



Shuswap Band Newsletter

Pelltexelcten (August) 2023

Message from Chief & Council Weyt-kp membership

We have had quite an eventful summer so far. We had a leak in our water system, and we would like to give a huge thank you to Vaughn and his team for getting us up and running at 5 am in the morning.

With the fires so prevalent in our valley and beyond, we all have to be extra vigilant in our everyday lives. We have been posting updates on a regular basis about anything new, such as the BC Fire app to download. Check our website or your emails, as we are sending along information as we receive it. Our team is being proactive to make sure we are all prepared. Prayers go out to the Aqam community who are going through tough times, with 7 houses that have burned down, including one that is our community member's home.

We meet monthly with the Ministry of Transportation, and we are looking for land to replace the land they took for the widening of the highway from Juniper Heights to the crossroads. There are a few other items to be cleared up first, such as a grazing license from the past and the finalizing of estate matters. We are getting closer though.

We will be conducting interviews for the open Director of Operations, General Manager for

Kenpesq't Development Company, and Territorial Stewardship Manager positions. There are some very highly trained individuals who have sent in their resumes, and we are hopeful that we can fill those positions soon.

We as Council, try to do the best we can for all our band members and sometimes decisions have to be made that may not sit well with individuals. This usually sets off negative reactions, when only one side of the story is heard.

Our Shuswap Band page is for information only and we will be deleting anything that is negative to our staff. Please email Kukpi7 Barb, Councillor Mark, or Councillor Richard if you need clarification on a matter. Sometimes it is confidential and we won't be able to comment. We do appreciate the emails we receive asking for answers and try to answer in a timely manner. We have opened the doors once again. While they were closed, we did receive quite a bit of criticism. We did this so for a short time to make a safety plan. Moving forward, like any other business, it is recommended to make an appointment first. Thanks to all those who are doing this.

Finally, we pray for everyone's safety and will be making sure you will have the tools to be prepared.

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August

Calendar of Shuswap Band Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2 Massage	3	4	5
6	7 SB Admin & Health Center CLOSED	8 Dr. Clinic Pharmacist	9 Massage	10 GOOD FOOD BOX	11	12
13	14	15	16 Massage	17	18	19
20	21	22 Dr. Clinic Dietitian	23 Massage	24 GOOD FOOD BOX	25	26
27	28 Grade 8 Orientation Day	29 Crock Pot Cooking Community Mtg w/ Parks Canada 2pm	30 Massage Overdose Awareness	31	1	2



NOTICE: First Nations Drinking Water Settlement

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SUBMIT A CLAIM

If you lived on reserve during the below dates and lived in any of the areas linked to the water system below, you may be entitled to compensation. Please download, fill out the application and send it in. If you need assistance, please call the office to make an appointment. If you have questions around your eligibility, please call the office. For application forms please go to:

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca>

YOU NEED TO HAVE & BRING WITH YOU:

- * GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID – Status Card, Drivers License, Medical Card etc.
- * VOID CHECK

If you do not have either of these, you will not be able to complete your claim form.

Eligibility:

- People born before November 20, 1995 can only claim for advisory years after 2013;
 - People born after November 20, 1995 can claim for all advisory years;
- People who passed away after November 20, 2017 can be compensated through a claim by their estate representatives;
 - People who passed away before November 20, 2017 cannot be compensated.

Estate claims and representative claims for minors have their own forms that can be found on the website or at the band office.



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LOOKING FOR WILDFIRE INFORMATION?

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON THE WILDFIRES IN YOUR AREA:

www.bcwildfire.ca or download the **BC Wildfire app**

Scan to visit
BC Wildfire



UPDATES

By email: www.rdek.bc.ca – sign up for email updates for your area that come directly to you

By phone: 1-855-346-2188 – Regional Emergency Operation Centre Info Line

Scan to sign up for
Community Emails



INFORMATION ON EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS

www.rdek.bc.ca – Emergency Information

1-855-346-2188 – Regional Emergency Operation Centre Info Line

Scan to view
Alerts and Orders



REGIONAL EVACUATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (ENS)

Powered by **Voyent Alert!** this system will keep you informed in the event an evacuation Order or Alert affects your property. The service is free and available to everyone in the East Kootenay including municipalities, rural areas, First Nations and visitors.

how to register:

SMS/TEXT OR VOICE DIAL USERS

Register online at: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/register.html>

Choose "My Locations" to pin your address/property to receive voice or text based alerts. You can click and drag your pin(s) to ensure they are in the correct place.

MOBILE APP USERS

Download and install the **Voyent Alert!** app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.

Scan to register for
Emergency Notification System



Remember to add at least one location when you register

Salmon Festival

Shuswap Band would like to invite you
to celebrate with us:

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

10 AM - 4 PM JAMES CHABOT BEACH

*Canoe Brigade

*Sharing of Salmon

*Secwepemc Storyteller- Kenthen Thomas

*Drumming Circle - Rhythm by Nature

*Hand Drummers

*Columbia River Headwater Dance Troupe

*Hoop Dance Performance

*Vendors



Parks Canada COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29, 2023
SHUSWAP BAND HALL
2:00PM- 4:30 PM



Red Streak Renaming

Be part of the community discussion and decision about renaming the Red Streak Loop Trail and how we would like the renaming ceremony to look like.



Cultural Use Areas

What would we as a community like to see done to the areas we saw on our site visits to fit our needs. What could be put in the sites for the community to enjoy and fully utilize the sites.



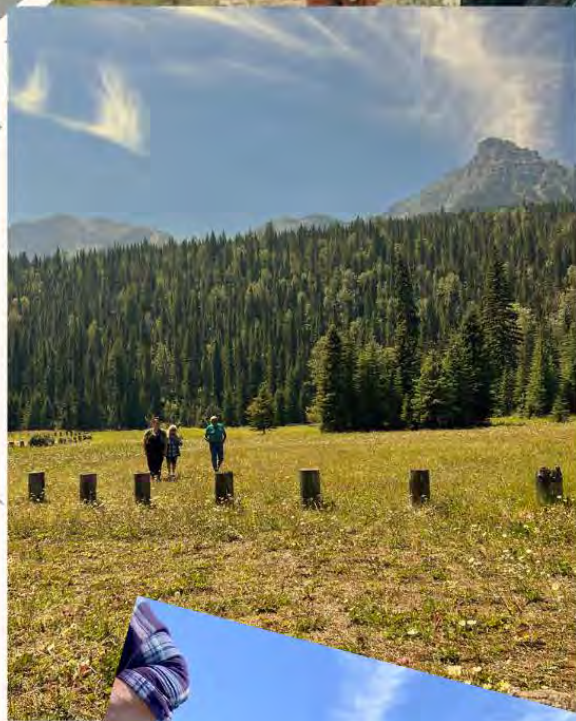
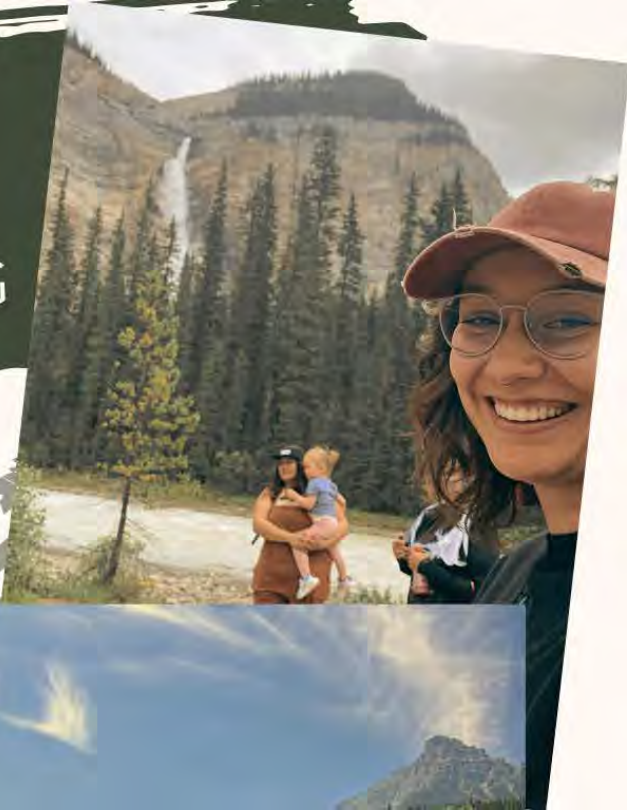
Takkakaw Falls Panels

Feed back about what we heard the community say about what is wanted for additional signage along the trail. Review draft content as a community.

RSVP with Enola Eugene
before August 18th, 2023

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Congratulations to our North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) winning Shuswap Members!!

Congratulations Madison Richards

Shuswap Band Member,
Madison Richards (second
from the left)
won SILVER in the NAIG for
U16 Volleyball, Manitoba
Team.
WAY TO GO MADISON!
So proud of you!



Congratulations Gage Martin

Congratulations to Gage Martin on your Gold
Medal win with Team BC at the North American
Indigenous Games!

We wish you luck as you move on to the Native
Canadians in Calgary and then the National Indian
Athletic Association Nationals in Soboba California
in September.

Your friends and family are so proud of your
dedication and accomplishments.





CROCKPOT COOKING SESSION

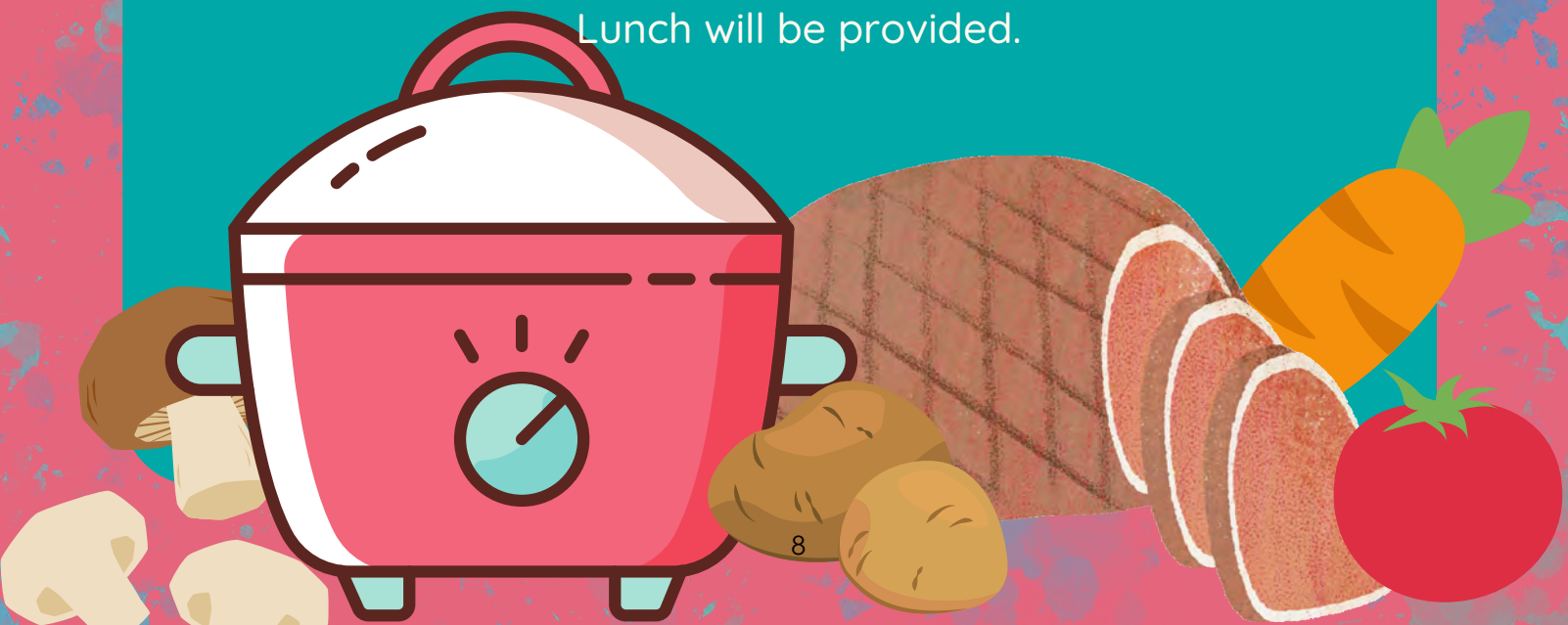


AUGUST 29
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Signup Sheet at the Health
Office or call 778.526.8323

*Preference will be given to those who did not attend the
last session.

Lunch will be provided.



To receive notifications of pending evacuation orders and alerts, Shuswap Band recommends downloading the **Voyent App** (for free) to your phone.



STAY ALERT.
STAY CONNECTED.

Download
APP



BE INFORMED



**RECEIVE EMERGENCY
ALERTS**



**ENGAGE WITH YOUR
COMMUNITY**

**Notice from Shuswap Band
Chief & Council:**

**Please keep vehicles, dirt bikes,
quads & ATV's
off any grassland areas on
the Shuswap Reserve**

Due to the threat of wildfires.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Shuswap Band and Kenpesq't Holdings Ltd have incredible career opportunities available.

→ Family & Youth Worker

→ Student Navigator

→ Early Learning & Childcare Planner (Contract)

→ Tutor & Learning Support

→ Policy Writer- Health & Safety Specialist

→ Guardians (Full time, Casual or Contract)

→ Territorial Stewardship Director

We offer a wide variety of perks including:

- *Employer matched pension plan
- *Extensive health and benefits package
- *Generous vacation including 2 weeks paid over Christmas
- *Dynamic work environment
- *Bi-weekly healthy food box

Interested candidates may send resume & cover letter to
Shuswap Band Human Resources Manager,
Jill Edwardsen: hr@shuswapband.ca



EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERWAY. OUR OLDER KIDS TOOK PART IN A ONE DAY HORSEBACK RIDING ADVENTURE UP TO EARL GREY CABIN. THE GUIDES SAID THAT OUR CHILDREN WERE AN AMAZING GROUP OF KIDS AND THAT THE DAY OUR KIDS WENT WAS THE FIRST SUNNY TRAIL DAY. THE KIDS HAD CLEAR SKIES FOR MOST OF THE DAY.

DRIVER TRAINING

THE SHUSWAP BAND CONTINUES TO OFFER SUPPORT FOR DRIVER TRAINING. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING A LEARNER'S PERMIT? OR A CLASS 5? OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF DRIVER'S LICENCE? CONTACT EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. WE CAN ALSO HELP YOU GET YOUR LICENCE BACK.



POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

OUR POST SECONDARY STUDENTS FOR FALL START ARE READY TO BEGIN THEIR STUDIES. IF YOU OR ANYONE ELSE ARE STILL THINKING ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL, MANY SCHOOLS OFFER A WINTER START FOR PROGRAMS. PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS YOUR STUDY PLANS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 28: IS GRADE 8 ORIENTATION DAY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF BAND MEMBERS GOING INTO GRADE 8, PLEASE PUT THIS DAY ON YOUR CALENDARS. IF ANYONE NEEDS TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL FOR ORIENTATION PLEASE CONTACT US IN EDUCATION.

AUGUST 29: WE ARE PLANNING A DAY TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE YOUNG ADULTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO REVELSTOKE. THE DAY WILL INCLUDE LUNCH, A TOUR OF THE DAM, LEARNING ABOUT CAREER PATHS WITH BC HYDRO & SOME FUN ON THE REVELSTOKE MOUNTAIN COASTER. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR, WE WILL SEND OUT MORE INFORMATION.



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COMMUNITY CORNER



A HUGE Thank you to the Shuswap Band Guardians from Pam Martin. "I could have cried, I was so happy, when I pulled into my yard and saw all the work done!" You guys are amazing!!



Happy Birthday Olivia!!

From mom and dad and family! xoxo

If you would like to post something on here or on the Electronic Board, please send info to: comms@shuswapband.ca



FUNNIES

- Why couldn't the green pepper practice archery? . . . because it didn't habanero.
- Yesterday I asked my kindergartener what she did at school and she said, "nothing", then later I went on Instagram and her teacher had posted a picture of her holding a crocodile!!!
- God designing a toddler: "You know what would be hilarious? if it had no ability to reason, but talked non-stop. Also, make it trip a lot."
- You know that you are getting old, when you look at the clock to see if it is late enough to go to bed.
- No one warns you how often you will whisper, "righty-tighty, lefty-loosey" to yourself as an adult.
- An air mattress is great when you want to sleep on the floor- but not right away.
- I can't prove this.... but I swear that I used to be smarter, funnier and less tired.
- For those of you who don't want Alexa listening into your conversations, they are making a male version that doesn't listen to anything.
- Me in heaven. God: "You are about to get your wings!" Me: "Lemon pepper or bbq?" God: "Get out!!!"
- I'm 40 but I still feel like I am 20...until I hang out with some 20 year olds. Then I am like, "No! Never mind-I'm 40!!!"
- If you rip a hole in a net- you have less holes than you started with.



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