



SXTA

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association UPDATE

*"S'ólh témexw te íkw'elò. Xólhmet te mekw'stām ít kwelāt."
"This is our land. We have to take care of everything that belongs to us."*

Temkwikwexyel
"Time for baby sockeye salmon"

Treaty Update

SXTA Workshop: *"We need to show non-SXTA bands what our land selection is. We don't want to have conflict with our Stó:lō neighbours."* —**Chief Negotiator Jean Teillet**

Xwe:posem Swayel
Sáthtel
Easter Dinner

Xwe:posem Swayel
Mámelehó:Ilh Há:we
Easter Egg Hunt

Xwe:posem Swayel
Mámelehó:Ilh
Easter Egg

Sqewáth
Rabbit

Sqiqewóthe
Bunny

Chókōlat Sqiqewóthe
Chocolate Bunny

Chelichkelsó:Ilh
Baby Chick



On February 24th and 25th the Treaty Negotiating Team and the SXTA Chiefs and Councillors met again to make decisions and provide input on our treaty!

The theme of this workshop was the *SXTA Engagement Process to Discuss Land Selection with other Stó:lō*.

The following are some of the questions and answers given:

Why are we talking with other Stó:lō about land selection?

- We need to keep peaceful relationships with our neighbors. We don't want to have any conflict.
- It's their right to know.
- To protect the non-SXTA citizens in case they are not being fully advised by their leadership.

What do we hope to achieve from the process?

- Setting a good example for everyone.
- Clarity for future generations.
- An understanding that we can all

work together.

- So we are in good standing with all Stó:lō.

How much detail do we tell the other Stó:lō about the lands selected?

- Be completely honest and show the Crown land in our offer.
- Explicit detail for all of Stó:lō.
- Ask them what topics they want to discuss and we answer their questions.

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On the second day of our workshop Cathy Hall and Shana Roberts gave a presentation on SXTA First Nations Community Assets Planning and Mapping.

Our leaders then broke out into three groups and answered this question:

Will revenues be shared, if so, how?

- We need to start sharing revenues at a national level.
- What kind of options do we have for funding?
- In treaty, as a collective we should work together at a national level.
- We will be much stronger collectively.
- How do small bands contribute?
- Everybody should be equal.
- We need to be equal and work as one big group.
- We need to help each other up.

The SXTA would like to say how fortunate we are to have young members such as Chief Angie Bailey of Aitchelitz, Councillors: Justin Laslo of Leq'á:mél, Melvin Williams Jr. of Tzeachten, and Terry Horne of Yakweakwioose to participate in meetings, learn about the past and present treaty process, and carry it forward and teach future generations.



LAND SELECTION DIALOGUE

Invitation to all Upriver and Downriver Stó:lō First Nations Leadership!



It was decided at our February 23-24 workshop that we need to invite all of our **upriver and downriver Stó:lō leaders** out to share a meal and discuss our land selection.

Therefore the upriver and downriver leadership, the SXTA and the Treaty Negotiating Team will be meeting on April 22, 2015 at Tzeachten Hall at 5pm. Dinner will be provided. Leaders are asked to RSVP by April 13th.

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Color Me!



FUTURE FOCUS

Youth Page

Youth Forum 2015!!!!



The SXTA Outreach Team would like to thank everyone that participated in making our Youth Forum a success!

This year our theme was "Continuing the Work of our Ancestors". It was held at the Stó:lō Resource Centre, Building #10. We had about 60 participants (students and support workers) from school Districts #33 and #75.

The day began with Chief Glenda Campbell (SXTA member) welcoming the students and support workers to the Ts'elxwéyeqw territory.

MC Theresa Warbus (nee Point) had 3 student "chiefs" chosen by playing Hunter, Bear, Woman (similar to rock, paper, scissors) then the students were split into 3 groups. Each group was sent to a 'mini' workshop lead by one of the SXTA Treaty Negotiating Team members.

Jean Teillet (Chief Negotiator) presented "Treaty History and the Constitution" to the students. They dis-

cussed why we are in treaty, treaty history, Constitution information and they were shown the SXTA Constitution DVD.

Dr. Dave Schaepe (Technical Advisor) facilitated the Governance section. They were shown the old governance structure vs. the modern governance structure along with the roles and responsibilities.

Naxaxalhts'i, Dr. Sonny McHalsie (Cultural Advisor) facilitated the "Our Connection to the Lands and Resources" educating the youth on our Shwxeli (Sprit/Life force), Sxwōxwiyám (Time/Transformation Stories of Xexa:ls) and Sqwélqel (True News/Family History). Carrie-Lynne Victor complemented this workshop with a primary presentation on the governance of our berry patches demonstrating our connection to the resources and preservation for future generations of both humans and wildlife.

Each workshop was about 40 minutes. The students were given handouts on each topic to take home as

well. A lot of information was taught during the short time period given!

After the 3 workshops all the students headed to the Stó:lō Longhouse to witness a mock Salmon Ceremony. Role-playing cards were given out such as: the Fisherman, Family workers, Elders, Drummers, Speaker (Host), and Witnesses. They were blanketed, they drummed, and they even got to share a salmon! They were taught the importance of the First Salmon Ceremony and the protocol to follow. Lunch followed the ceremony, and we shared a meal consisting of Indian Tacos! We raise our hands to Marnetta Felix for providing us with the delicious lunch which everyone enjoyed!

Congratulations to Stephanie Gabriel of Leq'á:mél and Hatzic Secondary for winning a prize for the most participation throughout the Youth Forum! Ali Rizvi, Chilliwack Senior Secondary was the grand prize winner of the iPad Mini. Other prizes included a Go-Pro, a Bluetooth speaker and Beats by Dre headphones.

We had great feedback from the students at the end of the day. This year was a huge success and we look forward to the next year's Youth Forum!

*Submitted by Emily Kelly,
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Prize winners! Beats by Dre and iPad Mini



Mock First Salmon Ceremony





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Skowkale First Nation—Chief Willy Hall/Councilor Jeff Point

Tzeachten First Nation—Councilor Lawrence Roberts / Chief Glenda Campbell

Popkum First Nation—Councilor Harry Murphy / Chief James Murphy

Yakweakwioose First Nation—Grand Chief Frank Malloway / Councilor Terry Horne

Skawahlook First Nation—Chief Maureen Chapman / Councilor Deb Schneider

Leq'á:mél First Nation—Chief Alice Thompson / Councilor Mike Kelly

Chilliwack River Valley Place Names Tour

MAY 23, 2015

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF :

Skawahlook; Leq'á:mél; Yakweakwioose;
Popkum; Skowkale; Tzeachten; Aitchelitz.

Note: Ages 16 yrs+

YOU ARE INVITED to join us on the new "Chilliwack River Valley" SXTA Tour sponsored by the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Outreach Program.

Dress appropriately (layers) and wear comfortable shoes suitable for mild hiking. Don't forget your camera, binoculars, & umbrella!

This full day tour begins at 8:45 a.m. in front of Stó:lō Nation Building #7 at Kwikw'alith'a (Coqualeetza) located in Sardis at 7201 Vedder Road.

The tour starts from Kwikw'alith'a and we will go throughout Chilliwack following the Chilliwack River and its creeks and sloughs.

We will travel through Skowkale and Tzeachten with a stop at Tim Horton's, then on to Vedder Road and turn off at Chilliwack Lake Road.

A brief stop at Tamihi Creek. We will then stop for a scenic hike and a picnic lunch at Chilliwack Lake.

On the way back we make a couple of stops: first a short hike to the Chipmunk Caves near Ford Mountain Correctional Centre and then to Allison Pools. Then back to Kwikw'alith'a (Coqualeetza) around 4:00 pm.

NOTE: Itinerary subject to changes.

(If space available we may open registration up to non-SXTA members)

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PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 15, 2015

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Listen and learn about the unique relationship between the Stó:lō, "the people of the river", their land and their environment through the narratives provided by Naxaxalhts'i, who has studied Halq'eméylem Place Names for over 21 years. Listen and see first hand the special significance of Halq'eméylem place names from the recent award winning Stó:lō Nation publication titled A Stó:lō -Coast Salish Historical Atlas.

Learn about the three main dialects of Halkomelem and the many micro dia-lects of each, and the two main aspects of Stó:lō oral history including Sxwōxwiyám and Squélqwel, and



learn about the unique relationship the Stó:lō maintain with their environment through their Shxweli, or "spirit, life force". Special stops of interests may include Sxótsaqel "sacred lake" or "something that's

sacred" (Chilliwack Lake); a short hike to the Chipmunk Caves off Chipmunk Creek Forest Service Road; Ly'oythel "always a mouth" or "good mouth", Allison Pools recreation site, where pithouses were located; and we hear about many other Halq'eméylem Place Names.