FIRST PEOPLES'
CULTURAL COUNCIL

FPCC Summer Learning Series:

huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel - Bringing Back the Sacred Language

Language Revitalization Skill Development

Application Information and Guidelines

Application Deadline:

May 23, 2023 at 4:00pm

Apply on our grant portal: www.fpcc.ca/login

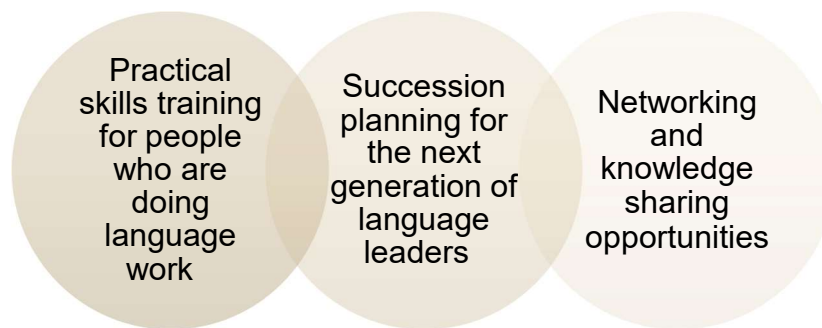# Contents

Introduction

First Peoples' Cultural Council

The First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) was established in 1990 through the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act and is mandated to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts and cultures in British Columbia. FPCC is a unique Crown Corporation governed by a Board of up to thirteen B.C. First Nations representatives. First Nations in British Columbia are also able to nominate an individual or apply themselves to represent one of 34 First Nations languages on the FPCC Advisory Committee. FPCC aims to achieve sustainability and long-term stability for language, arts and cultural programming in B.C.

FPCC's Language Program vision is that all First Nation languages in British Columbia have stable populations of speakers who are passing their languages on to the next generations. First Nations communities are empowered with skills, resources and comprehensive plans to ensure the ongoing vitality of their languages.

FPCC Summer Learning Series

The First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) Summer Learning Series: *Huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel - Bringing Back the Sacred Language -* Language Revitalization Skill Development is for B.C. First Nations individuals who want to learn and gain practical skills needed to implement and strengthen language revitalization projects. The FPCC Summer Learning Series will support community capacity enhancement by providing practical skills training, promote succession planning, and provide networking and knowledge sharing opportunities.

Practical skills training for people who are doing language work

Succession planning for the next generation of language leaders

Networking and knowledge sharing opportunities

Where to begin:

- Read the FPCC Summer Learning Series: huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel - Bringing Back the Sacred Language Revitalization Skill Development Application Information and Guidelines
- Sign up or log in to the FPCC Grant Portal to view the application: www.fpcc.ca/login
- Contact FPCC staff if you have any questions about the application or learning themes

Event Information

- A **one week-long** event for participants that aims to provide intensive learning in language revitalization strategies to First Nations language coordinators, teachers, and learners from around B.C. for community language revitalization projects

- Practical hands-on training to provide the necessary skills to implement strategies in your community

- Themes ranging from language immersion, strategic language planning for communities, language documentation strategies, digitizing language materials, fundraising and grant writing and effective language learning and teaching methodologies

- Provides intensive short-term instruction over the course of **one week** in the field of your interest

- More time in workshops than a typical conference so instructors and students can delve deeper into key topics and participants have increased practice opportunities

Event Details

Dates	**August 14-18 or 21-25 2023**
Event Duration	Workshop registrants will be attending for one week only, according to theme. Dates will be confirmed once themes have been selected
Times	Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30 pm PST
Location	Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo), B.C.
Attendance	In-person
Cost	Free with the exception of the registration fee (FPCC will cover travel, accommodation and meal costs for all registered participants) *If application is approved, a $200 registration fee will apply for participants

Application Process & Deadline

- **Application Deadline: May 23, 2023**
- **Two-step application process (application & registration)**
  - **Step 1:** Submit an application to indicate your interest
  - **Step 2:** Successful applicants will be invited to register for the event ($200 registration fee applicable)

Application Guidelines and Eligibility

- Individuals must submit a complete application
- Applications are not transferable
- Organizations cannot submit an application on an individual's behalf
- Applicant must be working with one of B.C.'s First Nations languages
- Applicant must be living in B.C.
- Applicant must be from an established B.C. First Nation (status and non-status First Nations individuals living on or off-reserve are welcome to apply)

FPCC Summer Learning Series Themes

Participants can choose one of five themes based on their interests and goals in language revitalization. Each theme will be composed of multiple workshops that will build on cohesive topics for the week of attendance.

Immersion

Immersion is an effective language revitalization approach that is used to learn a language without the use of English. This theme will share immersion practices for different age groups and for use in different settings.

Suitable for people who are:

- language learners
- immersion teachers and student teachers
- early childhood immersion educators

Where Are Your Keys (WAYK)

The WAYK system is a specific approach to immersion language learning in a group setting. The WAYK workshop is available for attendees who have an intermediate level of proficiency, such as being able to hold a basic conversation in the language.

Special Consideration: The WAYK workshop will be available for attendees who demonstrate the experience needed for this model of learning. Attendees approved for this session will attend only the WAYK workshop for the entirety of this event; no other workshop topics will be covered in this theme.

Suitable for people who are:

- Delivering adult immersion programs in community
- Wanting to start adult immersion programs
- Seeking to learn collaboratively with other learners in a group setting

Technology

The technology theme will include workshops on technology tools and practices that support language revitalization work. Topics will include tools such as FirstVoices and practices in digitizing language materials.

Suitable for people who are:

- On a project team
- Looking to develop and sustain cohesive language technology programming
- Wanting to support language revitalization using technology

*Note: A laptop is required for this theme

Documentation

Documentation is the practice of making records of your language that can be used for language learning resources in future. In these sessions, you will gain skills to gather all kinds of language from speakers, make good recordings, and keep those recordings safe for the future.

Suitable for people who are:

- Stepping into administrative language roles
- Working with Elders & fluent speakers
- Interested in recording stories

*Note: A laptop is required for this theme

Planning

This theme will share how to develop comprehensive, long-term plans for the revitalization and strengthening of the language. Language plans are intended to capture the community's vision for the future of their language and set the strategic direction for their revitalization efforts.

Suitable for people who are:

- Individuals who are stepping into administrative language roles
- Pro-actively involved with their community
- Interested in leadership and community development

Direct your inquiries to:

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