

# 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

May 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?

Please come and join us for **"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!

Skeetchestn Community School and Skelep School of Excellence will both have classes participating Top Cop Reader for the month. Please encourage your youth involved to read and don't forget to log their reading minutes!

## Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

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

April saw Cst. Janus return to full duties. The IPS is still currently short one member.

**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.

The Elder Walking program at the Skeetchestn Community School is continuing with Cpl. TOYE. This program gets the Elders out for some light walking while

visiting. We then play Lahal with the students prior to wrapping up. Next event is set for Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. This is an event for community Elders.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Janus attended Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band and was the main chef for a BBQ hosted by the IPS / RCMP for the communities Earth Day events.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Bigcharles did a draw at the Skeetchestn School for the two Xbox gaming systems he raised the money for to donate. The youth who had 90% attendance rate were all eligible for the draw. The school had 18 youth who qualified this year! Congratulations to the winners!



Due to some complaints of vehicles passing the school buses at Skelep School of Excellence, Cpl. Toye has followed each bus on their routes when dropping the students off after school. No infractions noted, this is something the IPS will try to continue throughout the school year.

## Policing Stats:

For the month of April 2023 the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwepmc - 137 calls for service.

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 13 calls for service.

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 1 call for service.

## Upcoming Events:

Please come out for **Coffee With A Cop** in your respective community.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – TteS Coffee With A Cop at 10 am at MSG

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Coffee With A Cop at Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band at 10 am

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Coffee With A Cop at Skeetchestn in the band office gym at 10 am

### Other Events:

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Cpl. Toye has liaised with **WPCIB** communications and Vi Lebourdais to start a **walking group for the youth**. This will begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am, followed by a light lunch.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – **Deadman Creek Rodeo** in Skeetchestn.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Cpl. Toye has arranged for Cpl. Alistair Peers from our provincial headquarters to attend each community to do an **Indigenous gang presentation**.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Elder's Walk at Skeetchestn Community School** at 1 pm. Note: this is changed to a Thursday this month due to other school events.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Memorial Cup Opening Ceremonies** – hosted at the TteS Powwow Arbour.

**May 1 to 31<sup>st</sup>** – **Top Cop Reader Program** at Skelep and Skeetchestn Schools  
IPS members will be in the schools throughout the month.

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

## Safety Issue:

With the spring upon us, many communities are seeing bears becoming active. Just a reminder that you make your property “bear safe”. One of the complaints



we receive is people not properly securing their garbage cans. Please ensure garbage is placed out only on day of removal in your respective community to have less chance of attracting bears.

Please check “bearwise.org” for some great tips on bear safety and other resources.

Many homes will also be burning their grass. Please ensure you contact your respective band to ensure you have the necessary permits. Also, ensure you have fire suppression gear at the ready in the event the fire becomes out of control.

## 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. Please have extra patience as due to the government workers strike, our office is currently short staffed.

**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** (8477)