



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

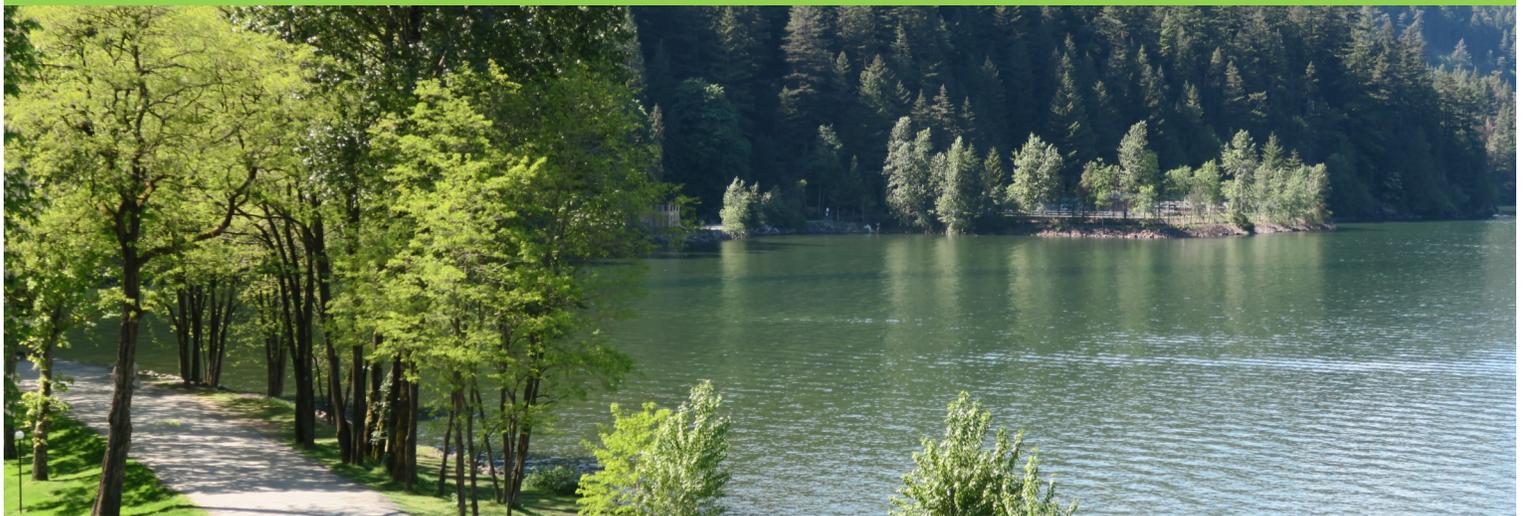
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S'ólh témexw te ikw'elò.
Xólhmet te mekw'stám ít
kwelát.

This is our land. We have
to take care of everything
that belongs to us.

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Tempó:kw "Time for Chehalis Spring Salmon"



August Workshop: Guest Speaker Grand Chief Steven Point

Grand Chief Steven Point delivered a compelling presentation to our SXTA leaders on why we are in treaty, during the August 30-31 workshop in Harrison Hot Springs. He encouraged our leadership to do as much research as needed to fully understand our treaty so

they can confidently answer all the questions from their community members. Point reminded the leaders that when he was the Tribal Chairman of Stó:lō Nation, "I got you into the treaty process." He reassured the leaders that he is still in favour of this treaty process and what the current treaty team is doing.

What is the alternative to treaty? Do we carry on as Indian Act Bands and maintain our tax shelter - (tax exemption for purchases made on-reserve)? Remember that there are no guarantees under the Indian Act that we will maintain these benefits. Don't be afraid of the tax issue, because that money will come back to our government for services. Do we get enough money now from the Indian Act to govern? No. Point also stated, "Personally I

am not opposed to paying tax if it is going back to benefit our people. In 50 years how are we going to pay for the growth that we have? We need to think about our revenue streams 20 years from now."

Land claims history goes back 100 years and we probably could have gotten a better deal back then. Point shared his concerns that we are losing land every day, more people are coming to Canada, and First Nations are the



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fastest growing population in Canada, so he emphasized the urgency to ratify a treaty before most of the land in our territory gets developed.

Do we have any hope of getting more land back later on? No. Time is of the essence. Precarious issue because there is a lot of misunderstanding on what treaty means.



The SXTA Leadership look forward to more of Grand Chief Steven Point's presentations at future workshops and will be inviting him to present at their community sessions as well.

The SXTA leadership then participated in another presentation put on by the SXTA

Outreach, StrategyOne Consulting and Pace Group on "Working Toward an Outreach Strategy & Plan."

As we near the Agreement in Principle it is important to have a communications plan in place and have all our leadership on the

same page in order to fully inform our community members on our treaty.

So to stay informed, ask questions, give comments, and please keep an eye out for upcoming Treaty Community Sessions.

See notice below. 

Meeting

The SXTA held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Stó:lō Government House.

Congratulations to the returning and newly elected SXTA Executive members for the 2017-18 year:

President—Chief Maureen Chapman
Vice-President—Chief Angie Bailey
Secretary-Treasurer—Chief Derek Epp

A special thank you goes out to the former Secretary-Treasurers:

Chief Glenda Campbell and Councillor Shawn Gabriel.

ATTENTION!



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DOOR PRIZES!

On and off-reserve treaty members including those living in the USA!

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

ATTENTION ALL members of: Aitchelitz, Leq'á:mél, Skowkale, Yakwekwioose, Tzeachten and Skawahlook. For your convenience we have scheduled 6 identical sessions, so please attend whichever session fits your location and time. (Note: a meal is included at each session) **Your input is needed! Let's talk treaty!**

SESSION SCHEDULE 2017		
<p>OCTOBER 20 5pm-8:30pm (Dinner) Executive Inn & Suites 4201 Lougheed Hwy. Burnaby, BC</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 4 5pm-8:30pm (Dinner) Angel of the Winds Hotel USA Members</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 30 5pm-8:30pm (Dinner) Harrison Hot Springs Hotel 100 Esplanade Ave. Harrison Hot Springs, BC</p>
<p>OCTOBER 21 11am-2:30pm (Lunch) Executive Inn & Suites</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 5 11am-2pm (Lunch) Angel of the Winds Hotel 3438 Stoluckquamish Ln Arlington, WA, USA</p>	<p>DECEMBER 5 5pm-8:30pm (Dinner) Tzeachten Community Hall 45855 Promontory Rd Chilliwack, BC</p>

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CALLING ALL SXTA MEMBERS!





WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

SPEAK UP!

Sign up to participate in the surveys, by visiting sxta.bc.ca/surveys

Complete the surveys for your chance to win a cash prize.

B.C. Treaty Commission aims to have 14 treaties signed in 2 years

The B.C. Treaty Commission says the political climate in the province and federally is ripe for pushing ahead stalled treaty negotiations.

The commission released a report Wednesday saying 14 negotiations are in the advanced stages, and chief commissioner Celeste Haldane says the goal is to see those treaties signed in the next two years.

Commissioner Jerry Lampert says the discourse in Ottawa, as well as early talks with B.C.'s new minister for Indigenous relations and reconciliation, are encouraging.

He says the federal and provincial governments have shown the desire to address

reconciliation, but it's time for it to be transferred to the negotiating table.

The report says local and regional governments have also played a key role in finalizing recent treaty negotiations.

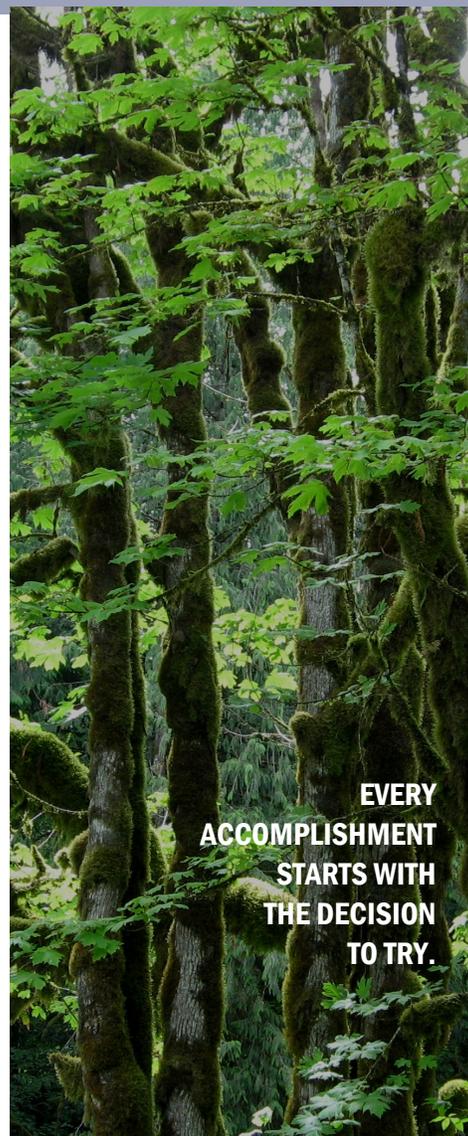
It says the Tla'amin Nation's treaty that was implemented in 2016 was signed thanks to a push from the Powell River mayor and councillors who went to Ottawa to advocate for its completion.

Sep 20/17: Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/treaty-commission-aims-for-14-new-treaties-1.4299597>

Submitted by Emily Kelly, SXTA Outreach



BC TREATY COMMISSION
KEEPER OF THE PROCESS



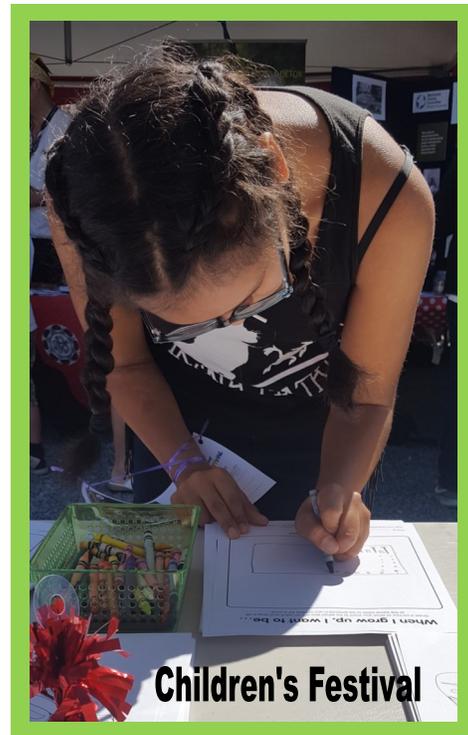
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ACCOMPLISHMENT
STARTS WITH
THE DECISION
TO TRY.**



Blue Heron Reserve



Children's Festival



Children's Festival

Contest Winners

When I grow up I want to be...

When I grow up, I want to be...
Draw a picture of what you want to be when you are an adult and drop it off at the same table to be entered in our contest for a prize.



1st

LAWYER

Claire

Age 10-12

When I grow up, I want to be...
Draw a picture of what you want to be when you are an adult and drop it off at the same table to be entered in our contest for a prize.



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Daylin

Age 6-9

When I grow up, I want to be...
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HONOURABLE MENTION

Mikhaila *Vet*

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Georgia

Winners each received a Dairy Queen gift card. Thanks to all the youth that participated in this contest.



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