Fraser River Run

Monthly Newsletter of Xatśūll First Nation



Kúkwpi7 Rhonda Phillips: Looking Back on 2026

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Pelltetéq'em (First Real Cold & Cross-Over Moon) – December 2026
Pellkwét'min (Hide Tanning Moon) - January 2027



From Kúkwpi7
Rhonda Phillips

Weyt-kp xwexwéytep.

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming 2026, and here we are preparing to welcome another year. I suppose that's one of the things about getting older. The years seem to go by a little faster, and we find ourselves appreciating things we may have once taken for granted.

This year has brought its share of sadness. We have lost many loved ones within Xatśūll, our neighbouring NStQ communities, and across Turtle Island. My heart goes out to all the families who are grieving. As we enter the holiday season, I know there will be empty chairs at tables and loved ones deeply missed. I hope we continue to look out for one another. Sometimes just being there for someone can make a difference. With my dad now living in long-term care, this has also been a year of adjustment for our family. Many of you know my dad and will remember how much he enjoyed taking part in our community gatherings. I miss seeing him at our events and having him there with us. It hasn't always been easy, but it has reminded me to appreciate the time we have together, even the simplest of moments.

Despite the challenges, we have many reasons to be thankful. We've seen progress in housing, education, wellness, cultural revitalization, and the many programs and services that support our members and families.

Our staff have created many opportunities for us to come together this year, from our second annual Wellness Gathering and hosting Calling Our People Home to celebrating our graduates and those on their sobriety journeys. It's also good to see our ongoing language classes, youth programs, Elders' luncheons, ceremonies, family camp, and hunting camp.



One of the highlights for me this year was spending time with my children and grandchildren at Fish Camp. I am grateful to everyone who helped make this gathering possible and created an opportunity for families to reconnect, share stories, and spend time on the land and water.

Growing up, my dad taught us what it means to be Secwépemc. He would remind us, "You are Secwépemc. That is who you are. That is who we are." Those words have stayed with me throughout my life. Being Secwépemc is who we are at our core. We are not separate from the land. We are part of it, and with that comes responsibility.

At Fish Camp, I found myself sharing with my grandchildren some of the same teachings my dad shared with us, teachings that were passed down to him by his grandmother and Elders. This included our protocols when we are at the river. I reminded them that the river provides us with life, but it can just as easily take it away. We must always respect it.

Salmon has always provided us with more than sustenance. It brings us together as families and as a people. It connects us

to the land, river, we share stories, as our people have done for generations. It is through storytelling that our knowledge, teachings, and ways of being are passed from one generation to the next.

Not everyone had the opportunity to grow up with these teachings because of residential schools and the impacts of colonialism. This is why revitalization is so important. It goes beyond learning our language and practising our culture. It is about reconnecting with who we are as Xatśūllemc and Secwépemc and ensuring our ways of life continue.



Shortly after Fish Camp, our team organized the Bringing Our Children Home gathering at the Heritage Site. This gathering brought together families, caregivers, community members, and professionals to help strengthen our children's connections to their families, community, culture, and land.

This gathering always falls close to the anniversary of my mom's passing, and I often find myself sharing memories of her. There is something special about bringing our families home and reconnecting with one another. I was grateful to spend time there with my children and grandchildren this year.

When I think about the importance of these gatherings and the work we do today, I think about our children, grandchildren, and those yet to be born.

I want to thank our staff for the work they do throughout the year. Whether it's delivering programs and services, bringing our families together, or building relationships with industry while holding proponents and governments accountable, it all contributes to the well-being of our Nation. It's good to see our departments working together to support our people, care for our lands and waters, and create opportunities for our members.

To our Elders, youth, volunteers, and community members who continue to share their knowledge and give their time, kukwstsétsemc.

There is also much work that takes place outside our community that members may not always see. Throughout the year, Chief and Council have met with provincial and federal governments, other First Nations, industry, and various organizations. We continue to advocate for our inherent rights and title, protect our lands and waters, and ensure our Nation's interests are represented in discussions and decisions that affect our people.

Our treaty work continues through the Northern Secwepemc Treaty Society. There have also been recent opportunities for Secwépemc leadership to connect, which I find encouraging. While our communities have their own priorities and responsibilities, we share a connection to Secwepemcúl'ecw. I hope we continue to find opportunities to come together and learn from one another.

In November, councillor Noella William and myself attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Likely, where we honoured those who served, including our



First Nations veterans. I also took a moment to remember my great-grandfather, who lost

his life during the war and is buried at Vimy Ridge. It wasn't until later in life that I learned my grandmother, his daughter, also contributed to the war effort. It is important that we continue to share their stories and remember their sacrifices.



I also attended the inaugural ceremony for Mayor Surinderpal Rathor and Williams Lake City Council. Mayor and Council have made strides toward reconciliation, and I don't think that should go unnoticed.



The unveiling of the artwork at the airport, alongside Williams Lake First Nation, is one example of what can be accomplished when we work together. I look forward to continuing to build relationships that benefit not only our communities but our region as a whole.

In July, we welcomed Gerald Pinchbeck as our new Chief Administrative Officer. I want to thank Gerald, our staff, and my fellow Council members for their work and dedication. We each have different responsibilities, but we are working toward the same vision for our Nation, guided by our members.

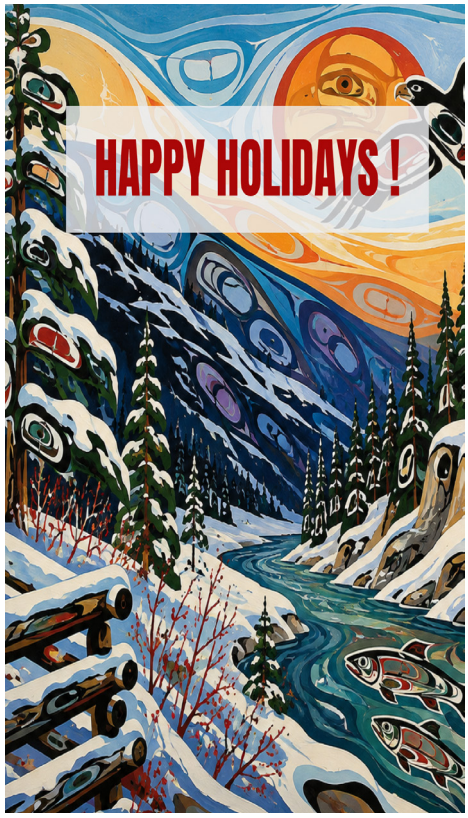
As we approach Christmas and the winter solstice, I am reminded that winter has always been a time for our people to gather, visit with family and friends, share stories, and pass down knowledge. It's also a time to laugh, reconnect, and remember those who came before us.

Life gets busy, and sometimes we forget that one of the greatest gifts we can give someone is our time. I hope we make time to visit our Elders and check in on those who may be alone during the holidays.

As we welcome 2027, I pray we continue to build on the good things happening within our Nation. We won't always see things the same way, but there is always something we can learn from one another. As my dad taught us, listening is how we learn, and learning is how we move forward.

To all our members, whether you are living at home or away, I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas season, a meaningful winter solstice, and a happy new year. For those who are grieving or going through difficult times, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

May 2027 bring us healing, good health, laughter, and many more reasons to come together and celebrate. Kukwstsétsemc.



A Spooktacular Halloween Celebration at Xatśūll!

By Dina Stephenson
XFN Communications Coordinator

On October 29, the Xatśūll Gymnasium came alive with music, dancing, laughter, and Halloween fun as everyone gathered for a Halloween Dance Party filled with great energy. The annual Xatśūll Halloween Celebration brought community members together for an evening of fun, laughter, creativity, and a little fright along the way.

Community members of all ages came out dressed in fantastic Halloween costumes, ranging from funny and imaginative to downright frightening! There was something for everyone to enjoy, including games, prizes, treats, and plenty of opportunities to show off those creative costumes. The haunted house added an extra touch of spooky excitement, keeping everyone guessing what might be waiting around the next corner!

As the evening came to a close, a dazzling fireworks display lit up the night sky, providing a spectacular finish to another memorable annual community celebration. The colourful fireworks brought everyone together to enjoy one last special moment and made the evening even more magical.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped organize the event, prepare the space, set up, decorate, and bring the spooky magic to life. Your time, creativity, and hard work helped make this celebration such a wonderful experience for everyone. An extra-special shout-out to the cleanup crew, who stayed behind to help tidy everything up after the festivities!

Most importantly, thank you to all the families, children, and community members who came out, joined in the fun, and made this year's Halloween celebration such a memorable occasion.

We look forward to welcoming everyone again next year for another evening of Halloween fun, community spirit, and spectacular fireworks!



Xatśūll First Nation National Addiction Awareness Week Healing

By Courtney McKone
XFN Wellness Worker

Xatśūll First Nation marked National Addiction Awareness Week (NAAW) with a meaningful week of learning, sharing, healing, and community connection. From November 16–20, participants came together to explore the importance of culture, wellness, understanding, and support on the journey toward recovery.

The week began with Drum and Hide-Making Workshops on November 16 and 17, offering participants an opportunity to connect with cultural traditions, learn new skills, and experience the healing power of coming together through culture.

On the evening of November 17, Antoine Sargent Sr. led a workshop on Overcoming Addiction and the Path to Recovery. Antoine comes from Williams Lake First Nation. His own journey toward recovery began in 2009, and since then, he has dedicated himself to helping others find their own path toward healing and recovery.

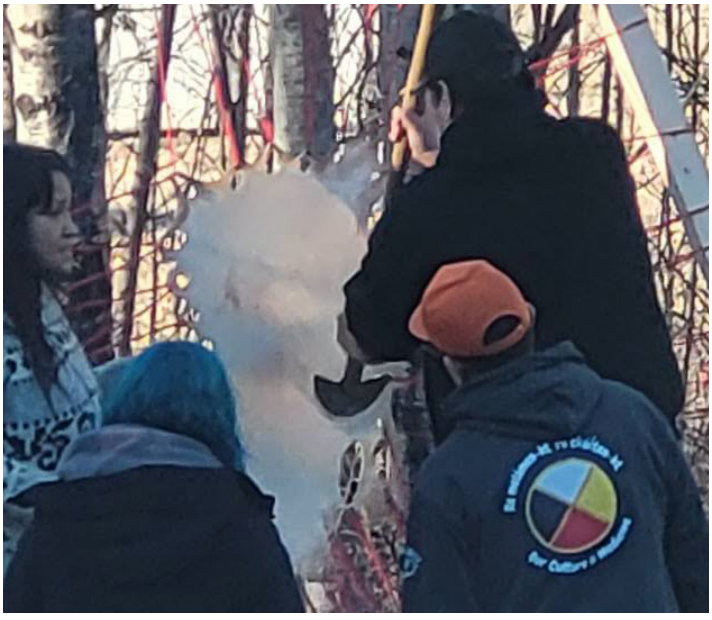
On November 17 and 18, participants also took part in an all-day gathering and workshop facilitated by Angela Clark and Danny Kennedy.

Angela brings more than 20 years of experience in addiction, mental health, counselling, and holistic wellness. Danny works in addiction and recovery with Red Road Recovery, serves as a sweat lodge leader and pipe carrier, and founded Calling Our People Home to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and the toxic drug crisis.

The week concluded with a well-deserved SPA Day, giving participants an opportunity to relax, recharge, and focus on their own wellness after several days of learning and sharing.

A heartfelt thank you to all our facilitators, helpers, staff, and healers who contributed their time, knowledge, and care to make this week so meaningful. Your dedication helped create a welcoming space for connection, understanding, cultural sharing, and healing.

Together, through culture, compassion, and community, we continue to support one another on the path toward wellness and recovery.









Reconnecting with Our Culture – Finding Our Way Back to Healing

Reconnecting with our culture is more than simply returning to traditions; it is finding our way back to a part of ourselves that may have been lost, forgotten, or buried beneath years of pain, trauma, and struggle.

When we begin to embrace our Indigenous teachings, beliefs, ceremonies, medicines, language, and connection to the land, we begin to remember who we are and where we come from. We are reminded that we are not defined by our struggles, our addictions, or the hardships we have endured. We come from generations of strength, resilience, love, and survival. Our culture gives us something meaningful to hold onto when life feels uncertain. It gives us a sense of belonging when we feel lost, a connection when we feel alone, and hope when we struggle to see a way forward.

Healing looks different for everyone, and there is no single path to recovery, but there is something incredibly powerful about finding healing in the very traditions and teachings our ancestors fought so hard to keep alive.

Culture is medicine. Our traditions are a lifeline. Our community is our strength. And sometimes, the greatest part of recovery is not becoming someone new, but finding our way back to who we have always been.



Xatśūll Youth Program

By Krista Phillips
XFN Youth Coordinator

Looking Forward to Growing Together

I am incredibly excited to be starting this journey with the Xatśūll youth and look forward to creating meaningful experiences, building relationships and making memories together. My goal is to create a welcoming space where our youth feel supported, encouraged and proud of who they are, while having opportunities to learn, explore and discover new interests.

I am especially looking forward to incorporating more traditional, land-based teachings into our activities. Some of the things I hope to work toward include traditional hunting and harvesting teachings, building a community smoke shed where we can learn traditional food preservation, and creating opportunities for our youth to spend time with Elders, learn from their knowledge and give back to those who have given so much to our community. I believe there is so much value in connecting our younger generations with our traditions, our land and the knowledge passed down through generations.

I also have some exciting adventures and fundraising goals in mind! I would love to work toward taking our youth to the Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Show, organizing a snowmobiling adventure, and eventually planning a cabin retreat focused on culture, health, wellness and building friendships. These experiences would give our youth opportunities to step outside their comfort zones, try new things and create memories they can carry with them.

Most importantly, I want our youth to have a voice in the program. I want to hear their ideas, interests and dreams, and work together to make those opportunities happen. I am looking forward to growing alongside our youth, celebrating their accomplishments and creating a program that brings our community together. I am so grateful for this opportunity and cannot wait to see what we accomplish together!



A New Chapter in BC–First Nations Relation

By Cliff Thorstenson
XFN Treaty Advisor

As you know, BC has a new provincial government. In the election held on October 24, the Conservative Party won 64 seats, the outgoing NDP won 27 and the Green Party won 2. We are waiting to see what impact these results will have on Xatśūll's treaty negotiations.

The new Premier, Lorne Doerkson, is from the Cariboo-Chilcotin. He has appointed Scott McInnis, from the Columbia River/Revelstoke area as Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Among the five stated priorities of the new government is "advancing reconciliation and economic partnerships with First Nations and standing up for British Columbia".

As discussed in previous issues of the Fraser River Run, there have been some significant advances in the province's approach to recognition and reconciliation of Indigenous Title and Rights in BC over the past few years and we hope this trend continues.

One of the first steps the new premier will take over the next few weeks is to issue each government Minister a "mandate letter" setting out priorities and expectations. That mandate letter should give us a pretty good idea what future treaty negotiations will look like.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO XATŚŪLL

Xatśūll First Nation will be holding two separate elections in 2027:

Election for Chief: MARCH 9, 2027
Election for Two (2) Council Members: JUNE 8, 2027

To ensure you receive all important election information, including details on where and when to vote, please make sure we have your current mailing address and email address on file.

If you have recently moved or changed your contact information, please send your updated details to:
reception@xatsull.com

We want to make sure every member stays informed and receives all election-related notices by email or regular mail. Please help us keep our membership records up to date! Thank you for your cooperation.

Guide to Digital Voting

You will need the following:

- A personal email address
- Your date of birth
- Your status or citizenship number
- Voting PIN number (will be sent to your email)

Scan the QR code to get started →

Or go directly to **members.onefeather.ca**

First, you'll need to create and confirm your OneFeather account

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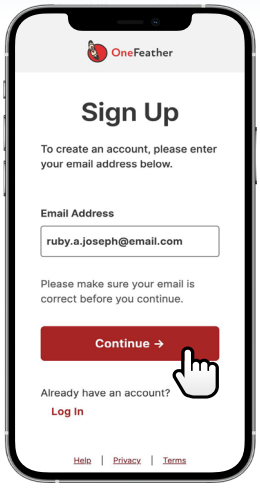

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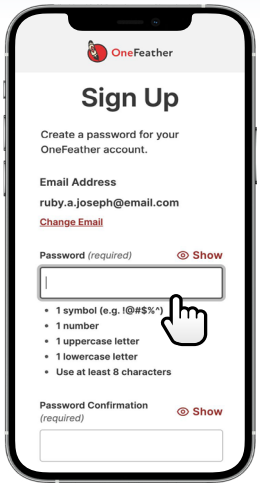

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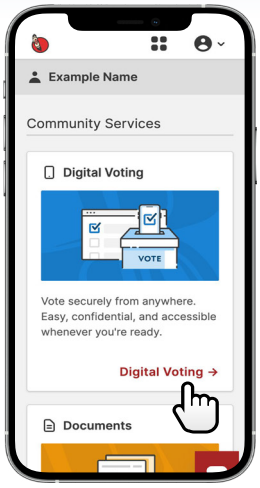

Check your spam/junk folder if you don't see our email

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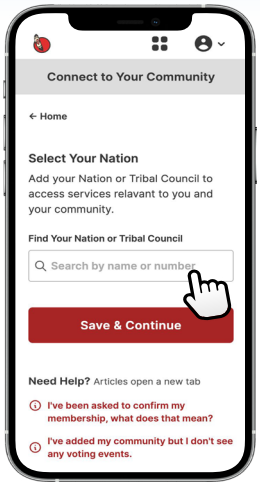

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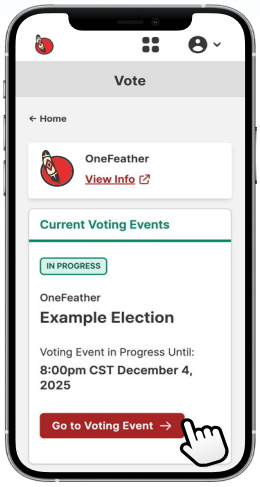

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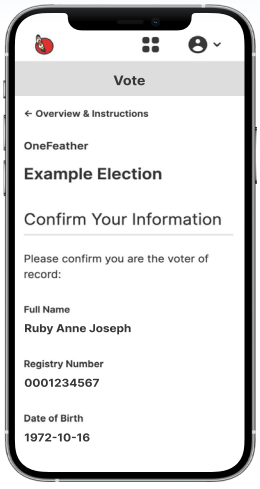
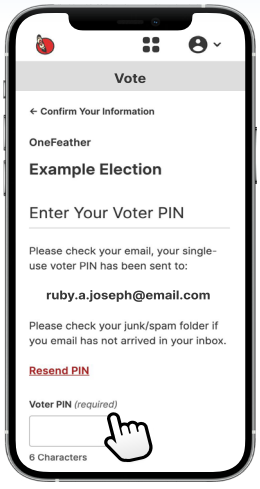


8 Enter the PIN emailed to you & start voting!



support.onefeather.ca voterhelp@onefeather.ca 1-855-923-3006 (toll free)

Phone support is available **Monday - Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm PST**

Please leave a message if we're unable to answer your call.

XATŚŪLL FIRST NATION 2027 KŪKWPI7 (CHIEF) ELECTION

A **General Election** will be held to elect the **Kúkwpi7 (Chief)** of Xatśūll First Nation for the ensuing 4-year term of office. Electors may vote in this Election in person at the Polling Station, by mail-in ballot, or electronically at:
www.onefeather.ca/nations/xatsull

NOTICE OF ELECTION TIMETABLE	
NOMINATION MEETING	**JANUARY 19, 2027 – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM** XATŚŪLL FIRST NATION GYMNASIUM, WILLIAMS LAKE, BC
CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	**9:00 PM on JANUARY 24, 2027**
CANDIDATE DECLARATION AND PLATFORM SUMMARY DEADLINE	**9:00 PM on JANUARY 25, 2027**
ALL-CANDIDATES FORUM	**JANUARY 26, 2027 - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM** XATŚŪLL FIRST NATION GYMNASIUM, WILLIAMS LAKE, BC
MAIL-IN BALLOTS SENT TO ELECTORS NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT ON THE RESERVE	**FEBRUARY 2, 2027**
ELECTRONIC VOTING OPENS	**9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 23, 2027**
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT	**FEBRUARY 27, 2027**
LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ADDITION TO THE VOTERS LIST	**MARCH 7, 2027**
ELECTRONIC VOTING CLOSES	**9:00 AM on MARCH 8, 2027**
ELECTION DAY – IN-PERSON VOTING	**MARCH 9, 2027 - 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM** XATŚŪLL FIRST NATION GYMNASIUM, WILLIAMS LAKE, BC

For more information or assistance please contact the Electoral Officer at OneFeather:
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Xatśūll First Nation Welcomes New Staff



Family Resilience Worker
May Cooper

I am a mother of three amazing children and a grandmother to two beautiful grandchildren who are the light of my life. I am currently attending Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT), working toward my Social Work Diploma, and applying for my Bachelor of Social Work.

I believe that our life experiences can teach us some of the most valuable lessons. This past August, I celebrated two years of sobriety, which is something I am very proud of. Through my own healing journey and watching people I love struggle with addiction, I have learned how important compassion, patience, and understanding truly are.

I have taken time to work on myself and learn more about who I am. I know that healing does not happen overnight, and I continue to work on becoming a better version of myself every day. These experiences have helped shape who I am today and inspired my passion for helping others.

I look forward to continuing my education, growing as a person, and making a positive difference in the lives of others and our communities.



Housing Manager
Don Matilla

Hello, I'm Don Mattila, Housing Manager for Xatśūll First Nation. I've worked with and supported First Nations communities across central and northern British Columbia. My background includes housing administration and property management, as well as hands-on experience in new construction, repairs, restoration and renovations. I bring that experience to my work with tenants and to caring for the Nation's rental homes.

Since taking on this role, I've met with tenants to update rental agreements, reviewed applications and organized housing records.

I'll prioritize health and safety concerns and plan other work as resources allow. I'll also work on an operations and maintenance budget to help the Nation plan for ongoing property costs.

Please call or email me for help with an application, a tenancy matter or a maintenance request, or to book an in-person appointment. Thank you to the Band members who have taken the time to speak with me. What I learn from members will help inform the Nation's future housing plans.

2027 Xatśūll Housing Update

By Don Matilla
XFN Housing Manager

As we head into 2027, the Housing Department's priorities are to address health and safety concerns in rental homes, improve follow-up on housing applications and maintenance requests, and make it easier for members to understand the housing application process.

Work underway

In 2026, I met with tenants to update rental agreements, reviewed housing applications and organized housing records. That work has helped identify files that need follow-up and gives us a better starting point for planning repairs and tracking housing needs.

Priorities for 2027

Maintenance and repairs. Give health and safety concerns first priority and plan other repairs as funding and resources allow. Develop an operations and maintenance budget to help the Nation plan for recurring property costs.

Housing records. Continue organizing tenancy and property records so staff can follow up on requests and maintain an up-to-date list of the Nation's homes.

Housing policy and annual applications

The Xatśūll Housing Policy requires a new rental housing application every year. The Housing Department updates the Housing Request File each January. If you still need housing, submit a completed Rental Housing Application (Form F105, Schedule 4) for 2027 to stay on file and be considered for upcoming placements.

Rental Application Checklist

- Applicant details
Fill in every section that applies. Check your mailing address, phone number, email and membership details.

- Household and housing needs
List all adults and children who will live with you. State the type and size of home you need, when you need it and why you're applying.

- Rental history and income
Provide the landlord and rental history details requested, plus employment and income information where applicable.

- Supporting documents
Attach proof of income listed on the form, such as two pay stubs, a T4, an income tax summary or a Notice of Assessment. Include proof of other income, such as a Social Assistance income declaration, if applicable.

- Signature and date
Review your answers and sign and date the application before submitting it to Housing.

Contact the Housing Department

Call or email me for the current form, help checking your application, or to confirm we received it. You can also contact me about tenancy matters, maintenance requests or to book an in-person meeting.

Don Mattila
Housing Manager

Office: 250-989-2323 ext. 106
Cell: 250-255-049
Email: housing@xatsull.com





DECEMBER
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

HOUSING

HOUSING RENT DUE

DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 2025

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday ,December 1, 2026
TIME: 9:30 - 10 a.m.
CONTACTCS: 250-989-2355

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERVIEW WEEK

DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Jennifer: socdev@xatsull.com



COMMUNITY SERVICES

MASSAGE THERAPY

DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACTCS: 250-989-2355



EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Tuesday, December 1, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERVIEW WEEK

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Jennifer: socdev@xatsull.com

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MID-MONTH

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Jennifer: socdev@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ELDERS LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: Mens Health Presentation
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com



YOUTH

SEWING NIGHT

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 13 - 19
CONTACT: Krista: 250-989-2323 ext 138

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERVIEW WEEK

DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Jennifer: socdev@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

GUIDED HANDS HEALING

DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: CS : 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY RENEWAL & HOUSEHOLD BILLS DUE

DATE: Friday, December 4, 2026
CONTACT: Jennifer: socdev@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITEA 'STYEYEM

DATE: Friday, December 4, 2026
TIME: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Health Boardroom
INFO: Holiday Stress Presentation
CONTACT: CS : 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Friday, December 4, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

YOUTH

STOCKING MAKING

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2026
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 13 - 19
CONTACT: Krista: 250-989-2323 ext 138

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
TIME: 9:30 - 10 a.m.
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

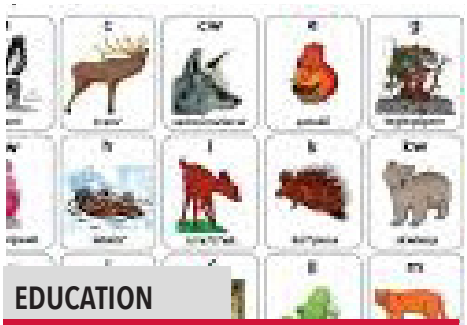
MASSAGE THERAPY

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com



EDUCATION

SECWEPEMC LANGUAGE LESSON

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
TIME: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Education: 250-989-2323 ext 104

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Wenesday, December 9, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

YOUTH

SEWING NIGHT

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2026
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 13 - 19
CONTACT: Krista: 250-989-2323 ext 138

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HEALING TOUCH

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: CS : 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Friday, December 11, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Monday, December 14, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com



YOUTH

STOCKING MAKING

DATE: Monday, December 14, 2026
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 13 - 19
CONTACT: Krista: 250-989-2323 ext 138

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANK

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
TIME: 9:30 - 10 a.m.
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MASSAGE THERAPY

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOT CARE (HOME VISIT)

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

EDUCATION

SECWEPEMC LANGUAGE LESSON

DATE: Tuesday ,December 15, 2026
TIME: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Education: 250-989-2323 ext 104

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SA DAY

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: Jennifer S. socdev@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PHYSIO

DATE: Monday, December 16, 2026
TIME: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ELDERS LUNCHEON

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2026
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Services
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOT CARE (HOME VISIT)

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2026
LOCATION: Community Services
INFO: book appointment
CONTACT: CS: 250-989-2355

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Wenesday, December 16, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2026
TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
INFO: ages 5 - 12
CONTACT: Mikayla: afterschool@xatsull.com



COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2026
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: XFN Gym
CONTACT: CS : 250-989-2355

XFN EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Infrastructure & Housing Needs: 250-267-9955
Health & Elders: 250-989-2323
Children & Family Needs: 250-267-6692
Mental Health & Substance Use:
wellnessworker@xatsull.com

OTHER 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: 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


XATŚŪLL FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY
Christmas
DINNER
DECEMBER
THURSDAY
17
AT 5:00 PM
2026
XFN Gym
RSVP by December 11, 2026, at 4 PM
Call Community Services at
250-989-2355
or email csreceptionist@xatsull.com
to RSVP & register for children's gifts.
Open to our Xatśūll
Community Members



Secwepemc Language Lessons

Tuesday's:

DECEMBER 8 & 15, 2026

4:30 – 7:00 PM
Health Board Room

JANUARY 5, 19 & 26, 2026

4:30 – 7:00 PM
Health Board Room

Instructor: Alicia Gilbert

We'll also enjoy some beading along the way!
Instructor Stephanie Tweedie

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81515197414

Food and snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

EDUCATION at 250-989-2323 ext 104
or email edassist@xatsull.com

COMMUNITY TREATY MEETINGS

DECEMBER 10, 2027

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83458143028

JANUARY 12, 2027

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83183630887

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Dinner is at 5:30 PM

XFN Gym

If you need a ride please contact Jessie at 250-989-2323 ext 120

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETING

Monday

JANUARY 11, 2027

4:30 - 6:30 PM

XFN Health Boardroom

This is a space where parents can voice what they want to see for their K-12 students regarding education. What is discussed at the meetings is expected to be directed by the parents, and the Education Department is there to facilitate space and provide assistance in bring ideas to fruition.

Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87317991062

Dinner will be provided

CONTACT

250-267-5299 or email edcoord@xatsull.com





Moccasin Footprint Society XFN Community Meeting

Te T7iweltk Information Session

Thursday,

January 14, 2027

5:30 - 8:00 PM

XFN Gym

Dinner & Door Prizes

MFS

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86340345181

If you need a ride, please contact:

Jessie @ 250-989-2323 ext 120 or nradmin@xatsull.com



CURRENT NSTQ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION	BRIEF OVERVIEW
Finance Manager	The Finance Manager is responsible for the overall management, administration, and oversight of the financial operations of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (NSTC). Reporting directly to the Executive Director, this position ensures the accuracy and integrity of financial records, compliance with funding agreements and legislative requirements, and effective financial planning and reporting that supports organizational goals. The Finance Manager provides leadership in budgeting, accounting, payroll administration, financial reporting, audits, and internal controls while supporting program managers and organizational leadership in sound financial decision-making.
Receptionist	The Receptionist effectively carries out reception and general administrative tasks providing excellent customer service as the initial greeting and welcome to visitors/ callers. The Receptionist uses a cordial and friendly approach and promptly addresses customer needs in a professional manner, and works to build effective relationships within the organization, associated agencies, government, and the public.
Emergency Sexual Assault Worker 2 Month Contract	The Emergency Sexual Assault Worker provides immediate and ongoing support services to individuals affected by sexual assault. This position delivers comprehensive, survivor-centered services that promote healing, empowerment, public awareness, and social change. Reporting to the Aboriginal Victim Services Program Manager, the worker provides advocacy, emotional support, system navigation, referrals, and community outreach while maintaining a trauma-informed and culturally respectful approach.

For the full job postings visit: https://northernshuswaptribalcouncil.ca/

CURRENT XFN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Explore current career opportunities and become part of a team dedicated to serving our community.

POSITION	BRIEF OVERVIEW
Early Childhood Educator (casual on call)	Reporting to Reporting to the Daycare Manager, the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) is responsible for supporting the Day Care Centre working in a team setting to collaboratively develop and deliver a play-based program. The Day Care program focuses on providing safe, healthy, and culturally rich opportunities for children to participate in indoor and land-based experiences in one of the HeadStart program. The ECE will participate in all aspects of the program and ensure that the program meets or exceeds all licensing regulations and reporting requirements.
Early Childhood Educator Assistant (casual on call)	Reporting to Day Care Manager, the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Assistant is responsible for supporting the Day Care Centre plans and helps to implement and evaluate activities and experiences (including food preparation assistance) in keeping with the Aboriginal Head Start philosophy and program components to meet the individual and group needs of children and their families.

For the full job postings visit: xatsull.com.jobs-2/

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Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year!
Our Band Office will be closed from
December 21, 2026 till January 1, 2027
For urgent matters during the office closure, please contact:
Children & Family Needs: 250-267-6692
Infrastructure/Housing : 250-267-9955