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Introduction to New Executive Director, Robert Rodvik

Robert Rodvik brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in Indigenous administration, governance, strategic management, change management, title & rights, economic development, forestry, and resource management to his role as Executive Director of the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB).

His career includes senior positions as President of the Tsay Keh Economic Development Corporation, CEO Pacheedaht First Nation as well as Chief Financial and Operating Officer Khowutzun Development Corporation, where he led initiatives in renewable energy, forestry, tourism, and real estate development in partnership with government and industry.

At Lower Nicola Indian Band, Robert works closely with the Chief and Council, directors, managers and all staff to implement Council's strategic direction, provide governance

support, and oversee administration of all departments to ensure the needs of LNIB Members are met in a culturally grounded, efficient and accountable manner.

Robert has an undergraduate degree in finance (BBA), a master's degree in business in executive management (MBA) and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hiking with his two dogs, improving his gardening skills, and skiing in the winter.

**Next Band General: July 27th, 2026
5:00PM at Shulus Hall**



Chief Nicholas Peterson's Report

June has been another productive month as we continue building a stronger Lower Nicola Indian Band. While much of the work of leadership happens in meetings and behind the scenes, every discussion, partnership, and decision is focused on creating greater opportunities for our members and future generations.

Before I begin, I want to recognize that while this is called the "Chief's Report", the work being accomplished is the result of many people working together. I sincerely thank my fellow Council members for the leadership they continue to provide through committee work, governance, and thoughtful decision making. I also want to recognize our staff, who are truly the people that bring Council's decisions to life. While Chief and Council provide direction, it is our dedicated staff who manage projects, deliver programs, serve our members, solve problems, and keep our Nation moving forward every day. Their commitment and professionalism are instrumental to everything

we accomplish. I also extend my gratitude to our Elders, community members, and partners who continue contributing to the success of our Nation.

Investing in Our Greatest Resource

One of the greatest privileges I had this month was attending several graduation ceremonies throughout our region. Congratulations to every graduate. Whether you completed elementary school, high school, a trade, college, or university, your accomplishments strengthen not only your own future but the future of LNIB.

Education remains one of the greatest investments we can make as Indigenous people. Every certificate, apprenticeship, diploma, degree, language lesson, and cultural teaching helps build our Nation's capacity. As we continue exercising greater self-determination, we need our own teachers, nurses, environmental professionals, tradespeople, entrepreneurs, business leaders, language speakers, and knowledge keepers. I encourage every member, regardless of age, to continue learning throughout life. Every new skill makes our Nation stronger.

This month also marked the beginning of a new chapter as we welcomed Robert Rodvik as LNIB's new Executive Director. I look forward to working alongside Robert as we continue strengthening our organization. I was also grateful he was able to attend our Father's Day luncheon. Thank you to the staff who organized such a meaningful event. As a father of five, I am constantly reminded that the work we do today is ultimately about creating a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Building Our Nation

Economic development, governance, and land stewardship continued to be major priorities throughout June.

We held several productive meetings with our partner, Capstone Infrastructure, regarding the Mount Mabel Wind Project, including a community site tour attended by Elders, members, representatives from the Development Corporation, and the Capstone team. Together we visited the meteorological tower, viewed proposed turbine locations, and discussed the environmental assessment process. At the same time, our Assessment Working Group continues

developing a framework that will guide how Lower Nicola evaluates current and future projects based on our own values and priorities.

I also had the honour of representing Lower Nicola as a panel speaker at the BC Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference in Nanaimo, sharing our work in clean energy and Indigenous economic development while learning from many other First Nations. Beyond our current projects, we have also begun exploring innovative economic opportunities in manufacturing, technology, and international partnerships as we continue diversifying our economy.

Negotiations continue to move forward with Enbridge on our Relationship Agreement and Term Sheet, and we are making good progress toward completion. We also met with Indigenous Services Canada regarding the Addition to Reserve process for lands near Rocky Pines, an important step toward expanding our land base and supporting future housing and economic opportunities.

Strengthening Governance

This month we continued our work through the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership and the N5 as we strengthen watershed governance and our government-to-government relationship with the Province.

A highlight of the month was gathering with the five Nicola Chiefs and Councils for an N5 Council-to-Council meeting. We reflected on our shared history and discussed opportunities to strengthen collaboration, reduce duplication, and build greater regional capacity while respecting the autonomy of each Nation. These conversations are important as we look toward a stronger future together.

Community engagement remains one of my highest priorities. Throughout the month I met with members regarding land, governance, and community concerns. While many of these issues are complex and require time to resolve, I remain committed to listening, improving communication, and continuing to move important files forward.

Council's Policy Review Committee also continues modernizing the Chief and Council Policy, which has not been updated for some time. Good governance requires continuous improvement, and this work will help ensure our policies reflect today's best practices.

Community Priorities

This month I also met with representatives from Kodiak Copper regarding their early-stage mineral exploration activities within our territory. While this work remains investigative and is not a mining operation, early engagement allows us to establish expectations and build respectful relationships from the beginning.

Housing also remains a priority. We met with the Ministry of Housing to discuss the challenges surrounding vacancies at the Nicola Native Lodge Society and explore greater flexibility that will allow more units to be occupied while continuing to serve our community.

Negotiations also continue regarding the Nicola Valley Aggregates proposal. Our priority remains protecting our community, particularly ensuring there is no aggregate operation adjacent to reserve lands while continuing discussions around dust management, water use, environmental protection, and responsible development.

Walking Together

Like many of you, I want to see more. I want to see more homes, more jobs, stronger services, quicker progress, and long-standing issues resolved. I understand the frustration when change feels slow because I share many of those same feelings.

At the same time, I have come to appreciate that meaningful and lasting change takes time. Good governance, strong partnerships, land development, housing, and economic opportunities require careful planning, collaboration, and persistence. We should always expect progress and hold ourselves accountable, but we must also recognize that building a stronger Nation is a long-term journey.

As we move forward together, I ask that we continue treating one another with respect, kindness, and compassion. Healthy disagreement is part of any strong Nation, but rumours, personal attacks, and lateral violence only weaken us. Our Nlaka'pamux teachings remind us that we are strongest when we lift one another up. Let us continue supporting one another as we work toward a shared future.

Celebrating Our Culture

One of the highlights of my month was attending the Kamloopa Powwow. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from across the Nicola Valley. Seeing folks proudly wearing their “378” hoodies reminded me of the pride we have and the strength of our community. I would also like to thank the Mike family for recognizing and honouring two cherished members of our community whom we lost over the past year. It was a beautiful demonstration of love, remembrance, and the way our people continue to support one another through both celebration and grief. Gatherings like these remind us that our culture is alive, our relationships are strong, and our community continues to stand together.

As summer begins, we also enter a season of abundance. The berries are ripening, the fish are returning, gardens are growing, and traditional foods are once again available to harvest. I encourage everyone to spend time on the land with your families. Take your children and grandchildren berry picking, fishing, gathering medicines, and learning from our Elders. Preserve what the season provides, share it with one another, and continue passing these teachings to the next generation.

Our connection to the land has sustained our people since time immemorial. May we continue honouring that relationship and carrying our Nlaka’pamux values forward for generations to come.

Thank you once again to our Council, our dedicated staff, our Elders, our partners, and every member who continues to believe in the future of Lower Nicola Indian Band. It is an honour to serve as your Chief, and I remain optimistic about what we can accomplish together.

K’wuk’stép,

Chief Nicholas Peterson



Councillor Robin Humphrey's Report

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

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In the month of June 2026, I have continued serving full-time Councilor member for the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB). My work has remained focused on strengthening governance, advancing strategic negotiations, protecting our lands and waters, supporting community members and Elders, building relationships with Indigenous governments and external partners, and promoting the long-term health, well-being, and sustainability of our Nation.

During this reporting period, actively participating in leadership meetings, negotiations, water governance initiatives, economic development planning, cultural knowledge sharing, and

community engagement activities. I remained committed to representing the interests of Lower Nicola Indian Band while supporting transparent governance, collaborative decision-making, and advocacy on behalf of our membership.

Leadership & Governance

I actively participated in governance and leadership initiatives throughout June;

LNIB Chief & Council Meetings

- Participated in regular Chief and Council meetings addressing governance priorities, community initiatives, policy development, and operational matters.
- Chaired the June 2, 2026, Chief and Council meeting at the request of Chief Nicholas Peterson, ensuring productive discussion and effective decision-making.

Chief & Council Policy Review Committee

- Participated in policy review sessions on June 16, June 24, and June 26.
- Reviewed governance policies and administrative procedures to strengthen accountability, transparency, and consistency within LNIB operations.

Coldwater Indian Band Swearing-In Ceremony (June 1, 2026)

- Represented Lower Nicola Indian Band alongside Chief Nicholas Peterson during the swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected Coldwater Indian Band Council.

- Continued strengthening relationships with neighboring Nations through leadership representation and collaboration.

Council Orientation Check-In (June 9, 2026)

- Participated in Council orientation discussions supporting continued governance development and organizational planning.

These activities continue to strengthen effective governance, leadership collaboration, and organizational accountability within Lower Nicola Indian Band.

Government Relations & Intergovernmental Partnerships

All through June I continued building relationships with regional governments, Indigenous organizations, and provincial partners.

Nicola 5 Leadership Meeting (June 17, 2026)

- Participated in discussions regarding regional water management priorities affecting the Nicola watershed.
- Engaged in dialogue with the Mayor of Merritt regarding ongoing communication between governments and collaborative approaches to water sustainability.

Upper Skagit Headwaters Governance Committee (June 18, 2026)

- Participated alongside Nlaka'pamux, Syilx (Okanagan), and Stolo Nations in discussions regarding shared stewardship and governance of the Upper Skagit Headwaters.
- Continued supporting collaborative Indigenous leadership focused on protecting culturally and environmentally significant landscapes.

Province of British Columbia – Addition to Reserve Meeting (June 19, 2026)

- Participated in discussions regarding Addition to Reserve processes and opportunities to advance Lower Nicola Indian Band land priorities.

Economic Development & Strategic Projects

Economic development remained an important focus throughout June as negotiations and long-term planning continued.

Capstone Negotiations Committee – Internal Meeting (June 1, 2026)

- Participated virtually with Chief, Council, and staff to review ongoing negotiations relating to the Mount Mabel Project.
- Helped identify employment, procurement, and business development opportunities to guide future discussions.
- Confirmed participation in upcoming negotiations and site visits.

Capstone Joint Kick-Off Meeting (June 10, 2026)

- Participated with Capstone representatives to begin discussions regarding the Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP).
- Reviewed opportunities for meaningful Indigenous participation, economic benefits, and long-term partnerships.

Mount Mabel Site Visit (June 11, 2026)

- Joined Chief Nicholas Peterson, the LNIB working group, and Capstone representatives during the Mount Mabel project site visit.
- Visited project locations, including the newly installed meteorological tower.
- Asked questions regarding project planning while identifying community interests, environmental considerations, and potential concerns.

Enbridge/Westcoast Energy Negotiations (June 9, 2026)

- Participated in internal negotiations with Miller Titerle reviewing proposed term sheets and negotiation strategies.
- Discussed non-objection letter requirements and future negotiation steps.

Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Program

- Met with Enbridge representatives to continue relationship building and maintain open communication regarding ongoing project discussions.

Kodiak Exploration (June 16, 2026)

- Participated in project discussions regarding exploration activities and continued relationship development with industry proponents.

These activities continue supporting responsible economic development while ensuring that opportunities reflect LNIB values, environmental stewardship, employment opportunities, and long-term benefits for our members.

Land & Water Protection

Protecting our lands, waters, and traditional territory continues to remain one of my highest priorities.

Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCA) Project (June 1, 2026)

- Connected with Aidan Whiteley regarding ongoing progress of the Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas initiative.
- Discussed recruitment of the project coordinator and future community engagement

opportunities.

- Reviewed scheduling considerations for the proposed community forum highlighting land title and Indigenous Guardians initiatives.

Nk'e?xép Management Committee (June 15, 2026)

- Participated in discussions regarding groundwater levels, drought conditions, water restrictions, and watershed management.
- Reviewed committee action items and updates to the Terms of Reference.
- Continued collaborative discussions with technical staff from the Province of British Columbia and Nicola 5 member communities.

Nicola Restoration Committee – SET Meeting (June 18, 2026)

- Participated in restoration planning discussions supporting long-term watershed recovery and sustainable water management.

Nicola Water Governance Partnership – Core Council (June 25, 2026)

- Reviewed progress on watershed planning initiatives and committee action items.
- Discussed reporting to the Nicola 5 Chiefs Forum.
- Reviewed updates to the Watershed Sustainability Plan Terms of Reference.
- Discussed financial updates, restoration initiatives, Cultural Safety Framework development, and planning for the NWGP Youth Summer Camp.

Community Engagement & Member Support

Supporting members through advocacy, relationship building, and community engagement remained an important part of my responsibilities.

Elder Knowledge Sharing (June 1, 2026)

- Met with Elder J. ISAAC to learn about the history of the original Shulus village, traditional land ownership, and family property boundaries.
- Received concerns regarding littering adjacent to the Isaac family property.
- Forwarded concerns to the Acting Executive Director, resulting in immediate clean-up by Public Works.

Elder Housing Advocacy

- Reviewed an Elder's request for home renovations.
- Have had discussions with Housing and Administration regarding available supports and potential

next steps.

Knowledge Sharing with Elder Jimmy Snow (June 2, 2026)

- Participated in discussions regarding traditional landmarks, burial sites, and culturally significant locations in the Lower Nicola and the Nicola Valley areas
- Continued learning through Elder knowledge and cultural teachings.

Member Meetings

- Met with LNIB Band members and community members, regarding available community supports, employment policies, LNIB and member services.

LNIB Elders Lunch (June 3, 2026)

- Shared a meal with Elders while discussing Lower Nicola Indian Band history and community knowledge.
- Continued strengthening relationships through intergenerational learning.

Public Works Community Tour

- Visited community locations affected by vandalism including Shulus Arbor, the arena, and elder properties.
- Reviewed concerns requiring continued maintenance and prevention efforts.

Graduation Ceremonies

- Represented Lower Nicola Indian Band at the Merritt Secondary School First Nations Graduation.
- Represented LNIB alongside Chief Nicholas Peterson during Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Graduation.
- Attended the Lower Nicola Indian Band Elementary School Graduation celebrating student achievement.

Community Wellness Workshop (June 10, 2026)

- Participated in the “Planting the Future – Preparing the Ground” wellness workshop hosted by Lorne Sahara.
- Supported discussions promoting healthy choices, personal responsibility, and community wellness.

Culture, Wellness & Community Representation

Throughout June I continued supporting cultural revitalization, community events, and Indigenous leadership.

- Attended the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology pow-wow hosted at Shulus Arbor. ·

Represented Lower Nicola Indian Band during the Nlaka'pamux Day Celebration hosted by Lytton First Nation.

- Represented LNIB during the Leesa Mike and Gale Mountainchief Memorial Ceremony at the Kamloopa Powwow.
- Participated in the Lower Nicola Indian Band Canoe Awakening Ceremony at Tunkwa Lake, supporting cultural reconnection, wellness, and traditional teachings.

Housing, Infrastructure & Organizational Relations

Throughout June I continued supporting organizational planning and community infrastructure discussions.

- Participated in Nicola Native Lodge Society Board meetings as Chief's proxy and volunteered to Chair the Board meeting.
- Reviewed tenant approvals, housing policies, Executive Director reporting, and governance matters.
- Participated in political discussions with BC Housing and Nicola Native Lodge Society regarding ongoing housing priorities.
- Continued administrative check-ins with LNIB Administration regarding organizational priorities.
- Participated in Living Community Plan presentations supporting long-term community development planning.

The month of June reflected Lower Nicola Indian Band's continued commitment to strengthening governance, protecting our lands and waters, advancing responsible economic development, supporting our Elders and members, and building strong relationships with neighboring Nations, governments, and industry partners.

During this reporting period I have remained actively involved in leadership responsibilities, strategic negotiations, policy development, environmental stewardship, cultural learning, and community engagement. These efforts continue to support informed decision-making while ensuring that the interests of Lower Nicola Indian Band members remain at the center of every discussion.

As our Nation continues advancing important initiatives involving economic development, land stewardship, water governance, housing, and community wellness, I remain committed to serving Lower Nicola Indian Band with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

My continued focus will always remain on serving Lower Nicola Indian Band by strengthening leadership, supporting our members and Elders, protecting our lands and waters, conserving our culture, and generating meaningful opportunities for the future generations.

Nlakapmux word of the day - nwén' - accomplished, done already
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xeysmqn – *Robin Humphrey*



Councillor Lucinda Seward Report

June has been a month filled with celebration, pride, and important work for our community. We have seen and felt the joy of many students reaching meaningful milestones—completing college, graduating from high school, finishing Grade 7, and even celebrating kindergarten accomplishments. I am incredibly proud of all our members, near and far, who have worked hard to reach this point in their journeys. These achievements reflect dedication, family support, and the strength of our community.

This month, our Finance and Audit Committee also met and continued its important work. We discussed updates to the Honorarium Policy, and once that policy is completed and approved, there was a recommendation to develop a separate Standing Committee Policy. This policy would help clarify how honorariums are set for standing committees within LNIB and support consistency, fairness, and transparency in the process.

The committee also began discussions on the

development of a Surplus and Investment Policy. This will be an important step in supporting responsible financial planning and ensuring that future decisions are guided by clear policy and long-term community benefit. Lastly, we discussed the timing of the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting. This meeting will need to take place before the scheduled Chief and Council meeting, which is June 21, 2026, so that the committee can review the 2025–2026 annual financial audit and provide recommendations to Chief and Council for approval.

Overall, it has been a productive and uplifting month. As we move into the summer months, I look forward to seeing our members spending time on the land, connecting with family, and enjoying the season together.

-Lucinda Seward



Councillor Leona Antoine Report

The month of May and June involved wrapping up several working groups and increasing commitments that have been revitalized. The Enbridge negotiations are presenting the final Term Sheet for the extension project to the existing line for final approval by Chief and Council has been approved. LMAC and Lands Department staff brought forward the proposed survey for the Shulus community, which has been accepted as the final map to move forward with. The Lands Department staff also presented upcoming plans that had previously been shelved and feel that we are ready for the next phase of Land Code implementation. These plans will be presented to Chief and Council for support on the next steps. As Chair I have dedicated numerous sessions within the region and Ottawa in coming months to learn more on how to move Land Code to the next steps with the committee and support the administration staff. The Traditional Holdings Committee Terms of Reference have also been under review for several months and will be brought before Chief and Council in the coming weeks for approval. I will soon be engaging with

other Nations regarding the tools and governance structures we will require in the coming years as LNIB continues implementing Land Code. The Highland Valley Mine Agreement and LNIB have re-established the M-11 Implementation Committee to ensure our agreement commitments are being met. During our first meeting, we spent time reviewing the team's work and planning for working groups to continue operational activities while ensuring our rights and title remain protected. Chief and Council recently reviewed the Community Living Plan and the Economic Development 5 year plan, which will be presented to the community for review. These plans will help guide LNIB in how we move forward as a community through administration staff, membership, and leadership. In recent weeks leadership met with LNIB Fire Department to review the status of the work and supports required for the staff and the facility. As services and demands grow we strive to expand in coming months. In align with emergencies we are vulnerable in the event of a community emergency. I attended NVIT meeting with other Nicola communities to see where strengths and weaknesses are and what training we may require and work together to ensure our communities are safe. Also recently the Nlakapmux Emergency Manager approached LNIB leadership to apply for funding for training throughout the entire Nlakapmux Nation. The recent appointments have been added to my portfolio is NWGP Drought Committee and Land Planning Table.

-Leona Antoine

NEXT BAND GENERAL MEETING

July 27th, 2026
5:00PM at Shulus Hall





Chief & Council Meeting
June 2026
—Resolutions—

Council Resolutions — June 2, 2026

Resolution #06-02-2026-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 2, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-02 Reads:

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

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-03 Reads:

WHEREAS: The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council prioritize the holistic health, safety, and cultural well-being of our Elders; and **WHEREAS:** The 50th Annual BC Elders Gathering provides an essential space for cultural reclamation and community connection, requiring a trauma-informed approach that minimizes physical stress, respects Elder self-determination, and ensures direct access to the venue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approve the one-time expenditure of \$105,762.11 payable to the Vancouver Pan Pacific Hotel. This funding will secure the 52 required on-site rooms for our 60 Elders and chaperones during the gathering on August 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2026, ensuring their safety, comfort, and dignity.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-04 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council appoint:

1. Nicola Cox to the Lands Management Advisory Committee commencing at midnight on June 2, 2026, for the remainder of a four-year term ending at midnight on September 7, 2029; and
2. Marvin Shuter to the Lands Management Advisory Committee commencing at midnight on June 2, 2026, for the remainder of a four-year term ending at midnight on September 7, 2029,

based on the Lands Management Advisory Committee's Chairperson's recommendation to Council under section 5.2 of the LNIB Financial Governance Policy and Procedures following consultation with the members of the Lands Management Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-05 Reads:

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

1. Support logo Option 2: Refined - Dark Bear as the new logo for the Winds of Syext;
2. Support tag line "Winds of Tomorrow" for use in corporate branding;
3. Support Winds of Syext Energy Inc. as the incorporated name with the BC Registry; and
4. Further authorizes the Interim Executive Director, for and on behalf of Council, to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this motion, or in connection with the performance by the Lower Nicola Indian Band of its obligations to this motion.

Motion Carried



Chief & Council Meeting
June 2026
—Resolutions—

Resolution #06-02-2026-06 Reads:

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

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-07 Reads:

WHEREAS the Lower Nicola Indian Band's Personnel Policy, ratified November 18, 2020, calls for the appointment of two Privacy Officers;

WHEREAS the role and responsibilities of the Privacy Officers are set out through sections 1.6, 4.9, and 5.15 of the Personnel Policy;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Executive Director to appoint the Privacy Officers;

WHEREAS the Interim Executive Director of the Lower Nicola Indian Band, Barry Torgerson, recommends that Nicholas Thompson and Nicola Cox be appointed as LNIB's Privacy Officers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby appoints Nicholas Thompson and Nicola Cox as LNIB's Privacy Officers.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-00 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council hereby:

Approve the ServiceMaster of Kamloops Invoice #56218, dated December 15, 2025, for \$266,881.67 (repairs to Sondra Tom's house due to fire).

Motion Tabled

Resolution #06-02-2026-08 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves Chief Nicholas Peterson's travel to Vancouver, British Columbia on June 8, 2026, to attend a Meeting with Premier David Eby for discussions regarding DRIPA, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-09 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves Councillor Sue Sterling Bur's travel to Vancouver, British Columbia on June 8, 2026, to attend a Meeting with Premier David Eby for discussions regarding DRIPA, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-10 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves the travel for the three LNIB Political Representatives, Chief Nicholas Peterson, and Councillors Leona Antoine and Sue Sterling-Bur, to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the First Nations Leading the Way Conference, from October 14-16, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.⁰⁰ each.

Motion Carried



Chief & Council Meeting
June 2026
—Resolutions—

Resolution #06-02-2026-11 Reads:

The Chief and Council of the Lower Nicola Indian Band hereby approves Councillor Leona Antoine's and Chief Nicholas Peterson's travel to Gatineau-Ottawa, QC, to attend the 2026 National Conference on The Future of Enforcement of First Nation Laws, held by the Lands Advisory Board and First Nation Lands Management Resource Centre, from November 17-18, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 each.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-12 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 8:09pm, 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 #06-02-2026-13 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to end the IN-Camera session and return to the regular Council meeting at 8:24pm.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-02-2026-14 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the June 2, 2026, meeting at 8:26pm.

Motion Carried

Council Resolutions — June 16, 2026

Resolution #06-16-2026-01 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 16, 2026, Chief and Council meeting agenda with additions.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-02 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adopt the June 2, 2026, Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-03 Reads:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council:

1. Supports the Lands Department to tender a Request For Proposals (RFP) to allow competitive bids from select proponents for the completion of the hazardous material abatement, salvage of select materials, and demolition of the Catholic Church of Immaculate Conception supported through the previous LNIB Chief and Council Motion July 18th 2023, and resulting Resolution Motion #07-18-2023-04; and
2. authorizes the Executive Director to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution, or in connection with the performance by the Lower Nicola Indian Band of its obligations to this motion.

Motion Carried



Chief & Council Meeting
June 2026
—Resolutions—

Resolution #06-16-2026-04 Reads:

That the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to approve the funding application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as follows:

1. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is seeking funding approval from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as part of the Housing Support Program for home purchase subsidy for one (1) home, being purchased by one individual member from another individual member for the purchase price of \$600,000.00;
2. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is requesting \$84,532.00 in ISC funding;
3. the Lower Nicola Indian Band confirms any cost overruns that exceed the approved ISC funding are the responsibility of the Band Member David Keith Garcia;
4. the Lower Nicola Indian Band confirms that Band Member David Keith Garcia has qualified and secured a Band guaranteed personal mortgage for remaining funds; and
5. Lower Nicola Indian Band commits to complete the project by 30/09/2026.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-05 Reads:

That the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to approve the funding application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as follows:

1. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is seeking funding approval from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as part of the Housing Support Program for health and safety, and energy efficiency renovation subsidy for (1) home, being renovated by an individual member for a total project cost of \$69,100.00;
2. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is requesting \$69,100.00 in ISC funding;
3. the Lower Nicola Indian Band confirms any cost overruns that exceed the approved ISC funding are the responsibility of the Band Member Sonya Melanie Hall;
4. Lower Nicola Indian Band commits to complete the project by 30/09/2027, and
5. the Lower Nicola Indian Band certifies that all housing units constructed or renovated will be inspected by qualified inspectors who must confirm that all work meets or exceeds the BC Building Code standards and other applicable code standards. Inspections will be performed at all stages of the project pursuant to BC Building Code. The First Nation agrees that all inspections will be kept on file by the First Nation.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-06 Reads:

That the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to approve the funding application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as follows:

1. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is seeking funding approval from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as part of the Housing Support Program for health and safety and regular and renovation subsidy for (1) home, being renovated by an individual member for a total project cost of \$94,561.00;
2. the Lower Nicola Indian Band is requesting \$94,561.00 in ISC funding;
3. the Lower Nicola Indian Band confirms any cost overruns that exceed the approved ISC funding are the responsibility of the Band Member Arthur Dick;
4. Lower Nicola Indian Band commits to complete the project by 30/09/2027, and
5. the Lower Nicola Indian Band certifies that all housing units constructed or renovated will be inspected by qualified inspectors who must confirm that all work meets or exceeds the BC Building Code standards and other applicable code standards. Inspections will be performed at all stages of the project pursuant to BC Building Code. The First Nation agrees that all inspections will be kept on file by the First Nation.

Motion Carried



Chief & Council Meeting
June 2026
—Resolutions—

Resolution #06-16-2026-07 Reads:

THAT Chief and Council approve payment of ServiceMaster of Kamloops Invoice #56218, dated December 15, 2025, in the amount of \$266,881.67 for fire restoration work associated with Insurance Claim LNIB-017448RWB (Fire);

AND FURTHER THAT Administration be authorized to process payment utilizing the insurance proceeds received for this claim and complete the final reconciliation upon receipt of any remaining insurance funds.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-10 Reads:

That the Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council hereby:

Approve Nlaka'pamux Health Services Society's funding application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in the amount of \$595,955.91 for emergency management training and capacity development.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-08 Reads:

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

Approve the payment of the LNIBDC invoice for Council's participation in the Shulus Arena 2026 LNIB Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, in the amount of \$3,900.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-09 Reads:

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

Approves Councillor Leona Antoine's travel to Abbotsford, BC, to attend the Lands Advisory Board (LAB) 2026 Pre-AGM Western Regional Meeting, on June 25, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-11 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council moves to approve the summer break from July 22 to August 12, 2026, allowing for emergency meetings if necessary.

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-12 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to go IN Camera at 7:25pm, 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.

b. Privileged Materials

Motion Carried

Resolution #06-16-2026-13 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to end the IN-Camera session and return to the regular Council meeting at 10:26pm.

Motion Carried



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Resolution #06-16-2026-14 Reads:

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 30, 2024, Westcoast Energy GP Inc., on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership ("Westcoast"), an Enbridge Inc. affiliate, filed an application with the Canada Energy Regulator (the "CER") for the approval to construct and operate the Sunrise Expansion Program, an expansion to the Westcoast Pipeline System (the "Application").
- B. On November 19, 2024, the Commission of the CER (the "Commission") determined that the Application was complete and initiated the assessment phase of the public hearing (the "Hearing"), which initiated the 450-day time limit by which the Commission was required to submit its recommendation report on the Sunrise Expansion Program (the "Report").
- C. On August 29, 2024, LNIB registered to participate in the Hearing as an intervenor and subsequently made written and oral submissions to the Commission throughout the Hearing regarding potential impacts of the Sunrise Expansion Program on LNIB's Aboriginal title and rights.
- D. On January 30, 2026, the Commission issued its Report, recommending that the Governor in Council direct the Commission to issue a certificate under section 186 of the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, S.C. 2019, c. 28, s. 10 authorizing Westcoast to construct and operate the Sunrise Expansion Program.
- E. On April 24, 2026, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources announced that the Government of Canada has approved the Sunrise Expansion Program.
- F. LNIB and Westcoast wish to enter into a relationship agreement to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial working relationship between LNIB and Westcoast related to the existing operation of the Westcoast Pipeline System, and any future expansions of the Westcoast Pipeline System that are integrated into the Westcoast Pipeline System, such as the Sunrise Expansion Program, in a way that fosters an understanding and awareness of their respective interests (the "Relationship Agreement").
- G. LNIB and Westcoast have negotiated a term sheet for the Relationship Agreement, which is attached hereto as Schedule "A" (the "Term Sheet"), setting out the material terms that will form part of the Relationship Agreement.
- H. Chief and Council of LNIB ("Council") wishes to evidence their approval of the Term Sheet, and their approval of entering into negotiations of the definitive terms of a Relationship Agreement with Westcoast.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Council approves the Term Sheet, and approves:
 - a. Chief Nicholas Peterson to sign the Term Sheet; and
 - b. Council, or anyone delegated by Council, to enter into negotiations of the definitive terms of the Relationship Agreement with Westcoast.
- 2. The Chief or any Council member of LNIB, (each, an "Authorized Signatory") is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of LNIB, to do all such acts and things, and to execute and deliver all such documents and instruments as may be necessary or advisable in order to facilitate or carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of any such document or instrument or doing any such act or thing.

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3. The performance by LNIB, Council or any Authorized Signatory of any actions described in these resolutions prior to the date hereof, including, without limitation, the execution of any documents or agreement, is hereby ratified, confirmed, authorized and approved.
4. These resolutions may be signed in as many counterparts as may be necessary, each of which so signed will be deemed to be an original (and each signed copy sent by electronic transmission will be deemed to be an original), and such counterparts together will constitute one and the same instrument.

Motion Carried**Resolution #06-16-2026-15 Reads:****WHEREAS:**

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- E. On April 24, 2026, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources announced that the Government of Canada has approved the Sunrise Expansion Program.
- F. Shulus Electricity Transmission Line LP, by its general partner, 1130618 B.C. Ltd. ("Shulus") owns, operates, and maintains a 25 kilometer long electricity transmission line referred to as the "Kingsvale Electricity Transmission Line".
- G. Shulus wishes to enter into a connection agreement with Westcoast (the "Connection Agreement"), whereby Westcoast will be permitted to connect a compressor station used to operate the Sunrise Expansion Program, which is referred to as the "Compressor Station 8A", to the Kingsvale Electricity Transmission Line by way of a three kilometer long transmission line that is referred to as the "CS-8A Connector".
- H. Shulus has requested that LNIB inform Shulus that it does not object to the Sunrise Expansion Program, which includes the Compressor Station 8A and the CS-8A Connector, and notify Shulus that LNIB supports Shulus entering into the Connection Agreement.
- I. Chief and Council of LNIB ("Council") wishes to inform Shulus that LNIB does not object to the Sunrise Expansion Program, which includes the Compressor Station 8A and the CS-8A Connection, and notify Shulus that LNIB supports Shulus entering into the Connection



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Agreement, all by way of letter addressed to Shulus attached hereto as Schedule “A” (the “Letter”).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council approves the Letter, and approves Chief Nicholas Peterson to:
 - a. make any amendments to the Letter in his discretion;
 - b. sign the Letter on behalf of LNIB; and
 - c. deliver the Letter to Shulus.
2. The Chief or any Council member of LNIB, (each, an “Authorized Signatory”) is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of LNIB, to do all such acts and things, and to execute and deliver all such documents and instruments as may be necessary or advisable in order to facilitate or carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of any such document or instrument or doing any such act or thing.
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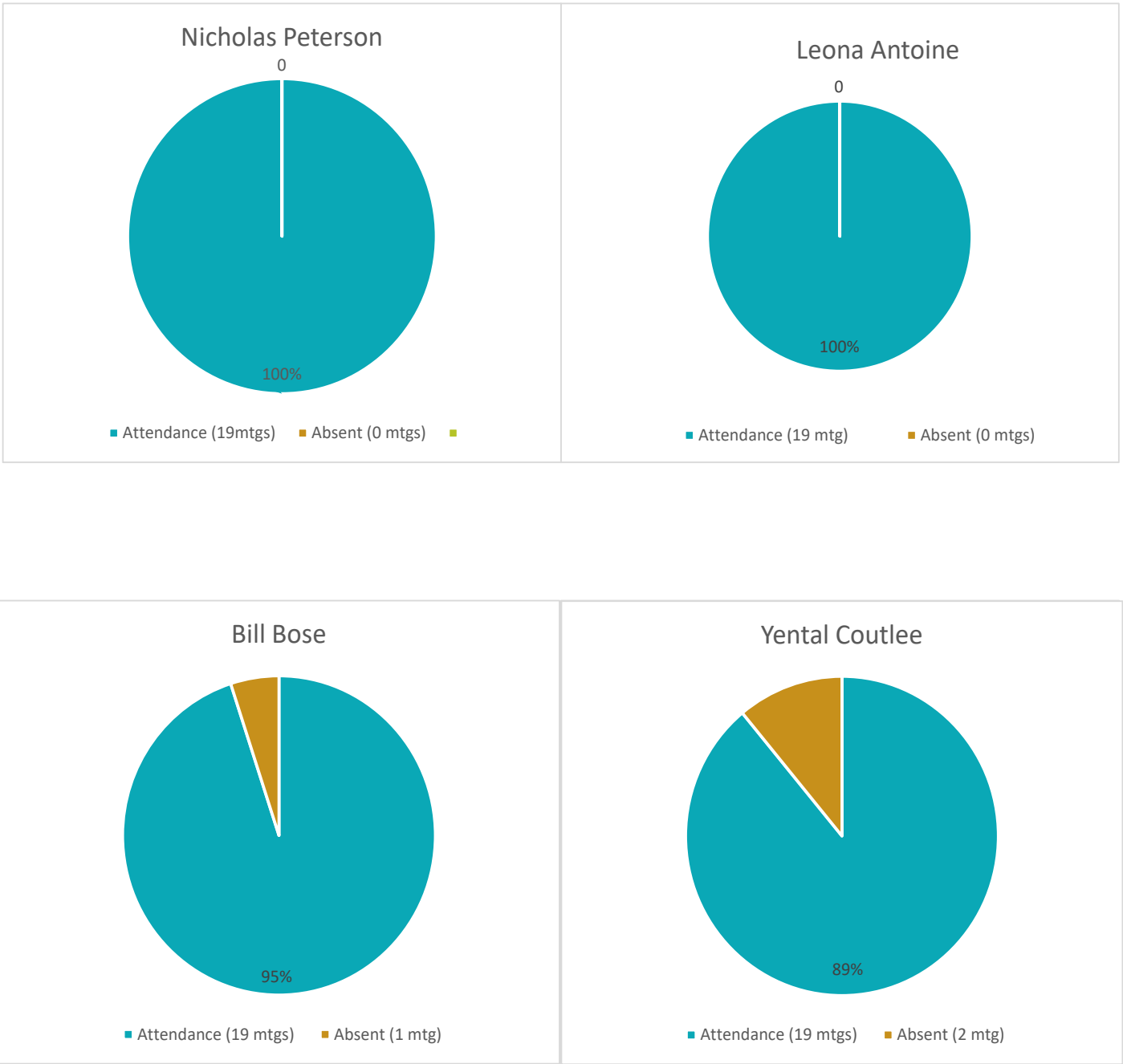
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Resolution #06-16-2026-16 Reads:

The Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief and Council move to adjourn the June 16, 2026, meeting at 10:33pm.

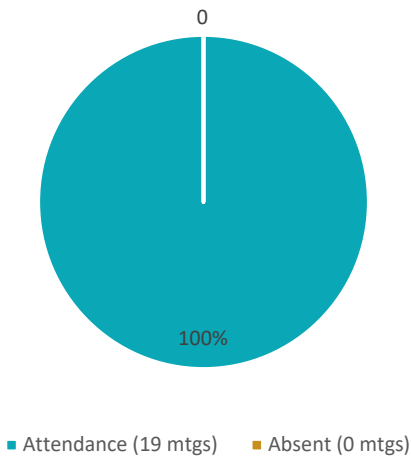
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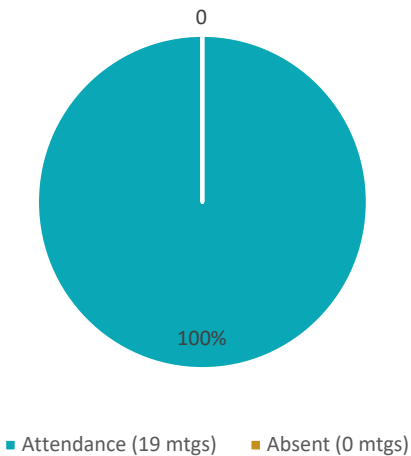


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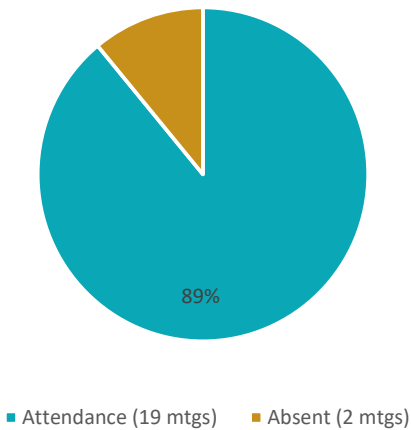
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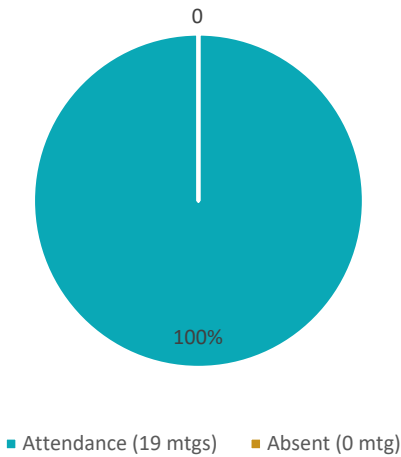
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MOST DEDICATED FIREFIGHTER AWARD**



STEVE AUSTIN, LNIB FIRE DEPARTMENT

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](https://www.lniblands.net) for updates and resources, or pick up printed copies at the Lands Office.



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

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

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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.

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

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<https://www.lnib.net/jobs>

SAFETY & SECURITY ON LNIB LANDS

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



SNUKWE? SECURITY

250-936-8722

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

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

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

CAMERAS & GATES

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

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

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

LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UPCOMING MEETING

July 16, 2026

<https://v.ringcentral.com/join/505470229>

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

lniblands.net/wills-estates



Contact Us

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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.





**LOWER NICOLA
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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.

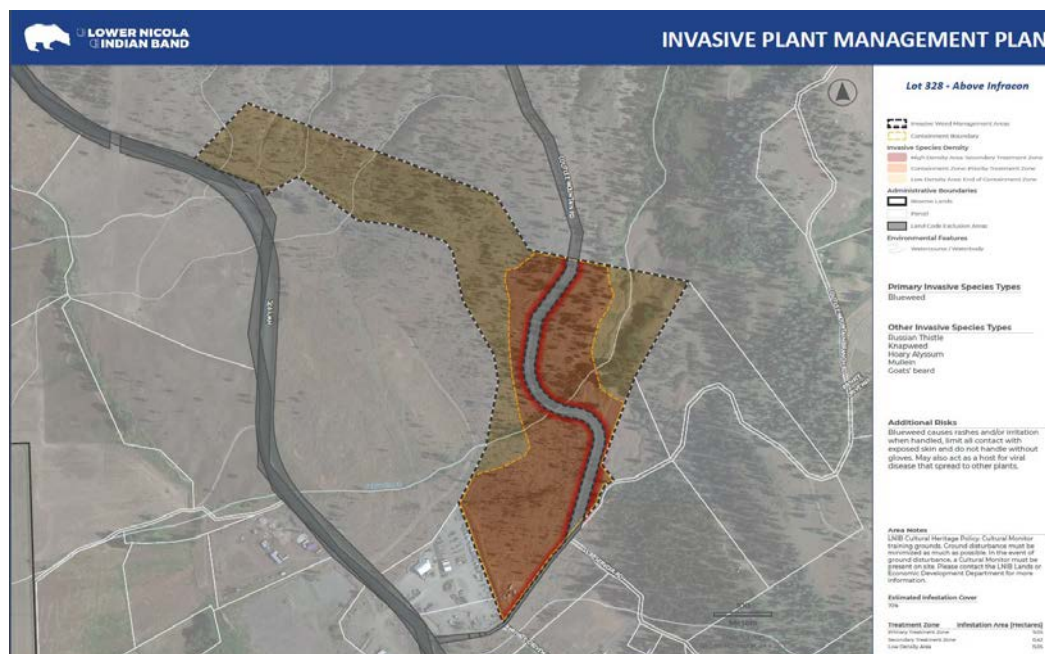
Date: Throughout Spring – Fall of 2026.

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:



Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

Myrtle Spurge

Euphorbia myrsinites



“Myrtle spurge is toxic to humans, livestock and wildlife when consumed, or when its sap (latex) contacts skin. The sap causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea when eaten. It can cause blindness if it gets in people’s eyes and skin contact causes redness, swelling and blisters. This plant is recognized as invasive and toxic in BC.”

-Invasive Species Council of BC

Description:

Commonly known as Blue Spurge, Donkey Tail or Wolf’s Milk, this perennial escapes from ornamental gardens, spreading aggressively in dry disturbed soils. Myrtle Spurge grows roughly 10-15 cm in height and has distinguished clusters of yellow/green flowers found at the end of each stock. These invasives spread primarily by seed but broken off plant / root fragments can also form new plants; seeds can remain viable in soil for up to seven years. When broken, Myrtle Spurge emits a milky latex sap that irritates the skin of humans and animals alike, causing blisters and swelling. All parts of this weed are toxic and the root systems disperse an allelopathic compound into the soil that inhibits the growth of surrounding plants. This quality combined with its aggressive nature to spread rapidly, enables this invasive to out compete native vegetation and can easily spread to a monoculture infestation.

Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight



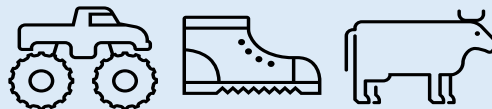
Origin:

This invasive originated in Europe.

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, as root and stem fragments can continue to grow and resprout after being removed.
- Avoid tilling or digging near this weed as fragmented pieces can sprout into a new plant.



Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

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, ensure the entire root system is removed and bag the removed plants before disposal to prevent root systems detaching and spreading. Wear Gloves and long sleeves to avoid contact with the sap!
- Mowing patches of Myrtle Spurge repeatedly will prevent it from setting seed, but this method may also result in vegetative reproduction, plus causing the plant to spread via the plants fragments left behind establishing roots.



Chemical Control

- “Herbicide recommendations and use must first consider site characteristics and be prescribed based on site goals and objectives. Herbicide labels and other sources or information must be reviewed before selecting and applying herbicides » Herbicides can eliminate small patches of leafy spurge with persistent treatments. Larger areas require additional (integrated) control measures, because long term control is extremely difficult to achieve with any single control method. Thus, herbicides are an important component of any integrated pest management (IPM) program focused on leafy spurge control.
- » Proper timing of herbicide applications is essential for good Leafy spurge control. Leafy spurge is most susceptible to picloram alone or picloram plus 2,4-D or dicamba plus 2,4-D applications when the plant is in the true flowering and seed

Monthly Invasive Weed Spotlight

production stage from mid-to late June, or in early to mid-September after the stems have developed new fall re-growth.

- » Glyphosate, a non-selective herbicide, provides good leafy spurge control when applied during active growth” – [ISCBC](#)
- “Several herbicides with the following active ingredients can control Myrtle spurge: picloram, 2, 4-D, dicamba, and glyphosate. For available products, contact your local agri-supply store. Prior to any herbicide application, read and follow the label instructions” – [TNRD](#)
- Chemically treated plants can be left onsite to compost.



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.

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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/>

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/>



Managing Invasive Weeds in your Backyard



Invasive Blueweed 2022 – Nicola Mameet IR 1 – Toxic for cattle and horses

Invasive Weeds: Invasive plant species are weeds that are not naturally occurring within the region they are found. These weeds are categorized as invasive due to the speed & amount in which they spread but also their ability to cause damage or negatively impact the natural environment, property, infrastructure, and rangelands. They are known to damage or destroy ecosystems by crowding out naturally occurring vegetation and making the environmental unusable for wildlife and humans alike.

They have the potential to impact safety, infrastructure, natural resource quality / quantity, recreation, wildlife habitat, medicinal herbs, forage, and agriculture.

These weeds spread continuously through many different sources and can destroy a natural habitat or your private property.



Invasive Dalmatian Toadflax 2022 – Nicola Mameet IR 1

Identification: Managing these noxious weeds in your own backyard starts with identification.

A great resource to use when deciding if a plant in your yard is invasive is through the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) webpage:

<https://www.tnrd.ca/services/invasive-plant-management/regional-invasive-plants/>

This site shows all of the top listed regional invasive plant species around, with pictures for reference. If you find a match for a species in your yard, you can then click on the picture to read more information about the plant and how to best manage it.

Removal: Wear Gloves! Many invasive weeds can cause rashes, have prickles or are toxic, so make sure to wear gloves when clearing them.

Check the TNRD website to find out the best methods for removing the invasive weed you may have identified in your yard.

[Always contain the weeds to a plastic bag or tightly secured within a tarp to make sure they are not spread to new locations on your property or elsewhere during transport!](#)

This is a very important step because the spread of invasive weeds is one the greatest threats to natural biodiversity and occurs most often when plant fragments fall off vehicles and equipment as they move from one location to another.

Disposal: Get rid of all invasive weeds at the [Eco Depot](#), separate all the invasive weeds from your general yard waste and ensure all the weeds are properly contained using a tarp or large plastic bag during transportation to avoid spreading the invasive weeds elsewhere.

Disposal Location: Take all contained invasive weeds to the Eco Depot, located at 2348 Woodward Rd, Lower Nicola, BC V0K 1Y0

Re-Vegetation: Seeding areas where soil has been disturbed or left bare will help prevent the establishment of invasive weeds in that area, [make sure to use native grass seeds or seed mixes that are certified to be free of new invasive weeds.](#) Re-seeding or re-vegetating areas where invasive weeds have been removed from will help native plants populate in their place, reclaiming the natural environment.

Report: Report invasive weed infestations or sightings on reserve with pictures and a location description to the Lands Department Environmental Protection Coordinator:
sayge.fisher@lnib.net



Sources:

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<https://www.tnrd.ca/services/invasive-plant-management/ipdisposal/>

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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.

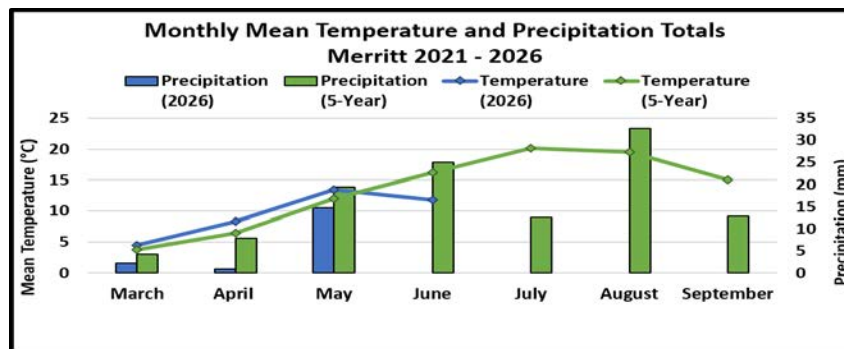


FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LNIB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COORDINATOR, SAYGE FISHER AT SAYGE.FISHER@LNIB.NET

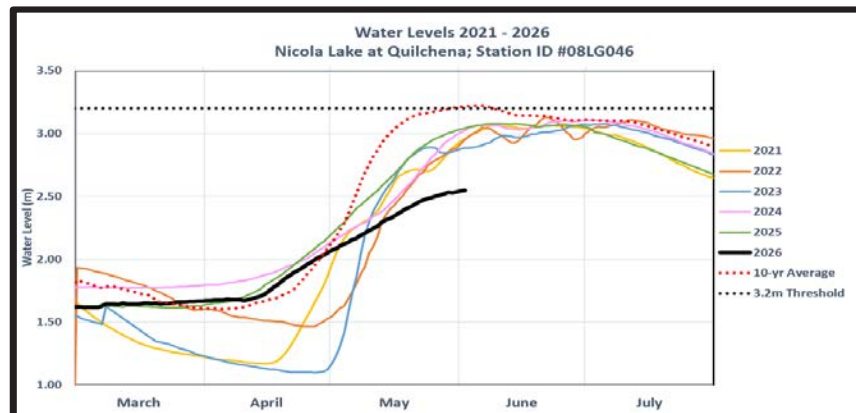


**Thompson Nicola Regional District Electoral Area M+N
Mosquito Surveillance and Control Program
01 – 31 May 2026 Progress Report**

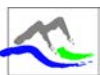
Overall weather for the month of May 2026 at Merritt was drier than in previous years. Total precipitation for the month (14.8mm) was about 76% of the 5-year average total of 19.5mm. The monthly mean temperature for May 2026 was 1.5°C warmer than average.



Local snowpack accumulations in the Lower Thompson averaged well below normal and was at its maximum on 01 March when measured at 71%. Snowpack measurements were 0 by 01 May 2026. With moderate snowmelt, Nicola Lake levels have been below the threshold for flooding and larval development.



As a result of lower inflows into Nicola Lake and subsequent lower levels, water releases through the Nicola Lake dam into the Nicola River have been low, and again below average. Water

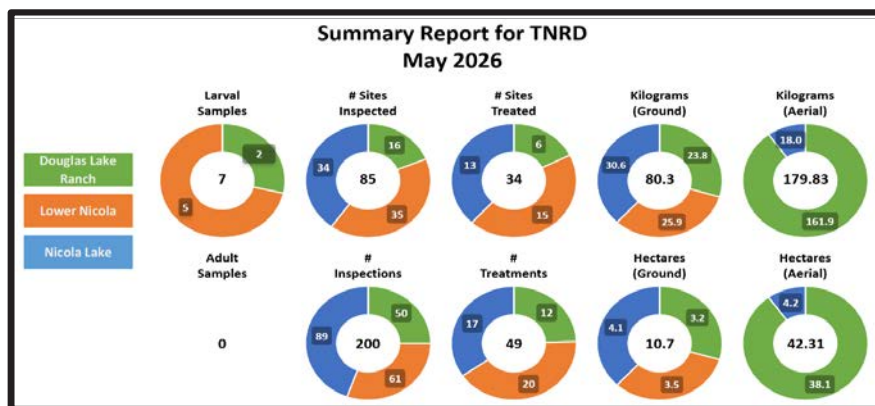


accumulations in ranch lands and farm fields at the Douglas Lake Home Ranch, Quilchena and Lower Nicola areas were all minimal. Larval development, where it was observed, was in permanent ponds, marshes and in slow-draining field depressions or ditches and tire ruts.

Recurrent larval development was observed at several sites in the Douglas Lake, Quilchena (Nicola Lake) and Lower Nicola areas. Several permanent ponds and seepage-fed habitats located throughout the Quilchena area (Sites QU01, QU03, QU04, QU06, QU07, QU08, QU10, QU11, QU12, QU13, and QU15) were active with mosquito larval development on multiple occasions between late April and late May. Numerous permanent ponds, irrigation reservoirs, and wetland habitats at Douglas Lake Ranch (Sites DLR03, DLR04, DLR05, DLR10, DLR11, DLR12, DLR13, DLR14, DLR15, DLR20, DLR21, DLR22, DLR23, DLR24, DLR25, DLR27, DLR28, DLR29, and DLR30) also supported repeated larval development throughout the monitoring period. Several sites in the Upper Nicola area (Sites UN02, UN06, UNIB23, UNIB25, UNIB26, UNIB28, UNIB31, UNIB32, UNIB33, and UNIB34) were found to contain developing larvae during April and May, while numerous floodplain ponds and marsh habitats in the Lower Nicola area (Sites LN21, LN23, LN24, LN25, LN26, LN27, LN28, LN29, LN31, LN32, LN33, LN34, LNIB01, LNIB02, LNIB03, LNIB04, LNIB05, LNIB06, and LNIB07) were repeatedly active over the same period.

Larval densities varied considerably among sites, ranging from isolated detections of less than 1 larva per dip to moderate populations of 1–5 larvae per dip at many locations. The highest larval densities were recorded at several Douglas Lake Ranch sites, including DLR20, DLR21, DLR22, DLR23, DLR24, DLR25, DLR29, and DLR30, where populations commonly exceeded 10 larvae per dip and reached approximately 20–50 larvae per dip during late April. Larval activity generally declined through May as water levels receded, habitats dried, and treatment activities reduced mosquito production, although several permanent water bodies continued to support low-level larval development into the latter part of the monitoring period.

The figure below presents the April and May 2026 Operational Summary for TNRD Electoral Area M+N.



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Aerial applications were required on 01 May to control developing larval populations in the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch Home ranch and Nicola Lake areas. A total of 179.83 kg of VectoBac 200G to treat 42.3 ha of seepage water accumulations in farm fields and permanent marsh habitat located in these program areas.

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

This progress report has been shared with Lower Nicola Indian Band, the Upper Nicola Indian Band and the Douglas Lake Cattle Ranch. If you have any questions on this update, or require additional information please contact me at your convenience.

Best regards,
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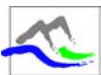
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LNIB HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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)

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Vacant Positions COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

**Housing
Red Seal Plumber**

**Housing
Reno Coordinator**

**Housing
Admin Assistant**

Mel Blankinship



Luke Flower



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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.

Emergency Repair Fund

The Emergency Repair Fund is intended primarily to support critical Housing repair needs for Conditional Homeowners (eligible homeowners) and Homeowners currently holding a CP.

Eligible members may apply for this funding at any time; however, a formal application is required.

Please be advised that the application process may take time depending on the level of urgency associated with each request, as the committee meets once every four months.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Housing Department by phone, email, or by visiting 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 an 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

This is a friendly reminder to all current tenants that it is strongly recommended you obtain your own contents insurance for your home. While your unit is covered under the LNIB Insurance Policy, this coverage does not extend to your personal belongings within the unit.

Homeowners and CP holders are required to maintain their own property insurance. We kindly request that a copy of your insurance policy be provided to the Housing Department for our records.

There are several insurance providers available for obtaining quotes. However, LNIB currently works with the following insurer:

Acera Insurance – Kamloops
250-828-2135

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like clarification regarding whether your home is covered under the LNIB Insurance Policy, please contact the Housing Department.

Renovation Request Process

The Housing Department is trying to streamline the renovation process, and we are hoping the following procedures will allow us to prioritize and complete renovation funding applications in the most efficient way possible.

Step 1. Create a list of renovations your home could use.

Step 2. Break them down to needs and wants.

Step 3. Contact the Housing Department with your list.

Step 4. The Housing Department will advise you on what funding options are available, and recommend contractors based on the type of work you are looking for. There may be a site visit from the Housing Department if you are unsure of the scope of work needed.

Step 5. As the homeowner, contact the contractors to have them attend the site and give quotes for the work you want done. This is the most efficient way to have the quotes put together, as you know your schedule, you know the materials you want, etc.

Step 6. Once gathered, bring the quotes to the Housing Department, we can review together to see if the projects can be fully funded, what items should be prioritized, if there is a need for additional reports for funding options.

Step 7. The Housing Department will take the final quotes through the external funding application process, which includes Chief and Council approval, submitting paperwork to appropriate agencies, etc.

Step 8. Wait for funding approval.

Step 9. Once funding approval is given, we can start with the renovations, with funds filtered through LNIB directly to the contractors.

Step 10. Once renovations are completed, an independent building inspection must be done to ensure all work meets the BC Building Code.

Step 11. Enjoy your newly renovated home.

LNIB EDUCATION SECTOR

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

Shane’s Submission

As another school year comes to a close we would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our students, families, educators, and community members.

The 2025–2026 school year has brought many opportunities for learning, growth, and achievement. Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated resilience, commitment, and determination in their educational journeys. Whether they were taking their first steps into kindergarten, progressing through elementary and secondary school, graduating, or pursuing post-secondary studies, each achievement represents an important milestone worth celebrating.

We extend our congratulations to all students for their hard work and perseverance. We are especially proud of our graduates as they move into the next chapter of their lives.

Your success reflects not only your own dedication but also the support provided by families, teachers, support staff, Elders, and community members who have encouraged along the way.

We would also like to thank parents and caregivers for the critical role you play in supporting student success. Strong partnerships between home, school, and community continue to be one of the most important foundations for positive educational outcomes. As we enter the summer months, we encourage students and families to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy opportunities to connect with culture, language, family, and community. Learning continues in many forms throughout the summer—through reading, outdoor activities, cultural experiences, and spending time with Elders and knowledge keepers.

Our Education Department will continue working throughout the summer to prepare for the 2026–2027 school year. This includes supporting students and families, planning future programs and services, strengthening partnerships with schools and school districts, and ensuring that educational opportunities continue to align with the priorities of our community.

On behalf of the Education Department, thank you for another successful year.

Please see all the other great things going on within LNIB Education Below...If you wish to discuss anything with me please call/text 236.575.2135

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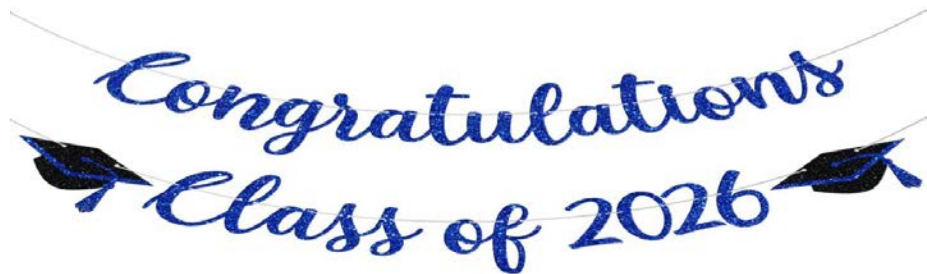
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**SHARON PARSONS
EDUCATION PROGRAMS MANAGER**



Hello LNIB,

I want to congratulate and recognize a job well done by all LNIB post-secondary and high school graduating students of 2026. Onward and upward! You will see those smiling faces in the Merritt Herald and this newsletter. Please let me know if any missing graduates.

On June 26th, graduating students stopped into the office to pick up a gift and get a photo taken. A staff member will be calling those who still have a gift waiting for them at the office and will mail the ones going to graduates living outside of the Nicola Valley, Merritt area.

The Education Summer Learning Program is running again for 4 weeks this year.

Starting on July 13th, LNIB kids ages 7 to 15 can join in on four weeks of fun ways to learn.

This year the schedule includes Apex Trampoline Centre, Energyplex, Adams River Rafting, Scandia, and parents will be asked to accompany us on an overnight trip to Cultus Lake Waterslides/Adventure Park. There are other field trips yet to be confirmed. Registration will start on July 7th. Watch for the agenda to be posted and sent out within the next 2 weeks.

Just a friendly reminder to LNIB membership that you are free to contact Education staff if you or your child could use help navigating a challenge. Education department staff may be able to find resources to suit your needs.

Wishing you good health, and good fortune!

Until next time, Humelth



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



Hello Everyone,

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

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

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

Congratulations to all the students who completed another year of studies and to all the High School and Post-Secondary grads in the valley and beyond on your graduation. You did it, give yourself a pat on the back, all the long hours of studying have paid off. Well Done!!

The Education Office is very busy with the PSE Applications. We have **67** PSE applications submitted for the 2026-2027 academic year. **3** with January 2027 start and **4** doing part-time studies. The upcoming year will be exciting and fun to watch the students achieve their goals.

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

All students check out the following Scholarships and Bursaries:

[BC First Nations Scholarship and Bursaries - New Relationship Trust](#) Closes August 31, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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



Happy Summer everyone!

Summer is a time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family, friends, and community. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the beautiful weather, spend time outdoors, and make lasting memories.

While summer is a great time to take a break from school routines, continuing to learn can help students stay confident and prepared for the upcoming school year. Here are a few simple ways to help your child keep learning throughout the summer:

- Read books, magazines, or stories together
- Visit the library, and community events
- Encourage journal writing, or creative projects like arts and crafts
- Explore nature and learn together about local plants, animals, and history
- Use educational games and activities to keep skills sharp

Even a little bit of learning each week can make a big difference 😊

I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer break.

I look forward to connecting with you again in the fall and supporting our students for another exciting year of growth and learning ❤️

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Hello everyone and Happy July!

I have been working within the Lower Nicola Indian Band school and Nicola-Canford Elementary school, where I have gained valuable experience supporting students, staff, and school programs in a professional and community-focused environment. Through this role, I have developed strong communication, teamwork, and organizational skills while contributing to a positive learning atmosphere. I look forward to continuing throughout the summer going into the summer program, allowing me to further build my experience, strengthen my skills, and continue supporting the needs of the students and community.



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**LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUMMER STUDENT**

July 2026

HELLO EVERYONE

I hope everyone is basking in the good weather that is finally shining through the Valley.

My name is Brooke Shintah and I am a proud LNIB member. I will be excitedly working with the education department this summer before I start my secondary education. I started early June by tending to the front desk and preparing for this year's grads congratulatory gifts. As we roll into July, our summer program will kick off, and I'll be part of that team as well.

After my summer working with LNIB this summer, I enrolled in the Associate of Arts program at NVIT for the next two years to further my education. I plan on using my Arts diploma to help me with a Film and Writing program in the future.

This year is filled with so many fresh opportunities, it's all very exciting! Remember to enjoy the sun and stay hydrated!

THANK YOU

Head Start Summer program

July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6. NO SCHOOL	7. HS class room Fun day with friends	8. Park and play picnic 10:00 to 11:30	9. HS class room fun day with friends	10. Merritt Library stories & song 10:00 to 11:30
13. NO SCHOOL	14. HS class room Fun day with Friends	15. Merritt Dance Academy 10:00 to 11:30	16. HS class room Fun day with friends	17. Merritt Library craft day 10:00 to 11:30
20. NO SCHOOL	21. HS class room Fun day with friends	22. Park and play picnic 10:30 to 11:30	23. Dairy Queen play time and lunch	24. Merritt Library Stories & songs 10:00 to 11:30
27. NO SCHOOL	28. HS class room Fun day with Friends	29. Merritt Dance Academy 10:00 to 11:30	30. HS classroom fun day with Friends	31. Merritt Library Craft Day 10:00 to 11:30

NOTE:

1. There will be bus rides for before and after school.
2. Head Start program there will be lots of fun stuff happening.
Please dress your child in appropriate clothing and comfy shoes.
3. Outdoor schedule may change upon weather.
4. program time from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (NO CLASS ON MONDAYS)

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Lunch Menu

JULY 2026

NO SCHOOL	7. Waffles and fruits	8. Ham sandwiches and vege	9. Oatmeal and toast	10. Muffins , yogurt and fruits
NO SCHOOL	14. Pancakes and fruits	15. Nachos and vege	16. Smoothie bowl + granola bars	17. Meat cheese and crackers
NO SCHOOL	21. Mini pizza and vege	22. Snack Platter	23. Dairy Queen Lunch	24. Waffles and fruits
NO SCHOOL	28 Quesadilla and vege	29 Turkey + Cheese Wraps and veggies	30 Chicken Nuggets + Fries	31 English Muffins and yogurt

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A Science and Health Science camp for Indigenous High School Students

Grade 8 to 10 students from around BC

- ✓ Make new friends and fun activities!
- ✓ Learn about careers and training in Science and Health Sciences
- ✓ Hands on experiments in the Science and Nursing labs
- ✓ Visit the Veterinary Technology Building
- ✓ Learning on the Land teachings
- ✓ Learn about traditional Indigenous medicines and plants
- ✓ Secwepemc cultural teachings and language



July 27 – 30, 2026

at TRU Kamloops Campus

Apply by July 1

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Mario Camastro



Quinn Harry



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**Like a spring time flower blooming
with happiness**





Awe the little baby





All the little kids dancing!





Handdrumming





Lower Nicola Indian Band School





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Basil



Sheena-Patrick



Lindley





Honoring LNIIB School Students





Our future generations



LOWER NICOLA BAND SCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As another school year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences our students have had over the past month.

Our Primary Fun Day was a huge success. It was great to see so much energy, excitement, laughter, and participation from our youngest learners. Days like these remind us how important it is for kids to simply be kids—to play, connect, and have fun together.

Our intermediate students once again represented LNIB School at the District Track & Field Meet. While there were many impressive athletic performances, what stood out most to me was the sportsmanship our students demonstrated throughout the day. In my opinion, our students once again showed some of the best sportsmanship at the event, and that is something we should all be proud of.

A special thank you goes out to Coldwater Indian Band, who hosted this year's Head Start Pow Wow. It was an exceptional event with many families in attendance. Our students had numerous opportunities to dance, celebrate, and connect with culture. One of the highlights was seeing our Grade 7 students proudly wearing and showcasing the regalia they created this year. They looked absolutely beautiful and should be very proud of their work.

Another meaningful event this month was the Graduation Walk Through. Watching former LNIB students walk through our school in their caps and gowns was inspiring for both staff and students. It provided a powerful reminder to our younger learners that graduation is an achievable goal and something worth striving toward.

As we prepare to close the doors for the summer, I want to thank our students, staff, families, Elders, and community members for another wonderful year of learning and growth.

Important Dates:

- Last Day of School: June 25, 2026
- First Day of Summer Holidays: June 26, 2026
- First Day Back to School: September 8, 2026
- September 8 Schedule: 10:00am – 12:00pm

As we head into summer, I hope everyone has a safe, restful, and enjoyable break. One final thought for families: let your kids play. Then let them play some more.

Summer is a great time for children to explore, build forts, ride bikes, swim, spend time with family, and use their imaginations. If possible, try to keep technology and screens to a reasonable minimum and encourage outdoor play whenever you can.

And yes, even though it's summer, it doesn't hurt to sneak in a little reading and a little math practice along the way! A few books, a little writing, counting money at the store, helping with recipes, or playing games can go a long way in keeping skills sharp for September.

Thank you again for your continued support of Lower Nicola Indian Band School.

Have a wonderful summer!

Cheers,

Leroy Slanzi

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We are on the finish line of another amazing school year!

June has been filled with discoveries, exploration, and hands-on learning experiences. Our classroom was buzzing with excitement as we hatched quail chicks and observed their growth firsthand. The children also planted seeds and flowers, learning how plants grow and the care they need to thrive.

As part of our nature studies, we explored the fascinating life cycles of bees and butterflies and learned about the important roles they play in our environment.

We also enjoyed some memorable field trips this month. Our visit to the Wildlife Park gave us the opportunity to observe a variety of animals and learn about their habitats. At the farm, the children experienced farm life up close, met friendly animals, and discovered where some of our food comes from.

It has been a joy to watch the children learn, grow, and explore throughout the year. Thank you for your support and partnership in making this school year such a success.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful, safe, and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Ms G





Ms. Sheena's Grade 3 Class

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful experiences we shared together in Grade 3. This year has been filled with learning, growth, laughter, and many special memories that I will cherish for years to come.

We had many exciting opportunities to learn both inside and outside the classroom. We made bread from scratch and learned about measuring, following directions, and working together. We visited the pumpkin patch and enjoyed exploring the outdoors.

Our field trips gave us many hands-on learning experiences. We visited the wildlife park, where we learned about animals, their habitats, and the importance of caring for our environment. We also travelled to the Little Big Science Centre in Kamloops, where we explored science through interactive exhibits and exciting experiments.





This year, we continued to celebrate and honor our culture. We were fortunate to receive new pow-wow regalia, including beautiful jingle dresses and grassdance. We were fortunate to work with our elders, they shared stories and it was a blessing to our school. It was wonderful to see students proudly participating and learning about the importance of our traditions, culture, and identity.

Most importantly, we learned how to support one another, work together, and grow as a classroom family. I am incredibly proud of each student and the progress they have made this year. Watching them gain confidence, develop new skills, and become more independent learners has been a privilege.

As the school year comes to a close, I want my students to know how much I will miss them. They have brought joy, energy, curiosity, and kindness into our classroom every day. Thank you for making this year so special. I wish each of you a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer. Keep reading, exploring, learning, and believing in yourselves.

Thank you, Grade 3, for an amazing year! ❤️

Hello everyone! Mrs. Haller here.

Busy, fun, busy, fun, busy, are the words that fit best for this last month of our school year. It's the month teachers reflect on their students' progress and how they will miss each one of them. As a teacher you get to know all the different little personalities and learn about what food they like and their favorite colours, their families, and what they enjoy doing after school hours. I will miss each one of my "crème de la crème" students and I wish them the "best summer ever!"

As I mentioned we were busy...having FUN!

Our visit to Angie's farm was an outstanding tour! What a wonderful educational and therapeutic experience! My students couldn't get enough of the animals and didn't want to leave. Who would want to leave cuddly cute baby animals?

All of these pictures speak a thousand words!



Kangal -Soldier



Karakachan-Oriana

Important dogs with specific jobs.

These livestock guardian dogs (a Kangal and a Karakachan) protect livestock such as sheep, goats, and cattle from large predators like wolves, bears and cougars. Bred for centuries in Turkey, they are fiercely loyal protectors rather than traditional herders. They patrol the perimeter of their territory and position themselves between their flock and potential threats. They are incredibly gentle and are deeply devoted to their human families.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your support and partnership throughout this incredible journey. It has truly been an amazing year, and I am so proud of the growth I have witnessed in each of our Grade 7 students.

This year, students challenged themselves academically, developed new skills, built stronger friendships, and demonstrated resilience through both successes and obstacles. It has been a privilege to watch them mature into confident, capable young people who are ready for the next chapter of their educational journey.

Our Grade 7 students represented our school exceptionally well throughout the year. Whether competing at Districts, participating in our memorable trip to Eagle Bay, or attending the numerous visits and transition activities at the high school, they consistently demonstrated respect, responsibility, and leadership. Their positive attitudes and willingness to step outside their comfort zones made me incredibly proud.

As final report cards are completed and another school year comes to a close, I want to congratulate each student on their hard work and accomplishments. The growth they have shown—academically, socially, and personally—is something they should be proud of.

Thank you for sharing your children with me this year. It has been an honour to be part of their Grade 7 experience. I wish all of our students and families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. To our Grade 7 graduates, I wish you every success as you begin high school. Continue to work hard, be kind, believe in yourselves, and never stop reaching for your goals.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Gardypie
Grade 7 Teacher





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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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LNIB Membership & Community Members

Metro Vancouver Patient Travel

If travelling to Metro Vancouver for patient travel during the FIFA World Cup. Please arrange patient travel before the FIFA Cup. If possible book non-urgent and non-emergency appointments after July 31, 2026 to Metro Vancouver.



Our Services for Emergency Travel

- Keep receipts
- Referral to appointment
- Confirmation for attendance and you may be eligible for reimbursement



**Any questions call the Patient Travel Clerk,
Taylor Tolman**



250-378-5157



taylor.tolman@lnib.net



LNIB Membership
Are you interested?

BASIC SECURITY TRAINING

If we have enough interest we would like to have a course available for you.

Contact Darcie DeBruyne at 250-378-5157 or email darcie.debruyne@lnib.net

Rocky Pines Splash Pad



Is now OPEN

Household Water

You may notice some discoloration.

Simple Solution:
Run your cold tap water for approximately for 5 minutes

Friendly Reminder

- Keep the area clean
- Always supervise your children
- Play safe & have fun
- Respect other users and the facility
- Please report any maintenance concerns to Public Works

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Public Works at 250-378-5157

The Splash Pad aims to create a fun, healthy, and safe environment for everyone in our community.



LNIB & Community Members

Blueberries & Cherries
will be distributed at the
LNIB Health Centre



Tuesday,
July 14th

Limited to one per household

Any questions call Kirsten
250-378-5157



Women's Group

Come join us for a day trip picking huckleberries in the Revelstoke region

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Leave the Health Centre at 7:00 AM

Small snacks and Lunch will be provided

Bring your own bags, *bug spray*, walking stick and sun screen.

Registration is required as there is limited seating
contact Kirsten to register (250)378-5157



We Need Your Voice!

LNIB members are invited to share their perspectives on a new Assessment Framework that will help guide how major projects are reviewed in Nlaka'pamux Territory.

Your voice is important. The decisions we make today will help shape the future of our lands, waters and future generations.

Why We Need Your Voice?

Your feedback will help identify:

- What should be considered when assessing major projects
- How Nlaka'pamux values, knowledge, and perspectives should guide decision-making
- Informed community decision making

Why Are We Doing This?

Several major projects are currently being proposed within Nlaka'pamux Territory. The LNIB Assessment Working Group, is developing an Assessment Framework to help ensure that future project decisions:

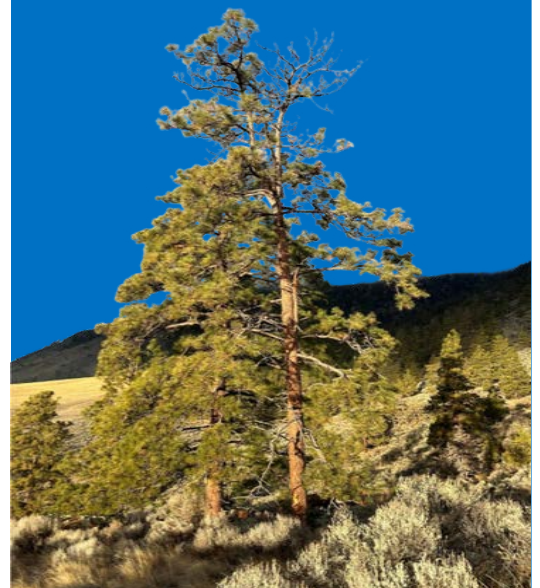
- Reflect Nlaka'pamux values and priorities
- Respect and uphold Nlaka'pamux Title and Rights
- Consider what matters most to our community

We are interested to hear your perspective on how Nlaka'pamux worldviews and priorities can be upheld better to impact the decisions that shape our future.

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Complete the Survey for a Chance to Win \$100, \$75 or \$50 Giftcards !



Scan the QR or [click here](#).



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LNIB Fun Day

Friday, July 3, 2026

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

LNIB Community Services, 230 Hwy 8

Events

Bouncy Castle

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Hair Braiding

Hair cuts

Face Painting

Coyote Candy Clouds

Much more fun!!

Lunch will be available & LNIB Swag

Any questions you can contact the LNIB Community Services Receptionist at (250) 378-5157

July 2026 Elders Calendar

LNIB

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 CANADA DAY	2	3	4 nkshAykn
5	6	7 <i>Aquatic Centre</i> <i>11 – 145pm</i>	8 Coffee with a Cop Soup Kitchen 10am – 12pm	9	10 <i>Bowling at 2pm</i>	11
12	13 <i>Keremeos Fruit Trip</i> <i>9am – 230pm</i>	14	15 <i>Saskatoon Pick- ing</i> <i>9am – 230pm</i>	16 <i>Saskatoon Pick- ing</i> <i>930am – 230pm</i> Elders Luncheon Soup Kitchen 12pm – 1pm	17	18
19	20 <i>Soapberry Picking</i> <i>9am – 230pm</i>	21 <i>Kamloops Cin- eplex</i> <i>1pm – 8pm</i>	22 <i>Soapberry Pick- ing</i> <i>9am – 230pm</i>	23 <i>Soapberry Pick- ing</i> <i>9am – 230pm</i>	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Beading Night</i> <i>RPC</i> <i>5 – 7pm</i>	29 <i>Elders Luncheon with Chief and Councilor</i> <i>RPC 12PM – 2PM</i>	30	31	

NOTES: THE CALENDAR MAY CHANGE, SO PLEASE CALL OR CHECK ONLINE FOR ANY CHANGES



July 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Statutory Day Off – Canada Day	2 Cliffside Climbing 10:30 – 3:30	3 Office day	4
5	6 Rocky Pines Youth Centre 10:30 – 3:30	7 Lake Day 10:30 – 3:30	8 Disc Golf 10:30 – 1 Bowling 2 – 3:30	9 Kangaroo Park 10:30 -3:30	10 Office day	11
12	13 Rocky Pines Youth Centre 10:30 – 3:30	14 Lake Day 10:30 – 3:30	15 School Gym 10:30 – 1 Bowling 2 – 3:30	16 Scandia 10:30 – 3:30	17 Office day	18
19	20 Rocky Pines Youth Centre 10:30 – 3:30	21 Lake Day 10:30 – 3:30	22 Pool 10:30 – 1 Skate Park 1 – 3:30	23 H2O 10:30 – 3:30	24 Office day	25
26	27 Rocky Pines Youth Centre 10:30 – 3:30	28 Lake Day 10:30 – 3:30	29 Pool 10:30 – 1	30 Waterslides 10:30 – 3:30	31 Office day	



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Office Closure

**Canada Day
Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

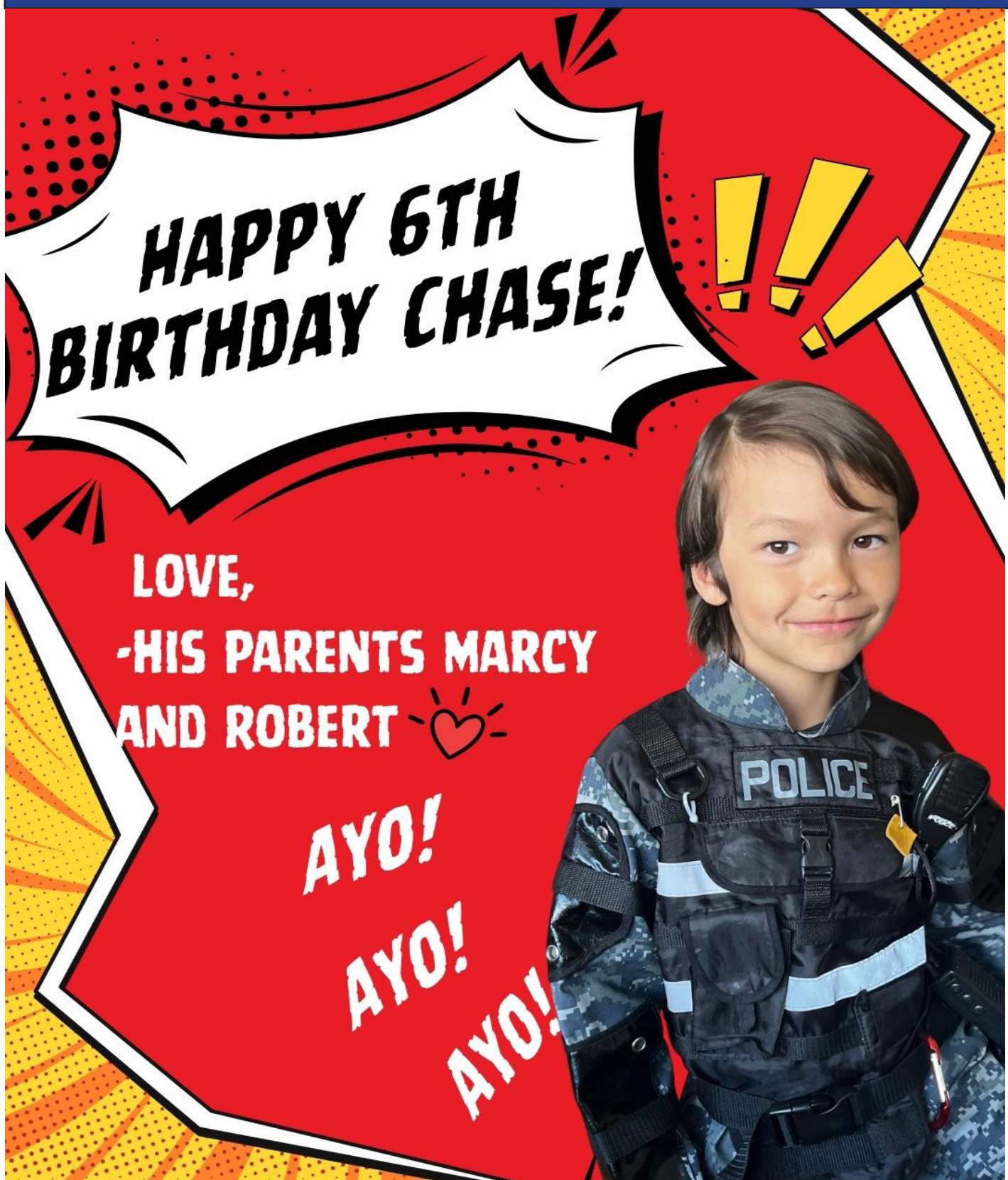
**Offices will reopen
Thursday, July 2, 2026
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

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

**Administration: (250) 315-9153
Health & Social: (250) 412-6880
Housing: (236) 575-2072
Public Works (On Call): (250) 315-8184**

Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday!





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"All right, finished"



**Congradulations to the graduates of the Lower
Nicola Indian Band School, Merritt Secondary
School, and the Nicola Valley Institute of
Technology!**

