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MONSTER MASH - HALLOWEEN EVENT



When the doors opened at 3 PM. on All Hallows' Eve, ghouls and gremlins gathered in a gym draped in spiders and ghostly Halloween decor. By the end of the night, nearly 400 people had come through, setting a new attendance record for the Monster Mash Halloween event.

Stations lined the gym walls, offering hair braiding, balloon figures, pumpkin painting, spooky hairdos and face painting. The Health Department also hosted a table where partygoers could get their flu shot for the season, an easy no-brainer for attendees. On the stage, a magician kept the crowd entertained, while guests joined in the pop-the-balloon game, the cake walk, fruit roll-up eating and a costume contest that drew great participation.

Standout costumes included Needoh, a family of gremlins, an inflatable chicken, Mike Wazowski, many Jack Skellingtons and Sallys, and a whole lot more. Congratulations to the costume contest winners: the Alien, the Nurse, the Scarecrow and the Family of Dragon Ball Z. The events team thanks the volunteer Elder judges for their time and involvement. Recognizing the complexity of organizing an event of this size, the team will change the judging set-up next year to accommodate all age categories.

With such a great turnout, the food unfortunately ran out, and the events team thanks everyone for their patience as more was made and brought out as quickly as possible. Thank you to all who came out and helped make the night a success. The team looks forward to welcoming even more ghouls and gremlins, and to being better prepared for Halloween 2027.

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Happy Hallowe'en

- Krystal McLatchy, Digital Marketing Agent
Communications & Engagement

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Please join us:
Blessed Mother Mary
November 15, 2026



Chief and Council Meetings:

November 18th, 2026
December 16th, 2026
January 20th, 2027

Christmas Is Just Around the Corner!





This year's Community Christmas Dinners will take place over **three evenings** to give everyone an opportunity to participate. Our community has grown so much that we can no longer accommodate everyone in the gym at one time. In fact, we can no longer accommodate all community members over two evenings, so this year we are adding a **third Community Christmas Dinner**.

Dinner dates:

- Tuesday, December 1, 2026
- Wednesday, December 2, 2026
- Thursday, December 3, 2026

We ask that Community Members choose only one evening to attend and reserve their seats using a QR code form to be supplied by the Events team soon – watch our Facebook site for more details. If you would like to attend on the same evening as your family members, please coordinate together in advance to determine which night works best for everyone. Each evening will feature a different theme, which will be announced soon.

The **Christmas Train** will be on-site again this year. Please bring blankets and dress appropriately for the outdoor train experience.



Santa will be in attendance each evening, with photo opportunities available. Printed photos can be picked up on **Hamper Day, December 9, 2026.**

RSVP Required

Please RSVP **by November 27, 2026**
to help us plan meals and gifts.

Scan QR Code to complete the RSVP form



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events@seabirdisland.ca

Capturing the highlights

















Blessed Mary Statue

For more than 72 years, the Pulido family has dedicated their craft and service to the Catholic Church, preserving and creating religious art that inspires faith and devotion. Today, Martha Pulido, a third-generation artisan and the youngest sister in her family, proudly continues this remarkable legacy.





Throughout her career, Martha has worked on more than 5,000 religious articles, bringing expertise, care, and deep respect to every piece she encounters. Her dedication to sacred art has also led her to restore approximately 20 sculptures and five goldsmithing pieces, helping preserve important works of religious heritage for future generations.

In addition to her work serving churches, Martha wears many hats; She is both a psychologist and a chef. Both careers reflect her deep passion for attentive, caring and connecting with others. Her love for Christianity and meeting new people is what motivates her to continue serving churches and faith communities across Mexico and beyond.



lexwsthíy - handy, crafty

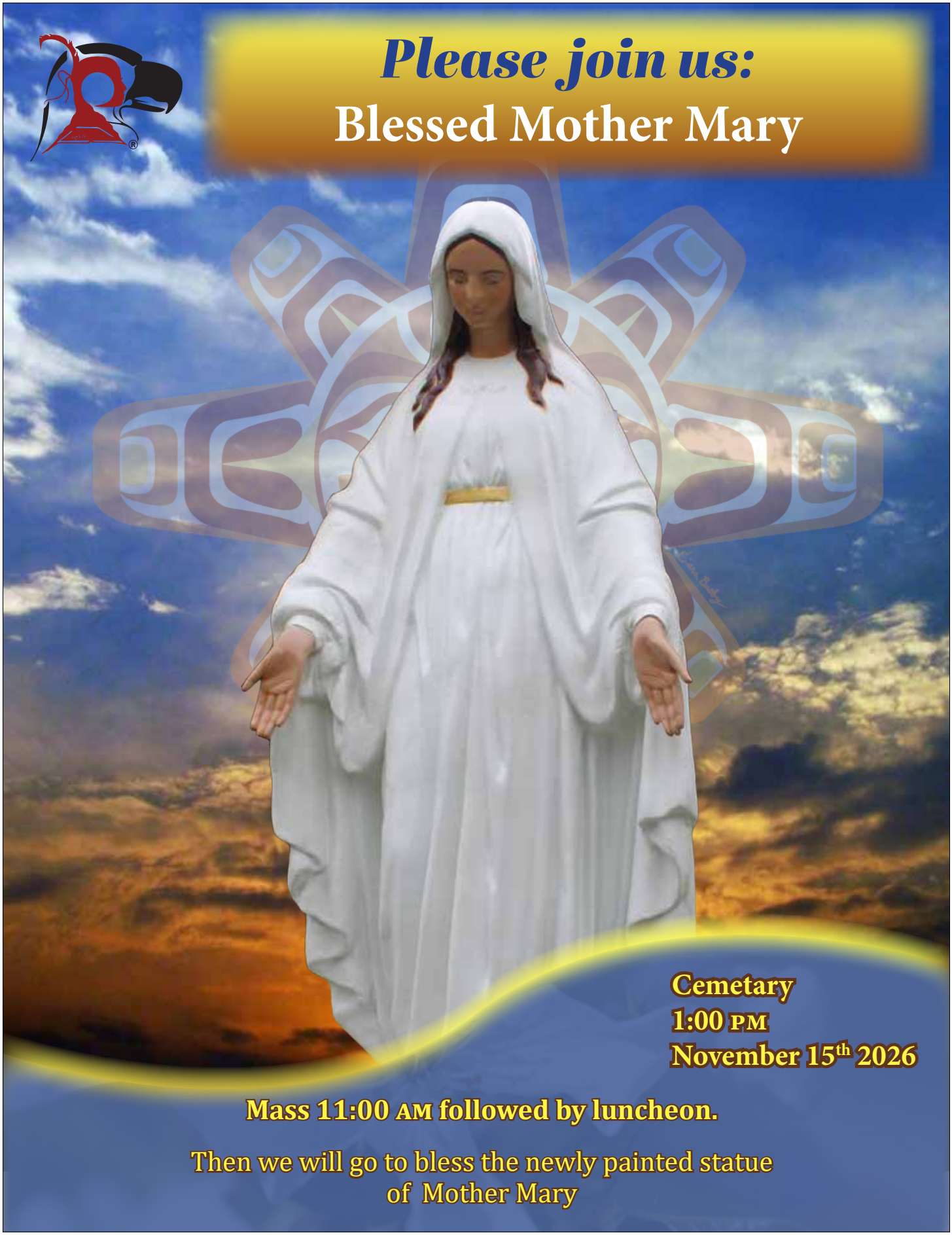
Whether restoring a cherished statue, assisting with religious artifacts, or traveling wherever she is needed for church-related projects, Martha approaches every opportunity with enthusiasm and dedication. Her commitment to her faith and her craft has made her a trusted partner to many Catholic communities over the years.

Outside of her professional life, Martha is a proud mother of two daughters and a devoted cat mom. Family, faith, and service remain at the heart of everything she does.

Through her artistry, restoration work, and unwavering commitment to the Church, Martha Pulido continues a family tradition that has touched countless lives and helped preserve the beauty and history of Catholic sacred art.

tá:l - mother

- Shayleen Peters, Communications Assistant
Communications & Engagement


Please join us:
Blessed Mother Mary
Cemetary
1:00 PM
November 15th 2026
Mass 11:00 AM followed by luncheon.
Then we will go to bless the newly painted statue
of Mother Mary

Renovations Underway As Temporary Housing Units Welcome First Families Home









Capital Projects is excited to announce that, with the completion of six Temporary Housing Units, renovations have now begun on homes within our community.

The 50 homes currently on the Renovations List are funded through Indigenous Services Canada.

We would like Community Members to know that we are primarily following a planned route, as outlined on the Renovations Route Map, beginning with homes located on Alexis Drive.

Renovations will be completed in the following order:

1. Alexis Drive
2. In Mon Tin Drive
3. Chowat Road
4. Sth'í:tsem Drive
5. Charles Drive
6. Pipeho:m Road
7. Along Seabird Island Road, jetting off to roads such as:
   a. Strawberry Island (Quaiq Road / Schi'ye Road)
   b. Ya:la Drive
   c. Peters Road
   d. Wahleach Road

Fifty-eight total homes will be renovated, with an additional eight homes funded through other grants and funding sources.

Community Members may have noticed that some renovation work has begun outside of the areas outlined on the Renovations Route Map. This is because some homes are funded through other grant programs, and in some cases, homeowners have requested specific contractors to complete the renovations on their homes.

Capital Projects has provided each renovation family with an information package outlining every step of the process. This includes preparing for the temporary move, scheduled meetings with families, and contact information for our team should questions or concerns arise.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Seabird Member Mindy Peters** for her incredible work. She has done assembling and decorating the Temporary Housing Units that families will call home while their houses are being renovated. Mindy has added many warm and welcoming touches, including artwork created by Community Members during a paint workshop, along with blankets, plants, and other thoughtful items that help make the units feel like home. Her kindness and attention to detail are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank **Seabird Member Shannon Campbell** for his valuable contributions during the early stages of the renovation project. His time, knowledge, and expertise played an important role in helping the project get underway. While we were sad to see him leave the team, we are pleased to see him thriving in the Housing

Department and wish him continued success in his new role.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

One of the completed Temporary Housing Units, located on Sth'í:tsem Road, was renovated by Landshark TCB Contracting. Their contribution has helped create much-needed temporary housing for families during the renovation process.

A special thank you also goes to Schí;ya Construction, a Band Member owned company that completed one of the Temporary Housing Units. We are grateful for their dedication, workmanship, and commitment to supporting community development.

The Capital Projects Team would also like to recognize Xepá:y Lálém Developments, a Community Member owned business, for their participation in completing another Temporary Housing Unit. Their involvement showcases the valuable role local Indigenous businesses play in strengthening our community and supporting local economic growth.

Built for Comfort: Each of the Temporary Housing Units has been equipped with central air conditioning, helping to ensure families remain comfortable during the warmer summer months while renovation work is taking place.

The Capital Projects Team extends its sincere appreciation to these contractors for their partnership, professionalism, and commitment to helping improve housing in our community.

EXPANDING OUR TEAM

The Capital Project Team has grown, we have hired 3 new employees and are proud to welcome **Seabird Members**: **Gary Thompson, Logan Thompson and Travis Kay**! They are working hard every day with rough-in framing and preparing homes for the various trades scheduled to come in to begin their scope of work. Their work is appreciated!

We look forward to providing more updates as we move forward with these home reno projects.

Thank you from the Capital Project - Reno Team (Bill Miller, Sr Project Manager; Mike Beiderwieden, Construction Manager; Margarette de Groot, Project Coordinator & crew mentioned above)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Home Renovation Projects, please contact: *Info.isc@seabirdisland.ca*

- Margarette DeGroot, Project Coordinator Capital Projects



WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS

Educating and preparing families for winter conditions through household emergency preparedness, planning for extended power outages and readiness for situations when access to and from the community may be limited due to severe weather.

The following lists outline recommended items for a 72 hour emergency kit and essential supplies to keep in your vehicle. Consider your household's unique needs and add items that will help you stay safe, comfortable and prepared for the next emergency.

- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Power bank
- Charging cables
- Nonperishable food
- Water
- Pet food if needed
- Blankets
- Warm socks and clothing toques
- First aid kit
- Any of your prescribed medications
- Personal hygiene items
- Matches/ lighter

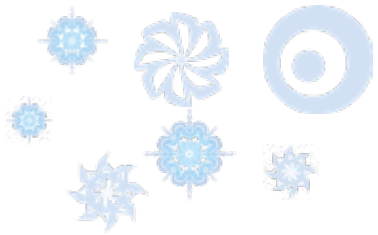
Items to have in your vehicle

- Jumper cables booster pack
- Blanket flashlight
- Traction aid
- Shovel and ice scraper

Home preparation

- Protecting pipes when appropriate
- Fire extinguisher
- Smoke alarms Co alarms
- Checking doors and windows are properly sealed
- Insure if you have wood heating, that your chimney is cleaned

Dangerous ways to heat home; never use BBQ indoors, ensure generator is outdoors and properly ventilated, NO propane camping stoves, never try and heat home with unsafe or improvised methods. Generators produce carbon monoxide, which can build up indoors without notice or warning.



Language Vitalization Workshop Series

Ribbon Skirt Making 2026

Come join us for a creative language experience as we gather to make ribbon skirts together.
Sq'éwqel Staff, Band, and Community Members are welcomed to attend,
We hope to see you there!

Location: Seabird Band Office
- Three Sessions for One Skirt -
Nov. 23 – Cut and Placement
Nov. 30 – Prep and Sew
Dec. 7 – Waistband and Finishing
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Instructors:
Chanea Gabriel & Stephanie Thomas
Max. Capacity: 10 students
Materials for project will be provided:
All materials will be provided, and participants of all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

Please register early with:
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call 604-796-2177
Community Members 16 years of age +

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WINTER WEATHER CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE.
A PREPARED HOME IS A SAFER, STRONGER HOME.

PREPARE BEFORE THE STORM

TAKE ACTION NOW TO MINIMIZE RISK.

Build an Emergency Kit
Include food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, and a first aid kit (3+ days of supplies).

Check Your Home
Inspect your roof, windows, doors, and gutters. Seal drafts and fix leaks.

Prepare Heating Sources
Ensure your heating system is working. Have safe alternatives (e.g., wood stove, space heater) and extra fuel.

Get Your Vehicle Ready
Check tires, battery, and windshield wipers. Keep a winter emergency kit in your car.

Stay Informed: Monitor weather forecasts and sign up for local alerts. Keep up to date with updates from Alertable.

COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY

SIGN UP TODAY FOR YOUR HOME ENERGY SAVING KIT!



Get Essential Tools

Reduce Bills & Emissions

Improve Comfort Year-Round

Join Neighbors, Build Resilient Homes

SIGN UP AT:

DURING THE STORM

STAY ALERT AND TAKE CARE.

Stay inside and avoid unnecessary travel.

Keep updated through trusted sources.

Check on family, neighbors, and vulnerable individuals.

AFTER THE STORM

STAY CAUTIOUS AS CONDITIONS IMPROVE.

Check for damage to your home and utilities.

Avoid downed power lines and report hazards.

Document damage for insurance purposes.

PREPARE • PROTECT • STAY CONNECTED • BUILD RESILIENCE

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SAFER HOMES BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Alongside Research and Consulting

Our knowledge, language, and teachings are carried through our relationships - with the land, with one another, and across generations.

Alongside Research & Consulting is pleased to support Stó:lō Tribal Council in carrying out the Stó:lō Knowledge Transference Needs Mapping Initiative.

This work will explore community-based teaching and learning needs throughout Upriver Stó:lō territory, recognizing existing strengths and identifying priorities for strengthening Stó:lō-led learning for people of all ages.

slheq'lómets - knowledge

We welcome Stó:lō community leaders and members to connect with us to learn more about the initiative and opportunities to participate.

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- Lori Lee Kelly and Tye Mc.



When the Feathers called

On a warm spring day, the sun sat high above Lhílheqey (Mt.Cheam), the air smelled of a fresh rain, *Sísele* (Grandma) walked with her twin granddaughters to visit their *Sts'ó:meqw* (great-grand uncle).



Sísele watched the twins as they wandered across the yard exploring the new and familiar, recalling the previous moments spent while articulating their world with pure joy and laughter. The toddler-aged girls explored their world with coupled curiosity moving in tandem as twin cubs move through a forest. Wherever one went, the other followed encompassed with paired laughter. Inquisitive questions filled the air that were spoken with a chorus of remembered words and a paired attention to assure the whole world is seen at once through their eyes. Taking every sensation in and feeling the sights, smells, and sounds as an inaugural experience in *Sts'ó:meqw's* yard.

The yard can be seen as a village, some call them weeds other call them medicines, they are the plant people. The plant people graced the twins with showing them who they are and welcomed the girls into their world. The girls accepted this welcome and received the gift from the plant people; they picked a bouquet of *qwáyúwél* (dandelion), *xaweqá:l* (yarrow) and *qa:lq* (wild rose). Unknowingly - yet- the girls held a bouquet for upset tummies, they handed all they possessed for that moment, with the deepest love and biggest smiles to *Sísele*.

yéxwela - eagle

As the twins crossed the lawn, one small girl stopped.
"*Sísele*!"
Then the other stopped.
"*Sísele*!"
Both pointed toward the grass.

There, shimmering gently in the sunlight lay several eagle feathers. *Sísele* walks over and looks around, and up and down. She noticed high above the regular treeline gazed an aerie that cupped the view of Lhílheqey. The feathers had fallen from *yéxwela* (eagle). They rested on the land as though waiting to be noticed.

Sísele looked toward the house and heard another sound. The lawnmower. *Sts'ó:meqw's* helper was preparing to cut the grass. *Sísele* understood at once if no one acted, those beautiful feathers would be crushed beneath the turning blades.

" *Xwém, lalh má:yt*!"
"Hurry, help them!" she told the girls.

The twins ran as fast as little legs could carry them.

One feather was long and dark with white at its base. Another lay curled gently against the land. A third was caught by the wind, now and then, lifted and landed several times, the twins gave chase. Carefully, with tiny



qwáyúwél - dandelion
xaweqá:l - yarrow
qa:lq - wild rose

hands and great seriousness, the girls picked them up one by one. *Sísele* helped them gather the feathers and hold them safely against their hearts.

Just moments later, the lawnmower passed over the place where the feathers had rested.

The grass cut, plants mulched, the machine rolled by; but the feathers were gone. They had been saved.

Sísele smiled and the twins smiled back, though they did not yet fully understand what they had done. *Sísele* looks at the twins with overwhelming love in her eyes, "The feathers called, and you heard them. We are given many chances to care for something precious. Sometimes it is a feather. Sometimes it is a person. What matters is that we notice."

Sísele gathered the children close and spoke softly. "My girls, today you noticed and you listen."

Language Vitalization: Thanks Leanne Dunk and her grandchildren for the donation of the beautiful eagle feathers. Thanks Desiree Peters and her fiancé Thomas Johnny for carefully prepped the eagle feather tips for our beading class. Each student chose their feather, learned the double bead peyote stitch; each feather was dressed and brought to their new home.

- Dianna Kay, Halq'émeylēm Curriculum Lead
Inter-Government Affairs

Elders Strategic Planning meeting:







More than 20 Elders gathered on October 19th for an Elders Strategic Planning Meeting, creating an important opportunity for meaningful discussion about the future of the Elders Program and the well-being of the community.

The gathering began with opening remarks from Chief Maggie Pettis, who spoke about the brushing and burning work that took place on October 15th. Chief Pettis shared a message that had been brought to her attention from our ancestors: that Elders need to work together and support one another. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and acknowledged the importance of the Elders' voices in helping guide the community forward.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide Elders with a space to identify concerns, share ideas, and offer direction for future planning. Participants were asked a series of questions focused on programming, wellness, healing, cultural activities, community involvement, and educational opportunities.

shxw'éyelth - be in good health

Siyólexwe - Elder

While Elders appreciated the opportunity to come together, several participants voiced concerns that they have shared their thoughts in the past and continue to feel unheard. A common theme throughout the discussion was the desire to be respected, honoured, and included in conversations that affect the community. Many Elders emphasized that there is a difference between being asked what they want, and being asked what they need.

Communication was identified as a significant concern. Several Elders spoke about what they see as a growing disconnect between leadership, programs, and the Elder community. Participants stressed the importance of regular communication, meaningful engagement, and ensuring that Elders' knowledge, experiences, and perspectives are recognized and valued.

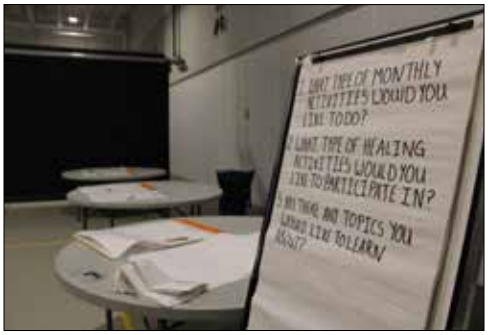
Health and wellness were also key topics of discussion. Some Elders expressed interest in receiving more information about the medications they take and understanding potential side effects. They suggested educational presentations that would allow Elders to ask questions and gain a better understanding of their health and wellness needs.

The preservation of culture emerged as one of the strongest themes of the day. Elders expressed a desire for more traditional teachings and hands-on cultural activities, including the preparation of traditional medicines, fish smoking, and other practices that have long been part of community life. Many emphasized that these teachings are not only important for Elders but also for future generations.

Several Elders spoke about the importance of passing traditional knowledge to Youth through activities such as ribbon skirt making, cultural workshops, and intergenerational

gatherings. Participants shared that strengthening these connections would help ensure that cultural teachings continue to be carried forward.

The need for a community smokehouse was also discussed. Elders recalled years of conversations about building a smokehouse and questioned what had happened to those plans. For many, a smokehouse would serve as more than a building; it would be a place for learning, healing, and preserving traditional knowledge.



Elders also expressed a desire to see photographs and stories of ancestors displayed in community buildings. They felt this would honour those who helped build the community while strengthening connections to its history and heritage.

Another suggestion was the return of more coastal jams and cultural gatherings. Elders described these events as uplifting, healing, and an important way to bring people together through music, culture, and shared experiences.

Following the discussions, attendees enjoyed a turkey dinner and spent the afternoon socializing and playing bingo. The gathering provided not only an opportunity for important conversations but also a chance for connection, laughter, and fellowship.

As the meeting concluded, one message stood out above all others: **Elders want to be heard**. They want their knowledge respected, their concerns acknowledged, and their voices included in shaping the future of the community. Their hope is that these conversations lead to meaningful action, stronger communication, and a renewed commitment to cultural teachings for generations to come.



- Shayleen Peters, Communications Assistant
Communications & Engagement

Language Vitalization Workshop Series

Introduction to Cedar Weaving

Students will learn basic beading terminology and tools, creating simple patterns, while learning beginner Halq'eméylem.

Location: Seabird Band Office
Nov. 18 Beaded Tinsel
Nov. 25 Cedar Woven Reindeer
Dec. 9 Beaded Christmas Ornaments
Dec. 16 Cedar Woven Christmas Bells
5:30 PM -8:00 PM

Instructors:
Desiree Peters & Stephanie Thomas
Max. Capacity: 20 students
Materials for project will be provided: Each participant will receive the necessary materials to complete each project.

Please register with:
stephaniet@seabirdisland.ca or dianna@seabirdisland.ca
Community Members 16 years of age +

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- Foundations of Math 11
- Work Experience 12 A
- Work Experience 12 B
- Trades Sampler 12 A - C
- Anatomy & Physiology 12
- Business Computer Applications 12
  (Microsoft Suite can be offered as a standalone course!)

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Christmas Recipe

Seabird Community...

Do you have a favorite family Christmas recipe that has been passed down through generations or is a holiday tradition in your home or one you love to make for your family?

We'd love to feature it in our December newspaper and have it translated into Halq'eméylem!

Please send us your cherished Christmas recipes by November 18, 2026 to allow time for translation and publication.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the season.

Send your time-proven recipe to **dianna@seabirdisland.ca**



tskwí:m - red | **temxeytl'** - winter | **temmeqó:s** - snow time

Inspiration Quotes:

"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

— Mae West

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

— Mark Twain

Nov- Telxwi:ts

"Leaves are falling"

Scorpio

October 23 - November 22

Snake /Serpent - álhqey
Direction: Northwest
Element: Water
Stone: Copper
Strengths: Devoted, determined, observant, hard worker, passionate, ambitious, loyal, protective and caring

Dec- Meqó:s

"Falling Snow Seasong"

Sagittarius

November 23- December 21

Owl - qépkwoya
Direction: Northwest
Element: Fire
Stone: Obsidian
Strengths: Curious, Enthusiastic, Honest, Generous

Comic



Reference: https://mooselakecartoons.com/health

Halq'eméylem Word Search

Created by Shayleen Peters

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1. Remembrance Day - **hákw'eles swáyel**
2. Indigenous Veterans Day - **xéyxelex swáyel**
3. Poppy - **q'ép**
4. Community - **sts'ellhxwílmexw**
5. Respectful - **s'ólhet**
6. Collaborative - **sq'eq'ó**
7. Dark - **thá:t**
8. Rainy - **lhémlhemexw**
9. Rain boots - **kw'ekw'íxwxel**
10. Rain jacket - **slhémexw cháket**
11. Poncho - **lópôs**
12. Umbrella - **q'eléts'éqwtel**
13. Puddles - **th'eqwélhcha**
14. Cold - **th'ólhem**
15. Foggy - **qweqweqwtí:mxel**
16. Calm - **qametólém**
17. Warm - **kw'ósthet**
18. Black Friday - **ts'q'éyx slhq'átses**
19. Christmas Shopping - **klesmes te i:leqels**
20. Leaves Falling - **hilálxw**
21. International Mens Day - **s'ó:wqw'elmexw sí:wí:qe swáyel**
22. Movember - **temqwiliyéthel**

Sq'éwqel Classifieds

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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Contact us

comm@seabirdisland.ca
www.seabirdisland.ca/comm/
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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

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.

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 Thursday of the month for Community core, and the 3rd Thursday 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 Monday at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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 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 Amber Charlie
at 604-796-7035 or
amberc@seabirdisland.ca

Sq'éwqel Facebook Accounts

Recommended to follow:

Sq'éwqel "Seabird Island Band"
https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandBand/

Seabird Island Community School
https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCommunitySchool

Seabird College
https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdCollege.ca/

Careers
https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCareers/

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

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

Careers at Sq'éwqel

View more detailed, current information about these and other opportunities or to apply for current opportunities: https://www.seabirdisland.ca/careers/

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.

Community Infrastructure

Custodian Part-Time

The Custodian is responsible for performing custodial duties, minor maintenance and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner.

This is a Part time position working 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Monday - Friday.

Early Childhood Development

Behavioral Consultant

In this role, the Behavioral Consultant will provide culturally informed, evidence-based behavioral support for children aged 0-6, working closely with families, caregivers, educators, and community partners. You will help develop individualized intervention plans, mentor frontline staff, and support positive developmental outcomes while ensuring services reflect Indigenous values, traditions, and community needs.

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.

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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.

Early Childhood Educator - Infant Toddler

The Early Childhood Educator –Infant/Toddler 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.

Speech & Language Assistant

The Speech and Language Assistant provides clinical and administrative support in the delivery of speech and language programs. This includes implementing therapy plans, preparing materials, documenting progress, and supporting individual and group intervention sessions. This role supports culturally safe, child-centered approaches aligned with the developmental goals of the Early Childhood Education team.

Inter-Government Affairs

Aboriginal Rights and Title Manager

The Aboriginal Rights & Title Manager, you will lead the protection and advancement of Seabird Island's Aboriginal rights, title, and self-governance while helping shape the future of our traditional lands, waters, and resources. Working within the Inter-Government Affairs team, you will provide strategic leadership across rights and title, natural resources, referrals, and language revitalization initiatives, while building strong relationships with governments, industry partners, and Indigenous communities. This role plays a key part in ensuring community interests, cultural values, environmental stewardship, and long-term sustainability remain at the forefront of decision-making.

Education

Income Assistant Coordinator

The Income Assistance Coordinator, plays a vital role in supporting the health, wellbeing, and self-determined success of Seabird Island community members. Working within a culturally safe, trauma-informed framework, you will guide individuals and families through income assistance programs, provide holistic case management, promote financial literacy, and connect clients to meaningful supports, training, and employment opportunities. This is an opportunity to make a lasting impact by helping community members build stability, independence, and brighter futures while honoring Indigenous values, traditions, and ways of being.

On-Call Education Assistant

Seabird Island is seeking a compassionate and dedicated On-Call Education Assistant to support student learning, wellbeing, and success in a culturally safe and inclusive school environment. Working under the direction of the Principal and alongside teachers, you will provide academic, social, and life skills support to students while helping foster a classroom environment that honours First Nations values, traditions, and ways of knowing. This role involves working directly with students, supporting individualized learning plans, collaborating with families and support professionals, and participating in school and community events.

Program Assistant (SASET Targeted Wage Subsidy)

The Program Assistant provides day-to-day administrative support to the Employment Division, including but not limited to filing, maintaining records, preparing reports, coordinating schedules, creating newsletters, and entering data.

This position is ending June 30, 2027.

Teacher on Call

The Teacher on Call (TOC) position at Seabird Island Community School provides instructional support for students while maintaining a positive, inclusive, and culturally safe learning environment. This role involves delivering curriculum aligned with BC Ministry of Education standards, implementing evidence-based literacy and numeracy programs, supporting student achievement through assessment and progress monitoring, and working collaboratively with students, families, and school staff to promote academic success and well-being.

Youth and Young Adults Connections Specialist (Term Contract)

The Youth and Young Adults Program Manager, 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 female/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 Drop in Team Lead

the Youth Drop-In Team Lead provides culturally informed leadership and programming for youth aged 12–18. This role involves planning, organizing, and facilitating drop-in nights that include recreational, educational, and cultural activities. The Youth Drop-In Team Lead will also engage in outreach efforts to build relationships with youth and families, promote participation in the program, and connect youth at risk with additional resources and support programs.

Plan and execute activities such as:

Cooking Nights: Hands-on sessions teaching meal preparation, food safety, and cultural recipes.

Recreational Nights: Sports, games, and team-building exercises to encourage physical activity and collaboration.

Movie Nights: Film screenings with themes that foster discussions on relevant topics like mental health or relationships.

Schedule will be a 4 day/week position (required; Monday, Wednesday and Saturday).

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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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.

Apply Today!

Email: humanresources@seabirdisland.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest.

Careers at Sq'éwqel

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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.

Finance & Administration

Financial Analyst

The Financial Analyst plays a key role in supporting the financial health and sustainability of our organization. Reporting to the Comptroller, you will provide financial analysis, budgeting, forecasting, reporting, and accounting support that helps drive informed decision-making across departments. This is an exciting opportunity for a finance professional who is passionate about delivering meaningful insights, improving processes, and contributing to a community-focused organization that values collaboration, accountability, and cultural respect.

Social Engagement Assistant

The Social Engagement Assistant provides culturally informed support in implementing community engagement strategies and activities for community members of all ages. We are looking for a "people person" who can interact with anybody, building trust, consistency, and presence. 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. .

This is a term position which expires March 31, 2027

Sqewqel Development Corporation & Entities

Housekeeper (Harrison Grand Motel)

As a Housekeeper at Harrison Grand Motel, you will help create a clean, comfortable, and welcoming experience for our guests by maintaining guest rooms, common areas, and laundry services to the highest standards. This role is ideal for a dependable, detail-oriented individual who takes pride in their work, thrives in a fast-paced environment, and is available to work flexible hours, including weekends and statutory holidays.

Health & Social Development

Case Manager

As a Case Manager, you will provide compassionate, client-centered support to individuals navigating addictions, substance use, and life transitions. Working collaboratively with residents, community partners, and health professionals, you will help create individualized wellness plans that empower people on their journey toward stability, independence, and holistic well-being.

Clinical Counselling Leader

The Clinical Counselling Leader will play a pivotal role in advancing community wellness through culturally grounded, trauma-informed mental health care. In this senior leadership position, you will provide direct therapeutic support to individuals and families facing complex mental health, addiction, and trauma-related challenges while mentoring and guiding a team of counsellors. Working alongside Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and interdisciplinary healthcare professionals, you will help shape innovative counselling programs that blend evidence-based practices with Indigenous healing traditions to create meaningful and lasting community impact.

Home Support Cleaner

The Home Support Cleaner, will provide respectful, reliable housekeeping support that helps clients maintain a safe, clean, and comfortable home environment while promoting independence and well-being. Working closely with the Home Support Supervisor, you'll build positive relationships with clients and contribute to a culturally safe, community-focused approach to care.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

The Licensed Practical Nurse provides culturally informed routine care, observing patients' health, assisting doctors and registered nurses, and communicating with patients and their families. The Licensed Practical Nurse will also engage in community relations activities to support clients and the community.

On Call Recovery Home Support Worker

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.

This is an on-call position.

Patient Driver

In this dynamic position, the patient driver will provide safe and reliable transportation for Elders, children, patients, and community members while also supporting health programs through event logistics, equipment maintenance, supply delivery, and general operational assistance. Working within a culturally safe and collaborative environment, you will help ensure community members can access essential programs, services, and activities while contributing to the overall success of the Health Department.

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Patient Travel Dispatcher

Patient Travel Dispatcher / Office Administrator plays a vital role in connecting community members with the healthcare services they need. This position combines patient travel coordination and administrative support within a fast-paced and community-focused health environment. You'll be responsible for organizing medical travel arrangements, supporting health programs and services, and serving as a compassionate point of contact for clients and families. Working alongside healthcare professionals, community partners, and First Nations Health Authority programs, you'll help ensure seamless access to care while contributing to positive health outcomes across the communities we serve.

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.

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.



Youth Drop-In

The Seabird Youth team welcomes you to join us for fun and adventure outings, cultural activities, health workshops, employment skills, and connecting with other Youth! Meals, snacks, and transportation provided.



LOCATED AT THE YOUTH TRAILER



FOR AGES 13-18







WEDNESDAYS
3:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAYS
12:00 - 8:00 PM





Please contact us if you wish to join!

youthprogram@seabirdisland.ca
Phone contact is 604-793-8575