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**SPLATSIN MONTHLY** 



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CONTACT JESSICA KENT FOR MORE INFO OR TO REQUEST TRAINING (250) 309-2331

JESSICA\_KENT@SPLATSIN.CA

# TITLE AND RIGHTS COMMUNITY UPDATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. SPLATSIN COMMUNITY CENTRE DINNER PROVIDED



MEET THE TITLE AND RIGHTS TEAM AND LEARN ABOUT OUR INITIATIVES AND HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED.



#### WELLBRIETY

June 7, 14, 21, 28 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

In-person Wellbriety sessions take place Tuesday evenings at the Splatsin Community Centre. Dinner is included.

Wellbriety is focused on helping people achieve balance, and an support with:

- Conflict and disharmony in relationships.
- Impacts of abuse and violence.
- Grief.
- · Other subjects.

Contact Jean Brown at (250) 306-6741 for more information.

#### **CREATIVE CORNER**

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Held Wednesday afternoons at the Splatsin Community Centre, Creative Corner focuses on creativity and culture.

Enjoy socializing and artistic activities.

- Rattle making
- Beading
- Painting
- Designing mugs
- Ribbon skirts
- Charcoal drawings
- Medicine bags
- Dream catchers
- And more!





#### COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

June 1: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Splatsin Community Centre, the focus of this community assembly will be to present the 2020-2021 Audit Results. splatsin.ca/event/june-assembly

If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via Zoom. Visit **splatsin.ca/event/june-assembly** for details.

### INDIGENOUS MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

June 2: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Partake in smudging, meditation, drum breathing exercises, gentle yoga, and mindful eating. Held at the Splatsin Community Centre.

Register for this workshop by contacting Jessica Kent. E-mail jessica\_kent@splatsin.ca or call (250) 309-2331.

### TITLE AND RIGHTS COMMUNITY UPDATE

June 2: 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Attend this information session, held at the Splatsin Community Centre and meet the Title and Rights Team.

Learn about the team's initiatives and how you can get involved. Dinner will be provided.

For any questions, please contact Ash Simpson. E-mail ashley\_simpson@splatsin.ca
Or call (250) 260-0992.

### HARVEST & MEDICINE CREATION - SESSION 2

June 13: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Listen to an eduational presentation and get hands-on making lotions, sprays, and teas.

Registration is required. Please contact Jessica Kent by e-mail at jessica\_kent@splatsin.ca or call (250) 309-2331.



# UNVEILING OF FIRST SECWEPEMC LANDMARK SCULPTURE SALMON ARM WHARF | SATURDAY, JUNE 25 | 10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

### Waytkp!

The first Secwépemc Landmark sculpture, designed and built by Rod Tomma, Tilkotmes Tomma, nd Eric Kutschker, will be unveiled at the Salmon Arm Wharf on Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The first Secwépemc Landmarks Project Team would love to have the Splatsin community attend to celebrate this installation. Please RSVP to lchisholm@shuswaptrails.com if you would like to attend the unveiling celebration.

The Secwépemc Landmarks project aims to work with Secwépemc and non-Secwépemc Artists, Secwépemc Elders, and youth to create a series of sculptures with interpretive signage that highlight Secwépemc place names, relationships to lands and waters, and presence within Secwepemcúlecw.

The two larger sculptures will be 6-7 feet high, and smaller sculptures are 3-4 feet high. Sculptures are shaped like Coyote Rocks, with metalwork shaped to represent oral histories and place names shared by the Secwépemc Lakes Elders for each area. This project is led by Adams Lake, Splatsín, Neskonlith, and Little Shuswap, with administrative support from the Shuswap Trail Alliance.

If any community members have any questions, comments, or concerns about the project please contact Councilor Shelley Witzky by e-mailing switzky@alib.ca.

Kukwstsamc, and with respect,

### The Secwépemc Landmarks Project Team

Tkwemiple7 Shelley Witzky, Dorry William, and Libby Chisholm



#### PILOT MOWING PROJECT

The Splatsin Title and Rights Department will be undertaking a small pilot mowing project with B.C. Hydro on IR#2.

#### **SCHEDULE**

There are currently two options being conidered for when this work can be carried out.

Option 1: Spring - Late May to June

Option 2: Fall - Mid-September to Mid-November

#### **GOALS**

BC Hydro's goals in completing project include:

- Reduce tall growing trees/shrubs so they do not get too close to the powerlines.
- Reduce fire hazard/fuels by using a mower rather than hand slashing.
- Retain as much of the low growing shrubs and plants as possible.
- Respect local land uses and learn more about them to help in future work planning.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

There are pros and cons associated with all types of vegetation management. Our goal is to minimize the negative impacts.

In past years, this site has been hand-slashed by local crews. While providing employment, this is also very tough, physical work. At this point, there would be a lot of debris to manage, which could increase possible fire fuels. Local crews have lots of work lined up for this year; changing this work to mowing does not negatively impact them.

Mowing has the ability to break up the debris and leave it laying flat on the ground, reducing long term fire risk.

#### Option 1 (Spring) Considerations

- Trees growing too close to the power lines will be cut down before summer and before this year's growth this improves safety.
- Wildlife (birds, elk, bears) will be nesting and young may be using the area, there will be some disturbance.
- Short term removal of forage until resprout; some will occur this year, some next year.

#### Option 2 (Fall) Considerations

- Debris from mowing is put on the ground right before winter, fire hazard is reduced due to wet fall / winter conditions.
- Area is drier in the fall and possibly less used by wildlife.
- Vegetation will resprout in the spring of 2023.

Any questions that you have about this project can be directed to Frank Joe, Territorial Lands Manager by e-mail at frank\_joe@splatsin.ca or by calling (250) 838-6496, ext. 807.



### YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Occurring on Mondays and Fridays from 4-6 pm, this program is for youth ages 12-18. This is an opportunity for Splatsin children and youth to participate in fun, meaningful and beneficial activities.

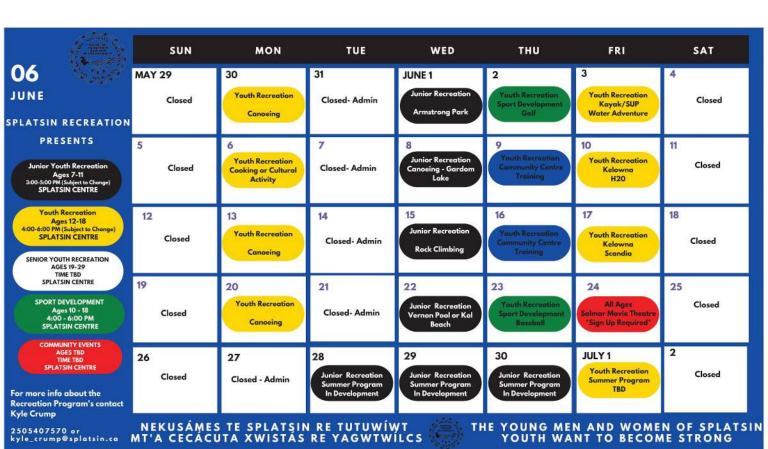
### JUNIOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Occurring on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm, this program is for youth ages 7-14. It is geared toward introducing Splatsin children to the Recreation Program at an early age in order for our staff to develop strong connections for future programming opportunities.

### SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For ages 10-18, this program is open to Splatsin youth who are interested in developing their interest and skills in a variety of sports. We will introduce youth to a variety of sports in hopes that they gain an interest in one or more. When this happens, staff will look for ways to get youth more thoroughly involved in their chosen sport(s).

For more information about recreational activities, contact the Recreation Manager, Kyle Crump: call (250) 838-6496 ext. 314 or e-mail kyle\_crump@splatsin.ca.







### INTRODUCTION FROM THE JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR YOUR AREA

Weyt-kp,

My name is Carrie Higginbottom, and I am writing to introduce myself as the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator with Secwepemc Health Caucus for the Central & Lakes Sub-Region, and to let you know how I can support you and your children to access health, social, and education supports, including Jordan's Principle funding.

Jordan's Principle is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children living in Canada have access to the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

To support families, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) BC Region has been working with First Nations partners to develop and implement a made-in-BC Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination model of care that puts First Nations children and families at the centre of service delivery.

As a Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, I can work with you to identify and facilitate timely access to a whole range of federal and provincial health, social, and education products, services, and supports, to meet your child's needs. Plus, I can address questions about Jordan's Principle and assist you to submit requests for funding under Jordan's Principle on their behalf. To be eligible, children must be between the ages of 0-19 years of age (older ages maybe considered under certain circumstances).

Further information about Jordan's Principle, including eligibility and how to submit a request can be found at this link:

https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396042341/1568396159824

I will primarily work with families in the following Secwepemc communities: High Bar, Bonaparte, Simpcw, Tk'emlúps, Whispering Pines/Clinton, Skeetchestn, Little Shuswap Lake (Chase), Neskonlith (Chase & Salmon Arm), Adams Lake Sxwetsmellp (Chase), Splats'in/Spallumcheen (Enderby & Vernon) and Shuswap Band (Invermere) that reside on or off reserve are welcome to connect with me. Below is my contact information.

Secwepemc Health Caucus Office: (250) 571-1000 Cell: (250) 571-5337 jpl@secwepemchealth.ca www.secwepemchealth.ca

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## FIRST NATIONS LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

#### Call for First Nations Artist Interpretations

In the summer of 2022, the First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS) will be launching its new website and introducing its new logo. FNESS is looking for First Nation Artists to submit their artwork that reflects its work, its values and the four pillars of emergency management.

#### **FNESS Values**

Courage: Strength and curiosity while determining the most beneficial actions with communities.

Honesty: Open and transparent environments in all actions.

Integrity: Consistent and accountable for all actions, assessing and adapting as needed.

Passion: Acknowledging enthusiasm and initiative; rewarding success regularly.

Respect: Inclusiveness and teamwork that allows fairness, balance, and harmony in all activities; appreciative of cultural diversities.

Trustworthiness: Providing credible and state-of-the-art recognized services.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS \*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*

Health & Wellness has not yet been approved for the 2022/2023 year. Please hold on to your receipts!

When the funding is approved, the new forms will be posted and you will be able to mail in your original receipts.



The relaunch of the FNESS brand will reflect First Nations' resilience and culture, FNESS values, and the four pillars of emergency management: mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery.

To make a submission: Please submit an electronic copy or photograph of your artwork, a description of your artwork and how it represents the FNESS values and the four pillars of emergency management. Please also include a short artist biography.

#### The deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm on June 22, 2022.

Please send submissions to Jo-Anne Hales, Communications Specialist.

Cell: (250) 462-1752; E-mail: jhales@fness.bc.ca

We appreciate all submissions however only the winner will be contacted.

#### IT'S PROPERTY TAX TIME AGAIN

We are back to our regular tax schedule and Splatsin Band Members will be receiving their tax notice in the first week of June 2022.

Remember: Taxes are due payable on or before July 2, 2022.

For more information, please visit splatsin.ca/2022-tax-schedule to view the 2022 Tax Schedule.

For any questions, please contact Marie Unger, Property Tax Department and Finance Support by e-mailing marie\_unger@splatsin.ca or dial (250) 838-6496, ext. 710.



## OFFICE OF THE INDIAN REGISTRY ADMINISTRATOR

#### **OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

All clients must book an appointment. Due to the length of appointments, there will be a 15-minute grace period for clients to be tardy. If clients are beyond the 15 minutes, they must reschedule.

If callers are local and wish to be added to the 'cancel' or 'no show' list, we can let them know when someone does not show or must cancel an appointment.

Non-Splatsin members need to have their membership clerk send an email to membership@splatsin.ca or fax (250) 838-6476 verification of the Status card particulars, incuding:

- Last known card issued (if available)
- Name
- · Date of Birth
- Registration Number (Band Number)
- Registry Group (Band Name)

#### Administration Fees

\$45.00 for Paper Laminate Card (Non-Splatsin Members) \$65.00 for Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card (Non-Splatsin Members)

### APPOINTMENT TIMES

 WEDNESDAY
 THURSDAY

 9:00 A.M.
 9:00 A.M.

 10:00 A.M.
 10:00 A.M.

 11:00 A.M.
 11:00 A.M.

 (DROP-IN)
 1:00 P.M.

PAPERWORK 3:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

(NO APPT)



#### BE "BEAR AWARE"

As spring develops it is a wonderful time to get out on the tmicw (land). Title and Rights would like to remind you to be cautious because bears are waking up, and other animals have their young that they are trying to keep safe. Animals have made it through the long winter and are searching for food, and do not need any more stress. Please be careful enjoying the territory.

Here is a reminder to be bear aware and make your property bear-proof with as little damage as possible to the bear population or community members:

- Be aware that there are bears out and around so to keep garbage, birdfeeders and other types of food attractants locked up, empty or to make sure that it's not left unattended for too long to prevent bears hanging around and learning that people provide food sources.
- If you see a bear and it's not in transit to make noise and try to move it along, so long as there is a clear and safe way for the bear to leave the area.
- If people are leaving the office or their home, it's recommended to make noise as they are exiting and have a look around for any wildlife that may be moving through to let them know that you're there too and avoid any unwanted interaction. Bears are mostly just wanting to move through without any attention or trouble but it's increasingly more difficult for them to do so with all the development.

The Skwalaqs (Black Bear) is a friend to our people. They look after all the four-legged creatures as well as berries, fish, and water. We live in bear habitat and need to ensure that as stewards of the land, we are not contributing to unwanted conflict with wildlife.

If bears or cougars are showing more aggressive or threatening behaviour, please call the RAPP (report a poacher or polluter) line at +1 (877) 952-7277.