

## **Message to Community – Telling Our Ancestors That We Are Coming**

Date: August 8, 2023

ha7lh skwáyel (good day),

Yúusnewas, the community-led project to research and document the residential school experience of our people, is now entering its next phase of discovery.

Work is scheduled to be conducted on both the grounds of the former St. Paul's Residential School and Mission Cemetery during the month of August. The upcoming work is the result of almost two years of careful and considered preparation, guided by our ancestors and truth tellers.

Please watch <u>this video</u> for an overview of what you can expect as we begin the work. Content warning: mentions ground penetrating radar (GPR).

We will have more to share on August 14. Community members are invited to join Peter Baker and Rudy Reimer for a project update at 11:00 am on <u>Facebook Live</u>. Click "Going" to get a notification when we go live.

Health and wellness support is available for everyone. Please read the Wellness Guide at <a href="https://bit.ly/wellness-booklet">bit.ly/wellness-booklet</a> for more information or contact:

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