

Sto:lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) Gathering

Sq'ewá:lw̓x hosted the Annual SXTA Gathering in our Community Hall on November 2, 2019. Information and updates were shared, along with a delicious meal prepared by Merle. A fun photo booth was set up for all to enjoy and the Spindle Whorl Dance Group provided us with live entertainment. Attendees were able to browse The Ruby Creek Art Gallery and many chose to visit the Syéxw Chó:leq̓w Adventure Park.



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2019

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A message from Chief Maureen Chapman



Welcome to Fall!

It has been a very eventful year. A lot of time and energy was consumed preparing members for the settlement funds from the Seabird Island Specific Claim. A weekend in August brought the family members together to work on necessary preparations to receive settlement money. Great food and information sharing helped community members to get reacquainted and pose for family and group pictures. Many thanks to Sharron Young for working so hard with the banks and many other individuals to provide a smooth process. As well, Susan and Dianna worked very hard to ensure all went well for the family weekend - appreciate all you do for us.

Along with Helen Joe, Chief Angie Bailey and Alisha Bailey, we organized the Naming Ceremony in October (please see inside pages for more details).

Sq'ewá:lw̓x hosted the annual Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) Gathering (please see the back page for more details).

The Premier's annual meeting was well attended this year and the SXTA met with Ministers from Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Forestry, Land and Natural Resources and Children and Families. Minister Donaldson is reviewing the funding for the Rural Dividend Fund in order for our community to expand and improve on the Adventure Park.

Two weeks of holidays in October provided the much needed break from the work and I spent this time with a friend of 40 years.

The Christmas lights are on at our building and we are looking forward to the holiday season. Blessings to you and your families. See you at the family Christmas party.

All the best in 2020!

SXTA Constitution



We are a year away from voting on the SXTA Constitution. With this newsletter mailout, we are also providing members with copies of the SXTA Constitution and a SXTA Constitution Powerpoint. Please take the time to go through this valuable information and familiarize yourselves with these documents.

Community Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14
5:00 pm
at Sq'ewá:lw̓x
Community Hall

Please RSVP to 604-796-9129
We would love to celebrate the season with you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14, 2019
Community Christmas Dinner
5:00 pm

February 5, 2020
Sq'ewá:lw̓x SSA Health
Implementation Review
@ Shandhar Hut
8835 Young Road,
Chilliwack
5:30 pm

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Healthy Hints - Benefits of Drinking Water

1. It lubricates the joints.
2. It helps us digest food and keeps the mouth, nose and eyes moist.
3. It delivers oxygen throughout the body.
4. It boosts skin health and beauty.
5. It cushions the brain, spinal cord, and other sensitive tissues.
6. It regulates body temperature.
7. It flushes body waste.
8. It helps maintain blood pressure.
9. The airways need it.
10. It makes minerals and nutrients accessible.
11. It prevents kidney damage.
12. It may help with weight loss if consumed instead of juices and sodas.





A message from Councillor Debra Schneider

It is now November and Christmas is just around the corner. It seems the older we get, the faster the years go by.

This year, in May we had a successful vote from our members who voted in favour to accept the Seabird Island Specific Claim. Our community, along with six other communities received \$21.3 million in compensation for lands that were taken from us without consultation.

I have been busy attending SXTA meetings and workshops; STSA monthly meetings which deal with land issues going on, in and around our territory; and Health and Education meetings.

I recently attended a First Nation Registry training event in Vancouver, which will help with registering documents in the Lands Registry.

On October 26, 2019, I was honoured with a traditional Indian Name, which is Ta:leyelhot, which means "good mother". Also receiving traditional Indian names were Sharron Young, Brett Chapman, David Carson and my husband, David Schneider. It was a very special day and one I will always hold close to my heart.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. See you in 2020!



Naming Ceremony

A Naming Ceremony took place on October 26, 2019 at the Sq'ewá:lxw Community Hall. There were 5 people that were honoured with their traditional names and many family and friends came to witness the event. The names and meanings are:

- Brett Chapman - Q'é:ilestel - Wise (male)
- Sharron Young - Q'é:ilesemot - Wise (female)
- Debra Schneider - Tá:leyelhot - Good Mother
- David Carson - Th'ál-éyem-éleq - Good, Strong Heart
- David Schneider - Ey Lexw s'i lé tel - Awesome Papa



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the day.



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2019 Possession and Acquisition License Course and Test Success



7/7 Sq'ewá:lxw Members Passed the PAL Exam



Salmon Distribution

Sq'ewá:lxw has procured over 100 Spring and Dog Salmon to be smoked. These will be ready for distribution at the Community Christmas Dinner on December 14.



Graduation Announcement

Crystal Chapman recently graduated from the Aboriginal Liaison Program at Seabird College in partnership with the Justice Institute of British Columbia. We wish her well in her endeavours. Congratulations for all of your hard work Crystal!



Weaving Workshop



The Coast Salish Wool Weaving Workshop was a success. Our instructor Angela George brought out hidden talents from our members that attended. This workshop has inspired a Sunday afternoon Weaving Guild. Please call Bill if you would like to attend this family-based event.



Christmas Humour

