



Coldwater Indian Band December Newsletter

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Tania Stewart

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Velma Collins

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Sheena Richards

Lands, Wills, Estates Administrator

Kristopher Oppenheim

Finance Manager

Vacant

**Economic Development
Coordinator**

Kristopher Oppenheim, Brandi
O'Flynn



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DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31	1 Meeting with Vice-Chief Cheryl Rule	2	3 Chief and Council Candidate Info Meeting	4 Fireside Elders Potluck Lunch	5 Water Knowledge Keepers Gathering	6
7	8	9	10 Chief and Council Meeting NVIT Winter Solstice Celebration	11	12	13
14  Coldwater Community Christmas Breakfast + Presents + Dinner	15 Ugly Sweater Day Wreath Making Workshop (Shulus)	16	17 SCHSS Closed	18	19 MSS + Central Last Day of School Before Winter Break	20
21 Winter Solstice	22 MSS + Central Winter Break, Pension Day, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	23 Veteran Disability Pension Day SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	24 Coldwater Offices Closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	25 Coldwater offices closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA closed	26 Coldwater Offices Closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed Fishing Derby	27
28	29 Coldwater Offices Closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	30 Coldwater Offices Closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	31 New Year's Eve Coldwater Offices Closed, SCHSS Closed, CNA Closed	Jan 1 Coldwater Offices Closed	Jan 2 Coldwater Offices Closed MSS Winter Break Ends	3

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General Band Meeting Schedule

Chief and Council Meetings 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM (MAX)	General Band Meetings 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM (MAX)
April 9, 2025	April 17, 2025
April 23, 2025	
May 14, 2025	May 15, 2025
May 28, 2025	
June 11, 2025	June 24, 2025
June 25, 2025	
July 9, 2025	July 17, 2025 Community BBQ/ New Members Speech
July 23, 2025	
August 13, 2025	No Band Meeting, Due to Food Gathering Season
September 10, 2025	September 18, 2025
September 24, 2025	
October 8, 2025	October 16, 2025
October 22, 2025	
November 12, 2025	November 27, 2025
November 26, 2025	
December 10, 2025	No Band Meeting Due to Holidays
January 14, 2026	January 15 OR 22, 2026
January 28, 2026	
February 11, 2026	February 19, 2026
February 25, 2026	
March 11, 2026	March 19, 2026
March 25, 2026	

Coldwater Administration Staff

Updated Chart of all the Coldwater Indian Band Staff that includes their names, positions and contact information and which office they are at. If you need assistance contacting them, please call the Receptionist at (250) 378 -6174.

Name	Position	Contact	Office Location
Brandi O-Flynn	Band Administrator, Economic Development	Email: bandadmin@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EX-204)	Administration Office
Kate Lynn	Band Administrators Executive Assistant	Phone: 250-378-6174	Administration Office
Kristopher Oppenheim	Lands, Wills, Estates, Economic Development	Email: Kristopher@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EX-215)	Administration Office
Sheena Richards	Public Works	Email: publicworks@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174	Administration Office
Stephanie Archie	Education Coordinator	Email: stephanie@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT-109)	Administration Office
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Vivian Steinhauer	Finance Clerk	Phone: 250-378-6174 (Ext 105)	Reserve Office
Donald Kraus	Housing, Taxation	Email: dkraus@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT-214)	Administration Office
Velma Collins	Social Assistance Clerk, Indian Status Administrator	Email: vcollins@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT-108)	Reserve Office
Tania Stewart	Social Assistance Coordinator	Email: socialdevcoord@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT-107)	Reserve Office
Dale August	Chief and Council Executive Assistant	Email: daugust@coldwaterband.org Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT-100)	Reserve Office

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Coldwater Indian Band Chief and Council

Contact Dale August (Executive Assistant) to speak with the Chief/Council.

Phone (250)-378-6174 (EXT#100)

Email: daugust@coldwaterband.org

Title	Name
Chief (k ^w úk ^w pi?)	Terrance Lee Spahan
Vice Chief	Cheryl Rule Bob
Executive Assistant to the Chief and Council	Dale August
Council Member	Jackie Aljam
Council Member	Shawn Bob
Council Member	Leah Collins
Council Member	Veronica Jameson
Council Member	Carol Smith
Council Member	Michael Smithers
Council Member	Harry Spahan

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Holiday Message from the Band Administrator

As we enter this holiday season, I want to take a moment to honour the cultural roots and teachings that continue to guide and strengthen our community. Our traditions, language, and ancestral knowledge remind us of the resilience, identity, and spirit we carry forward. This is a meaningful time to gather with family, share stories, and reflect on the teachings passed down through generations. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Band Administrator for Coldwater.

Since joining the organization, I've been deeply moved by the warmth, unity, and dedication I see throughout our membership. As your Band Administrator, I look forward to building strong and respectful relationships with community members, Chief and Council, staff, and all those who work tirelessly for the wellbeing of our community. Our greatest progress comes when we stand together, support one another, and move forward with shared purpose. I am committed to open communication, collaboration, and accountability as we continue this work side by side.

May the holiday season bring peace to your homes, warmth to your gatherings, and strength to your hearts. I wish you and your families a joyful season and a bright, healthy New Year.

With gratitude and respect,

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Brandi O'Flynn

Band Administrator

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Happy Christmas to all!

Heñte?, Hello, We would like to wish the
Coldwater Community a safe & happy holiday.

Best wishes in the New Year!

Kwuk^wstéyp, Thank you from all of us

Holiday Greetings from:

Chief & Council, Coldwater Indian Band

Cheryl Kule

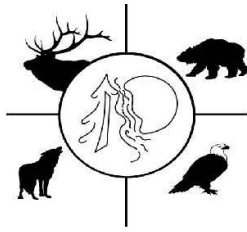


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Carol
Smith

Chief Le Spahan

Stay safe!



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Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance, Social
Development

TransMountain Update November 2025

November 26, 2025

2025 involved advancing several Trans Mountain projects. On behalf of Coldwater Band, BC Groundwater supervised trial brushing, vegetation management and a Line 1 Integrity Dig along the historic Trans Mountain pipeline. Coldwater Band has been active in directing Trans Mountain to pursue these maintenance activities.

The trial brushing program completed in Spring 2025 involved brushing approximately 300m of the Right-of-Way along the Integrity Dig, located north of the Transition House. Trans Mountain crews were monitored by a Coldwater Indigenous Monitor and BCGW specialist. Trans Mountain respected Coldwater land and the directives of the Indigenous Monitor to stay away from culturally modified trees, berries, and to protect existing fence lines and access roads. This work was completed with additional brushing proposed for next year.

In Summer 2025, TM conducted limited herbicide spot spraying in three areas of IR1: the Integrity Dig/brushing area, Van Spahan, and Janice Antoine. Coldwater Band has advised Trans Mountain that they wish to conduct a detailed review of the spray program for next year's activities. The spray program was completed with three inspections conducted by BCGW technical staff.

In Fall 2025, the Integrity Dig was completed. This was an extensive project to unearth, expose, and repair a short section of the pipeline identified as problematic by internal (Pig) inspection. The damage appears to have been caused during initial construction and was repaired appropriately. The dig has been backfilled and reclaimed. Coldwater Indigenous Monitor and BCGW technical staff monitored the work. It appears to have been successful.

Best regards,

Thierry, and the Chief and Council of the Coldwater Band

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Recycling in Patchett



Winter has arrived, and there is a significant amount of snow on the reserve. As a result, the Recycling Crew will not be going to Patchett until the snow melts. Residents of Patchett will be notified, and a plan will be established to manage the recycling in the meantime.

Until a plan is in place, Patchett residents, please keep your recycling in a safe spot until you are all notified.

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Wills, Lands, Estates – Kristopher Oppenheim

I am Kristopher Oppenheim. I am the Lands, Wills & Estates Administrator for the Coldwater Indian Band.

Suppose someone is looking to create their will. I can give you a template, or you can come in and fill one out. It is better to have one than not to have one. This will help you say who gets what and what happens after you're gone. If you have any questions, you can reach me at the Coldwater band office in town.

Phone: 250-378-6174 (EXT 115)

Email: kristopher@coldwaterband.org

Location: 2249 Quilchena Avenue, Merritt BC V1K1B8 Box 4600

When you have everything in order, you have the say on what happens to your assets; no one else can take your possessions!

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Meet and Greet with Vice-Chief Cheryl Rule

On the first Monday of each month, there will be meetings with Vice-Chief/Councilor Cheryl Rule. Coldwater Members are encouraged to share their concerns or ideas during these meetings. All feedback will be presented to the Chief, the Council, and the Administrator for consideration.

Please don't hesitate to reach out—our community is always striving for improvement!

Date: December 1, 2025 (Monday)

Place: Coldwater Health Centre

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



I look forward to meeting you and having a meaningful dialogue. Community members requested this meet-and-greet to voice their issues related to the Band. **Please bring any problems in writing so that it can be addressed with the Council or Band Administrator.**

Thank you: k^wuk^wscéyp, See you soon - goodbye: Húm'el (pronounce: hom ath), Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band

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Recycling + Garbage Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekend	Regular Recycle	Big Recycle Garbage Day	Regular Recycle	Big Recycle	Regular Recycle Garbage Day	Weekend

Garbage Days

- Make sure your garbage is wrapped in a **black garbage bag**.
- Be careful when putting out your garbage, because of the **dogs or bears around us**.
- Recommended to put it out the night before garbage day or the morning of.
 - **Pickup is usually around 7:00 AM** on that garbage day

Recycling

- Make sure all your cardboard is **flattened and in smaller pieces**
 - Cans or bottles are washed
 - All organized for recycling to put away faster and efficiently.
- If you have a lot of stuff for big recycling days, call the band or let Rosanna know.
 - Any questions, contact the Band, Rosanna or TNRD Merritt Depot.
 - All recycling goes to the lower Nicola Depot!

Coldwater Indian Band: 250-378-6174

Rosanna Narcisse (Coldwater Recycler): 250-378-6174

Lower Nicola Eco Depot (TNRD): 250-377-2596

Thank you to our Recyclers and Sanitation Workers from Coldwater Indian Band!

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Hearts, Hands, and Community: The Strength Behind This Project

Indigenous Community Recovery & Resilience Grant – The Canadian Red Cross Society

Project Report on Coldwater Community Resilience

It has been an immense honour serving as Project Manager for the Coldwater Community Resilience Project, delivered through partnership with the Canadian Red Cross Society. The intention of this report is to give the community a clear outline of what was completed from the beginning of the project until now, the purpose behind every action taken on reserve land, and to acknowledge those who trusted and walked alongside the work from planning to completion, ensuring Coldwater households and reserve lands continue building strength in preparedness for future seasonal or climate-based emergencies.

Gwen Lake Land Safety

The first initial task completed for this project era was securing land safety at Gwen Lake Cultural Camp. The forestry safety work was carried out by Shulus Forest Enterprise. Their team brought fallers, chainsaws, labour crews, and forestry vehicles to safely remove danger trees along the access roads, campground, and gathering spaces. This task was done first because Gwen Lake is a primary gathering area on Coldwater reserve land, and clearing land-based hazards ensures families, staff, and emergency routes remain safer, accessible, and protected from danger seasonal risks including wildfire or flood-based evacuation planning in the future.

Community Workers FireSmart & Land Hazard Clearing Across the Reserve

Another major piece of this project era included boots-on-the-land FireSmart and land hazard clearing across Coldwater Reserve. A team of six community workers stepped up together carrying out systematic clearing around every home and shared community infrastructure. Their work included clearing weeds, tall grass, dry brush, and wildfire land fuels directly around households and along access roads, gathering spaces, the band hall, the fire hall, and surrounding community lands that families travel through daily.

We extend the community's immense gratitude to Dan George for leading this work crew with dedication, direction, safety, consistency, and heart for our people and the land. His leadership and knowledge ensured this crew had guidance needed to complete their tasks safely and effectively.

This land work was carried out because wildfires move fast through dry fuel sources, brush and overgrowth, so reducing these risks ahead of seasonal threat periods strengthens home safety, protects households from harm, supports safer travel routes on reserve, and ensures emergency response access remains more secure if outside responders ever have to drive into the reserve quickly. This work has strengthened Coldwater's preparedness in a way that protects the land around

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us, increases safety around homes, supports emergency visibility, and reflects the value of doing the work before emergency seasons grow again.

This crew carried this work with service, unity, responsibility and commitment, and we honour them for stepping forward to protect households and infrastructure on reserve land with action, not only words. The community is truly uplifted by their hands-on resilience work, integrity, and belief in protecting our territory with care for future generations and seasonal emergency cycles ahead.

“Honouring Our Roots” – Grandparents Day Celebration

Following the first land clearing period at Gwen Lake, the next major community event selected and coordinated was Honouring Our Roots held for Grandparents Day. This gathering was chosen for the purpose of honouring the traditional grandparents, great-grandparents, elders, aunties and uncles who step in as grandparents, and all families rooted in Coldwater. The heart of this event was to lift up those who came from the land before us, the knowledge carriers in our families, the protectors, the story holders, the hearts that carried Coldwater through past climate emergencies and generational hardship. This gathering created a space for appreciation, for family visibility, for recognition of lineage, roots, trust, and community heart.

One of the most meaningful moments of the Honouring Our Roots gathering was the immense amount of family and community input we received beforehand. Community members, households, and families entrusted us with many photos from past eras to present day, including pictures of our grandparents, great-grandparents, aunties, uncles, elders, and current families carrying the teachings forward today. Seeing those photos arrive, holding them in our hands, organizing them together, and placing them gently and respectfully on the walls of Coldwater School transformed the environment into something deeply rooted in culture and spirit. Having the photos hanging on the walls reminded us that resilience is not only learned in emergency planning, it lives in our lineage, our families, and the people who walked before and beside us, and seeing them honoured on the walls of the school during that gathering was one of the best parts of working together with my team during this project era. A meaningful part of this project era was bringing the powerful cultural sound of **Birch Creek Drumming** into the Honouring Our Roots gathering, honouring the land with ancestral drum songs and carrying forward the heartbeat of our people through shared cultural presence, respect, and generational connection.

The gathering included community Bingo with prizes donated collectively by internal departments, businesses, and community members. The focus was placed more on honouring lineage and roots, gratitude, family togetherness, and connection through appreciation, rather than the game itself.

Preparedness Day – Emergency Education Gathering

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The next major gathering carried through the project timeline was Preparedness Day. Coldwater was the first community in the region to invite these emergency partners directly into a reserve land gathering to bring preparedness education, response awareness, and partnerships into Coldwater for the benefit of all households living on reserve land. The ones who attended Preparedness Day were welcomed fully into the community to share their emergency response systems, service knowledge, and future seasonal availability support.

Those who attended this year, and who expressed excitement and support for this model of preparedness education to continue yearly include FNESS, the City of Merritt Emergency Management, the Canadian Red Cross team who delivered the “Be Ready” workshop, and the Nicola Valley Food Bank, as well as Nlakapamux Health who all spoke the same, sharing that inviting them into the community directly for preparedness was a thoughtful, effective and first-of-its-kind approach for supporting reserve land household readiness. They expressed that if this event is held yearly again in the future, they would absolutely attend.

Partners who were invited for this event, who unfortunately could not attend due to scheduling conflict or a date change, but shared strong future interest include Fraser-Nicola Emergency & Climate Service Teams, Interior Health Emergency Responders, neighbouring reserve emergency partners, City Emergency Planning Partners, Merritt Fire Rescue Department, Fraser-Nicola Emergency & Climate Services, Fraser Health Authority Emergency Management, Interior Health Authority Response Teams, Merritt District Search and Rescue Society, Nicola Valley Search and Rescue Teams, FNHA (First Nations Health Authority), Neighbouring reserve emergency coordinators and other First Nations crisis response support organizations.

Their future interest matters as it shows partnership belief and excitement to return into preparedness gathering and teaching opportunities for Coldwater on reserve land if this event continues yearly in the future.

Emergency & Disaster Kits Planning

A formal partnership was formed with Nlaka’pamux Health for emergency disaster coverage planning to secure kits for households living on Coldwater reserve lands. The purpose of this collaboration was to ensure that every household on reserve receives their disaster kit fairly, with health-led direction included in planning cycles for medical mobility, emergency power dependent needs, or household considerations if relocation is required. This was strictly funded through the Canadian Red Cross grant period and not part of Coldwater Indian Band’s budget.

Household Resilience Register Form Collection

Another key deliverable I created and collected was the Definitive Household Emergency & Resilient Register Forms. These forms were gathered so Coldwater can have a full, in-order household map of emergency needs before a climate emergency or wildfire season grows. This includes critical

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information from each home that helps the community understand relocation or evacuation considerations quicker, safer, clearer, and organized should the need for response ever rise. Household-level clarity protects families, reduces confusion, speeds response planning, and ensures each home's needs & medical are known ahead of time.

Coldwater Emergency Plan Handbook / Plan Book Preparation

I also prepared the Coldwater Emergency Handbook Plan Book. The purpose of developing this handbook was because households needed a physical, take-home preparedness tool that helps reduce harm during wildfire or climate emergencies. The plan book includes guidance on what extra items families can pack into their evacuation bag, what steps can be done around the home to reduce dangers, wildfire fuel clearing reminders around each house, emergency contacts, seasonal relocation planning tips, and preparedness guidance in case evacuation or household relocation planning needs rise again in future seasons. Copies will be left at the Coldwater Band Office for household access when kits are handed out.

Acknowledgement of Community & Operational Support Partners

To acknowledge all businesses and community departments who stepped beside the project period, community and operational support partners that contributed collectively to holding the vision, donating prizes, supporting fire-risk clearing, workshops meals and being present in project alignment include:

CNA, Nlaka'pamux Health, SCFSS, SCHSS Coldwater Transition House, Coldwater School, Coldwater Social Development, along with local business supporters, emergency teams, forestry labour crews, & prize donors who contributed collectively to ensuring households living on reserve lands have harm-reduced, educated, planned, safer, in-order preparedness guidance for future wildfire or climate emergencies if relocations ever rise again in future cycles.

Acknowledgement to Project Era Helpers

My hands up and deepest appreciation to the community members who stepped forward and carried the heart of this project from the very beginning until now. Their commitment, time, labour, voice, ideas, willingness, and presence ensured every stage of this work was done with unity, care, responsibility, and intention to protect the land and the people. They were not just helpers — they were the foundation, the heartbeat, and the hands and hearts that made this work happen so smoothly for Coldwater families and our reserve.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and honour to these respected community workers who brought immense heart into FireSmart land clearing, seasonal emergency preparation groundwork, training support, gathering setup, decorating, bingo organization, door prizes, handbook guidance, emergency kits planning, community outreach, clean up, and trusting me to carry this vision forward respectfully for all on reserve.

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Thank you to Wanda Brooks, Bernice Garcia, Juanita George, Felix Andrew, Frankie George, Cruz Qurioz, Cylis Geadreau, Tim Sterling, Mikey Brooks, and Betty Anne McDonnell. Your belief in preparedness, your steadiness, and your hearts carried this work, strengthened this project, and uplifted our community in ways that words alone will never fully express.

This report honours you, sees you, and acknowledges you for walking into this work with action, integrity, family, land, and community heart at all times.

Closing Thanks to Red Cross Partners

A huge warm and heartfelt thank you to Michelle and Tammy who walked alongside me through each direction, planning, guidance and support cycle from the Canadian Red Cross era. Their help was immense, active, grounded in community heart work, and rooted in making sure households living on Coldwater reserve lands were fully considered in preparedness, planning, inclusion, and wildfire and climate-hazard harm reduction before emergency seasons arise again in the future.

Final Gratitude and Project Close

A deeply sincere thank you to Val Collins and Tania Stewart for trusting me to carry this project, guiding my learning and standing with the community. This has been an era of education, of resilience, of learning the importance of preparedness before emergencies grow, and of working together to protect our lands and our people with responsibility, clarity, and heart.

We remember that we are all connected. Peace, love, all our relations.

Sincerely,

Lorna Sterling

Coldwater Community Resilience Project Manager

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Newsletter Delivery Volunteers



If you do not wish to receive the Newsletter, please contact the office via phone or email and we will put a note not to deliver. (We noticed some people don't pick them up).

The Coldwater Indian Band strongly believes in saving paper and recycling so let us know if you don't want to be delivered to for personal reasons or for animal reasons.

Newsletter Delivery People Needed!

The Coldwater Indian Band has a Newsletter (that you're looking at right now) that needs to be hand-delivered to the Coldwater Members on the Reserve. That includes IR#2!

We pay \$60 for the Main Reserve (IR#1)

\$90 for BOTH Reserves IR#1 and IR#2.

We need our delivery list updated to know who can help us deliver Newsletters to our Community on time (before the next month arrives).

The money provided will be for the person delivering them, and they will need to have their own Transportation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Coldwater Indian Band Receptionist to be added to the newsletter delivery list.

Email: receptionist@coldwaterband.org

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Dog Attacks

WHAT TO DO WHEN ENCOUNTERED BY AN AGGRESSIVE DOG

1	Staying Calm and Avoiding Eye Contact
2	Using a Firm Voice and Simple Commands (No! Bad Dog! Stop!)
3	Creating a Barrier Between You and the Dog
4	Backing Away Slowly and Carefully
5	Seeking Help from the Owner or Authorities
6	Understanding the Reasons Behind Aggression
7	Taking Preventive Measures for Future Encounters

IF YOU WERE BITTEN BY A DOG

Seek immediate medical attention

Report on the incident with Animal Control.

Document of the event (Where, When, Whose Dog, Dog's Appearance, Bite).

You should also pursue legal advice if the bite is severe.

If you do not report the dog to the Band or to the Bylaw Officer, then that dog will still be loose and bite others (kids, adults, elders). Let's help keep each other safe.

Bylaw Services Officer - Merritt BC

Phone: (250)-378-8628

Email: bylaw@merritt.ca

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Security



Snuk'we? Security Inc.

Hours of operation

Thursday - Saturday

9:00 pm-5:00 am

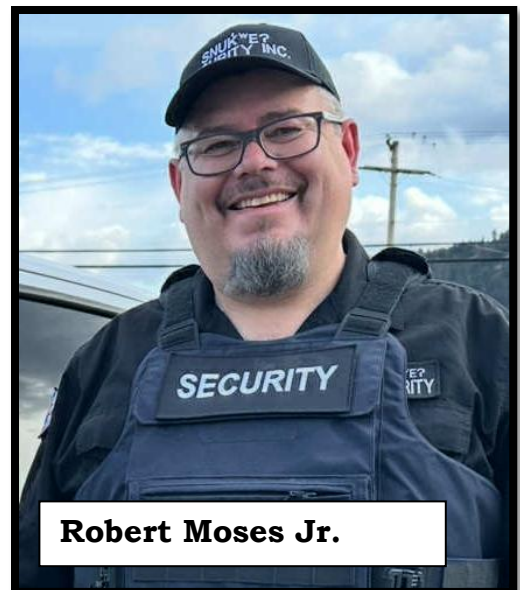
Contact number: **250-936-8121**

Coldwater Indian Band is proud to announce the services provided by Snuk'we? Security Inc. Showcasing our joint commitment to safeguarding our land and community.

Robert Moses Jr. is a dedicated community member and experienced protector. As the owner

of Snuk'we? Security Inc., Robert returns with a renowned dedication to ensuring the safety and security of our people.

If you witness any suspicious activity, please get in touch with security. In the event of an immediate emergency, don't hesitate to call 911.



Robert Moses Jr.

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Safe Driving during School Hours



This Serves as a reminder that School is in session, and we have Children/Youth walking to/from the Bus stop at Opie's Studio and other Bus stops along the Coldwater/Kingsvale Route

Please be wary when driving near the bus stop and near Coldwater Elementary.

We would like to remind Membership to please slow down while driving on the roads and watch out for our Children and Youth walking to/from School

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Kamloops Auto Recycling



CAR REMOVAL SERVICES!

Towing, Scrap Car Removal, Used Parts

Phone: 250-574-4679 / Brendan Kelly, Owner

Location: 1340 Kootenay Way (Near Coldwater Road)

Website: www.kamloopsautorecycling.com

Email: kautorecycling@gmail.com

MORE COMPANIES FOR YOU TO CALL GET YOUR OLD CARS REMOVED FROM YOUR YARD.

Merritt – B.C. Auto Scrapyard | Scrap Car Removal

Website: Auto-Scrap-Yard.com

Scrap Car Services in Merritt: – Post Edward junk cars buyer B.C.

Phone: 1-778-617-2061

Salvage car pickup in Merritt:

Phone: 1-778-617-3061.

Junk Car Removal Kamloops, B.C. | Git-Er-Done-Towing

We provide free scrap car pickup and cash for cars service in Kamloops.

Website: getirdonetowing.ca

Phone: (250)-852-0781

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SCHSS Christmas Holiday Closure

SCHSS Office's will close from
Monday, December 22, 2025
and re-open
Friday, January 2nd, 2026
@ 8:30am

K^wuk^wscémx^w - Thank you

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250-280-1644
reception@schss.com

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Scw'exmx Community Health Services Society



OFFICE CLOSURE

We are closed for Staff Event

Wednesday December 17, 2025

from 11:00am-4:30pm

and Re-open on

December 18th, 2025 @ 8:30 am

K^wuk^wscémx^w - Thank you

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INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

CHRISTMAS IN WHOVILLE

14 DEC | SUNDAY | 2025



STARTS AT 4:00PM
DINNER AT 4:30PM
**ENTERTAINMENT AT
5PM**



This event is separate from the Coldwater Breakfast with Santa
Children and youth gifts will be given out at the Breakfast event.
Questions call the Band Office at 250-378-6174

MISSION STATEMENT

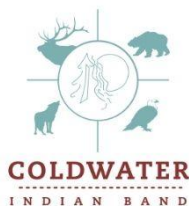
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BREAKFAST & Gifts with Santa **CATERING CALL OUT**

Coldwater Band is seeking bids for our
upcoming Breakfast with Santa
Sunday December 14th 2025
Coldwater School 9am-12pm

- **Please submit bids for 150 peoples**
- Bid estimates must include plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, coffee, tea, juice, water, and desserts
- Copies of Food Safe Certification for catering crew must be submitted
- Caterer is responsible for meal organization and clean up
- Menu items for dietary restrictions (diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian)
- Lowest bid may not be considered

BID DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 28 2025 12pm



Please submit bids to Velma Collins;
vcollins@coldwaterband.org
or Tania Stewart;
socialdevcoord@coldwaterband.org

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Coldwater Band is seeking bids for our upcoming
Community Christmas Dinner



Sunday December 14th 2025

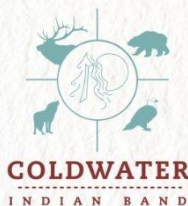
Coldwater School 4 to 7pm



- **Please submit bids for 250 people**
- Bid estimates must include plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, coffee, tea, juice, water, and desserts
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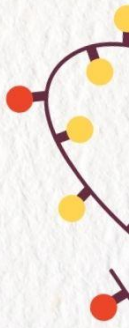


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Coldwater Indian Band Presents:

BREAKFAST & Gifts with Santa

Bring your child/ren for
Breakfast with Santa Claus and
receive their gift from
Coldwater Band

Breakfast at 9am and
children's gifts to follow!



Sunday
December
14th 2025

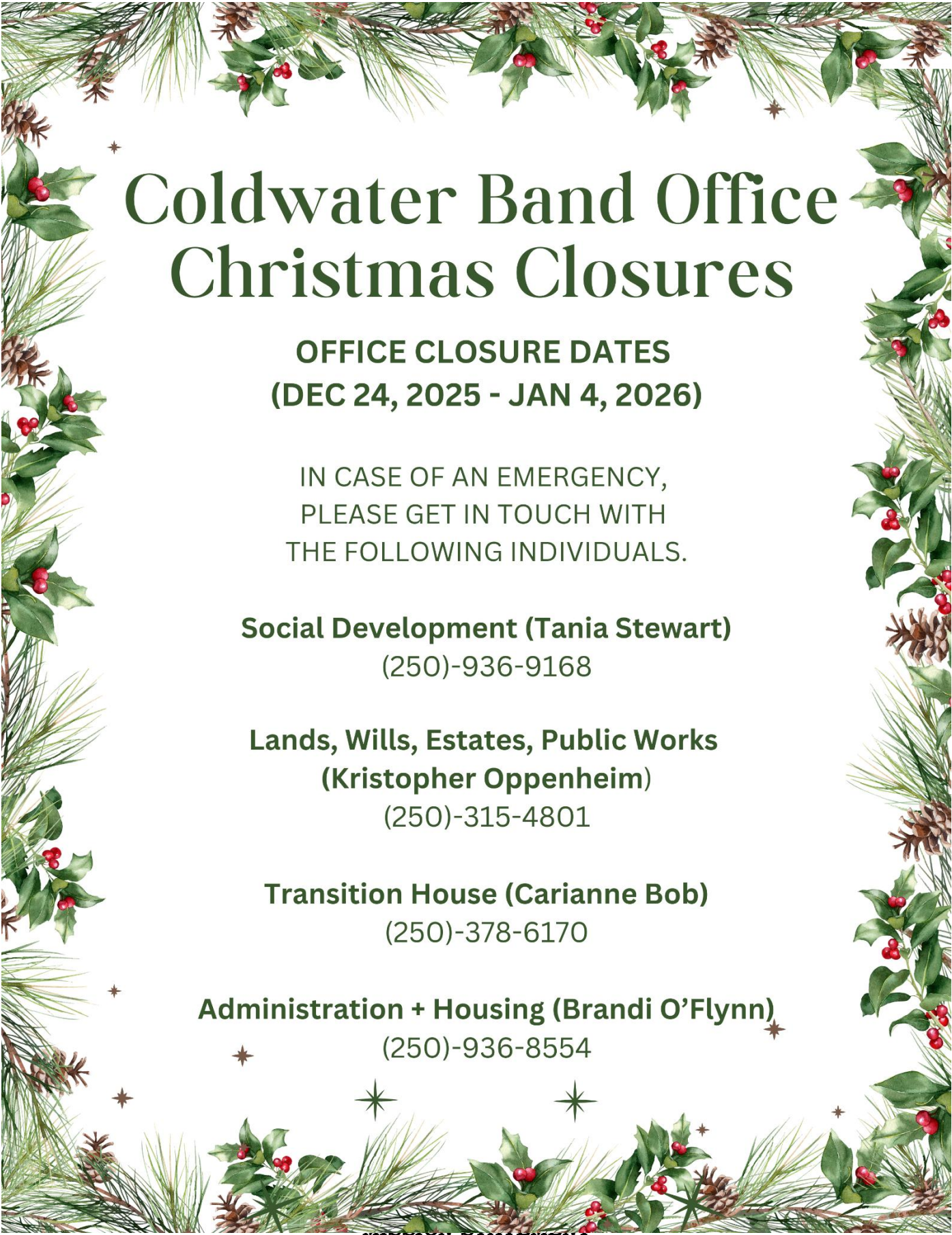


Coldwater
School 9am

This event is separate from the Coldwater Community Dinner.
Come back for Community Dinner and entertainment at 4pm

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Coldwater Band Office Christmas Closures

**OFFICE CLOSURE DATES
(DEC 24, 2025 - JAN 4, 2026)**

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY,
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

Social Development (Tania Stewart)
(250)-936-9168

**Lands, Wills, Estates, Public Works
(Kristopher Oppenheim)**
(250)-315-4801

Transition House (Carianne Bob)
(250)-378-6170

Administration + Housing (Brandi O'Flynn)
(250)-936-8554

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Please Join Us

Fireside Elders Potluck Lunch

Coldwater Health Building
Thur Dec 4 2025 from 11am - 1pm

Bring your favorite dish
Come visit, chat with elders &
Nurse Amber



More information
Call Amber @ Schss
378-9745

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Friday, December 5, 2025 | 10:00am to 2:00pm
Merritt Civic Center (Room 2) | 1950 Mamette Ave. | Merritt, BC
Facilitators: Brian Holmes & Yental Coutlee
Lunch and Refreshments Provided | Gift Cards | Door Prizes



The Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership (NWGP) invites Scwéxmx Elders and Knowledge Keepers to come together for discussion and guidance on forming an advisory council. This council will help shape the direction of the NWGP's work and ensure it is grounded in the voices, laws, and knowledge of our communities.

During this session, we will be working with the Syilx Four Food Chiefs framework, focusing on what the people envision for this advisory group, who should be involved, and what roles it should hold.

We hope you can join us, your presence means so much.

For more information please contact Yental Coutlee, Indigenous Laws Implementation Technician:
ycoutlee@scwexmxtribal.org | 250-378-4235 (ext 126)

COLDWATER FISHING DERBY

DATE: DECEMBER 26, 2025

LOCATION: HARMON LAKE

BOXING DAY

FREE REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM

OPEN TO ALL AGES

FISHING CLOSSES AT 3:00 PM

**SPONSORED BY CWIB SOCIAL
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TRANSITION HOUSE**

**FOR MORE INFO OR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT**

**JESSIE ALJAM
250-280-0334.**



Coldwater Chief and Council Candidate Information Meeting

**December 3, 2025
(6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)**

**Coldwater
Community Hall**

Chief and Council will provide information, clarity, and transparency on the elective roles and will be available to address any questions or concerns interested candidates may have.

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 227 009 433 065 9

Passcode: 8Mp2H4ot

For any questions or concerns
Contact the Band Administrator (Brandi O'Flynn)

Phone: 250-378-6174

Email: bandadmin@coldwaterband.org

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Fax: (250) 378-5351

Band Administrator, Public Works, Lands Wills & Estates,
Housing, Economic Development, Education

#301-230th Street Coldwater Reserve

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Fax: (250) 378-6153

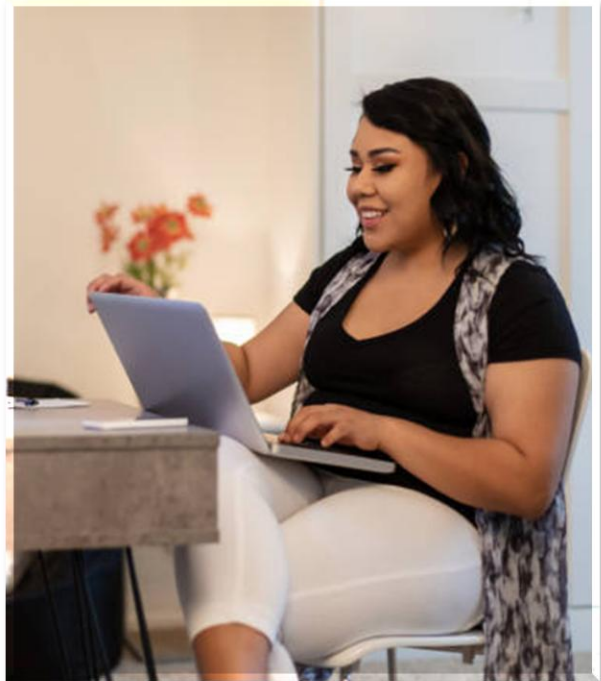
Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance,
Social Development

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How to Sign up for the Monthly Newsletter for the Coldwater Indian Band

- Send your **Name**, and **Email** to the Coldwater Indian Band **Receptionist** via email receptionist@coldwaterband.org

If you have any trouble, give us a call to help you out! **250-378-6174**. We are always glad to help the community!



Newsletter created by Receptionist Brianna-Skye Charters Euan, Thank you.

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