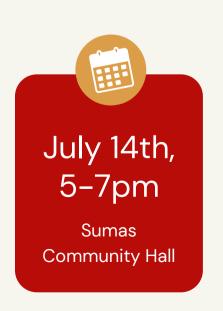
Sumas App

Hawk App

Hawk App Info Session, Registration, and Dinner

Join us for an informative, in-person presentation and information session with LIVE help getting our new Hawk App!

You'll get information from a Hawk staff member, plus help getting the app downloaded and set up on your phone. We'll also have dinner, door prizes, and more.



We hear you!



We're making the switch.



Sumas First Nation is moving from the Communikit App (the current app with the Sumas logo) to the **Hawk Communications App.**

This decision is based on valuable community member feedback.

Based on said feedback, this app will better support community needs, such as cost savings, member information security, and organization.

The Sumas App will no longer be available after June 20, 2025. After June 20, only the Hawk Communications App will be used.

How can I switch?

Flip for instructions! The next page has all the details.

Please contact communications@sumasfirstnation.com at any time for assistance setting up a new account.



Steps to get the new app:

- 1. Go to the App Store (iPhone) or Play Store (Android) on your cell phone and search "Hawk Communications". Download this app.
- 2. Open the app and click on the blue "Request Account" button.
- 3. Fill out the required fields. Under Province, select BC. Under Type, select Nation/Band. Under Nation, select Semá:th (Sumas First Nation). Click submit.
- 4. Once you submit, our Communications team will approve your request. After this approval, you will receive an email that says "New Account Activation" in the subject line. Click this link to finish setting up your password.
- 5. Now you can log into the Hawk app on your phone using your new password!

Why are we switching apps?



Better Security

More privacy for Sumas Members - and your info!



Cost Savings

The Hawk App is FREE, saving the Nation \$\$\$.



Training & Support

In-person AND digital community support offered from Hawk (tutorials, training sessions, & more).



Organization

Better features, including chronological events & calendar view (requested by members)

Need assistance?

Please contact **communications@sumasfirstnation.com** at any time for assistance setting up a new account.

Community Events

ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS WELCOME



DOOR PRIZES & DINNER PROVIDED

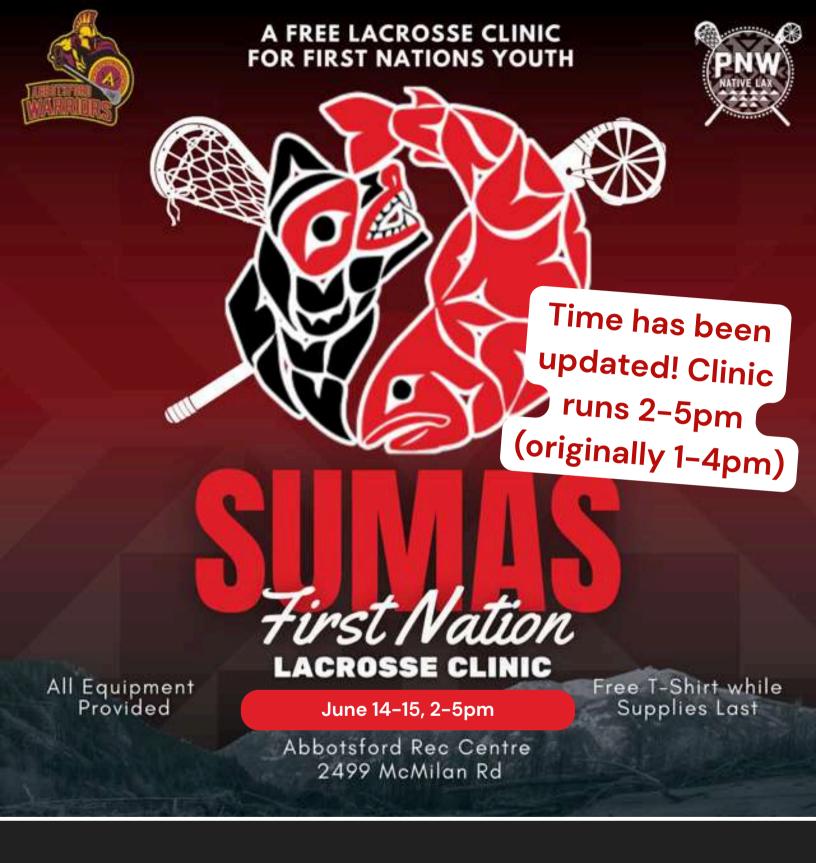
THURSDAY JUNE 5TH

3:00PM - 7:00PM

LOCATION: SUMAS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY HALL 2800 SUMAS MOUNTAIN RD, ABBOTSFORD, BC

DALE.GANZEVELD@SXDL.CA





Sign up now to secure your spot & grow the game among First Nations youth! Questions? Please contact Jenna Noppen: jenna.noppen@sumasfirstnation.com

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP



LAND Elebration BACK Elebration LMS Society



June 17, 2025 11 am - 3 pm

Fraser River Heritage Park (7494 Mary St, Mission, BC)

The LMS Society (Leg'á:mel, Mathxwi, Semá:th First Nations) invites you to celebrate with us! We recognize and honour the finalization of the i:xel Sq'eq'ó (Together We Paddle) Agreement, which returns 60 hectares of traditional lands to the LMS Society.









ENBRIDGE SUNRISE **EXPANSION** PROGRAM

Community Information Sessions

Please join us for a community-hosted, regional information session where we will discuss the status of the proposed summarized Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Project within S'ólh Téméxw.

The S'olh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Major Projects Management Team (MPMT) will have a presentation with project information. host a forum for discussion, and offer an opportunity to for you to provide your feedback.

Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

SESSIONS

Western Valley Community Session

June 17, 2025 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Semá:th Community Hall 2788 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford

Central Valley Community Session

Eastern Valley Community Session

June 24, 2025 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

2895 Chowat Road, Agassiz

SESSION SPONSOR:



Major Projects Management Team (MPMT)







HOST COMMUNITIES:







For more information:

media@stsa.ca <u>thestsa.ca</u>



Traditional Medicine Classes

with Dr. Jeanne Paul

Dates & Times

June 17, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM July 15, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Aug 12, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Sept 9, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meet at Sumas First Nation Community Hall

Goals of the Medicine Classes:

- Define Traditional use of the Herbs of that Season
- Learn one Body System related to the Season of the Herbs.
- Learn the Disease process
- Learn the Chemical Constituents of the Herbs.
- Study the herbal terminology, contraindications and its properties.
- Learn the Menstruums which extract the Medicines from an Herb.
- Learn how to create a Formula and Dosages.
- Learn to make a Final Product as a Cream or a Spray.

Supplies to bring to class:

- Clippers/Scissors/Loper
- Baggies large enough to hold leaves, branches, roots. Label each bag.
- Snacks/water (lunch provided).
- 3 ring binder to hold notes/index sheets of A,B,C, etc. Bring note paper pens/felt pens/ labels for your jars
- Cutting board, a sharp knife, scissors. Bring a Laundry basket to hold your Medicines and herbs to bring home.

Register

Please email Dionne Shaw (Healing Homes): dionne.shaw@sumasfirstnation.com



Salmon Ceremony

All community members are invited to our annual Salmon Ceremony

June 19, 2025

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Semá:th Longhouse (2800 Sumas Mountain Rd, Abbotsford, BC)

All Community Members are invited; no RSVPs are required for community

Cooking Basics 101

Series for young adults





Training: 13 & Under Group

- Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30-7 PM
- Oultus Lake Boat Launch Area
- Parents are encouraged to attend with their children

Training: 16+ Group

- Monday-Friday, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Cultus Lake Boat Launch Area

Please note that there is limited parking at the Cultus Lake Boat Launch site. Additional parking is available at the Main Beach lot.



To register, please email Barb Kelly:

barb.kelly@sumasfirstnation.com

What to bring

- Water shoes
- Life jacket
- Towel
- Change of clothes



War Canoe Racing Schedule

August 16-17

August 22-24

Chief Seattle Days

Makah Days

Spectators welcome please come and cheer on our Semá:th Warriors!

May 2025			
May 3-4	OPEN		
May 10	Penn Cove	Coupville, WA	
May 10-11	Stzuminus	Chemainus, BC	
May 17-18	Pilalt Days	Skwah (Chilliwack Landing), BC	
May 17-18	Tulalip Days	Tulalip Sports Complex, WA	
May 24-25	Seabird Island Days	Seabird Island (Agassiz), BC	
May 31-June 1	Nooksack Days	Bloedel Donovan Park, WA	
June 2025			
June 7-8	Cultus Lake Water Sports	Cultus Lake, BC	
June 13-15	Musqueam	Musqueam Cultural Centre, BC	
June 20-22	Stommish Water Festival	Lummi, WA	
June 28-29	Sasquatch Days	Harrison Hot Springs, BC	
June 28-29	Tsawout	Tsawout, BC	
July 2025			
July 5-6	Ambleside	Ambleside Park, West Van., BC	
July 4-6	Whey-Ah-Whichen Festival	Cates Park, Tsleil-Waututh, North Van., BC	
July 11-13	Sqewlets	Squawkum Park, Harrison Bay, BC	
July 19-20	Quw'utsun	Cowichan Bay, BC	
July 26-27	Snuneymuxw Water Sports	Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo), BC	
August 2025			
August 2-3	Geronimo Days	West Saanich, BC	
August 9-10	Snaw-naw-as	Nanoose Bay, BC	
August 9-10	Swinomish	LaConner, WA	

Suquamish, WA

Neah Bay, WA

Women's With Pat Charlie Empower's Empowerment

Open to all First Nations women!



Special thanks to Sumas First Nation's Healing Homes Department for helping to organize this group. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Dionne Shaw (Healing Homes Manager): dionne.shaw@sumasfirstnation.com



Halq'eméylem Language Class

Every Thursday

Running until June

Health Boardroom

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Taught by: Aiden Silver

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words it sema: Learn k. Sema: Aiden Silver is a Sema: The band member and will be leading these classes.

This is a FREE language class, made possible and offered on-reserve through our Healing Homes Department. Special thanks to Dionne Shaw & Lyndy Silver with Healing Homes, and to Aiden Shaw for his instruction!

Classes are geared towards **all ages**



How to Register:

LUNCHwith

Sumas First Nation **Healing Homes** Department

Open to all those in need of a hot meal

Every Tuesday & Wednesday 12:30 - 2:30 pm

About Our Program

At the Soup Kitchen, our mission is to provide nourishing meals and support to those in need. We are dedicated to serving homeless individuals and those struggling with addiction, or those that are simply in page Our aim is to off

support

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- Support Services: Access to resources and information to help individuals on their path to recovery.
- ▶ Safe Space: A welcoming and nonjudgmental environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Sumas First Nation Health Building Boardroom (2788 Sumas Mountain Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G2J2)

🥯 How You Can Help

Spread the word! Help us reach those who need our services. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Everyone deserves a helping hand and a warm meal

Community Notices

Let's be Bear Aware

There has been bear activity recorded in the area lately; bears have been spotted walking along some of the reserve roads recently and getting into garbage on reserve homes.



Tips for staying safe and staying bear aware:



If you see a bear:

- Stay calm. Do not run.
- Back away slowly while keeping the bear in sight.
- Speak calmly and firmly
- Make yourself look big
- Keep pets indoors or leashed



Be sure to teach children:

- Teach them the "if you see a bear" tips above.
- Explain that bears are wild animals that need space.
- Encourage them to stay close to adults when outdoors.



When you're outside:

- Travel in groups & make noise to avoid surprising a bear.
- Keep dogs leashed.
- Avoid wooded or brushy areas where visibility is low.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.



Avoid attracting bears by:

- Secure garbage bins and compost containers. Store them inside a garage or shed if possible.
- Feed pets indoors and store pet food inside.
- Do not leave food, coolers, or scented items outside.

Do you have concerns? Please contact Brian Jones (General Manager) to report sightings or damage: brian.jones@sumasfirstnation.com



Take control of your financial future!

Free classes available! Take the BMO Financial Literacy Online Class now - CLICK HERE

This is available to anyone of any age, we would like to **strongly encourage all members turning nineteen (19) who will be aging into their trust fund to review all the information provided in the financial literacy link.** There is a lot of valuable information available on opening a bank account, how credit works, and planning for the future.

Take this free class now to get educated on the fundamentals of financial literacy.

Are you interested in attending an in-person Financial Literacy session? Please email amber.ned@sumasfirstnation.com for more details.



-Watering Assistant Needed-*ASAP*

We're looking for a dedicated individual to help us keep our greenhouse thriving. The role involves watering our plants 7 days a week in the morning for about 10-15 minutes each day.

This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys being around plants and wants to make a little extra money. We're offering an honorarium of \$75.00 per week, which adds up to \$280.00 per month.

If you're interested in this role, please get in touch with us. We'd love to hear from you today:)

Email:

Patricia.Ned@sumasfirstnation.com

SUMAS FIRST NATION



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Help Us Conserve Water – Every Drop Counts!

Dear Community Members,

As we enter a period of increased demand on our water supply, Sumas First Nation is asking all residents to take simple but important steps to help conserve water. Your efforts make a big difference in preserving this vital resource for our community and future generations.

Mow You Can Help Conserve Water:

- ## Fix Leaks Promptly: A single dripping tap can waste over 20 litres per day! Please report any leaks in your home or around the community right away.
- K Turn Off Taps: Don't let water run unnecessarily while brushing teeth, shaving, washing your face, or doing dishes.
- Shower Smart: Keep showers short. Consider using a water-saving showerhead or one with a pause button. Showers use far less water than baths.
- Upgrade Toilets Economically: Reduce water use by placing a filled 1-litre jug in your toilet tank. Make sure it doesn't interfere with flushing.
- Cool Water Efficiently: Keep a jug of drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap until the water is cold.
- Run Full Loads: Only run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads. Use short cycles and low water settings whenever possible.
- Car Washing: Use a bucket, and wash in sections. During drought conditions, please avoid car washing altogether.
- Sarden Wisely: Water gardens in the early morning or evening. Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses, not sprinklers. Avoid watering lawns during drought.
- Pools & Fountains: Use covers to reduce evaporation. During droughts, filling pools, hot tubs, and fountains may be restricted or prohibited.

Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

📞 If you have any questions or need assistance with water-saving tips or repairs, please contact the Housing Department.

Thank you for doing your part.



The Better at Home program provides free assistance to First Nations Elders aged 55+ living on-reserve within the traditional Stō:lō territory. Tailored to each Elder's unique needs and schedule, Better at Home offers non-medical support with daily tasks that enable Elders to continue living comfortably and independently in their own homes.

Services for Sumas include yard work, snow shoveling (limited/seasonal), gutters, and wood chopping/piling. By making these vital supports accessible at no cost, Better at Home empowers Elders to maintain connections to community and thrive within the homes they love.

The Sumas Community is visited for these services 1x per month

- their next visit is June 18th.

To get more information on this program, please contact Tash Peters: (604) 796-7145 or tashpeters@seabirdisland.ca

FortisBC Gas Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

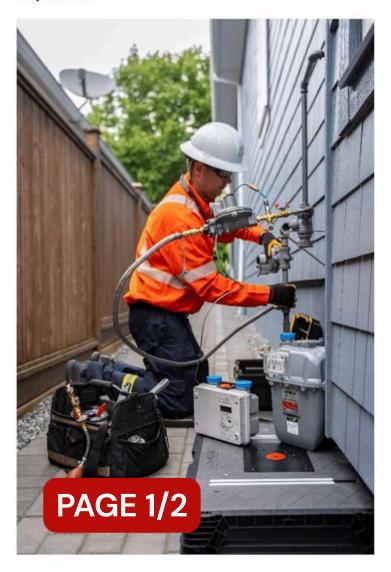


As part of our routine maintenance and ongoing upgrades, we will be replacing all gas meters connected to FortisBC gas customers' homes with a modern advanced meter (see image below) over the next few years.

What are the Customer impacts?

The replacement work will take about one hour per home and occur Mon-Fri between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. In some circumstances, the FortisBC technician may need to turn off the gas to your home during the meter exchange and relight impacted gas appliances in your home after the replacement.

Homes without FortisBC gas service will not be impacted.



The new meter will have future customer service benefits and safety enhancements that include:

Increased convenience

- Customers will be able to access information online about their daily gas use.
- We won't need to access customers' properties to read meters manually in most cases.

Safety enhancements

 We'll have the ability to disconnect gas remotely if we are made aware of an emergency situation such as a gas leak, wildfire, flood, tsunami or earthquake.

When is the Work Taking Place?

FortisBC will be starting the exchange work on TBD, with meter exchanges at approximately 103 homes to be completed by the end of TBD.

If a new Advanced Meter has already been installed at a property, FortisBC will be connecting it to our privately owned wireless network as part of the Gas Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Notification has been provided to the Nation Housing Team in advance of any meter exchange activities.

How do the Meters Work?

The meters use ultrasonic technology (sound waves) to measure gas use, then send this information through a private wireless, low-bandwidth network. That means we'll no longer need to read most individual meters manually.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation!

Regards,

FortisBC Indigenous Relations - AMI, Brianna, William & Greg

Email: advancedgasmeters@fortisbc.com

Phone: 1-888-224-2710 FortisBC Energy Inc.



Scan here or visit fortisbc.com/newgasmeters to learn more



Left: Existing Meter; Right: New Advanced Meter

Meter Exchange timeline: TBD will notify as soon as we receive the dates

NOTICE: FortisBC will be replacing gas meters connected to FortisBC customers' homes with NEW advanced meters.

There are several homes on the reserve that will have this upgrade; FortisBC will be reaching out by mail to notify customers.

For more information or if you have questions, please reach out to Paula Olmstead (Housing Officer): paula.olmstead@sumasfirstnation.com





Hello! I'm Andrea

I am a Registered Nurse with the First Nations Health Authority, and part of the First Nations-Led Primary Care Initiative (FNPCI)

The First Nations-Led Primary Care Initiative (FNPCI) is a partnership between participating Nations, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Ministry of Health (MoH). Services will incorporate First Nations knowledge, beliefs. values, practices and models of health and healing along with western-based clinical health practices.

Watch for more services coming through the FNPCI including: Mental Health Counselling, Traditional healing and wellness and harm reduction.



9:30 am - 3:00 pm Every Thursday Starting May 8, 2025

At Sumas First Nation Health Building

- Health Promotion
- Chronic Disease prevention, screening and management
- Basic wound care
- Diagnosis education
- Advanced care planning and palliative care

Drop in, or call / email: 604-315-8740 / FS-SouthFNPCI@fnha.ca



Sumas First Nation Semá:th

2788 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2J2

Telephone: (604) 852-4041 Fax: (604) 852-4048

Notice for Member Homes Furnace & Central Air Maintenance Information

Member Home New Central Air Unit & Furnace Responsibilities:

The maintenance of your Central Air Unit is your responsibility. Heat Pump/furnace filters must be replaced at least every three months.

For information on filters or a maintenance package quote,

please contact Meer Mechanical at 604-793-0169.

The Housing Department does not have the funding to repair or replace furnace/central air filters or units for member-owned homes.

Maintenance Guidelines:

- Keep your exterior Central Air Unit clean and free of debris, including blackberries, shrubs, plants, and garbage.
- Avoid placing any objects on or around the unit to prevent clogging or damage from leaves, branches, or cottonwood fluff.
- Any damage caused by neglect or obstruction is the homeowner's responsibility and can result in costly repairs.

Important Notice

If there is an issue with your furnace or air conditioning unit, and maintenance requirements have not been followed, the repair costs will be your responsibility. Regular maintenance is essential, as the Housing Department does not have the budget for these repairs.

For assistance or inquiries, please contact:

Nancy Murphy, Housing Administrator

Nancy.murphy@sumasfirstnation.com or 604-997-9500

Paula Olmstead, Housing Officer

Paula.olmstead@sumasfirstnation.com or 604-852-4041 ext 227



Free Clinical Counselling Available through Fraser Health

Dean Olenick, Indigenous Clinical Counsellor

Are you looking for safe and discrete clinical counselling sessions? Dean Olenick (BComm., MACP, RCC) is available to book through our very own Health Department. Services are available free of charge and are open to any member of Sumas First Nation.

Book a session quickly and easily by contacting Lori Stromquist (Community Outreach Worker).

Contact Info ———

Email: dean.olenick@fraserhealth.ca

Phone: (604) 316-35125



Are you in need of trauma support?



We are here to help.

We have a team of dedicated and trained staff available to support you at any time. They specialize in trauma-informed care and are here to ensure you receive the help you need in a safe and supportive way. Whether you need guidance on next steps or access to resources, they will walk alongside you to help you access the support that you need.

If you are in need of support, please contact one of the following Sumas staff members:

Tracey Stewart (Chief & Council Executive Assistant) tracey.stewart@sumasfirstnation.com 604-852-4041 ext. 203

Dionne Shaw (Healing Homes Manager) dionne.shaw@sumasfirstnation.com 604-852-4041 ext. 217

Lyndy Silver (Healing Homes Coordinator) dionne.shaw@sumasfirstnation.com 604-852-4041 ext. 216

Donna Blair (Legacy Project Administrator) donna.blair@sumasfirstnation.com 604-852-4041 ext. 305

Classes & SASET Programs

CONSTRUCTION READINESS PROGRAM





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

construction?

CERTIFICATES

- Confined Space Entrant
- Fall Protection
- Ground Disturbance Level 2
- Hoisting & Rigging
- Small Tools
- Skidsteer
- Telehandler
- Concrete Level 1

SASET—Chilliwack Office 5B-7201 Vedder Road Chilliwack, BC

Phone: 604-858-3691





DATE & LOCATION

June 9th - 27th, 2025 Bldg 5B 7201 Vedder Rd Chilliwack BC

Canada

SASET — Sts'ailes Office SASET — Seabird Office
4690 Salish Way 2895 Chowat Road
Agassiz, BC Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-2116 Phone: 604-796-6865



Youth in Trades Summer Program



Learn the following Trades:

- Welding
- Culinary
- Carpentry
- Automotive

Are you an Indigenous Youth (15+) residing in the SASET catchment area who will be returning to secondary school?

Call 604-858-3691 to apply!

Starts July 2025!



Training also Includes:

- Employability Skills
- Food Safe
- First Aid
- WHMIS
- **WBC Awareness**



Location: SASET EAS & UFV Trades Center

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

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

September 8, 2025

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







SKILLED BC

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

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Job Opportunities



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	HOUSING AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
HOURS:	35 HOURS PER WEEK
TERM:	PERMANENT
WAGE:	\$26.00 PER HOUR
REPORTS TO:	CAPITAL, HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

The Housing and Maintenance Supervisor is responsible for overseeing the maintenance, repair, and development of all community housing and infrastructure for Sumas First Nation (SFN). This role ensures safe, healthy, and culturally appropriate living conditions across SFN properties. The Supervisor leads the maintenance team, manages housing service requests, enforces building standards, maintains accurate records, and supports capital and infrastructure projects. The role requires regular communication with tenants, Elders, contractors, and SFN Housing to maintain and improve the Nation's housing and infrastructure assets.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Housing Management

- · Oversee and conduct repairs, maintenance, and inspections of SFN-owned housing units.
- Respond promptly to service requests and emergencies; perform minor repairs or coordinate contractors.
- Manage tenant move-in/move-out processes, including inspections, documentation, and key control.
- Ensure all housing meets applicable health, safety, and building code standards.
- Work closely with the Housing Administrator to assess maintenance needs and escalate when necessary.

Community Infrastructure

- Maintain Band-owned buildings and infrastructure such as community halls, health centres, and administrative offices.
- Conduct and document regular safety inspections for buildings, roadways, playgrounds, culverts, and septic systems.
- Schedule and ensure routine preventive maintenance (e.g., HVAC, chimneys, exhaust fans, plumbing, electrical).
- Coordinate seasonal and emergency maintenance tasks, including snow/ice removal, debris clearing, and landscaping.

Supervision & Administrative Oversight

- Supervise full-time, part-time, and seasonal maintenance staff, including summer students.
- Implement and track tasks within the Maintenance Management Plan.
- Maintain and update records of repairs, equipment inventory, maintenance logs, tenant files, and service requests.
- Submit bi-weekly progress reports and updates to the Capital, Housing, and Public Works Manager.

Project & Contractor Management

- Coordinate and inspect contracted work for renovations, major repairs, and new construction.
- Obtain quotes, define scope, and manage contracts in line with SFN procedures.
- Ensure contractor compliance with timelines, quality standards, and cultural considerations.

Community Engagement & Communication

- Attend community meetings to offer insights and respond to concerns related to housing and maintenance.
- Educate tenants on maintenance responsibilities and procedures to promote responsible tenancy.

3.0 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of three (3) years in renovation/ construction experience or a combination of similar or equivalent experience and education.
- Minimum of one (1) year in a Supervisory role or similar equivalent experience.
- · Minimum Grade 12 high school diploma.
- Excellent communication, influencing and presentation skills.
- Basic IT skills, including the ability to prepare and deliver power-point presentations.
- Good time/ resource management skills.
- · Ability to work in a variety of weather conditions.
- · 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.
- Class 5 Drivers Licence is a must.

TO APPLY:

Please email your cover letter & resume to Human.Resources@sumasfirstnation.com

Deadline: June 10th, 2025



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN	
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK	
TERM:	1 YEAR TERM	
SALARY	\$50,000.00 to \$65,000.00	
REPORTS TO:	GOVERNANCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER	

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

The Natural Resources Technician is responsible for collecting and recording data for field operations projects as well as other grant-based projects. Working within the Natural Resources team as part of the Sumas First Nation ("SFN") Governance and Natural Resources Department, the Natural Resources Technician will participate in all aquatic & terrestrial based field operations, including monitoring, surveys, testing, and data recovery in both lab and field settings as well as assist in the compiling and composition of permit applications, field notes and final written reports.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collect terrestrial based samples while in the field to be used for testing and data recovery.
- · Record data and observations in an accurate and well-organized manner.
- Assist the Natural Resources Officer in the operation and maintenance of equipment, including laboratory, field, and monitoring equipment.
- Identify and locate terrestrial based resources.
- Read maps and navigate variable terrain, including operating vehicles.
- Prepare technical reports detailing monitoring activities.
- Communicate effectively with project team members.
- Aid in the preparation for projects, including attending daily meetings to discuss upcoming projects and grant requirements.
- Review reports that detail project-specific terrestrial issues.
- Supporting research in relation to deliverables, fieldwork, and mapping.
- Liaising with community members, stakeholders, and SFN employees.
- Setting up and monitoring the ARIS sonar including survey protocols.
- Assist with the ARIS analysis and data management.
- Performs related duties as required.

3.0 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of a College Degree with a focus on Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science, Fish or Wildlife and/or an equivalent amount of education and experience.
- Minimum of one (1) year work experience working in the field of terrestrial studies.
- Prior experience working in a fast-paced field-based environment with the ability to prioritize.
- Proven experience working in and with environmental legislation, regulations, and policies as well as
 experience working with committee and/or Council structures.
- Experience in working with First Nations communities and/or organizations an asset.
- Proven ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Working knowledge of office procedures, records management, and document processing.

- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with peers, managers, community members, contractors, field staff and suppliers.
- First Nations heritage is considered an asset.
- Advanced knowledge and expertise about Microsoft Excel, Word, Zoom, Go-To Meetings.
- Appreciation of First Nations culture, traditions, procedures, and protocols.

TO APPLY:

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Deadline: May 30th, 2025



SEMÀ: TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

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

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

The Finance Officer provides accounting support to Sumas First Nation and its related entities with the responsibility of ensuring that finance related administration processes are completed accurately and in a timely manner. This position assists the Finance Manager and other members of the Finance team in developing and implementing financial policies and procedures as needed. The Finance Officer also provides financial and administrative supports to Sumas First Nation's related entities and properties.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Ability to complete Bank, GL and investment Reconciliations.
- 2. Knowledge regarding filing GST returns specific to public sector.
- 3. Ability to oversee payroll, AP, AR for Sumas First Nation and its related entities as required.
- 4. Participate with yearend and annual budget process.
- 5. Obtain in-depth knowledge of organizational policies and processes.
- 6. Assists in the development of organizational budgets as required.
- Assists in the development and revision of Finance Policy and Finance Procedures to ensure accuracy, completeness, and relevance for Sumas First Nation and its related entities.
- Works in close cooperation with the Finance Department to ensure that accounting processes are defined, consistent and completed according to GAAP.
- 9. Ensures that approved budget figures are current in the accounting software.
- 10. Ensures that inter-department charges are posted according to budget and actual usage on a timely basis.
- 11. Utilizes policies, procedures, and internal controls for the effective functioning of the department in accordance with GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles).
- 12. Prepares for the annual audit process including detailed working papers.
- 13. Maintains general ledgers and subsidiary records.
- 14. In consultation with the Finance Manager, implements the recommendations of auditors as a part of the ongoing service improvement process.
- 15. Ensures the security and confidentiality of financial data including user access.
- 16. Provides assistance in the administrative management of various properties related to Sumas First Nation and its related entities.
- 17. Prepares accurate and complete financial statements and reports from accounting data.
- 18. Ensures that reporting requirements for federal and provincial programs are met.
- 19. Provides other departments with the information and training required to achieve full compliance with Financial Policy and Procedure.
- 20. Provides accounting software training to staff as required.
- 21. Ensures that department managers receive meaningful and timely financial reports.
- 22. Identifies opportunities to improve accounting processes and makes recommendations to the Finance Manager.
- 23. Other accounting duties as required.
- 24. Other administrative duties as required.

3.0 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- 1. Acquisition of a Degree in Finance, Accounting or equivalent experience.
- 2. CPA designation is an occupational requirement.
- 3. Minimum three (3) years' work experience as a Sr. Accountant.
- 4. Experience in a broad range of financial processes including AP, AR and financial reconciliations.
- 5. Experience using Sage 300 is considered an asset
- 6. Experience in working with First Nations communities and/or organizations an asset.
- 7. Proven ability to maintain confidentiality.
- 8. Working knowledge of office procedures, records management, and document processing.
- 9. Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with peers, managers, direct reports, community members, contractors, field staff and suppliers.
- 10. First Nations heritage is considered an asset.
- 11. Advanced knowledge and expertise about Microsoft Excel, Word, Zoom, Go-To Meetings.
- 12. Appreciation of First Nations culture, traditions, procedures, and protocols.

TO APPLY:

Deadline: Tuesday, June 6th, 2025 at 4:00pm

Please email your cover letter & resume to <u>Human.Resources@sumasfirstnation.com</u>



SEMÁ:TH FIRST NATION

Job Posting

POSITION:	JR. HABITAT RESTORATION TECHNICIAN
HOURS:	FULL TIME (35 HOURS PER WEEK)
WAGE:	\$22 PER HOUR
TERM:	JULY – AUGUST 2025
REPORTS TO:	SUMAS FIRST NATION ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

Sumas First Nation is seeking an energetic and dedicated person to take on the role of Jr. Habitat Restoration Technician. Reporting directly to the Sumas First Nation Environmental Compliance Officer, the Jr. Habitat Restoration Technician is responsible for monitoring riparian habitat along the Marshall Lonzo Creek for invasive plant species. The Jr. Habitat Restoration Technician is also responsible for the mechanical removal of invasive plant species (e.g., Himalayan blackberry & reed canary grass) within the habitat restoration area. The Jr. Habitat Restoration Technician may also be tasked with assisting with community regreening projects. There will be opportunities to learn about plant species native to the Lower mainland and their cultural importance to the Coast Salish people, as well as the opportunity to work with and learn from a Registered Professional Biologist.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with habitat restoration specialists from Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition to learn how to identify invasive plant species and how to properly manage them in a riparian area.
- Monitor the riparian restoration areas for the presence of invasive plant species.
- Mechanical removal of invasive plant species from the restoration area and ensuring that invasive plant species are disposed of properly.
- Assist with invasive and/or introduced plant species management in other restoration areas and regreening projects as needed.
- Report to the Environmental Compliance Officer on habitat restoration progress.
- Other duties as required.

3.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma and/or post secondary degree in ecosystems, restoration or native flora and fauna, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Detail oriented with highly developed observation skills
- Outstanding communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Ability to work independently and with a team.
- First Nations descent is considered an asset.

4.0 CONTACT

Please email your cover letter & resume to Human.Resources@sumasfirstnation.com Deadline: June 15th, 2025

Sema:th Xo:tsa Developments

Job Posting

POSITION:	BOOKKEEPER	
HOURS:	35 HRS PER WEEK	
TERM:	PERMANENT FULL-TIME & PART TIME POSITION	
SALARY	TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE	
REPORTS TO:	CEO, Sema:th Xo:tsa Developments Limited	

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

The Bookkeeper provides accounting support to Semá:th Xo:tsa Developments Limited and its related entities, with the responsibility of ensuring that finance-related administrative processes are completed accurately and in a timely manner. This position assists the Finance team in developing and implementing financial policies and procedures as needed. The Bookkeeper also provides financial support to Semá:th Xo:tsa Developments Limited's related entities and properties.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Process payroll, accounts payable (AP), and accounts receivable (AR) for Semá:th Xo:tsa Developments Limited and related entities as required.
- 2. Perform bank, general ledger (GL), and investment reconciliations.
- 3. File GST returns accurately and in a timely manner.
- 4. Ensure approved budget figures are current in the accounting software.
- 5. Post inter-department charges in alignment with budget and actual usage.
- 6. Maintain general ledgers and subsidiary records.
- 7. Prepare accurate and complete financial statements and reports based on accounting data.
- 8. Ensure that financial reporting requirements are met, including providing timely and meaningful reports to business managers.
- 9. Understand and apply organizational policies and processes.
- 10. Work closely with the Finance team to ensure accounting processes are well-defined, consistent, and aligned with authorized policy and procedure.
- 11. Utilize established internal controls and policies for effective financial operations.
- 12. Ensure the security and confidentiality of financial data, including managing user access.
- 13. Assist in the development of organizational budgets as required.
- 14. Participate in the annual year-end process and budget development.
- 15. Prepare detailed working papers for the annual audit process.
- 16. Identify opportunities to improve accounting processes and recommend improvements to the Finance Manager.
- 17. Understand the need for authorizations and ensure compliance.
- 18. Perform other accounting-related duties as required.

3.0 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- 1. Minimum three (3) years of work experience in bookkeeping.
- 2. Experience in a broad range of financial processes including AP, AR, and financial reconciliations.
- 3. Experience using Sage 50 accounting software.
- 4. Acquisition of a CPA designation is considered an asset.
- Experience working with First Nations communities and/or organizations is an asset.
- 6. Proven ability to maintain confidentiality.
- 7. Working knowledge of office procedures, records management, and document processing.
- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with peers, managers, direct reports, community members, contractors, field staff, and suppliers.
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel, Word, Zoom, and Go-To Meetings.

10. Appreciation of First Nations culture, traditions, procedures, and protocols.

TO APPLY:

Deadline: TBD

Please email your cover letter & resume to <u>Human.Resources@sumasfirstnation.com</u>



Sema:th Xo:tsa Developments LP/LTD Job Posting

POSITION:	STH'OQI AQUACULTURE LP TILAPIA FISH FARM AND CONSTRUCTION LABOURER	
HOURS:	40+ HRS PER WEEK	
PAYRATE:	\$22/hour	
TERM:	PERMANENT	
REPORTS TO:	STH'OQI AQUACULTURE LP TILAPIA FISH FARM MANAGER	

1.0 PURPOSE & SUMMARY

Sth'oqi Aquaculture LP (SALP) is an aquaculture company that is jointly owned by Semá:th Xo:tsa Development LP (SXDLP), the development Corporation for Semá:th First Nation (SFN) and Lower Fraser Enterprises Limited Partnership (LFELP), which is comprised of 23 First Nation communities across the Fraser Valley. Sth'oqi Aquaculture focuses on sustainable freshwater fish production and operates in accordance with the cultural values and traditional knowledge of the Semá:th people. Sth'oqi Aquaculture LP (SALP) is looking for a qualified individual to take on the role of Fish Farm and Construction Labourer. This role is responsible for assisting in the daily operations of the fish farm as well as the various construction projects taking place on the premises. This includes production, maintenance, security as well as assisting the Manager in the various projects associated with SALP. As this position is required to be on site in case of emergencies, the candidate must be willing to work weekends. The farms located at 9722 McLeod Rd Rosedale BC. This is a hands-on operation that has employees working shifts to cover seven days per week.

2.0 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) The is a hands-on operation that requires that you do physical work activities
- 2) Assist in the management and adjustments of daily fish feeding rates and diets.
- 3) Sort and ship Tilapia according to wholesale demand.
- 4) Clean facility as required including daily cleaning of filters and drains.
- Assist in the maintenance fish health as directed.
- Assist in the maintenance all equipment, pumps, generators and work directly with third party contractors to maintain equipment as needed.
- 7) Assist with the various construction projects that take place on or around the farm when needed.
- Keep log of working hours and submit weekly time sheets to the Manager for approval.
- 9) Monitor Alarm calls and be available to respond to alarms after hours when on-call.
- 10) Provide Assistance with the installation of new equipment, raceways, and other upgrades.
- Ensure inventory of fish feed and other consumables are stocked and reordered in a timely manner when required.
- 12) Ensure daily operations are completed according to fish farm licencing and appropriate regulations, including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).
- 13) Other duties as required.

3.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Experience in working with First Nations communities and/or organizations an asset.
- 2) Proven ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with peers, managers, community members, contractors, and suppliers.
- First Nations descent is considered an asset.
- 5) Appreciation of First Nations culture, traditions, procedures, and protocols.

4.0 CONTACT

Please email your cover letter & resume to Human.Resources@sumasfirstnation.com Deadline: Until position filled.



Junior Accountant Job Description Mar 1, 2024

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.

WHO YOU ARE...

DRIVE & MOTIVATION

- You enjoy working with numbers and performing tasks that require a lot of organization and detail.
- You are looking to build your career in the Accounting/Finance field
- · You want to join a progressive family-owned company.
- You are passionate about customer service and strive to be the best everyday.

CHARACTER & ABILITIES

- Attention to detail: high level of accuracy and attention to detail in financial record-keeping and reporting.
- Analytical skills: strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to interpret financial data and make recommendations.
- Effectively communicate with employees, contractors, suppliers and other such key stakeholder
- Organization skills: ability to prioritize tasks and manage multiple deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Team player: collaborative attitude with a willingness to support team members and contribute to the overall success of the organization.
- · You possess well-paced mobility as job requires long periods of standing , sitting and walking

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

- Minimum 3 years experience in full cycle accounting
- Experience working with US companies, dealing with foreign exchange.
- · Experience with Excel
- Knowledge in all Microsoft Office programs
- Experience using accounting software Epicor P21
- · Approachable and professional in demeanor
- Good written and verbal communication skills



Junior Accountant Job Description Mar 1, 2024

DETAILED JOB RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Assigned various bookkeeping job functions, for example:
 - o General Ledger Management: maintain and reconcile general ledger accounts, ensuring accuracy.
 - Accounts Payable and Receivable: process invoices, payments and receipts accurately and in a timely manner. Monitor outstanding balances and follow up on overdue accounts.
 - Bank Reconciliation: reconcile bank statements and other financial records to ensure accuracy and identify discrepancies.
 - Financial Reporting: prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements including income statement and balance sheet.
 - Payroll processing: calculate and process payroll for employees ensuring accurate deductions and compliance with Canadian and US payroll regulations.
 - Balancing and reconciling accounts on a monthly basis and adjusting and correcting opening and closing entries including Accounts Payable, receivable and intercompany monthly and year-end accruals.
 - o Process improvement: identify opportunities to streamline accounting processes and improve efficiency.
 - Setup of new vendors, as required
 - o Entering all disbursement vouchers and other miscellaneous payments.
 - Processing general ledger account adjustments as required, such as re-allocating invoices to correct accounts.
 - Preparing analysis of accounts as required.
 - Preparing Accounts Payable accruals at month end and ensuring all other accruals are complete.
 - Answering queries from all vendors regarding problems with invoices or payment of them. Directing all calls from vendors to appropriate party to solve problems as they arise.
 - o Corresponding with vendors regarding problems with invoices, as required.
 - o Ensuring supplier statements are reconciled to invoices on a timely basis.
 - Ensuring current and previous years accounting files are in a neat and tidy order and are stored properly.
 - Preparing reports and performs other duties for the Finance Department as requested.
 - Meeting deadlines, as required.
 - o Compiles and verifies data for periodic financial and administrative reports.
 - Ensure all required sales tax remittances are maintained and filed in a timely manner.
 - Recording intercompany transactions