



# Fraser River Run

Monthly Newsletter of Xatsúll First Nation



**Xatsúll First Nation Elders attend 48<sup>th</sup>  
Elders Gathering in Vancouver**

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## Xatśūll First Nation Salmon 'Sampling' BBQ



The BBQ event on August 22, organized for the sampling of salmon, turned out to be a great success! Although we were unable to sample the salmon due to unfavorable environmental conditions, the event was still an informative and enjoyable experience for all who attended.

2024 marks the 9th year of the annual Salmon Sampling Program, which has been ongoing since 2016. The program is a collaborative effort between Xatśūll First Nations, Environmental Dynamics Inc. (EDI), and Gibraltar Mines. Each year, we gather to test the salmon at traditional fishing grounds to ensure they are safe to eat. However, on July 30,

2024, a landslide occurred on the Chilcotin River, threatening salmon migration. Due to this, the decision was made not to sample fish this year from the Fraser River.

Despite this challenge, we continue to come together to collaborate, share knowledge, and foster community. Representatives from EDI and Taseko provided valuable insights into salmon and habitat-related issues during the event. Their presentations emphasized the importance of salmon to our Nation and the need for ongoing efforts to protect them.

The salmon hold a special place in our community, and events like these remind us of our collective

responsibility to protect them. Although the circumstances prevented the sampling this year, the day was filled with learning, laughter, and connection.

We are grateful to all who came out to support the event. Your presence made the day memorable, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to preserve and protect our salmon together. Thank you for being part of this important cause!

Note:

Previous studies have showed that sockeye salmon caught at traditional fishing sites on the Fraser River are safe to eat.



## Xatsūll First Nation Elders attend 48<sup>th</sup> Elders Gathering in Vancouver

Some of our Xatsūll First Nation Elders were able to attend this years Elders Gathering in Vancouver.

For the past 48 years (excluding 3 COVID-19 years), First Nations Elders have gathered in various locations across British Columbia. The first Elders Gathering was hosted by the Coqualeeza Elders in the Sto: Lo Nation. Frances Harne beautifully carved a totem pole to serve as a record keeper, inscribed are the places and dates of each Gathering at the base.

The Elders Gathering served as an enriching opportunity for hearts to connect, memories and wisdom to be exchanged, new kinships to be forged, and old bonds to be rekindled. It opened a gateway to understanding the diverse ways of life among various First Nations.

The fundamental intent of the Elders Gathering is to weave social and communal bonds, uniting Elders across the province into one collective Nation. It enables kindred spirits of similar

ages and ideals, along with their families, to come together and discover shared foundations that fortify these bonds.

Our Elders possess the wisdom and experiences that younger generations need for guidance in life. It is essential that this event continues, ensuring the passing on of our Elders' legacy to each succeeding generation. In a rapidly modernizing world, we must maintain the balance that comes from honoring our Elders and remembering the past.



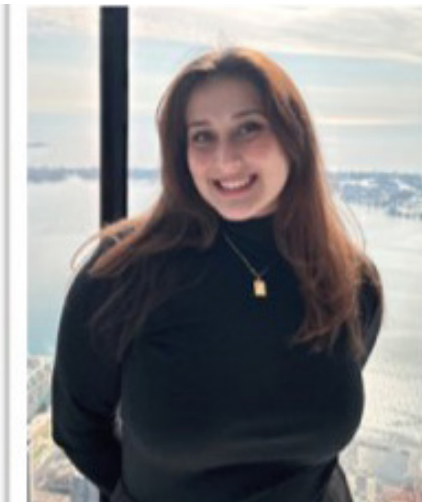
## Xatśūll First Nation welcomes three new employees to the team



### **Lucas Kiefiuk,** Director of Education

My name is Lucas Kiefiuk, I was born and raised in Williams Lake. I've been working in or involved in the education and human services fields for the last decade, through both employment and governance. I am the proud father of two beautiful girls and the husband to an amazing wife.

I had the honor of managing the Recreation Department for WLFN for four years and I am excited to bring my experience and passion for education to Xatśūll First Nation. I am excited to support community through the deliverance and growth of education services.



### **Yoana Dinkova,** Environmental & Regulatory Coordinator

Hello, my name is Yoana! I was born in Bulgaria, grew up in the UK, and completed my Bachelor's degree in environmental science at UBC. My professional experience includes BC Wildfire (prevention), ECCC (transboundary water), and Albertan forestry. I also worked a summer as a camp instructor teaching youth to appreciate

the ocean and environment around them. Outside of work I love the gym, reading a good fantasy book, fishing + paddle boarding, and cuddling my cat Goku. I am really looking forward to connecting with community members and learning where priorities lie so that I can bring them to the forefront of project assessments.





## Jordanna Camille, Traditional Wellness Coordinator

own trauma, being raised in the foster care and 60s Scoop era. Thankfully, my grandparents were able to raise me.

A bit of my background in drug and alcohol support includes that I'm a recovering addict and alcoholic. I say recovering because even if you are clean and sober, we work every day to live a healthier life. I feel it is very important to share my story before I expect community members to trust me with theirs. A lot led up to my inevitable decision to become clean and sober, but my breaking point was a near-fatal car accident that left me fighting for my life in ICU.

This was the beginning of my Step One, and I didn't even know it. For those who don't know, Step One is: "We admit that we were powerless over our addictions and that our lives had become unmanageable." This was very true—my life had become unmanageable, and I needed to make the change or die. Those were my options. I am proud to say that I am now two years clean and sober. In my sobriety journey, I have been happy and proud to help many family members become clean and sober.

I'm here to offer the essential

services of drug and alcohol support, cultural community healing, and Al-Anon for those who require support in coping with a family member who suffers from drug and alcohol addiction, as well as to plan and host events to raise awareness on drug and alcohol-related issues.

More than this, I would like to offer myself as a personal crisis support to anyone in or from Xatsúll who needs even just a chat.

My short-term goals are to start meetings for AA and NA, with weekly rides provided, of course. To finalize my introduction, please get a hold of me by calling the health building. We're in the process of getting me a work cell phone and opening a work Facebook so that people can get a hold of me that way and also keep up to date with how Xatsúll is keeping our community culturally well and working towards supporting all members in this ongoing drug and alcohol crisis.

Kukwstsétsemc,  
Jordanna Camille

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Weyt-kp xwexwéytep Jordanna Camille Nee Sellars Ren Skwekst

Te Xatsúll Ren st'kwen. Te cmentem Ren mumtwen.

Late BJ Sellars Ren qé7tse. Kizzy Draney Ren kike7ce. Late Donna Narcisse Ren kye7e. Morris Sellars Ren xpe7e. Nadine Draney Ren kye7e.

Those of us in the community would mostly remember me from my role in our child care system in previous years, but I'm here to introduce myself as Xatsúll First Nation's new Traditional Wellness Coordinator or drug and alcohol support worker. A bit of my background is that I was born and raised near the Xatsúll community, but from the age of 6 years old, I was taken in by my grandparents, the late Donna Narcisse and Morris Sellars. Due to the effects of intergenerational trauma, my parents were not able to raise me.

My father, BJ Sellers, passed when I was one year old, and my mother struggled due to her

# Xat'sūll Youth Program Update

Wow, it's incredible how quickly summer has flown by! This month has been packed with thrilling adventures and unforgettable experiences. From gymnastics, bake sale, Barkerville to mini golf, we've truly made the most of every sunny day.

One of the highlights was our private gymnastics session, where we had the entire facility to ourselves. The kids enjoyed bouncing high on the trampolines, swinging from the ropes and playing tag.

On another day we rented out a private movie theater screening for *Harold and the Purple Crayon!* We also enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour from the theater owner, learning about how the movie projector works. After, we visited the farmers market and played at

the park. When we got back to the center the youth used their creativity for face painting and putting in hair curlers on our staff members.

Another fantastic day was spent at Scout Island, where we embarked on a nature scavenger hunt followed by a round of mini golf.

Our new Traditional Wellness Coordinator, Jordanna Camille, played a game of Lahal with our youth. We also learned about the significance of sweat houses as we participated in cleaning up our current sweathouse area in the woods to get it ready for use again.

The youth also joined in on the beautiful Honouring Our Salmon Ceremony held at the Xat'sūll Heritage site, where the youth actively participated and

learned about this important cultural event.

Our program ventured to Barkerville Historic Town, where we explored the gold rush-era site, enjoyed tasty Chinese food, and snapped a memorable group photo. We even tried our luck at panning for gold and were all successful.

A big thank you to all our summer workers for their dedication and hard work. Special appreciation goes to Ali and Arianna for stepping up and providing exceptional care for the youth when needed.

As we wrap up this amazing summer, we wish all the youth an exciting new school year ahead. We hope your summer was as fantastic as ours!

Olivia & Keegan





# Honouring Our Salmon

The 'Honouring Our Salmon' event and ceremony on August 8, 2024 was truly special. It was great to see so many come together in unity and purpose.

We were honored to welcome those who made the journey from Adam's Lake, Neskonlith, and Bonaparte, bringing with them their medicine and spirit. We were also joined by members from our neighbour communities:

Tsq'escén', Stswécem'c, Xgét'tem, and T'éxelc. Your presence and support mean the world to us.

Our gathering was further enriched by the support from NSTC, Three Corners, and City Council. Together, we prayed for our salmon, rivers, land, our communities and neighboring communities, and the generations yet to come.

This ceremony was a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of our communities, and the importance of continuing our shared journey of stewardship and care for the land and waters that sustain us all.

Thank you all for your commitment and support.





## Knowledge-keeper Cecilia DeRose recognized for her 'massive impact' in Secwépemc communities

by **Dionne Phillips,**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter for IndigiNews

The Elder from Esk'etemc First Nation is a champion of culture and language both in her own family and far beyond. At the kitchen table of her home in Williams Lake, Secwépemc Elder Cecilia Dick DeRose sits across from her daughter Lulu, who is beading a hat.

Lulu learned to bead from her mother, who has taught multiple generations in their family about their culture, including berry picking, working with buckskin and speaking Secwepemctsín.

"She just immersed it into our life," Lulu says.

"It was part of our life, part of our culture, automatically."

These teachings have extended far beyond DeRose's own family, and she has taught many people about language, plant medicines, cultural safety and much more. Her ongoing work as a knowledge-keeper was recognized by Thompson Rivers University, which recently awarded DeRose with an honorary degree for her "massive impact on the healing of Secwépemc communities."

At 89 years old, DeRose is still as engaged in the language and culture as she's ever been throughout her life — as is evident from the basket of in-the-works projects in her living room including a brown hat with a beaded brim and a baby basket for a doll.



Her knowledge only grows throughout the years as she continues to learn, and she is always searching for new techniques and recipes. DeRose, who is a great-grandmother, has a particular affinity for Secwepemctsín and seeing the language being used in the community is important to her.

"That was our language, our birth language, and our identity," she says.

"I love my language and I speak it whenever I can."

### 'Don't be shy to share'

Born in Esk'etemc First Nation to Matthew and Amelia Dick, she grew up speaking Secwepemctsín fluently with her family and learned to tan buckskin, bead, and ride horses with her family. All her siblings were equal when it came to their roles and responsibilities.

As with many Elders, however, her time at the St. Joseph's Mission, a residential "school" in the Williams Lake area, inhibited her language. Until the age of 16 when she aged out of the "school," her connection to her Secwépemc culture was strained.

DeRose's experiences at the "school" led to her not wanting to teach her children Secwepemctsín as their first language. Her children recall her wanting them to have an easier time with their peers, however they were still raised with pride of their Indigenous language and ancestry.

"She's just always taught us to be proud of [the language] and carry it on and share what you know. Don't be shy to share," Lulu says.



As her children got older she began teaching the language and her son, David, recently spent over a year immersing himself in Secwepemctsin with her guidance.

The cultural and language lessons he has received from his mom throughout his life "guided me in just being the person I am," he says.

David recalls his mom teaching the importance of respect in all aspects of life with a focus on respect and education, which she said was key for her children.

"Always respect your Elders, respect the land, and get a really good education," he recalls were his mom's lessons.



DeRose's first formal teaching opportunity came from the interest of those around her. She was working at the campsite in the nearby community of Xat'sull when community members expressed interest in the language. She began holding classes in the evenings which led to her moving into the school systems to teach high school students.

DeRose has taught people

of all ages, and emphasizes the importance of starting the language learning process as young as you can. She notes that with older students, the deep sounds used in Secwepemctsin can be more difficult to pick up.

With the success of the Spi7uy Squqluts Language and Culture Society and the growing Secwépwmc programs throughout Secwepemcúl'ucw, DeRose hopes to bring conferences and language gatherings closer to home. She'd like to see events with fluent speaking programs to keep the language alive.

She says constant exposure to the language would make it easier to learn, including Secwépwmc and other Indigenous languages on signs, menus and greetings throughout the area.

Although there are different dialects throughout the region, DeRose believes that as long as the language is being learned it's promising.

"We still can understand each other with a different dialect," she says.

### **Excellence in promoting culture and healing**

While DeRose remains humble regarding the work she's done in many Secwépwmc communities when it comes to transmitting culture and language, she has been recognized with some

high-profile accolades.

In 2018, DeRose was honoured as an Indspire award recipient in the Culture, Heritage & Spirituality branch in 2018. Marianne Ignace, who was the one to nominate DeRose, has spoken on the contributions she has made to research projects including a resource Ignace co-edited called Secwepemc People and Plants: Research Papers in Shuswap Ethnobotany.

The award ceremony showed how DeRose's teachings endured the years as her daughter recalls Darrell Dennis, a former language student of her mom's, speaking Secwepemctsin at the ceremony when welcoming her to the stage.

When she sees her peers or old students she speaks to them in Secwepemctsin, utilizing her language skills and testing how well people remember her teachings.

"We still speak to them when we see them ... see if they remember," she says with a laugh.

In June of this year, DeRose was honoured with a Doctor of Letters, honoris causa from Thompson Rivers University.

Her family, friends, and previous students were in attendance to commemorate the momentous occasion.



Kúkwpí7 Fred Robbins from Esk'etemc First Nation was in the audience as well as Williams Lake First Nation Kúkwpí7 Willie Sellars, who spoke at the ceremony. He commended DeRose's commitment to her culture and her willingness to share her teachings to create a prideful next generation.

"Her deep commitment to promoting understanding, her respect for nature and her dedication to indigenous traditions, values and practices have deeply impacted the healing of Secwépemc communities," he said at the ceremony.

Today DeRose is still lending her knowledge to others in an effort to educate the generations on the Secwépemc language and culture.

### 'Everything gets thanked'

From working as a teacher in the Williams Lake school district, to creating resources with Indigenous organizations such as Three Corners Health Services Society who incorporate traditional practices into their healthcare programs, DeRose helps wherever she can. Five years ago, DeRose was

involved in a series of videos launched by Three Corners, in which she explains the benefits and harvesting of traditional melámen (medicine) including a juniper cleanse, oregon grape tea, and spruce salve. Along with the videos she helped create a melámen resource explaining the plants — what they can be used for and how to harvest and prepare them.

In the spruce salve video, DeRose can be seen harvesting from the spruce trees, scraping the soft pieces off the tree bark.

"This is nice stuff," she says as she combines the pitch with vaseline to create the sllég'wmen (salve). While heating up the two ingredients, DeRose spoke on the importance of thanking the animals, nature and earth for the medicines they provide.

"Everything feeds off the earth so everything gets thanked," she says.

"Of course I always say spruce is my favourite medicine for salve, but you can use any pitch."

She works with the Spi7uy Squqluts Language and Culture Society, where she has helped give places Secwépemc names and mentors others in the language. She also attended a week-long culture immersion camp in July with the society, where they made homemade fruit leather and incorporated the language throughout the process.

DeRose has commented on the evolution of Secwépemctsin and how the language we have today is not an exact replica of the language spoken many years ago. In a video with fellow Secwépemc Elder Jean William, DeRose explains her background with the language.

She notes that there is more interest over the years as students are wanting to learn and are committed to learning Secwépemctsin.

"We're hoping that they take off with the language," she says.

DeRose also speaks of the change of the pronunciation over time and that the language now being learned is their own.

She continues to teach, learn and pass down her teachings to the next generations.

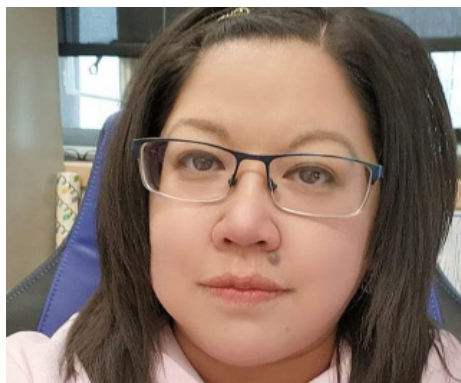
"Always be proud to be Indian," was a phrase that DeRose heard from her father, as a young child and she continues to showcase this through the practice of her culture.

"I let everybody know, in the whole world, who who I am and where I came from," she says.

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## Jennifer Stinson, Social Development Manager

Hi everyone!!

I hope everyone had a FUN summer with their loved ones and friends. Can't believe this summer went by so fast, and now it's back-to-school time.

### **Just a gentle reminder for all Income Assistance clients:**

Monthly Declaration Forms and household bills are due on **Friday, September 6, 2024.**

And the household bills are due by **September 6, 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 bills are current. It must also be an invoice of the bill, not the bill statement.

**"Interview Week"**. This will be Tuesday, September 10 - 12, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. 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.

### **What is happening this month:**

September 14, & 15, (Saturday

& Sunday) I will be putting on another PAL (Possession and Acquisition License) course, with Randy Billyboy. The class is currently full, but please reach out if one is interested, in case someone cannot make it on those dates. (I can put one on a waiting list). Just a reminder the course is FREE, lunch & snacks are provided. One can reach out to me through email @ [socdev@xatsull.com](mailto:socdev@xatsull.com) Or a phone call at 250-989-2323 Ext. 102.

### **Next month, upcoming:**

Thursday, October 3, 2024, lunch and learn for FVPP (Family Violence Prevention Plan). It will be on "Narcissistic Behavior" & "Sexual Assault", with Noella Williams from Victims Services of NSTC. It will be from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm in the Community Services lunch/boardroom.

**AA Wellbriety Meetings are happening every Monday at 1 p.m.**

**at XFN Community Services Boardroom.**

Lunch will be provided and rides are available.

For more information call Jordanna at 250-267-2066

**Orange Shirt Day**  
**National Day for**  
**Truth & Reconciliation**  
September 30<sup>th</sup>



# SEPTEMBER

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

OFFICE CLOSED

#### LABOR DAY

DATE: Monday September 2, 2024

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

DATE: Tuesday September 3, 2024

TIME: 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday September 3, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Band Office

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

YOUTH

#### TIE DYE

DATE: Wednesday September 4, 2024

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

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: Ages 12 - 18

CONTACT: Keegan : youth@xatsull.com



COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### PHYSIO THERAPY

DATE: Wednesday September 4, 2024

TIME:

LOCATION: Community Health Services

INFO: book appointment

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### YOGA

DATE: Thursday September 5, 2024

TIME: 12 - 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### NA WELLBRIETY MEETING

DATE: Thursday September 5, 2024

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jordanna 250-267-2066



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### MONTHLY DECLARATION & HH BILLS DUE

**DATE:** Friday September 6, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** Can be emailed to Jennifer at socdev@xatsull.com  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson 250-989-2323 ext 102



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

**DATE:** Friday September 6, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355

### YOUTH

#### MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday September 6, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: Romy & Mitchells  
Highschool Reunion  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday September 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### AA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Monday September 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

### YOUTH

#### BOARD GAMES

**DATE:** Monday September 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** All ages are welcome  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

**DATE:** Tuesday September 10, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Services  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson 250-989-2323 ext 102

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

**DATE:** Tuesday September 10, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### QELMÍN GROUP

**DATE:** Tuesday September 10, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 2 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** ADP Luncheon  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

**DATE:** Wednesday September 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Services  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson 250-989-2323 ext 102

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MASSAGE THERAPY

**DATE:** Wednesday September 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355



### YOUTH

#### YOUTH COUNCIL

**DATE:** Wednesday September 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Food: Sushi  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

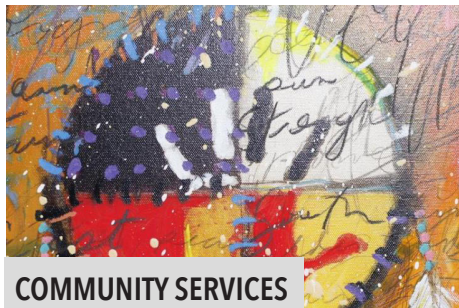
#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

**DATE:** Thursday September 12, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Services  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson 250-989-2323 ext 102

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### YOGA

**DATE:** Thursday September 12, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355



#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### NA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday September 12, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

**DATE:** Friday September 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355



#### YOUTH

#### MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday September 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: Night at the Museum 2  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### AA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Monday September 16, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday September 16, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034

#### YOUTH

#### SPORTS IN THE GYM

**DATE:** Monday September 16, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** All ages are welcome  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

**DATE:** Tuesday September 17, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday September 17, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### SA DAY

**DATE:** Wednesday September 18, 2024  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson 250-989-2323 ext 102



#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MASSAGE THERAPY

**DATE:** Wednesday September 18, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office 250-989-2355





YOUTH

## BAKING

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## NA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday September 19, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## YOGA

**DATE:** Thursday September 19, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

**DATE:** Friday September 20, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

YOUTH

## MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday September 20, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: Alien (1979)  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## AA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Monday September 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday September 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034



YOUTH

## KARAOKE

**DATE:** Monday September 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gym  
**INFO:** all ages are welcome  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## LUNCH WALK

**DATE:** Tuesday September 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355



COMMUNITY SERVICES

## FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday September 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## FOOT CARE (HOME)

**DATE:** Tuesday September 24, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

## QELMÍN GROUP

**DATE:** Tuesday September 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 2 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**INFO:** ADP Luncheon  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25



#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FOOT CARE (OFFICE)

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

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### MASSAGE THERAPY

**DATE:** Wednesday September 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

#### YOUTH

### YOUTH COUNCIL

**DATE:** Wednesday September 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Food: Donair's  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### YOGA

**DATE:** Thursday September 26, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### NA WELLBRIETY MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday September 26, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### COMMUNITEA 'STYHEYEM

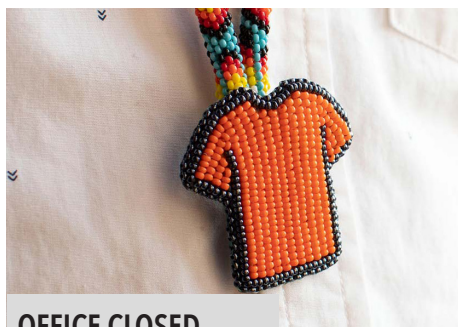
**DATE:** Friday September 27, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

#### YOUTH

### MOVIE NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday September 27, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**INFO:** Movie: Sonic The Hedgehog 2  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30



#### OFFICE CLOSED

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

**DATE:** Monday September 30, 2024

### 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





## DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Organization:

Xatsūll First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detailed 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.

### About the Position:

We are looking for a dedicated Director of Finance and Administration with a background in Finance/Accounting coupled with administrative expertise to lead our financial operations and ensure the smooth functioning of the Administration office. Experience with Sage Intacct and budget management within a First Nations environment is highly desirable.

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

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# NATURAL RESOURCE COORDINATOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Organization:

Xatsūll First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detailed oriented Natural Resource 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:

Reporting to the Natural Resources Manager, the Natural Resources Coordinator provides support in the development and implementation of Natural Resources Department programs and projects in a manner that supports Xatsūll First Nation's inherent title, rights, and interests. You will contribute to the overall success of the Natural Resources Department by managing deadlines, records, correspondence, and deliverables for Department programs and projects. This also includes coordinating internally to ensure Xatsūll strategic priorities, title, rights, and interests guide consultation processes and liaising and developing working relationships with outside agencies and organizations. Finally, the Coordinator provides support in policy, programs, and administrative matters in addition to taking on other duties as required.

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# HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Xats'ull 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 Xats'ull 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 Xats'ull First Nation's Housing needs and Xats'ull 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@Xats'ull.com](mailto:chiefexecasst@Xats'ull.com); or

Mailed to: Attention: Executive Assistant to the Chief, Xats'ull 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.



## BOARD DIRECTOR

The Xat'sull Development Corporation ("XDC") is a non-political, for-profit business entity mandated to create wealth and opportunity for the Xat'sull First Nation ("XFN") and its members. XDC is structured as a limited partnership and has four Director positions which are appointed by the XFN Chief and Council.

The Xat'sull traditional territory is rich in natural resources and provides opportunity within agricultural, forestry, construction, mining, pipeline, utility and tourism sectors. XDC has managed forest licenses and has formed various partnerships to engage in projects and opportunities within the territory.

XDC intends to diversify its services and grow its income base. Therefore, we are seeking an energetic and creative Director with experience in business development and partnership development who have proven leadership and governance experience to join our team.

The Board provides policy-governance and oversees the Chief Executive Officer, XDC. Directors foster medium and long-term growth by providing strategic advice; monitoring business performance and progress towards strategic goals; overseeing financial reporting and risk management; and steering shareholder relations.

The Board meets every second month but will call special Directors' meetings when required. Directors receive a modest meeting fee as well as reimbursement for travel expenses.

### Qualifications

- Candidates should have demonstrable experience in a policy-governance model and in overseeing senior management via this model.
- Candidates should be committed to XDC and have a genuine interest in working to advance their economic development goals.
- Candidates should have excellent communication skills, including the ability to build effective relationships with stakeholders, shareholders, government, and senior management.
- Candidates should have a working familiarity with the geographic region (Williams Lake).
- Forestry, mining, utilities, agricultural, tourism experience is an asset.
- Financial competency and the ability to read and interpret financial statements is an asset.
- Experience working with First Nations is an asset.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to provide three professional references. Appointees must consent to a Police Information Check.

### How To Apply

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

or

Mailed to:

Attention: Chief Executive Assistant

Xat'sull First nation

3419 Mountain House Road

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**DEADLINE:** Open until filled.