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Adams Lake Indian Band and Chief Atahm School

Groundbreaking Ceremony for

School Expansion and the Secwepemc Language Centre

Press Release

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The media and public are invited to join Adams Lake Indian Band (ALIB) and Chief Atahm School (CAS) as the school breaks ground for the school expansion, which includes the Secwepemc Language Centre, on Mon March 4, 2019 at 6349 Chief Jules Drive, Chase, BC.

The school building expansion project is the result of years of research, planning and development. ALIB has joined with Federal government to make this development a reality. ALIB has supplemented to the funding received from Indigenous Services Canada.

The School Expansion Project Team include representatives from Adams Lake Indian Band, Chief Atahm School, Horizon North and Associated Engineering.

The school expansion will contribute to the survival of the Secwepemc Language, Traditional Values, and Secwepemc Culture. The school is a parent operated school, where staff, parents and Elders work collectively to offer culturally rich programs with an emphasis on traditional teachings, teaching resources, land and history, and community language classes. The school currently offers immersion programs that include 6-month-old infants and students up to the Grade 10 level. The new building will allow CAS to expand to high school grades. It is clear the diverse language and cultural programs offered by Chief Atahm School is a big contribution to the revival of the Secwepemc language.

The school expansion is projected to be completed by August 2019. The new expansion for Chief Atahm School is scheduled to open its doors for the start of the 2019/2020 school year.

The Ground-Breaking Ceremony will include invited delegates: local MLA, Indigenous Service Canada, Horizon North, Associated Engineering, local community members, CAS students, parents, and members from the local media. Following the ceremony, a meal will be served at the Adams Lake Recreation and Conference Centre located at 6349 Chief Jules Drive, Chase, BC.

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