

# 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

July 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.

## 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 MSG 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!

Top Cop Reader – Cpl. TOYE ran this program at both Skeetchestn Community School and two classes at Skelep School of Excellence. This program is to promote reading for the children. There were winners as individual Top Cop Readers for each class. Cpl. TOYE only received consent from two parents to share names and photos of winners. A big congratulations to Max Mack from Skelep and Kestmic David-Gonzales from Skeetchestn.



Each Top Cop Reader received more books as prizes, as well were offered a tour of the Tk'emlúps RCMP Detachment which included a police vehicle. Great work to all the students that took part. A big thank you to the schools and teacher for allowing this program into the schools.

## Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

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

We will have some absences over the summer with members away on leave.

**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.

## Policing Stats:

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

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 165 calls for service.

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 20 calls for service.

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – No calls for service.

## Upcoming Events:

Please come out for **Coffee With A Cop** in your respective community (Dates listed above).

July 5<sup>th</sup> – BBQ hosted by SCFS at WPCIB Community Hall at 11 am

July 11<sup>th</sup> WPCIB Walking /Hiking Group at 10 am

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Band General at Skeetchestn Indian Band at 5 pm

July 25<sup>th</sup> – WPCIB Walking / Hiking Group at 10 am

July 28<sup>th</sup> – TteS Annual BBQ

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Cst. DIXON is arranging a community fire at WPCIB

**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. 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 where you complete a secure and encrypted “online tip form” or you can call [1-800-222-TIPS](tel:1-800-222-TIPS) (8477)



## Have a Status Card?

Are you paying for Over-the-Counter  
Drugs covered by your Health Care Plan?

Indigenous people with Status Cards can access many Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications **free of charge**, through BC PharmaCare Plan W Program.

Many can be prescribed by a Pharmacist, which means you don't need a Doctor's Prescription to have them covered.

Plan W also covers eligible Prescription Drugs, and some medical supplies/ devices for eligible members of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).

You are eligible under Plan W if you:

- Have Status, or a child under 24 months of age, who has at least one parent with status;
- Have active BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage;
- Are not be covered by a Treaty (i.e Nisga'a Nation Treaty).

Items available with a Pharmacist's

Prescription include:

ACETAMINOPHEN  
ALLERGY MEDICATIONS  
ANTACIDS  
ANTIBIOTIC CREAMS  
ASPIRIN  
CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS  
CHILDRENS VITAMINS  
COLD MEDICATIONS  
CONSTIPATION REMEDIES  
DIETARY FIBRE  
EAR & EYE DROPS  
FOLIC ACID  
LICE TREATMENTS  
MINERAL OIL  
PRENATAL VITAMINS  
VITAMIN A  
VITAMIN B1, B6, B12  
VITAMIN C&D  
WART TREATMENTS  
YEAST INFECTION TREATMENT  
ZINC OXIDE CREAM  
+MANY OTHERS

**Speak with Any Pharmacist for more info.**



## CALLING ALL CANOE PULLERS

Constable Dave Dixon is a skipper and looking to put together a canoe group interested in both local and travelling canoe journeys. This group is for individuals between the ages of 12 and 24. If you or your children are interested in participating, or if you would like more information, please email Constable Dave at

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