

# T'Sou-ke First Nation Newsletter

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# February 2024



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> Photo: 2023 Santa Parade



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## LADYBUG GARDEN

Garden Coordinator, Christine George

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.

## Health Department

Admin Health Coordinator, Rose Dumont—Ext. 237

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socialdevelopment@tsoukenation.com

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healthcareassistant@tsoukenation.com

# Social Development / Employment & Training

For the Month Of	Declarations Due By	Cheque Issue Day
February 2024	February 9, 2024	February 14, 2024
March 2024	March 15, 2024	March 20, 2024
April 2024	April 12, 2024	April 17, 2024
May 2024	May 10, 2024	May 15, 2024

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

February 2024 Meal Menu

## Monday, February 5

Italian Sausage Soup, Green Salad, Whole Wheat Bun, Mousse, & Milk or Juice.

## Wednesday, February 7

Seafood Chowder, Green Salad, Yogurt with Berries, Whole Wheat Bun, & Milk or Juice.

## Monday, February 12

Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Rutabaga, Carrots, Pineapple Surprise, & Milk or Juice.

## Wednesday, February 14

Hot Chicken Salad, Whole Wheat Bun, Cinnamon Apple, & Milk or Juice.

## Monday, February 19

Closed for Family Day

## Wednesday, February 21

Chili, Rice, Green Salad, Cottage Cheese with Fruit Cup, & Milk or Juice.

## Monday, February 26

Nuts & Bolts Stir Fry, Rice, Peach Cobbler, & Milk or Juice.

## Wednesday, February 29

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

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



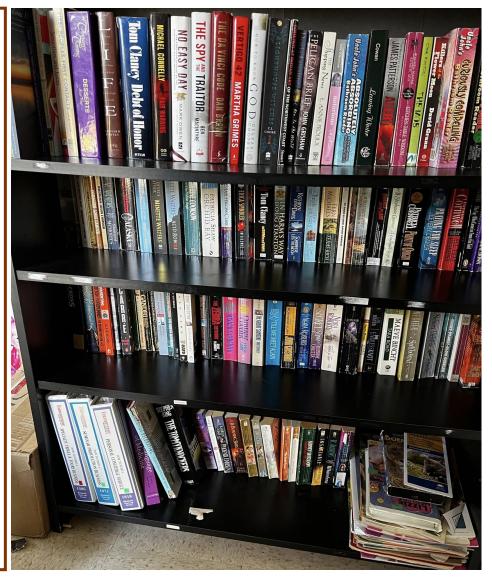
Our book bin was refilled.

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

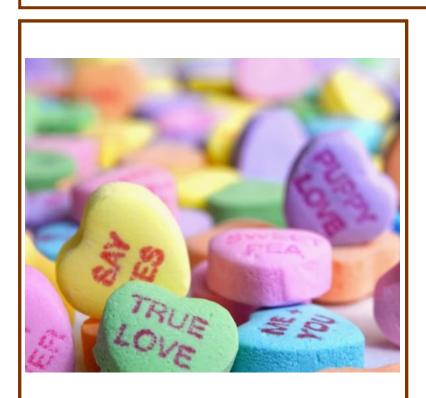
With the exception of nights when our Wednesday Community Dinners are being held. See the calendar at the end of this Newsletter for more information.

Yoga Classes	Rise & Shine Morning	Full Body Strength
Fridays	Class	Training
12:00 PM—1:00 PM Please join us for some relaxing <b>yoga</b> 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.



## 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.

## **Dr Kluges Next Clinic - EXPANDED HOURS**

Dr Kluges Clinics have expanded to a full day. His next Clinic will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2024.** 

Please connect with our office if you wish to make an appointment.

Dr Kluge's clinics are for our members and their families.

Too book and appointment, please call our Health Centre at 250-642-3957 for Rose (ext. 237) Daphne (ext. 235) or Nurse Jen (ext. 238) or leave us a

message here.

\*\*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 us time to connect with those that maybe on a waiting list to see the doctor.\*\*\*

## **\*\*Attention\*\* Expired Naloxone kits**

Some Naloxone kits previously distributed by the T'Sou-ke Nation Health Office have expired. Please check the date of your kits.

If your kit has expired, please stop in at the health office to receive either a new kit or replace the Naloxone in your existing kit.

If you wish to receive training, please contact Nurse Jenn to set up an appointment.

## Covid-19 Testing (Rapid Antigen Tests)

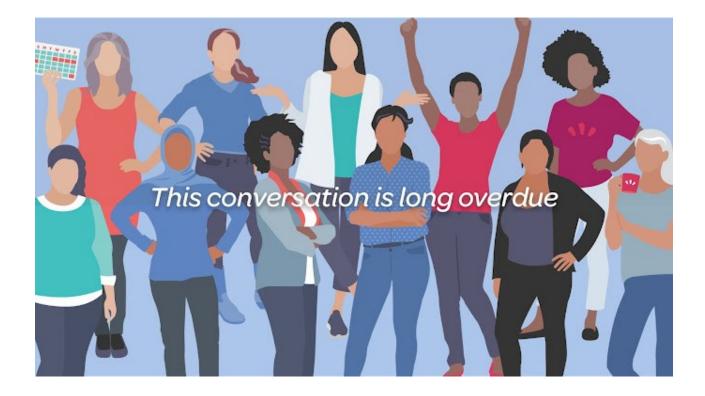
T'Sou-ke Health office still has rapid testing kits available at the health office for those interested. Please stop in to pick up a kit. If you are sick and would like a kit delivered, please contact the health office and we would be happy to drop a kit off to you.

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.



# LETS TALK MENOPAUSE – LADIES NIGHT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Please join us for an evening with Dr Donna. She will talk about Menopause and introduce some main medical information about it. Then we will have an open discussion and give space to ask questions.

Appies and refreshments will be served We look forward to seeing our ladies there!

#### T'Sou-ke Nation Health Department in-house Counselling Services at our

### **Main Health Centre**

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 <u>info@seatotree.ca</u>— 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





#### 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.

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.



Sea to Tree	
HEALTH & WELLNESS	

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

Led by Facilitators from Sea to Tree Health & Wellness:



AleXi (he/him) is a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC) with Sea to Tree Health & Wellness. He is a parent, husband, and Queer man with mixed Indigenous/settler ancestry. He comes to Sea to Tree with over 10 years' experience working with youth, adults, families, Indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ fotx, and people living with disabilities.

Anna is a Registered Clinical Counsellor who holds a Master's of Counselling degree from City University of Seattle. Anna has worked in the mental health field for almost a decade, particularly in small northern British Columbia communities. She recognizes the need for a multicultural and trauma-informed approach with all individuals, especially those from marginalized populations.





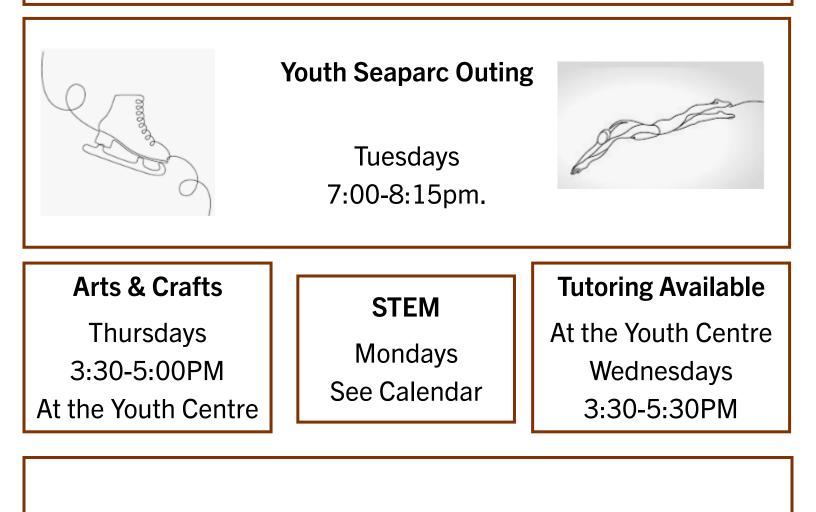
Kelly is a practicum student currently completing her Master's in Counselling Psychology through Yorkville University. Using a compassionate, strengths-based approach to therapy, Kelly's goal is to foster meaningful connection and curiosity that evokes personal growth and empowerment. Kelly aims to establish a safe and accepting environment from the beginning of the therapeutic process, where all clients can feel supported and heard.



# Youth & Culture

778-352-3957

Youth Worker, Brandy Daniels—youthcentre@tsoukenation.com



Mt. Washington Tubing and Snowshoeing Youth Day Trip February 16, 2024 See flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Watch the Youth Facebook page for upcoming events!

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# **T'Sou-ke Nation Mt. Washington** Youth Snowshoeing/Tubing Day Trip

# Friday, February 16th

Registration for this trip will begin on Friday, February 2, 2024 and closes on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

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 40 seats. Leaving at 6:00 AM, Returning at 6:00 PM



The Society offers Indigenous Award programs for students pursuing post-secondary education in BC. They are available to students who identify as Indigenous – First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit. All are renewable in order to provide sustained funding over multiple years.

Indigenous Student Awards: \$1000-\$5000 (renewable annually) for students pursuing trades training, apprenticeship, diploma, certificates, degree or post-degree programs.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2024

**BC Scholarship Society** 

https://www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca/indigenous-awards/about-this-award/

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2024 YVR Art Foundation Scholarship Programs



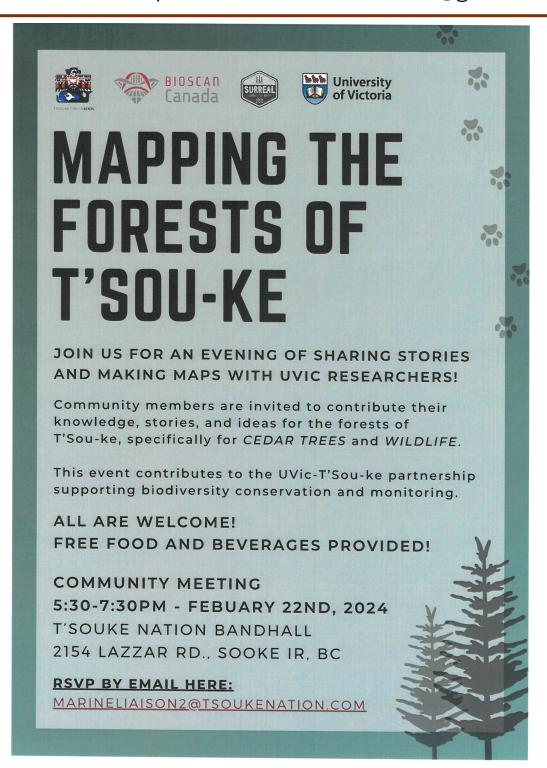
Emerging Artist Scholarships Application Deadline: Friday, February 23 at 11:59 pm PST

https://www.yvraf.com/our-program-resources/emerging-artists-scholarships/

## Marine Team

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Marine Field Tech, Joanne Routhier—marineliaison1@tsoukenation.com Com. Relations Coord., Eva Shaffer—marineliaison2@tsoukenation.com Marine Field Tech, Louis Sudlow—lsudlow@snekecentre.ca Marine Field Tech, Edward Chutter—echutter@gmail.com





Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the T'Sou-ke First Nation that a poll will be held to elect a chief and 3 councillors on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the T'Sou-ke First Nation Band Hall, 2154 Lazzar Rd., Sooke, BC V9Z 0X4.

Any elector may vote by mail-in ballot by submitting a Request for Mail-in Ballot form, which can be obtained from the electoral officer, along with a copy of identification, by Wednesday, February 2, 2024.

All ballots cast at this election will be counted at the T'Sou-ke First Nation Band Hall immediately following the close of the poll on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Given under my hand this 9th day of January 2024.

Sandra Sprinkling Electoral Officer P.O Box 677 Sooke STN Main, BC V9Z 1H6 Phone: 250-818-7111 Fax: 250-642-7808 E-mail: sandyandjamie@shaw.ca

	Candidates For Chief	Chief	
Candidate's Name:	Nominator's Name:	Seconder's Name:	Notes:
Rosie Holmes (Planes) Gordon Planes Lawrence Duane Underwood	Amanda Planes Ryan Planes Daphne Underwood	David L. Planes John E. Planes Sarina Underwood-Lazzar	
	Candidates For Council	Council	
Candidate's Name:	Nominator's Name:	Seconder's Name:	Notes:
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Rose Marie Dumont Ed Hale	Daphne Underwood Evan Hale	Valencia Tryon Debra Lazzar	
Bonnie Hill	Edward Hale	Debra Lazzar	
Jeni Knoll (Sutherland)	Megan Barker	Rosanne Holmes	
Debra Lazzar	Valencia Tryon	Bonita Hill	
Monique Pat	Rose Dumont	Daphne Underwood	
Amanda Planes	Willow Dodge	Jennifer Knoll	
<ol><li>David W. Planes</li></ol>	Amanda Planes	Willow Dodge	
10.Rosie Planes	Allan Planes	John F. Planes	



# Member Dinner & Bag Notice



The following is a list of dates which outlines the days our Nation will be hosting

### Meal Bag Deliveries and our Community Dinner



#### PLEASE NOTE:

We are pleased offer these programs again this fiscal year. A reminder that our Community Dinners are open to our MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSES, THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES CHILDREN

#### IULX2023

July 12- Community Meal Bag Delivery IR#1 and IR#2

July 26-Community Dinner 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

#### **OCTOBER 2023**

October 11 — Community Meal Bag Delivery IR#1

October 25 - Community Dinner -5:30 pm -7:30

#### ANUARY 2024

mmunity Meal Bag Delivery IR#1

January 31 - Community Dinner 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

#### AUGUST 2023 August 9- Community

Leal Bag Delivery IR#1 and IR#2 August 30-Community Dinner -3:30 pm -7:30 pm

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**



#### **FEBRUARY 2024**

February 14 - Community Meal Bag Delivery IR#1 and IR#2

February 28-Community Dinner -5:30 pm -7:30 pm

#### **MARCH 2024**

March 13- Community Meal Bag Delivery IR#1 and IR#2 March 27-Community Dinner -5:30 pm -7:30 pm

### 2024

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All Candidates Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM	Rise & Shine Fitness 6-7 AM Books for Breakfast 9:30-11AM Full Body Fitness 7:30-8:30 PM		Rise & Shine Fitness 6-7 AM Full Body Fitness 7:30-8:30 PM	Election Day	Rise & Shine Fitness 6-7 AM Yoga 12-1:00 PM	
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