



# ʔakisq̓nuk Community Newsletter

## June 1, 2023



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# Little Badgers wins award

The Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural society was honoured to be recognized and receive an award for Little Badgers Early Learning programs from the BC government [ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence](#). They were recognized and received the Inclusive Practices Award.

- Inclusive Practices Award – Little Badgers Early Learning Programs of Windermere: Little Badgers welcomes children of diverse needs and cultural ethnicities, including Indigenous backgrounds, franco-phone, families of young or single parents, and children with extra support needs. The centre excels in providing an enriched environment for children with diverse needs and backgrounds.

You can read the press release from the BC government here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0036-000827>





# Members Messages

## **A REMINDER OF THE QUILT PROJECT**

The project group is accepting completed quilt squares. It is a slow process, but will keep it open as there are individuals working on their squares. If you are interested in the project and need assistance, you can reach out to Gayle Michel or Patsy Nicholas.

[Gayle.michel@akisqnuq.org](mailto:Gayle.michel@akisqnuq.org)

[Patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org](mailto:Patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org)

## **Quilting Project for a healing journey**


This is an opportunity for Akisqnukniks to express how you are feeling on your journey by writing a statement about your experience of the residential school, '60's scoop or the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Girls/Boys on a quilt square. You may have been affected by one or two or all three. I am coordinating the project, and the possibilities are endless on how this project can take its course. However, the end project will be 3 quilts to showcase in the community. Please remember that this may be difficult and do take your time with this process. Please reach out if you need to. You can express your unique experience in words, sentences, paragraphs, images, color, symbols, pockets and more.

## **HOW IT WILL WORK**

We will send you quilts squares to use, or you can utilize your own to design your masterpiece. We will also be available to put on the squares whatever you would like on a square for you, if you prefer. An opportunity for individuals to assist with the sewing will be set up when all quilt squares have been submitted.

The completed projects will be displayed at the Akisqnuq First Nation. Submissions for the squares will be open until all interested individuals have completed their task.

Thank you for participating in this project. Contact Gayle or Patsy if you have any questions.



# Members Messages

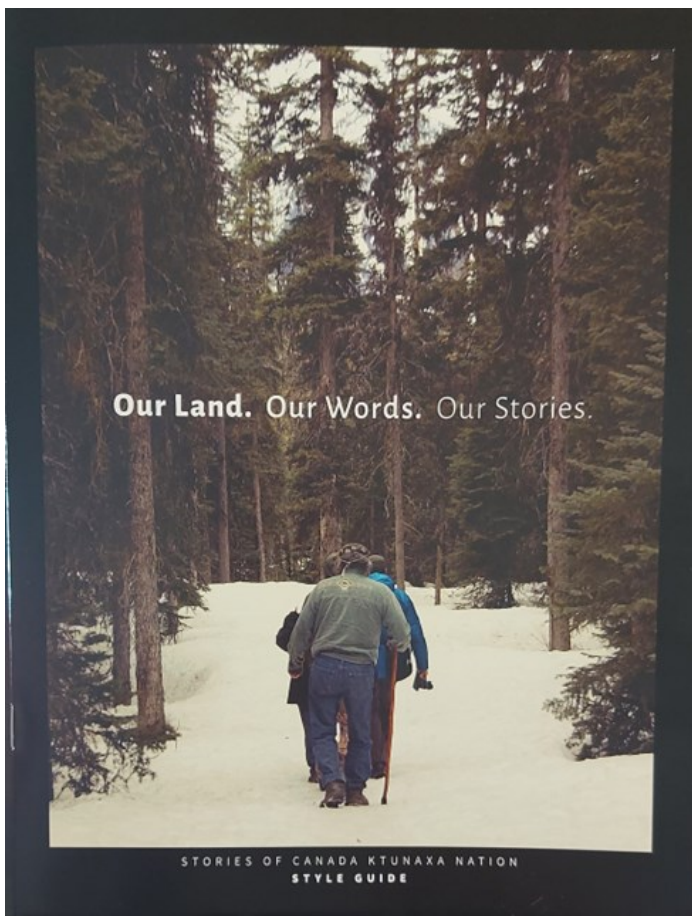
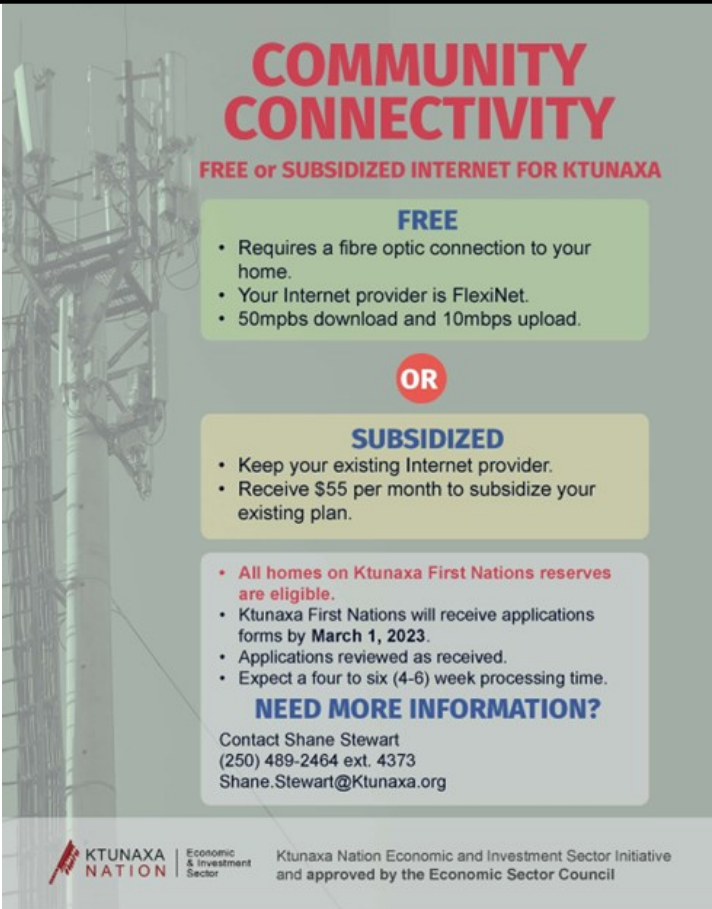
**The deadline for submissions is June 9**

**Poetry, art, stories and good news is all welcome!**

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 at 250 342 1635.

## 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 & Investment Sector | Ktunaxa Nation Economic and Investment Sector Initiative and approved by the Economic Sector Council

- **There are no catches. There is no fine print. This is Free internet or \$55 per month subsidized for every household on reserve.**

- 20 years ago the Nations wanted improved connection in communities and wanted it to be free. This is now possible.

You can get an application from your Band office, Shane or fill the application online by login into your Ktunaxa Hakqyit account

<https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/login>

You must register with the site to complete the application for free internet or subsidy for your internet

<https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/ktunaxa-community-connectivity>

For more information contact Shane Stewart with the Ktunaxa Nation at 250 489 2464 ext 4373 or [shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org](mailto:shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org)



# Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars

### June

- June 2, 9-11am: Naḗmit' nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 5, 9-4: Ribbon shirt and skirt making day at the recreation center in the mural room. Register with Christy at [christy.baker@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuuk.org)
- June 7, 9-4: Foot Clinic at AFN Health Center. Call 250 342 6379 to book an appointment.
- June 8, 2-4pm: Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To book an appointment , contact 250 342 6379.
- June 9, 9-11am: Naḗmit' nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 9: Deadline to submit poetry, art, stories and good news for Ktunaxa Legacy Publication project. Contact Lillian Rose at 250-342-1635.
- June 14, 9-noon: De-brief and action items moving forward from the Community is the Medicine workshop and the Wellness workshop in the band hall.
- June 16, 9-11am: Naḗmit' nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day. More details to follow.
- June 22, 2-4pm: Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To book an appointment , contact 250 342 6379.
- June 23, 9-11am: Naḗmit' nana Playgroup. Outdoor play at Little Badgers. Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited.
- June 23-27: Salmon Warriors Gathering for young adults aged 19-29. Contact darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org to register.
- June 27, 10am: Elders Committee meeting at the Band Hall.
- June 28, 10-1: Community Kitchen at the Rec Centre. Bake and take lasagna and Caesar salad. RSVP required.

### July

- July 26-27: Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly in Tobacco Plains. Registration forms at [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org).

### August

- August 15-16: BC Elders Gathering in Vancouver. Deadline to register is July 10.
- August 21-25: Okanagan RCMP recruiting youth canoe journey. Canoe from Penticton to Vernon. See poster in newsletter for more information.
- August 25-27: AFN Annual General Assembly. More information will follow.



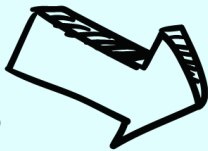
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## Mark your calendars

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## SUMMER PROGRAMS

We are planning a Summer Program for ʔakisq'nuq children. If you have children who will be looking for activities over the summer, please contact Stephanie Sam at (250) 342-6301 Ext: 3849 or [stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org](mailto:stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org) with names and ages, so we can ensure we have adequate spaces for all children wishing to attend.



Any older youth looking for employment, and want to work with the summer program? Contact us to get your resume done and submitted. What's better than getting paid to partake in some Summer fun?





# Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN



**WHERE:** Recreation Centre Kitchen  
**WHEN:** June 28<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 10 A.M – 1 P.M.  
**RSVP REQUIRED** – Please contact Christy at 250-342-6301-extension 3845  
First meal prepared to bake and take: Lasagna and Caesar salad.

### Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Making

**Date:** June 5

**Time:** 9 - 4

**Location:** Rec Center

REGISTER WITH CHRISTY AT  
[CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQ'NUK.ORG](mailto:CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQ'NUK.ORG)

Save the Date  
for the



# Annual General Assembly



AUGUST 25 - 27

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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# Reminders and Notices

## Yoho & Kootenay National Park **Site Visit**



**Hop on the bus with us!**  
**To Kootenay & Yoho National Parks**  
**Open to all interested Nation Members.**

Help us capture what's important to you when it comes to Aquatic Health and Cultural Sites.

LIMITED SPOTS  
**OVERNIGHT TRIP**  
EXPENSES  
REIMBURSED

# June 15 - 16, 2023

Since 2021, the Ktunaxa Nation has been working with Parks Canada to develop an Aquatic Stewardship Plan for Kootenay and Yoho National Parks.

Visit key locations in both parks via chartered bus, spend overnight in Lake Louise, and return to the KNC Government Building early evening the next day. Meals, accommodation & travel will be provided.

Indigenous values and concepts were shared at a field trip to the Parks in spring 2022. We are planning another field trip to re-visit culturally important sites and continue the conversation around aquatic health.



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Please contact Kyle Highwind:  
**[khighwind@ktunaxa.org](mailto:khighwind@ktunaxa.org)**  
to sign up, or for more information.



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## Reminders and Notices

# SMOKII SUMAC

LOVE POEMS FOR THE END OF THE WORLD



JUNE 17TH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP LED BY AUTHOR OF YOU ARE ENOUGH: LOVE POEMS FOR THE END OF THE WORLD, WINNER OF 2019 INDIGENOUS VOICES AWARD. SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE, WHO YOU LOVE, WHERE YOU LOVE, HOW YOU LOVE, AND WHEN - JUST BRING A NOTEBOOK AND PEN



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# Reminders and Notices

## Salmon Warriors Gathering June 23-27, 2023

Near Fairmont Hot Springs, BC



Art by Marisa Phillips

Open to Syilx Okanagan, Ktunaxa,  
Secwépemc young adults ages 19-29.

Transportation support, meals,  
accommodation, honorariums provided.

**APPLY NOW! Contact:**

Valerie Michel, Secwépemc Nation  
crt@shuswapnation.org

Darcy Luke, Ktunaxa Nation  
darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org

Syilx Okanagan Nation c/o  
admin@columbiariversalmon.ca



BRINGING *the* SALMON HOME

kʔ cʔəlkʔ stím iʔ ntytyix

ʔatʔ suʔkiniʔ swaqmu

Tspelq'entém re Sqlélten

The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

[ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca](http://ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca)



# Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars

Only **TWO SPOTS** available. Please contact **Stephanie Sam** immediately if you are interested in attending.

## B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION WILD KIDZ CAMP

→ for more info & to register, visit [bcwf.bc.ca/wild-kidz-camp](http://bcwf.bc.ca/wild-kidz-camp) ←



Join us this summer for Wild Kidz (8-14) our conservation, outdoors, and leadership camp. Don't miss out on the fun, we'll be fishing, doing archery, learning outdoor survival skills, and more!



WHEN: July 31 - Aug 4



WHERE: Lake  
Windermere District  
Rod & Gun Club



AGES: 8 - 14



Wild Kidz Camp





# Little Badgers



## Naʔmit' Nana Playgroup

Join us for outdoor play and exploration at the Little Badgers Early Learning Center located at the ʔakisq'nuK First Nation in Windermere BC.

Caregivers and children 0-5 are invited for nature play, songs, stories and a community snack.

Friday mornings 9-11am.

May 12, 2023- June 23, 2023



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness





# Self Care



## ʔAKISQ'NUK HEALTH CENTER

**ʔUŁUMI**

(HIGH WATER)

**MAY**

**KUQUKUPKU**

(RIPENING OF STRAWBERRIES)

**JUNE**

**MAY 25 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC**

**JUNE 7 9-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC**

**JUNE 8 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC**

**JUNE 22 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE 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](mailto:patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org)\*

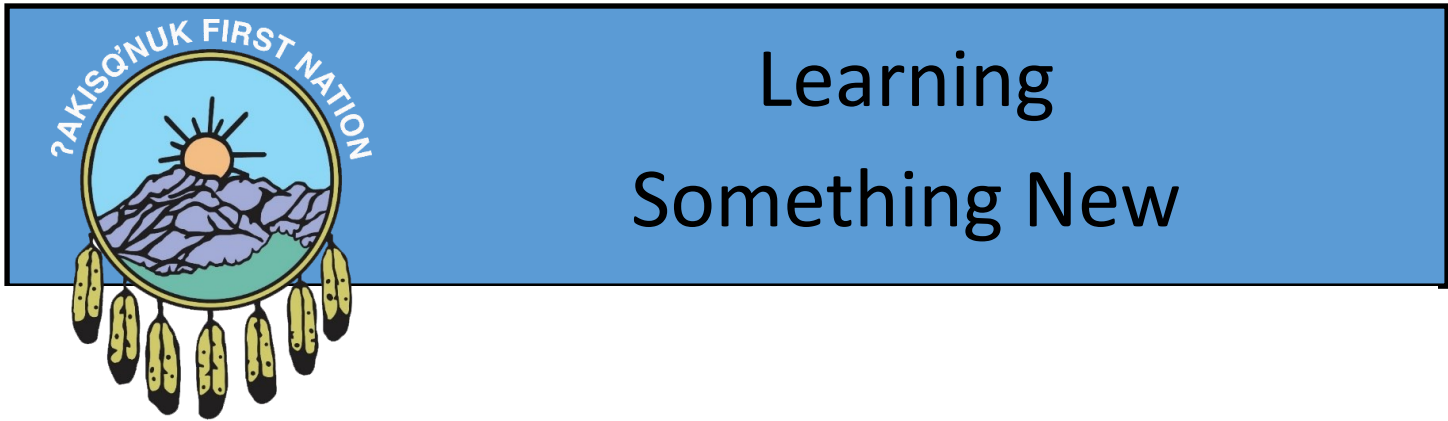
ʔakisq'nuknik, your feedback helps ʔakisq'nuk First Nation make improvements to services provided.

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



code





# Learning Something New

## Fire and Life Safety Education – Training for Fire Departments

FNESS is offering FREE firefighter training designed to prepare firefighters to teach fire and life safety to all members of their community. Our experienced public educators will bring the tools and resources needed to teach life safety skills to the community. At the end of the training, these resources will be given to the fire department for their ongoing use. Here are the training options available:

### Option 1 – 1 Day Training

This option can take place in the Fire Station or other community venue.

#### Morning

- WHY is it important to teach our community about fire and life safety?
- HOW can the Fire Department be involved?
- WHO in the community do we teach?
- WHAT do we teach?
- How do we teach?
- What tools help us teach?

#### Afternoon

- Simulations teaching different community groups.
- Practice using different teaching methods and tools.

### Option 2 – 1 ½ Day Training

This option consists of Option 1 described above, PLUS a ½ day teaching a group in the community. This is a great opportunity to try out new skills learned with a community group. Preparation for teaching in the community will happen on Day 1 and participants will be mentored and supported throughout this experience.

**If you are interested in this training, please respond privately to this email and I'll be happy to help.**



**First Nations'  
Emergency Services Society**

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Supporting BC First Nation Communities Since 1986

**Alisha Juma**

Fire Services Coordinator

Cell: 236.998.0591

[ajuma@fness.bc.ca](mailto:ajuma@fness.bc.ca)



# Reminders and Notices

## SUPPORT for INDIGENOUS STUDENT LEARNING PROGRAM INDIGENOUS DISABILITY CANADA

**WHO** - Indigenous students of any age, across Canada who have limited financial resources, including Indigenous students living with disabilities. To be eligible, students must be of low-income, enrolled in formal education (online, remote, on-site), and must be actively attending classes

**HOW** - Submit your filled application along with the supporting documents to the [sislp@bcands.bc.ca](mailto:sislp@bcands.bc.ca) to be considered to receive a laptop and/or related accessories necessary for learning and academic success

**WHY** - To support and assist Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) students in their continued educational success, ongoing studies and eventual career path

**Resources are limited - apply today!**

Applications will be accepted up to March 15, 2024 or until available resources have been expended.

All information will be verified, applications will be approved or declined based on documented priority need

Visit [www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca) for more information and to apply

\*Due to the pandemic and world wide shortages of technology, times to receive computers by approved applicants may be longer than anticipated



## Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC)

**Mailing Address:** #6 - 1610 Island Highway - Victoria, British Columbia - Canada - V9B 1H8  
**Toll Free Telephone:** 1-888-815-5511      **Victoria Capital Region Telephone:** (250) 381-7303  
**Fax:** (250) 381-7312      **Email:** [sislp@bcands.bc.ca](mailto:sislp@bcands.bc.ca)





# Employment Opportunities

Check out full Postings at <https://akisqnuq.org/employment-opportunities>



## WE NEED HELP WITH OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS



Paid and volunteer positions:

- Paid Facilitator
- Lunch Volunteers

Join our team!

The program will run during the summer school holidays. A schedule of events will go out to Community by the end of May.

Contact us at [hr@akisqnuq.org](mailto:hr@akisqnuq.org)

- General Manager for AFN Enterprises
- Casual workers
- Facilitator for Summer Programs
- Administrative Assistants
- Communications Assistant (1 year Fixed Term Contract)
- Social Development Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Project Manager Trainee
- Registered Forest Technician

You may submit your application to Human Resources at [hr@akisqnuq.org](mailto:hr@akisqnuq.org)

We are looking for a casual worker



The Akisq'nuq First Nation is looking for a casual staff to come in and assist with general maintenance of homes (light bulbs, railings, door handles, stair railings, etc.)

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Christy Baker via email [christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org) or by calling the office at (250) 342 6301 ext.3845.



### Program Coordinator, Indigenous Activities

Jack.org focuses on running anti-suicide and mental health advocacy campaigns for youth across Canada. We are looking to hire a Program Coordinator to help coordinate activities with our indigenous youth.

While our main office is in Toronto, this job is open to remote work. We are actively interviewing as we are looking to start someone as soon as July.

<https://jackorg.bamboohr.com/careers/123?source=aWQ9Mjk%3D>





# Elders Corner

## **Pakisq'nuq Elders Committee**

**Scheduled: June 27, 2023:** 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?pwd=UmlrNEpET1V1TWVPT0tXd1dMS1U3UT09>

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

1st Wednesday of Every month. Next meeting is June 7, 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)

## **Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society**

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

## **BC Elders Gathering**

Scheduled for August 15-16, 2023 in Vancouver. Deadline to Register is July 10th. \$550 per person.



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# Elders Corner



## *Elder's Meeting* Everyone Welcome

June 7th 2023

Round House, Yaqaṇ Nukiṽ  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**No registration required!**

For more information, contact  
Darcy Luke  
darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org  
(250) 489-2464 ext. 3156

*Join us!*

Yoga in the morning

Xaḷqanaḷ ʔitkiniḷ with  
Dr. Horsethief in the  
afternoon!



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NATION**



# Reminders and Notices

## Chief and Council Meetings

### Band Meeting

The next meeting is TBD.

### Chief and Council

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

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

Deadline is June 16th for June 21st Chief and Council.

?akisqnuq Nation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chief and Council Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1IrdnBvQT09)

[pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1IrdnBvQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1IrdnBvQT09)

Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

Contact Executive Assistant Karen Vargas [ka-ren.vargas@akisqnuq.org](mailto:ka-ren.vargas@akisqnuq.org) to request to be on the agenda or if you have any questions.



## ?AKISQNUK FIRST NATION IS LOOKING FOR A CATERER FOR THE 2023 AGA

Please email

[Christy.Baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:Christy.Baker@akisqnuq.org)

if you are interested or know anyone who might be available to cater from

August 25 to 27, 2023.



## We care about what you think.

?akisqnuqnik, your feedback helps ?akisqnuq First Nation make improvements to our Health Plan.

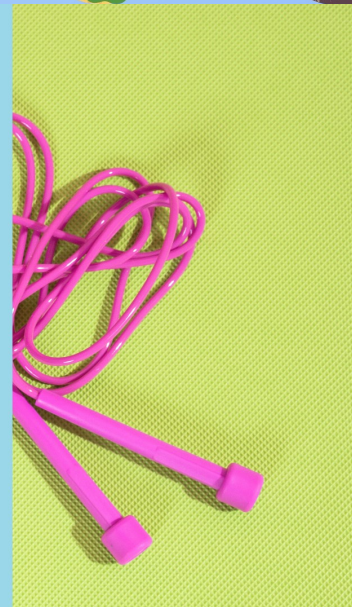
Take a few minutes to fill out the Health Survey.

The results will help to inform our Akisqnuq Health Plan (2023 - 2027), and will be submitted to FNHA for funding.

visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM>



[WWW.AKISQNUK.ORG](http://WWW.AKISQNUK.ORG)





# Reminders and Notices

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>



**Social Development update**

Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Christy Baker  
email: [christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org)

Due the 15th of every Month



# Reminders and Notices



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BILL C-92?

- BILL C-92 WAS PASSED IN CANADA ON JANUARY 1, 2020.
- IT AFFIRMS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF THE FIRST NATIONS' JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.
- TO CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO INDIGENOUS CHILDREN.
- ESTABLISHES NATIONAL PRINCIPLES (BEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD; CULTURAL CONTINUITY; AND SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY) AS WELL AS MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE MET IN THE PROVISION OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES.
- THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD IS ALWAYS THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION WHEN IT COMES TO DECISION MAKING FOR THAT CHILD.

## HOW CAN A FIRST NATION EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES?

- ONCE A FIRST NATION HAS AN EXISTING LAW IT CAN TRANSITION TOWARDS EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. ONCE A LAW IS IN PLACE THE FIRST NATION SENDS A REQUEST TO CANADA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ENTER INTO A TRIPARTITE COORDINATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE EXERCISE OF FIRST NATION JURISDICTION.
- WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE REQUEST BEING MADE. IF AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BUT REASONABLE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. THE FIRST NATION LAW WOULD HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF FEDERAL LAW AND WOULD PREVAIL OVER PROVINCIAL LAW IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY.
- THE KTUNAXA NATION HAS DECIDED TO PURSUE FULL JURISDICTION AND HAS STARTED WORK ON THE KTUNAXA CHILD WELLNESS LAW.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW IS FORWARD LOOKING. ALLOWING FOR THE FUTURE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS COURT OR TRIBUNAL OR OTHER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS.

## WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF KTUNAXA LAW?

- IT REFLECTS THE SELF DETERMINATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION BY IMPLEMENTING THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF THE NATION.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY, FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS WOULD BE PRIORITY.



## WHAT IS BILL C-92? AN ACT REPRESENTING FIRST NATIONS, INUIT & METIS CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92?

- BILL C-92 WILL HELP CHILDREN STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTE CONNECTIONS TO THEIR CULTURE AND COMMUNITY. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK THAT FIRST NATIONS CAN USE TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.

## WHAT DOES BILL C-92 MEAN FOR CHILDREN IN CARE NOW?

- THE IMPORTANCE OF REUNITING INDIGENOUS CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IS RECOGNIZED.
- THERE IS A PRIORITY PLACEMENT FOR THE INDIGENOUS CHILD, WHICH PRIORITIZES FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PLACEMENT.
- ONGOING REASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR REUNIFICATION.

## WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92?

- 12 MONTHS AFTER THE NATION GIVES NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND DEPENDING ON SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A COORDINATION AGREEMENT.

## WHICH COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR CASES UNDER THE KTUNAXA LAW?

- THE KTUNAXA LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY, FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS PRIORITY AND FOCUS WOULD BE ON STRENGTHENING THESE TIES.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW MAY STILL USE THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COURT SYSTEM, BUT ALSO CREATES ALTERNATIVES TO THE COURT SYSTEM INCLUDE:
- CUSTOMARY CARE AGREEMENTS
- FAMILY SHARING CIRCLE
- COMMUNITY OF CIRCLE CARE
- FAMILY NETWORKS

## WHAT LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE NEW KTUNAXA LAW IS COMING?

- KICFSS HAS HOSTED ONLINE ZOOM ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS AND IN PERSON SESSIONS WITH KTUNAXA NATION MEMBERS INITIALLY. FOCUS GROUPS WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUPS FOR INPUT:
- ELDER'S
- FORMER CHILDREN IN CARE
- LEADERSHIP
- DELEGATED SOCIAL WORKERS/TEAMS
- LEADS KICFSS
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS:

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE BIRDSTONE: JBIRDSTONE@KTUNAXA.ORG

CHELSEA HOLLINGSHEAD: CHELSEA.HOLLINGSHEAD@KTUNAXA.ORG

250-489-4563



# What's Happening at the Rec Centre

## CRAFTS & CHATS

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
NIGHTS IN  
THE MURAL ROOM

COME JOIN STAFF FOR EVENINGS  
OF LAUGHS, CHATS, AND CRAFTS.  
EVERYONE AND EVERY CRAFT  
WELCOME!!

BEADING, SEWING,  
COLOURING, VISITING, ETC.  
COME AND SOCIALIZE!!!  
BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT SUPPLIES



EVERY TUESDAY  
EVENING  
7PM - 9PM  
\$5 / PLAYER

## VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS

COLUMBIA LAKE RECREATION CENTRE  
3050 HWY 93/95, WINDERMERE, BC  
FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECCENTRE.COM  
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# Ktunaxa Language Learning

Ka 'a·kʔukaqwaʔa

*Our language, our time*

## Ktunaxa - Ksankanintik

Enjoy two hours of Ktunaxa Language sharing four times a month!

A safe place to explore learning our sounds and all the beautiful words they make.

Learn along with others while using beginner learning materials, word games and Kahoot!

Perhaps you have something you want to learn but don't know where to start or feel intimidated trying on your own? Four times a month we will come together for these and many more reasons.

Hun huɛpayaʔti kuɛ ɔapiʔ ʔupxniskiʔ!

'a·kʔukqa'nám, *n.* speech, language (someone's). ka·kʔukqa (ka 'a·kʔukqa), my language. 'a·kʔukqa'nis, your language. 'a·kʔukqa'is, his, her, their language. ka·kʔukaqwaʔa (ka 'a·kʔukaqwaʔa), our language. 'a·kʔukaqwumniskiʔ, your (pl.) language.

Starting June 7th, 2023

Every second Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm MST

Starting June 10th, 2023

Two Saturday evenings per month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm MST

For link, please contact Mara

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*Traditional Knowledge  
and Language*

ʔAKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION



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## KTUNAXA

### Language Course

*Connecting to the local land through language*

12 x 90 minute  
virtual learning sessions

September - December  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
7 PM MT ON ZOOM

This course is designed for you to garner skills that will enable you to carry Ktunaxa Language forward to your classrooms, organizations, in schools and on the land.

### REGISTER ONLINE

[cbeen.ca/ktunaxa-language-course](http://cbeen.ca/ktunaxa-language-course)

Session topics include:

- Ktunaxa Creation Story and the connection to place
- Place names in the East Kootenays
- Why each place is named what it is
- Common classroom phrases
- Things around the town/community
- Plant names • Animal names
- Colors • Numbers • Family relationships
- Common expressions
- Calendar - seasons, months, days of the week



# CBEEN

\$300 for all 12 sessions  
(\$25/session)

\$240 for CBEEN members  
(\$20/session)

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# What's Happening at Ktunaxa Nation

## 2023 Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly

July 26 & 27, 2023  
**Yaqit ʔa-knuqfi'it**

All Ktunaxaniitk & guests  
are encouraged to attend!

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

**Awesome prizes!  
Info booths!  
Cool swag!  
Great food!**

Registration forms at [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org)  
Please send your forms  
to Kyle Highwind  
[AGA@ktunaxa.org](mailto:AGA@ktunaxa.org)  
Or fax to 250-489-2438  
Or drop off at BAND OFFICES or  
at Ktunaxa Nation Council,  
220 Cranbrook St. N, Cranbrook



**Check [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org) for agenda  
and updates closer to the AGA.**  
Some sessions are open to Ktunaxaniitk only.

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NATION**

### PENDLETON COAT WORKSHOP

June 3rd and 4th  
&  
June 10th and 11th  
10am - 6pm

Yaqit ʔa-knuqfi'it  
Gymnasium

\* Bring your own  
sewing machine and  
sewing supplies

\*Sewing Experience Required  
8 Spots Available  
To Register Contact Roberta Gravelle  
(250) 278-0094  
Leanna Gravelle  
(250) 421-3549



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