

SFN Monthly Community Newsletter

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Sumas First Nation

Beware there was a recent cougar and bear sighting in the community

Halloween Event on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, Dinner @ 5:00pm Fireworks @ 8:00pm

Fall Burning being held on November 11, 2017 @ 3:00pm next to the Health Building

Attention:

Members who will be hunting on the south side of the reserve please be mindful that we have community members actively working on habitat restoration projects in this area. Due to the large amount of blackberry in some areas, it will be hard to see these individuals. There will also be someone working on a small excavating machine on the weekend for the next couple of weeks. If you need any further information please call Carrie Milsop at the office

604-852-4041 ext. 212



Elders Group

Interested in Joining the Elders Group?

- Attend Meetings
- Fundraise for Events
- Special Outings

Contact Cathy Ned @ 604-852-41687

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

Sumas People we would like to recognize

- ◆ ***Fred Kelly***
- ◆ ***Henry Kelly***
- ◆ ***Clarence Ned***
- ◆ ***Kenneth Ned***
- ◆ ***J.E. Williams***



Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a
Annual General Meeting of the members of
**Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and
Family Services Society (FVACFSS)**

will be held at
Skawahlook Community Hall, 58611A
Lougheed Highway, Agassiz, BC

Thursday, November 16, 2017
At 5:00 PM, PST

Registration will be open from 2pm – 5pm



Members must register for the meeting by 5:00pm

Find Your Gift: Alongside your sisters and with guidance from our ancestors, you will focus on physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness and strengthening cultural connection

- ◆ *Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00pm (Oct 4—Nov 22) @ Clearbrook Library, Abbotsford BC*
- ◆ *For more info or to register, please contact Raven Little @ Raven.Little@xyolhemeylh.bc.ca or call/text 604-615-1480*

Cultural Connections: Join us for weekly cultural workshops such as Salish weaving, beading, preparing traditional meals, dream catcher making or other cultural activities that are free for families from Xyolhemeylh to participate in.

- ◆ *Wednesdays Oct 4—Nov 22, 2017 6:00pm-8:00pm @ Mamele'awt Aboriginal Ed Centre 3277 Gladwin Rd*

Xyolhemeylh Fraser Valley Aboriginal Child and Family Services

Tool Time: Free Youth Program for Ages 12-18

Join us after school for discussions, food, movies, and socializing with friends in a positive environment

- ◆ *Tuesdays Oct 3—Nov 28, 2017 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Clearbrook Library 32320 George*

Traditional Kitchen with Chris Kelly

Free Program for Parents or Caregivers and Children ages 8 or older

Create a meal together in a positive environment, share and learn recipes, learn how to shop for foods on a budget, learn about healthy eating habits, and experience traditional Aboriginal foods

- ◆ *Monday Evenings Oct 16—Dec 4, 2017 @ Mamel'awt Aboriginal Ed Centre 3277 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford BC*

EXCITING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Semá:th X̱o:tsa Developments Ltd (SXDL) the economic development arm of Sumas First Nation has been created and is now active. Semá:th X̱o:tsa, Sumas Lake in Halq'eméylem, is an independent corporation governed by a Board of Directors. Semá:th X̱o:tsa Developments Ltd has been mandated to pursue activities that will lead to the creation of a strong sustainable economy for the Nation

SXDL will continue to work closely with all departments of the SFN to ensure economic development activities conform to the Nations laws. SXDL will also focus on creating long term sustainable employment for members, and assist members with their own business ventures.

Semá:th X̱o:tsa Developments Ltd, as an independent corporation, governed by a Board of Directors, allows for the separation of its business interests from direct governance by elected officials.

FISH FARM



Semá:th X̱o:tsa Developments Ltd is pleased to announce that the purchase of the 5 acre DFO licensed Aquaculture/Greenhouse facility on McLeod Road in East Chilliwack, finalized on October 25th, 2017. The Aquaculture facility is licensed for Tilapia & Barramundi & produces 100 metric tons of Tilapia annually. The greenhouses are ideal for food production with lots of room to expand the aquaculture as well.

A tour and BBQ will be hosted onsite for members in the Spring of 2018. Date TBA

Employment Opportunities

Please see the full posting for the **Aquaculture Technician** in the newsletter and SFN Website and Facebook.

Weekend Feeder

We require a weekend feeder to tend to the fish. This will require a full workday on both Saturdays and Sundays from 8am-4pm. This position will also be on call for emergencies as well as occasionally weekday relief. Training will be provided. No previous experience necessary.

Members are always welcome to drop by and visit with Craig or Malonie if you ever have questions regarding Economic Development, or need information and assistance with your own business ideas.

Please submit an application, resume, and cover letter by Friday, November 10th, 2017 to:

Malonie Langthorne, Economic Development Officer

To send via Mail:

2788 Sumas Mountain Rd, Abbotsford BC V3G 2J2

Phone: (604) 852-4041 ext. 202

To send via Email:

malonie.langthorne@sumasfirstnation.com



Job Posting

Aquaculture Technician, Location- Chilliwack

Growing Aquaculture Company located in Beautiful British Columbia seeking full time Aquaculture Technician. Applicants applying for this position will require a high level of physical fitness, have a strong understanding of mechanical operations required for land based aquaculture operation and an interest in the management and care of fish.

The Aquaculture Technician is responsible for the rearing and grow-out of fish for the wholesale trade. Fish farming, or aquaculture as it is commonly known, is an intensive animal husbandry business. The work involves managing and maintaining fish habitats throughout the year, taking care of stock health and welfare issues.

Responsibilities

As the Aquaculture Technician, you'll be required to:

- Calculate daily feeding regime
- Monitor the health of the fish and treat them when appropriate;
- Plan grow out schedules to obtain maximum efficiency;
- Adhere to environmental standards;
- Understand legislation and how to implement this into practical application;
- Ensure the water supply is of a sufficient quality for the stock;
- Be aware of different water management techniques;
- Adapt to new technologies as they develop and learn practical skills;
- Pay close attention to detail
- Possess stock skills such as fish handling, grading and harvesting;
- Update knowledge of fish health and nutrition;
- Maintain records of stocks;
- General house keeping and routine equipment maintenance;
- Possess a BC Class 5 Minimum driving license .

Salary

- Starting salary will range from \$50,000-\$75,000, based on experience;
- Pension and benefits provided after the six-month transition period.

Working Hours

Standard work week of 40 hours. Flexibility in schedule will be required during peak activity times, and compensation package will be adjusted as needed.

Qualifications

A relevant degree and any of the following subjects may be useful:

- Agriculture;
- Aquaculture;
- Biology;
- Environmental science (biological);

- Fisheries studies/management;
- Marine sciences/oceanography;
- Veterinary science;
- Zoology.

A degree is preferred but not essential, as practical skills and experience are considered equally as important and equivalent to a degree depending upon experience of applicant.

Skills

You will need to have:

- High levels of physical fitness;
- People and resource management skills;
- Business and systems management skills;
- Numeracy, for calculating feeding regimes and for invoicing purposes;
- Ability to problem solve technical machinery and equipment related issues;
- Operated and maintain machinery, including forklift and backhoe;
- Basic computer skills: MS word and MS excel

Professional Development

You will be given training on the job, although we expect applicants to possess a reasonable amount of technical skills (acquired through work experience). Transition contractor will train this position in to a supervisory role, which may lead into the position of site manager.

The six-month transition period will allow the transition contractor and this position to create Maintenance and Standard Operating Procedure Manuals. This role will eventually have staff supervision duties.

In addition to relevant experience, will expect any applicants to possess an academic understanding of fish farming. Related experience in environmental and water management protocols and regulations will be considered advantageous.

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