



Williams Lake
FIRST NATION

St. Joseph's Mission Investigation Activity Summary – June 13, 2022

Geophysical work in the Phase 2 area is ongoing, with GeoScan actively collecting data since mid-April. GeoScan will be finishing up their work for the summer by the end of June and will return in September. The area of Phase 2 is 130 hectares in size, so during the months of July and August, GeoScan will begin analysis of the data collected.

A job posting has recently been listed for the SJM Investigation team. WLFN is seeking a Research Assistant for the SJM Investigation, and the posting can be viewed here: [BambooHR](#). Under the guidance of the SJM Lead investigator, the Research Assistant is responsible for the access to, professional care, daily management, and maintenance of the SJM investigation archives including their organization, preservation, and storage. This is a 1-year full-time term position with a preferred start date of June 2022.

On June 8, 2022, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations, Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemec First Nation and Chief Cadmus Delorme of the Cowessess First Nation announced the appointment of Kimberly Murray as Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools. "We're supportive as an interim step, to assist First Nations in navigating the engagement with Canada and other entities. It remains to be seen, though, whether a Commission of Inquiry, or other formal investigation will ultimately be required for any or all of the residential school files," states Chief Willie Sellars.

The SJM Team travelled to the community of Ulkatcho First Nation on June 8th for a Community Engagement Session. In the morning, the SJM team met with the Ulkatcho First Nation Chief and Council and Elders group to discuss the ongoing investigation and to address questions and/or concerns of the community. In the afternoon, the SJM team did a presentation of the investigation to survivors and community members. The SJM Team has been approaching neighboring First Nations communities to facilitate the Community Engagement Sessions.