



INDIAN REGISTRATION & BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

**A-a-a Siiem nu Siiye'yu, Siiem nu S-tl'hwulmuhw, Siiem nu Sul-hween, Siiem nu Shh'wa'luqw'a,
'Eenthu pe' Tth'ulsilumaat, tun'ni' tsun utl' Xinupsum.**
Respected Friends, Respected People, Respected Elders, Respected Family of Cowichan Tribes, my name is Hilda Paige and I am from Xinupsum.

My **Menulh** is Felix Paige Jr., and I am blessed to be *his* junior and carry the female versions of his names: **Shaal-tunaat** and **Tth'ulsilumaat**. My **Ten** is Marlo Twance (**Qwustaanulwut**) (nee Thomas), from Pune'luxutth'. My paternal grandparents are Velma Page (**Sulsimtunaat**) (nee Bob) of Snaw-naw-as, and Felix Paige Sr. (**Sul-xinum'**) of Xinupsum. My maternal grandparents are late Mary Jean Thomas (**Hwi'hwi'tthe'**) (nee Rice) of Snuneymuxw and late Ken Thomas of Pune'luxutth'. I am the mother to a fantastic little boy, Leroy (**Tth'ulsilum**).

I have been hired as the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Membership Department to prepare for the impending changes that include Registration and delayed amendments to Bill S-3. This project will be in effect until the end of March 2019. I graduated from VIU in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in First Nations Studies & Psychology, and I am more than thrilled to be provided the opportunity to work in my home nation. My familial introduction may be long, but I know that our people identify the younger generation through who their parents and grandparents are.

It isn't often that the federal government engages the Indigenous peoples whose rightful home and land Canada sits on, but they are on the upcoming implementation of **Registration & Bill S-3**. Be sure to look out in the January's newsletter for upcoming updates on the **INDIAN REGISTRATION AND BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS**. I am excited to explore with my people, what this important change in the Indian Act could mean for the Quw'utsun' Mustimuhw and our future as a self-governing people.

There will be a ton of technical language, so **tthi'hwum/please**, don't ever hesitate to come and talk to me in the Lands building!

**IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR VOICES AS QUW'UTSUN
MUSTIMUHW TO BE HEARD WHEN IT COMES TO
REGISTRATION & BILL S-3.**

Hilda Paige,
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