

Statement of Intent

Sto:Lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

1. **What is the First Nation Called?**

Sto:Lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

2. **How is the First Nation established?**

Legislation

Please Describe:

The Sto: lo Nation comprises 7 First Nations: Aitchelitz, Leq'á:mél, Popkum, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Tzeachten, and Yakweakwioose.

Is there an attachment?

Yes

3. **Who are the aboriginal people represented by the First Nation?**

The Stó:lo, in our Halq'eméylem language means the "People of the River". We the Stó:lo continue to maintain our shared and collective aboriginal rights and title to S'ólh Téméxw - "Our Land". Our language consists of three main dialects including the upriver dialect called Halq'eméylem, the downriver dialect called Hun'qumyi'num and the island dialect known as Hul'q'umínum'. We are part of the larger Coast Salish group.

4. **How many aboriginal people are represented by the First Nation?**

Approximately 1,500 with 1,089 registered.

Is there any other First Nation that claims to represent the aboriginal people described in questions 3 and 4? If so, please list.

5. **Please list any First Nations with whom the First Nation may have overlapping or shared territory.**

Chawathil, Cheam, Kwantlen, Kwawkwawapilt, Scowlitz, Seabird, Shxw'owhámél, Soowahlie, Sumas, Peteres, Union Bar, Skway, Chehalis,

Skwah, Yale, Matsqui, Musqueam, Tsawwassen, Squamish, Squiala, Katzie, Coquitlam, Semiahmoo, New Westminster, Tsleil-Waututh, Nl'akapamux, and In-Shuck-ch.

6. **What is the First Nation's traditional territory in BC?**

S'ólh Téméxw, "Our Land", stretches from the 49th parallel at Frosty Mountain near Manning Park, northward to Ross Lake watershed and on to the Coquihalla watershed up to the Coquihalla Lakes. Westward from there the boundary meets Hidden Creek, near Spuzzum, crosses the Fraser to follow the Spuzzum Creek to the watershed of the Harrison Lake. The line then goes northwest and crosses the Lillooet River ten miles north of Port Douglas. The line then extends west, including the watersheds of the Stave Lake, Pitt Lake, Indian Arm and Capilano River, and then down from West Vancouver to White Rock and back due east along the 49th parallel to Frosty Mountain.

Attach a map or other document, if available or describe.

Map Available?

Yes

7. **Is the First Nation mandated by its constituents to submit a Statement of Intent to negotiate a treaty with Canada and British Columbia under the treaty process?**

Yes

How did you receive your Mandate? (Please provide documentation)
Notices have gone out to the membership providing them with the pertinent information and allowing them input in this important decision. These were posted on bulletin boards, included in the newsletters and also mailed out to membership. The Chief Negotiator, the Treaty Standing Committee Chair and the Treaty Director are available to answer questions and to record any issues and concerns. The Sto:Lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association may set aside a portion of the monthly Treaty meetings to answer questions from Community members. The Sto:Lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association view this as an ongoing process.

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