

# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

## N'Quatqua Band/Health Station

Jenn Levine/Reception ext.221

Email: [jennifer.levine@nquatqua.ca](mailto:jennifer.levine@nquatqua.ca)

Deadline for next newsletter will be:

Wednesday September 6th

If you have any important information or suggestions for the newsletter you would like to share please contact the Band & Health Station at the front desk during office hours or email me before the deadline.

## N'Quatqua Band & Health Station

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday-September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**(Labour Day)**



**OFFICE RE-OPEN**

**Tuesday- September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**From N'Quatqua Band Staff.**



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Health Office Box 100  
D'Arcy, B.C. Canada  
V0N-1L0

120 Casper Charlie Place  
Toll free # 1-800-933-0323

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Health Office Phone & Fax

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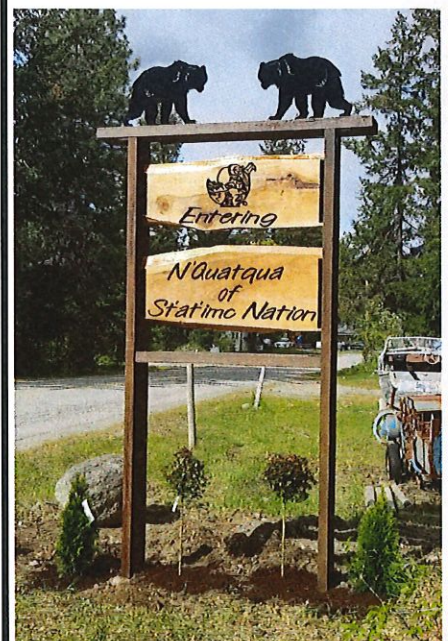
Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

9:00am-4:30pm

Lunch

12:30pm-1:00pm





## Social Development Worker- Sylvia Patrick

**\*\*Friendly Reminder to Social Assistance Clients\*\***

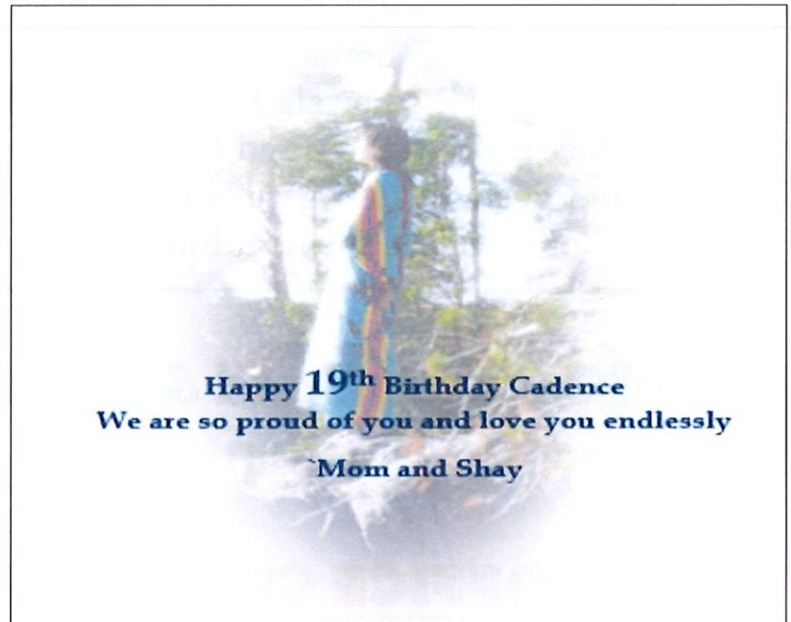
Renewals & Utility bills are due: **Monday- August 21, 2023**  
(Renewal slips can be found at the Band/Health Station table)

Direct Deposit/Cheque: **Tuesday- August 29, 2023**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please give me a call.

Thank-you,

Sylvia Patrick  
Social Development Worker  
(604) 452-3221 ext. 224  
sylvia.patrick@nquatqua.ca



### Squamish Community Shopping Day (BUS- limited seats) **Tuesday- August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023** **leave at 8:00am**

Please phone the N'Quatqua Band & Health Station  
to put your name on the list.  
(604) 452-3221

\*Friendly reminder there is **zero tolerance** of any Drugs, alcohol and marijuana permitted on the Band Vehicles\*

**\*\* Must wear a face mask on Band Vehicles\*\***



## Wellness Worker- Adele Fletcher



International Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2023

At: Health Station 5pm

Drumming and Supper provided

Bring your own water bottles & Chairs

## Call for Catering

### **International Overdose Awareness Day**



**DINNER**- Thursday August 31st  
5:00 pm

**For 20 people**  
**Delivered to N'Quatqua Band/Health Station Boardroom**

- Must provide copy of Food Safe Certification
- Double Vaccinated
- Must be home cooked meals and not ready made food/prepackaged.
- include meal, dessert and drinks, and cutlery ect.

**Deadline: August 21<sup>st</sup>, 12pm**

Submit your full menu and cost to Adele Fletcher/Wellness Worker  
[adele.fletcher@nquatqua.ca](mailto:adele.fletcher@nquatqua.ca)

Or drop it off with Jenn Levine at front desk, N'Quatqua Band/Health Station.



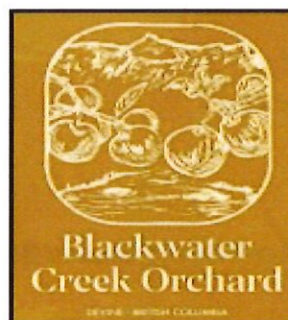
N'Quatqua family,

Please note, we are in the position of taking down another of our old buildings as it is unsafe and is becoming a hazard. This is the old Fisheries/Hatchery/DICOR building.

We know how much our buildings mean to us!! Therefore, we will offer an opportunity to say goodbye to our old Fisheries/DICOR office that was home to many conversations and discussions. In addition, we are offering the chance to pick out the usable materials, contact N'Quatqua Health Station if you want to be on that list, it will be fairly offered lottery style to our members in community. Our goodbye will happen on August 21, 2023 at 10:00am.

N'Quatqua Leadership

**Fresh Produce Donation by  
Blackwater Creek Orchard**



**Fresh produce will be donated to the N'Quatqua Band and ready on Wednesday's, they will deliver weekly.**

**Different items each week.**

**Come on by the N'Quatqua Band/Health Station Boardroom to check it out.**

**Thank you Blackwater Creek Orchard 😊**



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## Band Meeting Agenda August 30, 2023 – 6pm

1. Opening Prayer
2. 2024 Stl'atl'imc Gathering Community survey
3. Statement of Intent (Grizz Bear)
4. Other

Chantel Thevarge is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Nquatqua Band Meeting  
Time: Aug 30, 2023 06:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87992938354?pwd=NGlORzdtcDBNbHd5REk1TDNKMFdRdz09>

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Passcode: 742137

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## **Emails for N'Quatqua Band Staff**

**Phone: (604) 452-3221 & (604) 452-3290**

**Fax: (604) 452-3295 & (604) 452-3280**

### **N'Quatqua Band/Health Station Staff emails**

Reception- Jenn Levine	ext.221	jennifer.levine@nquatqua.ca
Community Health Representative- Nicole Patrick	ext.222	nicole.patrick@nquatqua.ca
Elders Coordinator– Sharleen Patrick	ext.222	Sharleen.patrick@nquatqua.ca
Family Support-		
Social Development– Sylvia Patrick	ext.224	sylvia.patrick@nquatqua.ca
Lands & Resource Dept.– Dennis Silzer-Smith	ext.225	dennis.silzer-smith@nquatqua.ca
Accounting– Kristy Stowell	ext.226	kristy.stowell@nquatqua.ca
LSTC Projects & Accounting Specialist- Linda Brown		linda.brown@lstc.ca
Band Admin. Assistant - Chantel Thevarge	ext.227	chantel.thevarge@nquatqua.ca
LSTC Chief Administrative Officer- Sheldon Dowswell		Sheldon.dowswell@lstc.ca
Band Administrator– N/A		
Wellness Worker– Adele Fletcher		adele.fletcher@nquatqua.ca
Chief- Micah Thevarge		micah.thevarge@nquatqua.ca
Councillor-Doris Peters		doris.peters@nquatqua.ca (604) 862-0532
Councillor– Dennis Silzer-Smith		dennis.silzer-smith@nquatqua.ca
Housing Coordinator– Jason Bob		jason.bob@nquatqua.ca

### **Operation & Maintenance**

Fire Dept.- Duane Thevarge	duane.thevarge@nquatqua.ca
Water Works- James Gellatly	james.gellatly@nquatqua.ca

### **Education Trailer (604) 452-3291**

Education Coordinator & employment- Julie Thevarge	julie.thevarge@nquatqua.ca
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### **N'Quatqua Child & Family Development Centre emails (604) 452-3584**

Anita Patrick– Director	anita.patrick@nquatqua.ca
Sylvia Levine– ECE, Infant Toddler Educator, Special Needs Educator	sylvia.levine@nquatqua.ca
Ryan Peters- Early Childhood Educator Assistant	ryan.peters@nquatqua.ca
Rechelle Patrick	
Eunice Sam	
Rena Patrick	



# Parent tot – Walking Program

August 11th & 25th

N'Quatqua Child and Family Development Center

Start: 9:00am to 11:00am

Open to everyone with children age 0 to 6 years

The program will run rain or shine, our bathrooms are available to use. We will meet in the front yard of the infant toddler play area at 9am to 10am where there will be coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a light snack set up outside.  
(bring your own to go mug)

We will leave at 10am for our 1 hour walk.

If you are running a few minutes late call the center to let me know.

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## Job Posting Receptionist

N'Quatqua is looking for a dedicated individual to fill this position.

### **DUTIES**

- Answering phones
- Taking and relaying messages
- Checking emails
- Utilizing copy / fax machine
- 2 way radio communication
- Filing and organizing
- Sanitizing work area(s)

### **SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS**

- Exceptional communication skills (oral and written)
- Ability to work independently as well as in a supervisory role
- Excellent time management skills

Please forward resume, cover letter to:  
Chantel Thevarge [Chantel.Thevarge@nquatqua.ca](mailto:Chantel.Thevarge@nquatqua.ca)  
Or drop off at N'Quatqua office before August 24, 2023



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## Job Posting Custodian

N'Quatqua is looking for a dedicated individual to fill this position.

### **DUTIES**

- Cleaning windows and ledges
- Sweeping and mopping floors
- dusting
- cleaning offices
- cleaning washrooms and changerooms
- cleaning kitchen
- cleaning gymnasium

### **SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ability to work independently
- Knowledge of cleaning chemicals and supplies
- Excellent time management skills

Please forward resume, cover letter to:

Chantel Thevarge [Chantel.Thevarge@nquatqua.ca](mailto:Chantel.Thevarge@nquatqua.ca)

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## **JOB POSTING** **N'QUATQUA YOUTH - EDUCATING INTERN WORKER**

**Location:** Youth Education Intern AGE 18 – 30 (not in school)  
**Status:** Temporary - Part time -28 hrs per week, Flexible Temporary  
**Report to:** Education & Employment Coordinator

The N'Quatqua Band requires a Youth Education Intern Worker who is an energetic, motivated person who loves working with children of all ages, parents/guardians and community members. The successful candidate will provide all NB youth and families, residing on reserve, culturally inviting and age-appropriate programming.

### **Summary of Duties:**

- A. Assist in the development and implementation of afterschool, professional development days, spring break, and family day programming, summer programming, sports and recreational activities as well as workshops focusing on aspect of healthy living, life skills and self-reliance, groups focusing on personal confidence, self-esteem and enhancement of cultural identity and drug/alcohol intervention and prevention.
- B. Assist in the development and implementation of fundraising events for special events and activities.
- C. Liaise with outside agencies and the community on programs relating to N'Quatqua Band Youth & Families
- D. Assist in the delivery of community events that build support for the N'Quatqua Language and Culture
- E. Assist in the development and implementation of yearly community building events
- F. Maintain an open and ongoing relationship with parents of N'Quatqua Band
- G. Contribute to positive learning environment for N'Quatqua Band youth.
- H. Open & close facilities, responsible for booking/checklist
- I. Ensure all required permission forms, check lists and other documents needed to ensure the safety of the youth are on file or are developed

### Job Skills and Abilities

- Must possess strong interpersonal, communication skills, organizational skills
- Plan/participate in Special Events
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner and maintain strict confidentiality
- Ability to work independently while also a team player.
- Work a flexible Schedule
- Experience in developing age appropriate youth programs

### Qualifications/Experience

- Positive and outgoing Role Model
- Criminal Record Check required
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License, Eventually Class 4
- At least 2 years of experience with youth, Microsoft office
- Food Safe certificate
- Level 1 First Aid

**Submit:** Resume, cover letter to: Julie Thevarge [julie.thevarge@nquatqua.ca](mailto:julie.thevarge@nquatqua.ca), F: 604-452-3295/ drop off.

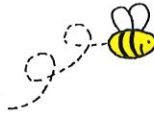
**Deadline: August 23, 2023 2pm**



# CHR Corner

Office Closed: August 7th, 2023

Food Coupon:



Ready for pick up on August 15th, 2023

Milk Program:

Wednesdays, August 9th and 23th, 2023



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## Squamish Shopping Trip

August 29th, 2023

Please sign up with the Front desk, Seats are limited



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## Registered Physiotherapist

Lindsay will be in community on August 9th and 23, 2023

Please call the CHR to Book an appointment with Lindsay (604) 452-3290

45 minute appointments available for community members.

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## Nurse Practitioner Erica Vanzanten

Erica will be in Community on August 15th and 29th, 2023

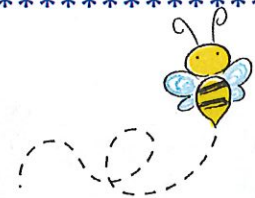
Please call the Pemberton Health Centre for an appointment at (604) 894 6454

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## Massages With Cara

Cara will be in community on August 3rd and 24th, 2023

Please call the CHR to book an appointment



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## N'Quatqua Community Camping / Birkenhead Provincial Park

Please sign up by August 10th with the CHR, there are limited sites available

Camping food is provided and camp sites are available from Friday to Sunday

Please respect the provincial park rules





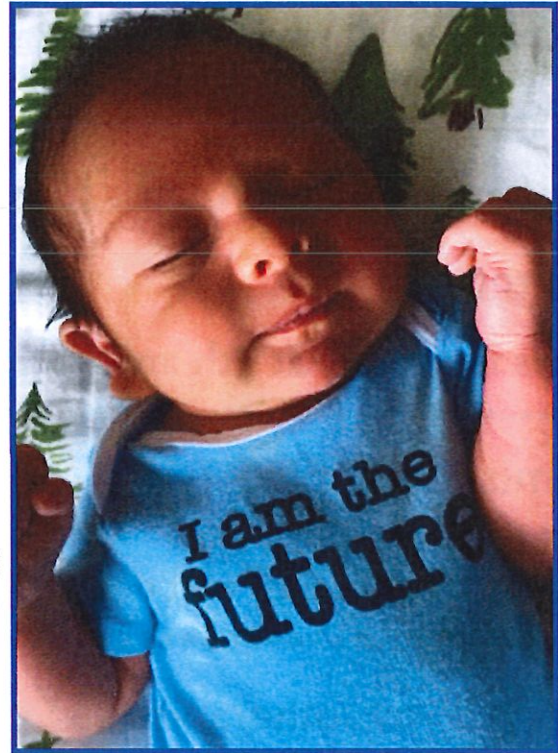
# Welcome New Members!



Kai Robert Manuel

Born July 24th at 8:16pm

7lbs 14oz



Congratulations Linnea and Joval !

Frances Johanna Rose Joseph-Wong

Born July 24, 2023 at 10:42pm

8lbs 6oz



Congratulations Josie and Graham !



**N'QUATQUA**  
**Notice of Nomination Meeting to fill a vacancy on**  
**Council due to the resignation of Councillor Korie**  
**Stowell**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Electors of the N'Quatqua** will be held at The N'Quatqua Band Office and Health Station, 120 Casper Place, D'Arcy, BC on, **August 14, 2023**, beginning at **4:30:00 PM** and lasting for at least two hours, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the position of one (1) Councillor on the Band Council of the N'Quatqua for the remainder of the present term. The By-election will be held at The N'Quatqua Band Office and Health Station, 120 Casper Place, D'Arcy, BC on, **September 25, 2023**.

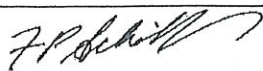
**Please note that in order to be a candidate you must:**

- (a) Be present at the Nomination Meeting
- (b) Appear before the Electoral Officer before the close of nominations to accept or decline the Nomination .
- (c) Appear before the Electoral Officer before the close of nominations to swear a Declaration of Eligibility.
- (d) Present a Criminal records check from the Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service or the R.C.M.P. to the Electoral Officer no later than **August 19, 2023**.
- (e) Deposits are required from Candidates and must be provided to the Electoral Officer prior to the close of the Nomination Meeting or the Candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

**DEPOSITS REQUIRED ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Councillor Candidates - \$75.00**

Given under my hand at Delta, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.



Fred Schiffner-Electoral Officer  
Phone: 604-786-2512  
Phone: 604-319-2512  
Toll Free: 1-800-813-2173, Email: fschiffner90@gmail.com



# Conflict Wildlife

**ST'ÁT'IMC**  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Steps for dealing with Conflict Wildlife: Bears, Cougars or other

1. Call **1-877-952-7277** to get the 24 Hour Hotline (BC Government Service).
2. The operator will take your information .
  - Location of animal
  - Description of incident
3. Your phone number. The Work Order will be assigned to a Local Conservation Officer.
4. You will be notified of any serious findings (eg. Sick animals in your neighbourhood)



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[View this email in your browser](#)

# St'át'imc Government Services

## August 2023 Newsletter







# Geographic Information System (GIS)

Talicia has been busy this summer supporting the Heritage and Environment departments with their GIS needs on several projects. GIS support for the Heritage team has been focused on producing maps for BC Hydro projects, these maps have been used for notice of intents (NOIs) and project reports. Talicia has also been working on managing the Reservoir Archaeology Program (RAP) data and editing maps for reporting. She has been supporting the Environment team by producing maps, managing data, administering the Esri mapping applications, going on field trips, and attending meetings. Talicia attends meetings for three working groups: LaJoie Technical Working Group, McKay Creek Fire Rehab Planning, and the Fraser River Bighorn Sheep WorkingGroup. She recently attended the Esri User Conference virtually to remain updated with the Esri applications that are used.

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# Cheyenne Watkinson Introduction



Hello St'at'imc! My name is Cheyanne and I am excited to be joining the team as the Communications Specialist supporting the St'at'imc Chiefs Council (SCC). I have a diverse background of work experience and I have recently completed my Associate Certificate in Graphic Design at BCIT. I am passionate about networking, creativity, and finding new innovative ways to communicate to communities. In my free time (and depending on season), I enjoy hockey, golf, drawing, & biking. I am looking forward to contributing my skills and knowledge to the team and help the organization drive towards creating a bright future for the St'at'imc Nation. I cannot wait to meet more people and do not be afraid to say hi! Thank-you for your warm welcome.

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# Environment – New Staff Updates

## Chanvre Oleman Introduction and BC First Nations Forestry Conference

My name is Chanvre Oleman, I am the Wildlife and Lands Technician - Youth Hire for the summer of 2023. This is my third summer back with the Environment Department at St'át'imc Government Services (SGS). I am a student at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops for a Bachelor of Science Degree.

During my three summer work terms, I have learned how to grow my learning and experience in different fields of study in biology, environment, natural resources and how to apply my work experience here at SGS to my university education. One of the field skills I have learned at SGS is how to do environmental DNA (eDNA) testing on White Sturgeon, Coho, and Chinook. eDNA testing is a scientific tool used to detect which fish species, amphibians, and other aquatic species are present in an aquatic environment. eDNA can be captured, collected, and analyzed



Image above is a picture of Chanvre with the CEO of the BC First Nations Forestry Council, Leonard Joe.



Image above is Denise Gallant with

from water, snow, ice, sediment, soil, and even air. Another SGS Environment Project where I was able to apply to my education is the McKay Creek Rehabilitation Planning. I learned how to evaluate pH in soils at burned areas and assisted with starting a project on Post-Wildfire Food Security, which will maintain traditional food at McKay Creek.

On June 28 and 29, I attended the BC First Nations Forestry Conference at UBC. I was awarded the “Embracing Your Roots” for assisting in translation of common names to the St’át’imc names for important natural resources and receiving an acknowledgment in the Bridge-Seton Watershed Plan. The team of SGS Environment and Two Worlds Consulting have been working on this Report since spring 2021. In 2021, I remember when my manager, Ellen Reyes, worked on the Report and we had to bring boxes of files back and forth from her office to the C-can behind the SGS office. The boxes were filled with reports and videos of previous employees and Elders that were interviewed for their local knowledge of the St’át’imc Territory.

Chanvre. She is the Workforce Advisor at the BC First Nations Forestry Council.





# Lesley Riley

## Introduction

**ǂalhwá7alap nskwátsitsa.**

Hello, my name is Lesley Riley, I come from the T'it'q'et First Nation community. I am a mother of two beautiful children, and I have a passion for protecting our Land and the Environment.



I am hired as the new Junior Wildlife and Lands Assistant for St'át'imc Government Services (SGS). I am excited to be working for SGS and being a part of the Environment team.

I recently completed my certificate in Natural Resources Technology at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. Other certificates and skills I have achieved are Resources Information Standards Committee (RISC) Certificate, Environmental Monitoring Certificate from the University of Northern BC, and Project Management Fundamentals Certificate from the University of BC.

My previous work experiences in Lillooet include working on the Strategic Forestry

Initiative Project at P'eg'píg'lha Council as the Forestry and Trail Project Assistant, St'át'imc Eco-Resources as the Administrative Assistant/Field Technician, and Lillooet Tribal Council as the Cultural and Heritage Report Writer/Heritage Field Reconnaissance Crew Member.

kukwstumckálap, Thank you to all for this exciting opportunity and I look forward to building capacity and skills with the Environment team at St'át'imc Government Services.

## **SGS Environment Field Programs**

### **July 6-7 Night Snorkel Surveying at Seton Portage**

On the evening of July 6, members of the SGS Environment team (Ellen Reyes, Darwyn John, Chanvre Oleman and Nicole Morgenstern) participated in late night snorkel surveying alongside InStream Fisheries Research's (InStream) Biologists and a Fisheries Guardian from P'egp'íg'lha Council at Seton Portage. SGS Environment has been working with existing collaborations including DFO's Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) and the Portage Creek Chinook Working Group since spring 2021 to understand and implement management strategies for the endangered Portage Creek Chinook population. The snorkel surveys took place from 9:00 pm to 4:00 am and utilized dry suits,



snorkeling gear, rulers, headlamps, and flashlights to detect the presence of Chinook juveniles and other fish species present in Portage Creek. The number and size of all fish species were recorded at each survey location and will be utilized in inform future phases of the recovery program.



SGS Environment plans on investing in snorkel gear and further training to allow for this type of study to eventually be conducted and led by SGS Environment and St'át'imc community technicians. The team will be heading out with InStream again in August to conduct creek habitat assessments, a second session of night snorkel surveys, and installation of PIT antennas and power system.

SGS Environment and InStream gratefully acknowledge the financial support from DFO's British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF) to fund the Portage Creek Chinook Salmon Recovery Program.

## **July 12–14 Vegetation Growth Analysis at McKay Creek with Virginia Oeggleri from UBC's Indigenous Ecology Lab**

From July 12 to 14, the SGS Environment team (Darwyn John, Chanvre Oleman, Nicole Morgenstern, Nina Andrascik, and Lesley Riley) joined Virginia Oeggleri who is a Master's student from UBC's Indigenous Ecology Lab. Virginia and the head of the lab, Dr. Jennifer Grenz are conducting a project titled "Vegetation Growth Trajectory Responses of Native and Invasive Plants Across Different Biogeo climatic Zones within the McKay Creek Wildfire Area". Virginia has been working alongside a talented team including technicians from LRISS (Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society).





The project has over 80 plots scattered across the McKay Wildfire zone at different elevations, Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) zones, and various burn severities. Some are known to have invasives and others had no prior invasives noted. Each plot is 3 meters by 3 meters square. Information gathered from each plot includes plant species, vegetation coverage, presence/absence of invasives, soil quality, and forage analysis. Select plots have been “fenced in” using wooden posts and fish net. Virginia and her team have been re-visiting fenced plots to ensure no wildlife or birds have been negatively affected by the fishnets. A sign has been attached to fenced plots that provides information on the project and associated organizations.

SGS Environment would like to thank Virginia and her team for taking the time to show us their study methods and share knowledge on the McKay Creek wildfire. Our team is looking forward to the results of this study and gaining a better understanding of wildfire effects on vegetation and invasives in the area.





**Salmon environmental DNA  
(eDNA) Sampling at Bridge and**



## Yalakom Rivers

As of mid-June, the field program of the Chinook and Coho eDNA Project at Bridge and Yalakom Rivers, in collaboration with Xwísten, has drawn to a close. The next step is to discuss and analyze the eDNA results with Xwísten and create a final report.

It was a great opportunity for our team to see a project from start to end with phases that included planning meetings, project design and study locations, logistics, eDNA methods training, and completion of all eDNA field surveys. Our Summer Youth Technician, Chanvre Oleman, played a key role in the Yalakom River fry emergence eDNA field survey by assisting with the data collection, filtration, and data management.



# Post-Wildfire Food Security Project

St'át'imc has observed an increased risk of wildfire, including the 2021 McKay Creek Wildfire. The fire burned an area of approximately 500 km<sup>2</sup> north of Lillooet and was classified as "Out of Control" by the BC Wildfire Service. Wildfires alter the land and availability of traditional plants and culturally appropriate foods, which contribute to the physical, social, and spiritual health of the Nation. This Project will allow St'át'imc to better understand how traditional plant resources respond to wildfire impacts and then adapt to these changes.

The team of SGS Environment and GIS are establishing a baseline ecosystem composition, and identifying and assessing the health of traditional plants. A total of six sites within the same BEC zones will be surveyed: two sites will be the control areas of mature ecosystems that are not impacted by recent fire, two areas that have been recently burned, and the last two where burning took place approximately 15-20 years ago. The McKay Creek wildfire is the case study area that has been recently burned.

The interview guide and maps for the Project are complete. SGS are ready to conduct outreach with the northern St'át'imc communities and interview Knowledge Keepers and Elders on their qualitative understanding of traditional harvesting and land management practices. Interview transcripts will then be produced and used to inform survey methodologies for next year's field season.



SGS gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the First Nations Health Authority's Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (FNHA ICHAP) and the Real Estate Foundation of BC to fund the Post-Wildfire Food Security Project.

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## Capital Planning

The Quarterly Capital Planning Meeting was held on July 20. The complete set of materials for the meeting can be found on the [SharePoint site](#).

Two significant projects, not subject to a first right of refusal, i.e., open to all St'át'imc businesses, were the focus of this meeting.

BC Hydro provided two significant information sheets about future opportunities (to be issued in January 2024) related to the Bridge River Transmission Line Project (BRTPL). BC Hydro intends to provide St'át'imc businesses, along with their partners, the opportunity to do the access road clearing and construction and the opportunity to construct the line itself. The actual information sheets can be found on the [SharePoint site](#), or can be requested by contacting SGS – Sherry Kane ([relationsmgr@statimcgs.org](mailto:relationsmgr@statimcgs.org)) or Al Boldt ([cpm@statimcgs.org](mailto:cpm@statimcgs.org)).

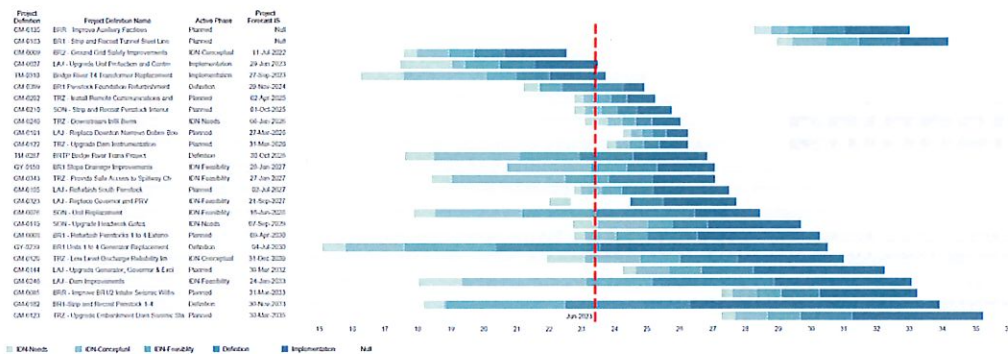
Below is a chart that shows both the BC Hydro active and planned major projects. The darker the line the closer the project is to completion. Although several projects are near completion, many more projects through 2036 are in the planning stages. This means

many more opportunities for St'át'imc businesses for the next 10 or more years. To date over \$30 Million worth of opportunities have been awarded to St'át'imc businesses and their partners.

### Bridge River Systems

2023-2024 (2023-2024) (2023-2024)

Select a View: RT View (Includes Planned Projects)



Explore project related information at your own pace by accessing information on SharePoint.

Here is a small sample of what you can find on the [St'át'imc SharePoint Information Portal](#):

- Information related to the [Reservoir Archaeology Program \(RAP\)](#) and the [Seton Lake Erosion Management Plan \(SLEMP\)](#)
- [List of the BC Hydro projects in St'át'imc Territory](#)
- Copies of the [BC Hydro project opportunities](#) that have been provided to St'át'imc businesses
- Materials and notes on the [Quarterly Capital Planning Meetings](#)
- A [glossary of commonly used project and system terms](#)



The St'át'imc SharePoint Information Portal access now requires Multi-Factor Authentication – an instruction sheet has been sent out on how to set this up. The instructions also provide a way to contact tech support should you have a problem. If you did not receive the instructions, please call Sherry Kane at SGS (778.771.5903)



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# 2023 wildfires: be prepared

In an emergency, such as a wildfire, flood, or earthquake, you may be ordered to leave your home at a moment's notice. Plan ahead and know what to do to help you and your family stay safe.

- ✓ Develop an emergency evacuation plan
- ✓ Check [PreparedBC](#) for more information on how to prepare an emergency plan and a downloadable plan template.
- ✓ Share your plan with your family and be sure that everyone knows what to do.
- ✓ Include plans for what you'll do in the event of an extended power outage.
- ✓ Make note of where your main electrical power switch is, label it, and know how to shut it off safely should you have to leave your house during an emergency.
- ✓ Make a list of local emergency contact numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- ✓ Prepare an emergency kit with enough supplies for you and your family for at least 72 hours and store it in an easy-to-find location.

## How to prepare for an outage

Because it's difficult to predict how much damage a wildfire may cause to the system and how long a power outage will last, it's important for customers to be prepared for an outage by:

- ✓ Having an [emergency kit](#) ready: kit should include a flashlight, extra batteries, first-aid kit, ready-to-eat non-perishable foods and bottled water.
- ✓ Developing a preparedness plan: share it and be sure everyone knows what to expect and what to do.
  - [Home outage preparation](#)
  - [Business outage preparation](#)
- ✓ Knowing where to get information and updates on an outage: customers can visit [bchydro.com/outages](https://www.bchydro.com/outages) from their mobile device for the most up-to-date information on an outage and estimated restoration times once available.

## Safety

In the event of a power outage and you come across a downed line, always assume it's live – even if it's not sparking, smoking or making a buzzing sound. Stay at least 10 metres back – about the length of a bus – and call 911. A downed line is considered an emergency and BC Hydro crews will work with emergency responders to ensure the area is safe. Also, stay away from and avoid touching BC Hydro infrastructure, including power poles, towers and utility boxes. Assume that these may be energized and may cause harm.

## Minimizing outages

BC Hydro continues to work with BC Wildfire Service to protect our infrastructure, such as transmission lines and distribution poles. BC Hydro crews perform regular maintenance work year-round to help minimize damage on its infrastructure, including inspecting trees growing near BC Hydro infrastructure to identify potential problems, replacing aging power poles, and upgrading equipment to improve reliability. This also includes spraying fire retardant on power poles most vulnerable to a wildfire.

## How customers can help

- ✓ Fire bans are now in effect in all regions of the province. Please check the [BC Wildfire Service bans and restrictions page](#).
- ✓ Report wildfires to 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cell. The [BC Wildfire Service](#) provides regular wildfire updates.



# 2023 wildfires: returning home after an evacuation

When the evacuation order has been lifted, if you experience problems with your power, call **1-800-BC HYDRO (1 800 224 9376)**. Depending on the extent of damage, power could be out for several days. We'll coordinate with agencies and local authorities to restore services.

## What to do after an extended outage

Once your power is back on, we recommend following these tips after an extended power outage:

- ✓ Avoid immediately turning on your heating system and numerous electronics and appliances as soon as the power is back. This gives our electrical system a chance to stabilize.
- ✓ Check food supplies in your refrigerator and freezer.
  - Check the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) for information on handling refrigerated and frozen food after an outage.
  - A full fridge can keep food cold for about 4 hours.
  - A full freezer can keep food frozen for up to 48 hours; a half-full freezer will keep food frozen for about 24 hours.
- ✓ Reset your clocks, automatic timers, and alarms.
- ✓ Re-stock any supplies in your emergency kit that you used.

## Help for evacuees

Residential and commercial customers who are affected by an evacuation order are eligible to receive a credit for the electricity consumed for the duration of the time they're out of their home if the order is for five days or longer. We also offer flexible bill payment plans for when you're able to return home.

### *How the bill credit works*

We proactively monitor evacuation orders year-round to identify those lasting at least five days. We'll then automatically apply a credit to your account for the electricity consumed during the period you're out of your home or business due to evacuation order.

This credit applies to residential, small business (Small General Service rate), and irrigation customers. You don't need to call to tell us about your evacuation. The credit will be automatically applied to your next bill.

If you have questions, please contact our customer service team at **1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376)**.

### *For destroyed homes*

For residential customers whose property was unfortunately destroyed as a result of the natural disaster, we'll automatically waive all electricity charges since the previous billing period, including for electricity used prior to the evacuation order. Waiving these charges means you won't receive a final bill for the account.

We proactively monitor evacuation areas where properties were lost so there's no need to call us to report. We'll also waive the electricity service connection charge for any residential customer that rebuilds their home, if it's not paid for by insurance.

### For more information

Information on support available for BC Hydro customers is available online [Help for evacuees \(bchydro.com\)](#).

# 2023 wildfires: what to do during an evacuation

If you're under an evacuation order:

- ✓ Turn off all unnecessary appliances, such as air conditioners and hot tubs.
- ✓ Unplug sensitive electrical equipment and appliances, such as televisions and computers.
- ✓ Remove food from your refrigerator and leave the door open before evacuating, but only if there's enough time to do so.
- ✓ Turn off all lights except for one exterior light, which will indicate to BC Hydro crews that power is on at the residence.
- ✓ Learn about bill credits and payment plans we offer for residential and small business customers evacuated due to a flood, wildfire, or other type of emergency.

## Power outages and disconnections during evacuations

We aim to keep power on for as long as possible in communities affected by evacuation orders and alerts. Power will only be disconnected when there's an immediate threat to our infrastructure or concern for the safety of the public or emergency responders. Note that our crews are restricted from entering evacuated areas to restore power during an outage.

## How power is restored

We can all take steps to prepare for an outage when we know it's going to happen, but most often, power outages are caused by factors beyond our control – wind, lightning, motor vehicle accidents, animals, etc. – and can happen at any moment.

Where power outages are experienced in fire affected areas BC Hydro crews will work as quickly and safely as possible to get services restored. Assessments will be done when it is safe to gain access to determine the extent of damage.

BC Hydro works closely with local authorities to ensure that we are taking all precautions as we enter affected areas. The safety of our crews and the public remains a priority.

## For more information

Information on BC Hydro issues related to wildfires, evacuations and outages is available on our website: [Earthquakes, wildfires, and floods \(bchydro.com\)](https://www.bchydro.com/earthquakes-wildfires-and-floods).