

YECWMINTE RE XQWLLINT TAKE CARE OF BABY BASKET SOCIETY



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Summer Season 2026

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Stronger Communities.

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Honour Culture. Strengthen Families. Build Our Future.





**Chairman / Tqwlutmens re S7elkst
Wenecwtsin, Wayne Christian**

Over the past several months, important progress has been made in strengthening our work to support children, families, and communities under Secwepemc law.

The focus has been on building strong relationships, advancing agreement with the Governments, and preparing for future service delivery.

We continue to advocate at the tables with British Columbia and Canada

Key highlights this season include CAD Sub-Table preparation and seasonal round discussions with technical staff and Sku7pecan, ongoing Secwépemc Law of Stsmémelt and Kw'séltkten training, and continued capacity building within Yecwminte re Xqwillint Society.

Work also continues on the Sqlew (fiscal) table and Knucwentwécw (service delivery) sub-tables, along with relationship-building with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

We remain committed to advancing the Coordination Agreement with British Columbia and Canada, with a draft agreement hoped for by December 2026.





SKU7PECAN REPORT

The Sku7pecan (Director's) continued to support communities through research, policy development, and coordination.

Representatives:

Bonaparte First Nation: Angie Thorne & Francyne Prairie Chicken

Whispering Pines/Canton First Nation: Isabella Luft & Judy Sturm

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc: Kevin Malloy & Natika Kunaka

Continued engagement in CAD Sub-Table meetings and discussions with Government Canada and British Columbia. Representatives attended monthly Society meetings.

Recently appointed Francyne Prairie-Chicken as Sku7pecan.

Continue to participate in ongoing monthly meetings and training.

Participated in training sessions and planning meetings.

Supporting capacity building initiatives across the region.

Participation in CAD Table Discussions.

Key Activities:

- Secwepemc Law training and workshops
- Coordination Agreement discussions with B.C. & Canada.
- Community capacity building and connection with families

The Sku7pecan (Director's) team continues to support communities through research, policy development, and coordination. Representatives from Bonaparte First Nation, Whispering Pines/Canton First Nation, and Tk'emlups te Secwepemc are actively engaged in CAD Sub-Table discussions, monthly Society meetings, training sessions, and planning meetings, helping advance Secwepemc Law training, coordination agreement work, and community capacity-building initiatives across the region.



Headman Report

Maryann Yarama

This season, the Headman has been actively engaged in collaborative work with Sku7pecan (Directors), technical staff, and special advisors to strengthen the Society's administrative capacity and advance key agreements. Guidance has been provided for Secwepemc Law training, and participation in Coordination Agreement discussions with Canada and British Columbia continues to move forward.

Administrative capacity building remain priorities. The Headman has provided ongoing guidance for Secwepemc Law training sessions and actively participated in Coordination Agreement discussions with Canada and British Columbia, ensuring Secwepemc children and families are represented and advocated for at every level.

Engagement with community members continues through seasonal rounds, supporting Community Liaisons with regular virtual engagement and communication with membership.

Preparations for implementation are advancing while the Baby Basket Society continues to grow — a meaningful milestone reflecting the Society's commitment to children, families, and community well-being under Secwepemc law.



Community Liaison Report

The Yecwminte re Xqwillint Society is pleased to introduce our Community Liaisons, who serve as the vital connection between the Society and member communities. Each Liaison works directly with families and community members to share information, gather input, and support engagement with Secwepemc Law and Society initiatives. Detailed reports from each Liaison follow in the pages ahead.

Highlights

Apr 15 — Melissa introduced as Community Liaison for Bonaparte First Nation, beginning outreach and relationship-building with community members.

Apr 24 — Coordinated welcome poster for community distribution to raise awareness of the Society and its mandate.

Apr 27 — Organized the Owl Story contest, engaging community members in a culturally meaningful activity.

May 1 — Hosted community planning session and Kitchen Table planning meeting; launched a coloring contest open to all ages.

May 4 — Conducted community visit and held meeting at the Band Office to connect with members and leadership.

May 8 — Distributed Kitchen Table materials and welcome packages to community members.

May 27 — Facilitated youth session featuring Owl Story, coloring activities, and s'mores.

May 28 — Coordinated newsletter distribution and broader community outreach

Melissa Porter **Community Liaison** **Bonaparte First Nation**



Melissa Porter has been building community connections at Bonaparte First Nation. Through creative programming, regular visits, and thoughtful outreach, she has helped introduce the Society's work to families and youth – laying a strong foundation for ongoing engagement and trust.

For inquiries, contact Melissa Porter
communitybfn@tcbbs.ca



Community Liaison's Report Continued

Medicine Making with Rhona Bowe and Community Liaisons in Preparation for Seasonal Round

Photo on Right: Pain Salve Medicine

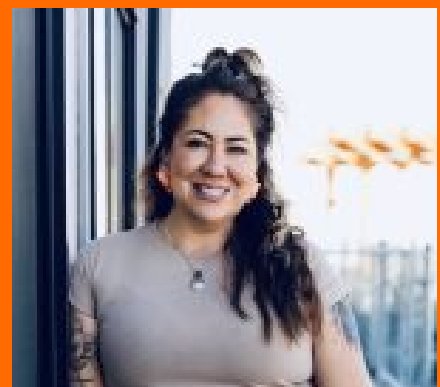
Highlights

On June 13, an information session was held at the Community Learning Centre to introduce community members to the history and purpose of the Baby Basket Society and review Module 1 of the proposed learning series.

On June 15, we held an Elder engagement session that shared knowledge, perspectives, and support for the initiative, followed by a well-attended July 10 follow-up meeting with Kevin, Andrea LeBourdais, and runners from Whispering Pines and Bonaparte First Nation, where we reviewed FAQs, made porcupine earrings, and discussed collaboration and sharing information.

We continue to keep the community informed, are awaiting direction for a meeting with the Head Families, and remain committed to finding meaningful ways for families and community members to learn about and contribute to the Baby Basket Society initiative.

Willow George
Community Liaison
Tk'emlups te Secwepemc



Community engagement continues to grow as the Baby Basket Society initiative moves forward. Willow has been working with staff to coordinate information-sharing sessions and create opportunities for community members to learn more about the initiative.

For inquiries, contact Willow George at communityttes@tcbbs.ca

Highlights

Community Liaison's Report Continued

Worked on logistics and planning for Pipe Ceremony with Ministers on June 15 - This was unfortunately canceled.

On March 14, 2026, we had a table set up at Sun Peaks alongside the WPCIB GBM. We provided information and sign-up sheets for future updates on the Baby Basket Society.

March 27, 2026 - Hosted our first session presentation on Our Story & Foundation. This session highlighted questions from membership around where the funding is coming from and how much there is. It was also brought to our attention the need for our community to have two locations for Stsmemelt Houses as we are split between Whispering Pines as well as traditionally in Clinton.

June 15, 2026 Had a meeting with Isabella Luft, Social Programs Manager, to update the engagement plan. We will be working with the children and youth in the community on stories through the summer youth program.
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On June 21, 2026, we attended National Indigenous Day at the WPCIB Green Lake property, where we held several one-on-one conversations with band members who were interested in learning more about the Baby Basket Society and its purpose.

Cheyenne Robertson
Community Liaison
Whispering Pines/CIB



September 27, 2026 – Clinton Hall from 10 am-2 pm. Potentially using a different location but will connect with Tamara Archie at TSO to discuss.

October 18, 2026 – WPCIB Community Hall – 10 am-2 pm – Children's activities will be provided at the Emergency Family Unit/Playground.

November 18, 2026 – Virtual Presentation from 6 pm-8 pm. We have connected with the Executive Secretary Liseth and confirmed that the date is available and does not conflict with anything currently planned.

For inquiries, contact Cheyenne Robertson at **communitywp@tcbbs.ca**

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Community Updates:

Member members are encouraged to share events, newsletters, and announcements through their Community Liaisons for inclusion in our future newsletters



Sku7pecan Society Meetings

Jan 15 — Regular Society Meeting

Feb 12 — Regular Society Meeting

Mar 19 — Regular Society Meeting

Apr 11 — Seasonal Round Update (Bonaparte)

May 21— Regular Society Meeting

June 18 – Regular Society Meeting

Events & Community Contacts

Seasonal Round at Tkek Yeel Stem — Aug 29, 2026
Postponed Until Further Notice due to wildfire season

Ongoing Secwepemc Law Training — all members welcome

Website: <https://tcbbs.ca/>

Share events and announcements through your Community Liaison.

Community Liaisons:

Willow George | Tk'emlups te Secwepemc
Melissa Porter | Bonaparte First Nation
Cheyenne Robertson | Whispering Pines/Canton
Indian Band

