

## Upcoming Events



### Downriver Place Names Tour: Saturday, July 15, 2017

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. 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 Sqwélqel, and learn about the unique relationship the Stó:lō maintain with their environment



through their Shxweli, 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’líteqo Spá:th (underwater bear); hear about the draining of Semá:th Lake; visit Xá:ytem — explore Stó:lō history, culture and archaeology; learn about Xexá:ls transformations like Méqsel, Xá:ytem, and Tixwelátsa; hear about the stl’áleqem or spiritual beings. Learn the Halq’eméylem place names including the original names Te-q’qéyex for Sumas Mountain, and Xweqw’eyíqw for Echo Island, and many more Halq’eméylem Place Names.

**For catering purposes please pre-register by July 7, 2017**

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

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<b>Councillors:</b> Leona Sam Gordon George John George	<b>Councillors:</b> Shawn Gabriel Daniel Kelly Justin Laslo Barb Leggat Sandy McDonald Darrell McKamey	<b>Councillors:</b> Deb Schneider	<b>Councillors:</b> Dustin Hall Derek Hansom Darcy Paul Tiffany Silver	<b>Councillors:</b> Nikki LaRock Jason Malloway  <b>Hereditary Chief</b> Elaine Malloway (August 2016)	<b>Councillors:</b> Cathy Hall Mel Williams Jr. Loren Muth Ken Malloway

**SXTA Outreach**  
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## 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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Temq’óq’ó “High water time”



### The SXTA Workshop May 10-11, 2017

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The SXTA leadership met to discuss the incremental treaty agreement, governance structure and assets, and the treaty related measures projects (TRM). Some of the questions our leaders were asked included:

- What are your ideas for development/use that may be identified in an incremental treaty agreement?
- Who could the SXTA potentially partner or collaborate with in economic development opportunities?
- What type of entity should the SXTA create for economic development and land use opportunities?
- What programs and services does your band currently offer and how is it funded?
- What programs and services should be created by the SXTA, and how will they be funded?
- How should programs and services be administered/provided by the SXTA?
- What is the vision of program service/delivery?
- What are your current in house/community specializations?
- What are the priorities within the transition plan to effective date?



### SXTA Appoint New Political Advisor

Welcome to the negotiating team Chief Horne! Following the retirement of Grand Chief Joe Hall, Chief Terry Horne of Yakweakwioose is the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association’s new Political Advisor.



## \$500 Walmart Gift Card Winner!



The \$500 Walmart Gift card winner is **Crisca Malloway** from Tzeachten First Nation! Crisca attended a family kitchen table gathering (KTG) and her name was entered into the Quarterly Prize Draw for a \$500 gift card!

To be entered into our next draw all you have to do is book a KTG or a one-on-one session with your community outreach liaison and get updated on our treaty! A kitchen table gathering is an update meeting with you and your family as well as your outreach liaison and if you want, we can invite a member of the treaty negotiating team, dinner will be provided. If you want to do a one-on-one we can take you out for coffee or for lunch!

Next \$500 gift card draw is June 30, 2017! Outreach contact information below:



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## Part 2 of 2: Additional Benefits of Treaty

Deloitte undertook an examination of the benefits of treaties and some of the challenges through a review of treaty implementation reports and interviews with leaders from nine First Nations. A summary of these accomplishments and benefits include:

**Capacity Building:** Developing leaders and deepening capabilities in all aspects of the community ranging from elected government officials and administrative personnel; business leaders and entrepreneurs; social and cultural leaders, etc. In some First Nations there is enhanced focus on succession management and developing leadership in youth.

**Lands and Land Use:** The clear responsibility for the management and stewardship of the urban and rural lands and the surrounding wilderness and habitat, including establishing the regulatory environment. This enables the First Nation to directly balance environmental and sustainability interests with economic development interests. In addition, First Nations with a modern treaty find that addressing community land use issues enables access to capital, thereby unlocking local economic potential.

**Economic Development:** Consistent with the economic model, First Nations with a modern treaty are able to set a positive business environment through local policy, investment in Nation-run businesses, funding or financing of small businesses, and support for major regional infrastructure, residential and commercial developments (e.g., highways, fiber optics communication, elec-

tric transmission, regional commercial and shopping centres, etc.), benefiting both First Nations and non-First Nations communities.

**Financial Sustainability:** Consistent with the economic model, the establishment of funds as a method of managing and sustaining the benefit and impact of capital transfers enables First Nation leaders to create a broader range of policy and funding options to enhance economic, social and cultural activities.

**Government to Government Relations:** The ability to engage different ministries, departments, levels of government and other governments (First Nations and non-First Nation) and agencies as an independent government where the Nations' policies and laws provide guidance and shape relations with other governments.

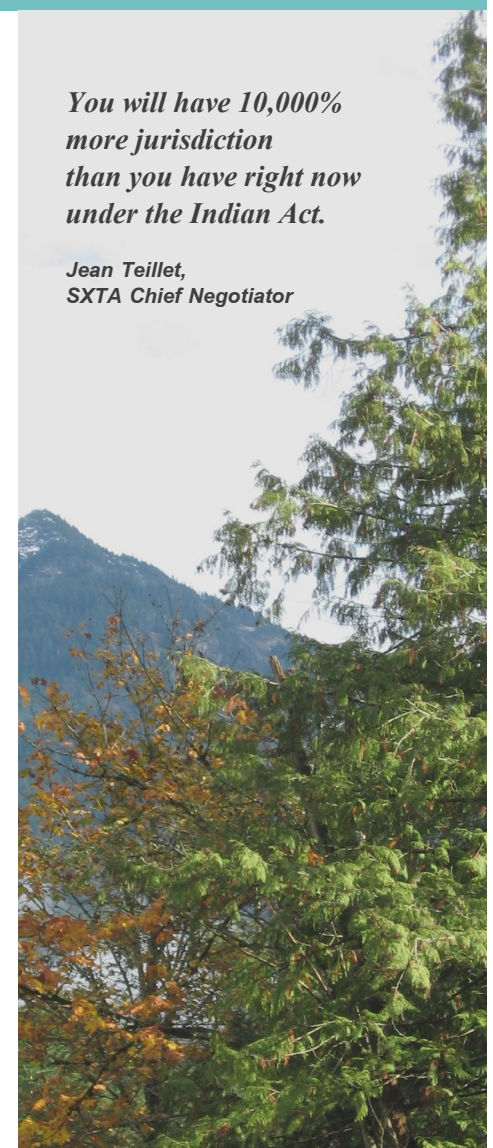
**Program and Services:** Block funding for programs and services, allowing First Nations to tailor programs and services according to priorities and values.

These findings are consistent with the published research that indicate policies that address social, cultural and land use issues – which modern treaties address – show better outcomes for First Nations people, and that self-government agreements and comprehensive land claim agreements (modern treaties) have a positive impact on CWB scores relative to other forms of agreements.

Submitted by Emily Kelly,  
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You will have 10,000% more jurisdiction than you have right now under the Indian Act.

Jean Teillet,  
SXTA Chief Negotiator



New findings show a 17% increase in the Health & Well-being among communities with modern Treaties.

Reminder!

AT Leq'á:mél Community Centre  
43101 Leq'á:mél Way, Deroche, BC

Location Change!

Great PRIZES!



Entertainment!



Games!



SXTA 2nd Annual Gathering

Saturday July 8th @ Leq'á:mél Community Centre: 11am–3pm  
Hosts: Leq'á:mél First Nation