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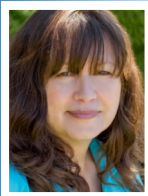
# Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association UPDATE

**Temtl'i:q'es**  
Time when hands stick to things in cold

"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."

## Treaty Update

### The Community Outreach Team



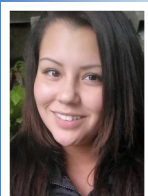
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#### Who are we?

**Cathy Hall** SXTA Treaty Outreach Supervisor and Liaison for the Skawahlook First Nation and Popkum First Nation.

**Brandee Hall** Outreach Liaison for the Skowkale First Nation, Tzeachten First Nation, Yakwekwioose First Nation, and Aitchelitz First Nation.

**Emily Kelly** Outreach Liaison for the Leq'á:mél First Nation.

**Joy Hall** Outreach Assistant Liaison for all regions.

#### What do we do?

The SXTA recognize the importance of keeping our community members up-to-date on the progress of our treaty as well as gather feedback from our community members.

It is our community members who will ultimately vote to ratify our final treaty agreement reached by our leaders through our negotiating team.

The Treaty Outreach Team will provide our community members information to make an informed decision at the time of ratification, as well as let our negotiating team know what our community members want.

We get the information out to community members through our dvds, handouts, newsletters, annual community gatherings, Kitchen Table Gatherings (KTG's) and One-on-One sessions.

#### What are KTG's and One-on-Ones?

**KTG:** Some members prefer to have a more personal meeting to update their families on treaty or they may have missed the big community meetings so choose to gather their families in the comfort of their own homes. The host may also choose to host their KTG at the local community hall or we can arrange for the use of our main hall or meeting room here in Building 10.

We will accommodate their requests and provide dinner or snacks, depending on the time of their gathering. The host will be presented with a gift and the attendees will have their names put into a big draw (could be an i-pad, \$500 Walmart gift card, etc.) that will be drawn every three months.

**One-on-ones:** We can take you out for coffee or lunch and discuss and update you on the SXTA treaty.

**KTG's and One on Ones can be booked with your community outreach worker. We can schedule a time that is convenient for you!**

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The Outreach team also attend the Lands Working Group meetings and the SXTA Workshops!

The Outreach coordinate three different Place names Tours. The three tours are The Upriver Tour, The Downriver Tour, and the Chilliwack River Valley Tour. All three tours are narrated by Naxaxalhts'i, Sonny McHalsie our Stó:lō Historian. The tours leave Stó:lō Nation at approximately 8am and return at approximately 4pm. The tour provides snacks throughout the day as well as lunch. Join us on one, or all of our tours and learn about the place names all throughout our Stó:lō traditional territory! More information on the next tour on the back page!

There are annual community gatherings held for all of the 7 communities in treaty.





# FUTURE FOCUS

## Youth Page

### Mini Series: Treaty Refreshers 2 of 3



*This treaty refresher will focus on the Indian Act.*

#### What is the Indian Act?

The Indian Act is a federal legislation designed to give effect to the authority of Canada over “Indians and lands reserved for the Indians.”

#### What is the challenge that we face because of the Indian Act?

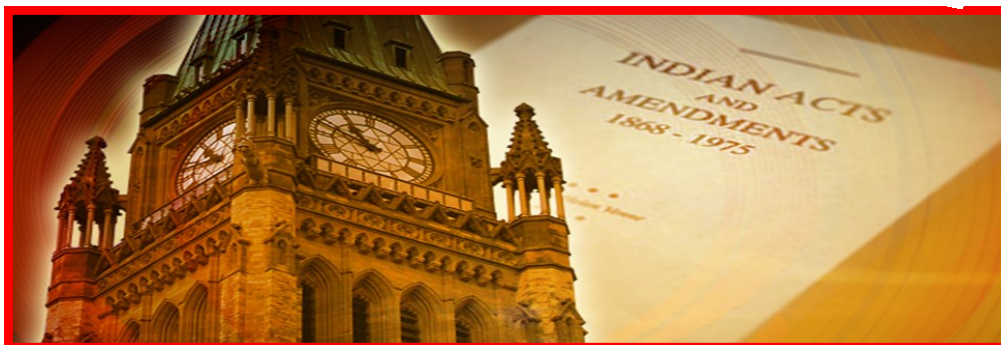
The challenge we face is changing the mindset that we have become so accustomed to living under the Indian Act.

#### The Treaty will be our launch-point for what?

The treaty will be our launch-point for “de-programming” the Indian Act mentality.

#### How do we need to see ourselves under Treaty?

We need to see ourselves as self-governing people.



#### The Indian Act was based on what European belief?

The Indian Act was based on the European belief that Aboriginal people couldn't look after themselves.

#### What does the Indian Act mean to Stó:lō?

The Indian Act means that Stó:lō are not self-governing citizens and are managed by the Federal Government. Under the Indian Act the Minister has final say over decisions by the bands.

#### When can the Federal Government amend (change) the Indian Act?

Any time with no obligation

to consult with the First Nations. We are receiving less and less every day without our knowledge through government cut-backs to several programs and services provided under the Indian Act.

#### Does the Federal Government require permission to amend the Indian Act?

NO.

#### The Federal and Provincial government used to believe that:

Aboriginal people needed to be civilized, protected, prepared to join European society (assimilation) and

that aboriginal people were unable to manage their own affairs.

#### Under the Indian Act, listed below are just a few of the things that the Department of Indian Affairs has authority over:

- Who is eligible to have a status card
- Reserve lands
- Property on reserve lands
- How bands are governed and managed
- Wills and estates

Submitted by Emily Kelly, Outreach





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## Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) Reps:

**Aitchelitz First Nation**— Chief Angie Bailey

**Skowkale First Nation**—Councilor Jeff Point/Willy Hall

**Tzeachten First Nation**—Councilor Lawrence Roberts / Chief Glenda Campbell

**Popkum First Nation**—Councilor Harry Murphy / Chief James Murphy

**Yakweakwoose 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 Sandy McDonald



**ATTENTION MEMBERS OF:** Skawahlook; Leq'á:mél; Yakweakwoose; Popkum; Skowkale; Tzeachten; Aitchelitz.  
Note: Ages 16 yrs+

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join us on the "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.

# The Chilliwack River Valley Tour

## Saturday, May 7, 2016

**Albert (Sonny)McHalsie**  
**Naxaxalhts'i**  
Cultural Advisor  
for the  
Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty  
Association (SXTA)  
Narrator for  
SXTA sponsored Tours

If you have any questions  
Please call Emily: 604-824-5315



Caves



Chilliwack Lake

## THE NARRATED PLACE NAMES TOUR

Enjoy this new tour of the Chilliwack River Valley departing from Kwikw'alith'a (Coqualeetza) destined for scenic Chilliwack Lake, B.C.

Listen and learn about the unique relationship between the Stó:lō, "the River People", 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-dialects of each, and the two main aspects of Stó:lō oral history including Sxwōxwiyám and Sqwelqwel, and learn about the unique relationship the Stó:lō maintain with their environment through their Shxwelí, 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.

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER (for catering purposes and LIMITED SEATING)**



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