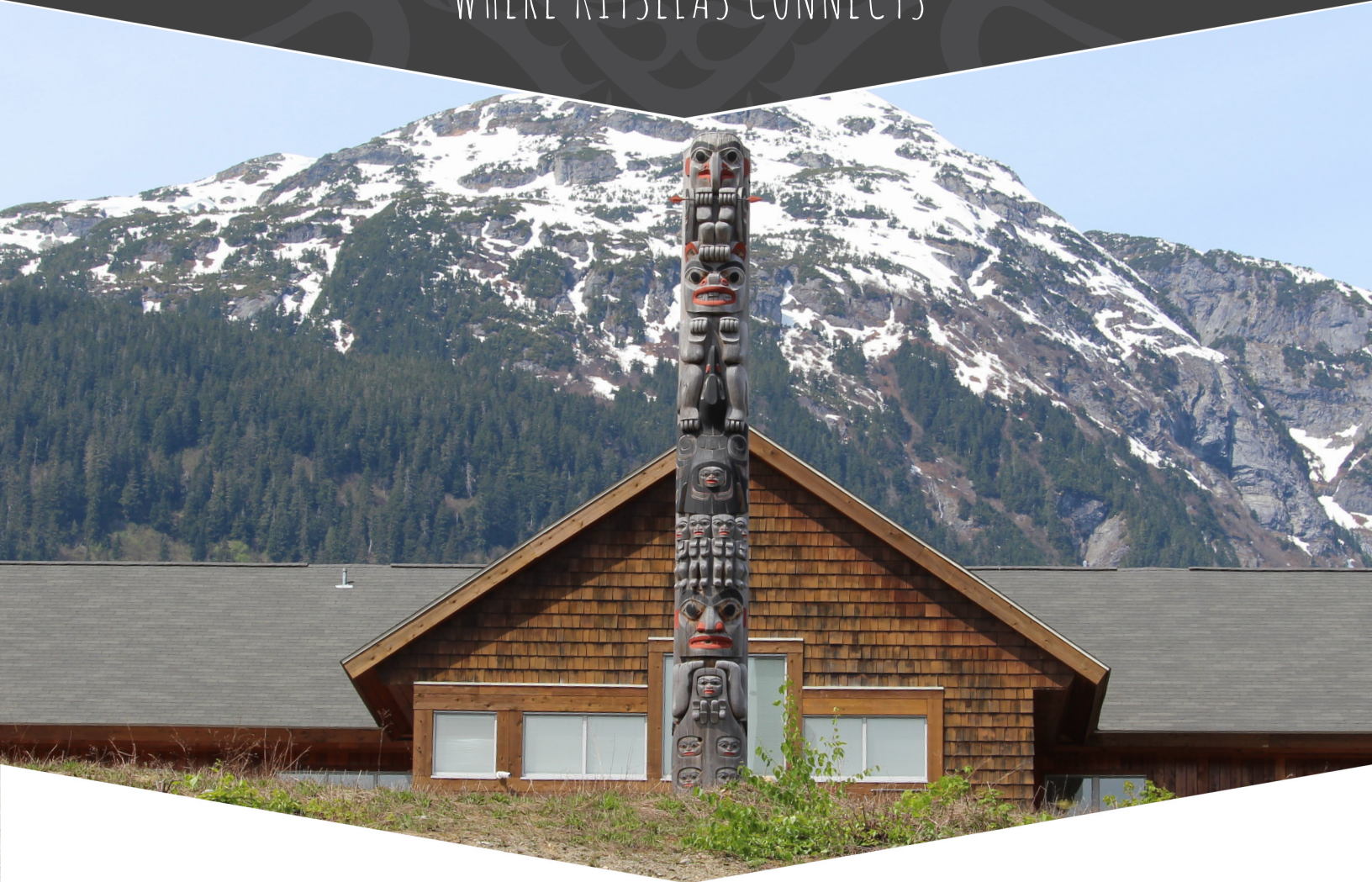


# TSUNYOW

WHERE KITSELAS CONNECTS

JUNE 18, 2021



A Bi-Weekly newsletter from the



Kitselas Band Council & Administration

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**Next Council Meeting: 22-June-2021 the previous council members to meet with new council .  
Kitselas Hall @5:00p.m**



# **Kitselas Indigenous Day & Council Swearing in Ceremony**

**Saturday 19-June-2021**

**12pm—2pm**

**Kitselas Canyon—Long Houses**



BBQ food will be provided

- Bbq Salmon
- Herring Eggs
- Smoked Fish
- Rice
- Fried Bread
- Water

**Bouncy Castles  
will be provided  
for kids.**



**\*WEATHER PENDING\***



# **"SACRED FIRE"**

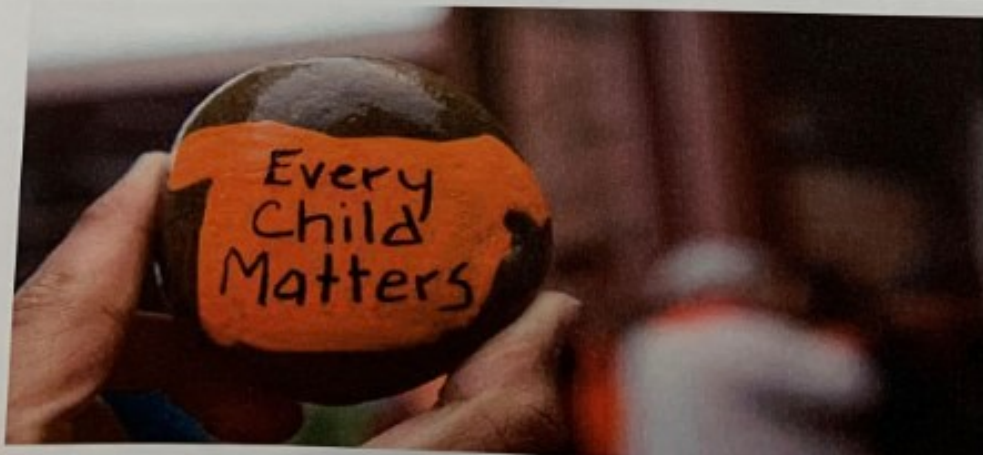
## **IN HONOUR OF INDIGENOUS DAY**

**WHERE: KITSELAS HALL**

**TIME: 1:30PM**

**WHEN: MON, JUNE 21, 2021**

**PRAYERS TO START AT PRECISELY  
2:15PM.**



## **TREATY INFORMATION SESSION**

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# Treaty Topic : Lands

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

**7 PM (PT)**

**Zoom**



**KITSELAS**  
TREATY ENGAGEMENT

### **Treaty Information Session - Community Meeting - June 23**

Join the Treaty Team virtually on Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. as we wrap up the Lands Treaty topic by discussing water and forest resources.

Link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93972328491?pwd=d3R1bFIOekVsWWtJcHVBOExLUVdvZz09>



## UPDATE YOUR INFO TO WIN!

Update your contact info with the Treaty Office by July 22 for your chance to win 1 of 3 Safeway gift cards!



**KITSELAS**  
TREATY INFORMATION SOURCE

### Update Your Contact Info to Win! DEADLINE EXTENDED

Update your contact information with the Treaty Office for your chance to win one of three Safeway gift cards (1 x \$100, 2 x \$50)!

The Treaty Office is calling all members for who we have a phone number. If you have not heard from the office, you can update your information in one of two ways:

- 1) Call the Treaty Office at 250-635- 5084 ext. 4057 and provide an update over the phone.
- 2) Sign up to access the Kitselas Treaty website Members' Area at [kitselastreaty.ca](https://kitselastreaty.ca).

The draw will occur on **Friday, July 23**. The entry deadline is July 22.



Headstone Moving

for the late  
**Rhoda Seymour**  
*Sigidunna'ax Miilkuu Maxmeex*  
Saturday, June 26, 2021  
2pm  
Spirit Stones to 1532 Kulspai Cres.

*The family would like you to join in  
bringing Rhoda's headstone home.  
Luncheon to follow*

All safety protocols will be followed

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES

June 15, 2021

**Director Report to Community**

The 2021 Kitselas Chief & Council election is the 15<sup>th</sup> election since my employment with Kitselas commenced February 17, 2021!

Congratulations to Chief Glenn Bennett and Councilors Victor Wright, Ken McDames Jr., Jericho Bevan, Geneva Mason, CJ Bennett-Nabess & Gerald Nyce, from the Community Services Department! Kitselas is growing and moving forward at a fast pace. We wish you all the very best in your new roles.

Congratulations to Ulyses on the ground breaking ceremony that he organized today June 15<sup>th</sup>! Your dedication to accessing housing programs to support Kitselas needs is very much appreciated by everyone! We look forward to witnessing future ground breaking events.

Congratulations to all 2021 grade 12 and Wabsuwilaks'm Adult School graduates, all K-12 students & Post-Secondary Students that completed their grades and programs this year! Great Job Everyone!

Participated in Emergency Operations Centre training that turned into an actual EOC established at the hall because of the flooding on Kitselas Road!

Kitselas Health & Community Services Departments participate in team meetings. The June 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering held downstairs at the administration building to remember the 215 children is a result of one such meeting.

Each department has a staff member on the Events Committee that is planning the 2021 Aboriginal Day Event.

MARCIA, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Kitselas signed a BCR for NIFCS to apply for Community Well-being jurisdiction Initiative (Purpose of proposal is to enhance and develop an engagement strategy that supports Kitselas and ensures that the governance model and laws meet the needs of our community. There will be 2 part-time coordinators (Kitselas members) who will oversee the engagement portion, and a communications specialist to ensure information is shared in an efficient and effective manner. The anticipated result is improved capacity building, greater engagement that will inform results and ensure that Kitselas has support, legitimacy, and input from our Nation to exercise jurisdiction in the best interest of all children, youth, and families.

NIFCS has a Family Support Worker job posting included in this update.

Lighthouse completion is about 7-8 weeks away. The NIFCS Social Worker, Family Support Worker, Youth Engagement Worker will be working in the Lighthouse.

**JERICHO, WAB TEACHER/K-12 COORDINATOR:**

*Congratulations goes out to high school graduates, Madison Seymour and Jocelyn Johnson! Way to go! We wish you both the best in your post secondary journey!*

**This year WAB has 5 confirmed graduates!**

Congratulations are extended to, Angie Seymour, Danielle Seymour, Maude Louie, Samantha Bolton & Jared Bolton! Your commitment to complete the Adult Dogwood program is the same commitment that you will need to further your educational journey! Way to go everyone!

**Summer Reading Program will be run this year as follows:**

July 5-16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm for ages 6-10 years

July 19-30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm for ages 11-13 years

Summer Reading program will be run out of WAB.

Junior Student Incentives will be mailed out Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Student School Supply Allowance forms will be available in August 2021.

**CRYSTAL, LANGUAGE TEACHER:**

Has been translating English words to Sm'algayax for the Community Garden at Gitau

Is creating fun and active language resources to be used in the upcoming summer programs.

Crystal' mandate is to develop language classes for the adult school and community. She is always open to hearing from you on what it is that you would like the language classes to be. Example: would you like to learn by immersion which is speaking only without paperwork, or do you learn better from reading and practicing?

Please don't hesitate to contact Crystal with your questions or suggestions.

Community Gardens – Patsy Drummond, Project Coordinator

We have planted about 80% of the available space at the Gitaus community garden. Vegetables planted: beans, carrots, beets, potatoes, onions, tomatoes, peppers, zucchinis, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, and peas. Please consider any empty dirt field area as a planted area...and do not walk on it! Thanks!

Still lots of time to plant. I've purchased a couple of "planting template squares" that you can use to practice square foot gardening. Instead of planting in lines you plant in a grid fashion. If you'd like to borrow the template, please contact me. It comes with instructions; you can see it below in the picture and how Tylee used it to plant carrots, beets and beans. We have also added more chives and spearmint to the herb gardens...did you know we have two herb gardens in the community garden? Please come with scissors or carefully break off only what you need. We have fresh chives, oregano, thyme (who doesn't need more of that!? Lol), peppermint, spearmint, apple mint (its fuzzy), lemon balm, and tarragon. I'll be planting a bunch of Dill this week.



The rhubarb is ready to be harvested; it is available to anyone who would like some. When you pick it, start with the outermost leaves, grab the stem at the base and twist it off the main plant. If this proves too difficult, just cut the stem as close to the base as possible. Be mindful that the youth group's potatoes are planted right next to the rhubarb.

The new flower bed has been planted with a number of perennials and annual flowers. Looking forward to it filling out, it'll be super colourful in a few weeks!

As always, we've been weeding and weeding and weed whacking, too. Thank-you to Ansgar Lenser and Tylee Bevan for all their continued dedication and work at the garden. Thank-you also to the Day Labour crew: Willie Seymour, Frank Daniels and Charlie for building the flower bed and helping with soil delivery. Best wishes to Tylee as she takes a break from gardening to welcome her baby this week!

Connect: [greenhouse@kitselas.com](mailto:greenhouse@kitselas.com) 250-922-5423 FB page: Kitselas Growing Food and Wellness







## Ground breaking for the construction of 6 housing units (three duplexes)

On Tuesday June 15th, 2021, the project manager from Kayon Project & Services had a ground breaking ceremony along side with our newly elected council & new CAO; to announce some exciting development happening! Our Kitselas Housing Department to develop 6 Units (3 duplex); 2 levels, 1240 square feet, that are 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Kitchen & Dining area, each having their own laundry facilities. Timeline is May 2022 to be completed. As a tradition, gifts of fried bread, fruits, and juice boxes were given out.

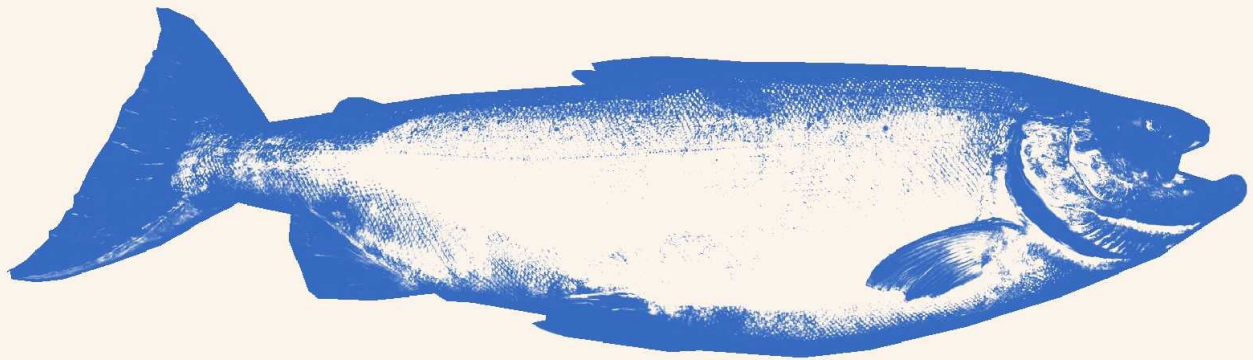








## *Salmon are starting to return to the Skeena River*



### FORECAST

THE 2021 PRE-SEASON FORECAST FOR SOCKEYE SALMON SUGGESTS A 90% CHANCE THAT 679,000 FISH WILL RETURN TO THE SKEENA RIVER. THIS IS 70% ABOVE THE CONSERVATION TARGET OF 400,000.

NO FOOD FISHING CLOSURES ARE BEING CONSIDERED RIGHT NOW. IF THIS CHANGES, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE POSTED IN TSUNYOW: WHERE KITSELAS CONNECTS, AND ON THE ADMINISTRATION FACEBOOK PAGE.

### *While Out Food Fishing*

The Kitselas Lands and Resources Department (KL RD) is responsible for food fish monitoring to ensure ongoing and sustainable use of the Traditional Territory's lands and waters. Help support our work by remembering to:

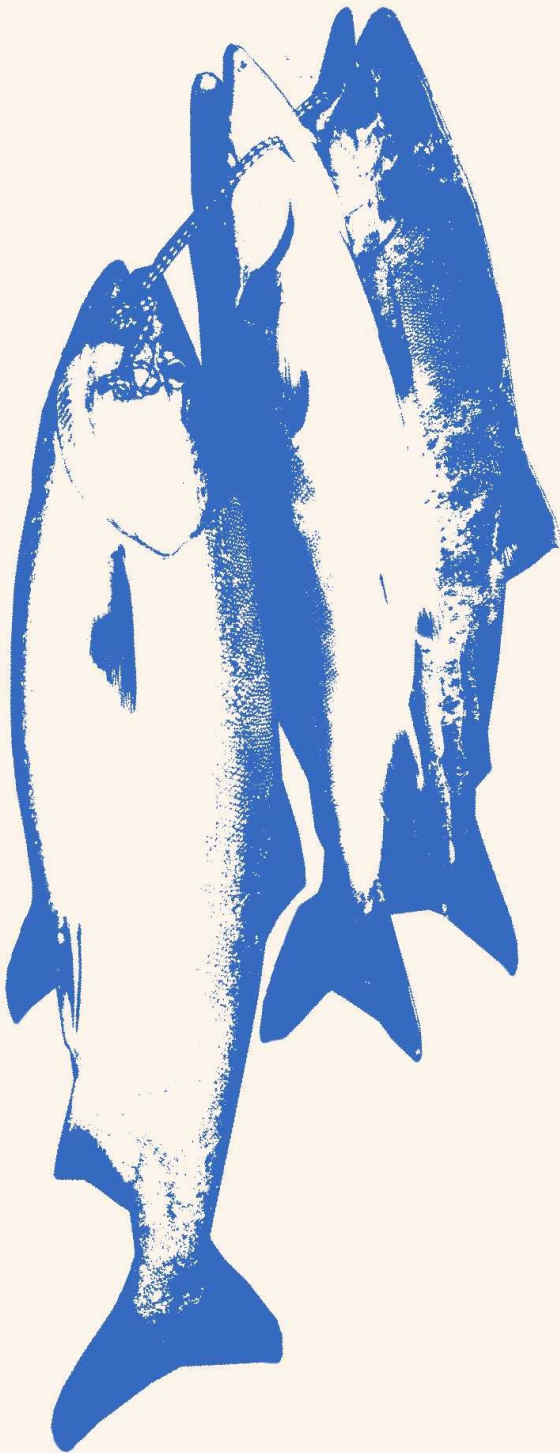
— Have your band membership card or your food fish permit with you at all times while fishing. Due to COVID-19 office closures, new food fish permits will not be issued this year. If you lost your food fish permit, use your band membership card.

— Be mindful to not fish in one spot for more than 48 consecutive hours from Sunday to Saturday, so that others have access to fishing sites.

— Report your catch numbers! If you do not see a food fish monitor, call 778-634-3517 or text 250-641-7616 with your catch numbers.

— Have your name and phone number marked on your net for fish monitors to see.

— Do not sell food fish.



## IMPORTANT

In 2019, when returns were very low, some fishers left nets in for long periods of time without checking them. Fish in these nets were dead and rotten when pulled. This year, food fish monitors will be pulling nets that do not have a name and phone number on them and are left unattended. If you do not put your name and number on your net you must remain with your net the entire time it is in the water. If a net is pulled it will be left on the rocks/beach and the fish will be donated to elders in the community.

## Did You Know?

This year, Wai Wah Environmental field staff will be doing the food fish monitoring. You can expect them to ask the same questions KLRD staff members asked in the past.

Wai Wah Environmental is a fully Kistelas-owned environmental services company. Wai Wah was formed, in partnership with Kitselas Nation, with a keen sense of stewardship and a desire to develop Kitselas Traditional Territory in harmony with the values and vision of the Kitselas people who live here. Wai Wah and KLRD have a close relationship in the delivery of KLRD's stewardship programs.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?  
WAIWAHBC@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?  
SENIORRSO@KITSELAS.COM





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June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### 2019 Kitselas Land Use Plan

*Thank you to everyone that participated in creating the  
2019 Kitselas Land Use Plan!*

The 2019 Land Use Plan (LUP) was driven and created from input by community members and serves as a living document for Kitselas reserve lands. The LUP sets out community visions, goals, and priorities for the use of reserve lands and is an important policy document for implementing the *Kitselas Reserve Lands Management Act*.

The LUP intends to:

- Capture existing knowledge and help us make more informed, consistent decisions about how we use and protect our land in the future;
- Help us avoid incompatible land uses (e.g., an industrial facility beside a playground);
- Offer realistic and sustainable priorities and recommendations for land use on reserve; and,
- Serve as a living document and help us express our values, goals, and priorities related to land use and economic development within our Nation, and with other government agencies, developers, and external funders.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, a community celebration could not occur. In lieu of a celebration, summer students will be delivering the LUPs this week to residences in Gitaus and Kulspai.

If you have any further questions regarding the LUP please do not hesitate to contact the Reserve Lands Officer at [RLO@Kitselas.com](mailto:RLO@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

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#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am-4pm  
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