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# Qiyen'téke re Xyésq'ten! Me7 tsecwmin'tem-kp!

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## Splulkws re Secwepemctsín

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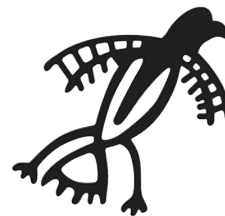
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**"SAVE THE DATE"!** We welcome you all: October "Abandoning Month", Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd, 2022

We will gather to talk about our Language & all of our elders will talk about what we have always done.

To book your room, please call: The Coast Hotel  
(Tell the hotel you are attending the "Secwepemctsín Conference" for a **special rate, at your cost unless we have otherwise arranged.**)

If you are sick, please stay home. Please follow current health & safety guidelines for COVID-19, because we will have Elders in attendance from all over Secwepemcúlecw.





## Tkwenem7íple7 Dave Manuel

### Primary Portfolio

#### EDUCATION

SK'ELEP SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

LE ESTCWICWÉY

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

### Secondary Portfolio

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Alternate Portfolio

NATURAL RESOURCES

RIGHTS & TITLE

Time is flying by so fast this term it hard to believe that it has been 9 months (November 2021) since we started working together as Chief and Council of Tkemlúps te Secwepemc (TteS). In this term, I am experiencing a much different world from the last time that I was on Band Council (2006-2009). I know that I am doing my best to stay on task and support the work of set-up healing foundation for our membership, community and unborn children of future generations. Let me share with you that at this time, it is not always an easy process because there are so many different moving parts. There are so many agendas going on and social

media negatively impacts on the work that we are doing for the betterment of our own people.

## OVERVIEW

I need and want to share this using this perform (Lexéy'em Report) to let my membership know with everything going on within our own community. It is hard to get the work done to keep moving things forward in good way with honour and respect. I believe that even with the many different challenges throughout this term, the work is still getting done. There has been a lot of amazing accomplishments so far. I am proud and very thankful for the staff of Education Department, Culture and Language Department, Le Estcwicwéy Department and Sk'élep School of Excellence to keep finding solutions to get all the very important work done for our membership.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I have gone to many kinds of events and meeting since my last Lexéy'em report (Spring 2022). I am always learning so much before, during and after each experience. Here are some of the different events I have attended: Q'wemtsín Health Board meetings,



announcement at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) of Bob Gagliardi \$10 million School of Business & Economics Building, TteS strategic planning with Dan George of Four Directions, hosted 3 Community Engagement focus groups for planning of Le Estcwiwéy Memorial, Virtual Sessions on Residential School Records, 13 Grassroots Advisory Council Meetings, Culture and Heritage working group with City of Kamloops, SSN Joint Council meetings, Secwepemc Child & Family Services Board Meetings, hosted Education Sessions for Le Estcwiwéy Task Force, Aboriginal Justice Council Meeting with Secwepemc Nation Tribal Council, City to Community Forum meeting with City of Kamloops, Rebuild the Community Sweat-lodges up at Scheidam Flats, community meeting “Coffee with a Cop”, Education open House, Day Scholars Executive & Revitalization Society meetings, First Nations Education Steering Committee Regional Sessions, Provincial Gathering for lead communities (Chilliwack), attended Community Dinner with Governor General Mary Simon of Canada, Co Master of Ceremony for Le Estcwiwéy Memorial, BCAFN & BCFNJC forum of First Nations Policing as an Essential Service, SD #73 Traditional Pow Wow, New Gold Underground Tour, Kamloops Blazers First Nations Night, Spirit of Syilx Unity Run opening ceremony, TRU Indigenous Grad Ceremony, Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala Workshop, St Ann’s Academy Grad Commencement, Master of Ceremony for Indigenous Peoples Day at Tkemlúps Pow Wow Arbour, TteS Education Grad and Awards



Dave is VERY happy the Memorial Cup is in Kamloops next year!

night, Assembly of First Nation meeting (Vancouver), Master of ceremony for Nishawabe Aski National visit, Foundation Board (TRU) meeting, BCLC/ TteS Reconciliation Principal team meeting and the All staff meeting up at Tkek Yeel Stem. I also attended lots of Financial Committee meetings or Policy Committee meetings on Mondays and Chief and Council Regular meeting Tuesdays.

It is truly an honour to be able to attend all these meeting. There is so much overall learning and understanding about what is going on within our region and Secwépemc Nation. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work of the students who have had success in their academic studies this year. We had many students graduating from university programs, trades and training programs, SD #73, Elementary Schools onto Secondary School, Little Fawn Nursery, Skelep School of Excellence and Culture and Language programs. It is always a very proud time of the year for students, families, and school staff to see the students moving onto next level of Education.



New Afton mine tour

## CLOSING REMARKS

To end my report, I just would like to send out my condolences to families in our community who have had family members pass away into the spirit world. It is never an easy time when we are experiencing grief, so it is very important to reach out for extra support from our Community Services Department.

My door is always open to meet, or call me at (250)318-5974 or email [dave.manuel@ttes.ca](mailto:dave.manuel@ttes.ca)

I really hope that I will be able see and hear you at General Band Meeting because we have very important work to get done this term and we need all the support from our membership.

Take care, be kind and gentle to yourself in the very best way possible with happiness and love.







## Tkwenem7íple7 Thomas Blank

### Primary Portfolio

LANDS, LEASING & TAXATION

### Secondary Portfolio

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Alternate Portfolio

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Council has been very busy since our last report, and my work is focused on moving the LLTX department initiatives and important work forward so I will touch on my work on each of the files.

## MEETINGS

### Section 35

Regularly scheduled Section 35 meetings with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) are on going with good dialog and I hope to have this resolved in the near future. We are in the process of touring all sites related to Section 35 to fully understand the issues with each part so that we can make informed decisions. Former Councillor Jeanette and I toured the Paul Lake/

Pinantan and Heffley areas in the last term and I will continue to move this forward this term.

### DRI

Positive meetings are moving forward and getting Federal and Provincial governments back to the table and committed so that we are moving beyond exploratory discussions and getting this long standing claim resolved. When Prime Minister Trudeau was here I had the opportunity to state how this is being delayed and requested a meeting with Minister Miller (Fed Gov't). I met with Minister Rankin (Prov Gov't) the next day for an SSN meeting and discussed the DRI, we are meeting a new Chief Negotiator and his team in July as there has been many change overs with staff in the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

### ATR

For the Rayleigh ATR, meetings are slowly moving forward with the City of Kamloops to resolve the issue with the encumbrances and a permanent access for TteS and our Economic Development team is working on a plan for community input around the use of the land parcels. We recently toured the Rayleigh properties and are setting up a site visit to Westsyde in the near future.



### Specific Claims

Still in progress, research CN, IR 42 Cherry creek (joint with Skeetchestn) and in December of 2018, Tkemlúps submitted a specific claim regarding Sk'we'use7 (Trout Lake) IR 6 specific claim. Trout lake IR 6 was set aside for TteS for camping and fishing purposes in about

1904 but later transferred to the Province of BC by OIC PC 208 in 1930. This transfer was not in accordance with the Indian Act and TteS never received compensation.

I am proud to say that TteS is just starting negotiations for Trout Lake specific claim. Trout Lake IR No. 6 Canada's failure to prevent alienation of Trout Lake IR No. 6 set aside by A.W. Vowell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1904. Filed with the Minister June 12, 2019

- Ratcliff our legal team has reviewed documents recently received from Canada.
- Expect to have Canada's decision on validity of the Claim by June 2022. Letter from Canada states they have completed their review of the Tkemlúps te Secwepemc's Sk'we'use7 (Trout Lake) IR 6 specific claim. On behalf of the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations they would like to seek a negotiated settlement of this claim.
- Funding for this work was provided through Specific Claims Research Centre (SCRC) and covered TteS costs.

## KAMLOOPS EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

Meetings and Emergency operations funding. Emergency Planning Priority Projects June 30th, 2022. Emergency Planning Coordinator, Shane Wardrobe. The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) successes:

1. CEPF 2021 Evacuation Route Planning (ERP) AP7138, submitted November 19, 2021. \$25,000.00 Approved March 11th, 2022.
2. Indigenous Advisory & Monitoring Committee (IAMC) for the Trans Mountain Expansion & Existing Pipeline (TMX), 4 x 4 Truck & wildfire firefighting equipment, submitted April 2021. \$49,999.00 Final Report submitted April 19, 2022; 90% payment \$ 44,10.00 received to date.
3. 2021 Secwepemc Health Caucus (SHC), Tkemlúps Evacuation Plan (TEP) December 1st. 2021 Cost unknown, funding provided through (SHC). Completed first draft March 2022. This plan will be complemented by the CEPF ERP funding provided through UBCM.
4. Coordination of socializing the plans to be completed by July 15th, 2022.

5. CEPF 2022 Emergency Support Services (ESS) AP7187 submitted January 28, 2022. \$22,686.04 Approved April 20th, 2022.
6. CEPF 2022 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) AP7240 submitted February 17th, 2022. \$24,130.91 Approved June 21st, 2022.
7. CEPF 2022 Extreme Heat Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning submitted June 24th, 2022. \$30,000.00 Application, Budget, and follow up BCR submitted and accepted June 29th, 2022. Waiting for approval.
8. Tkemlúps te Secwepemc 2021-2022 Community Fire Smart Program, TteS Natural Resource Department & TteS Emergency Planning Coordinator. 200 home ignition zone assessments and final reporting. \$30,000.00 to be completed by December 2022.
9. Secwepemc Health Caucus (SHC), COVID Liaison, providing the hiring and supervision of this position to March 31, 2023. \$140,000.00 wages and support. Includes coordination of additional staff for food hamper delivery project. COVID Liaison position is currently vacant.

## ONGOING IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

Researching what a Framework agreement under the FN Land Management Act is about and the benefit to our community. This allows TteS at least 32 sections of the Indian Act that we take control over and brings TteS another step closer to Self-Government. I understand that there are concerns about this but let's have a conversation...A Land Code is a comprehensive law created by our community, the Government and ISC would no longer have a say in how the reserve lands are managed. Specifically, we exercise powers without supervision or approval from ISC. The Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management is historic. As First Nations, we governed our lands since time immemorial, long before the Indian Act was imposed on us. The completion of the Framework Agreement in 1996 represents the only time in Canada's history that a group of First Nations have joined together to design, negotiate and sign a government-to-government arrangement with the Federal Government to resume this governance. The Framework Agreement is the first real recognition of our inherent right to be self-governing. The Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs confirmed this in his 1999 address to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern



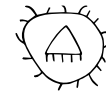
Development: “The Framework Agreement and this legislation provide signatory First Nations a legitimate, organized and controlled means of taking back the authority to manage their lands and resources at the community level and pass laws regarding how their land is developed, conserved, protected, used and administered.” The Framework Agreement is led by First Nations. The goal was to leave behind the paternalistic constraints of the Indian Act and resume our rightful governing authority over our reserve lands and resources under a Land Code designed and ratified by our members. We consider land governance to be the cornerstone of indigenous self-government and self-sufficiency.

We are in the process of reviewing Fiscal Realities fiscal estimate Part 1 study on taxes leaving reserve and

working towards the Fiscal Realities fiscal estimates Part 2 study on taxes leaving our ancestral territory. I hope to share these with membership soon.

## YERÍ7 SKUKWSTSÉTSEMC

Yerí7 skukwstsétsemc! (Thank you very much!) and as always it is an honour to serve the membership with an open mind and a kind heart and to the best of my abilities. Please stay safe and take some time for self care, it is so important!



# TOURS

Council had an opportunity to tour the Williams Lake FN facilities and discuss how they funded their new office. Very impressive and I really liked the displays throughout the building. A few Council members were able to tour New Gold-Underground. For me personally, I was a bit nervous going underground and found it a little difficult as I found out I do not like being in confined spaces, I hold my hands up to those that do that job everyday!





## Tkwenem7íple7 Morning-Star Peters

### Primary Portfolio

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Secondary Portfolios

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

EDUCATION

SK'LEP SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

LE ESTCWICWEY

## WEYTKP XWEXWEYTEP

It is a privilege to be writing my second Lexéy'em Report as a newly elected TteS Councillor. It has been a busy few months and very rewarding. I am very proud to serve on Council along with intelligent and dedicated colleagues. My primary portfolio is Community Services and I am thrilled to be the new President of Q'wemtsín Health Society (QHS). It is an honour to sit in that position as it has always been held by TteS Member.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services has a new Manager named BJ Paddy. BJ is an indigenous woman from Thunderchild First Nation and has over thirty years of professional human services experience working with various Indigenous communities along with provincial/ federal governments. Most notably, she held the title of Executive Director with several first nation organizations; Awasisak Nikan Child & Family Services, Red Deer Aboriginal Employment Services, and White Swan Treatment Centers. BJ holds a Bachelor of Indian Social Work from U of R, Certificate of Indigenous Leadership, Governance and Management Excellence training, and her Human Resources Certificate.

Community Services will be moving offices this summer to make CS more accessible to our community members. Our economic development team has been working hard to make this happen.

## DAY SCHOLAR

I attended the Day Scholar discovery in Vancouver to support Kukpi7 Shane Gottfriedson, along with Councillor Joshua and Kukpi7 Rosanne. The court case will start in September and I will be in attendance to support throughout the court case.

The application process for compensation for Day Scholar Survivor Class and Descendant Class is open, each day scholar who attended an Indian Residential School during the day only (but did not sleep there overnight) is eligible to apply for a \$10,000 Day Scholar



Tkwenem7íple7 Morning-Star joined Tkwenem7íple7 Joshua and Kukpi7 Rosanne, supporting Kukpi7 Shane Gottfriedson at the Day Scholar Discovery



Compensation Payment. Claims opened January 5, 2022 and will remain open until October 4, 2023. Claims will be paid as quickly as possible, within a few months of the claim. Descendent claims will not be processed until after the end closing date in 2023. If you require assistance, please reach out to 1-877-877-5786 or our Community Services interim Manager. A revitalization committee has been created to access the \$50 million Survivor and Descendent Class Revitalization Fund. The fund is to support healing, wellness, education, language, culture, heritage and commemoration activities for the benefit of the Survivor and Descendant Classes.



## SECWEPENC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Councillor Dave and I attended finance training in Kelowna with Secwepenc Child and Family Service. I learned a lot and can use that training in many other areas.

Secwepenc Child and Family Services is hopeful to be in their new building by September and will host an open house soon so stay tuned for that. SCFSA hosted the annual community BBQ for TteS on July 7th. They are hosting our culture camp this year at Loon Lake August 8-12 and have room for 20 participants ages 12 – 19. They also have the Elkstwécw cultural program running in the community every 2nd Tuesday for TteS community members as well as every Wednesday for all to join. With the help of the TteS community services department (Tatiana Sarka & Alexis Gosselin), SCFSA hired the new TteS Family Preservation Worker with SCFSA and she starts work August 16th.

TteS will continue to engage during this foundation work to assert our rights, pursue building capacity within TteS and keep our families together. We are receiving implementation funding from the province through SNTC, for Stsmemelt to be fully operational. This will take some time but it is important we are

engaged in this process. Our team has been working on our draft coordination agreement/protocol agreements, attending monthly meetings and hopefully soon will be hiring a Stsmemelt worker to engage with community.

## QHS

I continue to chair the QHS meetings as President monthly. Our board attended strategic planning in Kelowna. I want to thank all the staff; they work incredibly hard and my hands go up to them.

QHS continues to provide many health services to both on and off reserve membership. Program eligibility depends on funding and resources that are available. Please see QHS' website for details on how to access their services. The annual report will be available soon for anyone that is interested. It will be posted to the website and hard copies will be available at QHS and the band office social development departments. If you have any questions about programs and/or services, please contact our office at 250-314-6732.

## MEMBERSHIP CODE

Concerns about individuals being released onto TteS IR without proper notification prompted me to reach out to Kamloops Corrections Manager and our community is currently working on MOU to lessen the affects on our community. The Indigenous Policing Services held a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Girls and Two-Spirited event at the Arbor. Council joined the IPS team doing speed traps and I look forward to joining them again. If you haven't already please join "Coffee with a Cop". They are held monthly at MSG, and allow you an opportunity to raise any concerns you have.







## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

This spring and early summer was very busy with events, meetings, and training. A few highlights include:

- Prime Minister Visit: Justin Trudeau visit in Williams Lake. Hold accountable for promises made to TteS
- Hockey puck drop Blazers First Nations night
- Governor General Welcomed
- Le Estcwiwéy' Memorial: MC and met with Justin Trudeau advocating for operational funds for Elder's lodge and Healing Centre
- SD73 Pow Wow: Opening remarks, grade 5 learning experience
- Spirit of the Syllix Unity Run
- SNTC Chiefs meetings: attended for TteS vote
- BC First Nations Leadership Child and Family Services Engagement in Richmond, BC
- SSN 2-day meeting
- Women's shelter/transitional housing
- AFN Conference





## Tkwenem7íple7 Marie Baptiste

### Primary Portfolio

HOUSING

### Secondary Portfolio

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

### Alternate Portfolio

COMMUNITY SERVICES

I wish to state again that I rely heavily on the expertise of the Department Managers to do what is required in their departments. I can advocate for the departments when necessary. For this issue of Lexéy'em I wished to outline some of the meetings that I attend and some of the topics that are covered in the meetings.

## COUNCIL PORTFOLIO MEETINGS

### TteS Housing Portfolio

- A. Housing Manager – Sharon Gottfriedson resigned, effective July 8th, 2022. Trevor Cameron appointed A/Housing Manager. The position has been posted. We thank Sharon for all the work she has done for

Housing and all the proposals for funding she has brought forward that were successful in achieving results. Portfolio meetings that I have attended occurred on February 11, February 25, March 11, March 25 and May 20 as well as the AFN Housing Forum on March 22 and 23, 2022. Sharon worked on a proposal for CMHC slippage dollars on February 11, 2022.

- B. C & C signed CMHC Agreement special contribution of 840,000 on March 21
- C. Prep meeting g for Minister Eby occurred on April 1, 2022, with the meeting taking place on April 8, 2022. Minister Eby was open to reducing the market rents for the BC Housing project and will be in contact within a month. Sharon did a follow up letter.
- D. Met with Council with regard to Ministerial Guarantees for BMO & RBC on April 11.
- E. Housing met with Council on April 14 with regard to the elder units.
- F. C & C met with First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council on April 28, 2022, for a presentation and update.
- G. C & C signed agreement on March 8, 2022, for ISC \$669,858 for 22 home renos and \$49,200 COVID top up renos.



*Kukwstsetsemc to resigning manager, Sharon Gottfriedson*





H. Yucweminem ne Tsetsitcws-Kucw Society met on July 13, 2022 to do the Executive elections. The election results: President - Marie Baptiste - Vice President – Jim Gudjonson -Secretary-Treasurer - Diane Sugars. Approved the signing of funding from BC Housing, architect contract and consultant contract. Next meeting August 11 to meet with the Architect – Knowledge Keepers to be invited to meeting.

### TteS Planning & Engineering Portfolio

Secondary – Justin Gottfriedson, Primary Portfolio

- A. John ter Borg advised on March 4 of 1.4 M\$ for roundabout and got another \$300,000 due to high construction costs. Discussions have occurred with work - benches, shelters, ordered. Sidewalk design ready for Salish. Asset Management Co-ordinator-applicant starts next month; Justin - Communications strategy to membership on what's happening with P & E.
- B. Rochelle advised on February 11, 2022 that she had legal vet the False Alarm By-Law; Good Neighbor By-Law, Recreation Policy and Trespass By-Law.
- C. Portfolio meetings that I have attended occurred on February 11 and 18, March 4 and 29, April and 22, May 13 and 20, June 10 and 24 and July 8th.

### TteS Community Service Portfolio

Alternate Portfolio – Morning Star Peters, Primary Portfolio

- A. Discussions included - Brighter Futures \$220,000; possible purchase of basketball nets, plus volleyball

and floor hockey nets; Prevention Agreement budget; Mgr. – Wellness activities; Membership Code Training, review CS budget; Site visit to SCFS bldgs.; Meeting with Indigenous Sisters on March 17.

- B. Portfolio meetings that I have attended occurred on March 9, March 15 on Policing Services; May 11 with CS Staff Presentations; March 18 with Community Corrections Manager; June 1, 3 and 8th.

## CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. **TteS Regular Council** Meetings occur every Tuesday and discuss a wide variety of topics. Extraordinary meetings held on June 29th pm and June 30 am
2. **Financial Administration Committee (FAC)** Meetings Feb 25 – June 7 - Meeting with RBC re Presentation on Investments. Meeting starts at 3:00 p.m. Increasing RBC and BMO for housing from RBC 4m\$ to 7M4 with a max of 600,000 limit per band member - BMO - from max of \$400,000 to \$600,000 per band member. Meetings that I have been able to attend have occurred on February 14; February 25 with RBC; March 2 with RBC on investments; March 7th 2nd Readings on Budgets & Business Cases; March 14 – 2nd Readings & Business Cases; March 21 – 3rd Readings; March 28 – 3rd & final readings of budgets; May 9 – budget amendments & business cases; May 18th Property Tax Budgets; June 7th with regard to BMO & RBC; July 11 on budget & business cases.



3. **TteS In-Camera** that may deal with Human Resources, band member requests to meet; Special Interlocutor candidates; Legal, Elders, banishments, SSN Litigation, National Chief. Meetings that I have attended occurred on February 15, 17 & 22nd; March 1 & 14 & 17 & 21, April 11 & 19 & 25 & 26; May 2 & 9 & 16, June 20 & 22 & 27 & 29th and July 11th.
4. **TteS Policy & By-Laws** – Employee Policy on April 4th; May 2nd – Employee Policy & Teacher Evaluation Policy; May 18 – Property Tax Law & Annual Expenditure Law with 2nd Reading on May 19th and meeting on June 6th.
5. **TteS Strategic Planning Strategic Planning** with Dan George. Review of strategic plan and revisions made. Discussion on presentation to membership on March 2, 2022. Political Strategy Meeting on June 24th.
6. **TteS Land Claims** - Meeting with Legal – Ratcliffe on March 17 with regard to the - Douglas Reserve Initiative. Ratcliffe Provided a booklet and did a verbal report. Meeting on Trout Lake IR on June 20th.
7. **TteS Knowledge Keepers Software Training** on March 30, 2022 & was able to learn more on "Nation Connect" also.
8. **TteS All Staff Meeting** – was able to attend on April 29 but not on July 15th at Tkek Yeel Stem.
9. **TteS C & C and Indigena** on May 13th.
10. **TteS and GAFG** – Guatemala Representatives on June 12th – am session only.
11. **TteS and Fiscal Realities** on June 23rd.
12. **TteS Elders** – Meeting and Lunch on June 10, 2022 and Elders Lunch on July 8, 2022.

## TTES – LEGAL ENTITIES

Meetings have occurred with regard to the following TteS legal entities on February 28, March 28, June 6

1. TteS - Grocery Store Corp 1303110 B.C. Ltd.
2. TteS - Kamloops Indian Band Development Corp.
3. TteS - Kamloops Indian Utility Corporation
4. TteS - Property Dev Corp Indigena 1303129 B.C. Ltd.
5. TteS - Spiyu7ullucw Ranch

6. TteS - Stkemlupsemc Enterprises Inc (SEI) Stkemlupsemc Ltd. Partnership (SLP)
7. TteS - Tkemlupsemc Forestry Development Corp (TFDC) & Tkemlupsemc Forestry Ltd Partnership (TFLP)

## TTES - GENERAL BAND MEETINGS

- A. Strategic Plan Presentation - Dan George; Q&A -on March 2 and some discussions on housing, Vatican trip.
- B. Vatican Trip Info Session on March 10, 2022
- C. Education Open House on April 26, 2022
- D. General Band Meeting on April 27, 2022
- E. General Band Meeting on May 11, 2022 on Housing, Language & Culture, LeEstcwewep
- F. Grocery Store Open House on May 22, 2022
- G. Governor General of Canada on May 22.



## SSN

### SSN Regular

Meeting on February 11 and June 28, 2022

### SSN & Bonaparte

Meeting on March 11, 2022

## SSN & CIRNAC

Meeting on March 24, 2022, Discussion on priorities; 1) Development of Laws 2) development of mapping of Pipsel and federal crown and 3) stewardship of Ajax Mine. Briefing Note provided by Sarah H.

Contamination of Peterson Creek; We are the 1st to have an Indigenous Rights table. It is not a Treaty table. Recognize overlap areas. Aboriginal Title pre-exists & trumps private property. ? was if we map crown land, it may change in five years. Need to freeze or have right of 1st refusal over crown land. Funding 250,000 per year. Meeting on April 22, 2022 -. Transformation Agreement – 1. Signing acknowledgement/ announcement opportunities – potential date – May 27, 2022 2. Implementation next steps – 3. Schedule initial scoping meeting – 4. ECDA negotiations – Schedule initial meeting 5 . FCRSA agreements expiring soon.

## SSN Finance

Legal budget, SSN Budget & SEI Budget and Distribution Policy draft – meetings on April 20, 2022 & May 13, 2022.

## SSN & KGHM

Meeting on May 19, 2022 – Morning Star Peters and Nikki Fraser and myself attended from TteS.

## SSN Litigation

February 10, 2022 - SSN Title case update; Agriculture Land Reserve update; Briefing note on McAbee. March 10 - Discussion on SSN Title Case; HVC compliance order and budget; agricultural land reserve at McAbee; Legal budget for 3 years; Bonaparte letter and meeting tomorrow; meeting on March 24th. May 12 - Meeting discussion on a workshop on our title case to discuss overall strategy: 1. Governance of nation, 2. human rights, 3. genealogy, 4. family interview, 5. other nations, 5. link to CIRNAC work and maybe some other topics. AI - Robin prepare a BN for next JC with regard to retaining David Marshall & Nancy Turner and recommendation on archaeologist. Knowledge Keepers data base & Karly G. Bernie working on Terms of Reference of Family Panel and Policy. Title Family Representatives - need knowledge of use and occupation, ongoing & continued use and transfer of knowledge. Also bring Briefing Note to Joint Council on Pukaist Claim and SSN as defendant. RAVEN documentary on SSN filming last three weeks of May. Two mines - contaminating waters. Another meeting June 9, 2022.

## SSN Parking Lot Issues

Meetings on March 10, 2022, and May 30 and June 28, 2022

## SSN Special

March 4, 2022 - Meeting discussions on Important meetings & milestones; Forestry & Governance - negotiations retreat on Secwepemc Law & Negotiations ; April 6 & 13 Complex Negotiations.; discussion Wildlife, collaborative; Communications, Community Engagement, Education & Outreach - 2022 Intern Program had 35 applications; Youth Conference on March 24; Summer Guardians; Signatory Updates - i.e. guardians program; Simpcw problem of killing 4 cow moose and 4 calves, had their own permit system and need to deal with hunting issue; Metis issue as well in Clearwater - trying to take over contracts; SIB - mushrooms, NR on shorter work week i.e.. 4 days per week; salvage policy for wildfires. JLC on March 30th. Meeting on March 18 re: McAbee and March 28, 2022 on McAbee and Legal.



PM Trudeau visits with C&C in Council Chambers

## OTHER MEETINGS

### Aboriginal Justice

Aboriginal Justice meeting on April 21st. Review of development of the Aboriginal Justice Council and Cknúcwentn First Nations Court. Review of Court Activities from Covid-19 to Present. Funding Changes: Law Foundation of BC Funding for Indigenous Courts. Development of a new Society with the Cknúcwentn First Nations Court Elders. Elder Recruitment. Provided info on BCFNJJC. Recommended - new Society.

### Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Meeting with National Chief, Rosanne Archibald on events leading to her suspension; Housing & Homelessness on July 4, 2022. Infrastructure & Jordans Principle on July 5, 2022 and resolutions on July 7, 2022.

### BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN)

April 28 – settlement agreement for Children April 28th. Caucus meetings during the AFN Assembly on July 5, 6 & 7th.

### Ministry of Transportation & Hwys

March 16 - Discussions on accesses-landlocked parcels; Shuswap Rd multi-use path; CLC Roundabout, TteS and MOTI Open House - request to have MOTI do presentation to Council on designs on March 16th. Met with Minister Rob Fleming to discuss East Shuswap Road on April 20, 2022. May 18 - Meeting starts at 10:00. Kamloops Area Integrated Transportation Strategy - Potential open house update. 2. Tirecraft encroachment 3. Kootenay Way IFC / Watermain extension-Opportunity for MoTi to pave 70.0 m section of two-lane Kootenay Way approach north of the Halston Overpass 4. East Shuswap Road Erosion - Long term bank stabilization update 5. Red Bridge Project – February 2023 re-decking 6. Paul Lk. Rd. collision data 7. Paul Creek Culvert 8. Highway 5/Shuswap Road Improvement Project – 100% design drawings 9. Shuswap Road Roundabout – 100% design drawings - Schedule update - 2022 construction - May 27, 2022 - Construction tender.

### Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

Specific Claims - Meeting on April 20, 2022. One of the issues nations face is related to history. The HQ reps are permitted to utilize notebooks from Indian Agents of the past and Nations are not allowed to utilize any form of recording as our history. Noting that nations do not have the opportunity to interview or question a book that is not present. This is another indication of the tables being lopsided. Chairperson Victoria Chiappetta: victoria.chiappetta@sct-trp.ca We know of several claims related to lands that schools are on. But we've also heard recently from some First Nations that lands on which unmarked graves have been found should be returned. There have been 130 claims since 2011 of which 32 are closed and 98 are active. Question on overlaps of claims. Staff said have to notify those involved. Once a claim is validated it may take 2-3 years for compensation.

### Parliamentary Secretary Lore

Meeting on June 22 with Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir & myself. Various issues, i.e.. Homelessness, advocate for youth, transitional & supportive housing, case by case re 30 day, AFN and BCAFN resolutions, calls for justice, recommended changes to police act i.e. RCMP men don't monitor Indigenous women/girls. Let her know when we apply for supportive housing – will advocate.

### Le Estcwiwéy

Dave Manuel & Architect meeting – July 8th –with regard to the Healing Centre and Elders Centre/Lodge - I was only able to attend for an hour and had to leave for another meeting.

### QS – G-G Joint Council

Meeting discussions have included Collaborative Stewardship Forum. Importance of water, air, food sovereignty, walking on two legs, government and non-compliance issues, government aware of but don't enforce Oceans - plastics and garbage dumped into, same for rivers and streams. What can be done? government enforce on non-compliance issues, fund water guardian programs, work with TteS, SSN and QS on relevant issues.

Meeting on February 17, March 30, 2022 and April 27, 2022. - Discussions - letter of Commitment, TSREP Table, forum tables & supports, Freedom of Information, Nation Connect, Exploratory Signatures (Bonaparte, High Bar, Whispering Pines), Collaborative Stewardship and QS Office Role Evaluation.



*Technology allows Marie to attend meetings wherever and whenever!*



## QS - G-G Negotiation Nation

Discussions – March 8, 2022 - on Creative Problem-Solving in Negotiations after video presentation. Bit on Limited Liability. Negotiating with government - very structured and can't really be creative. Homework read through booklet provided and there will be a link to a video by Kenneth Thomas. - Dealing with Stories & Secwepemc Law. War with the Sky People; Sucker Fish story; Skupe7cen Telling; Tili7sa & his brothers; Memorial to Sir Wilfred Laurier.

## QS – G-G Weekly Skuloop

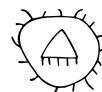
March 2 - Meeting on March 2, 2022 - Important meetings & milestones; Forestry & Governance - negotiations Retreat on Secwepemc Law & Negotiations next Wednesday; April 6 & 13 Complex Negotiations.; discussion Wildlife, collaborative; Communications, Community Engagement, Education & Outreach - 2022 Intern Program had 35 applications; Youth Conference on March 24; Summer Guardians; Signatory Updates - i.e. guardians program; Simpcw problem of killing 4 cow moose and 4 calves, had their own permit system and need to deal with hunting issue; Metis issue as well in Clearwater - trying to take over contracts; SIB - mushrooms, NR on shorter work week i.e.. 4 days per week; salvage policy for wildfires. Joint Leadership Council (JLC) on March 30th. Meeting on March 11, 2022. Discussion on Forestry, Governance, Wildlife & Collaborative Stewardship, Territorial Stewardship, CCEEO Update and Signatory Updates. More meetings on April 22, May 13 and July 8, 2022.

## Qwemstin Health Society

Board of Directors meeting on March 11, 2022 – review of financials.

## Union of BC Indian Chief (UBCIC)

Meeting on February 23, 2022 Legal update on Case Law; Gitzaala Legal Challenge Against free entry provincial mineral staking systems; BC Specific Claims Working Group: Transformative Change in Specific Claims; COVID 19 impacts to BC First Nations; Minister Patricia Hajdu, ISC; Special Session on Climate Crisis & Wildfires; Wildfires, flooding, old growth; Emergency Management MOU update; Provincial Response to Climate Crisis; Climate Crisis and Report on COP26; BCFN Climate Action Plan plus Resolutions & adjournment. Emails at 3060. Meeting on February 24, 2022 - Discussion on Children & Families, Women's report update - 7 Generation Game to learn language through games; Archives & Research 50th Anniversary, DRIPA, Protecting wild salmon & fisheries; hunting; BCFN Justice Strategy; BCFN Tripartite Model-post secondary education; strengthening FN Languages in BC; Indigenous Clean Energy Challenges and Opportunities plus Resolutions. Another meeting on June 2 & 3, 2022.



# ELDER UNITS!





## Tkwem7iple7 Justin Gottfriedson

### Primary Portfolio

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

### Secondary Portfolio

NATURAL RESOURCES

RIGHTS & TITLE

### Alternate Portfolio

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Weyt-kp xwexwéytep Membership.

I hope this summer's report finds you all safe and healthy. As always, it is my pleasure to report on some of the initiatives under my primary portfolio which is Planning and Engineering.

## ROUND ABOUT PROJECT

For starters, the CLC round about project is one of the department's most substantial projects. It has had a large number of complications but ultimately it will have a positive impact on our community. Highway #5 intersection improvements are also being developed in parallel to the roundabout. Both projects are planned to

be completed at the same time to help reduce congestion and inconvenience. Tender has gone out to potential contractors for these projects, and we are hopeful the bid will be successfully awarded in August with construction set to take place this September. It is anticipated that this construction project will likely extend into the next fiscal year which is a slight increase in our timeline as we had hoped to start the ground breaking early this spring.



*Tkwem7iple7 Justin participating at Le Estcwiwéy Memorial*

## PATHS AND SIDEWALKS

Complimentary to projects mentioned above, there will also be separated pedestrian paths and sidewalk initiatives. As mentioned in previous reports, we were successful securing grant funding for some of these developed plans. Giving consideration to safety for all including CLC foot traffic, we have a desire to have



*Hockey puck drop at Blazers Indigenous Night*





*Tkwenem7íple7 Justin participating in Le Estcwicwéy' Memorial*

sidewalks and pedestrian paths begin during the first phase of construction during or after build out of the roundabout reaching out into East Shuswap Road.

Salish Road is also set to begin phase 1 of its pedestrian upgrades. These include sidewalks and separated paths (where applicable), additional engineered speed ramps, larger speed ramps, proper and consistent signage, as well as potentially painting lines on roads. The duration of this work is projected to last around 4 weeks and is set to begin this September.

## TRANSIT

The TteS Route 18 bus services has had a lot of positive feedback. We have listened to that feedback and have

installed 3-4 brand new bus shelters for our high-volume bus stops and are currently addressing the remainder of the stops. These other bus stops will be receiving upgrades such as foundations, benching and other basic infrastructure supports to complement their more permanent usage. We are also preparing to negotiate a wider range of bus availability and operating hours. We know the route may need to be adjusted with odd stops being removed or relocated to highest and best use scenarios. There are also discussions about having bus operations later in the evenings as well as weekend options.



*New bus shelters throughout community*



*Governor General of Canada, Honourable Mary Simon visits Tkëmlúps May 22, 2022*



## LATE COMER AGREEMENT

TteS's Late Comer Agreement is now being utilized for the first time. With the support, patience and the open mindedness of both Sun Ridge and Finning, the construction of Kootenay Way road and water main upgrades are under way north of the Halston Overpass. This work is anticipated to be complete in a three-month window. Local and residential traffic will be impacted with delays and road closures. Flaggers and construction signs are in place to help minimize inconvenience and increase safety.

## WATER

TteS has been facing plenty of raw water distribution challenges. We are currently investigating the opportunity to have remote monitoring systems in place for both North and East Arda systems as well as flow meter readers for our irrigation systems, Paul Creek and Spiyu7ullucw Ranch creek levels. Pressure relief valves and variable speed drive systems are also being considered to help the team optimize the effectiveness of the bands raw water usage.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Planning and Engineering has played a pivotal role in emergency response scenarios as well. TteS participates in a working group comprising of the City of Kamloops, TNRD, FINES, EMBC, FNHA and various other representatives. This working group allows all the parties to pool our resources, expertise and experiences to best react to critical emergency situations. The Province's high stream flow advisories have been lifted for both the North and South Thompson Rivers. Our local river levels have dropped by over 5 feet since peak water levels in late June.



*Meeting with Minister Rankin to discuss areas of mutual interest*

Although the water levels are receding, we will proceed with thorough dike inspections to ensure timely, preventative measures are taken.



## CURRENT INITIATIVES

Other initiatives currently in progress include (but aren't limited to):

- Halston, Highway #5, and Red Bridge have been upgraded to support wheel chair access!
- Completion of the new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) installation for the TteS Museum
- Engaging with architects to support grant funding applications for CLC buildings renovations
- Church roof replacement for later summer
- Arbour grass replacement
- Ongoing updating and upgrading of bylaws to support our membership and corporation

## CLOSING

The Planning and Engineering department has a laundry list of projects that are still currently being developed and planned for. It was my hope to give you all a high-level glimpse into some of these initiatives we have been spearheading. If there are any questions or concerns, I am always happy to discuss and engage with membership.

In closing, I wanted to say that it is a great honour to serve this proud band. Together we have all experienced extra ordinary times and our challenges have been many. I will continue to serve with dignity, honesty and equality. I am here to help lead T̓kemplúps te Secwépemc with an open mind and a kind heart.





## Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir

**Primary Portfolio**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Secondary Portfolio**  
LEGAL

Weytk-kp xweyetep.

Le7 re n'pupsmen nely7e te sitqt. I am very happy to be with all of you, in good health. We have been getting out of the hiatus of a 2-year Covid Pandemic and moving towards the reopening of in person meetings and events and my hope is that we all remain vigilant to continuing to protect ourselves and others, Covid is still with us.

We will continue to advocate and be resourceful in finding ways to assist our members for mental health assistance and emergency response services and educational opportunities and other supports for our children and our membership.

As your elected chief, your Kukpi7, membership can continue to expect my continued commitment to our community and continuing to see us thrive for the

benefit of our future generations thru increased programs and services and growing sustainable economic development initiatives so that we all prosper and fulfil our responsibilities to the land and our people.

### HAPPY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2022!!

We haven't been able to celebrate for a couple of years due to COVID. National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time to celebrate and share in our pride as being Tk'emlúpsenc and Secwépemc.

This day corresponds to summer solstice and a time of year that many First Nations celebrate their culture, heritage and acknowledge the many amazing contributions and achievements of First Nations. Our ancestors fought hard to keep our culture, our practices, and our language alive. It is our responsibility to continue to raise up our people and honour our culture, language, and spiritual beliefs.

### GRADUATION 2022

I am sending all the Graduates of 2022 joy, happiness, and expressions of pride for all of your academic achievements!!!

### CANADA DAY 2022

Le7 te sitqt ne kult-ucw Canada. Happy Birthday. On July 1st acknowledged Canada's 155rd birthday. What we are really celebrating is the 155rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution Act of 1867. That is the document that "officially" established Canada in the settler context. In the Indigenous context, we know that the history of this land is significantly longer than that; for us it is known as time immemorial.

Part of the future of this great Nation is real reconciliation with First Nations. The Canadian dream should be for a renewal of relationships that are based on respect, recognition and most importantly truly acknowledging one another.





*Kúkpi7 Casimir was part of the delegation that went to the Vatican where she met with the Holy See, Pope Francis*

## VISIT TO THE VATICAN

I was honoured to be a part of the delegation that went to the Vatican where I met with the Holy See, Pope Francis. I was part of a team of survivors, elders, former leaders and spiritual advisors from across Canada that brought forth the impacts of the harms suffered by our survivors, their families, and communities.

I went there representing our people with the hope of building meaningful steps towards reconciliation, while seeking justice in whatever form our people want. This has been a very dark chapter in our history, and we need to rebuild our relationships at every level.

My hope is for reconciliation, and that reparations as mandated from the highest level, so that we can truly walk on the healing journey together. Thank you to our local Bishop Joseph Nguyen of the Catholic Diocese for being supportive as we continue to navigate meaningful steps forward with the Catholic Church. Thank you for being with us at the Arbour as we commemorated one year since the announcement of 215.

## PAPAL VISIT TO CANADA

The Pope's visit was a historical and pivotal point in our history. Although I was disappointed that the Pope ignored an opportunity to visit BC to speak directly to our survivors, I am truly optimistic and grateful that he came to Canada and apologized on Canadian soil.

I advocated with the AFN, the Federal Ministers and the Prime Minister to get their support to bring the

Pope to Kamloops. I also had much dialogue with the Canadian Confederation of the Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) about the importance of bringing our people to any of the locations to participate and bear witness when the Pope came to Canada. I am hopeful as I shared this journey with many of our kwséltkten, elders, and survivors.

On another note, there are many next steps that need to occur with the Church including the church to work with us on a plan of action of healing which includes the implementation of the TRC Calls to Action. We would also like to see the Catholic Church revoke the Doctrine of Discovery.



*Kúkpi7 Rosanne attended Papal event in Edmonton, AB*



## MAY 23 MEMORIAL

On behalf of our TteS Twenemiple7/Council, our membership, our survivors, the grassroots and Kúkukpi7s/Chiefs and all members of the Secwépemc Nation, we welcomed all to commemorate the one year anniversary of the confirmation of Le Estcwicwéy.

I would also like to acknowledge former Councillors Jeanette Jules, Katy Gottfriedson and Sonny Leonard for all their hard work towards the Le Estcwicwéy. This has impacted them deeply last term and they will always be honored for their leadership!!!!

For many, the truth has brought forward an opportunity for healing.

Since last year what proceeded after the confirmation, was the start of local, provincial, national, international reckoning of the harsh truths of the colonial practice of residential schools. People have a new awareness of the atrocities of residential school and its impacts on our people.

We truly appreciate the work and support our First Nations levels of government: Regional Chief Terry Teegee of BC Assembly of First Nations, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of Union of BC Indian Chiefs, National

Chief Roseanne Archibald of Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Health Authority, Indian Residential School Society, Orange Shirt Society, as well as the Federal and Provincial governments.

We have a legal team working with our Task Force to develop an action plan. This action plan outlines the meaningful steps we need to take to heal as well as get justice in whatever form our people need to find peace to move forward.

All TteS staff in the last year stepped up to assist in any way needed, and for them we are grateful. Yerí7 re súcwentelmen (I recognize you all)

I have been told by many that the Children have finally spoken – they have told us that it is now time for the truth to be told and the healing to begin. The full moon we had in May is also deemed to be one of the most powerful of the year and the importance of releasing resentments through ceremony and be present with cleansed emotions to create a path forward that is positive and empowering.

Here at TteS, we are committed to mapping a way forward and we will continue to nurture and bring peace through truth and seeking answers and justice for whatever forum will bring peace.



## POLITICAL MEETINGS: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Governor General Mary Simon and Special Guests May 22, 23, 2022 -

We were so humbled to welcome the Honourable Mary Simon, and her husband, his Excellency, Whit Fraser to our community on May 22 and again for the May 23rd Memorial. She is the first Indigenous Governor General of Canada. I truly appreciated the time that I had spent with her to share our community's experience of the last year.

The Governor General was quoted saying, "my appointment is a historic and inspirational moment for Canada and an important step forward on the long path towards reconciliation." She also told the Royal family during their visit to Canada "it is important to listen to Indigenous leaders, elders, community members."

Our Elders, Survivors and Leadership also had the opportunity to meet the Honorable BC Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin. She is a remarkable community leader and advocate for social change.

We also welcomed special guest Marie Wilson who is one of three commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC).

Our guests had the opportunity to tour the former Residential School, pay their respects to the Sacred site, and meet with our Elders and membership to share a meal and to hear some of their stories.

Prime Minister (PM) Justin Trudeau attended the one-year memorial of the Le Estcwiwéy. Council and I had the opportunity to meet with him to provide portfolio updates and continue to lobby for a healing center, elder's lodge, and museum. Many of our elders and those in attendance had an opportunity to meet with him one on one.



I met with Minister Lametti and Minister Marc Miller several times to discuss the appointment of Kimberly Murray as the Special Interlocutor for Canada in relation to the unmarked burials. Ms. Murray is a Mohawk woman from Kanehsatà:ke. She will be working with caretaker communities to provide support and resources in order to bring justice to our communities.

Minister Patty Hajdu – I and Councillors Thomas Blank, Nikki Fraser and Dave Manuel had an introductory meeting with Federal Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu.

Former MP Cathy McLeod – I was very happy to be in attendance to celebrate the retirement of former Member of Parliament Cathy McLeod. We thank her for her support of TteS and her years of service.

The Interim Federal Conservative Party Leader Candice Bergen, along with local Member of Parliament Frank Caputo, visited TteS to tour the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and pay their respects to the Le Estcwiwéy.

Special accolades to MP Frank Caputo for his support of TteS. On May 19, 2022, he rose in the House in Ottawa and made a statement in recognition of the 215. He also moved a motion, that was passed with unanimous consent, to recognize the May 23rd memorial and affirm the memory and the need for the Canadian Flag to fly half-mast each September 30. He was also granted a moment of silence in the House of Commons. This act meant a lot to him and means so much to us as another meaningful step of reconciliation.



## POLITICAL MEETINGS: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Minister Murray Rankin – Minister Rank met with SSN leadership to sign off on the SSN Transformative Change Agreement.

This agreement embarked on a path that honours a true and constitutional partnership for mutual benefit. It also respects the Wilfred Laurier Memorial, affirms UNDRIP and sets an economic foundation where we all prosper. That agreement is a commitment to negotiate a government-to-government relationship and ensures that our First Nation, Secwépemc Laws and Canadian laws operate as equals. The significance is the recognition of our rights and title through the requirement of our consent for activities on our lands.

Minister Rankin also supported TteS by attending the May 23rd Le Estcwicwéy Memorial.

Minister Lana Popham – TteS, Q'wemtsín Health Society and Community Future Development Corporation of the Central Interior First Nations welcomed Minister Lana Popham, Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Food to the community. Minister Popum was in Tkemlúps to visit all our food sovereignty initiatives. The group toured the berry walk, Sk'elep School Gardens and had lunch from Kekuli café out of the Kweseltken Mobile Kitchen.



Minister David Eby – I along with and Councillor Marie Baptiste met with Minister Eby who was the Minister responsible for Housing. We had the opportunity to advocate for the importance of affordable housing remaining “affordable” and meeting the current housing realities of our membership. We do appreciate the commitment that we received from the Ministry and his willingness to find a suitable revised rent structure under the Community Housing funding applications.

Minister Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Families – Councillors Dave Manuel, Thomas Blank, and I met with Minister Dean who visited TteS to pay her respects to the Le Estcwicwéy.

Minister Ravi Kahlon - Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation met with Councillor Joshua Gottfriedson in response to my initial letter that was sent in January to meet and discuss our TteS' economic development vision and projects. The TteS goal is for economic sovereignty and need for action on the lack of funding for infrastructure and operational funding that has been a significant roadblock for self-reliance. Much needed access to funding for highway access and infrastructure development for utilities in our 7mile lands, and funding for surveys and capital costs for road realignment in our Chief Louis Center Master Plan. There is also a request for much needed funding for civil infrastructure and utilities on the highway frontage to support three potential lots designated and shovel ready for commercial use.

We have also applied for a potential facility for community recreation, emergency social services, youth center, and a commercial kitchen and seeking startup costs for the funding and programming. Resources are needed to assist in creating economic opportunities to move towards the goal of economic self-reliance.

Parliamentary Secretary Grace Lore - Kúkpi7 and Councillor Marie Baptiste met with the Parliamentary Secretary Grace Lore to discuss gender equity, racism as well as funding for a transitions house.

MLA Michael Lee – Kúkpi7, Councillors Dave Manuel, Josh Gottfriedson and Thomas Blank had the opportunity to meet MLA Michael Lee, who is the Official Opposition Critic for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Chief and Council met with him a second time to brief him on the key issues that TteS is dealing with.





## POLITICAL MEETINGS: LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS

We continue to work closely with local MLA's Todd Stone and Peter Milobar and advocate on areas of shared interest.

### City of Kamloops

Council and I are very committed to this relationship as we have several agreements and projects together. Some of our staff and leadership had the opportunity to tour the fire hall, McArthur Park and the Water Treatment Plant.

I want to express gratitude to our friend and neighbor Mayor Ken Christian and the City of Kamloops for the lights that lit our arbour last year. It was extremely meaningful gesture during such an emotionally devastating time. Kukwstetsemc.

Mayor Ken is not seeking re-election in the upcoming election. I am so proud of the work we did together. On behalf of Council, we wish him happiness and thank him for his commitment to us and the community of Kamloops. He has been a wonderful friend to the Band and will be missed.

### Thompson Nicola Regional District

In later February, we met with the TNRD Chair Ken Gillis, Vice Chair Barbara Broden, Mel Rothenburger, Direct of Electoral area P and Key senior staff to continue to advance key issues of joint concern including emergency preparedness, East Shuswap road upgrades and protection of cultural heritage treasures.

The City of Kamloops and the Thompson Nicola Regional District worked with TteS to create a new orange crosswalk both in downtown Kamloops and on



*Leaders: Kúkpi7 Rosanne and Mayor Ken*

reserve by Petro Can. This was done to honour and respect the one year anniversary of the confirmation of the Le Estcwicwéy. (Great Representation Councillor Morning Star, and Family).

These are only a few examples of our joint commitment to the implementation of the Calls to Action, UNDRIP and economic reconciliation. Real reconciliation starts with good relationships and partnerships.

### Denece National Chief Gerald Antoine

We were thrilled to have the Regional Chief Antoine, from the Northwest Territories, visit Tkemlúps. Gerald was the lead for the First Nations Delegation on the trip to the Vatican as well as the lead for the Assembly of First Nations for the 2022 Papal Visit to Canada.

I also attend the Chiefs meetings of the UBCIC, BC Assembly of First Nations and the Assembly of First Nations.

## AWARDS OF RECOGNITION

### BC Reconciliation Award

The City of Kamloops and Tkemlúps te Secwépemc were honoured with a BC Reconciliation Award recognizing exceptional leadership, integrity, respect and commitment to furthering the Calls to Action outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's report. I was honoured to accept this award with Mayor Ken Christian. We were able to accept this award due to the dedication of our respective councils and dedicated technical teams.

Reconciliation can only happen when we work together, take the time to understand each other and be truly engaged.



*Kúkpi7 Rosanne receives standing ovation at Kamloops Chamber of Commerce dinner*

### Canadian Public Relations Society President's Award

I had the honour of accepting the President's Award for outstanding Public Relations and Communications Management. This award recognized the outstanding effort of a Canadian who through their communications lead to the advancement and betterment of the public relations practice at large.

Again, I am by no means a professional communicator. I am a Kúkpi7 who has a responsibility to uphold my duty to honor and respect what is right. I have been thrust into the spotlight, not only with the unmarked graves but due to the pandemic. As a mother, a grandmother, and godmother, I do, as we all do, have a responsibility of being the hope.

### Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II Award

I was very honored to be recognized and accept this pin from the Member of Parliament Frank Caputo in honor of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

### Secwepemc Nation Tribal Council

I was acclaimed as the Tribal Chief as of March 9, 2022



*Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir attended the release of salmon into the upper Columbia River at Gulch Creek. — with Kúkpi7 Barbara Cote*

## MEETINGS PARTICIPATED

March 9: SNTC Chiefs Meeting @ SNTC

March 17: Stsmemelt Leadership Meeting @ Quaaout Lodge

March 18-20/22: Hat Creek Spring Gathering in Bonaparte

April 13: SNTC Chiefs Meeting in Simpcw First Nation

April 20: Indigenous Advisory Circle – Banff

April 22: Stsmemelt UVic Students Field School Closing Ceremony – Splatsin

April 28: Minister Farnsworth Virtual Meeting

April 29-30: Stsmemelt Urban Engagement – Vancouver, B.C.

May 4: CRSRI (Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative) Virtual Closing Ceremonies

May 7: Nation Staff – eagle protocol, sweat ceremony

May 9: Eagle feather dismantling – Protocol w/ Ed Jensen

May 14: Sweat Ceremony for Nation Eagle Staff @ Skedam Flats

May 18-19/22: CRSRI Ceremonial Fry Release – Shuswap Band

Fry Release Short Video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMLGRTpyiJg>

May 26: Canada RIRSD Meetings – ongoing

June 8: SNTC Chiefs Meeting in Splatsin

June 14: SNTC Staff Appreciation

June 17-19/22: Nation Fast for Eagle Staff & Mother Earth Dance Ceremony – WLFN/Sugarcane

July 4-7 – AFN AGA – Vancouver

July 6: SNTC Chiefs Meeting

July 29 & 30: 17 Chiefs Grand Entry for Kamloopa Powwow

July 30: Secwépemc Leadership Meeting

August 3: Meeting w/ SNTC Managers & Directors

August 16-18: Upcoming SNTC Strategic Planning – Osoyoos, B.C



## POLITICAL MEETINGS AT SHUSWAP NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

The SNTC met with Minister Farnworth, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of BC. I spoke to systemic racism, culture-based programs, policing, and how we move forward to make significant and much needed changes. We also addressed emergency management and the need to act before the fire season and other emergencies occur.

We shared our serious concerns on the BC Coroners Service as it does not align with Secwépemc Protocols. Since time immemorial, there has been practices in place by our people, with respect to taking the deceased members back to their community for a time of mourning also known as a 'wake.' As part of this practice, there is a 1–2-day wake held in community prior to a funeral whereas the family will arrange to have the deceased brought home, and it is expected that their burial ceremony is done within four days of the deceased's passing. We encourage proper and respectful protocols be established to respect our protocols in this sacred ceremony.



*SNTC Appreciation: Staff and cake (yum!)*

## AFN

The 43rd Annual General Assembly was held in Vancouver this year. BC welcomed Chiefs from across the country both in person and virtually. There were a number of updates provided (updated financial statements, Regional Chief updates, First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's principle Class Action and Compensation update, First Nations policing as an Essential Service, UNDRIP National Action Plan) as well as presentations by Minister Miller, Minister Hajdu, Minister David Lametti, Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Amita Kuttner and Jagmeet Singh, the Leader of the New Democratic Party.

## BCAFN

I sit on the Board of Directors for the BCAFN which meets monthly to address governance issues. As the BCAFN, we were the host Province for the AFN Annual General Assembly.

I also participate in BCAFN Annual Chiefs meeting where the Chiefs across the province are provided updates of the work of the organization. Motions from the membership communities also provide direction to the BCAFN, about the political priorities and lobbying mandates of the organization. I communicate regularly with the Regional Chief Terry Teegee and am proud of the work that he and the BCAFN organization does.

## DAY SCHOLARS

**Important Note: The deadline to submit a claim is October 4, 2023.**

Paper versions of the claim forms can be requested from the Claims administrator at [dayscholarsclaims@deloitte.ca](mailto:dayscholarsclaims@deloitte.ca) or call 1-877-877-5786. If you need help determining if you are eligible for compensation or have any questions regarding the class action and settlement, contact Class Counsel at [dayscholars@waddellphillips.ca](mailto:dayscholars@waddellphillips.ca) or call 1-888-222-6845.

Tkémłúps te Secwépemc and Shíshálh are continuing our class action lawsuit against the Government of Canada seeking to hold Canada legally responsible for the damages caused by our communities as a result of Canada's century long Indian Residential School Policy. This is called the "Band class".

Our Nations, as collectives are damaged by the attack on our language and culture arising from the forced removal of our children from our communities and this



class action claims monetary damages on behalf of Bands that join the class action for harms that flow from the loss of language and culture caused by residential schools.

Please note that all Indian Bands and other Indigenous Groups that have legal status in Canada through the Indian Act or other legislation that were impacted by residential schools are entitled to opt into this class action.

I asked SNTC, UBCIC, BCAFN and AFN to circulate a letter to all leadership to inform all First Nation Bands that we have until the end of May 2022 for First Nations to opt in and encouraging First Nations to opt in. Our key message is that if we get enough First Nations to opt in Canada will have no Alternative but to negotiate a resolution.

After this plea, very happy that the legal team brought



on a technical contractor to complete the reach out to all First Nations (FN). The last I heard was that more than 50 percent of FN have completed their opt in process.

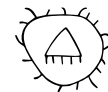
## CLOSING

Kukwtsétselp. I continue to offer prayers of healing for all of us, especially for those who have lost loved ones, those effected by acts of violence, and those who are suffering. We ask for unity, compassion, and kindness. Please note that as your leaders we too feel all the pressures you do, as we move from lock down from COVID to these new rules. .

I uphold my code of ethics and I'm thankful for membership's support. I am honored to be representing all of you in a way that is meaningful. I will continue to uphold my Oath to all you. As your Kúkpi7 your Chief, I am committed to building both internal and external relationships. We will continue to strive for self-sustainability, while advancing our self-determination and continue to heal one day at a time.

“Know your Passion, visualize your Plan, Collect your Resources, and be Determined to Succeed!”

Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir

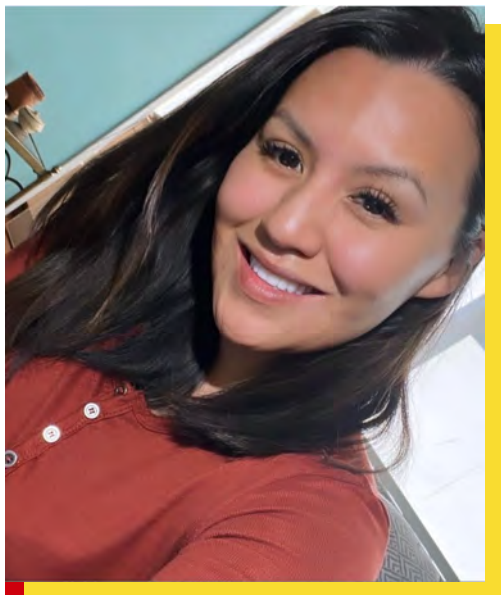


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*journey of reflections*  
**TOGETHER**



## Tkwenem7íple7 Nikki Fraser

**Primary Portfolio**  
NATURAL RESOURCE  
TITLE AND RIGHT

**Secondary Portfolio**  
HOUSING

**Alternate Portfolio**  
LANDS LEASING & TAXATION

## WEYT-KP XWEWXEYTE

(Hello everyone)

This year is going by extremely fast; we are nearing the end of summer and I'm thankful the fire season was not as brutal as it has been the last few summers. It does not mean our community and members have not gone through some hard times. I want to send my deepest condolences to our community who have lost loved ones this year, you'll all be in my prayer's.

A huge congratulations to all our students, and a big shout out to our graduates, high school grads post secondary grads, diploma grads, certificate grads,

nursery grads, and program grads. Keep up the hard work.

This quarterly report will cover the months of May – July 2022, its been a busy summer for Chief and council and for my portfolio as our Natural Resources team has been out on the field.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

- Set back fencing for waste management facility
- Monthly lamb survival surveys underway
- Kamloops lake prescribed burn planning
- New excavator is working perfectly, grapple has been installed and being sent back to the woodshed
- Paxton wood harvest to commence as soon as TFLP gets Permit approval.



*Tkwenem7íple7 Nikki speaks at mining and natural resource events*



- Water sampling At Bonaparte gold continuing
- Fisheries planning for communal harvest this year, working with SFC.
- Layout for salvage wood
- Ongoing TMX Ongoing fisheries and wildlife meetings
- IR#1 noxious weed treatment, slated to cover 800 acres of grassland.
- Stockpiling firewood
- Haul road cattle guard complete

## CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Archaeology team has been conducting archaeological assessments concurrent with capital infrastructure projects throughout the City of Kamloops following the signing of the heritage services agreement by TteS leadership in the spring of 2022. Archaeological sites have been found throughout the downtown core, Brocklehurst, and Valleyview during construction. All information can be shared with the community following analysis and reporting in the fall.

Archaeological monitoring and systematic data recovery associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion Project in Spread 5A continues with the expansion project proceeding south from Kamloops to Stump Lake.

Cultural heritage survey work associated with the SSN's New Gold Cherry Creek exploration cultural heritage

## TteS NRD Archaeology & Cultural Heritage Team

Mel Seymour  
Cade Hawkins Bara  
Hank Bennett  
Megan Anderson  
Robyn Oxley  
Lanny Billy

Leslie LeBourdais  
Karly Gottfriedson  
Daren Thomas  
Heleana Moore  
Kevin Malloy

study continues in collaboration with Skeetchestn. TteS is in year 2 of the field survey program. Field teams are collecting baseline data to contribute to aid in the development of management strategies for the Greenstone/Cherry Creek area.

Fieldwork continues within the forestry sector for proposed harvest and reclamation work associated with the Sparks Lake and Tremont wildfires.

Grant funding obtained from First Peoples Cultural Council is being utilized for cultural heritage and archaeological awareness training for TteS youth in collaboration with the Language and Culture Department's summer youth cultural camps in July and August.

Other industry clients include BC Hydro, MoTI, BC Parks, Tolko, West Fraser, BCTS, School District 73, TRU, BC Housing, as well as internal collaboration with KIBDC, Planning and Engineering, Lands and Leasing and Le Estcwicwéy.





*Speaking at Opening Ceremonies of Canada Day 2022*

## SKU7PECEN'S JOURNEY LETTER OF COMMITMENT (SJLOC)

- BC has sent the SJLoC to the Ministers for their execution. BC is waiting on one more signature (believed to be Minister Conroy). Once fully signed, funding will be released. Charlotte Rose (QSO in-house legal council) will send fully executed copy to each of the QS Signatory Communities.
- The QS is adjusting to the BC government splitting the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) into 2 ministries; 1) Ministry of Forests (MoF), and 2) Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship (LWARS).
- QS Office is researching all the different structural and legal implications of the change from FLNRORD to the two new ministries.

## QWELMINTE SECWEPENC JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (QSJLC)

- QS Joint Leadership Council met July 28 with the newly appointed ministry representatives to the JLC.
- British Columbia Timber Sales (BCTS) will attend the July 28th JLC meeting to answer questions on meaningful engagement and the Old Growth Deferral process.
- In June Charlotte Rose sent out letters to three Secwepemc communities to confirm their intentions of becoming participant signatories to the QS.

- The August 25th JLC meeting will confirm the Exploratory Signature communities' level of participation in joining the QS.

## COLLECTIVE FORESTRY AGREEMENT (CFA) NEGOTIATING TEAM

- Director of Transportation (DOT) and Responsible Official (RO) are working to restrict Ministry of Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) participation in the CFA negotiations as they do not have the mandate to negotiate Forestry agreements.
- Work to increase the level of involvement by MoF and LWARS, and identify their representatives to the CFA negotiations.
- Signatory communities will need to identify priority topics from the 15 topics identified in the Term Sheet.



*City Councillor Mike O'Reilly, Tkwēnem7ip̓le7 Nikki, and Minister of Forests Katrine Conroy at the Interior Logging Association AGM*



*Matriarch Summitt in Treaty 1 (Winnipeg) with MLA of Manitoba Nabanni Fontaine and Bernadette Smith*





*Syilx Okanagan Nation youth runners receiving TteS gifts*

- Blueberry River First Nation (BRFN) legal council Maegen Giltrow did a presentation on the successful court case against BC infringement of BRFN's treaty rights by the Cumulative Effects from all the forestry, agricultural, hydro electric dams, and oil & gas projects approved by BC ministries.
- The court recognized BC's refusal to utilize the detailed landscape management plan that BRFN had submitted for consideration to reduce the separation of community members from their land.
- The CFA negotiating team has identified the two streams of work; 1) Campfire Priority Topics, and 2) Collective areas of work.

## QS-BC DRAFTING COMMITTEE

- The drafting committee has begun working on the Terms of Reference, Annual Workplan, and future meeting agendas.
- The Strategic Working Group is postponing meetings until October to allow for time to gather materials such as the Forest Tenure Rent and Stumpage Update Reports to support CFA negotiations.



*Le Estcwicwéy Memorial giveaway*

## APPORTIONMENT OF AAC

- Sku7pecen's Option and Rationale began as a QS-BC Walking on Two Legs pilot project to co-develop an option for the apportionment (distribution) of the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) for the Kamloops Forest District.
- The pilot project became a difficult process when the District Manager was re-assigned to other work and the Acting District Manager started to withdraw from the Walking on Two Legs principles.
- After almost two years of working on the Kamloops Timber Supply Apportionment Pilot Project the Sku7pecen's Option and Rationale has been finalized and submitted to BC.



*Chief and Council meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau*

## FIRST NATIONS-BC WILDLIFE AND HABITAT STEWARDSHIP FORUM

- The Forum's Shared Decision-Making (SDM) policy was brought to the Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council and received their support.
- The Policy and the Forum's approach to SDM will enable Nations through Provincial Policy framework changes.
- Current concerns about the policy development centers around capacity for both First Nations and BC ministry staff.

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## BC CLIMATE ACTION SECRETARIAT (CAS)

- BC's Climate Action Secretariat (CAS) presented on Carbon Pricing at the July 13th Tsrep Table meeting.
- The presentation was initially offered as a "review" of the Carbon Pricing system. But after hearing the consultants refer to the word "consultation" repeatedly, we ask them if they considered their presentation as consultation. And unfortunately they said yes, but it was "anonymous" consultation!
- We reminded the secretariat that this process was not meaningful consultation as the Ministry of Environment low level staffer had difficulty answering our questions on whether the Old Growth deferral program could be used towards the Carbon Credit program.

## TTES QS SUMMER INTERNS

TteS became more involved with the QS Summer Intern program this year. Of the 13 summer interns that the QS Office hired we seconded two summer interns.

Peyton Anderson was assigned to work with Shannon Squire on governance and policy analysis. And Taysia Fraser joined the TteS Natural Resource department to job shadow the various professionals to help determine her possible career direction and align her future education towards a career in NR.

Meet our Interns:

### Taysia Fraser



Taysia Fraser is a summer intern working in the TteS Natural Resources department. Taysia has completed her 1st year of general Sciences at TRU. In the Fall of 2022, she will be going back to school and starting her bachelors of Natural Resource Science.

Taysia has been made available to us through the Qwelmintec Secwepemc Office's Summer Intern program which is in its third year of operation. Taysia will job shadow the various professions with the Natural Resource department to see which career path interests her most. This will allow her to focus her future education towards that career path. The ultimate goal of the QS Summer Intern

program is to peak interest in upcoming professionals to work within Secwepemc communities. Taysia will partake in field trips with the NR staff to observe the field work protocols and processes involved in Archaeological assessments, environmental studies, wildlife research, and forestry layout.

### Peyton Anderson



Peyton Anderson is a new intern at the Tk'emlúps office, working under Shannon Squire in Intergovernmental Affairs. She recently graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, and will be attending the University of

Toronto in the Fall for the Master of Arts in Political Science program. She has been loaned to us from the Qwelmintec Secwepemc Office for the remainder of the summer, and will be participating in many of the governance-related meetings that Chief and Council attend, such as regular Chief and Council meetings, meetings with MLA's, Parliamentary Secretaries, local Kamloops government officials, etc. She has drafted an initial amendment proposal to the General Band Meeting by-law regarding the option for virtual voting, attended the UBCIC and AFN meetings, and is building a filing database for Shannon, with other projects upcoming later this summer. She will continue to shadow Shannon in meetings, and assist Chief and Council when needed, in order to gain an understanding of how the Tk'emlúps governance structure works and hopefully lead into more demanding positions in years to come.



Jayden Peters | SSN BC Hydro Summer Intern (TteS Youth/Member)





*TteS Youth attending Canada Day*

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

### May 2022

- MMIWG2s gathering
- Skelep School Cultural Day
- TteS Grocery Store Ground Breaking
- General Band Mtg
- Meeting with Minister Conroy
- Le Estcwicway Memorial
- Meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

### June 2022

- UBCIC Chief Mtg (Proxy for Kukpi7)
- Okanagan Nation Spirit of the Syilx Unity Run
- SD 73 Aboriginal Graduation
- Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala
- Trans Mountain onsite Tour with Ttes NR Dept.

- Kru2ger Golf Tournament
- Indigenous Peoples Day
- Matriarch Summit
- TteS Education BBQ

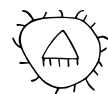
### July 2022

- Canada Day Welcome
- AFN Annual General Assembly
- Papal Visit Powwow
- General Band Meeting
- TteS Staff BBQ (NR dept BBQ'd)
- Kamloopa Powwow
- SNTC 17 Chiefs and Councillors mtg

## KUKWSTSETSELP

(I thank you all)

In closing I would like to thank my portfolio managers and Directors of Operation for the hard work and dedication to our membership, Timcw (land) and TteS. I would like to share space in my reports to highlight and uplift our TteS Members. Harvesting season is amongst us and I would like to share a photo of my mom Joyce Fraser, the kindest Berry Picker I know.





## Tkwenem7íple7 Joshua Gottfriedson

### Primary Portfolio

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Secondary Portfolio

LANDS, LEASING & TAXATION

### Alternate Portfolio

EDUCATION

## WEYT-KP XWEXWEYTEP!

The heat of summer is pressing on us after a rainy beginning, which spells good news for clear skies to enjoy. I hope that you are all taking care of one another and please take some time to check in on the vulnerable with the upcoming heat wave.

The solstice is an important time for our people. It's a time to gather our foods for the winter, gather as a community for betterment, and celebrate our successes as a people. Whether your success is in academics, arts, sports, professional, or cultural please know that I see you and acknowledge your tremendous accomplishments.

It is the Secwepemc that reside within Tkemlúps

territory that will be the agents of change to smash the status quo for future generations, please take your responsibility as stewards of this land seriously to create an easier path for those coming behind us.

## UPDATES

I am very proud and honored to be a TteS liaison on the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce. Having a direct voice with business in Kamloops will set the table for our entrepreneurs to have a seat at their tables. I am hoping to gather interest with Tkemlúps entrepreneurs in creating a Tkemlúps Chamber of Commerce, so like minded professionals can contribute to our local economy fully included.

Tourism Kamloops is another board that I have been invited to and it has afforded the community an insight into celebrating all the great things happening in our ancestral lands.

The council and I have had various opportunities to showcase the great things going on with the Business Economic Development Department while meeting with Ministers in British Columbia and Canada. These meetings are instrumental in helping push our agenda forward as a community for the betterment of all.

On a personal note, I am very excited to add that I will be having a baby son in September 2022!

## PRIORITIES FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Some updates on my priorities for this term:

### Develop TteS Commerce – more band-owned businesses

- A. TteS new engineered waste management facility will be operational Fall 2022.
- B. TteS grocery store will be operational summer 2023
- C. A new TteS gas station next to the grocery store will be operational summer 2023



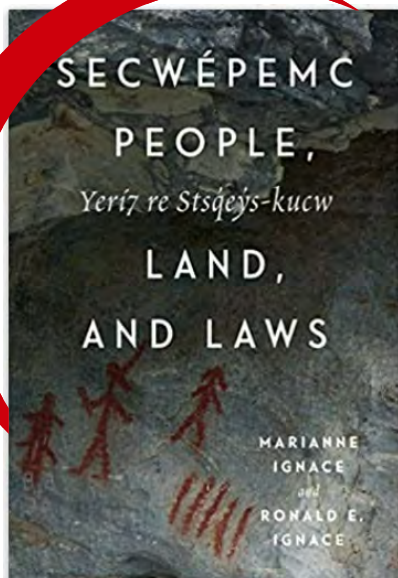


### Support TteS Entrepreneurs

- Business and Economic Development Department (BEDD) has sponsored the Kamloops Pow Wow Pitch event (Indigenous Dragon's Den)
- BEDD is promoting free business licences for TteS membership.
- BEDD is creating a directory of TteS member-owned businesses for promotion.

### Entrench All Work in Secwépemc Law

- Our Business and Economic Development Department is currently running a book club with the book "Secwépemc People, Land, and Laws: Yerí7 re Stsq'ey's-kucw" by Marianne Ignace and Kukpi7 Ronald E. Ignace, to understand our laws.
- They are currently working with local consultants from membership to create Economic Development policy based on these laws and protocols.



### Engage Partners

Engage current corporate partners and use revenue to benefit community through strategic projects.

Tkek Yeel Stem Youth Camp has received support from our Business and Economic Development Department (BEDD) over the past few months and they will continue supporting them until the end of the year to address the needs of the camp.

- Friday pizza parties for the youth camps  
*Delivered by BEDD*
- Volleyball and Badminton court upgrades  
*Removal of pea gravel – thank you, TteS Public Works! New sand donated by Metro Reload! New net and balls purchased by BEDD*
- New dock to be built in August  
*Design donated by Urban Systems. Thank you, TteS Natural Resources, for removing the old dock!*



## CURRENT OWN SOURCE REVENUE

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc has been very successful running their own businesses, negotiating Joint Revenue agreements with TransMountain, leasing out land, collecting property taxes, and facilitating filming on location. This revenue supports programs and services for membership and new projects that benefit the community.

## PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

### Grocery Store

The Grocery Store will be TteS owned with a supply relationship with a major grocery supplier. It will feature full grocery selection; superior fresh departments; in-house butcher, bakery, and deli; online ordering and deliveries; meals ready to eat program; and loyalty program.

- Store Name and Logo Contest – Stay tuned! Announcement Fall 2022
- Construction has started and the foundation will be poured over July and August.



Artist conception drawing of TteS Grocery Store

### Stswékstem ( Strawberry Hill) Engineered Waste Management Facility

This new project will provide a full suite of professional waste management services, have an anticipated 25+ year life span, will be engineered to meet or exceed all Federal and Provincial regulatory standards and best practices. The current TteS landfill will be restored to its original state once covered. The new facility will be built directly south of the current site.

ISC funding is supporting both the remediation of the old landfill and the construction of the new engineered waste management facility. Site design and preliminary engineering underway with construction and remediation beginning summer 2022.

## ENGINEERED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY



Stswékstem ( Strawberry Hill) Engineered Waste Management Facility will provide a full suite of professional waste management services



### TESLA Supercharger Stalls

The TteS Petro Canada gas station will be the site of 8 TESLA Supercharger stalls in Fall of 2022. This addition to the property will attract new customers to the gas station and neighbouring services. As a part of this agreement, TESLA is investing a significant amount to upgrade the electrical infrastructure and will be purchasing the electricity from TteS.

### Engagement with Community

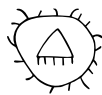
The Business and Economic Development Department (BEDD) staff team have planned a number of open houses for membership and a Sun River specific event to communicate about upcoming projects, seek input and to meet the BEDD team.

- Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 - 3-6pm @ MSG
- Wednesday, August 24th, 2022 - 3-6pm @ MSG
- Thursday, September 27th, 2022 - 3-6pm @ MSG
- Thursday, August 4th, 2022 - 5:30 – 8:30pm @ MSG (SUN RIVERS\*)

### YERÍ7 SKUKWST'SÉTSEMC! (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!)

I am grateful for all the encouraging words from the stakeholders of Tkemlúps te Secwepemc – the people. Your continued advocacy for what is right, is not only necessary but paramount in keeping our table accountable to you.

I stand with you in what is right and just,  
kukwstsetself!



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CORPORATIONS

**Kamloops Indian Band Development Corporation (KIBDC)**

*Leasing and tax revenue, filming on location revenue*

**Kamloops Indian Band Utility Corporation (KIBUC)**

Petro Canada, Car Wash, Chester's Chicken, Bulk Lubricants

**Grocery Store Project Corporation**

Grocery Store

**Land Development Corporation**

RCMP building purchase

**Spiyu7ullucw Ranch Corporation**

Hay sales, filming on location revenue

**T'kemlúpssemc Forestry Development Corporation (TFDC)**

Wood lot, forestry contracts

**Secwépemcetekwe Enterprises Ltd.**

Large equipment rentals to New Gold



**2022-2023 K-12 funding forms  
are available for pick up or email.**

- **TteS Nominal Roll**
- **TteS Off Reserve**

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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ONE CUP AT A TIME



**coffee  
with a  
cop**

Open to Tk'emlúps te  
Secwépemc Community  
Members and Band Members







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**NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH  
& RECONCILIATION  
SEPTEMBER 30**

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