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Chilliwack, BC— Community collaboration brings *Sq'ewlets: A Stó:lo-Coast Salish community in the Fraser River Valley*, a biography of the Sq'ewlets First Nation, to the Chilliwack Museum and Archives.

Across the Fraser River, at the confluence of the Fraser and Harrison Rivers, the Sq'ewlets community have lived and prospered since time immemorial.

Now, they are reaching out to Chilliwack, and beyond, with the launch of the exhibition *Sq'ewlets: A Stó:lo-Coast Salish community in the Fraser River Valley*. This robust community biography, based on the virtual museum (www.digitalsqewlets.ca), presents what it means to be a Sq'ewlets person and community member today.

After displays at the Bill Reid Centre at Simon Fraser University and The Reach Gallery in Abbotsford, the physical exhibition is “coming home” with its presentation at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives.

Video documentaries, photos, texts, and cherished belongings will all be on display. The Museum collaborated with representatives from the Sq'ewlets Nation, the Stó:lo Research and Resource Management Centre, Simon Fraser University and other partners to bring this important presentation to Chilliwack.

Sq'ewlets: A Stó:lo-Coast Salish community in the Fraser River Valley will be on display from November 2, 2017 until April 28, 2018, at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, 45820 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack, BC. The Museum and Archives is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm, Thursdays until 8:30pm, and Saturdays 10:00am to 2:00pm. Admission is free for Museum Members and their guests, or \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and students, free for kids 12 and under.

About the Chilliwack Museum and Archives

The Chilliwack Museum and Archives connects people with Chilliwack's history. Celebrating its 60th Anniversary year in 2017, the Museum and Archives seeks to be a point of connection and learning for all people in the community. Our diverse collections are rich with historic objects, images, resources, and information—documenting the people, memories, and moments that compose the Chilliwack story.

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