



# Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association UPDATE

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

## What is the SXTA Treaty? Youth DVD

The SXTA Outreach Team and Bear Image Productions created an informational youth DVD on treaty.

If you want to know what our SXTA treaty is all about watch this DVD! (visit our website or contact us). The cast was Grand Chief Steven Point (Skowkale), Brayden Jimmie (Yakweakwioose/Squiala), Tayler Ritchie (Tzeachten), Samantha Pederson (Tzeachten), Colin Point (Skowkale), Mr. Servatius (Sardis Secondary School), and our Treaty Negotiating Team (TNT)! Many thanks to the "extras" involved as well!

In this video the students are given an assignment to research the SXTA (Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association) Treaty, the BC Treaty Process and the benefits of being in treaty.

We feel that information coming from a youth's point of view will help not only our youth, who are our future, to understand the importance of why we are in the treaty process, but to help our community members as well. Understanding the treaty and the benefits is important as it effects our children and grandchildren for 7 generations to come.

Get involved, learn and have a say on what is in our treaty. ☀



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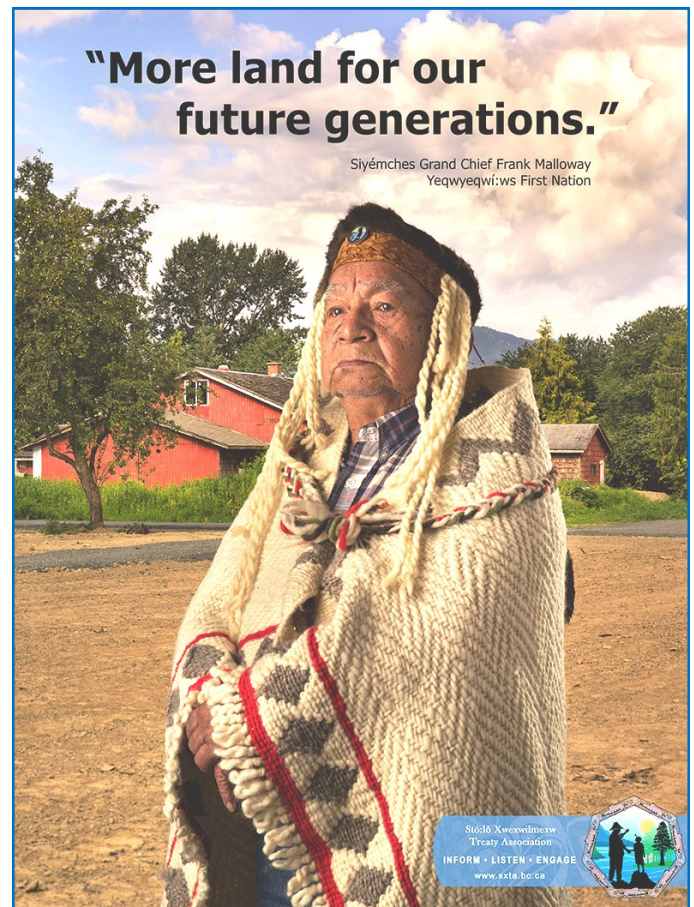
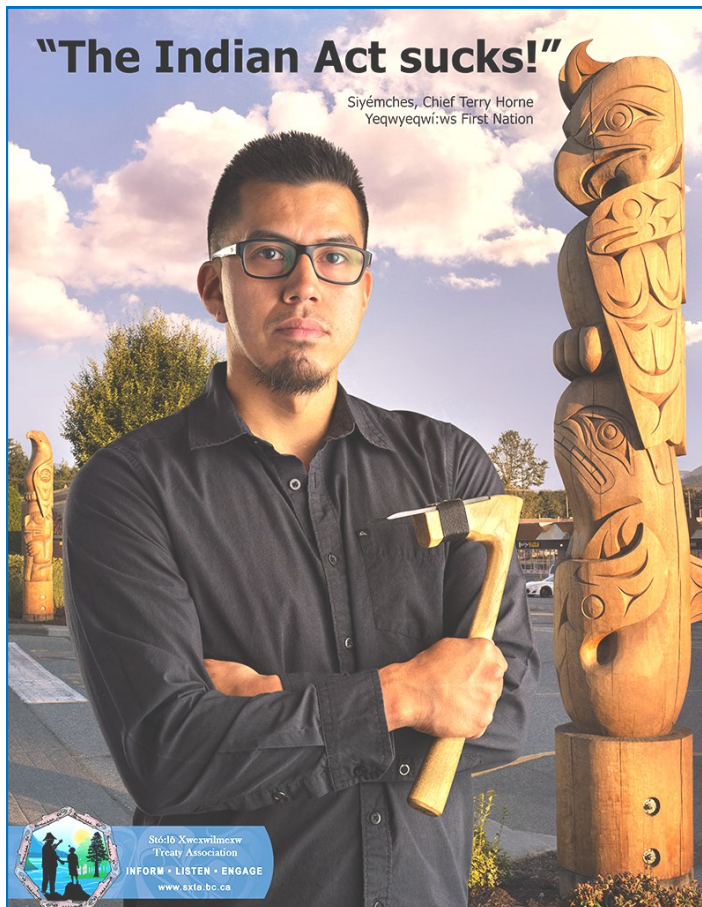
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The winner of our \$500 Walmart gift card quarterly draw in December 2016 was John Malloway! John is a Tzeachten member and he won the card by attending family KTG on treaty. Members who attend a kitchen table gathering (KTG), or a one-on-one with their community outreach liaison have their names entered into a draw for a gift card. Draws for gift cards are done every three months.

Contact us at [outreach@sxta.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@sxta.bc.ca) to book a KTG with your family or a one-on-one session!!

Next draw is March 31st, 2017!



These are our first two posters in our poster series featuring Chief Terry Horne and Grand Chief Frank Malloway. Copies will be available soon. Keep your eye out for our next 2 posters in the series!

## “What is...?”

By Emily Kelly,  
Outreach Liaison



### What is the BC Treaty Process?

The BC Treaty process is when one or more First Nations, the provincial and federal government enter land claim and self-government negotiations, which started in 1993, to resolve outstanding issues - including claims to un-extinguished Aboriginal rights and title - with British Columbia's First Nations.

### What is a treaty?

An constitutionally protected agreement made between (in this case) the provincial government, federal government and a first nation regarding land, self-governance, and aboriginal rights and title.

### What is Aboriginal Title?

An aboriginal property right to land.

### What are Aboriginal rights?

Aboriginal Rights – Practices, traditions and customs that expresses the difference of the unique culture of each First Nation and were practiced prior to European contact. These are rights that some Aboriginal peoples of Canada hold as a result of their ancestors' longstanding use and occupancy of the land. The rights of certain peoples to hunt, trap and fish on ancestral lands are examples of Aboriginal rights. Aboriginal rights

vary from group to group depending on the customs, practices and traditions that have formed part of their distinctive cultures. Aboriginal rights are protected under s.35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

### What is Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution?

Section 35 – of the Constitution Act, 1982 states that aboriginal rights and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed and makes it clear that treaty rights include rights that now exist by way of land claim agreements or that may be so acquired. Section 35 is important because it gives protection from the highest law in Canada.

### What is self-government?

Self-government is the right to govern our own affairs and to take responsibility and control over decision responsibility and control over decision making that affects their communities. Self-government in the treaty will address: the structure and accountability of our treaty government; our law-making powers; financial arrangements and our responsibilities for providing programs and services to their members.

### What is the Indian Act?

A Canadian Federal Law which governs our lives

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including Indian status, Indian bands, and Indian reserves.

Stats on Nations in advanced negotiations or are implementing treaty under the BC Treaty Process ([www.BCtreaty.ca](http://www.BCtreaty.ca))

### First Nations implementing modern treaties [4]

1) Maa-nulth First Nations [Huu-ay-aht, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h', Toquaht, Uchucklesaht and Yuuulitath]

2) Tla'amin Nation

3) Tsawwassen First Nation

4) Yale First Nation [Ratified final agreement; but the implementation/effective date has been postponed]

### First Nations in Stage 5 Final Agreement Negotiations [7]

1) In-SHUCK-ch Nation

2) K'ómoks First Nation

3) Lheidli T'enneh First Nation [second ratification vote]

4) Te'mexw Treaty Association

5) Tsimshian First Nations [Kitselas and Kitsumkalum]

6) Wuikinuxv Nation

7) Yekooche First Nation

### First Nations in advanced Agreement-in-Principle (AiP) negotiations [9]

1) Ditidaht and Pacheedaht First Nations

2) Gwa'Sala"Nakwaxda'xw Nation [land and cash offer]

3) Katzie First Nation [second AiP vote]

4) Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council [land and cash offer]

5) Namgis Nation [initialled AiP; membership voted not to accept]

6) Northern Shuswap Tribal Council [AIP approved by NStQ; Canada and BC approvals pending]

7) Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

8) Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations [initialled AiP; membership voted not to accept]

9) Tsimshian First Nations [Metlakatla] 





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## The next SXTA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP is scheduled for May, 2017



## CHILLIWACK RIVER VALLEY TOUR – May 27, 2017

### THE NARRATED TOUR

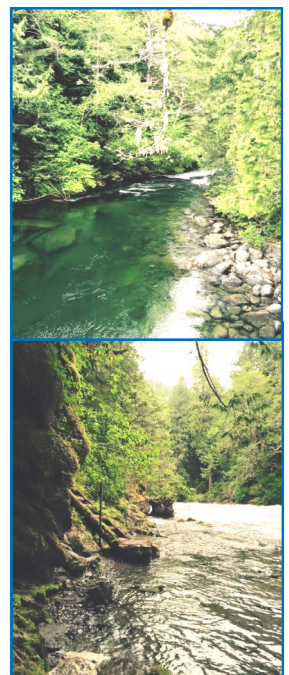
Enjoy this new tour of the **Chilliwack River Valley** departing from the **Ts'elxweyeqw** Tribe destined for scenic **Chilliwack Lake, B.C.**

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; **Iy'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.



***Our next tour will be in the Chilliwack River Valley on Saturday, May 27, 2017.***

***Contact Emily Kelly @ 604-824-5315 (Emily.Kelly@stolonation.bc.ca) to reserve your spot!***



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

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