



STÁUTW FIRST NATION

NEWSLETTER

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STÁUTW Renewing Community Presence in WENÁ,NEĆ

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NEW
PROGRAM

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Funeral Support

Funeral Supports are intended to provide respectful and timely support to families when a STÁUTW member has passed. This support is meant to help reduce some of the immediate financial pressures associated with funeral arrangements, while honouring the importance of family, community, and cultural care during times of loss.



Youth Wellness & Development Support

This fund helps STÁUTW children, youth, and families access important developmental, educational, cultural, health, and wellness supports when services are not easily accessible, not fully funded, or unavailable through other systems.



Youth Athlete Travel Support

This initiative helps to reduce financial barriers for STÁUTW youth athletes who have been selected to participate in recognized provincial, national or international sport competitions, championships, showcases, or development opportunities. It aims to provide timely, flexible, and responsive travel support for youth athletes and their families.



Scan the QR Code to learn more & apply online!

Community News & Events

STÁUTW Renewing Community Presence in WENÁ,NEĆ

STÁUTW First Nation is pleased to share plans for renewed presence and care on its reserve lands in WENÁ,NEĆ, also known as Fulford Bay. The first phase of this work is the WENÁ,NEĆ Campground Project, a Nation-led initiative grounded in cultural stewardship, community wellbeing, and sustainable economic development.

A second phase will focus on creating a cultural space rooted in STÁUTW teachings and traditions—a welcoming place for community members, families, and future generations to gather, connect, and celebrate identity. The vision for this space is inspired by the significance and form of a traditional longhouse, reflecting the cultural heart of the site.



This important project builds on the spirit of welcome that has long been present at the reserve. It will create public campsites nestled in the upper forested area, offering visitors an opportunity to experience the beauty and significance of the land in a respectful, low-impact way. In keeping with STÁUTW values of stewardship, safety, and care for the environment, campfires will not be permitted.

Work on the reserve will begin in June with minimally invasive walk-in campsites designed to honour the land and protect its ecosystems. Campsites will have access to water and, in some cases, power extended from the adjacent Beach property. That property, known as Lot A, was purchased with funds raised by the Salt Spring community in 2025 as its first land back initiative, with support from the Salt Spring Island Foundation—an example of meaningful partnership in support of STÁUTW priorities.

“The Foundation team is delighted to learn of the vision and activities led by the STÁUTW on their land in WENÁ,NEĆ,” said Shannon Cowan, Executive Director of the Foundation. “We raise our hands to the entire Salt Spring Island community for such strong and enduring allyship in support of land back initiatives, and in support of STÁUTW people and their traditional knowledge and culture.”

The renewed STÁUTW presence, ecologically-sensible approach, and social enterprise are all meaningful steps in an ongoing process of reconciliation.” Construction of the planned cultural space will follow the development of the public campsites, on a timeline still to be confirmed. Once the project is complete, the Nation looks forward to hosting a celebration that welcomes community members to gather in a good way.

“Our thanks to the STÁUTW First Nation who have generously allowed our community free access to this incredible natural oasis for generations,” said Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director. “The return of the STÁUTW to their precious lands, while still sharing those lands with hikers and campers, is an act of reconciliation that will continue to benefit us all.”



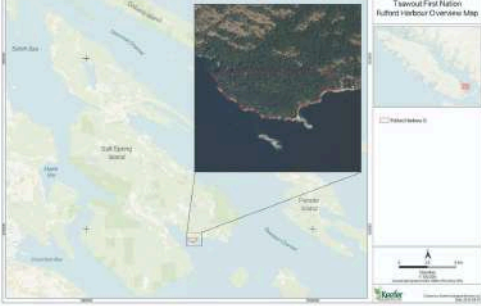
Community News & Events

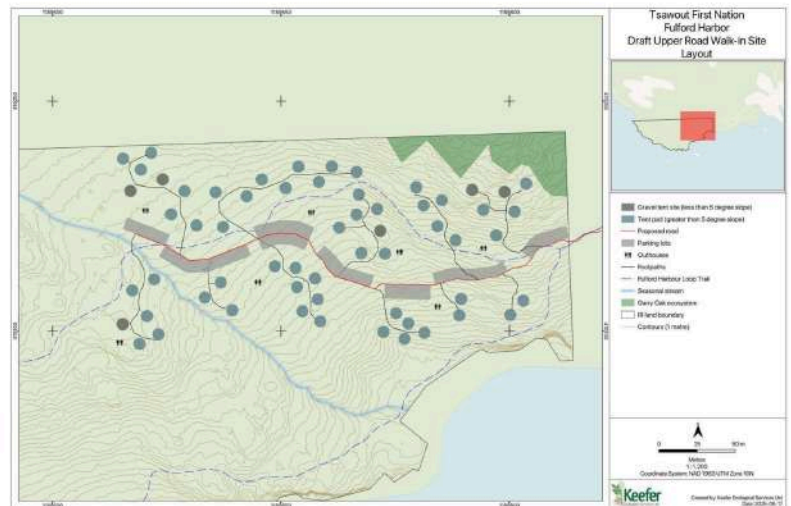
Once construction is completed, the reserve will remain accessible to those arriving by bike or on foot from Fulford or Reginald Hill, with new access also available by boat. The project is designed to encourage low-impact visitation, reduce vehicular traffic, and support respectful shared use of the area. Parking for the project, as well as for day visitors, will be located on the reserve as part of a broader approach to minimizing impacts on neighboring properties.

Keefe Ecological Services has been engaged to help reduce environmental impacts and support careful site stewardship. The project will also include interpretive signage to share information about the unique ecological features of the reserve and deepen public understanding of the land.

“We are honoured to witness the return of the STÁUTW First Nation to Salt Spring for the first time in generations, and we congratulate them on this significant undertaking and reaffirmation of enduring connection to the land, waters, culture, and community,” said Chair of Trust Council Laura Patrick. “We look forward to their continued stewardship and leadership in preserving and protecting these lands and waters for future generations.

An informational webpage about the project will be added to the STÁUTW First Nation’s website and updated as work progresses over the summer. Community members and visitors are encouraged to follow the project there and submit questions through the page. HÍSW KĒ to the Salt Spring community and all those who have supported this vision and helped make this meaningful next step possible.

Project Name	WĒNÁ,NEĆ Campground Project (Business name TBD)
Location	WĒNÁ,NEĆ (Fulford Reserve No. 5 (IR 5)), Salt Spring Island, BC 
Phase	60 walk-in sites public campground, interpretive trail network
Construction Start	Summer 2026
Project Contact	Gregory Diemer, STÁUTW – CFO@stautw.ca – Project Lead



Scan the QR Code to learn more.

Project Contact

For more information or questions you may have regarding this project, please reach out to the contact below, or scan the QR code to complete a contact form.

Greg Diemer, CFO – STÁUTW First Nation
 Email: cfo@stautw.ca

Sign up for Public Safety Alerts

The Saanich Peninsula Alert System is designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to anyone who has registered.

Alerts would be sent for events such as earthquakes, tsunami alerts, evacuation notices, or other safety threats. Scan the QR code below to register.

Scan QR
to sign up





STÁUTW FIRST NATION Education Department



SUMMER PROGRAM 2026

**PRIMARY
GROUP**

AGES 5-8

JULY 6 - AUGUST 21

9 AM - 3 PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
(BEFORE AND AFTER CARE
AVAILABLE FOR A FEE)

**INTERMEDIATE
GROUP**

AGES 9-12



**ENROLL
NOW!**

LITERACY

NUMERACY

LANGUAGE

SCIENCE

ACTIVE LIVING

LAND-BASED
LEARNING

FIELD TRIPS



STAUTW Education
Department is hiring:

SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS

Are you a student who is interested in supporting children and youth by providing culturally grounded and fun educational programming during the summer? The Education Department is seeking enthusiastic, responsible, and motivated students to express their interest in serving as Summer Program Leaders for our upcoming summer programming.

POSITION SUMMARY:

Dates, Schedule and Wage:

- June 29 to August 21, 2026; Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm; \$20.00 per hour.

Qualifications:

- Must be a current student, aged 15 – 30 years old, enrolled in full-time secondary or post secondary studies for the fall.
- Clear Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector screening.
- Experience working with children and youth, preferably in an education setting.

Please contact:
educationadmin@stautw.ca
for a full job description or to apply

Scan the QR Code to Apply Online!



Coming soon in September 2026:

New after school
programming focusing on
literacy, culture, numeracy
and active living.



Stay tuned for updates

Please come

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AND THEIR SERVICES!**



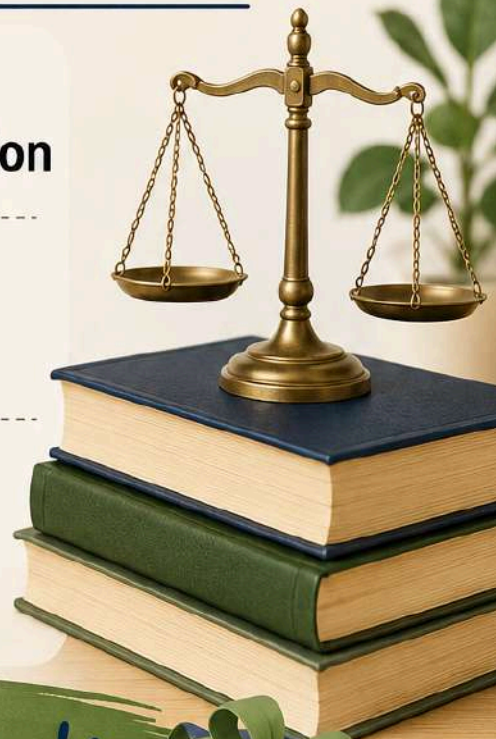
WHAT:
Legal Aid Presentation



WHEN:
June 9
9:30am to 11:00am



WHERE:
CFS Building
(Prev called Wellness)
7725 Tetayut Road



We will have
SNACKS and
DOOR PRIZES
for community attendees!



Any questions please call
CFS 250 652 8353
& ask for Shezell





STÁUTW FIRST NATION



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Insights · Dialogue · Solutions

**I.D
CLINIC**

JULY
8TH
11AM-3PM

ID CLINIC — STÁUTW GYM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH/26

✓ WE CAN HELP WITH APPLICATIONS FOR:

- BC IDENTIFICATION (BCID)
- BC SERVICES CARD
- CANADIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATES
- PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES (APPLICATIONS PROVIDED)
- SECURE STATUS CARD (SCIS)
 - REGISTRATION
 - REPLACEMENT
 - RENEWAL



👩👦 FYI: YOUTH 12 YEARS & UP ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BCID & SERVICES CARDS

✗ WE CANNOT HELP WITH:

- PASSPORTS
- CITIZENSHIP OR PERMANENT RESIDENCY (PR) APPLICATIONS
- OUT-OF-COUNTRY BIRTH CERTIFICATES
- DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL OR REPLACEMENT
- NAME CHANGE OR GENDER CHANGE AMENDMENTS



✓ WHAT TO PREPARE BEFORE COMING:

- NO ID IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.
- IF YOU HAVE ID, PLEASE BRING IT — STAFF MAY REVIEW IT TO ENSURE IT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR ICBC.
- BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE WAIT TIMES.
- SOME CLINICS MAY BE BUSY; CASEWORKERS DO THEIR BEST TO ASSIST EVERYONE.
- APPLYING FOR A BIRTH CERTIFICATE
 - IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE KNOW YOUR PARENTS' NAMES AND PLACES OF BIRTH.
- IF INFORMATION IS UNKNOWN, EXEMPTION LETTERS CAN BE PROVIDED.

📌 NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED — DROP IN!



PACIFIC PEOPLES' PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT INDIGENOUS YOUTH CULTURAL EXCHANGE

🇨🇦 CANADA ↔ 🇸🇲 SAMOA | AUGUST 2026

Indigenous Global Youth Cultural Exchange



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Together we nurture
Indigenous Youth Cultural
Cross-cultural: August
2026.

FRONT PARADE:

- Cultural workshops and ceremonies
- Environmental stewardship activities
- Community visits and homestays
- Collaborative youth projects
- Leadership development sessions

CONTACT:

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mmpaopao@telus.net
Yaz Prince – Board Member, PPP
prince-sooke@gmail.com

Fa'afetai • Thank you
Support the next generation of Indigenous
leaders
Strengthen Pacific-Canada relationships
Carry culture forward across oceans



MAKE A DONATION 🇨🇦 🇸🇲

<https://pacificpeoplespartnership.org/donate/>
Select: Where Needed Most →
Youth Exchange

How Your Donation Helps

Your tax-deductible contribution directly supports youth participation:

- 🚗 Travel and local transport
- 🏠 Accommodation and host communities
- 🍽️ Meals and daily needs
- 📁 Cultural and program materials
- 🛡️ Insurance and safety
- 💰 Honoraria for Indigenous facilitators



← **APPLY NOW**

War Canoe 2026

Date	Race	Location
May 2-3		
May 9	Penn Cove	Coupeville, WA
May 16-17	Skwah Days	Chilliwack Landing, BC
May 23-24	Tulalip Days	Tulalip Bay, WA
May 30-31	Seabird Island Festival	Agassiz, BC
May 30-31	Nooksack Days	Blodel Donovan Park, WA
Jun. 5-7	Cultus Days	Cultus Lake, BC
Jun. 13-14	Sasquatch Days	Harrison Hot Springs, BC
Jun. 12-14	Musqueam	Vancouver, BC
Jun. 19-21	Stommish	Lummi, WA
Jun. 27-28	Quw'utsun	Cowichan Bay, BC
Jul. 4-5	Ambleside	West Vancouver, BC
Jul. 10-12	Sqewlets	Harrison Bay, BC
Jul. 18-19	Tsawout	East Saanich, BC
Jul. 24-26	Snuneymuxw	Nanaimo, BC
Ju 31-Au 2	Geronimo Days	West Saanich, BC
Aug. 8-9	Swinomish	La Conner, WA
Aug. 15-16	Chief Seattle Days	Suquamish, WA
Aug. 22-23	Snuwnuwus	Nanoose Bay, BC
Aug. 28-30	Makah Days	Neah Bay, WA
Sept. 7	LABOUR DAY	



STÁUTW SENĆOFEN Class Schedule

SĆELČŁNÁT MONDAY

LANGUAGE LUNCH
HOUR
12PM - 1PM
ON ZOOM

STENNÁTS TUESDAY

SENĆOFEN CLASS
3:30PM - 5PM
CFS BUILDING
ELDER'S ROOM (IN
PERSON AND VIRTUAL
ON ZOOM)

SNOSS THURSDAY

SENĆOFEN CLASS
4:30PM - 6PM
CFS BUILDING IN
ELDER'S ROOM (IN
PERSON AND VIRTUAL
ON ZOOM)

CONTACT:
KENDRA PAGE
KPAGE@STAUTW.CA

PLEASE CONTACT
KENDRA TO SIGN UP
FOR VIRTUAL CLASS
ZOOM LINK OR PUT
YOUR NAME ON THE
LIST FOR ANY UPDATES
THROUGH EMAIL



W'SANEC Primary Care Team



Not sure where to go for care?

Your Primary Care Team is here to help.



Self-Care at Home

- Mild cold or cold
- Sore throat without fever
- Minor cuts, scrapes, or bruises
- Mild stomach upset
- Seasonal allergies
- Questions about home care



Try rest, fluids,
and pharmacist
advice.



Book a Clinic/ Phone Appointment

- Symptoms lasting more than a few days
- Worsening cough or breathing issues
- Medication questions or refills
- Chronic conditions follow-up
- Mental Health concerns
- Non-urgent forms or paperwork



Call the clinic at
P: 250-652-1149



Urgent or Emergency Care

- Chest Pain or pressure
- Trouble breathing
- Signs of stroke
- Severe injury or bleeding
- High fever with confusion
- Severe abdominal pain
- Sudden vision loss
- Possible overdose or poisoning



Call 911 or go to
the nearest
Emergency
Department



Need advice now?

Call **811** for 24/7 nurse support.

811




For emergencies, call **911.**



THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY AS YOU...


JOURNEY WITH JOHN



A group for community members and peers to support one another.

**WEDNESDAYS 5-7PM
MEET AT
CHILD & FAMILY
SUPPORT SERVICES
BUILDING**

PLEASE REACH OUT TO *JOHN AT 250-896-1566



Walk with Sobriety is renamed to: "Journey with John". John Sampson is opening up space for "Journey with John" - a dedicated time for peers supporting peers. Whether you're looking for a listening ear, or community connection, you are welcome here. We want time to visit together and support each other. This isn't a meeting; it's peers supporting peers. No judgments, just real talk and real connection.

3 Courses!

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1
Anaphylaxis in the Community
- 

2
Anaphylaxis in Schools
- 

3
Anaphylaxis in Child Care Settings

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- Become more allergy aware by taking one of our 30-minute, interactive online courses
- Courses are medically reviewed, available in English and French, and mobile-friendly so you can take them at your convenience
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Visit AllergyAware.ca and take a course today!

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Fisheries News & Events

Fisheries Notice Email List

The Fisheries Team is putting together a contact list that we will use for announcing any events or initiatives that we are hoping that community would be interested in joining us! If you are interested in hearing about opportunities including seafood harvesting, invasive green crab removal, and research surveys, contact Evan Plett at ccgcoordinator@stautw.ca or give us a call at (250) 652-9101 ext. 324.



Invasive Species Removal – World Environment Day June 5th

To celebrate World Environment Day and to protect the ecosystem, we are hosting a Scotch Broom removal event at TIXEN in partnership with CRD, on June 5th from 9:30AM-12:30PM and is open for anyone to join if they are interested in restoring the land. If you would like to join please reach out to Shae at fisheriesliaison@stautw.ca

Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) System

Baited Remote Underwater Video systems are low-impact assessment tools used for monitoring a variety of underwater parameters including marine life populations, seafloor composition, and more!

STAUTW Fisheries has recently acquired two systems that we got to deploy off Cooper Reef for assessing the efficacy of Rockfish Conservation Areas. The photos here are snapshots of the video collected that will be assess for the marine life recorded.

If you would like to learn more about the BRUV project or would like to come join us for a deployment, please reach out to Evan at ccgcoordinator@stautw.ca!



STÁUTW Marine Guardian Training Opportunity

STÁUTW Fisheries is excited to announce a work experience opportunity for STÁUTW members through the United Way BC Work Experience Opportunities grant. The program is intended for participants to learn skills and gain experience in marine stewardship, while receiving a stipend, to prepare them for Indigenous Guardian opportunities along the coast. If you would like to learn more or are eligible to participate, please contact Evan Plett at ccgcoordinator@tsawout.ca.



The poster features a blue background with a white fish silhouette in the top left corner. The text is primarily white and yellow. A yellow banner contains three checklist items. Below the banner, there are three paragraphs of text and three small images: a person holding a net, a hand holding a crab, and a whale breaching the water. At the bottom, there are logos for United Way British Columbia, Canada, and British Columbia, along with a small text box about funding.

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STÁUTW GUARDIAN TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU:

- A STÁUTW MEMBER
- INTERESTED IN PROTECTING MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
- ELIGIBLE/RECEIVING INCOME ASSISTANCE

The STÁUTW Fisheries Department is excited to announce this opportunity for members to gain skills and experience as a Marine Guardian through the United Way BC Work Experience Opportunities Grant.

Marine Guardians play a crucial role in keeping our oceans healthy. They monitor activities on the water, like fishing, whale watching, and boating—to ensure they are done safely and sustainably.

We are looking for members to come join us to gain skills and certifications to support their community and the environment. Additionally, eligible candidates will be able to receive a stipend to support their participation.

If you are interested in applying or wish to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Evan Plett at ccgcoordinator@tsawout.ca.



 **United Way**
British Columbia

 **Canada**

 **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

Fisheries News & Events

Cabbage Island Community Clam Digs

This month, the Fisheries Team took out two groups of community members for clam digging out at Cabbage Island.

We like to thank everyone that came out, as it was a great chance for youth and elders to spend connecting with the traditional practice.

If you are interested in joining us for the next dig, please reach out to Evan at ccgcoordinator@stautw.ca to be notified of the next opportunity to join us!



IN CELEBRATION OF
WORLD OCEAN DAY

SALMON LEATHER WORKSHOP

OPEN TO ALL STAUTV MEMBERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
5:00PM- 7:30PM

IN THE FIELD BEHIND STAUTV BAND OFFICE

QR CODE

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
PLEASE RSVP THROUGH QR CODE OR
EMAIL FISHERIESLIAISON@STAUTW.CA

Fisheries News & Events

Saltmarsh Working Group & QEN,T IPCA Advisory Committee

The Marine & Stewardship Team (formerly Fisheries) is inviting community members and knowledge holders to take part in two important engagement opportunities:

- Saltmarsh Working Group
- QEN,T IPCA Advisory Committee

We are seeking people who can share knowledge related to: fisheries, species at risk, cultural species (including fish, plants, birds, and mammals), cultural sites

These groups will help guide important work, and we welcome participation from all ages. Honoraria will be provided for meetings and site visits.

If you are interested in joining, please email: fisheriesliaison@stautw.ca with the subject line: “**IPCA Advisory Committee**” or “**Saltmarsh Working Group**” and include your interest and availability.



SALT MARSH WORKING GROUP

REPRESENT STÁUTW AND HELP GUIDE THIS IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL WORK. HONORARIA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEETINGS AND SITE VISITS.

All Ages and backgrounds Welcome



If you are interested in joining or have any questions, scan this QR code or email fisheriesliaison@stautw.ca with the subject line: **Saltmarsh Working Group** and include your interest and availability.



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QEN, T IPCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STÁUTW
MEMBERS OF ALL
AGES AND
BACKGROUNDS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
APPLY!

WE ARE SEEKING PEOPLE WHO CAN
SHARE KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO:

- Fisheries
- Species at risk
- Cultural species,
including fish,
plants, birds, and
mammals
- Cultural sites

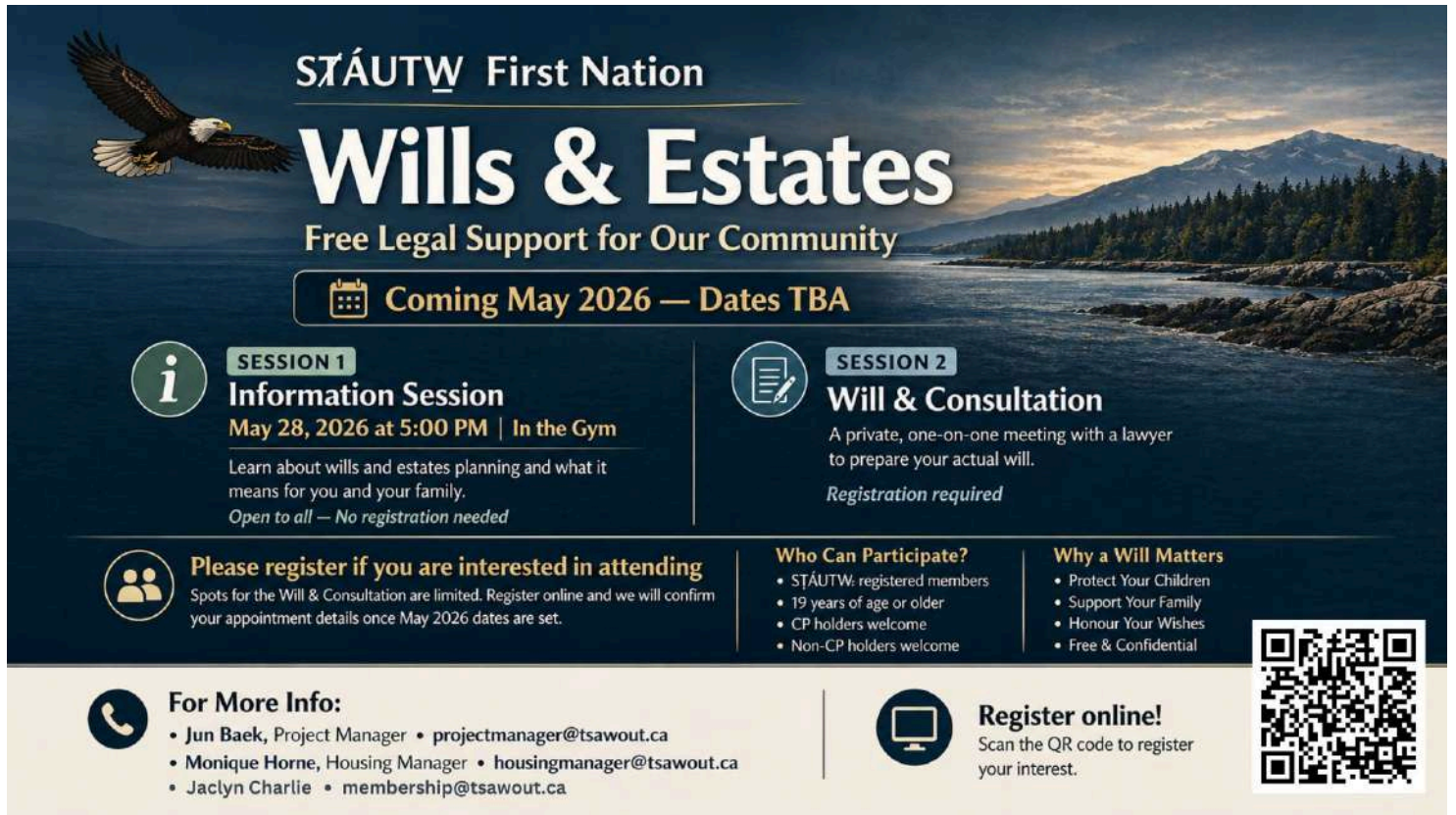
Help guide this important marine
stewardship initiative!

Honoraria will be provided for
meetings and site visits.



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fisheriesliaison@stautw.ca with the subject
line: **IPCA Advisory Committee**
and include your interest and availability.





STAUTW First Nation

Wills & Estates

Free Legal Support for Our Community

Coming May 2026 — Dates TBA

SESSION 1
Information Session
May 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM | In the Gym

Learn about wills and estates planning and what it means for you and your family.
Open to all — No registration needed

SESSION 2
Will & Consultation

A private, one-on-one meeting with a lawyer to prepare your actual will.
Registration required

Please register if you are interested in attending

Spots for the Will & Consultation are limited. Register online and we will confirm your appointment details once May 2026 dates are set.

Who Can Participate?

- STAUTW: registered members
- 19 years of age or older
- CP holders welcome
- Non-CP holders welcome

Why a Will Matters


- Protect Your Children
- Support Your Family
- Honour Your Wishes
- Free & Confidential

For More Info:

- Jun Baek, Project Manager • projectmanager@tsawout.ca
- Monique Horne, Housing Manager • housingmanager@tsawout.ca
- Jaclyn Charlie • membership@tsawout.ca

Register online!

Scan the QR code to register your interest.



HOUSING

DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY



SCAN HERE



EACH HOUSEHOLD IS IS ELIGIBLE FOR \$50 THRIFTY FOODS GIFT CARD.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL: HOUSINGOUTREACH@TSAWOUT.CA

Spring Community Clean-Up 2026

Thank you & report back — how we did it as a community, together.

MAY 4 – 15, 2026 · LONGHOUSE PARKING AREA

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

ĪY, SĀĆĒL — HĪSWĶE

On behalf of Public Works & Capital Projects, thank you to every community member who showed up, dropped off, sorted, and shared. This is our report back — what we set out to do, and what we accomplished together.

BUILDING ON WHAT CAME BEFORE

Growing this year's program

Spring Clean-Up has always been a community tradition — a chance to come together and care for our home. This year we built on that foundation, adding proper sorting streams, a Free Store where items find new homes, and a community contest to celebrate the effort.

The result speaks for itself — last year, the community filled 26 x 40-yard bins of garbage. This year, with sorting in place, we kept far more out of the landfill and gave a lot of it new life.

"Not everything is garbage — and this year, we showed it."

HOW WE MADE IT ACCESSIBLE

Making sure no one was left behind

Not everyone can haul. Elders and community members with mobility challenges needed support, so we ran a pick-up request program — residents filled out a form and our crew came to them.

THE FULL PROGRAM

What we ran — May 4 to 15, 2026

April 27 Kickoff Night at The Gym — dinner & door prizes

May 4-15 Drop-off Sorting Station — at Longhouse Parking Area

May 8 TAP Youth Group Work Day — cleaning yards & supporting Elders

May 15 Pro D Day Youth Cleaning — STĀUTWĪ Youth tour of the transfer site with Shyquintin & Michelle

Throughout Free Store — too good to toss — bring it in and take something home

Throughout Pick-up Support — for Elders and members with mobility challenges



Community members and STĀUTWĪ Youth in action — May 2026

Our Youth — The Next Stewards of This Land

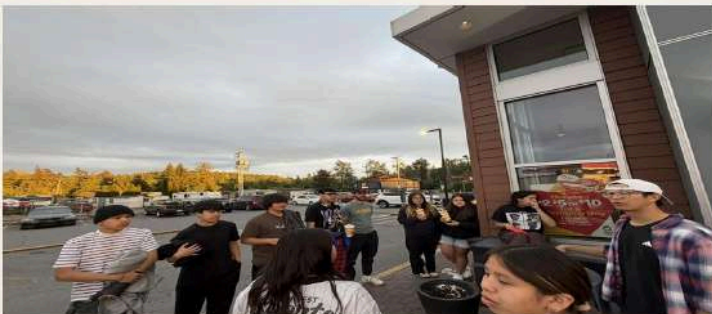
Two youth events. One powerful message: this land is ours to care for.

MAY 8 & MAY 15, 2026 · S7AUTW FIRST NATION

TAP YOUTH GROUP · MAY 8, 2026

Showing Up for Our Elders

On May 8th, TAP Youth Group spent the day in the community — cleaning yards, hauling, and showing up for Elders who needed a hand. On May 15th, S7AUTW Youth carried that same spirit forward. Between both groups and events, they supported over 10 Elders across the community.



Left: TAP Youth Group — May 8 · Right: S7AUTW Youth — May 15

S7AUTW YOUTH · MAY 15, 2026 — PRO D DAY

A day of learning, land, and stewardship

Youth Coordinator Shy invited S7AUTW Youth to join for a hands-on day at the temporary transfer site. Jun, Capital Projects Manager, introduced the site — walking youth through what is being separated from garbage, what each stream is for, and why minimizing our footprint on our own traditional land matters.

Youth also helped clean up Nation houses that day — carrying the lesson from the transfer site directly into the community.



What we collected — and what it added up to

Spring Community Clean-Up 2026 · May 4-15 · Longhouse Parking Area

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

70+
households involved

26 bins in 2025 → 8 bins in 2026
69% less garbage diverted from landfill
 8 x 40-yard garbage bins collected

DIVERSION BREAKDOWN — WHAT WE KEPT OUT OF THE LANDFILL

What we sorted & diverted

LARGE APPLIANCES ¾ of a 40-yd bin	SMALL APPLIANCES 5 superbags (1 cu yd ea.)	OUTDOOR POWER EQUIP. 1 superbag (1 cu yd)	PAINT CANS 3 fish tank totes
ENGINE OIL 2 drums	ANTIFREEZE 1 drum	WOOD 4 x 20-yd bins	METAL 4 x 10-yd bins

* Superbags = 1 cubic yard bulk bags (approx. size of a large pallet).



Left: Free Store · Centre & Right: Temporary transfer & sorting station

WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN

Our community, partners & stewardship programs

- STĀUTW community members
- CFS team
- Lands & Environment team
- Maintenance Team
- Public Works & Capital Projects
- TAP Youth Group
- STĀUTW Youth
- FNRI - Timothy Ames
- IZWTAG
- MARR
- Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC)
- ProductCare Recycling

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CONTEST — CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

2026 Contest Winners

<p>Meagan James Sam Most Drastic Change</p> <p>Blackstone Griddle BBQ</p>	<p>Cornelia Sam Outdoor Category</p> <p>Shark Vacuum</p>	<p>Shauna Underwood Outdoor Category</p> <p>Electric Lawn Mower</p>
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Judging was kept internal this year. We'll open it up to a full community vote next year!

HÍSWŪKE — Thank you.

Thank you to every community member, partner, and volunteer who was part of this event. We are proud of what this community accomplished together. We would also like to thank all STĀUTW staff who supported and made this event possible. We will review this year's program and return with an even better one next year — to care for our community and our own land.

David Marks & Jun Baek · Public Works & Capital Projects · STĀUTW First Nation

Youth Calendar

2026 June

Tsawout Youth Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 youth drop in + weight room 4-5pm	2 elders + youth sencoten class 3-5pm	3 youth swim night 5-7pm	4 Homework club 3-6pm	5 basketball + pizza night with RCMP	6
7	8 youth drop in + weight room 4-5pm	9 elders + youth sencoten class 3-5pm	10 youth drop in 3-5pm	11 Homework club 3-6pm	12 youth drop in 3-4:30	13
14	15 youth drop in + weight room 4-5pm	16 elders + youth sencoten class 3-5pm	17 youth drop in 3-5pm	18 Homework club 3-6pm	19 youth drop in 3-4:30	20
21	22 STAT	23 elders + youth sencoten class 3-5pm	24 youth swim night 5-7pm	25 Homework club 3-6pm	26 PRO-D DAY langford bowling + mini golf	27
28	29 youth drop in + weight room 4-5pm	30 elders + youth sencoten class 3-5pm				

Scholarship Opportunities

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Check out some scholarship opportunities through the Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund.



2026 Chief Joe Mathias BC First Nations
Multi-Disciplinary Scholarship - Friday, June 19, 2026
at 11:59 pm



2026 Chief Joe Mathias BC First Nations Nursing
Scholarship - Friday, June 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm



2026 Chief Joe Mathias BC First Nations Teacher Scholarship - Friday, June 12, 2026
at 11:59 pm

Daycare News

SXEDJELI Daycare Update

We have had a great month of getting everyone back into routine and we are enjoying the days with the children. They have so much to do and keeping them occupied is always fun for everyone. The children love the SENCOTEN they are learning with teacher Sandra and doing walks to the beach as often as possible.

Walks to the beach consists of learning what happens down there such as watching for the clams to squirt out of the ground and Sandra is showing them that's where they can start to dig to look for clams. Sometimes they look under rocks to find crabs as well. So much to do at the beach and its always a learning experience.

The children of the 3-5 room were able to go on a field trip to "Butterfly Gardens" in which the children enjoyed. There will be pictures of the trip put up on a board for parents to see and we will update the pictures as often as possible. So please take the time to look if you can. The children will have so much to share.

We would like to welcome Craig Jr. He has started in the 3-5 room. He is enjoying meeting the children that have been here and they are all welcoming him and showing him around.



Daycare Important Dates

June 21 - Father's Day
June 22 - Aboriginal Day (Daycare closed)
June 26 - Closed at noon for staff meeting

Employment Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

- Summer Program Leader
- ECE
- Summer Fisheries Youth Intern
- Housing Program Assistant
- Community Programs Policy Advisor

Scan the QR code or visit our website to view more Employment Opportunities with STAUTW.



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please select an employment opportunity from the list below to view the job description, qualifications and details.



[Summer Program Leader](#)
May 28th, 2025



[Housing Project](#)
May 21st, 2025



[Early Childhood Educator \(ECE\)](#)
May 20th, 2025











[Community Programs Policy Advisor](#)
May 19th, 2025



[Summer Fisheries Youth Intern](#)
May 9th, 2025



Garbage, Compost & Recycling

June 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16 	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30 				

Garbage Pickup: Garbage and compost is managed by CCR and picked up every Monday

Recycling (Bi-weekly): If your recycling is missed or not picked up, call Emterra at 250-385-4399. Call by 11:00 AM the next day and they'll most likely be able to do a pick-up. If later, it would have to wait until the next pick-up date.

Reminder that the Heavy Garbage Program has ended. Please do not leave heavy garbage on the side of the road. We continue to clean up the dumpsite on Longhouse Road from the previous years programs. Please discard your heavy garbage at local metal recycle or Hartland Landfill.