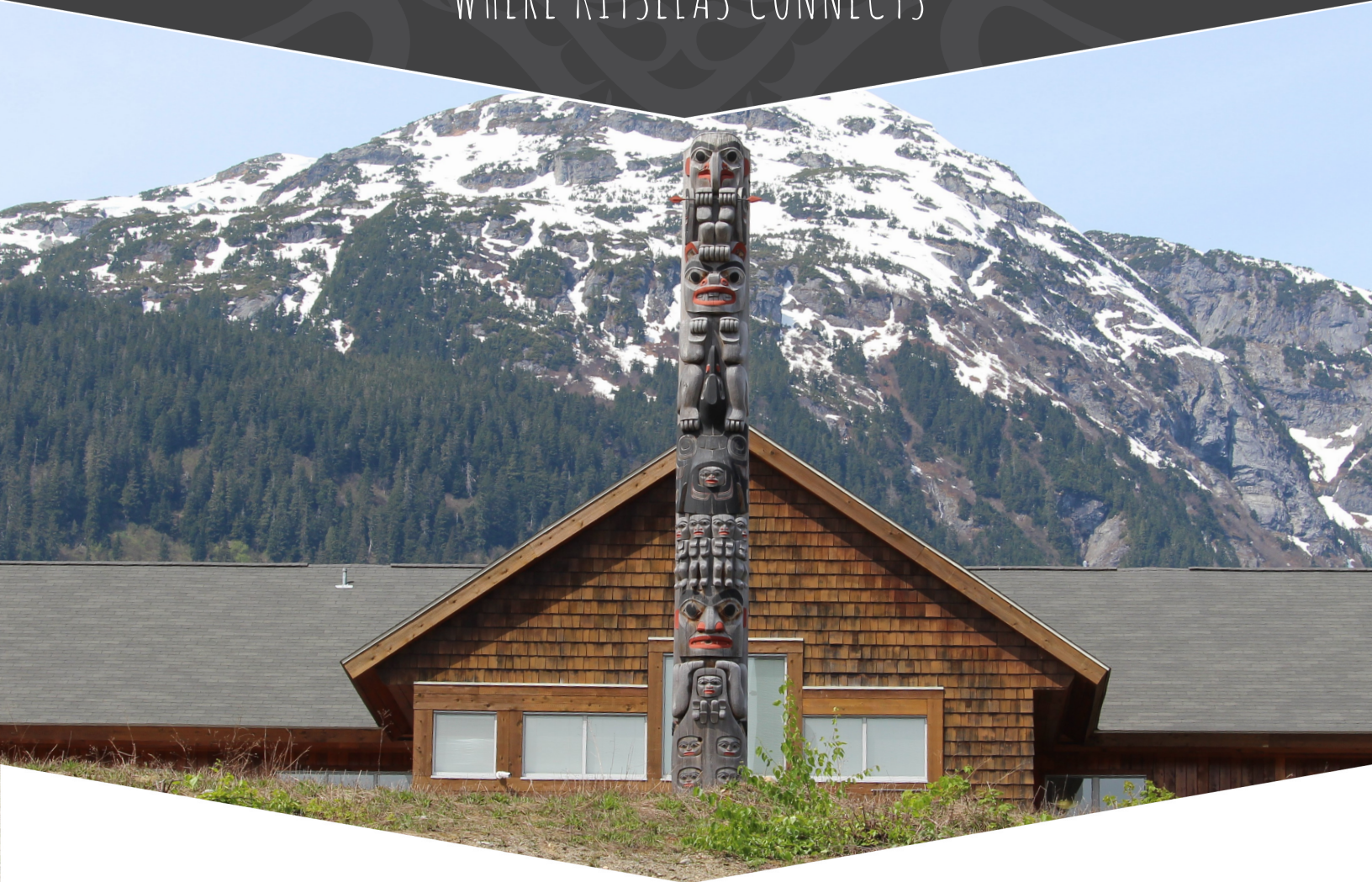


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WHERE KITSELAS CONNECTS

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A Bi-Weekly newsletter from the



Kitselas Band Council & Administration

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## The Seeds For Secure Food Systems Are Being Planted by Kitselas Citizens

Kitselas Employment and Training, Kitselas Five Tier LP., Kitselas Health Department, Kitselas Lands and Resources and Tea Creek Farms partner on community gardens and food systems development

For all of our community members and participants interested in learning about food systems and how to grow your own food — we have exciting news for you!

You are invited to take part in the planning and development of our community gardens, to have a small garden at your own home, and to join us for hands-on training both at the K5T clubhouse and Tea Creek Farms.

These are the initial steps of a long term vision that will see the Kitselas First Nations launch into social enterprise initiatives that focus on food security, health, and the wellbeing of our Nation and region through taking control of food systems into our own hands.

“Growing People, Growing Community, Growing Food” is the powerful slogan that describes Tea Creek Farm’s approach to food systems that are Indigenous designed, led, and operated by Jacob Beaton and his family for Indigenous communities. For over a year, Tea Creek Farms has been working with Kitselas Employment and Training and Kitselas Five Tier LP to offer invaluable experience in food systems to Kitselas Five Tier participants and community members as well as growing and delivering fresh vegetables to our community.



Throughout COVID-19, Tea Creek Farms has supported communities in our area by ensuring access to fresh vegetables. Looking towards the future, we know that there is an incredible opportunity to grow and distribute food to our Nation, the region, and to work camps in the area.

There are potential partners who have expressed their interest in supporting Kitselas operated farms and food production.



Now, Kitselas Employment and Training, Kitselas Five Tier LP., and the Kitselas Health Department are all partnering to bring this hands-on experience and educational opportunity home, to our community.

This spring and summer we will be developing a garden at our clubhouse at 4404 Queensway Dr., Terrace, B.C. as well as working in partnership at the Gitau community garden. In addition, anyone interested in having a garden box built at their own home is encouraged to email us for help.

The programming focuses on Indigenous-led food systems as well as commercial production and home gardens. Reach out to us today to take part in these wonderful initiatives — we would love to see you at our community gardens, at Tea Creek Farms, or developing your own food box at home!

Email us [at food@kitselastraining.com](mailto:food@kitselastraining.com) to find out more about these programs and get involved!

The unique part about Tea Creek is that the programming is designed by Indigenous thought leaders for Indigenous communities. “Tea Creek catalyzes new agricultural projects and livelihoods—restoring the ability of Indigenous nations to grow fresh, healthy food and medicine for ourselves and our communities.” - Jacob Beaton

This is all part of the initial steps of a long term vision that will see the Kitselas First Nations launch into social enterprise initiatives that focus on food security, health, and wellbeing for our Nation and region by taking the control of food systems back into our own hands.



## Updates

### Covid19 Support Payments

You may have noticed two separate covid19 support payments in the last few weeks. The first payment is to cover the months of January and February. The second payment was to cover March, for fiscal year end.

### Chief's Remuneration

We wanted to provide an update that we have re-instated, added to the position with Treaty as their Political and Policy oversight.

### Electoral Officer selection

We have accepted One Feather as this year's Electoral Officer for the 2021 Kitselas Band Council Election.



## COVID-19 Measures

## Answers to your questions on paying back the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

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### Why you would send the CERB back?

You must repay the CERB if you no longer meet the eligibility requirements for any 4-week period you received it. Your situation may have changed since you first applied, or you may have made an honest mistake when applying. This could happen if:

- You applied for the CERB but later realize you're not eligible.
  - You applied for and got a CERB payment from both the CRA and EI/Service Canada for the same eligibility period.
  - You receive social assistance benefits and realize the CERB will affect your other benefits.
  - You applied for the CERB twice in one period.
  - You earned more employment or self-employment income than expected in the period(s) you applied for.
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### Still not sure if you need to repay the CERB?

Go to **return or repay a payment** ([canada.ca/repay-cerb](https://canada.ca/repay-cerb)) or call 1-833-966-2099.

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### Before you repay the CERB

Make sure you know which department you got your CERB from.

- If you got the CERB from the CRA, you must repay it to the CRA.
  - If you got the CERB from Service Canada (EI), you must repay it to Service Canada.
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### Not sure whether you got your CERB payment from the CRA or Service Canada?

Go to **return or repay a payment** ([canada.ca/repay-cerb](https://canada.ca/repay-cerb)) or call 1-833-966-2099.



## How to repay the CERB to the CRA

To repay the CERB to the CRA, choose one of the following options:

- **Online:** using **CRA My Account**
- **Online banking:** with your financial institution
- **By mail:** mail a cheque (new or the original if you have it) or money order to the CRA. **Do not send cash through the mail.**

If you are sending a new cheque or money order:

- Make payment out to "Receiver General for Canada"
- Indicate it is for "Repayment of CERB"
- Include your Social Insurance Number (SIN)



### Mailing Address

Revenue Processing –  
Repayment of CERB  
Sudbury Tax Centre  
1050 Notre Dame Ave.  
Sudbury ON P3A 0C3



## How to repay the CERB to Service Canada

To repay the CERB to Service Canada, choose one of the following options:

- **Online banking:** with your financial institution
- **In person:** at your financial institution
- **By mail:** mail a cheque or money order to Service Canada  
**Do not send cash through the mail**

If you are sending a new cheque or money order:

- Make your payment out to: "Receiver General for Canada."
- Write your SIN on the front of your cheque or money order.
- Indicate it is for "Repayment of CERB."



### Mailing Address

ESDC Remittances  
PO Box 1122  
Matane QC  
G4W 4S7

**For more information go to**  
**return or repay a payment** ([canada.ca/repay-cerb](https://canada.ca/repay-cerb))



## Impact on your taxes

The CERB is taxable and you will need to report any payments you received on your 2020 income tax return. This means you may need to pay taxes on the CERB you received since no tax was deducted when you received the CERB. Most individuals should have already received a T4A tax slip with the amount of CERB they received for the 2020 tax year. CERB payments, including any **CERB payments not repaid before December 31, 2020**, must be declared on a taxpayer's tax return.

If you received a T4A slip that does not accurately reflect the payments you received, contact the CRA by phone. For more information, visit **T4A: Report COVID-19 amounts**.

### Stay connected

To get updates on the CERB and other benefits, follow:

/CanRevAgency

@CanRevAgency

/ESDC.GC

@ECDC\_GC





Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 PRESENTS ...



### *Indigenous Languages Revitalization "Virtual Family Bingo Game Nights"*

Coast Mountains School District is located on the traditional territories of the Gitksan, Haisla, Nisga'a and Tsimshian Nations.

We invite you to join our Indigenous Languages Revitalization Coordinator, Colleen Austin and other Knowledge-Keepers to experience the languages of these Indigenous Nations during Family Bingo Game Nights as shared below.

It is a fun learning opportunity to enjoy with your family and win a prize! A total of four

Bingo games will be played during each Game Night. ***These events are free and everyone is welcome to join for one Game Night or for all Game Nights!***

### VIRTUAL SESSION DATES & TIMES

#### **Tsimshian Language**

Family Bingo Game Night – Tuesday, March 30 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

#### **Haisla Language**

Family Bingo Game Night – Thursday, April 29 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

#### **Gitksan Language**

Family Bingo Game Night – Thursday, May 27 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

#### **Nisga'a Language**

Family Bingo Game Night – Thursday, June 17 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register for a Family Bingo Game Night(s), please email [carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca).

Upon registration, Zoom details and distribution of Bingo cards will be provided.

### QUESTIONS

Should you have questions or you require more information, please contact Colleen Austin by email at [colleen.austin@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:colleen.austin@cmsd.bc.ca) or Carole Gagnon at Local 4401.

Contact North BC has an immediate opening for an individual with customer service, data entry experience and/or sales support experience to fill the following part-time position:

**Community Learning Opportunity Guide – Kitselas  
Competition # CNBC-20-06-KITS**

**What we do:**

Contact North BC helps underserved British Columbians in small, rural, remote, First Nation, Metis and Inuit communities by making it possible for them to access education and training without leaving their communities.

**What you do as a member of our team:**

Reporting to the Regional Learning Opportunities Coordinator, the Community Learning Opportunity Guide position is based out of our Kitselas online learning centre. The successful candidate will:

Actively support the Regional Learning Opportunities Coordinator (RLOC) to recruit and support students by responding to e-mail and telephone inquiries at the online learning centre, booking appointments for the RLOC and supporting the RLOC in other recruitment activities as needed.

Directly recruit students in the community following the standard recruitment process and build local community partnerships to act as referral sources as requested by the RLOC and within parameters set by the RLOC.

Prepare and maintain the online learning centre to support students using the centre.

Provide basic technical support to students or escalate complex issues to our Information Technology department.

Enter and update complete and accurate data in the customer relationship management (CRM) system ensuring all required fields are populated on a daily and ongoing basis.

Each Friday afternoon, record data on Requests for Services responded to at the online learning centre.

Provide support and technical services to students studying from home.

**What you need to be successful:**

Secondary School Diploma or equivalent combination of relevant education and experience.

Customer service experience.

Sales experience or support would be considered an asset.

Strong problem solving abilities.

Experience with and capability to learn to use a variety of learning technologies such as audio, video and web conferencing.

Able to take full responsibility for key assigned key areas of student services process while working with minimal supervision and recommending solutions when escalating or referring issues to the management team.

Highly developed verbal and written communication skills.

Detail oriented.

Previous data entry experience is considered an asset.

Experience with or knowledge of online learning is considered an asset.

Sound functional knowledge of MS Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook).

Ability to speak First Nations language(s) is considered an asset.

Proven ability to exercise sound judgement and diplomacy through contact with students, faculty/instructors, local host and other community stakeholders.

**Contact North BC provides:**

A dynamic and friendly work environment where employees have an opportunity to do meaningful work and grow.

The opportunity to contribute to our mandate to help British Columbians get the education and training they need for future opportunities.

Part-time, flexible hours are mainly daytime; however, flexibility to accommodate sporadic evenings and weekends is required.

An attractive compensation package:

\$18.50 per hour wage plus vacation and statutory holiday pay (\$20.00 total per hour)

**How to apply:**

**This position is open until filled**

Submit to [resumes@contactnorth.ca](mailto:resumes@contactnorth.ca) with a cover letter and résumé.

Include at least two employment references.

Quote Job Competition number **#CNBC-20-06-KITS** in the subject line of the e-mail.

Start Date as soon as possible.

Contact North BC is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.



# KITSELAS POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM

*Community Services*

## Director of Community Services & Education

Kitselas Post-Secondary Program is appealing to Kitselas Band members that want to gain skills that lead to employment, or to further their education or career goals, to apply to the Post-Secondary program for funding as soon as possible. Please contact Debbie for further details.

There are many trades programs at Coast Mountain College that qualify for band funding.

Please address questions regarding this notice to Debbie Moore.

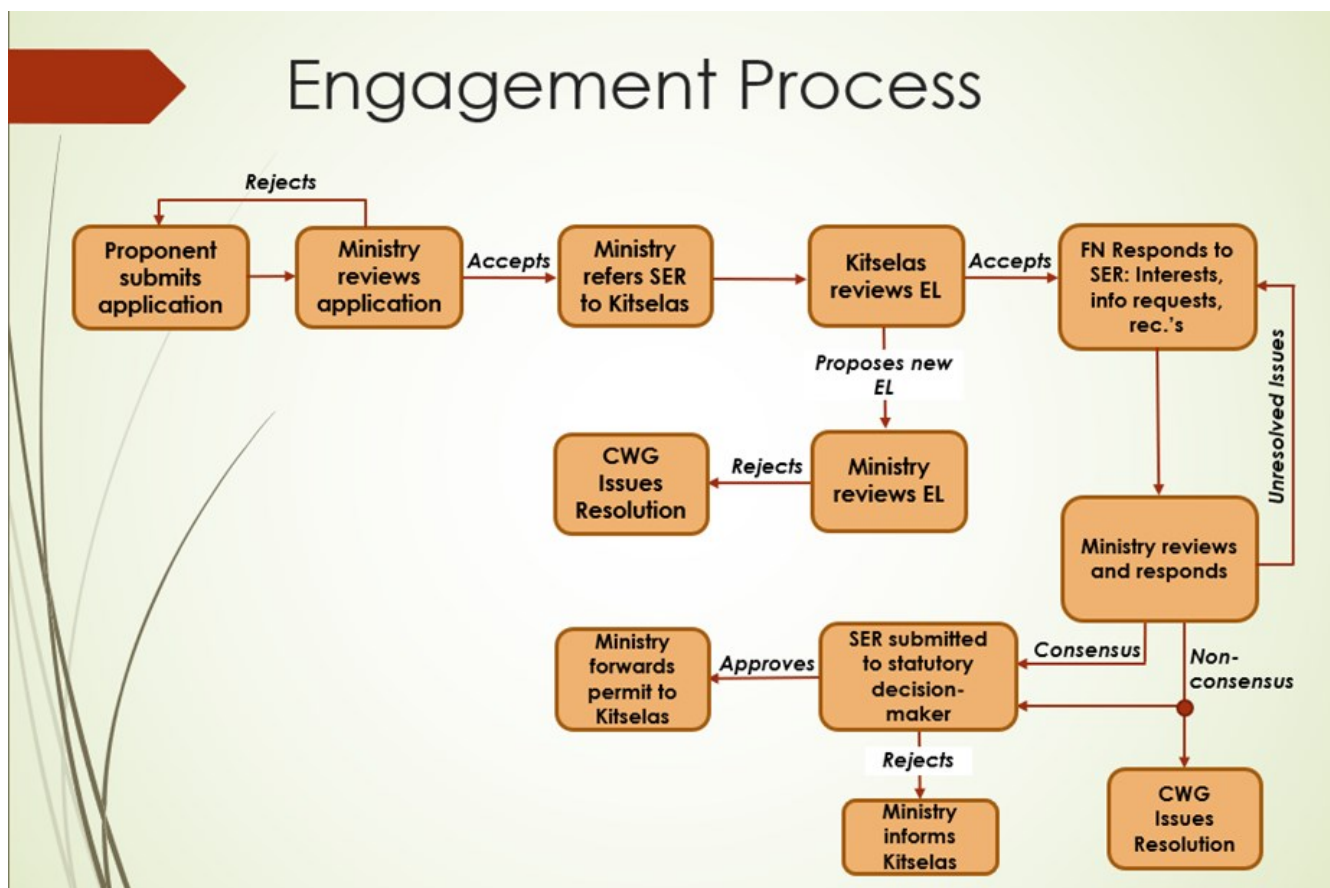
Contact:

DEBBIE MOORE  
(250) 615-8146,  
OR EMAIL  
COMMUNITY.SERVICES@KITSELAS.  
COM

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICES & EDUCATION,  
POST-SEC, WAB ADMINISTRATOR

## Kitselas Renews Consultation Agreement with the Province

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Chief and Council signed the 2021 Amending Agreement, renewing the Consultation Agreement between the Province and Kitselas for another three years. The Consultation Agreement outlines the process by which both Parties will work together to review and make decisions on proposed developments in Kitselas Territory that require provincial authorizations, and provides funding for Kitselas to that end. The process identifies the key pieces of information that Kitselas needs in order to assess a project, the timelines for engaging on different types of authorizations, and how the Parties will resolve any issues that may arise (see figure, below). Furthermore, the Agreement affirms the commitment between Kitselas and the Province to fostering excellent working relationships and serves as a tool for the Parties to explore approaches to reconciliation consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).





A red rectangular graphic with a stylized, light red Indigenous face in the background. The text "Kitselas Treaty Member Communications Survey" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font in the lower-left corner.

**Kitselas  
Treaty Member  
Communications  
Survey**

Help us share  
information with you  
about the Treaty process!

Can you please take **5 minutes to answer  
5 questions** to help guide Treaty community  
engagement and communications?

The survey is anonymous, but if you are  
interested in **winning one of two \$50 gift cards**,  
please provide your email at the end of the survey.

**Take the survey at:**  
<https://forms.gle/cvQCcxEj5ae2SJk99>

The survey closes on March 26, 2021

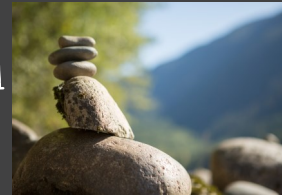
## Up Coming

Community meeting  
March 31, 2021, at 7 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

Information to be shared:  
Why Treaty?  
Lands and Resources

To request the Zoom meeting link, please email  
[treaty.engagement@kitselas.com](mailto:treaty.engagement@kitselas.com).

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## KITSELAS CONNECTS

Is put together by the Kitselas Communications Department.

Please email [communications@kitselas.com](mailto:communications@kitselas.com) with any info - events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc. - that you would like to share with the community.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday.

Call 250-635-5084 Ext. 4071 with any questions

### KITSELAS ADMINISTRATION

2225 Gitaus Road, Terrace, BC V8G 0A9  
Phone: 250-635-5084 Fax: 250-635-5335

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am-4pm  
Closed for lunch 12-12:30pm

**[WWW.KITSELAS.COM](http://WWW.KITSELAS.COM)**