



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 makes an announcement on the upcoming Constitution Vote in November

VOTE FOR OUR CONSTITUTION: Nov. 4-14

We have an inherent right to govern ourselves. With a yes vote, the next step is a Self-Government Agreement that will enable our National Government to form in advance of a full Treaty. Have your say! Express your opinion about our way forward. Members of the 6 communities age 18 as of Nov. 14 can vote.

Voting opens November 4th!

How to vote?

1. **Online:** The best choice during COVID-19! Check www.sxta.bc.ca/vote for more details.
2. **By Mail:** Ballots will arrive for all eligible voters in your mailbox. Please make sure we have your mailing address!
3. **In-Person:** Polling stations open on Nov. 13 & 14 from 10 am - 6pm. Please keep an eye out for polling station details.

Final results announced during Facebook broadcast on Nov. 15.

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

WE ARE READY!

These messages were created as quick references for YOU!

Quick, simple and straight forward points about the Constitution for community members to reflect on.

- We heard you! We made changes to your Shxwelméxwelh/ Constitution based on community input. We believe in our ability to take control of our own nation and this vote on the Constitution in November will bring us one step closer to getting out from under the Indian Act.
- The Shxwelméxwelh/Constitution means our Stó:lō way and is guided by our teachings (s'í:wes). It describes the division of powers between our National and Village Governments.
- We don't have all the answers yet, but if our Shxwelméxwelh/Constitution is approved it will provide general guidelines for all our future laws (justice, education, family and child services, environment and more).
- This is an opportunity for our communities. Services currently delivered will continue and will be enhanced under our new Stó:lō Xwexwílmexw Híkw Lálém (Government).
- Our Villages will create their own Constitutions based on their own values about leadership, including family representation, elections and hereditary lines.
- The next step after the Constitution vote is a Self-Government Agreement that will provide funds and enable our National Government to form in advance of a full Treaty, which includes land, more cash and consistent funding.
- We have an inherent right to govern ourselves. This right has always existed and creating a government is an essential part of a new nation-to-nation relationship with Canada.
- We are taking our place as equals in Canada.



Have your say! Vote on the Constitution from Nov. 4-14

sxta.bc.ca/vote

CHANGES TO OUR SHXWELMÉXWELH/CONSTITUTION

We heard you! Our leaders agreed to the following changes to the Stó:lō Xwexwílmexw Shxwelméxwelh based on our community members' input.

XWEXWÍLMEXWÓ:LLH LÁLÉM **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The age range is amended to 14 to 25 and an alternate will also be appointed. If the youth is elected to council, another Youth Advisory Council member will be chosen.

SÍ:YÓLEXWE LÁLÉM **ELDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We added a standard term of four years for Elders representatives and included an alternate.

SI:YÓ:MELH LÁLÉM **GRAND CHIEF ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Grand Chiefs Advisory Council was removed. Villages can consult with Grand Chiefs by appointing them to the Elders Advisory Council



DECISION MAKING

To address concerns around representation of our varied communities at the National Government table, leadership has decided to aim for consensus or use another process that will become part of the Governance Act. This act will be one of the first laws our new nation will create once we are self-governing.

Have your say! Vote on the Constitution from Nov. 4-14.
[sxta.bc.ca/vote](https://www.sxta.bc.ca/vote)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHZ5HHM>

We are loving the responses so far from members who have taken our survey! Would you like a chance at winning a \$200 gift card? Visit the link above and tell us what Self-Government means to you!

See the recent News Bulletin for more at:
<https://www.sxta.bc.ca/announcing-changes-to-our-shxwelmexwelh-constitution/>

SXTA COMMUNITY & EVENTS



2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, October 17th, 2020
12pm—1:30pm

This year, we are hosting this event VIRTUALLY! Chief Derek Epp and Cheryl Casimer will participate as guest speakers. Prizes include Apple watch and TV! Join us on Facebook Live @TheSXTA

UPCOMING TOWNHALLS

1. **October 2, 2020 @ 5:30pm**
Coast Hotel—45920 First Ave, Chilliwack
2. **October 22, 2020 @ 5:30pm**
Coast Hotel—45920 First Ave, Chilliwack
3. **October 27, 2020 @ 5:30pm**
Leq'á:mel Gym—43101 Leq'á:mel way, Deroche

To RSVP: Call 604-824-3281 or

E-mail: Outreach@sxta.bc.ca

- ⇒ These events are **STRICTLY RSVP** if you want to attend in person.
- ⇒ COVID19 protocols and guidelines will be in place.
- ⇒ Dinner will be served.
- ⇒ There will be an option to participate on Facebook live. Join us on our member Facebook page: @TheSXTA

FOLLOW US!



Congratulations!

Pélel / Magdalena Kelly was elected a seat on the Leq'á:mel Council Sept 19, 2020 bi-election.



MAGDALENA KELLY

Shannon Horne of Yakweakwioose was the winner of our \$200 gift card draw for her participation in our last round of engagements!

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Áthelets <i>Hereditary Chief</i> Angie Bailey Lax-Wea	Leq'á:mel <i>Chief</i> Alice Thompson Mae'xe	Sq'ewá:lxw <i>Hereditary Chief</i> Maureen Chapman Shwetélemel-elhót	Sq'ewqéyl <i>Chief</i> Mark Point Xwemxwe'meleq'	Yeqwyeqwi:ws <i>Acting Chief</i> Terry Home Siyémches	Ch'iyáqtel <i>Chief</i> Derek Epp Weli'leq
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