



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.



Constitution engagement on May 30, 2019 at Silver Reef Hotel in Ferndale, USA

What does self-government mean to me?

"We need to show the world that we have the ability to govern ourselves and develop the institutions that are going to deliver services to our community members."

Skw'omkw'emexw Grand Chief Joe Hall

Shxwelí is the basis of our Stó:lō worldview and means that everything is connected. This thought is in every aspect of our treaty and governance model.

My status: You will retain your status.

My benefits: Your benefits and services will remain the same. Our goal is that these benefits and services will improve over time.

My Aboriginal Rights: Our section 35 rights will be protected under the SXTA Treaty.

My identity: Our long-term, unique Stó:lō and tribal identities will continue to exist for many generations to come. Membership codes will be continue to be defined by Village Governments.

The Indian Act: This 150-year-old colonial legislation will no longer play a part in our lives.

What about housing: CP land holders will keep their land. Our new SXTA government will have more land, more money, and more opportunity to build houses that people can afford.

Let's talk self-government!

A national Constitution, strong Village Governments, a National Government and a land and cash offer are important cornerstones of our Treaty.

Here's what we've been asking members at our recent engagements:

1. Are you in favour of self-government?
Why?
2. What are your biggest concerns about a shift towards Stó:lō self-government and away from the *Indian Act*?



Here's what you said about treaty!

"What will all six bands in one government look like?"

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Government House (Híkw Lálém)

The Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Government House will consist of:

Decision-making bodies:

- Village Governments (Si:yá:m Lálém)
- The National Government (Yewá:l Si:yá:m Lálém)
- The Justice Council (ÁtéLálém)

Advisory bodies allow for others to have a voice in our governance system.

How will membership be determined? What about on the U.S. side?

The National Government and the Village Governments will define citizenship together. Villages will maintain control over their own membership codes and we will work together to find ways for all members to benefit from our new nation.

Where is the funding coming from?

- We will receive \$150 million upon implementation.
- Separate funds will come to purchase more land including fee simple lands.
- We will also receive annual transfer payments through funding agreements.

Are you in favour of self-government?

"I'm in favour for my kids!"

"Yes! It recognizes villages, nations and sovereignty."

TARGET: Constitution Vote in 2019!



Our Treaty by Jared Deck of Ch'iyaqtel includes these symbols: a canoe and paddles to signify working together, a blanket for governance, a basket to hold our knowledge and a spindle whorl and longhouse to represent the passing on of our culture.

Learn about the Constitution @ UPCOMING EVENTS

SXTA Family BBQ — Cultus Lake Main Beach

July 24 @ 5pm

Come for fun, games & prizes!

Dinner at 5:45 pm

Rescheduled Chilliwack

Area Community

Engagement —Tzeachten Hall

July 30 @ 5:30pm

Let's Talk Self-Government.

Dinner & door prizes.

SXTA Family BBQ — Kilby Campground

August 7 @ 5pm

Come for fun, games & prizes!

Dinner @ 5:45pm

Check out the Q & A videos on our website, or subscribe to our YouTube Channel and Like us on Facebook so you don't miss out on new videos!

Our Treaty Cornerstones

PRINCIPLES

Stó:lō Aboriginal rights and title form the basis of the treaty. Those rights and title will not be extinguished. ✓

- The Treaty is adaptable, renewable and changeable over time and is not a final settlement. ✓
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be incorporated into our Treaty. ✓
- (a) Past loans for negotiating Treaty will be forgiven. ✓
(b) As of 2018, all further negotiations are loan free. ✓

LAND and CASH

- 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. ✓
- (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.

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

For more about our Treaty go to: <http://sxta.bc.ca/treaty-negotiations/whats-in-our-treaty/>

What you need to know about our Constitution (Shxwelméxwelh)

The Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association has chosen Shxwelméxwelh — a Halq'eméylem word that means the Stó:lō way — as the word for our Constitution.

- We, the six villages of the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw, are ready to take control of our nation and do away with the Indian Act.
- Our Constitution is like the foundation upon which the house is built. It describes who we are, where we come from and what is important to us.
- Our Constitution reflects our Stó:lō worldview that everything is connected.
- Our Constitution defines how our new government will be structured.
- Our Constitution is required to proceed to self-government.
- Our Constitution is the highest Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw law and every other law must respect its principles.
- With our Constitution, current and future generations of Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw will be able to define their own destiny.

The SXTA would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Malloway family.

We are deeply saddened over the loss of our respected leader, *Siyémches*—Grand Chief Frank Malloway.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Youth!

Ages 17-25.

Apply for the \$1000

SXTA Bursary by writing an essay on self government.

Deadline is Sept. 13, 2019

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