

# Where The Rivers Meet Community News Letter

Provided by Tk'emlúps Indigenous Policing Services



Servicing the Indigenous communities of  
Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Skeetchestn Indian Band and  
Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band

November 2023

**Tk'emlúps RCMP Mission Statement:** The Tk'emlúps detachment members are dedicated to providing a culturally sensitive policing services in a timely manner to all residents and businesses within the Tk'emlúps Detachment area.

## Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

Constable David Bigcharles, Constable Mark Janus, Constable David Dixon and Corporal Jim Toye.

**Please remember to invite us to your community events.**

## Role of Indigenous Policing Unit:

The IPS members mandate is to provide service programs for your communities. If you have a need in your community, please reach out to us to arrange a talk / presentation / etc. We have access to many different resources to share with your community / group.

## What's New?

I have missed a few months of the newsletter. Getting back into the swing of things now.

**"Coffee With A Cop"** that we host in each community. Events scheduled as follows:

**TteS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Community Services Office at 10 am

**WPCIB:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at band office at 10 am

**Skeetchestn:** last Wednesday of each month at Band office gymnasium at 10 am

Please come out and visit with us, ask questions, share stories while we share some refreshments! This is your opportunity to come and ask us your policing questions or just share some stories! We look forward to seeing you.

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Janus and Cst. Bigcharles assisted with Elder hamper delivery in Skeetchestn.

Oct 10-13 the Cst. Janus, Cst. Dixon and Cst. Bigcharles attended the RCMP training Centre at Chilliwack for annual IPS training.

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Toye and Cst. Dixon attended a meeting for the Indigenous Court in Kamloops. This was the first in person meeting since before the Covid-19 shutdown.

October 28<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Janus attended the WPCIB community Halloween event at the community hall. Cst. Janus was the head chef in a BBQ for this event. The event ended in fireworks display.

Cpl. Toye was running a walking program out at WPCIB biweekly. This was a great event for some exercise and the community able to get to know the police and vice versa. The program has been halted for the cooler weather.

Cpl. Toye would like to introduce Elder Walk's in each community. If you as an Elder are interested, please contact Cpl. Toye at 250-314-1800. Dates and times to be determined as this will be an inside event due to the weather.

Since school has returned the IPS members have been back into both Skelep and Skeetchestn Schools. Cst. Janus often welcomes the youth in the mornings when the bus arrives. Members also have attended at lunch time to play sports outside with the kids at both schools.

## Policing Stats:

For the month of October 2023, the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 162

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 17

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 2

## Upcoming Events:

November 1 – Coffee With A Cop at TteS – Note: this event is at the Community Services building (300 Chilcotin Rd) for this month at 10 am.

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Cst. Janus will be doing a presentation on healthy lifestyle at Skeetchestn community school at 11 am

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Cst. Janus will be attending a canning event hosted by the Secwepemc Child and Family Services.

November 15 – Coffee With A Cop at WPCIB at 10 am at the band annex building

November 22 – Coffee With A Cop at Skeetchestn band office gym at 10 am.

Please remember for youth interested that the Indigenous Snowboard Team is going to be kicking off soon. Cst. Bigcharles provided posters to each community we work with.

**Please remembers to reach out to our office should you have a need with your community / group / class to have a presentation.**

## How to Call The Police:

The Tk'emlúps office has office staff Monday to Friday from 7 am to 4 pm. Please call the [250-314-1800](tel:250-314-1800) number during these times

## In an emergency call 911.

After hours, please still utilize 250-314-1800, however it is very important that you listen to the prompts. **PRESS 1 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NON EMERGENCY DISPATCH .**

If you require police assistance, please ensure you **DON'T LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THIS NUMBER** as it won't be checked until the next morning or until after the weekend. Again, if it is an emergency, please call 911.

**CRIMESTOPPERS** – can report crime **anonymously with Crime Stoppers**. To make a report you can go online to their site ([www.bccrimestoppers.com](http://www.bccrimestoppers.com) ) where you complete a secure and encrypted “online tip form” or you can call

**1-800-222-TIPS** (8477).



**Skwel'kwelt Indigenous Snowsports Team  
- Sun Peaks Society**

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**A Few Words from the Board:**

Hope everyone is getting settled back into school routines and enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

The board has been back at it preparing for the upcoming season. We are getting very excited about some of the changes to the registration format. Registration is officially open, getting us that much closer to the first day on the hill.

Please note we continue to look for new Board Members, a fundraiser coordinator and an equipment manager.

Please contact the board with any questions or concerns.



**2023/2024 Season Registration  
is OPEN!!!!!!**

**Ages 10-18yrs**

There will be a \$150 fee associated with registration. Payment plans available upon request.

Please email Lee Ann at

[fnstsunpeaks@gmail.com](mailto:fnstsunpeaks@gmail.com) to let her know you're interested and she will email you the registration!

**Snowboarding Dates for the Winter 2023/2024**

Regular Season:

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Camp dates for this coming season are Dec 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>



**Board Members!!**

Anyone interested in being a board member is encouraged to send in an application.

This board of parent volunteers is a working board. If you have a minimum of 5 hours per month to commit, please submit a Letter of Interest describing why you wish to serve as a Director, along with the strengths that you will bring to our Society. Please include 2 references.