



Akisqnuq First Nation

3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, B.C. V0B 2L2

Office: 250.342.6301 Fax: 250.342.9693 www.akisqnuq.org

Report to Council Faro Burgoyne February 2026		
Council Meeting Highlights	Date	Summary: Activity/Decision
C&C	Feb 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmon allocation policy and our relationship BCWF who has posted controversial articles promoting racism • Awarded our forestry volume tenures to Pacific Wood Tech for the Golden TSA and Shuswap Woodlands for the Invermere TSA • Presentation from Tom Weegar- CAO of KKFSS • Discussed draft small business grant • Report from RCMP • Discussed One BC protest in Creston
	Feb 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCP update from the Chair of the working group • Moved bank swallow fencing project • Moved Badger culvert monitoring project • Moved support for CP Rail project • Opposed Boat Launch Repair in Invermere • Presentation from Loyd Roberts from Change Makers in regard to Mining in Amakis Ktunaxa • Met with Shuswap Indian Band Leadership for quarterly meet
Meetings Attended:		
Member Services Date: Feb 2 nd Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussed the structure of member services and proposed changes to the department.	
CVECDEV meeting Date: Feb 2 nd Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Columbia Economic Development Advisory Commission Meeting: James Evans was introduced to the committee as he will be attending from time to time on behalf of AFN. We got an update from the film sector, and the co working pilot program. Al Miller mentioned our joint application for infrastructure upgrades in Invermere. Both the Mayor of Radium and Canals expressed that they want to collaborate with AFN. The Area F representative from RDEK set up a meeting with James and my self.	
Band Meeting Date: Feb 2 nd Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Band hiring and lack of members applying • Recommendation to add more committees • Communication issues • Proposed hiring freeze • Recommendation to meet with members to discuss services • Discussed signage at Naked Sands 	



Akisqnuq First Nation

3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, B.C. V0B 2L2

Office: 250.342.6301 Fax: 250.342.9693 www.akisqnuq.org

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Rez Security • Discussed the Band Meeting Policy, Fence repair and cattle guards • Membership want to know what our OSR is being spent on in the annual budget and want a report on how it benefits the community
<p>EVR Ecdev meeting Date: Feb 3rd Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I met with 2 EVR representatives and James Evans to discuss Ecdev opportunities in the Elk Valley. The EVR reps went through an overview of their annual \$3 billion spend on contracted services. James has some good ideas to pursue in regard to training and business opportunities.</p>
<p>Encroachment Working Group Date: Feb 4th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>David Farrell requested that SD6 put a hold on their proposed Indigenous Spirituality Policy while we develop a response. AFN/SIB joint statement to be discussed.</p>
<p>Remuneration Meeting Date: Feb 5th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I presented a power point that went over some information requested from the last engagement as well as some questions for membership to help shape certain aspects of the remuneration policy. The slide deck was also accompanied by an information package that comprised of the research and recommendation from MINCO. Membership in attendance wanted some time and an opportunity to answer the questions presented privately so we decided to create a survey for membership to fill out in the following 2 weeks.</p>
<p>IBE Information Session Date: Feb 6th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I met with James Evens the Economic Development Coordinator. To discuss the current state of IBE negotiations and next steps forward.</p>
<p>Governance Session Date: Feb 9th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Chief position evaluation • Nas?ukin to work on Band Meeting policy • Operations to work on Fence issue • Idea to set governance sessions immediately following band meetings • IBE Working Group to start meeting monthly • Discussed our retainer with Change Makers
<p>Encroachment Working Group Date: Feb 11 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Discussed upcoming protest in Creston. Don spoke to Sophie Pierres call for unity amongst KFNs in regard to encroachment. I will be reaching out to Panorama to discuss relationship building.</p>



ʔakisqnuq First Nation

3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, B.C. V0B 2L2

Office: 250.342.6301 Fax: 250.342.9693 www.akisqnuq.org

<p>Meeting With Area F Director of RDEK Date: Feb 18 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>James and I met with Susan Clovechok to go over some key areas with in area F that may interest AFN. This was also a learning experience for me in regard to the RDEK in general. We talked about opportunities regarding the Fairmont Float as well as the Airport.</p>
<p>Lateral Kindness Training Date: Feb 24th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>This was a part of ʔAkisqnuq lives kindness week. Garden Consulting lead two days of mandatory training for staff which could chose either day to attend. These sessions were also available for membership to participate. I found the session to be valuable and engaging. Garden Consulting facilitated our last Governance training sessions and I'm glad they were back for this.</p>
<p>Trauma support Training Date: Feb 26th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>This was another training offered at ʔAkisqnuq Lives Kindness Week. What stood out for me was learning about the physiological process of trauma and what happens when you are triggered. We were also provided an in dept booklet on trauma support to reference.</p>
<p>KNCS Leadership Meeting Date: Feb 27th Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received report from finance board • Governance team is working on Land Declaration Implementation work • Discussion about pursuing new G2G agreements with BC especially in regard to health services • Discussed issue with IPS • US Protocol meeting debrief
<p>Events Attended</p>	
<p>Feb 27th</p>	<p>I attended the wrap up dinner for Kindness Week with key notes from Tom Jackson and Notorious Cree. This event was open to all Ktunaxanintik as well as SIB members. It was nice to get together, get inspired and share some laughs.</p>