



# ɻakisqnuuk Community Newsletter - December 2025



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YOU'RE INVITED  
?AKISQ'NUK

# SOLSTICE

COMMUNITY  
DINNER &  
GATHERING

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**Saturday, December 20, 2025, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Columbia Lake Recreation Centre**  
**3050 BC-93, Windermere, BC V0B 2L2**

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Lynx Brothers, Natanik & kq̓itmiti̓nukqa

**Join us for the 2nd Annual Solstice Potluck!**

Wear emerald green and gold to match the solstice theme. Sleigh rides, craft table, bouncy castle, karaoke, and door prizes! Contact [val.stackhouse@akisqnu.org](mailto:val.stackhouse@akisqnu.org) to sign up for your potluck dish.

Do you have any new or gently loved items you'd like to re-gift? This year, we're creating a special Gift Table for our children and youth, giving them the chance to "shop" for presents for their loved ones and parents at no cost.

A wrapping station will also be available, with helpers on hand to assist our littlest gift-givers.

AFN will be providing reimbursement for the food and honorarium for those that cook. If anyone needs us to take them shopping they can reach out to Val Stackhouse or Theresa Kains.

# Kiʔsuʔk ʔa·kinmititnis

**Abraham Morigeau!**

# 92!

November 30, 1933



Kiʔsuʔk ʔa·kinmititnis to Abraham Morigeau who is turning 92 on November 30!

He's very proud to have a photo of his mom, Sylvia Morigeau (Jarvis) on a horse at 92 years old (bottom right) himself at 2 years old on a horse (above) and Abraham himself recently recently riding as well (top right).



# NOTICE:

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DROP BY THE PROJECT MANAGER'S OFFICE ANY TIME TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE.

## DEAR ?AKISQNUK COMMUNITY,

Construction of the Multipurpose Facility continues with good progress on the interior. The Band Hall glazing is installed and the ceiling architectural features are looking quite handsome.

The tie-in trench for the septic system is nearing completion with septic piping following. Once this is completed, most of the underground infrastructure for the project is done.

The roof for the facility is now completed, the only item left is the installation of the roof snow dams. The internal gutter to the Band Hall is installed and the gutters for the Administration and Health components will be installed shortly. All mechanical and electrical work continues and various testing procedures will begin soon.

The furniture for both the Administrative and Health components was recently reviewed extensively, to ensure the IT wiring is installed correctly with the furniture elements. The commercial kitchen is next on the list of reviews to ensure all appliances fit correctly with the millwork components.

Please feel welcome to drop by the ATCO Trailer across from the Health Centre. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank You.



250-342-6301 ext.3860



[bob.cotterall@akisqnuq.org](mailto:bob.cotterall@akisqnuq.org)

# UPCOMING events

DECEMBER 1-31, 2025

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**Health Centre Open!**  
Staff Meeting postponed  
12-4:30PM

DEC  
18

**Dr. Page Lunch & Learn and Clinic**  
Health Centre Round Room  
12-1PM and 2-4PM

DEC  
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**Members Solstice Party!**  
11:30AM-3:30PM  
Columbia Lake Rec Centre

DEC  
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**Youth Initiative Night**  
Craft Night in the Mural Room  
4:30-6:30PM

DEC  
18

**Good Food Box**  
Mural Room  
12-3:30PM

DEC  
24

**Health Centre Closed for the Holidays**  
We will return on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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**Health Centre Reopens**  
8:30AM-4:30PM

## RECURRING events

**Mondays:**  
Women's Circle, Wiyu Lodge @ 5-8PM

**Wednesdays:**  
Wiyu Wednesdays @ 3-8PM

**Thursdays:**  
Healing & Recovery Circle @ 7PM

**Every other Wednesday:**  
Chief & Council Meetings - Dec 10

**1st Thursday: Dec 4 @ 2-4PM**  
Dr. Page Clinic

**3rd Thursday: Dec 18 @ 12-1PM; 2-4PM**  
Dr. Page Lunch & Learn and Clinic

**3rd Tuesdays: Dec 16**  
Massage Clinic @ 10AM

**3rd Wednesdays: Dec 17**  
Foot Clinic @ 9AM

**2nd Wednesday: Dec 10**  
Acupuncture Clinic @ 9AM

**Last Thursdays: Dec 18**  
Good Food Box @ 12-3:30PM

# Health & Wellness

NOVEMBER 2025

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JANUARY 2026

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# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<u>Women's Circle At Wiyu Lodge 5-8pm</u>		<u>Wiyu Wednesdays 3-8pm</u>	<u>Dr. Page Clinic 2-4pm</u> <u>Recovery Healing Circle at Wiyu Lodge 7pm</u>	<u>Playgroup at Little Badgers 10am-12pm</u>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<u>Women's Circle At Wiyu Lodge 5-8pm</u>		<u>Wiyu Wednesdays 3-8pm</u>	<u>Acupuncture Clinic 9am-12:30pm</u> <u>Recovery Healing Circle at Wiyu Lodge 7pm</u>	<u>Playgroup at Little Badgers 10am-12pm</u>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		<u>Massage Clinic 10am-3pm</u>	<u>Foot Care Clinic 9am-3:15pm</u> <u>Wiyu Wednesdays 3-8pm</u>	<u>Good Food Box 12-3:30pm</u> <u>Dr. Page Lunch + Learn 12-1pm &amp; Clinic 2-4pm</u> <u>Recovery Healing Circle at Wiyu Lodge 7pm</u>		<u>Winter Solstice Member's Party 11:30am - 3:30pm</u>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				<u>Health Centre Closed</u>		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<u>Health Centre Closed</u>						
<p>Please contact the ?akisq̄nuk Health &amp; Wellness Centre at <a href="mailto:healthcentre@akisqnuk.org">healthcentre@akisqnuk.org</a> or 250-342-6379 for more information or to book or cancel an appointment</p>						

Please note that during the holiday closure, the Ktunaxa Health Centre and Streets will be closed. Samantha Sam will be on call for Invermere/?akisq̄nuk. (250) 342-1135. Taxas.

?akisq̄nuk Health and Wellness Programs: Scan the QR code for more details, or visit our [website](#).

- Mental wellness and trauma recovery
- One-on-one recovery mentorship
- Recovery Healing Circle
- Chiropractics
- Acupuncture

- Massage
- Nutrition coaching
- Vaccines
- Non-coverage medical
- Medical appointment transportation





# Monthly Lunch & Learn

**With Dr. Page**



**Thursday, December 18, from 12-1pm in  
the Round Room**

This session, Dr. Page will discuss shingles and immunizations. We look forward to seeing our members and families there!

**Lunch will be provided.  
Please RSVP by calling the Health Centre at (250) 342-6379  
or drop in to join us!**

# Good Food Box

Thursday, December 18

Pick up in the Mural Room from 12 -3:30pm. Cost \$7.00



Contact Trisha Clowers if you need to make alternate  
pick up arrangements: [trisha.clowers@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:trisha.clowers@akisqnuuk.org)  
250-342-6379 ext. 3873

## YOUTH



## Initiative NIGHT

December 4<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Columbia Lake Recreation Centre - Craft night in the Mural Room!



Come join us for an awesome evening of food, crafts, and fun!  
The Indigenous Policing Unit will be there to hang out, play games,  
and get to know you. It's a great chance to meet some friendly faces  
and have a blast together!



## WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Mondays, 5PM to 8PM at Wiyu Lodge

Dinner Served, Shuttles Available

Extended through December 1, 8, 15!

We'll be doing holiday crafts, cards, gifts, projects, and more every circle leading up to the holiday break.

Women Supporting & Celebrating Women

Call or text 250.961.0993



## ʔakisqnuknik Peer Support Team

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

**Available Monday to Thursday  
from 12-8pm**

Call or text Jamie at (250) 342-5996  
or Tegan at (250) 688-9483 for more information.

Or e-mail [community.wellness@akisqnuknik.org](mailto:community.wellness@akisqnuknik.org)



*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.*

## WEDNESDAYS AT WIYU!

Every Wednesday, all are welcome to come hang out at Wiyu Lodge.

**FROM 3-8PM**

Time for crafting, socializing, gardening, exploring, and more!

Meal and transportation available.

Call or text Jamie at (250) 342-5996  
or Tegan at (250) 688-9483 for more information.

**No sign-up needed!**

## Healing & Recovery Circle

Thursdays at 7pm

Wiyu Lodge - 2410 Alpine Road

Come spend time in a safe space for those seeking support for harm reduction or sobriety. All ʔakisqnuknik community members are welcome.

Snacks and transportation are available.

E-mail us with any questions:  
[community.wellness@akisqnuknik.org](mailto:community.wellness@akisqnuknik.org)

# COMMUNITY SHOPPING TRIP TO CRANBROOK



FIRST MONDAYS!  
POSTPONED FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

**Details:**

- Seats Available: Up to 7 passengers
- Registration: Required for all participants. Elders will have priority.
- Need a Ride? Let the Health Centre know if you need transportation to the Health Centre.

Book Early! Seats may fill up fast.

**Depart from Health Centre at 10AM**

**Morning stops:**

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

**Afternoon (time permitting):**

Casino (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

**Return:**

Depart from the Casino at 4:00 PM

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



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 a new addition to your family, let us know so we can offer any support or resources that may be helpful.

Please reach out to ?akisqnuuk Health center at 250-342-6379 or email [ashley.killin@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:ashley.killin@akisqnuuk.org)

# MEASLES

## CASES ARE RISING IN BC

### Should you get vaccinated?

the virus. Common measles symptoms include:



Fever

Cough

Runny nose

Red and/or  
watery eyes

Rash

Measles is a very contagious virus that spreads easily through the air. It can cause serious illness in some people. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a rash.

The best way to prevent measles is by getting vaccinated. Connect with your Health Centre for vaccination.

Read more on  
the AFN [website](#).

Call the AFN Health Centre to  
book a vaccine or for more  
information. (250) 342-6379



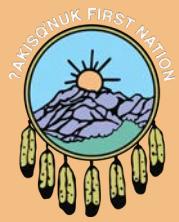
### Feedback

?akisqnuuk have a right to access quality services. Part of this means clients and families can voice perspectives, ask questions, and feel respected by AFN staff.

To provide feedback, whether a compliment or a complaint, send us an email at [feedback@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:feedback@akisqnuuk.org), or you may also submit in a sealed envelope to the health centre front desk.

Visit our website at <https://akisqnuuk.org/feedback> for more info.

# YOUR BENEFITS YOUR WAY



Ki?su?k kyukiyit Ɂapiniskiit. We have had over 200 Ɂakisqnuuknik 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 [tiffany.storey@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:tiffany.storey@akisqnuuk.org) for more assistance.

The screenshot shows the CINUP website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Who We Are, What We Do, Community Resources, Client Resources (highlighted in red), Contact Us, and a LOGIN button. The main title 'my-benefits' is prominently displayed in the center of the page.

## 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?

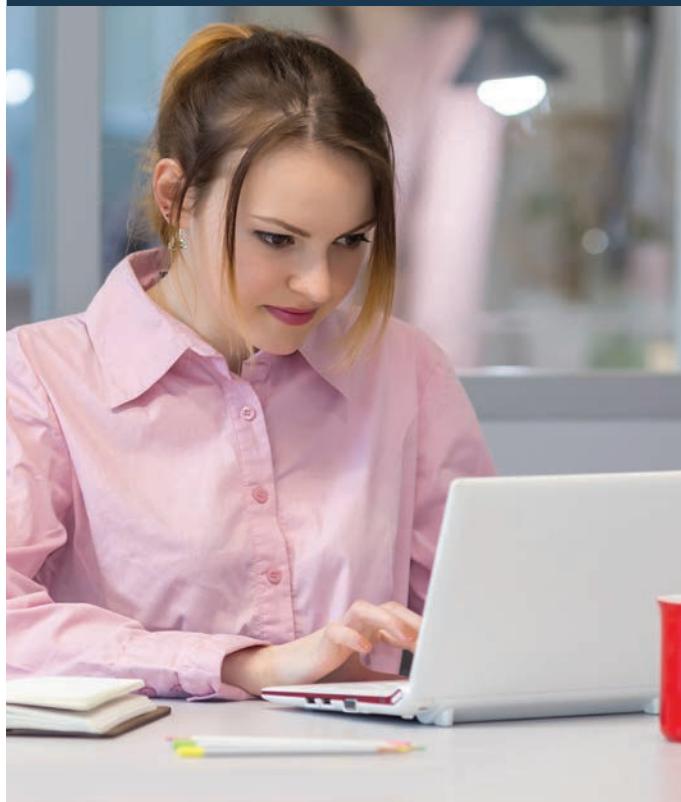
Download the **my-benefits** app. It's as simple as taking a picture of the receipt using your device.

Available on the  
App Store  
Download  
to iPhone

Available on the  
App Store  
Download  
to iPad

Available on the  
Google play

Save time by submitting  
your claims through  
**my-benefits eClaims**.



my-benefits eClaims allows you to electronically submit the majority of your Health and Dental claims, including your drug claims that were not processed through your Pay-Direct drug card. Travel Health claims will continue to require a traditional paper-based claim form.

To submit a claim using my-benefits eClaims, follow these steps for **each receipt**:

- 1 Read and agree** to the "Terms and Conditions".
- 2 Select the patient who used the services** – you or a covered dependent.
- 3 Select the service or product supplied** (the type of claim). You can also submit claims coordinated with another plan by simply indicating to us who holds the other coverage.
- 4 Enter the service date and amount charged by the provider.** Attach an electronic copy of the original receipt, and an *Explanation of Benefits* statement if coordinating with a plan which has already paid a portion of the expense.

**Click on *Submit a Claim* to repeat the process. A new submission is required for each claim receipt.**

### 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 designated account. You can view the status of any claim, at any time, under the *Claims Usage and History* tab.

**To protect the Plan from fraud and misuse, claims submitted using my-benefits eClaims will be subject to random audits and verification. You must retain all original documents for 12 months from the date of submission, for presentation, should a claim be selected for audit.**

**my-benefits.ca**

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**Questions**  
about your benefits?  
Your health?

**my-benefits**  
has the answers!

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please contact our Service Centre at  
[info@johnstongroup.ca](mailto:info@johnstongroup.ca)

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# What's Growing on in the Garden?



Top Left: Swinging in the garden - a comfy 2-seater swing so elders, children, and adults can come to relax and take in the peace of the garden.

Top Right: Shhh garlic is sleeping - After hours of work from Ashton and Nolan moving soil, measuring, and laying out the rows, Leona and Louise set to work meticulously planting nearly 1000 cloves of locally sourced organic garlic. It will now spend the winter getting to know the soil before bursting out of the ground next spring.

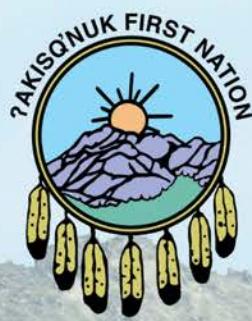
Below: Under construction - Work has started on building a new home for our anticipated egg laying hens. Utilizing some existing infrastructure and left over building materials, our chicken coop at Wiyu has started to rise.



If you have any chicken keeping expertise or if you are interested in learning more about these fascinating modern day dinosaurs please reach out to your garden manager James.

[james.sullivan@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:james.sullivan@akisqnuuk.org)  
or call/text (705)494-6550





# Cultural Conservation Value Program

**Calling ?akisqnuknik and Ktunaxaniítik 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 ?amak?is 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 ?akisqnuknik 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.

?akisqnuknik and Ktunaxaniítik can contact [chris.joseph@akisqnuk.org](mailto:chris.joseph@akisqnuk.org) or **(250) 342-6301 Ext. # 3841** for more information and to provide suggestions for areas that they need to know more about.



### HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia can progress to a life-threatening condition. Shivering, confusion, unconsciousness and loss of muscular control can occur.

#### ACTIONS TO TAKE

- Get the person indoors.
- Have the person lie down as soon as possible.
- Remove any wet clothing.
- Insulate well (for example, wrap in a sleeping bag).
- Get medical help immediately.
- **Do not** put the person in a warm bath.



### FROSTBITE

There is no sensation. Skin is hard to the touch. Skin can appear white and waxy on light and medium skin tones. Frostbite does not normally change the appearance of darker skin tones.

#### ACTIONS TO TAKE

- Get medical help immediately. Frostbite can lead to amputation.
- Warm the area with body heat (armpit or chest), or warm water (like a warm bath).
- Ensure the affected area stays warm.
- **Do not** rub or massage the area or thaw over a fire.



### FROSTNIP

The affected area is painful or numb. Skin can appear yellowish or white on light and medium skin tones but feels soft to the touch. Frostnip does not normally change the appearance of darker skin tones.

#### ACTIONS TO TAKE

- Warm the area with body heat (a warm hand) or warm water (like a warm bath).
- **Do not** rub or massage the area.

## Comprehensive Community Plan Working Group

# Youth Voices Wanted: Shape the Future of ?Akisq̄nuk!



Contact [lisa.cannady@akisqnu.org](mailto:lisa.cannady@akisqnu.org) to be a part of this group

# CALLING ALL URBAN AND AWAY FROM HOME ?AKISQ̄NUKNIK!

Participate in the Regional Health Survey 4 and receive a \$50 President's Choice gift card!  
Contact [healthcentre@akisqnu.org](mailto:healthcentre@akisqnu.org) to sign up. Deadline to participate is December 19!



# CHANGEMAKERS TO WORK WITH PAKISQNUK FIRST NATION IN 2026



## ABOUT CHANGEMAKERS

ChangeMakers is a value-driven communications and engagement firm dedicated to providing solutions to the clients they serve. Our team brings deep experience as listeners, communicators, and relationship builders, delivering high-quality communications and leading meaningful engagement initiatives for Indigenous and non-Indigenous government clients across Canada.

Their work is grounded in the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. They have collaborated on more than 750 projects with over 200 Indigenous communities, governments, corporations, and organizations nationwide, supporting efforts to advance self-determination and uphold First Nations Rights and Title.

With diverse experience across community planning, land use planning, economic development, governance, and more, they work alongside Indigenous leadership, governments, and organizations to support their priorities. Guided by respect, collaboration, and trust, we help clients navigate complex projects, strengthen relationships, and create space for voices that need to be heard.

[www.thechangemakers.com](http://www.thechangemakers.com)

## Changemakers Project Team



Natasha McKenzie - Project Advisor

Natasha is Métis, born and raised in Treaty 8 territory. She is an experienced strategic communications and issues management advisor with significant experience working directly with executives and ministers on high-priority initiatives. Natasha leads communications and engagement projects related to advancing Indigenous reconciliation, self-determination and well-being.



Sabina Saran Singh - Project Manager

Sabina is a communication professional who specializes in research, analysis, development, and evaluation. Sabina's commitment to fostering meaningful connections and promoting inclusive dialogue is a cornerstone of her work, ensuring that the voices of Indigenous communities are heard and respected in the communication processes.



Taruni Singh - Project Support

Taruni is based in Vancouver and holds six years of experience across a variety of practices ranging from marketing campaigns to public health to settlement communications to public engagement. Her role involves project management support and communications, data analysis and reporting, and e-learning development.

KTUNAXA KINBASKET CHILD  
AND FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

PRESENTS

# THE GREAT CHRISTMAS GATHERING (PT 2)

SAT  
DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>  
2025

4-7  
PM

COLUMBIA LAKE REC CENTRE  
3048 HWY 93/95  
WINDERMERE, BC

DELICIOUS DINNER TOGETHER,  
FUN CRAFTS FOR ALL THE KIDDOS,  
SANTA PHOTOS, PRIZES & MORE!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:  
E: [LORI.SLUTH@KTUNAXA.ORG](mailto:LORI.SLUTH@KTUNAXA.ORG)  
P: (250)-342-3182

STAY TUNED FOR GREATER DETAILS!



# Odds & Ends

## CALLING ?AKISQNUKNIK WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MENTORSHIP

As the Chief and Council address national matters, we would like to reach the members who are interested in attending conferences, workshops, etc., to get a glimpse into matters we address that impact our community.

Some of the events encourage Knowledge Holders and Youth to attend. If this interests you, please reach out to [kevin.morrall@akisqnu.org](mailto:kevin.morrall@akisqnu.org).

?akisqnu First Nation Chief and Council



## DROP IN SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

VIRTUAL  
ZOOM

Tuesdays 3-4pm MST  
Fridays 10-11am MST

PHONE: 250-420-2210  
OR  
310-MHSU

EMAIL: [EKMHSUINAKE@INTERIORHEALTH.CA](mailto:EKMHSUINAKE@INTERIORHEALTH.CA)

Join our Free webinar  
on the Removed Child  
Family Class **Dec. 3**



Removed  
Child  
Class



Removed Child  
Family Class



Faculty of Medicine  
UBC Learning Circle | Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health

### Upcoming Webinars



December 4th, 2025 – Keeping in Solidarity: Self-Care, Community-Care, and Ethical Leadership in Indigenous Health with Len Pierre

December 4th, 2025 | 10am - 11:30 am PST  
Free online webinar via Zoom  
Register free online at [www.learningcircle.ubc.ca](http://www.learningcircle.ubc.ca)



December 10th, 2025 – Healing as Decolonial Resistance: The Challenges and Hope of Indigenous Cultural Supports Inside and Beyond Prisons with Dr. Justin Tétreault

December 10th, 2025 | 10am - 11:30 am PST  
Free online webinar via Zoom  
Register free online at [www.learningcircle.ubc.ca](http://www.learningcircle.ubc.ca)



Let us know if you have questions, comments, or newsletter submissions by emailing us! [communication@akisqnu.org](mailto:communication@akisqnu.org) or [angela.jeske@akisqnu.org](mailto:angela.jeske@akisqnu.org)

# KTUNAXA YOUTH

# Time to sign up!

## Canada's Largest Indigenous Youth Conference, 2026

Join youth delegates (16 to 24) from across Canada for four days of cultural ceremonies and educational workshops. Travel costs, registration, accommodation and meals are all covered for Ktunaxa youth but you need to register by December 10, 2025.

There are **limited spots** up for grabs!



**Register by Dec. 10, 2025!**  
< Online form



### Conference Details



**March 17-20, 2026**  
**Vancouver, B.C.**  
[gatheringourvoices.ca](http://gatheringourvoices.ca)

Visit us at  
[www.ktunaxa.org](http://www.ktunaxa.org)



Contact Us

[www.dogooders.ca](http://www.dogooders.ca)

### Civil Forfeiture Grant Program (BC) - Now Open

We know this time of year is a lot. With year-end reporting, planning for next year, staff holidays, programs still running full speed, it piles up fast. So when a major provincial grant lands right in the middle of it? Totally understandable if your first reaction is, "Oh no."

If that's you, you're in good company, and we can help. Here's a simple breakdown of the Civil Forfeiture Grant Program, who it's for, what it funds, and how Do Gooders can help you apply for the grant!

### About the Grant

The Civil Forfeiture Grant Program provides one-time annual funding for community safety, crime prevention, and healing initiatives across British Columbia.

**Deadline:** Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM PST

**Funding:** Up to \$40,000 per project

**Eligible Applicants:** BC-based not-for-profits, charities, local governments, schools, health authorities, Indigenous governments/organizations, police departments, and academic institutions.

*This program funds time-limited, purpose-built projects that support community safety, crime reduction, healing, and justice reform.*

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION AND LITTLE BADGERS  
EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS  
WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
RETURN OF PLAYGROUP!



### PLAYGROUP:

A TIME TO COME TOGETHER WITH CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN.  
FREE PLAY, CRAFTS, STORIES AND SNACKS.



AGES 0-5 YEARS OLD  
FRIDAYS | NOV.14<sup>TH</sup> | 10AM-12PM  
NAKYU CLASSROOM AT  
LITTLE BADGERS/ EVA JOSPEH LEARNING  
CULTURAL AND SOCIETY  
GAURDIANS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES



Please reach out to:  
Ashley Killin-  
Healthy Child Development Coordinator  
[ashley.killin@akisqnuk.org](mailto:ashley.killin@akisqnuk.org)  
or Olivia Rasilainen-  
[inclusive.littlebadgers@gmail.com](mailto:inclusive.littlebadgers@gmail.com)  
with any questions

### SAVE THE DATE

**First Nations Citizenship/Membership:  
Eliminating Sex Discrimination  
in the Indian Act Webinar**

**December 12, 2025  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



**Scan the QR code to  
register for the webinar**

For more info, visit:  
<https://events.bcafn.ca>

All First Nations Chiefs, leadership, community members and impacted individuals are welcome to attend!

**Ki?Suk Kusmukusa?̓  
Cxama?i?̓: Merry Christmas**

**Ki?Suk Kyukyit Kukun Makut:  
Happy New Year**

Have a safe and happy holiday qapiniskit!  
The next AFN newsletter will be sent out on  
January 9th. Taxas.

# Expression of Interest: Language Learning Opportunity

Contact Clifford Dorion to express your interest and/or for more info

[clifford.dorion@ktunaxa.org](mailto:clifford.dorion@ktunaxa.org)

(250) 489-2464 Ext. 4351



## Urban and Outreach Services

Ktunaxa Nation Council  
SOCIAL INVESTMENT SECTOR

**CALL or TEXT** to access  
**250 421 7524** any of these  
**(Intake Line)** services.

Or contact Stella Sam, Manager of Urban Services and Outreach at 250-464-1578

Email: [Stella.Sam@ktunaxa.org](mailto:Stella.Sam@ktunaxa.org)

- 1 Street Angels
- 2 Complex Care Home
- 3 Scotty's House
- 4 Indigenous Care Navigator

Visit us at  
[www.ktunaxa.org](http://www.ktunaxa.org)



### Join the ?akisq̓nuk Lands Committee!

Do you want to have a voice and contribute your ideas on how to steward ?akisq̓nuk lands on and off reserve?

We are looking for traditional and modern land knowledge, knowledge of Ktunaxa perspective and values including ?aknumuqt̓it̓, desire to improve ?akisq̓nuk reserve lands and ?amak?is Ktunaxa, and willingness to learn, work with, and support ?akisq̓nuknik and Ktunaxaniítik

Submit a resume and cover letter to [lorne.shovar@akisqnu.org](mailto:lorne.shovar@akisqnu.org) if you are interested in joining the ?akisq̓nuk Lands Committee.

### GET INVOLVED WITH KNC LANDS

How can we support you in becoming more involved with the Lands and Resources Sector at the Ktunaxa Nation Council?

Email [landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org](mailto:landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org) for more info or to get involved!

# Cultural Practices Grant



## Deadline: December 12, 2025

This grant supports B.C. First Nations in planning, carrying out and documenting community-based cultural practices and events. The project goals affirm identities, foster a sense of belonging, and celebrate the roles, relationships and responsibilities within a community.

► **Funding amount:**  
\$10,000 - \$25,000



### Questions?

cpg@fpcc.ca

250-652-5952

[fpcc.ca/cpg](http://fpcc.ca/cpg)

### Online Information Session

November 20<sup>th</sup>

2-3pm

Register  
& Learn  
More



# Employment Opportunities

Whether you are a community member re-entering the workforce, navigating a career change, or a recent graduate, ?akisqnuuk First Nation (AFN) is dedicated to your success.

We offer training, coaching, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to support you. While having all the qualifications listed in the posting isn't always necessary, the first step is to apply for an opportunity that interests you.

You can submit your application directly to Human Resources at [hr@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:hr@akisqnuuk.org). For more job postings, visit our [website](#).



## We're hiring!

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

[www.akisqnuuk.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.akisqnuuk.org/employment-opportunities)

Current Opportunities Available as of November 28, 2025:

- Check our website for the most current postings!