

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025



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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Belated Birthday To Gabrielle Bryson

Jace Armstrong	Nathan Marshall	Lindsay Anderson (Kovacs)
Dale George	Dominik Baptiste	Mykelty Lezard
Moses Alex	Jimmy Baptiste	Raymond Gallagher
Dawn Baptiste	Caine Kruger	Mark Overton
Diana Baptiste	Bravis Paul	Summer David
Maria Baptiste	Benjamin Robinson	Lilly Thew
George Makortoff	Celia George	Jenni Louie
Kevin James Louie	Gustav Holmstrom	Kaitlyn Aubin
Samera Gabriel	Steven Tyler Louie	Zoey Baptiste
Fotula Louie	Tanner Runyon	Jordan Polychroniou
Justin Hall	Kaden Webber-Bent	Khaila Wilson
Loni Vanheusden	Somer Shiels	Kehnen Titus
Leah Foster	MaKenzie Wilber	Tanyia Duteau
Kxansulu'xw Hall	Travis Bolenback	Zenaya Louie
Ryan Baptiste	Kaykaitkw Hall	Dazzlynn Kruger
Esmeralda Falkus	Charlie Rae Pruitt	Brooke Tanner
Savannah Blackstock	Ivaya Gittens	Samuel Espinoza-Gabriel
Loki Connor-Baptiste	Mercury Fosse	Persephone Fosse
Xwathqwalem Clark=Hall	Grayson Baptiste-Schanuel	Natalia Baptiste-Cawston
Virgil Abrahamson-Wynecoop		

BAND MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the next **MONTHLY BAND MEETING** will be
5pm May Thursday 29th, 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 and she will make up
an agenda.

Sincerely,
Chief Clarence Louie

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



OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND

1155 Sen Pok Chin Blvd, PHONE: (250) 498-3444 - FAX: (250) 498-6577, OLIVER, BC
VOH1T8

May 5th, 2025

NOTICE

OIB Maintenance Department Equipment Policy

Over the past few years an issue has developed with Band members borrowing equipment and tools from the OIB Maintenance Department and unfortunately, sometimes (not all the time) do not get returned or comes back needing repairs due to missuse. This has accrued over the recent years to costing the band thousands of dollars in replacements and repairs. For Example, last year, 6 out of 8 powered weed wackers costing \$800 each were lent out and not returned totalling over \$4800.

After hearing this, Council and The Maintenance Department have come to the agreement that **OIB Maintenance Department can no longer lend out equipment and tools to band members.**

Clarence Louie

Tony Baptiste

Nathan McGinnis

Signed by:


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🚨 Important Notice: Protecting Our Golf Course 🚨

It has come to our attention that there have been instances of individuals riding bikes / quads on the golf course.

While we understand the enjoyment of outdoor activities, we must emphasize that these vehicles can cause significant damage to the course.

To preserve the integrity of our greens and fairways, we kindly ask all members and visitors to refrain from riding any vehicles on the golf course.

If an OIB member is found responsible for any damage, the cost of repairs will directly impact the amount of distribution in December.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the quality and beauty of our golf course for everyone's enjoyment.

please respect the NK'Mip canyon golf course





PLEASE JOIN OUR
MOTHER'S DAY
LUNCH

FRIDAY, MAY 9 AT 12:00 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

OPEN TO ANY MOTHERS WHO LIVE ON OR
WORK ON OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND

HOSTED BY
KN'MIP
RESOURCE
CENTRE



Snowwater

Summer Youth Work Opportunity



8 weeks | 40hr/week | \$25/hr
2 Positions Available

Apply for Summer 2025!





Feeding our Relatives (our Ancestors) Ceremony 2025

I was told by a medicine man a few years back that our relatives are hungry and would like clothing or material as they can make their own clothing in spirit world. I have put food out once in awhile but thought about having a ceremony at the graveyard for them for a few years and I think the time has come for me to do a burning of food and clothing/ material for them.

For those would like to join me, I request that you bring out your favorite food for your relative and either clothing or material to burn for them. I will bring the tobacco to put onto the plate. (the burning of the food and material will be at Alan Louie place, where we will have a fire pit that is donated by the band) We will say prayers over the offerings & those that have songs to share or drum, are welcome to sing. You can also take the time if you wish to clean off the graves of your family member and smudge.

To clean off graves we will meet at graveyard 10 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. and after the ceremony at grave yard we can go to creek to wash hands and send tobacco down stream with payers. Then from the graveyard we meet at Alan Louies for the burning of the food and clothing and from there to band office basement board room for a meal.

Also, bring umbrella if too hot and chairs to sit on if needed at graveyard. You can call me, Ramona Bent at 250 485 8246 if you have any questions.

Date: May 25th – 10th a.m. – Nk'Mip Graveyard

Hello everyone, Jeddy Baptiste here, letting everyone know that I am the new housing coordinator. I've attached a few things for homeowners, renters and occupants to be aware of and that's a couple preventative maintenance practices to prolong the life of your/the home and its infrastructure.

Keeping your gutters clean and free of debris make sure draining properly. If the waters not draining properly, it can flow upwards underneath your shingles and promote leaky roofs. Which will lead to major damage inside and mould. Homes with lots of pine trees around will most likely have build up of pine needles. A+ Gutter and Window Cleaning is a local company can use for gutter cleaning, # **250 495 9993**.

Septic systems should last on average 20-40 years. If its not lasting that long there are a few things that people could be putting down the drain that will lead to defects and wreck the system. I've attached a list of stuff that should never go down the drain, toilet to promote the longevity of your septic system.

Another key factor in prolonging the life of your house is keeping the bathroom clean, and making sure the fans are working, otherwise the moisture is going to build up and create mold. Always use the fan when showering (make sure fan is clean as well) and even opening the window a crack afterwards to help dry it out. Furnace filters are the responsibility of the tenant or homeowner, as per the housing policy and should be checked monthly to promote the longevity and efficiency of your system.

Anyone interested in renting at the new building down in Osoyoos on the same road as Nk'Mip Campground can see me for applications. Wolf Creek Housing Society.

Also remember not everything requires calling maintenance, **tenants are required to do minor repairs as per the housing policy and CMHC's policy**. Reminder to please pay your rent, without rent payments there won't be anymore houses being built for future generations and most of the upcoming youth who will need homes soon. I have already talked with the controller on setting up automatic debit payments so it will come out of your account monthly automatically and will be required to sign from anyone not working for the band, then won't have any excuses.

Thanks



Jeddy Baptiste

Housing Coordinator

WHY GUTTER MAINTENANCE IS IMPORTANT

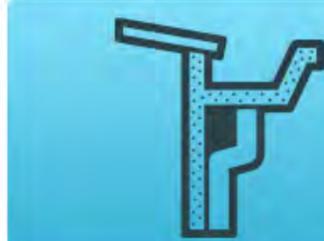
Proper gutter maintenance is essential to protecting several areas of your home from damage.

Why is that so important?



Water Redirection

Your gutter system is your home's primary defense against water damage to the siding and foundation



Prevent Cracks, Leaks & Holes

Regular maintenance is what will keep your gutter system from needing excessive repairs



Avoid Pooling in Gutters

Neglected, clogged gutters are prone to pooling water, putting undue stress on your system and causing sagging gutters

Possible Cracks in Foundation



Soil saturated from pooling water can put your foundation under additional stress, potentially causing cracks and expensive repairs



Avoid Costly Repairs

Diligently maintaining your gutter system means you're much less likely to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on repairs over the years

For all of your gutter service needs in Fort Collins and all along the Colorado Front Range, contact the professionals at Front Range Seamless Gutters!

www.frsg.net

DO FLUSH

The following can be flushed down the toilet.



Toilet paper

DO NOT FLUSH

The following cannot go in the toilet as they can clog pipes and septic systems.



Paper towels



Cigarette butts



Disposable diapers



Wipes
(Baby or flushable)



Feminine hygiene
products



Plastics



Medications



Cotton
(Cotton swabs or balls)



Dental floss



Toxic Substances

Dispose these items in the trash.



YARD INITIATIVE PROJECT

If you are a OIB band member who loves taking pride in their yard, submit a before & after photo of you and your families working in your yard by May 30th at noon.

The photos can be yard clean up, landscaping, or maintenance.

Submit photos via text, email OR the OIB Official Facebook page.

Talon (250) 485-2167 talonbaptiste@oib.ca

Or Melissa (250) 328-9521 communitysupport2@oib.ca

1st Prize : \$300 gift card to Garden Works

2nd Prize : \$200 gift card to Canadian Tire

3rd prize : Garden Basket





OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND



GRADUATION

CLASS OF

2025

MONDAY JUNE 23 AT 5PM

“UNDER THE HAT” 1155 SEN POK CHIN BLVD

Please join us in celebrating the

OIB 2025 Secondary

and Post Secondary Graduates

Ceremony at 5pm with dinner to follow

Photo: 2024 OIB Secondary Graduates



Contact Shan Peltier for more information: 250-498-7147 or edu@oib.ca

EDUCATION UPDATE

Shannon Peltier

edu@oib.ca

250-498-7147

May 2025



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Local Education Agreement (LEA): OIB is in the process of updating the LEA. This is a contract/agreement between OIB and SD53. We held an information session the 15th of April and we would like to hold another one on May 27th at 5pm location TBD. Please save the date and keep posted for more information. It is important to have community input in this as it will help to improve OIB graduation rates which are currently below the provincial average.

OIB will also be holding bi-monthly parent engagement sessions starting in August so that families are informed and up to date on local Education updates that affect their children/youth.

ATTENTION ALL OIB GRADS

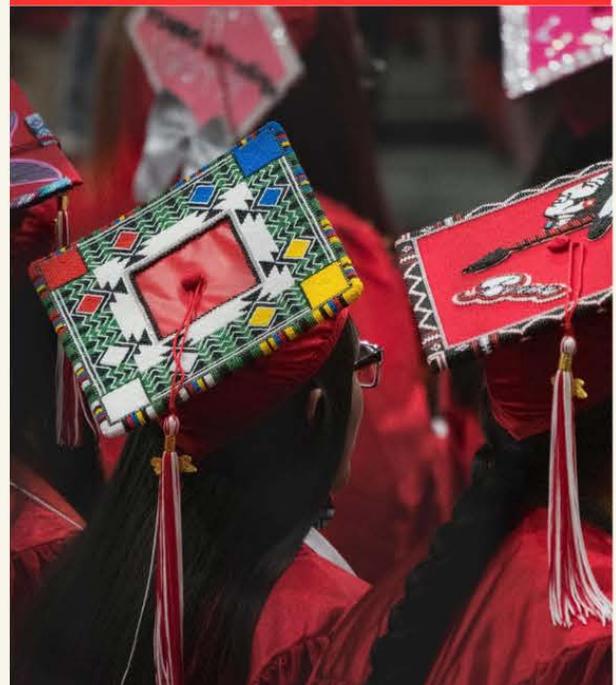
Are you graduating this school year from High School or Post Secondary? Please email Shan with your Full Name, where you are graduating from, what kind of certification you will be receiving and if you will be attending the OIB grad on Monday June 23rd.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

OIB will pay for your graduation ceremony fee including your graduation trip fee. Please talk to Shan for more information.

If you are attending prom: You are responsible for your own ticket and your own outfit.

If you are purchasing photos, you are responsible for those fees as well.



OIB Graduates

for Secondary (High School) and Post-Secondary June 2025 (2)

Attention all OIB members. Are you graduating high school or completing Post Secondary this spring? Please fill out this quick form.

* Required

1. Are you graduating from: High School Post Secondary

2. Please let us know the name of the institution (school) you are graduating from, and what kind of certificate you will be receiving. * i.e.: High School: Full Dogwood diploma, Adult Graduation, or Evergreen (if you are unsure, ask someone at your school).

i.e.: Post Secondary: Certificate, diploma, degree - and what is the title of your certification.

3. Will you be attending the OIB Graduation Ceremony held under the Hat behind the band office on Monday June 23rd, 2025 at 5pm? * Yes No

4. If yes, how many people approximately will be attending on your behalf (including you)?

5. If you will not be attending. Please provide a mailing address for us to mail your check to.

6. Please put your full name as you would like it read out loud. *

7. For the ceremony (whether you are attending or not): Please provide a write up for us to say as you come to the front to collect your check and for you to be recognized by the community. You can include your family members, instructors, community members that you would like to thank, and any accomplishments you've achieved, or a quote you would like to share, etc. This should be 100 words or less. *

8. Any additional questions for the Education Director?

COMMUNITY DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A COMMUNITY DINER AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL

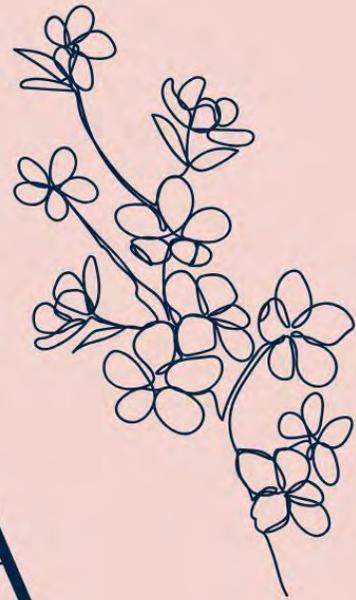
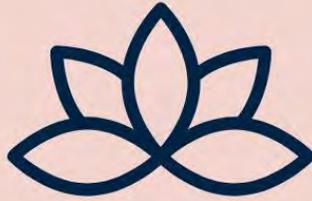
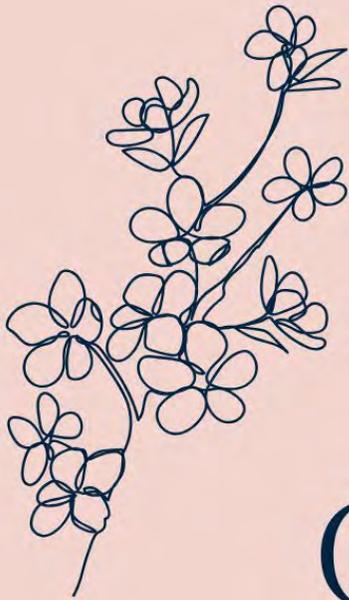
THURSDAY, MAY 15

@ 5 PM

LANA WILL BE MAKING A ROAST
BEEF DINNER WITH DESSERT
AND DRINKS

HOSTED BY N'KMIP
RESOURCE CENTRE





CHAIR YOGA

WITH PATTI LANSDELL

Nk'Mip Resource Centre
Downstair Board Room

TUESDAY
5:00 - 6:00PM

May 13, 2025
May 27, 2025

Open for Everyone to Join the Fun!

No Sign Up Required

*Please Enter Through Downstairs Boardroom
Park in the Back or By Daycare Drop Off*

OIB YOUTH CENTER/GYM MAY SCHEDULE 2025

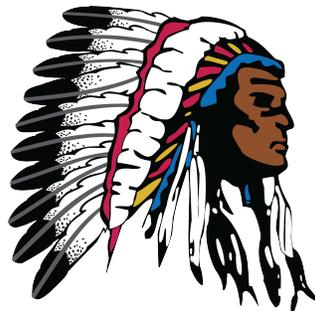
Sunday		Closed
Monday	Right to Play (RTP)	3:00PM-5:00PM
	Archery	3:30PM-5:30PM
	Crafting for OIB Youth w/Sherry Baptiste (Ages 6-12)	5:30PM-6:30PM
Tuesday	Right to Play (RTP)	3:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday	Right to Play (RTP)	3:00PM-5:00PM
	Ninja Nastics w/Sherry Baptiste (Ages 6-12)	5:30PM-6:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	6:30PM-8:00PM
Thursday	Right to Play (RTP)	3:00PM-5:00PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Friday	Right to Play (RTP)	3:00PM-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)

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

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





Employment Youth training 2025

May 14th, 2025, from 3:30 pm 4:30 pm OIB Office

Communication Skills/Resume Writing

Keynote speaker: Jarrah Feist Employment and Training Officer for OTDC & Leona Baptiste HR Director

- Listening is one of the most important aspects of communication.
- Straight talking. Conversation is the basis of communication, and one must not neglect its importance.
- Communication with managers and supervisors and what to do
- Resume building and getting updated resumes in yearly.

May 22nd, 2025, from 3:30 pm 4:30 pm OIB Office

Self care with stress management

Keynote speaker: Tabitha Eneas

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of your body
- Make time to unwind
- Tools on how to deal with stressful situations with home, school and friends

May 29th and 30th, 2025, from 3:30 pm 5:00 pm OIB Office (2 classes)

Cultural Workshop on making a Dream catchers, Rattles

Keynote speaker: Carol Louie, Ramona Bent and Tony Pulido

- On the importance of how to make dream catchers
- Teachings around them
- Story telling

June 12th, 2025, from 3:30 pm 5:00 pm OIB Office

Leadership Training & Spotted Lake trip

Keynote speaker: Clarence Louie Chief Executive Officer OIBDC

- Set short- and long-term goals.
- Determine your priorities for the week.
- Create a schedule.
- Delegate less important tasks.
- Practice stress management techniques.
- Focus one task at a time.



- Limit distractions and interruptions.

Pre-Employment Youth training 2025 Sign off Sheet.

Youth Workshops of employment	Date	Signatures
Review on resume writing/communication with managers	May 14 th 2025	
Mental Health and how to coop with school, work, and friends.	May 22 nd 2025	
Cultural Workshop	May 29 th and May 30 th (2 days)	
Leadership training/ Spotted Lake tour	June 12 th 2025	

Date: _____

Name: _____

List names of place you would like to submit your resume to and attach resume with this sheet of paper:

Job Posting

INTERNAL x(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: April 30, 2025	Position: Human Resources Manager
Company/Operational Area: Osoyoos Indian Band/Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation	
Location: Oliver B.C	
Basic Responsibilities: The Human Resources Manager is primarily responsible for planning, organizing, directing, controlling, and evaluating the human resources needs of the Osoyoos Indian Band/Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation with the HR Director. This role will have the opportunity to shape the human resources growth, policy and strategic vision of the Osoyoos Indian Band/Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation. Reporting to the HR Director/Chief Executive Officer, the Human Resources Manager will be responsible for overseeing personnel management, including wage increases, promotions, and disciplinary actions in compliance with company policies. This position will also work closely with the Osoyoos Indian Band leadership and Osoyoos Indian Band Corporation Executive Team and Operational Managers to determine staffing requirements and oversee the recruitment process.	
Minimum Qualifications Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree or diploma in business administration and Human Resources Management• CHRP designation in Human Resources is preferred.• Minimum of 7 to 10 years of work experience in a progressive human resources context (i.e. specialist, generalist or senior management position).• Demonstrated ability to meet strategic objectives for HR and the organization.• Demonstrated ability to manage HR core processes such as talent management, succession planning, and employee relations.• Able to make sound business decisions and evidence based recommendations to senior management.• Effective communication skills with individuals at all levels of the organization.• Effective written and verbal communication skills as well as presentation skills.• Sound leadership, staff management, and teambuilding skills.• Computer literacy, including effective working skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook required.• Able to interpret and implement personnel related legislation.• Demonstrated extensive experience and knowledge of federal and provincial labour laws	
Work Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in a busy office environment with frequent interruptions.• Attending and conducting presentations.• Overtime as required.	
Start Date	ASAP
Hours of Work	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Term of Employment	Full time year around
Pay Rate	Bases on wage scale
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste HR Director Email: lbaptiste@oib.ca	Phone: (250) 498-3444 ext.: 3028

Equipment Operator - Packaging

[Apply](#)

locations

Oliver

time type

Full time

posted on

Posted 2 Days Ago

job requisition id

R-12301

Job Description:

We are currently recruiting for a Temporary Contract Packaging Equipment Operator in our Oliver production facility. This position is responsible for maximizing output for the bottling operation with no quality defects on all lines as required. This will be a 4 month contract.

Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure timely start up of equipment and the use of correct materials at all times
- Maintain a continuous production flow by making the necessary adjustments and corrections to equipment
- Diligently record and maintain all quality inspections and downtime as required
- Minimize losses or raw material and report excessive defective material
- Assist other positions on the line as required to maintain continuous production and assist with line changes

What you bring:

- Grade 12 education and experience in manufacturing environment preferred
- Effective communication and people skills
- Ability to multi-tasking
- Team player
- Goal oriented
- Mechanical aptitude (equipment knowledge)
- ISO 9001:3000
- HACCP
- WHMIS

What we offer:

- An organization that cares about Corporate Social Responsibility
- Training & Development Programs
- An opportunity to learn about the world of wine

Compensation: \$21.00/hr

We are committed to establishing a qualified workforce that reflects the diverse population it serves and we encourage applications from all qualified individuals. We are also committed to preventing and removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities, and we invite you to inform us should you have any accessibility or accommodation needs.

Job Posting

INTERNAL X For OIB Members “only” (OIB Office, NK’Mip Resource Centre, OIBDC, OIBDC Businesses, Sen Pok Chin, NK’Mip Daycare)

Date: April 29 th , 2025	Position: Full-time and Part-time/on-call Budtenders (2 positions)
Company/Operational Area: Desert Valley Retail, LLP	
Location: Osoyoos Location	
Basic Responsibilities: In a recreational cannabis retail store, provide a premium retail experience to the customers we serve using strong product knowledge with a friendly and professional approach. We are currently seeking a full-time and a part-time Budtenders for our Osoyoos location who will guide our customers to finding the ideal product for the specific experience they are looking for.	
Minimum Qualification Requirements: <i>* Knowledge of cannabis retail products is a huge asset</i> <i>* Completion of Selling It Right is a huge asset</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">You have strong customer service skillsYou have demonstrated sales experienceYou have experience with POS systems/Cash HandlingYou have strong communication, time management and problem-solving skillsYou have a positive attitude and are a team player that can be counted on	
Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Drive sales and customer service excellence that is focused on educating customers on all cannabis products and accessories we carryDeliver a comfortable and professional shopping experienceEnsure the proper execution of standard operating proceduresKnowledge of each product within the complete range of new and current products available for purchaseUse of a point of sale (POS) system, transactions and opening and closing processesEnsure the store is clean and organized each shiftHave knowledge of and comply with the cannabis industry regulationsAdhere to all policies and procedures to ensure the safety of self, team members and customersDiffuse difficult situations with customers as requiredOther duties as required	
Skill and Knowledge Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Must be at least 19 years oldSuccessful applicants must complete “Selling it Right” through the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch if they have not already it.Shifts work includes mornings, evenings and weekends as required	
Start Date	May 2025 - Open until filled
Workdays	5 days a week - shift work
Hours of Work	Shift work
Term of Employment	Part-Time/On-call
Pay Rate	\$18.00-\$21.00 an hour depending on experience
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste HR Director	Email: lbaptiste@oib.ca or 250-498-3444

Job Posting

Millwright II - \$42.00/hr

Apply

Oliver

Full time

Job Description:

ARTERRA PRODUCTION FACILITY - MILLWRIGHT II

Role Summary:

This role is responsible for installing and maintaining company assets in good order to ensure business continuity and productivity.

Key Responsibilities:

Perform minor and major repair of production equipment and building as required

Repair and adjust equipment during operations to maintain line standards

Work as part of a team to repair equipment, such as and not limited to (assembly and disassembly of machinery)

Conduct changeovers and setups as required to meet production schedule

Perform scheduled preventative maintenance tasks as well as troubleshoot issues and suggest continuous improvement ideas

Execute duties in a consistent manner with plant safety, sanitation standards and quality assurance

Complete documentation and inspections as required

What You Bring:

Industrial Mechanic / Millwright Trade Certification

High school diploma

Valid Red Seal Preferred

Bottling or plant manufacturing experience and asset

Willing and able to work shifts such as days, afternoons, midnights, overtime, weekends and holidays

Motivated to take initiative and the ability to work independently.

Strong communication skills, interpersonal skills and strong work ethic

Basic computer skills and willingness to learn new computer programs

What we offer:

Competitive salary

Benefits and Pension Plan

Product Allowance

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

An organization that cares about Corporate Social Responsibility

We are committed to establishing a qualified workforce that reflects the diverse population it serves and we encourage applications from all qualified individuals. We are also committed to preventing and removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities, and we invite you to inform us should you have any accessibility or accommodation needs.

Job posting

Industrial Electrician

Apply here [Careers](#)

Oliver

Full time

Job Description:

As an Industrial Electrician you will be an integral part member of our Maintenance team and will be responsible for the maintenance, calibration, troubleshooting and repair of all electrical equipment and PLC systems within the Oliver Production Facility.

Job requirements:

Certified Industrial Electrician (Red Seal Endorsement)

Minimum 5 Years of experience within plant operations, preferably in the food and beverage industry, with a solid understanding of automated systems is required.

PLC Programming, Allen Bradley, Siemens Experience is an Asset

Team Player

Ability to Follow Instructions while Working Independently

Speak, Read, and Write English

Passion to Improve and a Willingness to Learn

Dedicated to safety, quality and customer satisfaction

Ability to work Shift Work (Including Occasional Graveyard and Weekend Shifts)

What we offer:

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Product Allowances

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Tuition reimbursement

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**Indigenous Education Program
School District No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen**

Mission Statement:

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'Enhancing students' pride and success through traditional Okanagan and Similkameen people`s ways of learning.'



Please join us in celebrating the
**Indigenous Graduates
of 2024/25**

Location: SnaƆsnulaxtn Campground
(Ashnola Pow-wow Grounds)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Celebration at 5:00 PM

Dinner for grads and guests following ceremony

Please RSVP: hgallagh@sd53.bc.ca OR: netty@sd53.bc.ca

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Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Dkka6bHhHsGi54A6>



nsyilxcn Language Career Fair

DOOR
PRIZES
EVERY
HOUR

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your path is our language

MAY 21, 2025
10:00AM 4:00PM
EN'OWKIN CENTRE



Testimonials from
nsyilxcn Language
students, Graduate &
Masters Students

SNACKS
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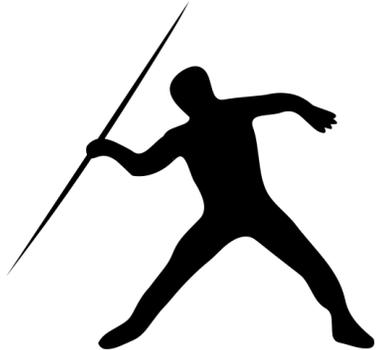
FEATURING nsyilxcn
Music Performance by:
Nakoda Parker, Ian
Parker and KC Miller

For More Information Contact

Michael Conlin 250-718-0874

nsylcommunications@enowkincentre.ca



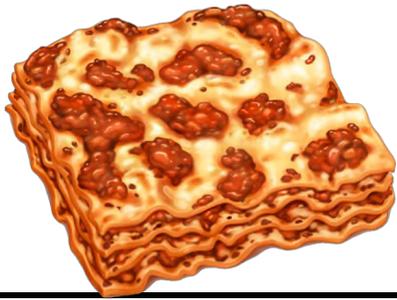


May 2025

Sen Pok Chin School Event Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Spirit North Biking</i> <i>Gr. 5/6 9:30—12:00</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>Flower order -Pick up</i> Gr.6 Immunizations <i>Science Fair</i> <i>10:15—12:00</i>	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	12 <i>Gr. 2/3 Public Library</i> <i>11:00—12:00</i>	13	14	15 <i>Spirit North Biking</i> <i>Gr. 6/7 9:30—12:00</i> <i>SPC Parent Night</i> <i>Cultural Activities in garden</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Victoria Day</i> <i>School Closed</i>	20	21	22 <i>Spirit North Biking</i> <i>Gr.4 9:30—12:00</i> <i>Welcome to K4</i> <i>5:30 -6:30 pm</i>	23 <i>Okanagan Traditional Games/Track Meet</i> <i>Gr. 6—Ms.Munckhofs</i> <i>Gr. 5/6—Ms.Bailey's</i>	24
25	26 <i>K5—Amazia Farm</i> <i>9:00—10:30</i>	27 <i>Gr. 7 Year End Trip to Revelstoke</i> <i>(May 27—30)</i>	28 <i>Teacher Inquiry Day</i> <i>Early Dismissal 12:00</i> <i>Gr. 7 Year End Trip to Revelstoke</i>	29 <i>Gr. 7 Year End Trip to Revelstoke</i> <i>Spirit North Biking</i> <i>Gr. 2/3 9:30—12:00</i>	Gr. 7 Year End Trip to Revelstoke	31



May 2025

Sen Pok Chin School Lunch Calendar



Sun	Mon (\$3.00/\$5.00)	Tue (\$3.00/\$5.00)	Wed (\$3.00/\$5.00)	Thu (\$3.00/\$5.00)	Fri (\$3.00/\$5.00)	Sat
<u>Lunch Fees</u> <i>Student: \$3.00 daily</i> <i>\$50.00 monthly</i> <i>Adult: \$5.00 daily</i> <i>\$75.00 monthly</i>	Lunch Fee is Due no later than May 9th			1 <i>Beef Bunwich</i>	2 <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</i>	3
4	5 <i>Italian Wedding Soup</i>	6 <i>Chicken Quesadillas</i>	7 <i>Lasagna</i>	8 <i>Chicken Bunwich</i>	9 <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</i>	10
11	12 <i>Chicken Noodle Soup</i>	13 <i>Beef Soft/Hard Tacos</i>	14 <i>Sheperd's Pie</i>	15 <i>Pork Bunwich</i>	16 <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</i>	17
18	19 <i>Victoria Day School Closed</i>	20 <i>Chicken Soft/Hard Tacos</i>	21 <i>Mac N Cheese + Salmon</i>	22 <i>Ham Bunwich</i>	23 <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</i>	24
25	26 <i>Beef Potato Soup</i>	27 <i>Beef Quesadillas</i>	28 <i>Teacher Inquiry Day Early Dismissal 12:00</i>	29 <i>Salmon + Tuna Bunwich</i>	30 <i>Pizza</i>	31



FATHER'S DAY

BBQ LUNCH

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AT 12:00 PM

**UNDER THE "HAT" BY THE BAND
OFFICE**

**OPEN TO ANY FATHERS LIVING
ON OR WORKING FOR OSOYOOS
INDIAN BAND**

Free tutoring for OIB and Community students

Who:

- OIB members and community, ages 10 and up to any age.
- Students enrolled at any elementary or high school, or You Learn or a Post-Secondary Institution, or distance learning, etc. Can also be an adult learner who might be interested in upgrading.

Where:

- Sen Pok Cin – Multi Purpose room and Library.

When:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-5:15
- On going until June 2025.

How:

- There are 2 paid tutors from SOSS to assist with Math and English and other subjects as needed.
- Gina Houle – Education Assistant from SOSS is head supervisor and one of the tutours. Snacks are provided.



No sign up required. Please contact jshaw@senpokchin.com or text/call Shan Peltier @ 250-498-7147

This is an OIB and community exclusive camp! If the youth are working for OIB they will still get paid while attending this camp. RSVP 250-498-7147 to Shan or email edu@oib.ca let's fill this camp up! If your student is going into grades 8-10 in September, they are welcome to attend but you must Register!



UBC Geering Up
Kelowna, Okanagan



ECO-ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP FOR TEENS

HEY, GRADE 8/9 STUDENTS!

Make your summer unforgettable with our **Eco-Engineering Summer Camp**! Get hands-on with real-world sustainability challenges, blending engineering with cultural knowledge.

WHY JOIN?

- **Create & Innovate:** Tackle real-world challenges in renewable energy, eco-friendly design, and sustainability.
- **Connect with Tradition:** Explore how cultural knowledge shapes engineering, from sustainable building to resourceful problem-solving.
- **Learn from University Mentors:** Work alongside university students who will inspire and guide you.
- **Boost Your Skills:** Develop teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity.
- **Celebrate Community:** Collaborate with peers, share stories, and see how engineering impacts everyday life.
- **Have Fun:** Dream big, solve exciting challenges, and bring your ideas to life!

DETAILS

Date: Monday July 7 - Friday July 11 2025

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: Free

Meals: A light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack will be provided free of charge.

Location: Sen Pok Chin School, Oliver BC

Whether you love protecting the land, designing for the future, or problem-solving, this camp lets you explore, create, and make a difference —all while having fun!

Spots are limited, so don't miss out! For the exclusive registration link **please email**

Shannon at edu@oib.ca



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9 AM - 4 PM

Osoyoos Curling Club

**Helping Armed Forces,
Emergency Services, Veterans
& Families**



HONOUR HOUSE GARAGE SALE

INFO: 778 - 387 - 1220

DROP ITEMS OFF FRIDAY MAY 16H AT REAR OF THE BUILDING

THEY ARE THERE WHEN WE NEED THEM, LET'S BE THERE WHEN THEY NEED US!

 **Support Hayden & Madeline Stelkia** 

**ON THEIR JOURNEY TO LIL'WAT CELEBRATIONS POW WOW
FOR THE TINY TOTS PRINCESS PAGEANT**

Hayden and Madeline Stelkia are selling **50/50 raffle tickets** to earn points toward the
Lil'wat Celebrations Pow Wow in Mt. Currie, June 6-8.

Tickets are just 3 for \$1, so grab yours today and support their journey!

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact **Chelsea Wilson at 250-689-8635.**

Let's come together and show our support!  



BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE BURSARY



HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES

The Building a Better Future initiative provides financial support to eligible Syilx Okanagan Nation members.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL MAY 23, 2025

SYILX SIYA AWARDS – \$1000

The Syilx Siya Bursary is awarded to **3 Syilx Okanagan high school graduates** who have demonstrated a willingness to dream big for themselves, their Nation, their community, and/or their family. These awards are intended to recognize service, leadership, and community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be attached by ancestry, identity and community to the Syilx Okanagan Nation
- You must graduate high school in the 2024-2025 academic year.

APPLY NOW!

Submit completed applications to:

 tmontgomery@syilx.org

 250-707-0095 ext. 120

 www.okanagannation.com

ABOUT THE BURSARY

This scholarship, bursary and award initiative recognizes student perseverance and achievement to encourage our members to continue their educational pursuits. These scholarships, bursaries and awards are for high school students graduating this Spring of 2024.



BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE BURSARY



SYILX SIYA AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPRING 2025
APPLICATION PACKAGE

www.okanagannation.com

2025 ONA BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE



What is the ONA Building a Better Future Initiative?

The ONA Building a Better Future Initiative is a program dedicated to supporting the educational endeavors of Syilx Okanagan Nation members. Bursaries between \$1000 - \$3500 are identified and supported through contributions from our partners so that we can provide educational awards. It is a core value of our Nation to celebrate and invest in our youth and recognize the next generation of leaders.

Please read all requirements for the applicable bursaries you are applying for.

SYILX SIYA AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

As part of our bursary program, we are pleased to offer three (3) \$1000 Syilx Siya bursaries. These awards are intended to recognize service, leadership, and community involvement.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

SYILX SIYA BURSARY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be attached by ancestry, identity, and community to the Syilx Okanagan Nation
- You must have graduated high school in the 2024-2025 school year.

Important Dates

- **Syilx Siya Bursary Application Deadline:** application packages must be received by 3 pm May 15, 2025
- **Award Announcement:** early June 2025
- **Payments:** June 2025

Application package requirements

- Students must ensure all application requirements are met before applying (See Checklist)
- Students are responsible to ensure that all information is up-to-date and included in the submission package.
- Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Include all attachments in one email. We will send you an email notification when your application has been received.

Email Completed Application to:

Tara Montgomery, ONA Communications Lead: tmontgomery@syilx.org

Important!

Read the terms carefully before completing your application and relevant supporting documentation.

Available Bursaries and Awards:

*** your application submission will be considered for the following awards for high school students*

Syilx Siya Awards – \$1000 each (3 available)

The Syilx Siya Bursary is awarded to Syilx Okanagan high school graduates who have demonstrated a willingness to dream big for themselves, their Nation, their community, and/or their family. These awards are intended to recognize service, leadership, and community involvement.

Funding for the 2025 Awards Sponsored by:

EMB Awards for Syilx Students sponsored 2 awards

EMB: Formed in 2014, EMB Management Ltd. (“EMB”) offers project development, project delivery, engineering, construction management and construction inspection services to utility and infrastructure clients across Western Canada. To help recognize high school graduates and recognize Syilx Okanagan Nation members in furthering their education, EMB introduced \$10,000 in total awards in 2022 as a component of our Building a Better Future Initiative. For the Syilx Siya Bursary, EMB has donated \$2000 towards two of the three Syilx Siya awards available.

FortisBC Education for Life sponsored 1 award

FortisBC: While building the Terasen Gas Southern Crossing Pipeline, Terasen Gas (now FortisBC) forged strong relationships with the member communities of the Okanagan Nation Alliance. In recognition, since 2009 Fortis BC established a Financial Award for Syilx Okanagan Nation members who are committed to building a better future for themselves and their community through post-secondary and vocational pursuits. This year FortisBC has added to that contribution by contributing toward one of the three Syilx Siya awards available.

SYILX SIYA BURSARY APPLICATION

The information provided in the application will be used for the purposes of administering, awarding, and promoting the Building a Better Future Initiative. You may be contacted about future employment, training, or financial support opportunities.

Personal Information

Name:			
Email:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Syilx Okanagan Nation Affiliation:			
High School:		Grad Date:	

Checklist

- Completed and signed Application.
- Copy of your, or your parent/grandparent status card or letter from member community confirming Syilx Okanagan ancestry.
- Personal Narrative (2 parts) Must be submitted as separate PDF documents.
- Unofficial high school transcripts.
- 2 letters of reference

Please provide 2 reference letters that not only speak to why you deserve the award but also incorporate the attributes of the award: service, leadership, and community involvement. References must not be family members.

By signing, I agree to the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) collecting, processing, and disclosing my information and contacting me with opportunities related to employment, training, scholarships, and bursaries. I agree to ONA using my name and photo in external and internal communications including websites and social media. I understand that the information I have provided is subject to verification and audit.

Student signature:		Date:	
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Consent of parent or guardian for applicants under the age of 18: The parent or guardian of the person named above, consent to the above-named student applying for the ONA Building a Better Future Award and to the disclosure of personal information for use during this application process.

Print Name:		Address:	
Parent or guardian signature:		Date:	

SYILX SIYA BURSARY APPLICATION

Your responses in this application to the questions below will inform the selection committee about your experiences, perspectives, community involvement, accomplishments, and goals. Please note: if you choose to submit a video it must be included as a link within your email submission.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE (2 PARTS)

1. What Is Your Story?

We invite you to share your story! Keeping in mind the bursary description, please use the bullet points below as a guide for your response.

Label document: [your full name] Story and attached as a separate document.

Your submission **must be between 400 - 500** words (approx. one page single spaced) **or** in a 2-3 minute video (including Dropbox link or attach video directly to the email)

- Introduce yourself, where you are from, what makes you, you?
- What are some of your accomplishments?
- What are your goals? What are your dreams for the future for yourself and/or family, community and nation?
- What aspirations do you hold for the future of Syilx People, whether in a broader context or specifically within your community or family?

2. How do you Actively Contribute to the Betterment of Your Community?

The Syilx Siya bursaries are awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate service, leadership, and community involvement. Keeping in mind the bursary description please use the bullet points below as a guide for your response.

Label your document: Community, [your full name] and attached as a separate document.

Your submission **should be approx. 400 - 500** words (approx. one page single spaced).

- How are you involved in your community?
- How have you been a leader in your life, could be school, family, sports, extracurricular activities or in general?
- Tell us about a time(s) that you were of service to your nation, community, or family.
- Share with us how you show up for your community and/or Nation.

** Community can be in whatever sense the word community means to you **



RCMP News
 Month of: April 2025
 Submitted by:
 South Okanagan RCMP First Nations Policing



The RCMP responded to 20 calls for service on the OIB during this period.

Assaults	1	Mental Health Act	
Robbery		Mischief	2
Harassment		Cause Disturbance	
Threats	2	Impaired Driving/Suspensions	
Break and Enter		Traffic	2
Theft Related	2	Vehicle Collisions	2
Fraud		Abandoned Vehicles	1
Stolen Property		Suspicious Occurrence	1
Possession of Drugs		False Alarms and False 911	1
Trafficking of Drugs		Animal Calls	
Other Criminal Code	1	Unspecified Assistance and Other	5

Monthly Safety Tip

The Oliver RCMP want to remind community members to drive safe this summer season. Here's some safety tips so you get to your destination safely!



Impaired and Distracted Driving:

- Plan ahead, find a sober driver or call a cab
- Ensure you're not over tired and you're well rested before long trips
- Keep your phone out of hands reach when driving, even at stop lights

Slow and Steady:

- Plan your trip, leave early and be prepared for delays
- Don't rush to your destination, enjoy the drive and follow speed limits
- Being in the South Okanagan means there will be slow moving vehicles on the roadway from time to time, ensure that you're patient and only pass when it's safe to do so

Wildlife:

- Wildlife can be difficult to see at night; ensure your lights are in working order
- Stay alert and watch for wildlife on the edges of roadways
- Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you
- Contact the RCMP or BC Highways if you spot a traffic hazard on the road



If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the **Oliver RCMP at 250-498-3422** or contact **Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display and calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to an arrest or charge you may be eligible for a cash award. **Dial 911 for emergencies.**

OIB Adult Colouring Contest



Please submit finished pages to Nk'mip Resource Centre by May 29th

Name:

Phone #:

OIB Kids Colouring Contest



There will be prizes for each age category: 0-6, 7-10, 9-13
Please submit finished pages to Nk'mip Resource Centre by May 29th

Age:

Name:

Phone #: