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Monthly newsletter of Xatsūll First Nation



FREE BOOKS FOR YOUTH

Xatsūll First Nation Youth were given free books

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Pesqépts (Chinook wind month) – February 2024

MOTI Cariboo Road Recovery Project Update

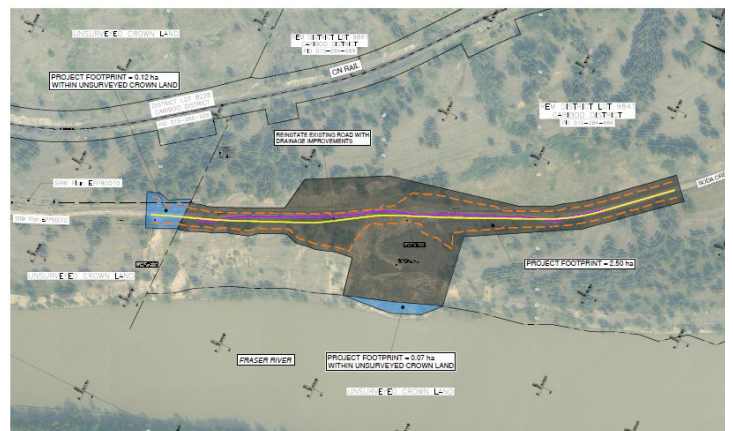
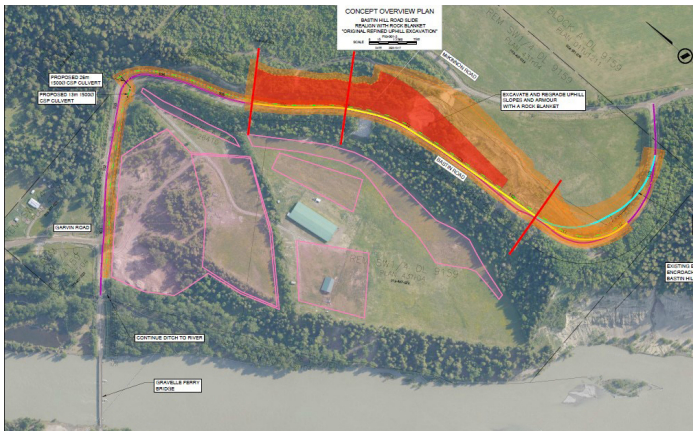
The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has provided updated recommendations for the upgrades to Bastin Road and Soda Creek-MacAlister Road. The recommendation for Bastin Road is to re-establish the existing Bastin Road alignment, with improved drainage and downslope stabilization. This improved alignment will be

safer and more resilient, and will maintain existing access for vehicle traffic.

The recommendation for Soda Creek-MacAlister Road is to re-open the road to vehicle traffic, with improved drainage and the addition of signs warning of landslide risk.

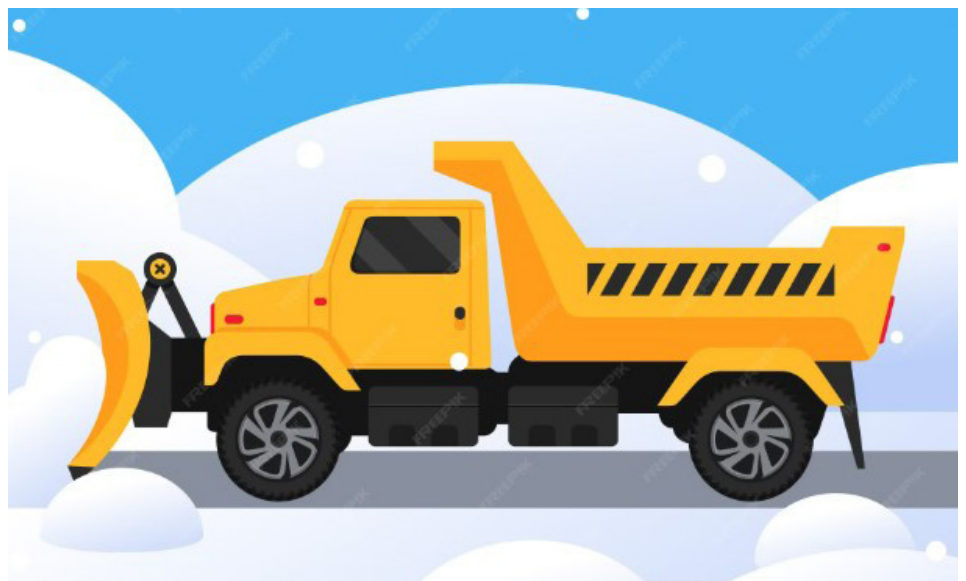
There will be future work opportunities for XFN members including clearing and brushing,

bird netting, archaeological impact assessments, pre-construction clearing and brushing, and post-construction hydroseeding. These opportunities will be posted once they become available. Further schedule and design updates will also be provided.



Snow Plowing

The winter season is upon us once again and as in the past, snow plowing services within the community will commence when there is an accumulation of four inches of snow. If there is a heavy snowfall on the weekend, then the plow truck driver will plow during the weekend and have the work complete no later than Monday morning.





Kúkpi7 Rhonda Phillips

January 2024 Chief's Report Weyt-kp xwexwéytep (Hello everyone),

Happy New Year everyone! May your 2024 be filled with many smiles and laughter shared with family and friends.

I have learnt a lot since I was elected in. Finding time in my schedule has been challenging, but I am grateful that Devon Elliott works to keep me on track. If you are not able to get in touch with me, you can reach out to Devon, and she can work her magic.

Devon also coordinates the schedule for Chief and Council meetings. So, if you would like to be an observer at the meetings, she is able to provide you with a link. Her email address is chiefexecasst@xatsull.com. We meet every second Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The scheduled meetings for this month are February 1st, 15th, and 29th.

When I began my term, Council and I appointed Sheila Silva as our interim Band Administrator. The position is not an easy one to fill, so we are grateful she was

able to step into the role on such short notice.

It has provided us time to re-evaluate the position and determine next steps. The recruitment process commenced last fall, and we are hoping to appoint someone into the position soon.

Council and I have been working hard, addressing issues at the Chief and Council table, and making decisions as a team. Ensuring we do not delve into administrative issues, has been a priority and something we want to strive for throughout our term. We want to ensure we don't overstep into the Band Administration day-to-day operations. This oversight is delegated to the Band Administrator (Chief Administrative Officer).

As a Council, we collaboratively set our Strategic Priorities. These priorities are based on what we heard from the community during our engagement sessions last summer. We have since tasked the Band Administrator to oversee the implementation. The Administration team is responsible to set the goals and objectives of their department, to support the attainment of the strategic priorities set by the Council. I am excited for what this year will bring.

I continue to meet with

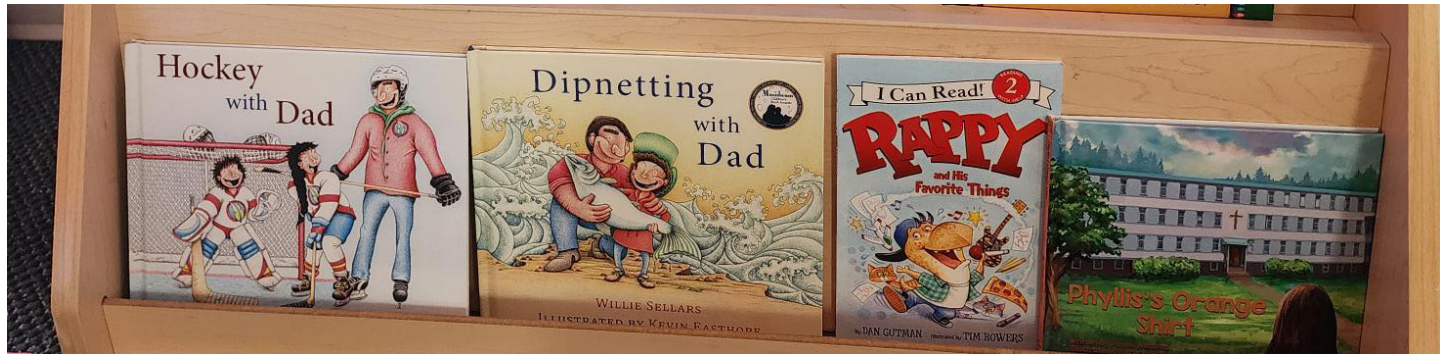
representatives from industry, government, and other First Nation organizations. Relationship building and ensuring our voice is heard at the table is of great importance to me. If you have any questions, regarding the meetings I attend, would like information, or have concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at chief@xatsull.com.

As a gentle reminder, we are looking for Xatsúll members to join the Citizens' Assembly Committee. Xatsúll is the host for the Assembly this year. We want to make it memorable and showcase who we are, so please don't hesitate to join the Committee.

We are also looking for Board Members for the Three Corner's Health Services Society and the Likely Xatsúll Community Forest. You will find postings for these positions on our website.

Until next time, stay safe, and enjoy the snow we have been getting.





Books for Xatsūll Youth

We have introduced a new and exciting book program for our youth. We want to encourage reading at home and have been gathering a nice collection of books from our local bookstore, The Open Book. Please feel free to request any books you or your child may enjoy. We started this program the last week of December and the books will be

available to pick up during youth programming or you can reach out via email to set up a pickup time that works for you.

Movie nights continue to be popular with 7 people coming out to enjoy Deadpool on a chilly Friday night. We try to provide a variety of movie choices by having a range of kid movies and adult movies and by offering two of

each, every month. We also had a good turnout at our 12-18-year-olds to see Mean Girls at the theatre with 10 participants.

Reminder that we provide food and beverages at every youth event.

Please contact Keegan at youth@xatsull.com with any ideas or questions regarding youth programs.







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING - HOUSING

You are invited to a community engagement meeting on Tuesday, **February 6, 2024**, to discuss the XFN's current and future housing needs.

Dinner will be provided at 5 p.m.
The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m.

Zoom link for the meeting is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88256029416>

Please call 250-989-2323 to request a ride.



Hello Everyone in Xat'sull Land and beyond to all of those in Turtle Island. Happy Valentines Day.

It's Andrea, here. I have been driving community members since July 2023. It started with a trip to Alberta driving our youth to look at Colleges & Universities. It was an awesome time. Dionne is Fred Phillips' & Stephanie's daughter. Her grandparents are Minnie and Ralph.

Dionne and Keegan are the Youth Coordinators and run activities for the kids and teens. They are so awesome with them. Program participants love our Youth Coordinators. There was an the Elders' trip to Vancouver with Tara and Jessie. It was a learning curve. I loved listening to the stories. I am so grateful for them.

I have also been driving for Xat'sull Community Services, comprised of the Education, Health and Social Development Programs. The Elders various Community functions has slowed down some in late 2023 & early 2024. Hopefully it will pick up again this Spring & Summer.

I work Tuesdays to Thursdays with Monday and Friday 'as needed,' for Medical, Dental,

and Optometrist & other appointments that of course cannot be booked on those three days. Doctors, dentists, and optometrists do not schedule through our Health Department. I am enjoying driving for our people. The Elders and other community members who always speak of Mom and family and other Elders and people who have passed on. It's good to remember, to reminisce and enjoy our history and to tell stories of each other. They make each other laugh...telling on each other. I'll attach photos of various events I have driven for. Hugs and love, Everyone!

Andrea Gilbert,
Late Moms - Theresa & Amelia Pop's daughter, & 'Pe7e Joe's Granddaughter.

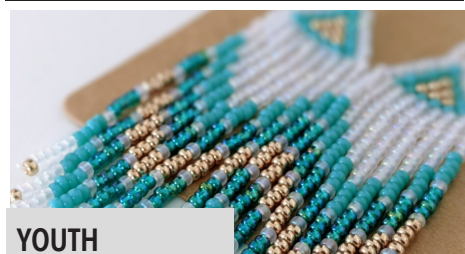




FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY FEB. 1



YOUTH

BEADING EARRINGS

DATE: Thursday February 1, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

FRIDAY FEB. 2

YOUTH

MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Friday February 2, 2024

TIME: 5:15 - 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Gym

INFO: Movie: Night at the Museum

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

MONDAY FEB. 5

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNSELLING

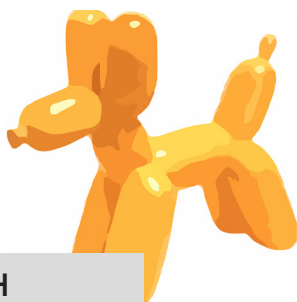
DATE: Monday February 5, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Station

INFO: book appointment

For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034



YOUTH

BALLOON ANIMALS

DATE: Monday February 5, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 P.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 5-12

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

TUESDAY FEB. 6



COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday February 6, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Band Office : 250-989-2323

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOT CARE

DATE: Tuesday February 6, 2024

INFO: Home Visit - book your appointment

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

WEDNESDAY FEB. 7

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOT CARE

DATE: Wednesday February 7, 2024

INFO: Office Visit - book your appointment

CONTACT: Community Services Office
250-989-2355

YOUTH

YOUTH COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday February 7, 2024

TIME: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 13-18

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

THURSDAY FEB. 8

YOUTH

MARBLE HEART MAKING

DATE: Thursday February 8, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

FRIDAY FEB. 9

YOUTH

MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Friday February 9, 2024

TIME: 5:15 - 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Gym

INFO: Movie: Sweet Home Alabama

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

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DECLARATION & HOUSEHOLD BILLS DUE

DATE: Friday February 9, 2024

MONDAY FEB. 12

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNSELLING

DATE: Monday February 12, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Station

INFO: book appointment

For an appointment with Bill please call
250-267-3034

YOUTH

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKING

DATE: Monday February 12, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 5-12

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

TUESDAY FEB. 13

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday February 13, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Band Office : 250-989-2323

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOMS & BABES LUNCHEON

DATE: Tuesday February 13, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Services Office

CONTACT: 250-989-2355

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

YOUTH

CAKE DECORATING

DATE: Wednesday February 14, 2024

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 19-29

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

THURSDAY FEB. 15



YOUTH

FLOOR HOCKEY

DATE: Thursday February 15, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Gym

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

FRIDAY FEB. 16

YOUTH

PRO D-DAY

DATE: Friday February 16, 2024

TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 5-12

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

MONDAY FEB. 19

BAND OFFICE CLOSED

FAMILY DAY

DATE: Monday February 19, 2024

CALENDAR

TUESDAY FEB. 20

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday February 20, 2024
TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.
CONTACT: Band Office : 250-989-2323

YOUTH

MAKING A MUSIC VIDEO

DATE: Tuesday February 20, 2024
TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Head Start
INFO: Ages 5-12
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

WEDNESDAY FEB. 21

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PHYSIOTHERAPY

DATE: Wednesday February 21, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Health Station
CONTACT: Community Services Office
250-989-2355

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SA DAY

DATE: Wednesday February 21, 2024



YOUTH

YOUTH COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday February 21, 2024
TIME: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Head Start
INFO: Ages 13-18
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

THURSDAY FEB. 22

YOUTH

BOARD GAMES

DATE: Thursday February 22, 2024
TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Head Start
INFO: All ages
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

FRIDAY FEB. 23

YOUTH

MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Friday February 23, 2024
TIME: 5:15 - 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Gym
INFO: Movie: The Emperors New Groove
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

MONDAY FEB. 26

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNSELLING

DATE: Monday February 26, 2024
TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Health Station
INFO: book appointment
For an appointment with Bill please call
250-267-3034

COMMUNITY SERVICES

DENTAL THERAPIST

DATE: Monday February 26, 2024
LOCATION: Health
INFO: Book Appointment
Community Services Office: 250-989-2355

TUESDAY FEB. 27

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday February 27, 2024
TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.
CONTACT: Band Office : 250-989-2323

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOMS & BABES LUNCHEON

DATE: Tuesday February 27, 2024
TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Community Services Office:
250-989-2355



COMMUNITY SERVICES

DENTAL THERAPIST

DATE: Tuesday February 27, 2024
LOCATION: Health
INFO: Book Appointment
Community Services Office: 250-989-2355

WEDNESDAY FEB. 28

YOUTH

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

DATE: Wednesday February 21, 2024
TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Head Start
INFO: Ages 13-18
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

THURSDAY FEB. 29

YOUTH

MAKING SOAP

DATE: Thursday February 29, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com



5 Things You May Not Know About Leap Day (February 29)

1. Many ancient calendars had entire leap months
2. Julius Caesar introduced Leap Day, with help from the Egyptians...
3. ...but their math was a little off
4. Leap Day is often associated with marriage, proposals and flipping gender roles
5. People born on Leap Day are called 'Leaplings'

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Chiwid Transition House
250-398-5658

RCMP Victim Services
250-392-8709

Aboriginal Victim Services
250-305-2350

Suicide Crisis Line
1-800-784-2433

Gateway
250-302-3261

Hospital
250-392-4411

BC Nurses Help Line
811

Youth Help Line
1-800-668-6868

All Nations Healing House
778-417-0405

First Nation Health Authority
1-855-550-5454

RCMP
911



Seeking Board Director

THREE CORNERS HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY



Xatsúll First Nation is currently seeking a Community Member to join the Three Corners Health Services Society Board of Directors.

Three Corners Health Services Society (TCHSS) is incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Societies Act of B.C. Its affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of two representatives from each of the three Communities it represents (Xatsúll, Stswecem'c Xget'tem, and Williams Lake First Nations). The three Chiefs of each community are considered members and will appoint Board members for their community. A Band Council Resolution will support the appointment.

The individual appointed to the position will be responsible for:

- regularly attending Board Meetings and ensuring the Executive Director is informed when unable to attend due to the requirement of a four-person quorum;
- adhering to the Board of Director's Code of Conduct (Policy A-2);
- acting as a signing authority for the Society;
- setting policy and establishing goals for the Executive Director to achieve;
- evaluating the performance of the Executive Director;
- providing guidance to the Executive Director;
- maintaining a professional relationship with staff;
- ensuring adequate financing of the organization and money is spent in a responsible manner;
- actively supporting the organization and its Executive Director;
- holding the Executive Director accountable for the management and operation of the organization;
- making a written plan that outlines the long-term goals of your organization;
- complying with relevant legislation;
- ensuring there are appropriate internal financial controls;
- assessing the Board's performance;
- planning for succession of Board Members and the Executive Director;
- ensuring openness with each other, taking responsibility, and providing a clear voice readily understood by all, in the decision-making processes of the Board;
- managing the affairs of the organization and applying the by-laws of the organization;
- working diligently to provide the leadership and direction in terms of concrete actions and attitudes required by the organization to be effective and successful;
- keeping Xatsúll First Nation Chief and Council informed on a regular basis.

Application and Deadline: Open until filled.

Please submit your Cover Letter & Resume to Devon Elliot, Executive Assistant to the Chief.
Via email at chiefexecasst@xatsull.com, fax: 250-989-2300

LIKELY XATŚŪLL COMMUNITY FOREST BOARD DIRECTOR



Seeking a Board Director
for the Likely Xatśūll Community Forest



The Likely Xatśūll Community Forest is a collaboration of community members between Likely and Xatśūll First Nation in creating a model multi-use forest that ensures environmental quality, while creating economic opportunities.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Setting and reviewing policy for the organization;
- Protecting the interests of Xatśūll First Nation;
- Regular consultation and communication with and between the communities;
- Supporting quorum by regularly attending and actively participating in Board meetings;
- Supporting the financial health of the organization and approving the annual budget;
- Annually setting goals and objectives, producing an operational plan and providing strategic direction;
- Holding an AGM to review the annual financial statements and file the legally required returns to the appropriate Ministries to retain Non-Profit Organization (NPO) status;
- Reviewing and approving recommendations from ad hoc committees;
- Coordinating the work of the Board;
- Hiring and directing the General Manager and other contractual personnel as required;
- Maintaining active Membership in the British Columbia Community Forest Association (BCCFA);
- Meeting with other Community Forests for networking and educational development; and
- Reporting back to Xatśūll First Nation, Chief and Council.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- is a full-time resident of the Xatśūll First Nation;
- 19 years or older;
- demonstrable experience in a policy-governance model and in overseeing senior management via this model;
- excellent communication skills, including the ability to build effective relationships with stakeholders, shareholders, government, and senior management;
- financial competency and the ability to read and interpret financial statements is an asset; and
- experience working with First Nations is an asset.

Application and Deadline: Open until filled.

Please submit your Cover Letter & Resume to Devon Elliot, Executive Assistant to the Chief.
Via email at chiefexecasst@xatsull.com, fax: 250-989-2300



FINANCE COORDINATOR

Type of Position: Full Time Permanent

Closing Date: Open until filled

About the Organization:

Xats'ull First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detailed oriented Manager, Education to join our team. Located near the vibrant city of Williams Lake, our Nation is deeply rooted in our rich heritage, culture, and breathtaking natural surroundings. With a population of 125 band members residing on-reserve and 300 off-reserve, our Nation continues to grow and prosper.

About the Position:

Xats'ull First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Finance Coordinator to join our team. Located near the vibrant city of Williams Lake, our Nation is deeply rooted in our rich heritage, culture, and breathtaking natural surroundings. With a population of 125 band members residing on-reserve and 300 off-reserve, our Nation continues to grow and prosper.

We are looking for a Finance Coordinator with a background in Finance/Accounting to support our financial operations. Experience with Sage Intacct and budget management within a First Nations Band Office is highly desirable.

For the full job posting visit xatsull.com

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2323 / Fax: (250) 989-2300
email: reception@xatsull.com
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MANAGER, EDUCATION

Type of Position: Full Time Permanent

Closing Date: Open until filled

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About the Position:

We are looking for a Manager, Education, who will be accountable for the successful operation of the Education program, according to the organization's vision, objectives, and strategic direction. This position is responsible for the efficient operations of daycare/Head-Start, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education matters, and is an advocate for Xats'ull First Nation. The Manager, Education will ensure the Kindergarten – Grade 12 and post-secondary students are provided support and guidance, as they navigate their educational pursuits. Possessing excellent communication and management skills, the Manager, Education builds effective working relationships with community groups, funding agencies and other external contacts, and has a clear, results-oriented focus on Xats'ull First Nation's educational goals.

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NSTQ TREATY TEAM MEETING

**Thursday, February 15, 2024
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Xats'ul Gym.**

The NStQ Treaty Team will outline the governance models from the NStQ transitional governance structure & Maah-nulth governance structure for comparison and discussion.

Dinner will be served before the meeting begins.