



Name of Dept:

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REFLECTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN

LEADERSHIP

GOAL: SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL IDENTITY OF SIB.

- As part of the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Seabird Island will receive annual amount of \$46,666.67 for the 2022-23 fiscal year, matching the amount received by the other communities in the STSA Upriver Admin Unit (Chawathil, Seabird Island, Shxw'ōwhámél, Sq'ewá:lxw, and Yale). We are currently negotiating an increased amount to take affect for all STSA Communities in the 2023-24 year.
- Involved in Provincial and Federal Governmental Policy changes, providing input into various Acts, Legislation or Policy changes.
- Continued involvement and keep up to date in the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
- Regular meeting with Fortis on the new lines proposed routing and exploring different options for equity partnerships
- The Ministry of Transportation trespass and right-of-way. On-going negotiations.
- Meeting and correspondence to Ministers outlining areas of concern.
- Regular meeting on the Transmountain to keep up-to-date and progression of the pipeline and any concerns.
- The application for obtaining a Seabird Island Woodlot has been submitted waiting for the process to be completed.
- Networking with Sasquatch Parks to have the realignment of the park boundaries so we are able to have access to the Woodlot once approved.
- Working toward taking over the management of Sasquatch Parks, contact will be up for renewal in 2025.

MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: ENGAGED, EMPOWERED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT SQ'EWQELO:MEXW

- Phase II of the Membership code to start community engagement from January to June 2023.
- Recruitment for a Membership Committee to assist in the disposition and communication of all changes in the Membership Code.
- Providing timely UpToDate information to members via social media, door to door deliveries.
- Members only site for more detailed information for members.
- Recruiting more members for the Sq'ep committee to encourage more involvement in cultural and traditional practices. Five more community members have been attending the Sq'ep committee meetings.
- Communication Assessment has been completed in the process of revamping the organizational structure of the communications department.
- Reviewing the Community Services department that consists of event, recreation to assist in a more structured approach to services provided to members and community.

- Developing a multitiered Cultural program to deliver services and programs to incorporate more traditional teachings and culture.
- In the process of restructuring the Culture and Recreation departments and moving to a culture and Community Services Department.
- This will provide a structured approach to the Culture and Recreation programs.

ENVIRONMENT

PROTECT AND ENHANCE S'ÓLH TÉMÉXW, INCLUDING LAND, WATER AND AIR CONSISTENT WITH TÓMIYEQW

- Working with LFFA on recording critical spawning habitat areas affected by the Atmospheric River Event.
- Working with LFFA to develop immediate and a five-year plan to address concerns for Spawning habitat.
- Submitting application for funding for habitat restoration projects.
- Working with the Emergency Planning Secretariat of emergency response training, critical incidence command stations, and the Fraser River cleanup of man-made item, debris and sediment build up. Ensuring the protection of Culturally sensitive areas and fishing sites.
- Reviewing and providing comment into various fish related areas such as the White Sturgeon, Deep Cove Fish Farms, etc.
- BC Hydro Wahleach Water Use Plan and Fisheries Act Authorization
- Working on five major referral projects to ensure our rights are not infringed on, protecting culturally significant areas and environments measures are in place.

CULTURE, HEALING, HEALTH & WELLNESS

GOAL: ÁY:MEXW – HEALTHY PEOPLE, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

- Working with the funeral and Sq'ep committee to come up with ways we can pass on the traditional teachings when we have a passing in the community. Determining what are the responsibilities of the Band administration and what are the protocols for the families.
- Working on providing food sources for the four-legged family members, working on providing the protections and controls required.
- Working towards food security practices, teaching that can be passed on to community members.
- Cultural Heritage work, generational responsibilities, identify individual, work with our traditional knowledge keepers to mentor them.
- Reviewing and revamping recreation and cultural programing. Posting for Community Services, Cultural and Recreation workers.

INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL: AN ECONOMICALLY STABLE COMMUNITY THAT MEETS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR FUTURE GROWTH.

Within the past 5 years

- Stat's –

Within the past year:

- The Referral process identifies areas of potential economic opportunities, this information is passed on to the Development Corporation and they are then included in referral process.

- Working with ISC, Emergency Management BC (EMBC), MOTI, Forest, Lands, Natural Recourses Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) on the atmospheric river and slide repairs and clean up. District of Kent is also involved in the Seabird Island Road repairs.
- Involved in the Highways 7 and 9 review with the Ministry of Transportation.
- Involved in the planning for the reroute of the Fortis line. Possible opportunities for equity partnerships exploring this opportunity.
- Creating awareness with the Minister on the possibility of a Stó:lō Salmon Centre of Innovation & Excellence