STÁUTW FIRST NATION

NEWSLETTER

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November 2026



HEALTH & REC GRANT CHEQUES

Please note that Health & Rec grant day is:
November 27, 2026 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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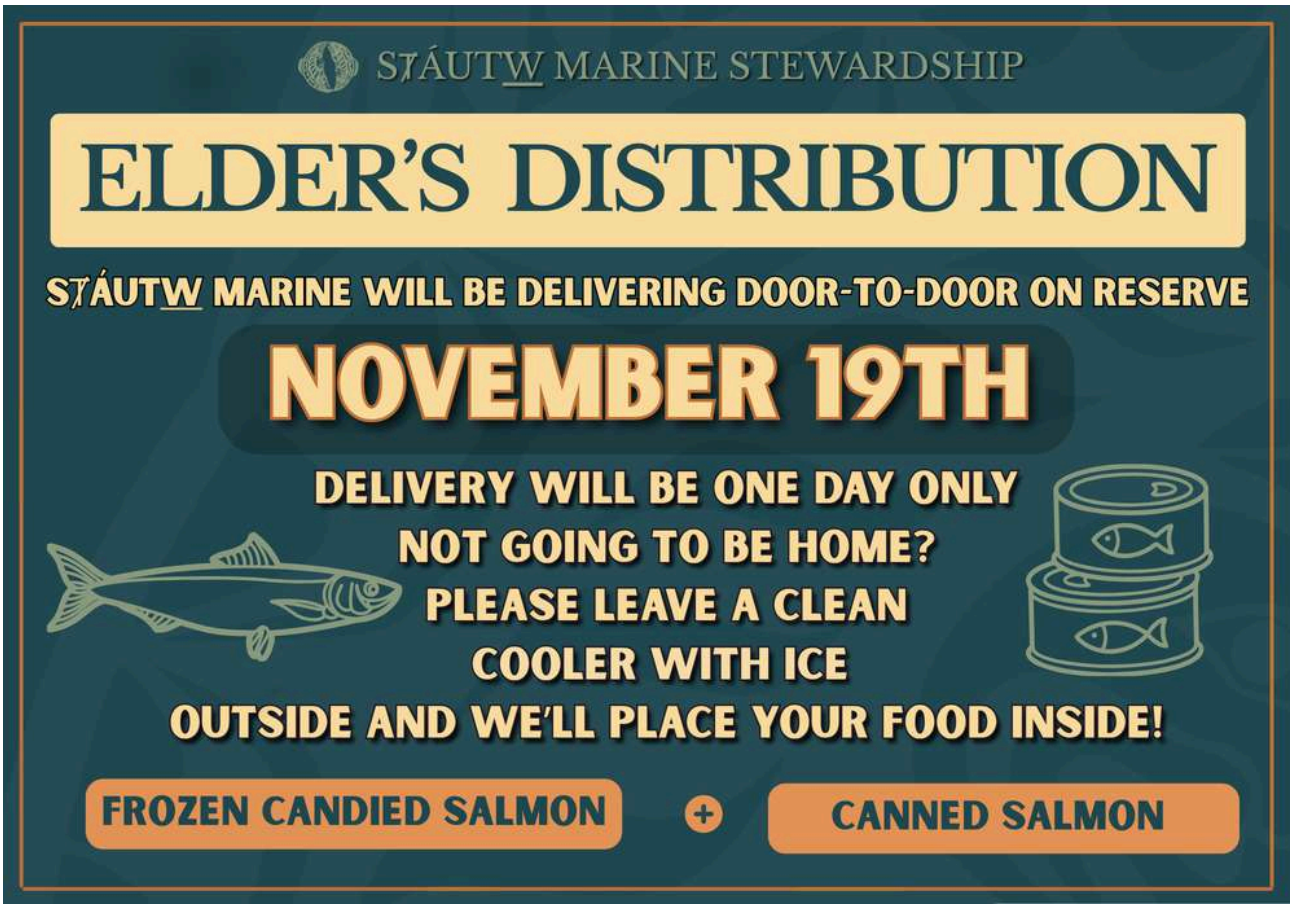
Community News & Events



Join us for our Q3 Community Engagement event to learn about important updates, programs, services, and future plans for the community. This is an opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and connect with staff.




STÁUTW Marine Stewardship Invites You
QEN,T IPCA
Community Dinner
Learn and share about QEN,T Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area
Seafood Feast! Chance to win a YETI cooler and other fun prizes!
Thursday November 19th
5pm-8pm
STÁUTW Band Office Gymnasium
Determine the visions and teachings to guide this work
All STÁUTW Community Members Welcome!
Questions?
email marinestewardship@stautw.ca
or call 250-652-9101 EXT 324

Our SȾÁUTW̱ Elders Welcome you

To our "Traditional" themed Island luncheon

Date: November 18th 2026
Place: 7728 Tetayut Rd
Time: 10:00am
Lunch: 12:00
Vendors & 50/50

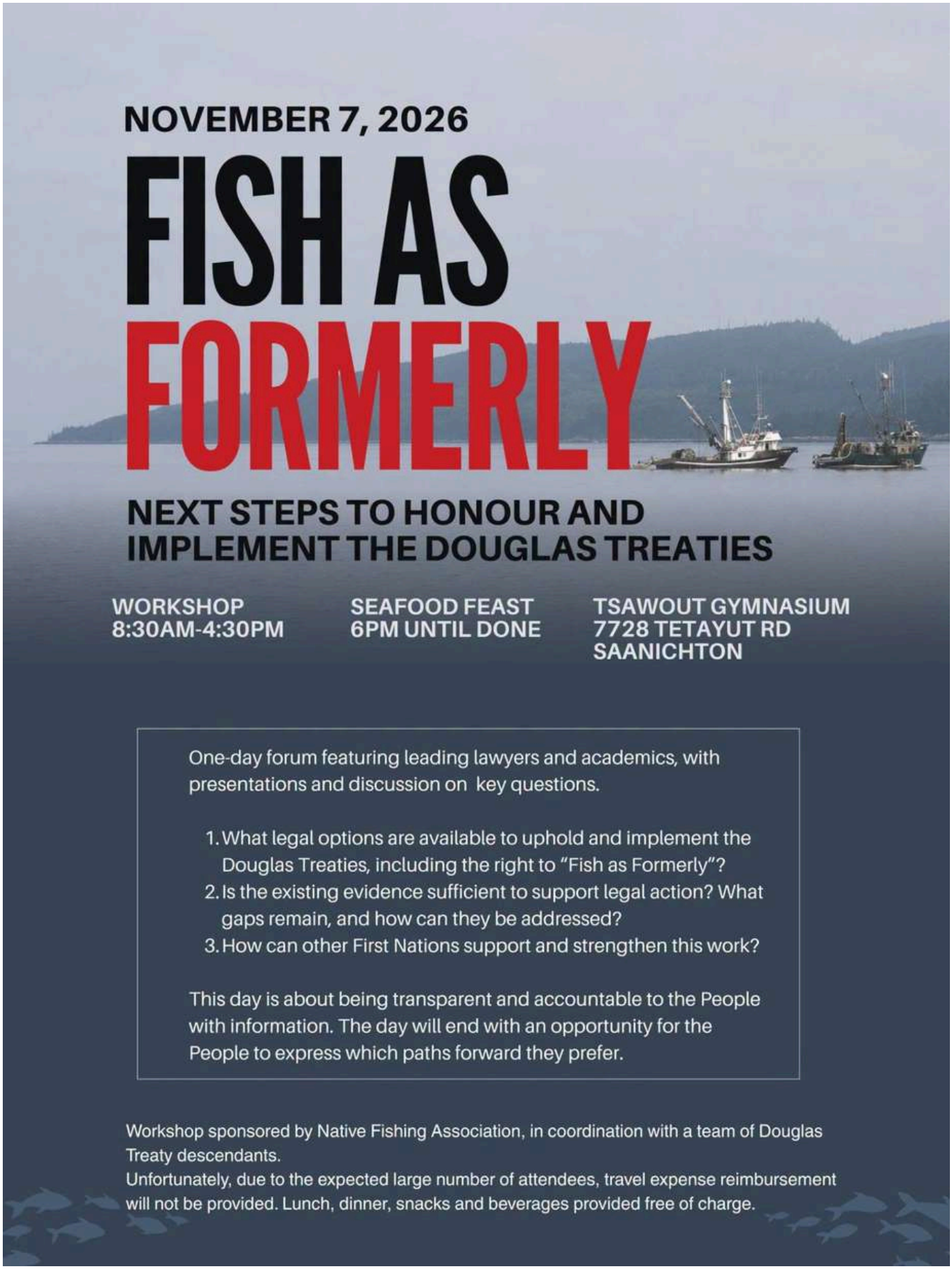
Wear your best native outfit

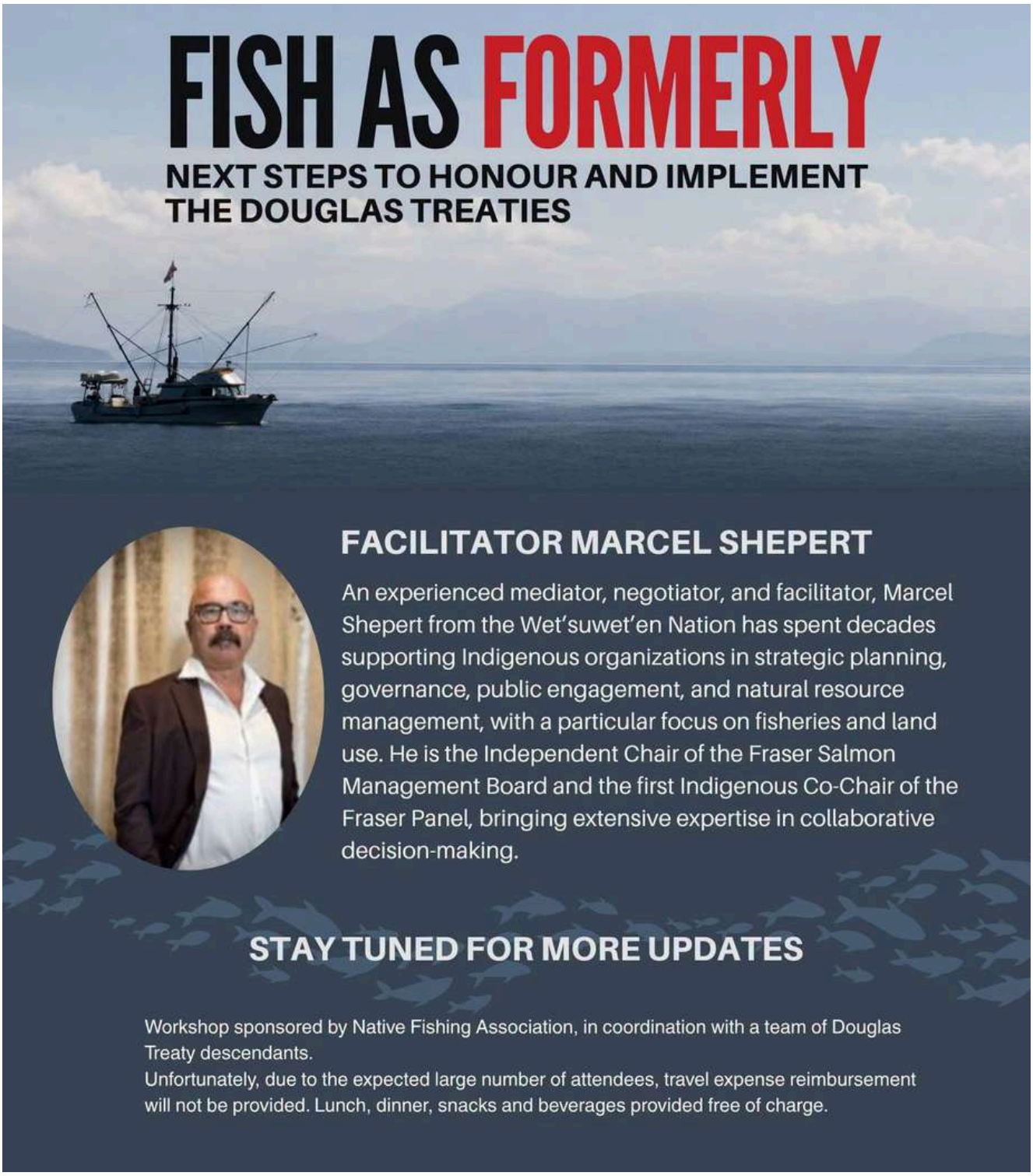








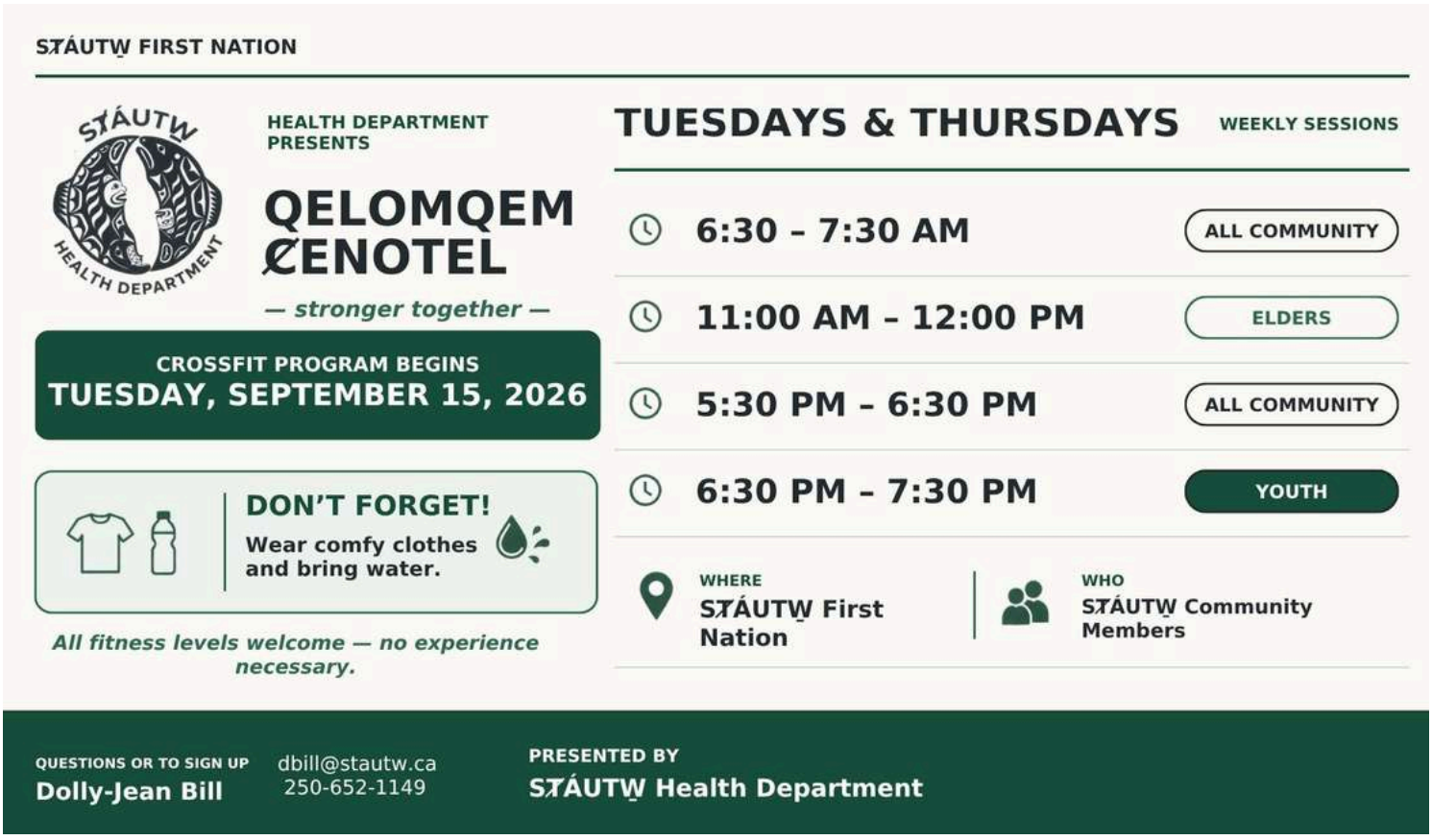

NOVEMBER 7, 2026
FISH AS FORMERLY
NEXT STEPS TO HONOUR AND IMPLEMENT THE DOUGLAS TREATIES
WORKSHOP
8:30AM-4:30PM
SEAFOOD FEAST
6PM UNTIL DONE
TSAWOUT GYMNASIUM
7728 TETAYUT RD
SAANICHTON
One-day forum featuring leading lawyers and academics, with presentations and discussion on key questions.
1. What legal options are available to uphold and implement the Douglas Treaties, including the right to "Fish as Formerly"?
2. Is the existing evidence sufficient to support legal action? What gaps remain, and how can they be addressed?
3. How can other First Nations support and strengthen this work?
This day is about being transparent and accountable to the People with information. The day will end with an opportunity for the People to express which paths forward they prefer.
Workshop sponsored by Native Fishing Association, in coordination with a team of Douglas Treaty descendants.
Unfortunately, due to the expected large number of attendees, travel expense reimbursement will not be provided. Lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages provided free of charge.

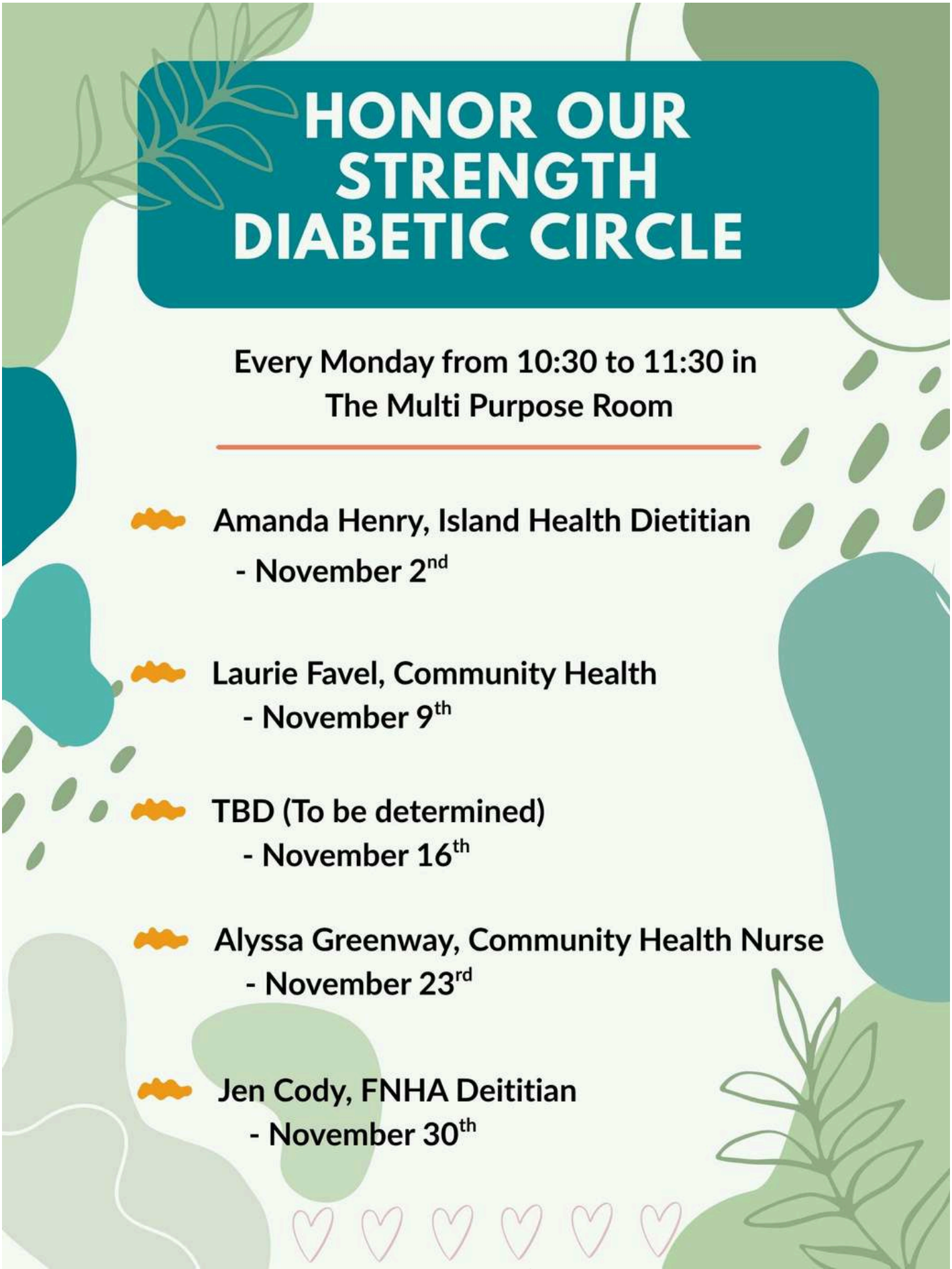


On November 7th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, all Douglas Treaty members, Elders, knowledge keepers, historians, legal minds, fishermen and community members are invited to come join for a workshop to discuss implementation of Douglas Treaty rights, including to 'Fish as Formerly', and share in a seafood feast! Learn more on the next page.

Community News & Events





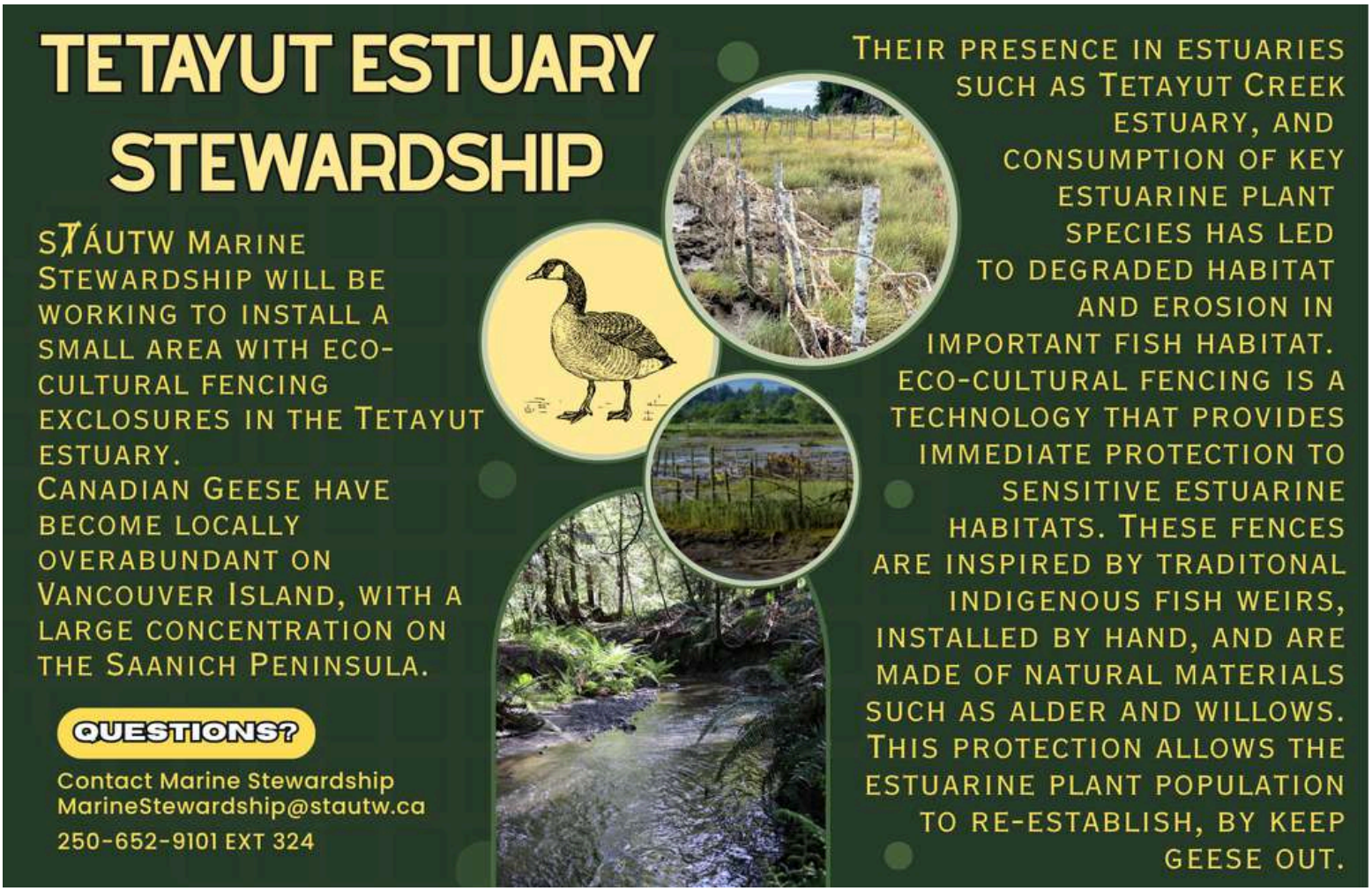

HONOR OUR STRENGTH DIABETIC CIRCLE
Every Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 in The Multi Purpose Room
Amanda Henry, Island Health Dietitian
- November 2nd
Laurie Favel, Community Health
- November 9th
TBD (To be determined)
- November 16th
Alyssa Greenway, Community Health Nurse
- November 23rd
Jen Cody, FNHA Deititian
- November 30th

Community Events





Marine Stewardship



Welcome New Staff



Medical Transportation Driver, Jonathan Bill

Hello my name is Jonathan Bill. I am a STÁUTW̱ member and a new team member to STÁUTW̱ Health Department. My roll here in the department is the Medical Transportation Driver and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be helping people within our community.

Community News & Events

W̱SÁNEĆ Clinic Location Change



Effective October 1, 2026, the shared care W̱SÁNEĆ Clinic will no longer be hosted in ST̓ÁUTW̱.

This change reflects the ongoing request and advocacy for health resources to be returned to our neighboring W̱SÁNEĆ communities of Pauquachin, Tsartlip, and Tseycum.

ST̓ÁUTW̱ and Island Health are honoring this direction and supporting the return of services closer to those communities.

We recognize the importance of accessible, community-based health services throughout W̱SÁNEĆ territory. ST̓ÁUTW̱ has temporarily hosted the W̱SÁNEĆ Clinic for the past three years, and we appreciate the collaboration of Island Health and our neighboring communities throughout this time.

What does this mean for ST̓ÁUTW̱ members and their care?

- ST̓ÁUTW̱ members and community members will continue to access Nurse Practitioner and nursing appointments through the ST̓ÁUTW̱ Health Department.
- We kindly ask for patience and understanding while ST̓ÁUTW̱ awaits confirmation from Island Health regarding the allocation of resources, including the days our Nurse Practitioner and nurses will be assigned to work in ST̓ÁUTW̱.
- Once a schedule is received from Island Health, it will be shared with the community as soon as possible.
- ST̓ÁUTW̱-employed Medical Office Assistants will remain at ST̓ÁUTW̱ and will continue to support ST̓ÁUTW̱ patient information and upcoming appointment schedules.
- Some office moves and space adjustments may take place so ST̓ÁUTW̱ staff can better serve members and collaborate on care. Minor delays may occur during this transition.

ST̓ÁUTW̱ remains committed to supporting members' access to health care and to working respectfully with Island Health and our neighboring W̱SÁNEĆ communities during this transition. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available and thank members for their patience, understanding, and continued support.

Anyone with questions can email **memberservices@statuw.ca** and their questions will be redirected accordingly to Health Staff, Island Health or Governance.

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NOTICE TO COMMUNITY

RE: Transition to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Date: October 13, 2026
From: Chief and Council and STÁUTW Finance

Chief and Council advise community members that all payments issued directly by STÁUTW First Nation to community members will transition to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT/direct deposit).

This change applies to all eligible payments made directly to community members, including:

- Income Assistance payments;
- Program benefits and financial supports;
- Reimbursements;
- Honoraria; and
- Other eligible payments issued by the Nation.

What This Means

Community members who receive payments from STÁUTW First Nation will be required to provide current banking information so approved payments can be deposited directly into their bank account. The transition to EFT will help the Nation:

- Provide payments more securely and efficiently;
- Reduce delays associated with preparing, distributing, replacing, or cashing cheques;
- Reduce the risk of lost or stolen cheques;
- Improve financial administration and payment tracking; and
- Ensure community members receive approved payments as quickly as possible.

Income Assistance Clients

Income Assistance payments will also be issued through EFT/direct deposit.
We recognize that some community members may not currently have a bank account or may require assistance completing the transition. Members who need support are encouraged to contact the Income Assistance Program or Administration as soon as possible. Staff will identify the required information and provide reasonable assistance with the transition.

Banking Information

Community members receiving payments from the Nation should ensure their banking information is current. A void cheque or official direct deposit form from a financial institution may be required to establish EFT.

For your protection, banking information must only be provided through the secure process identified by STÁUTW First Nation Administration. Please do not send banking information through social media, text message, or other unsecured methods.

Finance

Effective Date

Effective: December 1, 2026

After the effective date, payments to community members will be processed through EFT/direct deposit, subject to any exceptional circumstances approved by Administration in accordance with Nation policy.

Questions and Assistance

For assistance with EFT requirements or updating your banking information, please contact the Income Assistance Program, Administration, or the SȾÁUTW First Nation Finance Department at financeassist@stautw.ca.

Chief and Council appreciate everyone's cooperation as the Nation moves toward a more secure, timely, and efficient payment process.

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On behalf of,

SȾÁUTW First Nation Chief and Council

Chief Abraham Pelkey

On behalf of SȾÁUTW Finance Department

Greg Diemer – Chief Financial Officer



After School Program Calendar - November



Elders Calendar - November

STÁUTW ELDERS NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Honor our strangth 10:30-11:30 (Diabetes)-multipurpose room	3 Elders crossfit 11-12 in the gym	4 Bannock&tea 9-11 Elders room	5 Elders crossfit 11-12 in the gym	6 Max Henrys Memorial Stautw bh	7
8	9 Honor our strength 10:30-11:30 (Diabetes) in the multipurpose room	10 Elkders crossfit 11-12 in the gym	11 REMEMBERANCE DAY 	12 Elders crossfit 11-12 in the gym	13 Marsha Sampson Memorial Stautw bh	14
15	16 Honor our strength 10:30-11:30(Diabetes) multi purpose room	17 Elders cross fit 11-12 in the gym	18 Stautw Elders hosting the Island luncheon	19 Elders crossfit 11-12 in the gym	20	21
22	23 Honor our strength (Diabetes)10:30-11:30 multipuerpose room	24 Elders cross fit 11-12in the gym	25 Self Care day Stautw Gym 9-3	26 Elders cross fit 11-12 in the gym	27 Rick(Gumby)Sam Memorial Tsartlip bh	28 Mike Horne&Toni Thomas Memorial Stautw bh
29	30 Honor our strength 10:30-11:30 in multipurpose room					

SX̱EDJELI Childcare Centre

First site tour with Chief & Council and Senior Leadership



Chief Abraham Pelkey, Council, senior leadership and the Lubec team on site, Tuesday, October 13, 2026

ÍY SȻÁĆEL,

On the afternoon of Tuesday, October 13, Chief and Council and senior leadership took part in the first walk-through of the SX̱EDJELI (Hummingbird) Childcare Centre construction site, hosted by our builder, Lubec Construction. The visit had two purposes:

• **Keeping the site safe.** Lubec showed the group how the site is kept safe for workers and visitors, and everyone wore a hard hat and high-visibility vest before stepping inside. •

Seeing the space for our future young ones. Chief and Council had the opportunity to walk the building and get a feel for the rooms where our children will learn, play and grow, surrounded by our language and culture.

Progress on site. Construction is moving forward and on track. The foundation, walls and roof are complete, and crews are now working on interior framing, plumbing and mechanical systems. The centre is scheduled to open later in 2027, and we will continue to share updates as the building takes shape.

Location. The centre is located at **2667 Stautw Road**, between the Nation office and the Longhouse (Big House). For everyone's safety, the site is fenced off while construction is underway. We'll keep sharing photos and updates so the community can follow along.

Questions? Please reach out to **Jun Baek, Capital Projects Manager, at 250-652-9101** or **jbaek@stautw.ca.**

HÍSW̱KE for your continued support of this project.

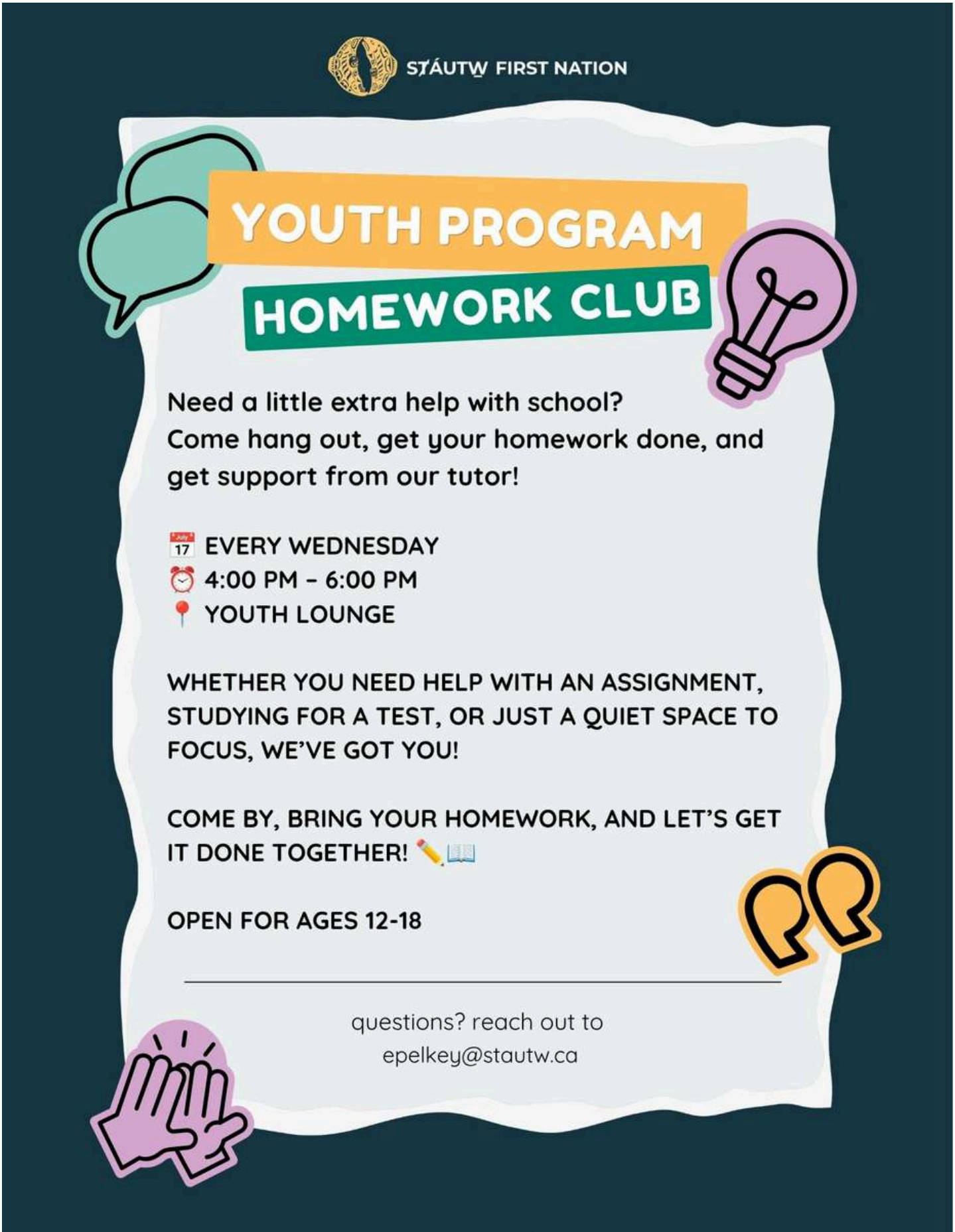








Youth News


STÁUTW FIRST NATION
YOUTH PROGRAM
HOMEWORK CLUB
Need a little extra help with school?
Come hang out, get your homework done, and get support from our tutor!
EVERY WEDNESDAY
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
YOUTH LOUNGE
WHETHER YOU NEED HELP WITH AN ASSIGNMENT, STUDYING FOR A TEST, OR JUST A QUIET SPACE TO FOCUS, WE'VE GOT YOU!
COME BY, BRING YOUR HOMEWORK, AND LET'S GET IT DONE TOGETHER!
OPEN FOR AGES 12-18
questions? reach out to
epelkey@stautw.ca

Youth News

STÁUTW FIRST NATION

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RAISING OUR CHILDREN

Join the STÁUTW Youth Program!

A welcoming space for youth ages 12-18 to connect, learn, grow, and have fun! Our program brings youth together through cultural learning, creative activities, connections with Elders, homework support, fitness, and community involvement. From outings and movie nights to SENĆOŦEN learning and cultural activities, there's always something to look forward to. Come build friendships, explore new interests, strengthen your connection to culture, and be part of our youth community!

WHAT WE OFFER

- After-School Drop-In Program
- CrossFit & Fitness
- Homework Club & Tutoring Support
- SENĆOŦEN Language Learning
- Gym Drop-Ins & Basketball
- RCMP Pizza & Basketball Nights
- Youth Swim Nights
- Movie Nights & Special Events
- Cultural Activities, Creative Projects & Community Outings

And so much more! There are always new opportunities to connect, learn, build friendships, and have fun. Registered families will receive access to our private Google Classroom for program updates, schedules, and upcoming activities.





for more information reach out:
epelkey@stautw.ca

Learning House



The Tsawout Learning house had a visit from the Victoria Bug zoo outreach team!

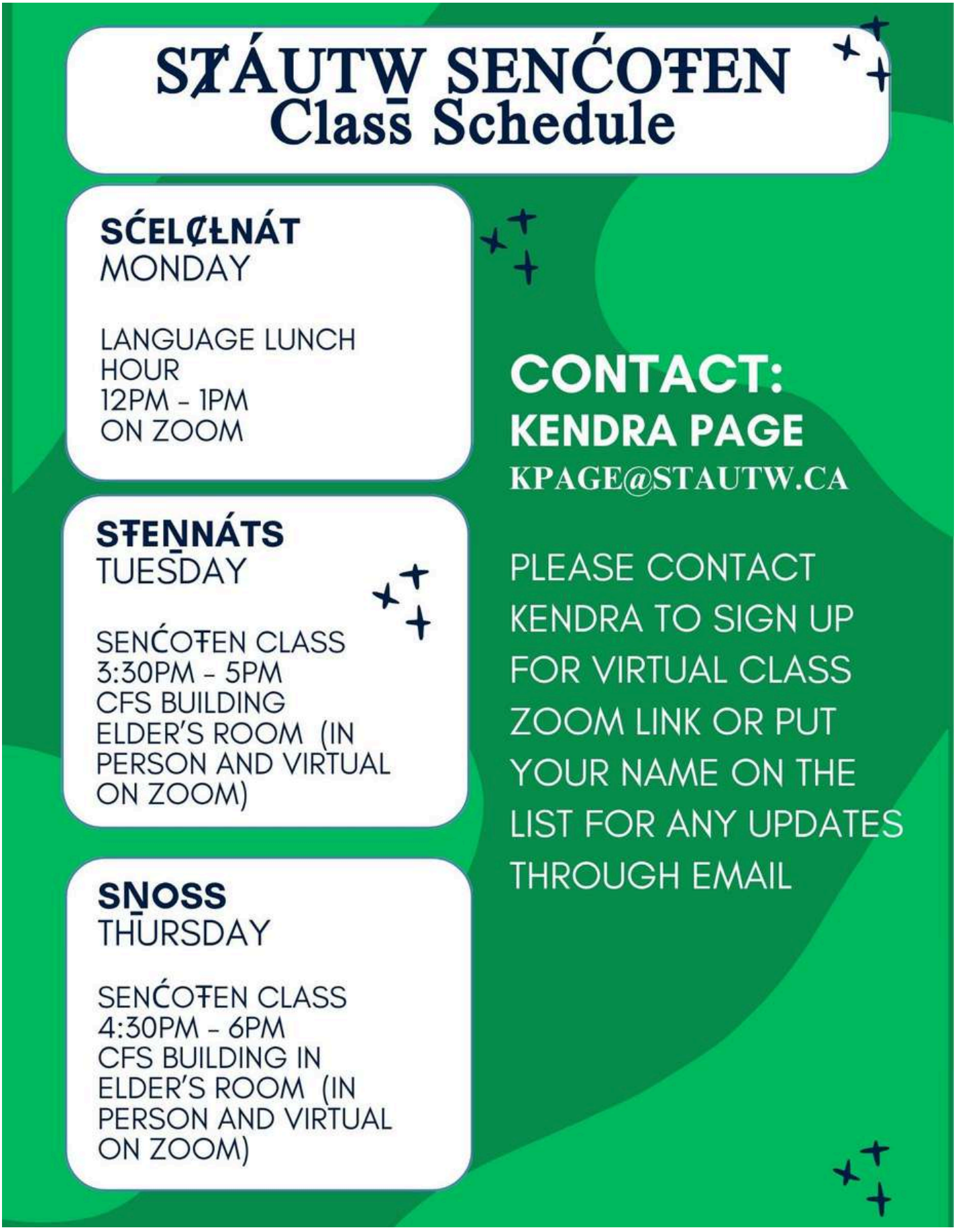
Health - Flu and Covid Vaccine Dates

2026 FLU & COVID

CLINC DATES

Please contact STÁUTW Health MOAs for booking at (250) 652 - 1149

Date	Location
Thursday Octber 22nd (10-4)	STÁUTW Multipurpose Room
Friday October 23rd (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday October 27th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday October 30th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday November 3rd (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday November 6th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday November 10th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday November 13th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday November 17th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday November 20th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday November 24th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday November 27th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday December 1st (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday December 4th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday December 8th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday December 11th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices
Tuesday December 15th (9:30-4)	Alyssa's office
Friday December 18th (9:30-4)	Laurie & Alyssa's offices


SȾÁUTW SENĆOŦEN
Class Schedule
SĆELȻŁNÁT
MONDAY
LANGUAGE LUNCH HOUR
12PM - 1PM
ON ZOOM
STEN̓NÁTS
TUESDAY
SENĆOŦEN CLASS
3:30PM - 5PM
CFS BUILDING
ELDER'S ROOM (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL ON ZOOM)
SN̓OSS
THURSDAY
SENĆOŦEN 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

Employment News



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Building Cleaner(s) / Janitorial Worker(s)
October 26th, 2026

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Asset Manager
October 26th, 2026

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Head Start Early Childhood Educator
October 14th, 2026

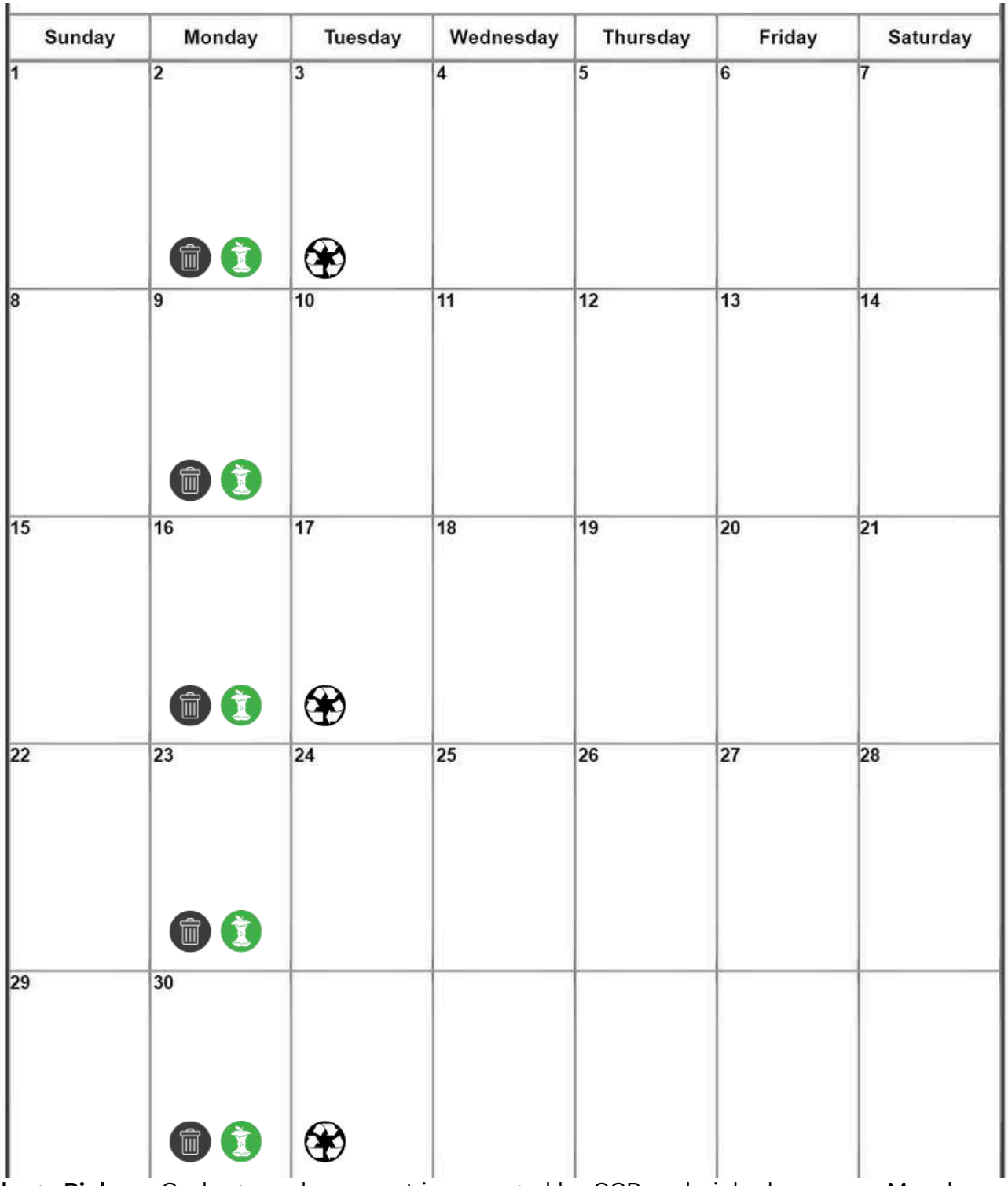
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Taxation & Finance Clerk
October 13th, 2026

Join the SȾÁUTW̱ team! We have several exciting job openings available.

Click or scan the QR code or click below to explore our current opportunities.

Garbage, Compost & Recycling - November



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.