



Sq'éwqel's First Salmon Ceremony



Sq'éwqels' First Salmon Ceremony of the year will be hosted June 14th

First Salmon Ceremonies have been held for centuries among Stó:lō tribes, and they continue today in many First Nations in the region.

Within Sq'éwqel, a First Salmon Ceremony is held annually. This tradition will always be called the 'First Salmon Ceremony' as it marks the first of the salmon returning to their natal streams, commencing the year's salmon season.

First Salmon Ceremonies pay tribute to the salmon for nourishing our people. The first salmon of the year will be caught, prepared and cooked according to the traditional process, and shared among the community (or those attending the ceremony). After, the inedible parts — such as fins and bones — will be collected and returned to the river, accompanied by drumming and a prayer of thanks.

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Giving back to the river is something that has been taught for generations to keep the fish returning.

This is an important occasion for Sq'ewqel because it honours the lifeforce, Shxweli, that sustains ours,

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paying due respect to ensure a bountiful fishing season that will feed our families and community for months to come. It is also meaningful because it is an age-old custom that connects the Stó:lō people to our roots and what gives us our lifeforce, which the namesake “the river people” refers to. Honouring the salmon this way connects us to our culture and past while aiming to provide for our nourishment and health in the future.

This year, Seabird’s First Salmon Ceremony is being held during the



weekend on Saturday, June 14 at 1:00PM in the Seabird Gym, and everyone is welcome to attend. Those who are interested in learning about why this custom is observed each year, its significance to the Seabird community and the traditions it teaches are encouraged to volunteer for preparations at 9:00 AM.

We look forward to welcoming Seabird staff, Band and Community Members to participate in the First Salmon Ceremony to honour the salmon’s return to the river.



WATER CONSUMPTION TIPS

With the hot weather ahead, please be aware of your water consumption. These simple tips will help a lot:

1. Water your lawns and gardens late evening, night, and early morning; avoid watering during midday, or the hottest periods of the day.
2. After mosquito season, fill your pool water and leave it in there as long as possible. Only refill it once a week or so maximum.
3. Turn off the water when brushing your teeth – only turn it on when you rinse.
4. Don’t flush trash. Cigarette butts, random butts of trash and other non-toilet designated waste can be disposed of in other ways.
5. Only do laundry when you have a full load, and take shorter showers.
6. When washing dishes by hand, don’t leave the water running for rinsing.

- If your have a double-basin, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water.
7. Take shorter showers. One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.
8. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks. Blasting leaves or stains off your walkways with water is one way to remove them, but brushing with a broom to first loosen the dirt and grime will decrease your water use and save you time in the long run.
9. Cover swimming pools. Swimming pools can lose an inch or more of water each week to evaporation. Temperature, humidity, wind, and the way the pool is situated can all affect how quickly water evaporates.

**ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE CLOSURE**
Canada Day
Tuesday, July 1, 2025

COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: RED ROAD DRIVING SCHOOL

I was driving on the Lougheed Highway from Mission to Deroche the other day, no doubt angering the person behind me because I refused to go over 80km/hour. As we cruised along at the designated speed, they really amped up the pressure, staying hot on my tail. I wasn't budging; it's a long open road, and speeding felt unnecessary.

Eventually, they got fed up and overtook me. Bad move.

The guy behind them was an unmarked cop car; seconds after they passed me, the unassuming grey Chevy lit up and chased them down. I felt pretty bad when I passed them pulled over, but relieved that I refused to speed up because of pressure...

...maybe that driver can brush up their skills and knowledge at Red Road Driving School, owned by Seabird Band Member and leader, Chief Jim Harris.

Red Road Driving School offers comprehensive driver's training. Through its programs drivers can obtain their Class 7 (learners), 5 (novice) and 4 (unrestricted commercial) licenses. The Class 4 unrestricted training Red Road offers covers any vehicle under the Class 4 umbrella, for example limousines, ambulances, disability vehicles and larger vehicles such as 24-passenger buses. Learners can practice in cars and SUVs, or a 21-passenger bus if they are working towards their Class 4.

Class 4 instruction is not usually this convenient to come by. Chief Harris explained that he's noticed that many communities have buses but no bus driver, and he wanted to address that at home, so he began to offer the training in his own driving school.

The innovative decision to bring unrestricted Class 4 training right to Sq'ewqel and its people provides valuable opportunities to Members, residents and other locals, while ensuring that Seabird's various bus services can run smoothly.

Also, since acquiring the 21-passenger training bus, Red Road has secured tour bus contracts and established bus routes from Yale to Vancouver.

Red Road Driving School is a unique staple in Sq'ewqel, as it offers comprehensive instruction in a valuable life skill while providing ease of access for the community. Red Road services those right here in our community while connecting us to others, contributing to Seabird's programs and providing opportunities for Members and locals in the region.

hikw shxwe'eloh kyo ~ Bus

xálelh ~ roads, trails

Rates are fair, and Chief has a well-rounded perspective on training drivers, as he used to be Seabird Island's driving instructor. Thank you, Chief Harris, for offering this essential service to the community, and many happy returns for Red Road Driving School's continued success!

To inquire about Red Road Driving School's services, please call (604) 819-0588.

By Aishah

Scan to
sign up!



GET READY!

BEARS' LAIR IS COMING TO SEABIRD ISLAND.

July 18 - 21, 2025 - Seabird Island Band Office Gym

The fourth annual **Stó:lō Youth Entrepreneurship Initiative (YEI)** is around the corner and you don't want to miss out! Explore the basics of business, team building, games & more.

What is the Bears' Lair Youth Dream Camp all about?

The Bears' Lair Youth Dream Camp is a free, three-day entrepreneurship program for Indigenous youth (ages 11-22), featuring hands-on activities, mentorship, and team challenges to build business skills, creativity, and leadership.

Earn while you learn how to turn your ideas into reality!

\$100
Mastercard for all participants.

\$250
For each of the winning team





Stó:lō Youth
Entrepreneurship Initiative



**BEARS' LAIR
DREAM CAMPS**
Xwp'a7áysus t'a mǝxǝl



SqDC
Sq'ewqel Development Corporation



Sq'ewqel
Seabird Island

For more information contact Carla Pretorius on 403 630 3071/carla.pretorius@sqewqel.ca

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you are evacuated, you could receive e-transfers to assist with your immediate needs?

But only if the following have been done beforehand:

1. Download the [BC Services Card](#) app
2. Verify your government ID
3. Link your [BC Services Card](#) account with Evacuee Registration and Assistance
4. Make sure your online banking is set up
5. You can receive e-transfers via email

Did you know that Seabird Island now subscribes to [Alertable](#) as their Emergency Notification System? Getting quick, accurate updates during emergency events can save lives. To keep you and your family informed of incoming or immediate threats, download the app [Alertable](#) and choose Seabird Island as your location.

Need help? Your local Emergency Preparedness Manager can help you complete these steps.

Contact: Danika Snook danika.snook@seabirdisland.ca

Band Office: 604-796-2177



CHANGES TO GRADUATED LICENSING PROGRAM IN BC

Changes are coming to BC's driver-licensing process that may affect you.

Starting in 2026, "N" license holders (novice drivers) **may not need to do a second road test** to earn their Class 5 (full) license.

Why? BC's government has determined that a clean driver's record is a better indication of safe, competent driving than passing a second road test. This decision will change how new drivers become licensed, with the intended impact of making our streets safer for everyone.

Sq'ewqel is not only partly bordered by a busy highway — we also have a network of roads throughout the reserve that observe different road rules. Safety is a key concern, as these roads are trafficked by our people on foot, bikes and mobility aids (wheelchairs, walking supports) as well as children playing and pets crossing.

The 30km/hour zone that extends from the Millenium Hall to the Band Office is a hub that connects our schools and many of our services while functioning as an entrance into the community. It sees a high volume of traffic daily, including cars and pedestrians of all ages. It's vital that we respect the speed limit in order to maintain safety in the heart of Seabird.

The changes to BC's licensing process will emphasize the importance of following road rules and staying attentive while driving. This will not only change how our Members become licensed, but it will contribute to the overall protection and wellbeing of the community.

They also remove the need to schedule a test at a licensing office, which will make it more convenient to become fully licensed.

Because **L/N restrictions will be more heavily enforced, violations may result in stricter penalties.** Be aware of the changes that may impact you, and observe the restrictions placed on your license class at all times.

Rules & Restrictions: Learners & Novice

Learners (L):

- Qualified supervisor 25+ with a Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 **must be in the passenger seat (beside you) at all times**
- Display L magnet on the back of your vehicle where it's visible. Don't make your own if you've lost it; replace it for free at an ICBC office. Print a temporary one at the Band Office from icbc.com (search "print L/N sign")
- Zero alcohol and/or drugs in your system
- **Only one passenger** besides the 25+ qualified supervisor is permitted in the vehicle
- No electronics including hand-held, hands-free etc.
- No driving between midnight and 5:00AM

Novice (N):

- Display N magnet visibly on the back of your vehicle (same rules apply for L & N magnets)
- Zero alcohol and/or drugs in your system
- No electronics including hand-held, hands-free etc.

One passenger permitted excluding immediate family members (**mother, father, brother, sister, child or spouse**; no cousins, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews, grandparents etc.) **UNLESS** a 25+ supervisor with a Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 license is present, **in the passenger seat**

Change Details

Instead of holding your N for two years then taking a road test, N drivers **with a clean record** will automatically graduate to a Class 5 driver; however, they will be subject to a **new 12-month probationary period**.

During the probation, drivers must be extremely cautious because **single violations can result in serious penalties**. These can include license suspension, revocation, or even having to start again from the beginning. Other consequences may include loss of points, fines, increased insurance premiums and other prohibitions.

It might seem easier to get your Class 5 now, but doing so will require drivers to maintain a clean record for 12 months with no infractions after the two-year novice period.

Xólhemethet kw'ás kwelósols

~
“Drive carefully”

If you're already in the existing system (you currently possess an L or N license) **these changes may not apply to you**. Please contact or visit an ICBC office to confirm whether you're required to complete a second road test to obtain your Class 5 license.

Reminder: Check that your license isn't expired or about to! You can renew your license up to 6 months in advance in BC, and this won't affect your next renewal date (you won't need to renew 6 months earlier than normal). Renew online or in-person.

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Seabird Island has resources available to those from age 16 and up on their driving journey through our Driver's Education program. Build confidence and gain the skills required to pass your tests and hit the road safely and competently, working with qualified, experienced driving instructors.

This program is open to Community and Band Members, PESP clients, Seabird High School students and Seabird College students (during the school year/program term). It's designed to assist drivers in passing their L, N and Class 5 tests, and offers 60-minute sessions that include behind-the-wheel guidance and expert one-on-one instruction.

To make the process smoother, lessons can progress at the learner's pace. In addition, testing is made simpler as Seabird can arrange transport to and from road tests, loan vehicles for testing purposes and cover certain test fees.

Learning to drive with Seabird's Driver's Education program provides ease, access and the tools necessary for anyone to become a safe and skillful driver. Look no further than Seabird to begin your driving journey. The open road beyond awaits!

More information:

Call: (604) 796-2177

Email:

employmentservices@seabirdisland.ca

By Aishah



Lab Day / Diabetic Support (mobile life labs)





Who's eligible:

All Diabetics, and anyone needing their regular bloodwork with a requisition only.

- Fasting recommended, not required.
- Light Breakfast/Snacks provided to those who participate.

Drop-in, no appointment required.

Date:
July 24, 2025
Future Dates: **October 23**

Time:
8:00 – 10:00 AM

Place:
Sq'ewqel Health Office

Please sign in with the Doctor's Reception (MOAs).

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS AT SEABIRD COLLEGE



Ashley Harris and Octavius Billy are looking to the future!

Ashley recently completed the practicum for her Education Assistant Diploma and praised the college for supporting her educational journey. Completing her studies at the college filled her with pride. “I love being close to home to work on my career goals, and I’m so proud to call [Seabird Island] home,” she said.

Octavius Billy, who is working on his Early Childhood Educator Diploma with financial support from Seabird Island Band’s post secondary funding initiative, echoes Ashley’s sentiments. Octavius said he “felt that having higher education closer to home and work has made a world of difference.”

Octavius’ and Ashley’s comments reflect the goal of Seabird College — to empower learners through a supportive, inclusive and accessible educational environment.

It’s a win-win situation for the community according to Seabird Island Community School principal, Steve Beier. “During their time, they supported students with their academics, helped them through social and emotional situations, built connections with them, and grew with them,” Steve said about (college) students completing their practicums at the school. “Their time here was invaluable,

and their passion for education shone through. [The Educational Assistants] will make an impact in whatever classroom they end up working in, and we hope at least some choose to work with us in the future.”

Tuition-free education is offered to Indigenous students at the college, removing financial barriers to higher learning. Program supports are designed to help learners thrive. From a dedicated team that includes a cultural support worker to transportation assistance, such as bus passes and shuttle service, the college is more accessible than traditional post secondary institutions. Financial support for childcare and an on-site driving school further supports student needs

both in and out of the classroom.

The college prioritizes student well-being with both cultural and mental health counseling, and offers nutritious breakfasts and lunches that provide healthy, locally sourced meals to fuel success.

The college’s smaller classroom settings create space for meaningful connections, personalized instruction and a stronger sense of community. To recognize achievement, a Graduation Incentive is provided to celebrate students who complete their programs.

For information about Seabird College programs, please contact Stephanie Smith, college recruiter, at: collegerecept@seabirdisland.ca

tó:lt ~ to learn (it)

You're invited



Stó:lō Community Futures
2025 Annual General Meeting

Jason Campbell, Board Chair of Stó:lō Community Futures, warmly invites all Indigenous community members within S’ólh Téméxw to attend the Annual General Meeting.

 Tuesday
Jul 15, 2025

 5 - 6 pm

 52161 W Victor Dr, Rosedale, BC

Please RSVP by July 11th, 2025.

REGISTER 

 www.stolocf.ca

 604-858-0009

 bhill@stolocf.ca

SEABIRD STUDENTS: HONOURING CHRISTINE YVONNE HARRY



Sq'ewqel Band Member and employee, Yvonne, has exciting news to share: on June 11, she walked across the stage in her cap and gown to accept her college diploma.

Yvonne is a receptionist at the Band Office who you can always rely on for a friendly chat or helping hand. In the afternoons, she would leave her post in the office lobby and walk over to Seabird College, where she has been pursuing her Business Administration Diploma in partnership with Sprott Shaw College.

Yvonne has worked hard throughout her life to earn her education. Facing setbacks made her ambitions seem out of reach at times, but she met each challenge with a fierce determination, always staying focused on her end goal.

Graduating high school took a lot of grit, and involved walking 2 hours to Agassiz and back every day to attend classes as a young mother. Finishing college was no easier: "It was like walking through deep snow," Yvonne recalled of her entire educational journey.

I asked Yvonne what the most important part of her story is. "The biggest thing I want to emphasize is that you can't give up when things get hard," she answered.

Life and its troubles will always get in the way, and sometimes it can feel as though our goals are more like dreams. But hardships are a natural part of the journey, making our accomplishments meaningful and rewarding.

Yvonne experienced a challenge with a teacher, who she was always at odds with. She felt as though he didn't like her, which made completing her diploma more difficult — but she admits that most often he was just being strict, and sometimes, strictness is necessary to push students to be the best they can be. "They [teachers] have to follow their curriculum, and grade students based on that... I know they're strict because it's their job," said Yvonne.

Tough love and discipline can be difficult to adjust to, but it's a strong skill that builds people up; persevering through hard times makes you stronger and expands upon existing potential.

I asked Yvonne why it was important to her to complete a college diploma. "To show people it can be done," she answered simply.

Yvonne wants everyone, from her youngest grandchild to the wisest Elder in the community, to know it's possible to achieve your goals. Persisting through stormy seasons is the hardest part that can make quitting seem like the best

option, but coming out on the other side promises a better future for us, our children, and the community at large.

Congratulations Yvonne; not just on completing an admirable milestone in your education journey, but on inspiring the community and demonstrating the rewards of passion and hard work!

And congratulations to all the Sq'ewqel graduates this summer. Little ones transitioning from preschool to kindergarten, elementary students moving on to high school, high school seniors graduating, and post-secondary students accepting their diplomas are all accomplishing a significant undertaking, and have worked hard to be where they are.

Sq'ewqel honours you and your achievements. We are so excited for you to take this next step; the possibilities, like your potential, are endless.

Look out for grad details in July's newspaper!

By Aishah

The Seabird Maternal Child Health Team invites you to the:

Baby Welcoming Celebration 2025

Join us in celebrating and welcoming all babies that were born between June 2024 and May 2025.

This event is open to the public. Mothers and babies being celebrated will receive personal invitations. All invitations will be sent out by May 19, 2025.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am followed by blanketing our new babies and mothers

Questions please contact Hailey (604-798-1378) or Brooke (604-845-5667)



TIME: 10:30AM - 2:30PM

LOCATION: SEABIRD ISLAND GYMNASIUM

2895 CHOWAT ROAD, AGASSIZ V0M 1A0

SUCCESS STORY: FROM TEMPORARY ROLE TO LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITY

At Seabird Island Band Employment Services, we're proud to support community members through our Labour Pool — and we're excited to share a recent success!

One of our candidates was placed in a temporary, month-long role supporting a community referendum. The position was highly visible and community-facing, requiring strong interpersonal skills and adaptability. From day one, she brought enthusiasm, a willingness

to learn, and a natural ability to connect with both voters and staff.

Her dedication didn't go unnoticed. The department she supported was impressed by her professionalism, positive attitude, and the rapport she built with the community. As a result of her outstanding performance, she has now been offered a 1-year Work Opportunity Placement — a testament to her work ethic and potential.

This is exactly what our Labour Pool is all about: opening doors, building confidence, and helping our members grow into long-term success.

Interested in joining the Labour Pool? Reach out to us at labourpool@seabirdisland.ca to learn more and get started!

shxwexwá ~ hard-working

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT LEARNING ABOUT MEXÁLH (CATERPILLARS)

The Early Childhood Department has been learning about and raising caterpillars. It has been amazing to see their transformation from caterpillars, to chrysalis, to butterfly. We have loved singing songs, reading books and doing arts and crafts related to mexálh (caterpillars) and smímeyáth (butterflies).

Nadine Knelsen

mexálh ~ caterpillar

smímeyáth ~ butterflies



Election Results

á'a ~ yes

Statement of results

June 2, 2025

The Ballot Question will be approved if a majority of Eligible Voters who cast ballots in the Referendum vote "YES" to the question.

Do you approve of an extension of the Seabird Island lease from AE Concrete from the present 25 years to a 75-year term?	
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	151
SPOILED BALLOTS	0
YES	118
NO	33

Seabird Island Festival 2025: Thank you



The 53rd Annual Seabird Island Festival was a monumental success. The sun shone, the games thrilled and the streets of Sq'ewqel bustled with people; this year we sold out of parking tickets and saw record-breaking attendance as guests from near and far came to enjoy the festivities among family, friends and community.

Food was plentiful and delicious; food trucks lined the streets, including Seabird resident-owned Yardie's and J&R Bannock Wagon. We hosted a crab lunch for the first time, and visitors could be seen balancing teetering plates of large, red king crab as they weaved through the crowds. Our smoked salmon dinner sold 100 tickets, and 100 additional plates were donated to the Coastal Jam.

The Coastal Jam was a distinct highlight of the weekend, with drums beating late into the night on Saturday. It kicked off when all canoe and soccer matches were through for the day, and by the time most people arrived the Seabird Community School gym was packed close to bursting. Before the jam began, Elders and Community Members spoke to the importance of tradition and the responsibility of honouring customs, cultural garments and sacred items. Soon, the floor was alive with drummers and dancers decked out in regalia, representing their region or nation. All in attendance shared the music and medicine under the Sq'ewqel emblem.

50/50 winners took a combined total of over \$7300 to the bank, a whopping 78 soccer games were played, and canoe

racers went from morning through the afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday. The Island Braves, from Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) on Vancouver Island, were being filmed by APTN for a docuseries that will follow some team members all the way to Brazil this August for the World Distance Championships.



The occasion brought people together, spotlighted culture and talent, and spread high spirits. Everywhere you turned, children laughed, family and friends hugged, and crowds cheered for loved ones. Celebration was in the air, and the summer season started with a meaningful display of cultural pride and unity.

Thank you to everyone, from the event planners who worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring this event to life, to the staff and volunteers who gave their weekend to make it happen. We appreciate the participation of local food trucks, vendors and organizations and hope you will return for many years to come.

And of course, thank you to the guests and Sq'ewqel Members who made the journey — Festival is about celebrating who we are and where we come from, and it can't happen without those who join us to make each year better than the last.

Congratulations to all the winners, and special shout-out to the Seabird under 7's for winning Silver!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year — see you all May 22-24, 2026!

By Aishah



Seabird Island Festival 2025 Results

Seabird Island Festival 2025 Winners: Canoe, Soccer and 50/50

50/50

Saturday's Winner
\$4,062.00 – Gail Kirk

Sunday's Winner
\$3,315.00 – Fred Paul Sr.



SOCCER

Men's Soccer

- 1st Sts'ailes
- 2nd Musqueam Blues
- 3rd Tla'amin Braves

Women's Soccer

- 1st Cowichan FC
- 2nd Rainbow Stars
- 3rd Skwxw7mesh Nch'u7mut

16U Soccer

- 1st Quw'utsin FC
- 2nd Sts'ailes
- 3rd Musqueam Blues

13U Soccer

- 1st Rainbow Stars
- 2nd Tla'amin Thunder
- 3rd Capilano Crew



10U Soccer

- 1st Sts'ailes Sasquatch
- 2nd Tla'amin Thunder
- 3rd Capilano Crew

7U Soccer

- 1st Musqueam lil' Blues
- 2nd Seabird
- 3rd Sts'ailes

5U Soccer

- 1st Sts'ailes Mini Chiefs
- 2nd Kilgatzie
- 3rd Capilano Crew FC

CANOE

Saturday Single Paddle

10U Girls

- 1st Sofia (Rainbow)
- 2nd Theia (Golden Eagles)
- 3rd Aria (War Bonnet)

10U Boys

- 1st Bronson (Golden Eagles)
- 2nd Ryan (Rainbow)
- 3rd Asher (Lady Jane)

13U Girls

- 1st Jasmine (Merisa Mae)
- 2nd Louanne (War Bonnet)
- 3rd Miya (Lady Jane)

13U Boys

- 1st Zach (NVCC)
- 2nd Julius (Lady Jane)
- 3rd Frankie (River Spirit)

16U Girls

- 1st Danielle (Rainbow)
- 2nd Viviana (Rainbow)
- 3rd Makya (Lady Rose)

16U Boys

- 1st Leelind (Vikki-Lynn)
- 2nd Mason (Vikki-Lynn)
- 3rd Aiden (Vikki-Lynn)

Women

- 1st Karlie (Merisa Mae)
- 2nd Salena (Merisa Mae)
- 3rd Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn)

Men

- 1st Jim (Island Brave)
- 2nd Andrew (Lady Jane)
- 3rd Mike (NVCC)

SATURDAY DOUBLE PADDLE

10U

- 1st Sofia + Catherine (Rainbow)
- 2nd Emmitt + Aria (War Bonnet)
- 3rd Ryan + Tyson (Rainbow)



13U

- 1st Zara + Allyson (Vikki-Lynn)
- 2nd Cylis + Rayahna (War Bonnet)
- 3rd Syanne + Kasen (War Bonnet)

16U

- 1st Leelind + Zane (Vikki-Lynn)
- 2nd Mason + Aiden (Vikki-Lynn)
- 3rd Joseph + Alex (Geronimo)

Women

- 1st Karlie + Merisa (Merisa Mae)
- 2nd Tyra + Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn)
- 3rd Serena + Salena (Kikya)



**Men**

- 1st Jim + Michael
(*Island Brave*)
2nd Buddy + Darian
(*Free Agent*)
3rd Colin + Fidele
(*Vikki-Lynn*)

Mixed

- 1st Jacqueline + Fidele
(*Vikki-Lynn*)
2nd Andrew + Leandra
(*Lady Jane*)
3rd Tyra + Leelind
(*Vikki-Lynn*)

SATURDAY 6 PADDLE**10U**

- 1st Lady Lavina
2nd King Kash
3rd Rockin Robin

13U

- 1st Lady Lavina
2nd Rockin Robin II
3rd Top Secret

16U

- 1st Top Secret
2nd Rockin Robin II
3rd Kikya

Women

- 1st Top Secret
2nd Pink Lady
3rd King Kash

Men

- 1st Island Brave
2nd Top Secret
3rd Moni's Angels

SATURDAY 11 PADDLE**10U**

- 1st Rainbow
2nd Merisa Mae
3rd Tsesqel

13U

- 1st Merisa Mae
2nd Lady Jane
3rd Rainbow

16U

- 1st Top Secret
2nd Lady Rose
3rd War Bonnet

Women

- 1st Salish Dancer
2nd Stó:lō Queen
3rd Merisa Mae

Men

- 1st Island Brave
2nd Salish Dancer
3rd Xeyteq

SUNDAY 11 PADDLE**Men**

- 1st Island Brave
2nd Salish Dancer
3rd Stó:lō Queen

Women

- 1st Salish Dancer
2nd Stó:lō Queen
3rd Rainbow

16U

- 1st Salish Dancer
2nd War Bonnet
3rd Lady Rose

13U

- 1st Merisa Mae
2nd Rainbow
3rd Lady Jane

10U

- 1st Merisa Mae
2nd Rainbow
3rd Tsesqel

SUNDAY 6 PADDLE**Generations Dash**

- 1st King Kash
2nd Adeline (*NVCC*)
3rd Chief (*Swinomish*)

Mixed 3&3

- 1st Top Secret
2nd NiNi (*Lost Boyz*)
3rd Adeline (*NVCC*)

Men

- 1st Island Brave
2nd Top Secret
3rd Vikki Lynn

Women

- 1st Top Secret
2nd Stó:lō
3rd Star Nation

16U

- 1st Top Secret
2nd Rockin Robin II
3rd Moni's Angels

13U

- 1st Rockin Robin
2nd Lady Lavina
3rd King Kash

SUNDAY DOUBLE PADDLE**Masters**

- 1st Walter + John
(*Xeyteq*)
2nd John + Ces (*SeaWolf*)
3rd Heather + Nicola
(*NVCC + Stolo*)

Men

- 1st Jim + Mike
(*Island Brave*)
2nd Andrew + Darian
(*Lady Jane + River Spirit*)
3rd Fidele + Colin
(*Vikki-Lynn*)

Women

- 1st Tyra + Jacqueline
(*Vikki-Lynn*)
2nd Jenn + Niki
(*Sts'ailes Canoe Club*)
3rd Nicola + Raquel
(*Burrard + Free Agent*)

16U

- 1st Zane + Leelind
(*Vikki-Lynn*)
2nd Mason + Aiden
(*Vikki-Lynn*)
3rd Lindsey + Vincent
(*Salmon Arrow*)

13U

- 1st Zach + Robbie
(*NVCC + Salish Serpents*)
2nd Syanne + Kasen
(*Rockin Robin*)
3rd Julius + Kael
(*Lady Jane + Gold Eagles*)

Mixed

- 1st Fidele + Jacqueline
(*Vikki-Lynn*)
2nd Mike + Nivana (*NVCC*)
3rd Andrew + Leandra
(*Lady Jane*)

SUNDAY SINGLE PADDLE**Men**

- 1st Andrew (*Lady Jane*)
2nd Jim (*Island Brave*)
3rd Mike (*Island Brave*)

Women

- 1st Karlie (*Merisa Mae*)
2nd Jacqueline (*Vikki-Lynn*)
3rd Tyra (*Vikki-Lynn*)

16U

- 1st Leelind (*Vikki-Lynn*)
2nd Mason (*Vikki-Lynn*)
3rd Aiden (*Vikki-Lynn*)

13U



- 1st Zach (*NVCC*)
2nd Wyatt (*Vikki-Lynn*)
3rd Cylis (*War Bonnet*)







Sq'ewqel Housing Wait-list

1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom	
1	01172023-7093	1	12102018-6014	1	12192012-3076
2	10182023-7116	2	01072020-7031	2	01142015-1011
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4	05022023-7105	4	01172023-7093	4	01072020-6024
5	11082023-7128	5	11022020-5051	5	01072020-7031
6	01012024-7140	6	12232020-7056	6	12232020-7056
7	05282024-7154	7	05022023-7105	7	01092021-7061
8	01142025-7164	8	06152023-7028	8	12192021-7070
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		12	08092024-7157	12	08202019-7034
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		19	08112023-7112	19	01042024-7137
		20	04042025-7173	20	07032023-7102
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		33	02212025-7168	33	02212025-7168
		34	05022023-7105	34	05022023-7105
		35	03312025-7172	35	03312025-7172

thíyest te lálem ~ to clean the house

t'ó:kw' ~ to go home

RENTAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE REQUEST'S

To request maintenance on your Sq'ewqel rental home, complete our **online Work Request Form** with details and the service address.

Prompt repairs extend its lifespan and keep your home comfortable.

Uploading a photo helps us assess the issue in advance for efficient repairs.

Thank you for helping us maintain your home!

Follow the link at the bottom of this page:
<https://www.seabirdis-land.ca/rntlhsngwaitlst/>

or

Follow this QR Code to submit your request:



XÁWS (NEW) INFRASTRUCTURE ON SEABIRD ISLAND ROAD

Project Overview

Sq'ewqel's Water Resources team is collaborating with Tetra Tech Canada to install a road raise on Seabird Island Road, off the Lougheed Highway along the Maria Slough.

This initiative will raise the road 1.5 meters and safeguard our community against flooding and other environmental crises. It will also introduce much-needed community amenities, including a safe walkway for pedestrians, guard rails along the slough, benches and boat launches.

Tetra Tech develops sustainable infrastructure designed to withstand climate change worldwide. They have completed several embankment projects in BC, and their engineers understand the unique needs of Seabird's environment and community.

The urgency of the road raise was amplified during the atmospheric river and high-velocity flooding in the fall of 2021, but it's been underway since



2019. We aim to complete it in 2027.

Once the road raise is installed, risk of flooding will decrease, making our community safer and infrastructure more sustainable. The shores along the slough will also be more accessible and serene, allowing for easier fishing, boating and enjoyment of the area.

Project Details

The following community features will be added:

- Aquatic/amphibian habitat areas
- Boulder stairs to the slough shore (for fishing etc.)
- 2 boat launches
- A cul-de-sac right off Highway 7 (boat/trailer parking, drop-off area etc.)
- Pedestrian walkway
- Benches

- A dedicated space for events/viewing area
- Boardwalk along the slough
- Guard rails along the road by the slough

All improvements will contribute to the safety and resilience of the road while addressing erosion and flood risks. Seabird Island Road will function as a reliable entryway/exit to the community, and overall we will be able to better navigate environmental challenges, seasonal flooding and emergencies.

Thank you to everyone who came to community engagement sessions, asked questions and provided feedback. This allows us to ensure that projects meet community interests and address resident and Members' concerns.

By Aishah

A XÁWS (NEW) CHAPTER: SEABIRD-OWNED HARRISON HOT SPRINGS MARINA GRAND OPENING

May long weekend was a bit gloomy, but spirits were high despite the grey skies in Harrison Hot Springs, where Sq'ewqel celebrated its newest acquisition — the Harrison Hot Springs Marina.

The marina is the largest on Harrison Lake and sits near the heart of the lively village core, where thousands of tourists flock every year. The marina can yield as much as \$1 million in annual revenue, which will be funnelled back into Sq'ewqel.

The occasion saw traditional dance and drumming, local vendors, food trucks and bouncy castles, face

painting and balloon art for the kids. There were hundreds of people in attendance, including Community and Band Members, Harrison Hot Springs residents, tourists, and visitors from the greater valley area.

This exciting new venture will secure ongoing income for Seabird Island, and is another stepping stone leading to growth and prosperity for all Members who make up the Seabird family. It also solidifies Seabird as a strong enterprising presence in the Fraser Valley, as we continue to expand our assets in Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs and Chilliwack as well as on-reserve.

From Sqewqel Development Corporation's (SqDC) Facebook: "The sunshine may have taken the day off, but the rain couldn't dampen the excitement as we came together to mark a new chapter for the marina."

Thank you to the team at SqDC for putting this event together, and for continually sourcing new ways to enhance the Seabird community!

Qwó:ls "Harrison Hot Springs"

pelú:pt / pú:t / shxwt'at'ekwels "boat"

xáws ~ new

ELDERS CORNER

S'i:wes ye Siyolexwa



Siyólexwe ~ Elder

SQ'ÉWQEL ELDERS CALENDAR

Have any questions contact

Haley 604-798-0768

or Emerald 604-793-3198



ELDERS WALKING PROGRAM

SQ'ÉWQEL (SEABIRD ISLAND BAND)

DATE:

sthémélts and sxe'óthels

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Starting April 1, 2025

TIME:

12:00 - 1:00 PM

LOCATION:

Elders College Room #10

2812 Chowat Rd, Agassiz

Monthly Draw:

To enter, you will have to show up every time that month.

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Exercise with Bernie	3 Walking Program 12-1	4 Exercise with Bernie	5 Walking Program 12-1	6	7
8	9 Exercise with Bernie	10 Walking Program 12-1	11 Exercise with Bernie	12 Fall Prevention Elders Lounge 1 - 2:30	13 High School Graduation	14 Salmon Ceremony Band Office Gym
15	16 Exercise with Bernie	17 Walking Program 12-1 Education Awards Band Office	18 Exercise with Bernie	19 Walking Program 12-1	20	21 Aboriginal Day Mill Hall Field
22	23 Exercise with Bernie	24 Walking Program 12-1	25 Exercise with Bernie	26 Walking Program 12-1 TV Bingo 5:30-7 Elders College Pension Day	27 Grocery Shop 9 - 2:30	28
29	30					

ELDERS MOTHERS DAY STENCILLING

Nikki LaRock gave some Seabirds Elders the chance to practice Coast Salish stencilling. Five women were present, and they were allowed to decorate hats and even some of their own personal items. One drum, one jacket, and caps were stencilled. The women had a wonderful time talking to one other, making art on their possessions, and enjoying their visit.

Nikki LaRock is credited with the photos.



Book appointment at:
(604)-796-2165

Date: June 18, 2025

Future Dates: September 10, November 12

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

Age: 19+

Location: Community Health Room

Limited appointments available.

Hearing, screening, adjustments, cleanings,
and battery replacements when needed.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION STAFF UPDATE

xáws ~ new

Seabird Island Band is conducting multiple projects requiring consultation and robust public input from Band and Community Members this year.

Sandra Bobb

Drawing on her knowledge and experience, Communications Supervisor Sandra Bobb has been asked to provide focus and leadership to a variety of public engagement activities to take place over the next 9-12 months. She recently just completed the Lands Referendum.

Sandy has been involved with numerous engagement projects during her time with Seabird Island and brings a deep understanding of the Community and Band operations. Sandy's role as Acting Engagement Supervisor will concentrate on the processes, tools, and media for effective community engagement, collaborating with each department's project leaders.

Zorana Edwards-Shippentower

Zorana is appointed as Acting Communications Supervisor during Sandy's engagement assignment. Zorana has previously served as Acting Communications Supervisor and is very familiar with the operations of the Communications division.

Zorana will provide leadership to Communication's writing, design, and production work.

Shayleen Peters

Shayleen Peters has joined the division as a Communications Assistant. We are pleased to have her join the team, bringing her customer service and organizational skills to the position.

The Communications Division is currently recruiting for two Engagement Assistants and hopes to have them in place shortly.

WOP JOB OPPORTUNITY: ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT

The Engagement Assistant provides culturally informed support in implementing community engagement strategies and activities for community members of all ages. This role involves developing and utilizing a variety of methods and tools—such as surveys, interviews, and community events—to collect qualitative and measurable input and feedback. The Engagement Assistant will also engage in community relations activities that support both clients and the broader community. Collaboration with other departments is integral to ensuring that engagement efforts are well-coordinated, inclusive, and reflective of community needs and priorities. **APPLY TODAY** at <https://www.seabirdisland.ca/careers/>



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BY BRITTANI

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<https://beautify-by-brittani.square.site>

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3338 Seabird Island Road
Agassiz, BC

SAGE SUGGESTIONS

Aishah Khan, Communications Program, Sq'ewqel Culture & Community Services

A COLUMN FOR CLEANSING, CLARIFYING, ENLIGHTENING AND SOOTHING FUN.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

This is a reminder to the Sq'ewqel community to be watchful for your property and possessions, as there have been some unfortunate reports about stolen items on Sq'ewqel recently.

Remember to lock your car doors, and entrances to any other vehicles, RVs, campers and so on. Bring your valuables inside your home instead of leaving them in your glove compartments or cup-holders. Anything in your yard including bikes and tools and can be brought inside, or locked for extra security. Even covering valuable items (like BBQs or quads) with a tarp can discourage potential theft — out of sight, out of mind.

Reinforce and lock entrances to your home, especially if no one will be there for an extended period of time. If you're going away for a night or more, let a neighbour or friend know, and ask if they can check in once in a while. Make sure windows are closed.

Other easy things you can do are securing AC units and installing motion-sensing lights; this is especially helpful for items stored in yards or otherwise outside the home. People are less likely to rob a house or yard that has motion-detecting lights, both because they act as an alarm, and make burglars visible to potential witnesses.

sqá:l ~ stolen

To report
sqá:l (stolen) items
or a break in,
please call 911.

sqélqel ~ a thief

DEALING WITH INVASIVE SPECIES

Summer is almost here, and flowers are in bloom — our gardens, fields and forests are all bursting with life. Unfortunately, that means that invasive plants have also arrived for the season.

Invasive plants have negative impacts, including decreasing water quality and crop yield, poisoning livestock, and even lowering property value and destroying infrastructure.

Luckily, there are ways to reduce harmful impacts, and it's simple to identify invasive plants in your gardens and dispose of them properly.

TIPS:

Know exactly what you're planting!

It may seem like a good way to promote biodiversity and attract pollinators, but purchasing "wildflower" seed mixes can mean planting invasive species and attracting the wrong pollinators. These mixes include known weeds, because not all are regulated through the B.C. Weed Control Act.

Biodiversity and pollination are important, but plants being cultivated in the local environment must be native, healthy to the ecological system and attract the correct pollinators to have positive effects.

Dispose of invasive species properly!

Removing weeds must be done carefully to prevent regrowth. Wear gloves/adequate layers, as some weeds are known to cause skin irritation (or worse) when in contact.

Shovels may be necessary, depending on the size of the plant. They'll help dig deep into the soil to extract the roots; besides seeds, fragments of root and even entrails like bulbs, flowers, petals and stems and can spur regrowth.

Dispose of weeds by placing them in a plastic bag and knotting the bag tightly. Separate the weeds from regular garden waste; if left together, weeds can regenerate.

skw'ölmexwelhp ~ Blackberry bush

Waste facilities across the Fraser Valley accept most weeds, with some exceptions. Check to see where you can dispose of invasive plants at fviss.ca/disposal

Replant the area with native plants!

Invasive species can crowd out native plants. This derails ecological stability and even endangers necessary vegetation.

To combat the damage of invasive plants, you can replant the area with appropriate native plants. They will reclaim their space and benefit the environment by improving soil and water quality, repopulating naturally and attracting the right predators, pathogens and pollinators.

Some harmful weeds you can find right at home:

Common Tansy, Blue weed, Scentless Chamomile, Parrot's Feather, Knot weed

For details on how to identify these plants, visit fviss.ca/invasive-plants

FIRE SAFETY

The warm weather has been a welcome change, and with summer temperatures comes the time be mindful about fires.

FireSmart BC resources are available to all Sq'ewqel residents. Homeowners and renters may contact the Seabird Fire Department to learn about FireSmart-ing their homes and yards, request Home Assessments free of charge and receive assistance making changes around properties to address fire risks.

Inside your home, make sure to take extra care when burning incense or candles, using plug-in heating items

BEWARE OF T'PI (TICKS)

Tick season is upon us. Not all ticks carry disease, but it's better to be safe than sorry! Know how to check yourself, others and pets, and consider taking certain precautions when out in tick territory.

Ticks are most common in areas with overgrowth and long grass. This can include open fields, or densely shaded areas abundant with trees, shrubs, and other vegetation. Think in the forest, on hikes, where your kids play, where you hunt or even go on leisurely strolls.

The best way to avoid ticks is to avoid these areas, but that's no fun. Instead, you can use tick-repellent bug spray, and when visiting tick-ish environments consider wearing long pants and shirts, and even bug netting if necessary (I got my mosquito shirt with a zip-up face hood at the dollar store!).

When you get home, do tick checks! Check yourself, and if possible, have someone else check you too. Look for small black bumps sticking out of your skin. Don't skip the tough spots – armpits, groin, neck, head, behind the knees and so on. Ticks are body positive.

Check your clothes too. If you find any ticks, remove them and throw the clothes in the dryer.

(irons, hair dryers, curling irons, space heaters), leaving ashes in drafty areas, and running AC units.

AC units can pose unexpected fire-risks; make sure that they are installed correctly, filters are cleaned and replaced on time, and don't overheat.

Cedar and spruce are abundant in Sq'ewqel and their needles are extremely flammable. Take some time to clear low-hanging limbs and brush out of yards, patios and decks, especially in the 1.5 metres closest to the home.

t'pi ~ wood tick

To remove ticks use fine-tipped tweezers. Get as close to their mouth as possible (the part closest to your skin). If you squeeze the middle or end, you're leaving the bulk of the beast inside you, and you may squirt the blood it sucked (potentially contaminated) back into yourself.

Put the tick in a Ziploc bag, and make sure it's fully removed; use the tweezers to extract the head if it's still inside. Then wash the area and your hands with warm soapy water.

Add antiseptic if you wish, especially if you think the head may not have been

héyeqw ~ a fire

Currently there is a burn-ban in place, but small campfires are still allowed; before leaving a campfire, check that they are fully extinguished.

Reach out to the Seabird Fire Department to inquire about a FireSmart Home Assessment, or any other questions or concerns you have regarding fire safety. Download Alertable onto your phone or tablet for the fastest updates on wildfires and other emergencies; assistance with this is available at the Band Office.

sth'eth'ekw' ~ bugs

entirely removed. Monitor signs of a rash, fever, head pain and other flu-like signs. If these symptoms follow a tick bite, consult a doctor.

Although diseases spread by ticks are rare, it is still important to minimize risk, since the diseases that do get transmitted can be serious. Removal is easy, and just a few simple preventative measures, like walking along cleared paths and wearing long pants/sleeves in densely brushed areas, can keep you and your loved ones tick-free.



Dates:
June 26 - 27, 2025

Future: Aug. 14 - 15, Oct. 2 - 3,
Dates: Nov. 13 - 14, Dec. 10 - 12

Time:
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Place:
SIB Office, Elders Lounge

For an appointment please contact
your Community Health Representative
(CHR) OR Shawna Martin
Shawna Martin @ 604-798-3793
shawna.martin@seabirdisland.ca

- Adults eligible once every 2 years
- 0 - 18 eligible once a year
- 65+ eligible once a year

Enter through main entrance of Band Office.

- Masks are recommended, not required.
- Are you not feeling well or are sick?
(Please reschedule your appointment).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Temkw'okw'es ~ summer

St'ít'el ~ love, like

qwá:l ~ mosquito

q'ép ~ to gather together

INSPIRATION QUOTES:

"Positive anything is better than negative anything."

- Elbert Hubbard

"If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards."

- Bear Bryant

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

- Jimmy Dean

"You've done it before and you can do it now. See the positive possibilities.

Redirect the substantial energy of your frustration and turn it into positive, effective, unstoppable determination."

- Ralph Marston

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JUNE - TEMT'ÁMXW

"Gooseberry Time"

Gemini

May 21 - June 20

Deer - h alqtéle

Direction: East

Element: Air- Stone: Agate

Strengths: Adaptability, curiosity, and excellent communication skills. They are often lively, sociable, and intellectually driven. Curious and Inquisitive: Gemini is always eager to learn and explore new ideas.

JULY - TEMQWÁ:L

"Mosquito Time"

Cancer

June 21 - July 21

Woodpecker - Temélhépsem

Direction: South

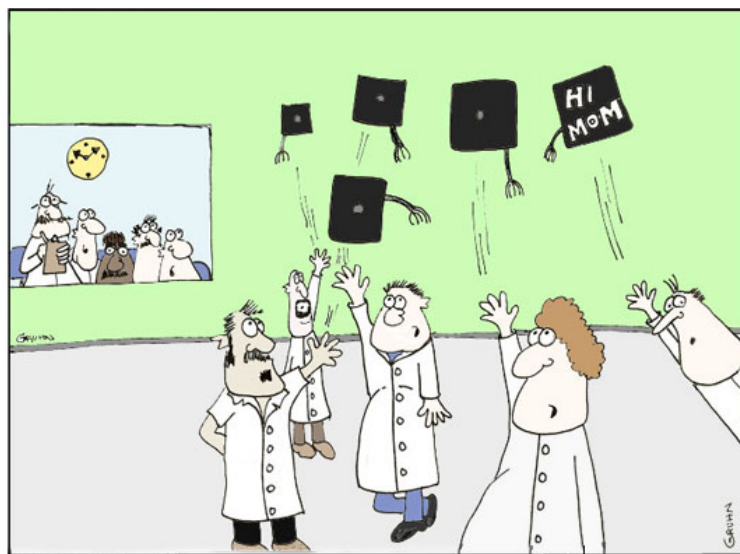
Element: Water

Stone: Rose Quartz

Strengths: Imaginative, Loyal, Sympathetic, Emotional, Persuasive and Intuitive.

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WebDonuts.com



Graduation Cap Testing Facility

HALQ'EMÉYLEM WORD SEARCH

Created by Jasmine Paul Louis,

Communications Program, Sq'ewqel Culture & Community Services

- MÁL – FATHER.
- SQÁ:Q – YOUNGER SIBLING.
- MÍMELE – LITTLE CHILD, BABY.
- ÉYÉLE – LONG HAIR.
- MÍLHA – TO DANCE.
- ALÍLÍYEM – LAUGHTER.
- TL'ELQTÉLE – DEER.
- SÍKW' – GET SKINNED.
- MÓ:MIYTEL – HELPERS.
- ÍQW'EM – RUB OFF, SMEAR.
- XWÍXWES – TO FALL OFF.
- SQ'ÉP – A MEETING, GATHERING.
- THÁQ'T – SPEARING IT.
- QÁ:LETS – SHARP TURN OF CANOE.
- ST'Á:T'EL – THE SHADE.
- STH'Í:M – BERRIES.
- KW'ÍY – TO CLIMB UP.
- STL'E'ÁXEL – A FEAST.
- KW'Ó:LEXW – DOG SALMON.
- MELQÍWSEM – TO FAINT, PASS OUT.



DEADLINES

Submissions and advertisements are due by the 1st of each month.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact: comm@seabirdisland.ca

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Must be under 300 words and include your name, phone number, status number, signature (for authentication purposes- not for publication), as well as date/year submitted.

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www.seabirdisland.ca/comm/
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Closed on all statutory holidays.

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LOVED ONE PASS AWAY?

We can assist you in submitting to the First Nations Health Authority a copy of the death certificate.

Shawna Martin may be reached at 604-796-2177

shawna.martin@seabirdisland.ca

FUNERAL PAMPHLETS

Creating pamphlets from our catalogue or custom pamphlets.

NEW - Sq'Éwqel provides 250 colour funeral booklets and one hour of free design time for each band member in accordance with Seabird Funeral Policy. For an additional cost, you can request extra design time, pamphlets, or premium paper.

We can also help with non-band member pamphlets; inquire about our prices.

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

SIFD FIRE PRACTICE

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

We are now seeking new members.

Contact the Fire Hall 604-796-2177.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF COMPOST, RECYCLE and GARBAGE:

- Garbage every Tuesday.
- Recycling every Wednesday.
- **2 garbage bags** per household per week.
- **MAJOR GARBAGE:** 1st Wednesday of the month for Community core, and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the surrounding Community.

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

DENTAL CLINIC

Accepting new STATUS PATIENTS

Open Monday through Thursday
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Closed Fridays

Contact the Dental Clinic 604-796-6853.

WELLBRIETY MEETINGS

At the Stó:lō Tribal Council Boardroom, located at 2855 Chowat Road, every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Website for AA in BC: www.bcyukonaa.org

MEDICAL CARDS

Has your medical card been stolen or misplaced and you need to apply for a new one? When submitting an application for a new one, we can help.

Medical Card payments are the responsibility of each client. It costs \$20 for each new card if they have been lost or stolen more than twice.

Please note, we are unable to help with BC ID applications.

Baby ID Cards

Apply for a Medical Care Card as soon as possible.

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

AMBULANCE BILLS

Once you have received the ambulance invoices, kindly submit them. Under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), ambulance expenses will no longer be covered if the bill is older than a year.

Health Canada will cover the cost of the ambulance for anyone having a status number, provided that there is 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 by ambulance after a stay in the hospital, this will not be covered and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Contact Shawna Martin 604-796-2177.

OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Appointments Only: June 26-27, Aug. 14-15, Oct. 2-3, Nov. 13-14 Dec. 10-12

Checkups should be done every two years for people aged 19 to 64 and annually for children under the age of 19. Seniors above 65 can be seen once a year.

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

Contact Shawna Martin CHR
at 604-796-2177 or
shawna.martin@seabirdisland.ca

SQ'ÉWQEL FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

Recommended to follow:

Sq'Éwqel "Seabird Island Band"

<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandBand/>

Seabird College

<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdCollege.ca/>

Seabird Island Community School

<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCommunitySchool>

Careers

<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCareers/>

WILD ANIMAL ALERT

To lessen encounters with wildlife, treat the area with respect and maintain its cleanliness.

- You should only dispose of your trash in the morning on garbage day.
- Throw away the guts of fish (away from residences).
- Make sure your grill is clean.

Please keep an eye on your children and do not walk alone!

Clap loudly and make yourself big!

Educating ourselves and keeping a clean Community makes a difference!

If you have any further concerns or feel threatened by wild animals, first report it to the

Conservation Office at 1-877-952-7277

Second, contact the Seabird Communications Office at 604-796-2177 so we can post an "Alert" for your area.

RENEW STATUS CARD

Book a Status Card Appointment

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Appointments required.

Remember to bring:

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

New style Digital Status Card with photo

Contact **Simone Jimmie** 604-796-2177

Serving Seabird Members only!

SIB has the right to refuse service.

ID Photography Prints

Status Card Photography

Laminated style: \$13.50

- Call Simone to book your appointment

Passport, PAL Photography and more

Authenticated photo: \$18.50

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments required.

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

EDUCATION

GRADE 4 TEACHER (LEAVE COVERAGE)

Provides culturally informed instruction, assessment, and classroom management to students. This role involves preparing and delivering lessons in alignment with curriculum standards, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment, and maintaining positive relationships with students, parents, and the broader community.

The Teacher will also engage in community relations activities to support student success and well-being, while participating in professional development and school meetings to ensure continuous growth and alignment with school policies and educational best practices.

CULINARY AND FOOD SERVICES PROGRAM LEAD

The Culinary and Food Services Program Lead provides the Indigenous Culinary Arts Program to students. This role involves leading the Indigenous Culinary Arts Program at Seabird College, managing the Meals on Wheels initiative through that program duration, coordinating daily food service operations at the schools, while building partnerships with local food growers and producers. The Lead will also engage in community relations activities to support students and the community.

IAFNYES - PROGRAM ASSISTANT

The objectives of IAFNYES are to provide short-term work placements that increase access to more permanent employment opportunities, support the development and enhancement of essential employability skills, and promote the benefits of education as key to labour market participation. Additionally, the program introduces youth to a variety of career options, supports access to services that assist in transitioning to and remaining in the workforce, and aims to reduce long-term dependency on income assistance.

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ON CALL BUS DRIVER

The Bus Driver provides culturally informed, safe, and courteous transportation for students attending the Seabird Island School. This role involves vehicle inspections, route adherence, student supervision, and community engagement. The Bus Driver will also engage with families and school staff to support safety and service delivery.

ON CALL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

The Education Assistant provides culturally informed academic support and assistance to Teacher's to help make the students learning more rewarding. This role involves working with students in a classroom setting to them thrive in a education setting. The Education assistant will also engage in community relations activities to supporting clients and the community.

VICE PRINCIPAL

The Vice Principal will assist in the administration, supervision, and operation of Lalme' l'wesawtexw Community School. This includes implementing the B.C. Curriculum, supporting teaching staff, fostering student success, and reinforcing core values such as self-reliance, generosity, honesty, adaptability, and respect. The Vice Principal will also play an active role in community events and serve as a role model for staff and students.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS CONNECTIONS SPECIALIST (TERM CONTRACT)

The Youth and Young Adults Connections Specialist will develop and deliver tailored intervention and prevention programs specifically designed to address the unique challenges and needs faced by high-risk male youth and young adults. This role emphasizes building trust and rapport with male clients, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose, and creating a culturally safe and supportive environment where they can thrive.

YOUTH WORKER ON-CALL

The Youth Worker is responsible for engaging youth from Seabird Island and surrounding communities (age 13-24) in youth-led programming, Youth Drop-In Centre, small groups and individual (one-on-one) sessions. The core of this work will be at the Seabird Youth Centre, as well as in the local schools and at community events. From a youth-centered practice, the Youth Worker walks alongside youth to continually develop programs and opportunities to help youth grow and thrive.

HALQ'EMEYLEM TEACHER

The Halq'eméylem Teacher provides culturally informed language instruction to students at the elementary and/or secondary level. This role involves planning, delivering, and assessing engaging lessons that foster language learning, cultural pride, and student success. The Halq'eméylem Teacher will also participate in school activities, maintain positive relationships with families, and contribute to ongoing language revitalization initiatives.

HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SENIOR CLINICAL SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAM LEAD

To oversee the Youth Treatment Program, AIMS, and the Recovery Homes, ensuring high-quality, culturally responsive care for individuals and families facing substance use challenges, mental health issues, trauma recovery, and holistic wellness care.

Providing leadership and oversight of substance use and wellness programs, ensuring that clients receive compassionate, evidence-based, and culturally informed care. This role involves coordinating day-to-day operations, supervising clinical and support staff, enhancing service delivery, and fostering strong partnerships with community resources. The Senior Clinical Substance Use Program Lead will also engage in community outreach and advocacy efforts to strengthen holistic wellness support within the community.

FOOD & NUTRITIONAL WELLNESS WORKER

Providing meal planning, preparation, and kitchen management for program participants. This role involves menu planning, estimating and ordering required supplies, preparing and cooking meals and snacks in accordance with client dietary needs and established Food Safe and Licensing standards. The Food and Nutritional Wellness Worker will also support nutrition education initiatives and create a welcoming and inclusive food environment for the clients.

FAMILY LIFE SKILLS COACH (FLSC)

The FLSC provides hands-on, culturally informed guidance to families in the family home. This includes modeling healthy routines, parenting strategies, household management, and life skills that promote strong family bonds. The FLSC supports families in accessing healing, health, and community services, while ensuring culture is embedded in all aspects of programming to nurture self, family, and community connections.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORKER (TERM CONTRACT)

The Family Development Supervisor the Family Development Worker provides culturally informed wellness and support services to families. This role involves conducting client assessments, creating service plans, coordinating workshops, maintaining case records, and supporting families on their journey toward wellness and independence. The Family Development Worker will also engage in community relations activities, working to strengthen connections with clients.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Assist clients involved at various criminal justice system stages, such as local police, corrections Canada, victim's services, parole services. The Community Safety & Justice Coordinator will also engage in community relations activities to support clients and the community. This position will support the implementation of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy and the goal of autonomy and self-determination for Indigenous people involved in the criminal justice system. The work will vary depending on the clients' particular needs and based on referral goals. Challenges can include (but won't be limited to) drug and alcohol abuse, involvement with corrections, housing and financial difficulties and instability along with intellectual deficits and/or mental health issues.

LABOUR POOL

LABOUR POOL

Offering a unique opportunity to perform a wide variety of on-call tasks that support our operations. This role allows you to build new skills and earn supplemental income, while contributing to the growth and development of the community. As a member of the Community Labour Pool, you will be called upon to assist with a variety of tasks across different sectors.

CLINICAL HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL HEALTH SERVICES

This role integrates traditional healing practices with modern medicine, creating a culturally specific comprehensive and patient-centered approach to care. The Director oversees vital programs such as Primary Care (Medical and Dental Offices, Clinical based outreach and home health services, Mobile Diabetes), Health Quality, the Recovery Homes, the Youth Treatment Home, and the AIMS Program.

By effectively managing resources, including staff, budgets, and program logistics, this role ensures the delivery of culturally safe and holistic healthcare practices. Additionally, the Director engages in community relations activities, supporting and empowering community while building meaningful relationships with stakeholders to advance unique and sustainable solutions to dynamic clinical community health care needs and culturally respectful healthcare services.

TRADITIONAL WELLNESS SPECIALIST SUBSTANCE USE

The Traditional Wellness Specialist ensures that service delivery is centered in First Nations worldviews, emphasizing holistic health and cultural approaches to healing from addictions. The Specialist will also engage in outreach, education, crisis support, and partnership development to strengthen Seabird's overall approach to healing from addiction.

lexsyó:yes ~ someone who is always working

yékw'emet ~hire him/her

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASSISTANT

The Accounts Payable Assistant will work collaboratively to provide timely and accurate administrative support related to accounts payable and other finance operations. This includes processing invoices, maintaining financial documentation, and supporting the Accounts Payable Supervisor with daily workflow. The role also supports general finance administrative duties and contributes to a respectful, inclusive, and organized financial environment.

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

The Finance Administrator provides contract management and writing, and request for proposal writing to ensure that all agreements align with Seabird Island Band's values and goals. This role involves drafting, reviewing, and managing contracts and RFP's to support departments across the organization, ensuring compliance with all regulations and policies. The Finance Administrator will also communicate clearly with stakeholders and provide support by answering contract-related inquiries, prioritizing and ensuring that all deadlines are met, as well as assisting financial analysts as required. The Finance Administrator serves as liaison between various groups and works closely with stakeholders, purchasing, finance, IT, HR, and other departments.

FINANCIAL ANALYST

The Financial Analyst provides financial reporting, analysis, and planning support to program leaders and decision-makers. This role involves budgeting, forecasting, reconciliation, audit preparation, and tax reporting. The Financial Analyst will also engage in community relations activities to support accountability and transparency in financial practices.

RECORDS CLERK

The Records Clerk provides records management services to staff and departments across the organization. This role involves maintaining and organizing both physical and digital records, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and internal Information Management (IM) policies, as well as facilitating timely and efficient retrieval of information. The Records Clerk will also engage in community relations activities by supporting staff in accessing information in a respectful and secure manner.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR ADMINISTRATOR (TERM)

Serve as a point of contact for employees on HR-related matters, providing administrative and operational support to the Human Resources team. This role involves managing correspondence, maintaining and updating internal databases, tracking employee leaves, performance reviews, coordinating training, as well as supporting recruitment efforts and managing Criminal Record Checks. The HR Administrator also assists with planning employee events, monitoring compliance with policies, and preparing monthly statistical reports.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Director of Community Infrastructure is responsible for budgeting, planning, resource allocation, land stewardship, and service delivery in alignment with community needs and organizational goals. This role involves overseeing capital and maintenance plans, directing teams and ensuring compliance with regulations and funding agreements. The Director fosters a positive work environment in an empathetic and compassionate manner and promotes a culture of continuous improvement to enhance service quality.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TECHNICIAN

The Housing Maintenance and Repair Technician provides maintenance and repair services to support community members and their homes. This role involves conducting repairs, performing inspections, and managing small-scale construction projects to enhance the safety and functionality of Seabird Island's housing. The Housing Maintenance worker will also engage in community relations activities, listening to and addressing tenant concerns professionally and respectfully, and fostering a positive living environment.

EXECUTIVE

SUMMER STUDENTS - POST SECONDARY

Summer Students will provide assistance in daily tasks as needed while participating in the program. This is an exciting opportunity for post-secondary students to build leadership skills while making a meaningful impact in the community.

INTER-GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT

The Engagement Assistant provides culturally informed support in implementing community engagement strategies and activities for community members of all ages. This role involves developing and utilizing a variety of methods and tools—such as surveys, interviews, and community events—to collect qualitative and measurable input and feedback. The Engagement Assistant will also engage in community relations activities that support both clients and the broader community. Collaboration with other departments is integral to ensuring that engagement efforts are well-coordinated, inclusive, and reflective of community needs and priorities.

FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP INTERN

The Forestry Stewardship Intern provides culturally informed field and office-based support in forestry and stewardship activities to benefit Seabird Island's and natural resources. This role involves learning and applying technical skills such as block layout, road design, stream and wildlife assessments, Geographic Information Systems data handling, and more. The Forestry Stewardship Intern will also engage in community relations activities that support education and learning for community members.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

The Early Childhood Educator provides culturally informed, hands-on childcare and early learning experiences to children enrolled in Seabird Island Band's early childhood education programs. This role involves creating a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment that promotes children's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. The Early Childhood Educator will implement developmentally appropriate learning activities, support cultural teachings, and foster positive relationships with children, families, and the community.

SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SCDP) SUPPORT WORKER

The SCDP Support Worker provides culturally informed, developmentally appropriate support to children with extra support needs. This role involves working directly with children, families, and childcare staff to implement individualized service plans, promote inclusive practices, and ensure children's full participation in early childhood programs. The Support Worker will also engage in community relations activities that support children, families, and childcare centers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STQÓ:YA CONSTRUCTION - CONTROLLER

Stqó:ya Construction is seeking an experienced on-site controller who will oversee the company's day-to-day financial operations, including financial and job cost accounting, budgeting, financial reporting, and cash management. This role will ensure that the company's financial practices are in line with statutory regulations and legislation, while providing strategic insights to support the company's financial health and growth objectives. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in construction accounting and will be a proactive leader capable of managing the finance team and driving process improvements.

STQÓ:YA CONSTRUCTION - GENERAL MANAGER

As Stqó:ya Construction undergoes an exciting organizational restructuring to strengthen our leadership team and expand into new markets, we are seeking an experienced and forward-thinking General Manager to lead this transformation. This role is ideal for a strategic and hands-on leader who thrives in a high-growth environment and is passionate about building Indigenous business success. The General Manager will be responsible for overseeing operations, financial performance, strategic growth, and team leadership, while advancing Stqó:ya's reputation in the construction industry across British Columbia and beyond.

STQÓ:YA CONSTRUCTION - OPERATIONS MANAGER

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You are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and 3 references.
<https://www.seabirdisland.ca/careers/>

We regret that we will only respond to those applicants chosen for an interview.

Email: humanresources@seabirdisland.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest.

Apply Today!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

Date: **Saturday, June 21, 2025**

Where: **Front Field by Mill Hall**
Sqewqel Dr. | Agassiz | BC

Time: **11 AM - 3 PM**
Traditional Lunch Provided a 12 PM

You are welcome to join our
celebration of Indigenous
Peoples Day.

- » Dance Group
- » Dreamcatcher
Making
- » Slahal
- » Salves & Tea
- » and More

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