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Report to ʔakisq̓nuknik

Councillor: Janice Alpine

Report to Jan 31 2026 (Feb 2nd Band Meeting)

Kiʔsuʔk kyukyit ʔapi niskiʔ

Since our last meeting with members, I have been engaged in matters that affect AFN directly such as reviewing Finance Administration Law update to complete the certification process, Budgets, Working through encroachment with our homelands, Rights and Title focus group sessions for Madias and Tatley, Indian Beach Estates and Columbia Valley Lake Stewardship with the District of Invermere, and meeting with the Shuswap Indian Band Relationship protocol.

Other matters impacting AFN addressing the Governance Policy and completed the final review, Administrative Strategic Planning and Governance Training. We have also completed the CAO Evaluation.

I've also been tables such as Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services Society, 7Nations Soring Eagle Treatment Centre Society and matters at the Ktunaxa Nation Council Leadership table. I've also been involved with national tables in relation to Repatriation, Wildlife Dialog with the Province and Together on Wildlife with Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council, International Joint Commission, attended Our Children our Way conference and World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education. In health attended the First Nation Health Authority Fall Caucus and attending Ktunaxa Protocol meeting with the Nation, and Border issues. I participate in the discussions of the Indigenous Protected & Conserved Areas at Qatmuk.

I've also been meeting and touching base with staff in all the sectors from Housing, Health (primary care and Toxic Drug crisis), Income services, Language and Culture, Education and People & Workplace Culture. C&C is also working with David CAO on addressing the Social Development sector.

I have been reaching out to AFN elders/knowledge holders and youth to participate in meetings and conferences that C&C regularly attend as these meeting have opportunities for elder and youth representation. If you are interested please contact me for further information.

I've also suggested that AFN develop an email contact list as an avenue for communication. You can reach out to myself to begin compiling email addressed at Janice.alpine@akisqnuk.org I'm also in the office Tues and Wed of each week an option for you to connect.

In Office

Jun-Jan 2025/26

July 8,9; Aug 3, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 26; Sept 3, 9, 10, 19; Oct 1, 7, 8; Nov 26 Dec 17, 23; Jan 6, 13, 14, 21, 28

Meetings Attended: It's important that we maintain a seat at as many tables to ensure we have a voice.

Elk/Kootenai/y Area Based Management Plan

The ABMP has completed the amendments to the Elk/Kootenai/y Area Based Management Plan and has gone to cabinet. We will be notified if they are approved. Form there the next phase to implement the ABMP will begin.

Crown Management Partners Steering Committee	The CMP is made up of partners from BC, Alberta, Mt Id and Wa. Ktunaxa and Ksanka attend to provide our concepts and engage in iteratives addressing land management. There is desire to keep the momentum with an updated website CMP
ʔakisq̓nuk Multipurpose Client Meeting	As a Council rep in the client meetings, it up to us to be aware of the change orders as well as requirements of Environment, BC Hydro, FNHA and the Province. Our move date has changed to closer to Mar 2026
Finance Audit and Investment Committee monthly	As Council rep on FAIC I offer support when reviewing the financial statements as well as provide insight on the strategic planning of AFN. We review in detail the finances of AFN. If there are any anomalies we address and bring forward to C&C
FMB	ʔakisq̓nuk continues to seek Finance Management Board certification that will provide further standards for our finances that include taxation and own source revenue. We need to ensure our polices are updated and have been going through the process of updating, Governance, FAL and HR.
KNCS monthly	Ktunaxa Nation Council Leadership meetings continue to be a huge engagement on a regular basis. A major highlight over the past couple meetings is identifying the Leadership Governance Lead and Team in order to support the many challenges we face with the Fed, BC and other First Nations as well as developing a process to focus on Ktunaxa Strength of Claim.
FNHA by-annually	Each Fall and Spring First Nations Health Authority host the Interior Caucus that includes seven nations of the Interior. FNHA has supported our needs in Health but it seems there are gaps that need to be address and working on a process where all 7 Nations of FNHA are supported. We are counting heavily on the Interior Region Nations Executive to work through the challenges. FNHA
KKCFSS Board monthly	KKCFSS has hired a new CAO and is a welcomed addition. He has been focusing on moving the agency forward that will enhance support to the Ktunaxa First Nations needs. Foundry is part of KKCFSS that engages with youth. The COA is implementing strategic priorities that include Bill C-92, jurisdiction and Signs of Safety. KKCFSS
Q̓atmuk monthly	I participate in the Q̓atmuk Mini CI holding a seat long before my Council duties began and continue that work. We are currently closing our Phase 1 in submitting a proposal for Stewardship Planning to BC Indigenous Protected Conservancy Area.
7NSETCS Board monthly	7 Nation Soaring Eagle Treatment Centre Society is spearheading the construction of the new treatment centre that is located on Yaq̓an Nukiy. Large bulk of the funding is coming from FNHA for both construction and operations. We have hired an Executive Director, project Manager and Admin Assistant. Construction completion has moved to Mar 2026
EJLCS Brd monthly	The Brd addresses the Little Badgers daycare. My participation at the board level is Council Advisor. Lucille Shovar has been appointed Chair, Co-Chair is Suzie Thomas. Recently a school has been purchased and Little Badgers were awarded with the Business of the Year Award and recognized by CBT for their outstanding community services.



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SD6	The Local Tuition Agreement has been approved. C&C have yet to meet with the Board of Trustees. Ministry of Education implemented an Indigenous Education Council with 2 appointed from AFN. Council is reviewing the LEA to strengthen our communication.
Encroachment Response Working Group wkly	In response to encroachment of our homelands specifically in and around ʔakisq̓nuk a working group was established. To date we have identified areas that include signage posted by local associations and businesses without the approval of AFN. The main task of the working group is to identify what we can do to correct the messaging ensuring we consider UNDRIP, Distinction Based Approach, and other legislation on Title and Rights. We appreciate membership for bringing forward signage that is being installed in and around the area. We have retained a Branding/Communications group to support our efforts that include engagement with the Feds and BC.
International Joint Commission By-wkly	International Joint Commission has multiple layers of advisory groups that focus on recommendations and decisions taking into account the needs of a wide range of water protection, including or river systems, hydroelectric power generation, agriculture, ecosystem health, industry, fishing, recreational boating and shoreline property. The IJC consists of Canada US and Ktunaxa Governments. I participate on the ABMP/Elk Kootenay Government Advisory Group, Standard Brd Advisory and the Communication Advisory.
Other: Events/Activities attended	
Jun 30	Band Mtg
Jul 1	C&C Mtg
July 7	KKCFSS CAO Interviews (over several days)
July 15	ABMP
July 16 & 17	KNCS AGA
July 18	Governance Strategy
Jul 21	Qałmuk Partners Celebration
Jul 24	BCAFN Leadership - Toxic Drug Crisis
Aug 8	KKCFSS Brd mtg
Aug 12	Jurisdiction Funding
Aug 18	FMB Training
Aug 22-24	AFN AGA
Aug 26	Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Sep 8	7NSETCS Brd Mtg
Sept 8	AFN-DOI Joint Council Mtg
Sep 18	FAIC
Sep 22	Mini CI Mtg
Sep 24-26	KNCS Leadership Mtg
Sep 29	Governance Strat Session

Oct 10	KKCFSS AGM
Oct 15-17	Healing Ingenious Hearts Facilitator Training
Oct 21	CMP Retreat
Oct 22	Ktunaxa Nation Protocol Mtg
Oct 24	Tools for Economic Reconciliation Workshop
Oct 28 - 30	FNHA Fall Caucus
Nov 2 - 6	Our Children Our Way
Nov 3-6	BC First Nations & BC Cabinet meetings
Nov 11	Remembrance Celebration - Invermere
Nov 12-21	WIPCE
Nov 24	KNCS Finance Brd
Dec 1-3	AFN Governance Training
Dec 14-16	AFN Strat Session
Jan 19	Repatriation on Policy
Jan 20	Golden Primary Care Clinic Grand Opening
Jan 27	R&T Focus Grp – Marias & Tatley
Jan 31	Invermere Film Festival

Huyas!

If you have questions or want more details on a specific issue, don't hesitate to contact me at 250 417 7895, or Janice.alpine@akisqnuk.org.

You can also catch me at the office Tues and Wed's.

