

## Community Vision

Members of the Shackan Band envision a Healthy community that lives in accordance with traditional Scw'exmx values. These values include sharing, helping, learning and teaching. These values translate into: helping the younger generation realize their potential, promoting everyone's involvement in the life of the Community, and also in being generous to those in need.

**Scw'exmx Values:** Respect for Self & Others; Positive Sharing; Positive Helping; Positive Learning; Positive Teaching; Healthy Lifestyle; and Self-Sufficiency.



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



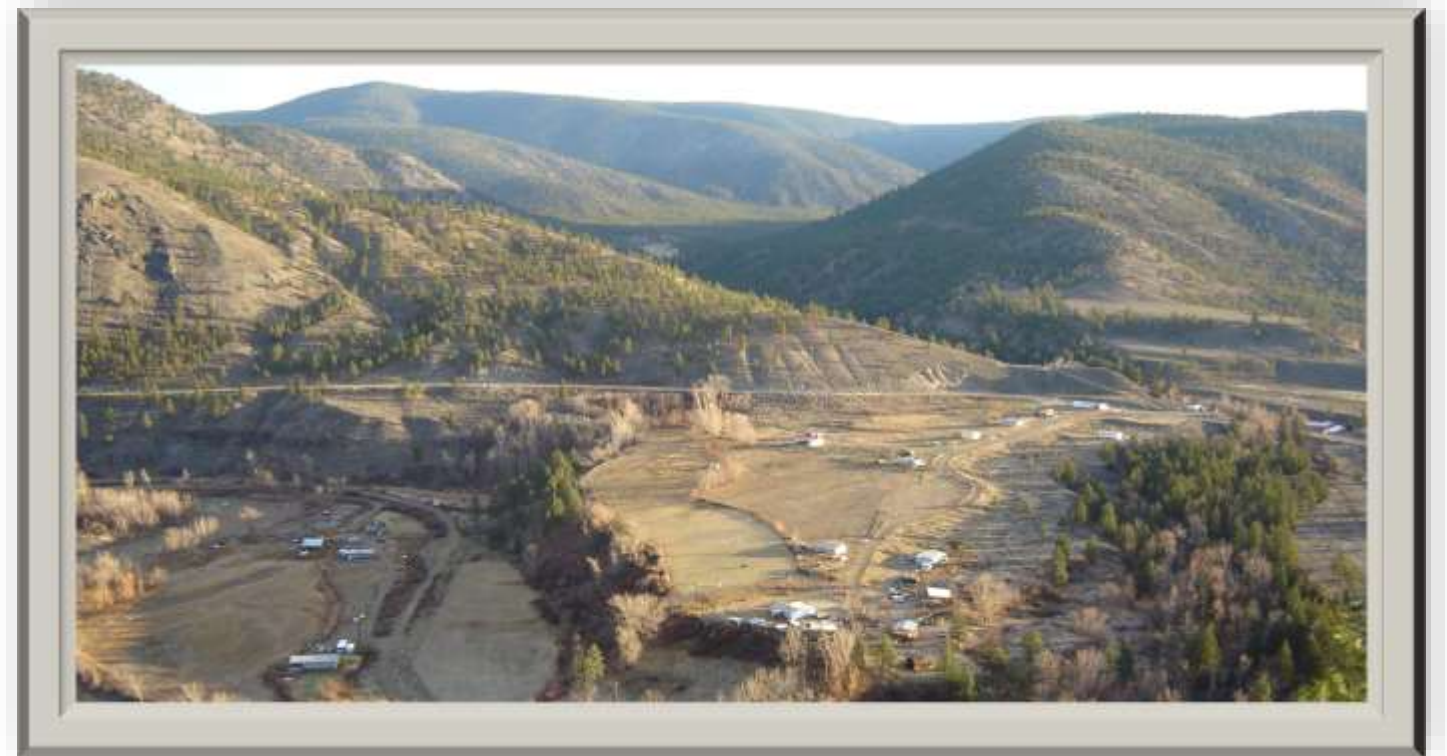
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**Shackan Indian Band**

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**FEBRUARY 2021**



## Mission Statement

The band office is to promote the development of a healthy lifestyle and self-sufficiency for Shackan community members. We will achieve by being helpful, positive, respectful and professional to leadership, co-workers and Shackan members when administering band programs





# Shackan Indian Band

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# CLASS 1 LICENSE

Drive Toward a Brighter Future



### CNA PARTICIPATING BANDS:

- Ashcroft Indian Band
- Boston Bar First Nation
- Coldwater Indian Band
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band
- Nicomen Indian Band
- Nooaitch Indian Band
- Shackan Indian Band
- Siska Indian Band

### TO QUALIFY:

- Must be a CNA participating band member,
- Must complete Intake form,
- Need valid class 5 drivers license,
- Must be willing and able to work or be currently employed,
- Must have an ICBC clean drivers abstract,
- Must obtain a class 1 learners license.

For additional information contact:  
 Employment & Training Department  
 Phone 250-378-1864  
 Fax 250-378-2910  
 Email [administration@cna-trust.ca](mailto:administration@cna-trust.ca)



# Driving Lesson Dates



*Book your lessons today!*

January 26th  
February 3rd  
February 23rd  
March 9th  
March 23rd  
April 6th  
April 20th

May 4th  
May 18th  
Jun 8th  
June 22nd  
July 13th  
July 27th  
August 10th

\*Each lesson is 45 min long at the cost of \$65/lesson plus admin fees. Sponsorship available to Citxw Nlaka'pamax Assembly (CNA) participating bands. All lessons must be purchased and booked through the CNA.

- Patient experienced teacher
- Practical driving skills
- Use of car for road test
- Road readiness course



For additional information contact:  
Jaymie Brundage  
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2187A Coutlee Ave, Merritt B.C.

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to Covid-19 Shackan Band Office will remain locked, unless you have an appointment. To make an appointment, please call 250-378-5410. Staff will be working part-time from home.

*Sorry for any inconvenience*

*Shackan Band Staff*

# Shackan Band News

Henle7,

With the new year upon us, we look back at what was and take the lessons learned to move forward with the experience and knowledge of our success and lessons learned. It seems this last year had much to teach, perseverance, patience, self acceptance, loss, grief, the list can go on. What I also learned was that in times of need, community can come together even if we can't physically be there for one another. It can be difficult, I believe we will get through this together so we can meet again to gather and enjoy one another's company once again. To share and to mourn in the happiness and grief that is felt throughout the community. Here is to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold.

k<sup>w</sup>uk<sup>w</sup>scémx<sup>w</sup> (thank you)  
Chief Jordan Joe

## NVIT is pleased to offer the following program in the Nicola Valley: **Residential Construction Foundations Program**

This 24-week program provides students with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to seek employment as an apprentice carpenter in the construction industry. The program introduces students to all aspects of the trades used by carpenters. The focus is on developing practical skills for the construction workplace. Graduates of this program receive credit for Level 1 apprenticeship technical training, an NVIT Residential Construction Foundations Program certificate and may also be granted practical credit by the Industry Training Authority.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- B.C. Secondary School graduation or equivalent, or 19 years of age and out of secondary school for at least one year as of the first day of classes
- One of: English 10, English 10 First Peoples, an equivalent Provincial Level Adult Basic Education English course, or equivalent assessment
- Math requirement:
  - Students graduating from secondary school in or prior to 2012: Mathematics 11 or an equivalent Advanced Level Adult Basic Education Mathematics course, or an equivalent assessment.
  - Students entering Grade 10 in or after 2010 and/or completing the new mathematics curriculum: One of: Workplace Mathematics 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11 or, Pre-Calculus 11, or an equivalent Advanced Level Adult Basic Education Mathematics course or an equivalent assessment.



Program Starts:  
February 22, 2021

For more information please visit:  
[www.nvit.ca/Residential-Construction-Foundations-Program/program.aspx](http://www.nvit.ca/Residential-Construction-Foundations-Program/program.aspx)

Or call Student Services at:  
(250) 378-3300



WEBSITE: [nvit.ca](http://nvit.ca)  
TOLL FREE: 1.877.682.3300



# Experience NVIT 2021

Want to learn more about Nicola Valley Institute of Technology?  
Attend info sessions with the Department Heads of our programs!

<b>February 22</b> Health Care Assistant: Presented by Ivy McRae	<b>February 23</b> Environmental Resource Technology: Presented by Tom Willms & Margaret Hohner	<b>February 24</b> Culinary Arts: Presented by Andrew George & Margaret Hohner
<b>February 25</b> Bachelor of Social Work: Presented by Ursula Katic	<b>February 26</b> Chemical Addictions Worker: Presented by Jessica Stepp	<b>March 1</b> Meet the Elders: Presented by Merritt and Burnaby Campus Elders
<b>March 2</b> University Transfer Programs (General Arts, Criminology, and First Nations Studies): Presented by Lara Condello & Margaret Hohner	<b>March 3</b> Office Admin. and Executive Assistant: Presented by Beverly Currie-Mclean & Margaret Hohner	<b>March 4</b> Business and Trades Programs: Presented by John Chenoweth & Margaret Hohner
<b>March 5</b> Renewable Energies Technology: Presented by Brandon Williams & Margaret Hohner	<b>March 8</b> College Readiness: Presented by Mil Juricic	<b>March 9</b> Aboriginal Early Childhood Education: Presented by Aruna Gore
<b>March 10</b> Access to Practical Nursing: Presented by Heather Klatt	<b>March 11</b> Community and Public Safety Professional: Presented by Kelly Donaldson	<b>March 12</b> Indigenous Human Services: Presented by Rae Porterfield

Attend to have a chance to WIN A \$20 GIFT CARD!  
Guaranteed 5 PRIZE WINNERS each day!

The event will be held virtually online, between 12:00pm-1:00pm each day. To attend, please register at [www.nvit.ca/experiencenvit.htm](http://www.nvit.ca/experiencenvit.htm) to receive an emailed link to the event. For more information, please contact [recruitment@nvit.bc.ca](mailto:recruitment@nvit.bc.ca)



## SHACKAN INDIAN BAND NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Shackan Indian Band has called a Nomination Meeting on February 18, 2021, in accordance with the *Custom Election Code of the Shackan Indian Band (2017)*, for the purpose of eligible Electors nominating candidates for the Office of Chief (1 Chief) and Council (2 Councillors) to be elected in the next Election on March 27, 2021 for the ensuing term of office.

### NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
5:00PM – 7:00PM  
SHACKAN HALL  
4943 POTATOEILLSHIE RD  
SPENCES BRIDGE, BC**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ELECTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT MAIL-IN NOMINATIONS. NOMINATION AND VOTER DECLARATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED WITH THIS NOTICE TO ALL OFF-RESERVE ELECTORS AND MAY BE DOWNLOADED BY ALL ELECTORS AT THE WEBSITE LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

TAKE NOTICE that there are provisions that **MUST** be satisfied in order for a nomination, and candidate eligibility to be approved by the Electoral Officer.

Voters eighteen (18) years of age and older as of the date of the Election may nominate or second, and Vote in this Election – and shall form the Voters List.

Nominees must meet the following criteria in order to stand as a candidate for office:

- Be a Shackan Indian Band member that is at least eighteen (18) years old as of the date of Nomination Meeting;
- Be nominated in accordance with the Code;
- Must **NOT** have been convicted of an offence punishable by indictment in Canada or elsewhere during the five (5) years prior to the Election;
- Must **NOT** be ineligible by order of an Arbitrator pursuant to the provisions of the Code;
- Must **NOT** be in arrears on a debt to the Band;
- Submit a signed Candidate Acceptance and Oath of Eligibility Form to the Electoral Officer no later than 4pm on February 28, 2021. The form is available from the Electoral Officer at the contact information below, at the nomination meeting and at the website listed at the bottom of this Notice;

- Submit a \$250.00 non-refundable fee to the Shackan Band Administrator no later than February 20, 2021 at the workshop; and
- Must attend a one-day governance workshop on the roles and responsibilities of Chief and Council that shall be held on February 20, 2021.

NOTE that a nominee may only accept the nomination for one position: either Chief or Councillor, not both.

Elected Candidates must submit to the Electoral Officer the following in accordance with s.17 of the Code no later than April 16, 2021:

- Signed Oath of Office; and
- Completed Criminal Record Check that is not older than three (3) months.

Nomination documents and the official Voters List of all Eligible Electors shall be posted and available during regular business hours at the Shackan Band Office; can be requested from the Electoral Officer; and will be available to download at:

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/shackan>

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

**MARCH 27, 2021  
9:00AM TO 8:00PM  
SHACKAN HALL  
SPENCES BRIDGE, BC**

Eligible Electors may vote in person at the Polling Station, by mail-in ballot or electronically. Eligible Electors residing off reserve, for whom mailing address is available, will automatically be sent mail-in-ballot via regular mail. Eligible Electors residing On-Reserve may request a mail-in ballot by contacting the Electoral Officer.

If an Elector wants to receive information from a Candidate, they may authorize the Electoral Officer to release their address to the Candidates.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

Nicole Hajash, Electoral Officer

For more information or assistance, please contact:

Nicole Hajash, Electoral Officer

Drew Shaw, Electoral Officer

Email: [nicole@onefeather.ca](mailto:nicole@onefeather.ca)

Email: [drew@onefeather.ca](mailto:drew@onefeather.ca)

Office: (250) 384-8200 Toll Free: (1-855) 923-3006 Fax: (250) 384-5416

209 – 852 Fort Street, Victoria B.C., V8W 1H8

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/shackan>

# Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt

This is a Community Scavenger Hunt. You can look for the clues in town or wherever you are. The only thing you have to do is send in a picture to Jody at [jody.john@shackan.ca](mailto:jody.john@shackan.ca). There will be gift baskets you can choose from at the band office, once they have been all found.

- ◊ Someone Wearing Red
- ◊ Something Heart Shaped
- ◊ A Flower Store
- ◊ An Arrow (on a sign, in a magazine, etc)
- ◊ The Number 14
- ◊ The Word LOVE (book, shirt, etc)
- ◊ Gather Sticks or rocks and create a heart shape
- ◊ With a red pen/crayon/ marker, write 3 things that rhyme with LOVE
- ◊ A red drink
- ◊ Heart shaped necklace (in a store/.at home)
- ◊ A coin with the #14
- ◊ Something sweet
- ◊ Valentine's Day candy/ chocolate
- ◊ A rose

You can be creative with it too. Come up with things that can be the answer. Look online or in magazines, etc. If you don't go into town



CITXW NLAKA'PAMUX ASSEMBLY  
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

## OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID LEVEL 3

Occupational First Aid Level 3 is a 10 day/70 hour program designed to further first aid training and knowledge. The OFA Level 3 course is suitable for people in these industries: lumber mill, pulp and paper mill, medic for oil and gas in BC (Alberta may require extra training), large logging companies, large road construction and flagging. No prior first aid knowledge required to attend this course. All students must be at least 16 years old and physically able to perform first aid. 100% attendance is mandatory to complete course.



### Course Content

- The role and duties of an Occupational First Aid Attendant
- Head-to-toe examination
- Operate oxygen therapy equipment and insert oral airways
- Medical emergencies
- Skin and soft tissue anatomy and function
- Management of soft tissue injuries
- Principles of burn management
- Ligament and tendon injuries
- Manage soft tissue injuries
- Manage oxygen therapy equipment
- Patient positioning
- Critical incident stress
- Manage oral airways
- Patient packaging for rapid transport
- Management of circulatory emergencies
- Manage circulatory critical interventions
- Head and brain injuries
- Neck and spinal injuries
- Immobilization
- General principles of management for fractures and dislocations

### CNA Participating Bands

- Ashcroft Indian Band
- Boston Bar First Nation
- Coldwater Indian Band
- Cook's Ferry Indian Band
- Nicommen Indian Band
- Nooaitch Indian Band
- Shackan Indian Band
- Siska Indian Band



Date: Feb 6 - Feb 15, 2021 (10 day course)  
Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
Location: OFA Level 3 -First Aid - Kamloops  
825 J Laval Crescent  
\*Sponsorship available through CNA for Members only

To Register Contact:  
Nicole Johnny  
250-378-1864  
[njohnny@cna-trust.ca](mailto:njohnny@cna-trust.ca)  
2187A Coutlee Ave Merritt BC



**Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly  
Employment & Training**

**ICBC Certified**

**AIR BRAKE Course**



This course has been designed to prepare students for the ICBC written examination for an air brake endorsement to operate air brake equipped highway vehicles. Emphasis is placed on safe operating procedures, and ongoing maintenance for air brake systems. This ICBC certified course includes the airbrake pre-trip exam and the use of the truck for this test. Upon successful completion of this course, students have 90 days to write the air brake exam at ICBC to have the air brakes endorsement placed on your Driver's license.

Please note: ICBC has the right to review certified records and to retest certified students at their discretion



Prerequisite for course is a valid Class 5 BC driver's license.

**Dates and Times:**

All 2020 air brake certification courses run Saturday and Sunday 8 am – 6 pm.  
Courses are held at TRU in the the Trades Building. Room 219 and parking is free, Lot T2.

- February 6-7, 2021
- February 20-21, 2021
- March 6-7, 2021
- March 20-21, 2021

For additional information or to register contact:  
Employment & Training Department Administration  
Jaymie Brundage  
250-378-1864  
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**Housing Announcement**

CHMC had a call for application for Rapid Housing Initiative, Teri Clayton and David Clayton worked hard to submit an application for Shackan to receive this funding.

We have been informed the application has been approved and will enable Shackan to move forward with building 14 new modular homes on the Reserve.

Will provide more information as this project moves forward.

Looking for a job? Census is looking to hire  
between March and July 2021

Apply at [census.gc.ca](https://www.census.gc.ca)

## Census Jobs



### Statistics Canada will be hiring in your community!

- Schools, housing, and health and emergency services are all planned using census data.
- Use your local knowledge and sharpen your skills by working for the census.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.
- Help your community to plan for the future— apply as of January 6, 2021!

### IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

- Pay varies **by position** from \$17.83 to \$21.77 per hour (in select Northern and remote communities, rates are from \$29.25 to \$31.25 per hour), plus authorized expenses.
- Start and end dates vary by position and location, but are between March and July 2021.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, mainly evenings and weekends.

Save the date! Apply as of January 6, 2021.



[www.census.gc.ca](https://www.census.gc.ca)

TTY (a telecommunications device for deaf persons): 1-833-830-3109

Canada

# Community News

## Scw'exmx Tribal Council (STC) Virtual AGA

January 27, 2021

Zoom Meeting - 1 – 4 pm

Log in information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91231215198?pwd=Y25INE9KcGtVWNRmpyTkInNUprdz09>

Meeting ID: 912 3121 5198

Passcode: 845630

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,91231215198#,,,,\*845630# US (Tacoma)

+13017158592,,91231215198#,,,,\*845630# US (Washington D.C)

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 912 3121 5198

Passcode: 845630

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ahe9ajQEC>

For more information you can call 250-378-4235 or email

[administration@scwexmxtribal.org](mailto:administration@scwexmxtribal.org)

[egilchrist@scwexmxtribal.org](mailto:egilchrist@scwexmxtribal.org)

[scwexmxtribal.com](https://www.scwexmxtribal.com)

## Province-wide restrictions



### Travel advisory

At this time, **all non-essential travel should be avoided**. This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:

- Do not travel for a vacation
  - Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble

#### What is essential travel?

Individual circumstances may affect whether a trip is considered essential or non-essential. Essential travel within B.C. includes:

- Regular travel for work within your region
- Travel for things like medical appointments and hospital visits

For example, if you live in Vancouver and work in Surrey you can continue to commute.

If you need to travel for essential reasons, take the same health and safety precautions you do at home.

- Wash your hands often
- Practice safe distancing, 2 m
- Travel only with yourself, household or pandemic bubble
- Stick to the outdoors whenever possible
- Clean spaces often
- Wear a mask in indoor spaces

#### Social gatherings

**No social gatherings of any size at your residence with anyone other than your household or core bubble. For example:**

- Do not invite friends or extended family to your household
- Do not host gathering outdoors
- Do not gather in your backyard
- Do not have playdates for children

#### Core bubble

For most people, their core bubble is their immediate household. An immediate household is a group of people who live in the same dwelling. For example:

- If you have a rental suite in your home, the suite is a separate household
- If you live in an apartment or house with roommates, you are all members of the same household



### Nlaka'pamux COVID-19 Testing

Have you been experiencing the following symptoms for **24 hours or more**?

#### Mild Symptoms:

- ⇒ Low-grade fever
- ⇒ Cough
- ⇒ Malaise (overall discomfort)
- ⇒ Muscle aches
- ⇒ Runny nose
- ⇒ Nasal congestion
- ⇒ Loss of sense of smell
- ⇒ Painful swallowing
- ⇒ Loss of appetite
- ⇒ Fatigue
- ⇒ Sore throat
- ⇒ Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

#### Severe Symptoms:

- ⇒ Fever
  - ⇒ Shortness of breath
  - ⇒ Difficulty breathing
  - ⇒ Chest pain
- \*\*If you are having any of these severe symptoms please call your nearest emergency department to make arrangements to be seen by a health professional**

### Self-Assessment

**DETERMINE IF TESTING IS REQUIRED & ACCESS THE NEAREST COLLECTION CENTRE**

The symptomatic individual can:

- Call their primary care provider (including Community Health Nurse (CHN), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or family physician)
- Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1. If the individual chooses, they can share that they are First Nations during this call.
- Use the COVID-19 BC Support App
- Complete the BCCDC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool and self-refer to a testing site by calling the site to book an appointment.
- Call their nearest IH COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre.
- Locate the nearest testing centre on the BCCDC Collection Centre Finder.

**Testing is done by appointment only,**

**to book an appointment please contact your local**

**Health Centre/Hospital:**

Location	Booking	Dates/Times	Address	Phone Number (leave message)
Lytton FNHA nurses	by appt only	M-F 1:00pm-2:00pm	1535 St. Georges Rd	250-455-2715
Lillooet FNHA nurses	by appt only	M-F	296 Main St. Lillooet	250-256-7017
St. Bartholomew's Hospital—in ER	by appt only	M, W, F 11:00-12:00pm	575A Main St. Lytton	250-455-2221
Lytton First Nation Lisa Colwell	by appt only	M, T, W 8:30—2:00pm	To be booked	250-256-8182
Ashcroft Hospital & Community Health Centre	by appt only	M, W, F 1:00 -2:00pm	700 Hwy 97C	250-453-1905
Nicola Valley Hospital and Health Centre	by appt only	M, W, F 12:45pm-2:15pm	3451 Voght St. Merritt	250-378-3407
Lower Nicola Health Irene Howe Rainbow Acoby	by appt only	T & Th 9:30am—1:30pm	To be booked	250-378-4089
Scw'exmx Community Health—Rose Dionne	by appt only	M-F 9am—1pm	Tailgate test at home/ Drive-in 2090 Coutlee Ave	250-378-9745
Nlaka'pamux Health Terri Stockwell	by appt only	To be booked	To be booked	250-315-7120

## Mineral Exploration, Geoscience and Environmental Field Assistant: Micro-Credential Program - ONLINE

This 6-week, fully funded online program will prepare graduates for employment as field assistants and support personnel in mineral exploration, mining and environmental management. The program will focus on a fundamental understanding of these sectors and their opportunities, and develop knowledge of field skills such as sampling, field data collection, first aid, working in remote camps and field safety. It will also prepare students to take the BCMines Supervisor Certification exam, providing graduates with knowledge of the roles, responsibilities and regulations of exploration and mining in BC, and a valuable certification required in exploration and mining camps across the province. The program will end in April 2021 ensuring graduates are ready to fill field positions immediately upon completion of the program.

### Program Information

This 6-week Field Assistant program includes the following:

- Mineral Exploration and Mining Essentials
- Environmental Essentials
- Field sampling, data collection and monitoring
- Mining and Indigenous people
- Field safety and first aid
- Preparation for the Mines Supervisor Certification exam
- Mining and exploration career pathways and employment preparation

The Field Assistant program is delivered fully online with a mix of synchronous (live) and asynchronous sessions. The program is led by facilitators with extensive experience in the mining and environmental sectors. The program includes career management supports that run throughout the program and will support you in your job search for up to 8 months after program completion.

Program Start Date: Monday, March 1, 2021

### Application Information

Program Eligibility:

- You are a BC resident committed to spending up to 25 hours per week learning and actively applying these skills while working with others in a team setting
- Enrolment is open to British Columbians who:
  - are unemployed or precariously employed (part-time, seasonal and/or casual) and have been impacted in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic, and be seeking training for employment
  - have a Social Insurance Number (or the ability to acquire one before the end of the program)
  - are at least 18 years of age.

To participate in the program, participants must also:

- Have access to a computer with reliable internet connection, speakers and microphone or headset with microphone (additionally, a webcam is strongly preferred)
- Have Microsoft Office 365 or Microsoft Office 2007 or later

### How to Apply

To apply, complete the [Field Assistant Application form](#) and submit by email to [ExecEd@royalroads.ca](mailto:ExecEd@royalroads.ca).

Applications will be accepted up to **February 19, 2021**. Late applications may be accepted, space permitting. For more information [contact us!](#)

**IF you want an application call the band office and we will print it out for you**



# RCMP Newsletter

*Working together towards Safe Homes, Safe Communities*  
**Merritt Detachment - Indigenous Policing Section**

January 2021

## Merritt Detachment Quick Facts

There have been some changes to the Merritt Indigenous Policing Section (IPS) in the last 6 months. The unit is up to four members and they include:

- Cpl. Rick AIRD has been in charge of the Merritt Indigenous Policing Section 6 years.
- Cst. Rose GRANT has been in Merritt for 14 years and working in the Indigenous Policing Section for 11 of those years.
- Cst Tracy DUNSMORE has been in Merritt for 20 years and working in the Indigenous Policing Section for 6 months.
- Cst Tammy DENNING has been in Merritt for 11 years and working in the Indigenous Policing Section for 4 months.

If you are interested in having a presentation we could look at doing it virtually. Contact us at (250)378-4282

## Block Watch

The Block Watch Program was started in BC in 1986, and has been active in Merritt since 2007. This program builds safer neighborhoods by encouraging residents to take a proactive approach to crime prevention and safety through education. It also encourages property marking and reporting suspicious activity. Presently there are 12 Block Watch groups in Merritt and we welcome anyone who is interested in being a part of this program to contact the Community Policing Office.

We believe that the Block Watch Program:

- Fights the isolation and separation that crime creates and feeds upon,
- Forges bonds among area residents and businesses,
- Helps reduce burglaries and other crime,
- and improves relations between the police and the community they serve

In 2019, a new volunteer coordinator joined our team to help grow this program in Merritt. Gayle works at the CPO on Thursdays between 10am – 2pm and is available for any questions that you have about starting a Block Watch or helping your Block Watch be more effective. Gayle is also available via email: [blockwatch@merritt.ca](mailto:blockwatch@merritt.ca)

## January is Crime Stoppers Month

This year's theme is "Helping all communities stay safe" and we have many ways we can do this. Currently we are experiencing an increase in theft from vehicles and we wanted to share some ways that you can help decrease this behaviour and contribute to the safety within our community

#1 – We ask all citizens to ensure that the inside of their vehicle is clean, showing that there are no items of value being stored within it. If there are many extra items in view you may not notice an item that was accidentally left, but others may.

#2 – We ask that you remove all valuable items from your vehicle when you leave it. Commonly stolen items include wallets, purses, cellphones, tools, equipment, keys and garage door openers.

#3 – We ask that all citizens lock their vehicles. Many current reports include that the vehicle was not locked. This is a concern because it provides an easy target for someone checking door handles during the night. If your vehicle is not locked that provides an opportunity to enter it and have a look around.



## The RCMP Is Hiring !! Make a Difference. Start today!

Are you interested in a career with the RCMP? Do you know someone who would be make a good police officer?

The RCMP is actively recruiting individuals who:

- are a Canadian Citizen
- are at least 19 years of age
- have a Canadian Secondary School Diploma's or equivalents
- have a valid driver's licence
- meet physical and mental requirements
- are willing to serve anywhere in Canada

To ensure that the RCMP's workforce is representative of the communities it serves, a national recruiting strategy was developed. It includes a component focused on encouraging Aboriginal people to become police officers. This strategy also encourages Aboriginal candidates to consider civilian career opportunities in the RCMP.

Contact the Merritt Detachment for additional information.

## Ideas or Suggestions

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## VIRTUAL TRAINING

### FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2021

**S-100A Basic Fire Suppression Recertification**  
**S-185A Fire Entrapment Recertification**

Entry-level training mandated by the BC Wildfire Service for Type 2/3 Wildland Fire Fighters includes S-100 and S-185, the certification must be renewed each year. The level of training in addition to the mandated entry-level requirements varies by private contractors.

\*Sponsorship through CNA for Members only

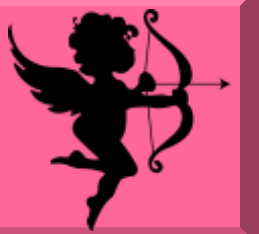
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Valentines Day Scavenger Hunt Begins	2	3 Happy Birthday Chay Nali	4 Happy Birthday Ashton Oppenheim	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Debbie & Lennard Joe Happy Birthday Martin Kellosalmi	13
14  Valentine's Day	15  Offi ce Cl osed	16 Offi ce Re-Opens	7	18 Happy Birthday Christopher Charlie	19	20
21	22 Happy Birthday Christopher Charlie	23 Happy Birthday Suzy Adams	24 	25	26 Happy Birthday Warren Baldwin	27
28 Happy Birthday Gregory Joe				