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Coming Together With Our Truth Way



# FOUR FOOD CHIEFS



NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2024 | KELOWNA COAST CAPRI

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Registration Opens at 8:30 AM

9:00 AM Opening Remarks and Prayer

Main Ballroom

Welcome, səxʷkʷinmaʔm éris, Councillor Jordan Coble, Westbank First Nation  
Introduction of Co-Emcees, Tyson Marsel, ONA Hatchery and Cheyana Van De Riet, ONA Wellness  
Upholding the Four Food Chiefs captikw̓, caylx, Richard Armstrong

9:45 AM Syilx Leadership Rooted in isqilxʷcawtet

Main Ballroom

Join Kelly Terbasket and ʔiyátnxʷ, Danielle Saddleman, as they discuss how their journey as sqilxʷ people is woven with resilience, wisdom, and a deep connection to the land. In this presentation Kelly and Danielle introduce their research focused on identifying values and principles in Syilx laws and leadership practices to inform contemporary leadership's decolonization. The study proposes a model for nurturing future leaders rooted in Syilx identity while adapting to modern challenges. It advocates for mentorship, capacity building, and succession planning to empower the next generation of leaders in upholding cultural values.

10:45 AM nqwilxʷcn iʔ mrimstn: Moderated by kətkəmpica, Rose Caldwell

Main Ballroom

Panelists Grouse Barnes, Twyla Lindley and Kathy Michel will share their insights on how the nsyilxcən language strengthens and shapes our truth ways. They will explore the ways language is interwoven with our kinship, represents our connection and protection to the land, and can be used to heal.

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM Rotating Workshops

Main Ballroom

Over three hours, participants will rotate through three dynamic workshops, each featuring interactive discussions and engaging with our truth ways through various topics.



skəmixist: Our Connection to skəmixist

Ballroom A



ntytyix: Our Connection to Salmon Part 1

Ballroom B



spíʔəm: Early Years Syilx Pre-Conception, Truth of our Ways

Vineyard 4

4:00 PM Closing

Main Ballroom

5:00 PM 20 Years of ntytyix kl cpəlk stiḥ Dinner & Celebration

Main Ballroom

Join us for an evening of gratitude to honor the visionaries, cultural leaders, and technicians behind the salmon revitalization efforts in our Nation.

ART BARN:

Vineyard 2

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Channel your inner siya and learn how to make hide mobiles.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Learn how to work with spicen with Ruby Alexis

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Opening Remarks, Tyson Marsel, ONA Hatchery and Cheyana Van De Riet, ONA Wellness

9:30 AM Stories of Lands, Bodies and Dream: Reading Through tmix<sup>w</sup>

Main Ballroom

Alexa Manuel highlights her doctoral research on Syilx literatures, and the significance of the tmix<sup>w</sup> representing the interconnectedness of land, community, and identity. Conducted in collaboration with the UBC, the research explores how these narratives illuminate Syilx experiences and perspectives, emphasizing the roles of place, body, and dreams in Indigenous knowledge systems.

10:45 AM sqilx<sup>w</sup>cawt Presentations

Main Ballroom

## Learning from Hereditary Similkameen Leadership: Cultural Leadership Knowledge, and Heritage for the Future

Catrina Terbasket and Marion Louie will discuss insights from their research on Syilx captik<sup>w</sup> laws, focusing on relationships, collective responsibility, and cultural knowledge.

## The Incorporation of sməłqmix-syilx ćaptik<sup>w</sup>ł, sm'im'áy and nsyilxcən Language in Land Governance, Protection, and Management

Janessa Lambert, Rheana Marchand, and Tiinesha Begaye will share their research on how sməłqmix-syilx traditional knowledge is conveyed through oral storytelling and language to address cultural heritage disruption and support Indigenous resurgence, focusing on its role in land governance and management in the sməłqmix territory.

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM Tour: nǎ<sup>w</sup>aq<sup>w</sup>a?stn Restoration - Salmon, Cottonwoods, and Bears

Mission Creek

Sign- up in advance to part-take on a tour of interwoven eco-systems. Learn about the restoration work and ecosystem ties between our food chiefs and the importance of cottonwoods.

1:00 PM Rotating Workshops

Over three hours, participants will rotate through three dynamic 45 minute workshops, each featuring interactive discussions and engaging with our truth ways through various topics.



skəmixist: Hunting and Wildlife

Ballroom A



ntytyix: Our Connection to Salmon Part 2

Ballroom B



spíłəm: Sacred Spaces for Family Gatherings

Vineyard 4

4:00 PM Closing

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