



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 update with S.A.Y Lands (Skowkale, Aitchelitz, Yeqwyeqwi:ws) staff

DRAFT CONSTITUTION READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

"All nations have principles by which their citizens agree to be governed. When these are written down, the document is called a constitution."

Jean Teillet, SXTA Chief Negotiator

Shxwelméxwelh means the Stó:lō way and is our word for Constitution. Picture our Constitution as the posts of a longhouse that our six communities are building together.

Why do we need one?

- We are ready to take control of our own nation and do away with the Indian Act.
- The Constitution will be our highest law and will guide us as we make our own rules and solve our own problems.
- This document will lay out the division of powers between our National and Village Governments.
- It is the foundation for our new nation-to-nation relationship with Canada.
- Our Constitution is based on our teachings (s'í:wes), which continue to evolve and over the next several months we will be seeking member input into this document.

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Treaty Tour today!**

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SXTA AGM UPDATE

The Executive Board election results from the Annual General Meeting on Sept. 6. are: President: Chief Maureen Chapman of Skawahlook; Vice-President: Chief Angie Bailey of Aitchelitz; Secretary-Treasurer Chief Derek Epp of Tzeachten. The directors also requested that Leq'á:mel and Sq'ewqéyl put forward representatives to attend Executive meetings. Chief Terry Horne of Yeqwyeqwi:ws attends as political advisor.

Congratulations everyone!

Save
the
date!



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

4th Annual Gathering

November 2nd, 2019

11am-2pm

**Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation
58611A Lougheed Hwy in Agassiz**

**Food, Fun, Photo Booth, Entertainment,
Guest Speakers, \$500 draw and more!**

Stay tuned for more information....

Questions and Answers about treaty!

"Are we ready? Who will be qualified to run our government?"

- We governed ourselves long before colonial governments came along.
- Our right to govern ourselves has always existed. It has never been extinguished.
- We have already been asserting our jurisdiction, exercising our rights, and incorporating our teachings into our services.
- Our children are getting educated and we have already been moving away from the Indian Act in so many ways.

"Will we be able to make our own laws?"

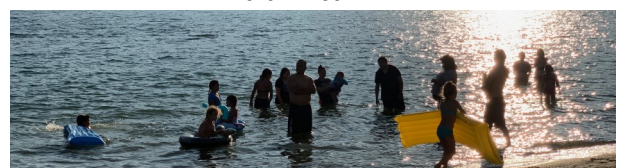
- YES! Our Constitution will be the highest law in our land, and with that to guide us, we will be able to make our own laws.
- Our legislation will not need federal and provincial government approval.
- When there are problems within our own systems, our independent House of Justice and our Ombudsperson will help clear up these disputes.

"We are afraid of change. What if we fail?"

- The Treaty opens the door to self government.
- Every government makes good decisions and some decisions that in hindsight could have been better. But that is not failure.
- No modern Treaty Nation in Canada has failed. Every nation is more successful than they were before—under the Indian Act.

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Proposed Treaty Lands — Nicomen/Deroche



“This land, to me, is very symbolic because this is where my family and my community grew up. This is a part of our core territory.”

Leq'á:mel Councillor James Paterson

WHY WERE NICOMEN/DEROCHE AREAS SELECTED? For economic development, residential opportunities and the protection of Deroche Creek and Deroche Creek watershed.

Check out the videos @ www.sxta.bc.ca/treaty-videos and learn about Foley Lake, Upper Chilliwack Valley, Maselpanik, Skawahlook Watershed, Tamihi and Mt. McGuire too.

Also 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 any news!

Stó:lō demanded changes! And won!

Our Stó:lō communities demanded changes and now it's official: As of September 6, 2019, non-extinguishment and Indigenous Rights Recognition are enshrined in federal and provincial government policy.

Rights recognition was always the intention of treaty negotiations. At the 1992 signing of the BC Treaty Commission Agreement, which established the BC treaty negotiations process, Squamish Chief Joe Mathias stated:

“Negotiations, in our view, will not be based on that tired old notion of extinguishment. We will not tolerate the extinguishment of our collective Aboriginal rights. Let us set that clear today.”

While some modern treaties are already being implemented in Canada, negotiating policies have been slow to fully embrace rights recognition. This new policy is unequivocal in rejecting extinguishment, and directs that

treaties not require full and final settlement. They will be living documents capable of evolution. The federal and provincial policies are now in-line with the original spirit and intent of the treaty negotiations. The policy also acknowledges that negotiations must be based in good faith, the honour of the Crown, and will respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Say hello to Theresa Warbus, our new Multimedia Coordinator. Theresa will be creating a podcast, which will be coming to your ear-waves soon!
Pictured here with Mike Kelly of Leq'á:mel and Sonny McHalsie, the SXTA cultural advisor.

CONSTITUTION COMMUNITY EVENTS

CONSTITUTION ENGAGEMENTS

Dinner, discussion & door prizes!

Vancouver – Marriott Downtown Suites

550 West Hastings

October 15, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Leq'á:mel Area – Leq'á:mel Gym

43101 Lougheed Highway, Deroche

October 23, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Chilliwack Area — Coast Chilliwack

45920 First Ave, Chilliwack

November 18, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Bellingham Area — Silver Reef Casino

4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA , USA

November 21, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

SXTA Movie Night—Edge of the Knife

November 27, 2019 @ 7:00 pm, Cottonwood Cinema

Set on the storm ravaged west coast this tale is told in the Haida language. With Treaty Shorts!

Treaty Community Tour — Tsawwassen (TBC)

November 30, 2019 @ 10 am — 5 pm

Hop on the bus and learn about the successes of BC's first modern urban treaty community. Also stop at Tsawwassen Mills mall to shop!

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Did you know?

No more treaty loans!

As of the 2019 budget, the federal government said that all past treaty loans will be forgiven and future negotiations will be fully funded.

Congrats Leq'á:mel on the opening of your gas station/donut shop/convenience store in Deroche!

The SXTA would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Lewis/Kelly family in

We are deeply saddened over the loss of our respected Matriarch, Susie Lewis

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA)—Leadership

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