



Susan McKamey

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My English name is Susan McKamey, my Indian name is Ts'thqwèmath. I am a Member of the Leq'a:mel First Nation located in Deroche B.C. I am pleased to say that next month will mark my one-year anniversary as Office Manager for Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation. I enjoy working for your community and look forward to assisting the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation community as they continue to progress forward with some new and exciting community initiatives

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Comprehensive Community Planning Meetings

- August 12th, 2017 @ 11am
- September 16th, 2017 @ 11am
- October 14th, 2017 @ 11am
- November 11th, 2017 @ 11am

RUBY CREEK ART GALLERY OPEN HOUSE
November 3rd, 2017 @ 7pm

We are thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Art Gallery Gala. Food and drinks will be served while you shop and enjoy cultural entertainment including singing and dancing. It's a great time to start thinking about Christmas shopping and an event that you will not want to miss!

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A message from Chief Maureen Chapman



The activities in the newsletter reinforce that our focus is always building our capacity and opportunities for the community members. While our staff complement has not increased over the years, Sq'ewa:lxw draws upon expertise from long-standing working relationships, such as the Land Forest People, Ltd., lead by David Carson.

With your continued support and participation, you will continue to enjoy the progress we are making together. Your participation in education initiatives, entrepreneurial endeavors and continued learning courses, all assist in building a stronger, united community which will benefit everyone.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING

Land Forest People.

Have you ever dreamed of what your ideal community might be? Have you wished for things that would make your family safe and comfortable? Are your roots at Ruby Creek calling to you? Are there elements of a sustainable village of family that you would love to help make happen? Is there a future you want to give to your children?

Your Chief and Council and staff are preparing to give us all a chance to fulfil those dreams. We have been waiting some time for the opportunity to collectively define our future and that time is now. We hope that everyone will draw together with us on this important work. We want to set our sights on a shared destiny, and we want community members to map out a path to get us there.

The Sq'ewá:lxw Community Vision (or what other communities have referred to as a comprehensive community plan) will:

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Proudly Introducing baby Daniel

Bill Davis and Arlene Charlie would like to introduce you to this handsome little guy. Daniel August Tsakwoltxwemtel Charlie-Davis was born on April 16, 2017. His birth weight was 5lb 8oz and he is now boasting a very healthy 14.5lbs.

Welcome to the family, Daniel.





Post Basic
Early Childhood Education
Award
JENN CARMAN

A message from
Debra Schneider

Happy 150th Canada Day
I can honestly say the mosquito season is here. This past year has been a very busy one for The Lands Dept. The Lands Advisory Committee, with the help of the Lands Forest People Ltd., has completed four Laws for our community. The Enforcement & Ticketing Law which was enacted on November 7, 2016, The Expropriation Law enacted on January 25, 2017 and also The Land Use & Zoning Law enacted on May 23, 2017. We have completed The Environmental Management Law but it still needs a legal review before we can table it at a Chief & Council Meeting.

Sq'ewa:lxw First Nation became an operational land code community in May 2010 which gives us the authority to develop our own laws. These laws will help and guide the Chief & Council to govern and protect our lands.

On a personal note I have enjoyed a couple of camping trips so far, and a few road trips. Our grandchildren are growing and are the highlight of our lives.

I hope you enjoy your summer. All work & no play makes for a dull life.
God Bless



Jenn Carman, Sq'ewa:lxw First Nation, attended the University of the Fraser Valley to complete her Post Basic ECE Infant and Toddler Diploma April, 2016. She has been working in the ECE field since graduating with her ECE certificate in 2009 from UFV. Jenn worked in a number of different Centers in Chilliwack before finding where she felt she needed to be, at À:lmèlhàwtwx Early Education Centre located at Sto:lo Nation.

Jenn began working at Sto:lo Nation in 2010 and over the years has grown professionally and personally. During this time, Jenn worked within the department as an ECE, as Coordinator for Aboriginal Family Place, Daycare Coordinator, and is currently Centre Supervisor. She feels passionate about providing high quality education and programming for Aboriginal children, children in care, and children who live locally.

While she devotes time and energy to ensure she has the skills and knowledge to be a contributing band member and member of the community, she works hard to provide a safe and secure life for her young daughter Mia.

WEDDING IN THE HALL



This spring, Sq'ewa:lxw was honoured to host the wedding of a young couple from Agassiz. In April, Tiffany and Corry tied the knot in a beautiful outdoor ceremony and then hosted the dinner and dance in our hall.

This is a fantastic venue for a wedding or other special event. If you would like to rent the hall please contact our Economic Developer at mike@skawahlook.com



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- Have its foundation in the inherent title and rights of the people;
- Be inclusive of all community members;
- Describe a long-term vision;
- Honour the past;
- Embrace change and evolve with time as a living plan ;
- Address all aspects of community life;
- Strengthen governance and build capacity; and
- Include an action plan that will immediately set us on our path.

The Halq'eméylem word sq'ép means a meeting or a gathering. With community participation being at the heart of the work, planning will take place within community engagement sessions which we will call sq'ép. Together we will learn from the past, evaluate the present, and envision the future.

Sq'ép will take place on Saturdays. We will start with lunch and continue into the afternoon for a few hours. All will be welcome at the circle. Facilitators will ensure that the sq'ép is at all times respectful, comfortable, and safe.

Supporting the work we will have a dedicated newsletter called Sq'ewa:lxw Sqwélqwel.

You will very soon be receiving more information. There will be many ways to participate. We will be reaching out via the website, Facebook, Sq'ewa:lxw Sqwélqwel, postal mail outs, and email. You will be encouraged to regularly look for new information on our website and Facebook page. Please send us your email address if you wish to receive information that way.

We urge you to get involved, share your vision, support the project team, and make the Sq'ewa:lxw Community Vision your own.

We have taken on a big task and we will be working together on a first version of the Community Plan for about two years. We will be kicking off our work with our first Sq'ép on August 12th in the hall at Ruby Creek. Please save that day on your calendar.

Your Champion of this initiative is Sharron Young. Please feel free to contact Sharron with any thoughts you may have. See you at Ruby Creek on August 12th!



Trena Point and her son, Mason (above)
Trena's husband Brandon, and their sons Liam and Tanner. (below)



SUMMER STUDENT - TRENA POINT

Happy Summer of 2017 Sq'ewa:lxw Community

My name is Trena Point, I am from Skowkale Reserve in Chilliwack. My father is Keith Point, whose parents are Mark Point & Jill Charlie. My mother is Vikki Point from West Saanich whose parents are Emanuel & Gloria Cooper. I am married to Brandon Jimmie from Squiala and we have 3 beautiful boys together. I am a current student at University of the Fraser Valley in the Bachelor of Science Degree program. I am hoping to use my Science Degree to aid in becoming a Veterinarian.

I have been hired at the Sq'ewa:lxw Administration Band Office as the Receptionist and Data Entry Clerk for the summer. Throughout the past few weeks I have been helping Sq'ewa:lxw to go paperless, by scanning all archived files onto the computer, as well as aiding the Administration team in daily tasks. I have really enjoyed the daily drive from Chilliwack out to such a beautiful community and working with a very welcoming team.

My evenings and weekends consist of Canoe Paddling for the Five Star Canoe Club and travelling around lower BC and upper Washington to canoe races, we usually camp and enjoy each other's company every weekend. I also really enjoy hiking and exploring new territory along with the new challenges.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you throughout the next few months. Enjoy the Sun!

Trena