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Sts'ailes Community Newsletter

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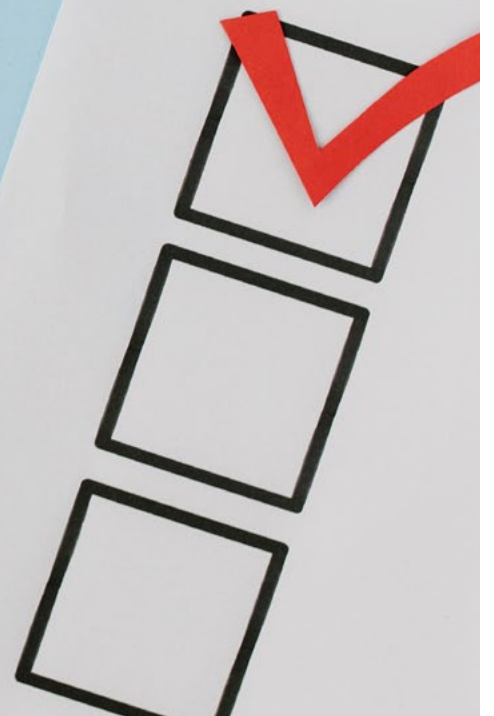
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STS'AILES REFERENDUM VOTE MARCH 2024

What the referendum is for:

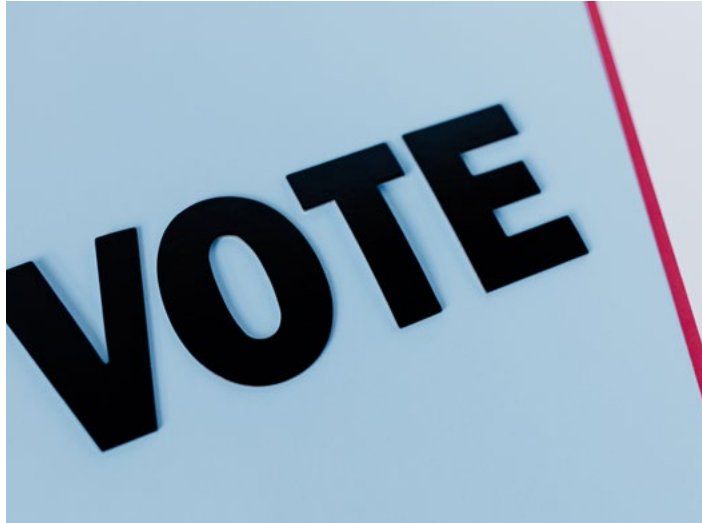
- Sts'ailes Constitution
- Sts'ailes Citizenship
- Self-Government Agreement

Find out more in this month's issue.





STS'AILES REFERENDUM VOTE INFO



As we move forward, in the coming months we will be doing our best to prepare you for this important referendum. In our worldview, we live and breathe sustainability and resilience, which encompasses the teachings of seven generations. This teaching conveys the need to consider the impacts on one another, our environment, and for those who are yet to come - the four legged, the plant and root people, the ones that swim in the rivers and oceans, the ones that fly, and the weakest beings, the human.

A milestone of Sts'ailes is to have our Snowoyelh (traditional laws) recognized and threaded into our governing practices. The Constitution & Citizenship Code are two big pieces of becoming self-governed, stepping out of the Indian Act, and working towards our CCP goal!

Sts'ailes CCP Exerpt:

“WHAT WE ENVISION: Sts'ailes governance, constitution, authority, and responsibility are established by membership (Citizenship) and recognized by other First Nations and other governments at the national, provincial, and local levels. Sts'ailes has its own system of laws and enforcement along with a restorative justice system. With self government, Sts'ailes has a full suite of policies to guide each sector of each department.”

WHAT IS A CONSTITUTION?

The Constitution describes how we wish to live and how we want to govern ourselves. It is the over-arching document for our laws.

WHAT IS A CITIZENSHIP CODE?

The Citizenship Code determines who Sts'ailes government will respond to, advocate for, and govern.

WHAT IS A SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT?

A Self-Government Agreement (SGA) is a nation-to-nation agreement with Canada that *recognizes* Sts'ailes rights for self-government. It will outline key elements of our self-government practices and future scope of work we wish to engage in for self-government.

Decision-Making

Essentially, the SGA recognizes decision-making power of indigenous governments - in this case, for Sts'ailes.

INDIAN ACT & SELF-GOVERNMENT

Under the Indian Act

- Governed by the Indian Act
- Band Council has delegated authorities
- Band Council reports to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Minister of Indigenous Services
- Programs and services provided through Department of Indigenous Services

- Land that is provided (Indian Reserves) for the use and benefit of the Band cannot be owned by the Band or individual members.
- Funding is determined by the federal government and there is no guarantee in funding

Under Self-Governance

- The Indian Act no longer applies to the First Nation or it's Citizens where the First Nation have made their own laws.
 - » Sts'ailes is an independent government
 - » Sts'ailes is no longer accountable to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services
- Governed by Sts'ailes Constitution
 - » Sts'ailes Government makes laws and is accountable to the people
- Same level of existing services plus ability to expand services to meet the needs of its citizens
- Consistent governance funding through the Collaborative Fiscal Framework

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Listening to oral stories
- Engaging Knowledge Keepers
- Utilizing Sts'ailes Snowoyelh (Laws) and Sts'ailes Si:wes (Teachings)
- Compiling existing documents to build on the work of our predecessors
- Engaging our legal counsel and cross comparing with others
- Consulting with Sts'ailes Xwelmexw, Chief and Council, and employees
- Preparing for implementation

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Open House Activities
- Family Meetings
- Focus Groups
- Mail-Out Packages
- Video Clips
- Online & In-Person Activities
- Also prepare for ratification, also known as Community Voting
- News Releases
- Celebration & Ceremony

WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT

When the Constitution and Citizenship Code are ratified and when the Self-Government Agreement (SGA) is signed, we can expect to follow the standards and practices outlined in these governing documents. We will have a better idea of what the detailed changes will be when we begin implementation planning. These plans will also be shared with Sts'ailes Xwelmexw.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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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!

Join the **STÓ:LŌ** BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This is a free business listing on the SCF website for businesses that are at least 51% Indigenous owned/controlled operating within the SCF service area, between Kwantlen First Nation and Yale First Nation, on both sides of the Fraser River!

Your free listing can include:

- Business contact information
- Link to website/social media
- Description of services
- Pictures and videos

Contact SCF Business Analyst, Shannon Smith, at 604-824-5278 or by email ssmith@stolocf.ca | www.stolocf.ca



STS' AILES COMMUNITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2023-2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM. CLASSES COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 5 WITH:

- BC Ministry of Ed Dogwood Diploma Accreditation/ Post Sec Prep
- Halq'emeylem language and cultural teachings
- KS-Grade 5 Levelled Literacy and Numeracy
- KS-12 Fine Arts
 - » Drama/traditional teachings/guitar/drumming/ carving/painting
- Technology supported learning
 - » Elementary iPads provided for all students
 - » Secondary laptops provided for all students
- Sports/Leadership opportunities - mentors
- Middle School opportunities (Gr 6-8)
 - » First Nations Art
 - » Introduction to Technology 3D Printing
 - » Film and Drama
 - » Indigenous medicines/foods
- Secondary opportunities
 - » First Nations Art
 - » Robotics - Programming and Digital Animation
 - » Film and Drama/Guitar
 - » Athletics Program - Fitness Training
 - » Leadership Program
 - » Outdoor Education/Job readiness
- Diploma Opportunities - Skills Training
 - » Drivers Training * Foodsafe * Job Readiness Certificate/OFA/EFA First Aide * First Host * Babysitting
 - » Cashier Training * Power Pallet* Forklift Training
- Breakfast and Lunch Program provided at no cost.
- Bus Transportation from Agassiz, Chilliwack, Mission
- NEW-Industrial Ed Facility for Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry

Enrolment is open to ALL students. **Current students will be automatically enrolled.** All registrations will be reviewed prior to enrolment acceptance.

For registration info please email trinab@chehalisschool.com or call 604-796-2146 during school office hours.

STS' AILES EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES (EAS)

Provides employment services to under/un-employed Indigenous people who are status, non-status, on/off reserve and who reside in our catchment area. Within SASET's catchment area there are 31 First Nations.

Indigenous individuals can access services from any employment services location in the catchment area.

All SASET employment counsellors have their Career Development Practitioner Certification, workshop facilitation skills, essential skills assessment certification and can assist clients with the following:

- Individualized workplans to develop their essential skills for success in training and employment.
- identify barriers to employment and assist with creating an action plan to overcome barriers of attaining employment.
- assist individuals with career exploration and decision making.
- job search, resume/cover letter and interview skills.
- one to one or group employability workshops.
- applying for short and long-term training funding and transition to work supports.
- works with community income assistance staff to assist 'employables' with an action plan to employment.

Sts'ailes EAS is Open from Monday-Friday
8am - 4pm (closed from 12 - 1pm for lunch)

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Canada

Sto:lo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training is pleased to offer the following program:

First Aid Level 2



LUNCH IS PROVIDED & TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTS MAY BE AVAILABLE

July 24 - 28, 2023

**CLASS TIME: 8:30AM TO 4:30 PM
Monday to Friday**

**Program will take place on-site at:
SASET
7201 Vedder Rd, Chilliwack, BC**

If you are an Indigenous individual who:

- Is un or under employed
- Resides in SASET's catchment area
- Is willing to commit to a 1-week full-time program



If so... we are presently accepting applications for this training opportunity!

There are a limited number of seats, so don't delay in scheduling an appointment with a SASET Employment Counsellor!



SASET FULLTIME EAS OFFICES:

SASET—Chilliwack Office
5B-7201 Vedder Road
Chilliwack, BC
Phone: 604-858-3691

SASET— Sts'ailes Office
4690 Salish Way
Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-5536

SASET—Seabird Office
2895 Chowat Road
Agassiz, BC
Phone: 604-796-6865

Please visit www.SASET.ca for our Employment Assistance Service hours and locations

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



Are you a Indigenous youth interested in learning about employment, resumes, interview skills and preparing for the workforce?

This week-long program provides Indigenous youth, aged 15-19, with opportunities to learn about local businesses and gain skills that will help them prepare for the workforce.

Transportation supports & lunch provided

What will I gain from this program?

- Knowledge about what types of employment and businesses you like the most.
- Connection and visits to local businesses to explore what employment could look like.
- A completed resume.
- More confidence in approaching employers and interviews.
- Excitement about entering your local workforce!

What does a day in the program look like?

Mornings: In class learning about resumes, interview skills, how to dress, and more to help you prepare for employment.

Afternoons: In class presentations and field trips to local businesses for the change to see and experience first-hand what working at a local business looks like.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

DATE
July 24 - Aug 4, 2023

LOCATION:
SASET Office
5B-7201 Vedder Road,
Chilliwack BC

HOW TO REGISTER:
Contact the SASET office:
604-858-3691
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Gain practical skills for your future job!