



# Fraser River Run

Monthly Newsletter of Xat'sül First Nation



**Xat'sül First Nation Video**

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**Pesxqéltemc (going into upper mountains month) – June 2024**

# Xat'sūll First Nation Celebrates Cultural Heritage with Promotional Video



Xat'sūll First Nation unveils a captivating five-minute video production set to be on various platforms and was shown at this year's Citizens' Assembly. The video, a labor of love and dedication, aims to showcase the vibrant essence of the nation while honoring its ancestral legacy. A collaborative effort of elders,

youth, and other community members, the video is a testament to the unity and spirit of Xat'sūll. Elders such as John Phillips, Barb Dixon, Cecilia DeRose, and Helen Charley lent their voices and presence, infusing the project with authenticity and wisdom. The youth of Xat'sūll, contributed their talents with drumming adding depth and tradition to the narrative. Cheryl Chapman and Mike Retasket's drumming provided a rhythmic backdrop, while Dustin Phillips and Doyle William showcased the art of dipnet fishing, a cherished tradition within the nation.

The setting for the video was Xat'sūll's Heritage Village. Over two days of filming, participants immersed themselves in the ambiance of the village. Adding a breathtaking aerial perspective to the production, drone footage captured the

beauty of Deep Creek and Soda Creek, offering viewers a glimpse of Xat'sūll's majestic landscapes. The drone provided a great experience, allowing participants to have a visual journey over the Heritage Village.

The video will serve not only as a promotional tool but as a celebration of identity, resilience, and the enduring spirit of Xat'sūll First Nation. Through this medium, the nation invites the world to witness its cultural richness and heritage.

In a time where storytelling transcends boundaries, Xat'sūll First Nation's promotional video stands as a beacon of unity, shining a light on the past, present, and future of a people deeply rooted in tradition yet ever-evolving.

The video can be watched on our website ([xatsull.com](https://xatsull.com)) and on youtube: <https://youtu.be/3oGTn73aj48>



# Dionne Phillips a Journalism Initiative Reporter for Indigi News!

Dionne Phillips, a dynamic storyteller from our Nation, is carving out a significant place in the world of journalism. Writing for IndigiNews and The Wren, she travels throughout Secwepemcúl'ecw, bringing to light the stories and voices of her people with authenticity and passion.

Over the past year, Dionne has dedicated herself to a career in journalism, where her talent and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Her exceptional work has earned her a nomination as an Emerging Indigenous Journalist by the Canadian Association of Journalists, a prestigious acknowledgment of her contributions to the field. This recognition will see Dionne attending the upcoming conference and awards gala in Toronto, an event that gathers the country's top journalistic talents.

Dionne's journey into journalism is deeply rooted in her heritage and community. Raised in cultural traditions, she learned the importance of storytelling from her elders. Her Xpé7e (grandfather) and Kyé7e (grandmother), a Secwepemctsín speaker, instilled in her a deep appreciation for her language and culture, which she now weaves into her journalistic

endeavors.

Her writing spans a range of topics crucial to her community, from cultural preservation and language revitalization to contemporary issues facing Indigenous peoples. Through her stories, Dionne amplifies the voices of her people, ensuring their experiences and perspectives are heard and respected.

In addition to her journalism career, Dionne has an academic background in Early Childhood Education from the Thompson River University. Her work as an educator at an Aboriginal Head Start program has provided her with unique insights into the importance of early cultural education, insights that enrich her storytelling.

The nomination as an Emerging Indigenous Journalist is a significant milestone in Dionne's career, recognizing not just her journalistic skills but also her commitment to her community. It reflects her ability to blend traditional knowledge with modern storytelling, creating narratives that resonate widely and deeply.

"I want to show the children and youth that I have worked with how much they can achieve," Dionne shares, reflecting on

her journey. Her work with IndigiNews and The Wren is more than a career; it's a mission to inspire and empower the next generation, showing them the power of their own stories.

As Dionne prepares for the conference and awards gala in Toronto, her community and readers across Canada celebrate her achievements. Her work stands as a testament to the importance of Indigenous voices in journalism and the powerful impact of storytelling in bridging cultures and fostering understanding.

You can read Dionne's articles at <https://indiginews.com/author/dionne-phillips>

Congratulations Dionne !



# May Highlights for Xatsūll Youth

## 1. **Heritage Site Performance:**

Our youth drummers, under the guidance of Cheryl Chapman and Mike Retasket had a memorable day at the heritage site. They filmed a stunning video, capturing the essence of their drumming, which was later showcased at the Citizens Assembly and will be presented on our website.

## 2. **Welcoming Kukpi7 Rhonda:**

It was an honor for our youth to drum and welcome Kukpi7 Rhonda at the Citizens Assembly. Their rhythmic beats added a special touch to the event, demonstrating their skill and dedication.

## 3. **Weekly Drumming Success:**

Our weekly drumming sessions have been a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and pride among our youth. We're excited to announce plans to continue gathering with drums a couple of times per month,

providing ongoing opportunities for growth and connection.

## 4. **Crafting Epsom Salt Bath Jars:**

Guided by the nurturing expertise of Mary Harry and Barb Wycotte, our youth took part in a special Mother's Day gift project. With sage, lavender, Himalayan salt and pine medicine as the ingredients of choice, they lovingly taught how to craft Epsom salt bath jars to gift the mothers of this community on their special day. These thoughtfully curated gifts were a token of appreciation and love.

## 5. **Supporting Mothers and Caregivers:**

On May 10th, our youth showed their appreciation for mothers and caregivers by lending a helping hand. While the moms were pampered and given the chance to focus on themselves, our youth stepped up to assist with childcare,

embodying the spirit of support and community, especially when it comes to wellness.

## 6. **Outdoor Youth Activities:**

With the weather becoming more inviting each day, we're gearing up for a host of outdoor youth activities. One long-awaited request has been fulfilled with the introduction of biking excursions, offering our youth the chance to exercise and enjoy the great outdoors.

## 7. **Building a Parade Float:**

We're thrilled to announce our participation in this year's National Indigenous Peoples Day parade, and one of our exciting projects is the construction of a float. Your support in this endeavor would be invaluable. If you're interested in lending a hand or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Keegan at [youth@xatsull.com](mailto:youth@xatsull.com).





## Ashley Rankin, Health Manager

### Community Services Update

#### **CommuniTea 'Styéy'em**

Join us for CommuniTea 'Styéy'em every Friday from 1-3 PM! Enjoy tea, snacks, and a variety of activities. We've had a fantastic turnout each week. Highlights from the past month include a presentation and meet & greet with All Nations Healing House, birdhouse painting, medicine pouch making, and an upcoming trip to the Farmer's Market on May 31st.

#### **Men's Health Presentation**

We hosted a successful Men's Health Presentation attended by five community members. The participants learned about various aspects of men's health, including screenings, daily checkups, self-examinations, physical activity, and nutrition. Each attendee received a walking stick to encourage ongoing physical activity.

#### **Mother's Wellness Day**

Mother's Wellness Day was the highlight of the month! Our Community Services building was filled with laughter and

joy as mothers, grandmothers, and aunties enjoyed haircuts, manicures, and pedicures courtesy of Advance Cut Barbershop and Hair Salon. The event also featured Tarot readings by Sharon Taphorn, energy healing by Tammy Dormuth, an Essential Oil Make & Take workshop by Cheryl Pope, a Medicine Making workshop with Mary Harry, and a Nutrition & Smoothie Bar hosted by our Community Health Nurses. Many stayed for the whole event from 12 PM to 8 PM, shared meals, and child-minding services were available so they could enjoy themselves care-free. I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Community Services staff: Janae, Gloria, Andrea, and Keegan, and to all our vendors for making this day special! We look forward to a similar event for Father's Day!



#### **Bear Witness Day**

Bear Witness Day was celebrated on May 10th during our Mother's Wellness Event.

Health staff hosted a Teddy Bear Tea Party, provided information on Jordan's Principle, and invited parents to a presentation by our Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator.

Jordan's Principle Presentation Rebecca Rochon, our Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, gave an insightful presentation on Jordan's Principle, explaining what can be covered and how to apply. This child-first principle ensures First Nations children receive the services they need when they need them. Under Jordan's Principle, First Nations children are provided funding that can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs such as mental health, special education, dental, physical therapy, medical equipment, physiotherapy and more. For more information, contact our Health Centre or Rebecca Rochon at

**250-267-6509** or via email at **jpc@ltmhs.org**.

#### **Other Notable Events**

This month also featured Naloxone Training for community members, a Moms & Elders Luncheon with medicinal salve making by Mary Harry, and a Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn with our Community Health Nurses.

Community Services Update continues

### Upcoming Events in June

• **Qellmín (Parents and Grandparents) Group:** Starting in June, this group will have weekly outings every Wednesday. We welcome Xatsull parents and grandparents with children under 5 to join us. The first outing is a family swim at the Cariboo Recreation Centre on June 5th from 1-3 PM. Our CHR, Janae, will be facilitating this group with the goal to support family wellness, parenting, and healthy child development. Call

Janae to RSVP or if you need a ride.

• **Father's Wellness Day:** Join us on June 14th from 12 PM to 8 PM at the Community Service Building for haircuts, hot shaves, teeth whitening, nutrition workshops, medicine making, friendly poker games, door prizes, and more. We're open to suggestions, so let us know your ideas!

• **Weekly Lunch Hour Walks:** Continue every Tuesday at noon. Come out and join our walking group!

• **Elders Day Trip & Picnic:** Planned for June 19th. Please call Community Services to RSVP.

• **Indigenous Peoples Day:** Our office will be closed on June 21st as staff will be assisting with events in town. If you would like a ride to attend the Indigenous Peoples Day Parade and celebrations at Boitanio Park, please call Community Services. Stay tuned for more details on our June activities and events!

## Moving Forward with Bill C-92 for Child & Family Services Jurisdiction

Weyt-kp xwexwéytep, I wanted to take this time to share that our journey towards reclaiming jurisdiction over child and family services under Bill C-92 is ongoing. This pivotal step marks the beginning of a significant transformation for our community as we work to build capacity and assert our inherent rights over our Stmémelt (children) and Kw'selktken (families).

### Understanding Bill C-92

Bill C-92, the "Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families," is landmark legislation in Canada that acknowledges the rights of Indigenous communities to

exercise jurisdiction over child and family services. The bill recognizes the importance of Indigenous culture, language, and traditions in raising children and supports the transfer of authority from provincial systems back to Indigenous governance.

### What This Means for Our Community

For Xatsúll, and all Indigenous communities, Bill C-92 represents a monumental shift towards self-determination and the empowerment of our people. By taking control of child and family services, we can ensure that our Stmémelt are cared for in ways that reflect our Secwepemc values, traditions, and laws. This

process is about reclaiming our rights and ensuring the well-being of our future generations through Secwepemc culture and community-based practices.

### Building Our Team and Gathering Insights

To support this important work, we are striving towards assembling a dedicated team focused on further building our capacity to manage and deliver child and family services. This team will play a crucial role in guiding our efforts and ensuring that we move forward with care, respect, and integrity. A key component of this process involves consulting with our community's matriarchs,

traditional knowledge holders, and individual families. Your insights and guidance are invaluable as we work to define Xats'ull laws and traditions related to Stmémelt and Kw'selktken. Initial consultations will be conducted to gather this critical information before we expand discussions to the broader community.

#### How You Can Get Involved

We encourage all community members to engage with

this process. Your voice and experiences are essential to shaping a system that truly reflects our community's needs and values. As we move forward, our team will reach out to schedule consultations and gather input. We look forward to working together to create a strong, culturally grounded framework for our children's future.

Stay tuned for further updates and details on how you can

contribute to this critical initiative. Together, we will ensure a brighter, more secure future for our Stmémelt and Kw'selktken. For more information or to express your interest in participating, please contact Community Services.

Kukwstsétselp,  
Ashley Rankin  
Health Manager

## COMMUNITY TREATY WORKING GROUP MEETING

We are having a Community Treaty Working Group meeting on **June 20, 2024**, from **5 - 8 p.m.** at the XFN gym.

The topic for this meeting will be **'LANDS'**.

If you can not attend in person,  
here is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81666023676>

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.  
Rides will be available.

For more information please contact Gord at  
[g.keener@xatsull.com](mailto:g.keener@xatsull.com)



## Jennifer Stinson, Social Development Manager

Hi everyone,

Just a gentle reminder for all Income Assistance clients:

- Monthly Declaration Forms and household bills are due on Friday, June 7th, 2024.
- And the household bills are due by June 7th, 2024. One can email me their household bills to [socdev@xatsull.com](mailto:socdev@xatsull.com). The cheques are mailed out and then it takes up to 2-3 weeks for

the bill to be processed by the billing company. If we receive the bill after Tuesdays, then it won't be mailed out until the next cheque run, then again it takes up to 2-3 weeks for the bill to be processed by the billing company.

- Moving forward, with the household bills, make sure the bill is current. It must also be an invoice of the bill, not the bill statement. (Please see the example.)
- Starting this month and moving forward, we will be bringing back "Interview Week". This will be Monday, June 3rd – June 6th from 1:30pm – 3:30 pm. This

entails the clients to come at any time during this week to see me. The client can touch base on any needs they may need or need help with from Social Development Department. This week, one can come in and fill out their mandatory Monthly Declaration forms and drop off their household bills.

### Updates:

There has been an update regarding earnings exemptions. All I.A. Clients are allowed to make earnings each month up to, without it affecting their Income Assistance:

### Earnings Exemptions

**\*Effective January 1, 2024**

#### Income Assistance - Eligible Clients

#### Earnings Exemption Amount (per month)

All family units, including individuals eligible for income assistance but are employable

\*\$600

**SINGLE EMPLOYABLE CLIENTS**

SAll family units with a dependent child or caring for a supported child

\*\$900

**SINGLE PARENTS & COUPLE  
WITH CHILDREN**

A family unit where at least one individual is a Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB). If both persons within the family unit have PPMB, the amount remains the same (it is not doubled).

\*\$1,080

**PPMB CLIENTS**

All family units with a dependent child or who care for a supported child with a severe disability where the disability of the child precludes employment more than 30 hours a week. This includes a child in receipt of CPH assistance, or a foster child.

\*\$1,080

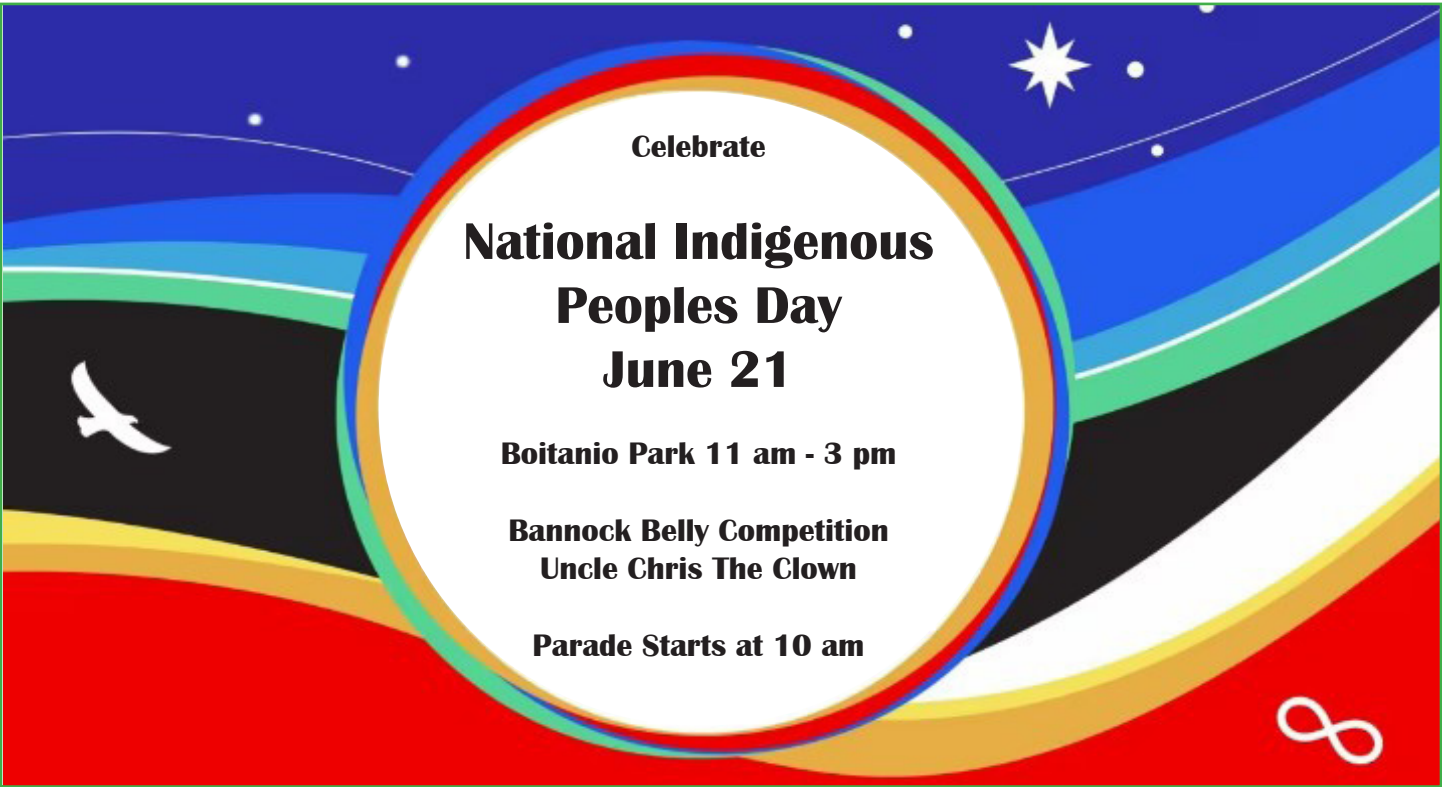
**CLIENTS WITH A CHILD  
THAT IS PWD**

Disability Assistance – Annual Earnings Exemption (AEE) Limits  
Effective January 1, 2024

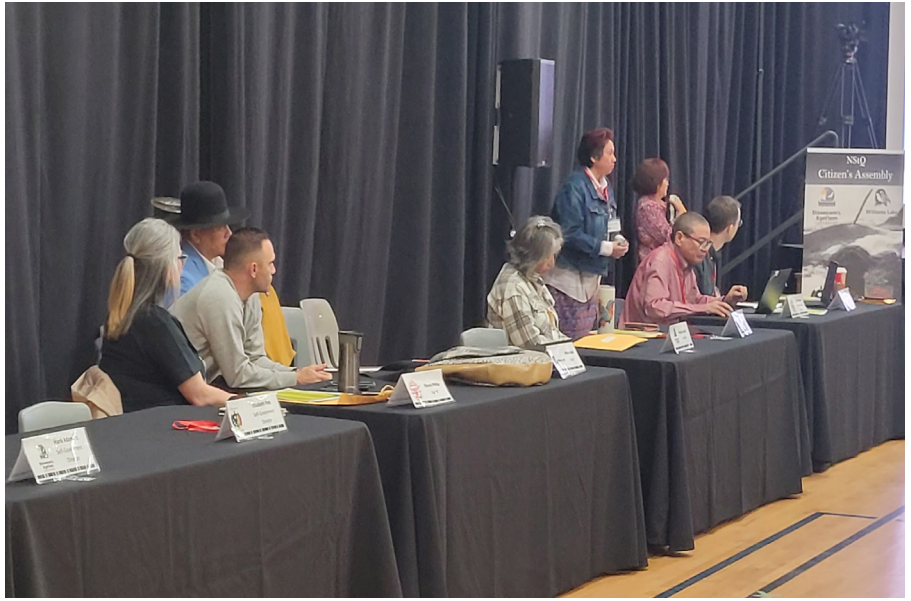
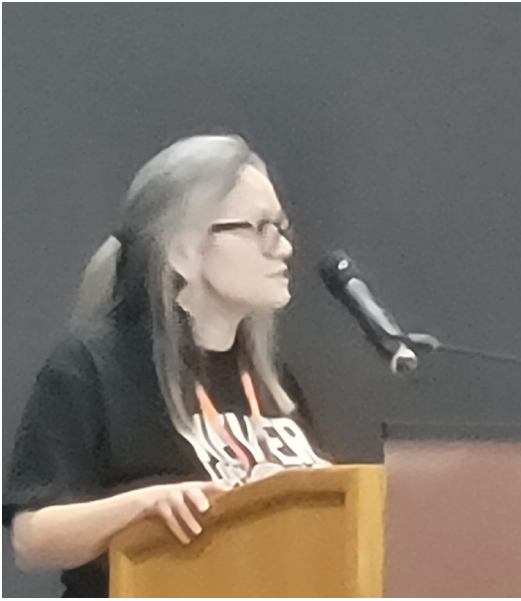
Eligible Clients	PWD CLIENTS Base amount (multiplied by the # of qualifying months in the calendar year)	Maximum Annual Earnings Exemption (full calendar year)
A family unit with one adult recipient who has the PWD designation	\$ 1,350	\$ 16,200
A family unit with two adult recipients where only one recipient has the PWD designation	\$ 1,620	\$ 19,440
family unit where both individuals have the PWD designation	\$ 2,700	\$ 32,400

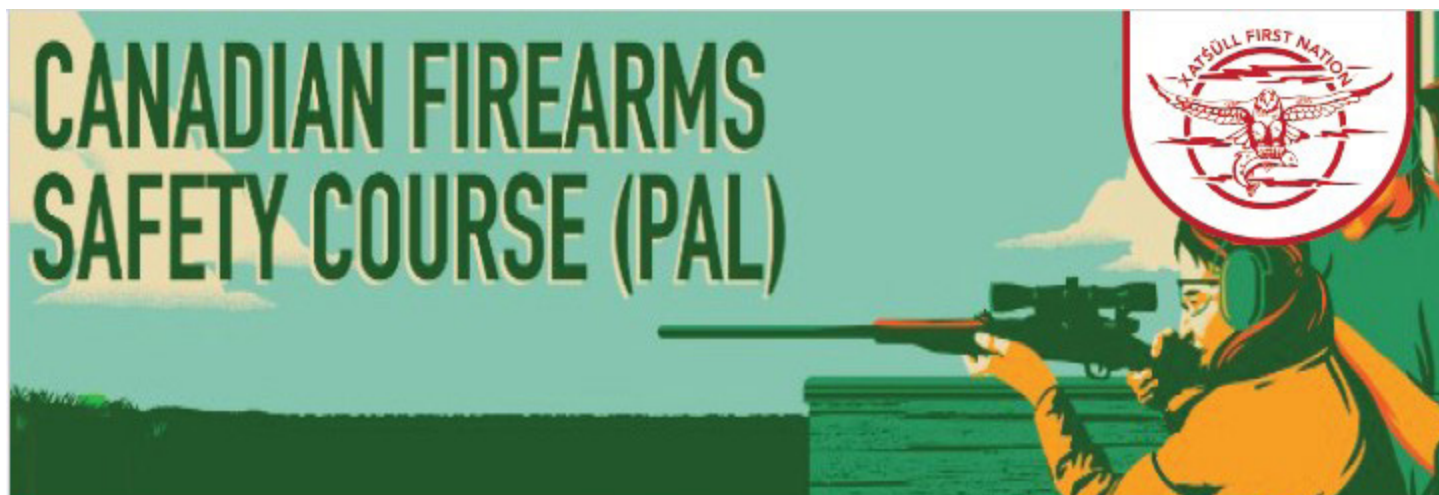
Interview week for all I.A. clients is:  
June 3 - June 6, 2024  
every day from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m

For any questions please contact Jennifer Stinson at [socdev@xatsull.com](mailto:socdev@xatsull.com) or



# NStQ Citizens' Assembly 2024 Impressions





## FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

Looking for a maximum of 12 members,  
youth ages 12 - 17, and adults over 18  
that are interested in taking a two day PAL  
(Possession and Acquisition License) course.

**July 20 & 21, 2024,**  
from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
at the Xatsull First Nation gym.

The instructor is Randy Billyboy.  
This course is free of charge.  
Lunch, snack & drinks will be provided.

To sign up and to get details about this course, please  
reach out to Social Development Manager  
Jennifer Stinson @  
250-989-2323 Ext. 102,  
or email @ socdev@xatsull.com



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday June 3, 2024

**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Community Health Services

**INFO:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034

### TUESDAY, JUNE 4



#### YOUTH

#### KICK BALL

**DATE:** Tuesday June 4, 2024

**TIME:** 4 - 6:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Gym

**INFO:** All ages

**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

**DATE:** Tuesday June 4, 2024

**TIME:** 12 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Community Health Services

**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday June 4, 2024

**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Band Office

**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

#### YOUTH

#### FLOAT BUILDING

**DATE:** Wednesday June 5, 2024

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

**LOCATION:** Head Start

**INFO:** Ages 12 - 18

**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### QELMÍN GROUP

**DATE:** Wednesday June 5, 2024

**TIME:** 1 - 3 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Coriboo Rec. Center

**INFO:** Family Swim

**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### THURSDAY, JUNE 6



#### YOUTH

#### TIE DYE

**DATE:** Thursday June 6, 2024

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

**LOCATION:** Head Start

**INFO:** All ages

**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7



YOUTH

### MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday June 7, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: The Aristocrats  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

**DATE:** Friday June 7, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### DECLARATION & HOUSHOLD BILLS DUE

**DATE:** Friday June 7, 2024  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer at socdev@xatsull.com

## MONDAY, JUNE 10

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday June 10, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11

YOUTH

### BUTTERFLY CRAFT

**DATE:** Tuesday June 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** All ages  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### LUNCH WALK

**DATE:** Tuesday June 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355



COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday June 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

YOUTH

### FLOAT BUILDING / YOUTH COUNCIL

**DATE:** Wednesday June 12, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** HeadStart  
**INFO:** Ages 12 - 18  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### QELLMÍN GROUP

**DATE:** Wednesday June 12, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

YOUTH

### DRUMMING

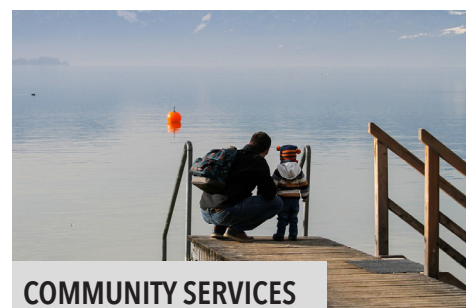
**DATE:** Thursday June 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 5 - 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** All ages  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

YOUTH

### MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday June 14, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: Twilight  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com



COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FATHER'S WELLNESS DAY

**DATE:** Friday June 14, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

## CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JUNE 17

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

DATE: Monday June 17, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

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

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### ADVANCED CARE PLANNING

DATE: Monday June 17, 2024

TIME: 12 - 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jennifer Stinson at 250-989-2323 ext 102

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18



#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

DATE: Tuesday June 18, 2024

TIME: 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday June 18, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Band Office

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

#### YOUTH

#### FLOAT BUILDING

DATE: Wednesday June 19, 2024

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

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 12 - 18

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### QELMÍN GROUP

DATE: Wednesday June 19, 2024

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### SA DAY

DATE: Wednesday June 19, 2024

CONTACT: Jennifer at socdev@xatsull.com

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### ELDER'S DAY TRIP & PICNIC

DATE: Wednesday June 19, 2024

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

#### YOUTH

#### FLOAT BUILDING

DATE: Thursday June 20, 2024

TIME: 5 - 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

#### YOUTH

#### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

DATE: Friday June 21, 2024

TIME: to be announced

LOCATION: Parade WL

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

DATE: Monday June 24, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25



#### YOUTH

#### ROCK PAINTING

DATE: Tuesday June 25, 2024

TIME: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

DATE: Tuesday June 25, 2024

TIME: 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**FOOD BANK**

**DATE:** Tuesday June 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**FOOT CARE (HOME)**

**DATE:** Tuesday June 25, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**



YOUTH

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday June 26, 2024  
**TIME:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Ages 12 - 18  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**QELLMÍN GROUP**

**DATE:** Wednesday June 26, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**FOOT CARE (BAND)**

**DATE:** Wednesday June 26, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

YOUTH

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BBQ**

**DATE:** Thursday June 27, 2024  
**TIME:** details to come  
**LOCATION:** details to come  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

YOUTH

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**DATE:** Friday June 28, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: John Tucker must die  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com



COMMUNITY SERVICES

**COMMUNITEA 'STYEM**

**DATE:** Friday June 28, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p. m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

**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 Nations Health Authority  
 1-855-550-5454

**XFN CONTACTS**

Band Office  
 250-989-2323  
Community Services  
 250-989-2355  
Social Development  
 250-989-2323 ext. 102  
Housing  
 250-989-2323 ext. 106  
Infrastructure  
 250-989-2323 ext. 147  
Natural Resources  
 250-989-2323 ext. 121  
Communications  
 250-989-2323 ext 115  
Treaty  
 250-989-2323 ext 109

## Xat'sull First Nation



### Notice of Plebiscite

Notice is hereby given to the electors of Xat'sull First Nation that voting will take place for the purpose of a Plebiscite on amendments to the Xat'sull Custom Election Code.

**Plebiscite Voting Day – July 4, 2024**      9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

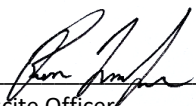
**LOCATION:** Community Hall (3405 Mountain House Rd.)

A full copy of the Final Draft Amendments can be obtained at the Administration Office or viewed on the [www.xatsull.com](http://www.xatsull.com) website. A copy of the Voters List is available for review at the Xat'sull Administration Building during business hours.

Ballots will be counted and results declared in the Community Hall immediately following the close of polls on July 4, 2024.

**Mail-in Ballot packages** will be sent to all eligible electors ordinarily residing off reserve, to their last known address of record with the Nation. It is your responsibility to ensure your address is up to date. You may contact the Plebiscite Officer to update your address. Any Elector normally resident on reserve may request a Mail-in Ballot package from the Plebiscite Officer. This should be done as soon as possible to ensure ballots can be returned by election day (requests made after June 24<sup>th</sup> will not be fulfilled).

Any elector that received a mail-in ballot package may vote in person on Voting Day if they (i) return the Mail-in Ballot to the Electoral Officer at the polling station, or (ii) swear a written declaration before the Plebiscite Officer, a justice of the peace, notary public or duly appointed commissioner for taking oaths that the Mail-in Ballot is lost or destroyed.

  
Plebiscite Officer

Given under my hand at Vancouver,  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

Please contact the plebiscite officer anytime for assistance with anything about the voting process:

Plebiscite Officer: Ron Laufer      P.O. Box 96125, Mountain View, Vancouver, BC V5V 0H7  
Mobile: 1-833-443-VOTE (8683)      Email: [ronlauferelections@gmail.com](mailto:ronlauferelections@gmail.com)

# RECEPTIONIST



## About the Organization:

Xats'ull First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detailed oriented Education 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.

## About the Position:

We are looking for a receptionist with a background in administration and experience in providing excellent customer service as the initial greeting and welcome to visitors/callers. The Receptionist uses a cordial and friendly approach promptly addresses customer needs professionally, and works to build effective relationships within the organization, associated agencies, government, and the general public.

**For the full job posting visit [xatsull.com](http://xatsull.com)**

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# HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Xat'sull First Nation is currently accepting applications for Committee Members for the Housing Committee. The objective of the Committee is to develop and provide recommendations to Chief and Council regarding Xat'sull First Nation's Housing Programs. This includes the development of Housing plans, policies, and processes. Chief and Council are inviting interested Band Members to submit a Letter of Interest, stating reasons why they are interested in joining the Committee and an indication of the skills and relevant experience they may bring to the Committee. Chief and Council will review all applications and appoint Members.

### Asset Qualifications

- possess a sound understanding of Xat'sull First Nation's Housing needs and Xat'sull First Nation's culture, history, and vision.

### Expectations for Committee Members

- agree to promote fairness in decision-making regarding housing.
- establish and conduct discussions based on the principles of respect, trust, collaboration, openness, confidentiality and with a positive team effort; and
- enable frank and open dialogue/input from all Committee Members and work collaboratively in developing recommendations in a non-confrontational manner.

### Term

1. Committee members will be appointed through an application process by the Chief and Council. They shall hold a position on the Committee, for a two (2) year term, and on a staggered basis, to ensure continuity.
2. Committee members will cease to be a member if they:
  - a. resign in writing, from the committee.
  - b. fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without appropriate justification and notification to the chairperson;
  - c. breach confidentiality; or
  - d. demonstrate unprofessional or inappropriate manners in decision-making.
3. Any vacant committee member seats will be filled through the application process. If a midterm vacancy is filled, the appointee will remain on the committee until the original member's term is complete, and may apply to remain on the committee, prior to expiration of the term.
4. Committee members are required to sign and respect the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policies.

### How To Apply

Applications may be:

Emailed to: [chiefexecasst@Xat'sull.com](mailto:chiefexecasst@Xat'sull.com); or

Mailed to: Attention: Executive Assistant to the Chief, Xat'sull First Nation

3419 Mountain House Road Williams Lake

British Columbia

V2G 5L5

Please use Subject: HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER, Letter of Interest

DEADLINE: Open until filled.



## EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Organization:

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### About the Position:

We are looking for an Education Coordinator who will be responsible for ensuring the Education Program's successful operations in alignment with the organization's vision, objectives, and strategic direction. This role involves interacting with students from public school to post-secondary levels, assisting them in accessing education to secure their future, and advocating for education within the community. With exceptional communication and management skills, the Education Coordinator builds effective working relationships with community groups, funding agencies, and other external contacts, and has a clear, results-oriented focus on community development.

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# EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBER



Xat'sull First Nation is seeking Education Committee Board Member

The Education Department (the Department) at Xat'sull First Nation offers a wide range of educational services and programs. The Department is seeking up to five (5) Xat'sull Band Members to sit on the Education Committee. Committee Members will be appointed by Xat'sull First Nation's Chief and Council.

The primary responsibility of the Education Committee is to provide a consultative forum that will prepare and present Education Program recommendations for consideration by Xat'sull's Chief and Council.

### Qualifications

- possess an understanding of the Education system and Xat'sull First Nation's culture, history and vision;
- agree to promote fairness in decision making for all applicants, regarding education;
- establish and conduct discussions based on the principles of respect, trust, collaboration, openness, confidentiality and with a positive team effort; and
- enable dialogue/input of all members and work collaboratively towards recommendations in a non-confrontational manner.

### Term

1. Committee members will be appointed through, an application process by the Chief and Council and shall hold a position on the Committee, for a two (2) year term, and on a staggered basis, to ensure continuity.
2. Applications will consist of a letter of interest.
3. Committee members will cease to be a member if they:
  - a. resign in writing, from the committee, in writing;
  - b. fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without appropriate justification and notification to the chairperson; and,
  - c. breach confidentiality; or
  - d. demonstrate unprofessional or inappropriate manners in decision making.
4. Any vacant committee member seats will be filled through the application process. If a midterm vacancy is filled, the appointee will remain on the committee until the original member's term is complete, and may apply to remain on the committee, prior to expiration of the term.

### Frequency of Meetings

Committee members agree to meet at least six (6) times per year which includes participation in recommending selection of successful applications for the yearly allocation of Post – Secondary funding, to Chief and Council.

### How To Apply

Applications may be emailed to: [cao@xatsull.com](mailto:cao@xatsull.com)

Mailed to:

Attention: CAO

Xat'sull First Nation

3419 Mountain House Road

Williams Lake, BC, V2G 5L5

DEADLINE: Open until filled.