

## New Officer and Board Rep for Tribal Police



Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service is pleased to introduce our two newest members, Constable Bianca Spoelstra and Police Board Rep Tara Smith.

Constable Spoelstra recently graduated from the Justice Institute. She joined Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police in March of 2009 and works at our Mount Currie office.

Bianca was born and raised in Smithers, BC. Her only brother is a computer tech. She was a court clerk for many years, in both Smithers and Prince George, and often flew into remote reserves in northern BC to work.

Spoelstra wanted to be a police officer since she was a teenager. She enjoys the variety and appreciates how much easier it is to develop relationships with people in small communities.

Bianca likes to golf, ski, hike, camp and shop. Her partner is an RCMP officer at Whistler. They have two dogs, a Great Dane named Sasha (a princess) and a Great Pyrenees German Shepherd named Diesel (a rescue dog from Kitwanga.)

This year, Bianca plans to complete a triathlon.



Our Police Board is comprised of one representative from each of ten participating communities in the St'at'imc Nation. Tara Smith is our newest Board member, representing Lil'wat.

Tara has lived in Mount Currie her entire life. She enjoys walking and spending time with her husband and three sons. Her eldest is a mechanic at Olemotive in Pemberton. Her middle son is in grade ten, excelling at academics and Science, and her youngest is on the First Nations Mountain-biking Team, competing on Whistler/Blackcomb.

Tara is a partner with New Earth Business Solutions, co-owned by three aboriginal women entrepreneurs from the Lil'wat Nation. They have extensive administrative experience and offer simple solutions to business needs. Call her at 604-966-8475.

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Tara also works with Halaw Contracting and is just completing the design and construction of her father's home.

Welcome to Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service, Constable Spoelstra and Tara Smith!