

Comox Valley Schools  
Professional Development Day

February 17, 2023, 8:30AM-3:00PM

# Sharing Cultural Perspectives: Where Paths Meet

**AM: An in-person gathering at Vanier Secondary School Gym**

Participants are encouraged to carpool. Limited Parking will be available at the student parking lot, the staff parking lot, and the Rec Centre parking lot (up by Rink 2)

**(Live-streamed for staff working outside the Comox Valley)**

**PM: In-person breakout sessions at Vanier Secondary**

- 8:30** Welcome and Acknowledgment from the Kumugwe Dancers - Through sharing the songs and Dances of the K'ómoks and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples, the Kumugwe Dancers are able to help facilitate respect and understanding within the local community and communities abroad. Welcome and messages of support from Tom Demo, Superintendent of Schools
- 8:50** Introducing our guests  
**Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck and Dr. Jesse Morin**
- 9:00** Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck and Dr. Jesse Morin's Keynote Presentations Part I  
**The Tribes of the Pentlatch Territory**  
*Looking at the history of the territory beginning with the Pentlatch, E'iksan and K'ómoks Peoples, this presentation will provide an historical overview, the cultural landscape, and a contemporary profile of the three cultural groups, offering a greater understanding of the diversity and the complexity of the cultures that we live with today.*
- Cultural Topography of Traditional Indigenous Land Use at Pentlatch (the Comox Valley)**  
*This presentation will highlight and discuss traditional cultural uses of various locations of the Comox Valley. Use of specific places by ancestral peoples will be discussed to illustrate a range of traditional K'ómoks/Pentlatch cultural practices, from subsistence to ritual. The goal of this presentation is to leave attendees with a greater appreciation of the cultural significance of various locations in the Comox Valley.*
- 10:00-10:20** BREAK (coffee, tea and snacks provided – lug a mug)
- 10:20-10:50** Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck and Dr. Jesse Morin Part II
- 11:00** A special presentation from **Lelaina Jules and Jeannine Walker**  
**Circle of Intention** *Through our lived experiences, we have developed this resource to hold space for guidance and information on how to incorporate authentic Indigenous worldviews into our instruction and activities. We invite you to join us on our learning journey.*
- 12:00 - 1:00** Catered Lunch (a selection of sandwiches and salads)  
*During the break be sure to visit our guest Vendor Displays at the Main Entrance*
- 1:00** Small group in-person breakout sessions at Vanier Secondary  
*Information about the afternoon breakout session offerings will be shared widely in January for online registration.*