



ʔakisq̓nuk Community Newsletter

February 10th 2023



Wave to the Chief -Skookumchuck BC

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Members Messages

ʔAKISQNUK FIRST NATION NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ʔakisqnuq First Nation has called a Nomination Meeting on **January 4, 2023** in accordance with the ʔakisqnuq First Nation Custom Election Regulations (2022) for the purpose of eligible Electors nominating one (1) candidate for the Office of Councillor, to be elected in a By Election on **February 13, 2023** for the balance of the current term.

NOMINATION MEETING

**JANUARY 4, 2023
6:00PM – 7:00PM
BAND OFFICE
3050 HIGHWAY 93/95
WINDERMERE, BC**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

Nominees **MUST** attend the Nomination Meeting (in person or by Zoom) to accept their nomination, and **MUST** attend the Candidate Forum.

Nominees must sign an acceptance of nomination, complete criminal records check (including a vulnerable sector check, and a declaration of eligibility form within 48 hours of accepting nomination.

Nominees are fully responsible for properly completing all nomination requirements AND submitting these document requirements to the Electoral Officer.

Any candidate for the office of Councillor must:

- be of Ktunaxa ancestry;
- be 18 years of age and qualify as an Elector;
- be nominated for that office, in accordance with the procedures set out in these regulations;
- ordinarily reside within the Ktunaxa Traditional Territory;
- not have been convicted of a criminal offence within seven (7) years prior to their nomination;
- subject to a five (5) years drivers license abstract that is clean from Immediate Roadside Prohibitions;
- provide a clean vulnerable sector check; and
- not be in arrears on any established legal indebtedness to ʔakisqnuq First Nation or any of its business entities by the date of the election;
- have not resigned from Council within the last 4 years;
- has not been removed from Council within the last five (5) years.

Please read the Election Code for complete details, nomination meeting and Candidate requirements.

**You may join the
Nomination Meeting by Zoom :**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812300928?pwd=YW5GVFNlYU1rL240SnNjTE95dVJjQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 1230 0928

Passcode: OneFeather

The Election Code, and the official Voters List of all Eligible Electors shall be posted and available during regular business hours and can be obtained at the ʔakisqnuq Administration Office; are available on the ʔakisqnuq First Nation website; can be requested from the Electoral Officer; or can be downloaded at:

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq>

**CANDIDATE FORUM
January 26, 2023
Band Office
5:00pm- 7:00pm**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**Advance Poll – 12:00pm to 6:00pm
February 6, 2023**

**Regular Poll – 10:00am to 7:00pm
February 13, 2023**

**BAND OFFICE
3050 HIGHWAY 93/95
WINDERMERE, B.C.**

Eligible Electors may vote in person at the In-Person Polling Stations, by electronic ballot, by mail-in ballot (must be requested; not automatically sent), or by telephone in this election.

For more information or assistance please contact the Electoral Officer via OneFeather using the contact information provided for at the bottom of this Notice.

Date for reference: December 14, 2022

If you need any assistance or support please contact OneFeather:

Office: 250-384-8200 Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006 Email: support@onefeather.ca
209-852 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1H8

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq>

Members Messages



ʔAKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION REVISED

Notice pursuant to the ʔakisq'nuK First Nation Election Code

Notice is hereby given that the ʔakisq'nuK First Nation has called a By Election in accordance with the ʔakisq'nuK First Nation Election Code, for the purpose of electing one (1) Councillor on February 13th, 2023 for the remainder of the current term.

NOTICE OF POLL & VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

VOTE IN PERSON AT THE REGULAR OR ADVANCE POLL

ʔAKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION BAND OFFICE

ADVANCE POLL
February 6, 2023
12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

REGULAR POLL
February 13, 2023
10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

VOTE BY TELEPHONE

TELEPHONE VOTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 12:00 PM FEBRUARY 6th, 2023 UNTIL 6:00 PM FEBRUARY 6th, 2023, AND FROM 10:00 AM FEBRUARY 13th, 2023 UNTIL 7:00 PM FEBRUARY 13th, 2023.

You will be required to provide your Indian Status Number (Status Card), and Date of Birth.

Please call the Band Administration office during the hours listed above to vote by phone (250) 342-6301.

VOTE BY MAIL IN BALLOT

YOU MAY ALSO VOTE BY MAIL - Please contact OneFeather Support to request a mail-in ballot package. Include your Name, Nation Name, Status Number and Date of Birth along with your current residential mailing address so that a mail-in voting package can be sent. Call 1 855-923-3006 and leave a message or send an email request to support@onefeather.ca

VOTE BY ELECTRONIC BALLOT UPDATED

ELECTRONIC VOTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 12:15 PM JANUARY 26th, 2023 until 8:00 PM FEBRUARY 13, 2023. To register to vote electronically, please visit your First Nations website and follow the instructions provided:

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuK>

You will be required to provide your Indian Status Number (Status Card), Date of Birth and an email address and phone number. Please contact the Deputy Electoral Officer immediately with any questions.


Please note that the electors list has been created and can be viewed on the ʔakisq'nuK page at <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuK>. Electors can contact the Electoral Officer if they notice any problems with the list.

For voting assistance and information from a Voting Official please contact OneFeather:

Email: support@onefeather.ca

Office: 250-384-8200 Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time
209-852 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1H8

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuK>  OneFeather



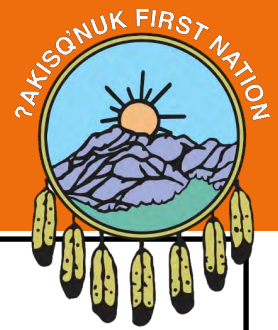
Members Messages

Ki?su?k kyukyit,

My name is Adam Nicholas and I have been nominated for the position of Councilor in the upcoming bi-election. Although I am privileged to know a lot of our ?Akisqnuq First Nation members as family and friends, I would like to provide an introduction to all of our citizens. My parents are John David Nicholas (Doc) and Rosemary Phillips. I was born in Invermere and lived on and off "the rez" with my family for the first 10 years of my life. I was introduced to every aspect of life on the ?Akisqnuq First Nation and I have grown into who I am because of it, the memories I have from growing up at ?Akisqnuq will be with me forever and I will cherish that time always. Although I was never able to put roots down in the immediate area in my adult life, I have close ties to the community. I am 38 years old and I live in Wycliffe between Cranbrook and Kimberley with my amazing wife Kari, and our children; Brae, Owen, and Skye. Consistent with my family, my passion is sports, I am an avid golfer, hockey and ball player, and skier. Regrettably my competitive sports days are behind me, these days I find great joy sharing the ice or ball field or golf course with my friends and family for fun and exercise. I also enjoy hiking and camping with my family and experiencing and sharing my knowledge of ?amak?is Ktunaxa with my family. Professionally I am a Red Seal Journeyman Electrician by trade and loved my many years as a practicing Electrician and all the opportunities it provided me. In 2019 I accepted a position with the Ktunaxa Nation Council and have since grown into a management position, which has ignited my interest in governance. I was happy to be a part of our Elkhorn Ranch Specific Claim Task Group and am very pleased with the outcome and the input our group was able to cohesively provide. I look forward to the all candidates forum on Thursday January 26th to be able to share my vision and goals as a potential elected official and hope to see you all there. I am very open for engagement and welcome any conversation from our membership about everything and anything relevant to the Akisqnuq First Nation. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, concerns, or just to chat. I can be reached by phone or text at 250 420-1194 and by email at adam_n213@hotmail.com I will also share my candidate forum speech after the 26th and will happily answer any questions from membership that may come up.



Members Messages



Janice Alpine

Kiʔsuʔk Kyukyit ǰapiniskiʔ. Janice is the daughter of the late Albert Alpine, ʔakisq̄nunik registrant, currently resides with her mother Dorothy Alpine (Birdstone) registered at ʔaǰam.

It's no secret that she's been nominated to run for Council by Darla and second by Jen, who she thanks for having the confidence in her to run for Council.

Having the opportunity to be on Council will allow her to address the number of the areas she has been following and working on for quite some time now, that will contribute to how the leaders and the community addresses any given situation. She currently sits on the following Committees: Finance Audit & Investment Committee, Housing, Membership and when it's operating, Land Code. She has been working on the sidelines for quite some time now and wants to have a more direct impact on ʔakisq̄nunik lives.

She's not big on campaigning so if you want to know more about her, send an email jalpine1_2000@yahoo.com or text 250 417 7895 for coffee or tea and a visit. Email is the best way to reach her.



Huyas!

Leona Kains

I am the granddaughter of Louie Kains and Sabine Alpine (Swaille). My mother is Marguerite Cooper, my father was Leon Mushka, and my adopted Yukon First Nation mother was Ruby Vanbibber.

I'm currently working on my third year with School District #6, which means I have been living on the Ktuanxa traditional territory for three years.

I was approached, and nominated by Bea Steven, and with great consideration I have accepted.

In the past I have been involved with our First Nations, by assisting with the development of the policy of the Land Code, sitting on the Finance Committee, and a hiring committee. Recently, I started the Ktuanxa language course.

My degree is in education, and so I was elected to sit on elementary and secondary school council, and was an Executive Member for Association of School Councils.

I send best wishes to Rosemary, the outgoing councillor, and thank you for your personal contribution to Akisq̄nuk First Nation.

Good luck to the other candidates.



Members Messages



FUNERAL SERVICES

FOR

Brandon Emmanuel Alpine

Born To: Father Allan Hunter
Mother Janice Alpine
On
December 28, 1982

Passed Away: February 5, 2023

Wake: Thursday, February 9th, 2023
@ 5:00P.M
Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium
7500 Mission Road, Cranbrook B.C

Rosary: 6:00pm

Service: Friday, February 10th, 2023
Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium
7500 Mission Road, Cranbrook B.C
@ 11:00am

Feast and Give way to follow Service



**Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre**



..... **OPEN!**



The Columbia Lake Recreation Centre is now open to the general public.

Hours:
Monday – Friday, 9am – 8pm.
*Closed on Statutory Holidays

Rates:
Day Pass - \$10.00 plus GST
Monthly Rates - \$60.00 plus GST

*ʔakisqnuq First Nation members will continue to have access to the Recreation Centre free of charge.

We are working to provide expanded hours, rate options and programming in the near future. We will announce these as they are ready.

We thank you for your patience as we've worked to re-open and look forward to seeing you at the Recreation Centre!

<https://akisqnuq.org/columbia-lake-recreation>

Reclaimed Members

My name is Brandon Johannesson and I am proud to say that I now officially registered as a member of the ʔakisqnuq First Nation Band and I am beyond honored.

A bit of background on me; my Great-Great Grandparents were Baptiste and Theresa Morigeau. My great grandparents were Merceline and David Lightbown, my Grandfather was James Lightbown and my moms name is Dawn Lightbown -Johannesson. I am married to my best friend Megan Johannesson and we have two children, my daughter, Harper, and my son, Ren. I can't forget my dog, Vicky girl.

We live in Chilliwack B.C. Our hopes are to make a family trip to visit Windermere and come meet some of the elders and other members. I am excited to learn and understand our family heritage as a Ktunaxa Nation member so my kids can be well educated of our bloodline. My mom recently visited the band office and met the Chief Don, she was so happy to have experienced that and said everyone welcomed her with open arms.

All the love,
Brandon and Family



Members Messages



Takisq'nuq Fiber Optics will be complete in 2023!

The fiber optics project has been 'on the go' since ground was broken in 2021. The project has been broken up into phases over the 2 years to suit the incremental funding received.

In December 2022 we had approval of our Federal grant application – Universal Broadband Fund – These funds will be used to complete the remaining fiber optic work in 2023. This is great news!

That means by end of 2023 every home on the Takisq'nuq reserve will have Fiber optics connected and available.

Q:What does this actually mean? A:Reliable, extremely fast internet!

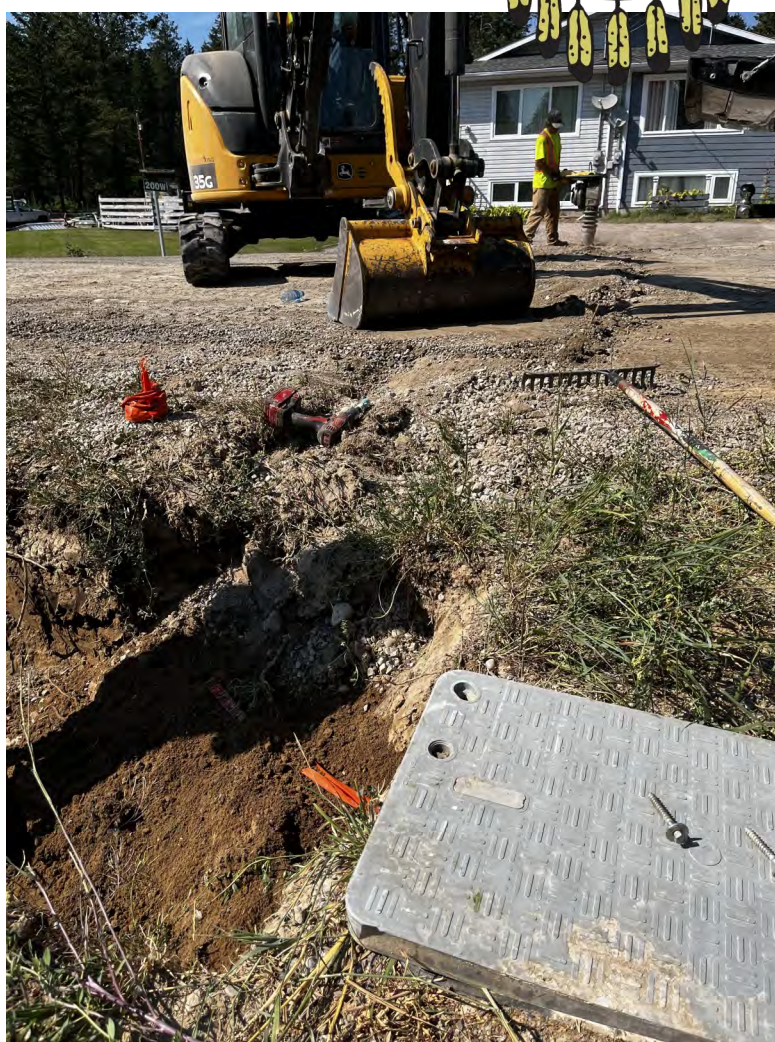
Lite Access are currently working on the individual house connections on Kootenay Rd #3 and will resume the plowing and burial of the fiber conduit in the Spring. Once Lite Access directional drill under Hwy 95 they will connect all the reserve homes along the main highway. Plowing, burial and connections will be complete during the Summer.

Any questions or concerns please contact:
Shane Stewart – Ktunaxa Nation Council –
shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org / 250 489 2464

Or
David Monson – FlexiNet – dmonson@flexinet.ca / 250 489 3539

Please let me know if you have any questions

Shane J Stewart
Economic & Investment Sector
Manager / Business Development
250 427 0778 (Call or text)
shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org





Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

Ktunaxa Kintbasket
Child & Family
Services Society

HOCKEY CAMP

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE AKISQNUK & SHUSWAP AREA

February 15th & 22nd from 4:30pm and 5:30pm
AT THE CANAL FLATS RINK

Sign up before 4:30 PM on Monday, February 13th
CONTACT TASHA OLDERNESS AT 250.489.4563 OR TOLDERNESS@KTUNAXA.ORG

EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT

Your Invited to AHS and Little Badgers **FAMILY FISH DAY!**



Lake Lillian - Rod and Gun Ice Shack
February 18th

10:30am - 1:30pm

Come for fishing, fun, activities, and games
Hot dog lunch provided



www.akisqnuq.org

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

A Community Strong and Alive meeting
10am, Thursday February 23 2023
?akisqnuq Band Hall



Floor is open for all ideas

Calling All Community members, we are looking for ideas to help us continue providing Community SUPPORT GROUPS and PROGRAMS that are geared towards having a Safe, "No One Left Behind", Strong and Alive Community!! We ask that you mark your calendar, come and share your ideas and help continue making 2023 ?Akisqnuq First Nations a community known for who and what we truly are (Kind, Caring and Healthy).

Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you at the Open Floor meeting.

Morning snacks, coffee and lunch will be provided. Questions Email:

patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org & tracy.miller@akisqnuq.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86823348704?>

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?AKISQNUK FIRST NATION

LET'S TALK ABOUT EDUCATION!!

February 23rd, 2023 | 5 to 7 PM
Columbia Lake Recreation Centre
Mural Room

Come out for an evening to share a meal, learn about some of the great work being done in Indigenous Education in the local School District, and share your thoughts, ideas for the future successes of our ?akisqnuq students.

To confirm your attendance, please contact Stephanie Sam as we will need to know numbers for the meal.
stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



February

- Feb 13th 10am-7pm.: ?akisq'nuq Election Regular Poll. <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq>
- Feb.15th 10am.: ?akisq'nuq Chief and Council meeting.
- Feb.15th 4:30-5:30pm.: KKFSS Hockey Camp for children and Youth in ?akisq'nuq and & Shuswap area, at the Canal Flats rink. Sign up by Monday Feb 13. Contact Tasha Olderness at 250-489-4563 or tolderness@ktunaxa.org
- Feb.16th 2-4pm.: ?akisq'nuq Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To Book appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Feb.18th 10:30am-1:30pm.: Family Fishing Day at Lake Lillian Rod and Gun Ice shack, come for fishing, fun, activities and games hot dog lunch provided.
- Feb.22nd 9-4pm.: ?akisq'nuq Foot Clinic at AFN health center. To Book an appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Feb.22nd.: Anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day
- Feb.22nd 10am-2pm.:Ktunaxa Art Showcase at the Ktunaxa Nation Building in Cranbrook.
- Feb.22nd 4:30-5:30pm.: KKFSS Hockey Camp for children and Youth in ?akisq'nuq and & Shuswap area, at the Canal Flats rink. Sign up by Monday Feb 13. Contact Tasha Olderness at 250-489-4563 or tolderness@ktunaxa.org
- Feb.23rd 10am.:No One Left Behind, A community strong and alive meeting, ?akisq'nuq Band Hall. Zoom Available. Calling All Community members, we are looking for ideas to help us continue providing Community SUPPORT GROUPS and PROGRAMS that are geared towards having a Safe, "No One Left Behind", Strong and Alive Community!
- Feb.23rd 5-7pm.:Let's Talk about Education at Columbia Lake Recreation Centre mural room Come out for an evening to share a meal, learn about some of the great work being done in Indigenous Education in the local School District, and share your thoughts, ideas for the future successes of our ?akisq'nuq students.To confirm your attendance, please contact Stephanie Sam as we will need to know numbers for the meal.
- Feb.25th 11am-3pm.:Blowin' Into Spring Family Fun Day, ?akisq'nuq health center & Arbor. Call 250 342-6379 to register ahead if you have any

Elder Advisory meeting



FEB. 28

10.00 AM

Email: karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?pwd=UmlrNEpETlVlTWVPT0tXdldMSlU3UT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3473 3519

Passcode: 664653

Ktunaxa Art Showcase



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KTUNAXA DISPLAY ART SHOWCASE AND ENGAGEMENT

Ktunaxa Nation Government Building Gymnasium
February 22, 2023 - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Ktunaxa Nation business and industry partners are invited to participate and engage with Ktunaxa artists at the Ktunaxa Nation Government Building, in the gymnasium, February 22, 2023 from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

This is an opportunity to procure artwork, build networks, and strengthen relationships with Ktunaxa citizens. Ktunaxa artists will have artwork available suitable for office spaces, clinic spaces, waiting rooms, display cases, and more! If you or your company are interested in purchasing and displaying: beadwork, paintings, sewn traditional items, leatherwork, etc., please join us!

We look forward to sharing the creativity of the Ktunaxa Nation with you.

Contact: jbasil@ktunaxa.org for more information
Ktunaxa Nation Government Building: 220 Cranbrook St. N., Cranbrook, BC



Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

Friday, February 25th

BLOWIN' INTO SPRING!

FAMILY FUN DAY

11 AM - 3 PM
Akisqnuq First Nation
Health Centre & Arbour

LUNCH, HOT BEVERAGES, AND AFTERNOON SNACK PROVIDED

BAKE & DOOR PRIZES!

11 AM-12 PM: Mini Felt Bears & Willow/Birch Birds' Nest Craft with Lillian Rose

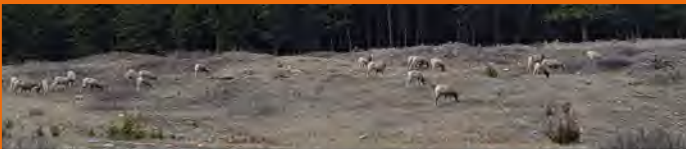
1-2 PM: Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, Labyrinth, and Relay Races

2-3 PM: DIY Custom Fun Tote & Birdseed Ornaments

DROP IN FOR AN ACTIVITY OR TWO, OR STAY FOR THE WHOLE DAY!

Please call 250-342-6379 to register ahead if you have any dietary restrictions, or if you're as excited as we are and want to let us know that you're coming!

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services Society



Ktunaxanintik


Do you know about Bighorn sheep? Info Sessions coming up to address losses in winter range

Calling all Ktunaxa who have knowledge about Bighorn sheep. Can you help us map where Bighorn sheep are wintering now? And what historical winter ranges they aren't using because of habitat degradation?

Our goal is to protect Bighorn sheep winter range within ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa. We're working with the provincial government through a Government Action Regulation Order. We'll host an info-sharing event and updates after the first info-gathering sessions.

**March 8th 2023
10am - 3pm**
at Ktunaxa Nation Council Gym
Lunch Provided • Stipend & Travel Vouchers Available

**WILL YOU JOIN US TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE?
PLEASE CONTACT CAITLIN
CAITLIN.PHILLIPS@KTUNAXA.ORG**



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KTUNAXA NATION ELDERS

YOU ARE INVITED:

Elders Engagement Session
-Bill C-92
-KKCFSS Legislation

WHERE:
HERITAGE INN CRANBROOK
803 Cranbrook Street North


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
-Honoraria will be paid to Elders
-Breakfast, lunch and dinner March 9th
-Breakfast and lunch March 10th
-Hotel room will be provided for non Cranbrook residents
(If you require a hotel room please contact Chelsea Hollingshead at 250-489-4563)

WHEN:
March 9th- 8:00am Breakfast and Sign-in
March 10th- 8:00am Breakfast and Sign-in



TO REGISTER:
CHELSEA HOLLINGSHEAD
250-489-4563 EXT: 4012
chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday February 28th, 2023

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services Society



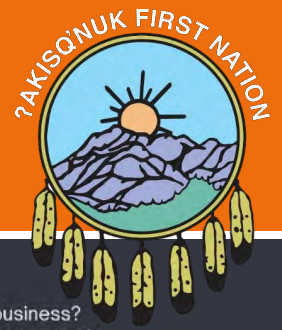
LET'S UNITE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

ʔAKISQNUK BAND MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 20TH, 2023 | 5PM
AKISQNUK BAND HALL OR ZOOM

FOR ALL AKISQNUK BAND MEMBERSHIP
AGENDA ITEMS DUE THURSDAY MARCH 16TH
EMAIL KAREN VARGAS AT
KAREN.VARGAS@AKISQNUK.ORG FOR AGENDA AND ZOOM
JOIN ZOOM MEETING
HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81775327227
MEETING ID: 817 7532 7227

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



JERROD BONDY BRINGS YOU

CIRCUS CAMP

at ʔakisq'nuq



March 20-24, 2023 • 9am-3PM

ʔakisq'nuq Bandhall

Open to any ʔakisq'nuqnik school age (k-12).

*Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Local artist and certified teacher, Jerrod Bondy, will be teaching the art of circus to participants. Kids will learn juggling, acrobats, solo and collaborative performance techniques, how to use and maintain equipment and so much more!

Space is limited due to equipment quantities. We are able to accommodate the first 17 people to register.

To register please email /call/text Stella Sam

Sdemagal@gmail.com

250-688-7432

Do you dream of owning your own business?
Have a side-hustle idea? Unsure where to start?

Find Your #KootenayHustle

Kootenay Youth Entrepreneurship Program

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
11:30AM TO 4PM MT**

College of the Rockies,
Cranbrook campus

What to expect:

- > Discover the meaning of entrepreneurship in the Kootenays
- > Hear from local entrepreneurs and their incredible journeys to success
- > Meet other "entrepre-curious" youth
- > Access upskilling opportunities
- > Get all of the above for FREE

Bursaries available upon request.

**AGES
16 to 30**



REGISTER NOW!

scan or click here for info

Selkirk College | SELKIRK INNOVATES



KAST KOOTENAY ASSOCIATION FOR TECHNOLOGY

Guardians in Training Over- Night Youth Camp

JUNE 6TH-9TH, 2023

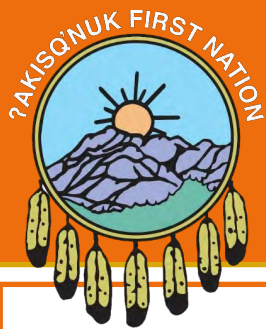
@BLUE LAKE CAMP

A great opportunity for any youth ages 12-18 for a fun learning experience on how to become guardians of our shared territory. Also seeking Knowledge Holders

**SIGN UP WITH LORNE SHOVAR
LORNE.SHOVAR@AKISQNUK.ORG**

Behind every strong woman
is a dog that follows her
to the bathroom.





Employment Opportunities



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, (Voted Outstanding Workplace 2022) has a great opportunity for the right person to join our Little Badgers Early Learning Team as a Support Worker. Ideally this would be 32-40 hrs a week but will consider part time for the right candidate.

The successful candidate will:

- Have good written and verbal communication skills
- Strategies and appropriate intervention for supporting special needs children
- Knowledge of developmental delays and disabilities including FASD and Autism:
- Training and experience in assessment processes
- Supporting children one on one in a childcare setting

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Certificate, Special Needs Certificate is an asset but training allowance available.
- Experience in working with child and families, preferred.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of typical and atypical child development, family centered practice, early intervention.
- Must be able to work independently, reliable, and self-motivated.
- Maintain confidentiality and professional standards.
- Possess reliable transportation and hold valid B.C. driver's license.

Compensation

Competitive Wages; Pension Plan; Benefits; Consolidated work week; Professional Development

To apply, submit Cover Letter and resume, 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.

CATERER NEEDED

Little Badgers is looking for a caterer to provide hot lunch and baked goods for morning snack. If interested please contact Carrie via email carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

or

phone 250-342-6331

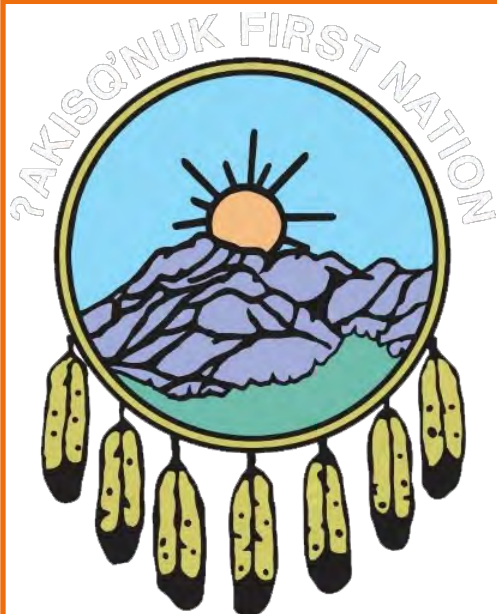
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Employment Opportunities



Akisqnuq First Nation

The following positions are available at Akisqnuq First Nation.

To view the full descriptions visit <https://akisqnuq.org/employment-opportunities> and submitting your interest to hr@akisqnuq.org

- Social Development Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Project Manager Trainee
- Administrative Assistant
- Registered Forest Technician
- Community Wellness Coordinator
- Records, Reporting and Grants Specialist

Eva Joseph Learning & Cultural Society

The society is currently looking for Akisqnuq /Ktunaxa grass roots people interested in sharing stories or cultural activities with the Akisqnuq families please contact Kayla at Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com. Honorariums are available.

Ktunaxa Nation Career Opportunities



KTUNAXA NATION

in the territory checkout KNC website at <https://www.ktunaxa.org>

> **Careers** for [Bids for Contracted Services](#) and [current postings](#)

[Aboriginal Care Navigator](#)

[Clinical Supervisor – Complex Care Shelter](#)

[Maintenance Worker](#)

[Medical Office Assistant](#)

[Regulatory Engagement Coordinator](#) (Nation Council)

[Client Services Worker](#)

[Wellness Center Project Manager](#)

[Elder Secretariat](#)



BAND MEETING SURVEY

AFN WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT FOR THE AKISQNUK BAND MEETINGS. PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO COMPLETE THIS QUICK SURVEY ON WHAT WOULD WORK BEST FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN BAND MEETINGS

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/6GHGYXN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GHGYXN)
OR SCAN QR CODE





Reminders & Notices



20 X 22 AKISQNUK FIREWOOD

AKISQNUKNIK ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST WITH CUTTING AND DELIVERING FIREWOOD? HONORARIUM WILL BE OFFERED. CONTACT GLYNDA JOSEPH AT RECCENTRE@AKISQNUK.ORG



AKISQNUK FIRST NATION

REUSED LAPTOPS



If your needing a laptop contact Christy to get on a list. This list would then be used to make orders for computers from Computers for schools.

CONTACT
CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG



IT'S TIME TO GO SKIING!

AFN is excited to offer FREE skiing/snowboarding again this year for it's membership. We have partnered with Resorts of the Canadian Rockies this includes:

- Nakiska
- Kimberley
- Fernie
- Kicking Horse (Golden) and
- Panorama

to offer all community members (and their spouse/children, on and off reserve) free lift tickets, rentals, lessons and as well as a \$25 food voucher! This will be available on Sundays, as we are only able to offer it once per a week for the season.

To participate, you must email Raylene by Wednesday prior to your ski Sunday at info@akisqnuq.org with the following information for each participant:

- Name, Ages, if rental equipment is needed, and if lessons are needed and the ski/board level
- the Ski hill you wish to ski at and date

You will then receive an email with a copy of the vouchers to print and present at the ski hill!

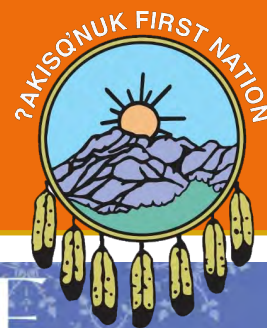


**Akisqnuq Members,
Are you in need of some
elk meat?
Contact Christy to
make arrangements for
pick-up**

christy.baker@akisqnuq.org



Reminders & Notices



ᐱakisqnuq Education Services Needs Assessment

In planning for the coming year, we need to gather information on Akisqnuq student needs. We are referring to ALL Akisqnuq students, regardless of where they reside. If you have children in Kindergarten to Grade 12, please complete and submit the assessment form, to help us ensure we are striving to provide sufficient supports and services to all of our students.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact Stephanie Sam (250) 342-6301 Ext 3849 or email stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org

Can download the PDF <https://akisqnuq.org/education>



FREE WINTER WEAR

STOP IN AT THE AKISQNUK HEALTH CENTER FOR SOME WINTER WEAR
MITTENS
TOQUES
SCARFS &
BABY WINTER WEAR

Call Out for FAIC

ᐱakisqnuq Finance Audit & Investment Committee

Do you have an interest in the finances of AFN?

Do you have a knowledge of finances and risks?

We need you!

The Finance, Audit and Investment Committee is looking for individuals to join the committee for a two-year term.

Please reach out to the Senior Administrative Officer (joseph.khan@akisqnuq.org), or Fiscal and Economic Director (david.bach@akisqnuq.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Social Development update

Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Christy Baker email: chirsty.baker@akisqnuq.org
Due the 15th of every Month



Reminders & Notices

Interested in Renovations on-reserve?



The federal government recently announced that certain renovations on-Reserve may qualify for increased subsidies of up to \$106,416.

Increased funding + Member funds +(AFN Home grant*) = the possibility of major renovations on your home

If you are interested, please contact the Housing Manager (Dale Shudra) to discuss your situation further, dale.shudra@akisqnuk.org or 250 342 6301 ext.3808

Interested in building a new home on-reserve?



The federal government recently announced that new homes being build on-Reserve may qualify for increased subsidies of up to \$106,416.

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We care about what you think.



ʔakisqnuknik, your feedback helps ʔakisqnuk First Nation make improvements to services provided. Take a few minutes to fill out the Health and wellness survey.

visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YV>
VM or scan QRcode



COMMUNITY QUALITY OF SERVICE Survey



SCAN QR CODE

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/F5T8GWG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F5T8GWG)



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.



Reminders & Notices



MEMBERS HOT SPRINGS ACCESS!



Show your status card for free admission to the Fairmont Hot Springs pools!

Pick up free passes for the Radium Hot Springs at the Band office!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

FREE or SUBSIDIZED INTERNET FOR KTUNAXA

FREE

- Requires a fibre optic connection to your home.
- Your Internet provider is FlexiNet.
- 50Mbps download and 10Mbps upload.

OR

SUBSIDIZED

- Keep your existing Internet provider.
- Receive \$55 per month to subsidize your existing plan.

• **All homes on Ktunaxa First Nations reserves are eligible.**

- Ktunaxa First Nations will receive applications forms by **March 1, 2023**.
- Applications reviewed as received.
- Expect a four to six (4-6) week processing time.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Shane Stewart
(250) 489-2464 ext. 4373
Shane.Stewart@Ktunaxa.org



Ktunaxa Nation Economic and Investment Sector Initiative and approved by the Economic Sector Council

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society

KKCFSS is a non-profit organization available to Ktunaxa citizens, First Nations, Métis and Inuit living on and off-reserve in the Ktunaxa Traditional Territory. We have integrated multi-disciplinary teams delivering holistic services through the following key programs areas:

- Intake and Child Protection
- Guardianship and Family Delegated Services
- Kinship and Residential Care
- Aboriginal Family Support Services
- Prevention, Early Intervention and Therapies
- CYMH Wellness and Family Counselors
- Early Years Program
- Reconnection and Cultural Support
- Justice Support Services
- Aboriginal Youth Services
- Admin Support Services and Maintenance

For more information, visit our website kpcfss.org



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"THIS COURSE IS FULLY FUNDED TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS"

Overview

- Class 1 MELT course
- Advanced Mountain Training
- 3 week Practicum
- ForkLift Certification
- OFA Level 1 First Aid
- Radio Operator Certification
- Plus other Safety Courses
- Limited Availability, so apply soon

To Be Able to Qualify

- *Class 1 Learners License
- *Interview with ProDrivers
- *WorkBC approval
- *Meet eligibility requirements
In the bottom left panel



866 - 417 - 0193

www.RockyMtnProDrivers.com

Course Information Available On Our Website

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have established a claim for Employment Insurance (EI benefits), or
- Must have had an EI benefit period that ended within the previous 60 months; or
- Must have earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and paid employee EI premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 years (Note: the 5 years do not have to be consecutive years)
- Must have an Action Plan (AP) that identifies PBLMT as a reasonable goal to support their occupational goal.
- Must have a WorkBC case manager to process the application.
- Either unemployed or precariously employed (less than 20 hours a week)
- Currently a resident of British Columbia and Possesses either a Permanent Residency, or a Canadian Citizenship, or Refugee with Protected Person status
- BCEA PWD and BCEA non-PWD clients also eligible

Canada



This program is funded by the Government of Canada
and the Province of British Columbia.

Learning Something New



?Akisq'nuK First Nation Forestry/ Wildland Firefighting training

Training with include: · S-100 (renewed every year)

- S-185 (renewed every year)
- ICS-100
- Pumps & Pumping Systems
- Bear aware
- GPS & compass
- Chainsaw Safety
- Burning off
- Introduction to Danger Tree Awareness

If you are interested in this training, please contact Stephanie Sam. Training will start in March (250) 342-6301 Ext:3849 or stephanie.sam@akisqnuK.org



BladeRunners is a free employment readiness program to provide you with the **skills, certifications, experience, and connections** to gain employment. We offer both individual and cohort delivery methods.

By going the individual route, you can customize the program to fit your needs and life goals.

Those who qualify are:

- Between the ages of 15 and 30
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Not currently on EI
- Not enrolled in full-time studies.

Intake is ongoing; give us shout!

CERTIFICATIONS

- First Aid
- Serving It Right
- WHMIS
- Foodsafe
- Skid Steer Operator
- Chainsaw Safety
- Construction Safety Training
- H2S Alive
- Microsoft Excel
- ... lots more

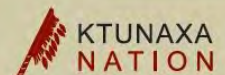
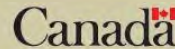
LOCATIONS

- ?akisq'nuK
- ?aqam
- Yaqit ?a-knuqli'it
- YaqaN Nu?kiy
- Argenta
- Cranbrook
- Crawford Bay
- Creston
- Elkford
- Fernie
- Golden
- Grasmere
- Invermere
- Kaslo
- Kimberley
- Nelson
- Salmo
- Slocan
- Sparwood

For more information or to share your ideas, contact:

Brandon
250-489-2464 ext 3155
Brandon.Hunt@ktunaxa.org

Jenn
250-489-2464 ext 3063
Jenn.Higginbottom@ktunaxa.org



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Visit us at WWW.KTUNAXA.ORG/FIVE-PILLARS/EDUCATIONEMPLOYMENT

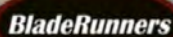
Are you interested in using Drones for Self-Employment?

We are preparing a youth program using drones for photography & videography

Learn photo and video editing
Explore drone use for land surveying, agriculture, and SAR

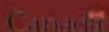
Learn entrepreneurial and job search skills

Contact Education & Employment Sector
250-489-2464 for more information



Youth Employability Program Eligibility:

- 15-30 * Unemployed/underemployed (20 hours or less)
- * No EI Attachment * Not a full time student



Customer Service

February 6-17, 2023
OR
March 13-24, 2023

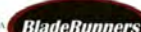
Get the certificates and skills needed to land a great job in hospitality!

- Customer Service Basic + Superhost
- FoodSafe
- Serving It Right
- Selling It Right

Contact Education & Employment Sector
250-489-2464
For more information

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Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund.



For ʔakisq̓nuk artist & photographers to submit

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

Our Land. Our Words. Our Stories.

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



Ktuq̓qakyam, The Bearer of News, Teller of Tales

Check out the revamped Ktunaxa newspaper Ktuq̓qakyam!

<https://www.ktunaxa.org/ktuq%cc%93%c8%bcqakyam-%c2%a2%cc%95upnakutnamu-fall-2022/?fbclid=IwAR15DFQ6jcEPCLWfBfhuiEEteTcxiKe2F4gJ8jcF6IAorfYtmcZJsa7iVM0>

Or pick up your paper copy at the band office

The Bearer of News, Teller of Tales
A PUBLICATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION
#upnakutnamu • Fall 2022

Ktuq̓qakyam

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Happy children in front of the traditional ʔakis handu tipi created by Robin Louie in collaboration with Ktunaxanitsik and other helpers. Also shown is a yaq̓s/mis̓ built by Jordan Louie. Both Louies (who are cousins) are devoting considerable energy and expertise to fend the traditional Ktunaxa cultural and technological practices that make being Ktunaxa so unique. See Page 6 for more. (Photo: R. Louie)

Treatment Centre Update

The Seven Nations Soaring Eagles Treatment Centre will be built on Lower Kootenay Band territory. The project has been in the works for several years. Naisi'kin Jason Louie of Yaq̓s Nu'kiy says it represents the seven First Nations that live in B.C. He says the 12-bed facility will accept all Indigenous Canadians who seek help and treatment.

At Naisi'kin Louie told N'kwam'yu'wam in 2019, "They've made the decision that they want to change their lifestyle. They're realizing that there's an issue with alcohol and drugs in their lives. That their lives have become unmanageable. We just want to get them here."

Debbie Whitehead, Director of Ktunaxa Nation Council Social Investment Sector, is pleased with progress so far. "The team, including Shane Stewart, manager of KNC's Economic Investment Sector, is ensuring the centre is built in a timely manner," she said. "The society is incorporated, and the curriculum is complete."

A group was informally created, made up of Yaq̓s Nu'kiy, First Nations Health Authority, Ktunaxa Nation Council Social and Economic Investment Sector, and Cover (the architects). The group had regular meetings to review drawings and designs. They raised many questions around layout and functionality. The group finalized the schematic designs based on the needs of the treatment centre clients. Most firms are in place, with other applications in process.

Next steps
The members of the design committee have been finalized, and meeting dates have been set. The committee will tackle decisions on siding, roofing, materials, flooring, colour choices... all the choices needed to complete the entire project.

Meanwhile, the architects will create the construction documents and get ready for the building tender submissions.

If everything goes according to the schedule, by end of January, 2023, the bid package/tender will be sent out to potential contractors. By end of February, 2023, the tender will be awarded. And by April or May, 2023, construction will begin.

Drawing courtesy Cover Architects. A site view of the Seven Nations Soaring Eagles Treatment Centre. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as April of 2023. If you have questions about the treatment centre building project, please contact Curtis Walker, Lower Kootenay Band. If you have questions about the operations, contact Debbie Whitehead, KNC Social Investment Sector, and if you have questions about the design, contact Shane Stewart, KNC Economic Sector.

Keepers of the Season



Keepers of the Season

Check out the new website for ʔakisq'nuq Band member Darcy Fisher and Family business
<https://keepersoftheseasonsllc.com/>

Eco-immersion: Indigenous Ecological Knowledge classes, courses, and workshops.

We offer services that encourage personal growth and positive change. Eco-immersion:

- Indigenous Connectedness Presentation
- Walking Through the Seasons and Language of the Plants Presentation Organizational Team Building:
- Wild foraging training (Plant identification)
- Wild foraging: processing, prep and protocol
- Health and Wellness Retreats
- Healing on the land

Healing on the land

Being on the land in a good way allows us to honor our ancestral promise to the land and teaches us to respect the natural order of all living things. Each footprint we leave connects us to the past, grounds us in the present and guides us to the future; we learn to tread lightly and pace ourselves through intention. Indigenous Connectedness allows us to know who we are, where we came from and the gifts we share. Importantly it teaches us to let go of ourselves and our past limitations(barriers) to make space for positive change.



Self Care

Mental Health

on-call 310-1234

Available counsellors

<https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-First-Nations-Health-Benefits-Mental-Health-Provider-List.pdf>

KUU-US Crisis Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-588-8717. Alternatively, individuals can call direct into the Youth Line at 250-723-2040 or the Adult Line at 250-723-4050.

can support individuals, but are not limited to, mental health issues and crisis related to residential school, child welfare, addiction, health concerns, divorce and separation, suicide ideation and survivorship, grief and loss, crime, abuse, peer pressure and financial distress.

Dr. Page Clinic

February 16th is the next clinic. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Foot Clinics

February 21 & 22nd are the next clinics. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Chiropractor*

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

Massage*

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

Influenza vaccines

Anyone over the age of six months is eligible for free influenza vaccination. The influenza vaccine saves lives and prevents illness by protecting individuals and communities from the spread of disease. Flu shots are safe and easy to get.

You can phone the provincial call centre (toll-free) at 1-833-838-2323 to book your appointment or visit the link below for more information

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/immunization-and-vaccines/influenza-flu-vaccines#booked-appointments-also-available-for-influenza-vaccine>

Columbia Valley Flu clinics (by appointment only) are at the Invermere Health Clinic, Pharmasave, and Lambert Kipp Pharmacy.

Flu and Shingles Vaccine Clinic at Akisqnuq First Nation January 31st 10:30 -2:30. Contact Health Office to book. 250-342 -6379

Non Coverage Medical*

ʔakisqnuq members living in BC have Pacific Blue Cross Coverage.

If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisqnuq Member services director Christy Baker for assistance at christy.baker@akisqnuq.org

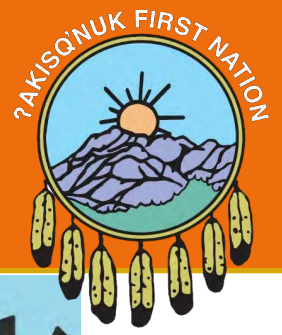
Medical Appointment Transportation

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

*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 patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org.



Self-Care



TAKISQNUK HEALTH CENTER

NUPQU (BEAR MONTH) FEBRUARY

FEB. 9TH & 16TH 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC
FEB. 21 & 22ND 9-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC

For more details on the Clinics, to book or to cancel
your appointment Contact
Health Office: (250) 342-6379



Naloxone kits are available for pickup at the
Health Center for anyone who would like them

*Please note that all Medical receipts should be
submitted directly to Patsy Nicholas at
patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org*

Takisqnuknik, your feedback helps Takisqnuk First Nation make
improvements to services provided.

Take a few minutes to fill out the Health and wellness survey.
visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM> or scan QR



code





Self Care

Have you lost someone to overdose? We'd like to hear from you

If you have experienced losing a family member, friend, client or loved one to the toxic drug supply, please join us for a virtual sharing circle about this important and sensitive topic. Your feedback will help the First Nations Health Authority improve the way it supports people experiencing grief and loss due to the toxic drug crisis.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Here is how to participate:

Sign up for a virtual sharing circle [here](https://linktr.ee/reciprocalconsultinginc)

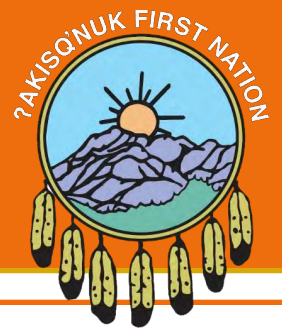
<https://linktr.ee/reciprocalconsultinginc>

Participants receive a \$25 gift card of their choice and a medicine bundle.

The sharing circle is open to people who identify as Indigenous - First Nations, Metis and Inuit - and to health workers who work with Indigenous peoples. A Knowledge Keeper will open and guide the circle and cultural supports will be available. All information shared is confidential.

If you prefer to share your feedback by phone or email, or if you have questions, contact: Teamleads@reciprocalconsulting.ca

Chief & Council



Band Meeting

March 20th 5pm MST

Topic: akisqnuq Band Meeting

Time: Mar 20, 2023 05:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775327227> Meeting ID: 817 7532 7227

Chief and Council

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

Deadline is February 10th for February 15th Chief and Council.

Deadline is February 22nd for March 1st Chief and Council.

Contact Executive Assistance Karen Vargas karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org to request to be on agenda or if you have any questions.

Elders' Corner

ʔAkisqnuq Elders

Committee Scheduled

Scheduled: January 31st 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.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85632236041?pwd=OU85WCs4MURKeTU0djZGUlpxcmZEdz09>

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

1st Wednesday of Every month. Next meeting is March 1st 2023.

Contact Darcy Luke for agenda items, information (location for in-person) and/or Zoom link at

dluke@ktunaxa.org

KKCFSS Elder Resident position posting

KKCFSS is looking for [Resident Elders](#) for their offices ʔaq'am, Yaqaan Nukiy, ʔakisq'nuq, BC

<https://www.ktunaxa.org/wp-content/uploads/Resident-Elders.pdf>

BC Elders Gathering

is scheduled for August 15-16 2023 in Vancouver.

Deadline to Register is July 10th. \$550 per person BC Elders' council Elders' Voice Newsletter

[https://www.bcelders.com/Newsletter/December 2022 Elders Voice.pdf](https://www.bcelders.com/Newsletter/December%2022%20Elders%20Voice.pdf)

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for feed not speed.

