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Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

UPDATE

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

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



Siyémches Chief Terry Horne of Yeqwyeqwi:ws explores the land of the 5 Maa-nulth First Nations (left photo).
Weli'leq Chief Derek Epp of Ch'iyaqtel visits Nunatsiavut (right photo)

Learning from Other Self-Governments

The SXTA explores other self-governing First Nations

The SXTA has been visiting other self-governing nations to explore what life can look like after Treaty. Visiting these other self-governing nations gives the SXTA an opportunity to learn from other's mistakes, see how the health and well-being of the nations are doing, and gain beneficial insight regarding different self-governing topics. A broader insight into these nations helps the SXTA plan for future in treaty accordingly. Communities visited so far are: Nunatsiavut in Labrador and

the 5 Maa-nulth treaty nations on located on the west coast of Vancouver Island. A few topics that they urged the SXTA to pursue are: being prepared for implementation, teaching the youth, frequent communications, ensuring agreements are in place for different specifics, emphasizing what you will gain after Treaty, and much more!

The Outreach team plans on presenting more details about these explorations with other self-governing nations in different ways. Stay tuned!

**One common comment we hear from self-governing nations:
“We would never go back to being under the Indian Act!”**

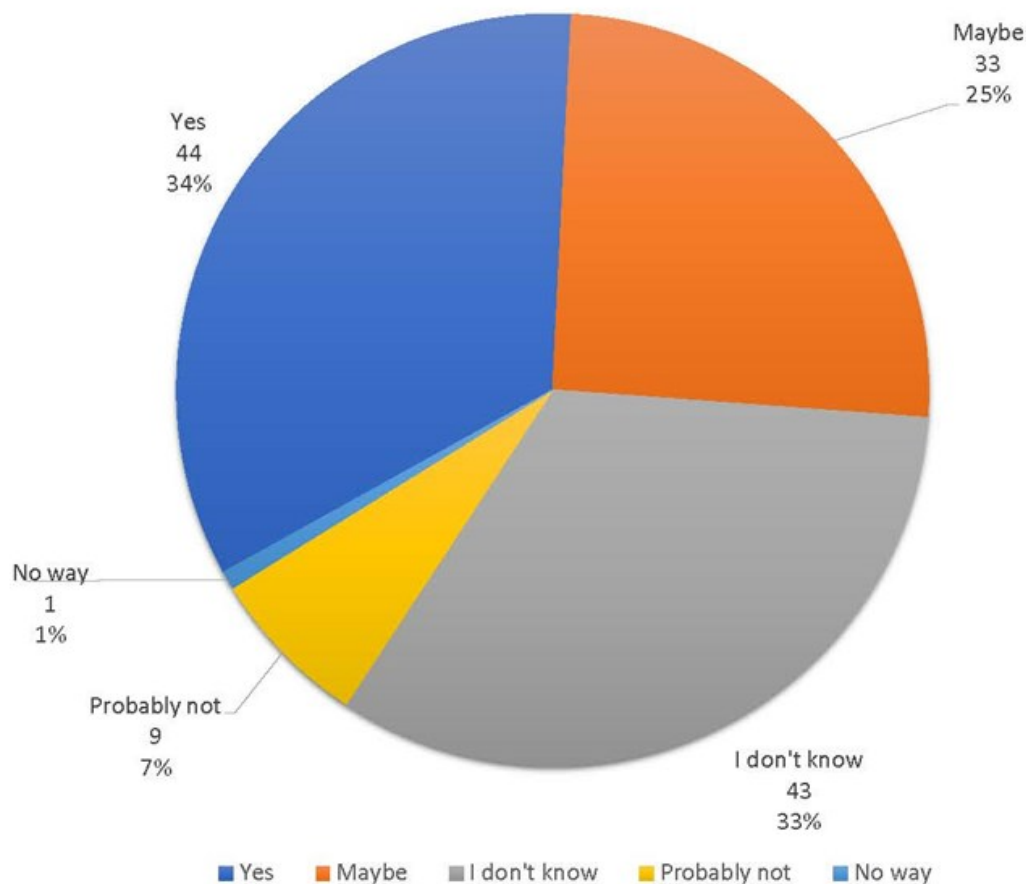
Shxwelméxwelh (Constitution) Update

The Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Outreach Team and Community Champions, Joy Hall, Jazmine Horne, Lydia Archie, Amelia Roberts, and Magdalena Kelly completed the first phase of door-to-door information sharing and gathering throughout February and March 2020.

The information gathered during this process will now be presented to the SXTA Leadership. We would like to raise our hands to all that participated and gave your valuable input into this critical self-governing piece to the Treaty.

As of April 2020, here are results from 130 people that answered how they would vote on the Shxwelméxwelh today. The numbers revealed a change in results from the previous numbers gathered by Outreach.

How would you vote on the Constitution?



Some topics that were discussed by members during this Shxwelméxwelh (Constitution) information sharing campaign included: accountability, capacity, communication, culture, elders, fairness, funding, Grand Chief role, health, infrastructure, internal processes, leadership criteria, membership, natural resources, self-sufficiency, importance of our own laws, youth, elected vs. hereditary, and much more.

We gathered lots of valuable feedback during this process which the SXTA leadership will take into consideration to revise the Constitution based on this input. It is important to note—this vote is **not** the vote for Treaty. This is an important piece of our treaty, but it isn't a vote to go into Treaty. The SXTA is preparing for a vote on the proposed draft governance structure and Shxwelméxwelh (Constitution) in November 2020.

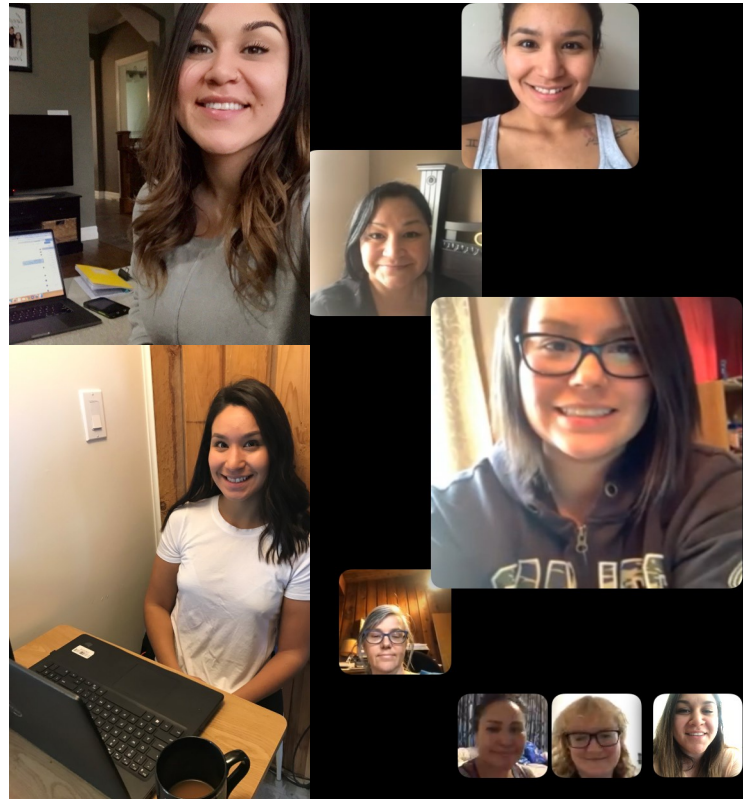
Visit www.sxta.bc.ca/Constitution to learn more about the proposed Shxwelméxwelh (Constitution) and the draft governance structure.

Outreach & Communications during COVID19

First off—we would like to acknowledge and show our appreciation for all the front-line workers during this world-wide crisis. We are in uncertain times with the recent COVID19 worldwide pandemic. What does this mean for the SXTA Outreach and Communications Team? We are having to get creative and find other means of dispersing information. We are hoping to resume sooner than later, but until then, treaty information will be available digitally. We are still available to help answer questions you may have, and inform you about SXTA Treaty related information. We're having weekly team brainstorming sessions via FaceTime on how we can move forward during this time. We want to raise our hands to all helping fight this pandemic as well! We can do this!

Yá!h yuxw kw'as hó:y, The Outreach Team

Photo on the right—the Outreach team working, and meeting remotely via video call in their own homes



Horoscopes by Jazmine Horne

Find her on Facebook and Instagram: @SalishStarGuide

Aries: March 21 – April 19
Element: Fire
Ruling Planet: Mars

Affirmation:

It's only a thought and a thought can be changed.

"I am not limited by any past thinking. I choose my thoughts with care. I constantly have new insights and new ways of looking at my world. I am willing to change and grow."

Aries, you're being asked to disconnect from being attached to every thought that runs through your head. If you wish to see changes this year from within yourself your ancestors are asking that you become more aware of being a watcher of your thoughts, and when you find yourself thinking in an old pattern gently shift yourself to saying "I will not allow old thought patterns to continue within my new "Self". Your biggest strengths through this time is that you are very connected to what makes you feel passionate, this is what drives you through your every day life. Your heart would like you to understand that what may feel like stale times is actually energy of peace coming to you and you should embrace it with open arms so new experiences can welcome themselves into your life.

**Do you have community information or announcements to share?
Send it to outreach@sxta.bc.ca to be featured!**

SXTA COMMUNITY

KEEP YOUR EYES & EARS OPEN



For our upcoming
"Stó:lō Signal"

Along with the new design of the newsletter, we would like to announce our new podcast coming out soon. This will also be called the "Stó:lō Signal". Podcasts will become available on the last Friday of every month!

We have hidden the new Stó:lō Signal logo somewhere in this issue. It features the same man that is in our main logo. Find it for a chance to win a Dinner & Movie! E-mail outreach@sxta.bc.ca with the location!

TZEACHTEN ELECTION RESULTS

Chief Derek Epp, Councilors Loren Muth and Melvin Williams have been re-elected. Newly elected council members include Sandra Bonner-Pederson and Anthony Malloway. Congratulations to all Tzeachten Chief and Council!

We also want to acknowledge outgoing council members: Cathy Hall and Ken Malloway—Thank you for your service.

Congratulations Theresa Warbus & Family on your new arrival!

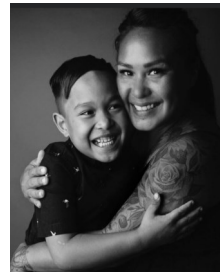
Our Multimedia Coordinator Theresa Warbus welcomed a baby girl into the world on March 8th, 2020! Welcome to the world Starling!



Picture Perfect.



WELCOME TO THE SXTA!



We would like to welcome **Sharon Desnomie** to the team & **Joy Hall** back to the team! Sharon is replacing Theresa Warbus during her maternity leave. Joy worked with the Outreach team previously for 8 years, and both ladies joined the Outreach Team on a part-time basis!

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**Congratulations to
Dr. Dara Kelly of
Leq'á:mel First
Nation**

Simon Fraser University's Dr. Dara Kelly will receive the Early in Career Award for her work in shedding light on Indigenous economies and their philosophies.

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