

## January 2021 NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY  
New Year

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.

# CMHC's Identifying Home Maintenance Needs Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>

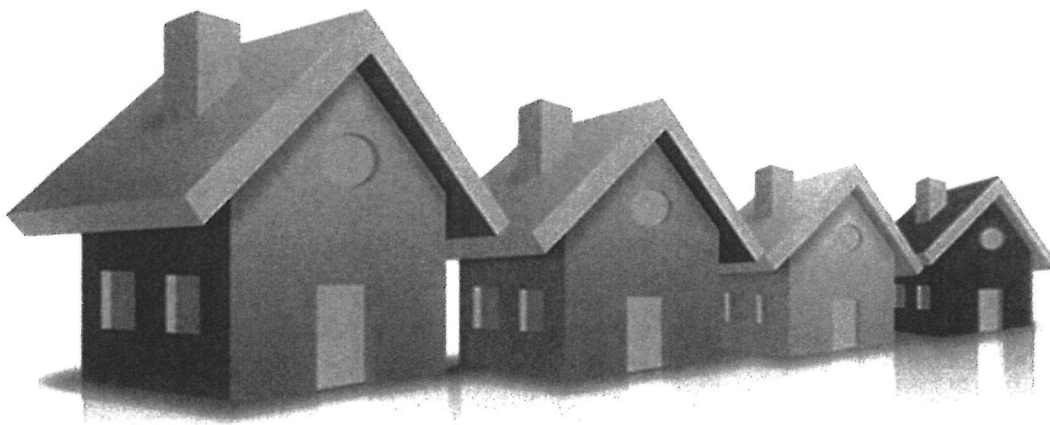
## PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

A two-day virtual session, including a virtual on-site house inspection that will give participants knowledge and confidence to perform housing maintenance condition reviews.

The session will cover how to:

- Identify housing maintenance and repair needs
- Prioritize repair needs
- Estimate the cost of repairs
- Complete a maintenance condition review and summary report

This session is intended for anyone involved in housing or is new to housing and has an interest in learning more about maintaining a home.



### Date and time:

- Thursday January 28, 2021 at 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Friday January 29, 2021 at 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

### Location:

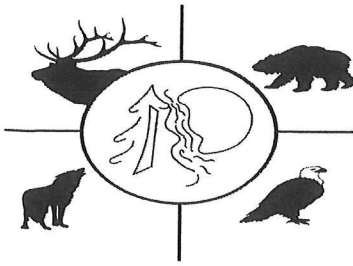
- MS Teams Video Conference (Link obtained through RSVP)
- MS Teams can be downloaded in the App Store and in Google Play

### RSVP:

- Please register by email to [sheer@bchousing.org](mailto:sheer@bchousing.org) to confirm your attendance.
- Please provide name, email address and phone number of all attendees.

For more information, please contact:  
*Sukha Heer 236-558-4657*





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Development, Education

January 6, 2021

Happy New Year Everyone

The Coldwater Indian Band Administration Offices are still under COVID 19 restrictions and the reserves are still under isolation orders. We would like to send well wishes to all and hope everyone is staying safe during this Pandemic. We shall continue with Community COVID 19 disbursements until the Pandemic advisory has been lifted for us all and each house hold will be notified of the date of pickup. For the off-reserve members, they are slowly sending in their updated mailing addresses to receive some COVID 19 assistance as well. If you know of family who have not yet updated their current mailing information, they can email the updated mailing addresses to [lantoine@coldwaterband.org](mailto:lantoine@coldwaterband.org) or [connie.bob@coldwaterband.org](mailto:connie.bob@coldwaterband.org). If they do not have access to email or the internet then to call the Receptionist at 250-378-6174 and provide an updated mailing address. We will continue to do our best to provide the majority of services to the Community even though the doors are closed to the public as per, the Provincial requirement and Coldwater COVID 19 Protocol and under direction from C & C to keep the community and staff safe.

Be advised that the band will still have contractors coming onto the reserves to continue with our bigger projects. These companies are given the Coldwater Indian Band COVID 19 protocols and are required to obtain a visitor pass from the Administration Offices and provide names and contact numbers of those coming on to the reserve. All the companies are respectful and have their own COVID 19 safety plans as well.

S.C.H.S.S. newsletters are delivered to the on-reserve homes to provide updates from our Health Providers and any new information coming in regarding COVID 19, vaccinations, etc. Their website address is <http://schss.com/>. We also have access to the Nlaka'pamux Health Authority as well and their address is <https://www.facebook.com/nlxhealth/>.

There is opportunity for employment with Statistics Canada and that information has been provided in the newsletter.

The Coldwater Indian Band Administration Staff wish you all a Safe and Happy New Year in 2021 and to stay safe in these unsure times. There are those that believe the pandemic is a conspiracy, however the affects when you do get COVID 19 can be devastating depending on the symptoms you develop. I do not wish any of our community members (elders, children, adults) to experience the devastating side. Particularly when we can't have family around us to heal or offer support in recovery or in grief. I am grateful to all that continue to provide the essential services to our communities and homes.

Respectfully yours,

Coldwater Indian Band

Laura Antoine – Band Administrator

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# Public Works / Fire Chief Report

Jan 2021

## Fire Department

Emergency Plan update: Coldwater Emergency Plan Planning Committee is starting to form. If you wanting to get involved please contact Ron Aljam at the Band Office.

Fire Safe your house inside and out, unplug any unused appliances, clean your dryer filters and venting system, Clean Around your Furnace, Wood Stove, electric Heaters, and Keep your escape routes clear. Fire Safe your home, Information is on line also.

**“TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED ONLY TO ON RESERVE MEMBERSHIP DUE TO THE MESS LEFT THERE.”**

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO CHIEF & COUNCIL

Coldwater Band Has made application to Indigenous Services Canada to change our refuse system. Which has been Funded, and will start meeting with the organizations to start the process.

Place your Garbage bins out by the Road for Pick Up prior Friday Mornings. Pick up will occur around the same time starting at 5:30 Am Paul's Basin and 7:00 AM Coldwater IR # 1.

Coldwater is Testing the New truck and are going to be using it to haul Refuse to Lower Nicola Site. Job Posting will be going out in the near future.

Coldwater will start closing the Transfer station over the next few months. The Garbage truck and Recycling truck have been ordered along with the recycling bins. Training for recycling will be done for the truck operators and Community Membership.

Large items like appliances Beds etc. will be picked up as soon as enough items can fill the truck. More information is yet to come.

Coldwater Interface pruning project is started and pruning the community to make Fire Smart and Safe. Coldwater crew will be pruning and burning branches, were going through out the community and eventually will get the area, this project goes until March 2021

Thank you  
Ron Aljam

## Activity Report January 2021

Well, we are waiting for the new domestic well to be drilled, all paper work is in place the impacts for water discharge are set in a plan and hoping that we don't hit a gusher. The schedule is now before the end of February 2021. The next steps are in the planning stage for the water lines and developing the water reservoir along the Comstock Road. This will supply the light industrial lots with fire protection and water service, also supply water to the proposed subdivision, commercial lots.

The Governance workshops are in the wrap up stage and all workshops were held on the zoom conference style and attended by a few band members and others within the territory. This was presented for the benefit of Council members and Company Board of Directors that our membership is involved in. The workshops were presented by Beverly O'Neil and Helder Pontin and they did an awesome job.

As program managers the group meeting was call to put forward all the needs and wishes to meet with Chief and Council and Legal Advisory to prepare a presentation the AANDC which I would assume to present to KMC. If there is a meeting of the minds this agreement would need to be presented to Coldwater membership for approval. These are only a few steps towards settling with KMC. Coldwater could not really contract with the pipeline project as we would need company experience and get approval from KMC to bid on work contracts. We could partner with another qualified contractor but only when Coldwater is no longer in legal action with KMC.

There are contracts listed for catering, janitorial and cleaning services, septic service and potable water, security and first aid, all for a man camp but does not list a man camp. I have been in contact with Armark Remote camps to apply to qualify to bid on the camp job and would like to discuss the labor needed for the operation of the up to 350 man camp.

Are members in planning stages for your garden projects to be started once snow has left the ground? Now is the time to do this.

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14 January 2021

Dear: Coldwater Membership

It's that time of year again; time to get ready for spring.

The Coldwater Housing Department will be conducting some basic home inspections.

Visits will be conducted during the month of February. Homeowners will be contacted.

In order to better prepare for any basic home maintenance concerns the Housing Department will be going house-to-house and giving guidance and handing out the CMHC Basic Home Maintenance guide.

Please sign-up at the band office and let me know if there is anything in particular that you have concerns about in your home.

If you have any questions please contact me at the Coldwater Administration office,  
Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Thank-you, and have a nice day

*Donald Kraus*

Donald Kraus  
Housing Coordinator

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

All First Nation communications and maintenance will be completed in a respectful and timely manner. The First Nation will carry out maintenance and repairs to components of the unit including building structure, heating, electrical, interior plumbing and appliance maintenance where;

- The repair or maintenance is required on a component that is original to the home at the time of occupancy.
- The component has reached the end of its serviceable life.
- The repair or maintenance is confirmed to be related to normal wear and tear.
- The repair or maintenance is required as a result of improper construction or installation.

Maintenance and repairs will be made only for a tenant WHOSE ACCOUNT IS IN GOOD STANDING as defined within the housing policy. Exceptions to this policy will be made for situations when the tenant's health and safety is at risk. Tenants will be provided with 24 hour advance notification of repairs or inspections. The housing staff may enter the unit without notice if they believe it has been abandoned.

Annual inspections will be made to ensure that the unit is in good repair. Tenants will be contacted prior to the inspection to arrange a time for access to the unit.

Major repairs and replacements include;

- Roofs
- Plumbing
- Major Structural work
- Hot water tanks
- Electrical work & fixtures
- Appliances
- Broken windows
- Floors, doors, cupboards, as needed

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# MAINTENANCE For BAND OWNED RENTALS

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**NVIT, in partnership with Nooaitch and Coldwater Indian bands, are pleased to offer the following program in the Nicola Valley:**

# **Automotive Service Technician Foundation**



**This 33-week program (990 hours) takes students with little or no previous experience in the automotive repair trade and supplies them with the necessary skills to seek employment in the industry as an apprentice technician. This program introduces the students to many aspects of servicing and repair in the automotive repair trade with a focus on developing practical skills. Graduates of this program will receive 450 hours towards Automotive Service Technician Year 1 (AST 1) certification and the opportunity to write the AST 1 Certificate of Qualification exam. The AST 1 Certificate of Qualification and 1590 hours are required to proceed into AST 2.**

## **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.**
- English 10 or a combination of 2 of the following: English or English First Peoples Composition 10, Creative Writing 10, Literary Studies 10, New Media 10, and Spoken Language 10.**
- One of: Workplace Mathematics 10, Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10, equivalent Adult Basic Education (MATH 041 from NVIT), or equivalent assessment.**
- Minimum 16 years of age.**

**Start Date:**

**February 15, 2021**

**For more information please contact:**

**Kathleen Jumbo – Nooaitch First Nation – 250-378-6141 or  
Shannon Goss – Coldwater Indian Band – 250-378-6174**

**Applications open to Nooaitch and Coldwater band members  
until January 22, 2021**

**WEBSITE: [nvit.ca](http://nvit.ca)**

**TOLL FREE: 1.877.682.3300**





# Census Jobs

# Emplois au recensement



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## Statistics Canada is hiring in your community!

## Statistique Canada embauche dans votre collectivité!

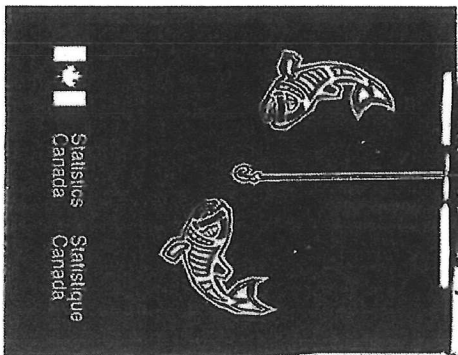
- Schools, housing, and health and emergency services are all planned using census data.
- Use your local knowledge and sharpen skills that are sought after by employers.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.
- Help your community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

### Important to know:

- There are approximately 32,000 jobs available across Canada.
- 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 during days, evenings and weekends.

### Renseignements importants :

- La planification des écoles, du logement ainsi que des services de santé et d'urgence se fait au moyen des données du recensement.
  - Mettez à profit vos connaissances locales et renforcez les compétences recherchées par les employeurs.
  - Dans le contexte actuel de la COVID-19, nous nous engageons à assurer la sécurité de nos employés en tout temps.
  - Aidez votre collectivité à planifier l'avenir : postulez dès maintenant!
- Environ 32 000 emplois sont offerts partout au Canada.
  - Le taux de rémunération varie entre 17,83 \$ et 21,77 \$ l'heure selon le poste (entre 29,25 \$ et 31,25 \$ l'heure dans certaines collectivités du Nord et éloignées), en plus des dépenses admissibles.
  - Les dates de début et de fin d'emploi varient selon le poste et le lieu de travail, mais se situent dans la période allant de mars à juillet 2021.
  - Vous devez être disponible pour travailler selon un horaire flexible le jour, le soir et la fin de semaine.



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**Census Jobs**  
census.gc.ca  
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TTY/ATS : 1-833-830-3109

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Apply now / tell a friend

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Postulez dès maintenant et parlez-en à un ami

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# FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## NOTICE TO BC FIRST NATIONS

### First Nations Child and Family Services Townhall Session

JANUARY 14, 2021

10:30-12:30PM

Register in advance via this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y\\_2LpwYuSSi52d7gOYucYA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y_2LpwYuSSi52d7gOYucYA)



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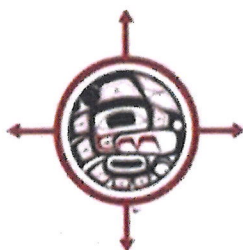
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The First Nations Leadership Council, in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, is hosting quarterly virtual townhall sessions for First Nations on topics and issues related to First Nations child and family services in BC.

This is our second Townhall and provides a forum in which First Nations leadership can be updated on work that is occurring provincially and federally and have an opportunity to ask questions directly to representatives from Indigenous Services Canada, MCFD and the FNLC.

Register in Advance:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y\\_2LpwYuSSi52d7gOYucYA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y_2LpwYuSSi52d7gOYucYA)

WHO: First Nations leadership and child and family services technical representatives.

For more information please contact Dawn Johnson:

[djohnson@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:djohnson@ubcic.bc.ca)

# Scw'exmx Tribal Council (STC) Virtual Annual General Assembly

NEW DATE

NEW DATE

January 27, 2021

1 – 4 pm

Scw'exmx Tribal Council will be hosting an online AGA via Go to Meeting.

If you would like to participate, please send an email to Liz at [egilchrist@scwexmxtribal.org](mailto:egilchrist@scwexmxtribal.org) and I will send you the link

**\*\*\*Due to Covid-19, this meeting will not be held in person\*\*\***



Coldwater Indian Band



Nooaitch Indian Band



Shackan Indian Band

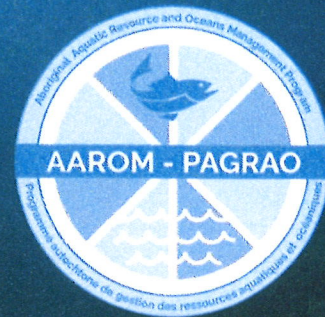


Upper Nicola Indian Band

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

[scwexmxtribal.com](http://scwexmxtribal.com)

# HEARING FROM THE YOUTH



## Learning how AAROM departments can support youth in the fields of fisheries, aquatic resource, and ocean science

We want to hear from you if you are an:

- Indigenous youth (ages 15–30 years);
- Reside in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, British Columbia, Yukon, or the Northwest Territories; and,
- Interested in pursuing a career in the field of fisheries, aquatic resources, and ocean science.

### Outcomes:

- Learn about careers in aquatic resources and ocean science
- Build your resume
- Connect with AAROM departments

### ZOOM event

FEBRUARY 11 2021

10:00am—1:00pm PT

11:00am—2:00pm MT

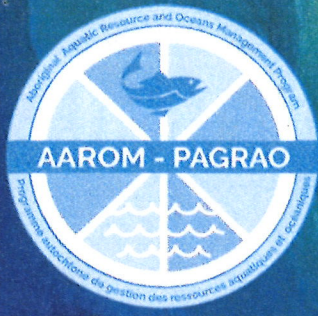
1:00pm—4:00pm ET

2:00pm—5:00pm AT

2:30pm—5:30pm NFLD

Deadline to apply is January 21 2021.

Limited space available.



# National AAROM Virtual Youth Gathering

## Application Form

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am – 1:00pm PT  
11:00am – 2:00pm MT  
1:00pm – 4:00pm ET  
2:00pm – 5:00pm AT  
2:30pm – 5:30pm NFLD

**Application deadline: January 21, 2021**

Submit completed application to Levi Denny at [Levi.denny@apcfn.ca](mailto:Levi.denny@apcfn.ca).

Full Name:	
Indigenous Community:	
Are you currently employed in a related field?	
Highest Level of Education completed:	PhD
Are you currently a student?	No
If you are currently enrolled or have completed post-secondary education, in what field of study?	
Age:	28 to 30 years
Preferred pronouns: (eg. He/She/They)	
What language will you be participating in the gathering?	French



# National AAROM Virtual Youth Gathering

Do you speak any other languages? If so, what language do you speak?	
Province/Territory:	YK
Email address:	
Phone:	
How did you hear about the gathering?	
Would you like to join our distribution list to stay up to date on future event/information?	No
What is your preferred form of communication?	Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/>
Why are you interested in participating in the youth gathering? (50 words or less)	

- Learn more about the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) program at [www.aarom.ca](http://www.aarom.ca).
- Unfortunately, we are limited to a maximum capacity of 50 participants. If you are a successful applicant, you will receive the meeting invite and agenda in the email you provided. Thank you for your application.

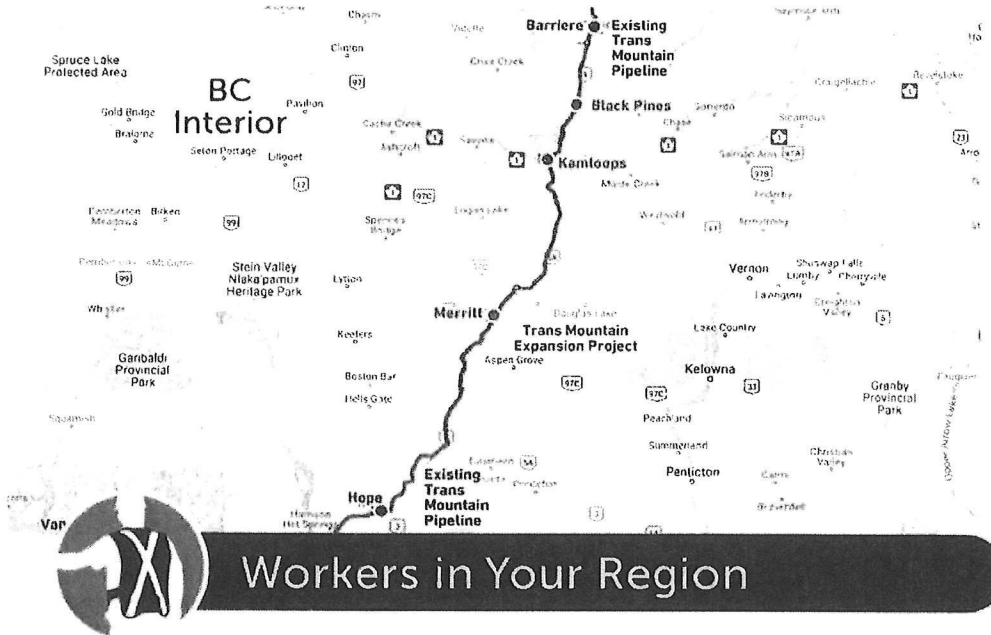


# Monitoring Socio-Economic Impacts of Construction BC Interior Highlights

Reporting Period: July–September 2020

Construction activity related to the Trans Mountain Expansion Project is underway in your region.

Health and safety for our workers, their families and communities is a top priority while maintaining safe construction activities during COVID-19. Trans Mountain and its Project contractors are adopting government and company health and safety measures to protect its workforce and ensure work can safely continue.



## Workers in Your Region

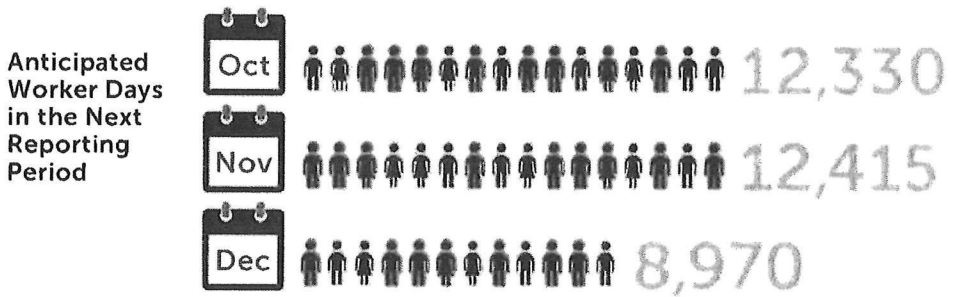
Workers On-Site Each Day (Average) **237**

Trans Mountain is monitoring the impact of construction on pipeline communities through a series of indicators identified in the Socio-Economic Effects Monitoring Plan. This Project impact information is gathered for each three-month period in a regional Socio-Economic Monitoring Report. Highlights from the quarterly regional report are provided here.

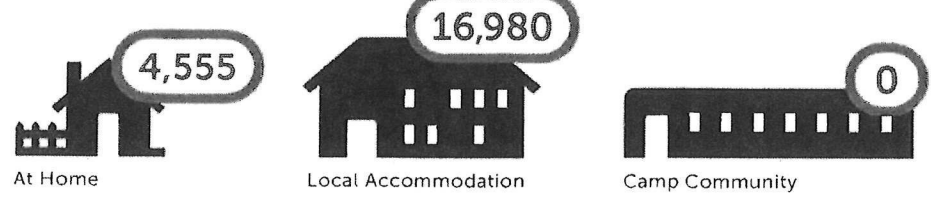


Go to [transmountain.com/socio-economic-reports](https://transmountain.com/socio-economic-reports) to view the complete Socio-Economic Monitoring Report for this region.

To learn more about construction activities in your region go to [transmountain.com/construction](https://transmountain.com/construction)



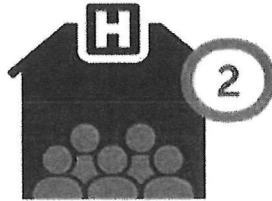
### Worker Accommodation Nights





## Worker Health and Medical Services

Number of Times Sent to Local Health-Care Facility



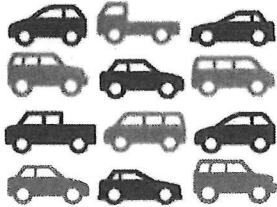
Use of Ambulance or Other Public Emergency Transport



## Vehicles and Incidents\*\*

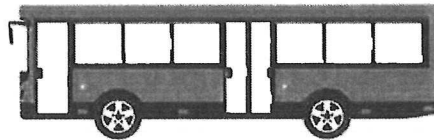
Vehicles Parked in Staging Area (Daily Average)

177



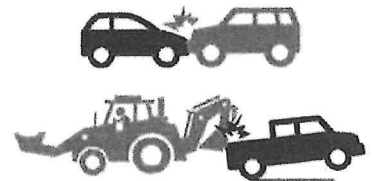
Workers Transported from Staging Area to Job Site (Daily Average)

245



Total Number of Vehicle Incidents

0



## Public Inquiries\* and Responses\*\*

Trans Mountain will follow up on any complaints related to operations and construction.

Total Number of Inquiries for this Quarter



Sensory Disturbances



Dust near Ord Road

Trans Mountain will follow up on any dust or other sensory disturbance complaints. Trans Mountain will work with stakeholders to address complaints where practical. Dust control measures as outlined in the Environmental Protection Plan will be followed.

\*Data in this report is reflective of activities specific to construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. Data does not reflect Trans Mountain's ongoing operations and maintenance activities

\*\*Socio-economic topics only

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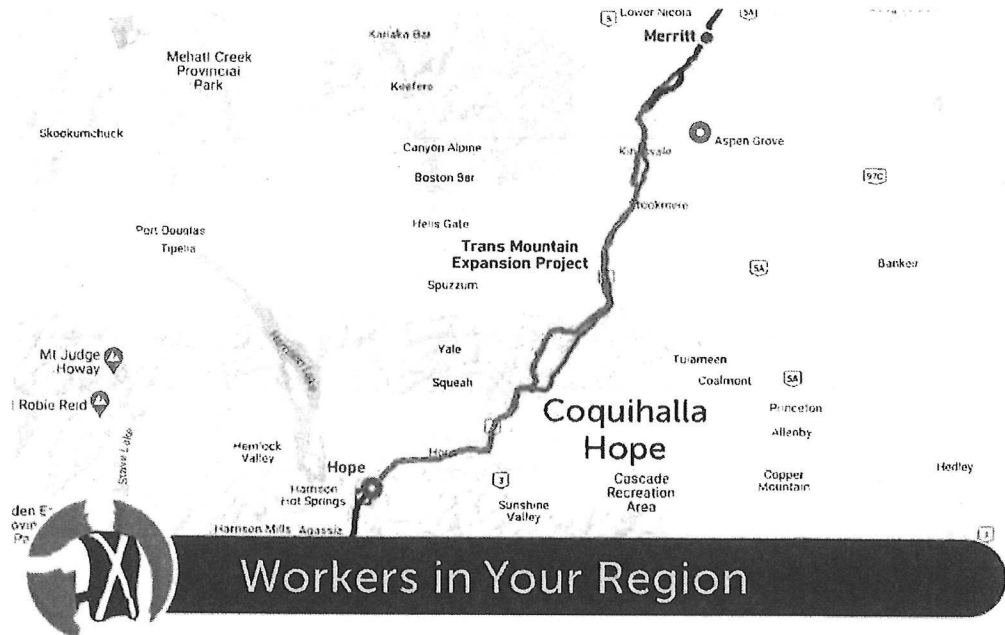


# Monitoring Socio-Economic Impacts of Construction Coquihalla Hope Region Highlights

Reporting Period: July - September 2020

Construction activity related to the Trans Mountain Expansion Project is underway in your region.

Health and safety for our workers, their families and communities is a top priority while maintaining safe construction activities during COVID-19. Trans Mountain and its Project contractors are adopting government and company health and safety measures to protect its workforce and ensure work can safely continue.



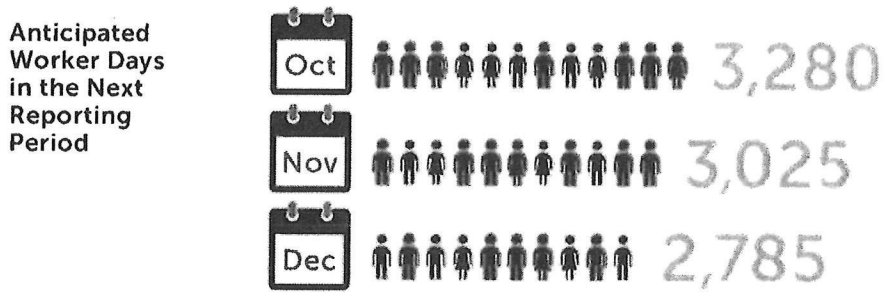
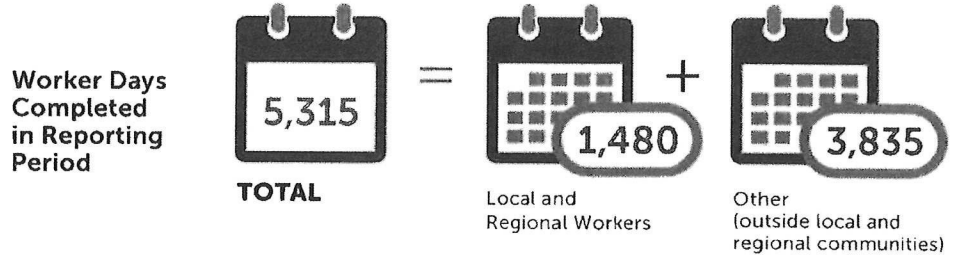
## Workers in Your Region

**Workers On-Site Each Day (Average) 58**

Trans Mountain is monitoring the impact of construction on pipeline communities through a series of indicators identified in the Socio-Economic Effects Monitoring Plan. This Project impact information is gathered for each three-month period in a regional Socio-Economic Monitoring Report. Highlights from the quarterly regional report are provided here.

Go to [transmountain.com/socio-economic-reports](http://transmountain.com/socio-economic-reports) to view the complete Socio-Economic Monitoring Report for this region.

To learn more about construction activities in your region go to [transmountain.com/construction](http://transmountain.com/construction)



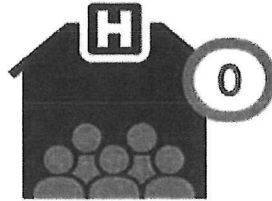
### Worker Accommodation Nights





## Worker Health and Medical Services

Number of Times Sent to Local Health Care Facility

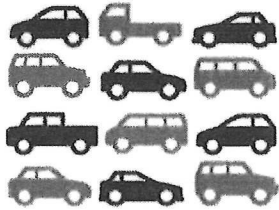


Use of Ambulance or Other Public Emergency Transport

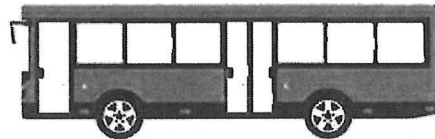


## Vehicles and Incidents

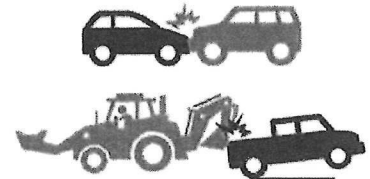
Vehicles Parked in Staging Area (Daily Average) 12



Workers Transported from Staging Area to Job Site (Daily Average) 0



Total Number of Vehicle Incidents 0



## Public Inquiries\* and Responses\*\*

Trans Mountain will follow up on any complaints related to operations and construction.

Total Number of Inquiries/Topics for this Quarter



Traffic



Individual raised concerns about Laidlaw Road traffic, dirt and rocks on the road surface.

Trans Mountain will continue to follow up on any traffic-related concerns. Contractors have a Traffic Management Plan that addresses public protection measures, access roads/routes to the construction site and Traffic Control Plans for each work zone. Trans Mountain follows up with the contractor to ensure traffic-related requirements are being followed.

Sensory Disturbances



Security lighting at Laidlaw Stockpile impacting nearby residence.

The light was redirected to resident's satisfaction.

\* Data in this report is reflective of activities specific to active construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. Data does not reflect Trans Mountain's ongoing operations and maintenance or inquiries related to future construction activities.

\*\*Socio-economic topics only

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## Fraser Salmon Management Council

# NEWSLETTER

January 6, 2021

### COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

Due to COVID 19, the FSMC will not be hosting any in-person meetings or encouraging any cross-regional travel during these trying times. The FSMC Administration is still in operation, although remotely, and are available through email and phone, and is conducting business as usual.

### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The FSMC Main Table is responsible for the administration and financial accountability of the 2020-21 AAROM Agreement Work Plan and budget, which includes the implementation of the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FSCMA). Additionally, and for clarity, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat (FRAFS) which was initially responsible for the AAROM Agreement has now been fully absorbed into the FSMC operations. We still require and endeavor to complete a new long-term funding agreement that will assist in fulfilling the mandates associated with the FSCMA.

At present, the website [www.frasersalmon.ca](http://www.frasersalmon.ca) will be undergoing regular updates as implementation of the FSCMA continues and the historical FRAFS website will be also be archived at this location. If you have any questions about the website please contact: Allison James, Communications Coordinator [communications@frasersalmon.ca](mailto:communications@frasersalmon.ca). You can also like and follow the FSMC on Facebook and Twitter.

In addition to the email address above please note that the other staff emails are as follows; Brent Ryan-Lewis, Executive Director [executivedirector@frasersalmon.ca](mailto:executivedirector@frasersalmon.ca) and Greg Witzky, Operations Manager [operations@frasersalmon.ca](mailto:operations@frasersalmon.ca)

### INDEPENDENT CHAIR

The FSMC and FSMB are happy to announce that Marcel Shepert from Wet'suwe'ten has been successfully selected as the Independent Chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB). Marcel Shepert has decades of experience in fisheries policy and will be an asset to the FSCMA implementation. The FSMB will be providing a more detailed update shortly.

### ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The AGA took place on November 17, 2020 and although it was virtual, all regular business was conducted, it is hoped we can better steam line our process as we have unique requirements under the Societies Act. The main purpose of our AGA was for member delegates to approve the annual FSMC workplan, based upon the 2020-21 AAROM funding agreement. The Workplan was successfully passed by consensus of delegates in attendance and will require some follow up once some external factors are clarified. The FSMC would like to thank the delegates who provided input and inquiries into operations that will ultimately guide us towards clarity.

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The FSMC is currently initiating its regional area meetings with its four unique geographical regions. The main purpose for the upcoming sessions is to identify, possible classify while ultimately prioritizing fisheries issues while recognizing the importance to each of the four regions. The proposed dates are set for mid-January.

## FORUMS

This year marks the official transition from the former FRAFS forums to the new FSMC forums. The first of the proposed three forums are scheduled to take place (virtually) from February 2-4, 2021. Subsequent forums are scheduled for March 2-4 and April 20-22, 2021. A new and revised Forum Planning Committee (FPC) has also been initiated with the express purpose of determining agenda items and presentation topics for the upcoming forums and will be the official contact for all Forum activities.

## FSMB AND JTC

Since April 2019, The FSMB have had several monthly meetings with Marcel Shepert facilitating as the Independent Chair. The FSMB is working on identifying and classifying work plan priorities for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year, as well as for the 2021-22 cycle of AAROM funding. The Joint Technical Committee (JTC) has now been populated fully and is meeting bi-monthly. See below for Members of the JTC and FSMB.

<b><u>FSMC Caucus</u></b>	<b><u>DFO Caucus</u></b>
<b>Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB)</b>	
Christina Ciesielski (Upper Fraser)	Linda Higgins, Area Director South Coast
Tracy Wimbush (Mid Fraser)	Terri Bonnet, Area Director, Fraser and Interior
Mike Baird (Lower Fraser)	Corey Jackson, Acting Director Aboriginal Programs
Tony Roberts Jr. (Island/ Marine Approach)	Jennifer Nener, Director, Salmon Management and Client Services
<b>Joint Technical Committee (JTC)</b>	
Mike Staley (Co-chair)	Brittany Jenewein (Acting Co-chair),
Roger Dunlop (Island/Marine Approach)	Brooke Davis, Acting Program Head, Fraser and Interior Stock Assessment
Aidan Fisher (Lower Fraser)	Brittany Jenewein, Acting Area Chief Resource Management, Fraser and Interior Area
Marc Labelle (Mid Fraser)	Kent Spencer Aboriginal Affairs Advisor, South Coast Area (Interim)
Shamus Curtis (Upper Fraser)	Lingbo Li, Aquatic Science Biologist

# Merritt TSA - Fuel Management Technical Working Committee

October 2020 Update

## **FMTWC members**

*Upper Nicola - Brian Holmes,  
Dennis MacDonald*

*Nooaitch - Johnny Washington*

*Shackan - Shona Bara, Len Joe*

*Lower Nicola - Lindsay Tighe*

*Coldwater - Larry Antoine, Lee Spahan*

*Scw'exmx Tribal - Morgan Jumbo,  
Jeanette McCauley*

*Esh-kn-am - Paul Mitchell-Banks*

*BC Wildfire Service - Kim  
Janowsky, Jonas Joe*

*Salish Fire Keepers Society led by  
Joe Gilchrist & Harry Spahan*

*Cascades NR District - Alycia  
Fennings, Andrew Snetsinger*

*JM+A - Jennifer Morrison, Harry  
Spahan*

In Chief Maureen Chapman's and George Abbott's Report, "Addressing the New Normal: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Disaster Management in British Columbia" they emphasized that BC Wildfire Service needs to work with First Nations to address high fuel loading on the land. They stated that First Nation traditional knowledge must be included in disaster response and mitigation activity.

The Fuel Management Technical Working Committee (FMTWC) is composed of representatives from the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx First Nations of the Nicola Valley (Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch, Shackan and Upper Nicola), BC Wildfire Service, the Cascades Natural Resource District, and First Nation natural resource organizations (including but not limited to Scw'exmx' Tribal Council, Esh-kn-am Cultural Resource Management Services and the Salish Fire Keepers Society) that provide technical information regarding Cultural Heritage Resources and Fire Keeper knowledge.

This is a **collaborative planning process** made up of community representatives selected by partnering Nicola Valley Chief and Councils and First Nation organizations.

The goal is to identify priority areas for annual Wildfire Risk Reduction Program (WRRP) funding to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and threats to our communities, while improving ecosystem health in the Merritt Timber Supply Area (TSA).

In this first year our focus is on establishing a collaborative process and choosing those candidate areas that we believe will ensure multi-year ongoing funding success.

There is flexibility within this planning process to bring in community Knowledge Keepers and Fire Keepers as experts.



## BACKGROUND

Since March 2020, the Fuel Management Technical Working Committee has been meeting bi-monthly to develop a collaborative fuel management planning process with local Nlaka'pamux and Syilx First Nations of the Nicola Valley to 1) start planning priority areas with high fire hazard, 2) develop decision-making matrixes and models, 3) share information about cultural burning and involve local Fire Keepers, 4) care for the land by determining how fire is going to be applied in an innovative, operational program within the District and Merritt TSA.

## Selection areas are based on:

- ✓ POTENTIAL OF HIGH WILDFIRE RISK
- ✓ BUILDS ON SAFE EVACUATION ROUTES
- ✓ BUILDS ON OTHER FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENTS
- ✓ RECOGNIZING AND APPLYING FIRST NATION CULTURAL SURVIVAL AREAS AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
- ✓ ENHANCES BIODIVERSITY AND TRADITIONAL VALUES
  - ✓ REDUCES WILDFIRE SPREAD POTENTIAL
  - ✓ REDUCTION OF FIRE INTENSITY
  - ✓ CREATES FOREST STAND MOSIACS
  - ✓ CLEAN UP AREAS OF FUEL BUILD UP
- ✓ PROMOTES SAFE TRADITIONAL BURNING PRACTICES

## WORK COMPLETED TO DATE

On-site field reconnaissance of some areas by FMTWC representatives including Glimpse Lake, Swakum Mountain, Crown lands adjacent to Nooaitch IR9 and IR10, and Crown lands adjacent to Coldwater IR1 and by Lily Lake.

Initial refinement and selection of areas for potential upcoming 2021-2022 Wildfire Risk Reduction Program funding.

Scw'exmx Tribal Council has obtained other funding to gather cultural burning and traditional fire management information from existing datasets to inform First Nation representatives of historical traditional burning prescriptions at the FMTWC

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The following update provided is a brief description of the work the FMTWC is currently working on or developing. Please feel free to contact your community member representative or Jennifer Morrison, project facilitator, for more information about this work (email [jmorrison@telus.net](mailto:jmorrison@telus.net)).