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Sts'Ailes Community Newsletter

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## **2023 STS'AILES YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT**



# **MAY 6 & 7, 2023 RAIN OR SHINE**



# STS'AILES WILL SOON HOST FIRST NATIONS-LED PRIMARY CARE

2023, March 23 - 'Sts'ailes will soon host First Nations-led primary care' by Adam Louis.

<https://www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/local-news/stsailes-will-soon-host-first-nations-led-primary-care/>



## STS'AILES COMMUNITY CARE CAMPUS TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY SAFE CARE

People in Agassiz-Harrison will soon have access to First Nations-led primary care.

The B.C. Ministry of Health recently announced the development of the Sts'ailes Community Care Campus (SCCC), which is to be located at 46090 Lougheed Highway.

Health minister Adrian Dix expressed pride in the province's partnership with Sts'ailes and other First Nations communities.

"The work we are doing in Harrison Mills is making the lives of people living in B.C. better and it's another step forward in our collective journey towards reconciliation," Dix stated. "When it opens, the Sts'ailes Community Care Campus will provide a fully integrated blend of contemporary medical services and person-first, culturally appropriate health and wellness services to Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and residents alike."

The SCCC, owned by the Sts'ailes First Nation, will open in phases, the first of which is coming later this year. This will replace the temporary facility at the Sts'ailes Administration Building (4690 Salish Way).

The campus will offer a multi-faceted approach to health, including primary care, social services

and Indigenous health supports in a culturally safe environment that will serve patients from Agassiz to Mission. The facility will be home to about 15 full-time staff members, including traditional healers, health practitioners and administrative support.

Sts'ailes Chief Ralph Leon stated he is grateful for the partnerships with the province and the surrounding communities and for them "honouring their commitment to the health and well-being of our people."

"Our people in our communities depend on us to do good work, and we are taking the necessary steps to make a real difference for the people living in the northern Fraser region," Leon stated.

Chilliwack-Kent MLA Kelli Paddon praised the initiative as great news for Sts'ailes and the surrounding communities.

"I know how much work and consideration has gone into this project and have heard from community members what this means to the Nation and the region," Paddon stated. "I look forward to seeing the campus open so residents can have even greater access to public health-care services."

The campus will work with the Chilliwack Primary Care Network, and several campuses just like it are planned for the future. The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) works closely with health centres throughout the Fraser Health region and the province.

"FNHA celebrates the partnership with the Ministry of Health and with First Nations' communities to implement team-based culturally grounded primary-care initiatives," stated Richard JOck, FNHA CEO. "These transformational models give full expression to B.C. First Nations self-determination and support a vision where First Nations people in B.C. have access to quality, timely and inclusive health and wellness services, which are rooted in culture and are welcoming spaces for the people being served."

# A NEW SASQUATCH MUSEUM IS OPENING THIS SUMMER NEAR VANCOUVER

2023, April 21 - 'A new Sasquatch museum is opening this summer near Vancouver' by Sarah Anderson.

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/sasquatch-museum-opening-summer-2023-harrison-hot-springs>



Photo courtesy of this news article.

This summer, if you're taking a trip out to Harrison Hot Springs, you can't miss this fun and quirky Sasquatch museum.

Tourism Harrison is rebuilding its hugely successful tourist attraction and the doors will open this July.

Of course, if you can't wait until the summer to learn more about local Sasquatch legends and sightings, there is a temporary museum you can check out at the tourism office right now.

The museum is filled with artifacts and dives into the history, science, mythology, folklore, and witness accounts of the Sasquatch.

According to Tourism Harrison, the new museum will "build on the artifacts and story around the Sasquatch" but **will also include a major section on the story of the Sts'ailes "Sasq'ets," which got translated into English as the "Sasquatch."**

**There will also be a new major section on "the story of the Sts'ailes people and their ancestors who have lived in this area since time immemorial."**

The design for the new museum is meant to honour Harrison's Indigenous and historical roots while creating a functional and accessible building for all.

The old Sasquatch Museum was in a 120 sq ft room, whereas the new space will feature 1,300 sq ft of space. Its wood timbre frame is a nod to the area's logging history, and a large-scale image of Harrison Lake is meant to highlight the importance of the lake to the whole community.

Now, the new museum will build on its already extensive collection of Sasquatch artifacts on display but will lean more into local Indigenous history, too.

Harrison Hot Springs is just under a two-hour drive from Vancouver and if you find yourself there this summer, you simply must check out this museum. Do you believe?

## Harrison Visitor Information Centre & Sasquatch Museum

**Address:** Temporary location at 102-160 Lillooet Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs

**Phone number:** 604-796-5581

**Cost:** Free!



Photo courtesy of this news article.



# STS'AILES EDUCATION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Join the growing field of Indigenous  
Health, Wellness and Addiction  
Support with free training!

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THOSE LIVING IN THE FRASER SALISH REGION.

Show Your Support!!

MON, MAY 1

Elders MAYDAY  
Dance

Lhawathet Lalem  
Doors open at 5:30pm

FRI. MAY 5TH

Bringing  
the Spirit  
Paddle

Ocean-going  
paddle from  
HHS to Sts'ailes  
beach.  
5pm-7pm

TUES. MAY 2

Spirit Day  
(lime green)

Stsailes Staff  
challenge &  
post your  
picture

Mental Health  
Wellness  
**WEEK**  
May 1st-May 7th

THURS. MAY 4

Medicine  
Walk

pick and decorate  
your own flower  
bouquet. 10am-1pm

WED. MAY 3

This is my  
Brave

Storytelling to save  
lives. Submit your  
own stories and win  
a prize

Contact Vicki Paul at 604-798-8818  
or Cecily at 604-798-3553 for any  
further information

Stay tuned for individual postings for each event.

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# ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION CATCH UP

BOOK WITH YEQWETHET  
RECEPTION  
604-796-9601

EVERY TUESDAY  
STARTING MAY 2ND



Every **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** the Sasq'ets Basket stocks the Sts'ailes Store with fresh meals and snacks! They go fast, so be sure to buy yours while quantities last!



# OPEN HOUSE

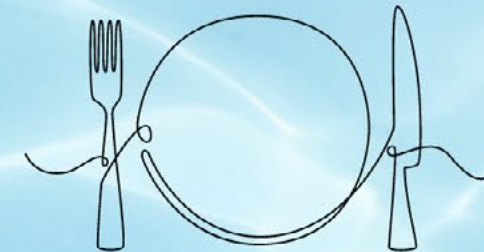
May 24th, 2023  
2:00pm - 7:00pm

Sts'ailes Community  
School Gym

Sign-in for a  
chance to win a PS5



Meal provided



Door Prizes!



Sts'ailes