



# April 2022 Update



## Heritage & Culture

January to March – 25 Pole Replacement Projects Completed by Chester Alec and Samual Copeland

### SLEMP Update:

SGS Heritage and BC Hydro presented the results of the Seton Lake Erosion Management Plan (SLEMP) to Tsal’alh and the P’egp’ig’lha. The presentation provided an update on the results of the 2021 site visits. There was an explanation how locations were selected, the work completed to date and the proposed future work.

SGS Heritage and BC Hydro completed a Recommendations Report for submission to the Provincial Water Comptroller. The report provides recommendations for each erosion site, including the priority order of mitigation sites to progress to the next stage and outlines monitoring options for medium to low risk erosion locations. The Recommendations Report will provide the basis for a BC Hydro funding application to begin erosion protection work.

The work on Seton Lake erosion sites has been possible due to the archaeology work conducted during the Reservoir Archaeology Program which included surveys and updating site map details. The next steps in the SLEMP work are to identify additional sites of cultural importance at the shoreline that could be impacted by the lake levels. For this work, SGS Heritage will be

requesting information from Communities and Knowledge keepers to ensure document of sites on Seton Lake.

**Bridge River Transmission Project (B RTP) Update:**

SGS Heritage is working with Wood E&I Solutions on the archaeology impact assessment for this project. The archaeology work is expected to begin in mid-May. A job posting for heritage field technicians is available on the SGS webpage and is also available on the St’at’imc Facebook page. We encourage qualified people to apply for this position and hope to offer employment on other BC Hydro projects throughout the summer as well.



**Capital Planning Projects**

BC Hydro Active Major Capital Projects are shown on this [Integrated Schedule](#) The LaJoie Dam Improvement Project is still in the conceptual stage and is planning a 10 day [spring drawdown - investigative work](#). Four contracts have already been awarded to St’at’imc businesses – including Environmental and Archaeological services, on site offices, wash cars and first aid services.

The Bridge River Transmission Project (B RTP) - [refer to the fact sheet](#) – is now in the planning stage for environmental and archaeological field work set for May 2022, multiple communities are already involved, and, a St’at’imc company – Szumin'ts holds the contract for this work.

**A virtual flyover for this project is tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2022 – if you would like to attend, please contact Sherry Kane**

The construction schedule begins with access and clearing work in 2023 followed by line construction work in 2025.

**SharePoint Information Portal – to access the site now requires Multi-Factor Authentication – an instruction sheet has been sent out on how to set this up. The instructions also provide a way to contact tech support should you have a problem.**

The Information Portal 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).

Don’t forget to follow the Quarterly Capital Planning Meeting (QCPM), the meetings are held every quarter and are open to all St’at’imc members and businesses.

**Environment**

SGS Environment is participating in the Portage Chinook Recovery Program along with other representatives from the St’at’imc (SER, Splitrock, and Instream), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and BC Hydro. In March, SGS Environment coordinated the logistics and funding opportunities for St’at’imc community technicians to assist Instream with the tagging of juvenile

Chinook smolts at the Tenderfoot Hatchery in Squamish. The Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags are utilized to monitor the fish throughout their lifespans and to understand their habitat, mortality, passage, and challenges. This opportunity will also build capacity and learning opportunities with the northern St'át'imc communities.

SGS Environment has also recently participated in the following professional development and training opportunities:

1. First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) Drone Stewardship Program & Training

SGS acted as a host Nation for BC’s Caribou region in FNTC’s Drones Stewardship Program this past month. Students are provided with an understanding of the theory, setup, and application of drones in an Indigenous community context.

2. Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research (CCFR) in Vancouver

The CCFR is a national conference that brings together diverse research on a variety of fisheries science and management topics including evolution and genomics, contaminants, fish movement and habitat, ecology, and cumulative effects in watersheds. SGS Environment attended this conference for information gathering and learning opportunities.

3. Watershed Security Strategy and Fund

BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) hosted engagement webinars with First Nations on its new initiative the “Watershed Security Strategy and Fund”, which builds on efforts inside and outside of the provincial government to ensure that water and watershed values are respected. SGS Environment submitted feedback on the discussion paper given that we are currently developing a Watershed Management Strategy for the Bridge-Seton area.

St'át'imc Lifelong Learning Scholarship  
and Bursary Awards Program

Winter 2022



**Alysha Edwards**  
Tskwáyaxw  
Anthropology Doctorate  
Award: \$5,000 Scholarship



**Cheyenne Toms**  
Tsalálh  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Dylan Whitney**  
Xaxlip  
Bachelors Degree in Medicine  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Emerson Gestrin**  
Xaxlip  
Bachelors of Arts in Psychology  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Zoe Leech**  
Títqet  
Natural Resources  
Protection Degree  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Keely Weget-Whitney**  
Títqet  
Aboriginal Governance  
and Leadership Diploma  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Aiyana Cruz**  
Xaxlip  
Criminal Justice Degree  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Darian Edwards**  
Tskwáyaxw  
Airport Operations Diploma  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary

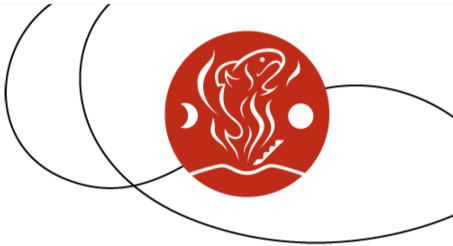


**Lia Wilson**  
Xaxlip  
St'át'imcets Language Fluency  
Certificate, Equine Facilitate  
Wellness Training  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary



**Mixakhcen Ned**  
Xwisten  
Bachelors Degree of Arts  
Award: \$1,000 Bursary





## 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.

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:

- › RIC 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
  - 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.
- › 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 field work 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)**

Apply to:

Interested applicants can submit their resume with a cover letter which clearly outlines your qualification and experiences relating to this opportunity to:

Attention:    SGS Heritage at [heritage@statimcgs.org](mailto: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 apply for any opportunities we post.**



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