



# Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

# UPDATE

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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Temthéqi "Sockeye salmon time"



## The SXTA 2nd Annual Gathering held in Leq'á:mél

This year's SXTA 2nd Annual Gathering was hosted by Leq'a:mel First Nation. With just over 100 in attendance throughout the day everyone enjoyed a day of food, fun and learning!

Councillor Shawn Gabriel welcomed all those in attendance to Leq'a:mel and shared a few opening remarks.

MC Theresa Warbus did a great job once again and even sang a few songs for us.

Grand Chief Steven Point opted to have everyone sit in a circle as he talked about "Why Treaty?" He emphasized that since Vancouver is expanding this way and more people are coming from other countries we need to get land now through a treaty, if we wait too long, we are not going to have too much to get back.

Chief Terry Horne followed with "The Benefits of Treaty for our Future Generations." Chief Horne also believes it is important that we move forward with treaty to gain more land providing for our future generations for the next 100 years.

This year's booths included: Cedar; Weaving; Carving; Drum Painting; Beading;

Slahal; Seabird College; Coqualeetza Centre; Leq'a:mel First Nation; Outreach; "Let's Talk Treaty"; and Surveys.

We had our "Passport" Prize activity again along with some great door prizes including gifts cards and a BBQ and a 49" Flat Screen TV for all those who registered.

More entertainment included: Grand Chief Steven Point on guitar; David Kentworthy with a few slahal songs and Patrick Kelly aka "Hope from Status Krew". Our delicious lunch was catered by Betty Paul. The kids had fun with the Bounce Castle, Face Painter, Balloon Twister; Conk the Crow and Gone Fishin' games.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers, Leq'a:mel hosts and staff, resource people, and all those who came out to participate!



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# Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Main Table Update

There has been discussion at the Main Table around Incremental Treaty Agreements (ITAs), which will be part of the agenda for the SXTA Land Use Plan Committee.

There has been a lot of pressure from the BC treaty tables who have been negotiating for decades and now need something to show for it such as ITAs.

More research will be done on what would be most beneficial for our treaty. We also need to see what others have

done in order to identify the pros and cons of this type of agreement.

We need to decide if this would be an overall benefit after considering all aspects surrounding the area in terms of legal costs, consultation of all stakeholders, existing partnerships etc.

**Definition: Incremental Treaty Agreements (ITAs)** allow First Nations and the Province to enjoy shared benefits in advance of a Final Agreement (Stage 6 of the Treaty Process).

An ITA is a legally-binding pre-treaty agreement negotiated, under a B.C. generated process, by the Province and First Nation(s) at a treaty negotiation table. ITAs build trust among the parties, create incentives to reach further milestones and provide increased certainty over land and resources.

An ITA is not a replacement for treaty. Rather, it advances treaty-related benefits for the First Nations and the Province prior to a Final Agreement.





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**CALLING ALL  
SXTA  
MEMBERS!**





**WE WANT  
YOUR  
INPUT!**

Sign up to participate in the surveys, by visiting [sxta.bc.ca/surveys](http://sxta.bc.ca/surveys)

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



\*To be eligible to win the prize, surveys must include name, contact information, and must be completed in full.



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**DOOR PRIZES!**

**COMMUNITY  
WORKSHOPS**

**Coming Soon!**

Share your thoughts and ideas about SXTA Treaty, Administration & Programs, & Human Resource Needs at an upcoming community workshop.

Dates to be announced, watch for UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS and dates on the SXTA Facebook page and on [SXTA.BC.CA](http://SXTA.BC.CA)

For more information, contact your SXTA Outreach Liaisons at: [outreach@sxta.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@sxta.bc.ca) or toll free at 1-877-924-2420.





# Importance of Voting

Treaty ratification—the process of voting for the treaty—is a moment of community decision-making about self-government and recognition of constitutionally protected collective rights to lands and resources. The participation of every community member is ideal.

The ratification process requires that all eligible members of a First Nation, living on- and off-reserve, be identified and have the opportunity to enroll in order to vote.

The ratification threshold is designed to involve a high number of voters. Some Nations may choose to set a higher threshold for their votes.

Why have a high threshold for treaty ratification? It is essential to demonstrate clear evidence of the collective will of all the voters.

- ◆ Enrolling to vote comes with a responsibility to show up on vote day.
- ◆ Reminder that voting is an opportunity to voice their vision for the future.

*Excerpts from [www.bctreaty.ca](http://www.bctreaty.ca)—Ratification Guide First Edition*

*Submitted by Emily Kelly,  
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## Importance of Youth Voting

Young voters often neglect the importance of voting, but their voice is an important one.

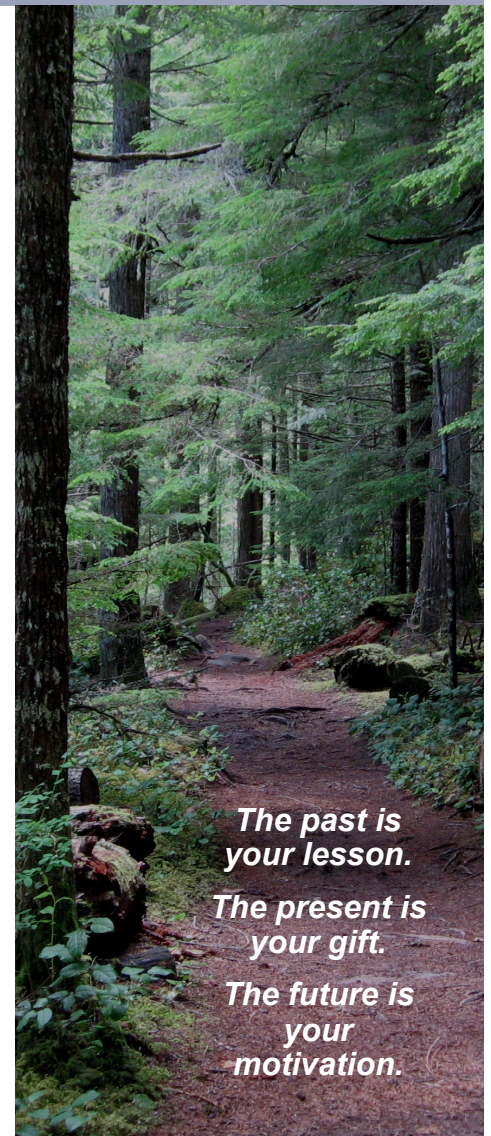
Key issues in every vote increasingly relate to the concerns of youth. It is essential for youth members to educate themselves on the issues and to vote.

Young people make up a large portion of the voting-eligible population but they are much less likely to vote than those who are older. This is a missed opportunity for youth to affect change in their communities.

Many young people say they feel as if their vote doesn't count. Every vote counts. Youth voters who want to inspire change need to show their support and vote for what they feel best represents their needs.

**In today's tech-savvy world not knowing enough about the issues is not an excuse for not voting. Young voters can learn all about the issues in a medium that they are comfortable with.**

You can find information at [www.sxta.bc.ca](http://www.sxta.bc.ca) and [www.bctreaty.ca](http://www.bctreaty.ca)





## Upcoming Events

### Upriver (Yale) Place Names Tour: Saturday, September 23, 2017

*Enjoy the majestic mountains and waterways of the Upper Fraser Valley on a tour departing from Chilliwack destined for the scenic Fraser Canyon above historic Yale 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 -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 Sxwōxwi-*

*yám 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 the fishing rock known as Kw’ikw’iyá:la (Coquihalla); the pool of origin for the sacred sxwó:yxwey mask; hear about the s’ó:lmexw or “waterbabies” and the mimestiyexw or the “little people” of the forest; see the remains of a sqémél (pithouse: or in Chinook “keekwillie”) last used in the 1880’s; and see where Xexá:ls the transformers left scratch marks at a place where he did battle with Xéylxelamós, an Indian Doctor; hear about the stl’álegem or spiritual beings.*

*Learn up to 120 Halq’eméylem place names including the original names of Lhílheqey: Mt. Cheam, Ts’qó:ls: Hope, Xwoxwelá:lhp: Yale, and Xéylxelamós: Lady Franklin Rock, and many other Halq’eméylem Place Names.*

*Lunch is included so please pre-register.*

**For catering purposes please pre-register by September 15, 2017**  
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