

SPLATSIN NEKW' TE MAGCA SPLATSIN MONTHLY



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Interested in a career
with Splatsin?



Be sure to visit our Employment page to review the available opportunities:

splatsin.ca/category/employment

ART IN THE PARK APPLICATION

Parks Canada would like to offer one spot free of charge for the 2024 Art in the Park program to a member of one of the Indigenous nations whose traditionally used lands and waters include Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national Parks.

Visit: splatsin.ca/art-in-the-park-application-form





UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 4, 2024

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

SALMAR CLASSIC MOVIE THEATRE

The Splatsin Education Department will be hosting a Family Movie Night at the Salmar Classic Theatre on Thursday, January 4, 2024. No registration is needed — just show up! If transportation is needed, please email Brenna Joseph at brenna_joseph@splatsin.ca.

JANUARY 8 & 22, 2024

WELLBRIETY

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FLEX ROOM, SPLATSIN HEALTH CENTRE

Wellbriety can support with conflict and disharmony in relationships, impacts of abuse and violence, grief, and more. Dinner is provided. Contact Jean Brown for more information: (250) 838-9538, ext. 303.

JANUARY 16, 2024

PAINT & SOCIAL EVENT

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SPLATSIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

This is an 18+ years event. Come out and have fun! Dinner will be provided.

Seats are limited and registration is required: contact Miranda at miranda_kimbasket@splatsin.ca or (250) 306-8324.

JANUARY 11, 2024: ADVANCE POLLS

JANUARY 22, 2024: POLLS

SPLATSIN ELECTION

8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SPLATSIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Be sure to cast your vote this upcoming election! Either complete and deliver to the Electoral Officer a mail-in ballot package or attend the Advance Polls or Polls in person.



RECREATION

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).

The Splatsin Recreation Department's guiding principle is **T.E.A.M.:**

Togetherness, Encouragement, Activities, and Mentorship.

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JANUARY



SPLATSIN RECREATION PRESENTS

- Junior Youth Recreation**
Ages 7-12
3:00 - 5:00 PM (Subject to Change)
SPLATSIN CENTRE
- Youth Recreation**
Ages 12-18
4:00-6:00 PM (Subject to Change)
SPLATSIN CENTRE
- SENIOR YOUTH RECREATION**
AGES 19-29
TIME TBD
SPLATSIN CENTRE
- COMMUNITY EVENTS & INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY**
AGES: TBD
TIMES: TBD
SPLATSIN CENTRE

For more info about the Recreation Program's contact Kyle Crump

2505407570 or
kyle_crump@splatsin.ca

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Closed	January 1 Closed - Stat	2 Youth Recreation Skiing Silver Star	3 No Youth	4 Youth Recreation Skiing Silver Star	5 No Youth	6 Closed
7 Closed	8 No Youth	9 Closed - Admin	10 Junior Youth Recreation Sports and Games Splatsin Centre	11 Youth Recreation Cooking	12 Youth Recreation 10-Pin Bowling Kelowna	13 Youth Recreation Skiing Silver Star
14 Closed	15 Youth Recreation SNTC Meeting Kamloops	16 Closed - Admin	17 Junior Youth Recreation Silver Star Tubing	18 Youth Recreation Sports Night Splatsin Centre	19 Youth Recreation Night Skiing Silver Star	20 Closed
21 Closed	22 No Youth	23 Closed - Admin	24 Junior Youth Recreation Make Your Own Pizza	25 Youth Recreation Cross Country Sovereign Lake	26 Youth Recreation Vernon Pool	27 Youth Recreation Skiing Silver Star
28 Closed	29 To Be Determined	30 Closed - Admin	31 Junior Youth Recreation Nature Walk Snowshoeing	FEBRUARY 1 To Be Determined	2 Coming Soon!	3 Closed

NEKUSÁMES TE SPLATSIN RE TUTUWÍWT
MT'A CECÁCUTA XWISTÁS RE YAGWTWÍLCS



THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF SPLATSIN
YOUTH WANT TO BECOME STRONG

SPLATSIN
CHIEF AND COUNCIL ELECTION 2024

NOTICE OF POLLS

Notice is hereby given to all Splitsin Registered Voters that the Polls for the positions of one (1) Chief and five (5) Councillors will be held:

ADVANCE POLLS

DATE: January 11, 2024
TIME: 8:00am – 8:00pm
LOCATION: Splitsin Community Centre, 5767 Old Vernon Road, Enderby BC

POLLS

DATE: January 22, 2024
TIME: 8:00am – 8:00pm
LOCATION: Splitsin Community Centre, 5767 Old Vernon Road, Enderby BC

A Voter may vote by:

1. Completing and delivering to the Electoral Officer a mail-in ballot package, or
2. Attending the Polls.

The ballots will be counted immediately following the close of polls at 8:00pm.

A list of Electors is posted in the Band Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Electoral Officer by phone, text, or email.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December 2023.



Marcus Hadley
Electoral Officer

255 Linden Ave
Victoria BC V8V 4E6

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Email: marcus.hadley@gmail.com

SPLATSIN
CHIEF AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

Notice is hereby given to all Splitsin Electors that the following Nominees have qualified to stand as Candidates in the current by-election.

COUNCILLOR

ANTOINE , Anthony Charles (Tony)
ANTOINE , Trina
FELIX , Edna Karen
FELIX , Yvonne Rosa
HARRY , Stephanie L.
JEZEWSKY , Phyllis
JOHNSON (COOK) , Crystal River Setatka
JONES , Bryce
KIMBASKET , Miranda Ida Leanne
LEE , Lawrence Bing-on
MORGAN , Gloria
MORRIS , Crystal Dawn
NICHOLAS , Sherman Gene
TRONSON , Vikki

CHIEF

CHRISTIAN , Michael
JOSEPH , Nerissa M.
WILLIAM , George

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone, text or email.

Given under my hand at Victoria, this 18th day of December 2023.

MARCUS HADLEY
255 LINDEN AVE
VICTORIA BC V8V 4E6
cell: (250) 884-4703
email: marcus.hadley@gmail.com

Marcus Hadley
Signature of Electoral Officer

NOTICE OF CORRECTED BALLOT

Notice is hereby given to all Splitsin Voters that there was an error on the ballot for Councillor previously mailed out. Trina Antoine's name did not appear on that ballot although she qualified to stand as a candidate.

Accordingly, a corrected ballot package has been mailed to every Voter which includes Trina Antoine's name on the Councillor ballot. **THIS BALLOT IS ON COLOURED PAPER.**

Please note that neither the Chief nor the Councillor ballots from the previous mail out will be counted and Voters should complete and return both ballots in the new packages along with the Voter Declaration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Electoral Officer by phone, text, or email.

Given under my hand at Victoria, this 18th day of December 2023.

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Marcus Hadley
Signature of Electoral Officer

OFFICE OF THE INDIAN REGISTRY ADMINISTRATOR
OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

APPOINTMENT
TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. (DROP-IN)
1:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.

THURSDAYS

9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.
1:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M.

NO APPT AVAILABLE AT 3:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAYS AS THIS
TIME SLOT IS NEEDED FOR PAPERWORK.

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

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

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

Since settlers arrived in *Secwepemčúlcw* (Splatsin territory), caribou were overhunted and the land has changed significantly through human expansion, logging, dam building and reservoirs. Over time, these impacts have led to dramatic loss of caribou.

Settlers also took control and made new rules about how people could live. They put Splatsin people into residential schools and reservations, taking them away from their responsibility as *Yucwmenlúcw*.

Caribou and other animals have been displaced by the activities of settlers (e.g., logging, roads, railways). Now animals overlap in places they never used to, throwing the ecosystem into imbalance.

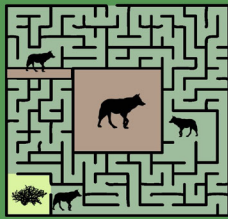
Roads and logging are especially bad for caribou. Logging converts old forest to young forest, attracting moose and deer into areas occupied by caribou. *Malást'íya* (wolves) follow, using roads for quick access.

Caribou did not evolve to cope with such high wolf numbers and are easily killed. As a result, caribou are now very rare in Splatsin territory.

MAZE

Try navigating your caribou around the cutblock and road to reach its food: *wíla* (lichen!)

Be sure to avoid wolves to survive.



Despite the many hardships and injustices Splatsin people have faced, today's Splatsin people have adapted to the changes and now have a strong relationship with the *selcwayáca* (moose) that have moved into Splatsin territory over the last century.

CARIBOU in Splatsin Territory

(*Secwepemčúlcw*)

A story of reconnection

Acknowledgements
Thank you to Trina Antoine, Ash Simpson, Wapiti Studios and Biodiversity Pathways.

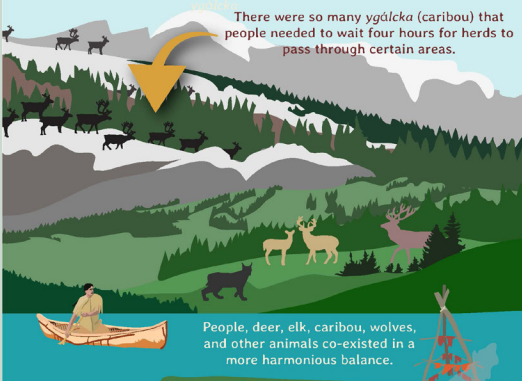


Biodiversity Pathways



Pre-contact, as *Yucwmenlúcw* (Caretakers of the Land) Splatsin people took care of the land and it took care of them in return. People cared for the *Tmícw* (land and all living things) so that caribou were plentiful.

There were so many *ygálca* (caribou) that people needed to wait four hours for herds to pass through certain areas.



People, deer, elk, caribou, wolves, and other animals co-existed in a more harmonious balance.



Splatsin people depended on *ygálca* (caribou) as a main food source and even lived by following their migration routes.

One of the most important gatherings of the year was in the Wells Gray Park area, where Splatsin and other communities would come together (*Mkwátaka*) following the caribou migration.



I would like to see future generations hunt caribou. They were a part of our culture that has been lost. We haven't been hunting them because there hasn't been enough - but they're part of our culture and language.

- Loretta Eustache

Splatsin community members are sharing and preserving caribou knowledge and regaining their responsibility as *Yucwmenlúcw*.



In April 2022, a three-day Knowledge Gathering Forum was held at the Splatsin Community Centre.



Check out this short video to learn more about the Forum!

The information gathered from Elders, Knowledge Keepers and western scientists is being used to preserve the histories and cultural values related to caribou, moose, deer, and elk, and determine a population goal for caribou in the next 100 years.



It's not so much for us anymore - it's planning for the future generations. For those yet unborn, I think it's important we have a herd that give Splatsin an opportunity to hunt caribou.

- Marshall Jones

Recovering caribou could also help grow *selcwayáca* (moose) populations in the short term. Moose numbers can grow when wolf numbers decrease, providing more harvest opportunities for Splatsin hunters.

This benefit was realized by Splatsin members who traveled to the Revelstoke Valley after the Forum to harvest moose. Here, moose populations are doing great thanks to wolf reduction for caribou recovery.



In the long term, to keep caribou in Splatsin territory large areas of old growth forest need to be protected.

Splatsin members continue to fight to regain their rights as *Yucwmenlúcw*, which will allow our community to have greater power to make these types of decisions.

While impacted habitats recover, it's important to manage wolves, moose, and human recreation such as snowmobiling and heli-skiing to ensure the survival of caribou.



Near Revelstoke, Splatsin partnered in a maternity pen project to help boost caribou numbers.

Pregnant caribou were kept in a fenced area, safely away from predators. They gave birth and reared their calves before being returned to the wild.



Learn more about the maternity pen project!

WORD MATCH

Match the Splatsin words on the left to the living thing on the right.
Hint: you can find all the translations throughout this document!

- Selcwayáca
- Malást'íya
- Wíla
- Ygálca



Everything is connected: if we can take care of the land and take care of the caribou, they will take care of us and all our relations into the future.

Paint & Social

JANUARY 16, 2024

5PM TO 7PM

18+ years, Registration Required
Limited seats



Event for Splatsin members

Dinner Provided
Splatsin Community Centre
5767 Old Vernon Road

For more information
Miranda Kimbasket 250-306-8324
miranda_kimbasket@splatsin.ca

Event Sponsored by SSAC & IRSS



APPLY NOW



Project Management for Indigenous Women 2024

Trans Mountain and IAMC are offering a Project Management for Indigenous Women Program starting in April 2024.

This unique Mount Royal University program will be open to a limited number of successful applicants.

- Starts April 16, 2024
- 100% online
- Seven courses
- 15-20 hours per week includes homework
- 12-month program
- No cost to participate
- Program completed as one group
- Coaching support



APPLY BY February 16, 2024 to:

Stephanie_Felker@transmountain.com

DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION FORM:
splatsin.ca/project-management-indigenous-women

