



*SHACKAN INDIAN BAND:*

**133** Population

**69** Living On Reserve (# of households)

**10** Living on another Reserve

**54** Off Reserve

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**Governance**

Grand Chief: Percy Joe

Council: Joan Seymour, Sharon Joe and Yvonne Joe



Chief & Council left to right: Joan Seymour, Chief Percy Joe, Sharon Joe and Yvonne Joe

## Community Overview

Shackan Indian Band is an Nlaka'pamux First Nations government located in the Nicola Valley, approximately 20 km east of Spence's Bridge and 40 km west of Merritt on Hwy 8. Shackan is known also as "14 Mile."

The Scw'exmx - People of the Creeks - is taken from the name of the Nicola River, Scw'exmx meaning creek. The Shackan Indian Band is one of five bands in the Nicola Valley who comprise the Scw'exmx. The five bands of the Nicola Tribes are: Coldwater Indian Band, Lower Nicola Indian Band, Upper Nicola Indian Band, Nooaitch Indian Band, and Shackan Indian Band. Together, the numbers of the 5 Nicola Tribes totals well over 3,000 individuals. All part of a proud, strong, thriving Indigenous Nation of the BC Interior.

The bands who make up the Scw'exmx are, in turn, members of the Nlaka'pamux Nation. The Nlaka'pamux traditional territory extends well into the State of Washington, as far north as Ashcroft, as far east as Douglas Lake and as far West as Lillooet.

All the communities of the Nlaka'pamux Nation hold title to this territory, encompassing thousands of square kilometers collectively. The Shackan Indian Band has three reserves. The majority of band members reside on the main reserve, located along the Nicola River, which has a total land base of 6,413 acres. The Papsilqua Reserve is located to the northeast of Papsilqua and Skuhun Creek with a total of 730 acres. The Soldatquo Reserve is located a few kilometres north of Shackan with the total land area. of 2,429 acres.

The community is notably remote with no cell service available. The online mapping system is not updated and can't provide location particulars in the event of emergency services. The community does have a local internet connection through Wi-Fi for community members to access at the band hall. The community has a fire hall completed in 1999, named after Ranger Seymour. The following band members have took the fire fighter training; Lennard Joe, Lee Seymour, Toby Abbott, Shona Bara, and Paul Joe. There are no trained first responders in the community. The community is primarily older relying surrounding communities for support.

Notably transportation is a challenge for the community. Members rely on the medical van to bring them to medical appointments and when not available they rely on family and friends. Although the SCHSS office is located in town there is regular home-care and community nursing services provided on reserve. The community is small with a much older demographic population

making it difficult to deliver a range of diverse programming within the community for youth programs.

### **Community Vision**

Members of the Shackan Band envision a Healthy community that lives in accordance with traditional Scw'exmx values. These values include sharing, helping, learning and teaching.

These values translate into: helping the younger generation realize their potential, promoting everyone's involvement in the life of the Community, and also in being generous to those in need.

Scw'exmx Values: Respect for Self & Others; Positive Sharing; Positive Helping; Positive Learning; Positive Teaching; Healthy Lifestyle; and Self-Sufficiency

### **Mission Statement**

The Band Office is to promote the development of a healthy lifestyle and self-sufficiency for Shackan community members. We will achieve by being helpful, positive, respectful and professional to leadership, co-workers and Shackan members when administering band programs.

### **Shackan Band Employees**

Executive Director- Heather Fader

Social Development/ Education- Debra Manuel

Lands/ Forestry- Angela Fountain

Administration Support- Rena Sam

Finance Clerk - Jody John

Teri Clayton - Housing Coordinator

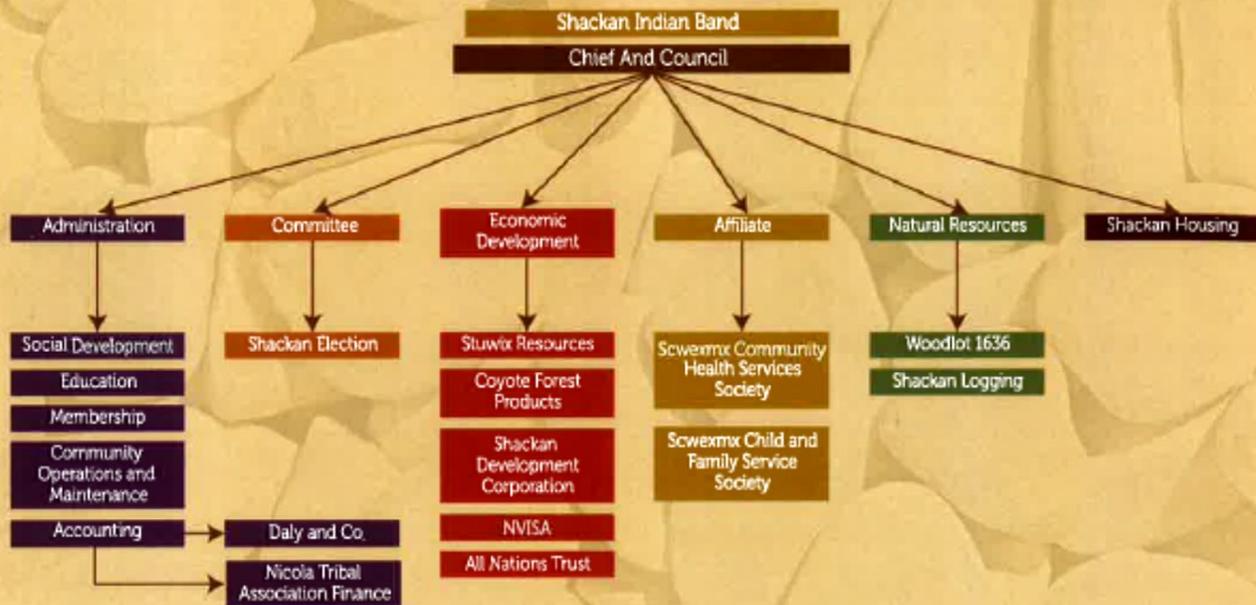
Nadine Chillihitzia - Reception

Operations and Maintenance- Toby Abbott

Operations and Maintenance- Lee Seymour

# GOVERNANCE

## Levels of Governance and Legislation



Shackan is funded mainly through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). These funds aid the community in a number of ways, including:

- Community development (e.g. capital projects, housing, operation and maintenance of infrastructure)
- Economic development
- Education and training
- Band employee benefits
- Land management
- Social development (e.g. assisted living, child and family services and national child benefit reinvestment)
- Health and wellness