



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association UPDATE

S'ólh témexw te
ikw'elò. Xólhmet te
mekw'stám it kwelát.

This is our land.
We have to take care
of everything that
belongs to us.



Chief Derek Epp jump-started the fun at the Tzeachten Sports Field during National Indigenous Peoples Day and Christie Purcell sang to welcome the crowds.

Groundbreaking changes to our Treaty

Our treaty has changed remarkably in the last few months thanks to the strength of our negotiating team and to changes in the Federal and Provincial governments' way of thinking about treaties. In short, they have agreed to these groundbreaking points:

- That Stó:lō Aboriginal rights and title form the basis of the treaty and that these rights and title will not be extinguished.
- The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) will be incorporated into the treaty.
- That the treaty will be adaptable and changeable over time. This will not be a full and final agreement.
- That all further negotiations will be loan free. The intention is that all past loans will be forgiven as well,

but we are waiting for full confirmation on this detail.

Now we are in the process of rewriting documents and our federal and provincial counterparts are in the process of clearing away any procedural barriers in this first-of-its kind treaty.

Chief negotiator Jean Teillet says this window of time is precious and that we need to hold governments' feet to the fire, especially on the non-extinguishment clause. "It's never been done before anywhere in the world and if we succeed this treaty will be a model for all other treaties in the future!"



Members of the Leq'a:mel team: Councillor Sandy McDonald, Councillor Daniel Kelly, Councillor James Paterson and Chief Alice Thompson at the SXTA Workshop in June, 2018.



A Special Advisor
Grand Chief Steven Point has recently joined our team as Special Advisor to the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association.

Moving to Stage 5: No More Need for an Agreement-in-Principle

One huge change in the treaty, thanks in part to the Federal and Provincial government's new way of thinking is that we will no longer be signing an agreement-in-principle. This type of document doesn't reflect the new philosophy, nor is it consistent with UNDRIP. Instead we will celebrate at the Annual Gathering in October with three new documents that move us into Stage 5:

- 1. Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association Stage 5 Treaty Negotiations Memorandum of Understanding:** To be signed by SXTA Chiefs, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Canada Carolyn Bennett and Provincial Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser. This document will outline the commitment to enter into Stage 5 without the AIP.

- 2. Chief Negotiator's Letter of Understanding:** This document commits the negotiators to this new understanding of the process and locks federal and provincial governments in the event of a change in government.
- 3. Amendment to SXTA, Canada and BC AIP Land and Capital Transfer Proposal:** The Land and Capital Transfer document contains language that refers to the signing of the AIP. The amendment corrects this out-of-date terminology.

Celebrate this milestone with us on October 12! The party starts at 5:00pm with dinner, games and ceremony. Location TBA, but mark the date and watch for more details in the September newsletter!

Learn more at our Community Treaty Updates!

Come hear Grand Chief Steven Point and Chief Terry Horne talk about the latest news at one of three community meetings:

- July 9 – Building 10 at Stó:lō Nation (Coqualeezta)
- July 19 – Sq'ewá:lxw (Skawahlook) Hall
- July 30 – Leq'á:mel Hall

All events start at 5:30 pm. Join us for dinner and an update on your treaty!

Transportation available upon request only if booked 3 days in advance @ outreach@sxta.bc.ca.

SAVE THE DATE

for the Annual Gathering/Moving to Stage 5 Celebration!

October 12th
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: TBA

Dinner, games, prizes, ceremony around this milestone in our treaty!

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) Representatives

Áthelets, (Aitchelitz) – Chief Angie Bailey / Councillors - Leona Sam, Gordon George, John George

Leq'á:mel, (Leq'mél) – Chief Alice Thompson / Councillors – Darrell McKamey, Daniel Kelly, Sandy McDonald, Camielle Laslo, James Paterson, Dawn Styran

Sq'ewá:lxw, (Skawahlook) – Chief Maureen Chapman / Councillors – Debra Schneider

Sq'ewqéyl, (Skowkale) – Chief Mark Point / Councillors – Dustin Hall, Derek Hansom, Tiffany Silver, Darcy Point

Yeqwyeqwi:ws, (Yakweakioose) – Grand Chief Frank Malloway, Chief Terry Horne / Councillors – Nikki LaRock, Jason Malloway

Ch'iyáqtel, (Tzeachten) – Chief Derek Epp / Councillors – Cathy Hall, Melvin Williams Jr., Loren Muth, Ken Malloway

Do you have questions about treaty?

Bear Image wants your questions for a video they are making that will include the answers!

Contact outreach@sxta.bc.ca and we will connect you up!



Sq'ewá:lxw Councillor Debra Schneider at Indigenous Peoples Day in Tzeachten.



LOVE TAKING PHOTOS? VIDEOS? Getting out and about in the community?

Contact SXTA Outreach for more information about job or other opportunities!

outreach@sxta.bc.ca

Introduction to Heather Ramsay – General Manager Treaty Outreach and Communications

Heather Ramsay has over 20 years of experience as a communications professional. She recently relocated to Chilliwack from Haida Gwaii, where she worked as the communications officer for Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. This site is cooperatively managed by the Haida Nation and Parks Canada. In the Lower Mainland, she recently worked for Fort Langley National Historic Site as a Promotions and Marketing officer and while there she collaborated with the Kwantlen Nation on different projects.

She has also worked for the Dean of the College of Arts at the University of the Fraser Valley and as a community reporter in print and radio; newsletter editor; video production manager; web content developer; social media coordinator; event organizer; book writer and more.



Thank you to Tzeachten Councillor Cathy Hall (pictured here with Yeqwyeqwi:ws Councillor Nicole LaRock) for all her years of service to the SXTA Outreach team! Congratulations on your retirement!



Áthelets Councillor John George at the June SXTA Workshop.



Tzeachten Councillor Melvin Williams Jr. and Yeqwyeqwi:ws Chief Terry Home at the June SXTA Workshop.



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STÓ:LŌ XWEXWILMEXW TREATY ASSOCIATION

TREATY PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the treaty is to move the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw into a new nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship based on the following principles:

CORNERSTONES

1. Stó:lō Aboriginal rights and title form the basis of the treaty. Those rights and title will not be extinguished. ✓
2. The Treaty will be adaptable, renewable and changeable over time and will not be a full and final settlement. ✓
3. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be incorporated into our Treaty. ✓
4. (a) Past loans for negotiating Treaty, will be forgiven.
(b) As of 2018, all further negotiations will be loan free. ✓

SELF-RELIANCE

5. We will add a minimum of 24,463.43 acres of land, to our existing land, for which we will have full control and lawmaking powers. Nothing will happen on those lands without our full consent. ✓
6. (a) \$150 million, as a minimum, will be transferred to us as a lump sum payment. ✓
(b) There will also be a land acquisition fund, additional annual transfer payments for programs and services, and funding for self-government.

SELF-GOVERNANCE

7. We will govern ourselves under our own Chillangin (Constitution) and laws through our National and Village governments. We will no longer be governed by the Indian Act. ✓
8. All existing benefits (e.g. health, social security, and pensions) will continue. We will have law-making authority over health and social services, including children and families. ✓

9. Taxes: For our members:

- i. We will retain existing tax exemptions.
- ii. Members will not pay property tax on treaty lands.

Taxes paid by others:

- iii. Income tax and property tax paid by non-members on Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw lands will come back to our government.
 - iv. Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid at businesses on Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw lands will come back to our government. ✓
10. We will maintain control over our own membership. Villages that have established their own membership codes will maintain control of those codes. Registration of status will continue if you are eligible. ✓

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

11. We will enhance our Halq'eméylem language, and protect our Stó:lō culture and heritage, including spiritual sites, and access for practices. ✓
12. (a) We will maintain and enhance hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, and
(b) will have shared decision-making over the use of land resources, including revenue-sharing, outside of treaty lands and within S'ólh Téméxw.
13. We will protect our right to fish, our fishing sites, access to our fishing sites, fish habitat, and our fishing traditions.

FUTURE GENERATIONS

14. Our Treaty will be a living tree for our Tomíyeqw. ✓

¹All items with a ✓ already have been negotiated and agreed upon by Canada, British Columbia, and the SXTA as of June 2018.

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