

T'Sou-ke First Nation Newsletter

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September 2023

Photo of Wyatt in the foam pit from our Fun Day held September 7th, 2023

Fun was had by all! More pictures inside!

> Photo credit Tara Jensen



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You can keep up to date and get advice by logging onto my Facebook site, by emailing ladybuggarden@tsoukenation.com, or by calling 250-642-3949.



Do you want to receive your newsletter by email?

Please call the office to be added to the email list.

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Social Development / Employment & Training

For the Month Of	Declarations Due By	Cheque Issue Day
October 2023	October 20, 2023	October 25, 2023
November 2023	November 17, 2023	November 22, 2023
December 2023	December 15, 2023	December 20, 2023

Declarations must be given to Debbie by the due date to avoid any delay in processing cheques. There will be a delay in receiving your cheque if declarations are not received by Debbie on the due date, no exceptions.

A friendly reminder: Provide your income verification slips monthly if you are working. Monthly utility bills need to be provided to be paid in a timely manner.

Friendly reminder to all my clients:

Please print your name clearly on your declaration slip and sign it.



Meals on Wheels

October 2023 Meal Menu

Wednesday, October 4th

Chicken Corn Chowder, Whole Wheat Bun, Green Salad, Mousse & Milk or Juice.

Monday, October 9th

CLOSED THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, October 11th

Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Carrots, Berry Crisp, & Milk or Juice.

Monday, October 16th

Italian Sausage Soup, Baked Bannock, Yogurt with Berries, & Milk or Juice.

Wednesday, October 18th

Pasta with Shrimp Linguini Sauce, Caesar Salad, Berry Trifle, & Milk or Juice.

Monday, October 23rd

Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli/Rutabaga/Carrot, Bread & Butter Pickles,

Pineapple Surprise, & Milk or Juice.

Wednesday, October 25th

Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Peach Cobbler, & Milk or Juice.

Monday, October 30th

Chicken Corn Chowder, Whole Wheat Buns, Green Salad, Yogurt with Berries, & Milk or Juice.

Meals are subject to change depending on availability of products.

Please ensure that there is a cooler outside your door, clearly marked for your meals on wheels to go into if you are not home. This keeps your meals safe from animals. Thank you.

This is a needs-based program. If at any time an Elder or Member requires this service due to medical reasons and/or needs some extra help, this service is offered. To receive this service one of our Nurses will set up appointments for assessments.

REFLEXOGLY

Reflexology is available twice monthly at the health department.

Please connect with our office to book an appointment.

250-642-3957 ext. 237 or email rosedumont@tsoukenation.com

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture is available once monthly at the health department.

Please connect with our office to book an appointment.

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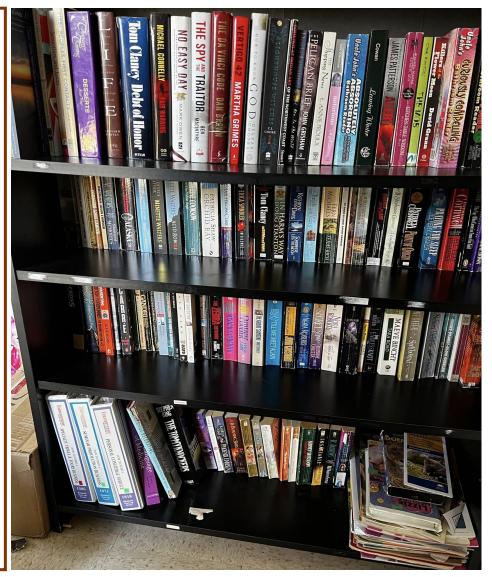
Our book bin was refilled.

Our books are yours to keep or you can return them.

Come on down and check them out!

The books are located in our main Health Centre.

Please let our health office staff know if the door is locked and one of us will let you in.



COMING SOON - IN PERSON LANGUAGE CLASSES

Please keep an eye out for our language classes at the health office.

More Information to follow with Dates and Times!

HEALTH OFFICE SCHEDULE

With the exception of nights when our Wednesday Community Dinners are being held. See the calendar at the end of this Newsletter for more information.

Yoga Classes	Rise & Shine Morning	Full Body Strength
Fridays	Class	Training
12:00 PM—1:00 PM Please join us for some relaxing yoga with Donna.	Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:00 AM— 7:00 AM If you are an early riser, please join us for this fun exercise class!	Monday & Wednesdays 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM Please join us for this full body strength training program!

Foot Care Services/Routine Foot Care

Monthly appointments are available for our Elders (age 60+) and those members and their families who are diabetic.

All services are provided by an RN and are not a substitute for Podiatry Medicine. All instruments are sterilized to BC Best Practice Standards.

Playgroup Dates

Our playgroup will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December, from 1:30-3:00 PM at the new Health Office.

For Babies up to 5 Yeas of Age.

Snack will be provided.

Dates are:

October 24th

November 28th

December 12th

Seaparc Passes

Seaparc passes are available at the health office!

Each family is eligible for 4 passes per month

Drop-in schedules are available on the Seaparc website.



MEDICAL CLINIC WITH DR. KLUGE FOR ELDERS/MEMBERS ONCE MONTHLY FROM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT OUR MAIN HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Kluge holds in person monthly clinics at our Main Health Centre usually every 3rd Thursday from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM for our Elders and members and their families.

To book an appointment please call our Health Centre at 250-642-3957 for Daphne (ext. 235) or Nurse Jen (ext. 238) or leave us a message.

Clinic times are also posted and updated on our Facebook Health Site.

Please note if you have to cancel your appointment, please ensure to let one of the health office staff know as soon as you can. This will allow time for others to get to our office who maybe on a waiting list to see the doctor.

We are in planning stage of expanding this service to twice monthly. We will keep you updated.

Flu Shots & Covid Vaccine

With flu season approaching, we wanted to update the T'Sou-ke Nation community that we will be offering both vaccinations as soon as they become available to our community. We are still waiting on information from FNHA and Island Health on possible dates.

Covid-19 Testing (Rapid Antigen Tests)

T'Sou-ke Health office still has rapid testing kits available at the health office for those interested. Please stop in to pick up a kit. If you are sick and would like a kit delivered, please contact the health office and we would be happy to drop a kit off to you.

If you currently have a testing kit at home, please check the expiry date as some of the kits that we have provided in the past are expired or nearing their expiration date.

Routine Immunizations

T'Sou-ke Nation is able to provide all routine immunizations by appointment only. This includes all infant, school age and influenza (pending availability).

Please contact Nurse Jenn at the health office to book an appointment.

T'Sou-ke Nation Health Department is excited to announce that we will have inhouse Counselling Services at our Main Health Centre starting

August 1st, 2023.

We have partnered with Sea To Tree Wellness to bring this new service to our Health Department.

Please see attached poster below for further information.

To access this service you can you call 778-352-3115 or email info@seatotree.ca – or just to

just show up

This new in house service at our Health Centre is for Members, their Spouses, and their children.

If you have any questions with regards to this, please feel free to contact Rose at 250-642-3957 ext. 237 or 250-217-2215 or via email at RoseDumont@tsoukenation.com

COUNSELLING AND WELLNESS SERVICES

Tuesdays 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



Counsellors from Sea to Tree Health & Wellness have been invited to provide counselling services in the Health Centre Tuesdays from 8:30am - 4:30 pm, starting August 1st! They work with children, youth, teens, adults, couples, parents and families. They hope to expand services to meet the community's needs and wants.

Community members already seeing a counsellor at Sea to Tree Health & Wellness (Sooke office, Colwood office or online), your services will not be interrupted. Tuesdays at the Health Centre are an additional way to access support.

If you are interested in meeting with Sea to Tree Health & Wellness counsellor at their Sooke or Colwood Centre, please email <u>info@seatotree.ca</u> or call 778-352-3115.

We are here for you in the mornings (8:30 - 12:30):



Andrea

Andrea is a parent of two teenagers and has recently completed a Master of Counselling Degree. She has worked with children, youth and families in schools, community settings, and individually for over 15 years. Andrea believes that people are resilient and hold the capacity to find the changes that they long for. She uses an integrative approach to connect with a variety of ages and stages.



Sherry-Lynn

Sherry-Lynn identifies as Metis from Territory 4 Fort Qu'Appelle Saskatchewan. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor, Art Therapist, & Children & Family Therapist. Sherry-Lynn approaches her therapeutic practice from an attachment and trauma informed lens. She applies culturall safe and appropriate practices as well as a wholistic approach. She works collaboratively in partnership with the community and incorporates the use of traditional practices as well as integrates guidance from the Elders and Knowledge Keepers within each community she serves. We are here for you in the afternoons (12:30 - 4:30):



Anna

Anna is a Registered Clinical Counsellor who has worked in the mental health field for a decade, with a background in addictions and mental health. Additional areas of practise include eating disorders, intergenerational trauma, relational issues, and child and youth work. Therapies used include Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Internal Family Systems, and Polyvagal oriented therapy.

Kelly (in August only)

Kelly (she/her) has been a visitor on the lands of the T'Sou-ke Nation for over 15 years. She self-identifies as a member of the Algonquins of the Pikwakanagan First Nation in Ontario. She is a practicum student completing her Master's in Counselling Psychology through Yorkville University. She has vast experience working with children, youth, and families within school and community settings. Kelly values holding a non-judgmental, safe space for clients to continue their unique journey of self-acceptance and healing. Using a compassionate, strengths-based approach to therapy, Kelly aims to foster meaningful connection that encourages growth and empowerment.

Alexi (from September)

Alexi (He/him) is a parent, husband, and Queer man with mixed Indigenous/settler ancestry who comes to Sea to Tree with over 10-years' experience working in the mental health field alongside youth, adults, families, Indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ and folx with diverse abilities. I work from the understanding that we come to know ourselves through our experiences of relationships to many things including: family, culture, community, and the more-than-living natural world around us.

HÍSWKE! We look forward to seeing you there.

Fisheries

Manager, Frank Sutherland—Ext.228 — fisheries@tsoukenation.com Guardian, Billy Mobley—guardian2@tsoukenation.com Guardian, Dave Planes—guardian1@tsoukenation.com



The T'Sou-ke Nation Fisheries Department is working on getting halibut. Our commercial boat is getting this for us, and we are scheduled to receive this in the next little while. We will communicate the dates once we know them.

We have a limited amount of frozen whole in-the-round sockeye in cold storage if any member would like some please email me at fisheries@tsoukenation.com to arrange.

We are also setting up our 28 foot cuddy to bring members out fishing for Sept/Oct 2023. Email me if interested and we will see how to gauge interest and scheduling.

As more information becomes available regarding food fish, we will continue to post updates as needed.

Thank-you,

Frank

T'Sou-ke Fisheries.

Youth & Culture

778-352-3957

Youth Worker, Brandy Daniels—youthcentre@tsoukenation.com

			Community Dinner			
Youth Seaparc Outing			October 25th			
Youth at Seaparc			5:00 - 7:00 PM			
Tuesdays 7:00-8:15pm.			Get in touch with Brandy if you			
			need a ride			
Tutoring Available	Di	nner	and a Movie	Annual Monster		
At the Youth Centre			Night	Mash		
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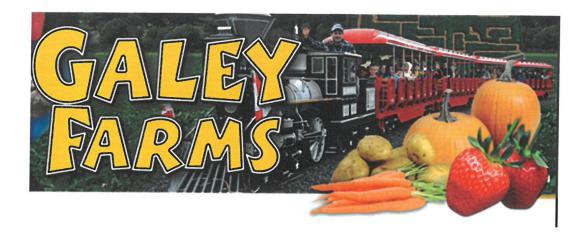
See insert in this newsletter regarding Home Alone and Babysitter Courses.

Library Book Read and Craft

Hosted by Natalie at the Sooke Vancouver Island Regional Library on the last Tuesday of every month.

Watch the Youth Facebook page for upcoming events like S.T.E.M, Tutoring and Pro D Day Activities!

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Please Note: Any members that would like to attend free boxing classes, please connect with Sooke Boxing, (250) 634-4941, for times or connect with Brandy if you'd like assistance with this. This calendar will be reposted as new items are added.	02	26	19	12	05	Thursday	
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Galey Farms Trip!! Friday, October 20th, 2023

Registration for this trip will **begin on Tuesday, October 3, 2023** and **closes on Friday, October 6, 2023 at noon**.

Registration forms will be available for pick up at the front office or by contacting Brandy Daniels at youthcentre@tsoukenation.com or phone 778-352-3957.

Registration will not be available prior to this date and time.

Participation for this trip will be for T'Sou-ke Nation Youth (registered or child of a registered member) & their parents and siblings/step siblings.

Please note that parents are not required to attend for youth

aged 7-18 to participate.

We will be capping this event at the bus's capacity of 54 seats.







T'Sou-ke Nation has secured funding to offer these courses again this year. Register early to avoid disappointment Home Alone Course Youth Aged 9-12 years old November 5th, 1:00-4:00 PM and the **Red Cross Babysitters Course** Youth 11 years old and over November 18th & 25th, 1:00-5:00 PM *Note: This is a 2 day course To register, please call SeaParc at 250-642-8000.

Make sure to let them know that T'Sou-ke Nation Youth Centre is covering the cost.

Lands, Forestry, Environment

Environment/Forestry, Lawrence Underwood—Ext. 226

forestryandenvironment@tsoukenation.com

Lands Referrals Clerk, Amanda Mobley—Ext. 227

landsandreferralsclerk@tsoukenation.com

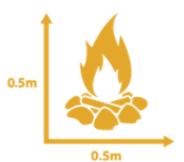
Lands Manager—Ext. 227—landsmanager@tsoukenation.com

As the campfire ban and restrictions are slowly being lifted, T'Sou-ke Nation Lands Department is reminding you about the difference between a campfire and open burning.

Category 1 campfire

A campfire is defined as:

- Any fire no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide (a fire larger than this is considered a Category 2 fire).
- Used by any person for recreational purposes or by a First Nation for a ceremonial purpose.



Responsible campfire use follows the <u>British Columbia Campfire Regulations (PDF,</u> <u>220KB</u>).

Avoid having a campfire when it's windy, choose a proper fire pit or make a ring of rocks at least three meters from trees, shrubs, structures, and debris, and do not leave a campfire unattended for ANY amount of time.

T'Sou-ke Nation open burning regulations follow.

Burning Regulations:

Back yard burning in small piles, not larger than 6 ft x 6 ft x 3 ft (for properties up to 2 acres) will be permitted during daylight hours from **October 1 to April 30** when the Ventilation Index as identified by Environment Canada is at a GOOD rating for Southern Vancouver Island.

To obtain the current Smoke Ventilation Index go to the Environment Canada website at <u>www.weatheroffice.pyr.ec.gc.ca/wxhealth/smoke/</u> or call them at 1-888-281-2992.

- NO OPEN BURNING is permitted when the Smoke Ventilation Index is at a POOR or FAIR rating or when the Fire Danger Rating is at HIGH or EXTREME.
- The use of burn barrels and incinerators is PROHIBITED at all times.

Burning of yard waste ONLY will be permitted during daylight hours from October 1st to April 30th when the Environment Canada Ventilation Index is at a GOOD rating for Southern Vancouver Island.

ITEMS BANNED FROM BURNING:

- Plastics
- household garbage
- tires
- · demolition waste, construction waste, drywall, treated lumber
- · animal products including manure
- · asphalt and asphalt products
- biomedical waste
- railway ties
- · paint and paint products
- fuel and lubricant containers
- rubber
- tar paper
- special waste or any other material that gives off noxious fumes.



6750 W Coast Rd, Sooke, BC V9Z 1H8

Email us: Talk to us: Visit: info@seatotree.ca (250) 888-7408 https://seatotree.ca

Weekly Talking Support Circle

Everyone welcome! Join us weekly for a health and wellness talking circle. Led by Facilitators from Sea to Tree Health and Wellness in partnership with T'Sou-ke nation.

When?

Tuesdays (beginning October 17) 5 pm to 6:30 pm



For those who...

- are thinking about making a change to usage of any substance (alcohol, drugs, gambling, food struggles, etc).
- are actively making a change to usage.
- are seeking a safe and supportive environment.
- have a family member who struggles with substances.
- are seeking community resources.

Pre-registration is easy! Please email, text or call your name and status number to <u>anna@seatotree.ca</u> or (250) 600-5880. Or come to the health centre on Tuesdays any time between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to pre-register in person. That's all we need!

We focus on building and maintaining motivation, coping with urges, managing thoughts, feelings and behaviours, and living a balanced life.





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Led by Facilitators from Sea to Tree Health & Wellness:



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IR#2 Sanitary Sewer Connection and Subdivision Development Project

As many of you may already know we have obtained funding from Indigenous Services Canada to connect residences on IR#2 to municipal sewer as well as the development of a subdivision. The project commenced in August 2023.

Summer/Fall 2023

You may have seen some activity on IR#2 already if you live in the area, this stage includes mobilization, laydown site clearing and fencing. Clearing and grubbing of the construction area for the subdivision will begin next week. This stage will also include location of existing individual property septic systems.

Fall/Winter 2023

Subdivision work such as rough grading, sanitary works, waterworks. Rough grading of the sewer forcemain from the lift station to DoS sewage treatment plant. Lift station civil works Gravity sewers in existing subdivisions, start service connection pipes.

December 2023 – Break

Winter/Spring 2024

Continue service connection pipes, install the sewer lift station and testing and commissioning.

Spring/Summer 2024

Testing, road patching and paving, road markings signs, and O&M training Septic field decommissioning, cleanup and demobilization will happen in late May 2024.

We anticipate all work to be completed by October 2024.

You might be asking yourself; how does this affect me and my septic system on IR#2. This is what a resident can expect:

- There will be an onsite worker in the next two (2) weeks to locate septic tank and review property infrastructure.
- Septic tank/Field decommissioning
- Road works (Paving, Shoulder Work, etc.)
- Home sanitary sewer connections to the Sanitary Sewer mains in the road allowances.
- Individual Lot restoration and cleanup

We will be providing schedule updates to membership via the T'Sou-ke Nation communications page throughout the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Project Manager, Jeff Frank at pillarpoint24@gmail.com

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