
Lower Nicola Indian Band

MAY 2026

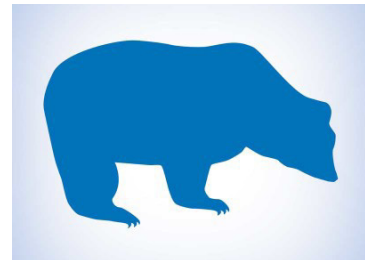
NEWSLETTER



LNIB Band General for May

May 25, 2026 - Shulus Hall at 5:00 pm

If you have a birthday wish or would like to do a submission please contact communications@lnib.net





CHIEF AND COUNCIL REPORT



SUMMARY

26 April 2026

Chief Nicholas Peterson

STATUS SUMMARY

April was a busy and productive month focused on protecting our rights, strengthening relationships, and advancing opportunities for Lower Nicola Indian Band.

Much of the work centered on:

- Defending DRIPA and ensuring our rights are not weakened
- Working with other Nlaka'pamux and regional Nations to stay aligned
- Advancing land back discussions with the Province
- Moving forward key economic opportunities (wind, energy, and land development) Enbridge, Capstone
- Staying connected with community members and hearing concerns directly

Meetings

- Attended full-day strategic planning session with Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society in West Kelowna alongside Council members. Focus on transitioning from protection-based systems toward prevention and Nation-led child and family wellness, with the long-term goal of reducing and eliminating children in care.
- Participated in Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society Spring Caucus at the Merritt Civic Centre with Nlaka'pamux leadership; supported governance discussions and the appointment of Dr. Matthew Peterson as Governance Representative.
- Met virtually with Premier David Eby, Attorney General Niki Sharma, and Ministry of Indigenous Relations regarding potential amendments or pause to DRIPA; coordinated unified opposition with Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs and other Nations.
- Participated in Nicola 5 leadership meetings (Upper Nicola, Coldwater, Nooaitch, Shackan) to align on shared regional priorities and collective advocacy.
- Attended Governance Working Group Executive meeting with Chiefs and provincial representatives to advance governance frameworks.
- Attended Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs Negotiators Forum (April 10), focusing on negotiation strategies, overlapping territory considerations, and strengthening unified approaches among Nations.
- Participated in multiple provincial accommodation meetings related to impacts from Highland Valley Copper, with a focus on land back, including potential transfer of Crown lands to LNIB.
- Attended Additions to Reserve (ATR) Conference in Vancouver (April 22–23), focusing on strategies to accelerate ATR processes and expand LNIB's land base.
- Continued negotiations with Enbridge, including internal committee work on the term sheet and receipt of a counteroffer.
- Ongoing engagement with Capstone Infrastructure in preparation for Toronto meetings, including wind energy partnerships and site visits.
- Internal coordination on Tulameen Wind Project with Coldwater and Upper Similkameen leadership, supported by negotiations committee meetings.
- Met with Natural Law (Travis McGinnis) to explore potential equity participation pathways in the Trans Mountain pipeline.
- Engagement with Stuwix Resources as LNIB board representative, discussing forestry governance and value-added product opportunities in the Nicola Valley.

- Explored AI data centre discussion with Nicola Mines along with LNIB Development Corporation and economic development staff.
- Participated in strategic discussions regarding Nicola Valley Aggregates, exploring potential acquisition, land exchange, or provincial pathways to reclaim adjacent lands.
- Conducted internal check-ins with LNIB Development Corporation
- Conducted direct engagement with membership through visits to Zoht Reserve and individual meetings, gaining a better understanding of community concerns and priorities.
- Continued informal and formal engagement with members to ensure concerns are heard and reflected in governance discussions.
- Coordinated with Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society leadership and LNIB health representatives to align priorities for upcoming Spring regional health Caucus.
- Participated in a full day of Executive Director interviews as we work toward hiring strong leadership for administration.
- Took part in a full Council orientation day to align on priorities, roles, and direction for this term.
- Continued regular Chief and Council meetings to move forward governance and decision-making.
- Responded to the Hamilton Creek (Quilchena Creek) fire, coordinating with BC Wildfire Service and our local fire department. Managed communications around a cultural burn incident to ensure clarity and safety.

CLOSING

As we continue this work, one area that continues to come up is the need for greater clarity around our own governance structures, laws, and shared responsibilities. As Nlaka'pamux people, we value our independence and personal freedom, especially given the history of imposed colonial systems that dictated how we were expected to live and govern. At the same time, every community—throughout history—has had to find balance between individual freedom and collective responsibility.

Over the past month, we've seen real-life examples that bring this into focus: questions around zoning, what can be built and where, when permits may be needed, how we approach open burning, and situations like the Quilchena Creek fire where individual actions can have broader impacts. Even everyday matters—such as animals off leash, property conditions, or land use—raise important questions about safety, environmental stewardship, and respect for one another.

I would really value hearing from membership. How do we, as a community, define that balance between personal freedom and our shared responsibility to one another?

This is not about imposing control, but about collectively deciding how we want to live together in a way that reflects our values, protects our people, and supports a safe, healthy, and thriving community. There is important work ahead in strengthening our governance, and I appreciate the patience, honesty, and contributions from all members as we continue to build this together.

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Chief Nicholas Peterson

Lower Nicola Indian Band Full-time Councilor Report
Robin Humphrey
Reporting Period: April 1 – April 30, 2026



All through this reporting period, I continued my work full-time as a Councilor for the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB). My efforts continued to focused on governance, land and water protection, economic development, intergovernmental relations, and direct member engagement and support.

Leadership & Governance

I actively participated in governance and leadership initiatives, including:

- **LNIB Chief & Council Meetings:** Participated in regular, special, and emergency sessions held throughout April, including discussions on financial approvals, HR matters, and governance direction.

- **LNIB Chief & Council Orientation Session (April 20, 2026):**

- o Engaged in a full-day session with Council to strengthen collaboration, establish shared understanding, and build effective governance practices.
- o Supported open dialogue and relationship-building among leadership.

- **Portfolio & Governance Structure Session (April 14, 2026):**

- o Contributed to discussions regarding Council portfolios, roles and responsibilities, and Council Clerk job description.

- **Executive Director Recruitment (April 17, 2026):**

- o Participated in candidate interviews alongside Pathways hiring firm.
- o Assisted in shortlisting top candidates and planning next steps for in-person interviews.

- **Financial Governance (April 22, 2026):**

- o Reviewed and approved LNIB operational budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year following Finance and Audit Committee recommendations.
- These efforts support effective governance, transparency, and leadership accountability within LNIB.

Government Relations & Advocacy

I supported ongoing advocacy and relationship-building with government and Indigenous partners:

- **Province of BC – Accommodations Agreement Negotiations (April 9 & 15, 2026):**

- o Participated in negotiations and internal strategy discussions with legal counsel.
- o Provided direction and clarity on LNIB's position moving forward.

• First Nations Leadership Council – Ministry Engagement (April 8, 2026):

o Observed and engaged in discussions with Ministries of Health and Child Care regarding Indigenous child and family services and early childhood development.

• Nicola 5 Leadership – DRIPA Amendments (April 8, 2026):

- o Collaborated with regional Chiefs to address proposed amendments.
- o Supported opposition to changes impacting Indigenous rights and governance.

Economic Development & Projects**• Natural Law Energy – TMX Equity Opportunity (April 7, 2026):**

- o Engaged in discussions regarding equity ownership opportunities in the Trans Mountain Expansion project.
- o Explored implications for LNIB participation and long-term benefits.

• LNIB/Capstone Engagement – Coldwater Follow-Up (April 13, 2026):

- o Participated in planning discussions regarding partnership opportunities with neighboring nations.
- o Helped organize next engagement sessions for Spring 2026.

• Enbridge/Westcoast Energy Negotiations (April 14 & 28, 2026):

- o Reviewed and contributed to negotiations and term sheet revisions.
- o Worked alongside legal counsel to ensure LNIB interests are protected.

• Nicola Valley Aggregates File (April 24, 2026):

- o Received legal update regarding opposition to proposed aggregate mine.
- o Continued advocacy to protect LNIB lands and interests.

Land & Water Protection**• Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCA):**

- o Participated in All Nations Elders Gathering (April 1, 2026), providing project updates and sharing information on IPCA objectives.
- o Supported cultural knowledge sharing, engagement with Nlaka'pamux elders, and discussions on protecting the Stoyoma region.
- o Contributed to IPCA Steering Committee meeting (April 27, 2026) to debrief and plan future engagement.

• Nicola Water Governance Partnership:

- o Attended Core Council and leadership meetings (April 9 & 22, 2026).
- o Engaged in discussions on water management, including Section 65 implementation.
- o Supported coordination improvements and solution-oriented approaches.

• LNIB Land Guardians Engagement (April 7, 2026):

- o Met with Land Guardians to discuss challenges and future direction of land stewardship within LNIB.

Community Engagement & Member Support**• Member Visits & Advocacy:**

- o Conducted multiple member visits to address concerns related to safety, infrastructure, and land protection, including support for elders and families.
- o Advocated for resources and support, including equipment needs for erosion protection and housing-related concerns.

• Community Safety & Concerns (April 15–24, 2026):

- o Addressed formal complaints regarding safety issues within the community.
- o Elevated concerns to leadership and administration for follow-up action.

• Elder Engagement:

- o Participated in Elder visits and LNIB Elders Program lunch (April 30, 2026).
- o Listened to concerns and strengthened relationships with Elders.

• Community Events & Wellness:

- o Attended Scw'exmx Health Conference (April 10, 2026), supporting opioid crisis awareness and sharing personal wellness journey.
- o Supported LNIB Grief & Loss Workshop (April 14, 2026) through opening remarks and presence.

• LNIB General Meeting (April 24, 2026):

- o Attended and supported presentations, financial updates, and open dialogue with membership.
- o Received and acknowledged action items from members.

Health, Emergency Preparedness & Social Development**• Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Strategic Planning (April 2, 2026):**

- o Participated as LNIB political representative in discussions on child protection and jurisdiction under Bill C-92.
- o Shared LNIB challenges and supported future planning direction.

• Emergency Operations Coordination (April 22, 2026):

- o Reviewed LNIB's leadership in emergency preparedness within the Nicola Valley.
- o Identified need for expanded emergency response team and continued development.

• Health Services Engagement (April 16, 2026):

- o Connected with Health Director to support community programming and regional collaboration.

Organizational & Internal Relations**• Chief and Council Check-ins:**

- o Maintained ongoing communication with Chief and Council members to address governance challenges, housing concerns, and strategic direction.

• Staff & Program Engagement:

- o Connected with Emergency Coordinator, Health Director, and other staff to ensure alignment and support across departments.

The Lower Nicola Indian Band continues to prioritize strong governance, economic development, and protection of lands and waters. Through initiatives such as IPCA, water governance, and major project negotiations, LNIB is advancing its rights and responsibilities while building meaningful partnerships. At the same time, direct member engagement and advocacy remain central to addressing community needs and supporting overall well-being.

My focus remains on serving LNIB with accountability, transparency, and commitment while strengthening leadership, protecting our lands, and supporting our members.

Warm Regards,

Robin Humphrey



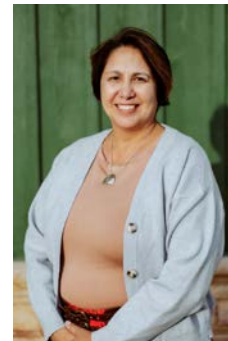
CHIEF AND COUNCIL REPORT

APRIL 2026 SUMMARY

April 27, 2026

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STATUS SUMMARY



Governance and Advocacy

- Attend regular Chief and Council meetings.
- Participated in a C & C Orientation Day, April 20, 2026
- April 8, 2026 – Attended an online meeting with the Minister's office for Education and Child Care and the Minister's office for Health to continue the conversation LNIB had with Minister Lisa Beare regarding interest in licensing and jurisdiction over early learning and childcare. Discussed what the process and timeline would be for implementing jurisdiction for Early Learning and Child Care. Chief Nicholas, Councillor Robin and Director Shane Coutlee participated in the meeting as well.

Committees and Leadership

- **Executive Director Search Committee (LNIB):** Participated in online interviews for five shortlisted candidates. Pathways Executive Search is supporting this process. In-person interviews are planned for the second week of May for a second interview and presentations with three potential candidates.
- **Finance and Audit Committee (FAC):**
 - Met weekly to complete annual departmental budget presentations.
 - The Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) recommends that Chief and Council approve the 2026/27 annual budgets in principle, pending further review by the incoming Executive Director. Upon appointment, the Executive Director will meet with each department to develop a comprehensive understanding of programs, budget allocations, departmental goals, and any submitted proposals. This process will ensure informed oversight and alignment across all departments. Following these meetings, and in consultation with the FAC, the Executive Director will bring forward the finalized 2026/27 annual budgets to Chief and Council for formal approval.
 - Thank you to all Directors, Interim Directors, Managers and Barry for working with the FAC for the annual budget review process!
 - Thank you to the FAC committee members Lara Coutlee, Connie Joe, Teri Clayton and Lucinda Seward for sharing their knowledge and supporting the budget review process!
- **Scw'exmx Child and Family Services (Board Chair):**
 - Attended the SCFSS Strategic Planning session April 1 & 2, 2026. Chief Nicholas and Council Members Lucinda and Robin also attended to contribute to goals for LNIB children and families.
 - Participating in the Executive transition team while recruiting for a new Executive Director is underway.

Chief and Council
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SUMMARY

April 2026

Lesley Manuel

STATUS SUMMARY

I wanted to share an update with members on what I've been working on this month. April included several Chief and Council meetings, orientation, and ongoing work on potential economic opportunities like Trans Mountain and Enbridge. I also attended some community-focused events and meetings. Four members reached out to me with concerns, and I've been following up to make sure they are heard and supported.

POLITICAL

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	DRIVER	NOTES
Trans Mountain Equity Purchase Discussion (with Natural Law)	100%	April 7	Council	Took part in discussions about a potential opportunity for the Nation
Duly convened Chief and Council meeting	100%	April 7	Council	Regular meetings to work through community matters
Coffee with a cop	100%	April 9	Council	Community event, opportunity to connect
Enbridge Negotiations Committee	100%	April 14	Council	Continued work on partnerships
Full Day orientation	100%	April 20	Council	Continued orientation learning
Duly convened Chief and Council meeting	100%	April 21	Council	Regular meeting
Chief and Council Special meeting	100%	April 22	Council	Special meeting to address time-sensitive items
Band General	100	April 25	Council	Attend and listen to community updates and discussions

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

CATEGORY	SPENT	% OF TOTAL	ON TRACK?	NOTES
Trans Mountain/ Natural Law	Medium	25%	Yes	Learning more and taking part in discussions about opportunities
Enbridge	Medium	25%	Yes	Ongoing conversation about partnerships
Chief and Council	High	40%	Yes	Ongoing meetings and collaboration

MEMBER RELATIONSHIP

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE
Several members reach out with concerns and questions I've been following up with each person to make sure they are heard and supported.	Council	April 2026

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

I'll continue to stay involved in these discussions and meetings, especially around economic opportunities and partnerships that could benefit the Nation. I will also continue to follow up with members who reached out and remain available if anyone has questions or concerns.



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SUMMARY

April, 27 2026

Leona Antoine

STATUS SUMMARY

The Council member will establish and maintain close working relationships with the Band members, other bands, the economic sector including forestry, agriculture and industry, the provincial, federal and municipal levels of government.

POLITICAL

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	DRIVER	NOTES
Meetings	100	April 7	Chief and Council	Regular scheduled meeting
	100	April 14	Chief and Council	Portfolio designation-Intro
	100	April 20	Chief and Council	Orientation Day-Portfolio designation-Full day
	100	April 21	Chief and Council	Regular Scheduled meeting
	100	April 22	Chief and Council	Approve the 2026/27 Budget

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

CATEGORY	DATE	% OF TOTAL	ON TRACK?	NOTES
IPCA Elders Working Group	Mar 31-April 1	75	Yes	Attended the N5 Elders working group sessions on building out next steps for IPCA
Met Potential Purchase of Trans Mountain	April 7	100	Yes	Met with potential FN invest group to purchase TM
BCWS	April 8-11	100	Yes	Field Trip out to Hamilton Fire and liaison for LNIB communications.
Enbridge-Negotiations	April 14	100	Yes	Review of Term Sheet and next steps for approval.
BC Accommodations	April 15	100	Yes	Discussions with Legal on the terms of BC Proposal and next steps with community engagement
Land Management Committee	April 16	100	Yes	Hrolfe Chaired- I was sick but virtual
Hiring Committee for ED	April 17	100	Yes	Interview candidates all day.
Area Transfer to Reserve-Van	April 22-23	100	Yes	Attended workshop with Nicolas and staff to support faster streamlining ATR process.

MEMBER RELATIONSHIP

ISSUE	ASSIGNED TO	DATE
-Concern of burns and process	C&C,Stephen, and Fire Dept	April 8-11
-Outstanding CPs and proposed committee status	LMAC Chair-myself,Stephen	April, 1
-Discussion on possible equestrian healing program.		April 13

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Here’s a cleaned-up, professional version of your update while keeping your tone and intent intact:

The month of April focused on strategic meetings and reviewing key documents related to governance, the community plan, agreements, land planning, UNDRIP, and economic development. As a Council, we are beginning to find our footing by recognizing individual strengths and how they complement each portfolio.

Collectively, Chief and Council reviewed our priorities and identified where our time in office is best invested. This process is being approached thoughtfully, and we are now in a position to move forward with establishing working groups and continuing implementation. We also recognize existing gaps within the organization and look forward to onboarding an Executive Director (ED) in the coming weeks to support team development and capacity building.

I look forward to continuing work within Council circles to ensure accountability, shared responsibility, and balanced workloads.

My portfolios include Emergency Management and Community Safety, as well as Lands, Title, and Rights.

Current committees and appointments:

- LMAC
- BC Accommodations
- Enbridge Negotiations
- HLV Implementation Committee
- Stuwix Board (Alternate)
- Skagit IPCA Governance (Alternate)
- Hiring ED Committee
- M-11 Restoration of HLV
- LNIB IPCA Committee
- Capstone Wind Project File
- UBCIC Specific Claims



Chief & Council Meeting
April 2026
—Resolutions—

Council Resolutions — April 7, 2026

Resolution #04-07-2026-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the April 7, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the March 17, 2026, Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-03 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council hereby authorizes the Lands Researcher and/or the Lands Manager, or any other staff designated by the Lands Manager, for and on behalf of the Lower Nicola Indian Band (“LNIB”), to request and receive records from Library and Archives Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and any other applicable federal or provincial government departments or agencies and hereby consents to the disclosure and release of such records solely for internal band administration and reconciliation purposes in compliance with the *Privacy Act*, including section 8(2)(k).

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-04 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council approve the amended Lands Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, which incorporates the Committee members expanded responsibilities and duties under the Allotment and Custom Family Lands Law, along with those of the chairperson. These changes were made following consultations conducted with the committee. Furthermore, it is recommended that Council appoint new committee members.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-05 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

Appoints Councillor Leona Antoine to the 2026 Nlaka’pamux Implementation Board (M-11 Board) for a 1-year term.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-06 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

1. Declare their interest in the acquisition of W1634;
2. Authorize the Interim Director of Economic Development to work with LNIB Development Corporation to further discuss the acquisition of W1634 with Kestrel Natural Resources; and
3. Further authorizes the Interim 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 this motion, or in connection with the performance by the Lower Nicola Indian Band of its obligations to this motion.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-07 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

1. Approves RFP No. 2026-RFP-001 and authorizes the Interim Executive Director to execute a contract with Raincoast Conservation Foundation to produce LNIB’s Water Quality and Pollution Monitoring Program in an amount not to exceed one hundred and seventy-one thousand and three dollars (\$); and



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—Resolutions—

2. Further authorizes the Interim Executive Director to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution, or in connection with the performance by LNIB of its obligations pursuant to these resolutions or the contract.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-08 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief & Council move to approve the Fleet Insurance annual coverage with Acera Insurance and payment of premiums, effective April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$84,304, as reflected in invoice #367035.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-10 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:
Approves Chief Nicholas Peterson's travel to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the Addition To Reserve: Exploring New Approaches Conference from April 22-23, 2026, as LNIB's Political Representative, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-11 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:
Approves Councillor Leona Antoine's travel to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the Addition To Reserve: Exploring New Approaches Conference from April 22-23, 2026, as LNIB's Political Representative, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-00 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band, hereby authorizes, agrees, and appoints Nicola Cox to be our Director on the Nicola Valley Community Justice Services Society Board of Directors as our Authorized Representative and is to report back to Chief and Council on all relevant matters.

Motion Withdrawn

Resolution #04-07-2026-12 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 7:22pm, 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.

a. Privileged Materials

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-13 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to end the in-camera session and return to the regular Council meeting at 9:30pm.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-14 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby appoints:
Chief and Council representative, Chief Nicholas Peterson, two (2) Economic Development Staff representatives, Aiden Whiteley, and Robert Sterling, LNIB Elder or Key Knowledge Holders, Doreen Sterling, and Marvin Shuter, LNIB Member at large, Charlene Joe, and LNIB Youth, Ashlee Tom, to the LNIB Assessment Working Group commencing at midnight on the 7th day of April 2026 and ending at midnight on the 6th day of October 2029.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-07-2026-15 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the April 7, 2026, meeting at 9:32pm.

Motion Carried



Council Resolutions — April 21, 2026

Chief & Council Meeting
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 —Resolutions—

Resolution #04-21-2026-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the April 21, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the April 7, 2026, Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-03 Reads:

The Chief and Council of Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approve the Transfer, Funding and Release Agreement prepared by Trans Mountain Pipeline LP related to the Juliet Bridge, and further agree to transfer ownership of the asset to LNIB Holdings LP, and flow through the reimbursement payments received from Trans Mountain Pipeline LP in relation to this Agreement to LNIB Holdings LP.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-04 Reads:

WHEREAS the Lower Nicola Indian Registry Administrator certifies the above Adult has satisfied all requirements under the LNIB Transfer Policy dated September 17, 2013, and now requests that the departmental records be amended to reflect her release from our registry group;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to give notice to the Indian Registry of a Band release transfer of Honey Grace Johnson (Adult) from the Lower Nicola Indian Band to the Bonaparte First Nation.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-05 Reads:

WHEREAS the Lower Nicola Indian Registry Administrator certifies the above Adult has satisfied all requirements under the LNIB Transfer Policy dated September 17, 2013, and now requests that the departmental records be amended to reflect her release from our registry group;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to give notice to the Indian Registry of a Band release transfer of Honey Grace Johnson (Adult) from the Lower Nicola Indian Band to the Bonaparte First Nation.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-06 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

1. Appoints Councillor Robin Humphrey as LNIB's representative, and Councillor Leona Antoine as an Alternate, to the Skagit Headwaters Governance Committee;
2. Endorses the Governance Committee Terms of Reference draft, dated February 26, 2026;
3. Endorses the proposal brought forward by the Technical Working Group to jointly declare the Upper Skagit Headwaters as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area and support the designation of a Conservancy under the Park Act; and
4. Further authorizes the Interim 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 this motion, or in connection with the performance by the Lower Nicola Indian Band of its obligations to this motion.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-07 Reads:

WHEREAS the parties entered into a funding agreement (the "Agreement") effective as of April 1st, 2019 and wish to amend the Agreement in order to add funding of certain Activities to be delivered by LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.



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NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Schedule 4 of the Agreement is amended to include the additional program(s), service(s) and/or activity(ies) in the amount(s) shown in the table below and in the attached Schedule 4: 5.0 - Adjustment Detailed Report:
 - i. NFR-POST SECONDARY EDUCA - 2026/27 Post-Secondary Education - Enhancement \$ 118,881.00
 - ii. CAPACITY BUILDING - 2026/27 EMAP - CAPACITY BUILDING – EM COORDINATOR \$ 85,000.00
2. Schedule 7 - Reporting and Due Dates of the Agreement is amended to include the added report(s) in the attached Schedule 7 - Reporting and Due Dates - Reporting Requirement Adjustments.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect, unamended.
4. This amendment takes effect once it has been signed by both parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Schedule 4 of the Agreement is amended to include the attached Schedule 4: 5.0 – Adjustment Detailed Report.
2. Schedule 5 - Contribution Funding: Delivery Requirements and Funding Adjustment Factors of the Agreement is amended to include the attached Schedule 5 – Contribution Funding: Delivery Requirements and Funding Adjustment Factors.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect, unamended.
4. This amendment takes effect once it has been signed by both parties

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-00 Reads:

WHEREAS:

A. Pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated January 16, 2018 (the "Trust Declaration"), Aaron Sumexheltza (the "Trustee") holds 20 Common shares (the "Shares") in 1149296 B.C. Ltd. in trust for the Lower Nicola Indian Band (the "First Nation"), as represented by Share Certificate No. 3 ;

B. Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, the Trustee agreed to transfer the Shares to such person or persons as the First Nation, as represented by its council (the "Council"), may direct;

C. Council of the First Nation deems it in the best interest of the First Nation to have the Trustee transfer the Shares into the name of the First Nation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Trustee be and is hereby directed to transfer the Shares into the name of the First Nation effective as of the date of this resolution or the date the transfer is approved by the directors of 1149296 B.C. Ltd.

Motion Withdrawn

Resolution #04-21-2026-08 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to appoint Chief Nicholas Peterson as Chair, Councillors Robin Humphrey and Leona Antoine, as well as an LNIB Elder and LNIB Youth to the BC Accommodation Lands Selection Committee.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-09 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

Approves Chief Nicholas Peterson travel to Penticton, British Columbia to attend the 2026 Spring Interior Region Health Caucus from May 12 – May 14, 2026, as LNIB's Council Political Lead, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried



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—Resolutions—

Resolution #04-21-2026-10 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

Approves Chief Nicholas Peterson travel to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the 2026 Generate Panel hosted by the Clean Energy Association of BC, from May 25-26, 2026, to sit on the First Nations Leaders Panel, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-11 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby:

Approves Robin Humphrey's travel to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the 2026 Generate Panel hosted by the Clean Energy Association of BC, from May 25-26, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-12 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 8:10pm, 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.

a. Privileged Materials

Motion Carried

Resolution #04-21-2026-13 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the April 21, 2026, meeting at 10:10pm.

Motion Carried

Council Special Meeting Resolutions — April 22, 2026

Motion #04-22-2026-01 Reads: The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council approve the 2026/27 operating annual budgets in principle, subject to further review. Final approval will be deferred pending the appointment of the new Executive Director. Upon appointment, the Executive Director will meet with each department to review budgets and workplans and subsequently meet with the Finance and Audit Committee to confirm and provide recommendations for final approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #04-22-2026-02 Reads: The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council approve the five-Year Capital budget in principle, subject to further review. Final approval will be deferred pending the appointment of the new Executive Director. Upon appointment, the Executive Director will meet with each department to review budgets and workplans and subsequently meet with the Finance and Audit Committee to confirm and provide recommendations for final approval.

Motion Carried

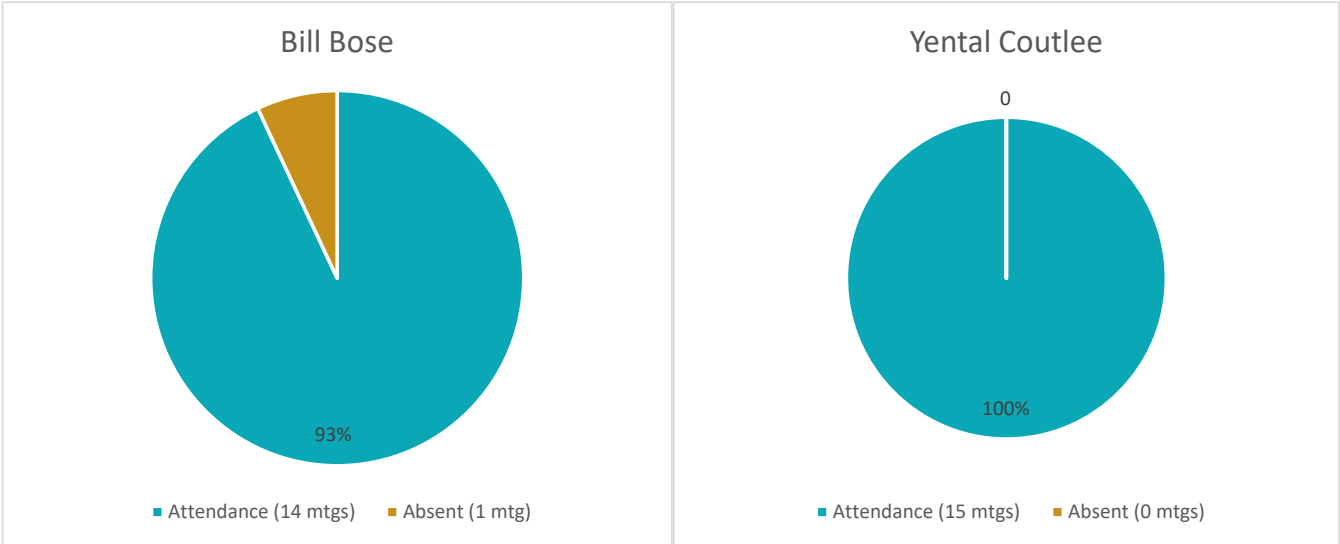
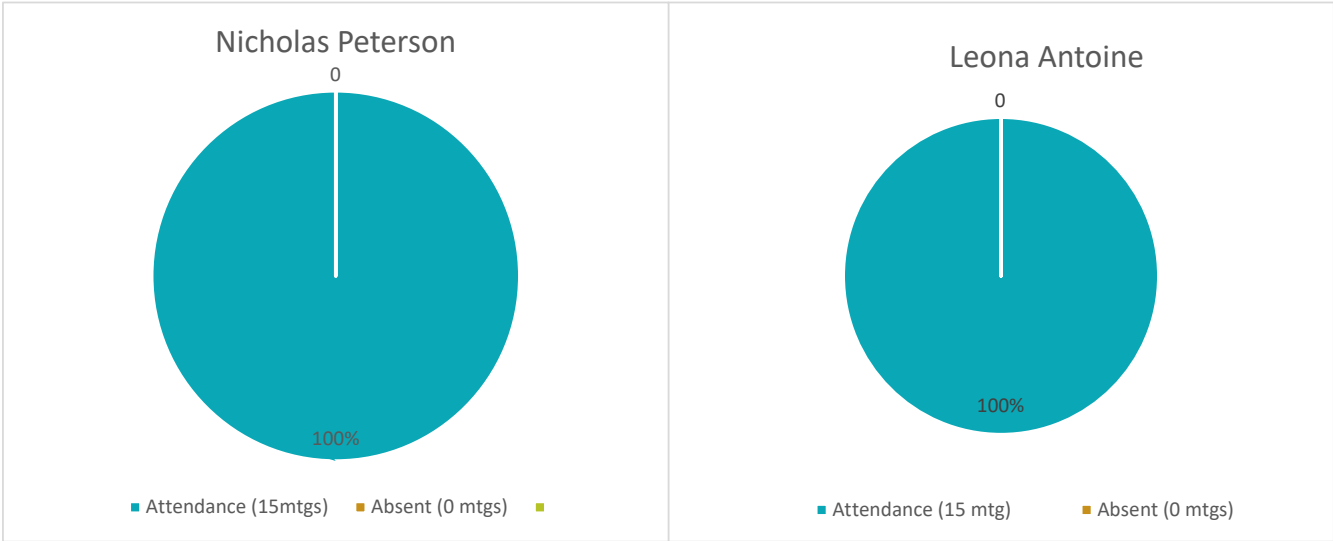
Motion #04-22-2026-03 Reads: The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council approve the 2026/27 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for all LNIB employees and officers at 3% increase beginning April 1, 2026.

Motion Carried

Motion #04-22-2026-04 Reads: The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 6:59pm, 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, adjourning the Special Council meeting.

Motion Carried

Chief and Council Attendance
Term October 2025-September 2029



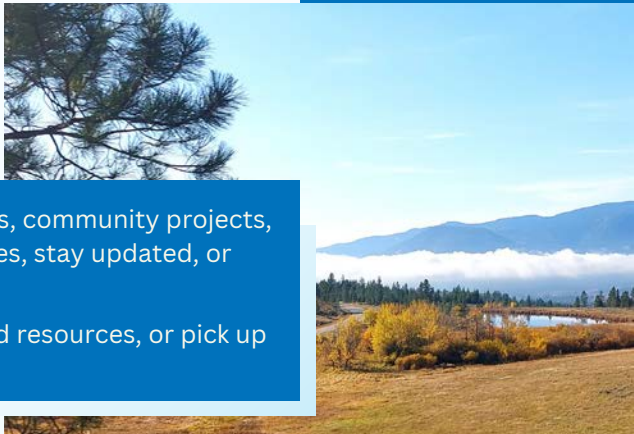
Chief and Council Attendance
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LANDS DEPARTMENT

We're here to help with land activities, community projects, and LMAC inquiries. Share your stories, stay updated, or learn about current initiatives.

Visit LNIBLANDS.NET for updates and resources, or pick up printed copies at the Lands Office.



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

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VACANT
LANDS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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LANDS ADMINISTRATOR

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SURVEY ASSISTANT

SAFETY & SECURITY ON LNIB LANDS

The Lands Department supports efforts to protect and care for LNIB reserve lands. To address issues like land misuse and illegal dumping, measures have been implemented to help keep these areas safe and sustainable for the community.



SNUKWE? SECURITY

250-936-8722

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.

CAMERAS & GATES

Gates have been installed on Nicola Mameet IR1 to help prevent unauthorized activity while maintaining controlled access for permitted users. Two gates are located on Mamit Lake Branch Road near the speedway, one at the top of Mamit Lake Branch Road, and one at the 4 Mile Corrals. Additional gates have also been installed on the Quilchena and Lundbom access routes onto Hamilton.

Some areas may require a gate code. Trail and security cameras are in place to monitor gate use and deter illegal dumping. These cameras are positioned to avoid impacting the privacy of nearby homes or businesses.

Members' access to reserve lands is not restricted by the gates, though some areas may require a code. For access outside regular office hours, call 250-280-7270

LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UPCOMING MEETING

May 14, 2026

Meeting ID:

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.

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.

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
• CP Residential Lots for Sale

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

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.

Leaving animal remains from hunting trips too close to the community attracts predators such as coyotes, bears, and wolves. When predators find easy food sources, they become habituated and will continue returning, increasing the risk to children, pets, and all community members. To help keep the community safe, please dispose of hunting remains or animal innards far from homes and industrial areas. A recommended alternative location is up Highway 97C, past the industrial park, rather than along Mamit Lake Branch Road.

BUYER'S NOTICE BOARD

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

Interested Buyer's:

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

Mindy Garcia
CONTACT | 250-280-5684

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

LNIB Economic Development Surveys. Your Voice. Your Ideas. Our Future.

Lower Nicola Indian Band is creating a new Economic Development Plan and we want to hear from you. Your input will help shape opportunities, priorities, and the future direction of our community.

- Complete a Survey and Be Entered to Win
- As a thank you for your time, you can enter a draw for:
 - A raised planter box (with soil and flowers)
 - A meat package gift card from Nicola Meats

CHOOSE THE SURVEY THAT FITS YOU

LNIB MEMBER SURVEY (ALL MEMBERS)

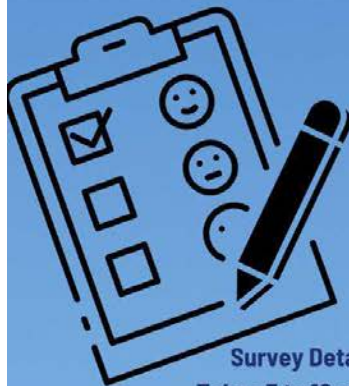
For all band members, on or off reserve.

Share your thoughts on:

- Community priorities
- Jobs and opportunities
- Services and supports
- The future of LNIB



LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND



Survey Details:

Takes 5 to 10 minutes.

Confidential and respectful

Please complete by May 21

BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEUR SURVEY

For members who:

- Own a business
- Want to start a business
- Have business ideas

Tell us about:

- Your business experience or ideas
- Barriers and challenges
- Supports needed to succeed



Need help or prefer to complete the survey another way?
Monica Charters, Acting Director of Economic Development

Lower Nicola Indian Band

Email: monica.charters@lnib.net

Your input will directly guide LNIB's Economic Development Plan.

Have your say. Be heard. Help shape what's next.



LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND



HVC Community Update

We will be discussing:

- Returning Land Use Plan
- Watershed Mitigation and Management Plan
- Nlaka'pamux Foods Monitoring Plan

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:00 pm - Shulus Hall

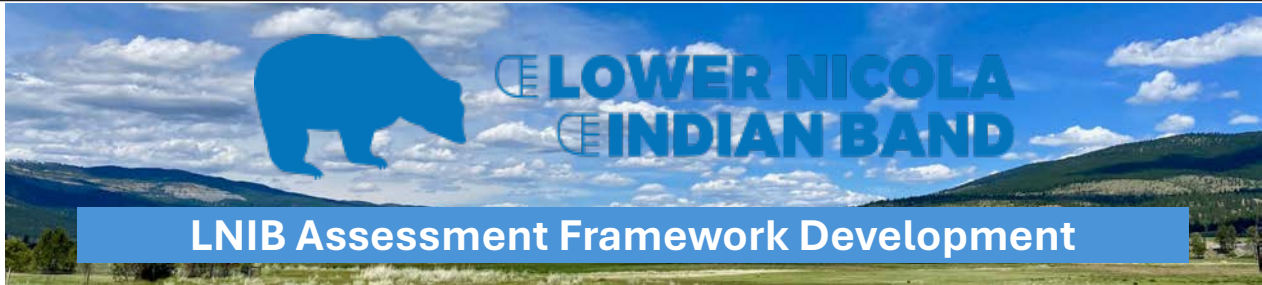
Dinner & Door Prizes

Any questions contact Monica Charters

(250) 378-5157 or email monica.charters@lnib.net

Highland Valley
Copper

Teck



Upholding Nlaka’pamux Decision-Making – Ensuring a Healthy Tmíxʷ, Healthy People

LNIB is committed to territorial stewardships, reclaiming and upholding Nlaka’pamux decision-making on Nlaka’pamux lands and protecting Nlaka’pamux Title & Rights.

The world around us has changed but we are still guided by our connections to our land, our families, and our community. We have a responsibility to past, present, and future generations of our people to steward our lands and resources, advance our Title and Rights, and protect our culture and way of life.

Currently, there are various major project developments being proposed in Nlaka’pamux territory and there is a need to assess these projects to uphold LNIB decision-making and ensure alignment with LNIB values and interests, and recognition and respect for Nlaka’pamux Title & Rights. LNIB is initiating a process to develop an Assessment Framework that could be applied to major projects in Nlaka’pamux Territory.

Rooted in Respect (yémes), Relationships (túmuʔstn) and Responsibility (sʔémit) the Assessment Framework will set out a consistent approach for how LNIB will review, assess, engage and decide on major projects in Nlaka’pamux Territory . It will be inclusive of diverse perspectives and expertise within membership and LNIB administration and will provide a space for LNIB community voices to be included in decision-making processes. It will guide relationships with proponents and crown-governments and LNIB’s approach to participation in other regulatory processes. Ultimately, the framework is meant to ensure a Healthy Tmíxʷ, Healthy People for generations to come.

What is an LNIB Assessment Framework?



Walking This Path Together

LNIB has established an Assessment Working Group (AWG) comprised of leadership, membership and administration representation to develop a draft Assessment Framework. It is imperative that this work is informed and guided by broader membership. There will be various opportunities for membership engagement including a survey in the near future and presentations during this summers band general meetings.

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LNIB Membership
Come and meet
the companies
your Development
Corporation does
business with

BUSINESS FAIR & MEET AND GREET



LNIB Shulus Arena
2164 Neale Road

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

Contact: Don Gossoo
Cell: 250-315-9277
Email:

don.gossoo@lnibdc.com



LNIB Monthly Engagement Report – March 2026

Monthly Highlights

Category

Meetings Held
 Member Engagement
 Employment Statistics
 Community Engagement Events Supported

Summary

5 Formal LNIB Career Coordinator Meetings
 Interactions with 9 LNIB/Community Members
 15 LNIB Members Currently Employed
 LNSS Job Connections

Upcoming Engagements / Activities

Date	Description	Event Details / Comments
14-Apr-26	Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly: 2026 Employment & Education Fair on April 14, 2026 at the Merritt Civic Center from 11am - 6pm.	LNSS has committed to attend the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) Employment & Education Fair on April 14, 2026, in Merritt. This event provides a valuable opportunity to connect with LNIB members and Nicola Valley residents, and to promote current and upcoming employment opportunities. Our participation reflects LNSS's ongoing commitment to local hiring, workforce development, and strengthening relationships within the community.
16-Apr-26	LNSS Job Connections - LNIB Hiring Event at Shulus Hall - April 16, 2026 from 10am - 12pm	In collaboration with Darcie Debruyne - LNIB Employment Coordinator we have scheduled a monthly hiring event called LNSS Job Connections scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next one is scheduled on April 16, 2026 from 10am - 12pm to support our efforts in soliciting additional LNIB candidates for potential employment opportunities. Darcie has confirmed that WorkBC and CNA will be joining LNIB and LNSS at this event. We have also engaged with the Teck / Fluor team who's overseeing the MLE project to promote the event with other contractors.
5-May-26	Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness Walk Participation	We have a group of employees and management planning to participate in the MMIW awareness walk on May 5, from Shulus Hall to the Shulus Arbour, in support of remembrance, awareness, and solidarity with the community.



LNIB Employment Statistics - March 2026

March 2026 Headcount & Wages

Average Monthly Headcount	Total Monthly Wages	Current LNIB Employees
15	\$88,240.65	15





Monthly & Annual Employment Statistics

Annual Statistics		
	Annual Average Headcount	Total Annual Wages
2022	16.00	\$906,667.43
2023	11.00	\$948,044.20
2024	11.33	\$808,757.43
2025	11.30	\$923,672.72
2026 YTD	15.67	\$316,341.24

Monthly Statistics		
	Annual Monthly Headcount	Total Monthly Wages
January/26	16.00	\$120,001.50
February/26	16.00	\$108,099.09
March/26	15.00	\$88,240.65

LOWER NICOLA
SITE SERVICES
LNIB Partnership Business Engagement

March 2026 Subcontractor Payments

	
YTD LNIB Partnership Businesses	\$28,047.22
	
YTD LNIB Partnership Businesses	-
	
YTD LNIB Partnership Businesses	\$643,951.04
	
YTD LNIB Partnership Businesses	\$1,634.85
YTD Total	\$673,633.11



March 2026 LNIB Sponsorships

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Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2026 Total
No Sponsorships in issued to-date in 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -
				\$ -

LOWER NICOLA SITE SERVICES				
Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2026 Total
Nicola Valley Jr Native Hockey Tournament	Mar-26	Raffle Prizes and Tournament Program Sponsor	Cash	\$ 777.57
				\$ 777.57

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Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2026 Total
No Sponsorships in issued to-date in 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -
				\$ -

Total				\$ 777.57
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2026 LNIB Community Engagement

March 2026 LNIB Community Engagement



Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2025 Total
No events in March 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -
				\$ -



Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2025 Total
A Tribute to Lives Remembered	Jan-26	Merritt Herald Community Feature - A Tribute to Lives Remembered	Cash	\$ 266.96
LNSS Job Connections - food & beverages	Jan-26	LNSS provided snacks and beverage to support hiring event on January 13, 2026	Cash	\$ 22.23
LNSS Job Connections - food & beverages	Feb-26	LNSS provided snacks and beverage to support hiring event on January 13, 2026	Cash	\$ 23.01
LNSS Job Connections - food & beverages	Mar-26	LNSS provided snacks and beverage to support hiring event on January 13, 2026	Cash	\$ 17.14
				\$ 329.34



Community Event	Date	Description	Cash or In-Kind	2025 Total
No events in March 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -
				\$ -

Total				\$ 329.34
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*Future LNIB Firefighters Willow Coutlee-Dumont,
& Gunner Coutlee Wycotte
at our monthly 'Coffee with a Firefighter' event.*

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2026

May 2, 2026, is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day which is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness and build wildfire resiliency in communities. FireSmart™ Canada, in collaboration with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, Co-operators, and the provincial and territorial wildland fire management agencies, is pleased to support this annual event in Canada.

The purpose of this campaign is to reach out to the public to provide information on how to make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer from wildfire. To learn more about Wildfire Community Preparedness Day and other FireSmart™ programming Canadians can participate in to increase resilience to wildland fire, visit www.firesmartcanada.ca

Some Wildfire Protection Tips for your Home and Yard

- Clean and maintain gutters and roofs. Keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris.
- Remove combustible material from under decks. Keep a 1.5 meters non-combustible zone around the house and deck.
- Keep grass and weeds cut below 10 centimeter's.
- Plant wildfire-resistant vegetation to reduce the flammability of your landscaping.
- Add non-combustible 3 millimetre screens to external vents (except dryer vents) to keep embers out.
- Prune trees to create a 2 meter clearance from the ground.
- Move Firewood at least 10 meters away from your home.
- Hold sheds and other structures to the same standards as your home.
- Have a wildfire evacuation plan for your household.

LNIB EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

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181 NAWISHASKIN LANE
MERRITT BC



Hello and Happy May to Everyone!

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, May 10: Mother’s Day**
- Monday, May 18: Victoria Day**

As we welcome the month of May, we continue to see growth, energy and excitement in our schools and programs. With longer days and warmer weather ahead, this is a wonderful time to reconnect with the land, strengthen routines, and support our students as they move toward the end of the school year.

May is an important time for students to stay consistent with attendance and engagement. Classrooms are busy with projects, and outdoor learning opportunities. We encourage families to continue supporting regular attendance and daily routines, as every day counts towards student success!

LNIB education department remains committed to supporting our students at all levels. Whether it’s academic assistance, cultural connection, or social-emotional support, we are here to help. If your child needs extra support, please don’t hesitate to reach out 😊

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Hello everyone! Happy May!

During the spring break, while schools were closed, I had the opportunity to spend additional time in the office focusing on planning and organizing for upcoming summer programs. This time allowed for creating engaging activities and ensuring a strong foundation for the busy months ahead.

I have now returned to Nicola Canford Elementary and Lower Nicola Indian Band School, where I continue to learn alongside staff, grow, and strengthen connections within both school communities.



With summer approaching quickly, I am looking forward to the exciting opportunities, adventures, and experiences that lie ahead



LNIB POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATION

LNIB MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 START



PLEASE HAVE YOUR POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATION IN TO THE LNIB EDUCATION OFFICE BY MAY 31st, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

MAIN LNIB ADMIN (250) 378-5157

OR

EMAIL: Sharon.Parsons@lnib.net or Gail.Larochelle@lnib.net



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you are an LNIB member interested in entering or continuing a Post-Secondary Education, a Trades Program or a Training Opportunity contact the LNIB Education Department for more information on funding supports.

LNIB Education accepts funding applications all year, however, full funding support is based on the availability of funds.

You can find a fillable PSE Funding Application on the website lnib.net, under the Education tab, pick one up at the Education office, or call and we can email you a package.


Applying to more than one school is encouraged.

Submit your application fee receipts from the Institutions to get reimbursed.





IMPORTANT GRAD DATES

- **April 20** - Achievement Cords Application Open (Pick up from front office)
 - **April 22** - Valedictorian info meeting at lunch Large Conference Rm
 - **April 24** - Grade 12 Literacy Rewrite
 - **May 1** - Grad Write-Ups Due
Achievement Cords Application Due
Valedictorian Panel Presentation in Large Conference Room.
 - **May 6** - Grad Meeting
 - **May 7** - Valedictorian Vote D Block
 - **May 15** - Grad Fees Due (Local Bands Pay this fee for members, LNIB, UNB, Coldwater, Nooaitch, Upper Similkameen)
 - **May-18-22** - Achievement Cord Recipient Notified
 - **May 27** - Grad Meeting
 - **May 29** - Grad Package Pick-Up
Achievement, Honour, Valedictorian Cords in Grad Package.
 - **June 2** - Indigenous Grad Rehearsal (at the NV Memorial Arena 1:30pm)
 - **June 3** - Indigenous Grad Ceremony (at the Arena, Please RSVP)
 - **June 5** - Dry Grad Trip
 - **June 10** - Literacy 12 Assessment Rewrite
 - **June 15** - Scholarship Ceremony
 - **June 16** - Elementary School Walk
 - **June 17** - Grad Rehearsal
 - **June 18** - Grad Ceremony
 - **June 20** - Prom
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LOWER NICOLA BAND SCHOOL
APRIL NEWSLETTER

LNIB School Newsletter – April

As we move through April, it's been great to see the continued energy in the building and the way our students and staff are coming together through culture, learning, and connection. This month has been a strong reflection of who we are as a school community.

Our assemblies continue to ground our weeks with drum, prayer, dance, recognitions, games and developing our social and emotional intelligence, creating space for students to come together in a meaningful way. A highlight this month was our Blanketing Ceremony, led by our HR team, which provided an important opportunity for students to experience and learn through culture and tradition.

We also continue to prioritize opportunities that bring families into the school. Our Elders Luncheon was a special moment of connection, allowing students and staff to spend time with Elders and show appreciation for their presence in our community.

Our Bitterroot Picking day was an important part of our learning, connecting students to the land and to traditional practices. These experiences continue to be a powerful way for students to build understanding, respect, and connection.

This month has been full of opportunities for students across grade levels:

- **Swimming Lessons** have been running throughout April, supporting both skill development and confidence in the water
- **Grade 6 Traditional Games** provided students with hands-on cultural and physical learning with other students in the school district. This event was hosted by Merritt Central Elementary School.
- **Grade 5/6 Pet Day** brought families and their pets into the school and created a fun, engaging experience for students
- The **Vancouver Ravens (Professional Lacrosse Team)** visited our school, giving students a chance to connect with high-level athletes and experience the sport in an exciting way. Constable Olney was also present to talk about minor lacrosse in Merritt.
- We continue to prioritize student safety through regular practice and preparation. This month included a **lockdown drill**, helping ensure that staff and students are familiar with procedures and expectations.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, and community members for the role you play in making our school a strong and supportive place for learning.

Leroy 😊



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Marnee Shipclark
Garry Stefiuk
Penny Toodlican
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School cell:250-315-8546

April has been a very busy and exciting month in Grade 1/2!

So far, we have enjoyed a trip to the fish hatchery, finished our swimming lessons, and watched 5 chicks hatch in our classroom incubator!

We have also been learning about data in Math. Grade 1/2 students asked the whole school questions about their favorite ice cream, sport, and dinosaurs. After collecting and studying the results, we found out that basketball is the most popular sport, chocolate is the favorite ice cream, and Brachiosaurus is the most popular dinosaur!

We are so proud of all the learning, curiosity, and excitement happening in our classroom this month.



Ms. Sheena's Grade 3

We have been enjoying a busy and exciting month in our Grade 3 classroom!

Swimming Lessons

Students are participating in swimming lessons twice a week throughout April. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water, along with their strength and skills.

Bitterroot Picking at Bask Ranch

We had a special opportunity to go bitterroot picking at Bask Ranch. This was a meaningful, land-based learning experience where students connected with the land, culture, and traditional knowledge. They showed respect and curiosity while learning about the importance of bitter roots.

Salmon in the Classroom

Our class has been caring for coho salmon, and it has been an exciting journey watching their development. We started with eggs, then observed the alevin stage, and now our salmon has reached the fry stage! Students are learning responsibility and gaining a deeper understanding of life cycles.

Enjoying the Spring Weather

We have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather by spending more time outside. Students are enjoying outdoor learning, fresh air, and active play.

Earth Day Clean-Up

To celebrate Earth Day, our class participated in a clean-up around our school and community. Students showed great pride in caring for the land and understanding the importance of looking after our environment.

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Rhonda Sheena
LNIB Grade 3 Teacher

Hello everyone! Mrs. Haller here.

Wow it's already April. I can't wait for warmer days.

My grade 4 and 5 students have been busy! We decided to get our artistic side engaged by producing some amazing fruit and vegetable creations for the Elder's Luncheon. First, we went shopping for our delicious, edible materials.



While some may view cooking merely as a functional or a daily task, when it is approached with creativity and intention, it becomes a “symphony of flavors”.

Next, students had to figure out what they needed for their creation. Choices, choices, so many choices. The irresistible fruit made it difficult for the students to resist the temptation to munch down all their materials.



All students did an awesome job of expressing themselves through food.







The elders enjoyed viewing and taste testing the amazing food projects!

Our trip to gather Bitter Root was a wonderful success and we couldn't have picked a nicer day!





Bitterroot is a traditional medicinal plant used by First Nations peoples including the Nlaka'pamux, to treat respiratory issues, diabetes, digestive problems, and heart pain, often acting as a tonic or a sauce with fruit. (Britannica). The root (very bitter) is boiled until soft, then is mashed with huckleberries or saskatoon berries- Oh so good!

We had a special visitor come to the school to show off her 4-day old kids. Nigerian Dwarf momma goat had a doeling (female) and a buckling (male). She produces some very healthy milk, and her milk is used to nurse other baby animals that may be ill.







So cute! My students were so excited. Pets aid in developing empathy, responsibility, and social skills.

As a child, my furry little companion always helped calm me and now that I'm older, my little doggie is not only excellent company but loves me unconditionally!





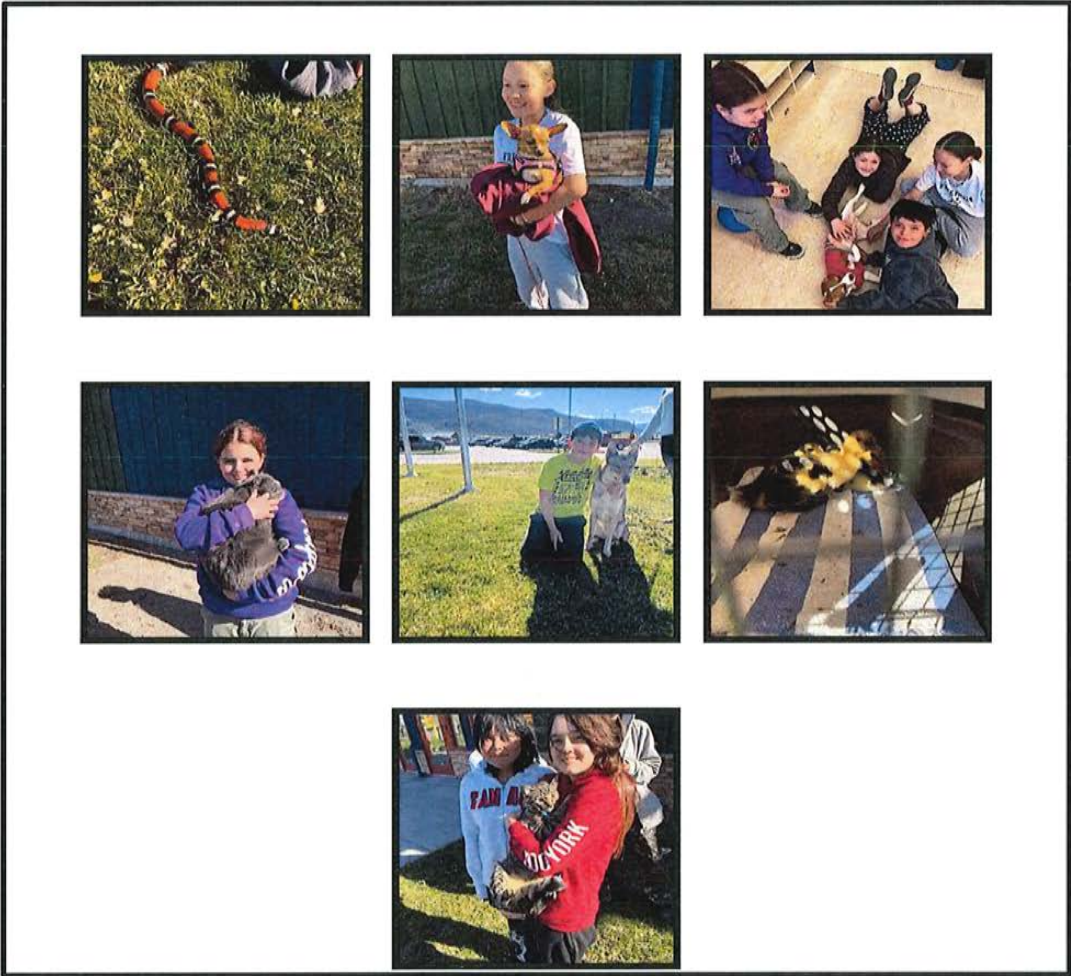
Ron Stirling received a gorgeous blanket for his 10 years of service for the Lower Nicola Indian Band. Our students congratulated him by singing and drumming. We appreciate your hard work. Congratulations Ron and family!



Grade 5/6 April Highlights

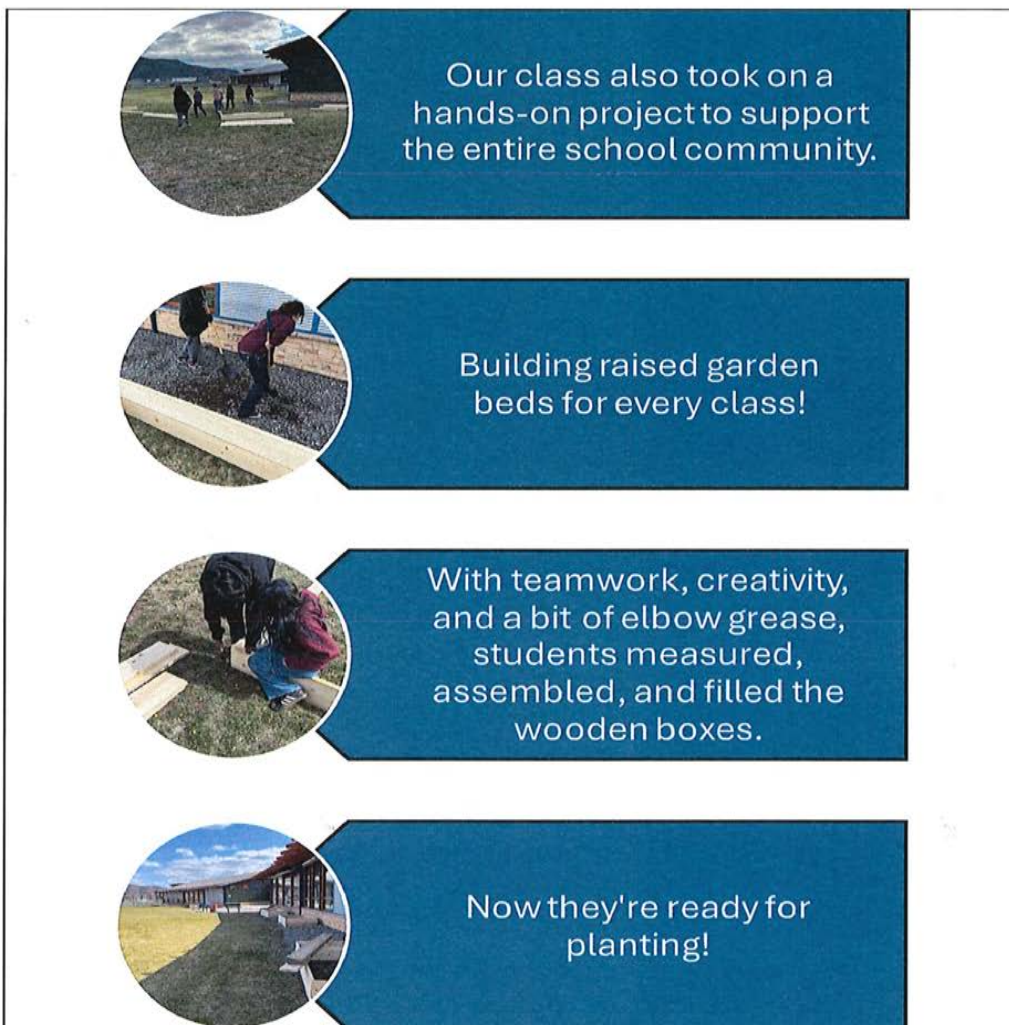
Pet Day Celebration

This month, the classroom was filled with excitement and wagging tails during our annual Pet Day! Students proudly introduced their beloved pets, including ducklings, cats, dogs, and even a snake. Families joined in the fun, spending time together while students shared stories about their pets and learned about each other’s fluffy, scaly, and feathered friends. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate responsibility, empathy, and the joy that animals bring into our lives.



School Garden Project

We're especially excited about our own garden bed, where we'll soon be planting seedlings that we started in our indoor greenhouse a few weeks ago. This project has helped students learn about sustainability, teamwork, and the importance of caring for the environment.



Our class also took on a hands-on project to support the entire school community.

Building raised garden beds for every class!

With teamwork, creativity, and a bit of elbow grease, students measured, assembled, and filled the wooden boxes.

Now they're ready for planting!



MAY 2026

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Absolutely **NO**
NUTS and **NO**
Peanut Butter In
LNB School

Monday Sxwetpésq̓t	Tuesday Siyésq̓t	Wednesday Keʔhésq̓t	Thursday Musest	Friday Ciksésq̓t
<p>HAPPY <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>5 Meatloaf & mashed potatoes</p>	<p>6 Chicken nuggets & fries BANDANA DAY</p>	<p>7 Roast beef sliders</p>	<p>1 Turkey sandwiches</p>
<p>11 Dill pickle Pasta salad</p>	<p>12 Shepard's pie</p>	<p>13 Pineapple chicken & rice</p>	<p>14 Teriyaki meatballs & rice</p>	<p>8 Greek spaghetti salad</p>
<p>18 NO SCHOOL VICTORIA DAY</p>	<p>19 Chicken noodle soup</p>	<p>20 Hot dogs & hamburgers</p>	<p>21 Chicken stir fry & rice TIE DYE DAY</p>	<p>15 Pizza day</p>
<p>25 Chicken alfredo UNMATCHED SOCK DAY</p>	<p>26 Hamburger tomato soup</p>	<p>27 Chicken Caesar salad</p>	<p>28 Pancakes eggs & fruit</p>	<p>22 Salmon rice Deer stew & Bannock CULTURE DAY</p>
			<p>29 Pizza roll ups</p>	



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

May is one of our favourite months and is certain to deliver lovely, sunny days. Green grass is spreading, flowers are beginning to bloom, and new newborn animals are appearing everywhere. Everything around us is changing.

For the month, we will be reviewing the letters A through Z as well as the numbers 1 through 10. Additionally, we will learn about animals, gardening, and young animals.



EVENTS

- 1st Onion pickup with James
- 4th- 8th - Planting week
- 8th Potato pickup with James
- 10th Mothers day ♥
- 13th Monthly fire drill
- 15th Library day
- 15th. Park & Picnic
- 18th. NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)
- 20th Lunch with big school
- 29th Library Day

REMINDERS

As weather is warming up we will be spending a lot of time outside. Please send appropriate clothing for warmer days :)

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MENU

MAY 2026



				1 ENGLISH MUFFIN & YOGURT
4 CHEESE NACHOS & VEGGIES	5 SAUSAGES & PASTA	6 MEAT/CHEESE PICKLES CRACKERS	7 SCRAMBLED EGGS/BACON HUSBROWN	8 SMOOTHIE & GRANOLA BARS
11 CHICKEN NOODLES SOUP + GRILLED CHEESE	12 OATMEAL & TOAST	13 CHICKEN BURGER & FRIES	14 HOT DOGS &VEGGIES	15 PARK PICNIC
18 NO SCHOOL	19 PANCAKES & FRUIT	20 LUNCH WITH BIG SCHOOL	21 MINI PIZZA + CUCUMBER	22 WAFFLES & FRUITS
25 TACOS & VEGGIES	26 HAM/CHEESE WRAPS & VEGGIES	27 FRENCH TOAST & FRUIT	28 VEGTABLE SOUP & CRACKERS	29 YOGURT/ MUFFIN& FRUIT

MAY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

HEAD START 0-2YEARS PROGRAM

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NOTE :
THIS PROGRAM FOR HEAD START REGISTERED MEMBERS ONLY.

1. WILD ONION PICK UP WITH JAMES

8 POTATO PICK UP WITH JAMES

15 MERRITT LIBRARY 10:00 TO 11:30

21 OPEN DAY FOR OUTREACH

29 MERRITT LIBRARY 10:00 TP 11:30



May 2026							LNIB Elders Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	nkshAykn Bitter Root Digging Venables Valley	4	MMIW Walk Shulus Hall to Arbor 1030am – 1130am	5	Coffee with a Cop Soup Kitchen 10am – 12pm	6		7		8	Mother's Day BINGO Rocky Pines Centre 5pm – 7pm	9	
10	Mothers Day	11		12	Cewete? Picking at Petani Valley Leaving LNIB Health Centre at 9am	13		14	Bowling 2pm	15		16	
17	VICTORIA DAY	18		19	Beading Night for MMIMB or Denim Jeans Pins Rocky Pines Centre 5pm – 7pm	20		21	Elders Luncheon Soup Kitchen 1130am – 1pm	22		23	
24	Aquatic Centre 11am – 145pm	25		26		27		28	Elders Luncheon with Councilor Robin Humphrey Rocky Pines Centre 12pm - 2pm	29		30	
31	Notes: The Calendar may change, so please call or check online for any updates.												

ANGIE JOE, LNIB ELDERS COORDINATOR, CONTACT: 778.375.5530 OR EMAIL, ANGIE.JOE@LNIB.NET

May 2026

Language and Culture
Joe Shuter



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Nkasytkn: bitter root picking Ashcroft	5 MMIWG walk Men's group meeting	6 Staff wellness 1:00-3:00 Language group 5-7 pm	7 On the Land: Lightening mushroom harvesting	8 Community Support: Saturday	9 Men's group: Mother's day Dinner
10	11 Drop In at Culture Centre	12 On the Land: Staweta/stinging nettle harvesting	13 Professional Development	14 Away: Time for Wellness	15 Away: Time for Wellness	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19 Drop In at Culture Centre	20 Staff wellness 1:00-3:00 Language group 5-7 pm	21 On the Land: Ketcha Tea Harvest	22 Community Support: Saturday	23 Gordon Creek site visit /Dinner
24	25 Away: Time for Wellness	26 Away: Time for Wellness	27 Away: Time for Wellness	28 Away: Time for Wellness	29 Away: Time for Wellness	30

For more information contact Joe Shuter, Culture Revitalization Coordinator at
250-315-7487 (c) or joe.shuter@lnib.net

MMIW AWARENESS WALK

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

10:30am - Johnny's on the Rez

11:30am - Shulus Arbour

Light lunch will be provided



We welcome you to join us

**CALLING ALL
HAND
DRUMMERS**

*For More Information
Contact.*

Carole Basil at (250) 378-5157



**MAY
08**
12:00 PM

Please join us for
**MOTHER'S
DAY**
Lunch

Shulus Hall

Loonie Auction, Raffle & 50/50

Any questions call Marilynne Munro
[250] 378-5157



**STRONGER TOGETHER,
TAKING A STAND:**

Opioid Awareness Presentation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ROCKY PINES COMMUNITY CENTRE

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

GUEST SPEAKER: PIERRE MORAIS

**To sign up contact Kirsten at the Health Centre
(250)378-5157**



**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

Hand Painted Feathers

LNIB Women's Group

Our intent is to unite for self-care and connect with fellow women. This session is exclusively for adults only

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:00 - 7:30 pm

Rocky Pines Community Centre

**To register or questions please contact
Irene Howe 250-378-5157**

**L.N.I.B
MEMBERSHIP**



**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5:00 pm

Shulus Hall

Topics Include:

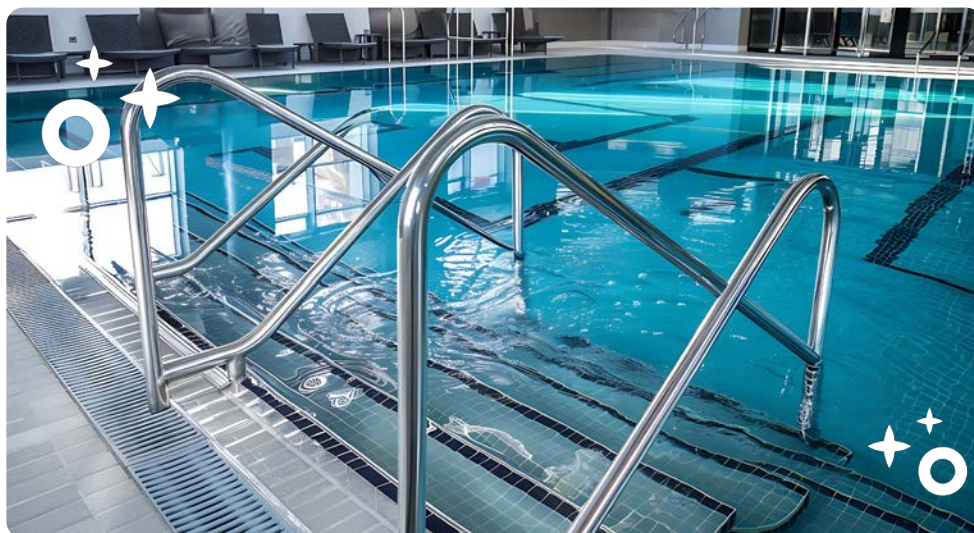
*Update on the group that attended the
CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
Slide show & dinner*

Our ongoing repatriation project has been active in the study of research methods, identification, analysis of museum objects with the intent to learn, and revitalize various aspects of our culture.

Any questions please contact
Robert Sterling (250) 315-3206

LNIB Membership & Community Members

Swimming & Gym at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre



Members can enjoy the pool and gym amenities throughout the week when the Aquatic Centre is operational. Just make sure to note your status number in the specified log book upon entering.

Any questions please call Carole Basil at 250-378-5157



Saturday, May 30, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Shulus Hall

**CRAFT &
BAKE SALE**



To book a table contact
Veronica Moses 250-315-5115

New to you



Coffee with a Cop



May 6, 2026 10:00 - 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen Trailer

Any questions please contact Angie Joe

250-378-5157



**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

MAY 4TH | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

GARDEN/PLANT BINGO

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

ROCKY PINES COMMUNITY CENTRE

**IF YOUR CHILD WANTS TO PARTICIPATE A PARENT
NEEDS TO BE IN ATTENDANCE**

**ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
MARILYNNE MUNRO 250-378-5157**



**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

All LNIB Office Closure

**For May Long Weekend
May 18, 2026**

**Offices will reopen
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**If you have an emergency, please call
911 for Medical, Fire or RCMP**

**Administration: (250) 315-9153
Health & Social: (250) 315-9158
Housing: (236) 575-2072
Public Works (On Call): (250) 315-8184**

Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday!

