

# Newsletter

February 2020

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# Community Events

February	
1	Sa
2	Su
3	Mo
4	Tu
5	We • Recycle Day
6	Th
7	Fr • Garbage Day
8	Sa
9	Su
10	Mo
11	Tu
12	We
13	Th
14	Fr • Garbage Day
15	Sa
16	Su
17	Mo Family Day
18	Tu
19	We • Recycle Day
20	Th
21	Fr • Garbage Day
22	Sa
23	Su
24	Mo
25	Tu • PC Meeting
26	We
27	Th
28	Fr • Garbage Day
29	Sa



**Recycle Days**  
February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
first and third wednesday of the month

**Garbage Days**  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

**Statutory Holiday**  
Family Day: February 17, 2020  
Office will be closed.

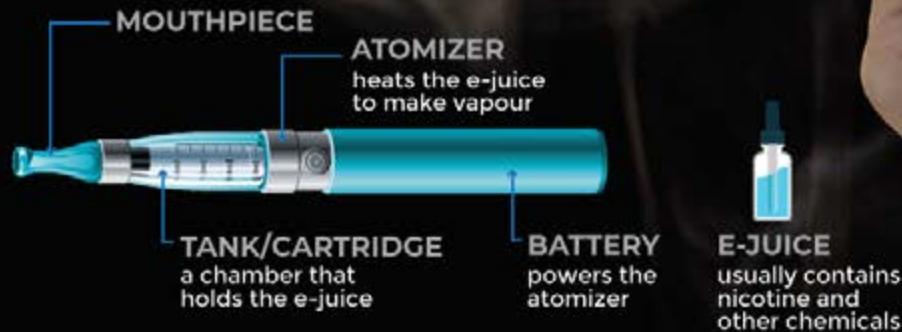
# VAPING

## AN OVERVIEW

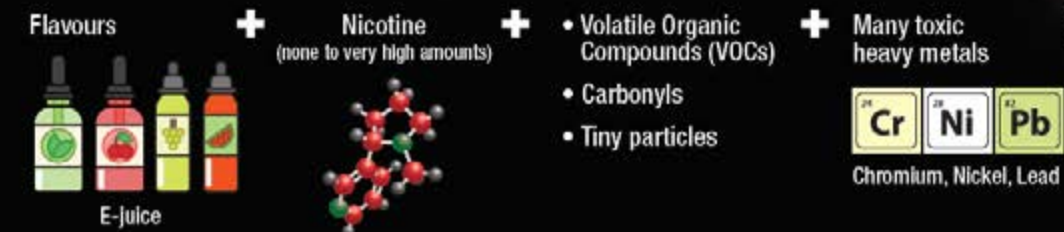
### VAPING PRODUCTS

E-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, mods (box or pod), tanks, e-hookahs

### PARTS OF A VAPING DEVICE



### WHAT'S IN THE VAPOUR?



### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF NICOTINE



The First Nations Health Authority would like to provide important information about health and social services for First Nations communities impacted by emergencies in BC.

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## HEALTH BENEFITS

### Refilling Prescriptions

With the current winter storms taking place, some patients may not have access to their medications and will require a refill or replacement. If you need to replace or refill a prescription for medication, please go to a local pharmacy and they will be able to provide support. If you require any support with this process, please call 1.855.550.5454.

### Medical Transportation

If you require patient travel services, including routine transportation to dialysis and other appointments, please contact FNHA Health Benefits at **1.800.317.7878** and we will guide you through what supports are available.

### Medical Supplies and Equipment (Including Oxygen Tanks) and Eyewear

For all medical supplies and equipment, including refill or replacement of oxygen tanks and related products, please contact FNHA Health Benefits at **1.800.317.7878**

For all vision inquiries, including replacement of lost glasses, please contact FNHA Health Benefits at **1.800.317.7878**.

### Dental Items (Dentures)

Please contact FNHA Health Benefits at **1.800.317.7878**

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

### Ku-Us Crisis Line: 1-800-KUU-US17 (588-8717)

Available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of where individuals reside in the province, those in need of support can call for an immediate response.

### FNHA Mental Health Counselling

Please contact FNHA Health Benefits at 1.800.317.7878 to be connected with a mental health counsellor.

## WATER QUALITY

### For residents on a community water system:

Questions about the quality of drinking water should be directed to your public works department. Public works staff is best able to assess how the system has been affected and whether there is any impact on the quality of drinking water. They work closely with the FNHA Environmental Health Officer to verify the safety of drinking water after an emergency.

### For residents on individual/private water systems:

If there is any evidence that the water supply has been affected, an alternative source of drinking water should be used until the water source can be assessed or tested. Water system components should be checked for damage. Testing can be arranged through your community-based water monitor or FNHA

## FOOD SAFETY

### Determine how long your power outage lasted

- A full chest freezer will keep food frozen for up to 2 days
- A half-chest freezer will keep food frozen for 1 day
- A cooler or fridge will keep food cold for 4 hours

### Check the food in your home and discard:

- Food stored in the refrigerators, coolers and freezers IF the temperature was greater than 4°C at any time. Please note that the temperature may have exceeded 4°C when the power was disrupted and then returned to 4°C.
- Any food that has spoiled, even if the cooler remained at 4°C at all times.
- Frozen foods that have thawed must be discarded. Once thawed food should not be refrozen.
- Canned food where the can is bulging, rusted or dented.

If you do not have a thermometer, look for the following signs of spoilage and souring:

- Milk and other dairy products that have spoiled or become sour
- Ice cream that has thawed and refrozen
- Fish products that smell bad upon thawing
- Food in the freezer that has (or may have) reached 4°C or warmer

## ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

### First Nations Health Authority

Your local Environmental Health Officer for information on food safety, water quality, and environmental health concerns:

#### During business hours

- Neskonlith and Adams Lake:

Priscilla Cheung  
Priscilla.Cheung@FNHA.ca  
250-851-4890

Little Shuswap Lake:

Dan Ferguson  
Dan.Ferguson@FNHA.ca  
778-362-8184

#### After hours (6am-8am and 5pm-10pm)

Environmental Health Officer on-call  
ephs.afterhours@FNHA.ca  
1-844-666-0711

### BC Hydro

To report an outage call 1-800-BCHYDRO (1-800-224-9376) or \*HYDRO (\*49376) on your mobile phone

A list of outages with updates and expected times of restoration can be found at: <https://www.bchydro.com/safety-outages/power-outages.html>



# INDIGENOUS CHILD CAREGIVER



Are you interested in learning more on how to become an Indigenous Child Caregiver.

To become a Short-term/Long-term Child Caregiver or a Respite Child Caregiver. Please contact us to fill-out application.

**Rosalinde Narcisse, Family Find Worker:**

**Cell (250) 256-8633 or Work (250) 256-7525:**

**Email: [rnarcisse@kanukwa7staliha.org](mailto:rnarcisse@kanukwa7staliha.org)**

**T'ít'q'et LC Report to Council**

**T'ÍT'Q'ET**

**LANDS COMMITTEE  
Council Report**

**January 13, 2020**

## Overview

The Interim Lands Committee is in the midst of a two year transition phase from the Developmental Phase to the Operational Phase. The Interim Lands Committee has been working on the terms of reference for the permanent T'ít'q'etmec Xékmens ta Tmícwa. The current draft is #5 and is dated January 7, 2020.

Topic	Background	Budget	Action / Recommendation
1. T'ít'q'etmec Xékmens ta Tmícwa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land code committee terms of reference calls for 1 member appointed by council, up to 8 members from the community.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice has been put out for members submit letters expressing interest in serving on the committee.</li> </ul>
2. Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee is reviewing examples of laws that other first nations have passed under their land codes</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee will schedule more workshops when dates become available from Lands Advisory Board Resource Centre techs.</li> <li>The Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) law development proposal to Centre for Excellence in Matrimonial Real Property (COEMRP) will be resent as the COEMRP claim they did not receive the proposal T'ít'q'et sent in last spring.</li> </ul>

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| 3. Answer to White Paper 2.0  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Position paper that answers some misconceptions that have been shared by T'it'q'et members during development phase.</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper will be released in newsletter and on the website.</li> </ul>                     |
| 4. Transition phase           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop transition plan from Interim Committee to permanent Lands Committee.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$75,000 per year for 2 years</li> <li>Recommendation for T'it'q'et Council.</li> </ul> |
| 5. Lands Department           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations for 2 positions to make up the staff of the Lands and Resources department.</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation to be sent to the Personnel Committee.</li> </ul>                        |
| 6. Evidence of title searches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Searched First Nation Lands Registry System (FNLRS) for Certificates of Possession for members: 1 for IR #1 and 1 for IR #2.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No evidence found.</li> </ul>   |

### Conclusions / Request

The Interim Lands Committee has been active since August 2019. They hosted a celebration luncheon commemorating the community's approval of the T'it'q'etmec Xékmens ta Tmícwa [People of T'it'q'et Law of the Land](T'it'q'et Land Code). The Chairperson of the Lands Advisory Board Robert Louie attended this event.

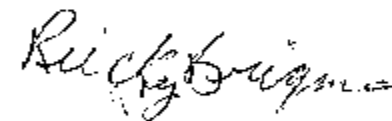
There was an introductory law development workshop intended to introduce the concept of law making to the community. There will be more workshops in the future where all members are encouraged to attend.

August 21, 2019

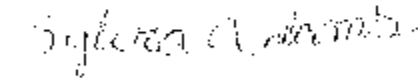
We have had a meeting with Luther & Fred Brigman, and their said it was a good idea to transfer from Lytton to T'it'q'et

Brigman Family accept Sylvia Adams as a part of the family

Ricky Brigman



Sylvia Adams



To: Tit'q'et  
First Nations  
chief: Kevin Whitney  
and Councillors

I have been in a  
relationship since 2007  
and have three  
children with  
Rick Brigman a  
Tit'q'et member  
himself. Therefore  
I Sylvia Adams is  
requesting permission  
to be adopted into

Tit'q'et First Nation  
Band as a member  
and be included  
with the rest of  
my family

Name:  
Sylvia Adams  
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SJA



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### Automated Records Management System (ARMS)

This management system is an organized system used to track membership, and have updated skills and training inventory. The system will be used to support and guide individual and community learning and further development for career planning. It is important to know what skills or gaps our community members have, what their interests are, certificates and training they have or need to obtain a suitable job.

Whole objective of the ARMS data base is to build our own St'at'imc membership database system and to gain a greater understanding of what recourses, strengths and areas of skills we have as a nation.

- Each band will have access to their OWN profile database on their membership.
- EACH band can ONLY view and see their own community data base.
- EACH band can update, and determine who has access to their files for example Education, Social Development, Administrator, Economic Development Officers
- NO other bands or members can access the membership that is entered into your database only those that you identify in your office.

SGS administrates and covers the fees on the database and has access to the whole St'at'imc Data Base only to determine and identify the education, skills, training qualifications and or lack of skill sets as a nation we have. Furthermore, to identify what training skills and or programs and services we should be delivering to build capacity as a nation. The goal is to build capacity through our own database membership and provide opportunities for community members to gain employment skills and training or lead into career planning preparation.

### Communities can:

- Track and manage clients, case files
- Manage electronic files and documents associated with clients
- Record additional employment and training history
- Access ARMS from within their communities
- Request other special requirements if needed
- Provides automatic reporting of accountability of data
- Supports data reporting requirements to other funders as needed (use ARMS for grants, funding, identify needs and gaps in community)

If you have any questions and or concerns please let me know.

Please send a current resume to [Education@titqet.org](mailto:Education@titqet.org)

Or mail to band office attention Susan Napoleon, Education Coordinator

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that the personal information collected and held by \_\_\_\_\_ **(add your office # band name here)** will solely be used to help me access employment services and benefits designed to help me prepare for, get, and keep employment.

I hereby grant permission for any and all personal information held by \_\_\_\_\_ **(office # & band name here)** to be disclosed, when required, on an as needed basis, to representatives of:

- Human Resources Development Canada and its successor departments and agencies,
- the provincial Department of Human Resources and Employment and its successor departments and agencies, and
- Organizations under contract to either of these departments to provide employment related benefits and services.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# T'it'q'et Council Report

- 1. Aspen**  
Aspen negotiations are ongoing.
  - 2. Housing Renovation Funding**  
The 17 home renovations for 2019/20 fiscal year are ongoing.
  - 3. ISC – New Approach to Housing Support (NAHS)**  
A proposal in the amount of \$69,000 was submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for governance and capacity category for a project that will complete a housing needs assessment, community workshops for home maintenance training and seasonal maintenance and training for a housing assistant to help with this project.
  - 4. ASETS Applications**  
An ASETS application was submitted for fire fighting training and Danger Tree Assessment Training to request any surplus training funds this fiscal. If not, another submission will be submitted for April 1, 2020.
  - 5. Firefighting Contract Bid with BC Bid**  
The call for type 2 fire fighting contracts are now open with BC Bid. T'it'q'et is working on submitting a type 2 contract for this year. The type 2 is a contract that will keep employees working full time instead of being on standby. It is similar to initial attack. Once the type 3 contract bid opens, T'it'q'et' will apply for that as well.
  - 6. McCartney's Flat Greenhouse**  
Preliminary design of the building is ongoing. A greenhouse consultant is being brought into the project team to help with some of the design elements. The architect is currently working on fire flow requirements and heating and lighting requirements.
  - 7. Towinock Water System Upgrades**  
Lillooet Contracting Ltd. is putting together pricing for the installation of the water system upgrades. BI Purewater is expected to submit preliminary drawings and specs for review next week.
  - 8. MediTech Update:**  
MediTech for the Health department nurses is in place along with a printer. This database system will help support community members who were admitted into any hospital and have discharge planning for wound care etc. Our nurse(s) would be able to look this up and establish home care program that suits the patients' needs.
  - 9. Specific Claims Research**  
UBCIC is researching and assisting T'it'q'et in the following specific claims.
    - a. Improper Sale of Seton Lake IR 5**  
UBCIC completed supplemental research and submitted a report to Mandell Pinder in January. Mandell Pinder is integrating the new material into a draft claim, along with some information they received from T'it'q'et Elders. UBCIC is also trying to obtain a few documents from BC Hydro that remain outstanding.
    - b. Erosion of IR1 Adjacent to PGER Right of Way**  
This claim is currently with Mandell Pinder. UBCIC is awaiting word on the status of the legal review will provide an update as soon as possible.
    - c. Fish Hatchery Obstruction of Seton Lake Reserved Fishery**  
This issue arose out of research conducted into Seton lake IR 5 and UBCIC is continuing in-depth research. They have gathered a number of documents and continuing to review.
  - d. Alienation of Reserved Fishing Stations**  
Research on this claim is continuing. UBCIC will make a trip to BC Archives to gather additional material in the next couple of months and they aim to present the research report and all documents to T'it'q'et and Mandell Pinder within a few months. Mandell Pinder will then review the report and provide legal recommendations on how to proceed with the claim.
  - e. Alienation of Water Rights from Dickey Creek**  
UBCIC has collected and reviewed a number of documents and will be attempting to access records at the provincial Water Licensing and Rights Branch through informal processes. If they are unsuccessful in obtaining the required records informally, UBCIC will file a Freedom of Information request. UBCIC will review the records and integrate them into the report, which they hope to complete soon.
  - f. Loss of village site town of Lillooet**  
Research on this claim is progressing. UBCIC will be attending BC Archives and the Land Title Office in the next couple of months and will attempt to finalize a draft report shortly.
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- 10. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Proposal Writing Grant 2020/21**  
An application was submitted to request the proposal writing grant funds that are used to contract Nora Greenway who writes proposals on behalf of T'it'q'et.
  - 11. Emergency Management:**  
Shawn Scotchman has been working with Darren Oike, DoL Fire Chief/EPC who received funding to coordinate basic Emergency Operation Center (EOC) training for all of the Lillooet area. One Table Top exercise was completed and well attended. T'it'q'et was awarded the ISC Emergency Management Funding request for 3 Table Top exercises, T'it'q'et Plan updating and one large

scale exercise. Marc D'Aquino of Holistic Emergency Response and Recovery will be facilitating the courses. Shawn was also successful in obtaining funding for T'it'q'et EOC Response Kits which include laptops for each position, EOC Director, 3 Management, Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance sections within the EOC. We should be receiving these kits in April 2020. A funding request for a T'it'q'et Business Continuity Plan (BCP) will also be submitted for the new fiscal year.





# P'egp'íg7lha Council

OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL CHIEF  
Shelley Leech  
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**High Flow Agreement** – The implementation of the agreement is ongoing. Implementation will be responsibility of St'at'imc Government Services and the team that has been created specifically to work on this. Will provide updates as they come in from SGS.

**5 Year Review** – The 5 year review is ongoing. Responsibility of SGS.

**Treaties** –Ongoing work for the St'at'imc Chiefs Council. Samaquam remains in Stage 5 of the treaty process. The Provincial and Federal Governments are committed to working towards implementation of UNDRIP and towards agreements with First Nations in a way that does not violate the UNDRIP articles.

**Overlapping/Shared Areas** – A meeting is scheduled for March of this year to begin discussions on this contentious issue. If any PC member is interested in attending with me, I believe there is travel coverage for 2.

**SCC Strategic Planning** – The SCC Strategic plan is still being revised into a more useable document. With the change in the Secretariat position, it is taking longer to get back to speed.

**St'at'imc Chiefs Council** – The Secretariat position has been filled. The title for the position is being changed to The SCC Director of Operations. Art Adolph was the successful candidate for the position. The Terms of Reference for Art's Position and other SCC staff positions are being reviewed and redrafted

for review by SCC. The DOO Terms of Reference was passed by SCC.

SCC Finances will be now handled by St'at'imc Government Services.

**Timber Supply Area Meetings** – There was a report by BC Timber Sales on areas that are up for harvest sales. Areas mentioned were French Bar Area (current), Murray Creek Jan-Mar 2021. There will be tree planting in the Cadwallader 12,000 plants and Hurley 83,700 plants. ST'at'imc Tribal Holdings is in the Goldbridge area. Aspen is harvesting in Bridgmain and almost done. The harvesting companies are hoping to get a separate designation for Road Grouping so that they can get grants for that purpose. The reasoning is that the terrain in the Lillooet area is different from Merritt Areas. Heritage Survey methods were brought up by harvesters as being more costly in St'at'imc than other areas and would like to have discussions on this. A field visit is being planned in early spring for an area that has been restocked.

**Reconciliation and Engagement** – This work is ongoing. The Provincial and Federal Governments have indicated a willingness to work towards a better relationship with First Nations.

**Referrals**– The Referral Committee continues to meet and go through referrals. There was not a meeting in January.

**Fraser River Rock Slide** – More work is happening on the River. A company has been hired to do some rock movement and blasting to ensure passage of salmon when the runs begin. St'at'imc and other First Nations continue to be involved in the discussions and decision making for these important initiatives to save our salmon.

**Strategic Forest Initiative** – This project is ongoing with Sue Sengar leading the project. Leslie has had engagement meetings to talk about hunting and recently held a meeting to talk about plants and berries. Leslie will provide a report on her work.

**Guardian Project** – The Guardian project is going very well and coming to an end very quickly. Nora Greenway has developed another proposal for this project and hopefully we will be able to continue this important initiative.

**Governance Advisor Position** – We have not had suitable candidates for this position. Sid and myself are not awaiting quotes from headhunters to do the search for PC.





# Restricted Fund Request

The T’it’q’et Economic Development Authority is requesting \$90,000 from the Restricted Fund for the Food Security Initiative. TEDA borrowed \$125,000 from Community Futures Development Corporation: Central Interior First Nations in 2016 to start up the Amlec food security project. The initial terms of the loan were that it be paid back in 5 year increments of 31,000. The produce sales operations have not been enough to cover the loan payments to CFDC: CIFN even after we requested the amount be lowered to 16,575/year. The food security initiative may continue but it will be in a different form because garlic sales were not as high as we expected and farming is very labour intensive. This project should become a community initiative instead of a corporate one in order to move forward.

# Emergency Preparation

Kalhwa7alap nsneknukwa7

I have been hired on as the red cross coordinator, I will be coordinating and setting up workshops and learning experiences that will bring us out on to the land with an elder or two, which would include picking medicines and discussions of what they do and what seasons, learn about traditions. Workshops from Red Cross, fire smart, and FNESS. Learn about emergency preparation, building your own emergency kits. I will also be putting on activities for the children, emergency squad for the k-5 and master of disaster for the 6-9 students. We will be setting up meetings with parents and teachers for these days, and for their assistance. We have made tea and cough syrup already as well as canned deer meat, quartered a deer. In the future will be bringing someone in to teach smoking and drying fish and deer meat.

Thank you for your time

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Michael Alexander



# T'ít'q'et Land Code

## T'ÍT'Q'ETMEC XÉKMENS TA TMÍCWA

### [PEOPLE OF T'ÍT'Q'ET LAW OF THE LAND]

The Land Code and Individual Agreement have been approved by T'ít'q'et. Now we are looking for persons interested in serving on the Lands Committee. The mandate for this committee is make land and resources related recommendations to T'ít'q'et Council. There are skills and qualities that would be preferable for prospective committee members:  
Are you knowledgeable about:

- The T'ít'q'et Land Code, effective September 1, 2019.
- T'ít'q'et reserve lands.
- Environmental issues.
- Law-making, business, accounting, surveying.
- The environmental assessment process.
- How federal and provincial laws affect reserve lands.
- T'ít'q'et lands, history and culture.
- Future trends in land management.
- Protection of heritage sites.
- Dispute resolution.
- Land registry and licensing.
- Land leases, permits and rights-of-way.
- Impacts of climate change.

**The Lands Committee will recommend land laws, resolutions and policies to T'ít'q'et Council for matters including, but not limited to:**

- a land use plan or amendment of a land use plan;
- a subdivision plan;
- declaring land or an Interest in land subject to the Land Code;
- designated heritage land or sacred land;
- environmentally sensitive property;
- the transfer or assignment of Interests in T'ít'q'et Land;
- a spousal property law; or
- any other matter or class of matters that Council declares by resolution.

- environmental protection and assessment,
- disputes relating to land and spousal property;
- amendments to these Terms of Reference;
- amendments to the T'ít'q'et Land Code;

**Time Commitment Requirements**

- Two meetings per month.
- One hour of reading preparation prior to meetings.
- Participate in appropriate training opportunities.

**Application Process**

- Submit a cover letter that details how your knowledge and skills would contribute to the committee mandate and an up-to-date resumé to [landcode@titqet.org](mailto:landcode@titqet.org).
- These documents will be forwarded to T'ít'q'et Council for their consideration.
- T'ít'q'et Council will follow policy for interview and selection.

**For Further Information**

The Lands Committee Terms of Reference are available at [www.titqet.org](http://www.titqet.org)  
Contact the Land Code Coordinator at (250) 256-4118 extension #251 to request a copy of the Terms of Reference.

**Deadline: February 19, 2020 @ 4 p.m.**



## Services Not Covered by MSP

MSP does not provide coverage for the following:

- services that are deemed to be not medically required, such as cosmetic surgery;
- dental services, except as outlined under benefits;
- routine eye examinations for persons 19 to 64 years of age;
- eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other equipment or appliances;
- prescription drugs (see PharmaCare);
- acupuncture, chiropractic, massage therapy, naturopathy, physical therapy and non-surgical podiatry services (except for MSP beneficiaries with premium assistance status);
- preventive services and screening tests not supported by evidence of medical effectiveness (for example, routine annual "complete" physical examinations, whole body CT scans, prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests);
- services of counsellors or psychologists;
- medical examinations, certificates or tests required for:
  - driving a motor vehicle
  - employment
  - life insurance
  - school or university
  - recreational and sporting activities
  - immigration purposes

**Note:** The Ministry of Health provides funding through regional Health Authorities for hospital programs, mental health and addictions services, and residential/assisted living. For information about ambulance services, see B.C. Ambulance Service. For information about assistance with prescription drug costs, go to PharmaCare.

## Attention: T'ít'q'et Tenants

Please be informed, you are responsible and will be held liable if any Underage Youth are drinking and partying in your home, especially if any youth are injured in anyway.

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Administration



It's against the law.

**T’it’q’et Interim Lands Committee’s response to “INDIGENOUS ACTIVISTS NETWORKS DEFENDERS OF THE LAND, TRUTH CAMPAIGN, IDLE NO MORE: FACT SHEET – THE FIRST NATIONS LAND MANAGEMENT ACT” – BY ROLAND PANGOWISH (JUNE 14, 2019)**

A national strategy meeting was held in April 2019 in Edmonton Alberta. This meetings produced a document entitled ‘White Paper 2.0 – Red Paper 2.0. This document listed several points declaring that the First Nation Land Management Act was part of a plan by the federal government to remove Treaty and Inherent Indigenous Rights in Canada.

This a response to that document. The following paragraphs in italics are statements made in the White Paper and the responses from the T’it’q’et Interim Lands Committee and Lands Advisory Board Resource Centre are below them.

1. The FNLMA ‘delegates federal authority to allow Band Councils to lease reserve lands without the ‘Red Tape’ of the Indian act, allowing reserve lands to be used as capital in promoting economic development.

This is true but it’s not the only purpose of the FNLMA. The main benefit of this Act is that T’it’q’et has control over it’s own reserve lands, including the ability to pass laws that protect the environment, and that the Department cannot unilaterally appropriate reserve lands without consultation and compensation.

2. This legislation option frees the Government of Canada of any future responsibility, reducing federal expenditures and eliminating potential liabilities, while confirming the Crown’s unproven assertion to hold the underlying title to reserve lands.

They (Canada) have diminished future liability but the Department does provide funds for T’it’q’et to manage the land and they remain responsible for damages occurred up until the land code comes into effect. What comes

with stewardship is responsibility and T’it’q’et is responsible for making sure that damage to the lands are avoided, or that damage is mitigated if it cannot be avoided.

The Framework Agreement recognizes that First Nations have an inherent authority to govern, while the Indian Act does not.

**What they consider key problems to the FNLMA:**

3. **Release of the Crown’s Fiduciary Obligations for Reserve Lands in Future.**

T’it’q’et should be working towards being as independent as possible from government overseers. This is not a bad thing as long as T’it’q’et is aware of the condition of the reserve lands at all times. As long as there are plans in place to keep environmental damage under control then T’it’q’et is fulfilling its responsibilities as stewards to this land.

The Phase 1 Environmental Assessment lists the environmental condition of reserve lands. All instances of damage are Canada’s responsibility to fix, even after the land code has been approved by the community.

4. **Adopts corporate model for capitalizing on First Nations lands and resources.**

There is nothing in our land code that says T’it’q’et has to sell, or rent or lease lands or resources. It is the community’s choice if the community wants to do so. The reserve lands are still protected from sale or seizure by non First Nations entities by section 91 (24) of the Constitution.

5. **Fate of First Nation tied to Canada’s market economy.**

This is a slippery slope fallacy. Stating that the land code will lead to money values taking precedence over self-determination, land title, maintaining traditional values is merely fear-mongering. The ultimate aim of the Framework Agreement is to remove the lands provisions of the Indian Act and replace them with T’it’q’et created laws, rules and procedures. Facilitated decision making by community members over land use planning, law development, conservation, protection, management and development are what we are striving for under a land code.

6. **Taxation inevitable with more legislative options readily available.**

This is another slippery slope fallacy with hasty generalization added to it. This is an attempt to frighten people and scare them. Basically, this is a prediction stating that: “If you do this, eventually you will lose your land because council will mismanage it and give all your rights away!”

7. **Unknown impacts for provincial laws of general application.**

This is a begging the claim fallacy. The conclusion being assumed is stated as a fact that is inevitable. There are no concrete examples of how provincial regulations will affect reserves.

8. **Inconsistent with self-determination, aboriginal title and inherent rights.**

If the FNLMA is a form of delegated authority, then the federal government would have a lot more input into how the land codes operate. As it is, each nation that develops a code drafts them on their own.

Asserting that the notwithstanding clauses in the act and in the codes will not hold up is a slippery slope fallacy. Land codes are not imposed governance systems; they specify what ares should be addressed by laws, policies and procedures; they do not specify the language, process or governance system that guides them. Land codes are uniquely

drafted by each community and while there are similarities, they are not ‘one size fits all’.

9. **First Nation opposition to the FNLMA concept.**

This a circular argument that seems to restate earlier points using ad hominem attacks instead of proving them. It’s anecdotal evidence. The opposition to the concept needs to be documented and quantified.

10. **Lowered standards for community approval and crown release.**

This is a red herring. Stating that voting thresholds have been lowered and then claiming that ‘many’ band members have not seen the information or explanations is not a good argument against the initiative. Where are these band members? On reserve or off? Did they make an effort to contact their band offices to find out more information or was information deliberately withheld from them? This is implied generalizations in order to support their point.





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# ST'ÁT'IMC OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES

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8am – 5pm (closed for lunch from Noon–1pm)

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## URGENT or CRISIS LINE PHONE NUMBERS

### Mental Health and Addiction Services:

Lillooet Hospital and Health Centre, 951 Murray Street, Lillooet, BC

- Health Centre, Intake and Urgent Response, Monday to Friday, 8:30–4:30pm, 250-256-1343
- **Lillooet Hospital, 24 Hour Emergency, 250-256-4233**

Ministry of Children & Family Development, 514 Main St., Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00, 250-256-2710

### Crisis and Health Lines – Toll Free:

- Kuu-us Crisis Line, Provincial Aboriginal Crisis Line 24/7.....1-800-588-8717
- Native Youth Crisis Hotline, 24/7, Canada & USA.....1-877-209-1266
- Interior Crisis Line.....1-888-353-2273
- Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention, 24/7.....1-800-784-2433
- Adult & Youth Distress Line.....1-866-661-3311
- Alcohol & Drug options for treatment.....1-800-663-1441
- Kids Help Line, for children & youth,24/7, phone.....1-800-668-6868  
or by text, CONNECT 686868
- BC Nurses Line, Health questions.....811
- Indian Residential School Crisis Line, 24/7.....1-866-925-4419
- VictimLINK, 24 Hour help & Information.....1-800-563-0808
- Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre.....250-372-0179  
or ksacc@ksacc.ca
- Women's Emergency Shelter.....250-455-2284  
or toll free 1-800-318-4455

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or

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# February 2020 Horoscopes



### Aquarius (Jan 20–Feb 18)

All of your hard work and efforts are going to pay off in a B.I.G. way this month, so don't give up now, keep pushing on to the end. Whatever you think looks like an obstacle, please know that it is not half as bad as it seems and you've got more in the tank than you think. You are a resilient character. The sense of pride, fulfilment and celebration you'll feel as you complete this task or project will be well worthwhile. Keep at it.

### Aries (Mar 21–Apr 19)

You can literally make magic happen this month, Aries! Pick a project, select an ambition, zoom in on a love interest, identify a new role you covet. Anything is possible and it all comes from your own imagination and hard work - you are the driver of the destiny bus this month. Make sure you head in the direction of something you truly want. Don't waste this powerful energy..

### Taurus (Apr 20–May 20)

Sometimes you can be so serious and intent on work that you miss out on the fun and rewards you so richly deserve. Taurus, take some time off being awesome, and enjoy being indulgent! Have a Valentine's Month, not just one day! Treats, trips, outings, spas, beautifications, shopping, fine dining... schedule your favourite things in. What is all your grafting for, if not to enjoy the best things in life sometimes?

### Gemini (May 21–June 20)

Someone has a secret admirer... ~SPOILER~ it's YOU! It could be a Leo or a sexy Water sign (Pisces, Scorpio, Cancer). This person thinks you're the bees' knees, truly, and they will make their move this month, so look out

for the person who smiles shyly your way or pays you compliments. If you're single and ready to mingle... say YES (if you're not, well, I'll leave that up to you). This could become a lasting and loving relationship.

### Cancer (Jun 21–Jul 22)

An old wound can now begin to heal properly because you are finally vindicated, proven right about what you said at the time (which was ignored). It feels good to be justified, but be wary of rubbing it in with anyone. Congratulate yourself, get a treat, but don't be going around saying 'I told you so'- annoying AF. Enjoy your reward, and move on knowing this matter can now be put to bed. Permanently.

### Leo (Jun 23–Aug 22)

Less is more this month, Leo. Tone down the socialising, work overtime and gym schedule. Dial up the random acts of kindness and spontaneous outings or treats. Freeing up some time and energy will simply leave more room to live in the NOW, and take advantage of what's under your nose. A new beginning in an important area of your life, which is overdue for change, will also arise this month- grab it with both hands!

### Virgo (Aug 23–Sept 22)

Sometimes, events like Valentines can sharpen our focus on relationships we don't think are working, or bring the kind of energy we want to in our life. Be brave this month, Virgo, and recognise where your friendship or romantic investments have not been fulfilled or rewarded. We all get trapped in these 'one-way street' affairs, and we make excuses for them. Enough's enough. You deserve better and will be served better, when you withdraw your energy from this dead-end situation.

### Libra (Sept 23–Oct 20)

You are ruled by Venus, and she is all about pleasure, beauty and indulgence, and your cards this month are a nod to all those things! Dream a beautiful dream, and invest your energy into making it a reality in your life- the stars are with you! It's all possible! Think about the ideal situation, relationship or role you want to manifest, and make overt moves in its direction. The Universe will get the hint and help you onwards. Dreams can come true.

### Scorpio (Oct 23–Nov 21)

You've been biting your tongue and taking on too much responsibility (read: blame) for a situation which actually isn't 100 percent down to you alone. It's time to speak your truth and get this all off your chest. Bottling it up is only going to lead to a more damaging ~controlled explosion~ down the line, so resolve to unburden yourself this month. This honest dialogue is important, and it doesn't have to be combative or tense. Make sure you listen as much as you speak, but make sure you get to say what it is you've been holding back.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22–Dec 21)

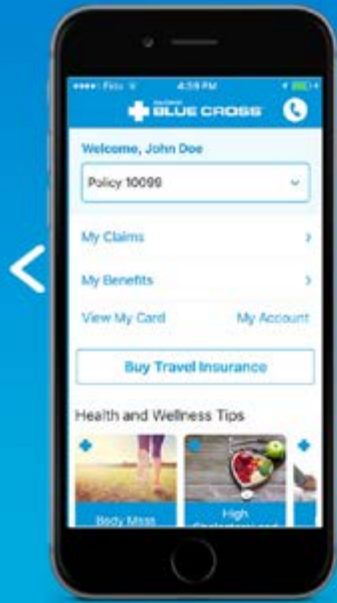
You are going to be providing a shoulder to cry on for someone important in your life this month, Sag. You love putting a smile on other people's faces, but this time it's not about being the clown, you need to be the listener and let them unload. You're actually a great person to confide in, because you're naturally warm, smart and philosophical. You can help them see the bigger picture, put this in context, and sprinkle in some hope for the future too. Then, take them partying (well, it never hurts does it).

### Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 19)

You'll be mightily relieved to hear that a long-running, stagnant situation is going to radically and positively transform this month! Thank the stars! But, Cap, remember that change is not something you can always control. Once the momentum has begun to build here, you just gotta' go with the flow (I know you hate that). Expect the unexpected. Don't stress. Seize the opportunities as they emerge. Dodge the flak. All in all, this IS a good thing.

### Pisces (Feb 19–Mar 20)

Powerful cards this month, Pisces. You are zooming in on your most important ambitions and priorities, and focussing on your intentions. You are making shit happen! Continue to take charge, lead the way, set the agenda, make the plans- it kinda' suits you. You are realising that you can manifest what's in your imagination, you've got the creativity AND the practicality to change your life in a magical way. This is wonderful. Keep it going.



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