



ʔakisq'nuq Community Newsletter July 1-14

Seasonal Burning



Seasonal Burning:

In the spring we understand people will want to begin spring cleaning and this may include burning of some yard waste.

The Akisqunuk First Nation asks that you exercise extreme caution when doing this. Although with the recent snow melt and the rain things may seem like the fire will not get out of control. With some of the dried out materials on the ground they will dry out again very quickly and the fire can get out of control very easily.

Anyone doing spring burning must make sure they are taking the steps to be prepared. This will include having an adequate water supply, shovels, or other adequate tools. Only burn when it is not windy and staying on site to monitor the fire until it is completely out.

For more information on what you can and cannot burn please refer to the information sheet attached.

Backyard Burning



Photo Credit: Peter Doyle

Some Burning Facts

- ☑ Burning releases hydrocarbons, pollutants, dust and ash, which are health hazards.
- ☑ Burning household garbage and plastics releases very harmful dioxins, some of which are linked to cancer.
- ☑ Burning will not rid fields of weeds; the seeds have already established themselves in the soil.
- ☑ Burning will not get rid of knapweed. In fact, knapweed thrives in poor soil, especially in previously burned areas.
- ☑ Burning grass in the spring results in the loss of important soil nutrients, especially when done year after year.
- ☑ Burning grass around your home is an unnecessary precaution in the forest fire season, as grass fires rarely damage homes.

Decided NOT to Burn?

Great! Here's where you can get information on alternatives to burning, toxic substance disposal, composting and much more!

Recycling Council of British Columbia Hotline

Toll Free: 1-800-667-4321

website: www.rcbc.bc.ca/

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Phone: (250) 352-6665
Toll Free: 1-800-268-7325

website: www.rdck.bc.ca
e-mail: wastedept@rdcd.bc

Regional District of East Kootenay

Phone: (250) 489-2791
Toll Free: 1-888-478-7335

e-mail: rdek@rdek.bc.ca

**Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Resource Recovery Coordinator**

Toll Free: 1-800-355-7352
Phone: (250) 368-0232

website: www.rdkb.com

Regional District of Columbia Shuswap

Phone: (250) 832-8194
Toll Free: 1-888-248-2773

e-mail: dmooney@csrd.bc.ca

What You Need to Know Before You Burn - A Guide for Backyard Burning



Ministry of
Environment

Ministry of Environment; Kootenay Region

(250) 354-6355 or <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/kor/>

Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/kor/epd/eqs.htm>

Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation

The Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation sets out conditions that must be met in order to conduct a legal open burn. The following points below are the most common conditions that must be met prior to conducting an open burn.

- Check with your municipality or regional district, and the Ministry of Forests, for local burning bylaws, restrictions and permits.
- To obtain a burn reference number call the Ministry of Forests, at 1-888-797-1717.
- You must make sure the weather is good for smoke dispersion. Check the Ventilation Index for your area:
 - By phone: 1-877-922-3399
 - On the web: www.weatheroffice.com
- Your fire must be at least 100 metres away from any adjacent homes or businesses.
- Your fire must be at least 500 metres away from any schools in session, hospitals or extended-care facilities.



Photo Credit: Ministry of Environment

Open burning can affect air quality on a small scale – your neighbourhood, your community – and on a much larger scale, polluting entire valleys and beyond.

Other Considerations

- Is the smoke from my fire going to harm my neighbours?
- Exposure to the particulate matters and gases in smoke quickly becomes a health hazard – especially for the elderly, children, and people with heart and lung problems.
- During the winter months it is advisable to find other methods of disposing of land-clearing debris as the Ventilation Index is rarely “Good” or “Fair.”

Some prohibited materials include (but are not limited to):

- asphalt and asphalt products
- construction waste
- fuel and lubricant containers
- household garbage
- paint & paint products
- plastic
- rail ties
- rubber
- styrofoam
- tar paper
- tires
- treated lumber

The burning of prohibited materials causes pollution and as such is a violation of the *Environmental Management Act*, Section 6(4).



Avoid disposable items; buy products in bulk; look for products with less packaging.

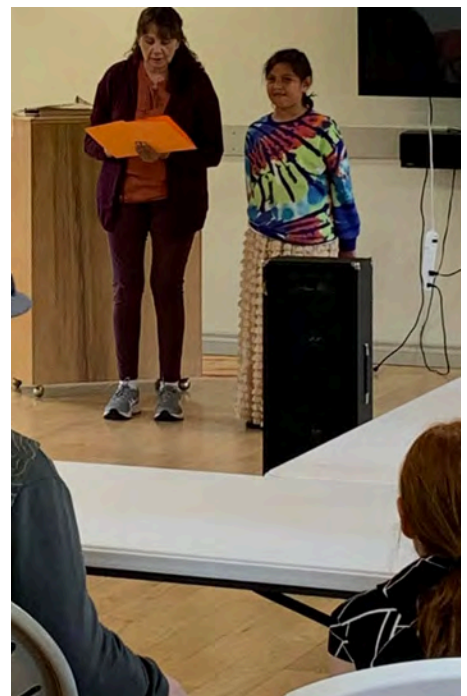


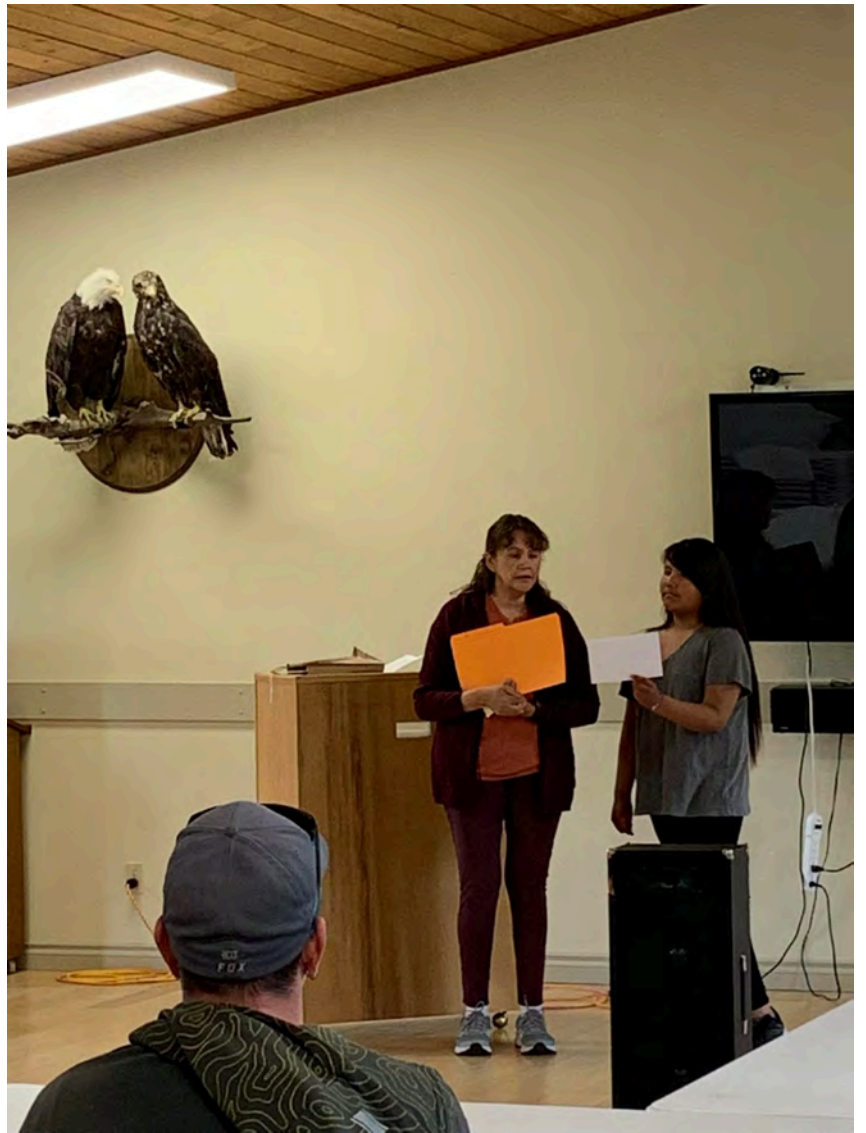
Repair, sell, or donate used or unwanted items. One person's trash is another person's treasure!



Contact your town, city or regional district office to find out about composting, recyclable materials or drop-off locations.

Year End Celebration





Pictures from Health Fair



Congratulations to the Health Fair

Prize Winners:

- Jordon Sam - Ainsworth Trip for two.
- Wilfred Tennessee - Portable Fire Pit
- Sophie Nicholas - Paddle Board





Submitted by Lorne Shovar

Way to go Vivienne!

Below was an note from Vivienne's teachers in Windermere Elementary School to her parents and they wanted to share.

Hi Kathy and Lorne,

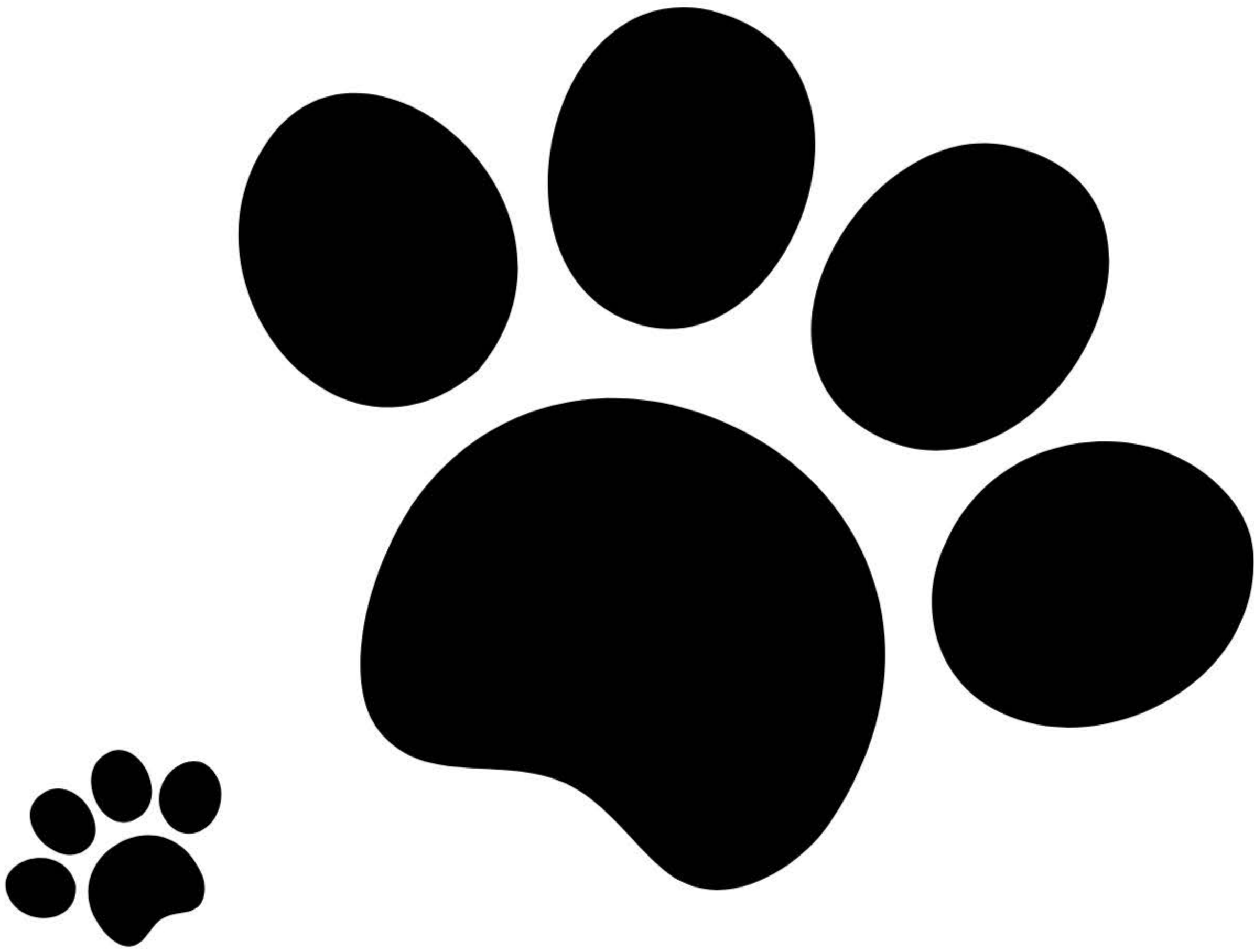
Please see the attached photo of Vivienne with the colouring pages we used on National Indigenous Peoples Day as one of our stations. These colouring sheets were inspired by the Ktunaxa words that Vivienne has been teaching us all year! We are grateful that Vivienne has been sharing her knowledge of the Ktunaxa language with the class and now the whole school!! She is a quiet but confident speaker!

With gratitude,

Ms. Patti and Ms. Godlien

Have you seen me?

lost *cat*



Orange Tabby cat called Sox.

Please call Lola +1250 341 5075

Submit your pictures, odd and ends for the newsletter to communication@akisqnuuk.org

Follow and like [?akisqnuuk First Nation](#) on Facebook for updates, events and more!

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Upcoming

mark your calendars

- **July 5th 10:15am - 12pm.:** Little Badgers Bike Rodeo. Free to attend. Children 0-5 are welcome to attend with bikes, helmets, and parents to the Eva Joseph Center.
- **July 6-7th 10 am-4pm.:** Child and family Ktunaxa Elder sessions in Cranbrook Heritage Inn.
- July 6th 5-8pm.: Call to Gather stewardship planning and dinner at rec center.
- July 7 2 - 4pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk Dr. Page Clinic at AFN. To Book appointment contact Jason Juell at jjuell@akisq̓nuk.org
- July 11-13th 9am - 4pm.: Darien Thira - Through the pain to wellness community-based suicide prevention program at KNC Gym. RSVP with Diane Whitehead dawhite@ktunaxa.org.
- July 13th 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Chief and Council Meeting.
- July 13th 10 am-2 pm.: Akisq̓nuk Health. Pap Smears, immunization and COVID shots clinic. Please call the Health Center to schedule an appointment and be added to the list.
- July 15 -17th.: Standing Arrow Pow wow Elmo, MT
- July 15- 17th.: Ktunaxa Qatmuk Camp Toby/Jumbo Creek Confluence. Bbq 5 on saturday.
- July 16th.: ʔakisq̓nuk Band Meeting.
- July 19th 10am.: Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society 2022 AGM at Yaqa̓n Nukiy (Lower Kootenay, Creston)
- July 20th 6pm.: Smokii Sumac at Invermere Library. Ktunaxa two-Spirit and Transgender author, academic and poet.
- July 21 9am - 3pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk Foot Clinic at AFN. To Book appointment contact Jason Juell at jjuell@akisq̓nuk.org
- July 24th 11am - 3pm.: ElectroRecycle: Small appliance & Power Tool recycling event at ʔakisq̓nuk parking lot.
- July 27th 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Chief and Council Meeting.
- June 28 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Elders Committee meeting.

Logo Design Contest

**Calling all
Ktunaxa
Artists**

grand
prize
\$500

Are you a *Ktunaxa* artist and
interested in a *creative challenge*?

2022 Ktunaxa Business Showcase
Logo Design Contest

Event Theme

Ktunaxa Economy, Self-Sufficient,
Ktunaxa Entrepreneurs & Collaboration

Deadline

July 4th, 2022

Prizes

Grand prize of \$500. All submissions will
receive a recognition gift

Questions / Submissions

Shane or Jose @ (250) 489-2464
Economic@Ktunaxa.org

Visit KtunaxaHakqiyit.org/KBS for more details

We will accept digital or traditional material (paper/canvas)



SCAN AND SEE
WEBSITE FOR DETAILS



Little Badgers: Bike Rodeo

Children 0-5 yrs are welcome to attend with their parents and their bikes. Obstacle course with the RCMP, Helmet checks, and Ambulance tours with BC ambulance service, Bike Mechanic and Carwash with K5, Story time with the Invermere public library!
Come and join the Badger Crew and get bike ready!



July 5, 10:15am - 12pm



Ktunaxa

Qat'muk Camp

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY

**July 15-17
2022**

**Toby/Jumbo Creek
Confluence
(past Panorama)**

SIGN UP BY JULY 5

**Contact Melissa Teneese
for your info package.
MRteneese@ktunaxa.org**

**Be and learn on the land,
together with other Ktunaxa.**

**Experience the area we are working
to protect through an Indigenous
Protected and Conserved Area
(IPCA)**

**BBQ Supper provided on Saturday, 5 to 6
Sharing Circle Saturday at 6 pm!**

**We hope you will join us. Fuel and meal cards
available to help offset additional
costs of travel + food.**

**Be prepared for changing weather.
Email Melissa before July 5**

KTUNAXA KINBASKET CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

IS HOLDING ANOTHER 2 DAY SESSION AND WE ARE
INVITING ALL ELDERS AGAIN TO ATTEND

Presented by: Julie Birdstone

WHEN: July 6 to 7, 2022

WHERE: Heritage Inn

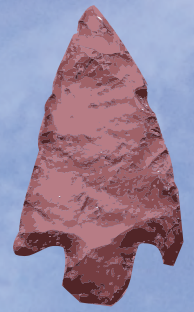
Time: 10:00 to 4:00



To Register call [Melanie.Gambin @ 250-489-4563](mailto:Melanie.Gambin@ktunaxa.org)
EXT:3019 or email melanie.gambin@ktunaxa.org



**ʔamakʔis
KTUNAXA
stewardship
PLANNING**



Call to Gather

July 6
5 pm - 8 pm

- Dinner is Provided
- Can't attend? Join by Zoom
- Planning Exercises
- Please contact us to register.



**ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation
Recreation Centre**

2022 **Door Prizes!**

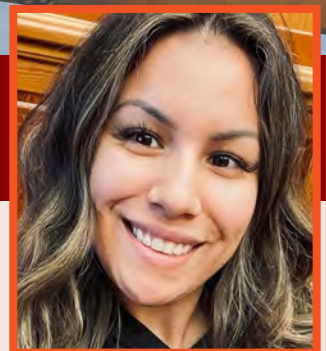
Talk to us!

Dustinaya Duteau • Call / Text 778-963-0271
dustinaya.duteau@ktunaxa.org

Kristen Whitehead
kristen.whitehead@ktunaxa.org



Dustinaya Duteau
Land Stewardship
Planner



Kristen Whitehead
Regulatory Engagement
Coordinator





Darrien Thira

**15 seats
available
for any
Ktunaxa
Citizens**

**Ktunaxa Nation
Gymnasium**

**RSVP Diane Whitehead:
dawhitehead@ktunaxa.org
or Call 250-919-6500**

Through the Pain to Wellness: Community-Based Suicide Prevention Program

offers a culturally-sensitive introduction to the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary for community-based suicide prevention.

The key goals of the program are:

- * • To create emotional safety in the face of a very painful issue;
- To provide essential knowledge, strategies and techniques to respond to suicide as a psychological and social problem (intervention and post-vention);
- To understand wellness and how to assist a person, family, and community to live in wellness cleanse suicide from their lives (true prevention);

To develop a core group of skilled and resilient individuals who can assist individuals in suicidal crisis and who are prepared to operate as a community mobilization network.

Three Day Workshop:

July 11,12,13, 2022 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Please join us for...



Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society

Virtual
& in Person

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Yaqan Nukiy (Lower Kootenay)

3425 Hwy 21, Creston BC

There will be door
prizes for those who
attend!
(In person and online)

July 19th at 10:00 AM MST
(Mountain Standard Time)

For Info or to Register:
Morgana Eugene
kkcfssmember@ktunaxa.org
Or
(250) 489-4563 Ext. 4012

Limited Seating. Please Register Early. See you there!



Photo credit to Sweetmoon Photography

Join us for an evening with

SMOKII SUMAC

Ktunaxa Two-Spirit and Transgender Author,
Academic and Poet

Wednesday, July 20th at 6:00 pm
at the Invermere Library



Copies of
You Are Enough
will be available for \$15
each. Cash preferred,
e-transfer available





SMALL APPLIANCE & POWER TOOL RECYCLING EVENT

Akisqnuq Administration Parking Lot
Sunday July 24 | 11:00am to 3:00pm

400+ ACCEPTED PRODUCTS



Small
Appliances



Electric Outdoor
Power Equipment



Power
Tools

For a full Accepted Products List visit [Electrorecycle.ca](https://www.electrorecycle.ca)



The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

BRINGING *the* SALMON HOME

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?atł su?kiniř swaqmu

Tspelq'entém re Sqlélten



spaces
limited!!!

syilx okanagan, secwépemc, ktunaxa

YOUTH SALMON WARRIORS CAMP

AGES 18-29

AUGUST 19-23, 2022

@ the headwaters of the mighty columbia river

CREATIVITY this three-nation gathering is bringing youth together to explore

VISION our interconnection and resiliency as salmon people - to learn,

LEADERSHIP to imagine, and to dream our salmon home

To apply: send in a paragraph telling us a bit about yourself and your connection to salmon.

syilx okanagan youth

Carrie Terbasket

cterbasket@gmail.com

ktunaxa youth

Troy Hunter

troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org

secwépemc youth

Valerie Michel

crt@shuswapnation.org



**Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre**

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

MONDAY

Members Only - Walking Track and Fitness
Room 9AM-4PM

TUESDAY

Public & Members - Walking Track and
Fitness Room 9AM-4PM

WEDNESDAY

Public & Members - Walking Track and
Fitness Room 9AM-4PM

THURSDAY

Members Only - Walking Track and Fitness
Room 9AM-4PM

FRIDAY

Public & Members - Walking Track and
Fitness Room 9AM-4PM

Closed from 12PM -1PM and on Saturday &
Sunday

Fitness Classes Coming Soon!!!




AKISQNUK FIRST NATION




**WANT
GOOD
FOOD BOX?**



EATING HEALTHY



AKISQNUK FIRST NATION WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN A GOOD FOOD BOX
PROGRAM AND WONDERING IF THERE
ARE OTHER NAMES WE CAN CALL IT.



CONTACT CHRISTY BAKER AT
CBAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG



Community Events Committee

**Akisqnuq is recruiting/looking for
people who would be interested in
being in an events committee to assist
in planning events for the community**



**Please contact Christy Baker
if your interested**

**Contact Chirsty Baker
cbaker@akisqnuq.org**



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Akisqnuk First Nation is doing emergency planning and would like to know who would need assistance in evacuating in an emergency, i.e., wildfire, flood, etc.

We need to know this number for emergency planning.

If you have an interest in being apart of the community emergency planning

CONTACT CHRISTY BAKER AT
CBAKER@AKISNUK.ORG OR CALL 250-342-6301



In Honor of those who attended residential school, were part of the 60's scoop or in honor of the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Girls/Boys:

AKISQNUK QUILTING PROJECT

Akisqnuk is gathering people's squares to make a collective quilt in honor of those who attended residential school, were part of the 60's scoop or in honor of the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Girls/Boys

Decorate a square (10inx10in) with whatever may inspire you (paint, bead, draw, stitch etc.)

**SUBMIT YOUR SQUARE BY MAIL TO:
PATSY NICHOLAS AT 3050 HWY
93/95 WINDERMERE BC V0B 2L2**



For more information contact Patsy Nicholas pnicholas@akisqnuk.org

Self Care

Dr. Page Clinic

July 7th and 21st is the next clinic. Contact RN Jason Juell for booking and more information at jjuell@akisqnuk.org

Foot Clinics

July 12 next clinic. Contact RN Jason Juell for booking and more information at jjuell@akisqnuk.org

Chiropractor*

ʔakisq̓nuk Members may book your Chiropractor appointment at *Invermere Family Chiropractor at 250-342-9666*

Massage*

ʔakisq̓nuk members may book your massage with Lynn Birkett, Rising Sun massage therapy in Radium at 250 341 5668.

Non Coverage Medical*

ʔakisq̓nuk members living in BC have [Pacific Blue Cross](#) Coverage.

If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisq̓nuk Health Manager Patsy Nicholas for assistance at pnicholas@akisqnuk.org

Medical Appointment Transportation

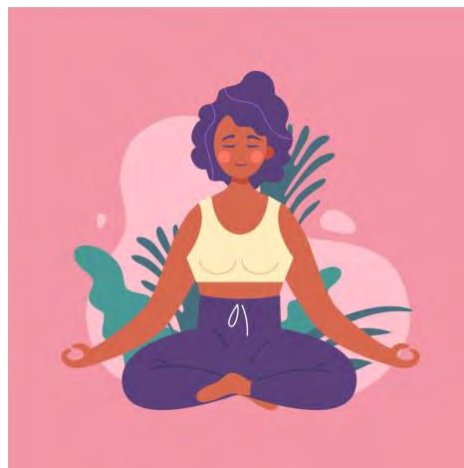
If you need assistance with transportation to health appointments contact health staff to make arrangements at 250 342 6379.

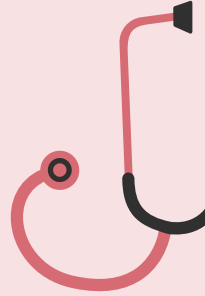
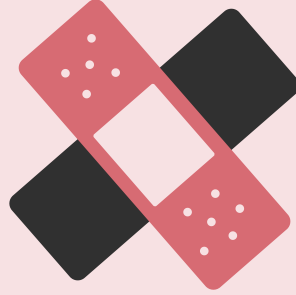
COVID

Do you have questions about boosters shots. Below is the most recent from the BC government website. It is near the bottom where it says who can get a 2nd booster and who is eligible.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/booster#second>

**If you like to see someone else or are living off reserve keep/submit receipts for reimbursement or to make other arrangements contact Health Manager Patsy Nicholas at pnicholas@akisqnuk.org.*





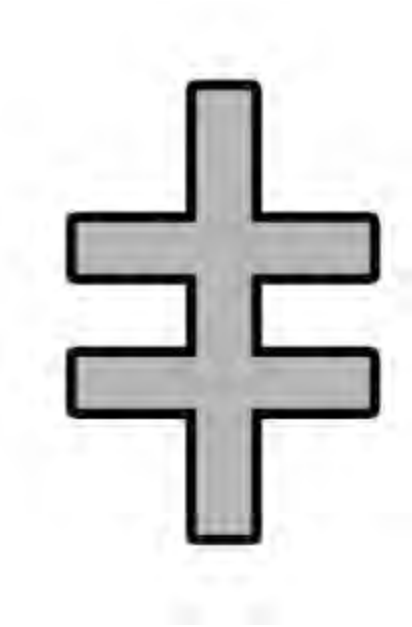
AKISQNUK HEALTH

JULY 13 10-2PM, 2022
AKISQNUK HEALTH CENTER

Women's health (pap smears)
Routine immunizations for
Adults and Children
Covid Immunizations (Including
4th dose for those who are 55
years
and older)

PLEASE CALL THE HEALTH CENTER TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT AND BE ADDED TO THE
LIST, OR FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

Ktunaxa Language Corner



July - Kuku Sumu (Koo-koo Skoo-moo) - Ripening of Saskatoon berries

[utmii?itni](#) - It's hot

Join the [Ktunaxa Language group](#) on Facebook for more Ktunaxa Speakers' recent language posts.

Check out the [Kootenai Culture Committee](#) on Facebook for the word of the day

Thursday Ktunaxa Group: All welcome! Happens every Thursday evening 5:30pm pst/6:30pm mnt.

Contact **Elise McKay** elise.mckay@gmail.com more information to get join and get zoom link

Did you know there are Ktunaxa Apps you can download on your phone?

Type in "Ktunaxa" in your phones app store and you should find:

- **Ktunaxa Language App** by First Peoples' Cultural Council. This app you can search for Ktunaxa words
- **Ktunaxa Books** By Christopher Horsethief. Have a listen.
- **Ktunaxa Keyboard App** by Christopher Horsethief so that you can type Ktunaxa on your phone to friends, family and Ktunaxa community
- **Ktunaxa Grammar App** By Christopher Horsethief so we can work on understanding the Ktunaxa language structure

Education



Stephanie Sam *Akisqnuk Education Manager*

*Are you wanting to attend **Post Secondary**?*

Post secondary Assistance

If you are seeking to attend Post Secondary studies in the coming year, please contact Stephanie at ssam@akisqnuk.org or 250-342-6301.

[Application for Post Secondary Education Sponsorship](#)

Resume Assistance

Contact Stephanie Sam if you are needing resume assistance for any application you are seeking at ssam@akisqnuk.org.

Career Cruising

Akisqnuk has an account to assist akisqnuk students and membership with their career goals, so come see Stephanie to try out the Career Cruising.

" Career Cruising is a self-exploration and planning program that helps people of all ages achieve their potential in career and life."

Career Cruising



[Career Cruising](#)

Akisqnuk has a access to Career Cruising for youth and adults programing. Make an appointment with Stephanie Sam (ssam@akisqnuk) to set up an account for your youth or yourself.

What does it offer ?

Xello K-12

In 2017, launched an entirely new K-12 program that maximizes student engagement to help educators more easily achieve college, career, and future readiness results. To coincide with the launch, and the name of the new program, we rebranded our company from Career Cruising to Xello.

Comprehensive assessments

With integrated assessments, users identify the careers that match their interests and skills. Personalized feedback helps them understand—and apply—the results to their future plans.

Career exploration

Users can start with assessments to identify career matches based on their interests and skills. From there, they can explore in-depth information on hundreds of occupations, which include multimedia interviews, workplace photos, sample career paths, and more.

Resume Builder

Career Cruising comes complete with a resume builder that enables users to quickly create professional-looking resumes that they can use when applying for new jobs.

Actionable Advice

Users can also access actionable job search advice. Developed in partnership with the University of Waterloo's Centre for Career Action, the Career Cruising Employment Guide features valuable advice for individuals at all stages of the job search process.



Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society
619B Front Street, Nelson, BC, V1L 4B6
Mailing: PO Box 681, Nelson, BC V1L 5R4
info@friendsofkootenaylake.ca
(250) 777-2744

ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation
3050 Highway 93/95, Windermere, BC, V0B 2L2

June 28, 2022

Subject: FREE Water Quality Monitoring Training using the CABIN protocol

Dear ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation,

Friends of Kootenay Lake, as part of our Kootenay Lake Watershed Monitoring Project (KLWMP), is again offering free training in the nationally standardized Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Inventory Network (CABIN) [water quality monitoring protocol](#). Participants of this 2-day workshop will receive their CABIN Field Assistant certification and will be reimbursed for the online modules to upgrade to Field Technician. After receiving their Field Assistant certification, participants can sign up to help monitor one of ten creeks included in our KLWMP, thereby gaining real-world experience. Year three of this project will add to and build on an existing body of data on Kootenay Lake tributaries.

Friends of Kootenay Lake is one of many grassroots organizations joining a network of environmental professionals training everyday people to be active stewards in their watersheds. This free CABIN training is a great opportunity to grow your skillset, especially for environmental students or professionals who want to keep their skills relevant.

This free training opportunity is available to all Kootenay residents over the age of 19. However, preference will be given to persons representing First Nations, environmental non-profit organizations or societies, stewardship groups, or environmental professionals. Preference will also be given to those living within the Kootenay Lake Basin with a demonstrated vested interest in stewarding freshwater resources (e.g., a concerned landowner with a water intake in a local creek).

Free training like this one is rare and in high demand, so don't wait to register. Apply today!

Event Details

When: July 14 and 15, 2022 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Where: Meeting at Lakeside Park in Nelson, BC. We will then drive to selected sites for the workshop. You must have your own vehicle to drive to the demonstration sites.



Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society
619B Front Street, Nelson, BC, V1L 4B6
Mailing: PO Box 681, Nelson, BC V1L 5R4
info@friendsofkootenaylake.ca
(250) 777-2744

Cost: FREE (\$250 – \$500 value)

Instructors: Certified CABIN trainers and instructors from Selkirk College's School of Environment and Geomatics, Allison Lutz & Doris Hausleitner

[Link to Apply](#)

Thank you to our sponsors for this event!



Sincerely,

Kayla Tillapaugh
Program Manager
Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society

FPCC - Youth Empowered Speakers Program



Are you a B.C. First Nations student age 18-30 who is interested in learning your language while working towards a rewarding career as a language immersion teacher or early childhood immersion educator? Start your application to FPCC's Youth Empowered Speakers (YES) program today!

The YES program provides training, paid work internships and funding to pursue your education. It also includes a living allowance in addition to mentor-apprentice language learning. The goal of program is for youth to learn their language while preparing for a career in language revitalization in one of two streams:

1. Early Childhood Immersion Educator Stream for ECE students alongside their education
2. Language Immersion Teacher Stream for BEd. students alongside their education

For more information on the program visit <https://fpcc.ca/program/yes/>

Employment Opportunities

[check out ʔakisq̓nuk website for full descriptions](#)

- **Senior Administrative Officer**
- **Registered Professional Forester**
- **Social Development Worker**



Ktunaxa Nation Career Opportunities in the territory checkout KNC Careers for [Bids for Contracted Services](#) and [current postings](#)

Check out Ktunaxa Nation Education and Employment on Facebook for jobs and career opportunities Phone: 1 250 489 2464 Or checkout the website for list of services

2 Day ʔakisq̓nuk Employment opportunity

Position Type: Two Day Project (July 13th & 14th, 2022)

POSITION SUMMARY

BGC Engineering is conducting a Flood Hazard and Risk Assessment for the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation and will be doing two-days of field work around Windermere, Madias and Tatley Creeks and Windermere Lake on July 13-14, 2022. BGC is looking for a field technician from the Akisq̓nuk First Nation to support the work.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accompanying BGC personnel on field traverses and channel hikes.
- Assisting with field data collection (photos, measurements, etc.).
- Connecting BGC personnel with traditional knowledge of creeks (as possible).

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Available from 8am to 6 pm during the field work days.
- Ability to hike, including in steep terrain for several hours.
- Ability to complete safety orientation and follow safe work practices.
- Good hiking boots, high visibility vest.

Compensation: \$30/hr

Individuals interested in this opportunity are encouraged to forward their up to date resume to Hany Hafez, Human Resources Generalist at hhafez@akisq̓nuk.org



Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society
Little Badgers Early Learning Program
3046 Highway 93/95, Windermere, BC
250-342-6331

Support Worker

Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society has a great opportunity for the right people to join our Team. This is a temporary position 32-40hr a week for July and August but could lead to permanent position in the fall.

The successful candidate will:

- Love working with children.
- Be an active member of our cohesive and cooperative team, which includes staff, parents, and community members.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of local First Nations communities and cultures.

The successful candidate must have:

- A clear criminal record check for vulnerable persons.
- Possess a valid class 5 driver's license.
- Valid Child Safe First Aid Certificate or willing to take.

To apply or for further information, submit Cover Letter and resume, including 3 references to:

Carrie Rickards
General Manager
Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society
Email: carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

Thank you to all applicants who apply however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

yaqan nukiy DENT Kakin LLP is hiring!

Who we are: Jim DENT Construction, Lower Kootenay Band and Kakin have a relationship based on aligned values and business goals, and as partners we pursue opportunities within the territory. Our objective is to deliver projects within the territory with a focus on building capacity and maximizing benefits to the Ktunaxa communities and citizens.

yaqan nukiy DENT Kakin LLP offers a wide range of services including but not limited to: Forestry operations, Right of Way clearing, road construction, General Contracting Services, concrete works, site preparation, grading, wetland restoration & in-water works, dam modifications & upgrades – spillways and powerhouse, EPC Hydro Electric Projects – Intake, Powerhouses, Penstocks



APPLY NOW FOR:

- General and skilled labourers
- Class 5 Drivers with Transportation of dangerous goods
- Rock truck drivers
- OFA 3
- Heavy equipment operator
- Construction safety officer

RESUME TIPS:

- ✓ Include your place of residence and Indigenous status if applicable (hiring Indigenous and local people is our priority)
- ✓ Include your email address and phone number where you can be reached
- ✓ Indicate “yaqan nukiy DENT Kakin” in the subject line of your email to us
- ✓ Your resume should be an attachment; links will not be accepted

APPLY NOW! hr@jimdent.com



Surerus Pipeline



[Surerus](#) is looking to hire for Labourer, Picker Truck Driver, Equipment Operator, and Heavy Equipment Operator reach out to Education and Employment for assistance with your resume or to upgrade certificates! (250) 489-2462.

[Check out Ktunaxa Nation Eductaion and Employment on Facebook Post for full descriptions](#)



Try-A-Trade with BC Hydro—Fall/Winter 2022

Participate in a ten week paid work experience program to learn about trades with BC Hydro. Gain exposure in up to two BC Hydro trades occupations such as: CPC Technicians, Electricians, Carpenters, Tool and Material Handlers, Meter Technicians, Truck and Transportation Mechanics, Interchange Plant Operators, Machine Operators and Mechanics/Machinists/Millwrights.

Check out this video for an overview of the program:

bchydro.com/community/indigenous-relations/opportunities/individuals/skills-training.html

Program intake:

Applications: June 2022

Positions available: Hiring up to 10 individuals

Program dates:

Mandatory onboarding and safety training: October 2022
(some training likely to take place at BC Hydro Trades Training Centre in Surrey)

Site placements: October–December 2022 depending on business requirements

Offboarding and evaluation week: December 2022 (may take place at BC Hydro Trades Training Centre in Surrey)

Locations: We have potential job shadow placements at various facilities and locations across B.C. Site locations will be determined based on candidate interest and business needs

Program eligibility:

- Must be Indigenous
- Ability to learn and understand related safety regulations
- Preferably a High School Grad with English 12, Math 11 and Science 11 (Physics preferred) or a combination of education and/or work experience in a trades-related environment
- Valid B.C. Class 5 Driver's license; or ability to obtain one
- Physical capability
- Demonstrate a strong focus in a trades career path

Questions? Email Indigenous.Employment@bchydro.com

How to apply:

1. Select the Try-A-Trade Program job posting on our Current Opportunities webpage:
bchydro.com/toolbar/careers/current_opp.html
2. Select 'Apply'
3. Create a BC Hydro Careers profile (or login to an existing Careers Profile)
4. Follow the 8 steps outlined in the application form

The following documents must be uploaded:

- Declaration of Indigenous affiliation
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Copy of transcripts (high school or other)
- Copy of safety and other training certificates
- Copy of relevant apprenticeship transcripts or trade qualifications (if applicable)



Are you interested in a BC Hydro career?

Currently accepting Apprentice Electrician applications

AS A BC HYDRO APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN:

Get paid to learn to install, operate, diagnose, and repair electrical equipment within generating stations and substations throughout the electrical system. The program is a 48-month (4 years) on-the-job and in-school technical training to earn your Electrician Red Seal with job opportunities at BC Hydro upon successful completion.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Highschool Graduation with Any English 12, Any Math 12 and Physics 12
- Valid Class 5 or 7N BC driver's licence
- Physically capable of performing work
- Good health & mechanical aptitude
- Interpersonal customer service skills

Posting closes: Sunday July 3, 2022

See full posting, qualifications & application steps at:

app.bchydro.com/careers/current_opp.html.

FOR INFORMATION OR SUPPORT WITH APPLICATION:

Nadine Israel-Indigenous Employment
& Training Regional Specialist
nadine.israel@bchydro.ca
250-320-2820

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Housing Update

3PLEX-#1 READY FOR OCCUPANCY

The occupancy permit for 3plex #1 has been issued. After numerous delays (caused by COVID-19, badgers and supply-chain issues), we are excited to begin moving tenants in starting July 1st. Landscaping efforts will continue throughout the summer.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of Trappeur Homes (Aaron Cameron) and other contractors in helping build these beautiful units. A special mention goes out to all the Akisqnuk members (currently 7 active) who are in the workforce development program and have proudly built homes for Akisqnuk Members. Way to go Team!

3Plex #2 is nearing completion with occupancies planned in the next few months. Construction on 3Plex #3 is underway and 3Plex #4 will start this summer. If you're interested in living in these rental units, please don't hesitate, complete an Application and forward it to my attention.

Dale Shudra, ?akisqnuk Housing Manager

SUBMITT APPLACATIONS TO DSHUDRA@AKISQNUK.ORG.



Dale Shudra ?akisqnuK Housing Manger: dshudra@akisqnuK.org or 250

342 6301 ext 3808

AFN housing Applications

[Housing applications](https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60602/) <https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60602/>

Reminder to akisqnuKniks that AFN has a matching Home grant that all akisqnuKnik may apply up to \$8000 to assist AFN members in their housing goals.

[Complete application](https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60603/) and submit to Dale Shudra dshudra@akisqnuK.org
<https://akisqnuK.civicweb.net/document/60603/>

Elders Corner



?AkisqnuK Elders Committee

July 26 2022, 10 am AFN Band Hall and Zoom.

Last Tuesday of the Month

All members over 60 are welcome to attend or log in.

To add or to be added to the agenda and to get zoom link contact *Administration Assistant Brittney Murphy* at bmurphy@akisqnuK.org

Ktunaxa Nation Council, Traditional Knowledge and Language (TKL) Elder's Advisory

1st Wednesday of Every month. Next meeting is July 6 2022.

Contact Barbara Fisher for agenda items, information (location for in-person) and/or Zoom link at barbara.fisher@ktunaxa.org

Reminder



Reminder to membership that **if you have *changed banks, address or would like to receive direct deposit*** to update the AFN Finance team with your current banking information. The risk is not getting your funds/checks in a timely manner. Funds for membership may include honorarium from meetings, payouts, reimbursements from Health, social assistance clients, or short term work contracts. Your information will not be used for any other purpose.

Email finance@akisqnuk.org with your updated information or if you have questions .

Chief and Council Meetings



Band Meeting

July 16th for the Next ?akisqnuk Band Meeting

Chief and Council

Next Chief and Council Meetings July 13th and 27th. There are no Regular schedule meetings in August.

Deadline to submit items to Chief and Council Agenda is always the Friday before.

Deadline is July 8th for July 13th Chief and Council.

Deadline is July 22th for July 27th Chief and Council.

Contact Executive Assistance Karen Vargas kvargas@akisqnuk.org to request to be on agenda or if you have any questions.



We are recruiting new committee members for a Building Steering Committee

BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM!

Here are some of the benefits:

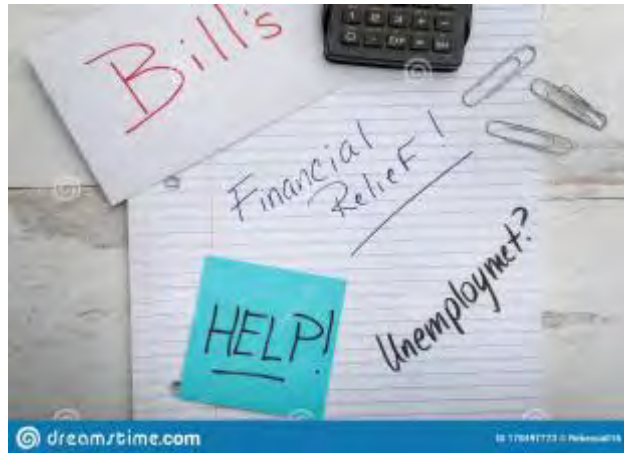
- Involved in Community Building projects
- Ensure that voices and needs of the community are expressed
- Positive impact

Want to know more? For inquiries, please contact Bob Cotterall at (250) 342 6301 ext 3824

or at bcotterall@akisqnuq.org



Recreation/Donation Program and Financial Hardship Assistance Grant



Recreation/Donation Program

ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ First Nation has a recreation/donation fund to support membership in their recreational activities/events. It has assisted some members with purchasing work gear too. This is open to all ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ.

An Individual person can access up to \$500 and Family can access up to \$750 per fiscal year.

[Complete application](#) and Submit to Christy Baker at cbaker@akisqnuk.org

Can find application on the ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ website <https://akisqnuk.civicweb.net/document/60940/>

Financial Hardship Assistance Grant

ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ First Nation has a Financial Hardship fund to support membership when an financial crisis falls upon them. This is open to all ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ.

An Individual person can access up to \$1000 per fiscal year.

[Complete application](#) and Submit to Christy Baker at cbaker@akisqnuk.org

Can find application on the ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ website <https://akisqnuk.civicweb.net/document/60934/>

Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society (EJLCS)



The Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society (EJLCS) was developed by the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation council to assist with the community in keeping the Little Badgers Early Childhood Education (ECE) program running and to assist with bringing in Ktunaxa culture into the programs.

If you have an interest in ECE, have background in ECE or have ideas or interest in children and have an interest to bring Ktunaxa culture in or like to be more involved in some way or form with Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society contact Carrie Richards EJLCS Manager at 250-342-6331 or Carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com or Kayla at kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com

Find, Like and follow [Little Badger Early Learning Programs & Nature school](#) on Facebook

Website www.littlebadgersearlylearning.com

For toddler friendly events in the Columbia Valley check out <https://littlebadgersearlylearning.com/events-calendar/>

Aboriginal Headstart

Kayla Ferguson Aboriginal Head Start Coordinator kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com

Aboriginal Headstart (AHS) on Reserve is dedicated to helping Akisq̓nuk youth in Education, Health promotion, Nutrition, Culture and Language, Parent and Family Involvement and Social support. If your child is aged 0 to 5 and have not been in contact with Kayla, please contact her. Always feel free to share your creative ideas for the kiddos too by emailing.

Ktunaxa Family Cook Book Kayla is currently gathering recipes to compile a cook book for AHS. You can share your Ktunaxa inspired, creative and favorite recipes by sending her an email.



First Nations Drinking Water settlement



About the Settlement

Courts have approved the settlement between Canada and Certain First Nations and their members who were subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20 1995 and June 20 2021.

THE CLAIMS PERIOD IS NOW OPEN. YOU CAN SUBMIT A [CLAIM FORM ONLINE](#) OR ON [PAPER](#) FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE FIRST NATIONS DRINKING WATER SETTLEMENT. **THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MARCH 7, 2023.**

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/>

Contact AFN IT James White for assistants with water records at jwhite@akisqnuuk.org

Community Quality of Service Survey



Scan QR code to complete Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F5T6GWG>

Service standards are important in maintaining good member service and effectively manage staff performance. They help members to understand what level of service they should expect under normal circumstances, guide staff improvements to member service, and contribute to results-based management.

Service standards strengthen Band accountability by making performance transparent and increase the confidence of members in their leadership by demonstrating commitment to service excellence. Please set aside some time to complete this survey by answering the questions that follow once QR code is scanned. We will be obtaining basic data on demographics to help assess the age group that is usually active in their pursuit for service, and to help us analyze the most popular type of services our community members utilize.