



SHUSWAP BAND NEWSLETTER

PELLCWÉWLEMTEN (MAY) 2022

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF & COUNCIL

WEYT-KP SHUSWAP MEMBERS!

Greetings Community members and happy Spring! It is so good to finally take the masks off and breathe. We would like to thank you all for preserving the last 2 ½ years of all the Covid protocols we all had to endure. Finally, we can get back to having community events, which we all missed. Some big events will be coming up, including Indigenous Day and our Salmon Fest. So, get your regalia ready if you haven't done so already!

A huge thank you to all those who were involved in the children dancing at Panorama for the Opening of the Junior World Cup. Our youth made us very proud that day!

STRATEGIC PLAN

Please check your emails and the Shuswap website for our 5-year strategic plan for our community. It is located on the Members-Only area of the website, or you can email comms@shuswapband.ca to get a copy. We spent a lot of time developing plans for what we want to do for our community and have set funds aside to work on what we want to accomplish this year. As it is a living document, please have a look and let us know if we missed anything.

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Shuswap Band's website has recently been refreshed with new information!

Check it out at
www.shuswapband.net

CUSTOM ELECTION CODE

We are also beginning the initial work on a Custom Election Code. There will be lots of community consultation, so we are looking forward to your feedback. We will be sending out a draft code soon for you to comment and add to.

SECWPEMC IN THE SCHOOLS

School district 6 has been in contact with us and we have been working hard to help bring Secwepemc language, culture and history into the schools. This is very exciting and has been a long time coming. They are looking for speakers and Elders who would like to help with the teachings. We will be taking some Grade 2 and 3 students down to Eagle Ranch to see the archeological site that was discovered last year. This is exactly what all students should be learning about our rich history.



COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

Chief, Council, and our Director of Operations Lee met with Columbia Basin Trust to be introduced to the whole Board of Directors on Saturday, March 26th. There, we shared our vision for our community. They were very interested in what we are doing and look forward to supporting us with our future endeavours.

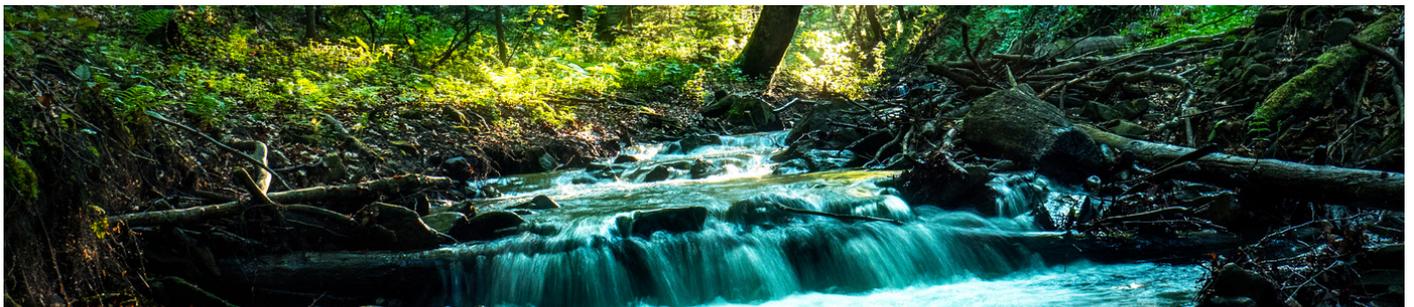
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Council has been busy meeting with Municipal Councils, Secwepemc and Ktunaxa communities on how we can all work together to help benefit our communities. These meetings have been really rewarding and we look forward to continuing this important work.

We also meet monthly with Canada and BC which is so important that the two levels of government are taking the time to hear what we would like to benefit our community. We are or have already developed work plans for forestry, mining, wildlife, Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas (IPCAs), and Kekuli carbon dating.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We had our annual budget meeting with membership, as well as an economic development meeting with Membership. Both of these will be available on the members' only page of the website. Reach out to reception to receive the password - reception@shuswapband.ca





SHUSWAP BAND LANDS

Our meetings with the Ministry of Transportation have been moving along and we are now in the process of acquiring replacement lands for the future widening of the highway from Juniper Heights to the crossroads. From our questionnaire, most community members who took the poll wanted lands closer to town so that they could live and walk to town. We are also working closely with them to fix the dangerous corner at Juniper Heights.

As our future is looking extremely bright, we are still dealing with getting our lands back for future Economic Development that is going to be so important to our community's future. It has been a long arduous struggle but will be so worth it in the end.

SHUSWAP BAND LOGO UPDATE

We supported the name change and we have a new logo design submitted by Enola Eugene that took first place. Thank you to everyone who submitted their designs. We are currently having Enola's design transformed into a formal logo by an Indigenous graphic designer. This should be rolled out by the summer.

COLUMBIA COLLABORATIVE

The Shuswap Band met with the Chief and Council of Simpcw, Neskonlith, Adam's Lake, Splatsin, and Little Shuswap Lake to continue the work on the Columbia Collaborative formation. The group is intended to work on overlapping issues that include, wildlife, water, B.C. Hydro and Salmon reintroduction, to name a few. We will be having a ceremony in the very near future to blanket the existing Chief and Councils of these communities. This will be funded by B.C. Hydro. The ceremony is intended to solidify the Columbia Collaborative formation Shuswap Band has been working on over the last couple of years. We are looking forward to the celebration.

TERRITORIAL UPDATES

We are currently working with Louisiana Pacific (LP), a forestry company based out of Golden, to reduce the risk of the impacts of logging in the Kinbasket Lake area.

We will be participating in the hunting synopsis proposals by the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resources.

We are in the process of creating a back to work policies and procedures that will allow for a staged approach to all staff coming back to work. The First day the office is open is April 13th.

We want to thank our hard-working staff. It would not be possible to do all of this work without them.



SHOWING INDIGENOUS PRIDE

Originally posted in The Eastern Door, March 14th, 2022

Written by Laurence Brisson Dubreuil

Linda Hemlock had never made regalia until two months ago.

When the Shuswap woman living in BC caught word that kids in her community had been invited to dance at the Alpine World Junior Championships, she was determined to lend a hand.

“With all those athletes coming to our little village, it was a chance to push Shuswap culture out and show them that we are here and have been since before any settler arrived,” said Hemlock, of the event at Panorama’s Ski Resort in southeastern British Columbia.

Combining their efforts, experienced sewers and mothers who were eager to learn created outfits for the 13 youth who performed at the championship opening ceremony on March 3.

Greeted with cheerful smiles, the group aged between seven months old and 25 years old stepped out to the meeting point at the base of the Purcell Mountains to dance in their vividly-embellished regalia.

Over 200 of the world’s best junior ski athletes from countries including Norway, Italy, Sweden, Germany and the United States watched the youth perform traditional dances.

“There was a lot of tears of joy while watching the pride that they had out there while dancing and showing the culture and tradition of Shuswap and other Aboriginal people,” said Clarissa Stevens, who also assisted with regalia-making. “It’s something I’ve always loved doing, and they were the greatest group.”

Since her now 25-year-old son began to dance at the age of two, Stevens has been committed to creating all his outfits from scratch. Tossing patterns aside, she developed a simpler technique that she heartily shares with women and mothers interested in making regalia.

Headbands, moccasins and jingle bands – the mother put together every part of her son’s outfit.

“When I first go into (projects) like this, I don’t think about who I’m doing it for besides the children and the mothers involved,” she said. “But this was a really good opportunity for outside communities nationwide to be able to see this – Aboriginal cultures and traditions haven’t been shown enough.”

In addition to the customary pieces worn by traditional dancers at powwows, each youth also had a cutout orange hand, which they held up at the end of their performance.

“It was a symbol to let the world be aware of the residential school uncoverings,” expressed Hemlock. “There are well over thousands of children who have already been found and, unfortunately, none of them are alive. We wanted to stress that today, and every other day, it’s every child that matters.”

The idea suggested by a community elder resonated with the group, including Hemlock, who noted how rampant the federally-funded system was in Western Canada.

“The Shuswap people are struggling to learn their ways because of residential schools and the Sixties Scoop when all of that (culture) was forbidden, and no one could practice or learn traditional ways,” she said.

A residential school survivor herself, Hemlock spent her childhood in Kootenay Indian Residential School before she and her siblings were placed in a non-Indigenous foster home away from their community when she was only 12 years old.

It was to flee these darker memories that Hemlock left the province many years ago, before meeting her husband, Kahnawa’kehró:non Hayden Hemlock, and settling in Kahnawake, where she spent the last four decades.

When the pair moved to Shuswap in 2017, she did so, wanting to be with her mother, who was ill at the time. Sadly, Hemlock lost both her mother and a brother who died only eight months apart. Resilient, she strived to pursue the other goals that brought her back to her community.

“Most of all, I came back to start learning my own language and culture after I lived away for over 40 years,” said Hemlock. “When I moved back here, I told people that I would one day put this little reserve on the map and show the world who we are as a nation of people. I think the best way to do this is through the children.”

This feeling was echoed by Stevens, who stressed the importance of instilling a sense of dignity in future generations.

“The kids and youths are getting lost because they’re trying to fit in the outside society when that’s not really for them – this is about trying to teach them about where they come from so that they have pride in what they do,” she said.

As the first world junior alpine championship to be held in Western Canada made history, so did the Shuswap people and youth who marked the occasion with pride.

“While communities outside are getting bigger and bigger, I say why don’t we try and push our cultures and our ways outside to show everyone who we are,” said Hemlock. “We need to have our voices heard, we need to be seen, and we need people to finally learn about us.”

Laurence Brisson Dubreuil

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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TO WATCH A RECORDING OF THE SHUSWAP YOUTH'S PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 FIS ALPINE JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENING CEREMONY, VISIT:

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/A0HBTZK1JHM](https://youtu.be/A0HBTZK1JHM)





**PROVINCIAL TEAM U13
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS**

Memphis, Chayton and Team alongside Coach Rich and other Volunteers and coaches won Gold!! Congratulations to all! Keep up the amazing work.

Watch the raising of the Secwepemc Flag at the Shaw Centre in Salmon Arm:

<https://www.saobserver.net/news/video-ceremony-celebrates-secwepemc-flag-in-salmon-arms-shaw-centre-arena/>



SHUSWAP BAND IS LOOKING FOR

**LOCALLY-MADE
ARTS & CRAFTS**

Do you or someone you know have an art or craft that you are interested in making upon request?

We are looking for locally-made arts & crafts that can be purchased in large numbers (i.e. 20 or more) as gifts over the coming year. We will give the artist ample notice as to how many pieces are needed.

If so, please contact us at education@shuswapband.ca or call us at 250-341-3678.

Pictures of your previous work are encouraged!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE



For all your health care needs
please call **(250)- 341- 7786**



MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING & OUTREACH

Patricia Duffy Atkin is providing counselling services to all Membership. These sessions can happen at her confidential office at the Health Center.



HEALTH CLINIC

The doctor's clinic is on May 10th and May 24th from 9-12 pm. Call melissa to book @ 250-341-7786

MASSAGES

Massages with Lynn at Rising Sun Massage will continue to be offered for all Band members every Wednesday. If you would like a massage, please call Lynn directly to arrange your appointment time - 250-341-5668.

DIETICIAN - May 6th

FOOT CARE

Foot care will be available this month on May 2nd & 3rd from 9am - 2pm. Contact Melissa if you're interested in getting an appointment - 250-341-7786

NALOXONE KITS & HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES

Naloxone kits including nasal kits can be picked up for free at your local pharmacy or at Shuswap's health department. We also have harm reduction supplies for anyone in need. Staff will support you with your needs in a confidential and safe manner.

- Naloxone kits (nasal and needle) training available upon request.
- Fentanyl testing strips (training available upon request)
- Harm reduction supplies (sterile needles, sharps bins, sterile cookers with filters, safer sex supplies, straight and bubble pipes, etc.)

SHUSWAP BAND

COMMUNITY MEETING

WHEN

**May 3, 2022
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

WHERE

Shuswap Health Centre

Topics: Covid-19 Update
Meet with Medical Staff to talk about Systemic Racism and what needs to change. Come share your experience . Meal to be served.

For more information, please call
778-526-8323 or email
jfontaine@shuswapband.ca

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MAY 16, 2022 – 1:00pm & 5:00pm

**SHUSWAP
INDIAN
BAND**
Presents
JASON SIMON



JASON IS AN EX PROFESSIONAL NHL HOCKEY PLAYER AND A PERSONAL TRAINER WHO GREW UP ON THE AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION RESERVE IN SARNIA, ONTARIO. HE IS A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, TOURING ACROSS NORTH AMERICA TO BRING HIS POSITIVE MESSAGE TO YOUTH, ELDERS, AND FIRST NATIONS.

1pm & 5pm

**Copper Point Resort Quartz Hall,
760 Copper Road Invermere, BC**

For more info call Suzie Thomas: 1-833-847-0727

Le Estcwicwéy MEMORIAL

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

5AM - 7PM

TKEMLÚPS POW WOW ARBOUR

345 POWWOW TRAIL, KAMLOOPS, BC V2H 1H1

JOIN US IN HONORING LE ESTCWICWÉY
EVERYONE WELCOME



CALLING ALL
HAND DRUMMERS, PIPE CARRIERS
JINGLE DRESS DANCERS AND TINY TOTS



KUKPI7 LOUIS

- 5:00 am Sunrise Ceremony (Calling all Pipe Carriers)
- 9:00 am Opening Prayer
- Secwépemc Welcome Song (Calling all Hand Drummers)
- 9:30 am Introductions
- Opening Remarks
- 10:00 AM Words of Reconciliation
- 10:30 AM Words of Reflections
- 11:30 AM Honoring & Honor Song (Calling all Hand Drummers)
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Hand Drumming (Calling all Hand Drummers)
- Paul Creek Tribal Singers and Dancers
- 2:00 PM Give Away
- 3:30 PM Dance of Healing (Calling all Jingle Dress Dancers and Tiny Tots)
- 4:30 PM Health Break
- 5:00 PM Feast
- 6:00 PM Musical Entertainment
- 7:00 PM Closing Remarks
- Secwépemc Farewell song (Calling all Hand Drummers)
- Closing Prayer

Cultural Supports and Mental Health and Wellness Clinical Supports will be available
Health & safety (Covid-19 protocols) and First-aid will be on site
Please if You are not feeling well we respectfully ask you not attend the event. We would like to
keep all safe and healthy.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

We are not responsible to any stolen or lost items





British Columbia Aboriginal Network
on Disability Society (BCANDS)

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE PROVINCIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Jordan's Principle was developed in memory of Jordan River Anderson from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. Jordan's Principle is a child first initiative that ensures children in First Nations communities find products, services or support they need.



SOME SUPPORTS COVERED BY JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE ARE:

Health:

- Medical supplies & equipment
- Mobility Aids
- Therapeutic services for individuals or groups (speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy)

Education:

- School Supplies
- Tutoring services
- Teaching assistants

Social:

- Social worker
- Land-based activities
- Respite care (individual or group)

The BCANDS Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator serves the entire province of British Columbia and is available to support First Nation children/youth and their families/caregivers in identifying and accessing services for their holistic needs. We encourage you to contact us should you have any questions, need assistance accessing health, social and education supports including Jordan's Principle funding, or have any other inquiries about the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Raylene McCreath

Jordan's Principle Provincial Coordinator

Telephone: (250) 381 - 7303 Ext. 201

Cell: 250-208-3599 (TEXT ONLY)

Toll-Free: 1-888-815-5511 Ext. 201

Fax: (250) 381 - 7312

Email: jordansprinciple@bcands.bc.ca

Twitter: @IDCCchildren

Website: www.bcands.bc.ca

B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society
(BCANDS)

#6 - 1610 Island Highway

Victoria, British Columbia - Canada -

V9B 1H8

**JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE CALL
CENTRE: AVAILABLE 24/7
1-855-572-4453**

LANDS DEPARTMENT



Please note that CP lands are considered private lands and should not be accessed or used for any purpose whatsoever INCLUDING AND ESPECIALLY HUNTING without the permission of the CP holder.

ROAD REPAIRS

We will be fixing some of our Reserve roads and in some cases driveways. If you know of any areas that need attention, please let us know by email at sstump@shuswapband.ca or 250.341.3678 ext. 1014.

STEEL BRIDGE

Thank you all for responding to these questions, so for anyone who did not have a chance to respond, please do now. With increasingly nice weather we know the Steel Bridge area is going to get busy with non-members. We would like to hear you and your thoughts on non-member use.

1. Would you like to see Shuswap Band implement a day-use permit and attach a fee?
2. Do you support having this area open to all?
3. Do you support restricting access to membership and families only? (If you support this, please know that the police will not respond to all calls regarding trespass of non-members. They will attend the site only if they are no priority calls. CP Police will monitor as well, but not on a regular basis.)

With CP Rail's years of trespass, we are looking at some community/reclamation benefits. Would the community like to see that area improved? For example: paved with parking, grassed with benches overlooking the river, picnic tables or leave it as is?

THESE ARE YOUR LANDS, and WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please contact sstump@shuswapband.ca or 250.341.3678 ext 1014 to let us know your thoughts.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - NEW LAWS

With all of the new housing being built, Shuswap Band has drafted a Residential Tenancy Law similar to what other municipalities use. This not only protects the landlord but also the renter in cases of eviction and disputes.

A Culture and Heritage Law has also been drafted to regulate and protect culturally significant sites and objects on Reserve. Among other cultural heritage rights, it recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to protect, maintain, and have access to their cultural sites; use and control of ceremonial objects; maintain, protect, and control their intellectual properties; and repatriate their human remains as well as levy fines etc. The current Heritage Conservation act in BC protects all heritage sites except federal lands ie: Reserves, which means we have no way to protect sites or discipline developers who disturb sites on our land.

The Unsightly Premises Law was drafted after hearing from the community about lands that are in a constant state of disrepair and are displeasing to the eye. This law will protect the peace, quiet, restful enjoyment, comfort and convenience of Shuswap Band Members and other persons on Shuswap Band lands.

These laws HAVE NOT yet been passed. Shuswap Band will be holding community engagement sessions soon, to hear your comments and concerns, and answer any questions.

INDIAN REGISTRY STATUS CARDS

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH CLARISSA EVERY THURSDAY OF THE WEEK

You can apply for the Certified Indian Status cards, These cards are good for:

- 5 years for adults
- 3 years for children.

Identification Requirements for applicants who are 16 years of age or older:

- One piece of Primary ID (category 1) or
- Two pieces of Secondary ID (category 2), one must have a digitized photo or
- -One piece of Secondary ID with a Guarantor Declaration (category 3)

Identification Requirements for Individuals who are 12 years of age or younger:

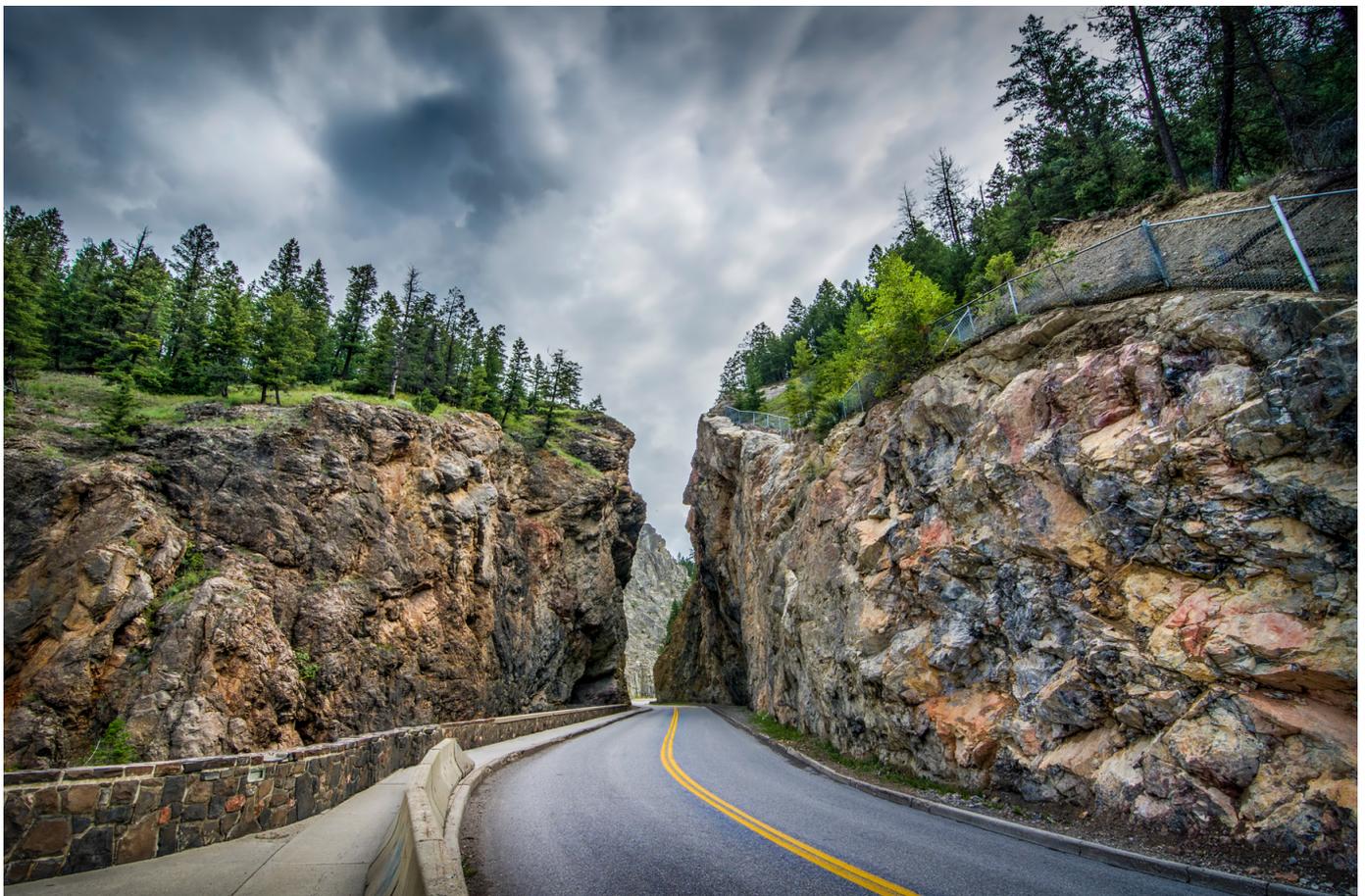
The Parent or legal Guardian must provide;

- One piece of their own Primary ID (category 1) or Secondary ID (category 2)
- One piece of ID for the child. (Birth document, school ID, health card)
- If a legal guardian is applying on half of a child or dependent adult, a copy of the Order of Guardianship naming the guardian is required.

If you are wanting a Secure Status Card, I can help with the application, but it has to be mailed to ISC.

PHONE: 778-526-8184

EMAIL: IRA@SHUSWAPBAND.CA



EDUCATION & TRAINING UPDATE



Are you interested in
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT
Off-Reserve?

The Education and Employment Department may be able to help.

Please send your resume to education@shuswapband.ca, call 250-341-3678 ext. 203, or drop into the Education office and let us know what kind of work you are interested in.

We look forward to meeting you and supporting your job search!



For Students working for summer break only, we have wage subsidies for employers.

The Education Team currently has funds available to pay for drivers' education and/or road tests for any interested Members.



Please contact us at education@shuswapband.ca or 1.778.526.8179 for further information




LOOKING FOR WORK?

Kenesq't Territorial Operations is looking for Membership resumes for a number of upcoming opportunities.

Trades people welcome! Jobs are predominately for highways projects in the area.

Send your resumes and questions to Morgan Darlington, KTO General Manager:

mdarlington@shuswapband.ca
250-463-1312

TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP

CULTURAL HERITAGE UPDATES

Public signage is being installed at Mount Swansea, Lillian Lake, and throughout the Columbia Valley. Shuswap Band has been asked to contribute to this signage by providing Shuswap knowledge on the landforms and land surrounding these areas. The signage that will be going up throughout the Columbia Valley will focus on birds, specifically bank swallows.

If you would like to help contribute information, either historic, cultural, or language-based, to these signs, please contact Olivia (odebrabandere@shuswapband.ca). Consultation will take place next month, as we aim to get the signs completed before the busy summer season begins.

Ryan Bavin hosted a photography workshop for Shuswap Band over spring break, to teach photography basics ahead of spring site visits. We're hoping to host a refresher workshop, and another workshop for members who weren't able to attend, in May or June. More information to come as these are scheduled.

BRINGING THE SALMON HOME: THE COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON REINTRODUCTION INITIATIVE

An Indigenous-led collaboration of the Syilx Okanagan Nation, Ktunaxa Nation, Secwépemc Nation, Canada and British Columbia. Salmon have been blocked from returning to the Canadian portion of the upper Columbia River for more than 80 years. The long-term vision is to return salmon stocks for Indigenous food, social and ceremonial needs, and to benefit the region's residents and ecosystems as a whole. Learn more about this Initiative and register at <https://columbiariversalmon.ca/events-2022/>



Bringing the Salmon Home Festival

May 3-4, 2022

Save the Date!



BRINGING the SALMON HOME
 kʔ c̓pəlk̓ stím̓ iʔ ntytyix
 ʔatʔ suʔkiniʔ swaq̓mu
 Tspelq̓entém̓ re Sqlélten

The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative
ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca



**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

- Opening of the **new Health Centre** with five of the most **amazing** staff!
- Renovation to the **Community hall** - Columbia Basin Trust grant for 65K
- Received funding from various funders for successful **food box** and **cleaning supplies** (quarterly for all community members)
- **Supported** community through the two year pandemic with **minimal infection rate** in community; 1st, 2nd and Booster vaccination clinics for immunization (**78% vaccine rate in community**)
- **Weekly Elder meals** and **daily support** throughout the year.
- Increased **mental health supports** by receiving a \$50K from **Community Action Initiative grant** for mental health outreach and increase counselling support through one-to-one sessions.



**CHIEF &
COUNCIL**

- Developed and rolled out a comprehensive 5-year **strategic plan** to continuously develop all areas of the Shuswap Band
- Met with the **BC Ministers** to discuss **priority concerns** for the Shuswap Band that we would like addressed at a provincial level, including salmon restoration, wildlife conservation, mining operations in our caretaker area, and reserve waterline infrastructure.
- Formed a **working group** for investigations into the findings at St. Eugene's Residential School
- Met together as a group with all Leadership from Splatsin, Little Shuswap Lake, Neskonlith, Adam's Lake, and Simpcw to form the **Columbia Collaborative**, to ensure **Secwepemc partnership** over matters concerning the Columbia River Basin.
- Graduated from the **Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)** in partnership with the **District of Invermere**. We have created an **enthusiastic partnership** committed to the social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits of our two communities working together.
- Working with local **municipalities**, **Secwepemc**, and **Ktunaxa Communities**
- Working on the **Columbia River Treaty** and continuing work on the **reintroduction of salmon** to the Columbia River
- Working with MOTI on the purchase of lands and on **Juniper Heights** turn off
- Meeting monthly with **Secwepemc Chiefs**
- Class action **Water** lawsuit



**EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

- Created a **Tutoring Program** for all Shuswap students
- Provided **microbooks** for all **K-7 children** for at-home learning. Technology is identical to what is used in school.
- **Regalia making** with families and **dancing lessons** for 24 children
- Dance Performance at the **World Junior Ski Championships**
- **Swimming lessons** for 20 children and youth
- Currently creating the first **Local Education Agreement** in over 20 years between the Shuswap Band and SD6. This agreement is a promise of how **Shuswap Children & Youth** will be treated and how **Secwepemc culture and knowledge** will be taught to all children and youth in schools.



**FINANCE
DEPARTMENT**

- Annual **Audit** with a presentation to **Memberships**
- Annual **Budget** with a presentation to **Memberships**
- Annual **Christmas** distribution
- All financial aspects completed **in-house** (no external accounting/consultant support)



**HOUSING &
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- Constructed **17 New Homes**
- Installed **Solar Panels** on 17 Homes
- Received funding from SNTC to for a **community-based family project** focusing on Children and Families.
- Purchased a new **Maintenance Truck, Haul Trailer, and Splitter**
- Hired a **2nd Maintenance Person**
- Provided **Emergency Kits** to members



COMMUNITY & CULTURE

- **COVID-safe Community Strengthening events** – Wellness Day, bowling night, community BBQ, photo scavenger hunt, salmon preparation, winter gear exchange, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Drum Circle; Vigil & Remembrance Ceremony for the 215, Don Burnstick Comedy Night on National Indigenous Peoples Day, Fall Feast with Food & Farm
- Community **Plant Illustration** contest, **logo** contest, **photography** workshop
- Easter Baskets, Christmas Goodie Bags with Gift Cards, and **Cultural Kits** provided to members
- **Culture & Heritage Advances** – Kootenay National Park Video, signage highlighting Shuswap Band (Wilmer Wetlands), ground-truthing and consultation with Elders & Knowledge keepers regarding various sites - Selkirk/Quartz Creek, Elk Valley, Lake Lillian, Mt. Swasea, Blaeberry River, Brilliant Flats; knowledge sharing related to Shuswap history, through consultation with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, archival research, and photo sharing and compilation.

LANDS DEPARTMENT

- **Section 35 land replacement and land appraisal completion** – huge milestone completed with the appraising of highway lands at commercial values, completing membership transfers and benefits flowing to members affected; first positive developments on this initiative in over 17 years.
- **BC Hydro rent review process** – negotiations successfully completed on one transmission line and rent secured for the next 20 years. Actively negotiating back-rent from the 1960s on another untethered line.
- **Successful funding for creek restorations** both on and off Reserve for over 2.5 million dollars
- **Relationship building** through important **collaborations and initiatives** with neighbouring jurisdictions - District of Invermere (through the Community Economic Development Initiative program graduation) and RDEK
- Through a continued push to hold government agencies accountable, Shuswap Band is now **leading** projects happening both within our Traditional Territory and on lands adjacent to the Reserve. We now are a **recognized direct award recipient**.

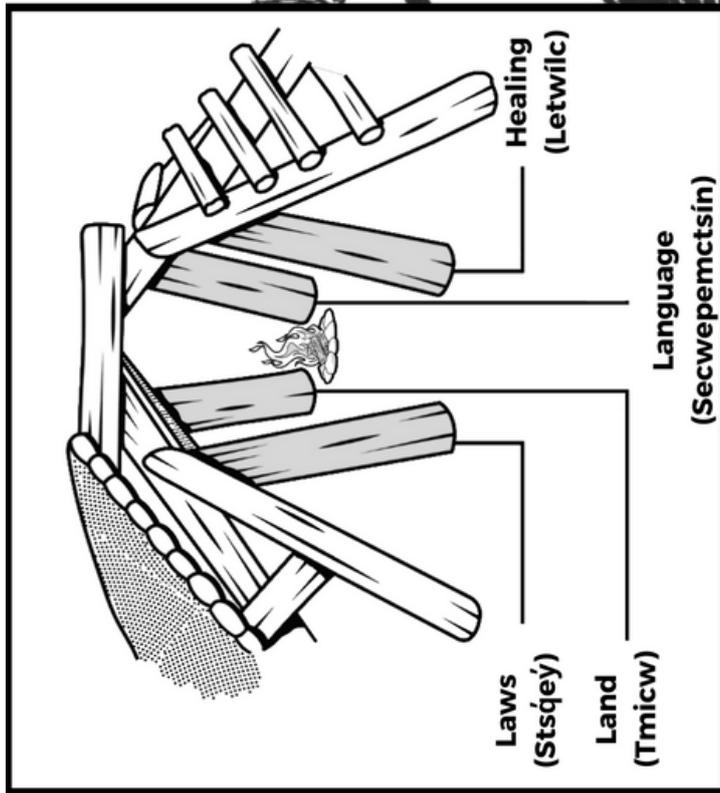
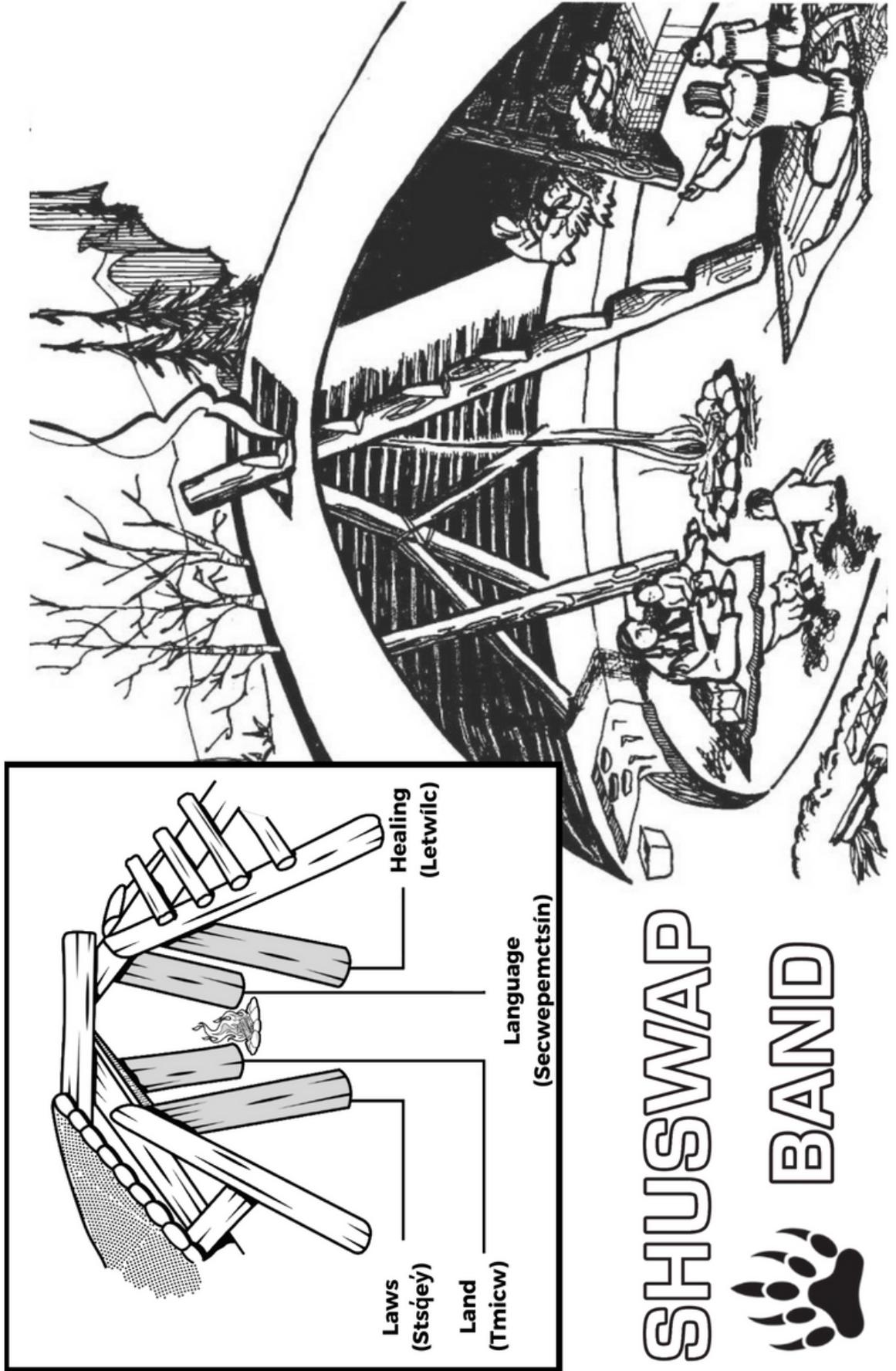


TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP

- Continued development of **department capacity**, including 2 new full-time coordination based positions and up to 4 new full-time monitoring based positions for **membership**
- **Significant advancement** of local, regional, provincial, and federal government understanding of our **cultural heritage and history** in the Columbia and East Kootenay
- Supported initiatives and events to facilitate **the reconnection** of our people to **traditional practices**, including upcoming gatherings, salmon festivals and releases
- Continued development of **cultural, forestry, and environmental stewardship** and resource management programs and projects **throughout the territory**
- Took a **leading role** in the Columbia River Treaty and Columbia River Salmon Restoration Initiative as **caretakers** of the Columbia Basin
- Continued development of **working relationships** with neighbouring Indigenous communities, local governments, stakeholder groups, and economic proponents
- Advancement of **relationship agreements with all proponents** operating in our traditional territory
- Advancement of Shuswap Band **Rights and Title** throughout the territory, including **G2G forums** with the local, provincial, and federal government
- Establishment of the **Columbia Campfire and Collaborative** to bolster support and foster **collaboration** with Secwépemc communities
- Developed **formal partnerships** with companies to capitalize on **economic opportunities** and separate Kenpesq't business ventures from stewardship activities

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MAY 2022

PELLCWÉWLEMTEN

(Lake Fishing Moon)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
1	FOOT CARE 9AM - 12PM	2	FOOT CARE 9AM - 12PM	3	COMMUNITY HEALTH MTG 3PM - 5PM BAND HALL	4	MESSAGE DAY	5	RED DRESS DAY CEREMONY 12PM @ BAND HALL	6	DIETICIAN	7
8		9	HEALTH CLINIC 9 AM - 12 PM	10	MESSAGE DAY	11	FOOD BOX 11AM - 2 PM	12		13		14
15	JASON SIMON NHL GUEST SPEAKER 1PM / 5PM @ COPPER POINT	16	HEALTH CLINIC 9 AM - 12 PM	17	MESSAGE DAY	18		19		20		21
22		23		24	MESSAGE DAY	25	FOOD BOX 11AM - 3 PM	26		27		28
29		30		31								

RED DRESS DAY

Thursday, May 5th, 2022
12:00pm

May 5th marks the annual Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and LGBTQ2S+. On this day, we are asked to wear red to remember those lost to this critical epidemic.

Join us outside of the Shuswap Band Health Centre for a Remembrance Ceremony. Hand drummers welcome. Open to all.



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