



# 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.

## SXTA is in Stage 5 of the BC Treaty Process



From left: Chief Terry Horne, Minister Carolyn Bennett, Councillor Deb Schneider, Chief Maureen Chapman and Minister Scott Fraser along with other SXTA Chiefs and Councillors, treaty negotiating teams, members of the public and more participated in the Moving into Stage 5 MOU signing ceremony at Leq'á:mel Community Hall on Oct. 12, 2018.

**O**n October 12, 2018, SXTA chiefs from Áthelets, Leq'á:mel, Sq'ewá:lxw, Sq'ewqéyl, Ch'iyáqtel, and Yeqwyeqwí:ws sat with Canada's Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett and British Columbia's Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that moved the SXTA communities into Stage 5 of the six-stage BC Treaty Process.

“We are not signing a traditional agreement in principle, we are signing a Memorandum of Understanding that fast tracks us into the next stage of Treaty Negotiations.” Chief Terry Horne of Yeqwyeqwí:ws

“The treaty will allow us to govern ourselves and to showcase and display and demonstrate that we have the capacity to move forward and look after our community members.” Grand Chief Joe Hall, Ch'iyáqtel

“We are so used to saying things like full and final because that is what we had to deal with for the first 20 plus years of sitting at the table with Canada and British Columbia. It's been through the dedication and commitment and perseverance of the leadership at this table, the citizens of this nation and the negotiations team that have continued to hammer away for wanting a better life for all of our people in this country and this province.” Cheryl Casimer of the First Nations Summit

“This the first time such a memorandum has ever been signed. Developing a new type of agreement

called a core treaty.” British Columbia's Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser

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### **What does “Core Treaty” mean?**

Key elements, such as the constitutional relationship, self-government, land ownership, and jurisdiction would be set out in a constitutionally-protected core treaty. But administrative and operational policy matters, such as program delivery and government administration, would be included in supplementary agreements, which are more easily amended than current treaties. Some topics may be concluded at a later date, as part of a living document.



## Getting Youth Out on the Land . . . with Cameras

Over the summer several SXTA Youth were engaged in photography and videography projects with the aim of increasing their skills in these creative pursuits, and getting them out in S'ólh Téméxw.

Jen Archie from *Sq'ewqéyl*, Sky Malloway from *Yeqwyeqwi:ws* and Jamie Ritchie from *Ch'iyáqtel* worked with the SXTA Communications and Outreach team and Bear Image Productions on recording treaty update events in the communities; making videos about Treaty Settlement lands (watch for those on Social Media and our website); and making their

own videos about family, home and the future.

They travelled to Leq'á:mel, Foley Lake, Mt. McGuire, Tamihi and the Coqualeezta grounds working with Go-Pros; video cameras and more to gather footage.

We hope to continue this work with our youth and are looking for others interested in reporting, podcasting, videography and photography.

**Stay tuned for more details or  
contact us at  
[outreach@sxta.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@sxta.bc.ca).**



## Congratulations Sq'ewá:lxw

We went to the Syéxw Chó:leqw Adventure Park Grand Opening on September 14. What a great event. Head out there with your kids and your bikes to ride the trails, have fun on the playground, find all the great carvings and enjoy the scenery. The park is just up Highway 7 past Ruby Creek Art Gallery at Sq'ewá:lxw.

## Expert tables

SXTA is coordinating a series of Stó:lō community expert roundtables around topics that are still under negotiations in our treaty. The goal is to achieve treaty rights that benefit all Sto:lo people. We have started with fishing and in the new year will be exploring such topics as:

- Education
- Hunting
- Administration/Governance
- Taxation
- Child Protection
- Justice
- Gaming
- Forestry/Plants





## Treaty Settlement Land videos

Little Tamihi, Maselpanik, Nicomen Deroche, Mt. McGuire, Upper Chilliwack River, Stave Lake/ Salisbury Lake, Skawahlook, Middle Chilliwack Valley; Foley Lake, Silver Tip. What do these all have in common? These areas make up the 24,468 acres in our Land and Capital Transfer Agreement. Over the summer Chiefs and Councillors joined the SXTA Treaty Operations and Outreach staff on field trips to these areas to discuss why these lands were chosen. The videos, prepared by Bear Image, will be up on our website, Facebook and The SXTA Youtube channel soon.

**Subscribe to our Youtube Channel and Like us on Facebook now so you don't miss out.**



*Left top and bottom: Action on Mt. McGuire. Right top: SXTA members in Skawahlook lands. Right bottom: Filming at Foley Lake.*

## Congratulations Leq'á:mel

A class set of 30 "Leq'a:mel, Our Land, Our People" books will be bar coded and housed with the teacher librarians at Mission Secondary School, Hatzic Middle School, Heritage Park and Fraserview Learning Centre.

"Our teacher librarians are an excellent group of educators who can inform Middle and High School teachers of this valuable resource. Furthermore, we will also have our Aboriginal Mentor Teachers report out at subsequent staff meetings regarding this incredible locally developed curriculum. They will incorporate this resource into their practice and share this resource with their colleagues."

*- Joseph Heaslip*

## Kw'as hó:y to Leq'á:mel for hosting the SXTA's 3rd Annual Gathering/ MOU Signing Ceremony!



*Pictured from left to right: Mae'xe" Chief Alice Thompson, Carolyn Schmor (Director of Student Services), Joseph Heaslip (District Principal), Rick McKamey (Mission School Board Trustee)*

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"We get to do this new work of incorporating the UNDRIP into this treaty . . . It is about Section 35 of the Constitution, but it is also about the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and how we build on the important work that was done 21 years ago in the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples." Canada's Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett


"[For me there are] two major points. Getting our land back. We are going to

increase our land holdings by over 1000%. It is not going to solve the land question but it brings us one step closer to having some sort of idea of how to solve that land question. The other one is getting away from the Indian Act . . . a 140-year-old piece of racist legislation that limits our people. . . We are Stò:lō; we are not Indians." Chief Terry Horne

"I wanted to acknowledge the citizens in this room, because it is through your resilience, your determination, who you are, to empower this work to happen." Celeste Haldane,

Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission

"We come to the table and negotiate . . . a lot of times we spend time and money in court and through direct action, but where do you usually end up? You end up at a table . . . finding solutions." Robert Phillips, First Nations Summit

"Even on the treaty Facebook page, it says stop this treaty. We can't give up anything. I say you haven't been going to these meetings. You don't know what you are talking about. It's changed." Elaine Malloway Hereditary Chief of Yeqwyeqwi:ws 



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

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