



COMING TOGETHER TO EAT, COMPETE AND CELEBRATE CULTURE: 53RD ANNUAL SEABIRD ISLAND FESTIVAL

Sq'éwqel's 53rd Annual Festival was as memorable as all those before it — *sq'émq'émél* (paddles) slashed through the slough as racers dashed to the finish, crowds cheered on loved ones kicking their way to the goal posts in spine-tingling soccer matches, and Members and visitors from near and far joined together, donned their finest regalia, drummed and danced the night away at the Coastal Jam. All throughout Sq'éwqel were the sounds of *alliyem* (laughter) and chatter, smells of tasty food and proud expressions of culture.



Seabird's 10U soccer team took home second place and our 7Us placed third. For the *yewá:l* (first) time, the 5U team had a shootout!

Also for the first time, there were more women's soccer teams registered than men's. We hosted more vendors than ever before, including community-owned Yardie's Grill, J&R Bannock, Seven Bears Weaving, Maisie's crafts, and more. Nations Creations released a

new line of 2026 merch — all sporting with our Festival logo — including *lelesák* (bags), hoodies, hats, power bank, travel mugs and even *q'ewq'ewét* (drums). Several of this year's vendors have already put their names down for 2027!

sq'émq'émél - paddles
lelesák - bags

The Elder's Tea was bustling on both Saturday and Sunday. Throughout the weekend, Elders dropped into the Elder's Room at Seabird College to chat, enjoy snacks and take respite from the heat and hoopla outside in a comfortable, welcoming space. On Saturday, they met RBC reps who were here to explore opportunities for growth with Seabird, and on Sunday, 12 Elders played a spirited game of Bingo.

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This year's Festival saw up to *t'xémelsxále* (60) Elders attend the *tí* (tea), and Sq'ewqel is proud to provide this warm restful space for our community, neighbours and visitors.

The 50/50 winners each took home over \$3000 each, and both were Seabird Relations!

It's a good thing we moved the Coastal Jam to the Band Office gym! The gym was packed by 7 PM and spilling outside by 8 PM. The pizza was followed by more food provided by Seabird, but a few food trucks remained opened outside, so anyone could step *s'átl'q* (outside) for some fresh air and to grab a bite. The walls were lined with community, Members and guests watching as people of all ages drummed and danced together.

"It was so cute to see a baby keeping up with the drumming and singing," Chief Maggie Pettis said.



The weekend was not only successful, it echoed traditions dating back centuries. People across territories came together, families and friends reunited, new connections were made, cultural crafts and *sxwelmexw selhtel* (traditional foods) were traded and enjoyed.

Festivals are a long-standing tradition, one that Sq'ewqel will honour and carry forward into future generations. Yálh yew kw'a's hó:y (thank you) to everyone who made the 2026 Annual Seabird Festival happen, from the event coordinators to staff volunteers, sponsors to vendors, food trucks and to community entrepreneurs. Without the dedication it takes to pull off an event of this size we wouldn't be able to make each Festival bigger and better than the last.

And of course, thank you to everyone who came, competed, supported loved ones, and represented your communities.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in May 28-30 2027!



- Aishah F. Khan, Journalist & Editor Communications

Seabird Island
Administration will be

CLOSED

Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22, 2026



Canada Day
July 01, 2026

lelesák - bags

t'xémelsxále - 60

s'átl'q - outside

THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL



Seabird Island Festival

WAR CANOE RESULTS
SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026

SINGLE PADDLE

U7 GIRLS

● Bella River Spirit
● Amelia

U7 BOYS

● Herman - Kilgard
● Julian - Vikki Lynn
● Gabriel - Island Brave

U10 GIRLS

● Sofia - Rainbow
● Madison + Catherine River Spirit/Rainbow
● Annalee - Vikki Lynn

U10 BOYS

● Asher - Lady Jane
● Jordan - Vikki Lynn
● Julian

U13 GIRLS

● Zara
● Kat - River Spirit
● Allison - Vikki Lynn

U13 BOYS

● Zack - Tseil- Waututh (Burrard)
● Cylis - Vikki Lynn
● Antonio - Vikki Lynn

SINGLE PADDLE

U16 GIRLS

● Lexy - Vikki Lynn
● Margo - Vikki Lynn
● Vivianna

U16 BOYS

● Aiden - Vikki Lynn
● Mason - Vikki Lynn
● Zane - Vikki Lynn

WOMEN

● Miko - Vikki Lynn
● Jacqueline Vikki Lynn
● Liz - Sto:lo

MEN

● James - Island Brave
● Jasper
● Leelind - Vikki Lynn

DOUBLE PADDLE

U7

● Brooklynn + Trezly Independent
● Herman + Julian Kilgard
● Bella + Yulise River Spirit

U10

● Ivy + Jaslene River Spirit
● Charleigh + Jordan Sto:lo
● Annalee + Natuasis Vikki Lynn

U13

● Zack + Cylis Tseil-Waututh (Burrard)
● Allison + Zara Vikki Lynn
● Bella + Jayla Rainbow

U16

● Mason + Zane Vikki Lynn
● Aiden + Trey Vikki Lynn
● Margo + Cylis Vikki Lynn

DOUBLE PADDLE

WOMEN

● Miko + Nunnaya Vikki Lynn
● Allison + Leilani Sto:lo Princess
● Rosey + Liz Sto:lo

MEN

● James + Michael Island Brave
● Mike + Michael NVCC
● Fidele + Colin Vikki Lynn

MIXED

● Fidele + Jaqueline Vikki Lynn
● Mason + Diamond Vikki Lynn
● Mike + Carla Island Brave

6 PADDLE

U10

● Lady Lavina
● XWE:XWOS
● Top Secret

U13

● Top Secret
● Lil Renegade
● Lady Lavina

U16

● King Fisher
● Top Secret
● Lady Rose

WOMEN

● Sto:lo
● Top Secret
● Merisa Mae

MEN

● Kitaka
● Top Secret
● King Fisher

11 PADDLE

U10

● Salish Warrior
● Merisa Mae
● Salish Dancer

U13

● Salish Dancer
● Lady Jane
● Salish Warrior

U16

● Salish Dancer
● Merisa Mae
● Salish Warrior

WOMEN

● Salish Dancer
● Sto:lo Queen
● Judith Ann

MEN

● Salish Dancer
● Island Brave
● Salish Warrior

Seabird Island Festival

WAR CANOE RESULTS SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026

11 PADDLE

MEN

● Island Brave
● Salish Dancer
● Salish Warrior

WOMEN

● Salish Dancer
● Sto:lo Queen
● Merisa Mae

U16

● Salish Dancer
● Salish Warrior
● Lady Jane

U13

● Salish Dancer
● Lady Jane
● River Spirit

U10

● Salish Warrior
● Trudy Mae
● Salish Dancer

6 PADDLE

MASTER 50+ (SHORT COURSE)

● Kittaka
● Tsleil - Waututh (Burrard)
● NVCC

MIXED SIX (SHORT COURSE) 3X3

● Top Secret
● Tsleil - Waututh (Burrard)
● King Fisher

MEN

● Top Secret
● Kittaka
● King Fisher

WOMEN

● Top Secret
● Pink Lady
● King Kash

U16

● King Fisher
● Lady Lavina
● Top Secret

U13

● Top Secret
● Lil Renegade
● Lady Lavina

SINGLE PADDLE

MASTER 50+

● Mike/Nikki NVCC/Chehalis
● Chris/Rhonda Independent / Sto:lo
● Chuck Lady Jane

MEN

● James Island Brave
● Allen Island Brave
● Zane Vikki Lynn

WOMEN

● Miko Vikki Lynn
● Jacqueline Vikki Lynn
● Elizabeth Sto:lo

U16

● Aiden Vikki Lynn
● Mason Vikki Lynn
● Zane Vikki Lynn

U13

● Zach NVCC
● Cylis Vikki Lynn
● Jack Golden Eagles

DOUBLE PADDLE

MASTER DOUBLES 50+

● Heather & Dom Burrard & Soowahlie
● Chris & Francis Independent & River Spirit
● Walter & Mike Island Brave

MEN

● Zane & Leelind Vikki Lynn
● Eli & Derrick Island Brave
● Colin & Fidele Vikki Lynn

WOMEN

● Miko & Nunnaya Vikki Lynn
● Allison & Leilani Sto:lo Princess
● Tori & Jamie Chehalis

U16

● Zane & Mason Vikki Lynn
● Aiden & Cylis Vikki Lynn
● Mason & Ellio River Spirit

U13

● Cylis & Zach Vikki Lynn & NVCC
● Kamari & Antonio Vikki Lynn
● Chris & Luca Independent & Chehalis

MIXED

● Leelind & Lexy Vikki Lynn
● Mason & Diamond Vikki Lynn
● Leandra & Andrew Lady Jane

SOCCKER RESULTS

5U 6-side

● Seabird
● Mini MayuKus Sh'snalh
● Sts'aile Mini Chiefs

Mens 11-aside

● Tla'amin Braves
● Sts'ailes Chiefs
● Musqueam

Womens 7-aside

● Squamish United
● Rainbow Stars
● Cowichan

We apologize, at time of publication we did not yet have the rest of the soccer results.

MEMORIAL TIP OVER

ALL AGES

● James Wyse
● Mike Billy Jr.
● William Baker

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WELDING FOUNDATIONS

LOCATED @
Seabird College

START DATE: AUGUST 24, 2026

Overview:
Our Welding Foundations program provides students with the essential skills and hands-on experience needed to begin a career in welding and metal fabrication. Students learn how to work safely in a shop environment while gaining confidence using industry-standard tools and equipment. The course covers fundamental welding techniques such as MIG and stick welding, along with metal preparation, cutting, and finishing processes. In addition to practical skills, students develop the ability to read basic blueprints, understand measurements, and follow project specifications. Through guided instruction and real-world practice, learners build strong, quality welds and learn how to inspect their work. This program is designed to prepare students for entry-level employment in the trades or to continue into more advanced welding training.


Career Opportunities:

- Welder
- Pipe Welder
- Structural Welder
- Maintenance Technician
- Boilermaker
- Fabricator
- Ironworker
- Millwright

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Indigenous Coach Training Program




This program is hosted by Seabird College.
Cost: **\$5,500 + GST.**
Participants are responsible for travel and accommodations.
Lunch provided for in-person events.

Start Date: September 8, 2026

Completion of this program will qualify coaches to work with Indigenous clients, communities, organizations, different levels of government, and within the private sector. It adapts the core competencies of the International Coaching Federation into approaches that align with Indigenous teachings.

Content:

- Completion of required hours of in-person gatherings, webinars and mentor coaching
- Historical context of working with Indigenous communities, clients and partners
- How coaching differs from mentoring and counselling
- Ethical considerations of coaching
- The art of listening and structuring powerful questions
- How to hold space for your client/partner and accept their inner wisdom
- Using storytelling as a tool



Program Calendar

- September 8, 2026 - Orientation
- September 15 & 16, 2026 - In-person Opening Circle 8 AM - 4 PM (Location: Seabird College, Agassiz, BC)
- September 22, 2026 - January 12, 2027 - Virtual weekly seminars Tuesdays from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM PST (one-week break in November and two-week break for winter holidays)
- January 19, 2027 - In-person Closing Circle Time TBD (Location: Seabird College, Agassiz, BC)

Please connect with us to discuss your interest in the program:

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Registrar
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Michelle DeGroot
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Stories along ts'lhimexósem

Call for storytellers and illustrators!

We're inviting writers and illustrators from the Stó:lō Community to help create a children's themed picture book and Story Walk series celebrating the Little Chilliwack River, its people, and the return of life along its waters.

Selected stories will become a permanent Story Walk installation along the trail, allowing children and families to read, walk, and explore the stories outdoors for years to come.

Possible themes include:
The history of Little Chilliwack River.
Stories of Skowkale, Aitchelitz or Yakweawkwoose.
Restoration work along ts'lhimexósem.
The return of the salmon and other species.

Who can apply?

- Open to Stó:lō Community community members.
 - Preference given to Skowkale, Aitchelitz, and Yakweawkwoose community members.
 - Storytellers, illustrators, or both.
 - New and experienced storytellers welcome.

What to Include?

- A sample of past artwork or writing.
- A short description of your proposed story and/or artwork.
- An honorarium amount you feel is appropriate for your contribution.

How to Apply?
Submit your proposal to Ilesha at ilesha.maharaj@saylandsoffice.ca
Deadline: June 15, 2026



FAQs

What is a story walk?
A story walk places pages of a children's story along a walking trail, encouraging families to read, move and experience stories together outdoors.

Do I need to submit a full story or completed illustrations?
No. At this stage, only a sample of your writing or illustrations, and short description of your proposed idea are required.

Can I apply as a team?
Yes. Writer/illustrator teams are welcome.

Who is the audience for the stories?
Children and families, stories should be suitable for early readers and are encouraged to be read-aloud.

What is the review process for submissions?
Submissions will be reviewed by a small review group. Not all submissions may be selected.

When will I hear back about my proposal?
We will reach out the week of June 22 to follow up on proposals.

When does the project need to be completed by?
Stories and illustrations should be completed in August. If you need more time, just let us know!

Please reach out to Ilesha at ilesha.maharaj@saylandsoffice.ca if you have any questions!



GROWING THE COMMUNITY: PLANTING POTATOES AT SQ'ÉWQEL'S TÉMÉXW LITE LETUM FARM



In 2025, Seabird purchased a farm on Chaplin Road, just off Seabird Island Road. The farm and joint Seabird program are called “*Téméxw li te Letum*,” meaning “land to table.”

This past May, Seabird College students joined **Aleesha Jones**, Sq'éwqel's Acting Holistic Nutrition Wellness Lead, in sowing its first *sth'eth'emí:wel* (seeds): Sieglinde potatoes.

The scorch of the sun was eased by a pleasant breeze. The Professional Cook Level 1 (PCL1) class was out in the field, listening to music and chatting as they worked together to dig trenches, place down spuds, rake and mound the soil over the seed *sqelqá:wth* (potatoes) without moving them.

Aleesha guided the group, answering questions and delegating tasks as she worked alongside them.

The PCL1 students recently finished their starches unit, and by planting, they can better understand the starch process by putting it into action. Aleesha hopes to bring them back in the fall to harvest.

Down the road, Seabird hopes to bring interns and community volunteers onto the farm, growing *Téméxw li te Letum* into a wider community collaboration.

sqelqá:wth - potatoes

sth'eth'emí:wel - seeds

syó:ys - work it

yéq̄w - scorch

It's off to a great start this spring, already supporting Sq'éwqel's community as the PCL1 students learn how to *syó:ys* (work it) and gain hands-on experience in their studies.

The breeze carried the notes of music from the speaker and laughter as the group worked in a steady rhythm through the morning, swapping roles and helping each other out to get the work done. Come fall they'll return to reap what they've sowed, and maybe make some tasty potato dishes with their harvest.



- Aishah F. Khan, Journalist & Editor Communications

HOME & YARD MAINTENANCE TIPS

- 🌱 **Keep space around your home:** Try to keep about 20 feet of open space between your house and any bushes, trees, or blackberry patches. It lowers fire risk and gives pests fewer places to hide.
- 🌱 **Keep paths clear:** Make sure you have a few easy to use routes in and around your home. Clear away branches, clutter, and anything that blocks the way.
- 🌱 **Water plants regularly:** Give your garden plants a good drink 3 times a week so they stay healthy and more fire resistant.
- 🌱 **Remain water smart:** Grass usually only needs watering once a week.
- 🌱 **Mow often:** Mowing 1–2 times a week helps control blackberries and keeps rodents and pests from settling in.
- 🌱 **Enjoy the work:** Yard work is great “land therapy.” It boosts your mood and helps you feel grounded.
- 🌱 **Take pride in your space:** Treat your home and yard like a favourite outfit—something you enjoy showing off.
- 🌱 **Support your community:** A tidy yard makes your home safer and helps keep the whole community strong.



SQ'ÉWQEL COUNSELLORS NOW ACCEPTING REFERRALS!

Sq'Éwqel's counselling team would like to reintroduce themselves and give the community an idea of what services they offer. Even though they may have experience or skills in specific areas of counselling, they want to stress that they are happy and qualified to support anyone who needs it. Counselling services are free of charge to all Seabird Band Members, Community Members and several neighbouring communities.



The counselling team is located in the Stó:lō building, the brown portable by the Band Office. Derek, Kalliese and Karla have been at Seabird for several years, and have recently been joined by Monica, their team lead.

To request an appointment, all you need to do is ask for a referral form from another practitioner — this could be your doctor, nurse practitioner or nurse. You can also refer yourself by calling the Band Office and speaking to a counsellor over the phone, who will go through the referral form with you.

Derek Swanson is an addictions counsellor, and he also offers supports to family members of those struggling with addiction. Derek co-facilitates our Wellbriety program as well as an educational recovery group.

Kalliese Lechasseur is an adult counsellor who guides patients in navigating trauma, grief, life transitions and strained mental health. She offers a safe, anti-oppressive space for 2SLGBTQIA+ patients.

Karla Joseph is a child and Youth counsellor. Along with her support Doggo Diego, Karla services young patients using play therapy and other child-specific treatment methods. She is available for counselling at schools, different community programs and in her office at Seabird.

Monica De Roo is a family counsellor. She primarily supports families and couples but will also offer her services to team members and individuals. Monica is working to strengthen partnerships with wider community

th'étst – phone him/her

resources and programs to build Seabird's capacity as a healing hub.

Seabird's counselling team is here to walk beside you as you take steps to become healthier and happier. Together, counsellors and Community can take steps towards a good future for all.

Counsellor's Direct Line: 604-796-6835

Email: counselling@seabirdisland.ca

More information at:
seabirdisland.ca/counselling

shxw'áylexw – healing

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SALMONBERRY STORY

This story is an adapted retelling by Stó:lō oral tradition and seasonal teachings about salmonberries and the return of salmon.

Long ago, there lived a woman who always watched out for the people. She was very observant, she saw when the food stocks were low, when winter held on too long, when the weather would shift. She would let the people know when to harvest and when to conserve. She always harvested extra food and would share it with her people.

When she grew old and her time came to leave this world, the people mourned her. They asked one another: who would care for them now, who would teach them when to harvest, and who would help them through the hungry time of early spring? The Transformer - Xexá:ls - had been watching, seeing how the people mourned her. Xexá:ls saw her importance, so he did not let her travel into the spirit world; instead, he transformed her.

Xexá:ls walked with her one last time. She showed him all the places she had traveled, and everywhere she had walked, a new plant grew. She wanted to continue helping the people each year during the hungry time winter begins to leave the land.

So Xexá:ls placed new shoots where she stepped to nourish the people in the early spring. When the shoots grew, brilliant flowers followed and soon after, the berries ripened, arriving when the people needed them most. Xexá:ls made these berries a marker, telling the people when the berries appeared, the people would know the salmon would soon return.

Resources:

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sch'í:ya - wild strawberry
t'qwém - thimbleberry

elile - Salmon berry

xwíxwek' - blueberry

sqw'ō:lmexw - blackberry

WELCOMING NEW BABIES

During the month of May,
The MCH team welcomed
four babies:
1 boy and three girls
(one set of twin girls!!)

Elliott **Ezme**
3728g 2956g

Taliyah **Letecia**
2886g 3021g



2026 WAR CANOE / FESTIVAL SEASON SCHEDULE

June		July		August	
6-7	Cultus Lake	4/5	Ambleside	31	½ GCC – Tsartlip
13/14	Musqueam & Sasquatch Days	11/12	Scowlitz	8/9	Swinomish & Burrard
19-21	Stommish	18/19	Tsawout	15/16	Chief Seattle Days
27/28	Quw'utsun	24-26	Snuneymuxw	22/23	Nanoose (tentative)
				28-30	Makah Days

Suggest clubs book ferry reservations far in advance – due to the 2026 World Cup Soccer.



Water Conservation & Community Awareness

As the weather warms up, we encourage everyone to help conserve water whenever possible. Small changes make a big difference, especially during hot, dry periods.

Outdoor Water Use

Watering Schedule — Please water outdoor plants, gardens, trees, and lawns only between 6–10 AM or 7–9 PM. Watering during the hottest part of the day can cause plants to burn and reduces water efficiency.

Kiddie Pool Care — Fill kiddie pools once a week. Place a mat outside the pool and have kids wipe their feet before entering to keep the water cleaner longer, reducing the need for refills.

Large Pool Maintenance — Larger pools should only need to be filled once if chlorine and proper cleaning agents are used. Remember to mop or brush the bottom of the pool every couple of days to maintain water quality.

Community Water System Reminder

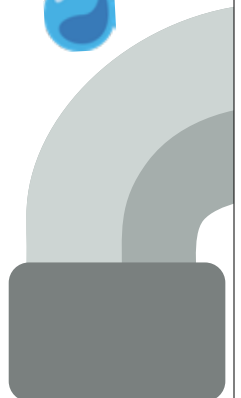
Residents connected to the community water system are asked to use water wisely. Our water tower holds 883,000 gallons, and Seabird uses an average of 300,000 gallons per day.

During hot weather, the risk of small water emergencies and fires increases. In the event of an emergency, we must maintain at least three days' worth of water in the reservoir to ensure repairs can be made safely and effectively.

Your efforts to conserve water help protect the entire community.

Public Works Fields

The Public Works soccer fields operate on their own well system, supplied by the river and underground aquifers. This water is not connected to the community water tower. Because of this, the fields are not required to follow the same conservation guidelines, though responsible use is still encouraged.





Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island) Infrastructure

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POOL SAFETY & MAINTENANCE:

Tips for Seabird Island Residents

With summer in full swing, many of us are enjoying time in our backyard pools. To help keep everyone safe and conserve water, please take a few minutes to review these important **pool safety and maintenance guidelines**.

DO's

- **Always supervise children** around water — never leave them unattended, even for a moment.
- Keep a **phone nearby** in case of emergency.
- Ensure your pool has proper **fencing or barriers** to prevent accidental access.
- Use **non-slip mats** or surfaces around your pool.
- Keep **rescue equipment** (like a life ring or reaching pole) close at hand.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows **basic water safety** and swimming skills.

DON'Ts

- Don't allow diving in shallow areas.
- **Don't run around the pool deck** — wet surfaces are slippery!
- Don't leave toys or floaties in the pool when it's not in use — they can attract children.
- Don't swim during storms or when you hear thunder.

DRAINAGE – PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **Avoid draining your pool** into storm drains or onto the street —this can pollute rivers and harm wildlife.
- If draining is necessary, **contact Public Works** for proper disposal guidelines.
- Always **dechlorinate pool water** and ensure pH levels are neutral before draining.

POOL MAINTENANCE TIPS – SAVE WATER & MONEY

- **Cover your pool** when not in use to reduce evaporation and keep it clean.
- **Clean filters and check pumps regularly** to avoid cloudy water and costly repairs.
- Use **natural or eco-friendly** cleaners to keep your water safe and reduce chemical use.
- Keep your pool water balanced to **avoid the need to drain and refill**.

Let's work together to enjoy a fun, safe, and environmentally responsible summer.
Thank you for helping protect our community and the land we share.

If you have questions or need help with proper drainage practices,
please contact Seabird Island Public Works 604-796-2177.

LAND BASED LEARNING TOTÍ:LT KW'É TÉM:ÉXW

SUNNY DAYS AT SQÉMELECH: FRY RELEASE & CANOEING



The last Wednesday in May was a gorgeous day, perfect for getting *s'át'l'q* (outside). The sun was shining, the sky was a bright baby *tsméth'* (blue) and Lalme'Iwesawtexw (Seabird Community School) students headed out to Sqémelech (Maria Slough) for the morning for their land-based learning activities.

Sixth graders hopped in *slexléxwelh* (many canoes) and paddled around the slough enjoying the fresh air and watching the natural world around them. From one boat students spotted what they thought was a dog at first — upon a closer look they noticed it was actually a *áshxw* (seal), taking a breather in the calm water and no doubt snacking away after a long swim up from the *kw'ót'l'kwa* (ocean). The young learners also spotted different kinds of fish, and when it was time to go, they told their teachers they wished they could stay longer.

On the *cháchu* (shore), grade two students gathered around as a *íwestéleq* (teacher) handed out plastic cups filled with water. She reminded the children to be gentle, and one by one each *lepót* (cup) was given a salmon fry to release. The teacher then waded into the slough in her gumboots, showing how to bend down, softly submerge the cup, and patiently wait for the fry to swim out into the open water.

íwestéleq - teacher

xétem – swimming (of fish)

shxwt'at'ekwels – boat

lám át'l'qel – to go outside

The students were eager when it was their turn, excitedly but calmly bending down and releasing their minnows. Dozens of little gumboots squeaked and squelched as the youngsters went in and out of the water, watching as their small fry friends wiggled out of the cups, soon blending in with the bed of the slough as they darted off to *iyóthet* (start) their journey of life.



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STS' AILES & SEABIRD ISLAND

Roman Catholic Church Schedule

Walking together in Faith

Honouring God, Creation, and One Another



Date	Church Location	Catholic Feast Days	Indigenous days of Importance (Canada)
JUNE 2026	Sun June 7	Sts'ailes	June is National Indigenous History Month
	Sun June 14	Seabird Island	
	Sun June 21	Sts'ailes	
	Sun June 28	Seabird Island	
JULY 2026	Sun July 5	Sts'ailes	July 1 - Canada Day
	Sun July 12	Seabird Island	
	Sun July 19	Sts'ailes	
	Sun July 26	Seabird Island	
AUG 2026	Sun Aug 2	Sts'ailes	Aug 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
	Sun Aug 9	Seabird Island	
	Sun Aug 16	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Aug 23	Seabird Island	
	Sun Aug 30	Sts'ailes	
SEPT 2026	Sun Sept 6	Seabird Island	Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
	Sun Sept 13	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Sept 20	Seabird Island	
	Sun Sept 27	Sts'ailes	
OCT 2026	Sun Oct 4	Seabird Island	October is Indigenous Womens History Month
	Sun Oct 11	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Oct 18	Seabird Island	
	Sun Oct 25	Sts'ailes	
NOV 2026	Sun Nov 1	Seabird Island	November is Indigenous Veterans Month
	Sun Nov 8	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Nov 15	Seabird Island	
	Sun Nov 22	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Nov 29	Seabird Island	
DEC 2026	Sun Dec 6	Sts'ailes	Dec. 21 - Winter Solstice (season of Peace and Renewal)
	Sun Dec 13	Seabird Island	
	Sun Dec 20	Sts'ailes	
	Sun Dec 27	Seabird Island	



We are two communities, one Church, called to love and serve God together.

Christ is our peace. He has made us one. - Ephesians 2 : 14



FIRESMART IN ACTION – SEABIRD ISLAND



FireSmart education at Seabird Island is being brought directly into land-based learning, giving students hands-on experience with wildfire prevention and community safety.

Each week, students participate in outdoor learning sessions that integrate FireSmart principles into their existing “Learning on the Land Wednesdays.” Through these sessions, students are not just learning about wildfire risk but are actively taking part in reducing it.

One of the key activities has been clearing blackberry bushes around the community. This work helps reduce fire hazards while also showing students what mitigation looks like in practice. For many, this has been their first time seeing how simple actions can directly support the safety of their homes and families.

The program is structured through rotating stations, including land-based, creative, and cultural learning, with FireSmart activities primarily taking place at the land station. These sessions are also helping to restore and prepare spaces for future use, including planting clover, creating natural play areas, and introducing traditional medicine plants.

Educators have noted that this approach is not only engaging, but meaningful. By connecting wildfire preparedness to the land, students are able to better understand their role in protecting their community. It also helps shift the conversation around climate change

from something overwhelming to something they can take action on.

The impact is already being felt beyond the classroom. Students are bringing what they learn home, sharing knowledge with their families, and contributing to a broader culture of preparedness within the community.

As FireSmart education continues to grow at Seabird Island, the goal is to build long-term resilience through community involvement, hands-on learning, and knowledge that can be carried forward across generations.

héyeqw - a fire

NESTING BIRDS

Nesting season in BC runs from March 1 to August 31 each year with peak nesting activities taking place [between May and July](#). Nests are protected by the Migratory Bird Convention Act (MBCA) and also includes eggs and young birds. Barn Swallows are a protected species both provincially and federally and will reuse their nests once they build them as relocating and building nests consumes a lot of their energy. While provincial laws don’t automatically apply on First Nations reserve lands, federal laws do so please note that continued disturbances, removals, or destruction of nests could carry penalties under the MBCA if a [permit](#) hasn’t been received.

Our Fish & Wildlife team should be contacted on appropriate steps to take if wildlife are observed on a project site and, if necessary, connecting individuals to resources such as Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Ministry of Environment, (MOE), WildSafeBC, and other specialists we are unable to respond immediately. The BCSPCA also has similar information available on their website. The current requirement is to have a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) (RPBio in this case) brought in to conduct an [active nest survey](#) prior to any clearing within 48 hours of any work taking place, and notifying Seabird staff.

Please refrain from damaging and destroying (and spraying) any observed nests; it is distressing to hear about these events, and we must make sure we take the appropriate steps going forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Fish & Wildlife Division if you have any further questions or concerns.

Yalh Yexw Kw’es Hoy (Thank you),

Phone: (604) 796-6885



- Jillian Stewart-Szpak, RPBio
Natural Resources and Referrals Team Lead
Sq’éwqel | Inter-Government Affairs

thehíws - bird

LE THÍYQWT KW’E SQ’ÉWQEL SQWÉLQWEL: DIGGING UP SQ’ÉWQEL’S STORY



Sq’éwqel’s story continues to unfold as new ground is laid and reminders of an ancient past rise to the surface.

Wayne Charlie and Rocky Joe are Seabird’s Cultural Monitors. They spend their days visiting project sites in the community, checking that workers and contracted companies are following regulations, and meeting compliance standards and permit requirements. Above all else, they ensure that the *tém:éxw* (land) is being respected during each step of construction.

The Sunrise Expansion Project (SEP) is currently conducting exploratory studies, and this has been underway since Welek’es (little frog season - March). The work to date has involved biological, environmental and archeological measures that are protecting Seabird’s diverse habitats and wildlife while honouring our history, culture and people.

Wayne and Rocky have worked alongside Landsong (a consultant) firm, who has brought qualified archeologists, technicians and cultural experts into the fold. Together, Seabird’s knowledge keepers, community leaders, Members and Landsong have gently combed through the earth in search of

culturally significant items. Discovered artifacts are extracted and handled with care and respect, as workers follow the Fine Tilling Deep Drenching (FTDT) procedure to uphold cultural and environmental stewardship.

Once something is found, it’s turned over to onsite technicians and archeologists who assess it to determine its age, function and relation to Seabird’s people. Early in the process, Wayne and Rocky often uncovered shards of ancient tools, as well as fragmented fire alder rock (*smelmált* [rocks] that were used in firepits long ago).

After weeks on end scouring the soil, there was a breakthrough.

One morning as Wayne made his way to the same field he’d been sifting through for weeks, he happened upon a rare owl. The small bird eyed him calmly, and after taking in the marvel before him for a few remarkable moments, Wayne continued to the worksite.

That day, Wayne made a discovery.

“The moment I uncovered the artifact it felt like a quiet conversation with the past, as though the land itself had chosen to reveal one of its memories. Nestled beneath a thin layer of earth, the artifact emerged slowly under my careful hands, its shape deliberate, the surface marked by subtle traces of those who had shaped and used it long before my time. I could feel the weight — not just physical, but cultural and spiritual — settling into my palms. This was more than an object, it was a connection to my ancestors, to stories carried across generations, and to the rhythms of life that once moved across this same territory. The surrounding landscape, familiar yet suddenly deeper in meaning, seemed to hold its breath as I studied the artifact, imagining the hands that crafted it. I wasn’t just observing history; I was part of its continuation, responsible for honouring and protecting what had been revealed.”

Wayne Charlie

tém:éxw - land

Carved in stone, this bigger, more intact item carried with it a powerful presence that Wayne could sense before he even pulled it from the earth. He soon realized it was a hand maul crusher, used to *tóset* (grind) herbs into medicines. Since it was only partially intact, he believes more will be found soon.

The moment of discovery was pivotal for Wayne, and for Sq'ewqel as a whole. This artifact holds a profound meaning for our community, and will remain in Seabird's possession.

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The archaeological phase of preconstruction is drawing to a close. Until now, the sifting has been done by Wayne and Rocky, Landsong and neighbouring communities' land guardians. As this phase of the SEP wraps up, Seabird is inviting Members to become a part of this story.

Wayne and Rocky have reflected that coming together with the wider Stó:lō community to do this work has been truly unifying and uplifting. Both are from Seabird, and they are grateful to serve their people; their work grounds them in community and links them to their deep, ancestral history on this land.

They are also constantly learning and witnessing awe-inspiring moments on the land. Wayne and Rocky want their families, friends and *ts'elhxwélmexw* (neighbours) to get involved, foster stronger ties to the land, and feel the power of these moments too.

There is so much that goes on behind the scenes at Seabird to pave the path to a good future. Supporting processes like FTDT will give the community a better understanding of what the Band does day-to-day to achieve our long term goals.

*spí:l* - buried

*tóset* - grind

*ts'elhxwélmexw* - neighbours

The relics that lie beneath the earth are not merely mementos of a time lost to history; they define the spirit of Sq'ewqel, serving as testaments to our people's primordial life on this territory. Volunteering to assist with the process is an opportunity to support building Sq'ewqel's future while communing with a *spí:l* (buried) past — and as Wayne and Rocky said, there's much more to uncover.



- Aishah F. Khan, Journalist & Editor Communications

Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island)  
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www.seabirdisland.ca

May 7, 2026

## RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN THIS MONTH!

Estimated: **May 2026 - November 2027**

**Seabird Island - Community**

The time has arrived! The Capital Projects Team are starting renovations for 50+ families (on reno list only). The estimated timespan for this work is between May 2026 to November 2027.

We have started on four homes throughout our community.

Our team is also working with four families on **Alexis Drive**, preparing for their reno's.

For most of the renovations, families will be moving into one of the **Temporary Housing Units**; these homes are currently located on **Sth,I;Tsem Road** and **Pipeho:M Road**. As this is a lengthy project, our team will **reach out to you approximately 2 months prior to the time your renovation** will begin to assist in the pre-planning of the renovation process.

**If you have any questions, please contact us at:**  
info.isc@seabirdisland.ca ◦ 604-796-2177



# Hamper Suggestion

*We value your opinion.*

**Please share any new products or items you would like included in your future hampers.**



Events Team  
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SEABIRD ISLAND  
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

INVITES YOU TO THE 2026

## Baby Welcoming Celebration

JUNE 17, 2026  
10:00AM TO 2:30PM

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND GYMNASIUM  
2895 CHOWAT ROAD, AGASSIZ

This Mini-Pitch was made possible through the generous sponsorship from adidas and the many good humans involved in the planning and construction from Sq'ewqel and external service providers.

Thank you to Cedar Crest for the site prep. Turf XL for the turf and installation, Identity Graphics for the graphics work, Dab Installations to install the decorative vinyls, Knox Contracting in kind support for the installation, and Binnie for providing in kind engineering consulting services.

A big thank you to Canadian Tire Jumpstart as a wrap around programming partner ongoing.

## SQ'EWQEL EYEM (SEABIRD STRONG) MINI-PITCH OPENING CEREMONY

June 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Agassiz, 2821 Chowat Rd  
Seabird Island Community School

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**Please RSVP  
to attend**

Hope and Health  
COMING TOGETHER WITH ONE HEART,  
ONE MIND, IN THE SPIRIT OF NAUTSA'MAWT

**BE  
THE  
CHANGE**

# SAGE SUGGESTIONS

## MANAGING MOSQUITOS

Summer is making its way to Sq'ewqel, and so are some unwelcome swarms...

*Qwá:l* (mosquitos) have settled in for the season to enjoy the warmth and sadly multiply. They love this time of year, since the heavy *xwémxel* (pouring rain) of spring leave a lot of standing water and sometimes, still, humid air.

Once the weather warms up, puddles become fertile breeding grounds for the pesky *sth'eth'ékw'* (bugs).

**qwá:l** - mosquitos

**sth'eth'ékw'** - bugs

**Yálx** - search

To get rid of mosquitos, the best way to start is by getting rid of any *p'ep'ákwem* (calm water) on your property and inside your home. *Yálx* (search) the yard for anything that's collecting water, such as empty cups or pails, dishes left outside, empty pots and planters, buckets, bird baths, old tires, bottle caps, toys and tools. Kiddie pools are a common culprit, as well as larger pools. Empty these if the water's been sitting for a few weeks. To prevent bugs and dirt, cover pools with a tarp when they're not being used.

Clean out the gutters!

Inside the house, clean dishes, and air out dish racks. Dehumidifiers can reduce moisture, but you could also install screens on doors and *skw'elchóstel* (windows), and place fans throughout the house to keep the air moving.



- Aishah F. Khan, Journalist & Editor  
Communications

## SUMMER ST'ÉLMEXW: TRADITIONAL MEDICINES FOR THE SEASON

Traditional medicines are all around us in plants and herbs that have been used to soothe bug bites, stings, burns and more for centuries. Here are a few traditional Stó:lō medicines that you can use this summer and whenever else you need them.

**Slhá:wels te pípehó:m** / Frog leaf  
Plantain

For wasp bites, bee stings, mosquito bites and other insect bites. Clean the leaf, chew to extract the medicine and apply to affected areas. Can also be made into a bug cream using coconut oil for your base (which is also good for insect bites), eaten in salad or made into a tea. The leaves are a good source of iron. Make into a salve for mosquito bites and colds.

**sth'ékw'** - insect

**Sth'á:qel** / Cat tail

*Sth'á:qel* tea is used to treat abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and dysentery. Its sticky juice is a medicine for burns and scalds, sores, boils, wounds, and inflammation.

**Tl'asíp** / liquorice fern

Roots have sweet, licorice flavour. Chew them (raw or roasted) for colds and coughs, a sore throat, asthma, upset stomach, arthritis and to reduce inflammation.

**Xéyeslótel** / Wild ginger

Chew it or make it into a tea for colds, flu, respiratory infection, intestinal cramping, and digestive issues.

**xéykw'et** - chew

**sxélh** - a wound

**sísemóye**

-  
bee, honeybee, hornet, wasp

**Devils club**

To cure a devil's club sting, take the plant roots burn the root and mix the charcoal from the burnt bark with boiled water. Spread the mixture onto the sting.

**Stinging Nettle**

To soothe stinging nettle stings, rub mud over the affected area.



- Aishah F. Khan, Journalist & Editor  
Communications

slexléxwelh - many canoes

ášxw - seal

iyóthet - start

**INSPIRATION QUOTES:**

“Set your intention, and the universe will conspire to make it happen.”

— Paulo Coelho

“Do your thing and don't care if they like it”

— Tina Fey

“I'd rather regret the things I've done than the things I haven't done ”

— Lucilla Ball

**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 20 - July 21

Woodpecker - Temélhépsem

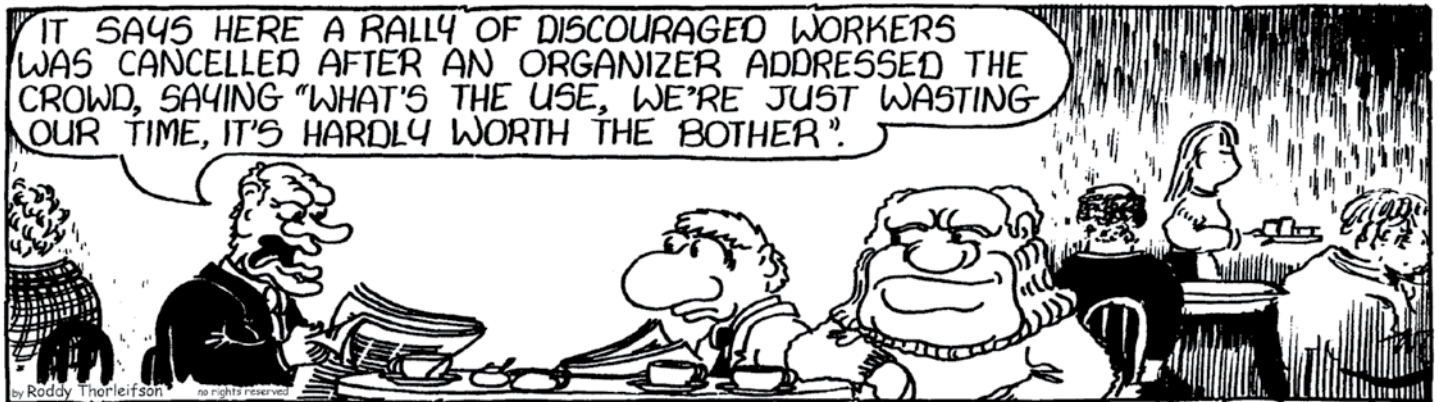
Direction: South

Element: Water

Stone: Rose Quartz

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

**COMIC**



Reference: <https://mooselakecartoons.com/health>

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**HALQ'EMÉYLEM WORD SEARCH**

*Created by Shayleen Peters*

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| 1. Fathers day - <b>màl swáyel</b>                 | 13. Flip Flop -<br><b>temkw'ókw'es quelhixel</b> |
| 2. Sunny - <b>syó:qwem</b>                         | 14. Beach trips - <b>cháchu leq'álqel</b>        |
| 3. Hot - <b>kw'ókw'es</b>                          | 15. Picnics - <b>sásewel</b>                     |
| 4. Sunscreen - <b>syó:qwem yétl'q't</b>            | 16. Shorts - <b>ts'its'étl'áyiws</b>             |
| 5. Towels - <b>shxw'óp'estel</b>                   | 17. Dresses - <b>slewíws</b>                     |
| 6. Lakes - <b>xó:tsa</b>                           | 18. Sunglasses - <b>st'óle'oléstel</b>           |
| 7. Pools - <b>st'ó'o xelóxcha</b>                  | 19. Road trips - <b>xálh leq'álqel</b>           |
| 8. Ice Cream - <b>spípew sq'emó</b>                | 20. Camp fires - <b>héyeqw</b>                   |
| 9. Popsicles - <b>spípew sqe'óleqw</b>             | 21. Beach Towels - <b>shxw'óp'estel</b>          |
| 10. Summer Break -<br><b>temkw'okw'es stóqw'em</b> | 22. Tank tops - <b>stl'pí:wel</b>                |
| 11. Graduation - <b>hó:y</b>                       | 23. Bathing suit - <b>t'ítsemelwet</b>           |
| 12. Vacation - <b>stóqw'em</b>                     | 24. Indigenous Day -<br><b>xwélmexw swáyel</b>   |



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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.

Emma Leon may be reached at 604-796-2177

[emma.leon@seabirdisland.ca](mailto:emma.leon@seabirdisland.ca)

## FUNERAL PAMPHLETS

Creating pamphlets from our catalogue or custom pamphlets.

**NEW** - Sq'Éwqel provides 300 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; enquire about our prices.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or email [comm@seabirdisland.ca](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month for Community core, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for the surrounding Community.

Contact Public Works at 604-796-2177 or email: [publicworks@seabirdisland.ca](mailto: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 Monday at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Website for AA in BC: [www.bcyukonaa.org](http://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 Emma Leon 604-796-2177.

## OPTOMETRY CLINIC

**Appointments Only:** TBA

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 Brittani Fontaine LPN at 604-796-2177 or [brittanif@seabirdisland.ca](mailto:brittanif@seabirdisland.ca)

## 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!**  
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### 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](mailto:comm@seabirdisland.ca)

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Recommended to follow:

**Sq'Éwqel "Seabird Island Band"**

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

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

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

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

Remember to like the posts to see them pop up in your feed more often!

## 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.

### **REGISTERED CLINICAL COUNSELLOR**

The RCC will deliver counselling services to clients affected by complex mental health and/or substance use issues. Services may include individual and group counselling, crisis intervention, treatment planning, and education. The RCC will also work collaboratively with other health professionals, schools, and community programs, and may travel to provide services in communities supported by Seabird Island.

### **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **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.

#### **TENANT SERVICES COORDINATOR**

The Tenant Services Coordinator provides culturally informed tenant management coordination overseeing move-ins and move outs, managing tenant relationships, and providing support with administrative paperwork, payments, grants, and funding applications. This role involves coordinating complex tenant issues, supporting equitable waitlist and allocation processes, and setting clear pathways for resolution in collaboration with tenants, staff, and community supports.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### **CHILDREN, FAMILY RESILIENCE & ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR**

The Children and Family Resilience & Enrichment Care Coordinator plays a key role in supporting families by connecting them to culturally relevant resources, programs, and services. This position focuses on navigation and coordination, ensuring families have access to wraparound supports that promote resilience, wellness, and enrichment.

### **OUT OF SCHOOL CARE ASSISTANT**

Working under the supervision of the Middle Years and Childcare Services Team Lead, the Assistant will actively instruct and participate in a variety of physical activities designed to engage students in fun, recreational experiences that support lifelong learning. In addition to promoting physical activity, the Assistant will help facilitate programs that encourage healthy eating, personal development, and overall wellness, while fostering positive relationships with children and families in the community.

### **SUMMER STUDENTS - POST SECONDARY (EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT)**

Summer Students will provide guidance, and support to children participating in the program. Responsibilities include leading recreational activities, promoting safety, and serving as positive role models. The program includes field trips, outdoor play, and learning. This is an exciting opportunity for secondary students to build leadership skills while making a meaningful impact in the community.

*This is a Full-time contracted position from June 22 to August 28.*

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*This is a 7-week term contract for secondary students looking for summer employment.*

## SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SCDP) SUPPORT WORKER (TERM CONTRACT)

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.

## EDUCATION

### **BUS DRIVER ON CALL**

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. Additional responsibilities as needed to support the community and uphold our shared values.

*This is a term position with an ending date of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

### **DIVISION MANAGER OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Division Manager of Employment, Training, and Social Development oversees programs that connect individuals with meaningful employment, educational opportunities, and skills development. They lead initiatives supporting pre-employment training, workshops, employment support services, and income assistance, while ensuring cultural safety, dignity, and respect in every interaction. The Division Manager also strengthens partnerships, finds funding opportunities, and creates pathways for stable, long-term employment and self-sufficiency for the community.

*This is a one-year Full-Time Term Contract with an end date of March 30, 2027, with the possibility of extension.*

## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The School Counsellor provides culturally informed counselling, consultation, coordination, and educational support to students. This role involves delivering personal and social counselling, facilitating collaboration between school and community agencies, and promoting an inclusive school culture that empowers students toward positive change. The School Counsellor will also engage in community relations activities to support both students and the wider community. Provide direct instruction to students in areas such as peer helping, conflict resolution, social skills, and life skills. Support the development and implementation of Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) in partnership with school administrators and professional resource personnel.

### **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM MANAGER (TERM CONTRACT)**

The Youth and Young Adults Program Manager will oversee the daily operations and strategic direction of key programs, ensuring that all services are delivered in alignment with our organizational goals and values. You will lead passionate teams, engage with community partners, and continuously strive to improve outcomes for youth and young adults in our community.

*This is a term contract with an end date of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2028 with a possibility of extension.*

## EXECUTIVE

### **CONTRACT INDIGENOUS COACHES**

Expression of Interest: Indigenous Coaches for Seabird Island  
*Invitation to Join the Seabird Island Coaching Roster.*

Seabird Island is seeking expressions of interest from qualified Indigenous coaches to join our roster of professionals who will provide holistic coaching services to our staff and Council members. We are committed to fostering a supportive environment that encourages personal and professional growth, well-being, and leadership development. Coaching sessions are to be holistic, addressing the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical aspects of each individual.

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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](mailto:humanresources@seabirdisland.ca).

We thank all applicants for their interest.

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### GRANTS, PROPOSALS, AND STRATEGIC WRITER

The Grants, Proposals, and Strategic Writer will work collaboratively with various teams throughout the organization, assisting in finding grants or funding opportunities and ensuring successful implementation and reporting. The Grants, Proposals, and Strategic Writer provides function in the implementation of projects as directed including creating and managing proposals for projects and implementation of operational delivery models that will achieve optimal outcomes.

### PURCHASING AGENT

The Purchasing Agent is responsible for verifying goods and service orders, preparing and forwarding purchase orders, confirming receipt of goods and services, and authorizing payments. This role ensures departments have the materials and services they need for daily operations by researching cost-effective suppliers and staying current on market and pricing trends. The Purchasing Agent also plays a key role in supporting program teams and community services through timely and efficient procurement.

### SENIOR HR GENERALIST & ENTITY LIAISON

The Sr. HR Generalist & Entity Liaison provides both operational HR support to management and across all entities. As the primary HR lead for entity-specific needs, this role ensures consistent HR practices, culturally grounded employee support, and alignment with organizational goals. The HR Generalist and Entity Liaison will also work collaboratively with the HR Generalist and the Mediation, Healing, and Resolution Team Lead, in resolution

of complex employment relations and employment issues, escalating final recommendations to the HR Manager and/or entity management. This role delivers comprehensive HR services including policy/legislation interpretation, employee relations, training, compliance, and strategic advisory support.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### NAVIGATOR PRIMARY CARE & WELLNESS SERVICES

The Navigator plays a key role in supporting individuals and families by reducing barriers and fostering access to primary care, clinical health services, mental health supports, and related programs. Using a person-centered, trauma-informed, and decolonized approach, this role focuses on connection, outreach, and empowerment during critical life stages and health transitions.

Act as the first point of contact for inquiries about health services and supports. Provide guidance, assistance, and support to reduce barriers to accessing services offered by Seabird Island or external providers.

### PART TIME RECOVERY HOME SUPPORT WORKER (WEEKENDS)

The Recovery Home Support Worker provides culturally informed crisis intervention, coping strategies, education, connections to community services, and support to individuals affected by mental illness, addictions, trauma, and crisis. The Recovery Home Support Worker will also engage in community relations activities to supporting clients and the community.

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## RESTORATION AND HEALING CARE COORDINATOR

The Restoration and Healing Care Coordinator provides culturally informed care coordination, advocacy, and case management support to community members involved with or affected by the justice system. This role involves coordinating care for clients and families as they move through legal, court, and social service processes; supporting restorative justice pathways; and connecting clients to wraparound supports such as housing, mental health, and employment services.

### SENIOR CLINICAL SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAM LEAD

The Senior Clinical Substance Use Program Lead provides 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.

Provide ongoing training and professional development opportunities that incorporate First Nations perspectives and practices. Ensure staff receive appropriate training on trauma-informed care, cultural safety, and evidence-based mental health and addiction practices. Facilitate case management, care coordination, and discharge planning, working with healthcare providers, traditional healers, and community support networks. Engage in community relations activities, advocating mental health awareness, stigma reduction, and improved access to services.

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## TRADITIONAL AND HOLISTIC WELLNESS SPECIALIST

The Traditional and Holistic Wellness Specialist ensures service delivery is centered around First Nations worldviews, beliefs about holistic health, and cultural aspects of personal and family wellness. This role involves developing and implementing wellness programs that incorporate traditional practices into our programming, offering workshops on holistic health, and promoting cultural continuity within wellness services. The Traditional and Holistic Wellness Specialist will also engage in community relations activities to support clients and strengthen the connection between traditional knowledge and health outcomes in the community and provide support while on their path to wellness or in crises.

## 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. Some on-call duties may include: General Labour, Ticketed Labour (must have certification), Clean-up, Office Help, Special Events,

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sports, games, plays

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# **INDIGENOUS** **DAY**

**June 21, 2026**

*Come join us for fun activities  
and lunch to honour  
our culture and heritage.*

**Lunch Provided!**

**June 21, 2026**

**10 AM to 3 PM**

**Band Office Gym / Track Field**