



# Fraser River Run

Monthly Newsletter of Xat'sull First Nation



**Xat'sull First Nation Housing Update**

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**Pellslwéltsten (everything leaves or sleeps month) – October 2024**

# Xatśúll First Nation Housing Update



We are pleased to update you that we are getting close to completing the 2 New Indigenous Services Canada & Xatśúll Own Source Revenue funded construction projects, which started towards the end of last summer. A 3-unit, Triplex project at 4058 Mountain House Road in Deep Creek, and a 4-unit Fourplex project at 5556 Xatśúll Road in Soda Creek.

The 3-unit Triplex replaces a derelict rental house at the site and consists of two 2-bedroom units and one 3-bedroom unit. As per the originally approved project scope, the 2-side units will be additions to the housing department rental assets, and the

middle unit will initially be used for temporarily rehousing community members during renovations and providing emergency housing to community members for health, social, and family needs. Timelines for completion of this project are currently projected to be by mid-October, subject to service testing and final inspections.

The 4-unit Fourplex in Soda Creek consists of four, 3-bedroom units and includes a downstairs washroom, ensuite bathroom to the master bedroom, and a family bathroom on the 2nd floor. All of the units will be additions to the housing department rental assets. Timelines for completion of this

project are currently projected to be by the end of November, subject to weather, service testing, and final inspections. This Fourplex is part of the redevelopment plan for the area, which will again offer a place for family, community gathering, and recreation.

The project details to rebuild the Duplex on Cariboo Hwy 97 N, lost to fire in November 2023, have now been finalized. Construction on a new 2 unit, two-bedroom, 1025 sq. ft each, single story with attached garages will begin this month, and scheduled to be finished by mid-summer 2025.

As per the housing policy, community members are reminded that to be considered for the future available housing units, an up-to-date (which means within the last 12 months) complete rental housing application needs to be on file with the housing department.

Once the timelines for completion of the projects are finalized, the housing tenant

selection committee will follow the tenant selection process in order to facilitate a fair, confidential, and unbiased selection of tenants for the units.

The tenant selection committee will be represented by Jennifer Stinson, Social Assistance Manager, Ashley Rankin, Health Manager, and myself Simon Bett, Housing Manager.

If you need to check your application is up to date or need any assistance in submitting your rental application request, then please reach out to me.

The Housing Rental Application form can be found on the Xatsúll website or directly at <https://www.xatsull.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Housing-Fillable-Form.pdf>





## XFN welcomes new employee to the team



### Olivia Baptiste, Main Office Receptionist

**Weyt-kp xwexwéytep!**  
My name is Olivia Baptiste. I am from Xatśúll First Nation and currently live in Soda Creek with my Uncle Lenny. My late kye7e was Alice Vogler (Sellars) and my kí7ce is Kathy Vogler, they are both from Xatśúll First Nation. My ʔAba is Troy Baptiste

from ʔEsdilagh First Nation and my ʔEtsu is Joy Baptiste from ʔEsdilagh First Nation. My late grandfather was Roy John from Xaxli'p First Nation. I grew up in Quesnel and moved to Vancouver, in 2017, for a Bachelor of Science degree at UBC. During post-secondary, I was program manager for the Summer Science Program, a STEM and cultural camp for Indigenous high school students. I graduated in the Spring of 2022 and was offered a program manager position for

the Indigenous Public Health Program. In January 2023, I found my passion for learning and speaking Secwepemctsin through online classes in the Eastern dialect. I am continuing my language journey through classes at TRU in the Northern dialect. I am very grateful to be home and learning more about our ways and spending time with family. Outside of work I really enjoy being outside (i.e., hiking, swimming, really anything) and art (i.e., beading, drawing, poetry).

## National Suicide Awareness Day Gathering at XFN Heritage Village

On September 10, 2024, a heartfelt gathering was organized by Jordanna Camille, Traditional Wellness Coordinator for XFN, and Brenda Phillips, Child and Family Transitions Manager from NSTQ, in honor of National Suicide Awareness Day. The event, held at the XFN Heritage Village, brought together community members to share knowledge and experiences on surviving the profound impact of suicide loss. Through open dialogue and supportive connections, the gathering provided a space for healing and understanding, highlighting the importance of mental wellness and the power of community in navigating difficult times.





## Jordanna Camille, Traditional Wellness Coordinator

Weyt-kp xwexwéytep, very eventful month since I got my new position as Traditional Wellness Coordinator. I was so happy to be welcomed to the team here at Xat'sull First Nations again. This is my first time working as a community services worker (I mean childcare is a huge community service.) My goal so far is to get the word out that there is a worker in my position now.

To do this I am making it somewhat of a priority that I attend events that are pertaining to Wellness and that I also try my very best to host events that are for wellness. Some examples would be that I went and spoke for The BGC and Canadian Mental Health Society Overdose Awareness Day in the park. I also hosted Suicide Prevention Awareness Day and Welcomed the Walkers for Children in Ministry Care into Xat'sull First Nations Community. Aside from hosting and attending Events I have been working very hard to try to incorporate our culture back into our community. Starting off by practicing morning smudges and drumming each

morning. This is open to any staff or community members who need a smudge. I have also been teaching ribbon skirt making from 1-4pm on Tuesdays and was teaching Culture to the summer children's program. The big goal for me regarding culture is to try to figure out the sweat house. Right now, we have run into two different obstacles with both locations for sweats. The number one barrier for the sweat location behind the Health Station is safety regarding being fire safe. While I was waiting for this to be assessed I went to check the second location in the campgrounds. My biggest concern here is that this campground is open to the public and there is no real place for privacy. Rest assured that I have been working with the XFN team diligently to solve these issues. If everything goes accordingly, I will be switching AA meetings to all day sweats in October. I will schedule the sweat to be Men's Sweat in the mornings and then Women's Sweat in the afternoon. This will carry on as needed throughout the year, including in the winter months.

We are looking forward to a very eventful October starting off strong with Mary Harry showing us where to harvest swamp tea on the 1st from 9-12. We are making the change from Narcotics Anonymous to

Wellness Group on Thursday evenings some of the topics will include 12 step traditional, Medicine Wheel, Substance Abuse, Al-anon. I will be present at hunting camp and one of the days on hunting camp I will be harvesting Devils club to make balm if anyone wants to join me while I do that, we will be processing that on the 9ths. On the 1st and 17 we have Noella the Victim Services from NSTQ presenting a grief workshop. The 16th will be during the day 1-4 but on the 17th the workshop will be in the evening 5:30 until about 7 so that community members who work can make it. I am hoping to have a trauma workshop scheduled for the 23rd and then I will be participating at the elder's recognition ball on the 24th. Ribbon Skirts will stay continuously on Tuesdays until everyone completes their skirts!

Kukwstsetsemc, I really look forward to working in and with our community to help recover from the traumas we face in our wellness.





# Xatśúll Youth Program Update

With September marking the return to school, we're excited to resume our after-school programs, Youth Council meetings, and movie nights! Our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming space for youth remains stronger than ever as we continue to bring together family, friends, and community members in the evenings.

Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to this month:

**Tie-Dye T-Shirts:** We kicked off September with a burst of color, creating some amazing tie-dye designs. It was a fun and creative way for everyone to

express themselves and leave with a unique piece of art. We even experimented with reverse tie-dyeing!

**Sports Night:** Although we had just one enthusiastic participant for our sports night, we made the best of it by playing a creative version of Basketball Battleship. It turned out to be a unique and fun experience!

**Baking Night:** Our baking session was a delightful success! We whipped up delicious strawberry and raspberry mini cheesecakes that tasted heavenly.

As we move forward, we're eager to keep the momentum

going with more engaging activities and events. If you need rides for events or Youth Council meetings, please let me know a few days ahead of time so I can arrange transportation with Andrea.

If you have any ideas for activities, movie suggestions, or if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out at [youth@xatsull.com](mailto:youth@xatsull.com)

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. We look forward to many more exciting and enriching experiences in the coming months!





## Jennifer Stinson, Social Development Manager

Hi everyone!

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

Monthly Declaration Forms are due on **Friday, October 11, 2024.**

Household Bills are due by Friday, **October 11, 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.

**"Interview Week"**. This will be Tuesday - Thursday, October 8 - 10 from 1:30pm - 3:00 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.

### What is happening this month:

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.

### What happened last month:

September 14 & 15, I had put on another PAL (Possession and Acquisition License) course, with Randy Billyboy. We had a full class of 12 people. The course was free, and lunch & snacks was provided, for the participants. All 12 participants had passed, YAY!!!

## Salmon Canning for Community

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us with the canning of the salmon! Your time, hard work, and dedication mean so much to our community. We couldn't have done it without you!







## By teaching Secwepemctsín, Kyé7e Minnie Phillips breathes life into the language

by **Dionne Phillips,**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter for IndigiNews

As a fluent speaker, my grandmother's knowledge is invaluable to her family and the countless students who adore her. There are some Elders who are like a grandparent to everyone they know and my Kyé7e, Minnie Phillips, is one of those people.

As a fluent speaker of Secwepemctsín (the Shuswap language) and a longtime teacher of the language, she has countless former students, friends and relatives who adore her.

Often, when we're out in public, multiple people will come up to her calling her Kyé7e, all with fondness in their eyes as they talk to her.

Kyé7e truly remembers everyone — although not their names sometimes — but she has endless stories to tell about each person that she is around.

As we sit in her house in Xat'süll, Kyé7e settles into her comfy chair and smiles as she recalls one of her former students.

Kyé7e speaks of a young boy who was a student in her class, and would come up and talk to her all the time. One time, when the boy was 8 or 9 years old, he came out of a store and walked

right up to Kyé7e while speaking Secwépemc.

She recalls the student, who is non-Indigenous, as eager to learn in the classroom, adding that he would catch on quickly to the lessons in the language. Kyé7e is the heart of our family and we all gain so much from just being in her presence. My grandparents' house is a safe space, it has been for all the family, friends and anyone who walks through the door.

The smell of freshly baked bread or fried bannock is reminiscent of their house on the rez. Family dinners are hosted there with no questions asked. The grandparents are involved and we all know that we gather for them. I am grateful to have been raised around wonderful people such as my Kyé7e.

### Growing up as the eldest daughter

Born in 1938, Kyé7e is one of 17 children born to parents Anastasia and Patrick Chelsea. As the oldest daughter, Kyé7e found herself as a "mother hen" helping to take care of her

siblings.

When Kyé7e and her siblings were kids she says, "we had to speak Shuswap because my granny didn't go to school, my dad didn't go to school, my mom was the only one."

Her granny was a fluent Secwepemctsín speaker, so talking in the language was the only way for the family to speak so that she would understand.

Kyé7e's dad, Patrick Chelsea, did attend residential "school" for a year where he learned to write his name in English. Kyé7e says when her dad complained of the treatment after a year of "school," he was removed by his father and continues saying that her grandfather "must be a pretty good guy" to remove his children from the institution.

As for growing up with the traditions, Kyé7e recalls the sqílye (sweat house) being the location for her family's baths. Every Monday and Friday the kids would pack their own water to the sqílye.





Before attending residential "school" Kyé7e notes that at home, "we had everything to do, we used to plant the garden then work in the garden all summer."

She notes that she learned the traditional practices through watching her mom and granny.

In the summer the family would "ride horseback down the river, get a whole bunch of salmon, cut up fish all day." She used to tell them "don't get anymore than 70 or 55," but recalls one time where her family returned with 200 salmon that she then needed to help cut up.

After cutting the meat, it would be smoked and hung in the smokehouse through the fall and winter. "It's all hanging in there, the meat shed all winter. Nowadays you don't even see that."

When asked if she liked cutting

up the meat, Kyé7e laughs and says she was "doing it if I like it or not."

Even though Kyé7e makes the best bannock now, that wasn't always the case, she says. After her mom got flour she then "put it in a bowl and we mix it trying to make some bannock when everybody was gone, me and them kids." While laughing she says, "our bannock, we had to dig a hole and bury it, didn't know how to make bannock." It was her granny who then taught her to make the bannock that she still makes today.

Although she grew up in a household where Secwepemctsin was spoken fluently, there was a break in the language. At the age of 10 she was brought to the St. Joseph's Mission where she spent five years attending "school."

She still recalls the time it took to travel back and forth from the

Mission to home. "I didn't like to travel," she says, adding that the trip was too long. "Especially when you're going home for Christmas holiday. We freeze going home, sitting in the sleigh." Even after the long trip, their dad had to pick them up in Dog Creek across the river from their home. While at the Mission, Kyé7e remembers one sibling, Marlene, who "used to talk Indian to them nuns." Her sisters would tell her that she needed to speak English while in the "school."

Her dad told the children they needed to attend school until they got a job. At 15, Kyé7e got a job as a housekeeper which allowed her to quit attending St. Joseph's Mission. After spending four and a half years at the "school," Kyé7e had "come home for Christmas holiday and never went back because I was working through the holidays. They got me down

the ranch to clean up the bunkhouse and everything.”

She had learned English in the “school” allowing her to work in English-speaking establishments, but also held on to Secwepemctsin.

Kyé7e continued to work over the years, even returning to the Mission as a cook at the age of 18 or 19. She says they always needed cooks to feed the 300 children.

She worked until marrying my Xpé7e in 1964. After getting married, Kyé7e transferred over to Xat’sull First Nation from Esk’etemc First Nation. Kyé7e recalls knowing Xpé7e at the Mission but says they just went their own ways until many years later when they reconnected in 1962.

### Few fluent speakers left but many learners

Kyé7e is one of the few fluent Secwepemctsin speakers who continue to practice the language. According to the 2022 First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC) language report, in the 16 Secwépemc bands, only 1.6 per cent of the population are fluent Secwepemctsin speakers.

Starting in 1978, Kyé7e began teaching the language. Her granny was the one who taught her the language, but she was still required to attend Secwepemctsin classes for a teacher’s certificate.

Kyé7e credits Cecilia DeRose for “dragging” her into the Secwépemc classes. In these classes they were supposed to learn to write in the language but she recalls using the language knowledge she learned from her granny to show that she was fluent and received her certificate. “My granny didn’t teach me to write it, just how to say it” she says.

“It was 17 of us going to Shuswap school, supposed to learn how to spell it and everything.” She adds the aspiring teachers were mostly from Esk’etemc.

As a committed teacher, Kyé7e notes, “I enjoyed every bit of it.” Throughout her teaching career, Kyé7e moved from Wildwood Elementary School to Marie Sharpe and then back. She continued to work in schools until she turned 65 and was made to retire.

She continues to work with all ages throughout the Secwépemc communities, from the Youth programs on the Xat’sull reserve Tkemlúps te Secwépemc (TteS). The FPCC report also notes that 15.9 per cent of the Secwépemc Nation population are actively learning the language.

TteS is working to increase the younger generations’ fluency, with programs such as the Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt which is a collaboration with Simon Fraser University (SFU) and TteS. The program regularly brings in Elders who mentor and guide their work while providing a space for Elders to visit and converse in Secwepemctsin. The program relies on the Elders’ knowledge and ensures the Elders are involved in decision making and the development of



Shane Innes Photos  
**Minnie Phillips** demonstrates the steps to smoking a fish during Xat'sull Heritage Village's Celebration of Salmon on Saturday afternoon.

Secwépemc programming while also providing new words and phrases to learn.

There are multiple dialects of Secwepemctsín within the 16 bands. Within the different regions there are different sounds for the same word, for the same word, which the participants learn through the Elder visits.

Throughout the years Kyé7e is still set in her ways, saying: "I don't care whether I spell it or not, as long as I can speak it."

Language has always been a constant in each grandchild's life. The minute you enter Kyé7e's house you hear the language. Sometimes it could be just a few words, or there could be a visitor who converses in Secwepemctsín.

My brothers, who have grown up in a house down the street from my grandparents, didn't even realize that some words we use are Secwépemc words. Since they have always been included in their vocabulary, they counted them as English.

Kyé7e notes it's common for kids to not know they're learning Secwepemctsín, "some of them, they can catch on easy and they figure it's an English word. But when it's a Shuswap word, they figure it's a hard word."

It's these moments of realization that through the constant use of our traditional language the children are learning without thinking about it. That sets in how

important any conversations in the language are. Even if it's just an addition to an English sentence, it's something. As long as we start small, there's learning happening.

"There's lots to learn," Kyé7e says, adding that "I think it's better to start with them little kids." She says that you need to start talking to them in Secwepemctsín so when they're listening to you they can begin to understand the language.

## Humour and resilience

Living back at home, I've had the opportunity to attend more events with my grandparents. In November we all attended the 2023 Secwepemctsín Language Conference. It was four days of fluent Secwepemctsín.

During one story that Elder Irvine Johnson was telling entirely in Secwepemctsín, I looked at my grandparents and they were cracking up. The story was about a peacekeeper who ended up going down the river in a rock canoe, and that hit my Kyé7e and Xpé7e's funny bone. Tears were coming out of their eyes because they were laughing so hard.

Although I've seen them laugh many times, this felt different. Hearing this pure laughter come from a Secwépemc story that's fully spoken in our language was

such a great sight to see.

That in itself was a show of resilience. It showed the language is still present, it can evoke emotion. Even though my Xpé7e, aunty and I do not speak Secwepemctsín fluently we had my Kyé7e to rely on and she translated some of the story for us.

Growing up, I spent many days at my grandparents' house. I seemed to have a lot of "sick" days when I was there. My mom used to tell me she'd rather I spend a day learning from my grandparents than in a public school so I made use of that. It's true that I learned so much just by being in their presence.

My grandparents have always been and continue to be my favourite people. Their knowledge is unmatched and as they pass it down through storytelling I'm thrilled that their stories get to pass through me, too.

Us family members and the countless other honorary grandchildren who have learned from Kyé7e are all lucky to hold her stories.

Go to <https://indiginews.com/> for more stories from Dionne.





# OCTOBER

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### LUNCH WALK

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### SWAMP TEA

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
**TIME:**  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### RIBBON SKIRT MAKING

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### PHYSIOTHERAPY

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

YOUTH

### YOUTH COUNCIL

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Ages 12 - 18  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FALLS PREVENTION WS

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

### WELLNESS GROUP MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, October 3, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### LUNCH & LEARN

**DATE:** Thursday, October 3, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1:30 Pp.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** Narcissistic Behaviour & Sexual Assault  
**CONTACT:** Jennifer Stinson  
250-989- 2323 ext 102

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### HUNTING CAMP

DATE: Friday - Sunday, October 4 - 6, 2024

LOCATION: Gavin Lake

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

DATE: Friday, October 4, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Health Boardroom

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355



### YOUTH

#### MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Friday, October 4, 2024

TIME: 5:15 - 8 p.m.

LOCATION: XFN Gym

INFO: Movie: Thor "Love & Thunder"

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### SWEAT LODGE

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024

TIME: Men: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Women: 1 - 4:30 p.m.

CONTACT: Jordanna 250-267-2066

### YOUTH

#### THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024

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

LOCATION: Head Start

INFO: All ages are welcome

CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Band Office

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### VEGGIE BAGS

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

INFO: delivery to on reserve members

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### RIBBON SKIRT MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Education Boardroom

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

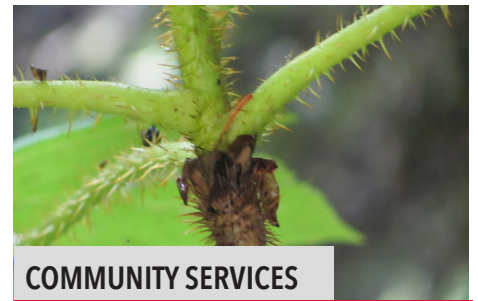
DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

TIME: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jennifer Stinson  
250-989-2323 ext 102

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### DEVILS CLUB MEDICINE

DATE: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

TIME: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### QELLMÍN GROUP

DATE: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

TIME: 12 - 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

INFO: ADP Luncheon

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355



## CALENDAR

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MASSAGE THERAPY

DATE: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

TIME: 9 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

INFO: book appointment

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

DATE: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

TIME: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jennifer Stinson  
250-989-2323 ext 102

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### DIABETES NURSE

DATE: Thursday, October 10, 2024

TIME: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTERVIEW WEEK I.A. CLIENTS

DATE: Thursday, October 10, 2024

TIME: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jennifer Stinson  
250-989-2323 ext 102

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### WELLNESS GROUP MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 10, 2024

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Jordanna 250-267-2066

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### MONTHLY DECLARATION & HH BILLS DUE

DATE: Friday, October 11, 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 'STYEM

DATE: Friday, October 11, 2024

TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14



### OFFICE CLOSED

#### THANKSGIVING

DATE: Monday October 14, 2024

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Band Office

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### LUNCH WALK

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

TIME: 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### RIBBON SKIRT MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

TIME: 1-4 p.m.

LOCATION: Health Boardroom

CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MASSAGE THERAPY

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

TIME: 9 - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Health Services

INFO: book appointment

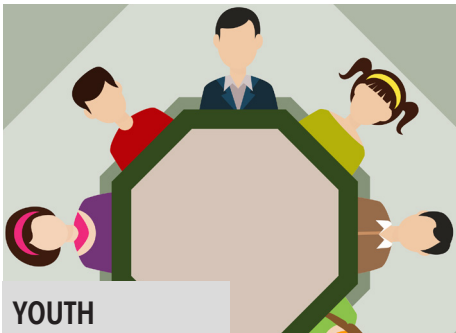
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355



COMMUNITY SERVICES

**GRIEF & LOSS WORKSHOP**

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.  
LOCATION: XFN Gym  
CONTACT: Jordanna 250-267-2066



YOUTH

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

DATE: Wednesday October 16, 2024  
TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Head Start  
INFO: Ages 12 - 18  
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**GRIEF & LOSS DINNER**

DATE: Thursday October 17, 2024  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: XFN Gym  
CONTACT: Jordanna 250-267-2066

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM**

DATE: Friday, October 18, 2024  
TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

YOUTH

**MOVIE NIGHT**

DATE: Friday, October 18, 2024  
TIME: 5:15 - 8 p.m.  
LOCATION: XFN Gym  
INFO: Movie: Fright Night - Rated R  
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**DENTAL THERAPY**

DATE: Monday, October 21, 2024  
TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
INFO: book appointment  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CLINICAL COUNSELLOR**

DATE: Monday, October 21, 2024  
TIME: 1 - 4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
CONTACT: For an appointment with Bill  
please call 250-267-3034



YOUTH

**DRUM MAKING**

DATE: Monday, October 21, 2024  
TIME: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Gym  
INFO: all ages are welcome  
CONTACT: Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**DIABETES NURSE**

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
TIME: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355



COMMUNITY SERVICES

**DENTAL THERAPY**

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
INFO: book appointment  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**LUNCH WALK**

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
TIME: 12 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Health Services  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RIBBON SKIRT MAKING**

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
TIME: 1-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Health Boardroom  
CONTACT: Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

## CALENDAR

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOT CARE (HOME)

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOT CARE (OFFICE)

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### QELLMÍN GROUP

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**INFO:** ADP Luncheon  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MASSAGE THERAPY

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### YOUTH

#### CARDBOARD HOLOGRAMS

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Ages 12-18  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### ELDERS RECOGNITION BALL

**DATE:** Thursday, October 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### WELLNESS GROUP MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday October 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**



### YOUTH

#### PRO D DAY FUN

**DATE:** Friday, October 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Ages 5 - 12  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

**DATE:** Friday, October 25, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### SWEAT LODGE

**DATE:** Monday, October 28, 2024  
**TIME:** Men: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Women: 1 - 4:30 p.m.  
**CONTACT:** Jordanna 250-267-2066

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR

**DATE:** Monday, October 28, 2024  
**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** For an appointment with Bill please call 250-267-3034

### YOUTH

#### CARVING PUMPKINS

**DATE:** Monday, October 28, 2024  
**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** All ages are welcome  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### FOOD BANK

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Band Office  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RIBBON SKIRT MAKING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
**TIME:** 1-4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Health Boardroom  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**



COMMUNITY SERVICES

**PHYSIOTHERAPY**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**INFO:** book appointment  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

YOUTH

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024  
**TIME:** 5 - 8 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Head Start  
**INFO:** Ages 12 - 18  
**CONTACT:** Keegan at youth@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**LUNCH WALK**

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Health Services  
**CONTACT:** Community Services Office  
 250-989-2355

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**



TRICK OR TREAT

**HALLOWEEN**

**DATE:** October 31, 2024

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**DATE:** Friday, November 1, 2024  
**TIME:** 5 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** XFN Gym

**XFN CONTACTS**

Band Office  
 250-989-2323  
Community Services (Health)  
 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  
Education  
 250-989-2323 ext 112

**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  
AA Helpline  
 1-604-434-3933  
Emergency  
 911  
Three Corners Health Services S.  
 250-398-9814  
Crisis Response Team  
 250-305-8496  
Residential School Crisis Line  
 1-866-925-4419  
Kids Help Phone  
 1-800-668-6868  
Hope for Wellness Helpline  
 1-855-242-3310







## 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 Resource 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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# CHILD AND FAMILY JURISDICTION COORDINATOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xats'ull First Nation (XFN), a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Child and Family Jurisdiction 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.

The Child and Family Jurisdiction Coordinator contributes to the successful operations of Xats'ull First Nation's Child and Family Services program in alignment with the organization's vision, objectives, and strategic direction. The role focuses on leading the work under the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (previously Bill C-92). to reclaim and exercise jurisdiction over child and family services. The Coordinator will ensure that the transition to full jurisdiction is achieved through effective project management, collaboration, and integration of Xats'ull cultural values and traditional laws. Working closely with the Child and Family Jurisdiction Engagement Worker, the Coordinator is a strong advocate for the wellbeing of children and families, with excellent communication skills and the ability to build productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

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## DAYCARE AND HEAD START SUPERVISOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xats'ull First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Daycare and Head Start Supervisor 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.

Reporting to the Director of Education, the Day Care and Head Start Supervisor is accountable for the successful operations of the Xats'ull Head Start/Day Care program according to the organization's vision, objectives, and strategic direction of Xats'ull First Nation. This position is responsible for the efficient operations of the day care and is an advocate for early childhood education in the community. Possessing excellent communication and management skills, the Day Care and Head Start Supervisor 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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# CHILD AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKER

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

## About the Position:

Xats'ull First Nation (XFN), a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Child and Family Engagement Worker 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.

The Child and Family Engagement Worker supports the successful operations of Xats'ull First Nation's Child and Family Services program in alignment with the organization's vision, objectives, and strategic direction. The role is focused on community engagement, outreach, and ensuring the integration of community feedback into the child and family jurisdiction work under the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth, and families (previously Bill C-92). The Engagement Worker will play a key role in facilitating communication between the community and the Child and Family Jurisdiction Transition Team, helping to ensure that the jurisdiction transition reflects the needs and values of Xats'ull members. This role involves regular interaction with diverse community groups, and it requires strong communication, organizational, and relationship-building skills.

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## 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 Director of Finance and Administration to join our team. Located near the vibrant city of Williams Lake, our Nation is deeply rooted in our rich heritage, culture, and breath taking 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.

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# FINANCE COORDINATOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xat'sull 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.

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## AMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xatsúll First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Administrative Assistant 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.

Reporting to the Director of Education, the Administrative Assistant contributes to the overall success of the organization by effectively carrying out administrative and support functions daily. This role focuses on providing administrative support for all areas of the Education Department including K-12, Post Secondary, Daycare and Head Start, committee meetings and other areas as needed. The Administrative Assistant must have excellent organizational skills and ability to manage multiple deadlines.

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# JANITOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xats'ull First Nation, a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Janitor 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. Reporting to the Capital Infrastructure Manager, the Janitor carries out janitorial tasks for the organization, ensuring all assigned buildings and facilities are routinely cleaned and maintained. As a positive, results oriented individual who must balance multiple demands, the Janitor takes a pro-active approach to initiating and following through with a variety of custodial projects, ensuring the health, safety and security of buildings and the people who use them.

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## FIRESMART COORDINATOR

**Type of Position: Full Time Permanent**

**Closing Date: Open until filled**

### About the Position:

Xats'ul First Nation (XFN), a dynamic Indigenous community, is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented FireSmart 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.

The Xats'ul First Nation is in search of a highly skilled and organized individual to be the FireSmart Coordinator. The FireSmart team supports wildfire preparedness, prevention, and mitigation through public education, assessments, and mitigative work to reduce community risk from wildfires.

The FireSmart Coordinator is responsible for the facilitation of FireSmart-related activities within the XFN territory. The position will ensure that the FireSmart activities are supported, developed, and implemented following provincial guidelines and the direction and policy provided.

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## 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

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**DEADLINE:** Open until filled.