



St. Joseph's Mission Investigation Activity Summary – June 27, 2022

The St. Joseph's Mission (SJM) team attended a presentation facilitated by the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala in Kamloops on June 13th. There were discussions surrounding forensic recovery, DNA and genealogy.

The SJM team facilitated a Frontline Workers Engagement Session on June 15th with the Northern Shuswap communities (Canim Lake Band, Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation, Xat'sūll First Nation and Williams Lake First Nation) along with Esk'etemc First Nation. The session included discussions regarding the ongoing investigation, addressing questions and concerns through a roundtable discussion. These sessions will continue throughout the summer and fall between the neighboring communities and their Chief and Council, frontline workers and community members.

National Aboriginal People's Day was celebrated on June 21st. Many people were in attendance, as we have not been able to celebrate together for over two years due to the pandemic. It was a day where community members gathered to celebrate, acknowledge, and hold up the diverse communities and nations in the Cariboo region. Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) would like to thank the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (NSTC) for organizing such an amazing event!



Caption: David Archie, Cultural Coordinator with the Little Chiefs' Daycare.



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The SJM team had two survivor interviews between June 13th and 24th. These interviews were with survivors from Anaham and Mt. Currie.

The SJM team travelled to Regina, Saskatchewan on June 23rd to the 24th. Cowessess First Nation hosted a conference that included a presentation from the Special Interlocutor, Kimberly Murray, discussions regarding the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation research and records, Ground Penetrating Radar, and keynote speakers. It also included a day of honouring Marieval Indian Residential School survivors at Cowessess First Nation.



Caption: Conference at Cowessess First Nation.