



ʔakisq'nuK Community Newsletter June 17-30

June 17 - 30, 2022 ʔakisq'nuK Community Newsletter

Ministry of Forests

Flood Watch – East Kootenay (UPGRADED)

High Streamflow Advisory – West Kootenay (MAINTAINED)

ISSUED: 11:00 AM June 12, 2022

The River Forecast Centre is **upgrading** to a **Flood Watch** for:

- **East Kootenay**

The River Forecast Centre is **issuing** or **maintaining** a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- **Upper Columbia including the Kicking Horse River, Illecillewaet River and tributaries around Invermere, Radium, Golden and Revelstoke**
- **West Kootenay**

Rising snowmelt rates and unsettled and showery weather has been leading to rising river levels throughout the region. A number of rivers through the region are currently at or approaching 2-year return period flows, particularly in the East Kootenay. This includes the Elk River near Fernie (Water Survey of Canada gauge 08NK002), Bull River near Gardner (08NG002), Kootenay River at Fort Steele (08NG065), Kaslo River below Kemp Creek (08NH008), Slocan River near Crescent Valley (08NJ013) and tributaries around Nelson and Creston.

A low-pressure system is expected to migrate into the region from Montana tonight, bringing a period of wet weather to the region on Monday into Tuesday. Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued a Special Weather Statement for the Elk Valley and East Kootenay, which is expected to experience the heaviest rainfall, with likely total rainfall amounts in the 30-45 mm. Higher amounts are possible over higher terrain, and Environment and Climate Change Canada is indicating that there is some uncertainty with respect to the exact trajectory of the low and this will be a factor impacting the amount of rain in each region. Moderate rainfall (20-30 mm) is expected in other areas, including the West Kootenay and Upper Columbia.

Current hydrologic modelling is indicating risks for flooding over the Monday and Tuesday period, particularly in the East Kootenay region. Flows in the 5-year to 10-year return period range are likely, with flows in the 20-year range or higher being possible. Given the uncertainty in the position of the weather pattern and heaviest rainfall, it is possible that adjacent areas in

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the West Kootenay and Upper Columbia also experience significant flows (e.g. exceeding 5-year to 10-year flows).

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period. [Be prepared and know your hazards.](#)

The [River Forecast Centre](#) continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

BC River Forecast Centre

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A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.

Congratulations CLB May 28 and 29 2022



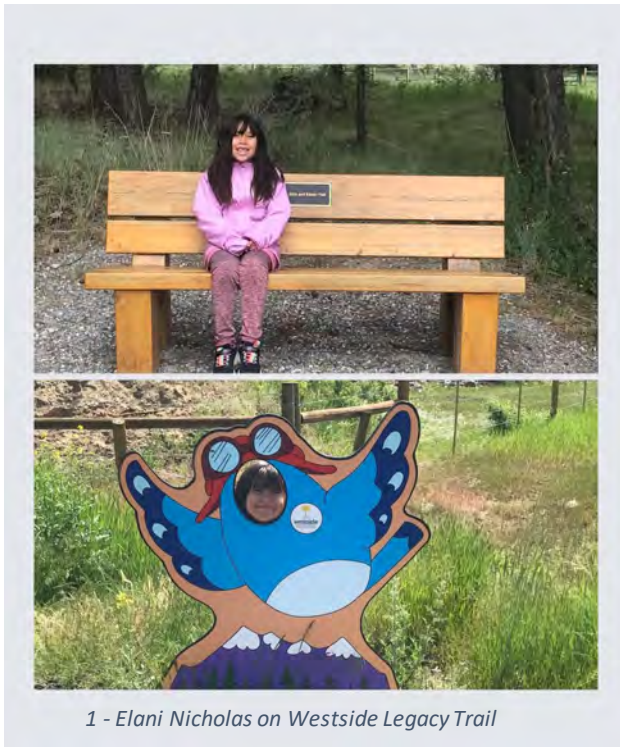
"Our name was Columbia Valley First Blood but we were CLB in disguise. Thanks to all who came out and played that weekend. Thank you also to Morgana Eugene, Uncle Tom and 2nugs (Charles Adams and Kyle Shottanana) for sponsoring the team's entrance fee that weekend on short notice."

Top Left to Right: Stephen Nicholas, Lorne Shovar, Tom Maglis, Kevin Nicholas, Charles Nicholas, Zach Thomas, Ryan Nicholas

Bottom Left to Right: Theresa Kains, Elizabeth Nicholas, Amanda Armstrong, Morgana Eugene.....and Takaya Kains NcNab

Pictures submitted by Theresa Kains

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

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

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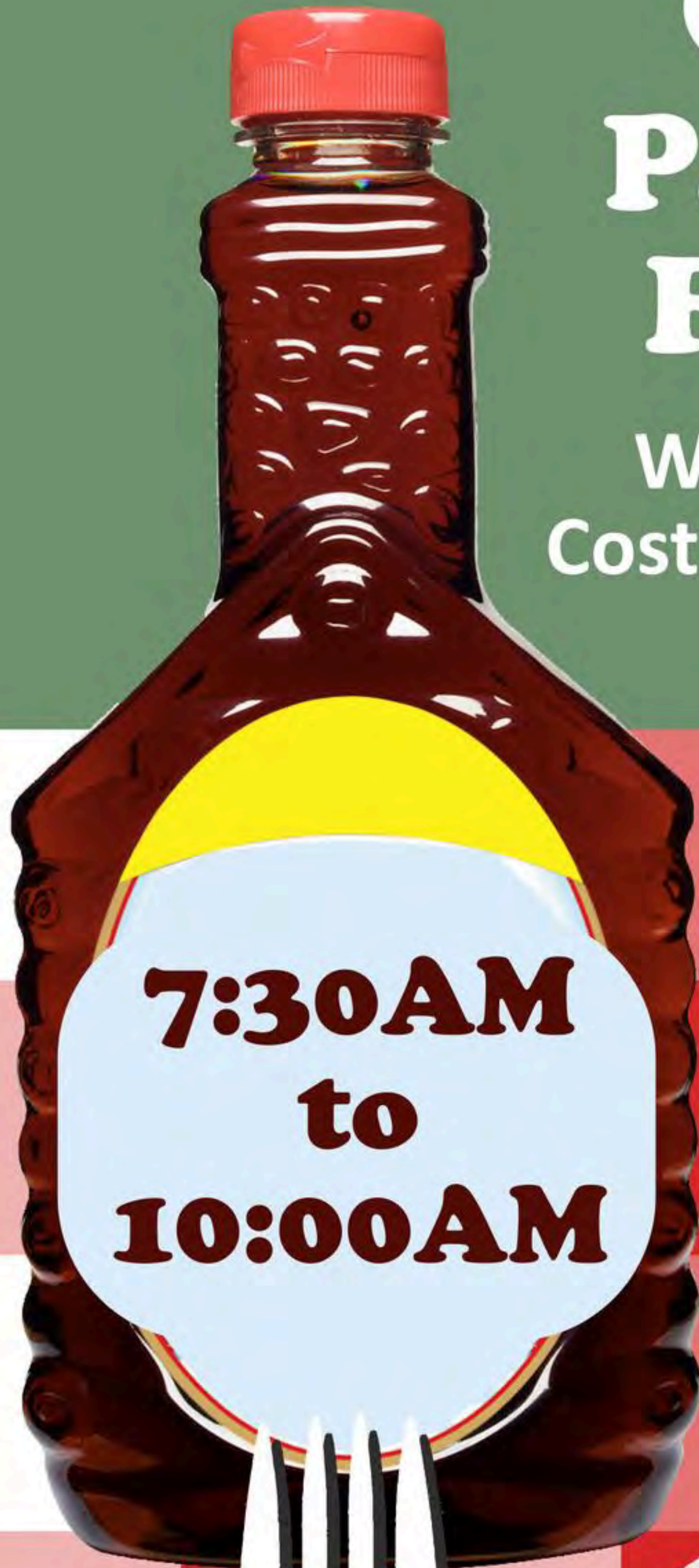
Upcoming

mark your calendars

- June 17 7:30 - 10am.: Chief Isadore Pancake Breakfast at the KNC Gym, Cranbrook. Huckleberry pancakes, locally made sausage, bacon juice or coffee. \$10 adults, \$5 kids.
- June 17 3 -6pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk School Year End Celebration at AFN.
- June 19 9am-3pm.: Lake Windermere District Rod & Gun Club Family Fishing Day at Lake Lillian. Everyone is welcome.
- June 20 11am -3pm.: KKFSS National Indigenous People Day celebration in partnership with Rocky Mountain Metis Association, at Rotary Park Cranbrook.
- June 20 7pm.: Susap Keeper of Knowledge Key City Theater, Cranbrook .
- June 21.: Akisq̓nuk Office Closed.
- June 21 9am -4 pm.: Yaq̓it ʔa·knuq̓iʔit (Tobacco Plains, Grasmere BC) Indigenous Day Celebration.
- June 21 12 -4pm.: Shuswap Band National Indigenous People's Day, 4878 Kinbasket Trail.
- June 23 9am - 3pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk Health Fair and Dr. Page Clinic at AFN.
- June 25 10am.: Call to Gather, Columbia Lake East Side. Meet at Canal Flats Village Office.
- June 28 10am.: ʔakisq̓nuk Elders Committee meeting.

Chief Isadore Pancake Breakfast Friday, June 17th

Where: Ktunaxa Nation Council Gym
Cost: \$10/Adults - 5\$/Kids (10 and under)



**7:30AM
to
10:00AM**

Plates and cutlery provided.
However, you are welcome and encouraged
to bring your own



Proceeds for language and culture programs

Huckleberry Pancakes, Locally Made Sausage,
Bacon, Juice or Coffee

CELEBRATING TRADITIONAL COOKING

FRY BREAD COMPETITION



CASH PRIZES

1st Prize \$200.00
2nd Prize \$100.00
3rd Prize \$75.00
4th Prize \$50.00

PLEASE LABEL YOUR
NAME ON THE BAG/OR
CONTAINER.

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE
DROPPED OFF AT THE
CULTURE CENTRE FROM
2:00-4:00PM ON DAY
OF.

BRETT CAPILO
BCAPILO@AQAM.NET
(778) 761-1077

FRIDAY JUNE 17,
2022



?AQ'AM

Leader. Elder. Survivor.

SUSAP

KEEPER OF KNOWLEDGE

A Glimpse into the Life
of Robert Louie Sr.

Yaqan Nukiy
Hereditary Chief and Cultural Carrier

7pm June 20

Key City Theatre · Cranbrook, BC

Tickets \$20 · 250-426-7006 or info@keycitytheatre.com

THE CRESTON VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS A QUINNTEX FILMS PRODUCTION A DAN CAVERLY FILM "SUSAP: KEEPER OF KNOWLEDGE"
CREATIVE CONSULTANT DENICE LOUIE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER SHARON SVANDA ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR BRIAN LAWRENCE DIRECTED BY DAN CAVERLY



June is National Indigenous
History Month and in honor of this,
KKCFSS, in partnership with local knowledge
holders, and the Rocky Mountain Metis
Association, invite you to
Attend our event:

All ages
event

Free

Lunch and snacks
provided

Cultural
activities throughout the
day

When: June 20th, 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Where: Rotary Park Cranbrook, BC (10th Ave South,
downtown Cranbrook)

Featuring: Bonnie
Harvey, Duncan
McGilvary, Metis
Spoons, Jigging, and
Michif Language,
Sturgeon Nose Canoe
display, and much more

www.kkcfss.org

www.cranbrookmetis.com

**Transportation is available for
those in need.**

**If requiring transport, please call or
text**



**Chelsea at 250-421-9229, no later
than Friday June 17th.**



Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society




STEPS
SKILLS. KNOWLEDGE. EMPLOYMENT. & POOR RESOURCES



YAQIT ?A·KNUQH'IT 2022 Indigenous Day Celebration

**PLEASE JOIN US JUNE 21, 2022 TO
CELEBRATE, AND RECOGNIZE OUR
INDIGENOUS ROOTS, CULTURE, AND
IDENTITY.**



**9-11AM: ROOSVILLE BORDER WALK
12-1PM: LUNCH AT YAQIT ?A·KNUQH'IT ADMIN BUILDING
1-4PM: DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS, TRADITIONAL GAMES,
YOUTH PROGRAMS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, DOOR
PRIZES AND MUCH MORE!**



**VENDORS WELCOME!
ARE YOU A VENDOR AND INTERSTED IN
SETTING UP A TABLE FOR THE DAY?
DEADLINE TO RESERVE A TABLE IS
JUNE 15, 2022.
*SPACE IS LIMITED***

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE. COVID
PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE AS WE STRIVE
TO ENSURE THE HEALTHY AND SAFETY OF OUR
COMMUNITY AND THOSE AROUND US.**



**FOR ANY QUESTIONS, VENDOR INQUIRYS OR TO MAKE
A DONATION PLEASE CONTACT:
SHAILA HOLMES
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR
250-887-3461 EXT.3419**



Yaqit ?a·knuqh'it

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

JUNE 21ST

**STARTING AT 12PM - 4PM
EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION**

4878 KINBASKET TRAIL

**FREE ACTIVITIES
THROUGH THE DAY**

**POW WOW
FACE PAINTING
TRADITIONAL GAMES
CRAFT STATIONS**

**AND MUCH
MORE!**

**FOOD AND CRAFT
VENDORS
AVAILABLE**

**BRING CASH TO SUPPORT
LOCAL VENDORS**

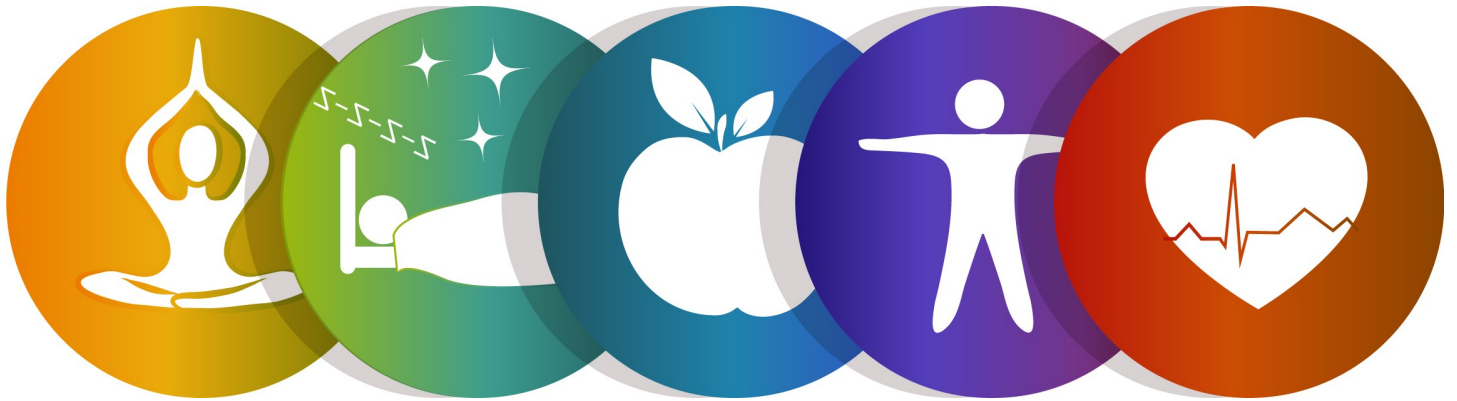
**DOOR PRIZES
AVAILABLE!**





Akisqnuq First Nation Invites you to the

ʔakisqnuq Health & Wellness Fair



June 23 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at

Columbia Lake Recreation Center at Akisqnuq

All welcome to attend

BBQ lunch, shuttle driver

Some of the booths/services that will be available:

Medication return booth (return old or expired medications), Harm Reduction, Wellness and Mindfulness, Elder Medicine table, FNHA, Women's Health (Pap smears, and bloodwork), Men's Health, Blood glucose and Vital signs checks, Immunizations for children and adults Dr Page's regular clinic, a foot clinic, ID and Vaccine passport, Dietician, tick awareness, RCMP, Aboriginal Patient Navigator, mental health liaison, Interior Health social worker, environmental health, housing, HR/work opportunities, Pharmasave

KTUNAXANIᑁTIK Call to Gather Columbia Lake East Side

SATURDAY
JUNE 25

2022

Meet at 10 am
Canal Flats
Village Office
8853 Grainger Road

Come out & learn.
Listen to the Elders' stories.
Discuss what is important
& how to plan to care
for this landscape.

Bringing
Youth &
Elders
Together

Columbia Lake is an important landform connected to the Ktunaxa Creation Story. It is home to significant cultural & ecological values.

stewardship
PLANNING
COLUMBIA LAKE
EAST SIDE

DOOR
PRIZES!

Contact Naya Duteau by email
for info. **Mileage will be reimbursed.**
dustinaya.duteau@ktunaxa.org
Or text her at 778 963 0271



SIGN UP BY
4 PM JUNE 23
TO ENSURE WE
HAVE A DELICIOUS
LUNCH FOR YOU!

 **KTUNAXA
NATION**

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



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!



SMALL APPLIANCE & POWER TOOL RECYCLING EVENT

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

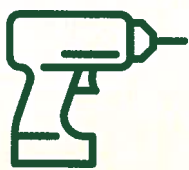
400+ ACCEPTED PRODUCTS



Small Appliances



Electric Outdoor Power Equipment



Power Tools

For a full Accepted Products List visit Electrorecycle.ca



ʔakisq̓nuknik Erin Joyal and Family



9 - Erin and G



10 - Jake, Kanyon, Chantel, Harley and Sorcia d G

11 - Sorcia Joyal at her Graduation



Sorcia Joyal at her Indigenous Graduation Blanket Ceremony at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary in West Kelowna, BC. Sorcia will be going to University of Victoria to pursue a 4 year Science degree in Kinesiology.

My name is Erin Joyal. I've spent the last 20+ years living in West Kelowna, BC. I am married to Gerard (G). G and I have had the pleasure of raising 5 children together. Our youngest Sorcia is graduating highschool this week! Three of our children are now members of the Akisqnuq First Nation Band, Harley Darbyson (second child), Jake Darbyson (third child) and Sorcia Joyal (youngest). Chantel Darbyson (eldest child) and my grandson SamWise Darbyson have applications pending. Kanyon (fourth child) is my step child.

Our family is so grateful to be a part of something so much greater than our individual family unit; having been graciously received by our Akisqnuq band. Harley and his wife Terri have sat in on a zoom council meeting and I look forward to doing the same.

As a young child, our mother told us about our heritage, however we were not educated in any traditional sense. We were told stories about my great, great grandmother and how she was married to one of the first fur traders in the Kootenai Region. It really wasn't until a few years ago, my first cousin Derek Lappiere lit a fire beneath us cousins and we felt a wave of heat build up inside us, propelling us to discover where we came from and where we belong. I am so grateful for Derek's passion.

Throughout the years, my husband and I have encouraged our children to be part of the Aboriginal/Indigenous services at their elementary, middle and high schools which all of them have. They have more understanding than I certainly do. Our youngest Sorica is quite the outspoken young lady on social media when it comes to Indigenous affairs, rights and reconciliation.

Gratefully, my husband has been practicing aboriginal spirituality for 25 years, as he was introduced to sweats, smudging and the teachings of the medicine wheel in his early 20s. He has been a huge support to me and our kids to go forth with this process of discovery. My kids and I really look forward to learning more and more about where our Ancestors come from, our history and what is currently being practiced and celebrated now. We want to connect with our current band members.

A highlight of this upcoming summer will be to visit Windermere and meet new family.

Sincerely,
Erin Joyal

Welcome Raylene Fortin New AFN Recreation Coordinator



Ki?su?k kyukyit. Hu qak?ik Raylene!

I am so excited to serve as the new Recreation Coordinator here at ?Akis?nuk! I was born in Northern Alberta around Lac La Biche and spent my childhood in Rural Saskatchewan. I moved to the Columbia Valley in 2018 for a work opportunity and have since made it my home!

I am a member of the Painted Feather Woodland Metis, and my roots are Anishinaabe. Since childhood, I have always had a strong desire to connect with my Aboriginal roots, learn about the culture and traditions, and learn more of the history.

I started my career as a care-aid in a nursing home and a volunteer first responder on the side. From there, I have worked in Telecommunication Sales, Hospitality, and most recently as a Group & Event Coordinator.

When I am not working, you can find me reading, hiking with my Siberian husky Grizzly, at the lake kayaking, or out exploring logging roads!

I am so grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve the ?Akis?nuk community and look forward to meeting its members and soaking in as much as possible about the rich culture and traditions!




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

**Akisqnuk 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@akisqnuk.org**

Self Care



Dr. Page Clinic

June 23 is the next clinic. Contact the health center to book appointment at 250 342 6379

Foot Clinics

June 20 next clinic. Contact RN Jason Juell for booking and more information at jjuell@akisqnuuk.org

Chiropractor*

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

Massage*

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

Non Coverage Medical*

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

If you need assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisq̓nuk Health Manager Patsy Nicholas for assistance at pnicholas@akisq̓nuk.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 booster 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@akisq̓nuk.org.*



Out Of Office

Health Manager Patsy Nicholas will be out of the office from June 20 - June 28

Housing Manager Dale Shudra Will be out of office all next week. Return day TBD

Let's Get Quilting!



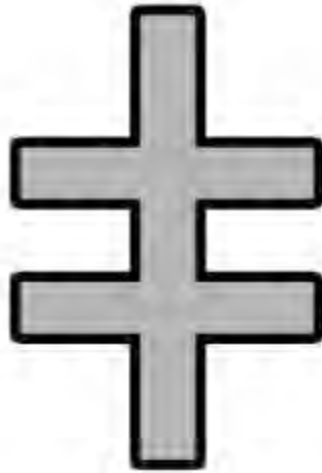
In Honor of those who attended residential school, were part of the 60's scoop or in honor of the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Gils/Boys, **you are kindly reminded to decorate a square (10inx10in)** with whatever may inspire you (paint, bead, draw, stitch etc.) and to **submit/mail** it to Patsy Nicholas at 3050 HWY 93/95 Windermere BC V0B 2L2.

The goal is to have this beautiful quilt finished for June 21st for Indigenous Day

Can't wait to see all the beautiful artwork from all our ʔakisq̓nuk artists out there.

For more information contact Patsy Nicholas at pnicholas@akisq̓nuk.org

Ktunaxa Language Corner



łu?ni qapsin ?at kinə qa qatkin. (There is nothing that you *cannot* do/create.)

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 to 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 ᐱakisᓄᓄuk 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@akisqnuq.org or 250-342-6301.

Resume Assistance

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

Career Cruising

Akisqnuq has an account to assist akisqnuq 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/>

Employment Opportunities



[Check out ʔakisq̓nuk website for Employment Opportunities full descriptions](#)

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

Ktunaxa Nation Career Opportunities in the territory checkout KNC website under 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



ʔakisqnuq First Nation
3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, B.C. V0B 2L2
Office: 250.342.6301 Fax: 250.342.9693
www.akisqnuq.org

Employment Opportunity

Field Technician

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

POSITION SUMMARY

BGC Engineering is conducting a Flood Hazard and Risk Assessment for the Akisqnuq 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 Akisqnuq 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 8 am 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 p/hr

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



Ki?su?k Kyukyit

Caterer Required

July 5 to 7, 2022

Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium

Meal Service at noon.

Quote to include:

Menu: Options for 40 guests

Options available to accommodate dietary restrictions. E.g.

Vegan, Gluten Free, No Dairy, etc.

Cost: Per person or flat rate.

Food preparation on or off site

Dinnerware/Cutlery/Napkins provided

Food Safety Plan

Please submit proposals to:

Melanie Gambin 250-489-4563 EXT:3019

Melanie.Gambin@ktunaxa.org



KTUNAXA ENTERPRISES LTD.

Administrative Assistant
Term, Part-time (20-30 hours/week)
July 4, 2022 – July 22, 2023

As a collectively owned entity, **Ktunaxa Enterprises Ltd. (KEL)** is the business arm for the Ktunaxa Nation.

KEL pursues and manages sustainable and responsible business, for profit, and supports the Ktunaxa Nation in cultivating opportunities that lead to greater wealth, employment and capacity-building for Ktunaxa citizens and the Nation as a whole.

Through current business units, Nupqu Resources, Kettle River Contracting and ʔamakʔis Transport, KEL provides a broad range of professional services to the mining, infrastructure, construction, forestry, power, civil, transportation and public works sectors. Together with our partners, and backed by an experienced professional workforce, KEL is able to support all aspects of land, resource, commercial and industrial development projects and initiatives occurring throughout Ktunaxa Territory and beyond.

As the Administrative Assistant, you will be the first point of contact in the office to welcome visitors and filter communications. This is a term position, 20-30 hours per week depending on the successful candidates' availability and breadth of experience and ability to support the KEL team across a variety of functional areas.

Responsibilities:

Provide a range of administrative duties and support to office staff and the CEO that may include:

- Support CEO and office staff with correspondence and maintain appointment schedules
- Coordinate, administrate and prepare documents for board meetings
- Assemble and compile data for reporting
- Deliveries, collections of banking, office purchases etc.
- Coordinate office operations and maintenance
- Record management, organization, and retrieval
- Assist in coordinating team events for employees and associates
- Provide administrative support to accounting team as needed
- Maintain office supplies and sundries
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary Diploma or Certificate in Business or Office Administration preferred
- Three – five years related office experience
- Excellent software skills including Microsoft Office suite including PowerPoint and Excel
- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks with accuracy and consistency
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Strong attention to detail and proof-reading experience and ability
- Experience working with Indigenous communities is considered an asset
- Personal vehicle for errands is preferred

Preferred Start Date: July 4 or as soon as possible

Salary: \$23.00 – \$28.00 per hour

Forward your resume with a cover letter to mary.j.davies@ktunaxaenterprises.ca Please reach out with any questions you may have to Mary Davies, Human Resources and Communications Manager at 250-420-2745 ext. 5.

As we seek to expand opportunities within the Nation, we encourage Ktunaxa citizens and other Indigenous peoples to self-identify within their cover letter or resume.

Eagle Ranch



EAGLE RANCH
INVERMERE, B.C.



A little birdy mention to AFN that Eagle Ranch still needs all kinds of Employees from Grounds keeping to house keeping. No taxes for First Nation Employees, on Shuswap Band Land.

They are looking for talented and exceptionally friendly team members for 2022. It's never too early to start exploring opportunities with them so feel free to send them your resume and cover letter. They can be reached at careers@eagleranchresort.com.

What Eagle Ranch Offers

- Competitive wages
- On-Site Subsidized Staff Accommodation
- Discounted: Golf Privileges, Staff Meals, Restaurant Meals, Hotel Rates, Golf Shop Purchases
- Reciprocal discounts at our sister property Silvertip Resort in Canmore, BC
- An exceptional team environment with room for growth
- Employee of the month rewards and on the spot recognition
- Staff BBQs and outings

AKISQNUK FIRST NATION BRINGS YOU

AFN HOME GRANT

REMINDER: CONTACT DALE SHUDRA

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APPLY UP TO
\$8000

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



Chief and Council Meetings



Next Chief and Council Meetings June 29 and July 13.

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

Deadline is June 24 for June 29 meeting.

Deadline is July 8 for July 13 Chief and Council.

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

Elders Corner

ʔAkisq̓nuk Elders Committee

June 28 2022, 10 am AFN Band Hall and Zoom.

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

How to prepare for a Zoom meeting





We are recruiting new committee members for a Building Steering Committee

BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM!

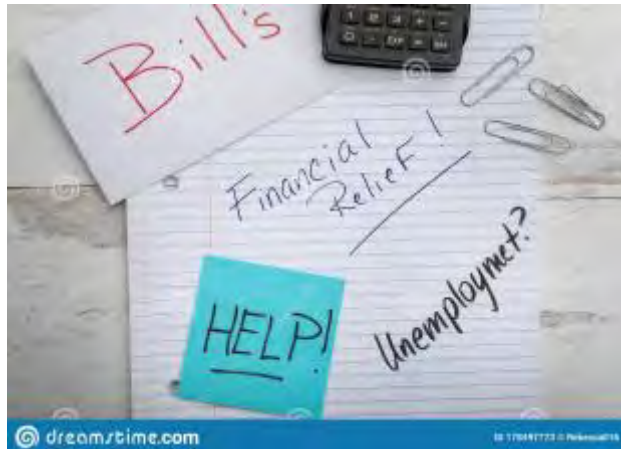
Here are some of the benefits:

- 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

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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@akisqnuuk.org

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

Financial Hardship Assistance Grant

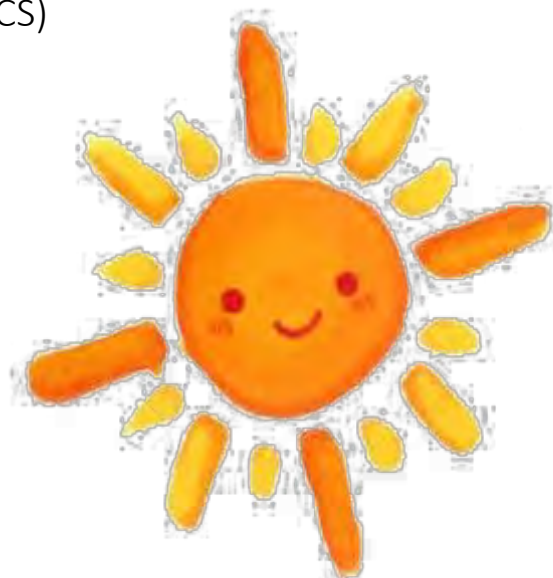
ᐱakisᓄᓃᓃ First Nation has a Financial Hardship fund to support membership when an financial crisis falls upon them. This is open to all ᐱakisᓄᓃᓃᓃ.

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

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

Can find application on the ᐱakisᓄᓃᓃ website <https://akisqnuuk.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 Head start

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.