



# ʔakisq̓nuk Community Newsletter

February 24th 2023 Issue

On Lake Windermere– Feb. 23/23

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# Members Messages

Consolidated

**7AKISQNUK First Nation**

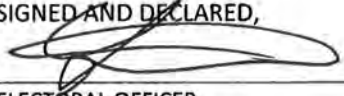
**Official Count Declaration – Council By Election**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

This document declares and confirms the Official Ballot Count of all ballots properly recorded at the Band Office Polling Station for the 7AKISQNUK 2023 Council By Election following the close of Regular Polls located in the 7AKISQNUK First Nation.

	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST</b>	97
	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SPOILED/REJECTED BALLOTS</b>	0
<b>INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE BALLOT COUNTS</b>	
<b>Alpine, Janice Mae</b>	43
<b>Hudson, Anna Louise (Sam)</b>	9
<b>Kains, Leona Mae</b>	5
<b>Nicholas, Adam Lawrence</b>	40

SIGNED AND DECLARED,

  
ELECTORAL OFFICER  
250-384-8200 (ph)



onefeather

# Members Messages



## ʔAKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION 2023 COUNCIL BY ELECTION

### STATEMENT OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

13 February, 2023

TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILOR

JANICE MAE ALPINE

This election, and all of its regulatory processes and requirements, were diligently conducted in accordance with the *ʔakisq'nuq First Nation Election Code*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a horizontal line.

ELECTORAL OFFICER  
250-889-1582 (ph)



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# Members Messages



## *Funeral Notice*



James White

MAY 26, 1948 - FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Wake February 22, 2023 at 5PM

Funeral Services February 23, 2023 at 11am

Feast to follow service at

Takisqnuk Band Hall

Windermere BC



# Members Messages



## Reclaimed Members

### **HARPER MAE**

We were thrilled to open a letter from Indigenous Service Canada to discover my daughter, Harpers application was accepted, and she is now officially a registered First Nation and a member of the ?Akisqnuk First Nation Band. Harper is 7 years old, she was diagnosed with high functioning ASD a few years ago but that doesn't hold her back from living life to the fullest! She is loving, caring, and instinctively creative. She loves to learn about the history of indigenous peoples and keeps asking about her ancestors (it's adorable and melts me). She loves dance and music, Harper truly has an old soul. She is most at peace when she is cuddling her bunny (honey bunny). Our family (13 in total) will be renting a house in Invermere August long weekend and attending the Morigeau family reunion. Hope we will have the pleasure of meeting some of the Elders and other members/staff on Friday, August 4th. Love Harpers Dad, Brandon



Little Badgers



harmit haria

## Family Fishing Day On Feb. 18th

Eva Joseph Learning and  
Cultural Society  
Family Fishing Day on February

18th

"Family Fish Day was a success with lots of fun at Lake Lillian! Stay tuned for the next community event coming in April!"

Check out, follow and like, [Little Badgers Early Learning Programs & Nature School on Facebook](#)

Little badgers website: <https://littlebadgerearlylearning.com/>

If you are interested in sharing stories or cultural activities with the ?akisqnuk families please contact Kayla at [Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com). Honorariums are available.

If you wanting more information on EJLCS or Little Badgers Early learning program or have questions or have an interest in getting involved contact Manager Carrie Rickards at [carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com)

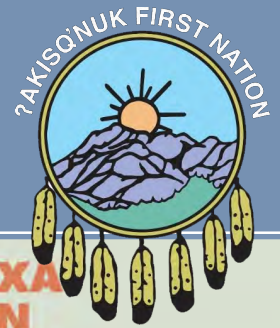








# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



## February

- Feb.25th 11am-3pm.: Blowin' Into Spring Family Fun Day, ʔakisqnuq health center & Arbor. Call 250 342-6379 to register ahead if you have any dietary restrictions.
- Postponed-Feb.28th 10am.: ʔakisqnuq Elders committee meeting at ʔakisqnuq Band Hall, Zoom available.
- Feb.28th- April 4th 10am.: Killing the Indian Child: Generations Lost, New traveling Exhibit at the Cranbrook history center.

## March

- Mar.1st 9am-4pm.: KNC Elder's Meeting. Safety awareness with Cranbrook RCMP Indigenous Policing Ktunaxa Unit and Self Defense workshop with Joel Huncar in the AM. Xaqʔanaʔ ʔitkiniʔ with Dr. Christopher Horsethief in the PM. Contact Darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org
- Mar.1st 10am.: ʔakisqnuq Chief and Council meeting.
- Mar.6th-10th & 13th-17th 10am-6pm.: Making Buckskin with Beatrice Stevens at ʔakisqnuq First Nation, Rec center Mural room. For more information contact [Barbara.fisher@ktunaxa.org](mailto:Barbara.fisher@ktunaxa.org) Sign up <https://buckskinwithbea.wufoo.com/forms/make-buckskin-with-beatrice/>
- Mar.8th 10am-3pm.: Ktunaxanintik: Bighorn Sheep info session to address losses in winter range at the KNC gym. Lunch provided, stipend 7 travel vouchers available. Contact for more info or sign up caitlin.phillips@ktunaxa.org.
- Mar.9th-10th 8am.: Elders Engagement Session for Bill C-92 on building a Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Child and Family Legislation at the Heritage Inn Cranbrook. To register contact Chelsea Hollingshead 250 489 4563 Ext. 4012, [chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org](mailto:chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org). Deadline to sign up is February 28th.
- Mar.9th 10am.: Ktunaxa Display Art showcase and engagement at the Ktunaxa Nation Building in Cranbrook
- Mar.20th-24th 9am-3pm.: Circus Camp at ʔakisqnuq Band Hall. Open to any ʔakisqnuq 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](mailto:Sdemagal@gmail.com) 250-688-7432

## 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](mailto:chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
Tuesday February 28th, 2023



Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Services Society

## Ktunaxa Art Showcase

New Date

March 9  
2023



KTUNAXA DISPLAY ART SHOWCASE AND ENGAGEMENT

Ktunaxa Nation Government Building Gymnasium

March 9, 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](mailto:jbasil@ktunaxa.org) for more information  
Ktunaxa Nation Government Building; 220 Cranbrook St. N., Cranbrook, BC





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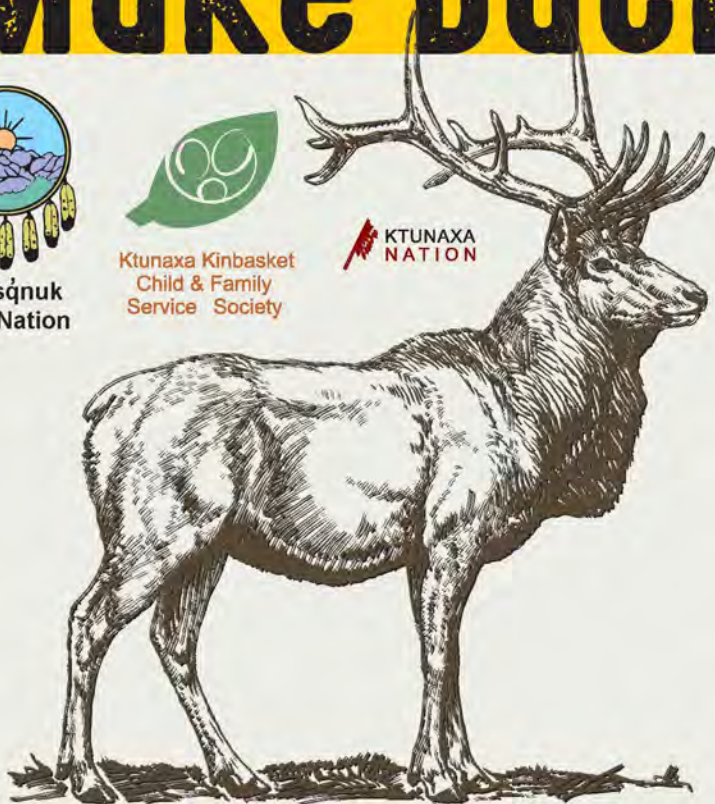
# Make Buckskin!



Takisqnuq  
First Nation



Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Service Society



*with  
Beatrice*

Learn and do our  
traditional ways of...

- Hide preparation
- Scraping
- Stretching
- & Finishing

Later in the year,  
we will make items  
from the buckskin.

## 2-Week Buckskin Intensive with Expert Beatrice Stevens

**March 6-10 & 13-17, 2023**

Between 10 am 6 pm each day.

**Takisqnuq First Nation: Rec center Mural Room**

Meet there each day to share in this healing work.

March 6 we'll be a Bea's house for scraping & fleshing. Lunch, dinners, snacks & hot beverages provided.

Come prepared for this outside activity and bring:  
Chairs, blankets, warm clothes, etc.

Online registration: <https://buckskinwithbea.wufoo.com/forms/make-buckskin-with-beatrice/>



**Register by  
February 28!**

Use the QR code  
to register online  
with your phone,  
call, or visit the  
website below.

**More info? Please reach out!**

Barbara.Fisher@ktunaxa.org  
250-489-2464 Ext. 4331

# Healing through traditional life skills.



# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



KTUNAXA  
NATION

## CALL OUT FOR HIDES AND SCAPPERS

FOR UPCOMING BUCKSKIN MAKING WITH  
BEATRICE STEVENS



- DEER OR ELK HIDES
- NO FRESH OR VERY RECENT KILLS (HIDES TO THIN THIS TIME OF YEAR)
- NO ROAD KILL- HIDES ARE NO GOOD
- NO MEAT ON THE HIDES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARBARA FISHER AT

[BARBARA.FISHER@KTUNAXA.ORG](mailto:BARBARA.FISHER@KTUNAXA.ORG)



JERROD BONDY BRINGS

## CIRCUS CAMP

at ʔakisqnuq



March 20-24, 2023 • 9am-3PM

ʔakisqnuq Bandhall

Open to any ʔakisqnuknik 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!

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[Sdemagal@gmail.com](mailto:Sdemagal@gmail.com)

250-688-7432

## Guardians in Training Over- Night Youth Camp

JUNE 6TH-9TH, 2023

@BLUE LAKE CAMP

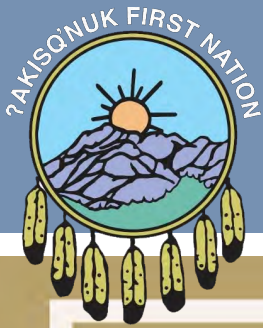


A great opportunity for any youth ages 12-18 for a fun learning experience on how to become guardians of our shared territory. Also seeking Knowledge Holders

SIGN UP WITH LORNE SHOVAR

[LORNE.SHOVAR@AKISQNUK.ORG](mailto:LORNE.SHOVAR@AKISQNUK.ORG)





Upcoming Events:  
Mark your calendars



LET'S UNITE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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# AKISQNUK BAND MEETING

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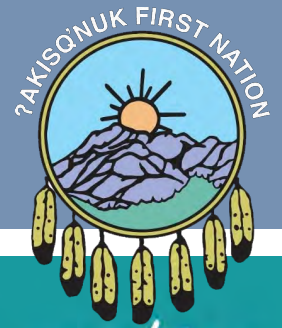
**MONDAY MARCH 20TH, 2023 | 5PM  
AKISQNUK BAND HALL OR ZOOM**

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775327227)  
MEETING ID: 817 7532 7227



# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



## FISHING WITH THE FUZZ

**FEB. 23, 2023**  
**COME FISH WITH US!**

A DAY OF FISHING AT LAKE WINDERMERE, 10AM  
BRING CHAIRS AND YOUR EQUIPMENT. WILL HAVE SOME EQUIPMENT WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING OUT OUR FISHING RODS, AND CATCHING SOME FISH. CONTACT MONTE WEBB AT MONTE.WEBB@RCMP-GRC.GC.CA OR CALL 250-464-5716

**POSTPONED**

## Elder Advisory meeting

**FEB. 28**  
**10.00 AM**

Email: [karen.yargas@akisqnuk.org](mailto:karen.yargas@akisqnuk.org)  
Zoom link  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?pwd=UmlrNEpETIVITWVPT0tXd1dMSlU3UT09)  
pwd=UmlrNEpETIVITWVPT0tXd1dMSlU3UT09  
Meeting ID: 859 3473 3519  
Passcode: 664653

**POSTPONE: TBD**

www.akisqnuk.org

## NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

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

**Floor is open for all ideas**

Calling All Community members, we are looking for ideas to help us continue providing a community SUPPORT GROUPS and PROGRAMS that are geared towards helping a S.O.S., "No One Left Behind", Strong and Alive Community!! Please mark your calendar, come and share your ideas and help continue making 2023 ?Akisq'nuq 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 Phone 250-342-6379 Email: [patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org](mailto:patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org) & [tracy.miller@akisqnuk.org](mailto:tracy.miller@akisqnuk.org) [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86823348704?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86823348704?pwd=YUDKaWVDUGh5QWhMWEkyM0dod2hkdz09) Meeting ID: 868 2334 8704 Passcode: 545227**

**POSTPONE: TBD**

7AKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION

## LET'S TALK ABOUT EDUCATION!!

February 23rd, 2023 | 5 to 7 PM  
Columbia Lake Recreation Centre  
Banquet 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.  
[stephanie.sam@akisqnuk.org](mailto:stephanie.sam@akisqnuk.org)

**POSTPONE: TBD**





# 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](mailto:carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com)

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

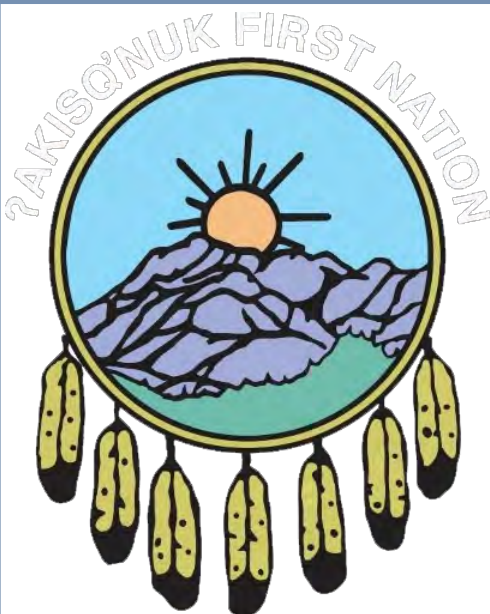
# CATERER NEEDED

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](mailto:carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com) or phone 250-342-6331





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org)





# Reminders & Notices



## ʔAkisqnuq 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](mailto: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

ʔakisqnuq 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](mailto:joseph.khan@akisqnuq.org)), or Fiscal and Economic Director ([david.bach@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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](mailto: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@akisqnuq.org](mailto:dale.shudra@akisqnuq.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.

Increased funding + Member funds +(AFN Home grant?) = the possibility of a new home

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



## We care about what you think.

?akisqnuknik, your feedback helps ?akisqnuq 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)



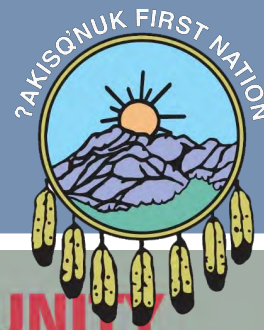
Service standards strengthen Band accountability by making performance transparent and increase the confidence of members in their leadership by demonstrating commitment to service excellence.

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

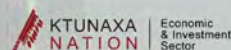
- Keep your existing Internet provider.
- Receive \$55 per month to subsidize your existing plan.

• **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 [kkcfss.org](http://kkcfss.org)







[www.akisqnuk.org](http://www.akisqnuk.org)

**CALL TO ʔAKISQNUK COMMUNITY**

# Columbia River Treaty Renewal Leadership Steering Committee

ʔakisqnuk needs to appoint 2 ʔakisqnukniks to  
represent on this committee

If you have an interest in being a representative contact  
SAO Joseph Khan [joseph.khan@akisqnuk.org](mailto:joseph.khan@akisqnuk.org) or Karen  
Vargas at [karen.vargas@akisqnuk.org](mailto:karen.vargas@akisqnuk.org)

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## Skill sets of appointees

- ☒ Knowledge of Ktunaxa values/interests
- ☒ Understanding of the Columbia River System
- ☒ Professional and reliable
- ☒ Ability to devote at least 3 days per month to Columbia River Treaty business
- ☒ Traditional use and cultural heritage would be an asset
- ☒ Community liaison for seeking members' perspectives

To see TOR or Appointment Skill set contact  
[communication@akisqnuk.org](mailto:communication@akisqnuk.org)



# 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](mailto: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.

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

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### CERTIFICATIONS

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

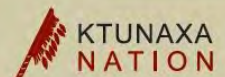
### LOCATIONS

- ?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](mailto:Brandon.Hunt@ktunaxa.org)

Jenn  
 250-489-2464 ext 3063  
[Jenn.Higginbottom@ktunaxa.org](mailto:Jenn.Higginbottom@ktunaxa.org)



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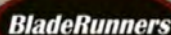
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Learn photo and video editing  
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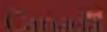
Learn entrepreneurial and job search skills

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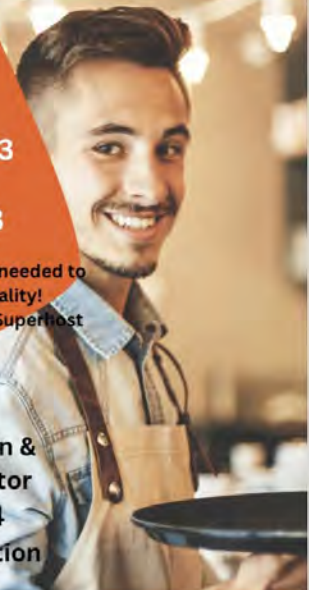
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February 6-17, 2023  
 OR  
 March 13-24, 2023

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

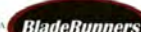
- Customer Service Basic + Superhost
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- Serving It Right
- Selling It Right

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 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](mailto:lillian.rose@ktunaxa.org)

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

**The Bearer of News, Teller of Tales**  
A PUBLICATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION  
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# Ktuq̓qakyam

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Happy children in front of the traditional ʔakis handu tipi created by Robin Louie in collaboration with Ktunaxan/niak and other helpers. Also shown is a yaq̓s/miʔ 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)

## 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

## 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. Naisiʔin Jason Louie of Yaq̓s Miʔkiy 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 Naisiʔin Louie told Nisquam/You.com 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 Miʔkiy, First Nations Health Authority, Ktunaxa Nation Council Social and Economic Investment sectors, 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 final decisions 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.

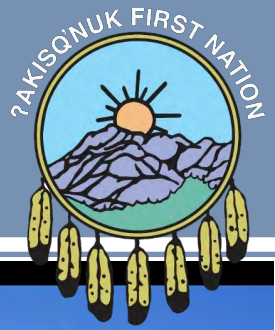
If everything goes according to the schedule, by end of January, 2023, the bid package/tender will be sent out to potential contractors. By end of February, 2023, the tender will be awarded. And by April or May, 2023, construction will begin.



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.



For ʔakisq̓nuk artist & photographers to submit



## Call out to Indigenous artists for cave and Basin mural project

In collaboration with Parks Canada, the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies is seeking up to three Indigenous artists to create temporary murals on eight-by-eight foot wooden boxes to be displayed prominently on the grounds of the Cave and Basin, and tucked away in the winter.

Checkout the Full article [https://www.rmoutlook.com/mountain-guide/call-out-to-indigenous-artists-for-cave-and-basin-mural-project-6325014?](https://www.rmoutlook.com/mountain-guide/call-out-to-indigenous-artists-for-cave-and-basin-mural-project-6325014?utm_source=SND&utm_medium=Facebook&utm_campaign=AutoPilot&fbclid=IwAR08K6328t3rGf7mhQdKHOBKI8L28TBq5FdnH38JpUd40pjeNd5e1ywdho0)



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## First Peoples' Cultural Council for Proposals Indigenous Filmmakers in BC

Have you heard about our collaboration with [Knowledge Network](#)? We are calling for proposals from Indigenous filmmakers!

# Call for Proposals

**Indigenous Filmmakers in B.C.**

**Info Sessions**

February 23 at 10 a.m.  
February 28 at 2 p.m.

RSVP: [gordonl@knowledge.ca](mailto:gordonl@knowledge.ca)

 **FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL COUNCIL**  **BRITISH COLUMBIA'S Knowledge Network**

Learn more about this great opportunity by joining an online information session on February 28th at 2 p.m. Register by emailing [gordonl@knowledge.ca](mailto:gordonl@knowledge.ca)



# 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

March 2nd and 16th 2-4pm are the next clinics.

Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

## Foot Clinics

March 8th 9am-4pm is the next clinic. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

## Chiropractor\*

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

## Massage\*

ʔakisqnuk 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 Akisqnuk First Nation January 31st 10:30 -2:30. Contact Health Office to book. 250-342 -6379

## Non Coverage Medical\*

ʔakisqnuk members living in BC have Pacific Blue Cross Coverage.

If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisqnuk health manager Patsy Nicholas for assistance at [patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org](mailto:patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.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@akisqnuk.org](mailto:patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org).





# 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 22nd for March 1st Chief and Council.

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

Contact Executive Assistance Karen Vargas [karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org](mailto:karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org) to request to be on agenda or if you have any questions.

## Elders' Corner

### ʔAkisqnuq Elders

#### Committee Scheduled

**Scheduled: Scheduled:**  
**February 28th 2023**

**POSTPONED: TBD**, 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/85934733519?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?pwd=UmlrNEpET1V1TWVPT0tXd1dMS1U3UT09)

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### 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  
[darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org](mailto:darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org)

### KKCFSS Elder Resident position posting

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

[https://www.ktunaxa.org/  
wp-content/uploads/  
Resident-Elders.pdf](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.bcelanders.com/  
Newsletter/  
December 2022 Elders Voi  
ce.pdf](https://www.bcelanders.com/Newsletter/December%2022%20Elders%20Voice.pdf)

This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!

