

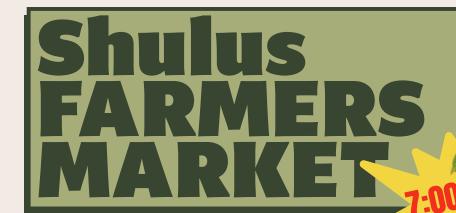


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Hi everyone, my name Rev Angus Muir and I have been the Anglican priest at All Saints Anglican Church in Shulus for the past seven years. I was born at Ashcroft sixty-six years ago to a farming family. I attended elementary school in Ashcroft and some secondary school in Vanderhoof. I worked on the family farm for many years, eventually moved south again where I met my future wife. She introduced me to church here in Merritt and Shulus and God our Creator came into my life. I have been ordained since 2016. My mission in life is to share the knowledge and love of God our Creator with who ever is interested.



FRESH

ORGANIC

SUNDAY July 6th

OPEN 8:00 am -12:00 pm



Shulus Arena Parking Lot

Contact: Gylan Bose (250) 936-8805



🔶 Email: Gylan.Bose@Inib.net 🔶



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henle? Band members and community members. School is out!!!!! It is hard to believe that school is done for our college students and our public and Band School students for the year. In saying this, I ask all of you to once again be mindful that summer holidays have commenced and to

be extra careful as our children will be out and about on our streets and in our neighborhoods during the day. I would also ask all parents and guardians to spend some time with your children to talk about being safe at all times. Please be sure to tell your children to be responsible while playing on our community streets. Look both ways before crossing streets and roads. Always let your parents or guardians know where you are going, what you are doing and how long you will be away from home. Safety is so important. Summer holidays can be exciting times, but it is also important to communicate and look out for one another if you are away from home spending time with friends. Let's all have an enjoyable summer and make these summer months fun and memorable.

I had the honor and privilege attending and speaking at this year's NVIT Graduation ceremony on June 13th. It was an amazing ceremony filled with prayer, drumming, and some incredible speeches. NVIT has been a longstanding learning institution for our people, and it has grown so much over the years. One of the newest and arguably the most popular programs at NVIT is the Bachelor of Arts Language Degree program. Our language program has excelled and improved so much over the years, and I was able to witness 4 of our LNIB Band Members walk the stage and receive their Bachelor of Arts Degree in our Nłe?kepmx

Language! What an amazing accomplishment to Leo Charlie, Sunshine O'Donovan, LNIB employee, Sondra Tom and LNIB Band Councillor, William Sandy! LNIB is so proud of you. I am so very proud of you all. You are all leaders in your own right, and you should be very proud of yourselves. I also was very humbled to be asked to participate and speak at the Merritt Secondary School Graduation ceremony on June 19th. Once again, it was a very exciting time for the graduates of 2025 to celebrate and cherish a very meaningful ceremony. It must also be known that LNIB had a total of 13 graduates graduating from MSS. I was informed that we had approximately 10 more LNIB graduates that graduated from other school districts abroad. How about that!! 23 LNIB members graduated this year from their respective high schools. I am definitely "Proud to be LNIB."

June was a very busy month and there was no slowing down. I attended a celebration luncheon at NVIT to honor and publicly announce the new President of NVIT. NVIT Board of Governors Chairperson, Lennard Joe announced John Chenoweth as the new President of NVIT. The luncheon included many elders, faculty, students, and past and current leaders. It was an amazing event that included prayers from both Nie?kepmx and Svilx Elders as well as hand drummers. This is the first time in NVIT's history that the 5 Nations within the Nicola Valley can proudly say that one of our own is going to lead the charge at NVIT as its President. Congratulations to John Chenoweth. John is not only a mentor to myself and many others, but John is also a very close friend to me, in fact, I call John my brother. Good luck John and make us proud! Chief and Council have continued to work diligently this past month and have continued to

done a little differently with this process is conduct community engagement sessions outside of LNIB lands. The council hosted sessions at Shulus Hall and at our Rocky Pines Community Center and we also hosted sessions in both Kamloops and Vancouver. This has never been done before, and we are very proud that we were able to do this. Although our attendance numbers were not the highest, we were equally proud to conduct these sessions and attain feedback from our membership that we will implement into our CCP. We hope to have the CCP complete in the very new future and we look forward to sharing it with membership.

The Chief and Council also hosted a meeting in June to address two very important items that LNIB surely wants to implement and apply to our LNIB laws and processes. LNIB has been working hard on getting our Land Allotment Law ratified as well get some "much needed" amendments approved of our Custom Election Rules. There was some very good input and dialogue from membership regarding these twoline items, and I felt the outcome of this meeting was very positive, minus a few uncalled-for outbursts. LNIB has advanced so much in the past 10 or so years and we are continuing to grow as a Nation. We need to update our laws! We need to progress. We are getting close to an LNIB populace of 1600 members! LNIB will be holding a Special Meeting on July 19th to either support the new amendments to our Custom Election Rules or to simply not support the latest changes. I really hope that membership will support the latest changes to our Election Rules. Our rules first came into effect in 1994 (approximately 30 years ago). Since 1994, our rules had only seen a few changes. The most recent change was during my first term as kwúkwpi?, where we accepted electronic/online voting. Nothing has changed since and we are in dire need of changing some of our election processes. I am looking forward to July 19th

and I hope LNIB membership moves forward to support and endorse a more improved governing approach to our future as a people and a community.

Enjoy the month of July everyone. Be safe and watch out for our children, our future leaders. Much love and respect to you all. Take care of your friends and family, but most importantly, take care of yourselves.

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kwúkwpi? Stu Jackson



Did you know we have a cooling station at the Health Center? Too hot? come over and enjoy the cool Misting station they have set up!

BLUEBERRIES AND CHERRIES

BLueberries and Cherries

LNIB Membership and Community Members

There will be Blueberries and Cherries available for pick up July 8th at 10am, at the Health Center.

For more information call the Health Center 250-378-5157.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear LNIB Members,

I am pleased to present our monthly report for June 2025. LNIB continued to be busy with several initiatives. Here are some of the things we have been working on:

Human Resources: While visiting or receiving services at other buildings, please feel free to ask the staff member you are visiting to use a mask and to adhere to safety protocols if you are concerned. We are

committed to keeping the community and employees safe.

Lower Nicola Indian Band would like to welcome Hamed Daneshofozoun, Fisheries Technician/ Jr Biologist; Connie Moojelski, Youth Program Coordinator; Jacy Dick, Summer Student; Estrella Jackson-Alvear, Summer Student-Administration. LNIB thanks Mike Sterling for his contribution to LNIB and wish him best on his future endeavors.

Current job postings with Lower Nicola Indian Band are Receptionist, Summer Students, Policy Analyst, Capstone Infrastructure, Land Guardian, Nlakapamux Forestry Program Coordinator, Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Coordinator, School Counsellor, Teacher K-7, Teacher/ Vice Principal, Community Nurse, Counsellor, Building/Facility Maintenance and Early Child Educator. For job postings visit https://www.lnib.net/jobs/ or https://secure.collage.co/jobs/lnib for further details.

Committees and Liaisons: The Lands Management Advisory Committee met June 12, 2025. The Finance and Audit Committee met June 20, 2025. The Housing Policy Review Committee did not meet in June 2025.

Community Meetings and Workshops: The next Band General meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2025.

Support to Chief and Council: Chief and Council met June 3rd and 17th. Should you require anything on the Chief and Council agenda scheduled for June please contact Sondra Tom and I. Finally, remember that the Chief and Council meetings are open to membership to join via online or telephone. Please contact Sondra Tom so you can be added to the email invitation for the scheduled Chief and Council meetings and Band General.

Kari Reilander, LNIB Executive Director

ANGIE BAIN



LNIB Member Angie Bain was nominated by the Indigenous Heritage Circle for Contributions to the field of heritage and research.

30,000 Medals awarded across Canada in celebration Canadians who made significant contributions to the country.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL MOTIONS



Chief & Council

Meeting Motions

June 3rd, 2025

Resolution #06-03-2025-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 3, 2025, Chief and Council meeting agenda with the addition of 7.c.iv. Expenditure Law and Tax Law.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the May 20, 2025, Chief and Council meeting minutes with noted changes.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-03 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council:

- Approves the Territory of the Peoples Anglican Church Licence Agreement and the Permit (the "Agreements"), in substantially the form presented with any modifications, amendments or changes thereto that may be approved by the Executive Director in his/her discretion, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by his/her execution thereof: and
- Authorizes the Executive Director, for and on behalf of the Council, to do all such acts and things as
 may be necessary or desirable to give effect to these resolutions, or in connection with the
 performance by LNIB of its obligations pursuant to these resolutions or the Agreements

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-04 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council:

- Approves the Form of Assignment Consent of LNIB and Form of Certificate LNIB (the
 "Documents"), in substantially the form presented with any modifications, amendments or changes
 thereto that may be approved by the Executive Director in his/her discretion, such approval to be
 conclusively evidenced by his/her execution thereof; and accepts the Documents; and
- Authorizes the Executive Director, for and on behalf of Council, to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to these resolutions, or in connection with the performance by LNIB of its obligations pursuant to these resolutions or the Documents.

The Director of Lands and Housing will be present to request motion to approve the Territory of the Peoples Anglican Church license and agreement and permit. An additional request for a motion approving the Enbridge assignment of Tenure from Westcoast Energy Inc to consent the certificate for LNIB.

Motion Tabled

Resolution #06-03-2025-05 Reads:

WHEREAS, Section IX.1 of the Lower Nicola Indian Band Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Steering Committee (the "Committee") Terms of Reference permits the removal of a committee member, on the recommendation of the Chairperson, for failure to perform expected duties; and

WHEREAS, LNIB Member at Large Jerrod Peterson Jr. has failed to perform the expected duties of a Committee member; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Economic Development position on the Committee is currently vacant due to unforeseen circumstances; and



Meeting Motions

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to fill the Director of Economic Development position on an interim basis to ensure continuity and effective functioning of the Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council hereby:

- Concur with the Committee's recommendation to remove Jerrod Peterson Jr. as Member at Large from the Lower Nicola Indian Band Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Steering Committee.
- Appoint Monica Charters as the Interim Director of Economic Development to the Lower Nicola Indian Band Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Steering Committee, effective immediately.
- 3. Initiate the process to fill the Member at Large vacancy on the Committee, created by the removal of Jerrod Peterson Jr., through appointment by the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-06 Reads:

Be it resolved that Chief and Council approve a professional service contract between the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB) and Awakening Clothing Co with Councilor Robin Humphrey, a member of Chief and Council, in the amount of \$9,480, for the provision of LNIB School Hoodie Design as requested by LNIB Administration.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-07 Reads:

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to accept the Indigenous Services Canada Amending Agreement No. 1920-BC-000012 Amendment #0079 to the funding agreement in effect as of April 16, 2019 to provide funding for

- 1. Construction ICMS HSP New Construct in the amount of \$84,500.00
- 2. Prevention Projects -2025/26 FNCFS Prevention Program in the amount of \$85,462.00, and
- 3. Prevention Projects -2025/26 FNCFS Prevention Program in the amount of \$922,132.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-08 Reads:

That Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band move to support and sign the Annual Rates Law and Annual Expenditure Law to come into force and effect on the day after it is approved by the First Nations Tax Commission.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-09 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 7:13 pm, with the meeting being closed to the public to consider sensitive matters that may be in a preliminary stage, or deal with subject matter that is privileged in nature and that, in the view of the council, its disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the public.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-10 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to reconvene at 9:03 pm.

Motion Carried



Meeting Motions

Resolution #06-03-2025-11 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the June 3, 2025, meeting at 9:07 pm.

Motion Carried

June 17, 2025

Resolution #06-17-2025-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 17, 2025, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 3, 2025, Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-04 Reads:

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to accept the Local Education Agreement between Lower Nicola Indian Band and Nicola Similkameen-School District 58 and hereby authorizes kwúkwpi? Stuart Jackson and the Executive Director to sign the agreement which will serve a 5-year term ending June 30th, 2030.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-05 Reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council:

- 1. Approves payment to First Peoples Law LLP for invoice #15519 dated May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$51,829.58, for the Private Prosecution of Mike Pockrant and Barbara Caldwell in Provincial
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Cheque Requisition for the payment to First Peoples Law LLP for invoice #15519 in the amount of \$51,829.58

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-06 Reads:

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$64,782.00 to upgrade the current firewall with the PA-850 model;

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-07 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council herby approves issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services to create a Five-Year Lower Nicola Indian Band Economic Development Plan and further authorizes the Executive Director or the Director of Finance to issue the tender once it has been reviewed by legal counsel

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-08 Reads:

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to accept the Indigenous Services Canada Amending Agreement No. 1920-BC-000012 Amendment #0081 to the funding agreement in effect as of April 16, 2019 to provide funding for



Meeting Motions

- 1. First Nations Child and Family Services On Reserve Operating and Management Housing Fund in the amount of \$382,841.00, and
- Adult Institutional Care Approval in the amount of \$2,028.24

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-09 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 7:04 pm, with the meeting being closed to the public to consider sensitive matters that may be in a preliminary stage, or deal with subject matter that is privileged in nature and that, in the view of the council, its disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the public.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-03-2025-10 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to reconvene at 12:30 am.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-17-2025-11 Reads:

WHEREAS:

- A. The property that is the subject of these resolutions is located on Nicola Mameet Indian Reserve No. 1, on the north side of Highway 8 approximately half a kilometre west of the intersection of Highway 8 and Highway 97C, is legally described as PIN 902006549, Lot 91 CLSR 58927 (the "Property"), and approximately 18.2 acres in size.
- B. A certificate of possession for the Property is held by a LNIB member (the "Seller").
- C. Council of Lower Nicola Indian Band ("LNIB") is of the view that acquisition of the Property is in the best interests of LNIB.
- D. Council wishes to authorize the Executive Director, working with external legal counsel, to negotiate a purchase agreement between the Seller and LNIB (the "Purchase Agreement") to acquire the Property, which Purchase Agreement will contain the following terms and conditions:
 - customary due diligence conditions (the "Purchaser's Conditions"), including being satisfied with the legal title and condition of the Property and the results of any feasibility studies and/or appraisal LNIB may wish to carry out; and
 - 2. any other terms and conditions the Executive Director considers prudent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT:

- The Executive Director be and is hereby authorized, working with external legal counsel, to negotiate, finalize and enter into the Purchase Agreement to acquire the Property for a purchase price not exceeding the maximum market value of the Seller's certificate of possession interest in the Property:
- 2. If the Purchase Agreement is entered into between the Seller and LNIB, the Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to cause due diligence with respect to the Property to be carried out and, if the results of such due diligence are satisfactory to the Executive Director, to remove the Purchaser's Conditions by the date for removal set out in the Purchase Agreement; and
- 3. The Executive Director and one other member of Council be and are hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement and all other documents and instruments, with such changes as they may approve (such approval to be evidenced conclusively by their execution thereof), and to do such further acts as may be necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

Motion Carried



Meeting Motions

Resolution #06-17-2025-12 Reads:

WHEREAS the Lower Nicola Indian Band operates under the authority of Chief and Council.

WHEREAS Capstone Power Corp. ("Capstone") and LNIB have been working together to develop the Mount Mabel Wind Project ("Mount Mabel Project"), which will be located in LNIB traditional territory, near the Coquihalla Highway between Merritt and Kamloops. The Mount Mabel Project was awarded a 30 year Electricity Purchase Agreement from BCHydro in December 2024.

WHEREAS prior to responding to the BC Hydro Request for Proposals, Capstone and LNIB negotiated a detailed Term Sheet, which set out the terms which govern the relationship with Capstone and the development of the Mount Mabel Project. LNIB Council reviewed this Term Sheet, and passed a BCR on September 3, 2024, which approved the signing of the Term Sheet.

WHEREAS Capstone and LNIB have now prepared a Shareholder Agreement, Funding Agreement, Support Letter Agreement, and Benefits Side Letter Agreement ("Commercial Agreements") that will govern the ownership and operation of the Project, and LNIB has established a new corporation, Naik Ventures Corporation, to hold LNIB's interest in the Mount Mabel Project.

WHEREAS these Commercial Agreements are more detailed than the Term Sheet but are substantially the same as the Term Sheet previously approved by Chief and Council.

WHEREAS Chief and Council have reviewed the Commercial Agreements and information regarding the Mount Mabel Project and have received the advice of LNIB staff and advisors regarding the Commercial Agreements and the Mount Mabel Project.

AND WHEREAS Chief and Council have determined that the Commercial Agreements provide LNIB and its members with significant ongoing revenue, employment and contracting benefits, all on favourable financial and legal terms, and that execution of the Commercial Agreements and participation in the Mount Mabel Project is in the best interests of the Lower Nicola Indian Band.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council approves the form and content of the Commercial Agreements and supports LNIB's participation in the Mount Mabel Project on the terms set out in the Commercial Agreements.
- 2. Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council approve the execution of the Commercial Agreements and other related documents and authorize any member of Council to execute the Commercial Agreements and other related documents on behalf of the LNIB.
- 3. Any member of Council is hereby authorized and approved to do all such further acts, engage in all such communication, and prepare, deliver and execute all other documents as may be required in order to give effect to this Band Council Resolution, including documents related to the incorporation of Naik Ventures Corporation.

Motion Carried

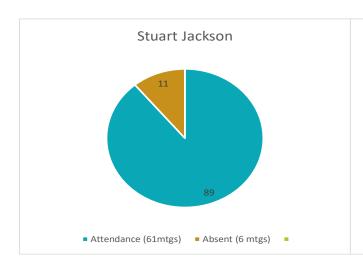
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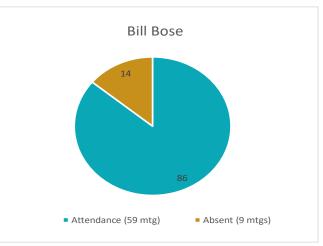
The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the June 17, 2025, meeting at 12:38 am.

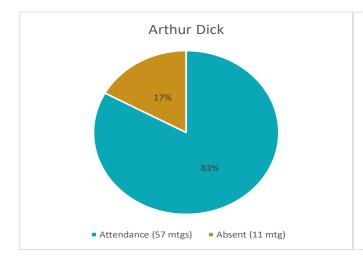
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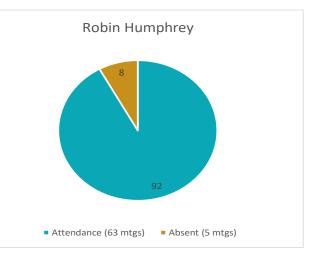
CHIEF AND COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Chief and Council Attendance Term October 2022-September 2025

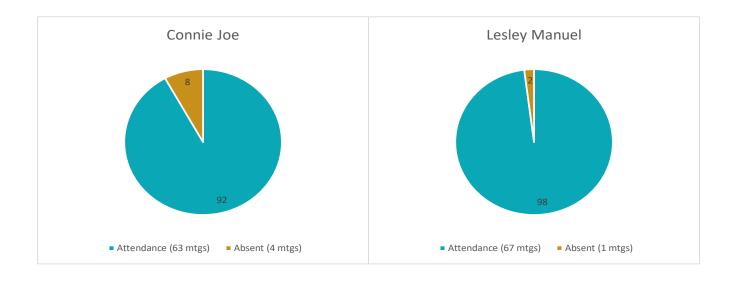


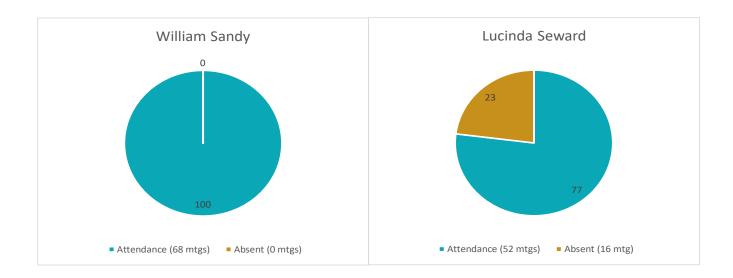






Chief and Council Attendance Term October 2022-September 2025





CUSTOM ELECTION RULES AMENDMENT



Custom Election Rules Amendment Special Meeting: Wednesday July 9, 2025 5:00 pm

Details to Join RingCentral Meeting by Phone:

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Dial-in toll number: 1-647-360-4694

Meeting ID/Access Code: 311504449#

Link: https://v.ringcentral.com/join/311504449

If you would like to join by RingCentral to see meeting materials as discussed email Sondra.Tom@Inib.net for more information. A meeting invite will be emailed for RingCentral as requested.

Notes:

- To maintain audio quality and meeting flow, attendees please mute during the meeting.
- Send questions or comments to <u>Sondra Tom@Inib.net</u> to be addressed during or after the meeting.

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LANDS

The LANDS DEPARTMENT

Discuss land activities with the Lands team and exchange stories. Reach out to the Lands Department for any inquiries regarding LMAC, community meetings, and general land matters.

STEPHEN JIMMIE DIRECTOR OF LANDS & HOUSING stephen.jimmie@Inib.net

Reach out to Stephen for questions regarding Land Code, Individual Agreements, Law and Policy Development, Special Land Projects, and Land Use Planning.

MONICA PETTINGER LANDS AGENT monica.p@Inib.net

For inquiries related to lease and permit applications, land access requests, as well as easement and right-of-way applications, please reach out to Monica.

KRIS POR LANDS RESEARCHER kris.por@Inib.net

Please reach out to Kris for assistance with Family/Traditional Research, support with Allotment Applications, coordination of Will Development, and Estate Administration support.

ALEX BUKKOS SURVEY COORDINATOR alex.bukkos@lnib.net

For inquiries regarding ongoing and historical land projects, including surveys and mapping efforts, please contact Alex.

DELTA LONG LANDS MANAGER delta.long@Inib.net

Connect with Delta for discussions on general inquiries, land allotments, transfers, and CPs, as well as matters of law and policy enforcement.

SAYGE FISHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COORDINATOR sayge.fisher@Inib.net

Reach out to Sayge for information on Environmental Management and Protection, Invasive Weed Management, Illegal Dumping, and Special Environmental Projects.

JUSTICE **CISCO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** justice.cisco@lnib.net

Reach out to Justice for general inquiries, questions related to LMAC meetings, and information about community events.

VACANT SURVEY ASSISTANT

Lands Portal LNIBLANDS.NET

If you have any questions regarding land or current projects, visit the lands portal online or contact the Lands Department.

Updates are posted regularly, and printed copies can be made for pick up at the land's office.

NOTICE ABOUT RECREATIONAL VEICHLES

The Lower Nicola Indian Band prohibits RV's to be utilized as long-term primary dwellings, residences, or cabins on LNIB Lands including CP Lands and Custom Family Lands (also known as Family Lands) unless they receive prior written authorization from the Lands Manager.

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON WILDLIFE SAFETY

Please refrain from leaving hunting remains, animals' entrails or trimmings up Mamit Lake Branch Road or anywhere near the community residential areas.

Animal remains attract predators, leaving remains from a hunting trip too close to the community habituates the predators to keep returning for more food. Predators such as coyotes, bears and wolves will keep returning where there is food available to them. Attracting additional predators into the community will create an unsafe environment for children, pets, and all members of the community. Please relocate hunting remains or animal innards outside of the community by leaving them far away from residences or known industry. An alternative to Mamit Lake Branch Road could be up highway 97C, past the industrial park.

LANDS MANAGEMENT **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

UPCOMING MEETING THURSDAY July 17, 2025 4:30 PM

Lands Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) meetings are open to all LNIB Members to attend virtually starting at 4:30 PM. Listen in to learn about Lands activities and developments. Check the Members Only portal for LMAC meeting links or contact Stephen, Lands Director, for more details.

SNUKWE? SECURITY

250-936-8722



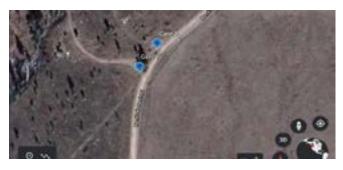
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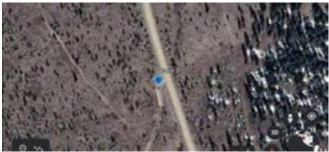
Snukwe? Security is on duty 40 hours each week and responds to calls and messages while on shift.

Snukwe? Security is here to assist as needed and monitor any issues reported by residents, such as noise, nuisances, illegal dumping and general safety concerns.

If you or anyone else is in Immediate danger or emergency situation, please CALL 911 FIRST.

The Lands Department oversees the management and protection of LNIB reserve lands, ensuring their sustainability and security for the community. To address concerns such as the improper use of land and the illegal dumping of hazardous materials, measures have been implemented to safeguard these valuable areas.









Camera Installation

To complement the gate system, security cameras have been placed in key locations throughout the reserve. These cameras are strictly for monitoring and security purposes, ensuring the safety of the lands without infringing on the privacy of nearby homes, businesses, or communities. Trail cameras are used in areas where gate installation would be impractical, providing a flexible yet effective solution.

Gates for Land Protection

In September 2021, four gates were installed across Nicola Mameet IR1. These gates serve as a barrier to prevent unauthorized activities while still allowing controlled access. While members of the community retain full access to reserve lands, some areas may require gate codes for entry.

The installation of gates follows a dedicated effort to clean up areas contaminated by environmental hazards. These measures are essential to preserving the health and safety of the reserve lands for current and future generations.

Members' access to reserve lands will not be restricted by the GATES, though some areas may require gate codes.

Call 250-280-7270 for access outside of regular office hours or contact LNIB security at (250) 215-5048

BUYER'S NOTICE BOARD



If you're interested in buying land or property from a landowner, the Lands Department can help! Submit your contact information to be included in the monthly LNIB Newsletter.

Jennie Blankenship

I am looking to purchase enough property for two homes and a hobby farm in Zoht, Sunshine Valley, or Nicola Mameet (Hwy 97C). If you have property for sale, please contact me

CONTACT | 604-928-2985 | scwexmx@gmail.com

Mindy Garcia

I am seeking land to build a home, summer home, and a sweat lodge. I am also interested in properties with existing homes, even fixer-uppers. If you or someone you know is selling, I would love to hear from you.

CONTACT | 250-280-5684

Lorne Dunn

I am interested in purchasing around an acre parcel of land at Nicola Mameet IR1 to place a home.

CONTACT | 250-315-7501 | lorne.dunn@yahoo.com

SELLER'S NOTICE BOARD



Are you a landowner looking to sell?

Contact the Lands Department to have your property featured in the monthly LNIB newsletter.

Available Opportunities for Purchase:

- Potential Business Highway Frontage | Located on Highway 8.
- CP Residential Lots for Sale

For more information, please contact Donelda Haller at 250-315-5315.



LNIB WILLS PROJECT



Do you have a will?

Without one, decisions about your land, home and belongings could be made for you.

The LNIB Lands Department is here to help. We offer **FREE** support for I NIB Members to:

- ✓ CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR LEGAL WILL
- UNDERSTAND ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
- LEARN ABOUT MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY
- STORE YOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SAFELY

Why should you have a will?

Control Over Asset Distribution

A Will ensures your property and belongings go where you want.

Protect Your Family's Interest

Provide clear instructions to ensure your loved ones are properly cared for.

Minimize Family Disputes

A clear Will helps avoid conflicts between heirs.

Appoint Executors and Trustees

Choose trusted people to manage your estate.

Make Settling Your Estate Easier

A Will helps your family handle your affairs quickly and smoothly.

If you're interested in getting your Will done. Please contact Justice Cisco @ justice.cisco@lnib.net or Kris Por @ kris.por@lnib.net or call (250) 378-5157

INVASIVE WEED SPOTLIGHT

Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight Spotted / Diffuse Knapweed



Origin:

This invasive weed originated in Europe and Asia

Description:

This purple, white or pink flowered weed is known as Spotted Knapweed or Diffuse Knapweed, both names refer to a different variation of the same species of invasive weed. Originating from Europe and Asia, these invasives, this invasive weed relies on seed distribution to spread, each plant can drop up to 140,000 seeds per square meter. Knapweed is most common in the dry disturbed soils of southern and central BC, infesting roadsides, ditches, rights-of-ways, backyards, and rangelands. Ecological impacts include outcompeting native vegetation; decreasing natural biodiversity, increased erosion; causing additional sedimentation in watercourses, and the allelopathic properties of this plant can alter soil chemistry; preventing growth of other plants attempting to grow near the Knapweed. When the stalks of this weed die off and dry out, they become highly flammable and could increase the severity of a wildfire if one was to occur.

Spread:

Seed dispersal: dormant Knapweed seeds can remain viable in the soil for over 8 years after dispersal.

Mature seeds fully develop in July-August.

Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

Control Options:

Prevention

- Reseed all areas where ground disturbance has occurred and minimize ground disturbance near invasive weeds.
- Remove seeds from gear, equipment, shoes, clothing, or vehicles before leaving an infested site.







Mechanical Control:

- Use gloves to hand pull this plant.
- Mowing this plant prior to seed formation will not kill it but can decrease seed production and control spread. Any plants that have not flowered yet, may be manually removed, and left on site to decompose. Any plants that have developed seeds must be bagged and removed from site to prevent further seed dispersal.
- Removal may need to be repeated to properly deplete root reserves and prevent it from regrowing.







Biological Control:

 There are currently 12 different biological control agents that have been released into BC as an effective control method for both variations of Knapweed. Seed/root feeding weevils and moths help to control the spread of Knapweed by eating the seed pods and root systems as larvae, while the adults further destroy the plant by eating the leaves and stems. Please visit the Thomspon Nicola Regional District's webpage online for more information.







Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

Chemical Control:

 Herbicide recommendations and use must consider site characteristics and be prescribed based on site goals and objectives. Herbicide labels and other sources of information must be reviewed before selecting and applying herbicides. Effective herbicides include: picloram, dicamba, 2,4-D, clopyralid, aminopyralid and glyphosate. Picloram has been determined most effective; however, it has residual effects. Application: The use of a wick or selective spot spraying is recommended to minimize non-target damage." (ISCBC Factsheet 2019)







Disclaimer - ANY & ALL herbicide applications must be applied as spot spraying; broadcast spraying may negatively impact other vegetation in the area & harm sensitive ecosystems.

Herbicide application within 5m of any body of water (seasonal or not) is prohibited.

LNIB is requesting that the application of herbicide to treat half an acre or more, is carried out by a person holding a valid BC Pesticide Applicator Certificate. Before selecting and applying herbicides, you must review and follow herbicide labels and application rates; municipal, regional, provincial, and federal laws and regulations; species-specific treatment recommendations, and site-specific goals and objectives.

Sources:

- Invasive Species Council of BC Factsheet March 2019 Knapweeds, Spotted Centaurea biebersteinii, Diffuse – Centaurea diffusa
- Thomspon Nicola Regional District Spotted Knapweed

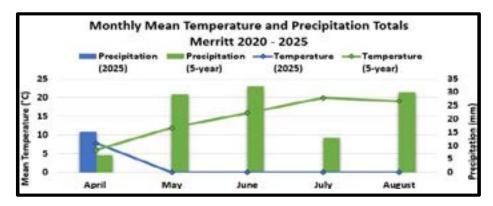
BLUE WEED WORKSHOP



Thompson Nicola Regional District Electoral Area M+N Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program

01 - 30 April 2025 Progress Report

Overall weather for the month of April at Merritt was "warmer and wetter" than previous years. The monthly mean temperature of 7.8°C was 1.8°C warmer than the 5-year (2020-2024) average and precipitation totals of 15.0mm were over twice that the 5-year average for April of 6.4mm.



Winter snowpack for the southern TNRD area, as measured in the Similkameen watershed between 01 January and 01 April 2025, was well below normal, ranging from 57% to 63% of normal. Nicola Lake, Douglas Lake, Nicola River (Upper and Lower) and Coldwater River levels were all well below flood thresholds.

Despite the above average precipitation totals, a lot of the precipitation had been absorbed and standing water accumulations in many sites were less than observed in past seasons. As a result, many temporary snowmelt-filled depressions and ditches were dry. Larval development was predominantly observed in permanent ponds and marshes.

Initial surveying and monitoring of larval development sites began on 16 April 2025. Permanent and standing water habitats (tire-ruts, depressions) were active throughout the program areas. Several sites in the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch Home Ranch (DLR), Quilchena and Lower Nicola areas were active with larval development on more than one occasion during the month.

A total of 109 inspections were completed at 66 different sites and a total of 48.2 kg of VectoBac 200G were applied from the ground to control developing larval populations in 46 sites. Larval development was observed throughout the program area and was most expansive in the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch area. A total of 8 sites located in the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch home ranch area were active with larval development and 3 sites required treatment on 2 occasions during April. A total of 12 sites in Quilchena were treated with VectoBac 200G in April, with 4 of those sites

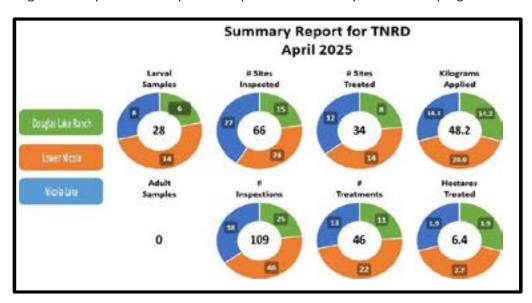
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requiring treatment on 2 occasions. Fourteen different sites in the Lower Nicola program also required treatment during April 2025 and of these 8 sites were treated on two occasions.

The figure below presents the April 2025 Operational Summary for the three program areas.



Coldwater River levels are unseasonably low and below average. Snowmelt water runoff is being held in Nicola Lake and is being very slowly released through the Nicola dam. As a result, Lower Nicola River levels are at a minimum. We will continue to monitor (websites/visual) local river to levels assess their likelihood for flooding and larval development.

Larval sampling and collection by *Duka Ltd.* personnel at open water development habitats will continue throughout the season. Larvicide (VectoBac 200G) treatments will be completed as required, and where necessary to control developing larval mosquito populations.

If you have any questions on this update, or require additional information please contact me at your convenience.

Curtis Fediuk BSc., RPBio.,

Senior Biologist

Yours truly

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HOUSING

The ŒŒŒ HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing department is responsible for managing the housing program, including property management functions, planning and construction of New Houses, Maintenance and upkeep of the housing stock, the realtionship with Canada Mortgage Housing Fund, and Indigenous Service Canada (ISC)

IORDANA McIVOR- GRISMER HOUSING ADMINISTRATOR jordana.mcg@lnib.net

Contact Jordana about the First Nations Market Housing Program, external renovation and building funding options, needs requirements

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Contact Ashley for details regarding rent collection, housing maintenance, LNIB Rental Housing policy and general housing questions

MEL BLANKINSHIP HOUSING MAINTENANCE

LUKE FLOWER HOUSING CARPENTER

REMINDER TO ALL TENANTS

We kindly request that residents take responsibility for the conduct of their guests in both the unit and community. This responsibility includes being mindful of noise levels, driving with care and ensuring that all activities are lawful and respectful of others.

Any failure to meet these expectations may be viewed as violation of the rental agreement, potentially leading to the issuance of breach notice or eviction. Your understanding and cooperation in upholding these standards are greatly appreciated.

If you wish to report any disturbance or illegal activity, please contact our security service (250) 215-5048, or the RCMP.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at (250) 378-5157

Housing ANNOUNCEMEN

Septic System Maintenance

DO NOT USE KIRKLAND BRAND TOILET PAPER, as it does not break down and clogs the toilet.

Your septic system is a living ecosystem, and you need to do your part to ensure it is healthy and working as it should.

Never put anything down the drain or toilet that will not biodegrade, including but not limited to, wipes (Lysol, baby, etc.), clothes, bottles, feminism products, paper towel, plastic, etc.

Don't use chemicals like bleach as it kills the good bacteria that breakdown the solid waste.

Space out your water consumption so the tank and drain field are not overwhelmed. By this we mean don't do excessive loads of laundry in a day, have extended showers, leave your tap running unnecessarily, etc.

The drain field (or leach field) is the area on your property where wastewater from your septic system is dispersed into the soil. To avoid damaging the drain field and overall functioning of the septic system; -Never park a vehicle, build a structure, have large livestock animals, have fires, or plant trees or a garden over your septic system's drain field - You should also prevent excess water from flowing over your drain field by making sure your downspouts are pointing away from it because a saturated field cannot drain and process wastewater.

These are some of the simple steps that can save time and money and extend the life of your septic system.

VEHICLE REMOVAL

We are excited to be partnered with Kamloops Auto Recycling and Mario's Towing for scrap vehicle removal in all our LNIB communities. Keeping our communities of old vehicles clean assists with potential environmental concerns that could arise from batteries, tires, old paint decaying and releasing hazardous substances into the environment. Things like coolant, old oil and other liquids can leak over time, seep into the ground, and contaminate the ground water. We would love to get these old vehicles cleaned up to keep our community healthy for generations to come!

If you have multiple vehicles, you would like to be picked up you can call Kamloops Auto Recycling 250-574-4679.

If you have single vehicles, you would like to be picked up you can call Mario's Towing 250-378-9241.



We currently have six vacant units ready and available for new tenants! Whether you're looking for a place for yourself, your family, or know someone in need of housing, now is a great time to reach out. These units are move-in ready, and we're looking forward to welcoming residents into the community. Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

LNIB BEARS DEN

LNIB Bear's Den - Round III

LNIB Bear's Den is back for Round III! Check out this article that provides a recap from last year, information about this year's edition and some answers to key questions regarding how to enter, what happens after the event and what kind of support is provided.

Recap from last year

On November 6, 2024, LNIB's Economic Development team hosted Bear's Den Round II at Shulus Hall. With over 60 community members in attendance, the evening was filled with laughter, inspiration, and a powerful entrepreneurial spirit.

Eight courageous LNIB entrepreneurs presented a diverse range of business ideas—from gutter services, mobile concessions, and first aid transport to mushroom cultivation, pet supplies, and security services. Each pitch showcased innovation, passion, and determination.

Youth participant Mahonri Peterson won the Judges' Pick for "My Buddy the Fungi," impressing the panel with clarity and vision. The People's Choice Award went to Snukwe? Security Inc., whose heartfelt pitch and commitment to community safety resonated strongly with the audience.

This event would not have been possible without the incredible support from community members, volunteers, and our generous sponsors, including Teck Resources, Infracon, McCaw's Drilling & Blasting, and many more. Special thanks to judges Don Gosso, Michael Jackson, and Leesa Mike, and to Mountain Chief Catering for the delicious dinner.

Bear's Den continues to be a platform for community-driven entrepreneurship and inspiration. LNIB Economic Development is proud to support these innovators and is committed to helping them take their businesses from concept to reality.



Last year's Judges choice, Mahonri Peterson and his mom and Dad



Last year's People's Choice winner Robert Moses with Economic Development Project Manager Adam Ova after inking his deal to provide services for LNIB.

Round III - Seed and Growth - Update

The year's is taking place in November 2025 at Shulus Hall, the exact date/time will be determined closer to the date. Dinner will be served and there will be door prizes.

This year's event will feature two categories, "Seed and Growth". This means that previous competitors are welcome to pitch new initiatives and plans for expansion and growth alongside new and emerging businesses at their seed stage. More details will be announced as the event approaches.

To be eligible, you must be an LNIB Band Member or be directly related to a Band Member who has an interest in the business.

What do I need to enter?

- All you really need is an idea and a presentation. You can come and pitch your idea at any stage, even if you are in business.
- Leading up to the event, the Economic Development Project Manager can help you develop your presentation.
- You must be an LNIB member "695".
- You must attend the event in person and present your business idea.

What happens after the event?

- You can use the effort and energy you brought to the event and turn it into a tangible business
- You can use the funds from the event to apply for the NRT Equity Matching Grant.
- You can use the winter to prepare your business plan for a spring launch!

What kind of support does the Economic Development Project Manager provide?

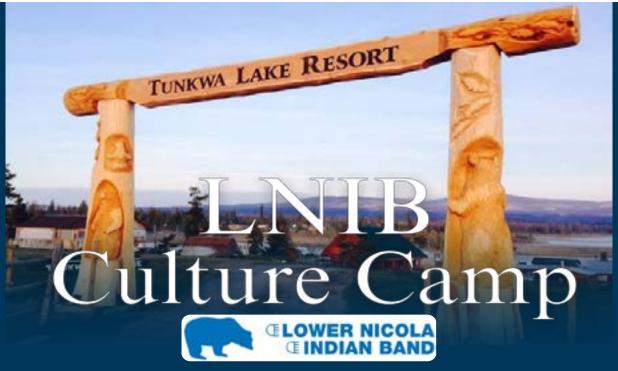
- Creation of your business plan and cash flow forecast.
- Help with registering your business with the relevant authorities.
- Getting your business set up online.
- Connections to services to help your business once it's up and running from marketing, graphic design, accounting and more.
- Ongoing support through any issues that may come your way.
- Access to financing.

Big thanks to last year's sponsors!



To get more information, get your pitch package and enter the event, please contact Adam Ova by email or by phone at:

E: adam.ova@Inib.net P: 236-575-2230 ext. 173



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ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN



TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL CAROLE BASIL 250-315-9158



HEALING GRIEF AND LOSS



A Focus - Oriented Approach to Healing Grief & Loss



Nlaka'pamux Mental Health's team have explored a "Focus – Oriented Approach" (FOA) to healing from an Indigenous lens and are grateful to have an opportunity to share this approach with community members. FOA increases our intention to connect to our body as a healer. This results in holding less grief or stress in our body and makes room for living.

This approach to healing grief & loss will include:



- Leaning into Land experientials.
- Introduction to grief.
- Unpacking grief
- Intergenerational fatique.



When: July 8th, 1:30 - 4:00 Location: Rocky Pines Community Center, 2790 Cougar Cresent – Rocky Pines

- ✓ Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
 - ✓ Maximum seats available are 10

As trauma informed workshop, we recommend children not attend.

Facilitator: Wanda Dexel, Mental Health & Wellness Counsellor with Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society.

Co-facilitators: Irene Howe, Marilynne Munro and Christie Hill with Lower Nicola Band Health Center.

Registration:

- o Leave a message with Irene Howe at 250.378.5157 or 250.378.7340 or irene.howe@Inib.net.
- o When registering, please indicate that you are signing up for <u>FOA grief & loss workshop.</u>
- o Provide your name & contact number.

You will get a call back to confirm your seat

Natural Infrastructure Fund Update - July 2025

Greetings,

This article is meant to provide an update on the Natural Infrastructure Fund.

During the months of May and June, the contractor executed most of the planting contract on Nicola Mameet IR #1.

Planting sites included:

- Shulus Elementary School
- Mameet Lake Ranch Roadway
- Housing Cul-de-sac
- Shulus Roadways
- The Arbour
- Culture Center
- Naturalized Area in Rocky Pines.

Watering of the plants will continue into July as the heat intensifies.

We will be hosting an Engagement Barbeque on Wednesday August 6, 2025 to showcase the work that was completed as well as gather a final round of feedback for the Fall Planting season.

Future of the project for the final season include:

- Improvements to the bus stops on Nicola Mameet.
- A Bee pollination garden
- Invasive species control

Some of the topics we would like to hear from the community include:

- Invasive Weed control
- Further planting at the Arbour, School, Lands and Economic Development/Shulus
 Hall and more

NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND BBQ

Join Us for a Sizzling BBQ to talk about the Natural Infrastructure Fund! Drinks & Sides

- Burgers + Hot Dogs
- Refreshing

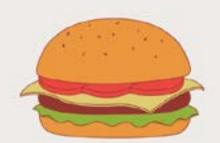


Get your voice heard!

- See the work that was done and ask questions
- · Contribute to the next phase and final of planting with your ideas.

WHEN AND WHERE

August 6, 2025 3:00PM to 6:00PM Lands and Economic Development Office



EDUCATION

LNIB EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SHARON PARSONS EDUCATION PROGRAMS MANAGER



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OR

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183 NAWISHASKIN LANE





Hello LNIB,

It has been one year that LNIB Education has been at our new location, 183 Nawishaskin Lane. The building seemed so big at the time, but we filled up the spaces guite easily and now have a comfortable welcoming atmosphere. Please pop in to say hello.

I want to congratulate and recognize a job well done by all LNIB postsecondary and high school graduating students of 2025. Onward and upward! You will see those smiling faces in the Merritt Herald and this newsletter. Please let me know if any graduates were missed.

On June 27th, graduating students stopped into the office to pick up a gift and get a photo taken. A staff member will be calling those who still have a gift waiting for them at the office and will mail the ones going to graduates living outside of the Nicola Valley, Merritt area.

The Education Summer Learning Program is running again this year. Starting on July 14th, LNIB kids ages 7 to 15 can join in on five weeks of fun ways to learn including kayaking, canoeing and mountain biking. This year the schedule includes Apex Trampoline Centre, Energyplex, Adams River Rafting, Inspire Horsemanship, Scandia and if parents are willing to accompany us, an overnight trip to Vancouver to visit the Vancouver Aguarium and Vancouver Science World, then to Cultus Lake Waterslides/Adventure Park the next day. Registration will open on July 7th.

Just a friendly reminder to LNIB membership that you are free to contact Education staff if you or your child could use help navigating a challenge.

Education department staff may be able to find resources to suit your needs.

Wishing you good health, and good fortune!

Until next time, Humelth



LNIB Education Department – Gail La Rochelle – PSE/Trades/Training Coordinator



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone was able to get out to enjoy all the July 1st festivities.

With the warm sunny weather coming our way, all the gardens should flourish nicely and produce an abundance of fresh, tasty veggies for you and your family to enjoy.

With school finished for the year it is time to plan fun activities to do with your children and grandchildren. Plan a fishing trip, go camping, to the lake for a picnic and swimming, all the fun activities for everyone to enjoy during the summer.

Congratulations to all the High School and Post-Secondary grads in the valley and beyond. You did it, give yourself a pat on the back, all the long hours of studying have paid off.

The Education Office is very busy with the PSE Applications. We have **60** PSE applications submitted for the 2025-2026 academic year: **28** continuing students, **7** high school grads, **9** new students, **10** graduate students, **1** in a trade program, **1** in part-time studies, **3** when to alternative funding agencies and **1** high school student in youth train in trades program. The upcoming year will be exciting and fun to watch the students achieve their goals.

This month we will be sending out the funding approval letters to the students and sponsorship letters to the universities. We will stay in contact with the students to help them with the transition to post-secondary. Getting all the files in order, updated and ready for the year.

All students check out the following Scholarships and Bursaries:

http://aboriginallearning.ca/scholarshipsbursaries/

https://newrelationshiptrust.ca/apply-for-funding/student-funding/student-scholarship-and-bursaries/ Closes: August 1, 2025

https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/

https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328

To all Membership in the Nicola Valley and away from the area, if you find a program or course you are interested in taking, such as first aid, a post-secondary course, skills training for employment, or an online course, we are here to help you with the process. We can also help create or update your resume. Contact our office to find out how we can support you.

Give our office a call or email to ensure we have your current up-to-date contact information.

Until next month, stay safe, and be good to one another.

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183 NAWISHASKIN LANE



Upcoming Events: -Tuesday, July 1: Canada Day -Monday, August 4: BC Day

As the school year comes to an end, I am so proud of all that the LNIB students have accomplished. I was overjoyed to watch our grade 7's walk their kindergarten buddies to the stage to celebrate the graduation of a first year, and a final year of their elementary school journey.

Our grade 7 students had the privilege of attending Eagle Bay Camp for 3 days in June. Where they created lifelong memories and made new friendships that they will carry through to their first year of high school this fall. They were kept busy for 3 days with activities such as rock climbing, zip-lining, kayaking, paintballing, archery, swimming, and many more team building games and activities with the amazing Eagle Bay staff, teachers, and parent volunteers.

I have witnessed incredible growth in academics and character over this past year; with both the elementary and secondary students I work with. Our students are learning to pursue their passions, revealing their strengths and abilities along the way. They are becoming role models for younger students, passing on their knowledge and life lessons.

I wish all of our students a much-deserved happy summer filled with sun, fun, and relaxation 🚱



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LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JULY 2025

HELLO EVERYONE

I hope all the students enjoy the much-needed summer break And that everyone is taking advantage of the beautiful weather

LNIB SUMMER PROGRAM 2025

The Education Department will be running our summer program once again for five weeks this July through August

We are excited to be with kids for another summer! We hope they will enjoy it

Keep an eye out for our registration form, it will be sent out shortly

LAPTOP LENDERS

We have laptops available to lend to LNIB members that need one for school/training purposes

Contact the education department for accessibility

Reminder that we have moved office buildings

New Address: 183 Nawishaskin Lane

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

LOWER NICOLA BAND SCHOOL JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we close another wonderful school year, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support, partnership, and dedication to your child's education. This year has been filled with incredible learning experiences, cultural celebrations, and personal growth for our students, all made possible through our strong schoolcommunity connection.

Balancing Technology & Outdoor Play This Summer

While technology can be a valuable learning tool, we encourage you to help your children find a healthy balance this summer. Research shows that unstructured outdoor play is essential for:

- Brain development & creativity
- Problem-solving & critical thinking skills

Physical health & emotional well-being Keep Learning Going Through Reading

Reading together remains one of the most powerful ways to support your child's education. This summer, we challenge every family to:

- ── Visit the Merritt or Nicola Valley Library
- Share oral stories and family histories
- Read together for 20 minutes daily

Important Back-to-School Dates

Mark your calendars! The 2025-2026 school year begins:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025
- 10:00 AM 12:00 PM (Orientation & Welcome)

We'll share more details about fall programs over the summer. Please watch for notices and follow on Facebook for updates.

Wishing you all a summer filled with sunshine, stories, and special family time. Thank you for making this another outstanding year at Lower Nicola Band School!

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"The land is our first teacher."



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LNIB Grad Recognition Day!





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Kelsey Starrs



Jamie Swakum





LNIB EDUCATION

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Exclusive to LNIB Band Members ages 7-15

DATES: JULY 14TH - AUGUST 15TH

Drop off: LNIB band school

Registration opens on July 4th

Register your kids for our 5 weeks of fun learning activities!!

For more information, please contact LNIB Education:

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236-575-2100



This month has been a busy and exciting time for Grade 1/2! We had a wonderful experience observing the life cycle of butterflies as we watched them hatch and grow. It was a great hands-on learning opportunity that the students truly enjoyed. We also had a blast during our "Craft Time" at the Merritt library, where students learned how to create giant bubbles — a fun and creative activity that brought lots of smiles!





HEADSTART

Message from Mrs. E.

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"I think I will just be happy today."

Well, my students make me happy. Every single day we laugh. They make me laugh with their quirky comments, insightful thoughts, youthful enthusion of land yes, even their question obligious. Here's one for them

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School Calendar for the 2025/2026 School Year Days in Session 192 – Days of Instruction 185

August 25 – August 29, 2025	Monday - Friday	Summer Pro-d Session
September 2, 2025	Tuesday	School Opening – 10:00am- 12:00pm
September 30, 2025	Tuesday	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – No School
October 13, 2025	Monday	Thanksgiving - No School
October 24, 2025	Friday	Provincial Pro-d Day- No School
November 11, 2025	Tuesday	Remembrance Day - No School
December 19, 2025	Friday	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan 2, 2026	1000000000	WINTER BREAK
January 5, 2026	Monday	School re-open after Winter Break
February 13, 2026	Friday	Professional Development Day
February 16, 2026	Monday	Family Day - No School
March 13, 2026	Friday	Last Day of School before Spring Break
March 16 - March 27, 2026		SPRING BREAK
March 30, 2026	Monday	School Re-opens after break
April 3, 2026	Friday	Good Friday - No School
April 6, 2026	Monday	Easter Monday - No School
May 18, 2026	Monday	Victoria Day - No School
June 22, 2026	Monday	National Aboriginal Day – No School
June 25, 2026	Thursday	Last Day of School
June 26, 2026	Friday	Admin Day - No School
June 29, 2026 - Sept. 1, 2026	100	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

201 Horn Rd, Merritt, B.C V1K 1M9
Phone: 250-378-5527 | Fax: 250-378-6389 | Email: bandschoolreception@lnib.net

HEADSTART CALENDAR

Friday	Merritt Library stories & song 10:00 to 12:00	18 orary angs 2:00	25 25 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	10 mm (17 Cut)
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Thursday	10 YMCA drop in (Mother Goose) 10:00 to 11:30	YMCA drop in (Mother Goose) 10:00 to 11:30	24 YMCA drop in (Mother Goose) 10:00 to 11:30	YMCA drop in (Mother Goose) 10:00 to 11:30
Wednesday	9 Park and play picnic 10:30 to 1:00	16 Dairy queen field trip	23 Park and play picnic 10:30 to 1:00	30 Park and play picnic 10:00 to 1:00
STEET.	HS class room fun day with friends	15 Hs class room Fun day with Friends	22 HS class room Fun day with friends	HS class room Fun day with Friends
Monday .	7 First day of summer Program	Crazy creek farm visit 11:00 to 12:00	crazy creek farm visit 10:00 to 11:30	28 Crazy Creek Farm visit 11:00 to 12:30

Lunch Menu **JULY 2025**

7	8	9	10	11
Grilled cheese and vege	waffles and fruits	Ham sandwich and vege	Oatmeal and toast	Muffins , yogurt and fruits
14 Snack platter and veggies	15 Pancaks and fruits	16 Dairy Queen lunch and treat	17 Smoothie bowl and granola bars	Meat cheese and crackers
21	22	23	24	25
Nachos and vege	Mini pizza	Muffins and fruits	Turkey wraps	Waffles and fruits
28	29	30	31	
Oatmeal and fruits	Quesadilla and vege	Ham Snadwiches and snakes	English Muffins and yogurt	

LANDS DEPARTMENT



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	ТНИ	FRI	SAT
		STAT Canada Day Office Closure	2 RP Centre Loom Beading with Dee 2pm - 4pm	3 RP Centre Movie and Pizza Party 12pm - 3pm	4 Health Centre LNIB Fun Day (Office is closed) 10am - 2pm	5
6	7 Swimming and Lunch 11am - 1pm	8 RP Centre Coffee with a Cop 10am - 12pm	9 Courtney is away	Courtney is away	Courtney is away	12
13	Courtney is away	15	16 Mini Beaded Plant 2pm - 4pm	17 Soup Kitchen Elders Luncheon 12pm - 2pm	18 RP Centre Indian Bingo 12pm - 2pm	19
20	21 RP Centre Beaded Medicine Wheel 2pm - 4pm	22 RP Centre Wire Wrapping Craft 12pm – 2pm	Courtney is away	Courtney is away	25 Courtney is away	26
27	28 Courtney is away	29 RP Centre Decorative Hair Clip 2pm - 4pm	30 RP Centre Loom Bracelet Making 12pm - 2pm	31 Health Centre Kamloops Shopping Day 9:30am - 4:30pm		

If you have any questions or require a ride to any of these events, please call or text Courtney at 236-575-2083.

(RSVPs to the craft making events and out of town trips help me plan better)

I will be unavailable during the days marked away, if there is anything you need help with please call the Health Centre for assistance or I can assist you when I am back in the office. Thank you for your patience and consideration.



Have Your Say!

Help shape the Indigenous Leadership in Technology Strategy, our three-year action plan to modernize and expand our digital skills training and career services for Indigenous youth (18-35) across BC.

This is your opportunity to shape the future and co-create training programs that open doors to meaningful careers in technology and tech-enabled sectors!

How You Can Get Involved

Register for a virtual focus group

- Wednesday, July 9, 2:00-3:30pm
- Tuesday, July 22, 1:30-3:00pm
- Wednesday, August 13, 10:00-11:30am
- Tuesday, August 19, 6:00-7:30pm

Or schedule a 30 minute virtual one-on-one interview at a time most convenient for you

An honourarium will be provided to all focus group and interview participants (\$100/hour pro-rated).

Or fill out our survey

Spend 10-15 minutes sharing your ideas and be entered to win one of two \$500 cash prizes!

Register or Take the Survey!



← Scan to join a focus group, book an interview, or take the survey





Car Seat Clinic

Learn how to confidently install your car seats and keep your little learners safe with our certified Car Seat Technicians.



July 21st, 2025 | 3pm-6pm

2990 Voght Street, Merritt B.C.

Please bring your vehicle, car seat manual (if you can) and have your backseats clear for accessibility.

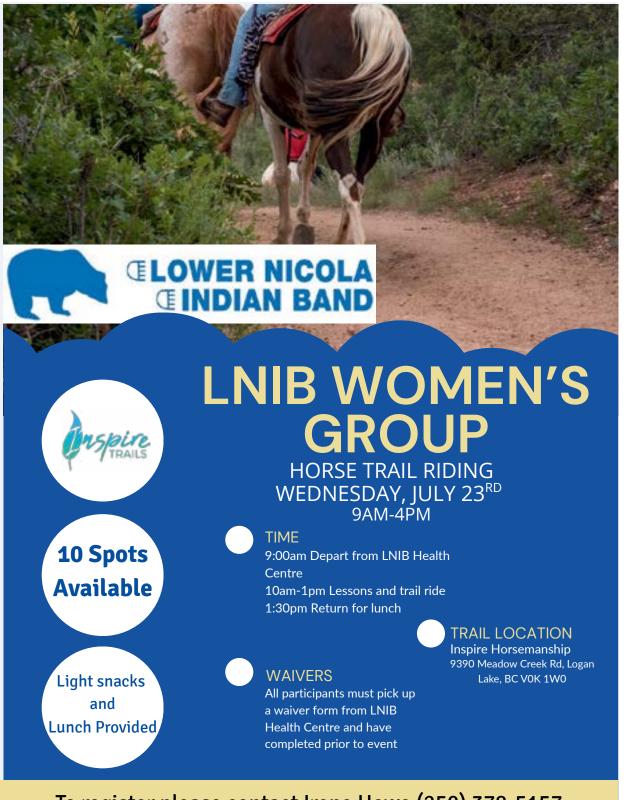
Activities for children & light refreshments provided.

For more information, please call 250-315-6819.









To register please contact Irene Howe (250) 378-5157

INVASIVE WEED SPOTLIGHT



HWY 8 NVPA SUMMER CELEBRATION

Join us!

activities for kids & adults, door prizes, and dinner!



Date: Thursday July 17, 2025

Time: 4PM - 7PM

Location: top of Quarry at Hwy 8 Site

10A (look for signage)



Contact Ryan Malcolm with any questions about the event 250-258-5550 | rmalcolm@emilanderson.ca



LNIB SPONSORED DRIVING LESSONS



LNIB Sponsored Driving Lessons The Lessons:

- An application must be submitted to <u>Darcie.debruyne@Inib.net</u> and approved before any bookings can be made.
- The Lower Nicola Indian Band will sponsor LNIB Members for 8 Driving Lessons, a rental car, if needed, and road test fees.
- Members will be responsible for booking their lesson times through Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly
- After being approved, contact CNA Employment &Training to book your lessons. (250) 378-1864 administration@cna-trust.ca

Requirements:



- Have a valid Learners License
- Have Parent or Guardian consent unless of legal age.
- Fill out an application to be approved.
- Be on time for all lessons.
- Lateness will not be tolerated as it affects everyone that follows you. If you have a cough, fever, not feeling well or are exhibiting other suspicious symptoms please stay home and notify the instructor as soon as possible.

For more info contact
Darcie DeBruyne
Employment Coordinator
Economic Development
Darcie.debruyne@Inb.net
236-575-2119



Community and Indigenous Engagement Coordinator

Capstone Infrastructure Corporation is seeking a **Community and Indigenous Engagement Coordinator** to join our Development Team. Reporting to the Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, this role will assist with development activities for wind, solar and battery energy storage projects in British Columbia (BC), supporting work from the early project stages through to the transition to the construction team. The successful candidate will help to coordinate a wide range of community engagement initiatives aimed at fostering and maintaining respectful, collaborative relationships with local communities and Indigenous Nations. This role is designated for an Indigenous-identifying candidate for this role. Lived experience, cultural knowledge and community connection are essential to its purpose.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in planning and coordinating consultation and engagement activities for projects in BC, including the preparation of engagement materials, and coordinating mailouts.
- Scheduling meetings, preparing materials, and documenting outcomes.
- Maintain an organized and up-to-date engagement log and records with support from third-party consultants.
- Support the development and delivery of communication materials and updates for Indigenous partners.
- Work closely with cross-functional teams, including environmental, regulatory, legal, and project development.
- Collaborate with internal teams to ensure alignment of messaging and engagement strategies.
- Support relationship-building with Indigenous partners and community representatives.
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of engagement strategies and approaches.
- Ensure cultural sensitivity and awareness in all interactions and communication.
- Support the development of key messaging and other public communications, as needed.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications and Experience:

As the ideal candidate for this position, you will have the following:

- University degree or equivalent preferred but not required.
- 2 + years' experience in similar role.
- There is a preference for an Indigenous-identifying candidate for this role, with lived experience, cultural knowledge and community connection are essential to its purpose.
- High level of computer proficiency and comfort working with digital tools and systems.
- Enthusiasm for renewable energy and communication.
- Demonstrable experience with data management and/or communication tracking.
- Highly organized, with the ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Detail oriented with strong follow-through.
- Ability to accurately record and prepare technical documentation.
- Experience with consultation records data management platforms preferred but not required.
- Experience working with or alongside Indigenous communities or local governments, and with diverse people is considered a strong asset.
- Demonstrated work-ethic and willingness to learn.
- · Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work effectively in a remote setting with minimal supervision.
- Self-motivated, reliable, and comfortable collaborating with remote teams via virtual platforms.







ANIMALS OF THE 80'S REUNION

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Friday, August 29th - Meet & Greet at the Grand Pub - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 30th - Rodeo Dance

Catch up with old friends & take a walk down memory lane!

Photos can be sent to

Imgrebliunasgabra62@outlook.com larkin1980@hotmail.com

LNIB FIRE AND RESCUE

Here's a look back at everything the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department was up to throughout the month of June:

• Kingsvale Site Tour with Enbridge:

We participated in a site tour at the Kingsvale Enbridge location alongside of our neighboring fire departments and emergency service providers. This was a great opportunity to strengthen our partnership and review site-specific emergency protocols.

- Firefighting Skills Competition 40th Annual FNESS Event:
 Our crew placed third in this year's annual firefighting competition hosted by the First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS). We're proud of our team for their dedication and teamwork during this milestone 40th anniversary event.
- Two Days of Hands-On Training in Penticton:
 Before the competition, our firefighters completed two full days of hands-on training at the Penticton Fire Grounds. The sessions were led by FNESS trainers and members of the Penticton Fire Department. These training days covered a wide variety of skills and techniques essential to our work in emergency response.
- Fire Chiefs Conference Attendance:
 Our Fire Captain had the opportunity to attend this year's Fire Chiefs Conference, gaining valuable insights, resources, and networking opportunities to help strengthen our department.
- June Call Volume:

Our team responded to 13 calls in total:

- o 11 medical calls
- o 1 motor vehicle accident
- o 1 fire
- Ongoing Daily Operations:

We continue to complete daily truck checks—spending at least 4 to 6 hours inspecting, maintaining and cleaning all apparatus and equipment with motors DAILY. Our crew also stays on top of daily hall maintenance, keeping our space clean and ready at all times.

Training & Practice:

We logged a total of 264 hours of practice in June across our team of 15 full-time and paid on-call firefighters. Regular training ensures we stay sharp and ready for any emergency.

We also host weekly practice every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you've ever thought about joining the fire service, we're currently looking for more paid on-call firefighters! Stop by the hall during one of our Tuesday night practices — we'll give you a tour, share information, and help you decide if it's the right fit for you.

CULTURE



2025

Subtitle





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Hukwa harvest	1 STAT	1:00 Canoe pull meeting	3	4	5
6	7 Pick sxwusm	8 10:00 Coffee with a Cop	9 Pick Scaqwm	10	11 Strawberries: Chilliwack	12
13	14	Canoe pull Youth Nicola lake	16 Canoe pull Youth Nicola lake	Canoe pull Youth Nicola lake	18 Tunkwa lake culture camp	19 Tunkwa lake culture camp
Tunkwa lake culture camp 20	Tunkwa lake culture camp	22	23	24	25 Language retreat Tuckkwiowhum Boston Bar	26
27	28 Pick c'əlcảle	Pick c'əlcảle	30 Pick c'əlcảle	Elders to Kamloops		

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RECREATION CALENDAR

LNIB July Recreation Calendar

2025

Note:

Forms Are Available At LNIB Main Office, And LNIB health Center, LNIB School. For More Information Contact: Jacint.Majlath@lnib.net or: 250 280 4487



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Youth Center + Pizza 11am – 3pm	1 Kayaking 11am – 3pm	Hiking 11am – 3pm	Fun Factor 11am – 4pm	Community Fun Day 10am — 2pm	5
6	7 Youth Center + Pizza 11am – 3pm	8 Paddle Boarding 11am – 3pm	9 Hiking 11am – 3pm	10 Kelowna Kangoro Farm 11am – 5pm	Skateboarding Only Advance 10am – 4pm	12
13	14 Youth Center + Pizza 11am – 3pm	15 Kayaking 11am – 3pm	16 Hiking 11am – 3pm	Apex 11am – 4pm	18 Skateboarding 10am – 12pm 4pm – 8pm	19
20	Youth Center + Pizza 11am – 3pm	Paddle Boarding 11am – 3pm	Hiking 11am – 3pm	H2O 11am – 5pm	25 Skateboarding Only Advance 10am – 4pm	26
27	28 Youth Center + Pizza 11am – 3pm	29 Kayaking 11am – 3pm	30 Hiking 11am – 3pm	31 Energy Plex 11am – 5pm	Skateboarding 10am — 12pm 4pm — 8pm	

Programs Can Change Due To Weather, Sickness, Or Other Reason.

JOB POSTINGS

Job Openings

For Full Job Descriptions and to apply for a position go to https://secure.collage.co/jobs/lnib

Economic Development Department

Cultural Heritage and Environmental Field Workers

Department: Lands and Economic Development Department

Summary of Organizational Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will bring their energy, enthusiasm and interest in environmental and cultural resources to a variety of resource planning and research projects. Specifically, the successful candidate will provide support to the LNIB staff on Cultural Heritage and Environmental resource development projects.

Full description at https://secure.collage.co/jobs/lnib/10112

Policy Analyst

Wage: up to \$40/hr depending on experience

Summary of responsibilities

The Policy Analyst will be responsible for assisting the Title and Rights Administrator in researching, analyzing, and developing policies related to the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) within the context of the Lower Nicola Indian Band. This position requires a deep understanding of Indigenous rights, laws, and policies, along with a commitment to social justice, equity, and community well-being.

Fisheries Technician

Start Date: Hiring Immediately

Hours: Up to 35 hours per week (likely 2 – 4 hrs overtime during the field season).

Salary: Dependent on knowledge and experience

Summary of Organizational Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will bring their energy, enthusiasm, and interest in aquatic and fisheries related environmental resource planning, monitoring, restoration, and research projects. Specifically, the successful candidate will provide support to the LNIB staff by (1) conducting field assessments of proposed areas for in-stream and riparian restoration work in the Nicola River watershed, (2) monitoring and enumeration of local fish populations, (3) assisting in data collection for future work and research projects, and (4) helping with triage of salmon populations in this critical season of drought by doing river walks and helping improve passage for spawning salmon

migrating upstream and salvage of juveniles holding in the system. https://secure.collage.co/jobs/lnib/51225

Land Guardian

Department: Economic Development

Hours: 35 hours per week

Start Date: ASAP

Wage: up to \$35/hr dependent on experience

Summary of Organizational Responsibilities:

The Land Guardian will take an active role in land and resource stewardship throughout the Nlaka'pamux Environmental Management Program (NEMP), while exerting the Lower Nicola Indian Bands continued management across the Tmixw. They will be responsible for maintaining a presence throughout the Nlaka'pamux Traditional Territory; monitoring the impacts of resource use; reporting violations to policies, as well as provincial and federal regulations; accurately collecting data; and reporting on activities. Work supports all lands & natural resource programs including terrestrial and resource use planning, fisheries, referrals, and cultural heritage protection.

Human Services

Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor

Wages: \$35 to \$45 per hour

Hours: : 35 hours per week, Mon-Fri, though given the nature of the position, time and

hours may vary. JOB SUMMARY

The Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor works within a multi-disciplinary team to provide prevention, assessment, referral, clinical counselling and follow-up services to individuals and family members affected by mental health and substance use issues. This position serves a primarily male clientele, some family or group counselling.

All Applicants MUST provide proof of 2 Covid Vaccinations

Community Nurse, Maternity Leave Coverage

Wage: Based on rates advertised by the BC Nurses Union

Reports to: Nurse Health Manager

Summary of responsibilities

- · The prevention and management of communicable diseases
- · To identify health needs and provide health promotion and disease prevention services
- · To provide baby immunizations, flu clinics and TB Screening
- · To provide pre and postnatal support
- . To educate and support diabetics in the Community

Required knowledge, skills and abilities

- · Bachelor of Nursing
- · Current registration or willingness to become registered with CRNBC

For these and other current opportunities go to https://secure.collage.co/jobs/lnib

Applications can also be sent to HR@LNIB.net