



ST'UXWTÉWS NEWS

COMMUNITY



HOUSING UPDATE: PROJECT PAUSED — WORK CONTINUES

Our 8-unit Tiny Homes project at 2710 Sage Hill Road has been paused at the provincial level due to BC Housing budget constraints. While this is disappointing, this project is ***not cancelled***.

Chief and Council are actively working to keep this project moving forward through new pathways and partnerships.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

- Partnering with Build Canada Homes
- Exploring ISC funding and subsidy options
- Seeking alternative funding opportunities
- Continuing to accept housing applications
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OUR COMMITMENT

Housing remains a top priority for St'uxwtéws.

We are committed to finding solutions and moving forward for our members.

LOOKING AHEAD

Geophysics work is helping us better understand our land and support future planning and decision-making.

Full housing update inside



APRIL AT A GLANCE

- April 8 – Assistance Slips Due
- April 11 – Seasonal Round Gathering
- April 18 – General Meeting
- April 30 – Breast Screening
- Elders Bingo / Events
- Courses & Programs

Understanding FNHA Plan W Coverage

Did you know that many community members may be eligible for additional health coverage through **FNHA Plan W**?

Plan W is part of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) benefits program and is designed to support eligible First Nations individuals with coverage for a range of health-related needs that may not be fully covered under other plans.

What does Plan W cover?

Plan W can help with things like:

- Prescription medications
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Dental and vision care (in coordination with other plans)
- Mental health supports
- Medical transportation (in some cases)

Coverage can vary depending on your situation and coordination with other benefits (like MSP or other insurance plans), so it's important to check what applies to you.

Who is eligible?

Plan W is generally available to eligible First Nations individuals who are registered under the Indian Act and receiving health benefits through FNHA.

Why this matters

Plan W helps reduce out-of-pocket costs and ensures members can access the care they need—when they need it. If you're unsure about your coverage, it's always worth asking!

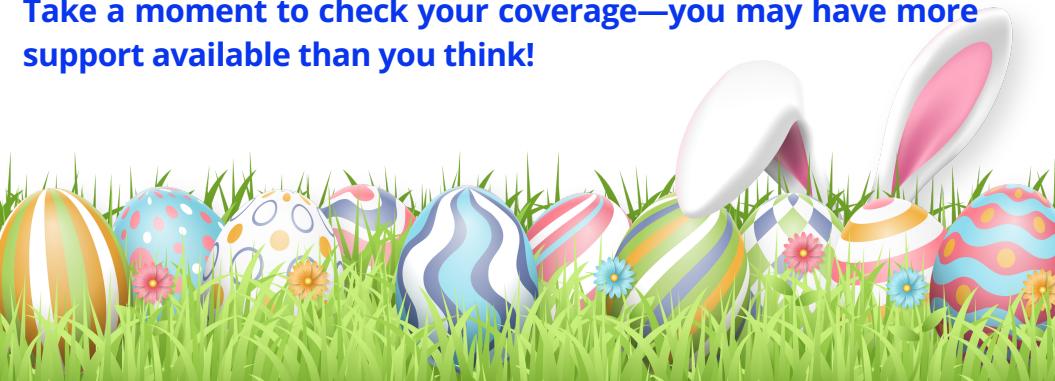
Questions or Need Help?

If you have questions about Plan W, coverage, or how to access benefits, please reach out:

Sher Perry, LPN

250-457-6233 ext. 228

Take a moment to check your coverage—you may have more support available than you think!



THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS:

Footcare Clinic

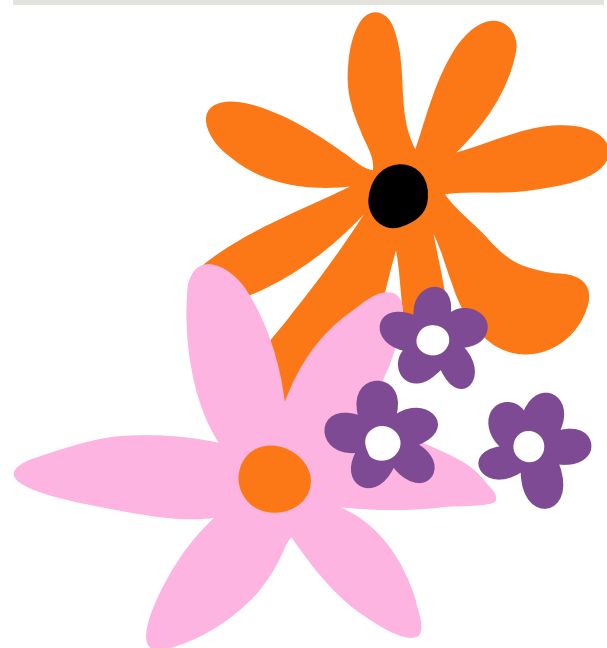
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH SHELLA FROM
HEART AND SOLE HEALTHCARE

APRIL 30 2026

9AM - 4PM

@ HEALTH CENTRE

PLEASE CALL 457-6233 TO BOOK



Health Access & Foot Care Services

SHER PERRY

**Home & Community Care
Nurse**

**Available - Monday to
Thursday**

9am - 3pm

**for foot care,
please call**

1.250.457.6233

for an appointment



ELDERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 19, 2026

The Elders gathered on March 19 to share knowledge, discuss upcoming events, and provide guidance on important community initiatives.

Watershed & Traditional Knowledge

Elders met with TRUE Consulting to share valuable knowledge about the Cache Creek watershed, including historical flooding, land use, and environmental changes.

- Strong concerns were raised about the impacts of logging, ranching, and water use on creek health.
- Elders emphasized the importance of restoring vegetation buffers and protecting natural waterways.
- Cultural teachings highlighted water as sacred and essential to community wellbeing.

Fire Smart & Safety

- Funding may be available to hire a fire worker and support Fire Smart upgrades (\$500 per home).
- Concerns were raised about emergency preparedness and low water pressure in Upper Hat Creek.
- Elders agreed proactive fire prevention is critical heading into a hot, dry season.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Bingo Night: April 1 at the Quonset (5:00 PM doors, 6:00 PM start). Proceeds support an Elders' meal in Kamloops.
- Kamloops Trip: April 3 (Friendship Centre) with transportation, lunch, and activities provided.
- Healing Circle: April 28 at Juniper, focused on connection and wellness.

Travel Discussions

- Interest in a Vancouver Elders trip was high, but costs remain a concern.
- Alternative option: Williams Lake gathering.
- Fundraising efforts may be needed to support participation.



Programs & Budget

- Budget discussions clarified timing of fiscal funding and program costs.
- Elders highlighted the importance of fair compensation for sharing knowledge and clearer guidelines for participation.

Other Updates

- Medicine Wheel workshop has been postponed for now.
- Work continues on chaperone agreements and participation processes.
- Next Elders meeting scheduled for April 16 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM).

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS

Kukpi7 Frank – March 2026 Highlights

March was a busy and productive month, with leadership focused on economic development, tourism, governance, and community engagement.

Kukpi7 Frank participated in key regional and provincial meetings, including the BCAFN Economic Development Conference, SNTC gatherings, and multiple Indigenous Tourism initiatives. He also continued ongoing work with BSLP through regular board updates and strategic discussions, including negotiations and planning for future leadership roles.

Community engagement remained a priority, with participation in the CCP session at Cache Creek Community Hall and attendance at cultural and ceremonial events such as the Baby Basket Pipe Ceremony. Meetings throughout the month also supported important projects, including housing discussions with Splatsin Homes, the bighorn sheep initiative, and membership planning work.

The month wrapped up with continued collaboration through Chief & Council, legal and financial meetings, and partnerships supporting economic growth, land stewardship, and governance.



ELDERS Community Support

Nina Minnabarriet, LPN, is available to support Elders with home visits, doctor's appointments, assistance with showering, medications, and/or exercise.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please note: respite services are not available.

For assistance or more information, please call Nina at 250-457-3194

Office Closures – Every Second Friday

Please note that the Band Office is closed every second Friday.

The next scheduled closures are:

April 3rd, 17th & May 1st

Thank you for your understanding, and please plan accordingly.



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2026 TO MARCH 2027

SLIPS DUE IN:	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE EXPECTED DATE:	FOR THE MONTH OF:
APRIL 8TH, 2026	APRIL 22ND, 2026	MAY
MAY 6TH, 2026	MAY 20TH, 2026	JUNE
JUNE 3RD, 2026	JUNE 17TH, 2026	JULY
JULY 8TH, 2026	JULY 22ND, 2026	AUGUST
AUGUST 5TH, 2026	AUGUST 19TH, 2026	SEPTEMBER
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2026	SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2026	OCTOBER
OCTOBER 7TH, 2026	OCTOBER 21ST, 2026	NOVEMBER
NOVEMBER 4TH, 2026	NOVEMBER 18TH, 2026	DECEMBER
DECEMBER 9TH, 2026	DECEMBER 16TH, 2026	JANUARY
JANUARY 6TH, 2027	JANUARY 20TH, 2027	FEBRUARY
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2027	FEBRUARY 17TH, 2027	MARCH
MARCH 10TH, 2027	MARCH 24TH, 2027	APRIL



Seasonal Round Gathering – April 11

Leadership from across Secwépemc communities are invited to gather for the upcoming Seasonal Round hosted by ***Yecwmínte re Xqwillint (Take Care of Baby Basket Society)*** on ***April 11, 2026 at Cache Creek Hall.***

This important gathering will focus on governance updates, coordination work with Canada and BC, and shared priorities supporting Secwépemc children and families. The afternoon will include a unity pipe ceremony and opportunities for community connection and engagement.

Kukwstsetsemc to all those continuing this important work together.



Reminder to Social Assistance Clients Declaration Slips are due on, April 8th 2026. Please stop by the Health Centre and fill out a form for this month. By the end of the day April 8th, 2026.

Please complete/fill out form.
If you have just signed your name than it is incomplete please come in and complete your slips appropriately.

Declare all income earnings.

250-457-6233 ext: 242 Savannah

Thank you.



RECOGNIZING OUR TEAM

We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all our staff, across every department.

From health, education, lands, governance, housing, and administration — our team continues to work every day to bring programs, services, and support to our community.

Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and we thank you for the care and commitment they bring to our Nation.



What a Night!

What an incredible evening at the Elders Spring Dance — and even more special celebrating T'kwem7íple7 Matilda Morgan's birthday! Elders joined from Soda Creek, Kelowna, Cooks Ferry, Lytton, and St'uxwtéws, filling the room with laughter, stories, and so much joy. I haven't danced like that in so long... my heart is full! Big shout out to Jamie Neighbor and his crew for putting together such a great evening — it truly showed.

Moments like these — being together, celebrating, and honouring our Elders — are what it's all about.

#EldersSpringDance #CommunityLove
#CelebrateOurElders #Grateful #GoodTimes



HOUSING UPDATE: MOVING FORWARD DESPITE SETBACKS

We want to share an important update regarding the 8-unit Tiny Homes housing project planned for 2710 Sage Hill Road.

Following a February 27, 2026 notice from BC Housing, we were informed that the project **will not move forward at this time** due to **provincial budget constraints affecting housing investments across BC**.

WHAT THIS MEANS

- The project is **paused—not cancelled**
- Funding through this program is **not available right now**
- Previously approved costs may still be supported
- Future opportunities may reopen as funding changes

WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

Chief and Council, alongside the Housing Department, are actively working to move this project forward:

- Partnering with **Build Canada Homes** to advance development
- Exploring **Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)** funding and subsidy options
- Seeking **alternative funding sources**
- Continuing to **advocate for housing investment** at regional and provincial levels
- Keeping ***housing applications open*** so we are ready when units become available

WHY THIS MATTERS

We know that safe, affordable housing is a **real and urgent need** in our community.

This delay is frustrating—but it does not change our direction.

We are continuing to push forward, explore every option, and work toward solutions that support our members and families.

OUR COMMITMENT TO MEMBERS

Housing is not on hold for us.

We remain committed to:

- Expanding housing opportunities
- Supporting members through the application process
- Planning for both **current and future housing needs**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We extend our sincere thanks to **Sierra Loewen, Housing Manager**, for her ongoing dedication and work to bring new homes to our community.

tkwem7íple7s re qelmúcw

Recap -

Governance in Action

March 30, 2026

tkwem7íple7s re qelmúcw met on March 30 to discuss key updates, community priorities, and upcoming opportunities for St'uxwtéws members.

A Summer Student Employment Program was approved, creating 5 positions starting in May and up to 10-15 positions through the summer in areas like operations, maintenance, reception, and administration.

We welcomed Laura Hursley as the new General Manager of Historic Hat Creek Ranch, beginning April 13. Work continues across several land-based initiatives, including cultural burns, fuel management, and ongoing planning at Hat Creek and McAbee.

Council also heard updates on land matters, with discussions focused on documentation, surveys, and ensuring clarity and fairness moving forward for families and future generations.

Plans are underway for Elder programs and travel, including upcoming community activities, a computer course, and improved policies to support participation and accountability.

A presentation was received on the proposed Cache Wind Project, outlining potential opportunities for Indigenous ownership, economic benefits, and community involvement. Further review and engagement will take place before any decisions are made.

Additional discussions included fire safety funding, language programming, and community development planning, with more updates to come.

The next tkwem7íple7s re qelmúcw meeting is scheduled for April 27. Contact Valantara if you would like to be added to the next agenda.

APRIL INTENTIONS

MORE LOVE.
MORE PRAYER.
MORE STILLNESS.
MORE LAUGHTER.
MORE GRATITUDE.
MORE SELF-LOVE.
MORE CONNECTION.
MORE AUTHENTICITY.
MORE ADVENTURES.
MORE KINDNESS.
MORE EMPATHY.
MORE PEACE.
MORE CREATOR.



Inspired Iskwew Coaching

Good day, Bonaparte First Nation

The Governance department would like to thank all who attended the first Trespass Bylaw meeting. With a reminder of our ***second meeting on April 8th, 4-8 pm, C&C Chambers.***

Please confirm attendance for catering purposes.

We would also like to remind our community that we also have a BFN ***General meeting on April 18th, 2026, from 10-3 pm at the Quonset Hut (2610 Spirit Way).***

We look forward to the communication and good work that we, as a community, continue to contribute.

- Governance Department

Public Health Week: Taking Care of Our People

April 6–12 marks National Public Health Week, a time to recognize the many ways we care for the health and wellbeing of our people—not just when we are sick, but every day.

Public health is all around us. It's in the homes we live in, the water we drink, the support we offer our Elders, and the connections we build as a community. It's the quiet, consistent work that helps keep our families strong, safe, and supported.

Here in St'uxwtéws, this work is carried forward every day by our BFN staff—both within our Health Department and across our Main Office and departments. From direct care and home visits, to program delivery, administration, housing, lands, water, education, and governance—each role plays a part in supporting the overall wellness of our community.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all staff who serve our Nation with dedication, compassion, and care. Whether working on the frontlines or behind the scenes, your efforts help ensure our members are supported, informed, and connected.

Public health is not just one department—it is a shared responsibility, reflected in everything we do. From safe homes and clean water, to strong programs and community connection, every contribution matters.

This week also recognizes the broader network of support across the country, including partners like the Canadian Public Health Association, who continue to promote prevention, education, and equitable access to care.

As we move forward, we remain committed to building a community where wellness is supported in all its forms—physical, mental, emotional, and cultural.

Let's continue to take care of one another, lift each other up, and walk together in wellness.



Elder's Beginner Computer Course Coming Soon!

We're excited to offer a **free** Beginner Computer Course for our Elders, designed to build confidence and comfort with technology in a supportive and welcoming space.

This course will run *2 evenings per week* for a total of 16 hours, and will cover the basics of using a computer, navigating the internet, sending emails, and building everyday digital skills.

Whether you're just getting started or looking to refresh your skills, this is a great opportunity to learn at your own pace, ask questions, and connect with others.

Free of charge

Start date: TBD

**To sign up, please contact the Education
Department**

Jamie Porter – 250-457-9624 ext. 102

We look forward to supporting our Elders in staying connected, informed, and confident in today's digital world.



*Valantara & Sierra L tidying up the spring
boxes for the warm season*

This notice is to inform the community that all garbage collection and waste management services are now being handled by the **Bonaparte First Nation (BFN)**.



Service Details

- **Provider:** Garbage and recycling services are now managed by the BFN Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Department.
- **Community Support:** This transition is part of ongoing efforts to maintain a clean and sustainable environment for all members.

How to Contact Us

For any questions regarding collection schedules, missed pickups, or recycling guidelines, please contact the **Band Office** directly.

- **Band Office Phone:** (250)457-9624

BFN App Update – Members Only Access

I'm making it easier for members to stay informed and connected.

Important community documents are now available directly in the BFN App – in a secure, members-only section.

This includes:

- [Chief & Council updates](#)
- [Policies & procedures](#)
- [Housing information](#)
- [Governance documents](#)
- [Community notices](#)
- [And more as they become available](#)

To view these documents, you must be:

A registered member of the app

Logged into your account

This helps ensure important information is shared securely, respectfully, and with our members first.

If you haven't registered yet, now is a great time to sign up and stay up to date.

If you need help getting set up, please reach out – I'm happy to assist!

Kukwstsétsemc for staying connected and informed. ~ Tammy



March Moments

On **March 5**, staff came together for a Winter Solstice gathering, sharing food, laughter, and time to reconnect as a team.

On **March 13**, members and leadership met for the CCP Meeting, continuing to shape our community's vision and priorities for the future.



Calling Elders & Youth (Ages 15–30): Join Our Community Cultural Burn

We are preparing for an upcoming cultural burn and are looking for Elders and Youth (ages 15–30) to participate in this important work on the land.

- 4 Bonaparte Elders
- 4 Bonaparte Youth

This is a chance for our community to come together to restore the ecosystem, share traditional knowledge, and pass down vital skills to the next generation. Your presence is key to ensuring this practice is done with the right intent and wisdom.

Details:

Who: Elders and Youth (15–30)

What: Hands-on participation and knowledge sharing

Honorariums: Provided in recognition of your time and contribution

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please reach out to Fawn Pierro-Zabotel nrmanager@bslp.ca.

Let's care for the land together.

Looking Ahead: Geophysics Presentation

On March 30, Chief and Council received a presentation on geophysics work within our territory, offering a deeper look beneath the land.

The update showed how mapping and data are helping identify potential opportunities and support informed decision-making—guided by our values and stewardship.

See the full update and visuals at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome Laurie

Please join us in welcoming Laura Hursley, BFN member, as the **new General Manager of Historic Hat Creek Ranch** starting April 13.

We're proud to see our members stepping into leadership—welcome, Laurie!

Tax Free
Tires
First

THUNDERBOLT

GARAGE
EST. 1964
Street Rods - Muscle Cars

Auto Maintenance
Nation

Owned
Chewing
Tobacco

Operated
Cigarettes

Arthur Morgan
Box 635
Cache Creek B.C.
V0K1H0
Bonaparte First Nation
amorgan1864@yahoo.com
Bus: 250-457-3332
Cell: 250-457-3536

Oil Change
Shocks-Struts
Brakes
Rotors
Tune ups
Wiper Blades
Local Honey
Windshield Washer
Quad Tires
Commercial Tires
Tax Free



Introducing Healing Our Spirits

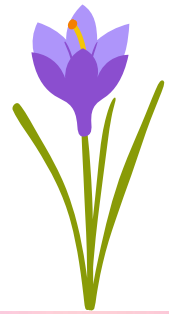
We know that so many of our youth are carrying grief that is heavy, complicated, and often unseen. In response, the Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society is honoured to offer Healing Our Spirits—a culturally grounded bereavement program for youth and families impacted by the toxic drug crisis.

This is a space for connection, culture, and healing through drumming, crafts, and being together in community.

For youth ages 12–24 (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) who have experienced the loss of a loved one through the toxic drug crisis.



To register contact coordinator:
Olivia Baptiste
healingspirits@kafs.ca
250-318-2900



You don't have to carry this alone.

Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society Introduces...

HEALING OUR SPIRITS PROGRAM



Who are we?

a culturally grounded bereavement program designed to provide healing and support to youth and their families who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to the toxic drug crisis

Are you?

- Youth (ages 12–24)
- Indigenous or non-Indigenous
- Affected by the loss of a loved one due to the toxic drug crisis
- Interested in participating in dance, crafts, drumming, & more!



Email or call to register!

Olivia Baptiste
healingspirits@kafs.ca
250-318-2900



Need Support? You're Not Alone

If this winter season feels heavy, support is available. Reaching out is a sign of strength.

Canada-wide, 24/7 supports:

- Hope for Wellness Help Line (Indigenous support)
- 1-855-242-3310
- Text HOPE to 45645
- Indian Residential Schools Crisis Support Line (IRSS)
- 1-866-925-4419
- Talk Suicide Canada
- 1-833-456-4566
- Text 45645 (evenings) or 988
- Kids Help Phone (Youth & Young Adults)
- 1-800-668-6868
- Text CONNECT to 686868

You do not have to carry things alone.

The Honouring our Young Women Pow Wow Committee and
Simpew invite you to,



THE 23RD ANNUAL HONOURING OUR YOUNG WOMEN POW WOW

Date: April 25 & 26, 2026

Location: Simpew Gym, 7555 Dunn Lk Rd, Barriere

GRAND ENTRY

Saturday: 1pm & 7pm

Sunday at 12pm

SPECIALS:

Honouring Young Women

Honouring Young Men

2026 Princess Pageant -

Registration on Saturday

Host Drum: Selected daily
Additional 3 drums paid daily
Drums, please register ahead

Whipman: Everett White

MC: Derek Sheena

CONCESSION: Saturday
50\50

Loonie Auction

Vendors: \$100 for the weekend
plus 1 item to committee

****No outside concessions or walk-
around raffles****

Dry Camping on site



Contacts:

Shelley Frank-778 208 2307 -
Vendor & Drum Registration

or

Shelly Loring-250 401 3046

THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT,
THE POW WOW COMMITTEE IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS
OR ANY INJURIES DURING THE EVENT.



Cannabis Gummies & Child Safety

Cannabis and CBD gummies can look like
candy but can be harmful to children.
Even small amounts may cause serious
symptoms like extreme drowsiness,
confusion, or trouble breathing.

Please store all cannabis products safely
and out of reach. If a child may have
consumed any, call

Poison Control Canada (1-844-764-7669)
or seek medical help immediately.



**SFU First Nations, Métis and Inuit
Student Association**

**4th Annual
Honouring Indigenous Students**

Traditional Powwow

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 11 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 10AM

GRAND ENTRY AT 12PM AND 6 PM

LOCATION:

WEST GYM, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

UNCEDDED TERRITORY OF THE
TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KWIKWETLEM, SQUAMISH &
MUSQUEAM NATIONS

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[FNMISA.CA/POWWOW/](https://fnmisa.ca/powwow/)

Save the Date!

**** MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS
UPDATE ~REFERENDUM,
VOTER'S LIST, ETC...****

IMPORTANT

Contact Membership,
Terri Allan @ 250.457.9624

*Stay Connected with the
BFN App*

Make sure you have the BFN App downloaded and check it regularly. Important news, updates, and opportunities are often shared on the app and may not always appear on Facebook or in the newsletter. Staying connected through the app helps ensure you don't miss out on information that matters to you and your family.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 10-12, 2026



In Loving Memory of Tenalth-T (Gloria Nahanee)

4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL

SQUAMISH NATION YOUTH POWWOW

WHERE: XWMELCH'STN Capilano Reserve Park, West Vancouver, BC

WHEN: JULY 10-12, 2026

Host Drum: Cree Confederation

Invited Drums: Blackstone, Blacklodge, Chiniki Lake, Sharpshooter

\$20,000 DRUM CONTEST (1st Place)

Dancer Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Drum Contest	Payout Amount
Juniors	\$300	\$200	\$100	1st Place	\$20,000
Teens	\$500	\$400	\$300	2nd Place	\$10,000
Adults	\$1,000	\$500	\$400	3rd Place	\$5,000
Golden Age	\$600	\$400	\$300	4th Place	\$2,500

General Inquiries: squamishnationpowwow@gmail.com

Vendor registration open soon!



INDIGENOUS TOURISM CONFERENCE

Cache Creek

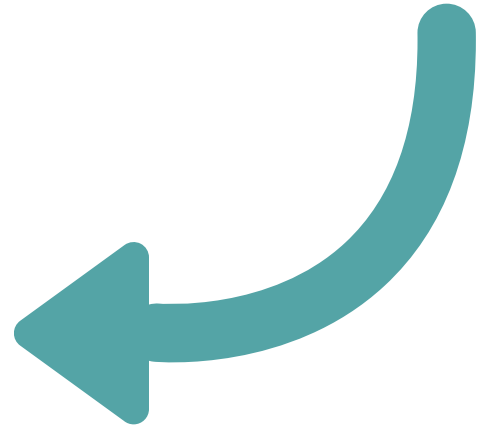
**Sharing Our Stories:
Strengthening Local
Economies Through
Culture & Connection**

April 21-23, 2026
Secwépemc Territory
Cache Creek, BC





Check out the job description on Facebook Page or the BFN App or call Jamie P in the Education Department for a job description.



hello Spring



 **April**
FOOD BANK DAYS

Family Day: For all individuals who have children 18 years and Younger.

~~*~~ **Canceled** 12:00pm- 2:30pm ~~*~~

> **April 14th** 12:00pm -2:30pm

Food Bank Day: Everyone including families.

> **April 1st** 12:00pm-2:30pm

> **April 15th** 12:00pm- 2:30pm

Location:

- ❖ 601 Bancroft Street in Ashcroft, in the back behind the village office

To register you need a piece of ID for yourself and everyone in your household.

Questions?

- ❖ Please call the office @ 250-453-9656.

INDIGENOUS FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STUDY + WORK



LIMITED SEATS
APPLY NOW

Request an application at
workforce@forestrycouncil.ca

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Indigenous Forestry Scholarship Program (IFSP)
for Indigenous students attending full-time studies
in a designated post-secondary program:

Fields of Study:

Forestry Programs

- Forestry
- Forest Technician

Science Programs

- Wildlife & Fish Management
- Biology
- Engineering
- Geography
- GIS

Trades Programs

- Electrical
- Welding
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Instrumentation
- Power Engineering
- Machinist
- Saw Filer
- Wood Product Manufacturing

Business Programs

- Accounting & Finance
- Business Technology
- Business Administration
- Human Resources
- Marketing

Full scholarships include tuition, living expenses,
paid internship placement & mentorship.

School term September-April

Work placement May-August, provided by forestry partners.

Culture & Language Corner

Secwepemctsin Word of the
Month

knucwentwécw - "We help one
another"

This teaching reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community—supporting one another through everyday life, big or small. Whether it's helping a neighbour, sharing knowledge, or lifting each other up, this value is at the heart of who we are as St'uxwéws people.

As we move into the spring season, it's a time of renewal, growth, and reconnecting—with the land and with each other. Just like the land begins to wake, so do our responsibilities to care, share, and walk together in a good way.

Our Values in Action

knucwentwécw - We support one another and move forward together as a strong and connected community.



TO APPLY, CONTACT:

☎ 604.971.3448 (ext. 4632)

✉ workforce@forestrycouncil.ca

BC FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL

630 Shoreline Drive
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5A1

forestrycouncil.ca

Request an application from
either your local ISETP office
or
workforce@forestrycouncil.ca

Howard's Hounds U-15 – Strong Showing!

Howard's Hounds U-15 team had a great weekend at the Nicola Valley Jr. Hockey Tournament (March 26–28), finishing 4th overall!

The team brought energy, teamwork, and heart to every game. We're proud of their effort and the way they represented the community on and off the ice.

Howard's Hounds is recruiting for next years tournaments.

Way to go, Hounds!



Stuxwtéws



Support for families!

Family Reunions/Gatherings

One per year per request.

Must submit have names of those confirmed to attend.

Must be within the fiscal year April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Must be registered for direct deposit with the band.

One per family group: List of names will be monitored

Please provide list of names confirmed attendance:

List of 35 and over can be eligible for up to \$ 600.00 to help with food costs (receipts required)

List of 70 and over can be eligible for up to \$1200.00 to help with food costs (receipts required)

This funding is to encourage families to get together in a positive way to share historical stories and pictures and create those memories that will last for generations to come.

Family trees are a good example to share with your young ones.

Must submit an article for the newsletter for all to enjoy.

Send your request along with list to Socialdev@bonaparte.band or call 250-457-6233 ext. 239

Please feel free to contact Angie Thorne-Social Development Manager if you have any questions and have fun and plan away.

Note: We encourage the use of your own lands which can include booking Loon Lake campground with Reception@bonaparte.band



Boston Flats Eco-Depot

One stop shop for all your disposal and recycling needs

Hours of Operation

Year-round
Tues - Sun 8-4

**Site closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and is open all other regularly scheduled days*

Accepted Materials

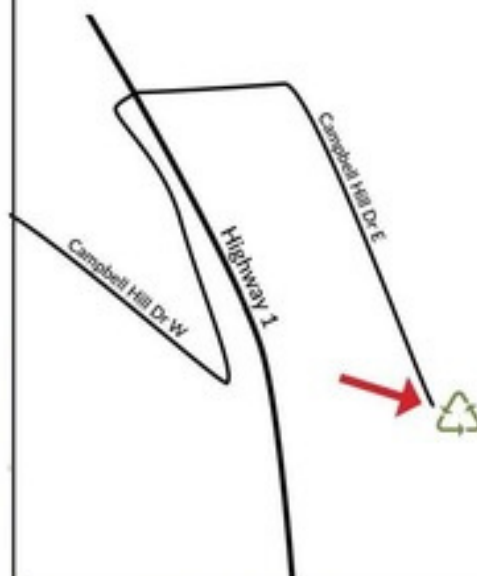
Household Garbage	\$90/t or \$1 per bag
Household Recycling	Free to Recycle
Tires	Free to Recycle
Cooling Appliances fridge, freezer, water cooler	Free to Recycle
Lg Appliances, Scrap Metal, Propane Tanks	Free to Recycle
Electronics, Small Appliances	Free to Recycle
Brush and Branches	Free to Recycle
Batteries - Household, Automotive	Free to Recycle
Mattress and Boxspring	Free to Recycle
Wood Waste/Asphalt Shingles Separated from other construction material	\$100/t [\$5 min. charge]
DLC demolition, land clearing, construction	\$250/t [\$13 min. charge]
Asphalt/Concrete Separated from other construction material	\$30/t [\$2 min. charge]
Used Oil and Paints	Free to Recycle



*Disposal fees can be paid by Credit, Debit, or Eco Card.
Cash is not accepted.

Have an unusual or odd load? Give us a call ahead of time

1180 Campbell Hill Drive East



What is ...

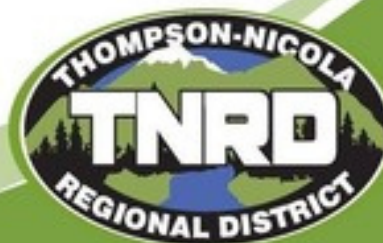
Household Garbage?

Solid waste generated from the day to day activities of households and non-industrial businesses. Typically, this waste will fit in bags but can include larger items used around a property such as a garden hose.

DLC?

(Demolition, Land Clearing, and Construction)

Solid waste generated from activities such as renovations, industrial work, and grubbing. Any material that is designed to be part of a house or building is considered DLC.



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Program Highlights

- Master of Education (MEd)
- Partnered with NVIT and St'uxwéws (Bonaparte First Nation)
- Cohort-based program delivery
- In-person sessions at NVIT Merritt campus
- Program start: Fall 2026



Program Advisor: Edgradadvising@tru.ca
Admission inquiries: Gradadmissions@tru.ca



Free Breast Cancer Screening

**April 30, 2026 – Thursday
@ Bears' Claw Lodge**

The BC Cancer Society has set aside a specific time slot for our community on this day. Please email chr2@bonaparte.band or call Kala at 457-6233 ext 229 to have your name added to the list.

**YOU CAN SELF-REFER FOR A FREE SCREENING
MAMMOGRAM IF YOU ARE:**

- AGED 40 OR OLDER
- ASYMPTOMATIC (NO BREAST CHANGES/LUMPS)
- NOT PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING.

St'extéws Language and Culture
Presents

ME7 KÚLEM-KT TE K C7ÍSTKTEŃ

WE WILL BUILD A WINTER HOME

Workshop facilitator: Sonny Kiitokii (Prairie Chicken) St'extéws Language and Culture

Come learn the origins of the C7ístkterŃ

Coming together to help build our C7ístkterŃ

"Waking up the Winterhome" ceremony to follow

Registration is now open to the following nations

Secwépemc

Syilx

Nlaka'pamux

St'át'imc

All knowledge is welcomed and encouraged
in this 5 day workshop. Focusing on unity

\$250.00 Registration fee

St'extéws First Nation fee's waived

Lunches Provided

onsite accommodations provided cabins and Tipi's

All further information regarding this workshop will be in the Registration packs.

please email us @ Language@bonaparte.band

WORKSHOP START DATE:
APRIL 13TH - 17TH 2026



ATTENTION!



CALL OUT

Trespass Bylaw Committee Meeting

**First Meeting March 24, 2026 - from 4 pm to 7 pm with
dinner provided.**

Meeting thereafter: April 8, 2026 4 pm to 7 pm

**Lawyer Francine Rattray-Litigation Counsel DWF will be
on Zoom to help assist with any questions and to form
committee.**

**Location of the meeting will be at the Chief and Council
Chambers**

**Please Call Honey - 250 457 9624 ext 240 to confirm your spot
on the committee**

Deadmans Creek

ANNUAL RODEO

FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY

May 2nd and 3rd 2026,
1pm start daily

Major Event

Bull riding, Bareback riding,
Barrel racing, Tie Down roping,
Team roping, Steer Wrestling,
Contemporary & Ranch Saddle Bronc riding

Junior Events

Steer riding & Barrel racing

Peewee Events

Barrel racing

Other Events

Wild Cow Milking, Calf Scramble, Whisky Race, Stick Horse Race, and
traditional events.
Other events to be announced.

For more information and updates on the event, search:
Annual Deadmans Creek Open Rodeo 2026 on Facebook

Rodeo grounds located 50km west of Kamloops on Trans Canada Hwy

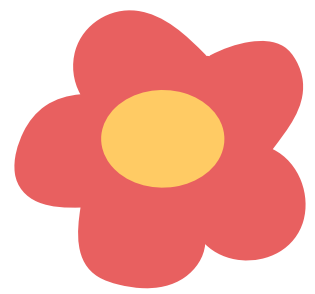
RODEO ENTRIES APRIL 14th, 15th and 16th 2026

from 5:30pm till 9:00pm contact

(250) 373-2577

Entries will ONLY be accepted by phone.

No early or late entries will be accepted.



Information Bulletin

For Immediate Release

March 23, 2026

Ministry of Forests

BC Wildfire Service

Cultural burn planned for Upper Hat Creek Valley area

KAMLOOPS – The BC Wildfire Service will be supporting the Thompson Rivers Natural Resource District and Bonaparte First Nation in conducting a cultural burn covering up to 40 hectares, approximately 15 kilometres west of Cache Creek, in the Upper Hat Creek Valley. The Harry Lake Grasslands Cultural burn, is part of a multiyear project with the Thompson Rivers Natural Resource District to introduce fire into the Upper Hat Creek Valley.

Key goals of this cultural burn include:

- Revitalization of cultural burning practices by Bonaparte (St'uxwtews) First Nation
- Reintroduction of fire to a fire deficit ecosystem
- Ecological maintenance and improvement of grasslands.
- research initiatives being undertaken by the University of British Columbia (UBC) into prescribed fire in the area

Smoke may be visible from Pavillion, Cache Creek, Bonaparte, Ts'kw'aylaxw, surrounding areas, and to motorists travelling along Highway 97 and 99.

The exact timing of this burn will depend on weather and site conditions, but it could begin as early as Friday, March 27. Burning will proceed if conditions are suitable and allow for smoke dispersal during burn operations, though smoke may also linger in the following days.

Bonaparte First Nation

General Meeting

April 18th, 2026

10 am - 3 pm

BFN Quonset Hut

2610 Spirit Way

Lunch to be served at noon

Agenda to follow

Stúxwtéws



Bonaparte First Nation

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Meeting ID: 967 3277 6221

Passcode: 905272

Any questions or concerns, please contact

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February 27, 2026

Chief and Council
Bonaparte First Nation
2689A Sage Hill Road
Cache Creek V0K 1H0

Via email: Sierra Loewen, housing@bonaparte.band

RE: Bonaparte First Nation, 2710 Sage Hill Road – Indigenous Housing Fund 2024 (BCH file 96550-11978)

Dear Chief and Council,

I am writing to share an important update on your Indigenous Housing Fund application.

With last week's provincial budget tabled, we are now confirming fiscal constraints and the need to adjust the pace of housing investments. As a result, your 2024 Indigenous Housing Fund project will not be advanced at this time.

We recognize that this news is disappointing, given our shared commitment to delivering much needed housing across the region. We remain committed to continue to work with you to fund any costs incurred to date with previously approved funding, however, are not able to advance to formal commitment under the Indigenous Housing Fund program at this time.

We understand if you wish to explore alternative funding sources that could help sustain or accelerate progress more quickly, and we would like to discuss how we can support you in this.

If it would be helpful to discuss the implications of this update further, please let me know—I would be happy to connect.

Thank you for your understanding, and for your continued leadership and partnership in supporting housing across the region and the province. We appreciate your commitment to delivering much needed housing for the for the Stuxwtéws Nation and we look forward to continuing our work together as additional resources become available.

Sincerely,
Tyler Baker
Director, Regional Development – Interior Region
BC Housing

CC: Sierra Loewen, Housing Director, housing@bonaparte.band
Kacy Otter, Bridge Development, kacy@bridgedevlopment.ca



Project Update: Geophysics

We are Fortescue

MARCH 2026

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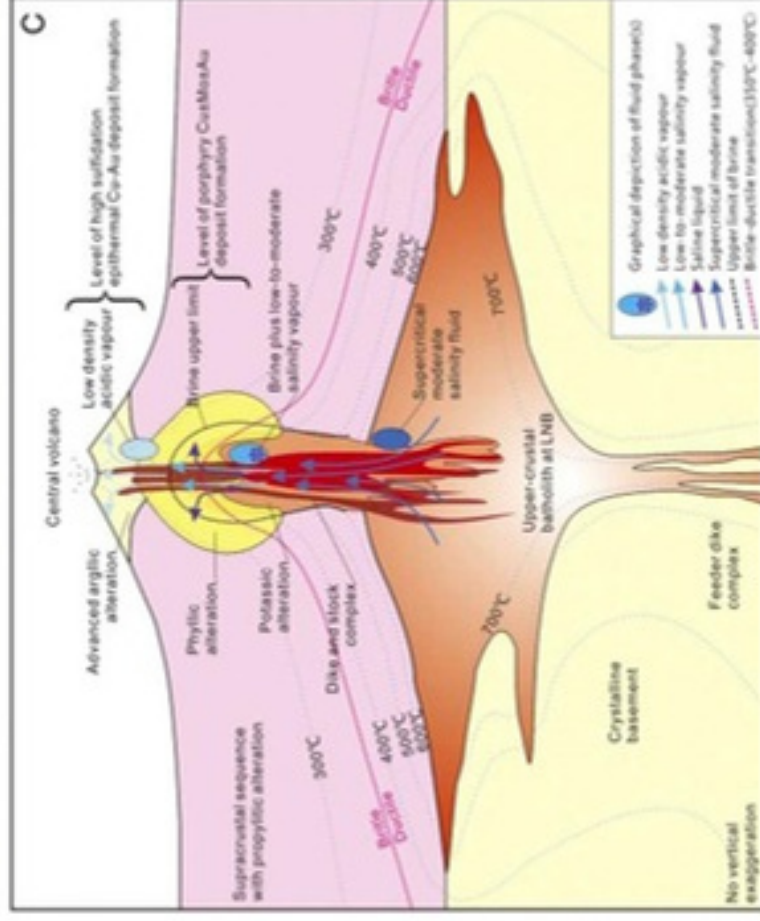
Outline

- Copper porphyry deposit morphology and geophysical characteristics
- Data collected and spatial coverage
- Logical process - data to target (The Wish List)
- Overlays, constraints and drill site selection (the Reality Check)



Porphyry Introduction

Copper porphyry deposit morphology and geophysical characteristics

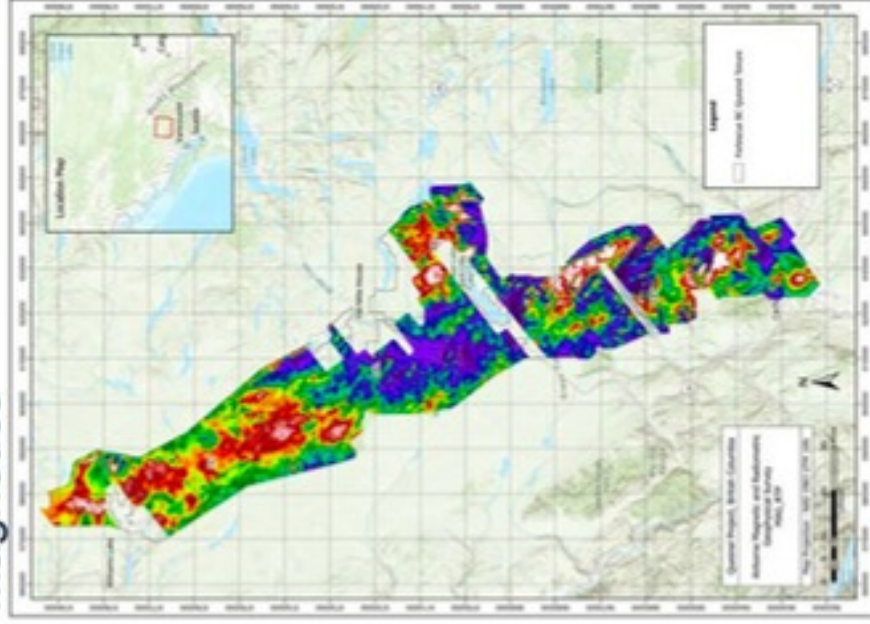


- Section view to 30km depth at time of formation
- Magma source
- Disruptive feature
- Fluid exsolution – Wallrock interaction
- Cupola geometry

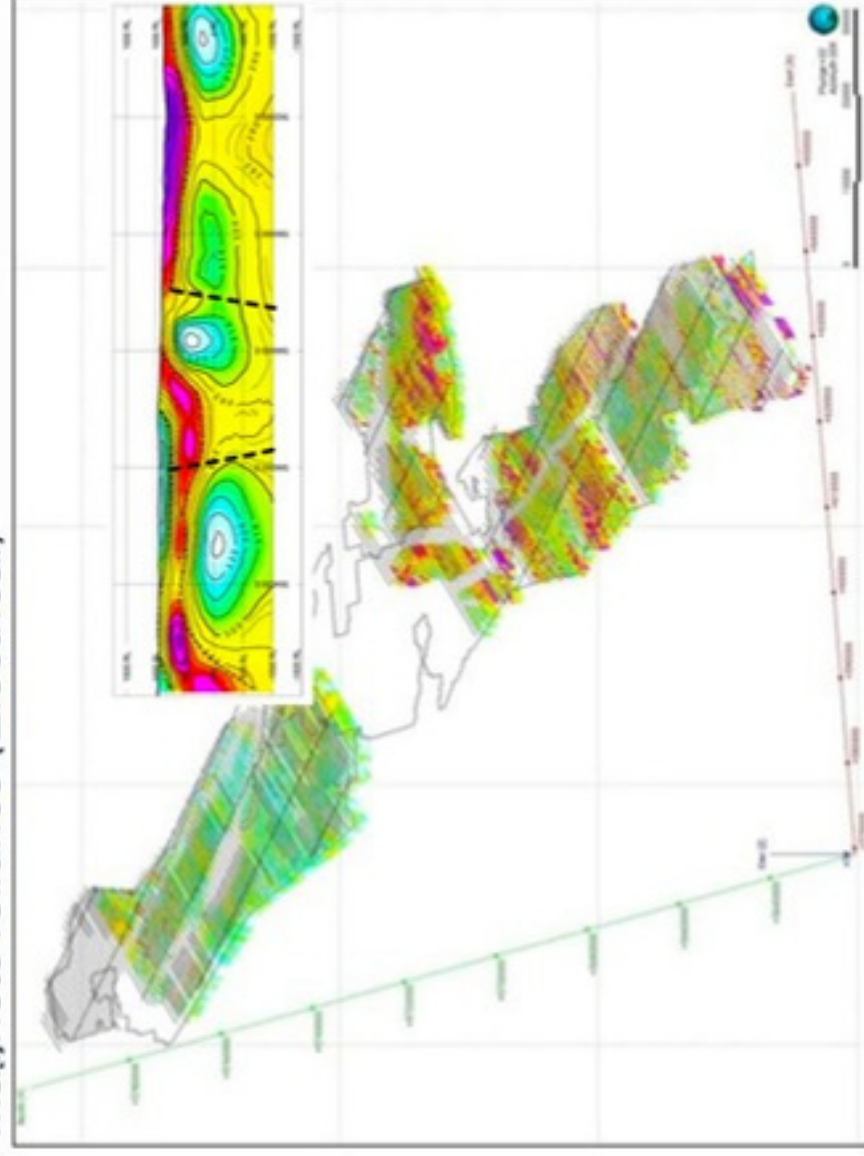
Data collected and spatial coverage



Magnetics

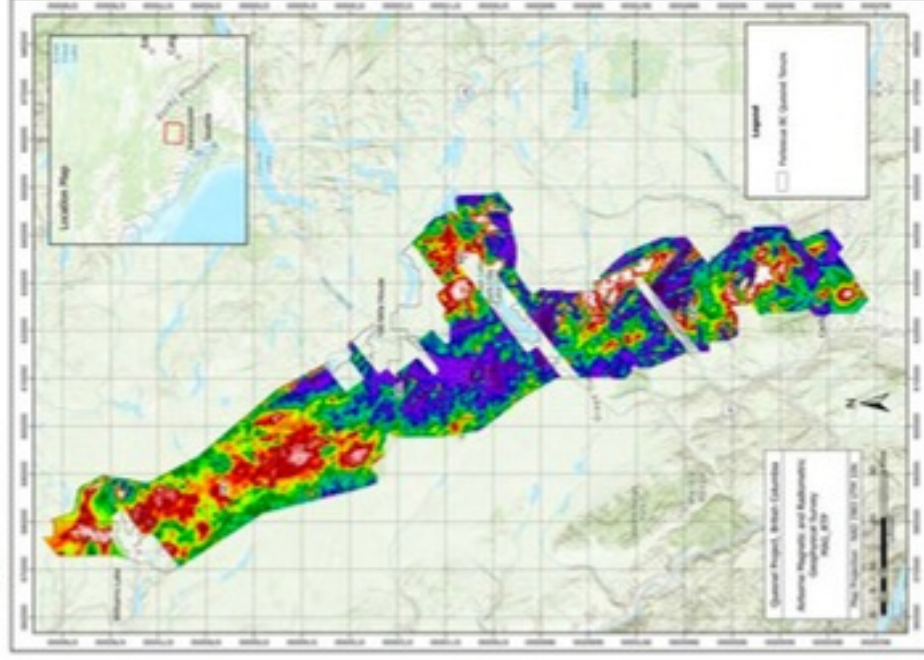


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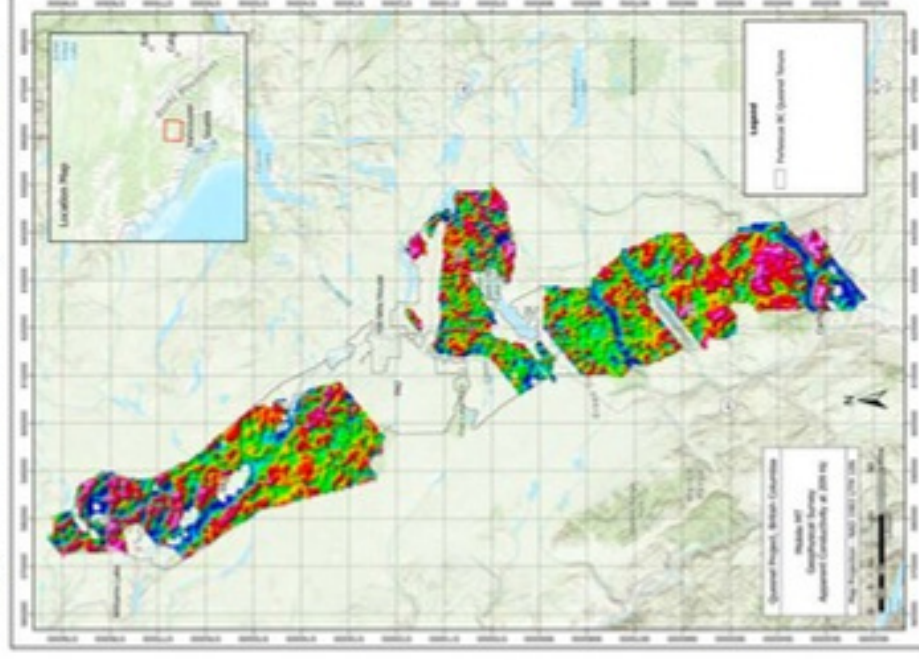


Data collected and spatial coverage

Magnetics



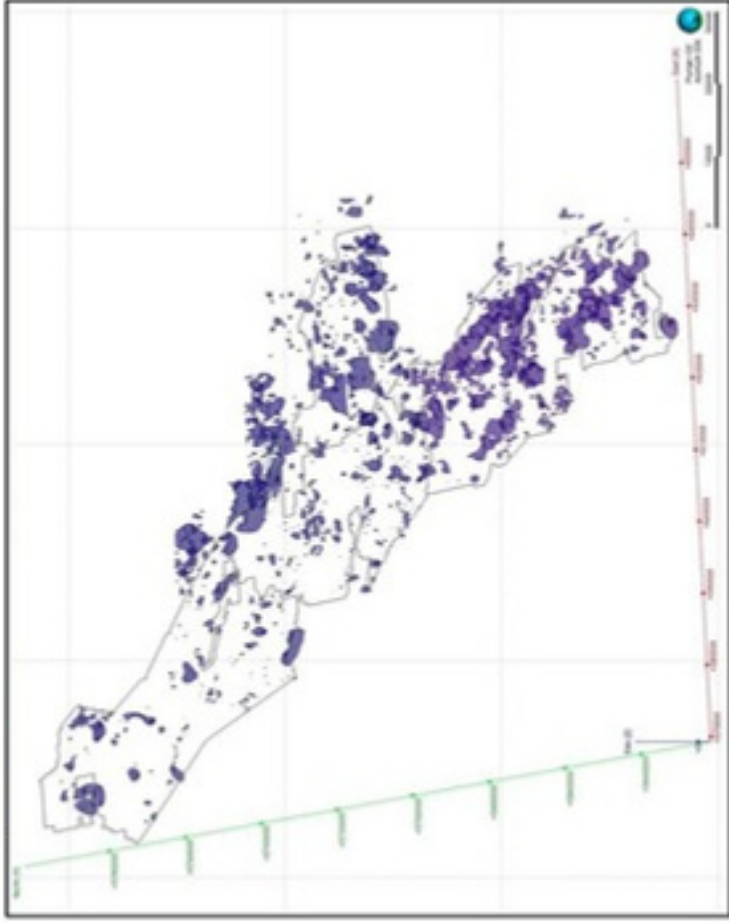
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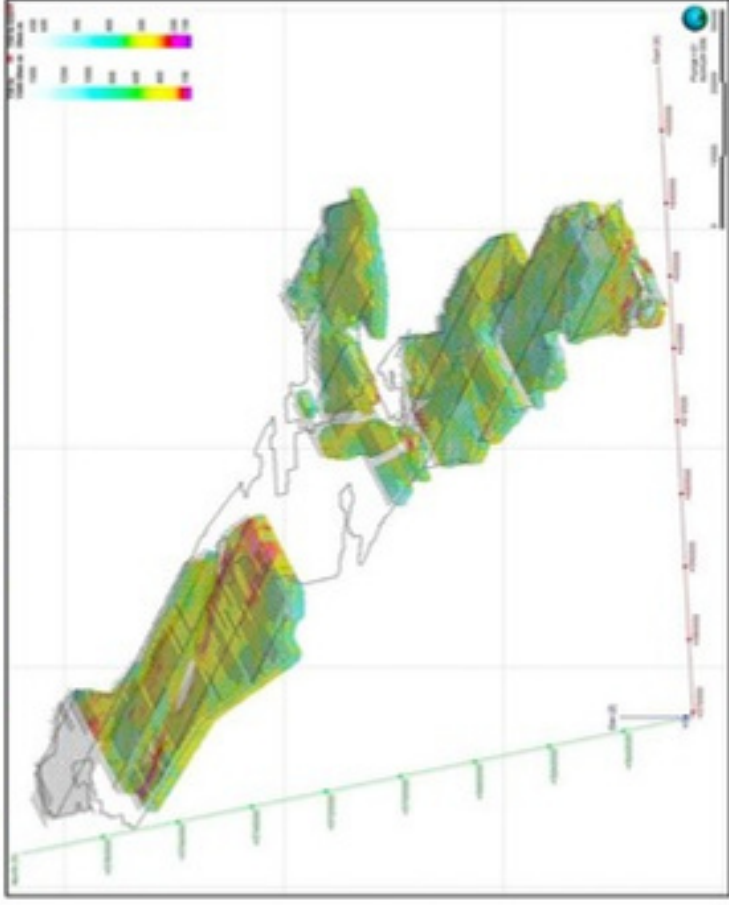
Data collected and spatial coverage (3D Inversion)



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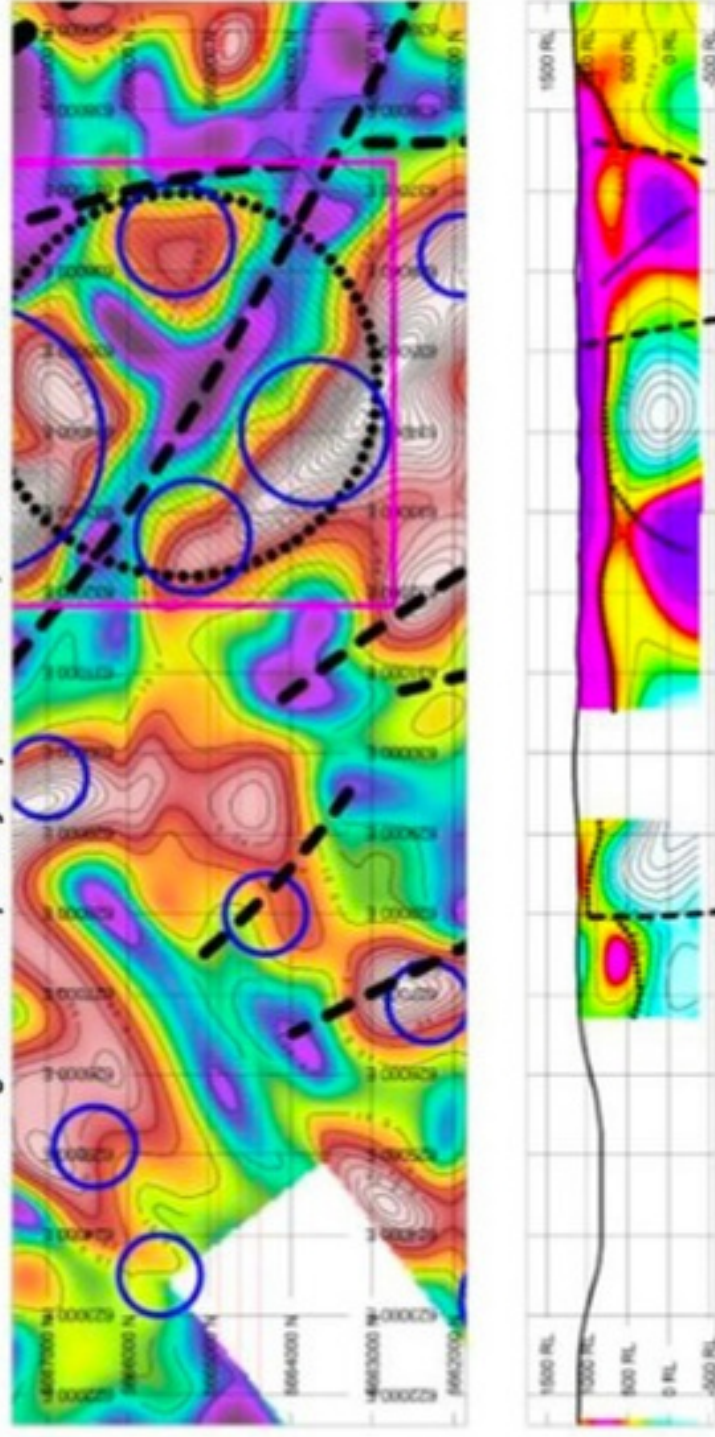


Logical process - data to target

(The Wish List)



Magnetic susceptibility depth slice at 1,000m below surface



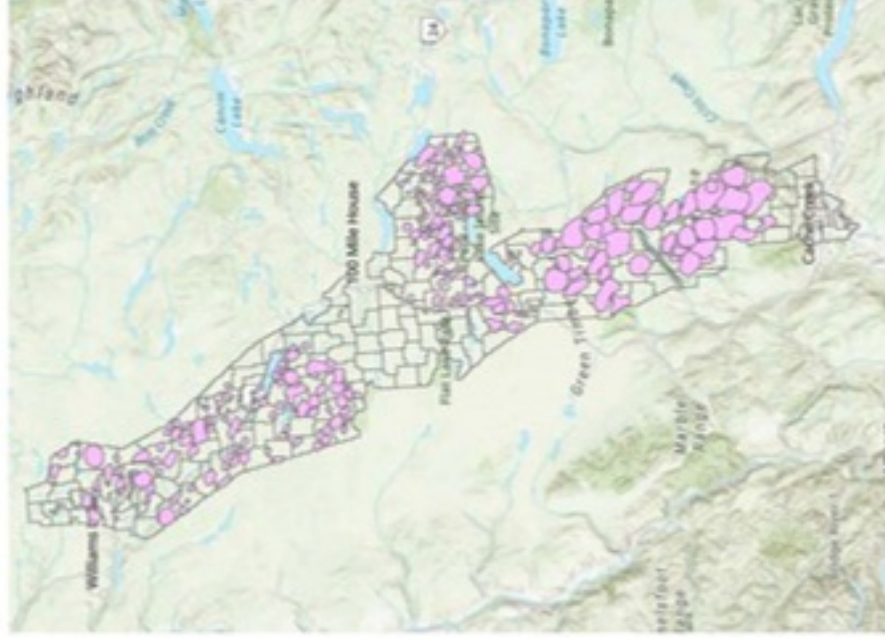
SECTION 5.664.630N.

- Lower Panel shows a resistivity vertical section from the 3D model with interpreted lineaments (black dashed lines) and highlighted low resistivity geometries suggesting the presence of halos surrounding more resistive centers (dotted white lines) and interpreted boundaries between rock packages with marked different resistivities (black dotted lines).
- Central Panel shows a plan view of a magnetic susceptibility elevation slice at 0m below surface with interpreted lineaments, circular resistivity features, and CET derived features from magnetic data (solid blue circles).
- Upper Panel shows profiles of the ASVI and AS magnetic products along the section line

Cover Depth ?

Logical process - data to target

(The Wish List)



Criteria
Discreet_MagAnomaly_Score_v2
GravityResponse_Score_v2
TopoCorrelation_Score_v2
Depth_Score_v2
Area_km2
AppropriateSize_Score_v2
ClusterPotential_Score_v2
FromDepth_Score_AppCon
FromDepth_Score_Inversion
ShapeForm_Inversion_Plan
ShapeForm_Inversion_3D
ShapeForm_Inversion_Section
ShapeForm_AppCon_Score
TexturalDestruction_Score_v2
StrongerCore_Score_v2
AI_Score
MMT_Inv_Synthetic_CC_Score
Mag_ASVI_CET_Score
Field Evidence Score
Total Score

