

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



JULY 2025



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Tanya Stelkia

Jason Baptiste

Benjamin Louie

Floyd Baptiste

Delaney Hall

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Stephanie Baptiste

Jorden Allen

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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

Tayio Louie



BAND MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the next **MONTHLY BAND MEETING** will be
5pm July Monday 7th, 2025
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



MAINTENANCE

OIB maintenance met with council on people leaving fridges and freezers with rotten food in them when dropped off at our dump.

**We clearly have a sign saying”
fridges and freezers” must be cleaned out before leaving.**

The landfill won't accept them if not clean, its not maintenance responsibility to clean out personal fridges and freezers from peoples homes, that is the homeowner or renters' responsibility.

Moving forward if this happens, we'll check our camera's at dump and 100% drop off unclean fridge or freezer at whoever's house left it.

Thanks for everyone's cooperation and understanding

OIB Maintenance



Job Posting's

Search for jobs or keywords

Search

Location ▼

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Job Category ▼

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The current job openings we have at the Oliver facility as well as our seasonal estate opportunities (see below for links to the postings on our Career page).

[Harvest Hand – Oliver Facility](#)

[Harvest Hand – Nk'Mip Cellars](#)

[Harvest Hand – Laughing Stock Vineyards](#)

[Restaurant Server – Nk'Mip Cellars](#)

[Winery Assistant Manager – See Ya Later Ranch](#)

[Winery Associate – Culmina Family Estate Winery](#)

[Winery Associate – See Ya Later Ranch](#)

[Winery Associate – Nk'Mip Cellars](#)

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[Winery Cellar Hand – Oliver Facility](#)

[Industrial Electrician – Oliver Facility](#)

[Millwright – Oliver Facility](#)

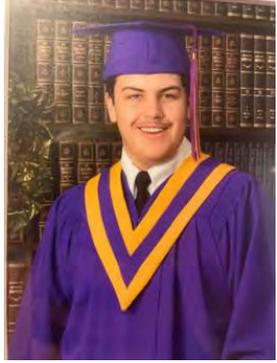
[Contract Assistant Winemaker – Oliver Facility](#)

[Manager, Distribution – Oliver Facility](#)

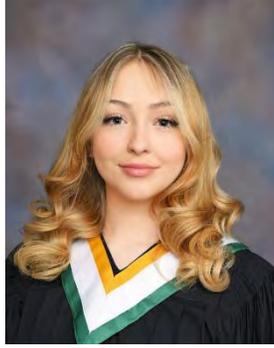
[Website link for jobs](#)

https://awc.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/AWC_Career_Site

OIB & Community High School Graduates of 2025



Hans R. Alex is the Grandson of Shirley Alex. Hans graduated from Penticton high School. He will be attending the Vancouver Film School in the fall. Hans (Row) is an aspiring writer and storyteller. He would like to thank his gramma Shirley for all the stories she shared. He would also like to thank his family and community.



Katlyn Aubin is the daughter of Misty Aubin and the granddaughter of Heather Aubin. Katlyn will be attending UBCO in the fall for the Bachelor of Arts program, and she plans to major in psychology and minor in fine arts. Katlyn has a passion for art and self-expression. Her favourite quote is “If you don’t like something, change it. “If you can’t change it, change your attitude”.



Jack Baptiste is the son of Jeddy and Andrea Baptiste. Jack graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. He will be attending Okanagan College in the fall for Kinesiology—in fitness afterwards he plans on transferring to a university. Jack likes to be fit and lift weights. He’d like to thank his parents and Auntie Myrah for their support.



Terrel Baptiste is the son of Candace Baptiste and the grandson of Roberta and Manuel. Terrel graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. He plans to work in the forestry department and get his heavy-duty operator ticket. In Terrel's spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing. He would also like to add he plans to make money.



Kizer Baptiste is the grandson of Elsie Gallagher. Kizer graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. Kizer would like to acknowledge Travis Bolenback, Carlie Scott, Shan, Shynai, and Lynn Alaric. Kizer’s plan is to work outdoors, out on the land. He hopes to eventually work up North. Kizer’s favorite memory is going to Nicaragua.



Jaemyson Durfee is the daughter of Serena Durfee and granddaughter of Barbara and Gary Durfee. Jaemyson graduated from Ephrata High School. She thanks her family, instructors, and everyone in the community who has supported her. She’s grateful for the experiences and lessons that have brought me to this point. “I’m proud of what I’ve accomplished, and I am excited for what’s next. Thanks for being part of the journey.”



Kaynen Foster is the son of Leah and Joal Foster. Kaynen graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. He is enrolled in the IT internship at OIB this summer. He would like to acknowledge Misty Aubin, Blaine Louie, his grandmother Ronda, Uncle Steve, and his Aunt Raven Tomma. Kaynen’s favourite quote is “If you’re not questioning things man, you’re just going along for the ride.”



Cikqwilx Hall “They sought not to cultivate intellect, but to cultivate obedience, condemning self-awareness as rebellion. Scrutiny of unquestioned norms and excavation of buried truths were branded insubordination. To those who encounter this: guard your creativity as consciousness itself—it is no mere expression, but an act of defiance. Let no institution dull your perception or dismantle your strength, for such is its design. Gratitude to Shan, whose will compelled my endeavor; profound gratitude to Chad—among the rarest—who honored my intellect.”



Patrick Gallagher is the son of Rod Gallagher. He graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. Patrick would like to thank his mom, dad, and uncle Hunter. His favourite quote is “If you’re not willing to risk it all you don’t want it bad enough.”



Rider Hall is the son of Janelle Pit and Justin Hall, he is the grandson of Roger Hall. He graduated from Rutland Senior Secondary. Rider will be attending Okanagan College in the fall and will be taking the associate of science program. He hopes to be a science teacher one day.



Tailynn Paul is the sister of Aliyah Baptiste and granddaughter of Ted Baptiste. Tailynn graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. She plans to work over the summer. Her favourite quote is “I never suffered from depression, only self-obsession”.

OIB & Community High School Graduates of 2025



Nathaniel Lecamp is the son of Allen Baptiste and the Grandson of Ramona Bent. Nathaniel graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. Nathaniel would like to thank “mom” Carlie and Travis for keeping the pressure on him to finish school. His plan for next year is to work up north with his brothers, Seth and Zain.



Logan Sanders is the grandson of Charlotte Stringam and the son of Michael Sanders. Logan will attend Western Washington University in the School of Music and Music Composition program.



Lily Sanders is the daughter of Scott and Candice Sanders. Lily graduated from Allen high school. She will be attending Brigham Young University in the fall. She would like to thank her family for their unfailing support. Lily’s favorite quote says, “The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It’s what you’re made of, not the circumstances.” It’s up to each of us to choose whether we will be like the egg or the potato.



Natisha Santoyo is the daughter of Carol Louie. Natisha graduated from Southern Okanagan Secondary School. “I would like to thank Shan and Shynai, they both helped and supported me so much throughout high school and I am very grateful for them. Also, would like to thank my mom Carol, both of my sisters, Tiffany and Victoria, they also supported me a lot, and I’m glad they kept pushing me to get through it.”

OIB Post-Secondary Graduates 2025



Chloe Alex is the granddaughter of Shirley Alex. Chloe graduated from Okanagan College with a diploma in Environmental Sciences. Currently, she works for PIB in natural resources as a wildlife technician. Her future plans include moving to Australia, and going back to school in 2 years for eco-forestry. She would like to thank her family for all the support.



Alisha Bell graduated from the Associate of Arts degree program at Okanagan College, majoring in Psychology. She previously completed the accelerated Okanagan language program through the Syilx Language House in 2021. Alisha is proud to have reached these milestones while getting married and welcoming her daughter during her studies. She extends heartfelt gratitude to her family—her mother, father, sisters, partner, and children—for their love and support. She believes that education is the key to success, and that knowledge is the way forward.



Chenoa Louie is the daughter of Adam and Anneleisa Louie and the granddaughter of Barbara Durfee (Louie). She graduated From Montana State University Billings with a bachelors degree of criminal justice and a minor degree in sociology. She plans to pursue Law enforcement in the future. She thanks her parents, Adam and Anneleisa for always pushing her to achieve her dreams and her grandparents for always supporting her. “This cop thing is nothing like the movies!”



Alanea Holmstrom graduated from TRU with a diploma in First Nations Applied Economics. She also earned The Tax Admin Certificate (Award Winner for Innovation) and The Lands Management Certificate (Valedictorian). Selected from applicants nationwide, she studied Indigenous Economics at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and at Stanford University. Alanea is currently the Tax Administrator for the OIB community, aiming to enhance capacity to address current and future needs.



Ryan McGinnis is the daughter of Nathan McGinnis and Jarrah Feist. Ryan graduated from the University of Victoria for Bachelor of Social Work - Indigenous child welfare specialization. She’d like thank her family as “they have been my biggest motivation to strive for the best and I would not be where I am today if it wasn’t for their unconditional love and support. “Ryan will complete her practicum in July with MCFD and will continue in the social work field. “I am excited for this new journey in my life as I know it will be extremely rewarding.”

Right to Play
Summer Program (July)
July 7, 2025 – July 31, 2025

RIGHT TO PLAY

WHEN CHILDREN PLAY, THE WORLD WINS.

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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

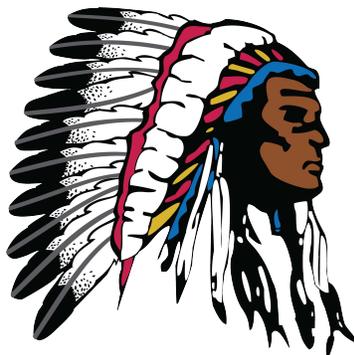
Jeth Baptiste – 250-689-8299

* REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OIB YOUTH CENTRE/RTP REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED DURING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ARE STILL VALID FOR THIS SUMMER.

STARTS MONDAY JULY 7

IF SCHEDULE CHANGES; PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

*I WILL 'NOTIFY' EVERYONE OF THE RTP SCHEDULE IN AUGUST VIA E-MAIL, NEWSLETTER, AND FACEBOOK



OIB YOUTH CENTER/GYM JULY SCHEDULE 2025

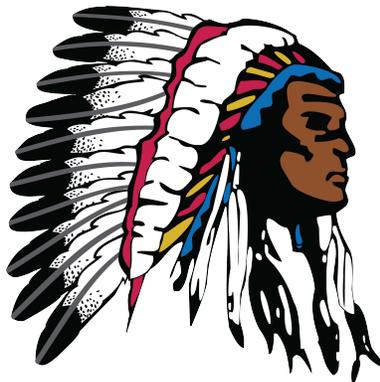
Sunday		Closed
Monday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
Tuesday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Thursday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Friday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	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+**



OLIVER**READY MIX Ltd.**

Job Posting

INTERNAL x (OIB Membership)

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

EXTERNAL x

Date: June 26, 2025	Position: Dump truck/ Mixer Driver	
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste lbaptiste@oib.ca and/or mmonteiro@oib.ca		Phone: 250-498-3444
Company: Oliver Readi Mix LLP		
Basic Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects of Ready-Mix Concrete , sand, gravel, delivery • Drive from Readi-Mix to customer locations • Customer relations • Complete timesheets 		
Minimum Qualification Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Class 1 or 3 Drivers License with Air 		
Special Equipment Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel-toed safety boots • Coveralls are provided 		
Other Related Employment Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean drivers abstract required • Class 3 driver's license with air 		
Location	7322 Inkameep Vineyard road (off Tuc-ul-nuit Road), Oliver, BC	
Start Date	Immediately	
Work Days & Hours	Monday to Friday, plus weekends if necessary 7:00 am to 3:00 pm plus overtime as required	
Term of Employment	Full Time	
Pay Rate	\$26 to 28 (Depending on credentials)	
Deadline for Applications	Posting will close when position is filled	

Job Posting

INTERNAL x (OIB Membership)

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: July 3, 2025	Position: Student Cultural Retail/ Interpreter Host
Company/Operational Area: Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre (NDCC)	
Location: 1000 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos, BC, V0H 1V6	
<p>Job Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Interpreter/Host plays a key role at the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre giving public programs, acting as tour guides and answering questions about the cultural and natural features of the desert landscapes.• Requires strong planning and analytical skills, exceptional interpersonal skills, innovative customer service approaches and strong interpretive program research and development skills. Needs to be able to project and speak clearly to large groups.• Cultural Interpreter/Host should have some skills in singing, dancing and drumming and is able to add an extra component to NDCC's public programs.• Must be willing to learn and demonstrate the animals and critters of the desert to the public in a cultural, safe, and professional manner.• Cultural Interpreter/Host works with NDCC special events. This may include in setting up, taking down, helping with food prep, serving food and cultural performing.• Expected to assist and work in retail on a rotating schedule. <p>Retail duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring the retail shop is clean and tidy.• Ensuring cost-effective daily operations by maximizing sales.• Must provide high quality customer service and communicate positively with customers and staff.• Promote daily NDCC activities (Tours, show times, snake show).• Ensure the merchandise is stocked and available for customers.• Operate cash register and reconcile cash drawer.• Complete end of day retail reports and all closing duties	
<p>MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Has a valid driver license</p> <p>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Required to wear the Centre uniform and appropriate footwear when giving outdoor tours.</p>	

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

EXTERNAL

OTHER RELATED EMPLOYMENT Proficient in the use of a computer including Microsoft Word, Excel programs and POS systems.	
Start Date	July 2025
Workdays	Base hours of 30-40 hours per week, includes weekends during peak season and a rotating work schedule
Hours of Work	30-40 hours per week.
Term of Employment	July – Sep 3 th 2024
Pay Rate	Minimum wage
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste HR Director Email: lbaptiste@oib.ca and or Jarrah Feist OTDC Coordinator at jfeist@oib.ca and jbower@oib.ca	Phone: (250) 498-3444 ext.: 3028



Are you protected against measles?

Measles is a highly contagious disease but the vaccine can prevent serious illness. Contact your local immunization provider to check your own or your child's immunization records. You can also check medical records through the BC Health Gateway online: healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

Find more information at:

HealthLinkBC: healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles or call 8-1-1

The measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is routinely given at 12 months and 4-6 years of age. If you're planning on travelling with young children, talk to your immunization provider about getting a dose before these ages.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

MEASLES

What you need to know

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can be very serious.
Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent transmission and illness.

Symptoms

Rash



Cough



Red,
watery eyes



Runny nose



High fever



Other symptoms may include ear infections, lung infections or diarrhea

In severe cases, measles can be fatal

- Measles spreads when someone who has measles coughs or sneezes.
- It can also stay in the air and on things like tables or toys for a long time. 90% of people who haven't been vaccinated or had measles before will be infected if they are around someone who is sick with measles.

Prevention

- Talk to your Community Health Nurse about protection against measles.
- You can also check your medical records to see if you or your child is vaccinated against measles through the BC Health Gateway online: healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

What else can you do?

- ✓ Stay home if you are sick.
- ✓ Wash your hands to protect others.
- ✓ If you have symptoms and need to be assessed, call ahead so the clinic can protect others.
- ✓ Stay up-to-date on your Measles vaccine.

Contact your local health centre:

T: _____

E: _____



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Community Dimmer



July 17th @ The Hall. 5pm.

***Indian tacos, fruit and
desserts by Candace.***



There are five main pillars for NACCA's IWE Program:

- 1. Research on Indigenous Women's Entrepreneurship.**
- 2. Role Model Campaign to spotlight successful and inspirational Indigenous women Entrepreneurs.**
- 3. Business tools and resources that are tailored to reflect the culture and circumstances of Indigenous women.**
- 4. Workshops, training and mentorship on business and entrepreneurship.**
- 5. Financial support for Indigenous women who want to start or grow a business.**

Most women-owned businesses are small and operate as sole proprietorships. Many women operate micro-businesses that are part time and/or home-based business ventures requiring smaller loans.

The principles in implementing the micro-loan fund are that it would be:

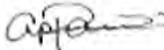
- ◆ **Sensitive to needs of Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs.**
- ◆ **Easy to access with a simple application, assessment, and approval process.**
- ◆ **Require minimal security requirements as loans would not be made based on collateral.**
- ◆ **Assist to establish a credit rating for applicants.**
- ◆ **Flexible and designed to assist Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs to succeed and adaptable to meet their needs.**
- ◆ **One of several complimentary services to assist applicants to succeed including workshops, simplified business planning guidelines, gender specific training, and mentoring.**

Eligible Applicants must be Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, and Inuit) women who majority own (51%) and operate a business or want to start their own business are eligible.



Weyt-kp! Ren skwekwst April Paul. (Hello! My name is April Paul) I am the Women's Business Support Officer with All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) and I am delivering the IWE Program within ANTCO.

If you are an Indigenous female that would like information regarding workshops or you face challenges accessing financing to start or grow your business I would love to speak to you.

Kukwstsetsemc (Thank you) 

**All Nations Trust Company
520 Chief Eli LaRue Way,
Kamloops BC, V2H1H1**

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Toll Free: 1.800.663.2959**

**E-mail: aprilp@antco.ca
Website: www.antco.ca**





INDIGENOUS WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAM

Indigenous women are, and always have been the very heart of our communities. Entrepreneurship represents a promising pathway for Indigenous women to enrich their lives, strengthen their families and participate in the development of their communities.

The Indigenous Women Entrepreneurship (IWE) Program focuses on building the capacity of Indigenous Financial Institutions (IFI's) and developing tools, resources, and supports for Indigenous women to build or grow their businesses.

There will be numerous workshops being held throughout the year in various locations across the province.

Indigenous women face additional challenges in entrepreneurship stemming largely from their gender and caregiving role within their family and community.

These challenges include:

Access to financing: Indigenous women entrepreneurs are hindered by eligibility criteria for equity, collateral, proven credit history, full time involvement in the business and lack of micro loans available.

Balancing responsibilities between family and business: a survey that was completed in 2000 found that indigenous women's responsibilities for children, grandchildren, parents, and extended family can impact women's growth.

Fewer financial resources to invest in their business due to their lower average income and increase reliance on government transfers.

Sexism results in women not taken as seriously as men, particularly in male dominated industries.

Lack of support within their communities and from their chiefs and Councils as indigenous men are often favored within their communities and receive preferential treatment and,

Lack of knowledge and business training in the areas of financial literacy and business planning, regulations, and management. Participation in workshops and training opportunities are often hampered by family responsibilities and lack of transportation.



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Dream it. Achieve it.

Our knowledge, experience and ability to access a wide range of financial solutions for the Indigenous Entrepreneur and Community is what sets us apart from the rest. We are 100% Indigenous owned and it shows in the passion and commitment that we deliver every day.

Business Loans

- Loans for development, expansion, modernization and acquisition
- First Citizens' Fund loans includes a deferred contribution grant

Aboriginal Business Financing Program

- Non-repayable contribution for start-up, expansion, modernization and acquisition

New Relationship Trust Equity Matching Fund

- Equity-matching grants for entrepreneurs and communities

Trust Services

- Trust services for B.C. Indigenous communities

For more information contact

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Public Service Announcement

Okanagan Lake Dam East Salmon Passage



JUNE 2025 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Many of you have observed the construction activity west of the Penticton Rose Garden, near the Okanagan Lake Dam. Completion of this vital project will restore free passage for salmon migrating from the Okanagan River into Okanagan Lake, granting them renewed access to their historical and ancestral spawning grounds.

For the Syilx people, this is not just an infrastructure project, it is a reconnection to *tmixw* (all living things) and the *tmxwulaxw* (land) that sustains them. Salmon, or *ntytyix*, are central to syilx culture, law, and responsibility. They are relatives, not resources, and their return to the lake is a powerful step in the healing of relationships between people, *siwtkw* (water), and *tmixw*. We extend our gratitude to all who have supported this effort.

To Loco Landing: your understanding and willingness to collaborate are deeply appreciated.

To the public: Loco Landing remains open and as fun as ever. As construction requirements taper off, additional parking will become available.

As with many large and complex undertakings, we've encountered some unforeseen challenges. Though we had some knowledge of the old dam's construction and site fill history, we could not have

predicted the presence of buried concrete slabs or the positioning of creosote-treated timbers. These were remnants of the 1928 dam. The careful removal of these timbers, with successful creosote containment, required one full week, and machine breakdowns added another week of delay. We are currently two weeks behind schedule but working diligently to stay as close to the original timeline as possible. At this time, we anticipate project completion by mid-July. Updated signage will reflect any further changes.

We understand that this work has created inconvenience, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation. In the near future, you will be able to observe salmon travelling through the completed fish passage on their journey home through Syilx territory.

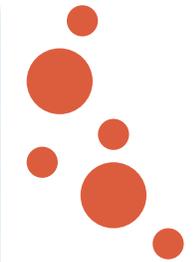
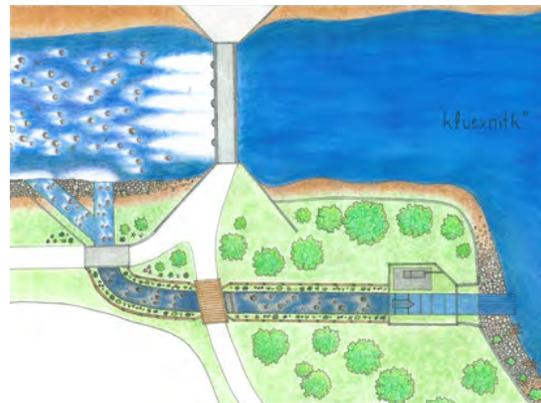


Image: Artistic rendition of the fishway (credit: Sheena Hooley)





Photos From the OK Dam Construction Site: Juvenile Bald Eagle, Adult Bald Eagle, and Great Blue Heron (Credit: Joe Kruger). Beaver (Credit: Meghan Fisher). Shoreline vegetation regrowth provides crucial habitat for wildlife and shoreline protection.

We are also happy to report that shoreline vegetation is regrowing well. The čris (kingfisher), sʕanixʷ (muskrat), stunx (beaver), pəqʷiqin (bald eagles), čixʷčəxʷ (ospreys), and the ever-watchful skʷɕas (great blue heron) continue to grace the site, adapting and thriving alongside this effort. Their presence is a reminder of why this work matters.

We look forward to completing construction in July and launching fall planting of native trees and shrubs. Community volunteers will be warmly welcomed for the planting phase.



Photos: Drone Images of Construction Status, June 2025

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The Okanagan Nation Alliance continues the work of our ancestors by caring for the land and the living things that inhabit it. This initiative is part of our broader mission of *kt čpəlk stírŋ*, which aims to return salmon to their natural habitats and ranges.

kt čpəlk stírŋ is an *nsyilxcen* term that roughly translates to “cause to come back”. This phrase captures the essence of restoration and revival, highlighting our commitment and duty to rejuvenate what has been nearly lost.

For any questions or concerns,
please contact:

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RCMP News
 Month of: June 2025
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 South Okanagan RCMP First Nations Policing



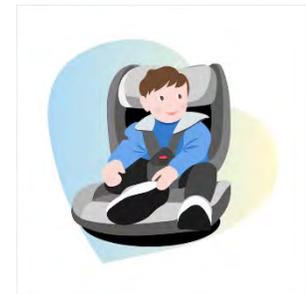
The RCMP responded to 30 calls for service on the OIB during this period.

Assaults	1	Mental Health Act	1
Robbery		Mischief	
Harassment		Cause Disturbance	
Threats	2	Impaired Driving/Suspensions	
Break and Enter	1	Traffic	4
Theft Related	1	Vehicle Collisions	1
Fraud		Abandoned Vehicles	1
Stolen Property		Suspicious Occurrence	3
Possession of Drugs	1	False Alarms and False 911	4
Trafficking of Drugs		Animal Calls	2
Other Criminal Code		Unspecified Assistance and Other	8

Monthly Safety Tip – Summer Temperatures: Vehicles

Cars and vans heat up quickly during the summer months. Even if a window is rolled down a little, when the outside temperature is in the low 20s (Celsius), the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes.

Infants and children under four years of age are among those at greatest risk for heat-related illness. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's body temperature may increase three to five times as fast as an adult.



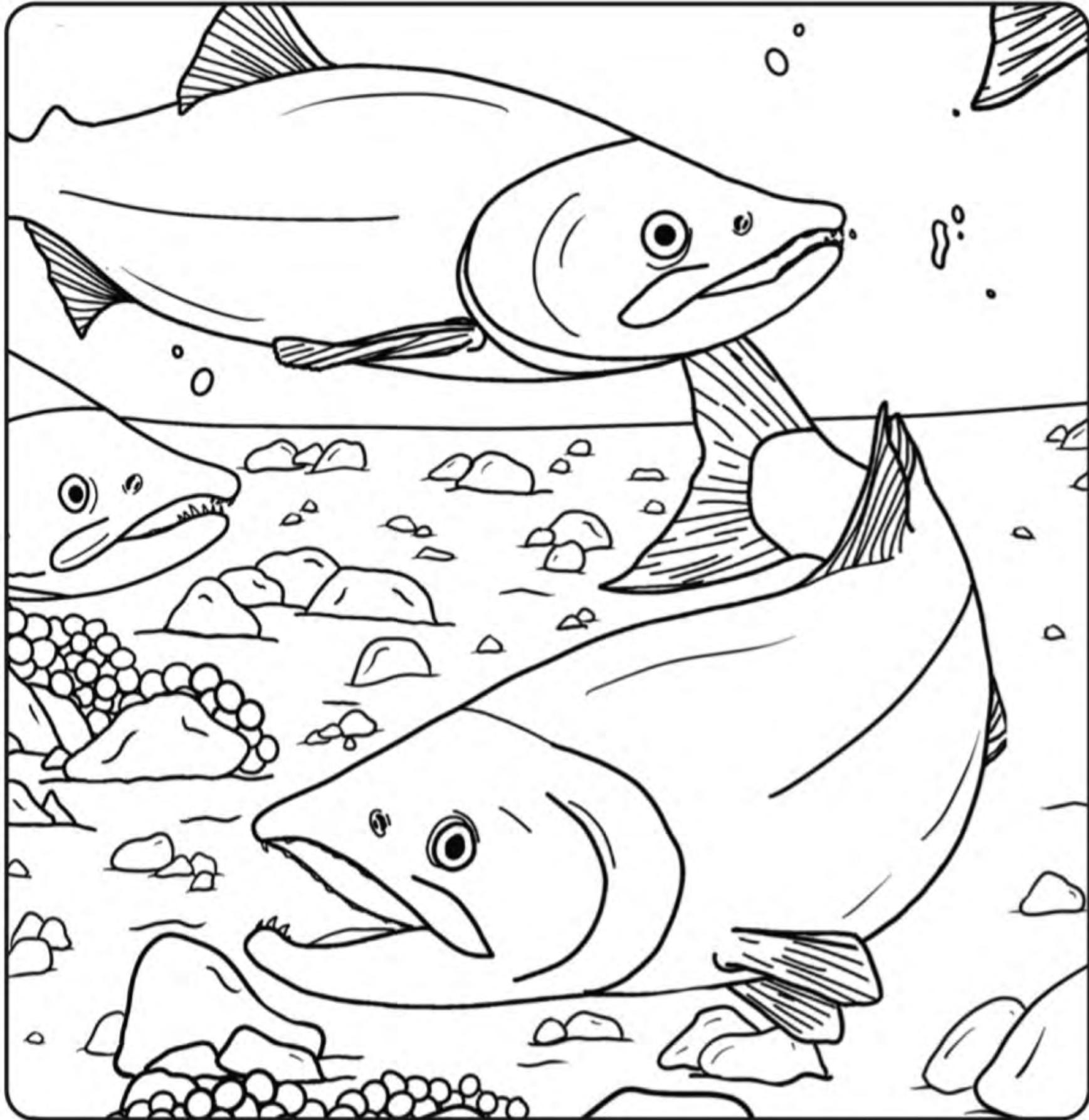
By incorporating the following small measures into your daily routine; you can help prevent this type of tragedy from happening:

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows partially opened
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking the doors
- Avoid distractions when you arrive at your destination such as talking or texting on your phone

If you see a child alone in a vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly and safely as possible and call 911 immediately.

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 Kids Colouring Contest



Please drop off at Nkmip Resource Centre by July 31st.

Name:

Age:

Phone:

OIB Adult Colouring Contest

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Name:

Phone: