



LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND

JUNE 2026

Newsletter



New Members of the LNIB
Fire Team!



Nicholas Peterson Chief Report

May was an incredibly full and productive month, with work ranging from major project negotiations and economic development, to regional governance discussions, environmental stewardship, and community engagement. At the beginning of May, myself and our Acting Economic Development Director traveled to Toronto to attend the First Nations Major Projects Coalition Conference. While there, we met with our partner, Capstone Infrastructure, regarding the Mt. Mabel Wind Project and future clean energy opportunities. During the trip, we participated in a board meeting and toured an operational wind farm. I had the opportunity to go inside a turbine tower and see firsthand the physical infrastructure, operations, and environmental footprint associated with wind energy projects. We also met with technicians and staff responsible for maintaining and operating the turbines. This experience was extremely valuable as we continue evaluating the long-term impacts, opportunities, and responsibilities associated with the Mt. Mabel Wind project. We also discussed the proposed Tulameen Wind Project. While the project was unfortunately not selected during BC Hydro's 2025 Call for Power process, conversations continue and the project

remains an important long-term opportunity. At this time, however, the Tulameen proposal will naturally take a step back while we evaluate future opportunities and next steps. Upon returning home, I attended an all-day Lower Nicola Indian Band Development Corporation board meeting. With new directors now in place, the Board is continuing to move forward and strengthen LNIB's economic opportunities and long-term business interests. I am encouraged by the professionalism, energy, and commitment being brought forward during this new chapter for LNIBDC. Another major milestone this month was the conclusion of our Executive Director hiring process. After a lengthy and thoughtful process, we have selected Robert Rodvik as LNIB's new Executive Director. Robert will begin his role on June 20th. I ask our membership and staff to welcome him with patience, kindness, and support as he begins his onboarding and orientation into the community and organization. Strong leadership requires strong teamwork, and I am genuinely excited for this next chapter within LNIB's administrative team. Please see the newsletter for Robert's biography and formal welcome.

The work of the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership (NWGP) and the N5 continues. Discussions remain ongoing with the Province regarding watershed governance and water management. Concerns have recently arisen surrounding water licences associated with data centre developments. These are matters that the N5 will continue discussing collectively as we evaluate our response and ensure our Title, Rights, and watershed interests are protected moving forward. At the same time, drought conditions, water scarcity, and climate-related risks continue to remain a major concern throughout the Nicola Valley and broader region. Forecasts continue to warn of the potential impacts associated with El Niño patterns, including prolonged heat waves, increased wildfire risk, pressure on fish populations, reduced stream flows, and growing stress on both groundwater and surface water systems. These challenges are no longer theoretical and are becoming an increasing reality for our communities, ecosystems, and future generations. LNIB will continue advocating for stronger watershed

stewardship, improved emergency preparedness, meaningful Indigenous involvement in water governance, and long-term planning that balances economic development with the protection of our lands and waters.

Myself and several members of Council also met with Natural Resource Officers regarding the Hamilton 7 fire investigation. These discussions are important as we continue strengthening our emergency response coordination and begin exploring how LNIB may further develop our own protocols, policies, and laws surrounding burning practices, responsibilities, liabilities, and community safety.

One of the most significant governance discussions this month took place during the Interior Health Spring Caucus. A major resolution was passed unanimously by all 54 Interior Chiefs. I was honoured to move the resolution, while Chief Lee Spahan seconded it. This demonstrated strong Nlaka'pamux leadership in shaping discussions around health governance, Nation-based service delivery, and bringing decision-making and services closer to home for our people. These discussions continue to push forward broader conversations around self-determination, governance reform, and ensuring First Nations have greater authority and control over the systems that directly impact our communities and citizens.

On a more personal and cultural note, I was grateful to participate in a four-day fasting ceremony during the May long weekend. I am deeply thankful for our culture, teachings, and the opportunity for reflection that these ceremonies provide. The land continues to be one of our greatest teachers and healers. I pray that I can continue implementing the values, teachings, and responsibilities passed down by our ancestors into both my personal life and my role as Chief.

The final week of May has also been extremely busy. I apologize for not being able to attend Band General in person, as I am currently attending the Generate 2026 Conference as a panel speaker discussing the Mt. Mabel Wind Project and Indigenous participation in clean energy development. I will also be speaking at the upcoming BC Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference (BCIROC) in early June on similar topics relating to Indigenous economic participation, clean energy, and Nation-building. Negotiations regarding the Enbridge Westcoast Pipeline project also continue. While discussions remain ongoing, LNIB continues to stand firm in defending and advancing our Title, Rights, and long-term interests throughout the process.

This month I was also fortunate to attend the wedding ceremony of Chief Lee Spahan of Coldwater Indian Band. It was beautiful to see community come together in celebration, support, and love. Amidst the many pressures and responsibilities of leadership, moments like these remind us of the importance of family, relationships, and community connection. One of the true highlights of the month, however, was attending Track and Field Day at the LNIB School. I was challenged to race the kids, and it was a lot of fun. Spending time with our youth is always energizing and grounding. Their laughter, excitement, and spirit are reminders of why this work matters so deeply. Thank you to all the amazing staff, parents, and caregivers who continue helping raise and support our children each and every day.

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Chief Nicholas Peterson



Lower Nicola Indian Band Full-time Councilor Report Robin Humphrey Reporting Period: May 1 – May 31, 2026

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Throughout this reporting period of May 2026, I continued serving full-time as Councilor for the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB). My work remained focused on strengthening governance, advocating for members, protecting lands and waters, supporting economic development initiatives, building intergovernmental relationships, and contributing to community wellness and engagement throughout Lower Nicola Indian Band

Leadership & Governance

I actively participated in governance and leadership initiatives, including:

LNIB Chief & Council Meetings: - Participated in regular leadership discussions and governance matters throughout May. - Supported ongoing decision-making related to community priorities, operational matters, and strategic direction.

LNIB Executive Director Recruitment (May 7 & 8, 2026): - Participated in in-person Executive Director interviews alongside the Pathways hiring firm. - Supported candidate engagement and shared community and territorial tours to provide greater understanding of LNIB lands, membership, and priorities.

These efforts continue to support effective governance, leadership accountability, and organizational development within Lower Nicola Indian Band.

Government Relations & Advocacy

As full-time council member I have supported ongoing advocacy and relationship-building with government and regional partners:

Province of BC – Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (May 14, 2026): - Participated in discussions regarding Nicola Valley Aggregates negotiations developing resolution. - Reviewed ongoing concerns and discussed potential next steps with Ministry representatives.

Nicola 5 Forum (May 29, 2026): - Participated in regional discussions regarding water management and watershed concerns. - Received updates related to the Nicola Water Governance Partnership and regional leadership initiatives.

Economic Development & Projects

LNIB Economic Development Planning – Vancouver BC (May 6, 2026): - Supported the Lower Nicola Indian Band Economic Development Urban LNIB member

Open House planning session held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver. - Connected with LNIB Economic Development staff and LNIB membership regarding future economic opportunities and priorities. - Participated in workshop discussions identifying economic development opportunities and long-term planning direction for LNIB.

LNIB Economic Development/Lockhaven – 5-Year Plan Input (May 15, 2026): - Participated in interview sessions with Lockhaven representatives regarding development of LNIB's economic development planning. - Shared input and recommendations related to sustainable economic opportunities and community priorities.

LNIB Internal Enbridge/Westcoast Energy Negotiations Meeting (May 19, 2026): - Participated in internal discussions regarding Enbridge/Westcoast Energy expansion negotiations. - Reviewed proposed term sheets, one-time and annual payment structures, and long-term relationship considerations. - Discussed environmental commitments, equity participation, business opportunities, employment and training initiatives, and emergency response planning.

Land & Water Protection

Nicola Water Governance Partnership – Nicola Drought Committee (May 11, 2026): - Participated in technical table discussions regarding drought levels and water management within the Nicola watershed. - Supported proactive planning regarding residential, agricultural, and industrial water use. - Requested additional data and information regarding water temperatures and watershed conditions.

Nicola Water Governance Partnership – Core Council Meeting (May 14, 2026): - Participated in water management discussions related to low water levels within the Nicola watershed. - Continued supporting collaborative approaches to water governance and long-term watershed sustainability.

LNIB Elder Member Visit – (May 11, 2026): - Met with Elder regarding agricultural land impacts related to water levels. - Discussed support needs involving land stewardship and transportation of rock materials on member property. - Participated in knowledge-sharing discussions involving traditional territory, medicines, land transfer history, and family heritage.

Community Engagement & Member Support

LNIB Membership Concern Meeting – (May 1, 2026): - Met with member to better understand concerns related to housing challenges and support needs.

- Discussed advocacy for improvements to LNIB housing policy and concerns regarding eviction processes. - Identified next steps and the need for future review and amendment of housing policies.

LNIB Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Walk (May 5, 2026): - Attended and supported the awareness walk organized by LNIB Health Services. - Shared opening remarks alongside fellow Council members supporting awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls initiatives. - Joined visiting organizations and community members in raising awareness and supporting healing initiatives.

Nicola Native Lodge Society Meeting (May 7, 2026): - Attended evening meeting session alongside the LNIB Chief to support the Nicola Native Lodge Society. - Observed organizational processes and discussions.

Member Visit – (May 15, 2026): - Connected with member regarding community concerns and support needs.

LNIB Member Visit – (May 19, 2026): - Met with LNIB Elders and family members regarding housing-related challenges. - Discussed support needs and requests for meetings involving LNIB administration and housing staff to work toward resolution.

Lower Nicola Indian Band School Track & Field Day (May 20, 2026): - Attended and supported LNIB youth, students, staff, and families during the annual school track meet. - Participated in community activities including the Chief and Councilor fun race. - Volunteered in supporting long jump and triple jump events while encouraging youth participation and wellness through sports.

CNA/Tech/LNIB Youth Resiliency Conference (May 21, 2026): - Shared opening remarks and welcomed youth participants attending the conference. - Encouraged youth leadership, resiliency, and positive future pathways.

Culture, Wellness & Community Awareness

Elder Knowledge Sharing & Learning Session – (May 4, 2026): - Participated in an Elder knowledge-sharing 1to1 session focused on cultural teachings and intergenerational learning. - Learned about coming-of-age teachings, traditional court systems, bloodline and family histories, and traditional trade practices. - Supported the importance of transferring cultural knowledge to future generations.

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology – Moose Hide Campaign Awareness Day (May 14, 2026): - Attended and supported NVIT's Moose Hide Campaign awareness event.

- Shared opening remarks on behalf of LNIB leadership supporting violence prevention, awareness, and community wellness initiatives.

Health & Organizational Relations

Acting Health Director Check-In – (May 15, 2026): - Connected with the Acting Health Director regarding community programming and reporting support. - Discussed upcoming community wellness initiatives, including the Canoe Awakening Ceremony planned for June 2026.

Sick Leave & Modified Work Schedule (May 25–28, 2026): - Experienced illness resulting in modified work duties and reduced capacity during this reporting period.

Infrastructure & Community Concerns

LNIB Catholic Church Discussions (May 29, 2026): - Participated in discussions regarding the contaminated site concerns associated with the Lower Nicola Catholic Church based on the LNIB membership survey. - Reviewed considerations involving removal and demolition of the church structure. - Discussed next steps regarding removal of items from the church property and community safety considerations.

The Lower Nicola Indian Band continues to prioritize strong governance, community wellness, economic development, and the protection of lands and waters. Through ongoing advocacy, participation in water governance discussions, advancement of economic planning initiatives, and direct engagement with members, LNIB remains committed to long-term sustainability and strengthening support for members, families, and future generations.

These efforts are reflected in continued collaboration with regional and provincial partners, participation in strategic negotiations, and involvement in community-based initiatives that address both immediate needs and long-term priorities. LNIB remains focused on ensuring that decision-making is guided by transparency, accountability, and the principles of Indigenous rights and stewardship.

Ongoing work in areas such as infrastructure, housing, environmental protection, and cultural revitalization continues to support a balanced approach to development and community well-being. Through these combined efforts, LNIB is working to build resilient systems that uphold the rights of its members while supporting healthy, sustainable growth for the Nation.

My focus will always remain on serving Lower Nicola Indian Band with accountability, transparency, and commitment while supporting our members, strengthening leadership, protecting our lands and waters, and advancing opportunities for future generations.

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Governance & Advocacy

- Attended regular Chief and Council meetings.
- May 11 - Met with Indigenous Relations Restorative Justice Officer, Strategic Engagement Team, Natural Resource Officer Service.
- May 26-27 – will be attending the BCACCS Early Learning and Child Care leadership forum to discuss policies, processes, funding structures and jurisdiction planning.

Committees & Leadership

- Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) chair Update:
 - o As the Chair of the FAC, met with LNIBDC ED for updates and transparent communications. Will be meeting with Director of Finance and ED to present annual LNIBDC budgets to Chief and Council for final approval
 - o Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2026, between 5:00-8:00pm
 - o Agenda Items – surplus planning, develop and investment policy, standing committee stipend policy review
- Scw'exmx Child and Family Services (Board Chair):

- o Attend monthly board meeting
- o Participating in the Executive transition team while recruiting for a new Executive Director is underway and will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks
- o Currently in Strategic Planning, have first draft and we can arrange for SCFSS to present to our community members and staff for feedback and input
- o SCFSS Staffing Transitions
 - New Director of Delegated Services, Kirsten Stewart
 - New Director of Secondary Prevention, Aly Ledene
 - Interim Director Delegated Services, Lacey Williams is moving on to other things, and we will see her in community in another capacity soon.
 - Interim Director of Prevention, Corrina Manuel, will be transitioning back to her role as Culture Team Manager.
 - Current Postings: Director of Culture and Caring, Delegated Services team members and Prevention positions



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Throughout May 2026, participation focused on governance meetings, emergency response discussions, committee work, financial approvals, and community engagement activities. Attendance at external gatherings and conferences supported relationship building and ongoing professional development.

May was a busy and productive month involving governance meetings, committee work, community engagement, and ongoing Council responsibilities. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in discussions related to community priorities, emergency preparedness, negotiations, and member concerns.

I will be attending the Aboriginal Childcare Society's Gathering Strength and Nurturing Growth Conference, which will provide valuable learning opportunities focused on supporting children, families, culture and community wellness.

In addition to Council responsibilities, I continue to support Indigenous education and cultural activities through my work at NVIT, including planning efforts related to upcoming student and community events.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute their time, know support to our community. I remain committed to representing our members in a respectful and positive way.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Manuel

Councillor

Summary

POLITICAL

Task	Date	Driver	Notes
Chief and Council Meeting	May 5	Governance	Participated in council discussions and decision-making.
Hamilton Creek Fire Meeting	May 11	Emergency Management	Attended wildfire-related planning and information meeting.
Enbridge Negotiation Committee	May 12	External Relations	Participated in negotiation committee discussions.
Cheque Approvals	May 13	Administration	Reviewed and approved financial matters.
Chief and Council Meeting	May 19	Governance	Participated in governance and operational discussions.
Major Complaint Review	May 20	Community Relations	Participated in discussion regarding member concerns.
Cheque Approval	May 21	Administration	Reviewed and approved financial matters.
Chief and Council Report Preparation	May 22	Reporting	Prepared monthly reporting documentation.
Band General Meeting	May 25	Membership Engagement	Attended community-wide membership meeting.
Aboriginal Child Care Society Gathering Strength and Nurturing Growth	May 26	Community Engagement	Participated in gathering and relationship-building activities.
Gathering Strength and Nurturing Growth Conference	May 27	Professional Development	Attended conference sessions and networking opportunities.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Category	% of Total	Notes
Governance Meetings	40%	Continued participation in leadership and council activities.
Community Engagement	25%	Participated in Band General Meeting and external gatherings.
Administration & Finance	20%	Supported cheque approvals and reporting requirements.
External Relations	15%	Participated in committee and conference discussions.

MEMBER RELATIONSHIP

Issue	Assigned To	Date
Community concerns discussed during Band General Meeting	Chief and Council	May 25, 2026
Complaint review and follow-up discussions	Chief and Council	May 20, 2026
Community concerns discussed during Band General Meeting	Chief and Council	May 25, 2026

Chief and Council
 181 Nawishaskin Lane
 Merritt, BC, V1K 0A7



CHIEF AND COUNCIL REPORT

SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	COUNCILOR	PREPARED BY
May 25, 2026	Lucinda Seward	Lucinda Seward

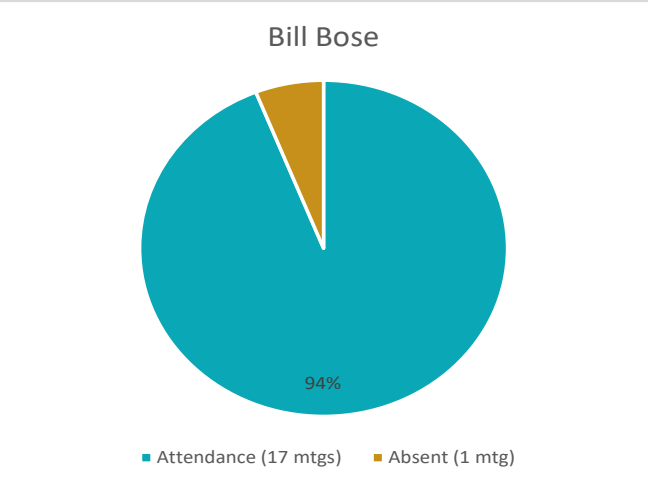
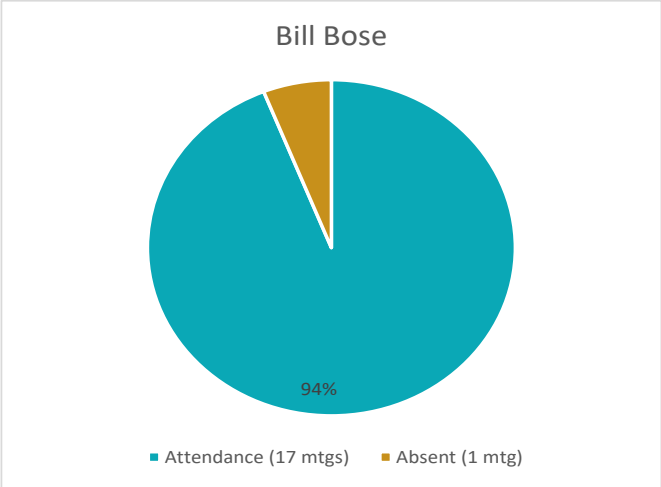
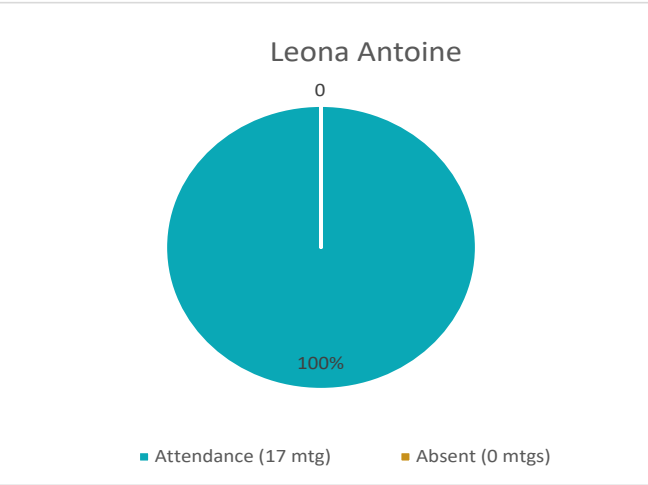
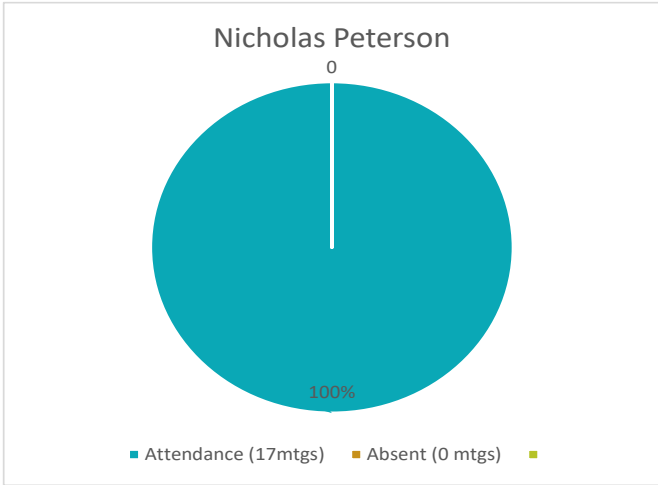
STATUS SUMMARY

I have a hard time believing that we are already at the end of May!!! With our experience of having snow in May, I worry more about our environment and climate change. I pray for more rain and pray for our fish. This month has been great. Now that we have moved through approval of our fiscal budgets, even if they were "in principle" was a huge undertaking for the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC). Next, we will be getting into the audit process. The FAC is also looking to fill at least one more seat on the committee. As the alternate board member of the with the Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society, I have been able to participate in one meeting but wasn't able to attend the Spring Health Caucus, and Chief Mick has this update within his report as he was able to participate. I would like to attend a meeting every now and then so I can keep up on the pulse. Coming up, I would like to invite members to be a part of a committee to address the safety within our community. We will be renewing our Tripartite Agreement with the RCMP, and I would like to engage and have member participation. We are working on the draft of the Terms of Reference and the details of when this will happen.

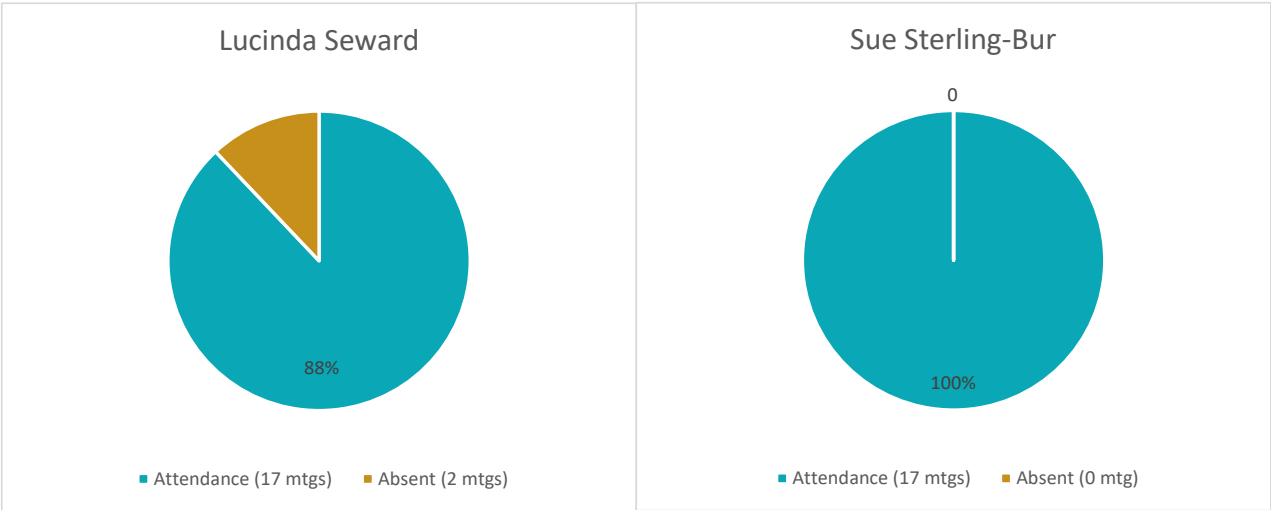
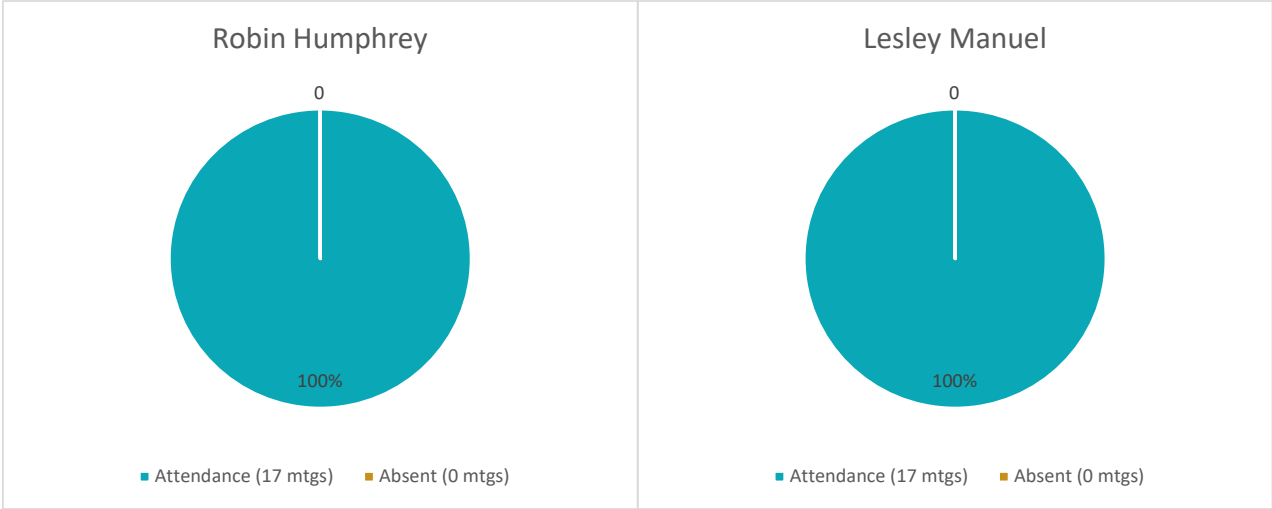
POLITICAL

TASK		DUE DATE	ATTENDED	NOTES
Meetings	Chief & Council	May 05, 2026 Mar 19, 2026	Attended Attended	Also attended the bi-weekly council orientation sessions as well
Committees	Finance & Audit Committee	No Meetings Scheduled in May		
	Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society	Next mtg is June 9, 2026		
Band General		May 25, 2026	Attended	

Chief and Council Attendance
Term October 2025-September 2029



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Chief & Council Resolutions — May 2026**May 5, 2026****Resolution #05-05-2026-01 Reads:**

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the May 5, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-02 Reads:**

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

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-03 Reads:**

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the April 22, 2026, Chief and Council *Special Meeting* minutes as presented.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-08 Reads:**

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby authorize and appoint Nicola Cox as our Director on the Nicola Valley Community Justice Services Society Board of Directors, and Lesley Manuel as the Alternate Director. These representatives will report back to the Chief and Council on all relevant matters.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-00 Reads:**

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approve the expenditures of \$252,000.00 for ICGE Management Consultants to work with the Health Centre Staff to establish and maintain accreditation by the Canada Accreditation Council.

Motion Withdrawn**Resolution #05-05-2026-04 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 Fawn Marie Adolph (Adult) from the Lower Nicola Indian Band to the Upper Nicola Band.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-05 Reads:**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council approve the registration of the Plan of Survey Lots 414 to 431 inclusive and 434 to 476 inclusive and 477 (Road) and Rights of Way over Lots 415 428, 429, 431, 440 , 442, 458-461, 466-469, 471, 472 Nicola Mameet Indian Reserve No. 1 Kamloops Division of Yale District British Columbia that was executed between August 20, 2020 and March 9, 2026 by Christopher John deHaan, C.L.S. BCLS with Underhill Geomatics Ltd. in the Canada Lands Survey Records and digitally signed by Christopher deHaan dated on March 24, 2026.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-05-2026-06 Reads:**

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

1. authorizes Chief Nicholas Peterson, on behalf of LNIB's Chief and Council, to sign letter to Kim DeRose, District Manager of the Cascades Natural Resource District titled Re: Consultation on Aspen Planers Ltd.'s Cutting Permit 660 Application, dated May 5, 2026;
2. calls upon Aspen Planers Ltd. to come to a lasting operating area agreement with all other major licensees in the Merritt Timber Supply Area (TSA); 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 #05-05-2026-07 Reads:

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

Appoints Alternate Chief and Council representative Councillor Robin Humphrey to the LNIB Assessment Working Group commencing at midnight on the 5th day of May 2026 and ending at midnight on the 6th day of October 2029.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-09 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief & Council move to approve the Commercial Insurance annual coverage and payment of premiums effective April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$846,341, invoice #373910.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-10 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council of Lower Nicola Indian Band authorize that all education program payments to the Lower Nicola Band School from the First Nations Education Steering Committee Society (FNESC) shall be deposited via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into the Lower Nicola Indian Band's bank account.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-11 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.

NOW THEREFORE 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 Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-12 Reads:

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

Approves Councillor Leona Antoine's travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba to attend the 2026 Lands Advisory Board AGM hosted by Chief Gordon Blusky of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, from September 2-3, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-13 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 8:00pm, 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 #05-05-2026-14 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to end the in-camera session and return to the regular Council meeting at 10:06pm.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-15 Reads:

WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby accept the settlement offer received on April 7, 2026, concerning a former employee who was mutually dismissed. The settlement amount was negotiated and recommended by LNIB's legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band direct Barry Torgerson, Acting Interim Executive Director of LNIB, along with its legal counsel, to draft a Settlement Agreement that reflects the mutually agreed-upon terms.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-16 Reads:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (the "Province"), and LNIB have been collaboratively negotiating the Accommodation Agreement.

WHEREAS Chief and Council have thoroughly reviewed the Accommodation Agreement and have received advice from LNIB staff, the appointed BC Accommodation Negotiation Committee, and legal counsel.

AND WHEREAS Chief and Council have determined that the Accommodation Agreement provides a significant transfer of Crown-owned land to LNIB in the form of Freehold Land, all under favorable financial and legal terms, and that executing the Accommodation Agreement is in the best interests of the Lower Nicola Indian Band.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band approves the form and content of the Accommodation Agreements and supports LNIB in executing the terms set forth in the Accommodation Agreement;
2. The Chief and Council authorize any member of Council to execute the Accommodation Agreement and any related documents on behalf of LNIB; and
3. Any member of Council is hereby authorized and approved to undertake all necessary actions, engage in relevant communications, and prepare, deliver, and execute any additional documents required to give effect to this Band Council Resolution.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-05-2026-17 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the May 5, 2026, meeting at 10:10pm.

Motion Carried

May 19, 2026**Resolution #05-19-2026-01 Reads:**

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the May 19, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the May 5, 2026, Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-19-2026-03 Reads:**

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby appoints:
Councillor Robin Humphrey with Councillor Leona Antoine as the Alternate, to the Nicola Watershed Governance Project Planning Table and Nk'e?xép Management Committee (Drought Response) table.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-19-2026-04 Reads:**

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to accept the Indigenous Services Canada Funding Agreement No. 1920-BC-000012 Amendment #0089 to the funding agreement in effect as of April 1st, 2019, to provide additional program funding for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-19-2026-05 Reads:**

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby appoint the Executive Director granting them the authority to sign the Indigenous Services Canada funding agreements on behalf of the First Nation.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-19-2026-06 Reads:**

WHEREAS the Lower Nicola Indian Band operates the LNIB Band School as a BC Independent School;

AND WHEREAS the governance authority for the LNIB Band School rests with Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band;

AND WHEREAS the 2026-2027 LNIB Band School Calendar has been developed in accordance with BC Independent School requirements and operational expectations;

AND WHEREAS the proposed calendar aligns, where appropriate, with the calendar utilized by School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) in support of student, family, staffing, and community coordination;

AND WHEREAS approval of the school calendar is required to support operational planning, instructional delivery, staffing, and communication with families and educational partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief and Council hereby approve the 2026-2027 LNIB Band School Calendar as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Education and designated school administration be authorized to implement the approved calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, including any minor administrative adjustments required for operational purposes, provided such adjustments remain compliant with provincial Independent School requirements.

Motion Carried**Resolution #05-19-2026-07 Reads:**

WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs has conducted research, and Mandell Pinder LLP, Barristers and Solicitors ("Mandell Pinder"), has reviewed the research reports and provided their legal analysis, recommending further action related to the Crown's failure to protect and reserve lands at Tootch and Zoht Fisheries, as well as the Shulus Cemetery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby authorizes Mandell Pinder to draft the Specific Claims regarding the aforementioned unclaimed lands on behalf of the Lower Nicola Indian Band.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-08 Reads:

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

1. Move to adopt the Lower Nicola Indian Band Honorarium Policy (the “Honorarium Policy”) with noted changes;
2. Ratify the Honorarium Policy at this duly convened meeting on May 19, 2026; and
3. Authorizes the interim Executive Director to sign the title page of the Honorarium Policy.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-09 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council hereby appoints Councillor Robin Humphrey as LNIB’s Representative of Spayum Holdings LP, replacing Aaron Sumexheltza, with a term commencing at midnight on the 19th day of May 2026 and ending at midnight on the 6th day of October 2029.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-10 Reads:

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

1. Supports the Shared Cost Agreement for Community Consultative Group Advisory Funding (the “Shared Cost Agreement”), with the Government of British Columbia represented by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, in the amount of \$6,100;
2. Authorizes the Interim Executive Director to sign the Shared Cost Agreement, with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; 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.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-11 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves the travel for Chief Nicholas Peterson and Councillors Robin Humphrey and Lesley Manuel, and an LNIB staff member, to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the First Nations Leadership Forum on Early Learning and Child Care hosted by BC Aboriginal Child Care Society, from May 26-27, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-12 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 UBCIC Chiefs Council gathering, from June 2-3, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-13 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves Chief Nicholas Peterson’s travel to Nanaimo, British Columbia to attend the 10th Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference, from June 3-5, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-14 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 8:11pm, 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 #05-19-2026-15 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to end the IN-Camera session and return to the regular Council meeting at 10:09pm.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-16 Reads:**WHEREAS:**

A. The Lower Nicola Indian Band (“LNIB”) manages its lands, including the right to reside on its lands, pursuant to its inherent right of self-government, as well as pursuant to the Lower Nicola Indian Band Land Code passed pursuant to the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management Act (S.C. 2022, c.19, s.121) (the “Land Code”);

B. Section 24.1 of the Land Code sets out an exclusive list of persons who may reside on LNIB Lands, including: (a) members allocated a residential lot by Council; (b) the spouse and children (natural or adopted, including by Nlaka’pamux tradition) of such members; (c) members with an Interest in LNIB Land; (d) invitees of members referred to in (a) or (c); and (e) Interest holders and Licence holders in accordance with the instrument granting the Interest or Licence (each, a “Residence Right”);

C. Notwithstanding the default Residence Rights of persons set out in section 24.1(a) to (e) of the Land Code, section 24.1 also allows the Lower Nicola Indian Band Council (“Council”) to alter or revoke such default Residence Rights by band council resolution or LNIB law;

D. On April 2, 2024, Council enacted the Lower Nicola Indian Band Trespass Law (“Trespass Law”), which includes a process for Council to revoke the Residence Right of persons who are granted a Residence Right at the invitation of certain members pursuant to section 24.1(d) of the Land Code (an “Invitee”) by issuing a Prohibition Order by band council resolution;

E. Under section 7.1 of the Trespass Law, Council may, by band council resolution, issue a Prohibition Order to revoke an Invitee’s Residence Right and Council has reasonable grounds to believe that the Invitee poses a serious threat or may cause serious harm to LNIB community or LNIB Land;

F. Although the Trespass Law doesn’t establish a process for removing the Residence Rights of persons other than Invitees, Council may still alter or revoke the Residence Rights of other persons by band council resolution, pursuant to section 24.1 of the Land Code;

G. If a person accesses or resides on LNIB Lands but does not have a Residence Right – either because they don’t have such a right under section 24.1 of the Land Code or because Chief and Council has revoked any such right by way of a band council resolution, a Prohibition Order under the Trespass Law, or both – then that person commits an offence under section 24.4 of the Land Code and sections 9.1 or 9.2 of the Trespass Law;

H. Kenkeknem Samuel Tom, who is not a member of the Lower Nicola Indian Band, has been residing at 2869 Hummingbird Road Lower Nicola, BC, legally described as Lot 240, 2391 R.S.B.C., on LNIB Lands which Council allocated, by rental agreement, to his mother, Sondra Joyce Tom;

I. Council is of the view that Mr. Tom likely has a Residence Right pursuant to section 24.1(b) of the Land Code because Council allocated a residential lot to his mother, Sondra Joyce Tom, who is a member. Council is unable to confirm whether Mr. Tom has any additional Residence Right on LNIB Lands, including a Residence Right as an Invitee under section 24.1(d);

J. Council has reasonable grounds to believe that Mr. Tom poses a threat or may cause harm to the LNIB community or LNIB Land, including based on reports and concerns communicated by LNIB members to LNIB staff regarding alleged past violent conduct, including alleged violence involving an LNIB member; and

K. Council is of the view that it is in the best interest of LNIB to revoke any Residence Right Mr. Tom has or may have on LNIB Lands, including any Residence Right Mr. Tom may have as a child of a member allocated a residential lot, pursuant to section 24.1(b) of the Land Code and, to the extent such Residence Right exists, as an Invitee, pursuant to section 24.1(d) of the Land Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL:

1. Revokes, for a period of three years, any Residence Rights Mr. Tom has or may have on LNIB Lands pursuant to section 24.1 of the Land Code (including Residence Rights under section 24.1(b) and, to the extent that such a right exists, under section 24.1(d)) and issues a Prohibition Order, pursuant to section 7.1 of the Trespass Law, confirming the revocation of any Residence Right Mr. Tom has or may have as an Invitee (the "Decision");
2. Confirms that, notwithstanding a review application submitted in accordance with this band council resolution, the Decision is effective immediately and will expire three years following the date of this band council resolution, unless the Decision is set aside by Council;
3. Directs that notice of the Decision be provided to Mr. Tom and Ms. Sondra Joyce Tom within five days of the issuance of this band council resolution, in accordance with section 7.3 of the Trespass Law (the "Notice");
4. Confirms that Mr. Tom, Ms. Sondra Joyce Tom, and any person who may have invited Mr. Tom to reside on LNIB Lands under section 24.1(d) of the Land Code (a "Host"), have a right to seek a review of the Decision, by submitting a written review application (a "Review Application") to the Lands and Economic Development Administration Office in person or by email to delta.long@lnib.net, within fourteen days after this band council resolution is issued, pursuant to section 8 of the Trespass Law (the "Appeal Period");
5. Confirms that, if Mr. Tom, Ms. Sondra Joyce Tom, or a Host submits a Review Application within the Appeal Period, then LNIB will provide Mr. Tom, Ms. Sondra Joyce Tom, and any Host an opportunity to make written submissions in respect of the Decision, within fourteen days after the submission of the Review Application;
6. Confirms that, if Mr. Tom, Ms. Sondra Joyce Tom or a Host submits a Review Application within the Appeal Period, the Council will consider the Review Application and any submissions made under section 5, and will make a determination to either confirm or set aside the Decision (the "Appeal Determination"); and
7. Confirms that if Council does not set aside the Decision and Mr. Tom does not vacate LNIB Land, then Mr. Tom will commit an offence under section 24.4 of the Land Code and section 9.1 and 9.2 of the Trespass Law and LNIB may take steps to prosecute such offence.

Motion Carried

Resolution #05-19-2026-17 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the May 19, 2026, meeting at 10:19pm.

Motion Carried



“Caught Being Awesome” Award Winners. Iris Pinyon was nominated and won for her yard work. Shawn Gambler won the award also for yard work and for his level of commitment to the LNIB Fire Hall.

Everyone is welcome to drop by the LNIB Fire Hall to make nominations for next month’s “Caught Being Awesome” awards.

- May 1-3, 2026: Logan Lake Fire Department Hosted the Spring Seminar: Several LNIBFD members attended and received structural, forestry, auto ex, and emergency response training.
- May 7, 2026: LNIB Economic Development Business Fair and Meet & Greet
- May 9, 2026: LNIBFD members acted as First Aid attendants at the Merritt High School Rodeo.
- May 13-14, 2026: LNIB Chainsaw and ATV training
- May 19, 2026: LNIBFD members attended the Elder’s Potluck, Rocky Pines Community Centre.
- May 21, 2026: LNIB, Obstacle course and CPR on Dummy demos at Citxw Nlaka’pamux Assembly and TEK hosted the “Mlámnn kt-We Are the Medicine” Youth Resiliency Conference at the Shulus Arbour.
- May 22, 2026: LNIBFD hosted our monthly “Coffee with a Firefighter”, at the hall. We hosted a crowd of 21 people, and invited comments, receiving some such as “The Kids Love This Event” and “Ever Deadly”!
- May 27-28: Power Saw Operator 2-day Course
- May 31, 2026: Happy Birthday to LNIBFD Lieutenant Sarah Wilson!

In May 2026, LNIBFD Responded to 7 medical emergency calls, 1 fire call and 1 other.

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.

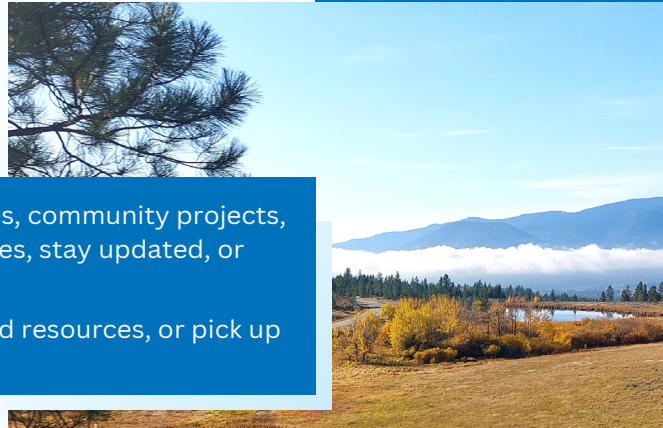
CAMERAS & GATES

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 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.

KRISTOPHER POR
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Please contact Kristopher for assistance with Family and Traditional Land research, Allotment questions and wills and estate planning support.

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

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

VACANT
LANDS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

VACANT
LANDS ADMINISTRATOR

VACANT
SURVEY ASSISTANT

VIEW LNIB JOB POSTINGS
<https://www.lnib.net/jobs>

LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UPCOMING MEETING

June 11, 2026

Meeting ID: 086874218

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

Plan Today. Protect Tomorrow.



Wills & Estates Support for LNIB Members

Taking the time to plan your will is one of the most important steps you can take to protect **your family, your home, your land, and your legacy.** The Lower Nicola Indian Band Lands Department is here to support you.

What Support is Available?

- Wills & Estate Planning Guidance
- Estate Administration Resources
- Matrimonial Real Property information
- Secure Wills Depository
- No Cost to Members

About the LNIB Wills Project

Launched in 2020 to support LNIB Members with their will and estate planning needs.

Why It Matters

- Protect your loved ones.
- Safeguard your assets and property.
- Ensure your wishes are respected.
- Simplify estate administration and land transfer processes.

Get Started Today

Visit the Lands Office

Pick up resources in person



Explore Online

Iniblands.net/wills-estates



Contact Us



250.378.5157
kristopher.por@lnib.net

We're Here to Support You

The LNIB Lands Department is committed to supporting members in planning for the future with confidence and peace of mind. Start or update your will today — for yourself and for your family.



Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

Oxeye Daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare



Description:

Also known as 'Dog Daisy', Oxeye daisy is a perennial flower standing on average at 1m tall with large white flower heads, boasting pure white petals and a bright yellow center. This invasive weed spreads primarily through seeds but may also reproduce through creeping rhizomes spread by shallow, yet extensive root systems that can fragment into new plants.

A single flower can disperse up to 200 seeds, and with each plant having numerous flowering heads, a single plant can produce up to 26,000 seeds that may remain viable for up to 40 years in the soil after dispersal. Impacts of this arguably beautiful invasive weed include reductions in biodiversity as it spreads, reducing available forage for wildlife and livestock / deteriorating rangeland and quality of hay fields. It may also decrease vegetative ground cover around the plant based on its shallow, creeping root systems out-competing native vegetation. Decreased ground cover leads to larger areas of exposed soil, which may result in increased erosion, sedimentation through runoff into nearby streams and the establishment of other invasives in the exposed soil.

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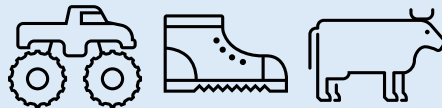
Origin:

This invasive originated in Eurasia and was introduced to North America in the late 1700s as an ornamental and through seed mixtures. Oxeye Daisy quickly multiplied and became widespread throughout the province by the 1800's.

Control Options:

Prevention

- Reseed all areas where ground disturbance has occurred and minimize ground disturbance near invasive weeds.
- Remove seeds and plant fragments from gear, equipment, or vehicles before leaving a site. Clear Livestock of seed or plant fragments before changing pastures.
- Do not compost this plant's roots, as root systems can continue to grow and resprout after being removed.
- Avoid seed mixtures that contain oxeye daisy seeds and do not plant this flowering weed as an ornamental.



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Cultural Control

- Burning may be an effective tool to reduce the surface growth of the weed but this method would either need to be repeated regularly or used in combination with other control methods to prevent vegetative regrowth.
- Reseed any disturbed / bare soil with native plant species.



Mechanical Control

- Hand-pulling small infestations is effective for managing this weed. Ensure the entire root system is removed and bag the removed plants before disposal to prevent root systems detaching and spreading.
- Mowing patches repeatedly will prevent it from setting seed, but this method may also result in continued vegetative production.
- Goats are able to eat this invasive and repeated grazing can help reduce the spread.



Chemical Control

- “several herbicides with the following active ingredients can control oxeye daisy: glyphosate, 2,4-D, aminopyralid, clopyralid, picloram, dicamba, triclopyr, Metsulfuron. For available products, contact your local Agri-supply store. Prior to any herbicide application, read and follow the label instructions.” – [TNRD Oxeye Daisy Management Options](#)



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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 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.

Grow This Instead:

The ISCBC has created a guide to suggest native plant species that can be grown instead of Butterfly bush. Please see the recommendations below!

- [Arnica](#) (*Arnica spp.*)
- [Cutleaf daisy](#) (*Erigeron compositus*)
- [Shasta daisy](#) (*Leucanthemum x superbum*)
- [Smooth fleabane](#) (*Erigeron glabellus*)
- [White swan coneflower](#) (*Echinacea purpurea* 'White Swan')

Additional Resources:

Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC)

If you are interested in additional resources or information on invasive weeds, including herbicide application and biological management options, please visit the Invasive Species Council of BC webpage to explore their Resources and Learning links.

Resources -

Link to Webinar Gallery: <https://bcinvasives.ca/resources/webinar-gallery/>

Link to Resource Library: <https://bcinvasives.ca/resources/webinar-gallery/>

Link to Research Collection: <https://bcinvasives.ca/resources/research-collection/>

Link to PlantWise program - <https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/plantwise/>

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Learning –

Link to Learning Centre : <https://bcinvasives.ca/resources/learning-centre/>

Link for Educators: <https://bcinvasives.ca/for-youth/for-educators/>

Link to Games & Activities: <https://bcinvasives.ca/for-youth/games-activities/>

Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD)

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District webpage also has valuable information and materials for identifying, reporting and disposal methods for regional invasive weeds. Please see the link below to explore.

Link to Management Resources: <https://www.tnrd.ca/services/invasive-plant-management/resources/>

Sources:

TNRD. Oxeye Daisy, *Leucanthemum vulgare*. Retrieved from URL:

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**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

Community Notice of Invasive Weed Management – Lot 328

Please be advised that invasive weed management efforts will be taking place through the growing season of 2026 on Lot 328, Nicola Mameet IR No. 1.

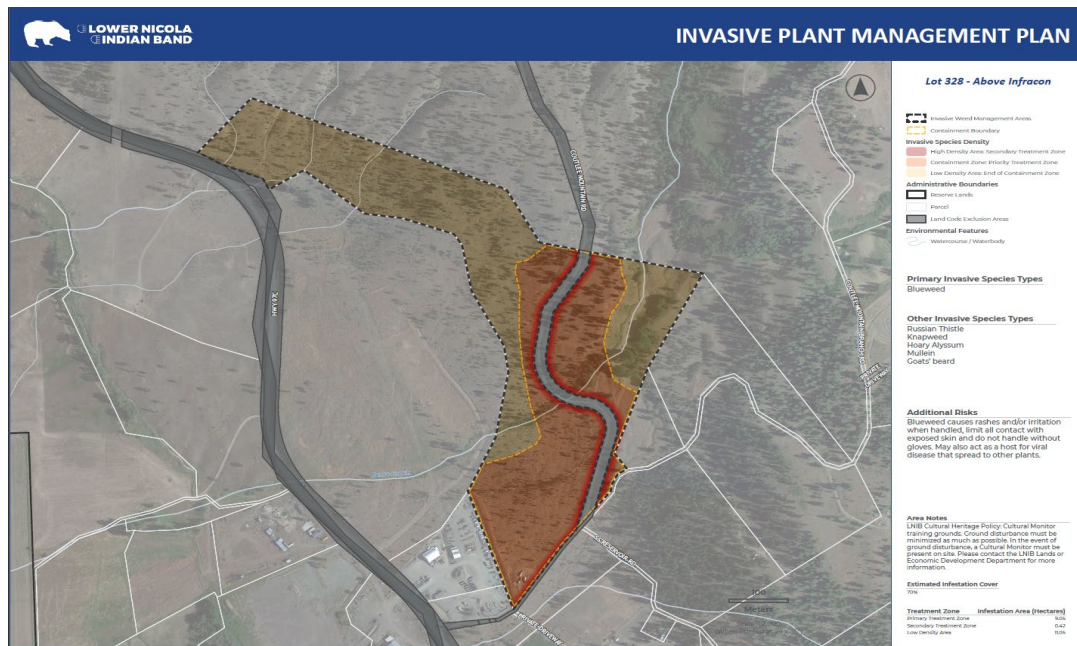
Date: Throughout Spring – Fall of 2026.

Management Types: Mechanical Management & Selective Herbicide Application.

Contractors: Shuter Contracting

This management will include mechanical management as well as selective herbicide application via certified applicators. The herbicide in use will be Clearview intended to target Blueweed as the primary invasive of concern. For more information on the intended management activities, to report an infestation or to learn more about the development of the LNIB Lands Department draft Invasives Weeds Pest Management Plan, please contact Environmental Protection Coordinator, Sayge Fisher at Sayge.fisher@lnib.net.

Location Map:





**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

Community Notice of Invasive Weed Management – Lot 384

Please be advised that invasive weed management efforts will be taking place around the splash pad on Lot 384 in Rocky Pines, Nicola Mameet IR No. 1. This area will be cordoned off with posted signage during this time for public awareness.

Date: 5/21/2026.

Management Types: Mechanical Management & Selective Herbicide Application.

Contractors: Shulus Forest Enterprises Inc.

This management will include mechanical management as well as selective herbicide application via certified applicators. The herbicide in use will be Clearview intended to target Blueweed as the primary invasive of concern. For more information on the intended management activities, to report an infestation or to learn more about the development of the LNIB Lands Department draft Invasives Weeds Pest Management Plan, please contact Environmental Protection Coordinator, Sayge Fisher at Sayge.fisher@lnib.net.

Location:





TREATED WOOD



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL / HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS OF BURNING TREATED WOOD.

TREATED WOOD

- FENCE POSTS
- RAIL TIES
- UTILITY POLES
- HOUSE SIDING
- CONSTRUCTION WOOD WASTE
- TREATED LUMBER

HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS

BURNING TREATED WOOD RELEASES TOXIC CHEMICALS INTO THE SURROUNDING SOIL, WATERWAYS AND AIRSHED. THIS POLLUTION POSES RISKS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

ENVIRONMENTAL

BURNING TREAT WOOD RELEASES CHEMICALS INTO THE GROUND AND AIRSHED INCLUDING CREOSOTE, PENTACHLOROPHENOL, CHROMIUM, COPPER AND ARSENIC

PROPER DISPOSAL

TREATED WOOD CAN BE DISPOSED OF AT THE LOWER NICOLA ECO DEPOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE TNRD WITH DISPOSAL QUESTIONS.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LNIB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COORDINATOR, SAYGE FISHER AT SAYGE.FISHER@LNIB.NET



LNIB 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 relationship with Canada Mortgage Housing Fund, and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

Team Members

Jordana McIvor - Grismer

Housing Administrator

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Regarding renovations, or external funding options, or building your own home

Ashley DeGray

Tenant Relations Coordinator

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Regarding rentals, maintenance, rental applications, or general housing questions

Maintenance Crew

Mel Blankinship

Housing Maintenance

Luke Flower

Housing Carpenter

Lincoln Sterling

Maintenance Assistant

Alex Forsythe

Maintenance Assistant

Vacant Positions COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

Housing

Red Seal Plumber

Housing

Reno Coordinator

Housing

Admin Assistant

Mel Blankinship



Alex Forsythe

Luke Flower



Lincoln Sterling

Housing Announcements

Vacant Units

We currently have **8 vacant units** we are just wrapping up with some much-needed renovations. We have been working on updates and structural changes to most of the units. Decisions are being made about next steps for when units are completed. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we get these units ready for the next family that will call it home.

Attention Emergency Repair Fund

Emergency Repair Fund is used primarily for addressing critical housing repair needs for Conditional Homeowners (eligible homeowners) and Homeowners (who hold a CP)

Members can apply for the funding at any time, but an application does need to be submitted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the housing department, by phone, email, or visit us at the Main LNIB Administration Building.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Housing Work Order Process

The Housing Department would like to clarify the levels of urgency on home maintenance and repairs and what type of time frame you will be looking at for our Maintenance Team to attend your residence. The Housing Department being notified will only be considered when you have called, texted or e-mailed the **Housing Department Administrative Staff**.

Emergency Repairs will be assessed and rectified within 24 - 48 hours of the Housing Department being notified. Examples of Emergency Repairs are listed below:

- major leaks in pipes or the roof
- damaged or blocked water or sewer pipes or plumbing fixtures
- the primary heating system
- the electrical system
- deficiencies to the integrity or the structure; and
- any other damage that poses and immediate and urgency jeopardy to the unit or to the health and safety of tenants

Mid-Level Repairs will be assessed within 1-2 weeks of the Housing Department being notified. Examples of mid-level repairs are listed below:

- running water (faucet dripping, leaking hose bib etc.)
- appliance repairs or replacement
- plug-ins not working
- bathroom fan not working

Low-Level Repairs will be assessed 30 days or more of the Housing Department being notified. Examples of low-level repairs are listed below:

- non-essential light fixtures not working
- furnace filter replacement
- replacement of interior doors/ doorknobs
- functional toilet repairs (toilet is functional to use but requires repairs)
- flooring repair
- non-essential major renovations
- drywall repairs

Please understand that these time frames are “**best case scenario**” and we may have issues with supply chain and/ or contractor availability that may cause delays. The housing department works hard to ensure all of our homes are healthy and safe but as more work orders are called into the office sometimes our priorities have to be modified.

As always, we appreciate your patience when these situations do arise and if you see our maintenance team out in the community be sure to give them your best smile and a wave. 😊

Insurance Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to our current tenants, we strongly recommend you get your own contents insurance for your home. While your unit is covered under LNIB's Insurance Policy, it does not cover your contents inside the unit.

If you are a homeowner/CP holder, you are required to hold your own house insurance. We kindly request that you provide the Housing Department with a copy for our records.

There are a variety of Insurance companies out there that you can get quotes from, however, we currently use the following insurer:

Acera Insurance-Kamloops
250-828-2135

If you have any questions or concerns or are inquiring if your current home is covered under LNIB's insurance policy, please reach out to the Housing Department.

SUMMER HOME MAINTENANCE

The Housing Department would like to offer some summer home maintenance reminders for your homes!

Indoor:

- Replace Smoke Detector Batteries
- Reverse ceiling fan direction (if applicable)
- Clean window screens if you have them in your windows
- Clean windows both inside and outside
- Clean coils and/or vents on the back of your fridge to keep your fridge in good running condition through the warm summer months

Outdoor:

- Clean up leaves and debris out of your yard
- Clear out gutters and ensure they're in good working condition
- Check that all hose bibs surrounding your home aren't actively leaking
- Clean off patio furniture and get your bbq ready for the summer!

We would like to remind you that this is the time of year that ants like to invade your home both inside and outside. To avoid having them become "anties" that don't leave, please ensure you clean up any spills inside your home to avoid sticky spots throughout your house and ensure you're cleaning up your garbage and recycling. Once they arrive, they are difficult to get rid of so please take preventative measures.

I hope you all enjoy your summer months with your families!

LNIB EDUCATION SECTOR

LNIB School/Language&Culture/K-12/PSE/Head-Start

Shane's Submission

As we move toward the final month of the K-12 school year I would like to wish all our students, families, staff, and community members a wonderful start to the warmer season. I hope everyone is finding opportunities to enjoy the longer days and beautiful weather no matter where you may be living or attending school.

With only one month remaining in the school year many students, families, and staff are beginning to wind down from another busy and successful year of learning and growth. At the same time, our sector is already preparing for a busy summer season that will include summer programs for many of our youth, employment opportunities for high-school and post-secondary students, and a variety of educational and cultural initiatives for our members.

Our Culture and Language team is also preparing for an exciting summer with many initiatives and on-the-land learning opportunities currently being planned. These activities continue to play an important role in strengthening identity, community connection, traditional knowledge, and language revitalization for our members of all ages. We look forward to sharing additional details with the community as summer programming schedules are finalized.



This year we have also seen an increase in off-reserve members reaching out to our department for assistance with K-12 matters occurring within their home school districts. We want to continue encouraging all LNIB families and members — regardless of where they live — to connect with us whenever educational support, advocacy, or guidance may be needed. Our goal is to

Sector Leadership

Director of Education
Shane Coutlee

LNIB School Principal
Leroy Slanzi

Education Manager
Sharon Parsons

Language & Culture Manager
William Sandy

Head-Start Coordinator
Hinal Thacker



Lower Nicola Indian Band

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provide equitable programs, services, and supports for all LNIB members; however, we are best able to assist when families connect directly with our team.

In addition, we are currently in the process of purchasing two new vehicles to further strengthen our capacity to support students, families, and community programming. One vehicle will be a new Head Start bus designed with larger capacity to better accommodate our youngest members, parents, families, and additional program resources when transportation support is required. The second vehicle will be a new school bus equipped with wheelchair-accessible features to support students requiring specialized transportation accommodations. This vehicle will also help support our Elders and community members during emergency transportation situations where accessible transportation may be required.



As with other LNIB Sectors we are also currently managing some staffing transitions within our departments. Recruitment processes are underway for several positions — school, education, head-start — and we look forward to providing the community with additional updates in next month’s newsletter on our progress. Please look at all LNIB postings on our website.

On behalf of the LNIB Education Sector, thank you to all our students, parents, caregivers, staff, Elders, and community partners for your continued support throughout the school year. We look forward to finishing the year strong and continuing to build meaningful opportunities for our members throughout the summer months and beyond.



Please reach out to me directly at anytime for support, sharing ideas, or anything else that I can help you with. Shane.Coutlee@lnib.net or call/text 236.575.2135.

LNIB Education 2025-2026

LNIB EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SHARON PARSONS
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Hello LNIB members,

It's graduation month. Congratulations!!

LNIB Education will recognize LNIB 2026 graduates by presenting them with a gift. Education staff will start contacting graduates to book a time to pick up your gift from our office on June 26th. For those of you who are not living in the local area, the gift will be sent to you by mail or courier. Please contact the Education office to ensure your current mailing address is on file.

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 arrange for a package to be emailed to you.

Applying to more than one school is encouraged. Submit your application fee receipts from the institution to get reimbursed.

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! Wow, can you believe it is already June!

Have you already planted your garden, and cleaned your yard for some outdoor summer fun?

This year Father's Day falls on June 21st. A day to do something with your Dad or the important father figure in your life to make him feel special. Go fishing, hiking, go for a bike ride and have a picnic but most importantly spend quality time together.

June 21st is also National Indigenous Peoples Day. A day to honour your heritage, participate in cultural festivities, and just spend time with your family, friends and community.

And June 21st is also the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year.

The K-7 and High School students are just finishing up the last few weeks for another year.

Congratulations, every student deserves a high five for just finishing the year. Way to go everyone 😊

There are 22 PSE students doing a full-time summer semester and 10 students doing part-time studies. To all the graduating PSE grads don't forget to send your final transcripts when all the grades are posted.

To all graduating grade 12 students near and far. If you have enrolled in a Post Secondary program, I hope you have applied for the entrance bursaries that are available at all Universities and Colleges. The Education Department is here to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding continuing with your education.

We will be contacting the PSE applicants within the first week in June to set a time to have a phone or in-person interview regarding your application. This is to make sure you have everything in order, to answer any questions or concerns you may have and that you understand the funding process and your responsibilities.

Scholarships and Bursaries: Check the Deadlines to apply.

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

[Student Scholarship and Bursaries - New Relationship Trust](#)

<https://chiefjoemathias.ca/>

To all Membership in the Nicola Valley and away from the area, you can sign up for courses or programs throughout the year. 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 assist you with the process. Contact our office to find out how we can support you.

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

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

Gail La Rochelle

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ANGIE NIKKEL, EDUCATION ASSISTANT
HELLO, AND HAPPY JUNE TO EVERYONE!



Upcoming Events:
-Thursday, June 25: Last Day of school

Happy June everyone!

As we head into the final month of the school year, I would really like to take a moment to recognize all of the hard work, growth, and accomplishments all of our students have achieved throughout the year. June is always a busy and exciting time filled with celebrations, field trips, and (most important to the kids) looking forward to summer 😊

I really want to stress how incredibly proud I am of all of my students for their dedication and perseverance this school year. Whether big or small, every success matters, and I am so honored to support these students on their educational journeys.

Thank you to all families who have continued to prioritize school attendance this year. Consistent attendance helps students stay connected, build confidence and relationships, and succeed academically and socially.

I would also like to thank all students, parents/caregivers, teachers and support staff for another amazing school year. Your continued support, encouragement and involvement make a positive difference in the lives of our students every day 😊

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break!

Haidyn Clark

Student Education Assistant

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Hello everyone and Happy June!

As summer is approaching us, I've been able to get some time here and there to begin our planning and looking into what our summer is going to look like. There are many exciting things to look forward to in the upcoming summer months.

And as the school year continues, I have been grateful for the chance to work alongside the staff at both Lower Nicola Band School and Nicola Canford Elementary. Through these experiences, I continue to learn something new each day, grow both personally and professionally, and build meaningful connections within the schools and community.

I look forward to the warmer weather and continuing this journey into the summer months!



LNIB GRAD RECOGNITION DAY

Congratulations LNIB Graduates of 2026!
LNIB EDUCATION HAS A GIFT FOR YOU

JUNE 26TH 2026 | BETWEEN 9:30AM-3:00PM
LNIB EDUCATION OFFICE – 183 NAWISHASKIN LANE

**We will be contacting each graduate to schedule a time
to pick up your gift.**

For more information, please call

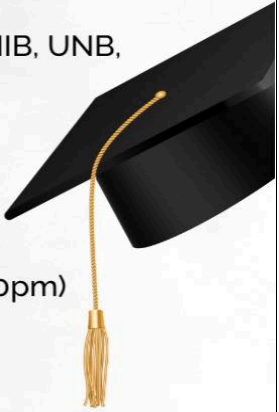


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IMPORTANT GRAD DATES

- **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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CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



INFORMATION

We are quickly approaching the end of the year and getting very busy with year end organizing and preparing for the up coming year.

Our field trip is scheduled for June 12th. Please be on the lookout for the permission slip and additional information. **Note that parents are required to attend the field trip for their child to participate.**

Grad will be held at Rocky Pines community centre 11:00 - 1:00 pm June 24th. We will be handing out certificates and celebrating with family lunch. Invitations will be send home soon.

Head start will offer summer program 2026 for the month of July & August. We will keep you posted with futher details.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL

JUNE 22ND - JULY 5TH



EVENTS

- 5th HEAD START POWWOW
- 12TH YEAR END FIELD TRIP
- 18^{TH.} LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 19^{TH.} NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
- 24^{TH.} HEAD START GRAD

CLOSED JUNE 22ND - JULY 5TH

REMINDERS

We will be spending alot of our time outside enjoying the hot weather. Please send your child with a hat, and appropriate wear. We will provide sunscreen for your littles.

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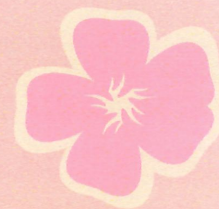
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JUNE 2026



1 ENGLISH MUFFIN & YOGURT	2 HOT DOGS & VEGGIES	3 HAM SANDWICHES + VEGGIES	4 SMOOTHIE & GRANOLA BARS	5 HEAD START POWWOW
8 CHEESE NACHOS & VEGGIES	9 YOGURT/ MUFFIN & FRUIT	10 PIZZAS & VEGGIES	11 WAFFLES & FRUITS	12 FIELD TRIP
15 OATMEAL & TOAST	16 CHICKEN NUGGETS & FRIES	17 MEAT/CHEESE PICKLES CRACKERS	18 GRILLED CHEESE + SOUP	19 SNACK PLATTER
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			



JUNE 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1.	2 OPEN DAY FOR OUTREACH	3	4	5 HEAD START POW WOW
8	9	10 OPEN DAY FOR OUTREACH	11	12 KANGAROO FARM VISIT /KELOWNA
15	16 COFFEE AND BANNOCK 10:00 TO 11:30	17	18	19 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
22	23	24	25	26 OPEN DAY FOR OUTREACH
29	30			



HEAD START 0-2YEARS PROGRAM

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NOTE :

THIS PROGRAM FOR HEAD START REGISTERED MEMBERS ONLY


LOWER NICOLA BAND SCHOOL MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May has been another busy and exciting month at Lower Nicola Indian Band School. As we move closer to the end of the school year, it has been wonderful to see students continuing to learn, connect, and take part in experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Over the past month, our students have been wrapping up their swimming lessons. It has been great watching students build confidence, strengthen their skills, and support one another throughout the program.

Students have also continued connecting to the land through experiences such as potato picking and onion picking, giving them opportunities to learn through hands-on experiences and connect with traditional ways of learning.

Our Grade 7 students have also begun visiting Merritt Secondary School as they start preparing for their transition into high school next year. This is an exciting time for them as they begin taking those next steps and becoming familiar with a new environment.

Students have been out and about in the community as well. Some classes visited the Big Little Science Centre, where students had opportunities to explore and learn through interactive activities and experiences.

One of the highlights this month was our school-wide trips to the Buffalo Ranch, where students had the chance to see the baby buffalo calves. It was a meaningful experience for our students and another opportunity to connect learning, culture, and the land.

We also have some exciting events happening this month and into June:

- Track & Field
- Culture Day, which will include storytellers and many cultural activities for students and families
- Increased field trips and outdoor learning opportunities as we move into the final stretch of the school year

Students have also been spending lots of time playing soccer and enjoying the warmer weather as we head into the last month of school.

Looking ahead, we have some important year-end dates coming up:

Grade 7 and Kindergarten Graduation / Recognition Assembly June 24

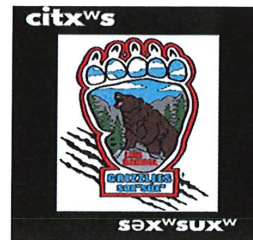
Year-End Awards Assembly June 25

Parents and families will be invited, and lunch will be provided. More information will be coming out as we get closer.

As we move toward the end of the year, I want to thank our students, staff, families, and community members for your continued support. We are excited to finish the year strong and celebrate all the growth, learning, and memories made throughout this school year.

Cheers!

Leroy



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Rhonda Sheena-Gr.3
Donelda Haller-Gr-4/5
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Randi Gardypie-Gr.7
Alexandria Girardi- P.E

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Annie-Rose Major
James Shuter

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Barb Basil
Joe Collins
Nikki Flottorp
Bill Heard
Cody Jones
Shelley LeBlanc
Ryan McDougall
April Morel
Kriss Morel
Deven Nagata
Kalea Palmer
Reese Paterson
Brandy Pinyan
Annie Rabbitt
Marnee Shipclark
Garry Stefiuk
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Dear Families,

May was a very busy and exciting month for Grade 1/2!

We had an amazing day visiting the bison farm, where students enjoyed fresh air, beautiful animals, and lots of hands-on learning. We also had a wonderful opportunity to explore dinosaur fossils at the Big Little Science Centre. The students were curious, excited, and full of great questions!

Our class also spent time outside in the bush, picking up sticks for our garden boxes. Students worked together, explored nature, and showed teamwork while helping prepare our outdoor learning space.

Throughout the month, Grade 1/2 continued to learn, play, explore, and grow together. We are so proud of their curiosity, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you for your continued support!

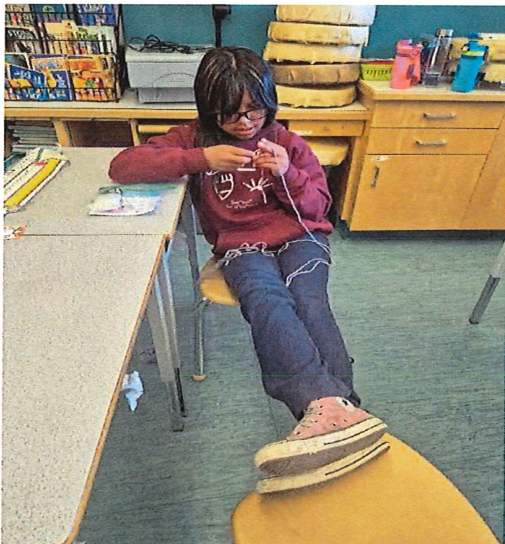
Warmly,
Ms. G.



Hi everyone! Mrs. Haller here.

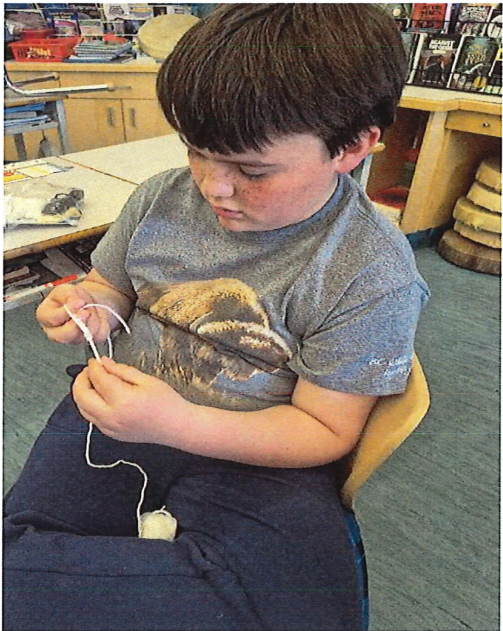
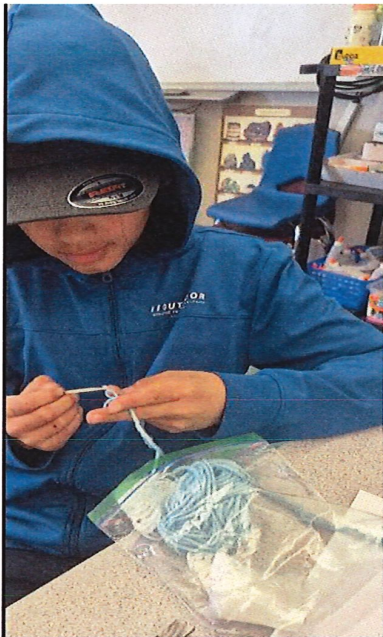
Again, my 4/5 class has been busy. Not only have they been working hard on their academic subjects, but they have also enjoyed many hands-on projects such as crocheting, wild potato picking, cutting and frying potatoes, making cupcakes and touring a buffalo farm. These projects and field trips are always such a huge benefit for nurturing critical thinking, creativity, and motor skills.

Here are some pictures of our feeble attempt at crocheting. Unfortunately, I am not very good at crocheting, and we only learned how to do a single and a double stitch. My students said it was fun and relaxing.





This is the longest single stitch I have ever seen!



This is wild potato or Spring Beauty.

We had a great day picking Tetuwn' (pronounced tatooin) -wild potato at Lumdbom Lake. First Nations people travelled to high-elevations and subalpine areas during spring and summer to harvest these delicious corms. Harvesters practiced conservation by selecting only the larger corms and immediately replanted the smaller ones to sustain the patch.



We picked the perfect day to harvest.



James sharing a story of a long time ago where families would walk from Springs (Shulus) to go visit their friends and family who lived about 5 or 6 kilometers past Lundbom Lake. (Wow! That is a long way!). They would stay for a couple of weeks to visit and pick tetuwn' now and then for dinner.

It's difficult to harvest a lot of tetuwn' in just a few hours, so to finish our Tetuwn' unit, I thought what better way to end our potato unit than to have a huge delicious, crispy, potato fry!



The smell of fried potatoes filled the school and every mouth was watering.

Fried potatoes: Crispy on the outside, soft on the inside, and somehow capable of fixing almost any bad day. Honestly, if loving fried potatoes is wrong...pass the ketchup anyway!

What is a potato's favorite day of the week? FRY-DAY!



Our Mother's Day cupcakes turned out perfect.





Until next time.



JUNE 2026

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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Grilled cheese & veggies	2 Hot dogs	3 Greek pasta	4 Chicken stir fry	5 HEADSTART POWWOW COLDWATER SCHOOL 9AM-1PM
8 Chicken casserole	9 Taco wraps	10 Crack chicken sliders	11 Hamburger gravy & mashed potatoes	12 Pizza casserole
15 Spaghetti & garlic bread	16 Tomato soup GRAD WALK THROUGH @9:30	17 Shepards pie	18 ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF GOING TO WATERSLIDES	19 Pancakes/ eggs & fruit
22 NO SCHOOL ABORIGINAL DAY	23 Chicken nuggets & fries	24 KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 7 GRAD @ 10AM	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL REPORT CARDS GO HOME RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY @10AM	26 LAST DAY FOR STAFF
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**LOWER NICOLA
INDIAN BAND**

School

**School Calendar for the 2026/2027 School Year
Days in Session 189 – Days of Instruction 182**

August 31 – Sept 4-2026	Monday – Friday	Summer Professional Development Session (School Staff Only)
September 8, 2026	Tuesday	School Opening – 10:00am-12:00pm
September 30, 2026	Wednesday	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – No School
October 12, 2026	Monday	Thanksgiving – No School
October 23, 2026	Friday	Provincial Professional Development Day- No School
November 11, 2026	Wednesday	Remembrance Day – No School
December 18, 2026	Friday	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 20 – Jan 3, 2027		WINTER BREAK
January 4, 2027	Monday	School re-opens after Winter Break
February 12, 2027	Friday	School Based Professional Development Day – No School
February 15, 2027	Monday	Family Day – No School
March 12, 2027	Friday	Last Day of School before Spring Break
March 12 – March 29, 2027		SPRING BREAK (includes Good Friday and Easter Monday)
March 30, 2027	Tuesday	School Re-opens after break
May 24, 2027	Monday	Victoria Day – No School
June 22, 2027	Monday	No School In-Lieu of National Aboriginal Day
June 29, 2027	Tuesday	Last Day of School
June 30, 2027	Wednesday	Admin Day – No School
June 30, 2027 – Sept.6, 2027		SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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<i>JUNE 2026</i>			<i>LNIB ELDERS CALENDAR</i>			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Kelowna Thrifting 830am – 430pm	3	4 nkshAytkn - Lytton 830am – 430pm	5	6
7	8	9	10 Coffee with a Cop Soup Kitchen 10am – 12pm	11 Beading Night Rocky Pines Centre 5pm – 7pm	12	13
14	15	16 Aquatic Centre 11am – 145pm	17	18 Elders Luncheon Soup Kitchen	19 BINGO Night Rocky Pines Centre 5pm – 7pm	20
21 <i>Aboriginal Day</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	22 LNIB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	23 Bowling 2pm	24	25 Elders Luncheon Chief and Councilor Rocky Pines Centre 12pm – 2pm	26	27
28	29	30 Desert Hill Trip 9am – 330pm				
NOTES: THE CALENDAR MAY CHANGE, SO PLEASE CALL OR CHECK ONLINE FOR ANY CHANGES						
ANGIE JOE, LNIB ELDERS COORDINATOR, CONTACT INFOR. 778.375.5530 OR EMAIL, angie.joe@lnib.net						

TECK

**Highland Valley Copper
Mine Life Extension Project**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HIGHLAND
VALLEY COPPER
MINE LIFE
EXTENSION



HIGHLAND VALLEY COPPER MINE LIFE EXTENSION PROJECT

Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project (HVC MLE) is a brownfield extension of our operational asset, Highland Valley Copper (100% Teck-owned) in British Columbia, from 2028 out to 2046. Average copper production is estimated to be 132,000 tonnes per year over the life of mine.

The Mine Life Extension is expected to create some 2,900 jobs during the construction phase of the project. After construction, Highland Valley Copper's ongoing operations will support approximately 1,500 direct jobs and generate an estimated \$500 million in annual GDP. Teck's total capital investment in the project represents the largest critical minerals investment in British Columbia history.

The HVC MLE will be located at the current HVC site, approximately 17 km west of Logan Lake and 75 km southwest of Kamloops.



MILLWRIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL INTRODUCTION TO MILLWRIGHTING



**6 WEEK MILLWRIGHT
TRAINING PROGRAM**
JULY 6 - AUGUST 14, 2026
MERRITT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visit winnetwork.ca and submit
your application form by:
JUNE 14, 2026

This program offers funding and wrap around services to support local Indigenous community members to enter the millwright trade. The training will provide the necessary knowledge and support required to apply for a millwright apprenticeship.

- ✓ 6 weeks of job ready training
- ✓ Paid work placement at HVC MLE
- ✓ Millwright apprenticeship opportunity
- ✓ Full access to Build a Dream services

APPLY NOW



LNIB Sponsored Driving Lessons

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



SMART ROADS, SAFE COMMUNITIES

The Lessons

An application must be submitted to Darcie.debruyne@lnib.net 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

For more information contact Darcie Debruyne

Email: darcie.debruyne@lnib.net or
 Phone: 250-378-5157



**WE NEED YOU!!!
WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!
SUPPORT THE FIRST NATIONS VETERANS**

You are more than welcome to come to our next meeting:

**Thursday, June 11, 2026
(2nd Thursday monthly) @ 1:00 p.m.
Scw'exmx Church Hall, Shulus**

Information: Carol Holmes, Heather Shuter Trosky, Jim (Gabby) Isaac, Gloria Moses



Thursday, June 11, 2026
(2nd Thursday monthly)
@ 1:00 p.m.

Scw'exmx Church Hall, Shulus

We are planning a few exciting projects and your involvement is welcomed and greatly appreciated:

- Grounds maintenance—including rock pictographs/ carving, new signage.
- Planning Events/Activities— To make a quilt, veterans and/or their families are encouraged to provide a digital colour photograph of the veteran .
- Recruitment and Promotion—We are a small team and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT 🙌😊
- Fundraising—Beading Supplies—If you have beads (preferably red, black and white) and felt— we are looking for donations to bead poppies. Other possible fundraising bingo , raffles and catering.

Think about: How can we support those currently serving?

Information: Carol Holmes, Heather Shuter Trosky, Jim (Gabby)Isaac, Gloria Moses

 **LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND**

Public Works Department Update

The Public Works Department is pleased to welcome Brett Potter as the new Director of Infrastructure for the Lower Nicola Indian Band.


Originally from Williams Lake and now proudly calling Merritt home, Brett joins the team with a strong background in capital projects and infrastructure development. Prior to joining LNIB, Brett worked with Esk'etemc First Nation as the Capital Projects Manager, where he helped oversee and coordinate a variety of community infrastructure initiatives.

We are excited to have Brett join our team and look forward to the experience, leadership, and dedication he brings to our community infrastructure projects and services.

 **LNIB Gym Operation Hours**

Community members are reminded that the gym operation hours are temporarily set from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

The designated temporary hours help keep the space safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone until the new security system is installed so band members can utilize the space that work with their personal schedule.

 **Road Maintenance – Rocky Pines Backroad**

Road maintenance work will be taking place along the backroad of Rocky Pines.

Please use caution when travelling through work areas and be mindful of maintenance crews and equipment operating in the area.

 **New Community Signs Coming Soon**

New signage and replacement will soon be installed throughout the Rocky Pines Community to improve safety, visibility, and navigation.

Thank you for your patience while installation work is completed.

 **Water Conservation Reminder**

Currently, there are **no water restrictions** in place.

We still encourage all community members to be mindful of water usage and continue practicing conservation whenever possible.

 **Wildlife Safety Notice**

Recent **cougar and bear sightings** have been reported in the area.

Please help keep yourself, your children, and pets safe by remaining alert outdoors and avoiding wildlife encounters whenever possible.

- ✓ Keep pets close
 - ✓ Supervise children outdoors
 - ✓ Secure garbage and food sources
 - ✓ Report dangerous wildlife activity when necessary
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 **Large Garbage Item Removal**

If you require removal of large garbage items, please contact **Brenda or Naomi** for assistance arranging pickup or disposal.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and safe

Thank You

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Public Works Department appreciates the continued cooperation and support of our community members.

Together, we continue building a safe, strong, and healthy community

The Land Guardians participated in a Williamson's Sapsucker Survey with the Ministry of Water Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) on Promontory.

The Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*) is listed as **Endangered in Canada** under Schedule 1 of the [Species at Risk Act](#) (SARA). It is considered endangered due to a very small, declining population—estimated at fewer than 1,000 individuals—and habitat loss from logging in British Columbia.



The Yellow and brown one on the left is female and the one on the right with black, white and red markings is male.

They are a medium-sized, migratory woodpecker found in Western North American mountain forests, notable for its extreme sexual dimorphism—males and females look so different they were once thought to be separate species. They rely on mature coniferous forests, particularly Western Larch and Ponderosa pine, where they drill precise rows of holes (sapwells) to feed on sap and insects.

The Williamson’s Sapsucker has a distinct, irregular drumming pattern used to establish territory and attract mates, often described as a "staccato" sound. Unlike the rapid, consistent drumming of many woodpeckers, this species produces a unique series of bursts that fade in volume and speed. The drum starts with a fast, loud burst, followed by a series of irregular, softer, and slower taps (e.g., TRRRRRR, TRRR TRRR TRRR, TRR, TRR, TR), as described.

Over the two days of call playbacks, we heard the distinct drumming and had visual confirmation of their presents on Promontory Hill. In total we confirmed 4 mated pairs and between 3-4 individual males during our survey and in total an estimated 12 birds were found. Later in June we will go back out to the same site and conduct a nest survey and to see if the mated pairs laid eggs. The Land Guardian team learned a lot and are thankful for WLRS for the experience of working together and working with the Williamson’s Sapsuckers!



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**DOUGLAS LAKE CATTLE COMPANY
ACCESS AGREEMENT - 2026
UPDATE**

Douglas Lake Cattle Company has updated its access agreement process for 2026.

All Lower Nicola Indian Band members wishing to access Douglas Lake property must submit an access request prior to entry.

Requests can be submitted by text message or email and must include:

- **Photo of the front and back of your Status Card (for LNIB membership verification)**
- **Purpose of visit**
- **Location to be accessed**
- **Requested access period**
- **Vehicle make and model**
- **Licence plate number**
- **Contact phone number**
- **Email address**

Once reviewed, a day pass will be issued and sent by text message or email.

For access requests or additional information, please contact:

Anel

Cell: 250-280-3412

Email: anel@douglaslake.com



NICOLA WATERSHED WILDFIRE RESTORATION

May 2026



Project background and goals:

The Nicola Watershed Restoration Project plans to reforest thousand hectares of disturbed forests and riparian areas from 2025- 2030 to support the return of fish and wildlife, promote biodiversity recovery, and contribute to the hydrological restoration of the Nicola Watershed. Strategies were developed using a blend of western and Indigenous knowledge.



Events:

This spring a 2 day tour was hosted by Cariboo Carbon Solutions (CCS)

Day 1: May 22nd technical site visit attended by community representatives

Day 2: May 23rd community event on the land and dinner.

Missed us the dinner? CCS will have a booth at the Sqeytn Festival this fall Come say hi!

2026 Spring Update:

- 1.2 million trees planted
 - Douglas-fir, yellow pine, spruce, larch, lodgepole pine
- 36,000 shrubs planted. Grown by Shackan nursery:
 - Scáqwm, rose, juniper and gooseberry

Work Funded by: 2 Billion Tree Program (Government of Canada) , LNIB/Teck, Veritree



www.caribooarbon.com/nicola-watershed-wildfire-restoration



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ALL LNIB OFFICE CLOSURE

**For Indigenous Day
June 22nd, 2026**

**Offices will reopen:
Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026
8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

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