



Sts'ailes Interim COVID-19 Virus Community Protection Law

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About Sts'ailes

The Sts'ailes are a sovereign Coast Salish Indigenous People, located in the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia.

- ❖ Formerly known as Chehalis Indian Band;
- ❖ The Sts'ailes name is derived from the Halq'eméylem word 'Sts'a'íles', which means "the beating heart";
- ❖ A spiritual, physical and cultural connection to the land, water and its resources;
- ❖ "Xa'xa Temexw" literally translates to "sacred earth";
- ❖ Xwelmexw (human beings) are only one part of Xa'xa Temexw;
- ❖ Exercised their inherent right of self government and have re-gained jurisdiction of their reserve lands.

Sts'ailes' Council

Council

Chief



Ralph Leon Jr.



Boyd Peters



Chadley Paul



Cheryl Charlie



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Kelsey Charlie Sr.



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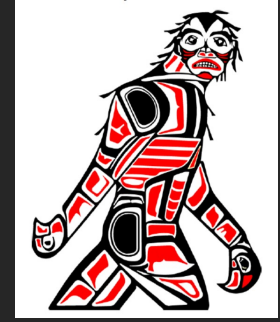
Sts'ailes' response to COVID 19 Pandemic

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Steps to implement protection and mitigation measures for the Sts'ailes community:

- Administrative offices are closed to public access;
- Signage is posted – “Sts'ailes is closed to the public”;
- Vulnerable staff work from home;
- Office schedules are staggered for remaining admin staff:
 - Essential services are available via phone, email and in-person meetings with appropriate safety measures implemented;
 - Janitorial staff sanitize high touch areas within the administration offices.
- Enactment of the Sts'ailes Interim COVID 19 Virus Community Protection Law
 - Applicable to all residents, guests, employees and Council are subject to the Interim Emergency Law





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Outlines the regulations and restrictions for:

- Entrance into the community
- Gatherings in homes and public places
- Social distancing

Challenges

- High volume of tourists to the Sts'ailes' traditional territory, including nearby Provincial Parks
- Environmental concerns
- Traffic risks due to unauthorized parking along main road leading to Sts'ailes

Amendments

Amendments were needed to further protect the community:

- Non-resident Sts'ailes members were disregarding the Social Distancing restrictions of the Interim Law and were visiting numerous residences in Sts'ailes.
- Parties exceeding 10 people were being held within the community (residences/beaches).

Provincial COVID-19 Order to limit gatherings was amended to allow for groups of up to six (6) people, Sts'ailes amended their Law to track the Provincial COVID Order.

Current activities



Positive feedback and support from Sts'ailes members

Additional amendments are being considered



Current efforts are focused on supporting and enhancing the Enforcement Team

Sts'ailes Officials

Gate Staff

Administrative Technical Support Staff

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