

# Where The Rivers Meet Community News Letter

Provided by Tk'emlúps Indigenous Policing Services



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

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## What's New?

Cst. Dixon has started a running program during school hours each Tuesday and Thursday at Skeetchestn Community School. So far the children participating in the program are enjoying the extra physical activity.

Cst. Dixon has started assisting with the Mountain Biking Program run at TteS. This is a weekly event, but check ahead as space is limited due to Covid-19 protocols.

## 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 where we can attend, of course taking the necessary Covid-19 safety protocols.**

**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.

## Role of Indigenous Policing Unit:

The IPS members are mandated to provide service programs for your communities. In the past the majority of the programs have been run through the school, but with Covid-19 protocols in place this has been very difficult.

Cst. Bigcharles is still running "The Minnie Mountie" program going which provides safety information to school aged children. For May Cst. Bigcharles concentrated on \*\*\*\*\*

Cst. Janus has continued visiting the day cares at both Skeetchestn and TteS. The young children love having him visit with them.

Cst. Dixon has been working with the kindergarten class, in an outdoor setting, at Skelep School going over safety information.

## Policing Stats:

For the month of March the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwepmc - \*\*\* calls for service.

Skeetchestn Indian Band – \*\* calls for service.

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – \* calls for service.

## Upcoming Events:

A bike rodeo is being planned in partnership with the Skeetchestn Indian Band social development department. This will likely be the first week of June so check your community news letter!

## Fraud Alert:

Unfortunately Covid-19 hasn't deterred those attempting to defraud people. An old scheme is rearing its ugly head again.

**Suspects approach their victims in higher traffic areas (gas stations, grocery store parking lots, etc). The suspects then claim to have lost their wallets and need money for hospital bills or war escaping domestic abuse. There are two versions recently:**

- 1. Suspect approaches an individual and offers to sell them gold jewelry. A transaction is completed for the gold and later on the victim determines that the gold jewellery is fake.**
- 2. Suspect approaches an individual and asks for money for the same type of reasons as above. The suspect offers gold jewelry to the victim as collateral. Later on, the victim determines the jewelry to be fake and doesn't hear back from the suspect.**

Suspects in these type of frauds have generally been foreign nationals, but please be aware of anyone trying this scam when you are out for shopping.

