Housing Resources Service

Serving Nlaka'pamux, Secwepemc and Upper Nicola Territories

SNAPSHOT OVERVIEW

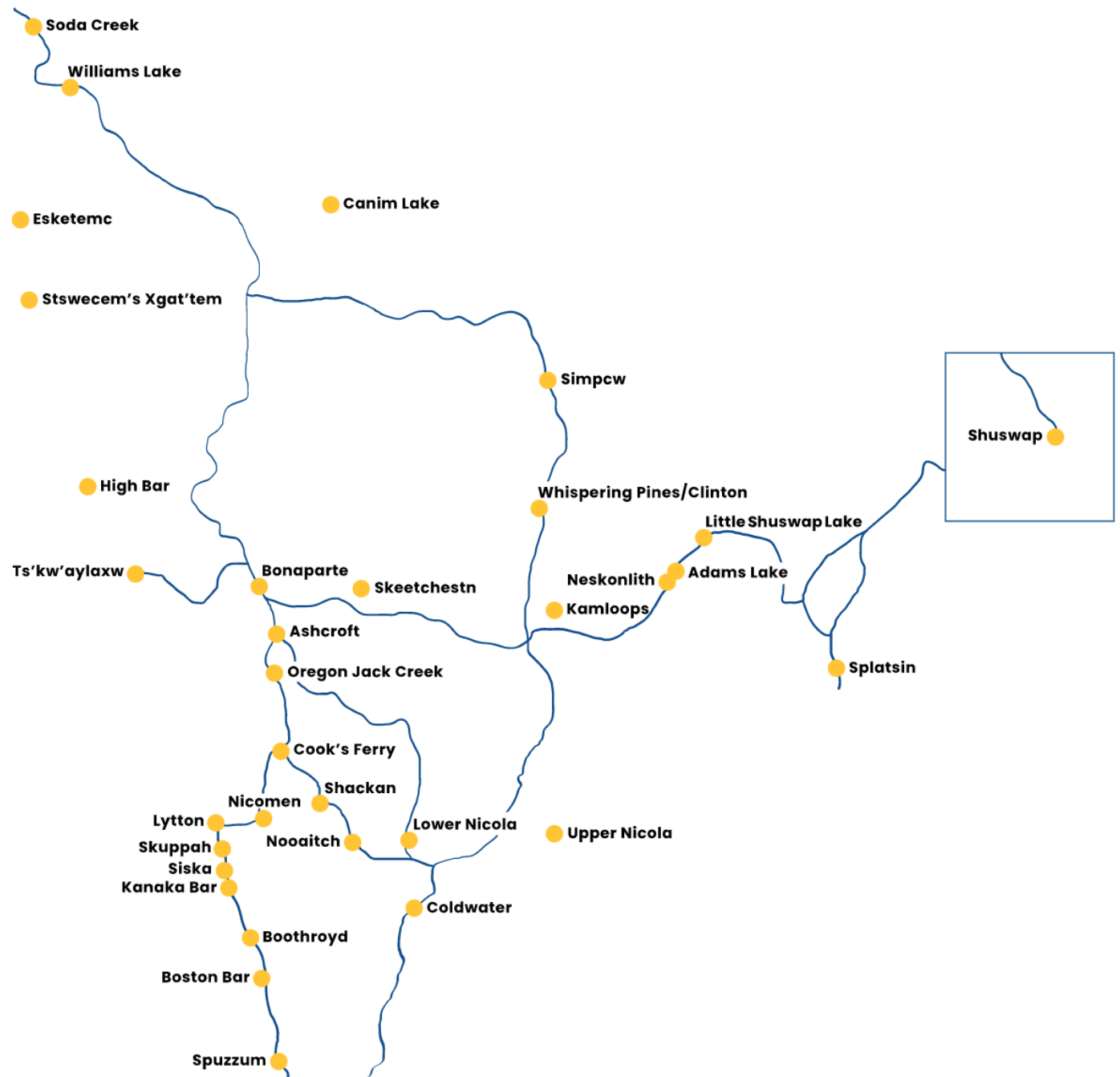June 2022

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What is the HRS?

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▶ HRS serves the First Nations within the **Nlaka'pamux**, and **Secwépemc** Nations and **Upper Nicola Band**.

▶ HRS is community-based and provides a "Place" or "Centre of Excellence" for collaborating and knowledge exchange.

▶ To share best practices such as policies, planning tools, funding and financing, construction and renovations and tenant relations.

▶ Services and Information that are **relevant to the First Nations.**

▶ The HRS is not:

- a Regional or Provincial Housing "Authority",

- a political influence in communities,

- a decision maker of program funding.

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HRS Service Area
33 First Nations

- Soda Creek
- Williams Lake
- Canim Lake
- Esketemc
- Stswecem's Xgat'tem
- Simpcw
- Shuswap
- High Bar
- Whispering Pines/Clinton
- Little Shuswap Lake
- Ts'kw'aylaxw
- Bonaparte
- Skeetchestn
- Neskonlith
- Adams Lake
- Kamloops
- Ashcroft
- Oregon Jack Creek
- Splatsin
- Cook's Ferry
- Shackan
- Nicomen
- Lytton
- Lower Nicola
- Upper Nicola
- Skuppah
- Nooaitch
- Siska
- Kanaka Bar
- Coldwater
- Boothroyd
- Boston Bar
- Spuzzum

HRS Logo Story

▶ The three **blue waves** represent the Fraser, Nicola, Thompson, and rivers coming together and the history of the ongoing relationship and collaboration with Upper Nicola Band and the First Nations of the Nlaka'pamux, and Secwepémc Nations. These rivers have and continue to provide food, transportation, and economies.

▶ The **green** above the rivers represents the land which provide food and resources to the people.

▶ Looking above the house structure are trees that represent respectful use of resources for affordable, and quality housing in the past, present and the future. The sloping poles remind us of the rooflines of traditional homes providing sustainable shelter. With no walls, there is room to grow and adapt for the future. The past is our foundation to moving forward.

▶ The **four open baskets** symbolize the importance of the number four to First Nations, which represents 4 directions, 4 colours, 4 seasons, 4 stages of life, and 4 types of life on earth.

▶ All of this is under the **yellow arc** representing the sun and all its power!

HRS Commitment
Steering Committee TOR

Mission Statement

The HRS Steering Committee is committed to providing strategic direction and oversight to the development and delivery of an effective HRS model that supports Communities with a range of services along the housing continuum. The Communities within the HRS service area are those among the Secwepemc, Nlaka'pamux and Upper Nicola Nations.

Vision

The HRS remains **relevant and accessible** to the Communities of the Nations. The Communities can access the suite of services as they determine to achieve their respective goals for providing safe, healthy and affordable housing choices to their members.

Services are *Relevant & Accessible*

- Housing related capacity including administration and skills or trades training.

- Regular webinar Information Sessions

- Tools and knowledge needed to effectively manage housing portfolios

- Accessing funding and financing sources

- Procuring quality services

- Housing project management cycles from planning and design to contracting and completion

- Best practices for quality construction and designs

- Sample policies and templates related to housing processes and administration and encourage ongoing sharing and networking of resources among the First Nations

- One-on-one mentoring and advisory

Partner Opportunities

- Building Inspections

- Affordable House designs to meet demographics and climatic conditions

- Funding and Financing sources for planning, design and construction

- Skills and trades development (retain socio-economic benefits in communities)

- Technology (for long term asset management maintenance)

- Administrative support systems that are reliable and consistent

- Partnerships between Nations to Nations or Communities to Communities

Partnerships that grow and strengthen individuals and communities

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Leveraging Housing resources and benefits among the Nations!

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