

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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Megó:s "Fallen Snow Season"

Reaching a Major Milestone on Road to Self-Government



he SXTA (Sto:lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association) leadership has approved the Land/Capital Transfer, a crucial piece of the Agreement in Principle with the Province of British Columbia and Canada. The SXTA leadership will be going out to our communities over the coming months to outline what the Land/

in the context of completing Treaty negotia-All-SXTA Membership Information session was held on November 22, 2017 at Tzeachten Community Centre.

since submitting the proposal back in November 2013 following community engagement sessions over the past number of years.

With input from our membership, the SXTA leadership will vote on the Agreement in Prin-

The SXTA has been waiting for this piece of

the Agreement in Principle to be completed

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Capital Transfer is and what it means for us tions and achieving self-government. The first

The decision to approve the Land/Capital Transfer accelerates the Treaty process. Chief Terry Horne, Political Advi-

sor for the Treaty Negotiating Team (TNT) stated, "This is a big step forward. We have been working towards realizing our shared goals for over two decades. While we have a lot of work ahead of us, our path to self-government and a bright future for all our members is beginning to emerge."



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ciple sometime in the next year. This will pave the way to the preparation of our Constitution and Treaty.

The process of Treaty negotiation will conclude with a legally binding vote by the membership on whether to accept the Treaty or not.

We look forward to engaging our SXTA membership in the coming weeks, months and years in preparation for an informed vote on our Treaty.

Please watch for notices of upcoming all SXTA information sessions as well as sessions in your area.







ATTENTION ALL- SXTA MEMBERS

Capital Infrastructure

Treaty Related Measures
Session

JANUARY 9, 2018

Harrison Hot Springs Resort 100 Esplanade Ave, Harrison Hot Springs, BC 5pm—7pm

LAND/CAPITAL TRANSFER

Information Session

JANUARY 29, 2018

Leq'a:mel Community Centre 43101 Leq'a:mel Way Deorche, BC 5:30pm—8:30pm



ATTENTION ALL on and off reserve members of: Aitchelitz, Leq'á:mél, Skowkale, Yakweakwioose, Tzeachten and Skawahlook:

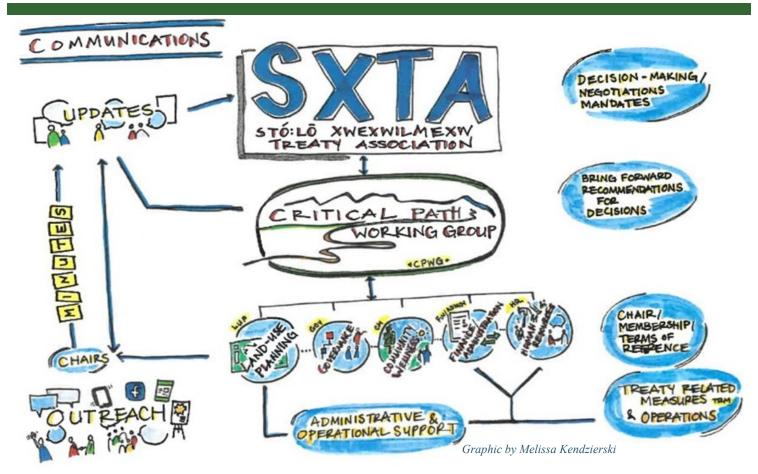
With the recent approval of the Lands and Capital Transfer piece of our Agreement in Principle, we have developed an information presentation for our membership, with the first all-SXTA membership session held on November 22nd at Tzeachten. (photos below). We will be scheduling more sessions in your area. See calendar below on left.

So keep an eye out over the coming months for our notifications and please come out and attend whichever session fits your schedule and location. (Note: we will be providing a meal and door prizes at each session).

Your input is needed! Let's talk treaty!







his is a visual of our internal organizational structure and how it flows.

The SXTA includes the Leadership of 6 Stó:lō First Nations (Aitchelitz, Leq'a:mel, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Tzeachten and Yakweakwioose), who are continuing the work of our ancestors for a better future for our children and our grandchildren for 100 years (7 generations). This body is the decision-making body for negotiations.

Critical Path Working Group's (CPWG) goal is to prepare for Treaty implementation. The CPWG will work back from the date treaty comes into effect to define our major milestones and needs as we plan for and manage the successful implementation of Treaty. The CPWG will make recommendations to the SXTA for negotiations.

The **Sub-committees** are defined subgroups that will add detail to the development and implementation of the Critical Path Working Group (CPWG) plan. (Sub-Committees: Land Use Planning; Governance; Community Wellness; Finance/

Administration; Human Resources).

The **Chair** of each of these groups provide updates at SXTA workshops on work that has been discussed and recommended.

We have **Administrative and Operational Support** for all areas involved in the SXTA work.

The **Outreach team**, along with the TNT, develops SXTA Treaty information materials to distribute to our membership as well as gather questions, comments and feedback for the TNT which assists with their negotiations. The team produces the bimonthly newsletter and various information pamphlets; organizes Kitchen Table Gatherings (KTGs), the annual Youth Forums and community meetings providing workshop development and facilitation assistance; sets up Place Names Tours, etc.

Treaty Related Measures (TRMs) are a type of Interim Measure (IM) that is tied directly to treaty topics under negotiation -

they are designed to facilitate treaty negotiations and bring certainty and economic resource development to First Nations and neighboring local economies. TRMs are temporary arrangements negotiated within the treaty process, and may or may not become part of a treaty when it takes effect.

TRMs are designed to resolve matters on an interim basis and to facilitate negotiations.

Examples of TRMs include:

- Studies to generate information that will expedite treaty negotiations;
- Protection of Crown land for treaty settlements;
- Land acquisition for treaty settlements;
- First Nation participation in land, resource and park planning and management; and economic and cultural opportunities.

Source: <u>https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/</u> eng/1100100016437/1100100016438

> Submitted by Emily Kelly, SXTA Outreach



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Treaty Related Measures Sessions



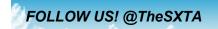




Above: Treaty Information Sessions for our SXTA off-reserve members. Top: Executive Inn, Burnaby, BC. Bottom: Angel of the Winds Resort session for our members living in the USA. Above left: Ronald Morris, Leq'a:mel member, was a multiple door prize and loonie auction winner of a galaxy tablet, \$50 gift card and Skullcandy headphones.













Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA)—Leadership

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