

May 2021 NEWSLETTER

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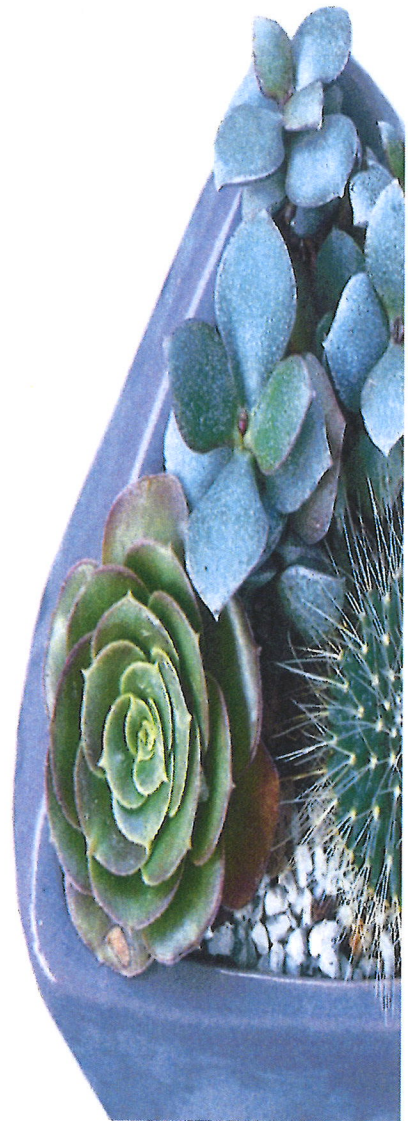
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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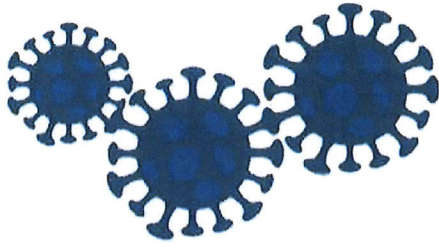
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Assembly

www.website.com



For more information:
Canada.ca/coronavirus

Information for Indigenous communities:
Canada.ca/coronavirus-info-indigenous

COVID-19 UPDATE

Best Practices Surrounding Status Cards During COVID-19

In response to questions received from First Nations members, citizens, and stakeholders, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is proactively sharing information to ensure that registered persons with a status card can access programs, services, rights and benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All ISC offices for Indian status and secure status card applications are closed until further notice. Processing times, including return of original documents, are delayed.

In light of these circumstances, ISC is **recommending to service providers that they should accept status cards or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents (TCRDs) past the renewal date with a second piece of identification**. ISC will be reaffirming to businesses and service providers that Indian status does not expire, and that the registration number provided on these documents remains the same and is what is required to confirm eligibility for programs and services.

It is recommended to share this notice with your members, so that they have a copy accessible to them to show services providers in the event there are difficulties.

For more information, please visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus) and Indigenous communities or email the [Public Enquiries Contact Centre](https://Canada.ca/publicenquiries).



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CALLING ALL COOKS

We are seeking BIDS for the following:

Caterers for Chief & Council Meetings

and other Special Meetings

I am seeking to create and update a list of available cooks for meetings.

Provide 2 menu options, one for a lunch cater, one for a supper cater and your expected catering fees for each meal.

MENU ITEMS MUST INCLUDE FOOD/DESSERT ITEMS FOR DIABETICS also to not include any food allergy items chief and council are allergic to which include, apples, cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon, onions and dill pickles. There is also Vegan diet and also a protein and veggies with no carbs.

Please confirm your bid to Dale August, Executive Assistant by dropping off at the Coldwater Administration Building or emailing her at daugust@coldwaterband.org Include your contact information and a copy of you and your helpers **Food Safe Certificate(s)**.

Following is a list of requirements to cater a Chief and Council meeting.

- a) Due to COVID meals all must be prepackaged, include eating utensils and napkins
- b) Condiments – salt, pepper, salad dressing etc.
- c) Beverages to provided include – diabetic friendly beverages, water (**preferably no Nestle water**).
- d) Ability to serve meal at a specified time. (arrive 15 min. early to drop off)
- e) The caterer must supply their own equipment.

The next Chief and Council meeting is set for May 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the dinner cater portion. **Deadline for bids is May 19th, 2021**

** Please NOTE: 50 % of the bid **can** be provided in advance in the form of a purchase order to successful bid to assist with preparation**

Cheques may take up to one week to process once you submit your invoice

We thank you for your interest and I look forward to working with you.

Activity Report May 2021

Just got a message that JR Drilling has hit water on the well site above the post & rail, the next step would be to test quality and amount. Next steps can fall into place, building a pumphouse and preparing the placement of the waterlines to the proposed reservoir site and this may take a couple of years.

Gardeners the garden soil has been delivered to the Community Garden site and for band members that could use some come and get what you need. The 2 workers for the community will be hired soon. To work in the community garden but I think to assist the elderly with their gardens. We were not successful in purchasing fruit trees for the garden area but I'm hoping to once budget is firmed up.

Work is being done to clean up transfer station site and to close down as the garbage truck and recycling truck take over these duties for the community. There are a few band members that took some training and I feel we could train more band members.

There were security officer training and heard 4 members from Coldwater took the 5-day training and there is Class 3 First Aid training scheduled coming with first come first served and you could contact CNA – Madelynn Albert 250 378 1864. Many jobs available with companies that have signed on with KMC. The camp is being built in Merritt and that's a lot of jobs, could be for up to 2 years.

Through Community Economic Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations there is an Emergency Loan Program (ELP) that can be accessed for businesses that need assistance. You can borrow up to \$40,000.00 and this includes a 25% grant up front and interest starts in the 13th month and repay in 4 years. If you can show how your business can do better you would qualify for this loan. Contact me at the office and I could assist you in the application and this should be done as soon as possible applications to May 21, 2021 as the program has been extended but with a very short deadline.

Local ranches are always looking for irrigator workers, need a drivers license and if you don't have a driver's license CNA can assist but you need to apply

Top Chef C'elelkwmx Winner

On the evening of May 5, 2021, three community members and I were delighted by the great cooking skills of some Band Members. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who participated, especially the Elder/grandson team. An even greater thank you goes out to the two community members who stepped up when two of our judges became ill even before we feed them. Joking aside, I appreciate those judges staying away to keep us safe from illness. This is how the contest went:

- 1) The contestants received a \$50.00 gift card to buy ingredients, which they could supplement with wild harvested foods;
- 2) The contestants prepared their meal, for 4, at home and delivered it to the band office at their assigned delivery time;
- 3) The contestants had 10 minutes to plate up their meal and leave the building;
- 4) Judges then tasted the meal presented on taste, presentation and creativity.
- 5) The judges were blind to who had prepared the meals until after the judging was completed.

The winning dish was marinated, seared flank steak over a cream pan sauce, topped with garlic butter basted, bacon wrapped asparagus, with a mixed salad with homemade vinaigrette.

Congratulations Gerald McKay





OVERDOSE ALERT



Increased overdose activity with SEVERE OUTCOMES
MERRITT, BC
May 7, 2021

Benzodiazepines continue to circulate in the drug supply across the region and there have been recent reports of increased OVERDOSES with SEVERE OUTCOMES in MERRITT. When drugs contain benzodiazepines there is a High risk of OVERDOSE including PROLONGED SEDATION that MAY NOT RESPOND TO NALOXONE. It is important to GIVE BREATHS AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION.

For your safety:

- Avoid using different drugs at the same time or using drugs and alcohol together.
- **Get your drugs checked** – see service information below.
- Don't use alone. Leave door unlocked. Tell someone to check on you.
- If you feel you must use while alone, consider using the [Lifeguard app](#) which can connect you with 911 emergency responders in the event of an overdose. Download at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). [Google Play](#). When downloaded Lifeguard app also provides notifications for future alerts.
- Test by using a small amount, then go slow.
- Carry a Naloxone kit and know how to use it.

Know the signs of overdose and how to respond

- Recognize the signs of an OD: slow or no breathing, gurgling or gasping, lips/fingertips turning blue, difficult to rouse (awaken), non-responsive.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately
- Open airway and give rescue breaths
- Give naloxone (Narcan) if you have it.

Naloxone Kits and Training available at:

ASK Wellness: 2196 Quilchena Avenue

Nicola Valley Health Centre: 3451 Voght Street

Pharmasave: 1800 Garcia Street

Extra Foods Pharmacy: 2760 Forksdale Avenue

<https://towardtheheart.com/site-finder>

Drug checking available at:

ASK Wellness 2196 Quilchena Avenue, 250-315-0098

Drop in drug Checking Hours: Monday to Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Type of tests:

FTIR/Take Home Fentanyl Test Strip/ Onsite Fentanyl Test Strip



ALERT IN EFFECT UNTIL: **May 14, 2021** PLEASE REMOVE AFTER THIS DATE.

FRAUD AWARENESS

FRAUD TARGETING BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARY: Fraudsters are targeting businesses and organizations, including municipalities. Techniques used are commonly known as 'Spear Phishing', 'Whaling', 'Vishing' or 'Payment Redirect' scams – all aim to have the business or organization send funds or redirect payments to fraudsters posing as service providers, contractors, law firms, or business associates. Funds have been known to be sent to foreign accounts with very little recourse in getting the money back after the fraud have been discovered.

METHODS: Emails, texts, or phone. It may involve some form of 'social engineering' and/or data breach through hacking. 'Social engineering' is the act of trickery to obtain sensitive information through various innocuous means such as phone calls, emails, or open-source information. The information that is obtained is used by fraudsters to pose as a legitimate business or organization that have pre-existing financial dealings with the victim.

PREVENTION: This is not an exhaustive list but as an organization, it is vital to establish a system to protect your network, safeguard your information, and train your employees.

- Establish, maintain, and update security protocols for technology (requires specialized assistance).
- Hackers exploit vulnerabilities in an organization's hardware and software ecosystem.
- Firewalls, virus and malware protection, types of devices allowed to connect to work equipment, methods of authentication, password change protocols, use of work email protocols, personal vs work use of technology, and encryption are just some of the issues to consider.
- Establish redundancy and segregation of duties for financial payments – authorizing and making payments should not be done by one person. Payments should require dual signatories.
- Establish protocol for multi-step verification for any change in payment information request.
- Establish fraud identifying, managing, and reporting procedures.

WATCH OUT FOR:

- 'Spoofing'. Fraudsters have employed 'spoofing' techniques to make it look like it is coming from a legitimate phone number, email address, or website of businesses that you have dealings with.
- Pay close attention to minor errors in the email address or website URL. These errors can occur at the header or the body of the email text. Hover over the email address on the header, it may reveal the real email address.
- The body of the email may appear to have parts that are copy and paste.
- Be suspicious of payment redirect or wire transfer requests to foreign accounts. Especially when the business's country of origin and payment destination do not match.

EXAMPLE: An organization discovers that their network has been hacked. They suspect the hack was from a phishing email that employees have opened. The threat was believed to have been mitigated but almost a year later the organization discovers that they had unwittingly sent a large electronic funds transfer (2 million) to a foreign account belonging to the scammers. The scammers had posed as a client and the client's lawyer. It appears the scammers took the time to monitor the email traffic, gathered the pertinent information on the impending payment, and *spoofed* both the client's, as well as the client's lawyer's email addresses. Upon closer inspection, the email addresses are slightly different from the real ones. Further, the body of the email communications contain cut-and-paste sections from older emails and other minor errors. In this case, the organization could have avoided being victimized if they had separated the authorization and payment duties, type or copy the email address from their contact list instead of hitting the "reply" button, and called the client and the client's lawyer to confirm the information on the email communications.

WHAT TO DO:

- Stay informed on fraud trends and educate all your employees.
- Report incidents of fraud to police and the CAFC.
- Check the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) to learn more.

<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>





STOP RANSOMWARE



How It Happens



1. User clicks on link or opens attachment in spam/spoofed email, or



2. User unknowingly visits malicious/compromised website, or



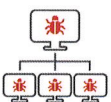
3. User plugs in infected device (e.g., USB key or USB hard drive).



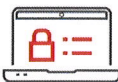
4. Cybercriminal installs malware through another vulnerability such as remote access.



5. Malware is released and infection spreads.



6. Computer is locked and message appears demanding payment to unlock files or system.



7. This can happen on a single computer or an entire network.



8. A message will warn that only the scammer can decrypt the files. **Not True!** Visit links below for more guidance.

For more help visit:
cyber.gc.ca
nomoreransom.org

Protect & Prevent

Paying is not a guarantee that your computer or network will be unlocked. It is better to **PROTECT** your systems and with measures that help **PREVENT** infection.

Large Businesses – a multi-point approach is best:

- Email and Web protection – block spam and access to malicious links.
- Server protection – protect servers from exploitable vulnerabilities.
- Network protection – prevent ransomware from spreading to endpoint.
- Endpoint protection – prevent ransomware from running on endpoint.

Small Businesses – a two-point approach is effective:

- Email protection and Web – block spam and access to malicious links.
- Endpoint protection – block access to malicious/compromised sites and prevent ransomware from running.

Home User – one step provides necessary protection :

- Use a security solution that stops spam, prevents access to malicious links and stops infection.

Follow good cyber hygiene rules



Use strong passwords – 12 characters with numbers, symbols, upper and lower case letters.



Install reputable antivirus and malware software; use network firewalls; secure your router.



Use multi-factor authentication – such as a code sent to your cell phone after entering your password.



Avoid opening emails from unknown addresses or clicking links embedded in them.



Regularly update software to protect against the latest vulnerabilities. Follow instructions from software provider.



Create backup copies on at least 2 different devices with 1 backup stored in a separate location.



May 2021

RCMP Newsletter

Working together towards Safe Homes, Safe Communities
Merritt Detachment – First Nation Policing

May is Mental Health Month

Each May (3-9), Canadians in communities, schools and workplaces rally around CMHA **Mental Health Week**. Don't just get loud, #GetReal! We say we're fine, even when the truth can be very different. Every time we just go through the motions, we miss out on the chance to connect for real, This Mental Health Week, don't get uncomfortably numb #GetReal about how you feel. "Name it don't Numb it".

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If you or someone you love is struggling, there is hope and help: Please contact your local CMHA.

- Visit www.cmha.ca/bounceback.
- Visit the Government of Canada's **Wellness Together** portal.
- Thinking of suicide? Please call 1-833-456-4566 toll free in Canada



PHONE FRAUDS

We have been receiving an increasing amount of calls involving Phone Scams. Remember that you cannot win money or a prize unless you or someone has entered it on your behalf. Many scams have you providing your banking and personal information. You should not have to pay a fee to claim a legitimate prize. You may receive a phone call, an email or a text. These scammers make their money by making you pay a fee or taxes, call their premium rate phone numbers. The premium rate calls can be very costly, and the caller will try to keep you on the line or have you call a different premium rate number.

KIDZ TRI IT @ SCHOOL

June 1 - 4, 2021

Get active and enter to win a pizza party for your class.

Step 1: Choose 3 activities and get active

Activity list suggestions: jog, walk, run, jump, play games, throw...



Step 2: Submit your entry

Just email your info to kidztrit@gmail.com

- teachers name (class)
- date of activities
- # of kids
- what activities (3)
- teachers' email
- length of each activity (in minutes)

Step 3: Encourage continued activity for the month of June

- #1 Interior Savings Kidz Tri It
- #2 Community Better Challenge



All entries must be in by June 7th, 2021

Ideas or Suggestions

Please contact our editor, Cst. Tammy DENNING, at the Merritt Detachment (250-378-4262) or via email at tammy.denning@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

May is National Bike Month

Every year, roughly 260,000 children enter emergency rooms due to bicycle-related traumatic brain injuries. Bike helmets reduce head injuries by at least 45%. ²A bicycle crash can be caused by a pedestrian, parked car, potholes, or other hazards your child may not be aware of. So it's always best to wear a helmet just in case. The right helmet won't wiggle on their head and should sit comfortably an inch above their eyebrows.

Even an experienced cyclist can face traffic accidents. An estimated 857 bicyclists were killed in 2018. If you and your kids ride anywhere near vehicles,

- Teach them how to stay visible to drivers by wearing bright clothing and attaching reflectors to bikes.
- Show them how to look both ways even when there aren't cars around, and discourage them from riding after dusk.

MEET the BEAT

We have had several new transfers/arrivals so thought that it would be fitting to introduce you to some of the new additions to the Merritt Detachment.



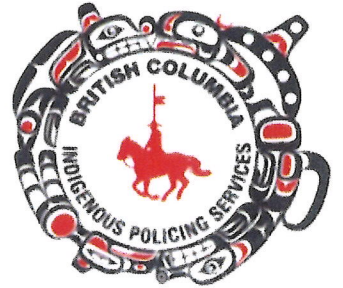
Staff Sgt Major Stephane Drouin originally comes from Quebec. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy and as a Bylaw officer. Steph joined the RCMP in 2003. He has served in Westshore, Slokan Lake, Lytton, Masset, Smithers, Prince George, along with a stint as an instructor in firearms and Applied Police Sciences at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, SK. He was appointed as Staff Sergeant Major for E Division in the BC North District in October 2017. When he was previously stationed in BC, he developed a love for the interior and hoped to one day be posted here, with Merritt being a community at the top of the list. His first day was June 1, 2020.

Merritt Challenge Coin

Merritt RCMP has just rolled out a new challenge coin. What is a Challenge Coin? It's origins date back to the 1st World War to an elite flying squadron. Challenge coins have since been issued representing organizations, units and teams. Merritt Detachment in 2015 came up with a Challenge Coin. The most recent idea was started several months ago. This wish for this coin was to focus on the Indigenous rich history of the Nicola Valley. One of the driving forces behind the design of the coin came from Shackan Elder, Mary ANGUS. Represented on the coin is Styoma Mountain, Nicola Lake, fir, juniper and pine trees, coyote, eagle and Pit House.



VIRTUAL BIKE SAFETY EVENT



SPEAKER: ROBIN HUMPHREY

INDIGENOUS POLICING OFFICE AND
COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE



An informational discussion session of
equipment, maintenance, and riding safety

Registration Required



ACTIVITY KITS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST 24 YOUTHS REGISTERED



Date: May 27th 4:30pm

**Zoom ID:
240 364 5175**

*Hummingbird
Ladies*

**Canvas
Embroidery**

**LIMITED SPACING
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA EMAIL**

saddleman.l@nlxfn.com or munro.j@nlxfn.com

Date: May 19, 2021

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/9867839783](https://zoom.us/j/9867839783)

MEETING ID: 986 783 9783

CONTACT: PHONE 250-378-7631

MAIN OFFICE: 250-378-9771

2088 QUILCHENA AVE MAIN OFFICE



Kamloops Fire Centre: Status Report

Prepared 06/05/2021

Zone Fire Danger Rating and Activity Level	
Zone	Activity Level
Kamloops	2
Vernon	2
Penticton	1
Merritt	2
Lillooet	1

Overview

Fire activity within the Kamloops Fire Centre (KFC) remains above average for this time of year. Many of these early season fires have been driven by winds, dry conditions, and dead surface fuels (including grass and needles). Particularly, grass curing in valley bottoms and at lower elevations.

There are currently no open fire prohibitions or restrictions in effect, but please check with local authorities to verify that there are no bans in your area. The KFC is reminding people to please be extremely cautious with their fire usage or when participating in activities outdoors. Please visit the BC Wildfire Service website for information on open burning and campfire protocols.




Fire Activity

Fires Currently Burning	11 (0 lightning-caused/ 5 human-caused) *Subtotals may not add up to the total, since fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation.		
New Fires Last Week	6		
	This Fire Season (since April 1)	Last Year (2019)	10-Year Avg. (2010 – 2019)
Total Fires to Date	54	22	29
Total Hectares to Date	1,679	112	359

Active Fires

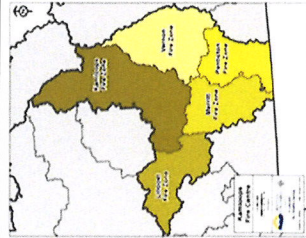
There are currently 11 active wildfires in the Kamloops Fire Centre all of which are classified as under control with the exception of three.

Fire Prohibitions and Restrictions

 Open Burning Cat 2 – No restriction Cat 3 – No restriction	 Campfires No Ban	 Forest Restriction Not in Effect
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For more information on specific activities that are prohibited during a Category 2, Category 3 or campfire prohibition, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Kamloops Fire Centre: Fire Zones



Click [here](#) for more information about the Kamloops Fire Centre (Fire Danger Rating Maps, Danger Class Reports, Fire Weather Maps, Active Wildfire Map) or visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Weather Forecast

An upper ridge is moving east of the region today as an upper trough approaches the B.C. coast. An upper cold front will be crossing the region tonight and the trough will be over the region during the day tomorrow. Ahead of this system will be stronger gusty winds and some upslope showers. The winds will diminish only slightly overnight and in the unstable airmass tomorrow will be isolated showers with a slight risk of lightning. Temperatures today will be up to four degrees above normal, cooling to up to four degrees below normal tomorrow. The trough moves out of the region for Saturday and a weak upper ridge will be building. Temperatures will remain in the low to mid-teens with light southwest winds. Sunday through Tuesday will see the ridge move eastward with temperatures warming to reach the low twenties by Tuesday. Winds will be light westerly through the period and Wednesday will see conditions similar to Tuesday.

Kamloops Contact Information

Kamloops Fire Centre Information Officer: 250 554-5965
To Report a Wildfire: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone
Fire Information Line: 1 888 336-7378
Burn Registration Line: 1 888 797-1717

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 Website: www.bcvwildfire.ca
 FireSmart: www.FireSmartBC.ca and www.FireSmartCanada.ca

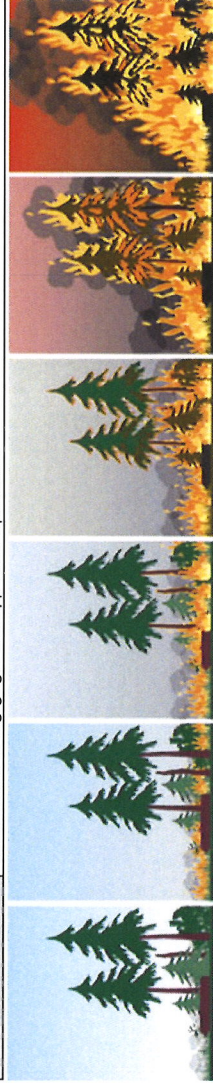
Kamloops Fire Centre: Status Report

Prepared 06/05/2021

Zone Activity Level	
Level 1: (Exporting)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Zone resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province 	
Level 2: (Exporting/ Holding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase in fire activity; zone resources are adequate to meet their demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Limited resources may be deployable to other zones, fire centres, or out of province 	
Level 3: (Holding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase in fire activity; zone may not be able to meet local resource demands Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist zone activity Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where Zone staff on standby based on anticipated needs 	
Level 4: (Holding/ Importing)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zone is experiencing a high level of fire activity Zone resources will need to be supplemented from other zones / fire centres / type 2 crews Out of province resource requests for specific or critical resources may be required if provincial resource capacity is not able to handle fire demands 	
Level 5: (Importing)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zone is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources 	
Fire Stages of Control	
Out of Control	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
Being Held	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
Under Control	The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

Disclaimer: The information in this status report is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on for operational decisions as fires are dynamic and situations change quickly. The BC Wildfire Service makes no warranties or guarantees either expressed or implied as to the completeness, accuracy or correctness of the information, nor accept any liability arising from any incorrect, incomplete or misleading information contained therein.

Fire Danger Rating	
Status	Description
Low	Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.
Moderate	Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution.
High	Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning and industrial activities may be restricted.
Extreme	Extremely dry forest fuels and the fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning, industrial activities and campfires may be restricted.
Wildfire Ranks	
Rank	Description
1	Characteristics: Smouldering ground fire, no open flame, white smoke, slow (i.e. creeping) rate of fire spread. Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools and water delivery systems (i.e. pumps and hose).
2	Characteristics: Surface fire, visible, open flame, unorganised or inconsistent flame front, slow rate of spread. Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools, water delivery systems, or heavy equipment. Hand constructed control lines and lines that have been cleared of combustible material will likely be successful.
3	Characteristics: Organised flame front – fire progressing in organised manner, occasional candling may be observed along the perimeter and/or within the fire, moderate rate of spread. Firefighting tactics: Hand constructed control lines alone are likely to be challenged, ground crews conducting direct attack may require air support from fixed-wing air tankers, skimmers or helicopters conducting bucketting or tanking operations. Control lines constructed by heavy equipment will generally be effective.
4	Characteristics: Grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short-range spotting. Firefighting tactics: Ground operations may not be successful at the head of the fire, indirect tactics may be required to bring the head of the fire under control. Parallel attack may be used along the flanks of the fire to direct the head into favourable ground or fuels. Air operations may be required to support ground personnel.
5	Characteristics: Black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and spot fire growth. Firefighting tactics: The limited options available include indirect attack and planned ignitions to remove fuel in the path of this type of fire behaviour. Ground operations are often restricted to fighting the least active sections of the fire or conducting ground ignition operations from secure control lines with readily available escape routes and safety zones.
6	Characteristics: Organised crown fire front, long-range spotting and independent spot fire growth, possible fireballs and whirls, violent fire behaviour probable, a dominant smoke column may develop which influences fire behaviour. Firefighting tactics: Firefighting under these conditions is extremely dangerous. Suppression efforts will be well away from active fire behaviour and may include preparing structure protection measures or conducting indirect large-scale ignition operations in an attempt to steer the fire. Often, the safest and most prudent strategy is to pull resources back to safe areas, ensure that personnel and the general public are safe, and wait for fire behaviour to lessen before re-engaging in fire suppression operations.



BC Wildfire Service



Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

JOB POSTING

Summer Student Positions

JOB TITLE: Please see list of positions below

TERMS: 8 week - Full time position

START DATE: May 25, 2021 - July 1, 2021

The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) was formed for the purpose of managing and administering the Participating Bands commitments in the Participation Agreement with Teck Highland Valley Copper and the Economic Community Development Agreement with the Province of British Columbia.

The CNA is seeking temporary full-time summer student applications for the below noted positions based on 35 hours per week, for a period of 8 weeks at a minimum rate of \$17.50 per hour. To be eligible, candidates must be between 15-30 years of age at the start of employment. Successful candidates must have good communication skills while being physically capable of spending long periods of time on their feet and in all weather conditions. Some positions may require applicants to demonstrate computer and software competency. Possession of a valid driver's license and access to a personal vehicle may be considered an asset for some positions.

The positions for consideration are as follows:

Administrative Assistant (2 positions available)

Communication Assistant

Language Assistant

Territorial Resource Assistant

Web Designer

IT Support

Heritage Planner (4 positions available)

Due to Covid-19, job descriptions and position requirements are subject to change. We will do our best to match successful applicants with positions around the applicants' area of interest as it relates to position availability. Start dates to vary between May 25th and July 1st.

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

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We wish to thank all applicants for their interest and effort in applying for the position; however, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Your application to this posting is deemed to be your consent to the collection, use and necessary disclosure of personal information for the purposes of recruitment. Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly respects the privacy of all applicants and the confidentiality of personal information.