



EYÉM SQ'ÉWQEL - SEABIRD STRONG IS HERE



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Seabird recently hosted another culturally enriching event, marking the third large gathering in just one week, each drawing in hundreds of attendees from our Community.

The Seabird Strong event was a full day filled with diverse activities, allowing Community Members and staff to connect, learn and share with one another. Zack Joe was the MC of this event.

The gym was buzzing with various health services and cultural activities, accompanied by lunch and dinner. While some participants could only attend part of the day, whether the first or last half, many stayed the entire day, fully engaging in the experience.

With our Members offering to share their skills, the health-related portion was impressive. For example, Sue Harris participated with her medicine making and Charmain Harris performed Reiki.

Seabird Strong's cultural aspects particularly stood out, since they all were led by Seabird Community Members. The Youth and Toddlers dancing were especially uplifting. Our community is rich in diversity, with a wide array of First Nation cultural backgrounds and skills, and it was truly powerful to see these come together in one setting.

As more opportunities arise for Community Members to share their talents in future events, hopefully even more Members will share their skills with our Community.



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SEABIRD STRONG - CHIEF & COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Chief Jim Harris expressed gratitude to everyone for attending and participating, as well as to the dedicated staff who engaged with the Community throughout the day.

Willow Walker shared how touched she was by everyone who came out to enjoy the day.

Paul Andrew thanked the drummers and dancers for their outstanding performances, and for sharing their traditions. He also expressed appreciation for the Seabird Staff, saying, "We need to stand up and appreciate *all* our Seabird People and *all* they have to teach us. Thank you, Seabird Staff, for taking the extra effort today and always."

Sally Hope noted that the first Seabird Strong event was Zack's idea when he was on Council, and it was held virtually during COVID. She thanked Sally Louis and her family for their earlier performance, as well as the drummers and dancers, who performed in the evening.

Rod Peters remarked on the day's success, thanking everyone who participated.

Marcie Peters extended her gratitude to the drummers, dancers, the Harry family, Shawnrae, and Sally Louis and her family. She also thanked the organizers and professionals, who provided services.

Elders, who attended all day, were especially pleased to reconnect with people they had not seen in a long time.

Les Peters concluded the event with an honor song, followed by the paddle song. A group of Youth in the audience spontaneously got up to dance, delighting everyone with their enthusiasm. They then invited everyone to join in a round of friendship dance, and multiple birthdays were celebrated, including those of Yvonne and Ernest Harry, as well as Jim and Sue Harris' wedding anniversary.

At the end of the night, everyone went home with a container of frozen jam as a thank-you gift, a sweet reminder of the great Seabird Strong event.

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SEABIRD STRONG - ART CLASS WITH OVILA MAILHOT

The class began with Ovila (Ovi) Mailhot sharing his personal connection to art and how it has been a vital part of our People’s heritage. He spoke passionately about studying the ancient art of our ancestors, noting the recurring shapes—moons, mountains, cedar boughs, and nests—that have been passed down through generations.

Each First Nation’s art is distinct, shaped by the unique landscapes where they reside. Ovi draws much of his inspiration from nature, observing objects and imagining their forms through an artistic lens. Birds, in particular, are his favourite subjects to illustrate.

A self-taught artist, Ovi has been mastering Coast Salish art for over a decade. Though he has not lived in Seabird for more than four years, he continues to teach and inspire, even conducting this class virtually. Recently, he has been experimenting with the bold, dynamic lines characteristic of the American Traditional style, continually expanding his artistic repertoire. He loves to learn new techniques, integrate them into his work, and share the stories and history behind each piece.

Excitingly, one of his latest designs has been selected for a mural in Chilliwack—a triptych that will be unveiled in the coming months. He eagerly invites friends and family to visit once it is completed.

Ovila Mailhot Biography

“Originally from Seabird Island, B.C., I am a self-taught artist with roots in Nlaka’pamux and Sto:lo Nation. I’ve always wanted to represent where I’m from in my culture and community. Learning more about the ancestral elements of Coast Salish art helps me find ways to show who I am and where I’m from. Art feels vital to me. And being able to share that passion I have is important to me. This tradition of work and this beauty are so necessary for our culture and healing.”

*Zorana Edwards-Shippentower,
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SEABIRD STRONG - SPIRITUAL NATURE WALK

Chrystal Harris provided a spiritual way to release trauma being held onto. She would drive a group of 6 people at a time to a remote area. They would go for a walk, while she would explain what to do.

She had an amazing day passing on her teachings, and hearing other people’s stories of how they would manage their heavy feelings. She said it is always great to share, as our people pass on knowledge by oral teachings.

After everything was said and done, she would brush people off before leaving. Many people said they felt a huge release or felt lighter when they were finished. She is glad to pass on her teachings and help many in the way she did that day.

*Zorana Edwards-Shippentower,
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HARRY FAMILY DANCE TROOP

The Harry family has been a familiar presence at several events over the past couple of weeks, warming many hearts by bringing culture back to Seabird through their performances. The family makes a remarkable multi-generational dance troupe with Yvonne Harry proudly dancing alongside her children and grandchildren.

Yvonne, the group's leader, served as the MC for their performance at Story Time in the Park, explaining each dance style, the cultural history behind them, and the significance of their regalia. The family collaborates in creating their regalia with Bree taking the lead as a highly talented beader.

At the event, Yvonne introduced her family and their dance styles. The performances began with Johnie, the Grass Dancer, clearing the floor and preparing the area for the other dancers. This was followed by three Traditional Male dancers, including two very young ones: Ernest, Boon, and Arrow. Next came the Traditional Female Dance featuring Yvonne and her daughter Nina. The fourth dance was

the Jingle Dance, performed by Bree and Zana.

After these four dance styles, the audience was invited to join in a tribal dance. Most of the children in the audience, along with a few parents, eagerly joined the dance troupe and had a blast. The show concluded with a closing dance by the two youngest dancers, Boon and Arrow.

At the Seabird Strong event, the Harry family was joined by Shawnrae Gabriel and his son. Shawnrae stepped into the role of MC for the dancers, doing an excellent job of explaining each dance style while Yvonne organized the dance family. The dances began with the Grand Entry, where all the dancers came out and performed.

"A Powwow is a celebration of song and dance, and the regalia tells a story," Shawnrae explained. After the Grand Entry, the Grass Dancers came out to clear the area, traditionally tamping down the long grass to create a dance space. Next was the Women's Traditional, also known as

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the Ladies' Worry Dance, traditionally performed, while waiting for hunters to return home. This was followed by the Traditional Men's Dance, where the Harry family's "Tiny Tot Warrior Winner" stole the show, making everyone proud and awestruck. Then came the Ladies' Jingle Dance, performed by the medicine dancers, bringing healing. Finally, there was the Chicken Dance, a mating dance, though Shawnrae humorously noted that he is already spoken for.

It was heartwarming and refreshing to see our local People dance, and share their skills and culture. Traditional dancing is a wonderful cultural expression and sport that I hope to see more of in the future. Both events were highly enjoyable, showcasing not only impressive dance skills but also the intricate beading and craftsmanship involved in making the regalia.

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“TALHLÍMELH” (WE, US) SQ'ÉWQEL COMMUNITY GATHERING / TOWN HALL

At the Community Meeting on July 25th, previously known as the “Town Hall,” it was decided that future gatherings would be called “Talhímelh” (We, Us) Sq'éwqel Community Gathering—a name deeply rooted in our culture and language.

What a powerful community gathering it was! The event was a resounding success with every table filled. We heard from many Community Members who shared heartfelt, personal stories and issued a call to action—not just for the organization, but for the entire Community.

They urged us all to come together, to care for our Community, and to look out

for one another, especially our children, who should be safe at home rather than out on the streets late at night. They reminded us of the importance of speaking up when we see something that concerns us.

Stacy McNeil’s words resonated deeply with everyone, “We have had enough of people telling us to ‘mind our business’—that’s colonizer talk. In our culture, we take care of everyone around us. Our community, our people, are our family.” Her message was clear: we all need to step up, care for each other, and watch out for one another.

The primary topic at the meeting was the growing concern around drugs and

alcohol in our Community and the devastating effects they are having on our People. For some, it was a time of healing, for others, a time of deep concern. Professionals from Fraser Health, the RCMP, and other organizations were present, and each left with a strong mandate to do better for our Community.

We will continue to hold these “Talhímelh” (We, Us) Sq'éwqel Community Gatherings in the future with each meeting focusing on the topics that matter most to you, the Community Members. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Sq'éwqel Culture & Community Services*

SQ'ÉWQEL DAY + HAMPER DAY = SUCCESS

On the sunny day of July 17, 2024, Seabird held Sq'éwqel Day out on the field, where many of the Seabird Programs and Services set up displays and handed out free samples. Many tables had prize draws for those who submitted comments. Then there tables of door prizes that each program submitted prizes for, where many visitors won substantial prizes.

During the event attendees were also provided with lunch and snow cone tickets. So, everybody went home with a full tummy and a nice cool treat was

enjoyed during the hot parts of the day.

At the same time, Chief & Council hosted their Quarterly Hamper Day, where around 300 hampers were handed out to our Members. This event was ran by our amazing Events Program, led by Charlene Point. We received many comments that is was a brilliant idea to have both events together, many Band Members that normally do not come out for events, but who do come for



hampers, had the opportunity to learn more about services offered.

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LONG-STANDING SQ'ÉWQEL LOGO IS NOW PROTECTED AS A REGISTERED TRADEMARK

The iconic logo has officially been registered as a trademark, securing its protection under intellectual property law. With this new status, the use of the logo will be strictly monitored. All Community Members, and staff, as well as any external partners, are required to read, understand, and sign a permission form before using the logo. This form will then undergo an approval process, ensuring compliance with the regulations surrounding the registered trademark.

The unauthorized sharing or use of the Sq'Éwqel logo is strictly prohibited and will be tracked down by Trademark Canada. Permission will only be granted once the necessary consent form has been completed and approved by the Communications team, who are authorized to oversee the use of the logo. This policy applies to all Sq'Éwqel partners and funding agencies as well.

Furthermore, any material featuring the Sq'Éwqel logo must receive prior approval before application and/or publication. The Communications Program, through its established approval process, will verify that the logo has been applied correctly according to the Brand guidelines.

We respectfully ask that everyone discontinue any use of the Sq'Éwqel logo until they have received both the authorized permission form and the appropriate logo version, complete with the Registered Trademark symbol.

Why have these new protocols?

Although these requirements may seem new, our Communications Team has always diligently worked to protect the Sq'Éwqel brand. The registered trademark now provides us with the legal support to continue this more work effectively.



By safeguarding the logo, we are protecting Sq'Éwqel's reputation and identity. A strong and protected brand enhances the reputation of the Community and Members, as well as the credibility of the organization and services offered at Sq'Éwqel.

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Sq'Éwqel Culture & Community Services*

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Post Secondary Funding for Seabird Island Band Members

The Post Secondary Student Support Program and University and College Preparation Program receives funds annually to assist Seabird Island Band Members with their education journey.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadlines for Funding:

- | April 1 For September Enrollment
- | October 1 For January Enrollment
- | January 1 For May Enrollment

Applications received after the deadlines will be held on a waitlist for the following registration. Funding is limited and is not guaranteed.

**Connect with our Post Secondary Coordinator,
Shannon Beaty, for an application or additional information.**

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OFFICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Chief and Council are pleased to announce that Alexis Grace has been selected to assume the role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Seabird Island.

Alexis has demonstrated exceptional dedication and a deep commitment to our community throughout the years as an employee and as a member of Council. Her ability to navigate challenges and support our community has been invaluable, and we are confident that they will continue to drive positive change and growth in this new capacity.

As CAO, Alexis will continue to focus on strengthening our foundation, fostering collaboration and commitment to cultural humility, and ensuring that we remain aligned with our mission and values. We are excited to see the impact that her leadership will have as we move forward together.

Please join me in congratulating Alexis. We look forward to working with her as we continue to serve our community and achieve our shared goals.

*Sincerely James Harris
On behalf of Seabird Island Council*



EYÉM SQ'ÉWQEL - SEABIRD STRONG

Traditional Food & Spiritual Wellness Salmon for Seabird Island Community Members

August 16 Update

- Sq'Éwqel Chief & Council is providing Community Members with Spring Salmon. Over the past years, our ability to access fish has declined and most of our Members have gone without, yet we recognize that salmon is an integral part of our diet and spiritual wellness as First Nations people.
- Due to our present unfortunate circumstances, it has been decided to purchase Salmon. To ensure our Members receive a portion of our traditional foods, we will be paying commercial prices for the salmon.
- The expected delivery of the Springs will towards the end of August; however, the exact delivery date is not yet known.
- Please note, there will be incredibly short notice to the Community for pick-up. We will send further notices once dates have been finalized. Please regularly check on Facebook, at the Band Office, or through family and friends for current pick-up information.

- The salmon will be distributed in the same manner as the hamper distribution based upon size of households: small (2 fish); medium (3 fish); and large (4 fish).
- The amount will be limited due to the cost, with each fish costing approximately \$115 (15 lb spring). Please ensure they are looked after in a good way. Please be aware this will not be our Fraser River Salmon, and the taste and oil content may be different. It is not farmed fish.
- There will be only one day for Members to pick-up. Bags and ice will be available, but please bring your own coolers/totes to help with transportation.
- Please make arrangements if you are unable to pick up your salmon. Any fish not picked up will be processed for community events.
- Volunteered help is needed with the distribution and processing of fish for our Elders.

- We would like to call out to our experienced Members to come and pass on their knowledge of cutting and processing to ensure our Community keeps this practice alive.
- All Elders will be contacted to see if they would like assistance with processing the fish by vacuum packing or canning based on their preference.



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VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE:

Cleaners	Cleaning and washing out bins for the heading and gutting station
Chuckers (4)	Put fish in bags, totes and ice
Runners (2)	Emptying gut bins and transporting to the river
Ticketed Forklift Driver (1)	Transporting and moving bins and totes as needed
Head & Gut Station (2)	Beheading and gutting the fish for people filleting
Filleting (6)	Fillet and cut fish for people filling jars
Jarring (6)	Filling jars with fish
Vacuuming (3)	Sealing + vacuuming packing fish
Canner Monitor (3)	Monitor the canners in the sealing process. Taking out of pots, washing and drying jars
Food Prep + Monitoring (2)	Refresh drinks and snacks, prepare lunch and dinner
Clean Up	Second shift of processing days and the day after we are all done

For further information or to volunteer, please contact: 604-796-2177 or events@seabirdisland.ca



FIRESMART YOUR HOME - YOUR COMMUNITY

There is a local fire ban for the Province of BC, including Seabird Island.

If you spot any **FIRE, CALL 911**.
If you see a **FOREST FIRE, CALL *5555**.

There are also steps you can take around your home to protect it, your family, and possibly your community:

Keep your lawn mowed regularly. Long dry grass is highly combustible and attracts rodents. Grass shorter than 10 centimeters (~4 inches) is less likely to burn intensely.

Keep shrubbery or plants set back from beside your home. Keep all shrubs, trees, and large plants at least 10 meters (~30 ft) away from any structure. These plants act as dry timber that can easily ignite. Keeping them away from your home reduces the chances of fire spreading and also deters rodents.

Clean your gutters. Dry leaves and pine needles in your gutters are highly combustible. Keeping your gutters clean also reduces puddles, which can become mosquito breeding grounds.

Clean your chimney.

Clean your roof.

Add a gravel path around your home, so that nothing grows right up to it.

Use fire-resistant siding. Bricks are a great siding choice.

Store firewood piles at least 10 meters from your home, preferably in a separate structure.

If you are planting in your yard, look for fire-resistant plants and shrubs. While not fireproof, these plants are less flammable. Some examples include

Sedum, Dianella, Purple Ice Plant, Agapanthus, Yarrow, Western Columbine, Serviceberry, and Shrubbery Cinquefoil. Fire-resistant trees include Oak, Red Maple, Japanese Maple, Birch, Alder, and Cherry. Remember to space them at least 3 meters apart.

Avoid cedar, juniper, pine, spruce, fir, and tall grass.

Keep the area under your trees clean and free of debris. Prune your trees and space them out so that if a fire occurs, it has less chance of jumping to the next tree or your home.

Last, but not least, ensure your home address is clearly visible from the road!

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STORY TIME IN THE PARK

The event on July 31, 2024, was part of a series of *Story Time in the Park* events, organized in partnership with Agassiz and Harrison. At each event, children were provided with books to read, along with the storyteller.

For Seabird, Cheryl Suave, the ECD Speech & Language Assistant, read *The Circle of Caring and Sharing* by Theresa “Corky” Larsen-Joasson. Cheryl did an outstanding job engaging with the children as she read the story, interacting with them on every page. The children eagerly shouted out

answers to the questions she asked, which was especially impressive given the size of the crowd. Cheryl had researched the book and the author before the event, discovering that every character in the story was based on the author’s family and friends.

Donna, one of the event coordinators from Community Services, mentioned that the *Story Time in the Park* series was a large collaborative effort, involving Community Services, School District 78, the District of Kent, CCRC, the Library, the Village of Harrison Hot

Springs, Public Health, MCFD, and Seabird Island.

Following the reading, there was a series of performances by the Harry family. The children were eager to join the dancers and were eventually rewarded when the crowd of children and parents was invited to participate in the tribal dance.

The event concluded with a snack of bannock made by Connie Joe from the BEAR Bus.

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PRIDE DAY: A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND INCLUSIVITY IN SQ'ÉWQEL

On the evening of August 7, 2024, the vibrant community of Sq'Éwqel came together for an unforgettable celebration of Pride Day. This inaugural event was all about inclusivity, diversity, and embracing love in all its forms.

Anticipating a modest turnout of around 200 people, organizers were thrilled to see that number more than double before 4 PM. The overwhelming

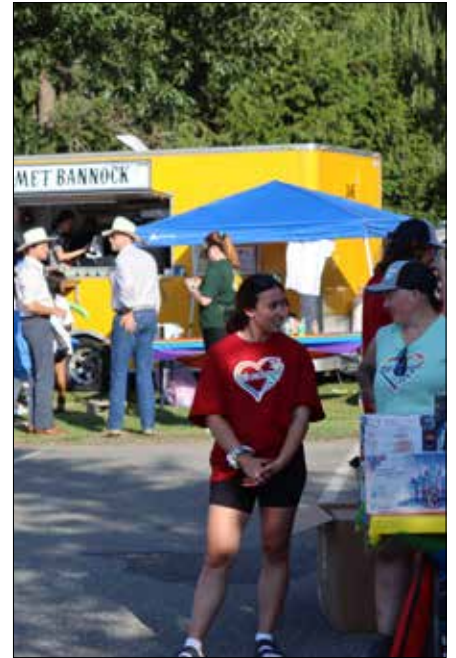
response was a testament to the Community's support for creating a welcoming environment for everyone.

While the unexpected turnout meant that not everyone received a meal in a timely manner, the positive energy was palpable. The organizers have already committed to being better prepared for the second annual Pride event next year by including more food options.

The evening was filled with spectacular performances that captivated the crowd. Dion Weisbrod, accompanied by his talented guitarist, set the tone with a soulful set of songs that resonated with the audience.

The night's highlight was undoubtedly the performances by VENUS, the reigning champion of Canada's Drag Race Season 4. VENUS dazzled with an





electrifying show that featured not only powerful vocals and dynamic dancing but also multiple stunning wardrobe changes that left the audience in awe.

This memorable event was made possible through the tireless efforts of the Sq'ewqel Mental Health and Events Teams, who worked diligently to ensure that every aspect of the day ran smoothly. A special thanks goes out to Teri Westerby and their company, who generously donated their time and expertise in marketing the event. Their beautifully crafted poster and social media slides, shared across a wide network, played a crucial role in inviting a diverse audience.

Pride Day in Sq'ewqel was more than just an event; it was a powerful statement of unity, love, and acceptance. As the community looks forward to next year's celebration, the success of this year's event has already set a high standard. With even greater enthusiasm and support, the second annual Pride event promises to be a cornerstone of Sq'ewqel's commitment to inclusivity.

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love everyone



HEALTH ORDER UPDATE

THE PANDEMIC
EMERGENCY HAS ENDED

VACCINE MANDATES LIFTED FOR
HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN B.C.

NEW VACCINE REGISTRY

Dr. Bonnie Henry, British Columbia's provincial health officer (PHO), has issued the following statement:

"As British Columbia's provincial health officer, I am issuing an order to end the public-health emergency for COVID-19 and rescinding all related orders.

While COVID-19 is not gone, we now have high levels of protection in the health-care system and in communities throughout B.C.

The level of protection provided by vaccines and hybrid immunity is also helping to protect us.

We are now at the point where I am confident we can continue to manage COVID-19 without the need for the public-health emergency."

In response to the provincial health officer's decision to end the COVID-19 public-health emergency, which ends the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in health-care settings, the Province is making it mandatory for health-care workers to disclose their immunization status as a way to help keep people safe.

Moving forward, all health-care workers in public health-care facilities must report their immunization for COVID-19 and influenza and their immune status for other critical vaccine preventable diseases. Collecting these records will allow for quick action to be taken in the event of an exposure, outbreak or future pandemic to ensure health-care workers who are not immune follow appropriate measures. Depending on the circumstances, this could include masking, modified duties or exclusion from work.

"Four and a half years ago, people throughout B.C. came together to keep each other safe through the COVID-19 pandemic, including our extraordinary health-care workers," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Health-care workers are strong supporters of vaccination and the vast majority have stepped up to get immunized and keep themselves and those they care for safe. By shifting to a new requirement for health-care workers to report their immune status for key vaccine preventable diseases including COVID-19, we are continuing to take actions that keep people safe, support a healthy workforce and a strong health-care system."

The mandatory reporting requirement comes into effect on Friday, July 26, 2024, and applies to health-care workers in health-authority-operated and contracted facilities, and includes doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, volunteers and contractors.

Health-care workers must report their vaccination status for COVID-19 and influenza.

Health-care workers must report whether they have been vaccinated or have previously contracted:

- measles
- mumps
- rubella
- hepatitis B
- whooping cough (pertussis)
- chicken pox (varicella)

Some of this information was previously collected by health authorities and now will be collected through a provincial registry to ensure reporting is consistent throughout B.C. The requirement to report will be phased in, beginning with the immediate collection of immune-status records for all new hires and appointees.

Health-care workers who were terminated because they did not comply with previous orders requiring COVID-19 immunization can apply and be hired for positions.

Through the new reporting process, health-authority employers will be able to regularly connect with health-care workers, such as contractors, to ensure their vaccination status is up to date. The Province will offer vaccinations to employees and contractors as needed to ensure their health and that of their patients.

Reporting vaccination status aligns with health-care workers' ethical and moral duties to take science-based measures, such as vaccination, to reduce the risk of harm to people in their care.

"We know that immunization works to help protect people from illness, including vaccines that protect against COVID-19," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer (PHO). "It is the best tool we have to prevent diseases, like COVID-19, measles and others that can cause severe illness in the

health-care setting. It protects health-care workers, their families and the vulnerable people we care for. I support government's move to require the immune status of health-care workers to protect both patients and workers. This is all part of a system that can help to prevent outbreaks and manage them when they do happen quickly and effectively."

The PHO made the decision to rescind the public-health emergency based on a number of data sources. The data shows the presence of the SARS CoV-2 virus has levelled off over several weeks and the numbers of people hospitalized has stabilized.

Immunization remains the single best way to protect people, communities and the health-care system. B.C. has some of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates in Canada, however, it is crucial that people continue to get immunized.

Quick Facts:

- Immune status refers to immunity through previous vaccination or infection.
- Vaccination and immune status collection is part of the ongoing plan to increase rates of immunity for all vaccine preventable diseases that can spread in B.C.'s health-care system.
- Collection of information about employee vaccinations and immune status covers all relevant vaccinations for health-care workers, and are outlined in the BC Centre for Disease Control immunization manual (linked below).
- The vaccine reporting requirement aligns with the Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation launched in 2019, which requires parents and guardians to provide public-health officials with vaccination records for students enrolled in the provincial school system.

Source: www2.gov.bc.ca

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: WATER SUPPLY STATUS SURVEY

The B.C. Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship (WLRS), in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) invite you to stay in touch with us on the status of your water supply through this summer and fall via a recurring survey for the 2024 drought season.

What is the water supply status survey? An online survey asking questions about your drinking water supply and if you are concerned about running out of water this year.

What is the purpose of this survey? To improve the Province and ISC's understanding of the impact of drought on First Nations community drinking water supplies. We can then coordinate similar efforts between governments that may be underway, to increase awareness of on the ground conditions and be better prepared to assist communities in need of drought relief, as quickly and as efficiently as possible. General drought and water supply questions please contact watersupplystatus@gov.bc.ca.

Who are the owners of the information generated from the survey? First

Nations will retain ownership of their information.

How will the information be stored and how long will it be kept? Survey responses will be maintained in spreadsheet form and stored on secure government servers for as long as the information is useful.

Who will have access to the information? This information will be shared with ISC and confidentially with provincial ministries monitoring and responding to drought. With your permission, the information can also be shared with First Nation Health Authority (FNHA).

How will the information be used? WLRS, ISC and FNHA (if a First Nation opts in) will review this information to:

WLRS:

- Identify programs, actions, or legislative tools (such as the Water Sustainability Act or provincial emergency response support) to assist where possible with protecting drinking water supplies.

ISC: Identify priorities for funding and potentially fund the following activities

(If requested by a First Nation):

- Leak detection and repair programs
- Drinking water systems expansions/upgrades
- Water source monitoring
- Provision of drinking water (e.g., water deliveries) in circumstances where a First Nation's community water system is not able to meet demand for drinking water.

FNHA (if requested by a First Nation):

- Support First Nation communities by providing advice, consultation, education, and training on drinking water safety.
- Work with First Nations to support drought planning and water conservation strategies.
- Issue water advisories and make recommendations on next steps to Chief and Council.
- Answer any questions or concerns relating to drinking water.

Resources

B.C. Drought Information Portal: <https://droughtportal.gov.bc.ca/>

ISC's Emergency Management Duty Officer: 604-209-9709
bcaandc.do@sac-isc.gc.ca

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New Staff



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Selxwí:chel.**

Hi! I'm Franz, living in Abbotsford.

I live with my wife, three kids, and nearby grandparents. I have German Mennonite roots with some Irish, English, and Scottish ancestry. I grew up in Clearbrook and Mt. Lehman, where my family owned a small hazelnut farm.

I studied Linguistics at McGill in Montréal and completed a master's in Speech-Language Pathology at UBC. I also studied Halq'eméylem and took a Stó:lō Studies course.

I've been a speech therapist since 2017 and officially joined Sq'ewqel full-time on July 2, 2024. Previously, I worked with children and adults at the Mission Public Health Unit and the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, where I first joined the Ey Qwál team part-time in January 2021.

At the Ey Qwál Speech and Language Program, we support Indigenous children from birth to Kindergarten

entry with communication or swallowing needs.). We typically have one full-time speech-language pathologist (myself) and two full-time speech-language assistants.

If you'd like to know more about me or the Ey Qwál program, or if you'd like to help me get oriented in the community, please reach out! My email address is franz.klassen@seabirdisland.ca, and my work cell number is 604-798-5807.

Yalh yexw kw'ás hò:y!
Thank you so much!

- Franz Santiago-Klassen



Sq'ewqel Housing Wait-list

1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom		3 Bedroom cont.	
1	12062022-7091	1	12102018-6014	1	12192012-3076	35	12062022-7091
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3	02092023-7096	3	01072020-7031	3	12102018-6014	37	12142023-7132
4	02222023-7098	4	11022020-5051	4	12082023-7033	38	12292023-7136
5	05022023-7105	5	01072020-6024	5	01072020-6024	39	12182023-7133
6	06162023-7018	6	11152018-6022	6	01072020-7031	40	12212023-7134
7	06232023-7109	7	01092021-7061	7	01222020-1031	41	12292023-7135
8	10182023-7116	8	12232020-7056	8	11022020-5051	42	01042024-7137
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lílem ~ <i>Little House, Cabin</i>						tháyeltxwem ~ <i>To build a house</i>	
Housing Services: https://www.seabirdisland.ca/housing-services/						Housing Waitlist: https://www.seabirdisland.ca/rntlhsngwaitlst/	

SAGE SUGGESTIONS

Sandra Bobb, Communications Program, Sq̓̓w̓q̓el Culture & Community Services

A COLUMN FOR CLEANSING, CLARIFYING, ENLIGHTENING AND SOOTHING FUN.

ELDER APPRECIATION

Did you know that many Elders are living below the poverty line, with an average income of less than \$20,000 per year?

Despite this, some people still take advantage of them, eating their food and asking for handouts, living in their homes without contributing to the bills and upkeep, this could be considered a form of Elder Abuse.

Our Elders have helped raise us and continue to support us. They help us because they are grateful to see us and proud of the people we've become. However, it may be time for us to step up and start taking care of our Elders.

It is time for us to start cooking meals for them and inviting them to dinner, taking them shopping, and providing small hampers—just as they may have done when we were young and struggling. Perhaps they could even use some help with a bill or would love to join you on your next holiday, but would never ask.

Our Elders are invaluable to our families and the community; they are a wealth of love and knowledge.

Remember to check in and say hello to an Elder every day—you are their lifeline!

Hug an Elder today!

GETTING A LOAN

You have saved some money and are ready to buy a car, a TV, or something special, but you need a loan to cover the rest. DO NOT go for payday loans or small dealership loans—these types of loans are essentially scams.

They promise to lend you money even if you have no credit, but the interest payments are often more than double what a regular loan would cost you. They make all sorts of empty promises and guarantees, but by the time you're done, you'll have paid for your item twice over. To make matters worse, your payments to them do not help your credit score because they are only tracked on their in-house loan system. They are basically loan sharks!

I recommend going to your bank and saving up for a down payment. Your bank knows your credit history and can offer small loans to help improve your credit rating over time. Bank loans have much lower interest rates, and they can assist you with auto-withdrawal payments. All you need to do is ensure you have enough money in the bank before the payments come out, and they will take care of the rest for you. Best of all, small loans with the bank help to improve your credit rating, preparing you for a bigger purchase in the future.

WORD SCRAMBLE

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5. ENIRDN _____
6. RMHEAP _____
7. YMLFIA _____
8. AWLTEH _____
9. LSEAEHPDRI _____
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11. ENRDECMOM _____
12. YPTEAMN _____
13. AERERPP _____
14. OEVIPRM _____
15. IOHYADL _____

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family (also neighbour)

Answers: elder, poverty, abuse, inviting, dinner, hamper, family, wealth, dealership, payday, recommend, payment, prepare, improve, holiday

éyes ~ to have fun

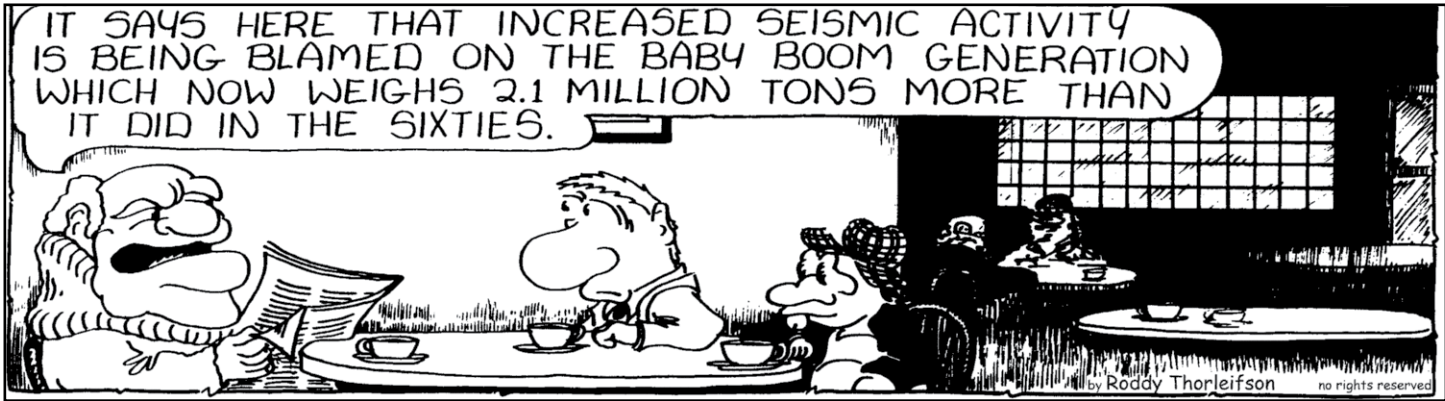
oyó:sthet ~ have lots of fun

stá ~ live

st'ít'el ~ love

líyém ~ to laugh

COMIC



Reference: <https://mooselakecartoons.com/health>

AUGUST - TEMTHEQI

“Sockeye salmon time.”

Leo

July 23 - August 21

Salmon - Sthéqi

Direction: South/South East

Element: Fire

Stone: Carnelian

Strengths: generosity and big-heartedness, self-confidence, determination, and natural leadership.

SEPT - TEMKW'Ó:LEXW

“Dog Salmon Time”

Virgo

August 22-Sept 21

Bear - Spá:th

Direction: West – Element: Earth

Stone: Amethyst

Strengths: Analytical thinking, attention to details, orderly, modest, organized, devoted.

INSPIRATION:

“Knowledge is power, community is strength and positive attitude is everything.”

Lance Armstrong

“The ultimate use of power is to empower others.”

William Glasser

“No matter how long you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.”

Author Unknown

HALQ'EMÉYLEM WORD SEARCH Created by Jasmine Paul-Louis

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Words

1. íwes – to teach.
2. tskwí:m – red.
3. pípeqwels – purple.
4. ey látelh – good morning.
5. míliyél – set a net.
6. sth'ékw' – bug.
7. hílém – fall and roll.
8. músmes – cow.
9. lhá:l – to land a canoe.
10. xálelh – roads, trails.
11. pewá:ls – to freeze.
12. kw'á:y – get hungry.
13. kaselí:l – gasoline.
14. íxel – to paddle.
15. cháchu – beach, shore.
16. kw'íy – to climb up.
17. pekchá:m – take a picture.
18. p'áp'xwem – shy, quiet.
19. átl'qel – to go outside.
20. p'q'élqel – mountain goat.



DEADLINES

Submissions and advertisements are due by the 1st of each month.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact: comm@seabirdisland.ca

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Must be under 300 words and include your name, phone number, status number, signature (for authentication purposes - not for publication), as well as date/year submitted.

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CONTACT US

comm@seabirdisland.ca
www.seabirdisland.ca/comm/
 Monday- Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM
 Closed on all statutory holidays.

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SEABIRD CHURCH

Mass: To be confirmed

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LOVED ONE PASS AWAY?

We can help you send a copy of the death certificate to the First Nations Health Authority. Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

FUNERAL PAMPHLETS

Creating pamphlets from our catalogue or custom pamphlets.

As per Seabird Funeral Policy, the first 100 colour and 150 grey-scale funeral pamphlets, as well as 1 hour of design time is **FREE** for all Band Members. Additional design time or pamphlets can be requested for a fee.

We also assist with pamphlets for non-Band Members, inquire for fees.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or email comm@seabirdisland.ca.

WILD SAFE BC CONSERVATION

To report animals who pose immediate threat or danger to public safety. 1-877-952-7277 or #7277

SIFD FIRE PRACTICE

Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Now recruiting new Members.
 Contact the Fire Hall 604-796-2177.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF COMPOST, RECYCLE and GARBAGE:
 Every Monday, unless Monday is a statutory holiday, then pick up will take place on the Tuesday immediately following the holiday. **2 garbage bags** per household per week.

MAJOR GARBAGE: 1st Wednesday of the month for Community core, and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the surrounding Community.

Contact Public Works at 604-796-2177 or email: publicworks@seabirdisland.ca

DENTAL CLINIC

Accepting new STATUS PATIENTS

Open Monday through Thursday
 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM **Closed Fridays**

Contact the Dental Clinic 604-796-6853.

MEDICAL CARDS

Need to apply for a new Medical Card because it was lost or stolen? We can assist you when applying for a new one.

Each client is responsible for paying for their Medical Cards. If they've been lost or stolen more than two times the cost is \$20 for each new card.

Please note, we do not assist with BC ID applications.

Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177

BABIES ID CARDS

Apply for a Medical Care Card as soon as possible. Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

Apply for Status Cards as soon as possible. Contact 604-796-2177.

AMBULANCE BILLS

Please submit ambulance bills as soon as you receive them. If the bill is more than 1 year old, ambulance costs will no longer be covered under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB). Anyone with a status number can have the ambulance paid for by Health Canada as long as it's not an ICBC claim.

We can only provide assistance to those with a status number.

Unfortunately, ambulance bills will not be covered if you were also incarcerated in jail. Ambulance billing will know if you were incarcerated based on the bill's address. Please do not bring these in as they will be denied and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Please note, if you were taken home by ambulance after a stay in the hospital, this will not be covered and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the Seabird Island Community Hall. AA in BC website: www.bcyukonaa.org

OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Appointments Only: Sept. 26-27

Recommended annual checkups for children under the age of 19 and every 2 years for ages 19-64. Elders 65+ can be seen annually.

Have a medical condition, such as diabetes, or taking high risk medicines? You can also be seen annually.

Contact Brittani Fontaine LPN, CHR at 604-991-0818 or brittanif@seabirdisland.ca

WILD ANIMAL ALERT

Wild animals live here too. By respecting the land and keeping the outdoors clean, you can reduce the risk of an encounter.

- Only put your garbage out the morning of garbage day.
- Discard fish guts (away from homes).
- Clean your barbecue.

Please keep an eye on your children and do not walk alone!

Clap loudly and make yourself big!

Educating ourselves and keeping a clean Community makes a difference!

If you have any further concerns or feel threatened by wild animals, first report it to the

Conservation Office at 1-877-952-7277

Second, contact the Seabird Communications Office at 604-796-2177 so we can post an "Alert" for your area.

RENEW STATUS CARD

Book a Status Card Appointment

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Appointments required.

Remember to bring:

- 2 pieces of photo Government ID
- New Photo (see Communications, appointment required)

New style Digital Status Card with photo

Contact **Simone Jimmie** 604-796-2177

Serving Seabird Members only!
 SIB has the right to refuse service.

ID Photography Prints

Status Card Photography

Laminated style: \$13.50

- Call Simone to book your appointment

Passport, PAL Photography and more

Authenticated photo: \$18.50

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments required.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or comm@seabirdisland.ca

SQ'ÉWQEL FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

Recommended to follow:

Sq'Éwqel "Seabird Island Band"
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandBand/>

Seabird Island Youth Program
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdYouthGroup/>

Seabird College
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdCollege.ca/>

Seabird Island Community School
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCommunitySchool>

Seabird Island Recreation
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdRec/>

Careers
<https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandCareers/ca/>

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

CUSTODIAN (PART TIME)

The Custodian is responsible for performing custodial duties, minor maintenance and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner.

We are currently seeking a Part time custodian (Monday-Friday evenings) and an on-call custodian (when needed).

DRIVER (PART TIME)

Reporting to the Fleet Manager, the Driver will be responsible for transporting a range of passengers from our health clients, college students, and potentially managing a school bus route and assisting with seasonal field trips. The Driver will possess a strong commitment to safety, excellent driving skills, and exceptional customer service.

FIRESMART COORDINATOR

The FireSmart Coordinator is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the FireSmart program within the community. This includes organizing community events, conducting home assessments, overseeing mitigation work, and educating community members on wildfire safety and prevention.

This is a 6-month Term contract position with the possibility of extension.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ABORIGINAL INFANT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT WORKER

Work in licensed Childcare centers with Indigenous children who are requiring extra support to attend the program, while applying principals of family-centered practice. The AIDP Support Worker will set individual program plans and activities for children from birth to the age of 3 with families and center staff. The AIDP support Worker will work with related agencies and professionals and works independently to maintain client caseload and group facilitation as required.

SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SCDP) SUPPORT WORKER

To provide front line support to children with extra support needs to assist them to fully participate in a childcare setting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SQDC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The area of responsibility for this role is very wide and so requires thorough knowledge of various company processes. The ideal candidate must be competent and able to plan many operational activities. This individual must be an excellent leader who can discover and implement the most efficient and optimal ways to run the business.

The primary responsibility of the CEO is to ensure excellence in the efficient running of the SqDC operations and individual business units while facilitating the organizational systems and procedures to maximize profit growth.

EDUCATION

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Responsible for supporting, coordinating, and contributing to education, training, and services focused on First Nations learners, organizations, and communities as well as other specific activities. The coordinator works across the school in collaboration with parents, communities, and students to promote enrolments, attendance, student success, program completion, and community relationships. The coordinator also has a significant role in promoting the school's activities to various communities and SD 78 Schools to foster learning approaches that support families and students. This position is responsible for developing and maintaining highly effective, open communication with First Nations learners, families, communities, school districts and other organizations for the purpose of enhancing student access to supports and success in education.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TEACHER

The Seabird Island alternate education program will focus on the social, cultural, educational, mental, and emotional needs of students who need a different approach to learning to be successful. The goals of the program are that all students achieve a certificate of graduation and successfully transition to post-secondary training and / or employment.

We are looking for a caring teacher who believes in every student's capacity to learn and who knows that relationship building is key to student success. The staff will spend extra time encouraging and supporting students' efforts to overcome barriers to learning.

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INCOME ASSISTANCE FIRST NATIONS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY (IAFNYES)

The goal of this pilot strategy is to support on-reserve First Nations youth between the ages of 19 and 30 receiving ISC's Income Assistance with a transition to the workforce, or return to school, through their participation in mentored work placements while receiving some case management supports.

This program will be 23 weeks in duration working 30hrs/week not exceeding 720hrs per participant. The program ends March 31, 2025.

Temkw'okw'es – Summer

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM - PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Seabird island is proud to offer the Summer Work Experience Program, the summer work experience program's goal is to assist eligible students to prepare for future entry into job market. Program focuses on providing work experience and developmental learning for in-school youth.

Eligibility Requirements:

- First Nations secondary and post-secondary students aged 15-30 at the start of the program's activities
- Ordinarily resident on reserve or in recognized communities or on community lands
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Registered as full-time students during the 2023-2024 school year and who intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the 2024-2025 school year

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**FAMILY WELLNESS AND
PRESERVATION SPECIALIST**

Seabird Island, through our journey to Child Protection Jurisdiction is committed to supporting and empowering our Seabird Island families and children. We are seeking a Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist to join our team and work collaboratively with Seabird Island families to ensure the safety, wellbeing, and cultural connection of their children.

Under the direction of the Program Manager of Families and Wellness, the Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist brings subject matter expertise to guide and support families and staff. This role is essential in informing unique approaches that empower and strengthen families. Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist will be responsible for documenting and developing a case management system to support team functions, as well as contributing to future vision and planning with jurisdiction..

**ON CALL RECOVERY HOME
SUPPORT WORKERS -
WOMENS/MENS HOME**

The Recovery Home Support worker position will be a part of an integrated team of individuals that works closely together in a residential setting to provide crisis intervention, coping strategies, education, connections to community services, and support to individuals affected by mental illness, addictions, trauma, and crisis

The Recovery Support Worker (R.S.W.) promotes recovery, stabilization, and independence by providing comprehensive support to clients. The R.S.W. supports and promotes the following: client safety, assisting with activities of daily living, and encouraging full participation in community activities included but not limited to cooking, cleaning, charting, participating in group sessions, driving, and shopping.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment. The Health and Safety Officer position is instrumental in building a strong safety culture that aligns with our commitments to the well-being of our employees, following WorkSafeBC standards and other regulatory compliance. We are seeking a dedicated and knowledgeable Health and Safety Officer to join our team, working collaboratively to develop and implement a safety program to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our employees.

Under the direction of the Human Resources Manager, the Health and Safety Officer is dedicated to ensuring that health and safety practices are established, communicated, and followed throughout our organization as well as overseeing our accommodations practices, return to work, and injury management to ensure continued staff wellbeing. This role is vital in maintaining a safe workplace that respects and integrates First Nations perspectives and practices, promoting a culture of health and safety through a collaborative and consultative approach. The Health and Safety Officer has the authority to stop work when it is being conducted in an unsafe manner, including impairment

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You are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and 3 references. <https://www.seabirdisland.ca/careers/>

We regret that we will only respond to those applicants chosen for an interview.

Email:
humanresources@seabirdisland.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest.

Garbage and Recycling



Garbage pick-up day is Monday, except when Monday is a holiday, then it moves to Tuesday.

Recycling pick-up is Tuesday except when Monday is a holiday, then it moves to Wednesday.

Garbage and recycling MUST be on the curb by 8:30 AM

If the trucks have already passed your home, the next pick up is NOT until the following Monday. Public Works will NOT return later that day.

Garbage bags must NOT be Extra Large Bags, as those could become a health hazard with the lifting weight requirements.

Recycling must NOT contain unaccepted materials. Mixed garbage and recycling goes to landfills only.

Major Garbage

Community core – First Wednesday of every month.

Surrounding areas – Third Wednesday of every month.



COMMUNITY CORE

Please have your items on the road at the beginning of your scheduled week. Should you have any questions, please contact Demi Peters in the Public Works Program at 604-796-7163.



SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

Seabird College

EDUCATION ASSISTANT



Seabird College
EDUCATION FOR REAL LIFE

Start Date: Sept 16th, 2024
Location: Seabird College
Hours: 755

Program Description:

Education Assistant diploma program graduates support students with special and diverse learning needs from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in British Columbia schools. They might assist with personal care, teaching, and behaviour management while under the supervision of teachers or other childcare professionals. They are employed in public and private elementary, secondary, and special needs schools and treatment centres.

Career options as an Education Assistant:

- Education Assistant
- Behavior Intervention Assistant
- Special Needs Assistant

Admission requirements:

- Grade 12 or Mature Student Status (19 years of age or more) And
- Grade 10 English – OR –
- English Language Proficiency Assessment Test conducted by WCC

The EA program includes a practicum placement which allows students to put their skills into practice in a classroom setting.

APPLY TODAY!

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Funding provided by Employment and Social Development Canada

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT



Seabird College
EDUCATION FOR REAL LIFE

Start Date: Sept 16th, 2024
Location: Seabird College
Hours: 745

Program Description:

This Healthcare Assistant diploma program will provide students with the essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes to work in frontline care in a wide variety of healthcare and community care settings. Healthcare assistants provide basic care and supervision of patients under the supervision of healthcare professionals. The program curriculum meets the standards of the BC Healthcare Assistant Provincial Curriculum.

After completion of this program, the graduates will be able to work as a Health Care Assistant at:

- Hospitals
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Extended Care Facilities
- Adult Day
- Respite Care and
- Home Support

Admission requirements:

- Grade 12 or Mature Student Status (19 years of age or more). And
- Grade 10 English (transcripts required)

The program includes a practicum placement to put skills to practice.

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Call Now To Register!

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