

ʔakisq̓nuk

Community Newsletter July 15 -18

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Members Messages

Leona Kains Thank you



The staff of Martin Morigeau Elementary School would like to thank the follow ʔakisq̓nuk members and non-members

ʔakisq̓nuk Elders steering Committee

ʔakisq̓nuk Chief Donald Sam

Alfred Joseph

Laverne and Basil Stevens

St.Eugene Interpretive Centre

Staff of KOA RV Park

Metis Association of Invermere

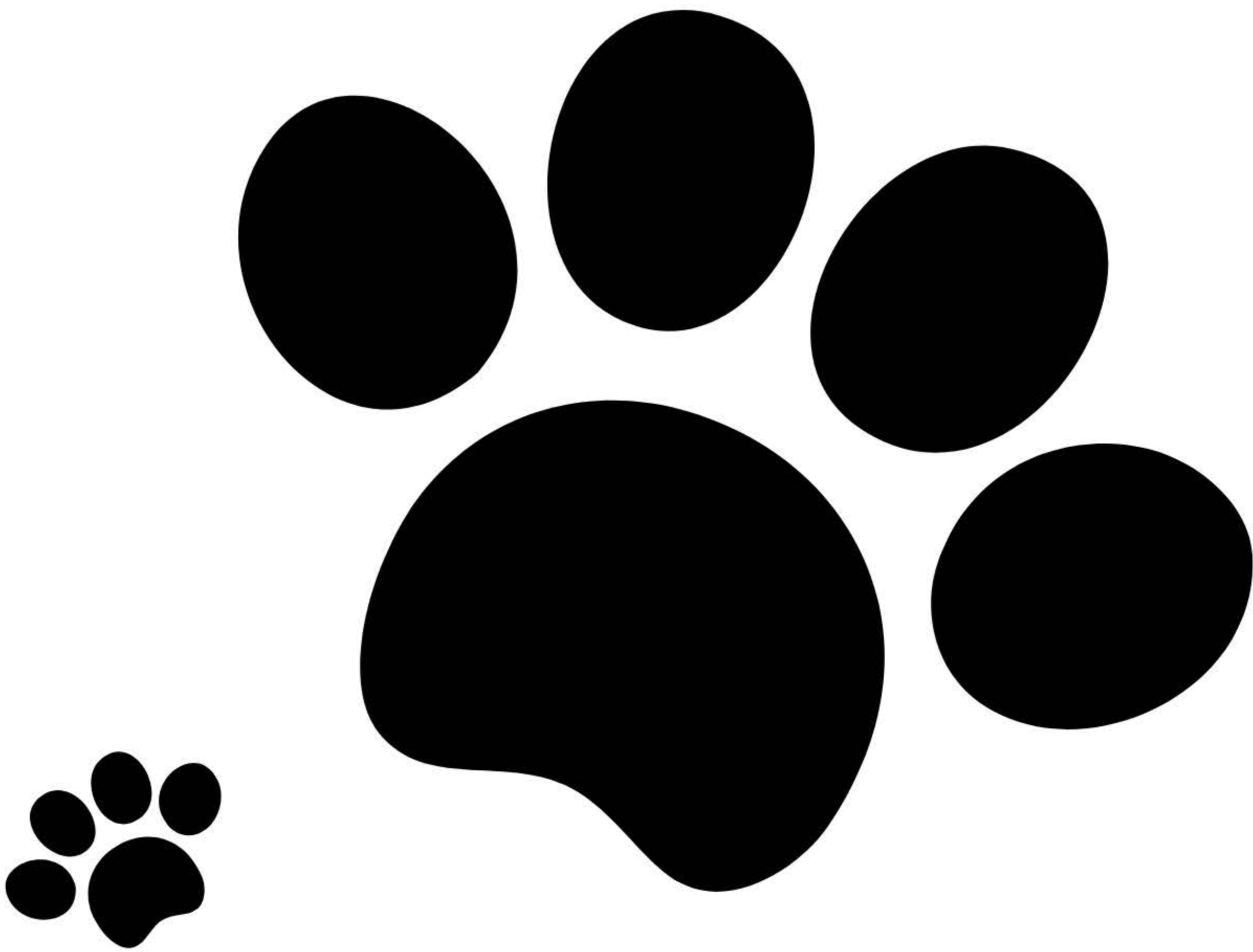
Your Contribution for the 2021-2022 school year was greatly appreciated

Thank you

Leona Kains, AESW Martin Morigeau Elementary School

Have you seen me?

lost *cat*



Orange Tabby cat called Sox.

Please call Lola +1250 341 5075

1 - Being a Grandparent is Priceless. Photo Submitted by David Nicholas-Hall.



2 - The Creator is always with Us. Photo Submitted by David Nicholas-Hall.



Welcome David Bach as our Fiscal & Economic Development Director

My name is David Bach and I am the new Fiscal and Economic Development director here at Akisqnuk. I am a nation member and am very excited to live in the area and work with my people. Most recently I have been based in Calgary.

I am a lawyer and practice in the corporate and commercial areas. My work has included assisting First Nations with investing in or developing projects. I look forward to putting my skills in these areas to use for Akisqnuk. I hold a B.A. (major in political science, minor in economics) from the University of Calgary, and a law degree from the University of Toronto.

Outside of work I enjoy curling and am hoping to continue that in the fall. I look forward to connecting more with community and family members, and learning more of our traditions and culture.

Upcoming

mark your calendars

July

- July 15 -17th.: Standing Arrow Pow wow Elmo, MT
- July 15- 17th.: Ktunaxa Qatmuk Camp Toby/Jumbo Creek Confluence. Bbq 5 on saturday.
- July 19th 10am.: Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society 2022 AGM at Yaqa Nuki (Lower Kootenay, Creston)
- July 20th 8am - 12am.: The 2022 Ktunaxanihtik Nation Gathering & Traditional Powwow in 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.: ʔakisq̓nuk Band Meeting.
- July 24th 11am - 3pm.: ElectroRecycle: Small appliance & Power Tool recycling event at ʔakisq̓nuk parking lot.
- July 25 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Elders Committee meeting.
- July 27th 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Chief and Council Meeting.

August

- Aug 27-28 9am.: Akisq̓nuk AGA
- Aug 19 - 23rd.: Youth Salmon Warriors Camp, Ages 18 - 29. To apply, submit a paragraph about yourself and your connection to salmon to Troy Hunter at troy.hunter@ktunaxa.org. Spaces limited.

September

- September 30.: National Truth and reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day) October Oct. 24.: Ktunaxa Literacy Day



Weekly Family
SUMMER

Fun Together
Contest

**HAVE FUN AS A FAMILY TO WIN WEEKLY
PRIZES AND A GRAND PRIZE WORTH
\$300!!!**

**SIGN UP AND GET A FREE FAMILYACTIVITY KIT
THEN TAKE A PHOTO EACH WEEK FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO WIN**

**Text to sign up 250-464-9365
OR EMAIL
TARA.DELAIRE@KTUNAXA.ORG**

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!

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 29th, 2022

Prizes

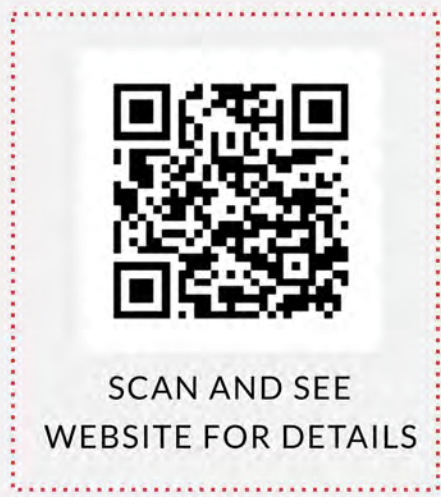
Grand prize of \$500. All submissions will receive a recognition gift

Questions / Submissions

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

Visit KtunaxaHakqyit.org/KBS for more details

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



We invite you to attend
**The 2022 Ktunaxaniñtik
Nation Gathering &
Traditional Powwow**



**WELCOMING NEWBORNS, CELEBRATING THE
GRADUATES, BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER &
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THAT PASSED ON**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022
10:00AM-12:00AM
YAQAN NUKIY, LOWER KOOTENAY
BAND
904 SIMON ROAD, CRESTON B.C**

**OPENING BY ELDER
THE MC WILL BE SELECTED CLOSER TO THE GATHERING/POWWOW
CLOSING CEREMONY AFTER THE POWWOW**

**BREAKFAST AT: 8:00AM
LUNCH AT: 12:00PM
DINNER AT: 5:00PM**

POWWOW WILL START AT 7:00PM

We encourage everyone to bring their own plates & cutlery

AWESOME LINE-UP OF DOORPRIZES!

OUR SPONSORS:

**POWWOW SPONSORED BY TECK COAL
GIFTS FOR THE GRADUATES & NEWBORN BABIES
SPONSORED BY KKCFSS
MEALS SPONSORED BY THE KNC SOCIAL SECTOR
OTHER SPONSORS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER
DATE.**

No drugs or Alcohol

**We thank & acknowledge our Sponsors who helped Fund & Support this.
Thank you to all the Elder's and Planning Committee who planned this
Hu sukítúkni!**

For more information, please contact an elder in your community.

Poster made by: Brett Capilo



Photo credit to Sweetman 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

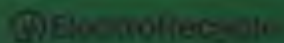


Electric Outdoor
Power Equipment



Power
Tools

For a full Accepted Products List visit Electrorecycle.ca





AKISQNUK FIRST NATION

THE COMMUNITY IS THE MEDICINE

A Strength-based & Culturally Rooted
Approach to wellness

Facilitated by Darien Thira PhD.,
Registered Psychologist

AUGUST 22-24 • 9 AM - 4 PM
AKISQNUK BANDHALL

The community and its families are rich in gifts and culture. This workshop will identify the social wound that underlies community issues and explore a cultural "cure" rooted in Traditional values and strengths. If you are interested, RSVP with Patsy Nicholas (pnicholas@akisqnuq.org) or Jason Juell (jjuell@akisqnuq.org)



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



Community Events team and tea

Akisqnuk is recruiting/looking for people who would be interested in being in an events team to assist in planning events for the community



If your interested in being apart of the events team will be meeting every thursday at the rec center at 1:30pm. you may send ideas to communication@akisqnuk.org






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





ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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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

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**



**SEND A PICTURE OF YOUR LOVED ONE THAT
ATTENDED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, WERE APART
OF THE 60'S SCOOP AND/OR A PART OF THE
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS TO
GAYLE MICHEL GMICHEL@AKISQNUK.ORG**



**OR 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**



Akisqnukniks submit your summer pictures to communication@akisqnuq.org for the next newsletter

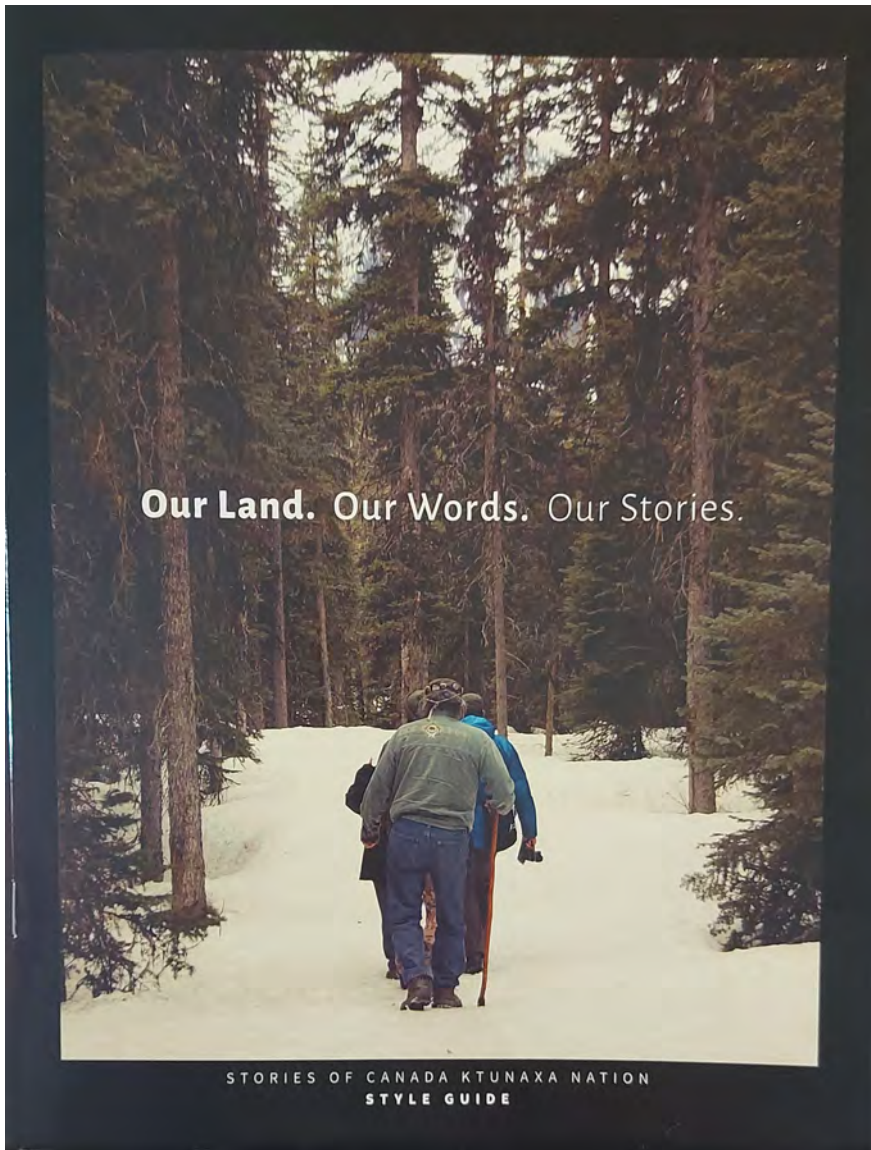


Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre

Sport and Recreation potential photo trophy wall



Submit your photos to
communication@akisqnuk.com with Subline
Rec.photo project



Lillian Rose is collecting submissions for the Ktunaxa Legacy Publication project.

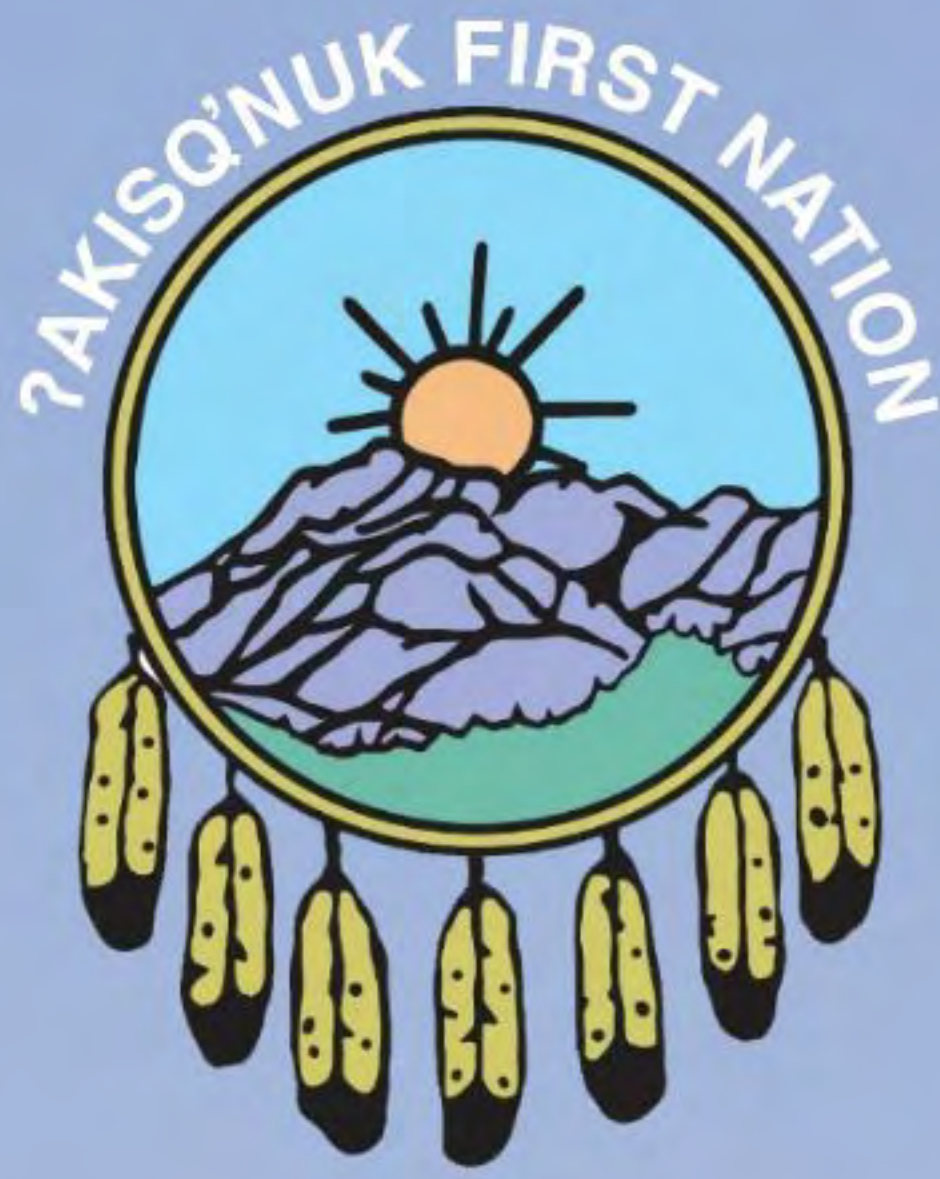
Please reach out to have your story idea, article, photo or artwork included!

Contact Lillian Rose Traditional Knowledge and Language Coordinator

Cell 250 342 1635

lillian.rose@ktunaxa.org

Pioneer article on the project
<https://www.columbiavalleypioneer.com/ktunaxa-legacy-publication-in-the-works-through-parks-canada/>



we're
SORRY

**FOR THE
INCONVENIENCE
CAUSED**

we are under
email

reconstruction

On Monday 10am July 18th
ʔakisq'nuq will have an email
outage because we are
switching to Office 365 to
better serve.

This may take 2 hours to 2 days

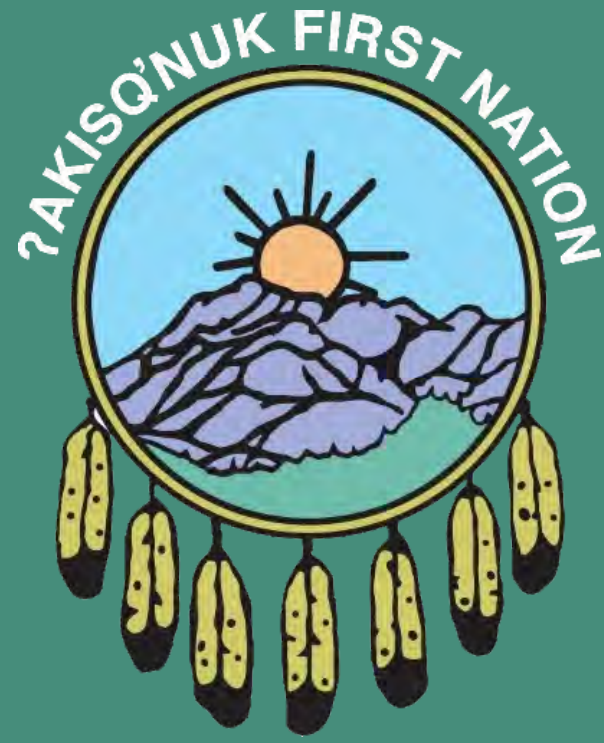


TAKISQNUK FINANCIAL SERVICES REMINDER:

Reminder to membership that if you have changed banks, addresses or would like to receive direct deposit, to update the AFN Finance team with your current banking information.



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



LET'S UNITE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

AKISQNUK BAND MEETING

SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022 | 10AM
AKISQNUK BAND HALL OR ZOOM

FOR ALL CONCERNED AKISQNUK BAND MEMBERSHIP
AGENDA ITEMS DUE JULY 22

EMAIL KAREN VARGAS AT KVARGAS@AKISQNUK.ORG
FOR AGENDA AND ZOOM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81425913011?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425913011?pwd=UERID2TORZZAK1R4T1RWD20XCFC4QT09)

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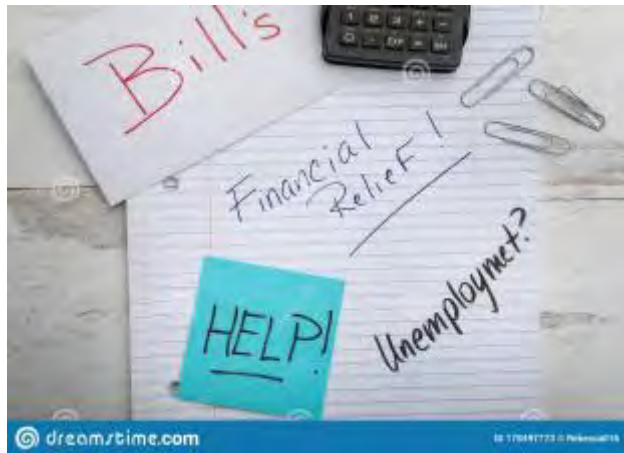
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AKISQNUK SENIOR
ACCOUNTANT WANDA
LABOUCAN IS

OUT OF OFFICE

July 6 till September
Please contact
finance@akisqnuk.org if you
have any questions



Recreation/Donation Program

ᐱakisᓄnuk 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 ᐱakisᓄnukniks.

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@akisqnuq.org

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

Financial Hardship Assistance Grant

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

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

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

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

Update: Social Development

A graphic with a teal background. On the left is the logo of the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, featuring a sun, mountains, and a river. To the right is a photograph of a group of people standing outdoors in front of a building. The text 'Social Development update' is written in yellow. Below the image, white text provides information about job search documentation and monthly renewal applications, including the contact email for Brittany Murphy and a deadline of the 15th of every month.

Social Development update

Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Brittany Murphy
email: bmurphy@akisqnuk.org
Due the 15th of every Month

Brittany Murphy, our current Administrative Assistant, is presently conducting select Social Development duties. We are amidst an ISC audit of the files. As such, it is important to remind everyone that going forward Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to bmurphy@akisqnuk.org or in person to Brittany in the Recreation Centre by the 15th of every Month. Please check in with our receptionist upon entering the Recreation Centre. We are also requesting Notice of Assessments from each member who is on Social Assistance. These can also be delivered or emailed to Brittany.

Recreation Center Update



Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre



We are so excited to announce that we are officially open to band members for use of the walking track and weight room again! We are thrilled to welcome you back and look forward to seeing everybody!

There is no fee for members, however, we require that you sign in with us and sign out when you are done! We are working hard to get set up so that you can also bring your non-band member family and friends ASAP!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO START A WALKING GROUP. PLEASE CONTACT RAYLENE @ 250-342-6301 EXT. 3843 OR STOP BY FOR A COFFEE AND CHAT!



**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

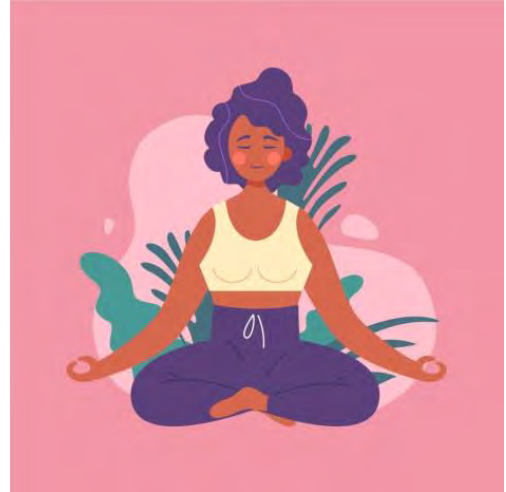
FRIDAY

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

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

Fitness Classes Coming Soon!!!

Self Care



Dr. Page Clinic

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

Foot Clinics

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

Chiropractor*

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

Massage*

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

Non Coverage Medical*

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

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

Education

Stephanie Sam *akisq̓nuk 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

22nd Annual Malyan Michel Bursary

This \$500.00 bursary was established in 2000 by friends and family of Malyan Michel to recognize deserving post-secondary students from the Ktunaxa Nation. Malyan was a language and culture teacher and always encouraged people to return to school and further their education while still holding onto their Ktunaxa heritage.

Deadline Today July 15th. Awarded July 20th.

Application

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Resume Assistance

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

Career Cruising

Akisq̓nuk has an account to assist akisq̓nuk 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."

<https://public.careercruising.com/en/>



B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION PRESENTS

Wetland Health Assessment Workshop



Register Now! July 26 - 29, 2022



Scan to register & learn more!

Join the B.C. Wildlife Federation over 4 days for this hands-on workshop to learn about wetland classification, plant ID, performing health assessments, and more!

Cost: NO CHARGE! (valued over \$100)

Contact: Alyssa Purse - Wetlands Education Program Manager
WEP@bcwf.bc.ca or 604-882-9988 ext. 239

This workshop is held in partnership with:

This workshop is made possible with the financial support from the following organizations:



Employment Opportunities

[click ?akisqnuK Employment Opportunities for full descriptions](#)

- **Senior Administrative Officer**
- **Registered Professional Forester**
- **Social Development Worker**
- **Project Manager Trainee**

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

Project Manager Trainee

This is a lucrative opportunity which is open only to members of AkisqnuK First Nation.

- Do you want to gain invaluable exposure to day-to-day capital project manager operations?
- Are you passionate about capital growth projects?
- Do you want to make a positive change to the AFN community whilst learning about project management principles?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then you are encouraged to submit your interest to Hany Hafez, Human Resources Generalist at hhafez@akisqnuK.org – Ideally you will submit a resume detailing your interest in this opportunity. Alternatively, you may send an email explaining why this opportunity is of interest to you.

You may find out more about the position by visiting our Employment & Contracting webpage on: <http://www.akisqnuK.org/content/employment-and-contracting>



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.

HEALTH CAREER ACCESS PROGRAM

A paid working and training opportunity for people looking to start a career in health care.



Interior Health

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Health Career Access Program (HCAP) is a paid work and training initiative for individuals seeking an entry point to employment in health. New hires will start as a Health Care Support Worker (HCSW) providing non-direct care at a long-term care, assisted living or home health site and receive paid training to become a Health Care Assistant (HCA) upon successful completion of the program.

The HCAP typically requires six to 12 months of full-time post-secondary education. Through HCAP, the province will pay for your post-secondary education while helping to place you in an entry-level job within the care sector. You are required to sign a 12 month Return of Service Agreement in exchange for this funding.

LOCATIONS THAT OFFER THE HCAP PROGRAM

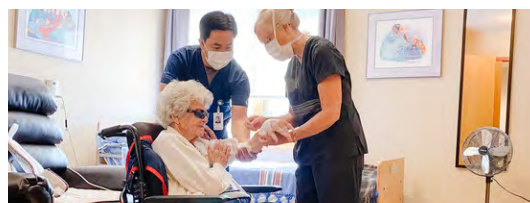
Some of the locations where we have offered training opportunities include:

- 100 Mile House
- Armstrong
- Ashcroft
- Castlegar
- Chase
- Clearwater
- Cranbrook
- Creston
- Enderby
- Fernie
- Golden
- Grand Forks
- Invermere
- Kamloops
- Kaslo
- Kelowna
- Keremeos
- Kimberley
- Lillooet
- Merritt
- Nakusp
- Nelson
- New Denver
- Oliver
- Penticton
- Princeton
- Revelstoke
- Salmon Arm
- Summerland
- Trail
- Vernon
- Williams Lake

E-mail:

 HCAPrecruitment@interiorhealth.ca

for more information
and to Apply



 HCAPrecruitment@interiorhealth.ca

www.interiorhealth.ca/careers/student-career-opportunities/health-career-access-program





 Interior Health

HIRING FAIR

EAST KOOTENAY

SUPPORT SERVICE WORKERS

Date: July 19th

Time: 8 AM to 3 PM

Place: Days Inn

Conference room

**600 Cranbrook St N, Cranbrook, BC
VIC 3R7**

**JOIN US FOR ON THE SPOT
INTERVIEWS WITH OUR
MANAGERS**

Diverse & Inclusive Workplace

BC Top Employer

Extensive employer paid Benefits
& Pension **eligibility required*

Permanent, Relief & Casual
positions available

For more information, contact Recruiter
SupportServicesRecruitment@Interiorhealth.ca



Are you interested in working as a **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER?**



Correctional Officer I CX-01

Correctional Service Canada
Various work locations
CX-01 - Correctional Officer I
\$66,974 to \$84,045

Who can apply: Persons residing in Canada and Canadian citizens residing abroad.

Work environment: The Correctional Service of Canada is seeking interest from persons looking for an exciting and rewarding career as a Correctional Officer.

Correctional Officers are essential to fulfilling the Correctional Service of Canada's (CSC) mission of enhancing public safety by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to become law-abiding citizens, while exercising reasonable, safe, secure, and humane control. For further information on the department, work environment, careers at CSC and application process, please visit our website at Correctional Service of Canada at <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca>.

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

A secondary school diploma, or a satisfactory score on the Public Service Commission (PSC) test approved as an alternative to a secondary school diploma; or successful completion of a provincially/territorially approved secondary school equivalency test.

Experience:

No essential experience is required.

The candidate must successfully complete the CSC Correctional Training Program (CTP).^{}**

^{}<https://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/careers/003001-0002-en.shtml#10>**

For all current positions open to the public, visit the GC Jobs portal on www.jobs.gc.ca regularly.



Are you interested in working as a **PRIMARY WORKER/KIMISINAW?**

Primary Worker/ Kimisinaw CX-02

Correctional Service Canada
Various work locations
CX-02 - Primary Worker/Kimisinaw
\$70,958 to \$89,068

Who can apply: Persons residing in Canada and Canadian citizens residing abroad.

Work environment: The Correctional Service of Canada is seeking interest from persons looking for an exciting and rewarding career as a Primary Worker/Kimisinaw.

Primary Workers/Kimisinaw have direct and daily contact with women offenders. They are essential to fulfilling the Correctional Service of Canada's (CSC) Mission of enhancing public safety by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to become law-abiding citizens, while exercising reasonable, safe, secure, and humane control. For further information on the department, work environment, careers at CSC and application process, please visit our website at Correctional Service of Canada at <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca>.

In order to be considered, your application must clearly explain how you meet the following (essential qualifications)

EDUCATION:

A secondary school diploma, or a satisfactory score on the Public Service Commission (PSC) test approved as an alternative to a secondary school diploma; or successful completion of a provincially/territorially approved secondary school equivalency test.

EXPERIENCE:

Experience in the provision of services in an education, work, and/or volunteer environment.

The candidate must successfully complete the CSC Correctional Training Program (CTP) and the Women Centered Training program (WCT).*

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Chief and Council Meetings

What the fire sees when native babies make their first tobacco offerings



Band Meeting

July 24th for the Next ?akisqnuuk Band Meeting
Deadline for Agenda items is Friday July 22.

Chief and Council

Next Chief and Council Meetings July 27th. There are no Regular schedule meetings in August. Resume regular meetings September 7th.

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

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

Deadline is September 2nd for September 7th Chief and Council.

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

Ktunaxa Nation Council (KNC) Report

Check out the KNC CEO, Codie Morigeau Report.

<https://sway.office.com/DP7vQIVJqSCWAhU5?ref=Link>





Elder corner

?Akisq̄nuk Elders Committee

Rescheduled to: July 25 2022, 10 am AFN Band Hall and Zoom.

Usually 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 August 3rd 2022.

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



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.eljcs.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/>

Little Badgers Bike Rodeo

Fun was had by all who attended the Little Badgers Bike Rodeo on July 5.

Special thank you to the RCMP who provided Shirts for everyone and rode their bikes with the kids.

Allegra from BC Ambulance Service for bringing an Ambulance and checking everyone's helmet to make sure it fit properly.

K5 Mechanical for checking over all the bikes to make sure they are all in good working condition.

Invermere Library for providing Bike Story Time in the Arbour.

It was a great turnout and the hope is that next year we have even more ʔakisq̓nuk community members come join the fun.





Aboriginal Headstart

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

Aboriginal Headstart (AHS) on Reserve is dedicated to helping Akisqnuq 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.

ʔAkisqnuq Community Garden gifted special Apricot trees



4 - Theresa Ann Terbasket stands on the grounds of the old Terbasket Ranch near Blind Creek in Cawston, B.C., on April 20, 2022. Branching out behind her is an apricot tree from her Grandpa Paul's old orchard. Photo by Aaron Hemens



5 - Theresa Ann Terbasket stands under an apricot tree on the grounds of the old Terbasket Ranch near Blind Creek in Cawston, B.C., on April 20, 2022. Photo by Aaron Hemens



6 - Dixon Terbasket stands at the entrance to his garden on his property near the Lower Similkameen Band office in Cawston, B.C., on April 20, 2022. Photo by Aaron Hemens



Here's the story that goes with our apricot trees the ʔakisqnuq community garden was gifted from the great grandson Dixon Terbasket.

[smelqmix rancher's 100-year-old apricot tree revived for community orchard](#)

Ktunaxa Language Corner

July - [Kuku Sǫumu](#) (Koo-koo Skoo-moo) -Ripening of Saskatoon berries

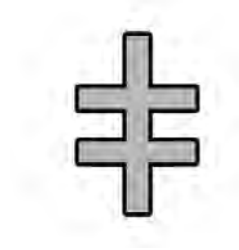
[ńutmiꞑiꞑitni](#) - It's hot

[ꞑaqsukutnamu](#) - Summer

[čupnaktit](#) - To survive the summer

[čulay](#) - July

[čulaymunaps](#) - To celebrate July Pow-wows



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

A Day's Ride to the North East By Troy Hunter

ʔaʔakit translates into English to scout for game. I like to think that we are all ʔaʔakit from time to time. Having spent Canada Day and the long weekend in Edmonton, I have much to tell including having spotted some, kamquǫkuʔ ʔiyamu (bison).

First of all, on July 1st at Alberta's Legislative Assembly grounds, I was greeted with Indigenous performers that did sacred dances (i.e. hoop dance and jingle dress dance). I remember growing up as a kid and watching our late beloved "sister" Katu (Kathy Joseph) doing the hoop dance and I understand she learned it from her dad Napoleon Joseph (Nap). Then the Jingle dress dancer came and was introduced as Qiana.

As I sat there watching this young lady with the orange jingle dress that her mom made, I was happy to be there in the moment, and to appreciate what it is she was doing for the people. Qiana's mother spoke into a microphone and told how she fasted and had a vision to make that dress. It has everything to do with the children that went to residential schools including those that never made it back home.

The following day I had brunch at Fort Edmonton Park. I had noticed a sign that said something about Indigenous Peoples' Experience and I looked forward to seeing it. After I boarded a steam train, it stopped a while later and my wife and I stepped off the train in our rain gear. We started to make our way down a forest path and there were lots of traditional medicines and I could see a fort through the trees with some teepees in the distance. It was a sight to see in the pouring the rain a teepee with smoke billowing from the top, oh how I wanted to go inside and get cozy with the fire. But before I could, I also noticed a new building and it seemed inviting, almost like it was calling us to come inside.

After taking off the wet rain gear, we entered the best Indigenous museum exhibit I have ever seen in my life. I have to say that my undergraduate education in the university system is in cultural resource management and I was the person that first setup the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Interpretive Centre after years of becoming prepared to do so. So, I have traveled around the globe and studied museums a fair bit and this one is the best to my knowledge. What blew me away was everything. The building had just opened in 2021 and I knew nothing of the Indigenous Peoples Experience at Fort Edmonton Park, until I arrived that day. In a way, it reminded me of the Van Gogh exhibit which featured images on screens but this one on Indigenous peoples was way better. It had moving images and sounds, it was projected on screens, the walls, and even on the teepees inside. Also, there was so much information, so many quotes from the Elders and the staff were all so helpful. They were quick to tell me that Elders have been part of their journey in designing the museum from the get go. There were a few sacred items and information about the spiritual including the sun dance. I thought that was very important that they told their stories in their own way and by themselves. There were also sections on Metis history, colonization, and a very special showing about the tragedy of residential schools. Overall, the Indigenous Peoples Experience is a must-see and it is a honour to the resiliency of the Cree, Dene, Anishinaabe, Nakota, Blackfoot, and Metis peoples. The next day was spent at the Ukranian Heritage Village which sits on the east side of Elk Island National Park just 30 minutes east of Edmonton. Again, I was taken back by the excellent portrayal of their heritage, culture, and even their language. On site interpreters spoke with heavy Ukranian accents telling about their buildings and their roots. They had three churches and numerous buildings, all of which were brought to the site from faraway places. Those buildings were preserved and stand to tell the story of their history in rural Alberta. It was quite interesting to see the earliest buildings made from clay, trees, and grass. We Ktunaxa might learn a thing or two about affordable housing from them.

The early Ukranians arrived on the land and made it their home, they built from what they had using knowledge from their homelands in Europe. The community hall resembled very much what I remember of the community hall at Aqam when I was a kid for there was a stage and even a place for the choir to sing above the entrance. I really liked how all those different buildings were brought together at one place and it made me think that the Ktunaxa could do a similar type of display, starting

from teepees and then moving into trapper's cabins and then into the Standard Indian Residence built by the Department of Indian Affairs in or around the 1950s. We still have some of those buildings here and there on the reservations and St. Eugene's might be a good place to recreate a Ktunaxa heritage village.

After departing the Ukranian village with a full belly of perogies and borscht, we then arrived at the Elk Island National Park. I snapped a photo of the bison on the south side of the highway but it being a long weekend and all, the park was already full and we were turned away. I later found out that the bison at the National Park originated in part from the Salish Kootenay Indian Reserve down in Montana after Canada purchased the herd of 800 head of bison. They also acquired some bison from Wood Buffalo National Park so they actually have two major strains of pure kamququkuþ ʔiyamu. As it turns out they are disease free and have a healthy reproduction rate. The National Park does provide Indigenous peoples with transfers and to request a transfer the First Nations have to contact the Elk Island National Park.

I wanted to share this story with the Ktunaxa Nation and all of the members in the hopes that we can revive our traditional treks throughout amakis Ktunaxa. I know our ancestors travelled as far as Fort Edmonton and they also had first contact with Europeans at Kootenay Plains in 1792. Our Ktunaxa ancestors travelled far and wide, we were the first to bring horses to the Prairies as we got them from down south. We travelled to places like Walla Walla and Kettle Falls on the Columbia River. We also traded salmon with the ʔaqþsmaknik people such as the Blackfeet Indians at Lethbridge. We hunted buffalo at least three times a year up until around mid-1870s.

It's sad that our main staples of our ancestors, the buffalo and salmon are both no longer available to us like they were to our ancestors. However, we can make our own bison conservation areas and we can bring the salmon back using technology. As Ktunaxa we were given a sacred responsibility to look after the land and I believe that includes those that need our help such as salmon and buffalo.

I recommend visiting Kootenay Plains, Fort Edmonton, the Indigenous Peoples' Experience, Elk Island National Park, and the Ukranian Heritage Village. Maybe there are things we can learn from those places, maybe bring some of those ideas home, share our history and culture, and revive what it is that our ancestors enjoyed so much. It's only a days' ride to the North East and with gas prices, it's probably best to not venture too far off on the Powwow Trail.

There is one more thing, the Pope will be in Edmonton July 24th and free tickets to see him will be issued on July 6th. The tickets are free and will go live at papalvisit.ca at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time. Our ancestors welcome the Catholic religion into our ways of being and there has been a lot of pain resulting from residential schools. If only we could get a bunch of tickets and hire Big Chief Bussing to take our members there to see these things. Also, there is the largest spiritual gathering of Indigenous people in North America, it is the pilgrimage to Lac Ste Anne just West of Edmonton. I do believe there is camping and the pope will be there on the 26th but people have to be pre-registered. Here is the information for that part:

Note that the pilgrimage will be open to registered participants only on July 26th with limited access by Park & Ride busses ONLY. To allow enough room for the Papal Visit on Monday the 26th, camping and/or parking is NOT allowed on the site until the morning of Tuesday, July 27th. Participants will need to arrange camping at other locations before then. No exceptions:

Camping at Nakota Crossing Camp Site: July 22-26

Passes purchased at Nakota Crossing Site will remain valid and will transfer to Lac Ste Anne Site. All campers must exit Nakota Crossing Site by July 27, 2022

Camping at Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage: July 27-29

Camping Information: Lisa Alexis at 780-905-5907

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Please set aside some time to complete this survey by answering the questions that follow. 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

Complete Survey by Scanning QR code