



the **BEATING HEART**

Sts'ailes Community Newsletter

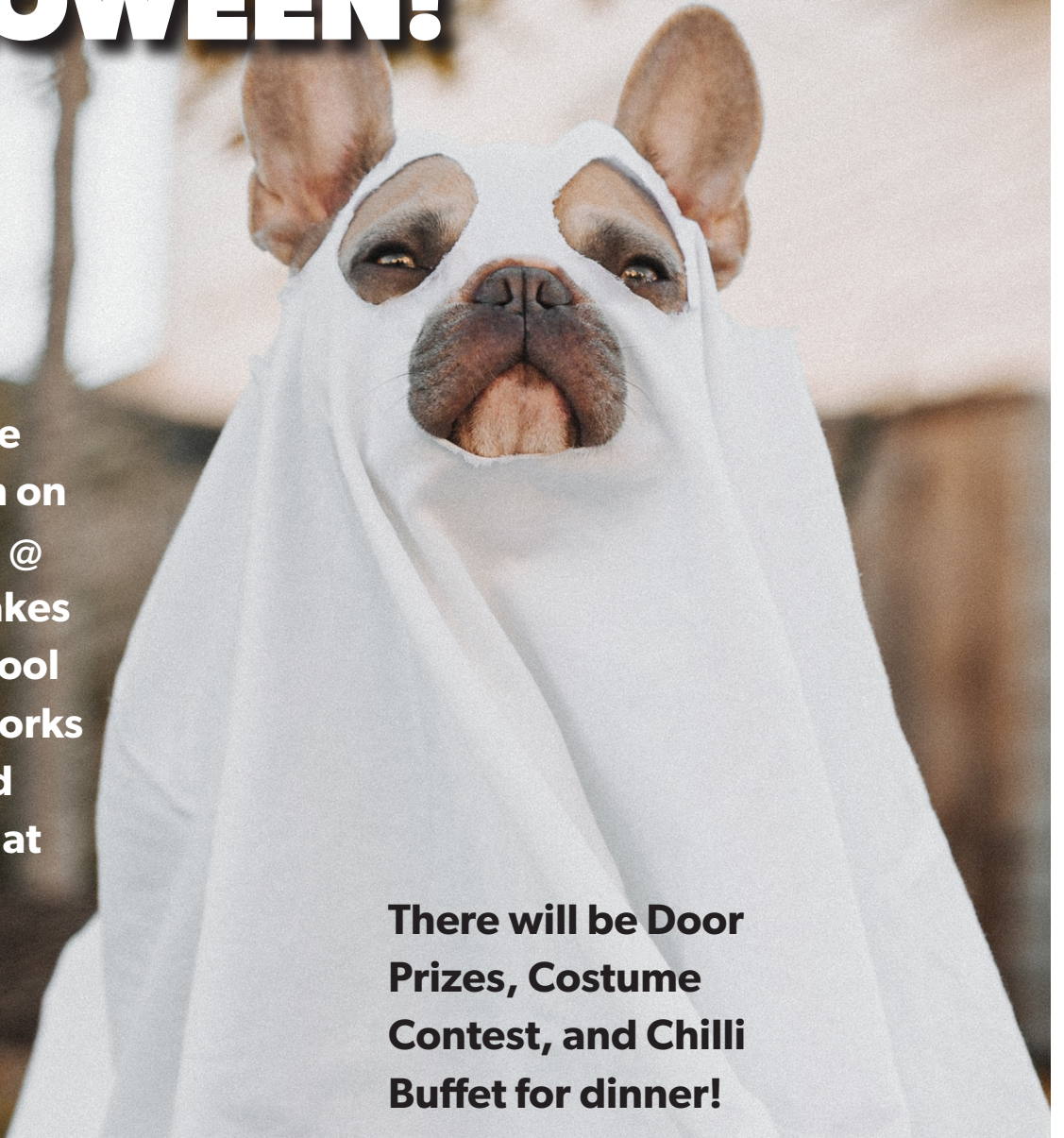
October 2023

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HAVE A SAFE & SPOOKY HALLOWEEN!

**Mark your
calendars for the
Halloween Bash on
Tuesday Oct. 31 @
6:00pm! It all takes
place at the School
Gym with Fireworks
to follow behind
the Band Office at
7:30pm!**

**There will be Door
Prizes, Costume
Contest, and Chilli
Buffet for dinner!**





STS'AILES REFERENDUM VOTE INFO

VOTING DAY HAS BEEN SET:

March 20th, 2024

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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 carla.charlie@stsailles.com



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education for all ages

STS'AILES EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Sts'ailes Education is honored to welcome back all our school families and especially our new families to the 2023-2024 school term.

There are a lot of new initiatives taking place at the daycare, school and post secondary.

The daycare families will be enjoying three new playground areas with absorbent surfaces, shade space and wonderful play structures.

The centre will also be receiving new heating and roofing for the two outbuildings.

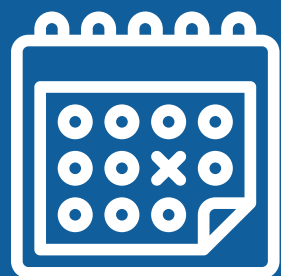
Sts'ailes Community School had a complete heating system replacement and will now enjoy air conditioning throughout the school. The two boiler systems were removed and replaced with fuel efficient systems.

Students will also be able to learn and enjoy developing apprenticeship skills in the new Industrial Ed shop that will feature teaching areas in electrical, plumbing and carpentry. There will also be a learning classroom that will host all the extracurricular skills training that provides students with valuable certification in a number of areas.

Transportation is also receiving a significant upgrade. The school has purchased three fully electric buses that will be on the road this December. Two seventy two passenger buses will arrive this school year while an eighty four passenger bus will arrive for the 2024-2025 school term. This is exciting news as the school moves to reduce emissions and reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

Sts'ailes Education continues its positive working relationship with SD78. With fifty students attending AESS/Kent it is important that our families have the opportunity to be informed of the successes of students. This information will become part of the newsletters through quarterly updates from SD78.

We look forward to working with our school families to provide an amazing learning experience for all students. If you require further information please contact the office.



SAVE THE DATE

Halloween Costume Parade @ S.C.S.
October 31 @ 1:00pm



STS'AILES MEMBERSHIP CORNER



IMPORTANT STATUS CARD INFORMATION

Many Sts'ailes members have been coming in to apply for their Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) cards along with other band members who live in Sts'ailes.

All registered status members are encouraged to apply for the SCIS card due to its security features.

Note: *Sts'ailes Indian Registration Administrator no longer does the laminated Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) cards.*

If your status card is expired or going to expire in 6 months, it is best to apply for the SCIS card right now. The processing time from the date the completed application is received in Gatineau, Quebec to you receiving the SCIS card in the mail is 8 - 14 weeks.

To apply for the SCIS card you will need:

- 2 Canadian passport pictures
- 1 valid/current government issued picture ID such as a driver's licence, BC Services card or BC Identity (BCID) card

Once you have the above you can call, 604-796-2116, extension 257 and make an appointment with the Indian Registration Administrator, Carla Charlie. If you have any questions, please contact Carla is located at the Employment Assistance Office.

Do you know that you can review any membership additions to or deletions from our band list?

The *Band Change Report* is issued monthly showing the following:

- Names of new Sts'ailes members added to our Band List
- Names of Sts'ailes members who have transferred out, passed away and have been removed from our Band List
- Total Population Before
- Total Population After

These monthly reports are posted for three (3) years and are in a binder located at the Administration front desk.



We no longer do laminated Status Cards.



EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES

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.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

The SASET Employment Counselors who assist in delivery of employment services at Employment Assistance Services offices meet with Indigenous under/un-employed individuals (at SAS ET Outreach Offices and/or full-time employment centers located at Sto:lo, Seabird and Sts'ailes), who will assist individuals with skills assessments and development, application completion to training

programs and will ensure all needed supports are in place for individuals to move forward to training with employment results.

Skills Development funding is geared towards providing financial assistance for people in need of specific training to further their career goals to retain sustainable employment.

Transition to Work Supports: assists individuals in need when receiving employment who may require; safety equipment, uniforms, transportation until first pay cheque, etc.

Short Term Training: up to 30 days of skills training towards employment

Long Term Training: up to one year of training supports, to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per applicant. SASET often partners with WorkBC, First Nations Post-Secondary Education Administrators, etc to co-sponsor individuals, which will lead to employment success.

****Please note: safety equipment is also funded during applied training where required and is not included in these numbers.*

Sts'ailes EAS is open Monday-Friday, 8a-4p, closed 12p-1p for lunch.

**4610 Salish, Way, Agassiz, BC. VoM1A1
Tel: 604-796-5536**

Career Development Practitioners

**Stephanie Phair
Charlotte Phair**



Minute Taking & Microsoft Office WORD & EXCEL WORKSHOPS

Dates TBA

9:00am—12:00pm

Training will take place ONLINE—Various days **



Are you an Indigenous Person who:

- Has an interest in learning more about Microsoft Office
- Resides in our service area (Katzie to Boston Bar)

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 an Employment Counselor!

SASET FULLTIME EAS OFFICES:

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

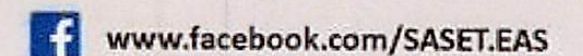
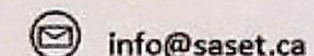
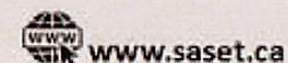
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For more information, contact us:



604-858-3691 or Toll Free: 1-888-845-4455





Sts' Ailes Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training is pleased to offer

WAREHOUSE TRAINING

TBA

Canada

If you are an Indigenous individual who:

- Is un- or under employed
- Resides in SASET's catchment area
- Is willing to commit to a 2 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 your Employment Counsellor!


Training will take place at
SASET Chilliwack Office
5B-7201 Vedder Rd

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4pm

COURSE INCLUDES

- First Aid
- WHMIS
- Scissor Lift
- Genie Boom Lift
- Forklift Training
- Power Pallet Jack
- Confined Space
- Fall Protection
- Scaffold & Ladder Safety
- Respiratory Protection
- And More!!!

LUNCH AND
SAFETY GEAR PROVIDED!

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TO APPLY PLEASE CONTACT SASET:

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

| SUN DAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 1 | 2 Truth and Reconciliation STAT | 3 Sew Exciting Halloween Edition 5-8 | 4 Drum Group 12-1 Boys Group Gym 3-4:30 Girls Group House 3-4:30 Gym Outing 4-8 | 5 Family Gym Night 4-6 | 6 Youth Den 5-8 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Thanksgiving Holiday | 10 Someone So Small 11-1 Sew Exciting Halloween Edition 5-8 | 11 Boys Group House 3-4:30 Girls Group Gym 3-4:30 Gym Outing 4-8 | 12 J-O-Y Tea 10:30-12 Shxwelten 4-6 Family Gym Night 4-6 | 13 Youth Den 5-8 | 14 |
| 15 Sunday Funday Hike | 16 S.P.A.R.K Cooking Holistic Living 5-7 | 17 Family Night 5-7 | 18 Drum Group 12-1 Boys Group Gym 3-4:30 Girls Group House 3-4:30 Gym Outing 4-8 | 19 Family Gym Night 4-6 | 20 S.P.A.R.K SWIMMING OUTING 11-4 Teen Outing 4:30- | 21 |
| 22 Sunday Funday Sew Exciting | 23 S.P.A.R.K Cooking Holistic Living 5-7 | 24 Someone So Small Pumpkin Patch 11-4 Canoe Journey Planning Sew Exciting Halloween Edition 5-8 | 25 Boys Group House 3-4:30 Girls Group Gym 3-4:30 Gym Outing 4-8 | 26 J-O-Y Movie Outing Shxwelten 4-6 Family Gym Night 4-6 | 27 Youth Den 5-8 | 28 |
| 29 Sunday Funday Hike | 30 S.P.A.R.K Cooking Holistic Living 5-7 | 31 Halloween Bash | 4690 Salish Way Agassiz, B.C V0M 1A1 PHONE: 604-491-0021 EMAIL: annette.francis@stsailles.com jeremy.dool@stsailles.com dawn.charlie@stsailles.com troy.charlie@stsailles.com Facebook- Sts'ailes Yeqwethet & Snowoyelh Services | | | |

STS'AILES FOOD BANK SCHEDULE 2023

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15 & 29

Start Times:

Elders ONLY at 12:30 pm Everyone else at 1:00 pm

If you need food between Food Bank dates, you can contact any of the following people for access:

Deacon Jamie: 604-615-5677
Connie Meskas: 778-982-3053
Harvey Paul: 604-796-3456

Cyril Paul: 604-796-9275
Kateri Charlie: 778-201-6442

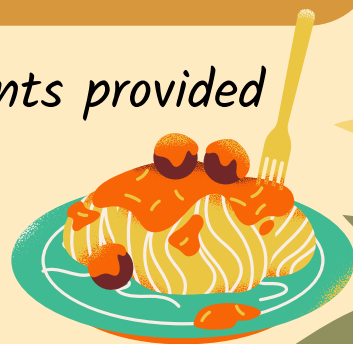
Telmexw Áwtexw Day Programming

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS WANTING TO EXPLORE A
CHANGE OF PATTERNS IN THEIR SUBSTNACE
USE AND A HEALING FROM PAST HURTS.

Starting October 19th, 2023
Thursdays 9:00AM to 3:00pm

Location: Telmexw
Áwtexw Building - 16400
Morris Valley rd,
Agassiz

Lunch and refreshments provided



THE CIRCLE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A TELMEXW
ÁWTEXW COUNSELLOR AND AN ELDER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
TELMEXWAWTEXW@STSAILES.COM OR 604-997-2849

FAMILY SUPPORT CIRCLE OPEN TO ANYONE

TENTATIVE START DATE SEPT 26, 2023
TUESDAYS AT 4PM

Location: Telmexw
Áwtexw Building - 16400
Morris Valley rd,
Agassiz

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH FAMILY OR
FRIENDS STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE
HABITS

Coffee, tea and
snacks provided

A SAFE
PLACE WHERE
PEOPLE CARE
AND
UNDERSTAND



THE CIRCLE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A TELMEXW
ÁWTEXW COUNSELLOR AND AN ELDER.

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