

# OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2024

# HAPPY Father's DAY

SUN, JUNE 16



## OIB GRADS



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# BIRTHDAYS

Floyd Baptiste, Jr.

Clarence Louie

Austin Gabriel

Marina Veintimilla

Jody Louie

Michelle Alex

Terry Baptiste

Coral Curley

Jeremy Baptiste

Darryl Joe Hall

Amanda Anderson

Jeddy Baptiste

Gordon Louie

Silvia Stelkia

Sonya Jensen

Sammy Louie

Shawna Baptiste

Dustin James

Damian Baptiste

Sarena Louie

Bryton James

Felicia Louie

Donovan Louie

Leona One Owl-Hall

Ty Baptiste-Lock

Talon Baptiste

Darian Louie

Marcus Sohun

Tia Erickson-Hall

Brayden Baptiste

Billy Hall

Brianna Stelkia-James

Tiara Frezie-Baptiste

Malachi Zubeck

Isabella David-Louie

Quannah Baptiste

Justice Sheena

Elijah Swan-Hall

Teshina Clough

Silous Paul

Jayden Gallagher

Justice Baptiste

Augustus Louie

Taylor-Rae Gallagher

Ronnie David

Oakley Haacke-McGinnis

Lana Hall

Kalum Lezard

Misty Aubin

Julian Hall

Sawyer Matutat

Dre Behn

Brandi David-Louie

Rosalynn Tanner

Mirren Tanner

Khala Harbridge

Michael Lambert

Sherry Baptiste

Ariahna Rivera-Alex

Creedence Gabriel

Wyatt Baptiste-Moore

Jaxen Baptiste

Justice Kruger

Elainia Hall

Kaine Gallagher

Nathaniel Lecamp

Woodlynn Connor-Baptiste

# BAND MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the next **MONTHLY BAND MEETING** will be  
**5pm June Tuesday 25, 2024**  
**NK'MIP COMMUNITY HALL.**

Dinner will be provided at 5:00PM.

## Agenda:

Topics: you want discussed at the  
Band meeting, please contact  
Sammy Louie at  
250-498-3444 Ext 3020 or email:  
[SLouie@oib.ca](mailto:SLouie@oib.ca) and she will make up  
an agenda.

Sincerely,

Chief Clarence Louie

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

**OIB GRADUATION DINNER  
TO FOLLOW**



## Osoyoos Indian Band Members

**Vote on July 25, 2024 for the Designation of Lot 427 for development.**

**Vote YES on July 25, 2024 for the Designation of Lot 427 - from 9:00am to 8:00pm at the Hall**



### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

- Proposed OIB commercial 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 swiws Forest Nursery would be the first indigenous 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**

- ✓ Revenue-sharing of business profits.
- ✓ Expected property tax increasing from \$10,000-\$40,000+/year with development.
- ✓ Annual rent payment to OIB of \$68,000 plus future increases.
- ✓ At full capacity, 30-40 jobs paying \$17.40/hr to \$40+/hr.
- ✓ Additional revenues for Band 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](mailto:pflett@oib.ca) or at 250-300-9600.





# OIB GRADUATION DINNER

**To honour and celebrate the 2024 graduates.**

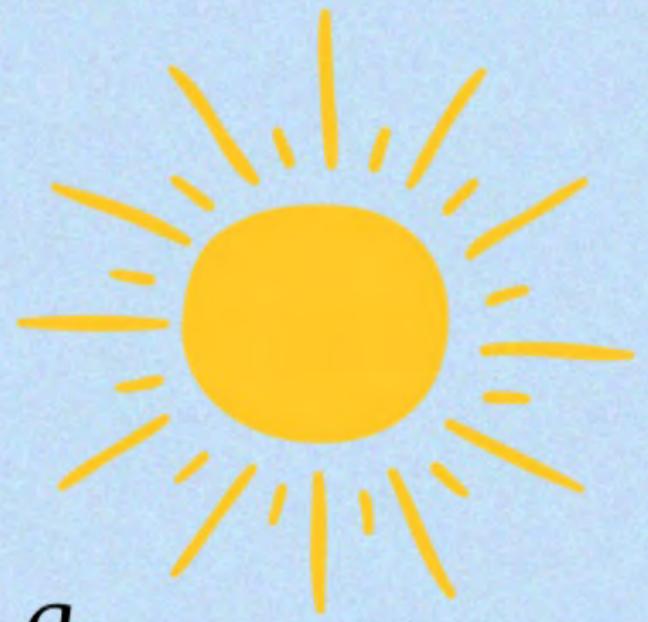
Please join us in honouring all the 2024 graduates from OIB. All community members' welcome. There will be dinner provided and a blanketing ceremony for the high school graduates.

**When: Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: The Band Hall**

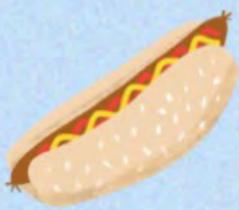
**Time: Dinner at 5pm, ceremony to follow**



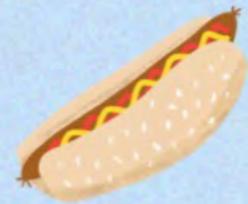


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# **FATHER'S DAY**



# **BBQ**

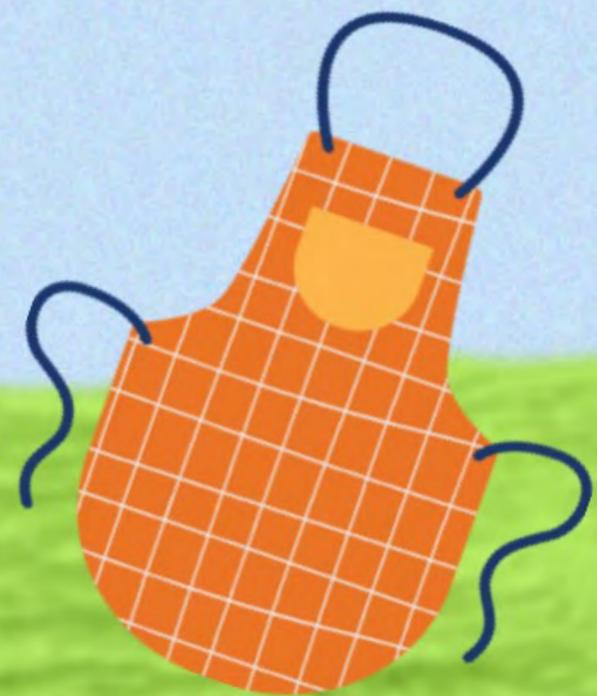
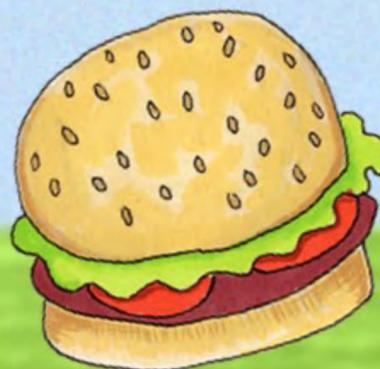


**THURSDAY JUNE 13TH**

**12PM**

**UNDER THE HAT**

HOSTED BY THE  
NKMP RESOURCE  
CENTRE

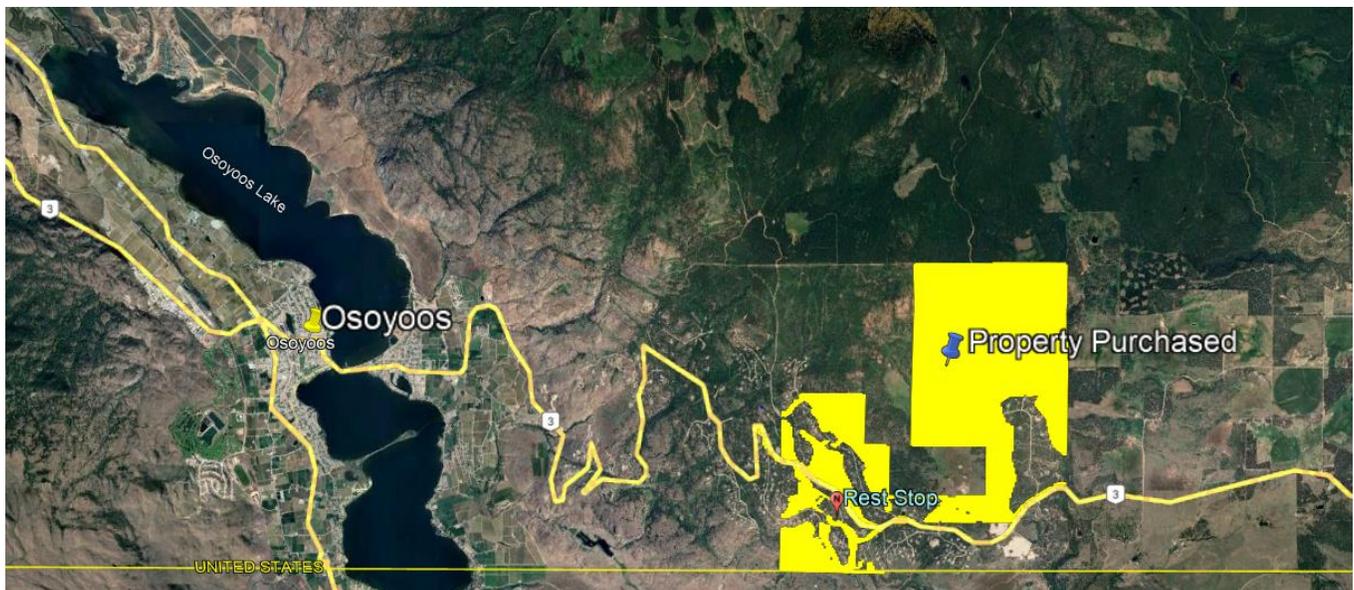


# OIB's BIGGEST LAND PURCHASE – 2,256 ACRES

*The Osoyoos Indian Band has purchased 2,256 acres of private property at the top of Anarchist Mountain.*

**Back in 1997 when the Haynes Claim was settled and the OIB bought land where the current Osoyoos gas station is, we also had a chance to buy 5,000 acres on Anarchist Mountain...but we didn't move on the sale and the land was sold - hundreds of homes were built on our hunting grounds.**

- Recently, a 2,256 acre parcel of land, previously owned by Osoyoos Mountain Estates, fell into bankruptcy.
- OIB submitted an offer to the court who was handling the receivership process and the judge ruled in favour of the Osoyoos Indian Band.
- The offer was at a significant discount on the land value (\$3.5 million) that equates to \$1551/acre.
- “Crown” land borders the property to the north and the property is accessible from highway #3 from the south and an old forest road (Sidley Meadows – needs maintenance) from the north.
- A stream runs through the property on the east side and a naturally regenerated forest is growing throughout the property.
- One large parcel (on map below) as well as numerous pieces of land right next to Highway #3.
- The purpose of this acquisition is to get back some of the traditional lands that hold historical and cultural significance to the Band. As well, opportunities for hunting, gathering, education for the youth, and other OIB cultural events will thrive with the purchase of this property.





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FOR OUR STUDENTS  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH 2024 12 PM  
UNDER THE HAT OSOYOOS  
INDIAN BAND OFFICE

contact: [oiblang@oib.ca](mailto:oiblang@oib.ca) or 250-689-1905 for further inquiries



## Congratulations to Taylor Baptiste-Sparrow!



In May Taylor graduated with her Bachelor of Fine Arts: Visual Arts degree with a major in Sculpture from Emily Carr University of Art & Design in Vancouver. She is the first OIB community member to graduate from Emily Carr University of Art & Design.

Also in May, Taylor was invited to exhibit one of her sculptures at the Museum of Fine Art in Sherbrooke, Quebec- near Montreal, as part of the BACA Biennale (a Native Contemporary Art Festival). She was also invited to be one of the Artists in Residence at UBC-Okanagan.

Congratulations Taylor!

Love, Mom & Dad - Richard and Colleen Baptiste, Brett, Wade & Sherry, Ryan & Lauren



# June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Gr. 3-4 Swimming 1:30-2:30</i>	4 <i>Geering Up</i>	5 <i>Fishing Club 3-5:30 Gr.2 Waste Water Plant 9:15-2:30 K5 Swimming 2-2:30 Geering Up</i>	6 <i>Spirit North Day Gr 1-2 Swimming 2-2:30 4:30-5:30 Welcome to District track &amp; field</i>	7 <i>Gr.5-7 Swimming 1:30-2:30</i>	8
9	10 <i>Symphony o Hope Concert 1:15-2:00 pm</i>	11 <i>K4 Swimming 2-2:30 pm</i>	12 <i>ONA Digital Safety Gr.7 1-2:00/Gr.5 2-3 K4 &amp; K5 Water Park 1-2:30 Last Day of Fishing Club-</i>	13 <i>Spirit North Day  SPC Spring Carnival 4:30-7:00 pm</i>	14 <i>Gr.5-7 Swimming 1:30-2:30 Gr. 1-4 Siya Pow Wow 8:45-2:30</i>	15
16	17 <i>Gr. 6/7 Year End Trip (Jun 17-20)</i>	18 <i>Gr. 6/7 Year End Trip</i>	19 <i>Gr. 6/7 Year End Trip K4 &amp; K5 Water Park 1-2:30</i>	20 <i>Gr. 6/7 Year End Trip  Spirit North Day</i>	21 <i>Aboriginal Day  Last Fire Friday</i>	22
23	24 <i>Gr. 7 Grad Celebration 11:15 am</i>	25 <i>Year End Celebration of Learning 11:00 am</i>	26 <i>Whole School Swim Party 1-2:30 Term 3 Report Card Gr. 6/7 Sailing (SOSA) 8:30-3:00</i>	27 <i>Last Day of School Early Dismissal 12:00</i>	28	29
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# June 2024

## Sen Pok Chin School Lunch Calendar



Sun	Mon (\$2.50/\$3.50)	Tue (\$2.50/\$3.50)	Wed (\$2.50/\$3.50)	Thu (\$2.50/\$3.50)	Fri (\$2.50/\$3.50)	Sat
<u>Monthly Lunch Fee</u>  Adults: \$56.00 Student: \$40.00						1
2	3 Chicken Noodle Soup	4 Chicken Quesadillas	5 Mac N Cheese	6 Chicken Bunwich	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich	8
9	10 Hamburger Soup	11 Beef Quesadillas	12 Lasagna	13 Pork Bunwich	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich	15
16	17 Cream of Potato Soup	18 Soft/Hard Chicken Taco	19 Chicken Casserole	20 Beef Bunwich	21 Lunchables Indigenous Day	22
23	24 Sausage gnocchi Soup	25 Soft/Hard Beef Taco	26 Beef Egg Noodle Casserole	27 <b>Last Day of School Early Dismissal 12:00</b>	28	29
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# Syilx Nation Virtual Grandmothers Meetings

First Meeting: June 26, 2024  
10:00am

The goal of the virtual Grandmothers Meetings is to unite the Nations Grandmothers to voice their vision for the well-being of the Nations Children and Families, and the Nations path forward for support services.

The virtual Grandmothers Gatherings have been scheduled for the last Wednesday of every second month.

For more information, call or message Muriel “Ducky” Tanner at 250-859-1558, or email: [communityplanner1@syilx.org](mailto:communityplanner1@syilx.org)





# OIB FORESTRY BUSINESS PARTNERS & JOB FAIR

WED · JUNE 26 · 10AM–2PM

## All Community Members Welcome!

Stop by the Band office “**under the Hat**” to meet with our Forestry business partners.

**Visit each booth** to learn more about their business, ask questions about their operations, and discuss some of the **job postings available!**

We will be open from 10:00am to 2:00pm so **stop by anytime** and stay as long as you like.

All ages are welcome to come and learn about the **variety of jobs and careers** that the forest industry has to offer.

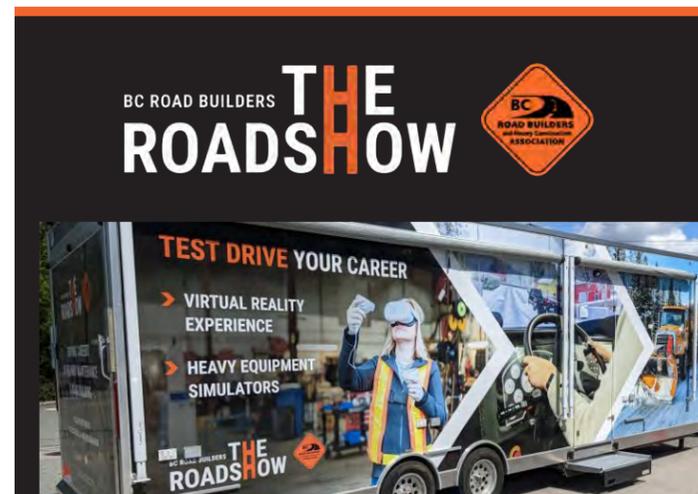


## Job Postings and Training Opportunities

FREE BBQ thanks to  
Sutherland Group!

Drive the equipment  
simulator from YRB

Or just come by  
and say Hello!



Check out the BC Roadbuilders  
“Road Show” Simulator.

## GET BEHIND THE WHEEL

- Test drive a career in highway maintenance and road building
- Packed with simulators and virtual reality technology
- A chance to experience a career in highway maintenance and road-building

FOR MORE INFO: [BCROADSHOW.CA](http://BCROADSHOW.CA)



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NK'MIP FORESTRY  
dmacmaster@oib.ca for more information

# Missed classes for the **Youth Pre-employment Workshops for July/August Employment 2024**

Any youth who have missed the May 13th Don Burnstick workshop can make up by doing the following:

The steps to make up workshops are:

1. You will schedule an appointment with Ramona Bent to make up for the S.A.D. workshop.
2. You will need to complete a Health through Humour workshop and attend an evening workshop with the OIB Wellbriety group; please connect with Ramona Bent or Roger Hall for the next weekly scheduled meeting in the community.
3. Ramona Bent can be reached at rbent@oib.ca or 250-498-3444.
4. ***Next scheduled Workshop is on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at the Osoyoos Indian Band office with Jarrah and Leona.***

Once you have successfully completed all the missed workshops, you must provide Jarrah and Leona with your signed-off Workshop sheet. This will ensure that you are included on the list for potential summer employment opportunities within OIB.



# Job Posting



**INTERNAL x** (OIB Membership) and External

The Job Posting will be posted at ,Osoyoos Indian Band NK'Mip Resource Centre, OIBDC, OIBDC Businesses, Sen Pok Chin, NK'Mip Daycare)

**EXTERNAL**

Date: On-Going	Educational Assistant	
Contact Person: Osoyoos Indian Band Department: Leona Baptiste: <a href="mailto:lbaptiste@oib.ca">lbaptiste@oib.ca</a> ; Julie Shaw Principal: <a href="mailto:principal@senpokchin.com">principal@senpokchin.com</a>	Phone: 250-498-3444	Phone: 250-498-2019
Company: Senpaq'cin Elementary School		
Under the supervision of the principal or designate, and the guidance of the classroom and support teacher(s), the education assistant implements supports for students.		
<b>Examples of Job Duties and Responsibilities:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate in the implementation of supports as outlined in the Individual Education Plan (IEP);</li> <li>2. Assist students with effective strategies for personal, social and intellectual competencies;</li> <li>3. Monitor student progress through the collection of evidence as requested;</li> <li>4. Provide personal care coverage;</li> <li>5. Supervise, promote and facilitate student involvement;</li> <li>6. Utilize technology to support student learning;</li> <li>7. Attend meetings and accompany students on field trips as requested;</li> <li>8. Participate in job-related training and staff development;</li> <li>9. Communicate positively and effectively, and interact as a collaborative and consultative team member;</li> <li>10. Understand and act in accordance with school and Band policies and procedures, district Health and WorkSafeBC regulations;</li> <li>11. Maintain confidentiality; and</li> <li>12. Other duties as assigned.</li> </ol>		
<b>Required Qualifications</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade 12 graduation plus completion of accredited Education Assistant Certificate or relevant continuing education certificate (such as Early Childhood Educator, Health Care Assistant, or Child/Youth Care Worker) or post-secondary education (1<sup>st</sup> year including 3 courses in human behaviour such as psychology and sociology);</li> <li>2. Criminal Records Check for Working with the Vulnerable Sector;</li> <li>3. Completion of an approved autism and related disorders course;</li> <li>4. Four months recent experience working with children in a structured program or classroom setting;</li> <li>5. Knowledge and understanding of working with First Nation's communities;</li> <li>6. Demonstrated knowledge in literacy and numeracy;</li> <li>7. Other education/experience as required for specific posting;</li> <li>8. Ability to learn and perform personal and specialized care procedures;</li> <li>9. Demonstrated computer literacy skills including the ability to integrate the use of technology to support an effective learning environment – including PECS – Picture Exchange Communication System;</li> <li>10. Ability to take direction from the supervisor and work as part of a team;</li> <li>11. Effective communication skills in verbal, written and electronic format;</li> <li>12. Strong problem-solving and organizational skills; and</li> <li>13. Physical ability to perform all aspects of the position.</li> </ol>		



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**EXTERNAL**

Location	1156 SenPokChin Blvd. Oliver BC V0H 1T8
Start Date	September 3, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Workdays & Hours	Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Term of Employment	1 year with the option of renewal for the 2025-2026 school year
Pay Rate	Based on CUPE Pay Grid for SD 53
Deadline for Application	Open until filled
Email	Send resume, cover letter and references to Leona Baptiste: lbaptiste@oib.ca and Julie Shaw: principal@senspokchin.com

## Youth Pre employment workshops for July/August employment 2024

**Workshop 1: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (OIB Band Hall)**

**If unable to attend in person we have a zoom link available to all who request prior to the workshop – Please ask Jarrah or Leona for the link.**

### **S.A.D.- Don Burnstick**

*Sex, Alcohol, and Drugs - Youth Development* During the time that Don has worked with youth there have been three consistent impacting issues: sex, alcohol, and drugs. This high-energy workshop educates youth on sex, alcohol, and drug issues, coping skills, and refusal skills through his unique style of humour and inspiration.

**Workshop 2: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (OIB Band Hall)**

### **HEALING THROUGH HUMOUR Don Burnstick**

*“Laughter is Good Medicine”* Our Elders say, “laughter is good medicine”. As Don shares this traditional teaching, he discusses some difficult topics but leaves the audience members enlightened, inspired, and entertained. *(Please note this is not a comedy show, it is a workshop which discusses the importance of laughter as traditional medicine)*

**Workshop 3: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Leadership Training/ HR policies 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

***ALL OIB/Community youth ages 12-18 will need to submit proof of all completed workshops/updated resume, OTDC forms/ Parental consent forms or NO placements/JOBS will be given. Youth can start submitting requests by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, after final workshop is complete, first come, first serve.***

Workshop Name	Date/Signed	Signed off by whom:
S.A.D.- Don Burnstick- <b>OIB Hall</b>	May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	
HEALING THROUGH HUMOUR Don Burnstick- <b>OIB Hall</b>	May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, at 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	
Live Show (optional) <b>SPC Gym</b>	May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	
<i>Leadership Training/ HR policies - <b>Band Office</b></i>	<i>June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</i>	



## // HEALTHCARE RECORDS AND REGISTRATION CLERK COURSE

Do you want to find a new career in the health care industry with a great income, amazing benefits, and a vast amount of opportunities for career advancement?

CanScribe's **Health Records and Registration Clerk** course prepares you for an amazing career with comprehensive training on a wide range of topics, such as Microsoft Office, record management, health-care systems, and more. *Explore the variety of career options after completion of the course below.*

### Health Records Careers

The **Health Records File Clerk** performs clerical duties related to the retention of accurate patient records that can be accessed when they are needed. File clerks prepare, retrieve, distribute and maintain health records in our acute care hospitals.

The **Health Information Processing Clerk** focuses on managing patient information and records, ensuring accuracy through quantitative analysis, maintaining electronic tracking systems, generating correspondence, addressing inquiries and handling Freedom of Information requests.

**Starting Hourly Wages** - *Shift premiums are available.*

*Health Records File Clerk - \$24.80 | Health Information Processing Clerk - \$26.63*

### Patient Registration Clerk Careers

In this role, you will work in a customer-focused setting, performing clerical and patient registration duties such as completing admission documentation, explaining eligibility information, obtaining signatures, receiving payments and issuing receipts, providing information and directions to visitors and handling telephone inquiries, and processing mail.

**Starting Hourly Wages**

*Patient Registration Clerk - \$27.10*

## Switchboard Operator Careers

In this role you will be responsible for operating the switchboard, public address and paging systems accepting and directing calls from a variety of customers; providing information and directions to visitors, responds and monitors hospital alarms and emergency codes, registering patients, performing cashier functions, and, in some hospitals, completing health records clerical duties.

### Starting Hourly Wages

*Switchboard Operator* - \$27.56

## // MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST COURSE

The **Medical Transcriptionist** course equips you with the knowledge and practical training to begin your successful career.

By transcribing dictated audio recordings, medical transcriptionists produce typed documents for patient records, ensuring prompt access to accurate health documentation.

## Medical Transcriptionist Careers

In this role, you'll manage transcription tasks such as typing, transcribing, and editing reports and clinical notes using approved software, ensuring accuracy by consulting with physicians and supervisors. You'll verify report information, maintain client confidentiality, and handle administrative duties, such as requisition retrieval, report distribution, software troubleshooting, and office support.

### Starting Hourly Wages

*Medical Transcriptionist* - \$28.01



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Registration Clerk Course

Medical Transcriptionist  
Course

