

?Akisq'nuk First Nation

Monthly Leadership Report

November 2024

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Governance Work

Over the past month, I contributed to Nation governance through:

- Indian Beach Estates Information Session (November 10)
- Chief & Council Meetings (November 12, 26)
- Ktunaxa Nation Council Society (KNCS) Leadership Meeting (November 27, 28)

The IBE session brought Council members together with legal counsel to address the lease on our band land. I attended to get current on where things are at. Listened more than anything. The work is being done well. Allan holds considerable knowledge in this area. Faro articulates member concerns effectively. The insights and concerns are being heard.

The governance work continues.

Beyond the 24 Hours

November required finding hours that didn't exist. Council responsibilities continued. Manuscript work demanded completion.

We finished Walking Through the Seasons: A Living Archive of Ceremony, Territory, and the Plants That Remember Us this month. The seed was planted in 2016. Since then, the work evolved as we gained knowledge, learned to articulate what we were seeing, worked with knowledge holders, documented what the plants were teaching.

This month we gave ourselves permission to finish it properly. Not to meet contract terms. To honor what the work deserved. To reach beyond the glass ceiling we could have settled for.

That's Fall's teaching showing up in November. Permission is aloud. Spoken, declared, claimed.

Both Council work and manuscript work received what they required. Not what was convenient. What they deserved.

Reflection

November held multiple responsibilities. Council work protecting territory and addressing member concerns. Manuscript work documenting knowledge and teachings for transmission.

Both are acts of reclamation. Reclaiming what sustains us. Reclaiming what was never truly lost. Reclaiming the right to finish work properly instead of settling for what meets someone else's minimum.

Permission is aloud. Spoken, declared, claimed. That's what Fall teaches. That's what November required.

Familial duties. Cultural responsibilities. The covenant our ancestors made. Knowledge transmission that doesn't wait for perfect timing.

We pass forward what serves the next generation. Not messes to clean up.

Hu sukit ḡukni,
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