



# Schákwel t' Sq'éwqel

## What's happening on Seabird Island?

**Sq'éwqel (SEABIRD ISLAND) SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 1-15, 2024**

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Welcome to the first edition of our bi-weekly newsletter!

In these brief newsletters, we will:

1. Provide a list of upcoming events, classes, and activities.
2. Offer a simple source for finding community involvement information.
3. Aim to increase attendance from Community Members.
4. Demonstrate transparency through more consistent information updates.
5. Engage and build relationships with more Community Members.

Excitingly, we present the inaugural edition of our bi-weekly newsletter, delivering valuable content in 2-4 pages to deepen your connection with the community. From highlighting upcoming events to serving as a resource for community involvement, our goal is to foster greater engagement among members.

With a focus on language, we have incorporated it into the title of this newsletter, Schákwel t' Sq'éwqel (Whats happening on Seabird Island)?

Our commitment to transparency is evident in consistent updates, ensuring you're well-informed about community developments. We seek to enhance participation and attendance, encouraging active involvement from each member.

This month, we're also launching the Sq'éwqel Sqwélqwel Pípe (Seabird Island Story / News Paper) on January 15, 2024. A monthly source of community information and entertainment, expect program updates, fact-based articles, editorial insights, practical tips, and entertaining sections.

Anticipate a newspaper that not only informs but also engages, entertains, and enriches the lives of our Community Members.

As we embark on this journey together, our ultimate goal is to build stronger relationships within our community. Share your thoughts as we collaboratively work to make each subsequent edition even more enriching and impactful.

Thank you for joining us, and we eagerly anticipate the continued growth of connection and community in future editions.

## Important Dates to Remember: Jan. 2 - 15, 2024

Date	Event / Activity	Location	Time	RSVP / Pre-register	Contact	Program, Department	Description
Jan. 2	Trust Cheques	SI Lobby	9 AM - 4 PM	Not on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Yes other days.	Jason Ellis 604-796-2177	Finance & Administration	For Band Members who turned 18 between Jun 2 & Dec 31 2023
Jan. 2 - Jan. 5	Open: OOSC, Daycare, 4's Preschool, Before/After School Care	ECD Building/ Mill Hall, as previously arranged	As previously arranged with respective Program	Yes	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 4	Major Garbage Day	Community Core	8 AM		604-796-2177	Public Works, Infrastructure	
Jan. 8	Open: All ECE programs/ classes reopen after Winter Break	ECD Building/ Mill Hall, as previously arranged	As previously arranged with respective Program	Yes	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 8	BEAR BUS	Chawathill FN / Shxw'ōwhámél FN	10 AM - 12 PM / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 8	Back to School	School	8 AM	No	604-796-3061	Seabird Island Community School, Education	
Jan. 8	Mens Group	Stó:lō Tribal Council Boardroom	5 PM	No	Randy Wheeler Randy.W@seabird-island.ca	Health	Current agenda: Welbriety 12 week course
Jan. 9	Parents and Tots Drop-in (0 - 6 years of age)	Mill Hall	10 AM - 1 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 9	BEAR BUS	Agassiz Recreation Centre / Cheam FN	10 AM - 12 PM / 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 9	Seabird Island Women's Group	Stó:lō Tribal Council Boardroom	5 PM	No	Bailee Jacques 604-819-6178 bailee.jaques@seabirdisland.ca	Health	Safe place to talk support and strengthen each other.
Jan. 9	Land Use Plan	SI Gym	5-7 PM	Yes	604-796-2177 lands@seabirdisland.ca	Lands, Infrastructure	Child-minding Available
Jan. 10	Some So Small (0-3 years old with parent)	ECD Building	10 AM - 11:30 AM	Yes	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	

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Jan. 10	BEAR Bus	Spuzzum FN / Hope Elementary	10 AM - 12 PM / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 10	Qwí:qwelstóm Drop-In	Elders Lounge	1:30 - 3:30 PM	N/A	604-796-2177	Lands, Infrastructure	Invited to ask about the Indigenous Justice Circle Process, and questions related to the Criminal Justice System.
Jan. 10	Adult Drop-in Recreation	SI Gym	6:30 - 8:30 PM	No	Roy Bedford 604-796-2177	Recreation, Culture & Community Services	Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Volleyball, Pickleball
Jan. 11	Parents and Tots Drop-in (0 - 6 years of age)	Mill Hall	10 AM - 1 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 11	BEAR BUS	Boothroyd FN / Boston Bar FN	10 AM - 12 PM / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 12	BEAR Bus	Skawahlook FN (Ruby Creek)	10 AM - 12 PM / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	No	Danielle Rigden danieller@seabird-island.ca 604-796-6854 Ext 6854	ECE, ECD	
Jan. 12	Membership Code	SI Gym	12:00 PM	N/A	Simone Jimmie 604-796-2177 membership@seabirdisland.ca	Membership, Inter-Government Affairs	
Jan. 13	Children Drop-in Recreation	SI Gym	9-10 AM	No	Roy Bedford 604-796-2177	Recreation, Culture & Community Services	Age 5-8 Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Volleyball
Jan 13	Youth Drop-in Recreation	SI Gym	10:15 - 11:15 AM	No	Roy Bedford 604-796-2177	Recreation, Culture & Community Services	Age 9-15 Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Volleyball
Jan. 15	Income Assistance Renewal / Job Search	College IA Office		N/A	604-796-2177	Income Assistance, Education	Time to submit your paperwork
Jan. 15	Mens Group	Stó:lō Tribal Council Boardroom	5 PM	No	Randy Wheeler Randy.W@seabird-island.ca	Health	Current agenda: Welbriety 12 week course
Jan. 16	Chief & Council Meeting	Main Boardroom			604-796-2177	Chief & Council	



# Seabird Island Draft Land Use Plan

**Location:** Seabird Island Gym  
**Time:** 5 - 7 PM  
**Dinner Starts:** 5 PM

Dillon Consulting will share the proposed draft Land Use Plan with the community. Multiple sessions will be offered to Seabird Island. An online option will be available to maximize participation. Gathering as a family is suggested.

Please RSVP for catering purposes and child-minding services. Contact Lands at [Lands@seabirdisland.ca](mailto:Lands@seabirdisland.ca) or call 604-796-2177.

**Your input is needed!**

**Child-minding Available**

#### Dates:

Tuesdays in January

- January 9, 2024
- January 16, 2024
- January 23, 2024
- January 30, 2024

Thursdays in February

- February 8, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- February 22, 2024

Meeting ID: 252 578 585 542  
Teams Link:

Passcode: e6bASK

Can be located on the Seabird Island Website and Seabird Island Facebook.

[membership@seabirdisland.ca](mailto:membership@seabirdisland.ca)

You are

**INVITED**

to the Membership Code Community Meetings

Seabird Island Band has controlled its own Membership List, since 1987, with its own Membership Code set in place, since 1999.

To ensure the Code has the capacity needed to preserve and grow Seabird's Membership, all present Seabird Members are encouraged to collectively review the Membership Code for potential improvements.

#### Save the Meeting Dates:

- ▣ January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM
- ▣ January 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM
- ▣ February 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM
- ▣ February 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM
- ▣ March 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM
- ▣ March 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM
- ▣ April 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM

#### Location Seabird Band Gym

Online attendance will be available - more information to come

The Community meetings will give Members an opportunity to:

1. Decide who can become a member of Seabird Island;
2. Protect children and grandchildren from losing Membership, despite being without Indian Status; and
3. Decide what rights and responsibilities each member is entitled to.
  - a. Example: housing, education, right to vote, economic benefits, funeral and sports allowances, etc.

#### Key Focus Areas:

- ▣ Code Amendment Process
- ▣ Code Appeal Process
- ▣ Membership and Indian Status
- ▣ Removal of Membership
- ▣ Scope of Authority on Membership Decisions
- ▣ Member Rights and Responsibilities

#### Experience the Thrill: Grand Prize Draw!

Join our exciting meetings for a chance to be part of the Grand Prize Draw. Your participation in each meeting enhances your chances of winning! Curious about how it works? By attending at least 5 of the 10 meetings, including the three that already took place in 2023, you will be eligible to win a 50" Smart TV. Youth will become eligible to win a Game Console. Don't miss out on this inspiring opportunity!



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# 2024

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- ▶ **Adult Upgrading & Adult Dogwood**
  - January 2024
- ▶ **Community Support Worker**
  - April 2024
- ▶ **Licensed Practical Nurse**
  - April 2024 – prerequisites January 2024
- ▶ **Trades Sampler**
  - Spring 2024
- ▶ **Education Assistant**
  - September 2024

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## Repeat Days to Remember:

- Garbage Day is every Monday and
- Recycling Day is every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.
- Fire Practice is every Tuesday 7-9 PM.
- OOSC 3-5 PM weekdays



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