# 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

December 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 community members from TteS, Skeetchestn and Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Bands.

## 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?

"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 CANCELLED

Skeetchestn: last Wednesday month at Band office gym at 10 am CANCELLED

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

Cst. Bigcharles secured funding for a reconciliation project. Cst. Bigcharles has been able to put on drum making classes for police officers, clerks, etc. from both the rural office and the Kamloops City detachment. Cst. Bigcharles will continue this program into the first few weeks of December. Cst. Janus and Cst. Bigcharles partnered with ICBC for a driving program at Skeetchestn to assist those going for their drivers licence.

Cst. Dixon arranged for a drug expert to attend an event during national addictions week and did a presentation to the group in partnership with TteS Community Services.

## **Policing Stats:**

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

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 148

Skeetchestn Indian Band - 15

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 2

### **Upcoming Events:**

December 6<sup>th</sup> – TteS Coffee With a Cop at 10 am – this event will be at the community services building

With the band closures over the Christmas Break, there will be no CWAC in both Skeetchestn and Whispering Pines.

December 9<sup>th</sup> – kickoff to the Indigenous Snowboard Team up at Sun Peaks

December 21<sup>st</sup> – WPCIB has requested a drug presentation to be delivered during a community event.

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 8 am to 4 pm. Please call the 250-314-1800 number during these times

# In an emergency call 911.

After hours, please still utilize 250-314-1800, however <u>it is very important that</u> <u>you listen to the prompts</u>. <u>PRESS 1</u> 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. <u>Again, if it is an emergency, please call 911.</u>

CRIMESTOPPERS – can report crime anonymously with Crime Stoppers. To make a report you can go online to their site (www.bccrimestoppers.com ) where you complete a secure and encrypted "online tip form" or you can call

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).





#### Skwelkwélt Indigenous Snowsports Team - Sun Peaks Society

#### 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.

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

**Regular Season:** 

Dec 9th, 16th

Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th

Camp dates for this coming season are Dec 29th and 30th



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#### 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 to let her know you're interested and she will email you the registration!

#### **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.