COLDWATER INDIAN BAND

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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Chief and Council Meetings
General Band Meetings
2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Chief & Council Meeting	**Virtual General Band Meetings Coldwater Band Hall**
April 10, 2024 April 24, 2024	April 18, 2024
May 8, 2024 May 22, 2024	May 16, 2024
June 12, 2024 June 26, 2024	June 20, 2024 **Community BBQ/new member speech**
July 10, 2024 July 24, 2024	July 18, 2024
August 14, 2024 	**none due to Food gathering season**
September 11, 2024 September 25, 2024	September 19, 2024
October 9, 2024 October 23, 2024	October 17, 2024
November 13, 2024 November 27, 2024	November 21, 2024
December 11, 2024	**none due to holidays**
January 8, 2025 January 22, 2025	January 16, 2025
February 12, 2025 February 26, 2025	February 20, 2025
March 12, 2025 March 26, 2025	March 20, 2025

Coldwater Indian Band

Hybrid General Band Meeting (GBM)

Coldwater Band Hall

March 20, 2025
Meeting #14-2024/25
6:30 p.m. doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. **6:30 p.m. Opening Prayer**

2. **Council Updates 10-minute limit per update**
   a. Leah Collins
   b. Veronica Jameson

3. **7:00 p.m. – Topics of Discussion Limit of 10-minutes per topic**
   a. Staff Updates
      i. Housing – Donald Kraus
      ii. Animal Bylaw – Lands, Wills & Estates Administrator – Kristopher Oppenheim
   b. Acceptance of General Band Meeting Minutes
      i. September 19, 2024
      ii. October 12, 2024, Special Governance Meeting
      iii. November 21, 2024

Motion #01-14-2024/25 Moved by Coldwater Indian Band membership to accept the September 19, 2024 General Band Meeting minutes as submitted or with the recommended amendments.	
Moved by: All in favor with ___ abstention	**Second by:** Motion Adopted

4. **7:30 p.m. Presenters Limit of 15 min. for presenters and 15 min. for Q & A**
   a. Nicola Watershed Governance Project – Crystal McMaster
   b. Title & Rights Stewardship – Jeanette McCauley – Scw'exmx Tribal Council
5. **Open Floor Discussions (Be mindful of the Rules of Engagement)**

The Election Policy is available at both offices for member who would like to review before the elections in November. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please call either Ani or Dale at 250-378-6174.

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 296 042 110 044
Passcode: jA72iK6c

This a now reoccurring meeting
This will always be the link to join

Helplines:

Coldwater Membership,

ʔéx kʷ ṅ (Hello), ẏe tk siʌ̓q̓t (Good day), here is helplines if needed in the new year.

Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline – 1.833.900.1010

Hope for Wellness Help Line (24 hrs. – 7 days a week) – 1.855.242.3310

Mental Health and Substance Use Support – 1.866.585.0445

Canada Suicide Prevention Service (24 hrs. – 7 days a week) – 1.833.456.4566

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Crisis Line – 1.867.982.0123

Mental Health Crisis Line (24 hrs. – 7 days a week) – 1.800.737.4668

National Indian Residential School Crisis Line for Residential School survivors and family (24 hrs. - 7 days a week) – 1.866.925.4419

MMIWG2S+ Support line – 1.844.413.6649

Missing Children Society of Canada – 1.800.661.6160

Victim Link (24 hours) – 1.800.563.0808 BC211 – 1.604.875.6431

CSC Victim Services Pacific Region – 1.866.806.2275

KIDS COUNT TOO! – 250.423.6800

Húṁeɬ (Goodbye),

Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief of Coldwater Band

BC AFN Women's Representative

HEALTH SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES

Virtual Doctor of the Day Open to all First Nations people and their families living in BC. All doctors and allied health care professionals are trained to follow the principles and practices of cultural safety and humility. Call **1-855-344-3800** to book an appointment with the Virtual Doctor of the Day.

By calling **8-1-1,** you can speak to a health services navigator, who can help you to find health information and services; or connect you directly with registered nurse, registered dietitian, qualified exercise professional, or pharmacist.

Hope for Wellness Help Line offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention by phone or online chat. Call toll-free **1-855-242-3310** or start a confidential chat with a counsellor at **hopeforwellness.ca.**

Tswo Tun Le Lum Society Toll-free line **1-888-403-3123**

Indian Residential School Crisis Line is a national service for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of their residential school experience. Call toll-free **1-866-925-4419.**

Kuu-Us Crisis Line Society provides crisis services for Indigenous people in BC. Adults/Elders line: **250-723-4050**
Youth line: **250-723-2040**
Or call toll free **1-800-588-8717.**
Learn more at **www.kuu-uscrisisline.com.**

Métis Crisis Line is a service of Métis Nation British Columbia.
Call **1-833-MétisBC (1-833-638-4722).**

Kids Help Phone 24/7 A National support service offering professional counselling, information and referrals and volunteer-led, text-based support to youth. **Call 1-800-668-6868 or text the word "connect" to 686868** to access text support.

Call **1-800-SUICIDE at 1-800-784-2433** anytime of the day or night if you or someone you know is thinking about ending their own life or needs someone to talk to about suicidal thoughts or ideas.

If you are experiencing a health emergency call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.

Weekly Activities	Location	Day of the Week	Times
Youth Drop-in	Coldwater Health Building	Tuesday	Afterschool
Men's Group	Coldwater Health Building	Bi-Weekly Wednesday	6-8pm
Women's Group	Coldwater Health Building	Tuesday* (See calendar attached)	5:30-8pm



Coldwater Prenatal and Postnatal 0-1 year

@ Coldwater Health Building

Meal provided with beverages

Any food allergies please contact

250-315-9535- Angela community health nurse

Drop in classes

Nov 6 4:30 to 6PM – Pizza and apple crisp

Dec 9 4:30 to 6PM

Jan 6 4:30- 6PM

Feb 10 4:30 -6 PM

March 3 4:30 -6PM

April 7 4:30 – 6 PM

May 5 4:30 – 6 PM

June 2nd 4:30- 6PM

Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)

Gift cards provided monthly

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February 28, 2025

Coldwater Membership,

You are invited to meet and greet Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief:

Date: 1st Monday of Every Month > Starting March 3rd, 2025

Place: Elders Room, Coldwater Health Centre

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

I look forward to meeting with you to have meaningful dialog. This Meet and Greet was requested by the community members, so they have an opportunity to voice their issues relating to the Band.

Thank you: kʷukʷscéyp,
See you soon - goodbye: Húmʹel (pronounce: hom ath),
Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band

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First Health Solutions

Professional Support for Health Organizations

Counsellors Available!

Trauma, Stress, Anxiety, Relationships

In-person, and Virtual Appointments.



Neil Burrows, RSW has been working with indigenous groups across Canada since 1990, providing professional training, critical incident debriefing, trauma counselling and program consultation.

Much of Neil's work centres on Lateral Violence and working with groups to overcome the colonial impacts on their workplace health.

Neil completed his studies at Lakehead University (ON) and the University of Victoria (BC) and currently resides in Williams Lake, BC. He will be providing services in-person, and virtually.

Carolyn Charleyboy, M.Ed., RCC



A member of the Tsilhqot'in Nation (Tsidedel / Redstone) with 6 years of post-graduate counselling experience, Carolyn will be available for Zoom / Phone sessions. Carolyn is trained and certified in Indigenous Focusing Oriented Therapy (IFOT), as well as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL), she is available to work with youth and adults. Carolyn completed her education at the University of British Columbia (UBC), as well as the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), and currently resides in Williams Lake, BC.

In-Person Appointments will be once per month at the Access Center, CW Reserve.
Virtual Appointments can be booked throughout the month on Phone / Zoom.

Call / Text (250) 615-6863 to book directly, or get assistance through your Social Services Department, 250-378-6174 for Cynthia or Val.



SCHSS NEW BUILDING – 1926 Quilchena Ave.

SCHSS WELLBRIETY GROUP

DAY CHANGE, NOW EVERY **THURSDAY**

Date	Location	Time
March 6, 2025	SCHSS	6:00PM-7:15PM
March 13, 2025	SCHSS	6:00PM-7:15PM
March 20, 2025	SCHSS	6:00PM-7:15PM
March 27, 2025	Coldwater Health Building	5:30PM-8:00PM

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact:

Christine Provost, Wellness Counsellor or
Elizabeth Perdok-Waboose, Wellness Therapist
@ (250) 378-9745.

Transportation & Snacks are provided.

SCHSS
SCW'EXMX COMMUNITY
HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY

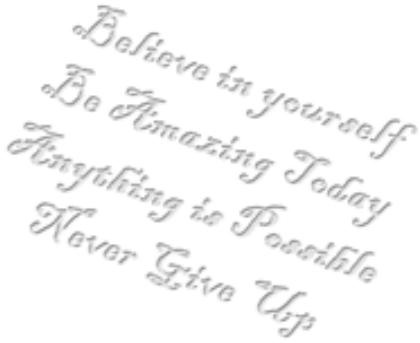
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ANY HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS OR COMMUNITY MEMBERS







WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS or TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

SHOULD BE STARTING THE PROCESS OF APPLYING TO SCHOOLS AND GETTING YOUR APPLICATIONS IN. THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 2025.

PLEASE COME IN TO SEE STEPHANIE AT THE BAND OFFICE OR EMAIL HER AT Stephanie@Coldwaterband.org

to get the process started.

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March 3, 2025

GREETINGS MEMBERS.

THE COLDWATER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NVIT IS HOSTING COLLEGE READINESS COURSES FOR BOTH MATH AND ENGLISH IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO TRAVEL TO MERRITT FOR THESE COURSES, AND SNACKS AND/OR LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS COURSE.

THE TENTATIVE START DATE FOR THIS COURSE IS MARCH 31, 2025

THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS- REVIEW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS

MARCH 5, 2025 9 AM-2 PM
MARCH 17, 2025 9 AM-2 PM

COPIES OF THIS REVIEW PACKAGE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT EITHER OFFICE

AND TEST DATES ARE SCHEDULED FOR

MARCH 12, 2025 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM
MARCH 19, 2025 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM

THE LOCATION OF THESE REVIEWS AND EXAMS ARE AT THE COLDWATER SCHOOL PITHOUSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME BY PHONE AT (250)378-6174 OR BY EMAIL AT STEPHANIE@COLDWATERBAND.ORG

Respectfully,

Stephanie Archie

Stephanie Archie
Coldwater Education Coordinator

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MARCH 3, 2025

GREETINGS MEMBERS,

HERE IS A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE ACADEMIC 2024-2025 YEAR END:

IF YOU HAVE A GRADE 12 STUDENT WHO IS SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE IN JUNE 2025, PLEASE REACH OUT FOR GRADUATE EXPENSE SUPPORTS. IF YOUR STUDENT IS ATTENDING MSS AND CLC- I ALREADY HAVE THEIR EXPENSES BEING BILLED DIRECTLY TO ME FROM THE SCHOOL.

IF YOU ARE A POST-SECONDARY STUDENT WHO IS SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME FOR SUPPORTS FOR GRADUATE FEES- NVIT STUDENTS ARE BEING DIRECTLY BILLED TO ME.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND POST-SECONDARY FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN MAY 2025 ONWARDS:

THIS IS YOUR REMINDER THAT APPLICATION FORMS ARE DUE

APRIL 30, 2025

APPROVALS SHOULD COME SHORTLY AFTER.

THIS INCLUDES CONTINUING STUDENTS

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DO NOT HESTIATE TO REACH OUT TO ME BY PHONE (250)378-6174 OR EMAIL AT STEPHANIE@COLDWATERBAND.ORG

Respectfully,

Stephanie Archie

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Education Coordinator

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Conayt

SOUP KITCHEN

Conayt Friendship Society

Helping Others

EVERY THURSDAY at
2164 QUILCHENA AVENUE
MERRITT, BC V1K 1B8

11:30AM - 12:30PM



https://www.conayt.com

reception@conayt.com

(250) 378 - 5107

NICOLA VALLEY YOUTH GATHERING

FEATURING:
LAURA GRIZZLYPAWS & JORDIN TOOTOO





MAR 25-27, 2025 | FOR YOUTH AGED 13-18











We warmly invite the youth of the Nicola Valley to our annual Youth Gathering, featuring on-the-land teachings from local elders and teams. The event will focus on building connections, celebrating culture, and sharing valuable lessons from the land.

Open to all of our 5 surrounding bands, 50 participant capacity so register soon!

MEALS PROVIDED
DOOR PRIZES &
ENTERTAINMENT

Scw'exmx Child & Family

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

Questions email:
ShayLee.Jack@scwexmx.com
or call (250) 378-2771

C'ELETKWMX (COLDWATER PEOPLE)

CALLING OUR SPIRITS HOME EVENT PREP

Beading Pins & Button Making Day!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

COLDWATER HEALTH CENTRE

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
CYNTHIA JAGER, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
250-378-6174

C'ELETKWMX (COLDWATER PEOPLE)

SAVE THE DATE!

CALLING OUR SPIRITS HOME

Ceremony

May 22-25, 2025

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, May 22, 2025
- Tk'emlups te Secwepemc-Ceremony
- Walk/Run to Trapp Lake
- Dinner - Quilchena Hotel

Friday, May 23, 2025
- Walk/Run - Trapp Lake to Quilchena Church
- Dinner - Quilchena Hotel

Saturday, May 24, 2025
- Walk/Run/Canoe - Quilchena Church to Merritt
- Dinner - Location TBD

Sunday, May 25, 2025
- Walk/Run - Merritt to Coldwater
- Ceremony at Fire - Health Centre
- Community Feast - Coldwater School

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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CATERING BIDS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE CALLING OUR SPIRITS HOME EVENT

COMMUNITY FEAST
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025
COLDWATER SCHOOL
5:00 P.M.
EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 350

- Cost estimates must include plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, coffee, tea, juice, water, take away containers etc.
- Dietary needs: diabetic, dairy-free, vegetarian and gluten-free options.
- Meal to be ready at 5:00 p.m.
- Caterer to ensure that acceptable number of crew has Food Safe Certificates.
- Menu must be complete to include main course and desserts.
- Caterer will be responsible for full clean-up of kitchen and food tables, etc.
- Caterer will be responsible for full organization for entire meal preparation (shopping, serving, recruiting helpers, clean up, etc)
- Lowest bid may/may not be considered.

Deadline for bids:
March 28, 2025

Email bids to Cynthia:
cynthia@coldwaterband.org

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3 BREAKFASTS

FRIDAY, MAY 23 - QUILCHENA HOTEL
SATURDAY, MAY 24 - QUILCHENA HOTEL
SUNDAY, MAY 25 - LOCATION TBD
EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 125

- Cost estimates must include plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, coffee, tea, juice, water, take away containers etc.
- Dietary needs: diabetic, dairy-free, vegetarian and gluten-free options.
- Meal to be ready at 8:00 a.m.
- Caterer to ensure that acceptable number of crew has Food Safe Certificates.
- Menu must be complete to include main course and desserts.
- Caterer will be responsible for full clean-up of kitchen and food tables, etc
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2 DINNERS

FRIDAY, MAY 23 - QUILCHENA HOTEL
SATURDAY, MAY 24 - COLDWATER HALL

EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 125

- Cost estimates must include plates, utensils, napkins, cups, condiments, coffee, tea, juice, water, take away containers etc.
- Dietary needs: diabetic, dairy-free, vegetarian and gluten-free options.
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Please Join Us

Fireside Elders Potluck Lunch

COLDWATER HEALTH BUILDING
THUR MARCH 6, 2025 FROM 11AM - 1PM
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
COME VISIT, CHAT WITH ELDERS & NURSE AMBER

SCW'EXMX COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

MORE INFORMATION
CALL AMBER @ SCHSS
378-9745

DROP - IN

COME SEE THE NURSE

GET VITALS CHECKED

CHAT ABOUT ANY

HEALTH CONCERNS

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MARCH 4, 2025

10AM - 2 PM

COLDWATER HEALTH BUILDING

SCW'EXMX COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

BC AFN Women's Representative Report

Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band

February 25, 2025

Greetings to the Coldwater Membership,

ẏe tk siX̱ɂt (Good day), I am honoured to be the newly elected BCAFN Women's Representative for a three-year term. Since being elected I have taken the time to work with BCAFN staff to ensure a smooth transition into my new role; this included expanding my understanding of BCAFN and sharing my priorities. In order to grasp my understanding of my role, I have read and re-read the following reports: "Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls," "231 individual Calls for Justice, Red Woman Rising," reports and BCAFN past dialogue sessions, all of which reflect the important needs and priorities of B.C. First Nation women and girls.

In November, I joined my first meeting with the AFN Women's Council. My input included recommendations toward the development of the Missing Persons Data Standards project (MPDS) at Statistics Canada. The MPDS Project is a five-year project that aligns with the Call for Justice 9.5.v in the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) National Inquiry Final Report, which calls upon all police services to standardize protocols, policies and practices to ensure all cases of missing persons are thoroughly investigated. The Call for Justice 9.5.v also includes the creation of a national strategy to ensure consistency in reporting mechanisms for reporting missing Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people.

During this presentation we learned that a national strategy could also be developed in conjunction with the implementation of a national database. This would be helpful for B.C. First Nations as it would ensure all necessary steps are taken to ensure that law enforcement do not discriminate against MMIWG2S+ and can fully support families and survivors. However, there is concern that the national database may also hinder the equality of services as law enforcement may be limited from going above and beyond for missing persons once all standardized protocols, policies and practices are completed. During this engagement it was important to ensure that all law enforcement standardization will not lead to limitations on missing persons cases being investigated. I am hopeful to see the future outcomes of this work and eager to see missing person investigations to be improved upon.

In December, I attended the AFN Special Chiefs assembly in Ottawa, Ontario and participated in the AFN Women's Council as the new BCAFN Women's Representative. This meeting was a very busy time for the AFN Women's Council. I am happy to share updates on the National Caucus of Women Leaders, which will be celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th 2025 with a one day virtual meeting where regional offices such as the BCAFN will be presenting our work on the First Nations Gender Based Analysis Plus (FNGBA+) toolkit, titled "All My Relations, A Culturally Relevant Approach to First Nations Gender Based Analysis, which was co-created with Chastity Davis-Alphonse, Dr. Natalie Clark, and Dr. Sarah Hunt.

In January, together with the BCAFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, Orene Askew, I participated in the third Indigenous, Federal, Provincial, and Territorial National Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People (MMIWG2S+) to address systemic violence and to advance the 231 Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry's Final Report for the first time. It is important for me to recognize and acknowledge that some steps have been taken toward the implementation of CFJ and in 2024/2025 Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), announced its efforts to combat Human Trafficking.

BC AFN Women's Representative Report

Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band

February 25, 2025

I am encouraged by the new actions taken on Human Trafficking that includes prevention mechanisms for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people; such as safe housing for all and wrap around services for First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people who are placed in vulnerable situations.

I look forward to the work ahead and supporting B.C. First Nation women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

On February 14th I attended the Annual Memorial March for the first time to honor the Indigenous women who have lost their lives to violence and to lift up their families.

The February 14th Women's Memorial March was formed in 1992 after the brutal and tragic murder of Cheryl Ann Joe, a Coast Salish woman sparked outrage amongst families from the Downtown Eastside and surrounding communities. They were outraged by the manner in which she was murdered, and they were fed up with the continued violence against Indigenous women and girls. This March was formed not only to commemorate our stolen sisters but to give voice to the families and survivors. The Memorial March continues to grow and creates a platform to establish many valuable connections.

I am grateful that I was able to attend, and I will support MMIWG2S+ events that uphold families and survivors. We need increased resources for advocates and the grassroots people who respond to violence and search for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

kʷukʷscémxʷ (Thank you),

ne syəmyim (Rainbow)
Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band
BC AFN Women's Representative

February 26, 2025

Coldwater Membership,

y̓e tk siƛq̓t (Good day), I would like to submit my quarterly report to membership. My report includes the meetings attended on behalf of Coldwater Band as the Vice Chief. Over the term I have been consistently committed to attending Community Gatherings, Committee Meetings, General Band Meetings and Council Meetings. Election nominations will be in October. The Elections will be in November 2025. Please find a copy of the Election Policy at the Administration Office.

Community members have requested a Meet and Greet. I have committed to meet with membership on the first Monday of every month starting March 3rd. I have requested SCHSS to use the Elders Room, Coldwater Health Centre. Time: 1 pm – 3 pm. I look forward to seeing you and listening to any issues that arise or just have a meaningful discussion.

Council Meetings Attendance: Regrets -1 council meeting over the last term November 14th, 2022 - February 28th ,2025.

General Band Meeting Attendance: Regrets -1 GBM meeting over the last term November 14th, 2022- February 28th, 2025.

Date for Reporting: Nov 13th, 2024 – February 28th, 2025

Topic: Update on Line 1 Pipeline: Coldwater Negotiations with Canada and TM Stalled	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Chief Lee Spahan & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Coldwater Chief and Vice Chief have been working hard with legal counsel to move negotiations forward with Canada and Trans Mountain to resolve longstanding issues around the pipeline right-of-way on IR1. Negotiations on the updated terms have been moving forward very slowly, although not to the satisfaction of the Council. Our attempts to resolve the issue of compensation for the pipeline have completely stalled. ➢ The pipeline right-of-way has not been properly authorized on Coldwater IR1 since 2007. The pipeline was purchased by Kinder Morgan and changed corporate ownership, but there was no application made to Canada for the necessary assignment of the right-of-way until 2012. In 2017, the Federal Court of Appeal found that Canada had breached its obligations to Coldwater by granting the assignment to Kinder Morgan without protecting Coldwater's best interests. Despite the Court's direction to Canada to correct its mistakes in 2017, Coldwater is still without proper compensation and updated easement terms to ensure the protection of our land and Coldwater's participation in decision-making about the pipeline. The pipeline continues to flow 300,000 bbl/day of oil and petroleum products through our reserve without proper authorization.	

Given Canada and TM's continued failure to respect our vital interests in our reserve land, Council is in discussions with legal counsel about options to push for a fair outcome for our lands and our members.	
Topic: TransMountian	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Mike Smithers & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ BC Groundwater has facilitated a meeting with TM in January 2025 to discuss the Integrity dig, schedule for summer 2025 ➢ PGL will work with BCGW on this project: we will be gathering soil and other samples to complete a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) during the dig. ➢ Ongoing work with TM to renew the IM contract ➢ Ongoing restoration work on the West Route ➢ With construction completed, efforts to negotiate an operational working arrangement began. ➢ West Route Committee meetings were put on hold during these discussions	
Topic: Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Jackie Aljam & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ A detailed written Assessment Report and Maps detailing Cumulative Effects to Coldwater Cultural Heritage that can be used in legal discussions with Proponents and the Crown ➢ PGL has been supporting Coldwater to write an Assessment of Cumulative Effects on Coldwater Cultural Heritage. ➢ PGL is currently writing the draft report and preparing supporting maps, figures, and documents.	
Topic: West Coast	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Jackie Aljam & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ West Coast originally proposed to construct a 21 kms powerline to provide electricity to the new electric power compressor unit at CS-8A. This route will no longer be pursued due to a cultural heritage site and artifact finds. ➢ West Coast decided to pursue an alternative route that would require 3 kms powerline from CS-8A to existing third-party powerline, located North of Kingsville. This route will significantly decrease environmental disturbances.	
Topic: Sunrise Expansion	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Jackie Aljam & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Opportunity for Coldwater to participate in the studies as Environmental Team Members (ETM) or Cultural Guardians (CG). ➢ Members that have taken the Enbridge Readiness Training (RTS) are qualified to work. ➢ Enbridge will get the list of training to Coldwater and can provide the RTS. ➢ Construction is also looking to do survey work along the route	
Topic: Project Dawn	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Jackie Aljam, Councilor Mike Smithers & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Motion was passed by Membership to move forward with joining the Business venture with Enbridge ➢ Awaiting the next steps from the Transaction Committee	
Topic: Finance Review Committee	Rate: $125 per meeting

Representatives: Councilor Jackie Aljam & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Coldwater has hired a CPA, CA, Senior Manager Accounting Advisory Canada LLP to help support the Coldwater Finance Team to get our books in order ➢ BDO is doing our Audits and should have them available for Council and Community review	
Topic: Coldwater School	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Leah Collins & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ The School HR Committee will be taking a HR & ADMINISTRATION Masterclass Workshop at NK'MIP Resort, Osoyoos BC ➢ The Education Board Policy is being finalized and will be going to the Council for review ➢ Education HR Policy is also being updated and will be submitted to Council in the next couple of months	
Topic: Indigenous Education Council SD#58	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Announce that Jacob Cowan will be moving to Merritt Secondary School as our new Vice Principal, effective February 3rd, 2025. ➢ Appointment of Angela McIvor as the new District Principal of Indigenous Education for the Nicola Similkameen School District, effective January 28th, 2025. ➢ Aboriginal Advisory Council (AAC) Terms of Reference Review	
Topic: Post Secondary	Rate: $35 per hour
Representatives: Councilor Leah Collins & Vice Chief Cheryl Rule	
➢ Education Coordinator has provided a Parent Gathering at the Coldwater School ➢ The Post Secondary Policy is being updated and will be submitted to Council in the next couple of months	

If you have any questions regarding this report, please reach out to me.

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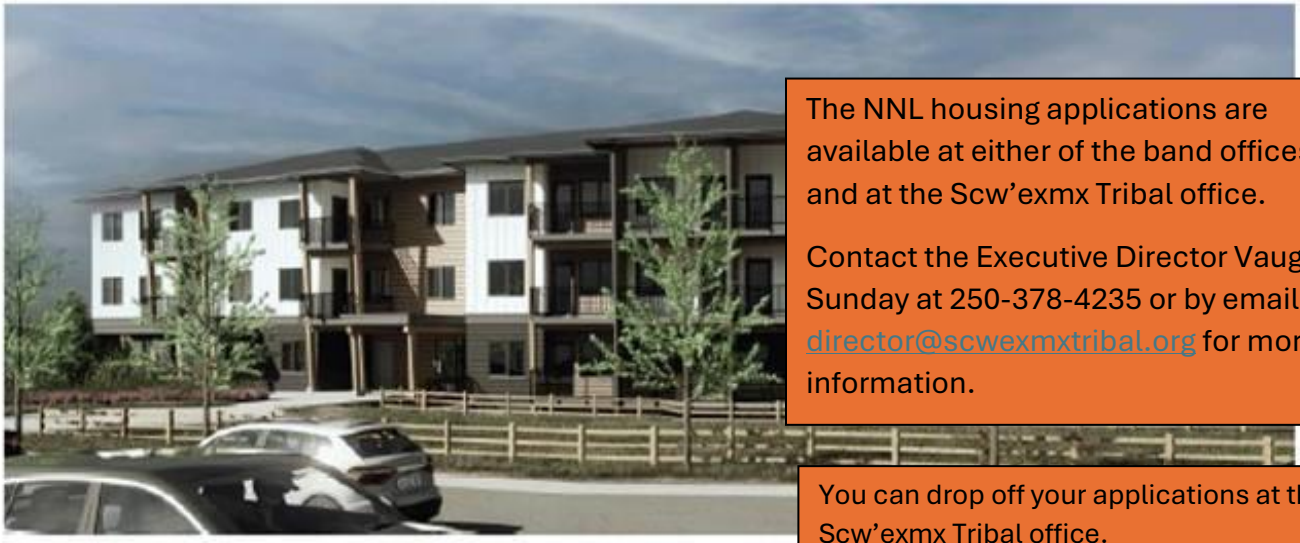
Húm'el, See you soon - goodbye

Cheryl Rule, Vice Chief Coldwater Band

BC AFN Women's Representative

Nicola Native Lodge Society
Housing Application

TEMPORARY APPLICATION FORM



The NNL housing applications are available at either of the band offices and at the Scw'exmx Tribal office.

Contact the Executive Director Vaughn Sunday at 250-378-4235 or by email director@scwexmxtribal.org for more information.

You can drop off your applications at the Scw'exmx Tribal office.

2090 Coutlee Ave, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8

Project Description

The Nicola Native Lodge will open in the spring of 2025. It is comprised of the following:

20 – Studio Units
20 – Single Bedroom Units
6 – Two Bedroom Units
6 – Three Bedroom Units
6 of the units are fully accessible and 36 Units are adaptable

Eligibility

- Priority will be given to members of the Nicola Five First Nations
  - Upper Nicola Band
  - Lower Nicola Indian Band
  - Coldwater Indian Band
  - Nooaitch Indian Band
  - Shackan Indian Band
- First Nation applicants from other Bands wanting to apply to the Nicola Native Lodge must indicate what Band/First Nation they are from along with a copy of their status card

It is understood that the online applications through BC Housing will be available at a later date and the information collected now will then be transferred.
The Nicola Native Lodge Society is working on a pet policy, and it is anticipated that the NNL facility will be smoke free.

Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice

Dear Friend,

December 19, 2024

We are reaching out to introduce and share important resources in this package. The Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice is an Indigenous-led National not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to support Indigenous Survivors of forced and coerced sterilization and to advocate for reproductive justice for all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

This is not just about the past. Forced sterilization is still happening today. Together, we will end this violence and ensure future generations never experience it again.

- **Forced sterilization** happens when someone is permanently prevented from having children without their informed and voluntary consent – a grave violation of human rights.
- **Coerced sterilization** occurs when individuals are pressured or, misled into undergoing sterilization, by medical professionals, hospital staff, social workers, or others. Often occurring during vulnerable times like childbirth or other routine medical procedures.

These actions have been destructive but we are here to say to survivors: **You are not alone**. Together, we can raise our voices, seek justice, and heal!

WHAT WE'RE DOING:

National Registry

We've created a National Registry to document and archive the stories of Survivors, ensuring this painful chapter of Canadian history is never forgotten. This registry is now open, and we encourage those affected to register at reproductivejusticesurvivors.ca.

Healing Fund

The newly established Healing Fund will offer financial assistance to support individual healing. Survivors can apply for

- Individual Healing Supports Up to $10,000
- Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) up to $30,000
- Community organizations and grassroots groups up to $30,000
- The deadline to apply is **March 31 2025**

National Gathering

We're hosting a National Healing Gathering for Survivors from March 7-9, 2025. This will be a safe space for Survivors to connect, heal, and share their stories.

Advocacy

We're actively advocating for legislative change. Bill S-250, which seeks to criminalize forced and coerced sterilization.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
We need your help to spread the word and connect Survivors to the resources.

Here's how you can support us:

- **Share the materials in this package.** Display the enclosed brochures and posters in your community lobbies, health centres, gathering places.
- **Share the materials** electronically throughout your organization or agency
- **Apply for the Healing Fund.** There is funding available to your organization/agency to support healing initiatives. We encourage you to apply
- **Help Survivors get support.** By sharing this information, you can help Survivors find us and access the supports.
- **Request an information session.** We will come to your community and share more about our work at gatherings, conferences, or events.
- **Join us on social media.** Follow and share our content to help amplify our message. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.
- **Visit our website.** Stay updated and learn more about our initiatives www.reproductivejusticesurvivors.ca.
- **Support Bill S-250.** Advocate for this critical legislation by spreading awareness and encouraging others to do the same.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice. Together, we can create a future where reproductive violence is no longer a part of our communities. For more questions, contact:

REGISTRY: Mona Bencharski, 877-386-0750 ext. 107, mbencharski@reproductivejusticesurvivors.ca

PUBLIC EDUCATION: For more information or community presentations, please contact Kahsenniyo at 877-386-0750 ext 108, communications@reproductivejusticesurvivors.ca

In solidarity and hope,
Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice

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Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice

Healing Support Fund Information
Individual Application

What is the Healing Support Fund?

The Healing Support Fund is being administered by the Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice. Healing Support Funds will assist the eligible Survivor to access healing supports such as grief counselling, Traditional ceremony, cultural supports, mental health and addictions treatment, recovery programs, fertility programs, other trauma supports and services. Funds will also be available to eligible Group/Organization Applicants to support community-based or grassroots initiatives led by, or involving survivors of forced and coerced sterilization.

Epiq Class Action Services Canada, Inc. has been engaged by the Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice to act as Healing Support Fund Administrator. In the Application review process, the Administrator, together with the Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice, will implement the Healing Support Fund guidelines developed with the guidance of Survivors.

Healing Fund Individual Eligibility

- Survivors Circle for Reproductive Justice Survivor ID Number
- Documents verifying sterilization procedure (must provide one)
  - Medical records (Consent for Administrator to search can be given by completing and submitting a Consent to Release Medical Information Form)
  - Statutory Declaration from Survivor
  - Any other verifying documents

How can the Healing Support Funds be used?

Individuals (Healing Supports)

The Individual Applicant can apply up to a maximum of $10,000 for one of the following:

- Mental Health Services (counselling, grief counselling, therapy, addiction recovery)
- Cultural Supports (ceremony, access to Elders, Traditional supports, Traditional Medicines, etc.)
- Land Based Healing
- Physical Therapies (Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, etc.)
- Wrap-around Services (supports necessary to allow applicant to access healing supports, such as transportation, respite care for family members)
- Other supports (cost of medical records, etc.)

Individuals (Assisted Reproductive Technology Supports)

The Individual Applicant can apply up to a maximum of $30,000 for one of the following:

- Reproductive Health Therapies and Assisted Reproductive Therapies (IVF, tubal ligation reversals, supportive/rehabilitative therapies, etc.)
- Other supports (cost of medical records, etc.)

What you need to apply

- Complete and signed Application Form.
- Sterilization procedure information (date, health care provider, location of procedure, type of procedure)
- Documents verifying sterilization procedure (must provide one)
  - Medical records (Consent for Administrator to search can be given by completing and submitting a Consent to Release Medical Information Form)
  - Statutory Declaration from Survivor
  - Any other verifying documents
- Proof of costs requested (receipts, estimates, invoices, quotes)
  - Individuals applying for Reproductive Health Therapies/Assisted Reproductive Technologies Over $10,000 must submit supporting documents in addition to all other requirements.
- Duration of supports (number of treatments/sessions, start and end date, etc.)
- If you are completing an application on behalf of a Survivor you must provide the following documentation:
  - Power of Attorney for Property
  - Other documents establishing your authority to act on the applicant's behalf

How to apply

Online application: https://www.apply.reproductivejusticesurvivors.ca/

Paper Applications are available by request or by visiting the above-noted website. Completed paper Applications can be submitted by one of these methods:

Mail: Healing Support Fund Administrator
Attn: Epiq Class Action Services Canada Inc.,
P.O. Box 507 STN B, Ottawa, ON K1P 5P6
Email: info@reproductivejusticehealingfund.ca
Fax: 1-866-262-0816

If you require support to complete your application or have questions, please call 1-877-386-0750 or email info@reproductivejusticehealingfund.ca.

Note: The resource packages and applications, with more information, are available at both Band Offices and available online.

@reproductivejusticesurvivors
@reproductivejusticesurvivors

Coldwater Indian Band

PO Box 4600, Merritt, B.C., V1K 1B8

2249 Quilchena Avenue, Merritt, BC
Phone: (250) 378-6174
Fax: (250) 378-5351
Band Administrator, Public Works, Lands Wills & Estates, Housing, Economic Development, Education

#301-230th Street Coldwater Reserve
Phone: (250) 378-6174
Fax: (250) 378-6153
Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance, Social Development

Coldwater Indian Band & First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) is inviting you to a 2-day Emergency Operating Center (EOC) training at

Location: Coldwater Band Hall
Date: April 12-13, 2025
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Snacks and lunch provided

Register with Executive Assistant Dale August,
daugust@coldwaterband.org
or call 250-378-6174 Ext. 100
by April 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to a minimum of 10 people to learn emergency management.

Honoraria provided to full-time participants.

If you prefer a weekday workshop let me know of preferred dates.

MISSION STATEMENT

C'eletkwmx is committed to enhancing the quality of life of Scw'exmx through empowering programs and serves that meet their needs, as well as sustainably managing our resources, in accordance with our C'eletkwmx values

COLDWATER INDIAN BAND

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2249 Quilchena Avenue, Merritt, B.C.
PHONE: 250-378-6174 / FAX: 250-5351
Band Administrator, Public Works, Education,
Lands, Wills & Estates, Housing, Economic Development

#301-230th Street, Coldwater Reserve #1
PHONE: 250-378-6174 / FAX: 250-378-6153
Chief & Council, Executive Assistant,
Finance, Social Development

Band Administrator: Job Posting

Coldwater Indian Band (CWIB) requires the service of a Band Administrator who will provide overall management, supervision, and leadership to the Coldwater Administration Office Staff and programs. The candidate will oversee administrative and financial matters within the job description guidelines. The administrator will support the Chief and Council in implementing the strategic plan and other directions given by the leadership. The administrator will oversee the programs and services, including Land, Wills & Estates, Public Works, Education, Finance, and Social Development. This position reports to the Coldwater Band Council and will involve networking with the Government, external agencies, and other First Nations. Coldwater Band reserves the right to give preference to qualified Aboriginal applicants.

General Requirements, Qualifications and Experience:

- Post Secondary Degree in Business or Administration and/or
- Minimum of 5 year's experience in a senior-level position.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, including proposal writing.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures.
- Experience with finances and personal management (HR, Finance Laws, Federal Labor Law).
- Work with a diverse team of professionals.
- High level of competency using the computer/ software, and website (Accounting, Office 365, Web Portals).
- Exceptional management, supervisory, and office administration skills.
- Experience working with Provincial and Federal agencies, Indigenous Services Canada, CMHC, and First Nations Government.
- Knowledge of First Nations issues in Canada.
- Experience working with documents and record management systems.
- Valid Driver's License
- Ability to pass a Criminal Record Check

Salary Range: Commensurate with experience and qualifications
Position: Full-time, benefits package, a probationary period of 6 months, and performance evaluation.

Please submit a detailed cover letter and resume explaining how you meet the requirements of the job posting.
This job posting will be posted internally until February 7, 2025.
External posts will commence February 10th 2025 to the February 28th 2025 deadline.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on February 28, 2025.

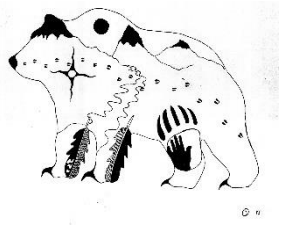
Attention: Coldwater Human Resources Committee
Email: msmithers@coldwaterband.org

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Scw'exmx Tribal Council (STC)

Title & Rights Stewardship
#202-2090 Coutlee Avenue
P.O. BOX 188, MERRITT, BC V1K 1B8
Phone (250) 378-4235 Fax (250) 378-9119
e-mail:* *administration@scwexmxtribal.org



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Title & Rights Analyst

Closing date: Once position is filled

Term: Full-time

Wage: Wage scale dependent on Experience & Education

Post Secondary Education and/or experience with Title & Rights preferred but willing to train for the position to a suitable candidate.

Scw'exmx Tribal Council (STC) / Title & Rights Stewardship department requires a Title & Rights Analyst to join our team that will be responsible for analysis of Title & Rights review over notifications submitted by federal/provincial, regional, municipal governments and industry for lands, water and resources within the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx sovereign Traditional Territory and provide operational support to STC member bands decision making processes, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent to protect and advocate for Inherent Rights and Title.

Job Duties and Skills:

- Knowledge of referral / consultation processes is a benefit, there will be on-the-job training.
- Communicate with community representatives/leadership regarding projects
- Communicate with industry and governments regarding projects
- Follow procedural duties as set out by the Title & Rights Stewardship structure
- Provide analysis of adverse title and right impacts
- Understanding of Inherent Rights and Title
- Develop mitigations and recommendations for infringements to title rights
- Responsible for level 2, 3, and 4 applications from provincial governments and industry submitted to the Title & Rights Stewardship department.
- Carry out processes for Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) decision – making for member bands and from the Decision – Making Policy
- Provide support/information sharing/recommendation to leadership tables/bands/governing bodies
- Coordinate and/or facilitates meetings
- Communication to governments on adverse impacts to inherent rights and title and next requirements
- Ability to adapt to on-the-job training of required skills with indigenous laws / principles, consultation processes, Free Prior Informed Consent, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Case Law.

Email Resume to Jeanette McCauley, Title and Rights Stewardship Manager **jmccauley@scwexmxtribal.org**

Stuwix Resources Joint Venture

2-98 Hwy 8, Merritt, BC V1K 0A7 Phone: 250-378-2277

Employment Opportunity

Job Title: **Natural Resource/Forestry Summer Student**

Location: **Merritt, B.C.**

Term: **May 1 – August 31, 2025**

Wage: **Hourly rate**

Duties:

- Assist in monitoring(quality) of tree planting program
- Monitor(quality) and administer site preparation projects
- Perform and evaluate quality of silviculture surveys
- Collect and compile pre-harvest timber development data

Supervision and Training that will be provided:

- Daily one-on-one direct supervision by Forest Technician &/or Operations Supervisor
- Student will be provided with experience in road and block reconnaissance, layout and boundary painting
- Student will be provided with experience in site plan field data collection and development
- First Aid and Fire Suppression Training if required

Required Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a Forestry, Natural Resource Program
- Valid B.C. driver's license
- Physically fit
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Sound knowledge of current computer systems and software applications

Please submit your resume NO LATER than March 31, 2025 to:

Stuwix Resources Joint Venture
2-98 Hwy 8, Merritt, B.C. V1K 0A7
Email: admin@stuwix.com
: generalmanager@stuwix.com

First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement

The first Claims Period opens

March 10, 2025

First Claims Period for First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement to open March 10, 2025

TORONTO, December 13, 2024 – Class Members of the **First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement** will be able to submit their Claims for compensation starting on March 10, 2025.

The first Claims Period to open is for the Removed Child Class and the Removed Child Family Class, which represent two of nine Classes included in the Settlement. These first two Classes include First Nations individuals who were removed from their homes as Children between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 2022, while on reserve or in the Yukon and placed into care funded by Indigenous Services Canada, as well as their Caregiving Parents or Caregiving Grandparents.

When the first Claims Period opens, Removed Child and Removed Child Family Class Members can make their Claim for compensation by submitting a Claim Form to the Administrator. Until then, compensation is not available.

Individuals who are adults (Age of Majority) as of March 10, 2025 will have three years from the date the Claims Period opens to submit their Claim; however, minors (those who have not reached Age of Majority as of March 10, 2025) will have three years from the date they reach the Age of Majority to submit their Claim.

"Class Members can take steps now to prepare for when the Claims Period opens," says David Sterns, Class Counsel, partner at Sotos LLP and member of the Settlement Implementation Committee. "If you are planning to submit a Claim, we encourage you to start getting ready for the Claims Period by making sure you have government-issued identification and a mailing address. You should also have a bank account in your name so that the Administrator can deposit compensation directly into your account."

Class Members will not have to pay anyone to help them submit their Claim to receive payment under this Settlement.

Several resources and supports will be available at no cost to help Class Members submit a Claim. Currently, the Settlement's Contact Centre (1-833-852-0755) is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. ET to 8 p.m. ET, excluding statutory holidays. Once the Claims Period opens, the Contact Centre will also be able to connect Class Members to Claims Helpers, who can provide one-on-one support with completing the Claim Form virtually or in-person, where available. Claims Helpers can also assist Class Members with connecting to local services and wellness resources.

General information and updates about the Settlement and the Claims Process are available to Class Members through the First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle website. Class Members who have questions about the Settlement can also contact the Administrator at **1-833-852-0755**.

Mental health counselling and crisis support is available to Class Members 24 hours a day through the Hope for Wellness Helpline at 1-855-242-3310 or at the Hope for Wellness website. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree and Ojibway upon request. Children and youth can also call the Kids Help Phone anytime at **1-800-668-6868** or text FIRSTNATIONS to **686868**..

About

The First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement Agreement was approved by the Federal Court on October 24, 2023, and intends to compensate those harmed by discriminatory underfunding of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and those impacted by the federal government's narrow interpretation of Jordan's Principle. The $23.34 billion Settlement Agreement followed compensation orders from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in 2019, which addressed systemic discrimination against First Nations Children and families.

BYLAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR NEW TRESPASS BYLAW



Trespass Committee members

- Would be available to meet in the evenings
- Would be ok with being recorded.
- Would have the Coldwater community interests at heart.

The meeting date is to be determined. If you are interested on joining the committee. Please call Kris Oppenheim at the Band office to apply.

Phone# 250 378-6174
Email: kristopher@coldwaterband.org

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PO Box 4600 Merritt, BC V1K1B8
(250)378-6174 | kristopher@coldwaterband.org | coldwaterband.com

WILLS



I AM KRISTOPHER OPPENHEIM. I AM THE LANDS, WILLS, & ESTATES ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COLDWATER INDIAN BAND.

IF ANYONE IS LOOKING TO DO THEIR WILLS. I CAN GIVE YOU A TEMPLATE OR YOU CAN COME IN AND FILL ONE OUT. IT IS BETTER TO HAVE ONE THEN NOT TO HAVE ONE. THIS WILL HELP YOU SAY WHO GETS WHAT AND HAPPENS AFTER YOUR GONE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN GET A HOLD OF ME AT THE COLDWATER BAND OFFICE IN TOWN.

Call Band Office at (250) 378 - 6174

COLDWATER
INDIAN BAND

WHEN YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IN ORDER, YOU HAVE THE SAY ON WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR ASSETS. NO ONE ELSE CAN TAKE YOUR POSSESSIONS!



250-258-0577

Coldwater Security on Weekends

The driver's name is SEAN

Coldwater Band has security patrolling in the evenings. They will be driving a neon green Lower Nicola vehicle. Should you need to contact them or if you become aware of any suspicious activity, **please do not hesitate to call them.**

Conservation Officer contact number –

1-877-952-7277

Make sure to leave a detailed description of what you are calling about, as listed below, if it pertains to what you are reporting. You will have to listen to the message and follow the prompts. There is a voicemail at the end of the prompts to state what you are reporting, leave your contact details, etc.

Emergencies- 911 (accidents, criminal activities, vehicles speeding, etc.)

When reporting to 911, to create files with the RCMP please make sure you indicate the following:

1. What you are reporting or have witnessed.
2. Where you witnessed.
3. Date and time you witnessed.
4. Leave a contact number that you can be reached at in case they need to contact you.
5. When calling for an ambulance, state clearly to 911 the house number, street address or road name and clearly that you are located on COLDWATER INDIAN BAND

Bear Sightings

Please call the

Conservation officer at:

1-877-952-7277

Press 1

If you observe dangerous wildlife in an urban area involved in any of the following, please report the incident:

- Accessing garbage or other human supplied food sources.
- Instances where wildlife cannot be easily scared off.
- Dangerous wildlife is in a public location like a park or school during daylight hours.
- When a bear, cougar or wolf is seen in a urban area.

The more sightings reported, then they are able to do something about the animals.

When Do Conservation Officers Respond?

Conservation Officers respond to conflicts with dangerous wildlife where there is a risk to public safety.

Examples of these situations include responding to attacks, bears breaking into buildings, repeated dangerous wildlife encounters at or near public locations, and situations where dangerous wildlife has become habituated (no longer afraid of humans) or food conditioned (dependent upon human provided foods) and now present a risk to public safety.

Contacting the Police for emergency/non-emergency calls

Emergency phone number

(for immediate police attendance)

9-1-1

Merritt detachment phone number

250-378-4262

Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 will ring to the Merritt detachment dispatch. After 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, you have the option of leaving a voice message or connecting to an operator.
The operator will be able to contact an on-duty member via radio.

Crime Stoppers for anonymous TIPS

1-800-222-8477

Crime Stoppers will take several days to get to a member so do not use for immediate action.

Merritt detachment online reporting

Online Crime Reporting | Merritt RCMP (rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Can also be accessed by the city of Merritt website page under Merritt RCMP online reporting
This is meant to provide citizens with the convenience to report certain crimes online while freeing call takers and frontline staff to focus on the higher priority calls, which improves overall safety and response times in the city.
It is important to know that **not all crime can be reported** via the online process.

Citizens will be able to report the following crimes online:

- Damage/mischief to property under $5,000
- Damage/mischief to a vehicle under $5,000
- Hit and run to an unoccupied vehicle or property
- Theft of bicycle under $5,000
- Theft under $5,000
- Theft from vehicle under $5,000
- Lost property

Incidents **must also satisfy** the following conditions to report via the online process:

- No witnesses or suspects.
- Item(s) lost or stolen must cost less than $5,000
- Vandalized property or vehicle will cost less than $5,000 to repair.

There are no items involving personal identity, firearms, licence plates or decals.