



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association UPDATE

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

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



ANNUAL GATHERING 2019 AT SQ'EWÁ:LXW (SEE MORE PICS INSIDE)

HOW WOULD YOU VOTE ON OUR CONSTITUTION?

Voting on our Shxwelméxwelh/Constitution is the next major milestone on our path to treaty.

The Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw have chosen Shxwelméxwelh — which means the Stó:lō way — as the word for Constitution. Our communities will now be voting in November 2020 on the Shxwelméxwelh, and we want to hear what you would say if the vote was today. The vote will ensure our citizens:

- Understand and agree with our Shxwelméxwelh/Constitution.

- Support the groundwork our communities have created for our future self-governing nation.

This draft document has been developed by leaders with member input over many years. Leaders are seeking community input on the draft Shxwelméxwelh until March 15, 2020.

Contact outreach@sxta.bc.ca to have your say.

Please do our survey and questionnaire for two chances to win a \$200 gift card!

Go to www.sxta.bc.ca/constitution to click the links.

The SXTA's 4th Annual Gathering

On November 2, 2019, Sq'ewá:lxw hosted our 4th Annual Gathering. The day was filled with fun and entertainment such as: face painting, cedar crafting, photo booth, and professional portraits by Cecile Gambin. The Spindle Whorl Dance Group put on an amazing cultural dance for everyone as well. Grand Chief Joe Hall and Chief Terry Horne were our Keynote Speakers. We had a traditional meal that included moose meat, eulachans and smoked candied salmon. Our hands go up to everyone that made this day possible.



S'olh Letsemot "Our Way" versus Indian Act

	<i>Our Treaty</i>	<i>Under Indian Act</i>
Programs, services and education	Enhanced	Diminishing funding
Population	Increasing	Increasing
Land Base	Increasing 1000% with opportunity to purchase more. Ability to protect lands and resources for cultural purposes.	Existing reserves only. Difficult lengthy and costly process to transfer fee simple land into reserve land.
Status card	Maintain status card and all programs/services/benefits attached. Services enhanced through treaty.	Status card with declining benefits over time.
Our Aboriginal Rights and Title	Defined, protected and recognized under s.35 of the Canadian Constitution.	Uncertainty, unrecognized under s.35 of Canadian Constitution.
2 Blood Quantum	Our communities define who is eligible to be a citizen.	6(1), 6(2) clauses phase out status cards if members marry non-status.

at Sq'ewá:lxw 2019 was fun and inspiring



Learn more by watching our Indian Act Sucks video

“We were not allowed to form political groups or hire lawyers ... but why weren't we? “

Chelanne Roberts

The Indian Act Sucks video was filmed during our annual Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association Youth Gathering on April 12, 13, 14, 2019.

We switched up the gathering format and had youth stay with us for 2 nights! We did leadership workshops with Indigeneyez, held a mock vote and honored our youth through ceremony.

For the video, we were inspired by Siyémches Chief Terry Horne, who is known to say, “The Indian Act Sucks.” Hit play on this amazing content featuring our youth and elders!

Learn more about the Constitution and Treaty by booking a Family Dinner



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!

SXTA COMMUNITY EVENTS

CONSTITUTION ENGAGEMENTS

Come to discuss and give feedback!
Enjoy dinner & door prizes!

Leq'á:mel Area – Leq'á:mel Gym

43101 Lougheed Highway, Deroche
January 29, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Chilliwack Area — Location TBA

January 30, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Bellingham Area — TBA

February 6, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

UPCOMING YOUTH GATHERING

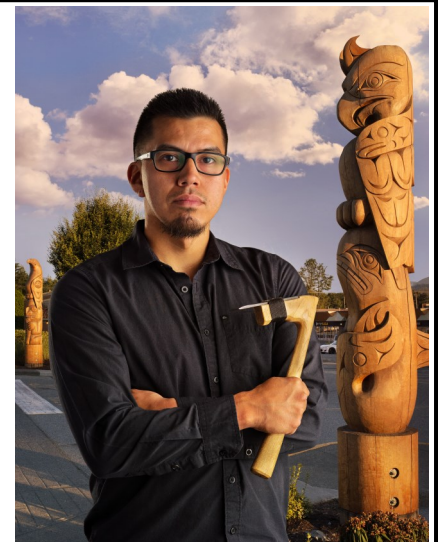
For our 2020 annual Youth Gathering, we are planning on taking the Youth somewhere VERY exciting to learn about life in Treaty. Youth won't want to miss this opportunity. Stay tuned!



Door-to-Door

The SXTA Team will be knocking on your doors in February and March 2020 to make sure that you've had a chance to look at the Constitution and have your say. If you are far away, we may have to phone or Skype with you, so please help us make sure we have your correct phone number and email by contacting us at outreach@sxta.bc.ca

Chief Terry Horne of Yeqwyeqwi:ws has been named Chief Treaty Negotiator. Congratulations!



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We would like to acknowledge the ancestral names recently given to our leaders.

Chief Angie Bailey
Lax-Wea

Councillor Deb Schneider
Tá:leyelhot

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA)

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