



ʔakisq̓nuq Community Newsletter

ʔułumi (May) 1, 2026



Lady Sheep by T. Kains

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Earth Day

These moments capture the teamwork and dedication shown by our families and staff as we came together to support our community and the environment. April 22nd was cleaning the Roads, and April 23rd was planting Sumu, Soopolallie and birch leaved spirea brushes in the CBT block



Upcoming News & Events

ᐱAKISQNUK FIRST NATION NOTICE OF POLLS

Notice is hereby given that the ᐱakisqnuq First Nation will hold an Election on **May 19, 2026**, in accordance with the *ᐱakisqnuq First Nation Custom Election Regulations (2026)*, for the purpose of electing candidates for **three (3)** Council positions for the ensuing term of office. The Candidate who receives the highest number of votes in this Election will hold the office of Chief Councillor.

VOTE ONLINE

MAY 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM - MAY 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM (MT)

To vote online, please visit: www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq

Click the **RED** button "Log in/Sign Up" or "Vote Now" and follow the instructions provided. You will need to provide your Registry Number (this is your 10-digit Status card number - starting with "604..."), Date of Birth, and a personal email address. If you need assistance, please contact OneFeather Support by email or phone using the contact information below.

VOTE IN PERSON

ADVANCE POLL

MAY 12, 2026

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

HEALTH CENTER - ROUND ROOM

3048 HIGHWAY 93/95, WINDERMERE, BC

REGULAR POLL

MAY 19, 2026

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

HEALTH CENTER - ROUND ROOM

3048 HIGHWAY 93/95, WINDERMERE, BC

TELEPHONE VOTING

MAY 12, 2026

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

CALL 250-342-6301 TO VOTE

MAY 19, 2026

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

CALL 250-342-6301 TO VOTE

VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

Any Elector who is unable to vote in person may, no later than **May 3, 2026**, apply in writing to the Electoral Officer, to vote by mail-in ballot. You can contact the Electoral officer using the contact information below.

Members must have achieved the full age of eighteen (18) years on or before the date of the Election and be included on the Electors List in order to vote. Electors may contact the Electoral Officer to confirm inclusion on the Electors List. Electors may vote in person online, by mail-in ballot, or by telephone. Copies of the Election Regulations may be obtained from the ᐱakisqnuq Administration department, the ᐱakisqnuq First Nation website, the Electoral Officer, or downloaded at: www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq

Dated April 13, 2026.

For more information or assistance please contact the Electoral Officer at OneFeather:

Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca | Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time

Mail: 209-852 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1H8

www.onefeather.ca/nations/akisqnuq





Inviting all
?akisq̓nuk and
Shuswap Mothers
*Mother's Day Tea
Party*

Saturday May 2, 2026

1:00PM

Columbia Lake
Recreation Center

Prize for best Spring
Hat!



Pow Wow Planning Gathering

Pow Wow

Let's come together to begin planning our Traditional Pow Wow!



Everyone—?akisqnuunik, families, and staff—is invited.

We're looking to create a Pow Wow Planning Group and would love your ideas, energy, and support as we start organizing this meaningful event.

Monday, May 4, 2026,
1:30-3:30 PM
Health Centre, Round Room
reception@akisqnuuk.org
250-342-6301

Your presence matters. Your voice matters.
Please join us!

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87263323203?pwd=nu5gFkCotpGnuKYsvubFO6vlz6R8LE.1>

Meeting ID: 872 6332 3203
Passcode: 141943



COMMUNITY SHOPPING TRIP TO CRANBROOK

FIRST MONDAYS!
MAY 4



Depart from Health Centre at 9:30AM

Morning stops:

Superstore, Walmart (with optional stops at the second-hand store, Top Crop and Dollarama)

Return: 4p.m.

TO REGISTER CALL THE HEALTH CENTRE @ 250-342-6379



FOR ?AKISQNUK MEMBERSHIP (AKISQNUK FIRST NATION ENTERPRISES)

AFNE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION



TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

?akisqnuuk First Nation Health Centre, Round Room
Dinner at 5p.m. meeting start time 5:30 - 7:30pm

<https://akisqnuuk.org/governance>



Brushing Off Ceremony & Family Night

THURS. May.7th

3:30 – 7pm

Rec Centre

3:30 pm Brushing Off Ceremony with Chris Luke Sr and Smokii Sumac

4:30 pm Tipi raising (Tentative)

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Family Fun

akisqnuq.org



WIYU LODGE & GARDEN

AKISQNUK



WIYU VISIONING SESSION

Join us to hear updates about the garden, share your ideas, and help continue to shape the vision for this space. We'll be talking about the garden, art in the garden, chickens, and more—along with the challenges and successes so far. We'd really value your feedback and input. Open to all community members and your families.

Thursday,

May 21

4-7p.m.

Wiyu Lodge


(garden, weather permitting; indoors if raining)

BBQ

PROVIDED



Upcoming News & Events




ʔAKISQNUK FIRST NATION OPEN HOUSE

**FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2026
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
COLUMBIA LAKE REC CENTER**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Open House – open to everyone!
Meet our team – see what we are working on
Special Guests include:
Windermere Fire Department, RCMP, Parks Canada, The
Outdoor Learning Center and more
Snacks, door prizes

Columbia Lake Recreation Center 3050 Highway 93/95
Windermere BC
12:00pm to 6:00pm



TAKISQNUK FIRST NATION PRESENTS

Community Wellness Day

MAY 8, 2026 FROM 12-6PM
COLUMBIA LAKE REC CENTER

Join our Health and Wellness team for a health based open house focused on ʔakisqnuknik and their families!

Come enjoy a Craniosacral, Mini-Facials, Mini-Manicures, Threading (12 and over), Somatic Sessions, Foot Care, Reiki, Acupuncture, Thai Massage, Life Path Dental is coming for educational sessions, and a Barber, as well as hairdresser this year!

Call the Health Centre at (250) 342-6379 if you would like to book a ride.



SAVE THE DATE RITES OF PASSAGE GATHERING

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium ʔaqam
Registration details TBA



Good Food Box

May 28th.
Pick up in the Recreation Centre
From 12pm - 3pm. Cost \$7.00

Contact Trisha Clowers if you need to make alternate pick up arrangements:
trisha.clowers@akisqnuq.org
250-342-6301 ext. 3215



ʔAKISQNUK ELDERS MEETING

**MAY 8 | 10 - 12PM
COPPER POINT RESORT**

**MAY 13 | 1 - 4PM
HEALTH CENTRE, ROUND ROOM**

For more information contact
Eldene Stanley
ʔAkisqnuq Language, Culture
Manager
Office Phone: 250.342.6379
extension: 3874
eldene.stanley@akisqnuq.org

Aboriginal Head Start & Paqmi Nuqyuk

SPRING PLAYGROUP

Join us every Thursday morning for 8 weeks of fun, outdoor play, and engaging activities.



When: **April 30th to June 18th**

Time: **10:30am-12 pm**

Where: **ʔakisqnuq Community Garden**

*Beside the Little Badgers Centre
3046 Hwy 93-95, Windermere, BC*

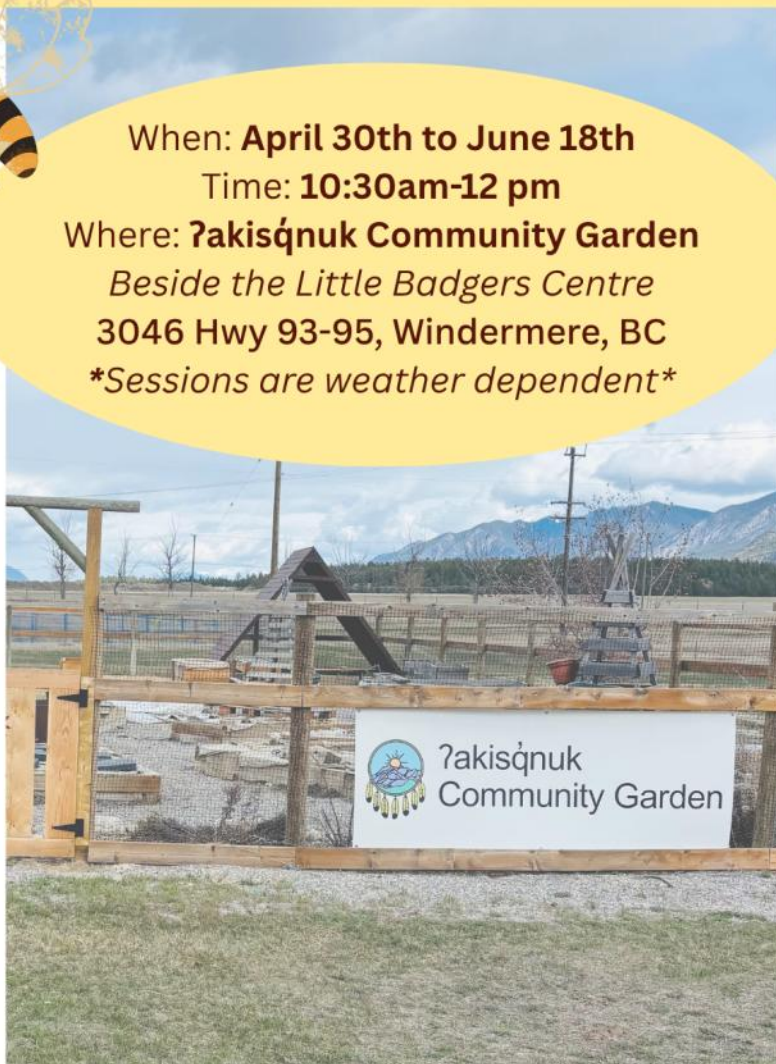
Sessions are weather dependent

Enjoy hands-on gardening in the ʔakisqnuq Community Garden beside Little Badgers Centre.

Children and caregivers can connect with nature and explore the season together.

Bring your little ones ages 0-5.

Everyone is welcome!



For more information, contact:

Ashley.killin@akisqnuq.org or Jennifer.hilder@ktunaxa.org





MAY 11, & 25
JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

WIYU LODGE

5-8PM: Dinner served
shuttles available.



Call/text: 250-961-0993 for more info

www.akisqnuq.org

Welcome BABY



If you or someone you know in the community is expecting a baby, we'd love to hear about it. Whether it's your first or new addition to your family, let us know so we can offer any support or resources that may be helpful. Please reach out to 7akisqnuq Health center at 250-342-6379 or email Ashley.killin@akisqnuq.org






Study Club

Every Thursday

**Thursdays
3:30-5:30
Health Centre**

Join us every Thursday at the Mural Room or Round room at the Health Centre for Study Club! All are welcome—come by for a supportive space to study and learn together.




WEDNESDAYS AT WIYU LODGE

TIME FOR CREATION,
CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY
1-8PM

DINNER SERVED EVERY WEEK

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED, RIDES OFFERED


CALL OR TEXT TEGAN
FOR MORE INFORMATION

TEGAN- (250)688-9483



2026 Comprehensive Community Plan

Let's build a future rooted in our culture, guided by our values, and shaped by all of us.



Youth—We Need You!

We're looking for youth voices to join the CCP Advisory Committee. Your ideas, energy, and perspective are vital to shaping a future that works for everyone.

For questions, comments, or suggestions contact:

Jose Galdamez Theresa Kains
✉ jgaldamez@ktunaxa.org ✉ theresa.kains@akisqnuq.org
Lisa Cannady
✉ lisa.cannady@akisqnuq.org



SAVE THE DATE

**KOOTENAI
FALLS**
JUNE 5, 2026

Ktunaxa/Ksanka Elders and membership are invited to join a trip to Kootenai Falls.

For further information contact Eldene Stanley
eldene.stanley@akisqnuuk.org

**ʔakisqnuuk Family
Adventure**

SAVE THE DATE
July 24-26, 2026
Registration will start in June.

Adventure stops will include Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump, Telus Sparks Centre, and Calaway Park.

Connect with Trisha Clowers for more information or questions
trisha.clowers@akisqnuuk.org

'Seabird Mobile Diabetes Team'



Living • Well • Together

Where: ʔakisqnuq Health Center

When: June 4, 2026

Contact: Lindsey

Number: 250-342-6379



SAVE THE DATE 2026 AGA

August 21st, 22nd & 23rd,
2026

Please mark your calendars and join us for the Annual General Assembly. More details will be shared soon!

Interested in Helping Plan the 2026 AGA?

Members who would like to join the 2026 AGA Committee are invited to contact:
Val Stackhouse
The Committee will meet every 4–6 weeks, and participation is available in person or via Teams.

Contact
val.stackhouse@akisqnuq.org
(250) 342-6301 ext. 3879





WIYU LODGE & GARDEN

ʔAKISQNUK

The garden fence has been expanded to make way for more food production.



| Wiyu Garden Awakens

It's time to get gardening!

Want help getting your garden up and growing this season? The AFN gardening team is offering free garden consultations where we will come to your place and see what it would take to assist you with your personal garden. We can then develop a plan on how we can assist you in your garden throughout the magical growing season. The more people growing the better.



| What's **growing** on in the garden...

The Garden is Growing and we want your input

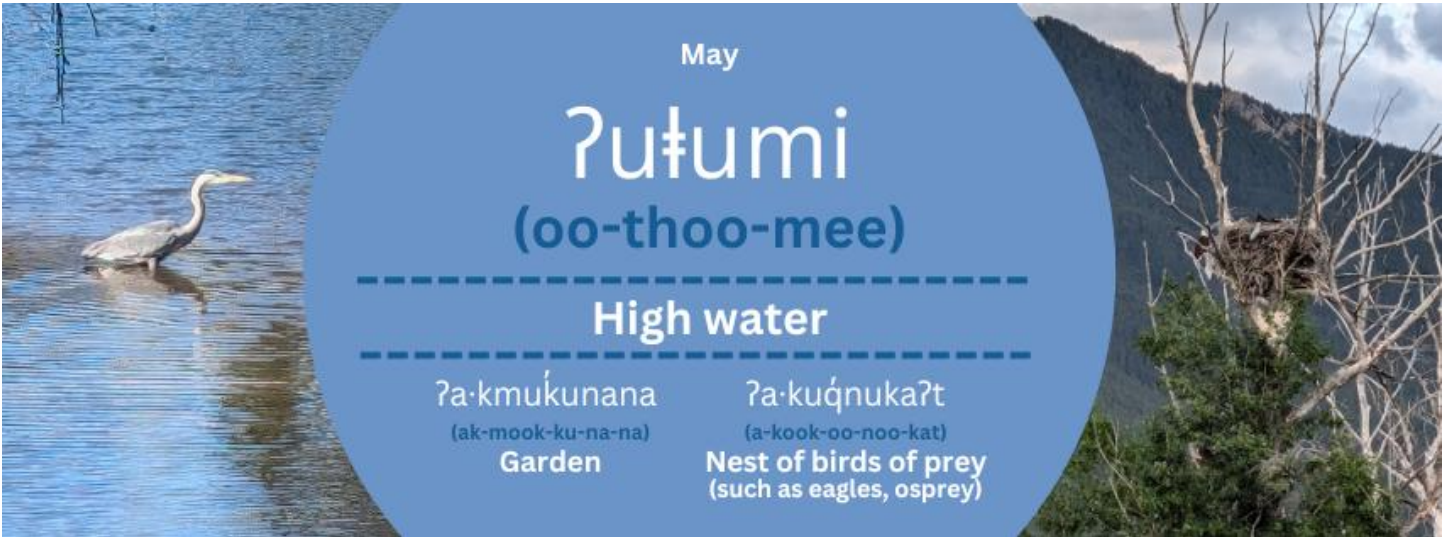
Mark your calendars for May 21 4-7pm for free BBQ dinner open house, and walkabout at the Wiyu garden and grounds. We would love to hear from community on how we can grow the garden and Wiyu grounds in a good way and on a path that sets up our future generations of food producers. At the visioning session we will be discussing current progress, challenges and grand plans that are moving this food sovereignty project along. This will be open house style so no need to register just show up to the lodge if you're interested in this project. Rides to and from lodge can be arranged.

We are still seeking Seasonal Garden Staff so please reach out!

Maybe gardening isn't your thing. Are you handy? Do you like DIY projects or fixing things? Dreaming things up and then building them? We want you on our team! The Garden has so many projects and potential avenues to showcase your skills, give back to your community and make some money while doing it. Please contact me online or call text or just show up to the garden for a chat week days.

✉ james.sullivan@akisqnuk.org
☎ (705) 494-6550





May

ʔułumi (oo-thoo-mee)

High water

ʔa·kmukunana
(ak-mook-ku-na-na)
Garden

ʔa·kuq̄nukaʔt
(a-kook-oo-noo-kat)
Nest of birds of prey
(such as eagles, osprey)

Learn Ktunaxa

Did you Know:

Ktunaxa is a language isolate. It is not related to any other languages.

Grandmother Frog, Chipmunk and Owl



Kupi
(koo-pee)
owl

Watak
(wa-tok)
Frog

Quçaç
(koo-ts-ats)
Chipmunk

Çinatnuk
(tsin-ath-nook)

to seek help

listen



Çinatnukinmik
(tsin-ath-noo-kin-mek)

to seek medical help

Health & Wellness

APRIL 2026

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JUNE 2026

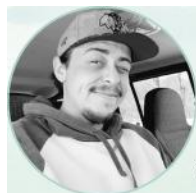
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MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 <u>Cranbrook Shopping Trip</u> 9am <u>Women's Circle At Wiyu</u> Lodge 5-8pm	5	6 <u>Wiyu Wednesdays 1-8pm</u>	7 <u>Play Group @ Little Badgers 10:30am - 12pm</u> <u>Dr. Page Clinic 2-4pm</u> <u>Brushing off Ceremony + Family Night @ Rec Centre</u>	8 <u>Wellness Day + Open House @ Rec Centre</u>	9
10	11 <u>Health Centre Closed in Afternoon for Staff Meeting</u> <u>Women's Circle At Wiyu</u> Lodge 5-8pm	12	13 <u>Wiyu Wednesdays 1-8pm</u>	14 <u>Play Group @ Little Badgers 10:30am - 12pm</u> <u>Acupuncture Clinic 11:00am-4:00pm</u>	15	16
17	18 <u>Victoria Day - Office Closed</u>	19 <u>Massage Clinic 10am-3pm</u>	20 <u>Foot Care Clinic 9:45am-3:15pm</u> <u>Wiyu Wednesdays 1-8pm</u>	21 <u>Play Group @ Little Badgers 10:30am - 12pm</u> <u>Dr. Page Clinic 2-4pm</u>	22	23
24	25 <u>Women's Circle At Wiyu</u> Lodge 5-8pm	26	27 <u>Wiyu Wednesdays 1-8pm</u>	28 <u>Good Food Box</u> <u>Play Group @ Little Badgers 10:30am - 12pm</u> <u>Dr. Page Clinic 2-4pm</u>	29	30
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Please contact the ?akisqnuK Health & Wellness Centre at healthcentre@akisqnuK.org or 250-342-6379 for more information or to book or cancel

?akisqnuK Health and Wellness Programs Scan QR code for more details on Website.



?akisqnuK Peer Support Team

Reach out for support, harm reduction supplies, transportation, and social connection.

Available Monday to Thursday from 12-8pm

Call or text Tegan at (250) 688-9483 for more information.

There are resources available to you if you need support.

Circle of Care: KUU-US First Nations and Aboriginal Crisis Line Support is Available 24 Hours. Call 1-800-588-8717.



MEET ELI POULTNEY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

I'm Eli Poultney, an Occupational Therapist contracting with 7akisqnuq. I work with children, youth and families. I look at different ways and approaches to support kids participate meaningfully in all areas of daily life. Some things I can support with/work on:

- Focus and attention
- Transitions between schools (eg. Daycare to Kindergarten, middle school to high school)
- Building physical skills, such as for printing/writing, or joining with sports/gym class
- Learning new routines and life skills
- Community safety
- Adapting academic work so that it is more accessible for a child/youth
- Ideas for physical and mental wellbeing
- Emotional regulation and behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Participation in social activities/groups

I will be available every other week on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and can work at school, home, community or daycare.

If you have questions or would like to work together please talk to Ashley Killin and Kevin Morrell or email me at eli@sumaccreative.com



2026-2027

4 SEASONS
OF INDIGENOUS LEARNING

Jenna Jasek Marika Sila Cassandra Blondin Burl Cadmus Delorme Faro Burgoyne Sean Lessard

Shelagh Rogers Carolyn Roberts

OUTDOOR LEARNING
RESOURCES, TOOLS & TRAINING
OUTDOORLEARNING.COM
SCHOOL & STORE

Art: 7 Sacred Teachings by Carla Joseph

outdoorlearning.com/4seasons

Flourishing HEALTH

Hello ʔakisǫnuk members, and welcome spring. I've been asked to reintroduce myself and share what the services of Acupuncture and Traditional Oriental Medicine can offer for your health.

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and acupuncture can treat both internal and external health challenges. Internally, TCM diet therapy, lifestyle changes, and acupuncture can be very supportive in addressing digestive concerns such as irritable bowel syndrome, gout, or bloating. TCM can also support hormone regulation at various ages and stages, be helpful for fertility, and be used safely with children, teens, and seniors.

Externally, TCM and acupuncture can help with issues such as hay fever allergies, rashes, strains, sprains, frozen shoulder, and arthritic joints.

These therapies are also very effective in calming a stressed nervous system, which may be an underlying cause of insomnia, stress headaches, anxiety, or even depression. Historically, they have also been used to support detoxification and recovery from addictions.

A first visit includes an interview to learn about your health history and your primary health concern. Many people have more than one challenge, so we aim to identify the root cause and address it. I will also examine your tongue, which provides insight into organ strength and areas needing support. Pulse assessment offers additional information from each organ system. I'll ask about your sleep, mood, energy levels, and digestion, as these all help determine underlying causes.

As I have been a massage therapist for over 40 years, I will likely include some massage, followed by acupuncture. Many people worry that acupuncture needles will feel like injections, but the needles are very fine—about the width of a hair—so there is usually very little discomfort, and some people don't notice them at all. You may feel warmth or pressure when the needle is first inserted, which typically relaxes the muscle and helps the body's energy flow to support healing. If appropriate, I may use a small battery booster on some needles to strengthen the treatment.

Needles usually remain in place for about 20 minutes. With calming spa music, a comfortable table, and cozy blankets, many patients find themselves deeply relaxed or even napping while their body responds to the treatment.

Afterward, I may demonstrate exercises, suggest supplements, or recommend dietary changes. I will explain the recommended treatment plan or schedule, and patients may rebook with the **ʔakisǫnuk Health receptionist (250-342-6379)** if they choose.

I hope this information is helpful, and I look forward to seeing patients for a spring tune-up or an initial consultation.

Healthy regards,
Heather Fischbuch
Registered Acupuncturist

Phone: (250) 688-0033 | flourishinghealth4all@gmail.com



YOUR BENEFITS YOUR WAY



Ki?su?k kyukyit qapiniski?. We have had over 200 ?akisqnuqnik sign up for member health benefits! Below are some resources to help download the app(s), sign up for CINUP, and submit claims. Click the video below, [my-benefits for Employees](#), to see a quick how-to tutorial. Or go to: <https://cinup.ca/my-benefits/>

We hope this helps make submitting your claims easier! If you are still having trouble, email healthcentre@aksignuk.org more assistance.



Submit Online

my-benefits eClaims® allows you to submit many of your Health and Dental claims online, quickly and easily – no paper claim forms to complete. Claim payments are deposited into your account within 48 hours of being processed.

It's easy:

- Select the service or product supplied (the type of claim)
- Enter the service date and amount charged by the provider
- Attach a digital copy of the original receipt and submit

It's as simple as that. You will receive an email notice when your Explanation of Benefits has been prepared and claim payments have been deposited into your account.

Not registered, [sign up now!](#) All you need is your Firm and Certificate number.

[my-benefits for Employers](#)

[my-benefits for Employees](#)



LOGIN

Submitting claims with your phone or tablet?

Download the *my-benefits* app. It's as simple as taking a picture of the receipt using your device.



Join the Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society (EJLCS) Board!

We want to hear from you!
For more information contact:

Carrie Rickards

Email: carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

250-342-6331



Download the
Nomination Form

The Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society, which operates the Little Badgers Early Learning Programs, is seeking a new volunteer Board Member. Following the loss of our Chairperson, Lucille Shovar, we are looking for additional leadership to support this important work.

We are especially interested in a member of the ʔakisǫnuknik community who is passionate about early childhood education and strengthening Ktunaxa language and culture. Joining the Board is an opportunity to support the organization in advancing ʔakisǫnuknik/Ktunaxa cultural and community-based programming and to help ensure the continued success of the Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society.



Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society

3046 Highway 93/95, Windermere, BC V0B 2L2

Phone: (250)-342-6331

Board Member Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Employment/Position: _____

Education: _____

Please list some of the skills and experience that the candidate possesses below (*i.e. teaching, non-profit experience, etc.*):

Please tell us why you would like to be on the EJLCS Board of Directors:

Nomination Submitted by:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Nomination Seconded by:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Has this person been contacted to determine their interest in being nominated?

Yes No

Please submit all nominations by Friday, May 8th, 2026 to carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com.

Thank you for your nomination!



AFN PROJECT MANAGER BOB COTTERALL UPDATE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY

DEAR ʔAKISQNUK COMMUNITY,

All flooring in both the Administration and Health components is approximately 90% complete. Flooring installation in the Band Hall is scheduled to begin in the second week of May and will include mosaic tile and artwork.

Electrical and mechanical work is nearing completion throughout the project. Final system commissioning is pending the BC Hydro connection, after which all systems will undergo testing.

Office furniture installation is planned for mid-May, with preparatory work currently underway.

At this time, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony is anticipated to take place in the latter part of June.



250-342-6301



bob.cotterall@akisqnuk.org

Employment Opportunities

ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation has exciting new employment opportunities available! Visit our website to see the full requirements and submit your application.

www.akisq̓nuk.org/employment-opportunities

Core Services

- Communications Manager

Finance

- Accounting Coordinator

Lands and Resources

- Indigenous Stewardship Monitor
- Regulatory Engagement Coordinator
- ʔakisq̓nuk Guardians

Member Services

- Community Helper—Casual



Statistics
Canada

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Canada

GR-315-26

NOW HIRING FOR 2026 CENSUS JOBS!

The next Census of Population will take place in the spring of 2026. The census provides high-quality data that your community can use to help plan services like employment, childcare, education, and healthcare. Statistics Canada is hiring people to help communities complete their census questionnaires.



Benefits of the 2026 Census for Indigenous Peoples



Data provided by First Nations people, Métis, and Inuit across Canada can help communities and all levels of government plan and evaluate programs related to Indigenous languages, education, housing, community health, and social services.



Canada

Join the 2026 Census team

You can use your local knowledge to help conduct the census and help ensure that all households are counted. Gain valuable experience and develop skills that employers are looking for. Your contribution to the census can help your community plan and shape its future.

What types of jobs are available?

Census jobs are short-term positions focused on collecting census questionnaires from households in your community. The work takes place between **March and July 2026**, depending on the role and location.

Enumerator (non-supervisory position):

As an enumerator, your primary responsibility will be to collect census data by completing questionnaires with members of the community.

Crew Leader (supervisory position):

As a crew leader, you will train, supervise, and support a team of enumerators.

Rates of pay

- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.

Are you or is someone you know interested in a census job?

To apply, you must be

- the age of majority in your current province or territory of residence:
 - Provinces where the age of majority is 18: Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
 - Province and territories where the age of majority is 19: British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut and Yukon.
- a Canadian citizen or otherwise eligible to work in Canada.
- available to work flexible hours during days, evenings, and weekends.



Apply now and
tell a friend
census.gc.ca/jobs

If you need assistance with your application, please call 1-833-830-3106
Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-833-830-3109

We Are Hiring!



ʔAKISQNUK GUARDIANS

Step into your role as ʔAkisqnuq Guardian

Yaqaʔ hankati#iki na ʔamak (Our people care for the land, the land cares for our people)

JOIN THE TEAM!

APPLY NOW

www.akisqnuq.org
multiple positions available



WHAT GUARDIANS DO

- Fulfil our sacred duty to uphold ʔaknumuʔti#i (Ktunaxa law) and ʔa-kxam#is ʔapi qapsin (all living things)
- Be present within community
- Build up ʔakisqnuqnik & empower youth
- Observe, record, report violations
- Safeguard & support cultural practices

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Ktunaxani#ntik who want to be on the land
- Youth reconnecting with the land
- No experience needed - learn on the land

HOW YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED

- Training grounded in Ktunaxa knowledge and ways of being
- Intergenerational learning with Elders and Knowledge Holders
- Hands-on, land-based experience
- Recognized certifications
- Field skills and safety

LEARNING ON THE LANDS

- Ktunaxa language
- Safety and emergency response
- Water, land and cultural stewardship

We Are Hiring!



INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP MONITOR

Yaqał hankatitłki na ʔamak (Our people care for the land, the land cares for our people)

LOCATION REVELSTOKE, BC (HYBRID) BC HYDRO REV6 PROJECT SITE

WHAT IS THE ROLE?

- Represent Ktunaxa Nation Council and Ktunaxa First Nations through Ktunaxa-led monitoring for protection of cultural values, and ʔa-kxam̓is ǰapi qapsin (all living things)
- Observe, record, report violations
- Share observations
- Adhere to safety protocols

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- Ktunaxaniłtik who want to be on the land and have experience through land-based practice and family teachings

JOIN THE TEAM!

APPLY NOW

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The position may be filled by someone who is newer to the field who has Ktunaxa cultural knowledge, and is motivated to learn, with training and mentorship available.



Community is built on people, stories, and accomplishments that should be recognized!
It's all about lifting each other up and sharing moments of pride together

Membership Spotlight!

Work Anniversaries & Achievements
Birthdays & Wedding Announcements
Education & Training Achievements
New Additions to Families
Special Celebrations

Know someone who should be celebrated?

Submit a Membership Spotlight to celebrate them
in our monthly newsletter!

Please make sure the person you are celebrating is comfortable being featured.
We want every shoutout to feel positive, respectful, and something they're happy
to share with the community.

Send your submission to communication@akisqnuq.org

KYAT#ANANA PROTECTION

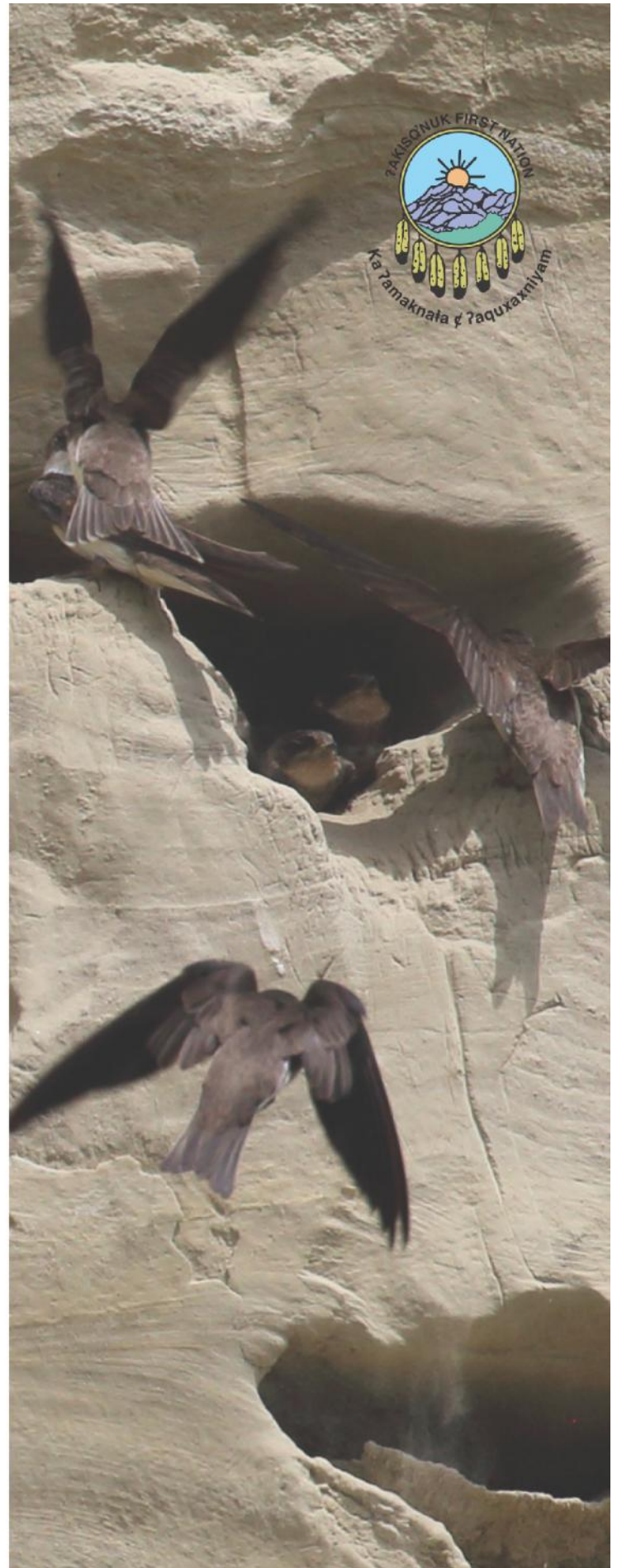
This spring and early summer, Guardians and the Lands & Resources team will be on the land at Naked Sands, Indian Beach Estates, and Lakeshore Campground. These areas support active breeding colonies of *kyat#anana* (Barn/Cliff/Bank Swallow) from mid-May through mid-July.

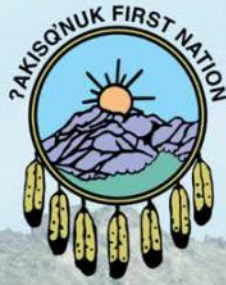
Kyat#anana are small migratory birds that nest in sandy shoreline banks. They are aerial insectivores, hunting insects in the air. Their populations have declined by approximately 93–98% over the past four decades, and these areas provide important habitat for raising their young. *Kyat#anana* are considered a threatened species.

For Ktunaxa people, *kyat#anana* are part of ʔa-kxar̓is q̓api qapsin (all living things), and their presence reflects the health of ʔamak (land) and wuʔu (water). The colonies along the ʔAkisq̓nuk shoreline are among the most active on Lake Windermere.

Giving these areas space during the breeding season helps support their success.

For more information, contact lands.resources@akisqnuk.org.





Cultural Conservation Value Program

Calling ʔakisq̓nuknik and Ktunaxani̓ntik who are interested in participating in a Cultural Conservation Opportunity in collaboration with the AFN Lands department.

Come help learn, enhance, and preserve our ability to practice Ktunaxa culture in ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa. We will be going out to various sites to assess and monitor our ability to be Ktunaxa on the landscape. Berry picking, plant/material gathering, bird watching, wildlife use monitoring, game scouting, hunting, and fishing are some activities we can conduct to assess impacts to Ktunaxa cultural practices. It is a great chance to experience the territory, meet industry, gain contacts and work experience, and practice our Ktunaxa culture. Many of the activities will revolve around seasonal Ktunaxa cultural practices on the land.

There are opportunities for day or multi-day trips with small groups. We'd like these trips to lead to more and improved community engagement sessions both in community and on the land, as well as seek interested ʔakisq̓nuknik who want to join our Lands Team.

If you are interested, please reach out! There is no age limit - students and families are invited to attend.

ʔakisq̓nuknik and Ktunaxani̓ntik can contact chris.joseph@akisqnuuk.org or (250) 342-6301 Ext. # 3841 for more information and to provide suggestions for areas that they need to know more about.



ATTENTION ?AKISQNUK FISHERS

Invasive Species Yellow Perch found in
Ya·ki?uni?itki Kwitq?i (Columbia Lake)

cm inch



Why is this important?

- Yellow Perch in BC are considered an invasive species, and are a direct threat to native fish species like salmon, trout, whitefish, and burbot, preying on their juveniles and negatively impacting their populations
- If nothing is done, yellow perch could rapidly overtake all other fish species native to Ya·ki?uni?itki Kwitq?i and harm the local biodiversity

**Qapi qapsin kin
?itkin hin ?isti
Ktunaxa**

*Everything you do,
you do for Ktunaxa*



What do Yellow Perch look like?

- Size ranges between 10 - 25 cm (4 - 10 inches) long
- Olive-green back, yellow sides, white belly, and dark vertical bars on the sides
- Two dorsal (back) fins and a forked tail

There are no other fish species in Ya·ki?uni?itki Kwitq?i that look similar to Yellow Perch

What to do if you catch one:

- **Do NOT release Yellow Perch back into the water (alive or dead)**
- Humanely kill the fish and dispose of safely if not intending to eat (e.g. trash, leave on shore if not in area of high-human activity)
- Yellow perch are safe to eat if you wish to keep your catch

Info to report:

Please report any Yellow Perch catches to **Lands.Resources@akisqnuk.org** and include:

- Date and location caught (GPS if possible)
- Photo of fish (ruler for scale)
- Any identifying markings on the fish

AFN will send invasive species reports to the relevant Ministry

For more information or questions:

- BC Invasive Species website - Yellow Perch
- AFN Lands & Resources department - Lands.Resources@akisqnuk.org

Stay tuned for more updates from AFN!

BE WILDFIRE READY: PREPARE NOW TO PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

Wildfire conditions can change rapidly—being prepared ahead of time can make all the difference. Take time now to ensure your household is ready to act quickly and safely.

Prepare an emergency bag for each household member that can sustain you for at least 72 hours. Include:

- Water, non-perishable food, and a first aid kit
- Prescription medications and essential medical supplies
- Flashlights, batteries, and a portable phone charger
- Important documents (ID, insurance, emergency contacts)
- Cash, extra keys, and seasonal clothing

Plan what matters most:

In an evacuation, focus on essentials. Prioritize:

- People and pets first
- Medications, phones, chargers, and wallets
- A change of clothes and basic toiletries

Have a clear evacuation plan:

- Identify multiple evacuation routes and a meeting place
- Keep your vehicle fuelled and ready to go
- Know where you will stay if displaced (family, friends, or emergency lodging)



Stay ready throughout the season:

- Review and refresh your emergency kit regularly (replace expired items, update documents)
- Keep your bag in an easy-to-access location
- Monitor alerts and follow evacuation orders immediately

Bonus tip:

If time allows before leaving, take photos or a quick video of your home and belongings for insurance purposes.

Wildfire does not discriminate. We are all at risk and we can all do our part to help. Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.





Join the Ktunaxa Nation team & support our ʔa-knusti

Ktunaxa Nation Council is seeking a full time ʔa-knusti Coordinator to support our land guardianship team



Visit our Careers page to learn more

www.ktunaxa.org/careers

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Save the Date! 2026 Charity Golf Tournament

25th makutni

Thursday, June 18
St Eugene Golf Resort & Casino
More info to come!

We look forward to seeing you at our award-winning resort for a fun-filled day of golf and prizes! Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks.



Raising funds for:

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EVR Careers Info Sessions

Thursday, May 7th
2:00 p.m. | 4:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m.

Causeway Bay Hotel
102 Red Cedar Drive
Sparwood, B.C.



Careers. Pathways. Possibilities.

Connect with our recruitment team to learn about career pathways at EVR including haul truck operators and labour, skilled trades, engineering and technical, environmental, safety, administration, human resources and more.

Multiple session times available. Drop into the time that works best for you.

Walk-ins welcome or let us know you're coming. Scan to register!



INDIGENOUS TOURISM BC

Indigenous Ambassador Training

(Currently updating – Expressions of Interest open)



A one-day, in-person workshop for Indigenous Peoples interested in tourism and hospitality. Build confidence, learn to share your culture respectfully, welcome visitors, and represent your Nation with pride. Delivered by Indigenous Tourism BC and free for eligible Indigenous participants in BC. Submit expressions of interest.