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GOVERNMENT SERVICES

# LaJoie Project

Preparation is underway for geotechnical investigations at the dam this spring. The project is in early planning stages and gathering information to inform the design. Construction is still several years away and there is lots of ongoing engagement happening to incorporate St'át'imc values into project planning from environmental protection and water management, to cultural, community and safety considerations. Communities interested in learning more about the project and plans are invited to reach out to organize a session.

# Bridge River Transmission Project

After delays from wildfires last summer the Bridge River Transmission project did some preliminary field investigations last fall and those are continuing this spring. Expect to see crews in the Territory for several weeks in May/June, including environmental and heritage field crews managed through the TDC-partnership Szumin'ts, and with St'át'imc community technicians. Another virtual fly-over session will be held in late March/ early April to share the latest plans and seek input on areas of concerns and opportunities for improvement. There will be ongoing engagement as the project design progresses and communities are invited to join in on sessions or reach out for a community specific meeting.

## Capital Projects

BC Hydro Active Major Capital Projects are shown on this Integrated Schedule
Among the many active projects, two, in particular, have opportunities that are not directed to specific communities but will be available to all St'át'imc communities and qualified businesses.

The Bridge River Transmission Project (BRTP) - refer to the fact sheet – is now in the planning stage for environmental and archaeological fieldwork this spring, multiple communities are already involved, and, a St'át'imc company – Szumin'ts holds the contract for this work.

**The project schedule is:**

- 2021 Spring – 2022 Spring- Complete environmental and archaeological field assessments
- 2021 Summer Submit - CPCN application
- 2023 Access and clearing work
- 2023-2025 Line and construction work

LaJoie Dam Improvement Project is still in the conceptual stage and is planning some spring drawdown investigative work. This is critical to the design of the leading alternative, which is to rebuild the dam to its original height. This alternative was technically evaluated by a St'át'imc technical working group and endorsed by the St'át'imc Authority (SA).
The High Flow Settlement (HFSA) enabled the Quarterly Capital Planning Meeting (QCPM), the meetings are held every quarter and are open to all St'át'imc members and businesses. The SharePoint Information Portal has a record of all meetings, the materials and general information
SharePoint Information Portal – This site provides detailed information on all

projects, Quarterly Capital Planning Meetings, Annual Operations Update, and all Notices of Opportunity that arise from the High Flow Settlement Agreement (HFSA). You can also access information like the St'át'imc Notification Protocol, SGS Annual reports, and a Glossary of Terms used in describing project-related information.
This site is open to all St'át'imc members and businesses. If you do not have access or have lost the invitation, please contact Sherry Kane (SGS Relations Manager relationsmgr@statimcgs.org)
Once you have access there is a section dedicated on how to use SharePoint

# Environment

The SGS Environment Department is responsible for developing planning and mitigation projects for the stewardship and protection of St'át'imc lands, water, wildlife, and ecosystem. The team is dedicated to delivering the best available information from St'át'imc knowledge and science into a decision-making process that supports climate change mitigation, adaptation, and knowledge sharing.

SGS Environment prepared and submitted an Aboriginal Fund Species at Risk (AFSAR) - Aquatic Programming proposal application to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in December 2021 (pending results in April 2022). A Community Engagement Grant application to the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program

(FWCP) was recently approved for the same program. SGS Environment partnered with a Fisheries Consultant, Matt Coombs and an Environmental DNA (eDNA) Expert, Jared Hobbs, for the proposal application and support of the implementation of the program. This multi-year, community-based monitoring project contributes to understanding habitat occupancy and usage of white sturgeon and salmonid populations (specifically chinook and coho) at the Seton and Yalakom Watersheds, respectively. The project will inform how sampling water for eDNA can be used as a citizen science tool to monitor fish and fish habitats.

Chief from Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation (Pavilion Indian Band) requested assistance from the SGS Environment team on the McKay fire rehabilitation planning and have been actively participating in the McKay Rehab Technical Working Group meetings. SGS Environment has provided support and resources on planning documents, harvesting recommendations, and technical expertise to guide recovery work on the landscape.

SGS Environment participated in a mule deer sampling session with BC’s Provincial Wildlife Veterinarian, Dr. Caeley Thacker (DVM) and Wildlife Health Biologist, Cait Nelson, in Kamloops’ Fish and Wildlife Office in December 2021. SGS Environment is currently reviving the terms of references (TORs) and agreement with the wildlife health program.

# BC Hydro Co-op work term (Summer 2022)

## For undergraduate university students

What is a co-op work term?
A co-op work term is an opportunity for current university students to put their education to practical use with an employer. In this case, BC Hydro will hire you for four months or the equivalent of one semester. During your work term you will work within a team, supporting the projects your assigned business group is working on. You will learn about the utility industry and be given the chance to develop your communication skills, computer skills, and become more comfortable working in a professional environment.

**To qualify you must:**

- Be a current university student with the equivalent of 2 years complete. Preferred program areas are; business, engineering, project

management, Indigenous studies, environment, computer science, finance.
- Strong working knowledge of MS office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Strong analytical and interpersonal skills with ability to work independently and within a team environment

BC Hydro hires co-op students every semester. **Current opportunities include environment (biology) and business (finance).** Most opportunities are in the Lower Mainland but remote work is possible. Reach out to Courteney for more information. Head to www.bchydro.com/careers to apply.

## Contact:

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(250) 256-0425

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# Heritage Worker – Contract Opportunity (On-Call)

*Applications received will be used to fill current and future contract opportunities. Criteria to be met by applicants may vary depending on the requirements of the position(s) to be filled.*

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This position is for general archaeology work tasks such as pedestrian survey, shovel testing, heritage monitoring, screening of soils and identification of archaeological materials on landscapes at designated work sites. The work will include long days of walking, physical work during shovel testing as well as comfort getting in and out of a boat or vehicle.

Individuals will work alongside contractors to ensure that significant artifacts and features are recorded before they are disturbed. If a significant artifact or feature is uncovered, heritage workers must be prepared to document the resource and assess the significance of the artifact/feature.

During monitoring projects, the heritage worker must be present at the work site, and monitor the excavation, grading or trenching process. The safety of the heritage worker is very important and a clear system of communication needs to be established between the heritage worker and equipment operators. Tailgate safety meetings should occur at the beginning of each work day with all field personal, contractors and supervisors present.

Minimum requirements:

- RISC training and field experience
- Knowledge of Plateau culture area and St'at'imc territory
- Proven ability to conduct artifact identification, recording of artifacts, note-taking, and report writing o Detailed field notes and photographs must be taken each day. Original field notes must be submitted to the SGS Heritage Office (or designated representative) each day.
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- Ability to use a tablet or GPS, digital camera and a handheld radio
- Valid BC Driver's license (Class 5)
- BC Hydro Heritage and Archaeology Awareness Certificate (can be completed at the SGS office)
- Excellent physical ability and willingness to perform fieldwork in a variety of locations and conditions, including extended travel
- Proven oral and written communication, presentation and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to contribute to a team work environment as well as to work independently with a commitment to health and safety leadership
- Bear Aware Training
- WPP/PSSP Training
- First Aid Level 1 with Transportation Endorsement would be an asset
- Swift Water Rescue Training (recommended)

Heritage workers will provide their own personal safety protection clothing including steel toe boots, Hi-vis vest, Hard hat, hearing protection, and eye protection. Gloves and rain gear are recommended.

**NOTE: Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination will be required (to conform to BC Hydro COVID-19 Vaccination Policy)**

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**Apply to:**

Interested applicants can submit their resume with a cover letter that clearly outlines their qualifications and experiences relating to this opportunity to:

Attention: SGS Heritage at heritage@statimcgs.org

Fax (250) 256-0445, or drop off at

10 Scotchman Road, Lillooet, BC

The intent of this advertisement is to identify and assess experienced applicants to staff both current and future needs. Applicants who are found

qualified will be considered for employment as they become available.

**St'át'imc Government Services would like to thank all interested applicants for applying for any opportunities we post.**

Professional Development Opportunity

## Project Management – Leading from the Middle

**3rd Course in the UBC Certificate in Project Management program**

Are you interested in learning about project management? Or advancing your current understanding and skills?

Register for Leading from the Middle, April 20 to May 31, 2022.

**Course Description**

Project Managers not only focus on managing projects but also on 'leading from the middle'. Based on original research carried out by our project management instructional faculty, this course examines how leaders think, how they interact with their teams and how they navigate projects forward and solidify buy-in to build momentum. Taking Project Management Fundamentals and Structured Project Management courses prior to Leading from the Middle course is recommended but not a requirement.

- Offered 100% online.
- April 20 start date – 6 week course
- Offered by UBC

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**Course fees for successful applicants will be covered by St'át'imc Government Services SET department and BC Hydro.**

**To apply, provide a cover letter explaining how the course will support the work you do and contribute to overall career development along with a current resume to Courteney Adolph-Jones by April 1, 2022.**

Please reach out with any questions.

**Contact:**
**Courteney Adolph-Jones**
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