



Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

píləxmxʷúł

(pee-laxhm-oolth)

píləxmxʷúł means 'to inform'

December 2023

CITXW NLAKA'PAMUX ASSEMBLY UNVEILS NEW BRANDING

New logo designed by Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly member, Mike Hill.



The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly is thrilled to announce our new branding, centred around a striking new logo created by an nłe?kəpmx artist and Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly member.

The logo design, created by member, Mike Hill, and inspired by Indigenous rock paintings, features a captivating representation of the sun with eight rays. The choice of eight rays holds symbolic significance, representing the partnership between the eight CNA communities. Each ray signifies a community, coming together to form a united whole.

"Guided by nłe?kəpmx heritage and culture, the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly's new branding is grounded in a connection with our history and tmixʷ, while symbolizing the visible strength propelling us into a vibrant future," said Nicole Johnny, Acting Executive Director and Operations Manager for the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly.

The logo design incorporates an open space on the bottom, reminiscent of valleys, which represents the harmonious coexistence of land, water, and sky. It symbolizes the connection between the natural elements and to our communities that have thrived in our area for generations.

The inclusion of Indigenous rock paintings within the logo design and other new branding elements, such as soundwaves and pictographs, highlights the cultural heritage and artistic expressions of our peoples. These ancient artworks, etched onto rocks, tell stories of their deep connection with the land, wildlife, and the spiritual significance of their surroundings.

The perfect circular form of the hand drum uses the circle as a bold holding shape for Mike Hill's artwork, evocative of the hand painted decoration applied to hand drums. The red colour of the drum shape surrounding the logo creates a strong graphic symbol and combines well with the confident black text of the name.

"With a logo crafted by one of our members, this transformation brings not only a heightened visibility, but also a robust strength that resonates at the core of our organization, symbolizing unity and strength among our eight Participating Bands," added Johnny.

The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly's new brand idea - connecting with our past, creating our future - highlights our organization's legacy of strengthening nłe?kəpmx rights, values, and titles through cultural, social, employment, and technical programming while honouring and preserving a rich and storied nłe?kəpmx history.

We connect with our past to honour our ancestors and ensure our knowledge and wisdom live on. This is reconnection with tmixʷ, with all living things, protecting and healing our land and nłe?kəpmx culture and traditions. We do this in unity, eight Participating Bands standing as one Nation. In gathering and community, we find our strength. We all win when we come together, we are powerful.

The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly's new branding will be rolled out in our physical and online presence over the coming months. We appreciate our membership's patience during this time, and welcome any questions surrounding the new branding. Please contact cnacommunications@cna-trust.ca or 250-378-1864.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION



NEW location and time - December 21 at the Nicola Canford School Gym!

Join us for a community meal featuring traditional foods gathered over the past year, an immersive skit, door prizes, conversation, and more! For more information, please contact the office at 250-378-1864 or email programs@cna-trust.ca.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The employment and training department can assist with:

- Job & Training Opportunities
- Job Retention Support
- Job Coaching & Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Interview Preparation Support
- Teck HVC Online Application Support
- Teck HVC Hiring Process Support
- Tutoring Support
- Driver's License Support
- Grade 12 Diploma Bursaries from 2011 to Present Academic Year
- Post-Secondary Diploma Bursaries from 2011 to Present Academic Year
- Post Secondary Certificate
- Red Seal Bursary from 2011 to Present Academic Year
- Bursary for Level 1, 2, 3, and 4 Trade Certificate

We can help you with your resume!

DRIVING LESSONS

MERRITT, BC
DECEMBER 5 & 7
JANUARY 23 & 25



To book your lesson contact:
CNA Employment & Training
250-378-1864
administration@cna-trust.ca

NŁE?KEPMXCÍN DEPARTMENT UPDATE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

It has been a busy couple of months for the language department!

We were so excited to bring back móqʷix (Language & Culture Gathering). We welcomed over 300 séytknmx (shayt-kn-mx) to NVIT for this event featuring various workshops and presentations, including drum-making, skits and songs in nłe?kepmxcín, etc. We are especially thankful for the opportunity to come together and share knowledge, visit and connect with the community, and inspire one another to revitalize our nłe?kəpmx language and culture. kʷukʷscut kn / kwukw-schoot kn / I am thankful for everyone who was able to attend, as well as the staff, our partner agencies, volunteers, and to the cooks who nourished us with meals and some of our traditional foods.

In November, we hosted cuńékstm (choon-eksh-tm), teach someone to do something, at CNA with medicine simmer pots. We will be exploring options to host language sessions with other communities virtually and/or in-person. Our next cuńékstm will take place Tuesday, December 5, at the CNA office. We welcomed a new staff member, Keli Botel, in late October, and she learned about how we delve into things, whether it be a project, an event, or a sudden food security initiative. Suzanne Washington is celebrating one year in the nłe?kemxcín department in December, and we are so thrilled that she has joined us and brings such creativity and ideas to the department.

For Winter Solstice, we will be hosting a gathering at Nicola Canford Elementary, on Thursday, December 21 from 4-7 pm. We will have a catered meal with turkey and all the fixings, **but we also welcome community to bring a dish, pot-luck style of traditional food or a dish of your liking. We would like to honor the traditional foods that come from our nłe?kepmxʷúymxʷ.** We will have some fun language games, door prizes, an immersive skit in the language and the opportunity to enjoy the longest night of the year with our communities.

CNA SOUNDCLOUD



Over 100 tracks of Elders speaking & telling stories in nłe?kepmxcín.

YOUTH OUTREACH LUNCH

MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 14, 12:30 - 12:30 P.M.

The CNA partners with several local organizations to provide the Youth Outreach Lunch, an hour for youth to come for a free lunch and access to supports, resources, connections and supplies - all free of charge!

nłe?kepmxcín words and phrases

Visit our website at www.cna-trust.ca for more language resources!

pýúkʷtkswúxʷt (p-yookw tk shwoo-hwt) - **Fine snow, coming down fast**
təxʷtxʷewśikn (tukh-tx-wow-sheek-n) - **Happy christmas to all**

sʷístk (sh-eesh-tk) - **Winter**

sxʷákʷt (shwa-kt) - **Frost**

swúxʷt (shwoo-hwt) - **Snow**

12 DAYS OF WINTER SOLSTICE

More than \$5000 in contest prizes to be won starting Friday, Dec.1!

Join us for our 12 Days of Winter Solstice nê?kepmxcín contest, with an estimated over \$5000 of prizes available to win! Just in time for the holiday season! Make your holidays extra merry by entering our contest, with 12 chances to win, and new entries daily. Learn some nê?kepmxcín and win big starting December 1! How to enter: Submit a video of you repeating the yellow nê?kepmxcín word posted to our social media that day and post in the comment section below. Submissions can also be sent to programs@cna-trust.ca, or you can stop by the office at 2025 Granite Ave for help recording your submission.

Prizes available to win:

KITCHENAID MIXER WITH FOOD GRINDER ATTACHMENT, YETI COOLER WITH 4 RAMBLERS, NEW ELECTRIC SCOOTER, 64 GB iPad WITH OTTERBOX CASE, KAMLOOPS WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL FAMILY PACKAGE AND MORE!

Rules:

- Open to all. One entry per person per day. Words will run daily from 10:00 AM to 10:00 AM (the following day). The winner will be randomly drawn at 2:00 PM of the next day with the use of "wheelofnames."
- Every person who submits a video will get entered into the draw (please note there may be differences between canyon and valley pronunciation)
- We will NOT be judging or correcting any person's pronunciation or speaking ability; this contest is meant to be a safe space for everyone to practice or try their fluency in nê?kepmxcín.

Happy Christmas to all! - tax^wtx^wewsikñ - (tekh-tx-wow-sheek-n)



100% First Nations owned and operated.

No job too big or too small.

You dream, we create.

- Business cards
- Flyers/posters
- Website Design
- Letterhead
- Logo
- Annual reports

Introducing our new service:

Wide Format Prints

www.KenTem.ca
250-378-1864

WE ARE HIRING

PERMANENT FULL-TIME POSITIONS!
Check out our website to view all postings:



Check back regularly for more opportunities!

BENEFITS & PENSION!

Email your resume and cover letter to:
hr@cna-trust.ca

Please call if you have any questions:
(250) 378-1864

TSD HOSTS INFORMATION SESSIONS

Stay informed about ongoing initiatives, projects, and more!

The Territorial Stewardship Department will be hosting more information sessions in Ashcroft (Dec. 8), Cook's Ferry (Dec. 11), Coldwater (Dec. 14), and Shackan (Dec. 15) over the next month. Stay informed about the ongoing initiatives of the Territorial Stewardship Department by attending one of their sessions. Department members will discuss HVC 2040, the Lakes Enhancement Project, Guardians, Wildlife Study, and other important topics! Check our social media for locations and times!

For more information, please contact the CNA at **250-378-1864** or xgrismer@cna-trust.ca.

NEW BEADING KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Three different earring beading kits available to choose from.

We are excited to be distributing beading kits for the holiday season! Take your pick from three different beading kit options and enjoy creating your own handmade earrings from start to finish, with all supplies and instructions included. Each beading kit includes a QR code for a tutorial on how to make your earrings. Two Santa themed earring kits and one Christmas tree theme earring kit are available to choose from! Pick up your kit before our office closure begins on December 21.

For more information, please contact the CNA at **250-378-1864** or programs@cna-trust.ca.

WELCOMING A NEW TEAM MEMBER

Natasha Nemeth is the Employment and Training Admin Assistant.

Born and raised in Merritt, Natasha considers herself very fortunate to call such a gorgeous valley home. She enjoys camping with her family and being close to nature. She is ecstatic to be the new Employment and Training Administration Assistant and is passionate about helping others find success in their careers as well. In her downtime, Natasha enjoys all forms of textile crafts from crochet to needlepoint, and she loves spending time with her family whenever possible.



APPLICATIONS FOR GOV 2024 OPEN

Gathering our Voices 2024 is from March 19-22, 2024 in Victoria.

We are now taking applications from Youth ages 14-24 from the 8 CNA Communities* to attend Gathering Our Voices 2024 in Victoria! From March 19th-22nd, 2024, GOV will bring together more than 1000 Indigenous youth delegates as well as chaperones, elders, speakers, guests, entertainment, staff and volunteers to Victoria, B.C. People from across Canada are invited to join us to explore, to learn and to engage with culture among peers. Accommodation and all meals will be included for successful candidates. For more information or to register please contact the CNA office at **250-378-1864** or programs@cna-trust.ca.

*Due to a limited number of tickets available, preference will go to CNA members, however we encourage non-CNA members to apply in case a waitlist position opens up!

Apply for your spot today!

MEMBER SURVEY

The CNA wants to hear from our members regarding the location of next year's Indigenous Peoples Day event. Take the survey under 'Featured News & Events' on our website's home page.



GUARDIANS PHOTO CONTEST

How to enter:

- Submit photos from our Survival Series, and/or
- Submit photos you take when you are on the land.

Every monthly winner will have their photo included in our 2024 calendar.

*Please note: photos from Guardians hikes will be prioritized when developing our calendar.

For more information on submitting a photo, contact Chale Boyce at cboyce@cna-trust.ca, or call **250-378-1864**.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan this QR code to check out our online EVENT CALENDAR and see our full list of upcoming events!



COLOURING PAGES

We are excited to showcase our colouring pages for the month of December! Youth CNA members who submit their completed page will receive a prize, by mail or in person! The completed sheets can be submitted via email or in person.

For more details, or to download the pages, contact programs@cna-trust.ca or visit the home page of our website.



9171 Followers 570 Subscribers 447 Followers 2500 Followers 176 Followers

reception@cna-trust.ca
www.cna-trust.ca
www.employment.cna-trust.ca

2025 Granite Ave.
Merritt, BC V1K 1A1
Ph: (250) 378-1864 Fax: (250) 378-2910