



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."*

Temthéqi

"Sockeye salmon time."

Treaty Update

Local Government Engagement :

On June 30, 2015 the SXTA met with local governments to engage in talks about our treaty.

There were 14 SXTA Chiefs and Councillors, the SXTA negotiating team, and representatives from Chilliwack, Mission, Hope, Harrison Hot Springs, Abbotsford, Maple Ridge, FVRD (Fraser Valley Regional District) and MARR (Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation).

The engagement started off with a presentation from Grand Chief and SXTA Political Advisor Joe Hall.

Grand Chief Hall explained that we are very much interested in getting out from under the very restrictive Indian Act.

We need to move out from under the Indian Act to be healthy, and vibrant. We have the ability to make decisions on our own, generate our own revenue, protect our history, protect our way of life and traditions into the future. We need to do this to protect our identity for years to come.

He then gave a brief power point presentation on who the SXTA are and our treaty vision.

The important aspects of the presentation were: protection of natural resources, shared decision-making, access and use of lands, law-making authority and the three pillars of our treaty: self sufficiency, self-governance, and recognition of our culture and heritage.

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SXTA NEGOTIATING TEAM

Chief Negotiator

Jean Teillet

Chief Political Advisor

Grand Chief Joe Hall

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Naxaxalhts'i

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Cathy Hall, Coordinator

(Popkum, Skawahlook)

Brandee Hall

(Skowkale, Yakweakwioose,
Aitchelitz, Tzeachten)

Emily Kelly

(Leq'á:mél)

Joy Hall

(assists in all areas)

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Some dialogue from the engagement:

“This is great, this type of working relationship is so important. How do you see working together the next few years towards AIP (Agreement in Principle)? What is the best approach for both sides?”

Grand Chief Joe Hall SXTA Political Advisor:

“We have self-interest in getting out of the Indian Act, not having government making decisions and changing it overnight. We want to have control of our own destiny, at the same time we want harmony with people across the street, across the fence.”

Dave Schaepe SXTA Technical Advisor :

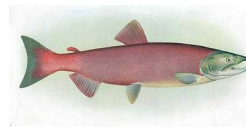
“My experience working in Chilliwack for 17 years is that I have had a lot of good relationships with staff, councils, FVRD, individual relationships and positive outcomes. With the rotation of staff it has come to a point that I am no longer known. Treaty is a long-term substantive relationship that

needs to go beyond this room, create an organizational/institutional relationship and developing mechanisms, guiding principles for those relationships as they grow.”

“I think it would be beneficial for us to engage on a more frequent basis, on a political and staff level. So we can keep up to date and don’t have to start the process over again.”

Grand Chief Joe Hall: *“That’s a great idea, it has to happen. It’s important for us to meet and we’d be more than happy to meet with council.”*

“Much of our hope for the future of our relationships with all our communities, is shared opportunities.”



**Submitted by
Brandee Hall, SXTA Outreach**


Update re: 5-Mile Fishery and the Yale Treaty



Stó:lō Nation and Stó:lō Tribal Council have been working together to protect the 5-mile canyon fishery for the continued use of all Stó:lō.

The Stó:lō respect Yale’s right to enter into a treaty however the 5-mile canyon fishery must not be exclusively owned by the Yale First Nation but instead remain available for all Stó:lō.

An injunction has been filed to prevent the loss of this important fishery as Yale’s proposed treaty implementation date is scheduled for April 2016.

The current Yale Council has been meeting and working with the Stó:lō to find a resolution. 



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Future Job Opportunities in Treaty!

Here are a few more universities with programs to offer various Aboriginal career possibilities.

When treaty is ratified, it will open up job opportunities in many different fields which can be obtained by our Xwexwilmexw citizens. Talk to a career advisor to get pointed in the right direction!



Nicola Valley Institute of Technology – 2 campus's: Burnaby & Merritt.

Aboriginal Programs offered:

- ◆ *Aboriginal Human Services*
- ◆ *Academic Studies*
- ◆ *Arts in First Nations Studies*
- ◆ *Access to Practical Nursing*
- ◆ *Associate of Arts - Criminology*
- ◆ *Associate of Arts - First Nations Studies*
- ◆ *Associate of Arts - General Arts*
- ◆ *Bachelor of Social Work*
- ◆ *BC Adult Graduation*
- ◆ *Bridging to Trades*
- ◆ *Business Administration*
- ◆ *Chemical Addictions Worker (Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma)*
- ◆ *Community Development & Administration*
- ◆ *Community and Health Development*
- ◆ *Community Economic Development*
- ◆ *Early Childhood Education*

- ◆ *Education Coordinator Program*
- ◆ *Environmental Resources Technician*
- ◆ *Environmental Resource Technology*
- ◆ *First Nation Public Administration*
- ◆ *First Nations Speech/Language Assistant*
- ◆ *Foundational Skills in Counselling*
- ◆ *Health Care Assistant*
- ◆ *Indigenous Language*
- ◆ *Law Enforcement Preparatory*
- ◆ *Native Adult Instructors*
- ◆ *Office*
- ◆ *Tourism Management*
- ◆ *Understanding Disabilities in Human Services*

Please see the NVIT website for more information: www.nvit.ca



Career Opportunities with the Aboriginal Studies program offered at **Langara College located in Vancouver.**

Aboriginal Studies graduates meet the demand for educated, well-rounded, skilled individuals who are a benefit to any Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal organization.

Career opportunities for Aboriginal Studies graduates are numerous, in fields such as:

- ◆ *Community Development*
- ◆ *Education*
- ◆ *Health Care*

- ◆ *Law*
- ◆ *Media*
- ◆ *Politics*
- ◆ *Resource-based Industries*
- ◆ *Social Work*



The objectives of the Aboriginal Studies Program are to:

- ⇒ *offer maximum options for its graduates in terms of direct employment and further post-secondary study.*
- ⇒ *provide each student with a thorough understanding of the historic and current circumstances of Aboriginal life in Canada and abroad.*
- ⇒ *develop analytical, critical thinking and communication skills.*

Upon completion of the Aboriginal Studies Program students are well-versed in the complex issues that continue to affect Aboriginal peoples.

Students will have developed the skills and ability to thoroughly analyze and apply their historical and contemporary knowledge of Aboriginal peoples to all of their future endeavors.

Please see the Langara website for more information: www.langara.bc.ca



**Submitted by
Emily Kelly, SXTA Outreach**





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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—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 Sandy McDonald



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

YOU ARE INVITED to join us on our
“Downriver” SXTA Placenames Tour
sponsored by the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw
Treaty Outreach Program. Lunch &
snacks provided.

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

This full day tour begins at 8:00 a.m. in
front of Stó:lō Nation Building #1 at
Kwikw'alith'a (Coqualeetza) located in
Sardis at 7201 Vedder Road.

The tour starts at Kwikw'alith'a and we
will go through local First Nations areas
(Skowkale, Yakweakwioose, and
Tzeachten) and our first stop will be at
Cultus Lake, then back through Yarrow to
McDonald Park near Sumas River
Dyke. Then we head to the Big Rock
“Méqsel” (“nose” pictured above) in
Aldergrove Park and then onto Mission,
B.C. We will drive by St. Mary's
(Peqwxeyles) and then stop at Xá:ytem
for a brief tour.

We have lunch at the Leq'á:mél First
Nation gym. Then over to Harrison and
take a short walk to the hot springs. We
head back through Agassiz and return to
Kwikw'alith'a (Coqualeetza) around 4pm.

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change.

SXTA Downriver Place Names Tour

**Albert (Sonny)McHalsie -
Naxaxalhts'i**

Cultural Advisor on the Stó:lō
Xwexwilmexw Treaty Assn
Negotiating Team
Narrator for
SXTA sponsored Tours

If you have any questions on the
Saturday SXTA tours
Please call: 604-824-5315



THE NARRATED TOUR - September 12, 2015

Enjoy the majestic mountains and waterways of the **Lower Fraser Valley** on our new tour departing from **Chilliwack** destined for the scenic route through **Cultus Lake, Abbotsford, Mission, and Harrison Hot Springs, 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 Halq'eméylem 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”. Hear about **Kwikw'alith'a**, **Sq'ewqéyl**, **Ch'iyáqtel**, **Th'ewá:li** and **Swilhcha**; special stops of interests include Cultus Lake home of a **T'lteqo Spá:th** (underwater bear); hear about the Barrowtown Pump Station and the draining of **Semá:th** Lake; visit **Xá:ytem** — explore Sto:lo history, culture and archaeology; learn about **Xexá:ls** transformations like **Méqsel** (pictured above), **Xá:ytem**, **Tixwelátsa**, **Qwél:es**, and **Chítmexw**; hear about the **st'áleqem** or spiritual beings.

Learn the Halq'eméylem place names including the original names of **Qoqó:lem** for Vedder Mountain, **Teq'qéyex** for Sumas Mountain, and **Xweqw'eyiqw** for Echo Island, and many more **Halq'eméylem** Place Names.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by Sep 4th (for catering purposes and LIMITED SEATING)

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

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