

ʔakisq̓nuk Community Newsletter

March 10th 2023 Issue

Can you spy the heart of the Kootenays?



Kootenay Park – Mar. 4/23

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Members Messages



Janice Alpine, Councillor

February 24, 2023

As of being sworn in on Feb the 15th and since this was a By-Election my duties commenced immediately. In the spirit of good communication, I thought I would share my views on the first few days at the Council Table. Feb 15th was my first Chief & Council Meeting. I then attended a Leadership Meeting on the 16th and then back to the Council Table on the 17th. Things have been moving fast and many pressing issues have been addressed.

Not to go into detail the following are being/have been addressed:

The recruitment of Senior Staff to support these matters was necessary.

Feb 15th

- Indigenous Watersheds Initiative Expression of Interest is a 2 year project that will focus on Bringing the Beaver and Water Back to Sun Creek that Ktunaxa Values will be incorporated.
- A Business Plan will be developed for the Columbia Lake Recreation Centre.
- Ministry of Forest, Forest Tenure Opportunity Agreement has been reviewed addressing direct award total volume per m³.
- Elkhorn Media Release developed by Canada is being reviewed to incorporate ʔakisqnuq perspective.
- Madias Tatley (Matyas Taʔi) Specific Claim will proceed.
- BC Wildlife Federation felt it necessary to engage in a name changing initiative that included the Shuswap Indian Band. We expressed disapproval and will submit a letter to stop any and all initiatives that have resulted in this project.
- Restore First Nations Control Over More Resources on Indigenous Lands, a plan to move forward is in place to address fiscal revenue.
- Lakeshore Resort and Campground leases are being reviewed.
- Provided direction to Member Services in the event of member being released back into the community.
- Crown Council and RCMP met to discuss services to the community. Areas of focus include criminal activity, Victim Services, Court workers and better communication with Crown.
- Discussions on the Guide Outfitting Territory have been reopened.

Feb 16th

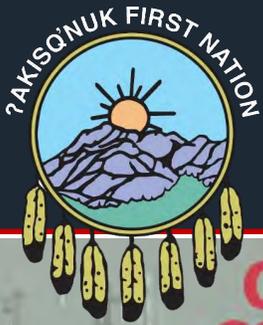
A Leadership Meeting was held in Lower Kootenay where KNC asked for direction on ways to enhance services and support to the Communities. Representatives included; ʔaʔam, ʔakisqnuq and Lower Kootenay, regrets: Yaʔit ʔaknuʔi-it

Feb 17th

The agenda included four Human Resource matters of sensitive origin that I'm not at liberty to go into at this point. But I can say these matters are in motion.

The above has prompted us to re-evaluate the Governance and Human Resource Polices, Election Regulations and delve heavily into Rights and Title. Please contact me if you have questions and issues you would like to bring to the table to address. You can reach me at 250 489 0876, or janice.alpine@akisqnuq.org . Taxas.

Janice Alpine, Councillor janice.alpine@akisqnuq.org Feb 2023



Members Messages

COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

FREE or SUBSIDIZED INTERNET FOR KTUNAXA

FREE

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

Community Connectivity

For membership living on reservation. Can get application from your Band office, Shane or fill the application online by login into your Ktunaxa Hakqiyit account

<https://ktunaxahakqiyit.org/login>

You must register with the site to complete the application for free internet or subsidy for your internet <https://ktunaxahakqiyit.org/ktunaxa-community-connectivity>

Shane Stewart with the Ktunaxa Nation, Economic and investment sector is the main contact for more information at 250 489 2464 ext 4373 or shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended the 'Blowin' Into Spring' Family Fun Event at our Akisqnuq location on Saturday!

A special thank you to Lillian Rose for facilitating cultural craft activities through her Ktunaxa Traditional Language & Culture Role, and to Trevor Joseph and Pat Warden from Aq'am KKCFFS for their leadership and support in setting up our tipi and tent.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

Please call 250-342-6379 if you'd like to be added to our events or quarterly newsletter contact list, or if you'd like to be involved in planning future events.

-Donna, Connie, Jennie, Lori, Nicole, Richard, and River-



Ktunaxa Kinbaskel
Child & Family
Services Society

Make sure you got your fishing license this year. They are getting real sneaky...





Application Form

If you live in a home within a Ktunaxa First Nation Community, you can apply for **EITHER:**
FREE FlexiNet Internet to you home

OR

A **SUBSIDY of \$55**-per-month towards your current Internet bills.

This form covers either option.

The form must be filled out by the person in the household who is responsible for Internet services payments or decisions around Internet services. **(Only 1 application per household)**

Your name (First and Last)?			
Which Ktunaxa First Nation Community do you live?			
Home address (include house/unit number and Street)*	City:		
	Postcode:		
Your phone number?			
Your email address?			
Who is your current Internet Provider?			
Are you in a contract with your current Internet provider?			
When will your current term/contract end?	1-6 months <input type="checkbox"/>	6-12 months <input type="checkbox"/>	1-2 years <input type="checkbox"/>
Which option would you like? Please select one option	1. Free FlexiNet <input type="checkbox"/>		2. \$55 per month <input type="checkbox"/>
	If you are NOT with FlexiNet, would you consider switching? <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>

*We need your address to verify that your home is on Reserve, and if you want Free Internet (not Subsidized), your home must be serviced by FlexiNet.

Please send this application form to sm@flexinet.ca **OR** drop the completed form off at your Band Office to send in on your behalf.

Happy surfing!

Ktunaxa Nation Council – Economic & Investment Sector

Takisgnuk

Taqam

Taqan Kulkuy

Taqit Taknuqtiit



Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

THE CRANBROOK HISTORY CENTRE

New Travelling Exhibit

Created by The Legacy of Hope Foundation

**Killing the Indian in the Child:
Generations Lost**

Youth on Reconciliation

February 28 - April 4, 2023



CARWASH!

March 11
2023

11am - 3pm
\$10 per car

@ Columbia
Lake Res Center
Parking Lot

Fundraising Proceeds
go to a trip with
EK Valley Travel
Club

**Come
support
Nyla
Nicholas
and her
travel club**



LEARN HOW TO CREATE A FEATHER FAN!



Instructed by Everett White

Open to All!

Where? ʔakisq'nuk Recreation Center

When? March 15th & 16th

From 2:00pm - 8:00pm

To register, please contact

Tanya Francis

tfrancis@ktunaxa.org

Text (250) 421-3615

* Limited to 10

Imitation feathers will be supplied

* Participants will need to bring their own eagle feather



Everett White

Feather Fan Workshop



Instructed by Everett White
Open to all Ktunaxanin'tik

Date: March 13 & 14

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: KNC Auditorium

To register, contact

Tanya Francis

tfrancis@ktunaxa.org

Text: (250) 421-3615

Limited to 10

* Participants will need to provide their own eagle feathers



Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society



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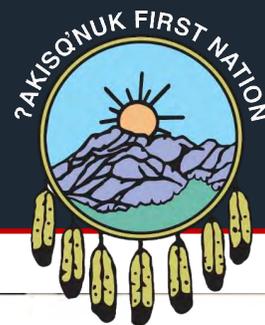


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Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



March

- Mar. 10th 12-2pm.: Columbia Lake Recreation Centre Re-grand Opening Celebration at the rec centre gym. All are welcome! Light Entertainment & Refreshments.
- Mar. 11th 11am - 3pm.: Carwash Fundraiser at the Columbia Lake Rec. Centre parking lot. \$10 per car. Proceeds go to a trip with EK valley Travel club for ʔakisq̓nuk member Nyla.
- Mar. 16th 2-4pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To Book appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Mar. 13-14th 2-8pm.: Feather Fan Workshop instructed by Everett White at the KNC Auditorium. To register contact Tanya Francis at tfrancis@ktunaxa.org or text (250) 421-3615, Limited to 10 Participants.
- Mar. 15-16th 2-8pm.: Feather Fan Workshop instructed by Everett White at the akisq̓nuk Recreation Centre. To register contact Tanya Francis at tfrancis@ktunaxa.org or text (250) 421-3615, Limited to 10 Participants.
- Mar. 20th-24th 9am-3pm.: Circus Camp at ʔakisq̓nuk Band Hall. Open to any ʔakisq̓nuk school age (K-12) Lunch and snacks will provided. Space is limited due to equipment quantities. register please email /call/text Stella Sam Sdemagal@gmail.com 250-688-7432
- Mar. 20th-24th.: Ktunaxa ʔik ʔa-kaku Camp 20239 (Trap snare camp) for ages 15-30. Limited to 10 participants contact Kara Whitehead 250-919-7597 or whiteheadkarak@gmail.com to register
- Mar. 20th 5pm.: ʔakisq̓nuk Band meeting at the bandhall or zoom..
- Mar. 22th 5:30 -7pm.: Life Skills for youth info session. All Ktunaxa, Shuswap and Metis youth were encouraged to attend. Snacks provided. Please register by calling Lori 250-342-6379 or emailing lori.sluth@ktunaxa.org
- Mar. 23rd.: Sacred Defenders of the Universe immersion Gallery at the Calgary Telus Spark Science centre. Admission is FREE for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, . Get your tickets asap <https://www.sparkscience.ca/whats-on/sacred-defenders-of-the-universe>
- Mar. 27th 1-4pm.: SUPAMAN entertaining performance utilizing flute playing, fancy dancing, video comedy and hip hop music at the Columbia Lake Recreation centre. Admission by donation. Proceeds will go towards future ʔakisq̓nuk community opportunities. There will be a concession for snacks and refreshments. Cash only.



**Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre**

Presents

Re-Grand Opening Celebration!

March 10th

1 -3PM

at the Rec. centre

Gym

**All welcome!
Light Entertainment
& Refreshments**

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

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



LET'S UNITE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

ʔAKISQNUK BAND MEETING

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

FOR ALL AKISQNUK BAND MEMBERSHIP
AGENDA ITEMS DUE THURSDAY MARCH 16TH
EMAIL KAREN VARGAS AT
KAREN.VARGAS@AKISQNUK.ORG FOR AGENDA AND
ZOOM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81775327227
MEETING ID: 817 7532 7227



JERROD BONDY BRINGS YOU

CIRCUS CAMP

at ʔakisqnuq



March 20-24, 2023 • 9am-3PM

ʔakisqnuq Bandhall

Open to any ʔakisqnuknik school age (k-12).

*Lunch and snacks will be provided.

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

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

To register please email /call/text Stella Sam

Sdemagal@gmail.com

250-688-7432

First session -
Wednesday
March 22 at
Akisqnuq health
center from
5:30-7pm. The
first info session
will be to find
out what you
want, and what
you need from
the lifeskills
program.

So, bring your
creativity and
your sense of
humour, and WE
will bring the
snacks! Please
register by
calling Lori at
250.342.6379
or emailing
lori.sluth@ktunaxa.org

KKCFSS

PRESENTS
LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH
ALL KUTUNAXA, SHUSWAP AND METIS YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society

Paqmi Nuayuk
Ktunaxa Child & Family Services Society

Car Seat Clinic - Free Safety Check

Did you know that over 90% of child car seats are installed incorrectly? Could yours be one of them?

Find out by coming to our FREE child seat safety check!

Important!! Must bring your vehicle with car manual and your car seat with car seat manual!!



Wednesday, April 5th - 11:00am - 2:00pm

Akisqnuq Health Centre Parking lot

3048 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, BC V0B 2L2

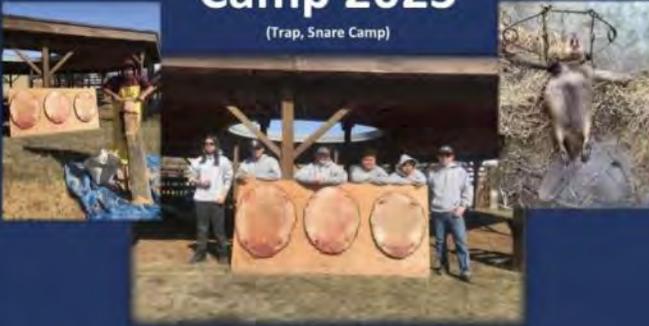
For more information call Jennifer Hilder at 250-342-6379 ext. 3202

*note - if you do not have your car seat manual, please reach out in advance with your car seat info so we can research and print off a manual for you ☺

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

Ktunaxa 'tik ʔa·kak' u Camp 2023

(Trap, Snare Camp)



Where: ʔamkʔis Ktunaxa – Meet at ʔaqam Band Office Parking Lot or request pick-up!

When: March 20-24th - full schedule & supplies list available

Who: Ages 15-30

Contact:

Kara Whitehead – 250-919-7597

E: whiteheadkarak@gmail.com

Please connect with us ASAP to register your name as we are limited to 10 participants



Ktunaxa ksukiʔwi·na'tik Trapping Camp 2023



Where: ʔamkʔis Ktunaxa – Meet at ʔaqam Band Office or request pick-up!

When: March 27th-31st - full schedule & supplies list available

Who: Ages 10 +

Contact:

Kara Whitehead – 250-919-7597

Lindsey Whitehead – 250-919-8482

KKCFSS – 250-489-4563

Please connect with us ASAP to register your name as we are limited to 10 participants

Sponsored by Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services



Sacred Defenders of the Universe

So exciting! March 23rd in Calgary at the Telus Spark Science Centre. Admission is FREE for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, Our Own akisqnuq/ktunaxa Member Earl Benallie is a creator of the Sacred Defenders of the Universe. Get your tickets asap

<https://www.sparkscience.ca/whats-on/sacred-defenders-of-the-universe>



Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

SUPAMAN

Entertaining performance utilizing flute playing, fancy dancing, video,
comedy and hip hop music !!

@ Columbia Lake Recreation Centre

Monday, March 27th!!! 1:00—4:00 pm

Open to
All ages!!



Everyone
Welcome!!

\$ Admission by donation \$

Proceeds will go towards future ʔakisqnuq Community opportunities!

There will be a concession for snacks and refreshments.

**** CASH ONLY! ****

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



OKANAGAN RCMP RECRUITING YOUTH CANOE JOURNEY 2023

The West Kelowna RCMP Indigenous Policing Unit is conducting an Okanagan RCMP Recruiting Youth Canoe Journey on Okanagan Lake August 21 to 25, 2023. Our goal is to help build better community relationships with the RCMP and aboriginal communities, to further enhance recruiting of indigenous people in the RCMP, and to bring education to Indigenous youths regarding the importance of water safety.

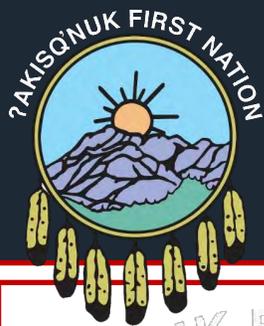
The journey will start at Penticton and will end in Vernon. Centralized camp will be set up in Westbank First Nation Reserve.



Please save this date in your calendar. August 21 to 25, 2023. We are looking for drummers, elders, IPS members, and adult volunteers to help assist in this event.

If you would like to sign up, please contact Cpl. Jamie Budgell 250-464-5716 or Cst. Monte Webb 250-48-3471.

If you have any questions or wish to help, please contact Cst. Rolly Williams 250 718-7717, Cst. Wes Sundstrom 250 575-2745, or School Liaison Officer Cst. Sherrie Lund 250 488-9442.



Employment Opportunities

?akisq'nuk First Nation

The following positions are available at ?akisq'nuk First Nation.

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

- Administrative Assistants
- New* Communications Assistant (1 year Fixed Term Contract)
- Social Development Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Project Manager Trainee
- Registered Forest Technician
- Community Wellness Coordinator
- Records, Reporting, and Grants Specialist
- Casual Workers

You may submit your application by submitting your interest directly to, Human Resources at hr@akisqnuuk.org



?akisq'nuk First Nation
3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, B.C. V0B 2L2
Office: 250.342.8301 Fax: 250.342.9899
www.akisqnuuk.org

Employment Opportunity

Communications Assistant

Position Type: Full-time – One Year Fixed Term Contract (Maternity Leave)

POSITION SUMMARY

The Communications Assistant (the "CA") position is responsible in assisting ?akisq'nuk First Nation ("AFN") managers and staff to optimize how organizational communication. The CA gathers research and prepares communications material for internal and external audiences and by developing and implementing advertising campaigns across the AFN community which are appropriate for print or electronic use. The CA will also be responsible for creating marketing materials, managing social media networks, creating databases for managing clients, events, communications, and marketing data. Other responsibilities may include drafting and editing publication material copies and helping to execute communications projects and strategies for the AFN organization.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for the gathering of pertinent information which goes in creating, printing, and distributing the AFN bi-weekly newsletter.
- Ensure that the AFN webpage is up to date with all the current community activities and events.
- Work in conjunction with staff and affiliate organizations to plan community events. (Annual General Assembly, Earth Day etc.)
- Create physical and electronic flyers and other communication materials for events and overseeing their distribution.
- Ensure all major events are displayed on the AFN billboard, communication boards in the Administration building and Recreation Centre, and in any other suitable location on AFN property.
- Scan and save historical and crucial documents on the AFN common drive whilst ensuring confidentiality is being sensibly practiced.
- Organize the virtual common drive and all its components.
- Assist in the reorganization of the archived files in the Administrations building's basement.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- University degree or college diploma in Communications, or a similar field.
- Experience in an administrative and/or communications capacity.
- Ability to manage and maintain social media accounts such as on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.
- Experienced problem solver and able to tackle issues in the workplace.
- Exceptional and respectful communication skills (written and verbal).
- Ability to exercise tact and diplomacy in adverse and stressful situations.
- Ability to work unsupervised and to also function as part of a diverse team of professionals.
- Experience in creating community or company-wide newsletters in a corporate capacity.
- Superior planning, organizing and prioritizing tasks and workload.
- Able to work in accordance with timelines and deadlines.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Publisher.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The core of our business is serving the AFN Community and the Ktunaxa Nation overall. Therefore, anyone who joins the organization should have an understanding of AFN and/or the Ktunaxa Nation. This understanding can be gained from being a member of the AFN Community and/or the Ktunaxa Nation, being from AFN or Ktunaxa ancestry, or from working with the Community and/or the Nation. If a person looking to join the AFN Organization does not currently possess this understanding of the Community or Nation, they must demonstrate a genuine interest to learn more and stay informed about the culture to gain a greater understanding.

Please submit your resume and covering letter detailing your interest and suitability for the role.

Human Resources
?akisq'nuk First Nation
3050 Highway 93/95, Windermere,
BC V0B 2L2
hr@akisqnuuk.org

Note: Preference will be given to candidates of Ktunaxa or other First Nations ancestry in accordance with Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code. ?akisq'nuk First Nation may consider a Ktunaxa citizen who does not meet all the hiring criteria. Where possible, ?akisq'nuk First Nation will endeavour to provide hands on training and professional development to applicants of Ktunaxa ancestry. We encourage you to apply!

?akisq'nuk First Nation encourages applicants to self-identify. Thank you to all those who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment Opportunities



Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society
Little Badgers Early Learning Program
3046 Highway 93/95, Windermere, BC
250-342-6331

Support Worker

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

The successful candidate will:

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

Qualifications:

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

Compensation

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

To apply, submit Cover Letter and resume, to:

Carrie Rickards
General Manager
Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society
Email: carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

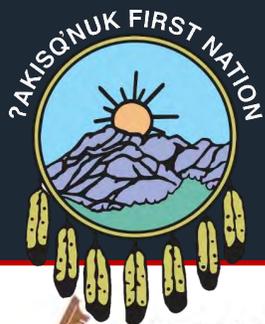
Thank you to all applicants who apply however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

CATERER NEEDED

Little Badgers is looking for a caterer to provide hot lunch and baked goods for morning snack. If interested please contact Carrie via email carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com or phone 250-342-6331

Little Badgers





Employment Opportunities

KTUNAXA NATION *Ktunaxa Nation Career Opportunities*
 in the territory checkout
 KNC website at <https://www.ktunaxa.org> > Careers
 for [Bids for Contracted Services](#) and [current postings](#)

- Aboriginal Care Navigator
- Clinical Supervisor – Complex Care Shelter
- Maintenance Worker
- Medical Office Assistant
- Regulatory Engagement Coordinator (Nation Council)
- Client Services Worker
- Wellness Center Project Manager
- Elder Secretariat



LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Nupqu Opportunities

Check out the employment opportunities
<https://ca.indeed.com/cmp/Nupqu-Development-Corporation-2/jobs#cmp-skip-header-desktop>

- Fleet Manager
- Native Plant Supervisor
- Safety Coordinator
- Environmental Technician
- Archaeology Field Director
- Project Manager Environmental



Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society Employment Opportunities

Check out the employment opportunities on the Ktunaxa /

Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society Website
<https://kkcfss.org/careers/>

- Clinical Operations Manager – Foundry (Cranbrook, BC)
- Early Years Worker – Yaqan Nukiy (Creston, BC)
- Early Years Worker – Elk Valley (Fernie, BC)
- Guardianship Social Worker – ?aqam (Cranbrook, BC)
- Wellness Outreach Counsellor – ?aqam (Cranbrook, BC)
- Youth & Family Counsellor – Yaqan Nukiy (Creston, BC)
- Youth & Family Counsellor – ?akisqnuq (Windermere, BC)



AFN staff (Right to Left) Theresa Kains, Karen Vargas & Hany Hafez at the Columbia Valley Job Fair March 2nd promoting the available positions

Employment Opportunities



School District 6 (Rocky Mountain) Indigenous Education Student Support Worker Invermere, BC

School District 6 is seeking an Indigenous Education Student Support Worker for a temporary, part-time (.8 FTE) position at JA Laird Elementary School, effective **April 2, 2023 to June 30, 2023 or the return of the incumbent.**

The IESSW is under the direction of, and works in consultation with, the Principal. This is an exempt staff (non-union) position.

DUTIES:

- Provide academic guidance, assistance and direction to Indigenous students as needed;
- Liaise between the home, school and parents/families/caregivers, Band Education Coordinators, and other agencies;
- Provide social, emotional, academic and cultural advocacy for Indigenous students and their families
- Provide access to cultural services to Indigenous students and the school community;
- Work closely with teaching staff to support the achievement of Indigenous learners;
- Monitor student academic and social development as well as attendance and healthy lifestyle choices and document supports and services utilizing the District Indigenous Information Management System
- Work effectively with current technology;

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completion of the 12th school grade, or equivalent;
- Indigenous Education Support Worker Diploma program or other relevant diploma or degree program or equivalent, or successful relevant coursework and experience working with Indigenous students in the K-12 system;
- A strong knowledge of Indigenous cultures is considered an asset.

Applications for this opportunity must be submitted by **Friday, March 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. MST via Make a Future <http://sd6-makeafuture.simplification.com>** (Make a Future #3431068). Applications must include a cover letter, resume and two professional references.

Please address questions regarding this position to Terriann Hayes, Principal, JALES, at 250-342-6232.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Please note that we will only be in contact with those individuals moving forward in the process.





Reminders & Notices



20 X 22 AKISQNUK FIREWOOD

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



AKISQNUK FIRST NATION

REUSED LAPTOPS



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

CONTACT
CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG



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

christy.baker@akisqnuq.org



IT'S TIME TO GO SKIING!

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

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

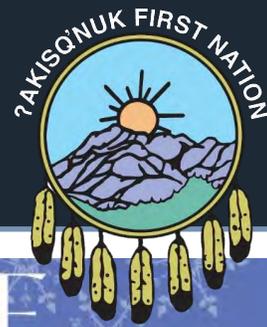
to offer all community members (and their spouse/children, on and off reserve) free lift tickets, rentals, lessons and as well as a \$25 food voucher for RCR Hills, (\$20 food voucher at Panorama) This will be available on **Sundays till March 26th**, as we are only able to offer it once per a week for the season. **To participate, you must email Theresa by Wednesday prior to your ski Sunday at info@akisqnuq.org with the following information for each participant:**

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

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



Reminders & Notices



ʔAkisqnuq Education Services Needs Assessment

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

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

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



FREE WINTER WEAR

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

Call Out for FAIC

ʔAkisqnuq Finance Audit & Investment Committee

Do you have an interest in the finances of AFN?

Do you have a knowledge of finances and risks?

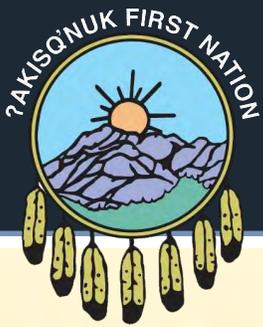
We need you!

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

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

Social Development update

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



Reminders & Notices

Interested in Renovations on-reserve?



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

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

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



Interested in building a new home on-reserve?



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We care about what you think.



?akisqnuknik. your feedback helps ?akisqnuq First Nation make improvements to services provided. Take a few minutes to fill out the Health and wellness survey.

visit

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



COMMUNITY QUALITY OF SERVICE Survey



SCAN QR CODE

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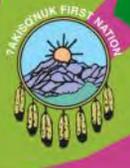


Service standards strengthen Band accountability by making performance transparent and increase the confidence of members in their leadership by demonstrating commitment to service excellence.

Please set aside some time to complete this survey.



Reminders & Notices



FOR ʔAKISQNUK BAND MEMBERS ONLY

GOOD FOOD BOX

The next Good Food Box will go out on April 5th.
Cost \$7

To sign up or for more information contact Mary Joseph at reccentre@akisqnuq.org, or 250-342-6301 ext. 3843 (or to Cancel your box)

Please confirm you will pickup. If you do not confirm or sign up by Wednesday March 29th 2023, you will not receive a box.
Pickup is between 1pm and 2pm, Wednesday April 5th.



www.akisqnuq.org

CALL TO ʔAKISQNUK COMMUNITY

Columbia River Treaty Renewal Leadership Steering Committee

ʔakisqnuq needs to appoint 2 ʔakisqnukniks to represent on this committee

If you have an interest in being a representative contact SAO Joseph Khan joseph.khan@akisqnuq.org or Karen Vargas at karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org

Skill sets of appointees

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

To see TOR or Appointment Skill set contact communitcation@akisqnuq.org



What level of community engagement on the new Ktunaxa Law is occurring?

KKCFSS has hosted online Zoom Engagement session and in person sessions with Ktunaxa Nation Members initially. Focus groups with the following groups for input:

- Elders
- Former children in Care
- Leadership
- Community members
- Delegated Social Workers/ Team Leaders of KKCFSS

Feedback and Comments

If you have any comments or questions or would like to host an information session in your community, please email or phone:

jbirdstone@ktunaxa.org or Chelsea.Hollingshead@ktunaxa.org

(250)489-4563

Learning Something New

BURNS LAKE NATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CAREERS PRESENTS

WATER & WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA PROGRAM

13 March 2023



DEVELOP MARKETABLE EXPERTISE IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT, DISTRIBUTION, RE-USE AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND IN MONITORING SOURCE WATER QUALITY.

YEAR ONE INCLUDES:

- WATER SOURCES
- WATER TREATMENT 1
- MECHANICAL SYSTEMS 1 & WATER DISTRIBUTION
- ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
- INSTRUMENTATION 1
- AND MORE...

GRADE 12 REQUIRED
Vaccine Mandatory

3 BREAKS IN THE YEAR

TRAINING ALLOWANCE
INCLUDED

REGISTER NOW

CALL JOHN PATRICK 250-692-3188



Canada



Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement.



Industry Internship Program for Indigenous High School Students

Summer 2023



"We are providing First Nation youth a foundational skillset to become leaders in the technology field and support their communities."
- Brenden Mercer, FNESS Decision Support Manager 2023

The 8-week Program Includes

A SALARY and a LAPTOP to keep

Learn Technology & Professional Skills

Cloud | Cybersecurity | Data Analytics
Customer Service | Financial Literacy

Speaker Series with Inspirational Leaders

Chiefs | Indigenous Leaders | Industry Executives

Work Experience through an Industry IT & Data Project

Network with High School Interns across Canada

The Program Details

July 3rd – August 25th

Monday – Friday
10AM – 3PM



Check out the tools of tomorrow you'll develop in Summer

Don't miss out, please reach out!

No Previous Experience Required.

For more information, contact

Tammy Dong

tdong@fness.bc.ca

By April 21, 2023

IndigenousTech.ai
Canadian Government (PSB) Certified Indigenous Controlled Company



First Nations' Emergency Services Society
BY BRITISH COLUMBIA

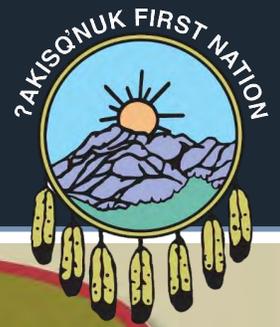
obviously, someone was very upset with the way this person parked. 😂😂



"Hey yeah, can I get a 20 pack of timbits for myself and a double double for the guy up top."



Learning Something New



?Akisq'nuK First Nation Forestry/ Wildland Firefighting training

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

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

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



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

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

Those who qualify are:

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

Intake is ongoing; give us shout!

CERTIFICATIONS

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

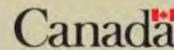
LOCATIONS

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

For more information or to share your ideas, contact:

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

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



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

Are you interested in using Drones for Self-Employment?

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

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

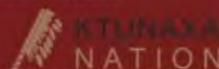
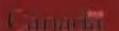
Learn entrepreneurial and job search skills

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



Youth Employability Program Eligibility:

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



Customer Service

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

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

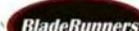
- Customer Service Basic + Superhost
- FoodSafe
- Serving It Right
- Selling It Right

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



Youth Employability Program Eligibility:

- * 15-30 * Unemployed/Underemployed * Not a full time student



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For ʔakisq̓nuk artist & photographers to submit



First Peoples' Cultural Council for Proposals Indigenous Filmmakers in BC

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

<https://fpcc.ca/stories/indigenous-film/>

Call for Proposals

Indigenous Filmmakers in B.C.

Submission Deadline:
March 17, 2023
5 p.m. PST

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

ʔkamni̓ntik Children's Truth and Reconciliation Society

Kiʔsuʔk kyukyit ʔapiniskit,

Hu qaktik Aiyana Twigg. Hu nini Ktunaxa ʔ Blackfoot. Hu qakiqaxi yaqit ʔa·knuq̓iʔit.

Good day everyone, my name is Aiyana Twigg. I am Ktunaxa on my mother's side and Blackfoot on my father's. I was born and raised in Tobacco Plains. My mother is Leanna Gravelle, my grandmother is Roberta Gravelle, and my grandfather is Pat Gravelle. I am 22 years old, and I recently graduated from UBC in May. I have recently accepted a position with the newly developed **ʔkamni̓ntik Children's Truth and Reconciliation Society (TCTRS)**.

To provide you with some context, the TCTRS is a registered society under the *BC Society Act*. It promotes truth and reconciliation through cultural and educational programming, driven by Ktunaxa Nation citizens and Shuswap Indian Band members who are residential school and intergenerational survivors. The society is headquartered at the St. Eugene Resort in ʔaqam, which will work closely with the Society on initiatives of mutual benefits. The founding **board members** include; Alfred Joseph, President; Anne Jimmie, Vice President; Roberta Gravelle, Treasurer/Secretary; Robert Williams, Director; Laverna Stevens, Director; and Chris Luke Sr., Director.

Guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings, the Society:

- Encourages understanding and education of the history and cultures of the Ktunaxa Nation and Shuswap Indian Band people;
- Supports the ability of survivors and intergenerational Kootenay Indian Residential School students to share their truths and create a better future for their children;
- Advances truth and reconciliation of Canada with First Nations and our people;
- Promotes the cultures and languages of the Ktunaxa Nation and Shuswap Indian Band family; and
- Engages or supports other undertakings that facilitate activities that the society feels deemed to fulfill its purpose.

My position within the society includes providing administrative support to complete and manage the registration process for members within the society. My role directly consists of supporting anyone with the registration process who would like to become a member with the society, and to create an easy, and established online registration process for the society in order to advance implementation of the busi-

ness plan and other society activities.

This letter is to inform you about the **ʔkamni̓ntik Children's Truth and Reconciliation Society**, and that **registration is officially open** to residential school and intergenerational survivors who would like to be a member of the society. If you are interested in registering, please **contact me directly** so I can register you for the society, or **fill out the registration form** and **send a copy** of the completed application to the **email provided below**. It should also be noted that the Society is planning a **member's gathering in March** for all those who have registered. This gathering will discuss this year's workplan within the society. More information about the gathering will be provided soon.

If you have any further questions about the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For more information about the society, visit <http://www.tkamnintik.com>

Contact Information

Email: members@tkamnintik.com

Phone: 250-421-4911

Hu sukittukni. I look forward to meeting, and supporting you as you register for the society.

Taxa, Aiyana Twigg



Self Care

Mental Health

on-call 310-1234

Available counsellors

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

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

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

Dr. Page Clinic

March 16th, April 13 & 27th 2-4pm are the next clinics. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Foot Clinics

April 26th 9am-4pm is the next clinic. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Chiropractor*

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

Massage*

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

Influenza vaccines

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

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

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

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

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

Non Coverage Medical*

ʔakisqnuk members living in BC have Pacific Blue Cross Coverage.

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

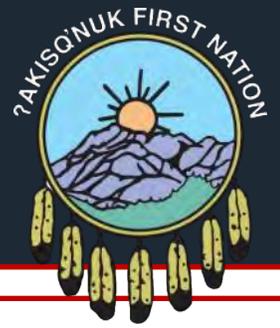
Medical Appointment Transportation

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

*If you like to see someone else or are living off reserve keep/submit receipts for reimbursement or to make other arrangements contact Health Manager Patsy Nicholas at patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org.



Chief & Council



Band Meeting

March 20th 5pm MST

Topic: akisqnuq Band Meeting

Time: Mar 20, 2023 05:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775327227>

Meeting ID: 817 7532 7227

Chief and Council

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

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

Deadline is March 24th for March 29th Chief and Council.

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

Elders' Corner

ʔAkisqnuq Elders

Committee Scheduled

Scheduled: Scheduled:
March 28th 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?pwd=UmlrNEpET1V1TWVPT0tXd1dMS1U3UT09)

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

1st Wednesday of Every
month. Next meeting is April
5th 2023.

Contact Darcy Luke for
agenda items, information
(location for in-person) and/
or Zoom link at
darcy.luke@ktunaxa.org

KKCFSS Elder Resident position posting

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

[https://www.ktunaxa.org/
wp-content/uploads/
Resident-Elders.pdf](https://www.ktunaxa.org/wp-content/uploads/Resident-Elders.pdf)

BC Elders Gathering

is scheduled for August 15-
16 2023 in Vancouver.
Deadline to Register is July
10th. \$550 per person
BC Elders' council Elders'
Voice Newsletter
[https://www.bcelders.com/
Newsletter/
December 2022 Elders Voi
ce.pdf](https://www.bcelders.com/Newsletter/December%202022%20Elders%20Voice.pdf)

Elder Advisory meeting

MAR. 28

10.00 AM

Email: karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org
Zoom link
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934733519?pwd=UmlrNEpET1V1TWVPT0tXd1dMS1U3UT09)
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