



# ʔakisq'nuK Community Newsletter

## June 29, 2023

Morgan enjoyed the sand at the Little Badgers' 3rd Annual Beach Day



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# Office and Rec Centre Hours for the July long weekend

The Band Hall offices will be closed  
June 30. We will reopen July 3.  
Have a great long weekend!



Columbia Lake  
Recreation Centre

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**DAY AT THE REC CENTRE.**  
**SO, WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE**  
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**DESERVED DAY OFF!!!**

Thank you all for understanding

questions? 250-342-0804  
friends@columbialakerecentre.com  
3050 HIGHWAY 93/95



Events coming soon

## Columbia River Treaty and Ktunaxa Cultural Values

Want to learn about Ktunaxa cultural values or have something to share as it relates to the Columbia River Treaty?

The Columbia River Treaty Renewal is up for renegotiation and the Ktunaxa are at the table. We are planning small cultural gatherings and will later do door-to-door meetings. Come learn about Ktunaxa traditional eating utensils while we share with each other about the Columbia River Treaty over a bowl of Indian Ice Cream while preserving the syrup. Honorarium, lunch and gas cards will be available.

### Event 1:

July 4th cedar bark harvesting, meet at ʔakisq̓nuk Rec Centre at 9:00 AM. Ktunaxaniṛtik are encouraged to bring swimming suits and the Radium Hot Spring is nearby.



### Event 2:

July 5th, kupaʔtiḥ Indian Ice Cream Days, Soap Berry Harvesting – Meet at 9:00 AM Canal Flats Arena Parking Lot, 4925 Burns Ave, Canal Flats. Meet at ʔakisq̓nuk Rec Centre at 1:00 PM for processing berries and making the cedar bowl and spoon.

For more information or to pre-register for the above, contact Troy Hunter by email [troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org](mailto:troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org) leave name and number for Troy with receptionist at KNC 250-489-2464



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Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Service Society

Join us for the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Service Society

**DOOR  
PRIZES**

# 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

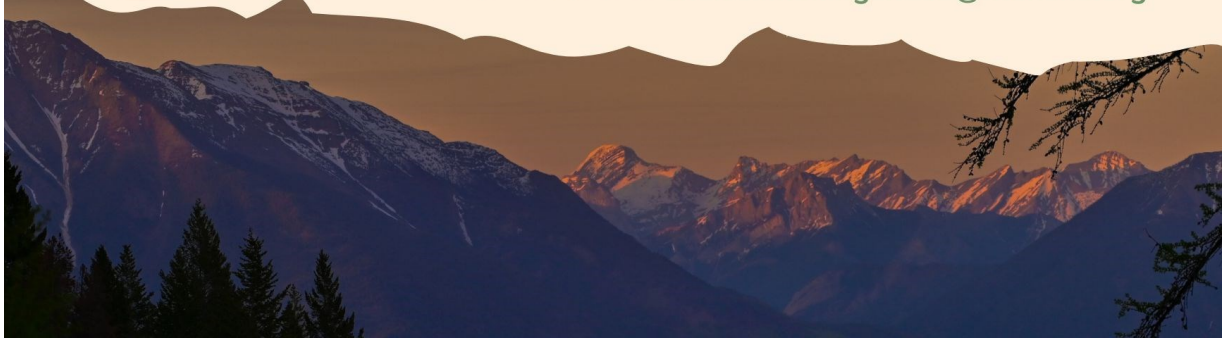


AT YAQIT ʔA-KNUQEI 'IT  
JULY 25TH | 10 AM

Mountain Standard Time

**For more information or to register contact us:**

Call or leave a voicemail at (250)489-4563 ext.4012  
Send an email to [chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org](mailto:chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org)





# Notices

- We will be sending someone out to all rental homes over the next 2 months to complete a routine inspection of the properties. You will be given 24 hours notice prior to entry. If you have dogs that are a concern, we ask that you please indicate this when contacted, and we will ask you to make arrangements for your pets during the inspection process.
- Any seniors that need assistance with light repairs and mobility related alterations, please contact Christy or Dale at the office to be added to a list for consideration of small repairs.

## Mark your calendars

### July

- July 4, 9am: Cedar bark harvesting at the Rec Centre. Contact [troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org](mailto:troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org) to register.
- July 5, 9am: Indian Ice Cream Days, Soap Berry harvesting—meet at Canal Flats Parking lot. Meet at Rec Centre at 1:00 for processing berries and making the cedar bowl and spoon. Contact Troy Hunter at [troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org](mailto:troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org) to register.
- July 6 Dr Page
- July 10-12: Youth Entrepreneur Dream Camp at St. Eugene Resort. Open to ages 11 - 18.
- 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.



# Welcome Home



ʔakisq'nuq First Nation is happy to announce that Rachel Bach has accepted the position of Associate Director of New Programs, starting November 1st, 2023.

Rachel is committed to serving and working with Indigenous communities. Her work and research experience demonstrate a decade and a half long commitment to health and wellness and culturally-based services. Highlights include: supporting Indigenous youth newly relocated to the urban setting to complete high school; developing and launching the Heart Medicine Lodge program — a program offering healing and support services to Indigenous women who have experienced sexual assault; a year in health policy at the First Nations Health Authority in Vancouver; and various research internships — with Nanaandawewigamig (the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba), the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (Manitoba branch), and the Population Council (Kenya branch). Most recently, Rachel served Indigenous pregnant people and their families as a Registered Midwife in the North End of Winnipeg and taught as an Instructor in the Bachelor of Midwifery Program at the University of Manitoba. Rachel's interest in midwifery

grew from her passion for reproductive safety and experience volunteering at sexual and reproductive health clinics — first as a birth control and unplanned pregnancy counsellor at the Women's Health Clinic, as a clinic assistant at Options for Sexual Health in Vancouver, and with Yúusnewas at YouthCO AIDS Society in Vancouver.

Rachel completed her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Manitoba and Master's degree in Indigenous Development at the University of Winnipeg, and a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University). Further to her formal education, Rachel has had the incredible opportunity to sit circle with, and learn from, a number of amazing Aunts, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, youth, and community members.

Rachel is ʔakisq'nuqnik — daughter of Leona Daniels and granddaughter of Gina Clarricoates. Rachel, her partner Kevin, their child Wanuyit, and Leona are thrilled to be coming home to ʔamakis Ktunaxa this fall.

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# Members Messages



**BEARSLAIR**  
Youth **Camps**

**The Youth are our Future.**

**The Future is our Youth.**



## **EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**Indigenous Youth ages 11 to 18 can apply now to join the Bears' Lair Team for a FREE 3-day program this summer!**

**Youth Entrepreneur Dream Camp  
July 10th, 11th & 12th**

**Join us at the St. Eugene Resort in ʔaqam (near Cranbrook, BC)  
There's only 25 spots, so [CLICK HERE](#) to apply now!**

To sign up  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
or [SCAN THIS](#)



Text 604-783-8304  
for more info

**JOIN the Bears' Lair Team to experience life as an entrepreneur in a 3-day Youth Business Dream Camp this summer!**

Make new connections. Tackle 5 Team Challenges with Youth Coach/Mentors. Explore Business FUNDamentals. Enjoy tons of food, chances to win prizes. Get INSPIRED to turn your ideas into reality!

**Thank you to our  
Host Community Champions!**

**Thank you to our  
Dream Camp Sponsor!**



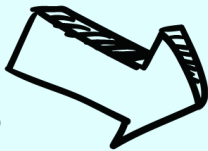


# Summer Programs for kids

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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?





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# Summer Programs for kids

There is still space available for summer camp  
at Badgers After-school.

This program is free for Akisqnuq youth ages 5-10.  
Contact Evy at [badgersafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:badgersafterschool@gmail.com) to register!

A light blue background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. The sun is in the top left, a beach ball in the bottom left, an umbrella in the top right, and an ice cream cone in the bottom right.

Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society  
is running an

## After School program

**Ages  
6-10**

**This Summer**

The cost is \$200/week.  
Families are eligible to apply  
for the Affordable Child  
Care Benefit

Contact Evy Walker at  
[badgersafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:badgersafterschool@gmail.com)  
or by phone at 250-342-6331

Registration ends May 31

**Outdoor  
fun**

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What's Happening at the  
Rec Centre

# Family Fun Day

**July 15th,  
2023**

**11am - 3pm  
\$5 / person**

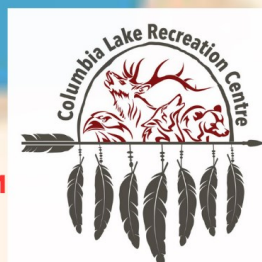
**BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES, FACE PAINTING,  
COTTON CANDY, AND MORE!!!**

**CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**



**QUESTIONS?  
250-342-0804**

**FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECENTRE.COM  
3050 HIGHWAY 93/95**





# What's Happening at the Rec Centre



## FLOOR HOCKEY

Drop In! ALL Ages Welcome

**MONDAY EVENINGS**

**5PM - 7PM**

**\$5 / PLAYER**

questions? 250-342-0804

[friends@columbialakerecentre.com](mailto:friends@columbialakerecentre.com)

3050 Highway 93 / 95

Windermere, BC



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# What's Happening at the Rec Centre



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

## VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS

COLUMBIA LAKE RECREATION CENTRE  
3050 HWY 93/95, WINDERMERE, BC  
FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECCENTRE.COM  
250-342-0804

### PUBLIC HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Holiday Hours 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Debit.  
We cannot accept cash at this time.

**QUESTIONS?**  
**250-342-0804**  
**FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECCENTRE.COM**  
**3050 HIGHWAY 93/95**



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# Self Care



## ʔAKISQ̄NUK HEALTH CENTER

### KUKU S̄QUMU

(RIPENING OF  
SERVICEBERRIES)

**JULY**

### KUQUKUPKUK̄ĪMITĪQ̄#

**IKWA?IT**

(FRUIT RIPENING DURING NIGHT)

**AUGUST**

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JULY 6 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

AUGUST 9 9-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC

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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)\*

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ʔakisq̄nuknik, your feedback helps ʔakisq̄nuk 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





# 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. 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.

**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](mailto: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)



# Employment Opportunities

*We are looking for a casual worker*



The ʔAkisq'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.



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

- FireSmart and Emergency Program Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Casual workers
- Facilitator for Summer Programs
- Social Development Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Registered Forest Technician

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

## 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)

Save the Date for the

## Annual General Assembly



AUGUST 25 - 27

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



# 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.

The next meeting is July 5. Deadline to submit items is June 29.

ʔakisqnuq 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=dYVNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09)  
[pwd=dYVNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dYVNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09)  
Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

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

**ELDERS STEERING COMMITTEE  
2023 DATES**

On the Last Tuesday of every month  
at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, May 30, 2023  
Tuesday, Jun 27, 2023  
Tuesday, Jul 25, 2023  
Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023  
Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023  
Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023  
Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

## We care about what you think.

ʔakisqnuqnik, your feedback helps ʔakisqnuq First Nation make improvements to our Health Plan.

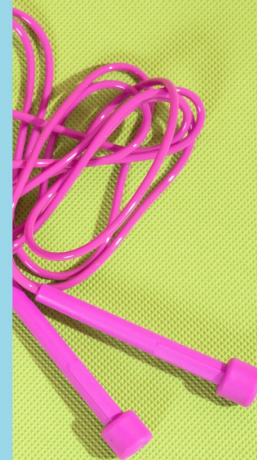
Take a few minutes to fill out the Health Survey.

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







# 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

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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 ɔ̄papiʔ ʔupxniskiʔ!

**'a·kʔukqa'n**am, *n.* speech, language (someone's). **ka·kʔukqa** (**ka 'a·kʔukqa**), my language. **'a·kʔukqa'n**is, your language. **'a·kʔukqa'is**, his, her, their language. **ka·kʔukaqwaʔa** (**ka 'a·kʔukaqwaʔa**), our language. **'a·kʔukaqwmniskiʔ**, 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

Email: [ktunaxalanguagelearner@gmail.com](mailto:ktunaxalanguagelearner@gmail.com)

Call: (403) 392-6682



KTUNAXA  
NATION

*Traditional Knowledge  
and Language*

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# Ktunaxa Language Learning



ʔA-kʔukaqwum

## 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

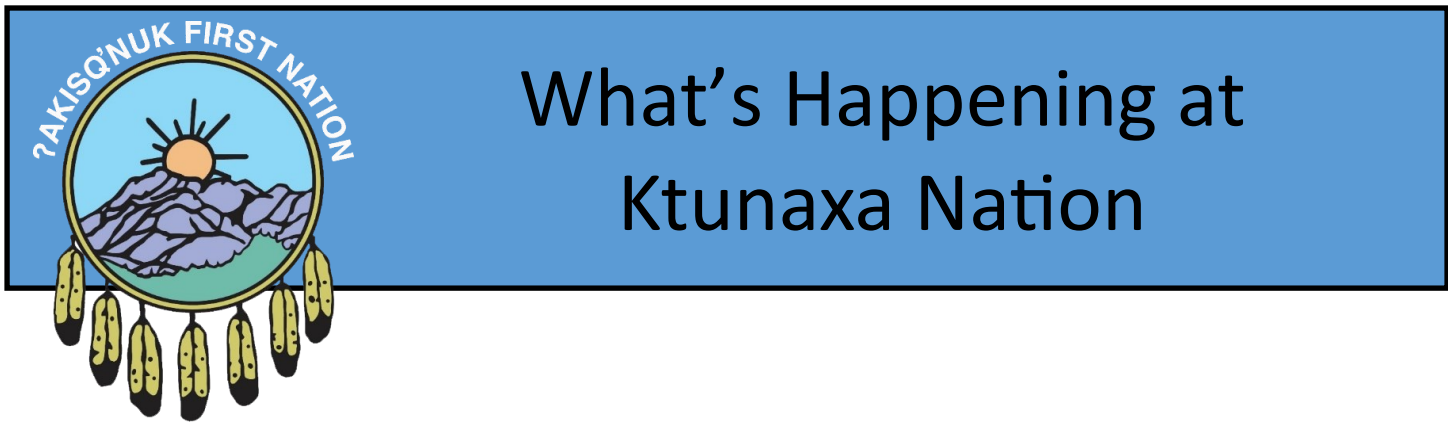


# CBEEN

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

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

*Connecting to the local land through language*



# What's Happening at Ktunaxa Nation

**Time to Nominate!**  
**2023 Ktunaxa Citizens' Excellence Awards** Help celebrate excellence by nominating Ktunaxa individuals or groups to be recognized at the AGA this July 26 and 27, 2023.

**Award Ktunaxa Excellence in:**

- Sports
- Education
- Arts & Entertainment
- Health
- Cultural Knowledge & Language
- Entrepreneurial / Business
- Lifetime Achievement

**Awards are to honour those who are physically here with us today.**

At the 2022 Ktunaxaniñtik Gathering held in ʔakisq'nuq, they recognized those who have passed on, new Ktunaxa babies born, and graduates. KNC will incorporate this practice into AGAs going forward.

**When will the awards be presented?**

At the Annual General Assembly in July 26 & 27, 2023 at Yaqit ʔa·knuq'it

**Who can nominate?**

Any individual, community group or recognized entity (Band Council, Aboriginal business, etc.)

**Who can you nominate?**

Any Ktunaxa Citizen or Ktunaxa Citizens' Group.

**Who selects recipients?**

The Ktunaxa Citizens Excellence Awards Committee (KCEA).

**What's in a nomination?**

**Complete 2023 Ktunaxa Citizens' Excellence Awards nomination form, with the following details:**

- Name of the person or group you are nominating,
- A description of their contributions or how they have excelled in their field,
- What the person's or group's involvement has meant,
- A short description of successes achieved,
- One paragraph describing the nominator's relationship to the nominee.

**How to send in nominations?**

**Due by Friday, June 23, 2023**

**Mail, fax or email to:**

**Ktunaxa Nation Council  
 7825 Mission Road  
 Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 7E5  
 Attn: Ktunaxa Citizens' Excellence Awards  
 Caylee Toma**

**Email: [caylee.toma@ktunaxa.org](mailto:caylee.toma@ktunaxa.org)**

**Fax: 250-489-2438**

**AGA: July 26 & 27, 2023 • Yaqit ʔa·knuq'it**





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## *Welcoming, Celebrating and Remembering...*

This year, we're bringing Ktunaxa traditions of honouring our loved ones into the Annual General Assembly. There will be space and time to share and honour our loved ones.

This means:

- Welcoming Newborns
- Celebrating Graduates
- Remembering Loved Ones Who Have Passed On

So, as a way to honour those who have passed on this year, we would like to invite you to send in your:

- Photos
  - Obituaries
  - Memorial Poems
  - Memories
- ...of loved ones who have passed on

We are also inviting you to celebrate newborns, graduates and newly-marrieds with:

- Photos
- Write-ups
- Poems and;
- Hopes

Please send photos, information, etc. to  
Darcy Luke  
[darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org](mailto:darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org)  
(250) 464-9536  
Deadline: June 30th 2023



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## 2023 Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly

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

All Ktunaxaniḥtik & guests  
are encouraged to attend!

**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

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**



**Check [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org) for agenda  
and updates closer to the AGA.**

Some sessions are open to Ktunaxaniḥtik only.



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