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Catholics and First Nations people participate in a procession in Agassiz on St. Kateri Tekakwitha's feast day July 14.

St. Kateri Mass a 'huge step' for reconciliation

The church was "charged with energy" as Archbishop J. Michael Miller celebrated Mass with the Stolo people on St. Kateri Tekakwitha's feast day.

Deacon Jamie Meskas said the buzz was generated by a powerful cultural and faith experience, as well as a "huge step towards reconciliation" between local First Nations people and the Catholic Church.

On July 14, about 50 people turned up at 9 a.m. for an annual street procession

in Agassiz. They prayed the Rosary and played traditional drum songs as a fire truck guided them from the site of the old Catholic church (now a grassy field) to Immaculate Conception Church. At each decade of the Rosary, the crowd prayed a specific prayer intention for the local community, such as freedom from addiction.

Along the way, Deacon Meskas observed local residents waving from the doors of homes, while cyclists rolled by to see what was going on. Once the crowd entered the church, the group (which gained additional members along the way) participated in Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller.

Parts of the Mass - like the entrance hymn and the bells during the elevation of the Eucharist - were replaced with drums, and the Our Father was prayed in the traditional language, Halq'eméylem.

"We hold the saint up, St. Kateri, and what she means to us," the deacon said. "She became a saint and did not leave her culture or her language behind. She became a saint in who she was, a First Nations woman, with her faith in Christ. It was the combination of the two. We honour those two together."

In his homily, Archbishop Miller called St. Kateri a shining example of God's healing power. *Continued on pg. 4*

We wish to inform you that...

1. Exciting New Changes in Leadership

Jason Campbell, Texw Lá Lexw Tí'h'na'sá'np. Jason started work on Thursday, August 1, 2019 as Executive Director, working in partnership and sharing work responsibilities with Daryl McNeil (Chuck). Staff lines of authority to their Director will remain unchanged and both Jason and Chuck will be responsible to Chief and Council.

Jason is a Seabird Island Band Member and has family lineage to the Peters family. He has extensive work experience politically and in the public sector. He comes to us from Correctional Service Canada project officer for Aboriginal initiatives holding the section 84 portfolio and community programs officer. He has served 2 terms on the Seabird Island Chief and Council, the past 5 years as director on the Lands Advisory Board, chairs the Stó:lō Community Futures Board of Directors and is a member on the BC RCMP Indigenous Cultural Advisory Committee.

Jason is completing his MBA in Executive Management of Business Administration for Indigenous Business and Leadership and has an educational background in Criminology, Kinesiology and Aboriginal Studies.

Daryl McNeil (Chuck) title is now Strategy Advisor. He will be maintaining a solid leadership and partnership role with the new Executive Director while continuing a high standard of service with the community and Band Members.

Please take some time to congratulate them in their new roles.



Jason Campbell



Daryl McNeil (Chuck)



Nigel Selvadurai



Heather McDonald



Carlene Brown

Nigel Selvadurai, effective July 1, 2019, has joined our team as the Director of Administration and Finance. Nigel had served as Comptroller for Seabird Island for over 10 years. Thank you Nigel for stepping in as acting Director of Administration and Finance over the past year as we have went through transition.

Heather McDonald, effective July 2, 2019, will join our team as the Health Director. At this time I would like to thank Heather for the past 11 months for assisting us as the Acting Director of Health and look forward to working with her now and in the future.

Carlene Brown has been with the ECD here at Seabird for the past 20 years, starting out as the Daycare Manager, and gradually incorporating all the ECD programs under one roof. She has been in the ECE field for the past 32 plus years and holds her ECE, Infant/Toddler and Special Needs Certificates. We welcome her as the Director of Early Childhood Education and seeing her to continue with the passion and care she brings with her every day.

Carlene believes that the 1st years of every child's life is when the foundation of their life-long learning journey is set. Her goal is to have all the Early Childhood Programs at Seabird Island positive, educational and inclusive.

2. Changes to Organization Structure

Seabird is still in the process of reorganizing the Organizational Structure. This process will continue for a while, as community consultations still need to be completed as well as more staff consultations.

Already in Effect:

- The Public Works Department name will be changed to the Infrastructure Department.
- The Communications program has moved under the Administration and Finance Department in the organizational chart, with Nigel as their new Director.
- Education and Cultural Development will be the focus in the next stage of this restructure. We would like to see more education, training and culture throughout all departments. Along with more communications from all departments focusing on culture and community.

LEGAL NOTICE: Sixties Scoop Survivor?

You may be eligible for compensation. Please read this notice carefully.

Deadline – August 30, 2019

A settlement has been approved between the Federal Government of Canada and certain survivors of the Sixties Scoop that provides compensation for loss of cultural identity for certain survivors.

Who is included?

The settlement includes people who:

- are registered Indians (as defined in the Indian Act) and Inuit as well as people eligible to be registered Indians; and
- were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.

Those who meet the criteria above will be included in the settlement as “Class Members”. All Class Members, except those who validly opt out, are eligible for compensation.

In addition, all Class Members, except those who validly opt out, will be held to the terms of the settlement and covered by the releases in the settlement.

What does the settlement provide?

- (a) compensation will be available for all Class Members who were adopted or made permanent wards and who were alive on February 20, 2009; and
- (b) a foundation will be created to enable change and reconciliation. The mandate and governance of the foundation will be defined through a consultation process with survivors across the country. The work of the foundation may include providing access to healing/wellness, commemoration and education activities for all communities and individuals impacted by the Sixties Scoop – including those outside of the defined “Class.”

How do I get this money?

To make a claim for money, you must fill in a Claim Form and send it to the claims office by August 30, 2019. Copies of the Claim Form are available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

You do not need to pay a lawyer to complete the form. The administrator will help you fill out the form and there are lawyers you can speak with free of charge.

Also, if you do not have papers from the relevant provincial or territorial child service agency documenting your placement in care or documenting your status, you should still complete the Claim Form. The administrator will make the necessary record checks for you as needed.

How much money will I get?

Your payment will depend on how many Eligible Class Members submit claims in the settlement. The range of compensation will likely be \$25,000 - \$50,000.

The details are explained in the settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

What if i want to exclude myself from the settlement?

If you want to exclude yourself from the settlement, you must opt out of the class action by October 31, 2018. If you opt out, you will not be entitled to any compensation from the settlement and your claim against Canada in respect of the Sixties Scoop will not be released. A copy of the Opt Out Form is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

If you have commenced a legal proceeding against Canada relating to the Sixties Scoop and you do not discontinue it on or before October 31, 2018, you will be deemed to have opted out of the settlement.

Important Note: The settlement does not interfere with any Class Member’s

ability to pursue legal proceedings against provinces or territories or their agencies for physical, sexual, or psychological abuse suffered as a result of the Sixties Scoop.

Do you know any other survivors of the Sixties Scoop?

Please share this information with them.

(a) by filling out and submitting the electronic version of this form which can be found on the administrator’s website at the following address :

www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/ClaimForm

(b) by filling out the manual version of this form which can be found on the administrator’s website at the following address :

[https://sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/Documents/Sixties Scoop - Claim form.pdf](https://sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/Documents/Sixties%20Scoop%20-%20Claim%20form.pdf), and submitting it by email, fax or mail, to the following coordinates:

Sixties Scoop Class Action Administrator
c/o Collectiva Class Action Services, Inc.
200-2170 BOUL RENÉ-LÉVESQUE O
MONTRÉAL QC H3H 2T8

Fax: 514-287-1617

Email: sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca

For assistance with completing this form you can contact Collectiva at 1-844-287-4270 or by email at sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca

Submitted by: Margarete De Groot



An image of St. Kateri is seen during the street procession in Agassiz.

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St. Kateri's family had died of smallpox when she was young, and though she survived the disease, she bore its scars for the rest of her life. "Minutes after her death, something absolutely astonishing occurred. The scars which marred her face disappeared, and her face became very beautiful," said Archbishop Miller.

"While we might not bear physical scars, so many people today carry deep emotional, psychological, and even spiritual scars from the wounds they have suffered. These scars are not inflicted by smallpox, but by poverty, addiction, loneliness, and betrayal. They are caused by the cultural and sexual abuse suffered by Kateri's modern-day Indigenous sisters and brothers in their time at Canada's residential schools, many of which were run by the Catholic Church. So much pain, so many wounds, so much trauma, so many scars."

Yet, he continued, "What we cannot bring about by ourselves and our own efforts, we can do with the grace of God. Guiding us along this path to truth, reconciliation, and transformation, from scars to healing, is surely one of St. Kateri's greatest gifts to us, perhaps even the greatest miracle that the Lord has given to the Church through her intercession."

Deacon Meskas, who has lived among First Nations people in Agassiz for three years, said the community was deeply moved by the archbishop's message. One First Nations woman, who had been raised Catholic but not attended Mass

in 15 or 20 years, "said she's going to start coming to church again, she was so touched with what she saw."

The day's events closed with a barbecue, where the crowd grew even larger. Deacon Meskas said the clergy present gave up their seats at the head table so local elders could have a chance to sit down and dialogue with Archbishop Miller.

In thanks, the locals gave the archbishop a locally carved paddle – a sacred cultural symbol.

"It was a very powerful day," said Deacon Meskas.

He plans to host a large celebration on St. Kateri's feast day again next year, but with some significant changes. St. Kateri's

feast day is internationally celebrated July 14, but she is honoured in Canada on the anniversary of her death, April 17. Starting next year, plans are in motion to hold the Agassiz event on the Canadian feast day and at the site of the old St. Mary's residential school in Mission.

That symbolic gesture, he hopes, will attract more attention and make the event a place of welcome and healing for First Nations people.

"We bring people together and we hope it builds bridges," he said.

Several Catholic First Nations communities exist in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, including St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, St. Paul's Parish in North Vancouver, and Sacred Heart Parish in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

<https://bccatholic.ca/news/catholic-van/st-kateri-mass-a-huge-step-for-reconciliation>

Submitted by: Deacon Jamie



Archbishop Miller receives a paddle, a sacred cultural symbol, after Mass.

Pipeline pump station job opportunities - pursue pre-screening now!

Pipeline pump station construction is being done by WorleyParsonsCord, on contract with Trans Mountain Pipeline.

They will be looking for a number of trades disciplines, both apprentice and journeyman positions, including the following:

- Ironworkers
- Industrial carpenters
- Industrial electricians
- Scaffolders
- Steamfitter – pipefitters
- Welders
- Welder helpers
- Labourers
- Site administration
- QA/QC
- Materials management

They are hiring a full crew for each of 4 pump stations, with staff leapfrogging their way down the line. The South BC crew will be starting at the Black Pines Pump Station (north of Kamloops) in March of 2020. Hope Station is due to start until April of 2021. Each pump station typically takes 8 months to complete. There are 4 pump stations in the Southern BC spread – allowing for probably 2 years of work for an apprentice to put in their book.

People interested in applying for direct hire job positions should forward their resume to Sandra Lemmon email at (Sandra.Lemmon@worley.com) now as they have the capability to pre-screen candidates before jobs are posted. The jobs will most likely be posted on job boards such Indeed and LinkedIn early next year as our target for full mobilization is March of 2020.

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Submitted by: Henrie de Boer

Seabird Island Band Welcomes Band Members to Join the Review 4th Session



**Seabird Island Band
Governance Manual Review**
Tuesday, August 27th at 4:30 p.m.
Main Boardroom
(catering will be provided)

We would encourage individuals to read and highlight areas of concern prior to August 27th.

Copies can be requested at the Band Office.

Drivers Seat



Photo Credit: Zorana Edwards-Shippentower

While driving try to look way ahead of your vehicle, about 100 to 150 feet or 30 to 45 meters ahead. This way you are able to see any potential hazards that might happen and you can watch for different speed signs or speed zones.

If you are doing a driver's exam whether it's for your "N" or your "Class 5" you will need to obey the speed signs. Remember that speeding over the posted speed limit will be an automatic fail on your road test, even if you are going 1 or 2 kms over, so I suggest driving 1 or 2 kms under the posted speed limit.

Looking way ahead of your vehicle will also help you to keep it centred in your lane. Plus if you are driving in a city where there are traffic signals you will be able to keep glancing at them to see how long they were on before it changes and you can adjust your speed accordingly.

Submitted by: Jim Harris

Yoo Hoo Newsletter Delivery Survey & Prize Draw

You entered to win one of 4 prizes: Early-bird Prize \$100 cash,
Final prizes, included: Keg gift card for \$50 and Walmart gift cards for \$15.
Seabird Island Communications Program

Prize winners were drawn in the lobby



Early-bird Draw - July 15th - Darian Peters
Final Prize Draws - July 26th - Rod Peters - John Abbott
- Stanley Peters Jr. - Myra Thomas

Survey results:

Method of delivery preferred:

52 Red Boxes 12 Mail 32 Email 80 House to house

If provided the opportunity, would you be interested in purchasing or getting a delivery box on your driveway towards the end (around 10th in)? Based on multiple similar comments, we provided some additional numbers below.

89 Yes 11 Yes, already have one 15 To the door 52 No

Comments received:

- If delivery comes back, I will put up my own box towards the end of my driveway.
- Don't want another obstacle in my yard.
- Flyer's only, to the door.
- I love the personal touch to have door to door services. Drop boxes are impersonal.
- I try to walk every day, the red boxes give me somewhere to go.
- I can pick it up, but prefer home delivery.
- Thanks, this is a great idea.
- Thanks for trying to reach every home.
- I prefer on-line access, to save a tree.
- Pick-up at the Office.

- Promotions in the newsletter are to late, more notice is required.
- Newsletters need to go out on time.
- We love getting it in our newsletter box at home to stay up to date.
- Yes, FREE!
- Move the box from the house, to save money.
- More boxes at the end of the roads.

Thank you to the 158 Community Members who participated. It was a real pleasure to visit many of you at your homes, we appreciate the welcomes we received.

Background:

Newsletter delivery to members doors was very time consuming, costly and in many cases, dangerous. It took 2 people to deliver because there were so many safety hazards with wild animals, pets, overgrown vegetation and much more.

Communications was asked to come up with delivery options. email, mail, website, end of driveway and the community red boxes were all brought forward. We were directed to cancel door to door and try the red boxes. This change was met with mixed results.

Prior to this survey, one suggestion from upper management was:

Depending on the results, perhaps we only deliver to those who want to have a box towards the end of their driveway. This would mean: No getting out of the vehicle, reducing hazards. Reducing costs, only requiring 1 delivery person. Less homes, also reduces time required for delivery.

Management will make a final decision on how to try to meet every bodies requests, based on the results from this survey.

In the mean time we will continue to put out the newsletter by; email, web, mail and the red boxes. We will also add those who chose email and mail options to those distribution systems.

Fun Facts:

It is always best to put out media in a variety of different mediums as everybody notices and prefers to receive things differently.

Seeing things over multiple mediums, helps people remember.

Written by: Sandra Bobb



INCIDENT NAME
Big Bar Landslide

INCIDENT LOCATION
North of Big Bar on the Fraser River

DATE PREPARED
August 14, 2019



UPDATES

- Yesterday, scaling personnel conducted small-scale controlled detonations. This allows large boulders to be manipulated when hydraulic jacks and inflatable airbags are ineffective. Boulder manipulation is necessary to create a natural fish passage on the edge of the river. This may allow salmon to bypass the obstruction, avoid strong currents and continue their migration.
- Relocating salmon upstream, with the assistance of helicopters, is ongoing. Salmon are transported in large oxygenated holding tanks. This continues to be a successful strategy that enables salmon to bypass the obstruction.
- The Unified Command Incident Management team continues to assess and explore all options that will restore fish passage at the landslide site.




Operations are led by Unified Command, which is an innovative collaboration between federal, provincial and First Nation governments.

Salmon Transported by Helicopter

Daily Total			Total to Date	
Sockeye: 452	Chinook: 413		Sockeye: 9,995	Chinook: 3,257

Salmon Radio Tagging

Downstream From the Landslide			Transferred Upstream of the Landslide	
Sockeye: 105	Chinook: 97		Sockeye: 44	Chinook: 36

Local Fishing Stories

Salmon moved to B.C. hatchery as Fraser River landslide work continues

4,300 sockeye and chinook transported upstream of Big Bar

After airlifting thousands of fish above a landslide in B.C.'s Fraser Canyon, fisheries biologists have begun capturing members of threatened salmon runs to raise their offspring in a hatchery.

In a pilot program that began this weekend, B.C. and federal experts captured and identified 177 Early Stuart sockeye, which begin and end their life cycle on the Stuart Lake system near Fort St. James in northwestern B.C. The captured fish have been taken to a Fisheries and Oceans Canada salmon research lab at Cultus Lake near Chilliwack for egg and sperm extraction and hatching.

Transfer of salmon by helicopter upstream of the slide continues, while a team performs the delicate work of dismantling the rock deposit that created a five-metre waterfall across the crucial Fraser Canyon stretch north of Big Bar on June 23. The scaling crew is using hydraulic jacks and inflatable airbags to move large boulders in selected areas to create a natural fish passage on the edge of the fast-flowing river.

Controlled blasting was used July 22 to remove a large loose rock at the site that couldn't be

dislodged by the scaling crew with hand tools. As of Sunday, the joint federal-provincial emergency crew reports that 4,300 sockeye and Chinook have been transported above the slide site to continue their journey into the B.C. Interior.

Fishing restrictions on chinook salmon are in place, in some cases to preserve the largest fish that have the best chance of making it up-river past the blockage. Runs that come up the Fraser River include Interior Fraser steelhead (Chilcotin), Spring and Summer Chinook, Interior Fraser coho, Early Stuart sockeye, Early Summer sockeye, Summer Run sockeye and Fraser pink salmon.

The joint U.S.-Canada Fraser River Panel had its latest meeting Friday to assess data on Fraser River sockeye and pinks. Based on counts undertaken at Mission, the panel estimates that as of Friday, 38,000 sockeye reached the Big Bar site, of which 23,000 were Early Stuart sockeye.

A fish wheel has also been put in place to help fish pass the slide area, along with more than 2,300 sockeye and Chinook transported upstream by helicopter as of Aug. 1. The Big Bar slide adds to an already difficult year for salmon runs, particularly the commercially valuable sockeye.

"The migration of sockeye through both marine and Fraser River assessment areas has been very low to date, as indicated by the low sockeye catches in all areas," the panel states in its weekly report. "In addition to abundances

being very low, the migration timing seems much later than anticipated pre-season as well as in previous cycle years."

All panel area waters on both sides of the international border remain closed to commercial salmon fishing, along with catch-and-release restrictions for recreational fishing off the B.C. coast.

<https://www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/news/salmon-moved-to-b-c-hatchery-as-fraser-river-landslide-work-continues/>

UPDATE: Seabird Island waiting for DFO approval on fishing plan

It has been 'extremely complex and troubling' to come to an agreement with the DFO, band says

Restrictions on First Nations fisheries have created what Seabird Island called a 'complex and troubling' conversation with the DFO, after the Big Bar rock slide blocked salmon from returning to their spawning areas on the Fraser River.

The slide, found in June northwest of Kamloops on the Fraser River, has created a five-metre tall waterfall that is stopping spawning fish from moving through the river. Experts are currently transferring some salmon via helicopter, and working to dismantle the new waterfall to create a new fish passage on the edge of the river.

The impacts of the slide, along with the low numbers of sockeye salmon being caught in test fisheries, has created a

tension between First Nations fisheries and the DFO for the summer fishing season.

"It's been extremely complex and troubling to come to an agreement between Stó:lō Fishers and the DFO on a fish plan this summer," a post on the Seabird Island Band Facebook page read. "There is very little likelihood that we will be able to access any sockeye fishing."

A stringent fishing plan was developed with information from band member and fish representative Tyrone McNeil. The goal is that it would allow for fishing from Indigenous people, but still meet the DFO's conservation needs.

"The plan that you see was put together by our fisheries technicians based on all the criteria the DFO is currently asking for in terms of protecting certain stocks and having a little bit more access to other stocks," McNeil said. "I'm fully expecting it to be endorsed by the DFO because it's based on their rules, including any considerations around the Big Bar slide."

The plan allows for chinook fishing on Aug. 8 (an eight hour drift with an 18-hour set net), Aug. 25 (an 18 hour drift with a 48-hour set net) and continuous fishing after Aug. 26 until other salmon species restrictions kick in. Sockeye salmon fishing could be allowed on those days, although that would be dependent on a sockeye management plan.

"The sockeye just aren't showing up at all, and that's a huge concern for all of us,"

McNeil said. “Nobody could have predicted that.”

The band was set to meet with DFO representatives Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 6), but that meeting was rescheduled. The band hoped to meet with the DFO Wednesday morning (Aug. 7) for approval of the plan.

However, McNeil said the plan shouldn't need a meeting with the department of fisheries to go ahead.

“All we need is their endorsement of the plan that we put together with their restrictions and considerations,” he said. “We shouldn't need a meeting for them to agree to that.”

According to McNeil, the band's experience with the DFO has been tainted with “white privilege,” as he feels other fisheries have taken priority over First Nations rights.

“They're trying to play us off on each other, so that we're busy arguing and not fishing,” he said. “And in the meantime, the industrialized, commercialized, recreational, marine fishery continues to go unfettered.”

Currently, recreational salmon fishing is closed in the Fraser River until at least Aug. 23. Chinook fishing in the Harrison River is expected to open Sept. 1.

The commercial Chinook troll fishery is set to open Aug. 20, while coho and pink fisheries opened July 1, with a small closure at the end of July.

“We haven't even been in the water this year,” McNeil said about the First Nations fishers. “It's significant to us because

when we're on the river fishing, we're teaching our children how to fish, so we're passing along inter-generational information about specific areas of the river.”

First Nations communities would curtail their fisheries if the numbers aren't there, McNeil added, but having to watch commercial fisheries go forward while First Nations fisheries wait doesn't move towards reconciliation in an effective way.

“DFO is taking that ability away from us to transfer that knowledge in an effective way,” he continued. “I think it's going to have to come to the point where we get more proactive, and we're out there in demonstration fisheries to catch DFO's attention. They're doing social and cultural harm to us as an entire people.”

<https://www.theprogress.com/news/seabird-island-develops-stringent-fishing-plan-due-to-fraser-river-slide>

‘An extreme crisis for our sacred salmon’: B.C. rockslide threatens First Nations' food security



The remote site of a rockslide on the Fraser River near Big Bar, continues to fill with rocky debris, which is impeding any fish-rescue efforts. (Submitted)

A ‘state of emergency’ is threatening Indigenous communities along the Fraser River, they say

Several First Nations leaders say a “state of emergency” could arise from the blocked salmon situation necessitating immediate action on the part of other governments.

The remote site of a rockslide on the Fraser near Big Bar continues to fill with rocky debris, which is impeding any fish-rescue efforts despite the establishment of a multi-agency Incident Command Post out of Lillooet with experts working on it every day.

“The Big Bar rockslide has occurred at the worst possible time of year as key chinook, steelhead, coho and sockeye salmon runs traverse that area of the Fraser River,” said Cheryl Casimer of the First Nations Summit political executive, in a joint news release.

The blockage is threatening the “food sovereignty” of Indigenous communities all along the Fraser River since it will not only impact food sources this year but in future as well.

“Immediate mitigation efforts, in consultation with impacted Fraser River First Nations, must be the top priority for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and associated provincial ministries,” Casimer added.

Only 700 fish are estimated to have gotten through as of last week, and it is unknown how exactly how many salmon may be trapped at the base of the blockage.

On Thursday the First Nations Leadership Panel convened for the third time to discuss and consider fish passage mitigation options, according to information from the Incident Command Post management team. The panel is jointly led by DFO, FLNRORD and First Nations leadership.

“To date, three staged fish passage mitigation options and support for collaborative monitoring methods have been agreed upon by the panel via consensus amongst leaders,” according to a release.

The slide has created a five-metre high waterfall which is obstructing salmon from travelling upstream on their migration route to spawning beds.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs called the rockslide disaster “an extreme crisis for our sacred salmon,” and is calling for fisheries targeting Fraser stocks to be temporarily closed on the river until a solution is found.

“We fully support the call from the Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) that all recreational and commercial fisheries fishing

Fraser River salmon stocks immediately stop and any contemplated recreational and commercial fishery, including catch and release, not take place until after it is determined that all salmon have safe access around the slide area and that any such openings only be considered after conservation and First Nations priority needs are met,” Phillip said.

Watching salmon stocks dwindle has been excruciating for communities that depend on the food source.

“Natural disasters such as landslides are becoming more common due to climate change and we are deeply concerned by the Big Bar rockslide and the fragile future of the many salmon species which First Nations depend on for cultural and physical sustenance. Urgent action must be taken to mitigate this blockage, not only to ensure the future of salmon survival, but also to provide continued abundance into the future,” stated Regional Chief Terry Teegee.

Leaders will continue to monitor the situation and push for commitments to immediate mitigation of the rockslide to maximize salmon migration for this and future years and immediately expedite the creation and implementation of a plan including full participation of Canoe Creek Band, High Bar Band and Esketemc and all other concerned First Nations, that immediately allows salmon to safely make it through or around the slide area.

Several types of fish are being impacted, including some of conservation concern, officials said. The impacted stocks include: Interior Fraser Steelhead (Chilcotin), Spring/Summer Chinook, Interior Fraser Coho, Early Stuart Sockeye, Early Summer Sockeye, Summer Run Sockeye and Fraser Pinks.

<https://www.agassizharrisonobserver.com/news/an-extreme-crisis-for-our-sacred-salmon-b-c-rockslide-threatens-first-nations-food-security/>

What is Compost?

Compost is a natural fertilizer and soil conditioner. You can make it at home from organic materials such as kitchen scraps and garden waste. When put into a pile, these materials naturally decompose, turning into a rich, soil-like material called compost or humus. Composting is basically a way of speeding up the natural process of decomposition.



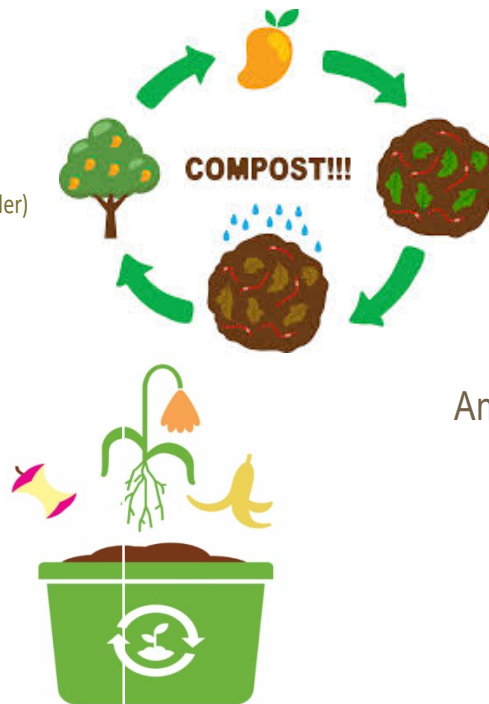
Accepted Compost items:

Yard waste:

- Grass clippings
- Flowers and Weeds
- Leaves and Moss
- Small Trimmings (6" or Smaller)
- Plants (No soil or rocks)

Food waste:

- Fruits and Vegetables
- Eggs and Dairy products
- Pasta and Grains
- Baked Goods
- Salad and Dressing
- Fish
- Plate Scrapings
- Nuts
- Rice
- Tea Bags
- Coffee Grounds



Non-accepted compost items:

- Animal waste
- Diapers
- Metal
- Plastic (Even biodegradable or compostable plastic)
- Plastic Containers
- Glass

Any questions about Seabird Island Eco Station please contact:

Infrastructure Department
604-796-2177
www.seabirdisland.ca

Seabird Island Eco Station:

Sending your organic waste to the Eco station will help you reduce your carbon footprint, and give back to mother nature by allowing us to turn your rotten fruit, left overs, and yard waste back into soil for gardening. Make a difference with us! Stop sending your compostable organics to landfills. Make the earth a better place for the future generations.

Seabird Island Curbside Garbage Requirements

Did you know?

68% of all garbage sent to landfills is NOT garbage.

Over 11 million tons of recyclable clothing, shoes and textiles make their way into landfills each year.



What is not accepted in Seabird Island curbside pick-up:

- Batteries
- Building and demolition materials
- Car parts
- Dirt
- Rocks and sod
- Electronics
- Foam containers and packaging
- Food waste (*No left overs, or expired food. Eligible for Compost*)
- Glass jars and bottles
- Harmful chemicals
- Light bulbs
- Liquids of any kind
- Mixed curbside recyclables
- Plastic bags and overwrap
- Small appliances
- Pharmaceuticals (*sharp & medication*)

What is accepted in curbside garbage pick-up?

- Bandages
- Ceramics
- Cigarette butts and ashes (*bagged and tied*)
- Diapers (*bagged and tied*)
- Gum
- Feminine products
- Pet waste (*bagged and tied*)
- Vacuum and dryer lint (*bagged and tied*)
- String
- Rope
- Bottle caps

Any questions regarding Seabird Island Curbside Garbage pick-up. Please feel free to contact:

Housing & Infrastructure Department
604-796-2177

Submitted by: Kailie McRae



Early Childhood Development

Annual Carnival

August 16th, 2019

from 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.



FREE to all children 0 - 6 and their family.
Join us in the field outside the ECD building.

Lunch & snacks will be FREE
to all participants with children.



Activities include:

carnival games with prizes, bouncy castle, face painting, open art, crafts, free play activities, dunk tank.

Lunch & snacks will be FREE to all participants with children.

For more information please, contact Carlene Brown, 604-796-6855 or email: carlene@seabirdisland.ca

B a c k



Join us as we celebrate Seabird Island Band Back-to-School Daze Event

Date: Wed. August 21, 2019
Time: 12-8 p.m. Snacks provided at noon
Dinner: 5 p.m. Entertainment Sasquatch Dancers
Where: Band Office Gymnasium

Door Prizes

- Crome Book
- Knife Set
- Leisure Passes
- Movie Passes

Featuring Parental Engagement and education highlighting the importance of family and the community.

Resource Tables

FHNA, ISPARC, Cultural, Elders, Literacy, Nutrition, Employment, Youth, Education Jurisdiction, Language, College, Health Planning, Post-Secondary, Seabird Island Community Schools, Jordan's Principle, Quit Smoking, Crafts, Food Preservation and Reproductive Health.

Activities

- Anxiety & Mindfulness
- White Hatter (Internet Safety)
- Literacy
- Primary Care/ Doctor's & Nurses
- Free Hair Cuts
- Sports equipment swap
- Discussion panel - Success at School
- Free back pack for those on Seabird Nominal Roll
- Clothing swap

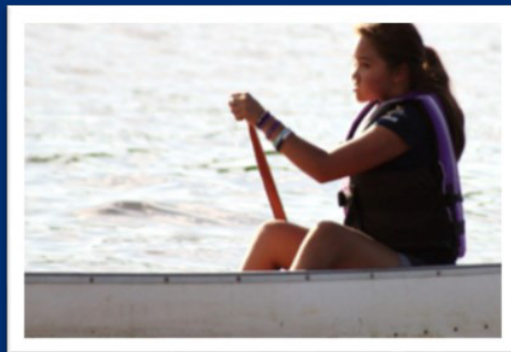
Student backpack, books and supply allowance forms will be available at this event.



ISPARC
Indigenous Sport,
Physical Activity & Recreation Council



2019 BC Indigenous Provincial Canoe/Kayak Championships



Dates:

September 21-22, 2019



Seabird Island Band

Chowat Road &
Seabird Island Road
Agassiz, BC



Registration Link:

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zsvsmcg1ofbrs2/>



Deadline to register:

Monday,
September 16, 2019

EVENT INQUIRIES:

Gillian at CKBC
604-465-5268 ext. 2
development@canoekayakbc.ca
OR Lara at ISPARC
250-940-4906
teambc@isparc.ca

I-SPARC, in partnership with Seabird Island Band and CanoeKayak BC, is pleased to present this 2-day Provincial Championship. This event will serve as the athlete selection event for the "Team BC Development Squad" who will prepare for the Halifax 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).



Who: Male and female Indigenous youth paddlers (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) born in years 2001 to 2007. Canoe and kayak races for age categories:

- 18U (born 2001 & later)
- 15U (born 2004 & later)
- 13U (born 2006-2007)



Cost: \$25/person. Includes race entry fee, canoes & kayaks provided, light lunch.

Pre-registration is required. For more details on the event and NAIG eligibility, please visit isparc.ca.



IT Teacher - Full Time

This position involves the provision of instruction to students of Seabird Island Community School/ High School. Includes instruction, preparation, assessment, classroom management, professional development and school meetings. Community and parental relations and adherence to all Seabird Island Community School and BC Ministry of Education policies and procedures.

Information Technology or IT Teachers must prepare lessons and activities that help students develop knowledge and understanding in concepts of computing, software use, troubleshooting, etc. The IT Teacher's daily tasks will depend mostly on the age and ability level of the students. Younger classrooms will focus on keyboarding and understanding basic word processing and other typical office programs, as well as Internet basics. With older students, more advanced classes in software use, data processing, hardware and even web design.

The IT Teacher is often expected to solve minor technical problems that happen within their classrooms, so computer troubleshooting experience is important.

Speech & Language Pathologist

Provides a range of clinical services that focus on promoting communication, language & speech that contribute to a client/patient's overall cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being. The Speech & Language Pathologist works closely with babies and children who have various levels of speech, language and communication problems. The successful candidate will provide assessments to children (0-6 years old) referred to the Ey Qwal Speech and Language Program.

Teacher on Call (TOC)

Seabird Island Community School is seeking to fill various positions for On Call Teachers. As a TOC, you will work in the absence of a regular teacher to aid students understanding a subject matter, as well as to provide skills required for programmed lessons and purposeful training for the assigned classroom.

Cook - Summer Recreation

The School Cook will be responsible for preparing, cooking and serving food for school breakfast/lunch programs and special events organized and participated by Seabird School as instructed by the Early Childhood Education Director in accordance with current health, safety and hygiene legislation.

Family Counsellor

Responsible for providing counselling and support to families, youth and/or children regarding mental health concerns and family issues. Counselling is provided in a culturally safe manner on a one-to-one basis, with families, in groups, in circles, in Seabird's Recovery Homes and/or as couple's counselling. The Family Counsellor makes referrals for clients to other services including treatment and recovery centers as required. Seabird Health's Family Counsellors provide services to a variety of Bands in our region, as such, this role may involve travel to other communities. In addition to counselling and support, family counsellors also provide education to communities through workshops to promote mental health and healing. These workshops may occur during the day or evening as appropriate for the community. All work done by the Family Counsellor is done from a trauma-informed perspective. This position is for a one-year term of 28 hours per week.

Special Education Teacher

Under the supervision of school administration, the Special Education Teacher will work with Students who have a wide range of learning, mental, emotional, physical and learning disabilities. Special Ed. Assistant's adapt general education lessons and teach various subjects, such as reading, writing, and math, to students with mild and moderate disabilities. They also teach basic skills, such as literacy and communication techniques, to students with severe disabilities.

Some Special Ed. Teachers will work with students who have physical and sensory disabilities, such as blindness and deafness, and with students who are wheelchair-bound. They may also work with those who have autism spectrum disorders and emotional disorders, such as anxiety and depression.

Special Ed. Teachers help students with severe disabilities develop basic life skills, such as how to respond to questions and how to follow directions.

Residential Support Worker - On Call

The role of the Residential Support Worker is to support residents struggling with substance use issues possible to facilitate personal growth and relationship building, as well as other duties associated with the recovery home such as cooking, cleaning, charting, participating in group sessions, driving and shopping.

Dental Hygienist On-Call

Perform basic dental care tasks, mostly focused on keeping patients' teeth and gums clean and giving instruction in proper dental hygiene. The Dental Hygienist will work under the supervision of licensed Dentist. They are not qualified to make the same kind of diagnostic decisions or perform the same procedures as Dentists. Unlike dental assistants, who work directly with dentists, hygienists often see patients on their own and direct their own tasks.

The goal of a Dental Hygienist is to provide the following services as a way to support and promote optimum oral health:

- Education
- Research
- Diagnostic
- Therapeutic
- Assessment
- Administrative
- Preventive

School Cook

Responsible for preparing, cooking and serving food for school breakfast/lunch programs and special events organized and participated by Seabird School as instructed by the Principal/ Vice Principal in accordance with current health, safety and hygiene legislation

School Bus Driver

The School Bus Driver is responsible for the safe transportation of students on the assigned route to and from school.

Early Childhood Education Cultural Worker

The Early Childhood Cultural Worker provides cultural programming, activities in all our Early Childhood Programs. To engage and teach our children, families and staff our language and cultural through age appropriate activities.

Head Start Coordinator - Cheam/ Shxw'ow'hamel

Under the supervision of the Head Start Supervisor, the Head Start Coordinator assumes responsibility for the operation of the Head Start Programs in both Cheam and Shxw'ow'hamel. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning, implementation and evaluation of the program. They will be expected to work effectively with staff, families and children and connect with the community.

We promote/organize many activities that help create awareness, understanding and respect of our culture in the Early Childhood Department. Speaking in the Halq'eméylem language is one of many cultural activities that happens at the Head Start programs. A willingness to learn Halq'eméylem is essential.

Education Assistant - On Call

Under the supervision of school administration the Education Assistant (EA) will work with students individually or in small groups to deliver activities that reinforce and advance the educational program and make the educational experiences of children more rewarding. EAs will assist teachers in student assessment and evaluation through observation, recording and data collection. At Seabird Island Community School Education Assistants are valued members of the school community and they make a significant contribution to the work of the school and toward the education of all students.

Preschool/OOSC/Summer Program Supervisor

The Supervisor of Preschool, Out Of School Care and summer programs will assume responsibility for the day to day operations of the all three of these programs. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning in cooperation with other program staff, working effectively with staff, families and children, connecting with the community and ensuring adherence with licensing requirements. The Supervisor is responsible for providing leadership in keeping with the philosophy of the Early Learning and Child Care Program at Seabird Island.

This position will have many responsibilities, including, being the lead teacher for the 3's preschool, supervising the 4's preschool, Out Of School Care (during school months) and Summer Program for the summer.

The Early Childhood Department plans and implements many activities that help create awareness, understanding and respect of our culture. Speaking in the Halq'eméylem language is one of many cultural activities that happens at the Early Childhood Center of Excellence. A willingness to learn Halq'eméylem is essential.

Cook

To prepare, cook and serve food for school breakfast/lunch programs and special events organized and participated by Seabird School as instructed by the Principal/ Vice Principal in accordance with current health, safety and hygiene legislation.

Community Wellness Justice Worker/Coordinator

The Community Wellness Coordinator/Justice Worker is responsible to the Seabird Community and its membership in a number of ways. In the area of community wellness, this individual seeks to provide input and make recommendations to the Community Wellness Committee, on ways to improve the health and safety of the community. These recommendations are made by pulling from a vast network of resources.

In the area of justice this position supports the community by having very regular contact with a variety of legal supports and services, including local police, corrections Canada, victim's services, parole services, lawyers and legal advisors. It is important to note that the Community Wellness Coordinator/ Justice Worker, is not expected to provide legal advice, or to provide support based on the guilt or innocence of a group or individual. Supports should be given to all clients receiving services equally.

Family Support/Development Worker

The Family Support Worker (FSW) is charged with assisting families in the process of life changes. The FSW will provide support and assistance to client families in a wide variety of daily, weekly, monthly, or sporadic tasks and family responsibilities. The FSW is expected to provide warm caring support, while teaching and empowering clients to be prepared for life after support has ended.

Student Mentor/Counsellor

Seabird Island Community School is seeking to fill a position of Student Mentor and Counsellor for K-12 students. Essentially, your responsibility is to equip students with a variety of strategies for coping with life's challenges: help students establish their personal goals, guiding and helping children make action plans, motivate and inspire children, identifying and providing resources, referrals and follow-ups and providing assistance in crisis situations. This will be a part time position requiring the person to work up to 5 hours on school days.

Job postings are also available at the Band Office and the Employment Office.

Please ensure you have received confirmation for your online submission. If you have not received confirmation, email: humanresources@seabirdisland.ca.

Pursuant to the Aboriginal Employment Preference Program, preference may be given to applicants of Aboriginal Ancestry. Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and three references. We regret that we will only respond to those applicants chosen for an interview.

We thank all applicants for their interest.



DEADLINES

Submissions and advertisements are due **7 business days prior to delivery.**
Contact comm@seabirdisland.ca.

AVAILABILITY

Twice a month. The 15th of each month (or closest business day) and the last business day of each month.

Apply for email distribution or pick-up at the red community newsletter boxes.

CONTACT US

Have an ad or story idea?
Email comm@seabirdisland.ca
Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed on all statutory holidays.
www.seabirdisland.ca

Advertising sales:

Contact Communications:
604-796-2177 or
email: comm@seabirdisland.ca

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AGREEMENT/LEGAL

It is agreed by any display or classified advertiser requesting space that the liability of the paper in the event of failure to publish an advertisement shall be limited to the amount paid by the advertiser for the portion of the advertising space occupied by the incorrect item only, and that there shall be no liability in any event beyond the amount paid for such advertisement. The publisher shall not be liable for any slight changes in typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement.

Editorials are chosen and written by Seabird staff, they are the expressed opinion of the staff, and do not necessarily reflect the views of Seabird Island.

Letters to the Editor must be under 300 words and include your name, phone number, status number, signature (not for publication), as well as date/year submitted.

We reserve the right to revise, edit and/or reject any advertisement or story submissions.

SEABIRD CHURCH

Mass: August 18th ~ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Study Groups: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Deacon Jamie 604-491-3053 or 604-615-5677.

LOVED ONE PASS AWAY?

We can help you send a copy of the death certificate to the First Nations Health Authority.
Contact Amanda Peters 604-796-2177.

FUNERAL PAMPHLETS

As per Seabird Funeral Policy, the first 100 colour and 150 grey-scale funeral pamphlets, as well as 1 hour of design time is free for all Band Members. Additional design time or pamphlets can be requested for a fee.

We can also assist with pamphlets for non-Band Members, inquire for fees.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or email comm@seabirdisland.ca.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS CARDS

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Appointments required. Serving Seabird Members only! Contact 604-796-2177

Remember to bring:

- 2 pieces of photo Government ID
- New Photo (see Communications, **appointment required**)

SIB has the right to refuse service.

Status Card Photography

Laminated style: \$10
New style w/ authenticated photo \$15
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Appointments required.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or comm@seabirdisland.ca

WILDSAFE BC CONSERVATION

To report animals who pose immediate threat or danger to public safety. 1-877-952-7277 or #7277

OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Book now for the next clinic dates: TBA

Recommended annual checkups for children under the age of 19 and every 2 years for ages 19-64.

Elders 65+ can be seen annually.

Have a medical condition, such as diabetes, or taking high risk medicines? You can also be seen annually.

Contact Amanda Peters 604-796-2177.

DENTAL CLINIC

Accepting new STATUS PATIENTS

Open Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Closed Fridays**

DENTAL WALK-IN PAIN CLINICS

Every Tuesday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Patients will be screened and those with most urgent problems will be seen first. Others seen on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact the Dental Clinic 604-796-6853.

SIFD FIRE PRACTICE

Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Now recruiting new members.
Contact the Fire Hall 604-796-2177.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF COMPOST, RECYCLE and GARBAGE:

Every Monday, unless Monday is a statutory holiday, then pick up will take place on the Tuesday immediately following the holiday.
2 garbage bags per household per week.

MAJOR GARBAGE: 1st Wednesday of each month, by request.

If you need a **bin dropped off** for your major cleaning please submit your request in writing, there is a long wait-list.

Contact Public Works at 604-796-2177 or email: publicworks@seabirdisland.ca

BABIES ID CARDS

Apply for a Medical Care Card as soon as possible.
Contact Amanda Peters 604-796-2177.

Apply for Status Cards as soon as possible.
Contact 604-796-2177.

MEDICAL CARDS

Need to apply for a new Medical Card because it was lost or stolen? We can assist you when applying for a new one.

Each client is responsible for paying for their Medical Cards. If they've been lost or stolen more than two times the cost is \$20 for each new card.

Please note, we do not assist with BC ID applications.

Contact Amanda Peters 604-796-2177

AMBULANCE BILLS

Please submit ambulance bills as soon as you receive them. If the bill is more than 1 year old, ambulance costs will no longer be covered under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB). Anyone with a status number can have the ambulance paid for by Health Canada as long as it's not an ICBC claim.

We can only provide assistance to those with a status number.

Unfortunately, ambulance bills will not be covered if you were also incarcerated in jail. Ambulance billing will know if you were incarcerated based on the bill's address. Please do not bring these in as they will be denied and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Please note, if you were taken home in an ambulance after a stay in the hospital, this will not be covered and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Contact Amanda Peters 604-796-2177.

ALCOHOLICS

ANONYMOUS MEETING

Every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Seabird Island Community Hall.
AA in BC website: www.bcyukonaa.org

NOTICE

NO SOLICITING PEDDLING DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS

All offenders will be reported and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

By order of Chief and Council

Chief and Council assert there is to be no solicitation of any sort. Visitors need permission from Chief and Council to solicit door to door.

If you get a questionable person knocking on your door you do not need to let them in. You have the right to close the door and contact the RCMP. There is an open file at the RCMP.

Community safety is a Chief and Council priority. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

All Seabird Elders ~ Call Out Memories Group Photo Day

September 9th ~ 1 p.m.

Location ~ TBA

Any questions call

Margarette de Groot

Phone: 604-845-7056

Wild Animal Danger Advisory

We have received reports of sightings.

- COUGAR with 2-3 cubs spotted on Pipeho:m Road & Sth'i:tsem Drive
- BOBCAT spotted on Alexis Drive
- BEAR with 2 cubs spotted on Waleach Rd
- COYOTES everywhere

Our wild friends have once again returned. These animals may be protecting their young families. Please take extra precautions while we confirm these details.

- Avoid the trails and shortcuts.
- Only go outdoors in groups of 2 or more.
- Secure your garbage and debris around the yard, in animal proof garbage cans. Taking your garbage to the curb only on garbage day mornings.
- Keep your children close
- Ensure your animals are safe.

Professionals who work with these animals say don't try to run away, a cougar can... run up to speeds of 35 miles per hour and jump as high as 18 feet from a sitting position. Make yourself big, stretch out your arms and speak loud and confidently.

For more information and tips visit the
Wild Safe BC Conservation Foundation at <https://wildsafebc.com>

Report Sightings: 1-877-952-7277 or #7277
if an animal poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety.

