

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



JULY 2024

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

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BIRTHDAYS

Hub George

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Georgina Wright

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Barbara Durfee

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Clayton Tanner

Glen Baptiste

Nancy Overton

Clifford Louie

Holly Peacock

Jack Baptiste

Tanya Stelkia

Jason Baptiste

Benjamin Louie

Floyd Baptiste

Delaney Hall

Vernon Louie

Francis Baptiste

Roderick Gallagher

Stephanie Baptiste

Jorden Allen

Serena Durfee

Hadley Tucker

Colleen Baptiste

Caitlynne Baptiste-Cawston

Jonah George

Keianna James

Takoda Boake-Louie

Illeana Tronson-Baptiste

Patrick Gallagher

Theresa Gabriel

Jalen Sohun

Balik Frank

Robyn George

Roderick Storm Gallagher

Kimberly Wilber

Tara-Lynn Bell

Jeremy Lewis

Jacob Kruger

Annie Kruger

Mercedez Hall

Tomas Angel

Sierra Baptiste-Moore

Michael Fry

River Kruger

Araya Jensen

Naliah Jensen

Ernest George

Emelia Jones

Hunter Bryson

Jeevan Baptiste

Bella Rogers

Elizabeth Pruitt

Jaxson Wilber

Nevaeh Gittens

Juniper Baptiste



BAND MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the next **MONTHLY BAND MEETING** will be
5pm July Wednesday 3rd, 2024
NK'MIP COMMUNITY HALL.

Dinner will be provided at 5:00PM.

Agenda:

Topics: VOTE to lease 20 acres
south of prison for forestry tree
nursery

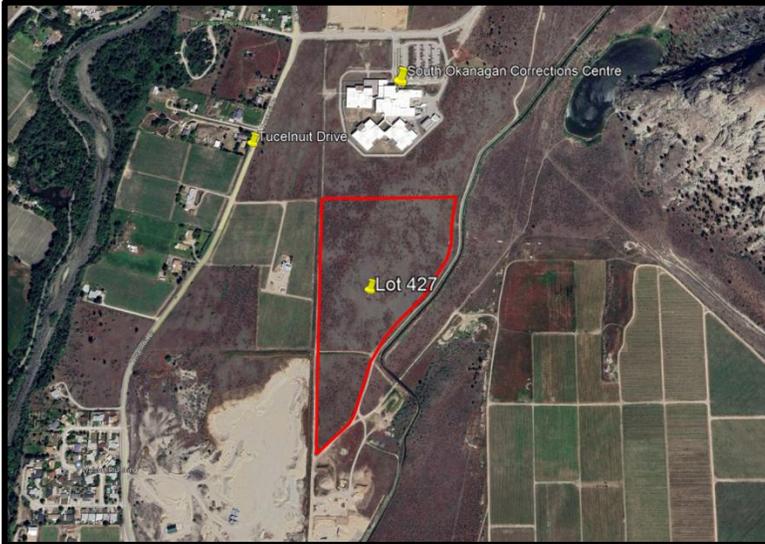
Sincerely,
Chief Clarence Louie

**All band members are encouraged to attend to
voice your concerns and opinions.**



Osoyoos Indian Band Members

Vote on July 25, 2024 for the Designation of Lot 427 (26 acres) for development.



PROJECT INFORMATION

- Proposed OIB business partnership development for a tree seedling nursery.
- Environmentally needed and friendly “green” business replanting our forests.
- 26 acre bare land lot south of the prison and north of Oliver Read-Mix at fair market rent.
- The s̓w̓i̓w̓s Forest Nursery would be the first indigenous co-owned forest seedling nursery in Canada.
- Growing up to 18 million seedlings per year once fully developed.
- Partnership with established local nursery company with 40+ years experience.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- ✓ Projected share of business profits of approximately \$500,000 total from 2025-2031.
- ✓ Projected property tax revenue approximately \$260,000 total from 2025-2031.
- ✓ Land lease revenue of \$477,000 total from 2025-2031 (\$2,630/acre).
- ✓ At full capacity, 30-40 jobs paying \$17.40/hr to \$40+/hr.
- ✓ Projected revenues of \$150,000 for OIB-owned Oliver Read-Mix for cement, excavator and dump truck business for the nursery site preparation.
- ✓ Additional revenues for the operations of the Band’s owned Senkulmen Utility Ltd.
- ✓ Possible Jobs: Forklift Drivers (\$20-24/hr), Tractor Drivers (\$18-20/hr), Nursery Technician (\$20-24/hr), Operations Manager (\$30-40/hr), Harvest Supervisor (\$20-24/hr), Summer Students (\$17-18/hr)
- ✓ Training Opportunities: First Aid Attendant, Forklift Licence, Herbicide Applicator
- ✓ Potential to grow native plants and shrubs (such as huckleberry, saskatoon, juniper, soapberry, sagebrush).
- ✓ Assist in efforts to restore land and cultural values via planting of shrubs and trees.
- ✓ Engage OIB youth through scholarships, educational opportunities, paid job experience and raising awareness of careers in natural resources, horticulture, and forestry.
- ✓ Questions? Contact Peter Flett, OIB Forester, at pflett@oib.ca or at [250-300-9600](tel:250-300-9600).





SAVE WATER

Please help us save water this summer

so we don't run out of water,

**We need water available for fighting fires
and saving our wells.**

**We are in the process of trying to find a way to get more
water, but we are not there yet.**

**Please do not over irrigate, running your sprinkler all day
is actually worse for your lawn and really puts a strain on
the OIB community water system, please only irrigate for
30-60 minutes in each spot then shut it off.**

**Cut your grass higher so it helps shade the soils and then
you will need less water.**

**We all need to do our part to save the community in case
of a fire, if there is no water the fire dept can not put the
fire out.**

Lets all do our part to save our community this summer.

**We know the system is flawed and we are working on
improvements, but they are not here yet.**



For more water saving tips visit www.gov.bc.ca



490 Litres

This is how much water the average British Columbian uses in a day!



Let's Use Our Water Wisely

It's another hot, dry summer.

To make sure we have the water we need, we all have to use it wisely.

Let's start by using these tips around the home and garden.

They are small changes, but they make a BIG difference.

Tear apart and hang these tips around the house as handy reminders.



For more water saving tips visit www.gov.bc.ca

Water...
Use it Wisely

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In the Kitchen

- 1 Instead of running the tap, keep a jug of cool water in the fridge.
- 2 Turn off the tap and wash your fruit in a bucket. Use the water around your garden.



- 3 Turn off the garburator and save water. Compost your kitchen scraps.

Around the Garden

- 1 Long grass helps shade its roots. Mow less often and you'll save water.
- 2 Don't water when it's windy. Wind can blow sprinklers off target and speed up evaporation.



- 3 Put an empty tuna can on your lawn. When it's full, you'll know you've watered enough.

In the Bathroom

- 1 Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth or shave.
- 2 Take shorter showers. Save 19 litres every minute.
- 3 Use food colouring to check your toilet for leaks. Save up to 300 litres a week.



In the Laundry Room

- 1 Watch for dripping taps! Change tap washers and save up to 300 litres a week.
- 2 Instead of running water, use a bucket or pail for household cleaning.
- 3 Make sure your washing machine is loaded full. Every load uses up to 190 litres.



Senpaq'cin student wins top art award

Posted by [Times-Chronicle](#) | Jun 5, 2024 | [Arts](#), [Featured](#), [Oliver](#), [Osoyoos](#) | [0](#)



Lynnea Holmstrom with her winning artwork representing the four elements of nature and the Indigenous connection to nature and animals. Contributed photo.

By Don Urquhart, Times Chronicle

Lynnea Holmstrom, an Indigenous youth artist from the Osoyoos Indian Band, is one of four winners of an art competition awarded for her stunning visual representation of the “four elements and Indigenous connection to nature and animals”.

Lynnea Holmstrom was one of four exceptional winners of FORED BC’s annual art, photo & video contest that celebrates the rich cultural and heritage traditions of Canada’s Indigenous people with \$150 cash prizes to Indigenous youth winners aged 5-18.

The 2024 Traditional Knowledge & Medicine art competition is part of FORED’s Aboriginal Heritage, Education & Dialogue (AHEAD) program.



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Mother's Day powwow raffle tickets

way' isk^wist Jemma Louie!

During the Mother's Day powwow held in Trout Lake BC on the coast, I went into the tiny tot special!

I danced hard and was chosen for first place!

I am so proud of myself as well as my family is! I won my first trophy!!

I was also given an 'every child matters' shirt and \$50! I love dancing, I practice all the time at home and also at the powwows that we go to on the weekends.

I dance for those who cannot, as well as healing those who need prayers! I dance jingle dress style and I know I heal the many who watch, they are always smiling at me!



I wanted to let everyone know that I dance for my community!

I hope to become a tiny tot princess at the coming up Lil'wat Powwow in Mount Currie BC on June 8th 2024!

I am selling raffle tickets for extra points towards the powwow princess pageant!

If you are interested in supporting me please get ahold of my dad Alan Louie or mom!

3 tickets for \$1
dollar

CONGRATULATIONS

Alexis Louie completed her Bachelor of Arts program at UBCO and was this years valedictorian.





Summer

GIVE AWAY

ENTER ONE PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY HAVING FUN IN THE SUN!

TO ENTER – CHOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) SHARE 1 PHOTO TO OUR OIB COMMUNITY OR OIB (S-OOYOUS) OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE
- 2) SHARE 1 PHOTO WITH COLLEEN BAPTISTE
- 3) SUBMIT 1 PHOTO TO JAMIE AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Cooler
Lawn chairs
\$100 Grocery Card
1 ball

Deadline:
July 4th/
24

Draw will be July 5th/24

RIGHT TO PLAY
WHEN CHILDREN PLAY, THE WORLD WINS.

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Summer Program
July 8, 2024 – August 30, 2024

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Where: SenPokChin (SPC) Gym /Youth Centre

When: Monday - Friday, 1 pm to 5 pm.

Ages: 6-12 (Must be 6 years of age upon registration)
Can be 13 if attending SPC

Eligible Youth: OIB members/Community members
(Living on OIB Reserve)/SPC Students

* **Please note:** Snacks will be provided during day/**If your child requires more;** you can pack them extra snacks (trail mix, fruit, etc.) or a lunch

For registration information please contact:

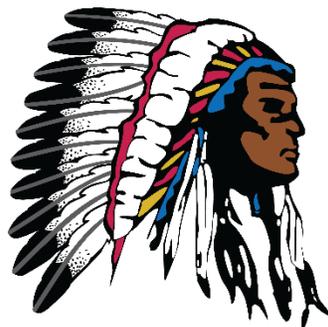
Marvin Louie - mlouie@oib.ca or 250-498-6323

Seth Baptiste – 250-689-8299

* **REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OIB YOUTH CENTRE/RTP REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED DURING 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR ARE STILL VALID FOR THIS SUMMER.**

* **STARTS MONDAY JULY 8**

* **IF SCHEDULE CHANGES; PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE NOTIFIED.**



OIB YOUTH CENTER/GYM JULY SCHEDULE 2024

Sunday		Closed
Monday	SunFun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
Tuesday	SunFun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Right To Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/GYM	5:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday	SunFun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Right To Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Thursday	SunFun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Right To Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/GYM	5:00PM-8:00PM
Friday	SunFun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Right To Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Saturday	Youth Center/Gym	12:00PM-8:00PM

Youth Center is closed during stat-holiday's & community gatherings

(Unless otherwise stated)

***SUNFUN STARTS JULY 3RD (Wednesday)/*RTP STARTS JULY 8TH (Monday)**

***Will post changes to 'SCHEDULE' via Facebook and OIB group e-mail**

***YOUTH CENTRE/GYM (EVENINGS & SATURDAYS) OPEN TO AGES 10+**



ONA Indian Residential School Information Session

JULY 17, 2024

OIB BAND OFFICE
Chamber Room

6:00PM - 7:00PM



The ONA IRS team is working with communities to hold several sharing circles to discuss residential schools and impacts. The circles are meant to be a safe space for talking, sharing and healing together.

Join us for an evening information session to network, learn more about the circles, and to hear updates from the ONA IRS team.

For More Info:

Taylor Carpenter, Syilx Indian Residential School Coordinator

250-707-0095 ext. 228

tcarpenter@syilx.org

www.okanagannation.com

Light snacks will be provided.

Open to Syilx Nation members and community members.



Osoyoos Indian Band Headstone Project
(ongoing placement)

Intention/Purpose: Identify plots that need new headstones, with the goal of providing headstones for all grave sites. This will be an ongoing process. It is the hope of OIB to have a cemetery that has identifiable granite headstones for generations to come.

Timeline for current project:

- Create a second list of names for Headstone Project.
- Lillian Allen, Jane Stelkia and Mary Wilber shared with Chief and Council and Community, Tuesday 5/30/2024 at OIB Band Meeting.
- In July and August OIB, Lillian, Jane and Mary will host several informational sessions under the Hat, dates to be announced.
- OIB placed second order of headstones end of May 2024
- June through August, solidify plans with community input, address questions that arise, please contact Mary Wilber at mary.l.wilber@gmail.com with questions and ideas.
- June through August contact family member who have new headstones ordered by OIB that will be placed by October 2024, provide information of what to expect
- Have first Blessing/Placement of headstones around end of September or beginning of October of 2024
- Everyone invited to attend invitations placed in (Newsletters, FB page, create a flyer)
- Families will gather around their ancestor's headstone on the day of the Headstone Placement/Blessing Ceremony.
- Everyone will be invited to a dinner at the community hall after placement of headstones.
- The ASK, after September placement and at dinner: Intention of band is to provide headstones for all gravesites. Start to generate a list for the next Headstone Placement/Blessing Ceremony.
- Create a map of Nk'Mip Cemetery.

• Informational meety Wednesday July 3, 2024
at noon under the Hat, Lunch provided



OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND

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Purpose Project Employment Program

A no cost employment training program

Who you are:

- ✓ Unemployed/
Underemployed
- ✓ Not receiving EI
- ✓ 17+ years old
- ✓ Looking for work,
career change
- ✓ Needing to connect
with Skills Trades,
educational
pathways



What you get:

- ✓ Workshops on Life
and Employability
Skills
- ✓ Computer literacy
support
- ✓ One on one support
with resumes, cover
letters, interviews
- ✓ Skills and Career
Assessments
- ✓ Weekly Training
Allowance/bonuses
- ✓ Focus on unique
individual needs and
outcomes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-2:30 for 8 weeks

**Please email: purposeproject@oib.ca for intake,
information/ appointments or call 250-498-6935, ext: 2228**



OKANAGAN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (O.T.D.C.)

101 – 1865 Dilworth Drive, Suite #339, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9T1

Cell: (250) 212 2999 (Karen) or (250) 550 6707 (Debbie)

Fax: (250) 707 8736 (Karen) or (250) 549 7175 (Debbie)

Email: karen@otdc.org (Karen) or otdc@telus.net (Debbie)

Job Posting: Employment & Training Coordinator

The Okanagan Training & Development Council has an opening in the South Okanagan valley (Keremeos and/or Hedley) for an Employment & Training Coordinator!

If you are a career development professional and have a passion for supporting Indigenous people to improve their lives, we want to hear from you. We work with First Nations, Metis and Inuit people to increase their employability through providing local labour market info, job search skills, and resume writing. We are also able to fund education, training and tangible assistance with things like work boots, tools, etc.

You have deep knowledge of Indigenous history in BC and can balance support and accountability as you work with clients to achieve their goals. You enjoy celebrating the little successes that clients make as they achieve their milestones.

We are looking for people who embrace technology and enjoy incorporating it into their work in creative ways that benefit clients and the organization.

If this sounds like you, please apply through Indeed or email karen@otdc.org

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Certified Career Development Professional is preferred
- Post-secondary education in a related field such as Human Services or Business Administration with related experience and knowledge will also be considered
- Minimum 2 years' experience as employment counsellor or equivalent work experience in a related field
- Budgeting and Accounting skillset is necessary
- Intermediate level of proficiency with computers and database management (ARMS) including Microsoft Suite
- Knowledge of First Nation community and culture; Previous experience working in a local government or First Nation setting is considered an asset
- Equivalent combination of education, training and experience may be considered

REQUIREMENTS

- Criminal Record Check with results acceptable OTDC
- Valid class 5 BC Driver's license with an acceptable driver's abstract and reliable transportation
- Maintains a high level of confidentiality and uses discretion

JOB DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Delivers and manages employment & training services for Indigenous clients within the surrounding geographic area. We have a position available in the south Okanagan area
- Interviews clients to obtain employment history, educational background, and career goals
- Identifies barriers to employment and assists clients with job readiness skills, job search strategies, writing resumes, and preparing for job interviews
- Administers and interprets tests designed to determine the interests, aptitudes, and abilities of clients
- Provides employment, vocational, and career counseling to assist clients in determining their education or training goals; Develops client action plans, assists with application processes, and monitors clients' progression
- Collects labour market information for clients regarding job openings, entry and skill requirements, and other occupational information
- Maintains documentation, client files, ARMS data capture system, and other office operation systems for the purposes of counseling referral, placement, project evaluation, and statistical reporting to Service Canada
- Refers clients to appropriate employment opportunities, training programs, agencies, and institutions
- Liaises with local and regional employers, employment coordinators, businesses, and educational institutions to initiate job or training opportunities
- Provides advice to community groups and agencies, businesses and industries, and to other organizations involved in providing community-based career education and training opportunities
- Administers and maintains budgets for each individual's training and development programs; Monitors training proposals

- Maintains professional ethics and approaches to overcome barriers and resolve issues when working with clients and staff
- Provides information to the Upper & Lower Similkameen Band membership regarding employment and training programs via the community newsletters and bulletin boards
- Facilitates workshops related to employment such as Guiding Circle, Medicine Wheel, Essential Skills, etc.
- Maintains entrepreneurship information to assist those clients interested in starting their own business
- Attends career fairs and participates in special employment initiatives to promote OTDC programs and services
- Attends OTDC quarterly meetings and training sessions as required
- Provides quarterly and annual reports on client success stories and statistics of employment and training

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

- Strong research and analytical skills as well as problem solving methodologies; Ability to research labour market information
- Knowledge of Employment Insurance policies, guidelines, and labour law
- Proven case management and organizational skills to ensure complete and accurate records are kept according to OTDC and Service Canada Standards
- Ability to identify, maintain, and protect the integrity of confidential information
- Ability to consistently conduct oneself with tact and discretion in all matters
- Conflict resolution skills
- Ability to work with clients who have multiple barriers
- Strong networking capabilities
- Must demonstrate integrity, honesty, and trustworthiness and maintain a professional appearance
- Ability to multitask and adapt to changing circumstances quickly and easily
- Ability to work independently, with minimal supervision, or as part of a team
- Strong initiative with a high level of independence of action and decision making
- Effective verbal and written communication skills; Superior interpersonal and client service skills

The salary range for this position is \$50,960 – \$60,296



Annual General Assembly

And Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering

July 24-25, 2024 | swiŵs, Osoyoos

The Annual General Assembly brings together the Syilx Okanagan Nation to update Nation members and celebrate our accomplishments.

- Title and Rights
- ki?lawna? (Grizzly) Restoration
- Health and Wellness
- ntytyix (Salmon) Harvest

For More Info: Hailey Wright,
Communications Coordinator
haileyW@syilx.org or 250-707-0095 ext.
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Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering Agenda

and AGA Community Tours and Activities

Wednesday July 24 | swi'ws, Osoyoos

9:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies at Spotted Lake
Ceremony, Welcome, Prayer

Youth Leadership

On the Land Tours and Activities

11:00 AM

Vision and Unity
Youth Vision Statements

11:00 AM

Spotted Lake
Sqilx^w Identity and Drone Session

12:00 PM
Lunch

1:15 PM

Strength in Unity
Intentions Moving Forward

1:15 PM

On the Land Tour
Balancing Rock

2:15 PM

From Vision to Action:
Implementing Our Plans

2:00 PM

Explore: Nkmip
Dessert Cultural Centre

3:30 PM

Kayaking and Kayak Races - Osoyoos Lake
Note: Chief and Councils and Community Races at 4:30 pm

6:30 PM
Dinner

7:30 PM

Horseback Riding

8:30 PM

Movie on the beach

Note: All Youth Leadership activities will be at the Nk'mip Clubhouse. All tours will meet to leave outside of the Conference Centre.

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Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering Agenda

and AGA Community Tours and Activities

Thursday July 25 | swiíws, Osoyoos

7:00 AM **Salmon Fishing on Osoyoos Lake**

Note: Must register/sign up at event

7:30 AM **Run for the Drum**

Note: Meet at the Conference Centre , Chance to win prizes

9:00 AM **Opening Prayer - Day 2**

Conference Centre

9:30 AM **Sqilx^w Esteem**

Workshop: Being Syilx from different perspectives.

10:30 AM **On the Land Tour**

Ice Caves

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Kayaking and Electrofishing - Osoyoos Lake

Learn about invasive species that affect Osoyoos Lake shore and the greater Okanagan.

3:00 PM

Assembly Closing Ceremony

Conference Centre

Please note that all activities must be signed-up for in advance. All tours will meet outside the Conference Centre. Fishing and Drone Sessions are weather dependent.

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