



Tsakisq'nuq Community Newsletter

October 21st 2022



Columbia Lake

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Members Messages



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

christy.baker@akisqnuk.org



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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



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@akisqnuk.org or 250 342 6301 ext.3808



Interested in building a new home on-reserve?



The federal government recently announced that new homes being build on-Reserve may qualify for increased subsidies of up to \$106,416.

Increased funding + Member funds +(AFN Home grant?) = the possibility of a new home

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



Members Messages



Reminder

Reminder that Akisqnuq Rental Applications are due Oct. 26 for the new 3 plex units.

Check out the Housing Update on the 3plex units

<https://akisqnuq.compasscms.com/sites/akisqnuq.civicwebcms.com/files/media/3plex%202022%20Letter%20Oct%205%202022.pdf>

Complete the form and submit to Dale Shudra at dale.shudra@akisqnuq.org

Form can be found <https://akisqnuq.compasscms.com/sites/akisqnuq.civicwebcms.com/files/media/RENT%20APPLICATION%20Updated%20Oct%203%202022%20%28002%29%20fill%20in.pdf>

ʔakisqnuq First Nation Please be Cautious



2022-23 Ski Program

The 2022-2023 Ski season is coming up quickly! We are currently waiting on response from Kimberley, Kicking Horse, Nakiska, Fernie, and Panorama regarding their opening dates.

The Ski Program will work similar to last year in that we will provide vouchers for lift tickets, equipment rentals, and a food voucher.

Advance notice must be given (at least 3 days).

Full details will be released in the next newsletter!



Are you interested in learning hockey skills?

INDIGENOUS CHILDREN & YOUTH HOCKEY CAMP

UP TO 1.5 HOURS OF FREE ON ICE INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL!

PRACTICE SKATING, STICK HANDLING, SHOOTING, AND MORE!



If interested, please contact: tolderness@ktunaxa.org



Members Messages

Youth Transitions Implementation

Rent Supplements and More!

RENT SUPPLEMENT

Are you a young adult from care between the ages of 19-26 paying rent in B.C.?

Then you might be able to access a new rent supplement of \$600 per month for two years (or the month before your 27th birthday, which ever comes first).

You might be eligible if you...

are eligible for the Agreements with Young Adults program

Or

spent 24 cumulative months in any care status between 12 - 19

Or

were adopted/ had custody permanently transferred to someone other than your parent between 12- 19

What You Will Need

- Proof of Rental Address
- Social Insurance Number
- Approximate Income
- Contact Information

Visit www.gov.bc.ca/youthtransition to learn more and apply

EARNINGS EXEMPTION

Your employment income, including self-employment and wage replacement programs, such as EI and WCB, are now exempt when determining the funding you will receive through AYA.

AYA LIFE-SKILLS

Effective immediately, you are able to access life-skills programs from all across the province and online. You are no longer limited to the ministry approved program list.



Hunting on Akisqnuq Reservation

Membership did pass a motion which is still in effect that non-members will not be allowed to hunt on Akisqnuq First Nation lands whether guided or not. No member of Akisqnuq will be allowed to guide non-members for the purposes of hunting on AFN lands.

This includes traveling through the reserve to access crown lands.

Also the Akisqnuq First Nation does not condone hunting at night on Akisqnuq Lands

Lorne Shovar

Director of Lands Resources & Infrastructure



AKISQNUK FIRST NATION

WANT GOOD FOOD BOX?

EATING HEALTHY

SIGN UP FOR THE GOOD FOOD BOX AT

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C094CAFAC2CA1FFC52-GOOD](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094cafac2ca1ffc52-good)

OR EMAIL RAYLENE FORTIN AT RAYLENE.FORTIN@AKISQNUK.ORG



Ministry of Children and Family Development

TO LEARN MORE VISIT www.gov.bc.ca/youthtransitions

Need help accessing a resource? Connect with a worker, friend or family member

Members Messages



Rec. Centre update

Akisq'nuq Community Members,

Firstly, I want to say thank you so much for your patience and understanding over the last few months. I know that it has been frustrating to watch your beautiful facility sitting unable to be used.

I've gotten a lot of questions lately regarding the repair and opening. So I am writing this memo to ensure you are up to date with all the happenings here.

Please know that we are pushing hard for repairs. We are currently waiting on the company that is doing the repairs. I have been told they will be coming out soon, but have no solid dates yet.

The Rec Centre is in need of more downspouts along the gutter on the west outside wall. This is how we believe the Rec Centre flooded (along with dripping from the roof as well).

After the flood we had in here, Odyssey Restoration came in to dry everything out, and managed to save the flooring, the rubber mats that sit on the walking/running track up top, as well as the wall. The good news is that there were no damages from the water. Odyssey priced the running track floor/rubber mat to be extremely expensive to replace, had we needed to. Fortunately everything was able to be properly dried out, to Odyssey

Went ahead and laid out tarps to protect it from any more water damage until everything is fixed. This is why the running track is unable to be used.

We closed the entire facility (less the offices) due to safety precautions. Should it rain, there could be more water, and water on the floor is not only frustrating, but a safety hazard in the meantime, I have been working hard to ensure the second that we get the go-ahead to open, we have everything set up to go. I have been working on tentative scheduling as well as seeking out options for fitness classes and programs.

I have also been working on program development, organization, inventory, replacement of inventory, and funding opportunities!

I hope this has answered some of your questions, but if it hasn't please do not hesitate to reach me by email or phone, or even pop down to say hi!

Raylene.fortin@akisqnuq.org

250-342-6301 ext. 3843

Kindest Regards,

Raylene Fortin
Recreation Coordinator

BRINGING THE SALMON HOME

Twenty-one young people from the Ktunaxa, syilx Okanagan and Secwépmc Nations gathered together in late August 2022 for the first Youth Salmon Warriors Gathering at the headwaters of the mighty Columbia River. They made new friendships and connections with one another and the land and waters that hold them. They learned about the journey of the salmon from place itself – up through their feet and out through their hearts they told us to never forget that the salmon are coming home. This powerful gathering provided a critical grounding for the Bringing the Salmon Home initiative; we honour our youth and trust that they can show us the way. This is their statement...

we are salmon warriors

We have come to the headwaters of the mighty Columbia River from our strong Secwépmc, syilx Okanagan, and Ktunaxa Nations where we have created true connections and honour one another.

We are here as salmon's witness.

Our sacred relative has been gone from these waters for too long, but even still, their spirit is here because we are here, and we will never stop fighting for their right to come home.

Our bodies yearn for our salmon.

Salmon teaches us to never stop, to never give up.

Salmon is us, and we are salmon.

We returned our salmon relative's bones to the water while we sang and prayed.

We have reminded these waters that our salmon are coming home, just as we have come home to ourselves and to one another.

With our fists up and our hearts open we raise our voices and tell you that we are strong just like salmon.

We know that by honouring our creativity we learn to express our true selves, that part of us where our ancestors sing and where our salmon hearts beat strong.

We are standing up for our salmon and we are raising our voices for the people to hear:

Put aside politics and keep our salmon and us young people at the centre because we can show you the way.

Because we are walking forward with the truth in our hearts that our salmon are coming home.

We are salmon warriors.



ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca

The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

BRINGING the SALMON HOME

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Members Messages



The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

BRINGING *the* SALMON HOME

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YOUTH SALMON WARRIORS GATHERING 2022



Youth Salmon Warriors Gathering participants at the headwaters of the Columbia River, Canal Flats, BC

We have come to the headwaters of the mighty Columbia River from our strong, Secwépemc, syilx Okanagan, and Ktunaxa Nations where we have created true connections and honour one another.

We are here as salmon's witness.

Our sacred relative has been gone from these waters for too long but even still, their spirit is here because we are here, and we will never stop fighting for their right to come home.

These powerful words open the **Youth Salmon Warriors Statement** created by young people from the Secwépemc, syilx Okanagan, and Ktunaxa Nations as part of their historic tri-Nation gathering at the headwaters of the Columbia River, August 19-23, 2022.

For five days, 21 young people from the Ktunaxa, syilx Okanagan and Secwépemc Nations gathered together for the first annual **Bringing the Salmon Home— Youth Salmon Warriors Gathering**.



Some of the young people from all three Nations

Members Messages



The young people were supported by elders, knowledge keepers and leaders from each of the Nations. Creative facilitators Sofia Terbasket-Funmaker and Xastik[™] Michel used IndigenEYEZ processes to guide the young people in building strong connections with each other and the salmon.

“We created connections that we didn’t know we were going to make. We’ve made friendships we didn’t know we were going to make. And, for the future, those connections are what are going to bring back the salmon, what’s going to bring back our culture, what’s going to bring back our language, what’s going to bring back everything. Because we were never just one Nation surrounded by other Nations – we were intermingling together, we spoke each other’s languages, we listened to each other’s creation stories,” reflects syilx Okanagan Nation member Morgan Rashke.



Everyone joined in canning the sockeye salmon

Secwépmc Nation member Nikeshia Harry adds, “The youth are strong and we have a lot of perseverance. And this knowledge that we’ve learned we’ll continue to integrate throughout our lives.”

This first Youth Salmon Warriors Gathering was a powerful success, and opens the way for annual gatherings going forward.

We are standing up for our salmon and we are raising our voices for the people to hear:

Put aside politics and keep our salmon and us young people at the centre because we can show you the way.

Because we are walking forward with the truth in our hearts that our salmon are coming home.

~ Youth Salmon Warriors Statement

It’s been more than 80 years since salmon, blocked by dams, have returned to the source of the river. As part of their journey to bring salmon home, the young people learned how to can Columbia River-Okanagan sockeye salmon provided by the syilx Okanagan Nation.

And then, in a deeply moving ceremony, they returned the salmon remains to the river. Ktunaxa Nation member Martina Escutin emphasizes, “You know, our languages aren’t extinct – they’re sleeping, and they’re waking up. And our salmon aren’t extinct from the Columbia River – they’re coming home.”



Returning salmon remains to the river



Members Messages

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING THIS GATHERING SUCH A SUCCESS!

The Salmon Warriors Youth Gathering was coordinated by our Bringing the Salmon Home Outreach & Engagement Organizer team: Troy Hunter, Carrie Terbasket, Valerie Michel, and Teresa Marshall. The organizers would like to thank all of the participants, their parents, the Elders, knowledge keepers, and leaders and facilitators who provided their support during the camp including: Alfred Joseph, Tricia Manuel, Kúkpí7 Barb Cote, Nasuʔkin Joe Pierre, Mark Thomas, Vickie Thomas, Lillian Rose, Sofia Terbasket-Funmaker, Xastitk[™] Michel, Kelly Terbasket, Pauline Terbasket, Deb Crow, Sherri Womacks, Jon Leonard and Michael Zimmer.

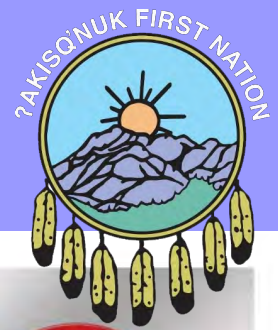
Deep gratitude also to the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc and syilx Okanagan Nations, and IndigenEYEZ for their generous financial and in-kind support; Columbia Power Corporation for its donation; Legend Logos for speedy t-shirt printing; Sonya Morigeau (SMOR Productions) for drone footage; Emily Slobodzian and Faro Burgoyne, our hosts at the beautiful off-grid Raven's Nest Resort & Campground near Fairmont Hot Springs; and, ʔAkisq'nuk First Nation for the use of their Rec Centre to can salmon and share stories.



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*Fish Ceremony illustration by Ktunaxa artist Marisa Phillips
for Bringing the Salmon Home: The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative*

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



October

- Oct.24th.: Ktunaxa Literacy Day
- Oct.24th 2:30pm.: Qat'muk Pow wow at Heritage Inn in Cranbrook.
- Oct.25th 10am.: ʔakisq'nuq Elders committee meeting at ʔakisq'nuq Band Hall. Zoom available.
- Oct. 25th 2-7pm.: Moccasin Making with Gina Clarricoates and Tanya Francis at the akisqnuq health center. Sign up with Donna by Monday Oct. 24th 11am at dbone@ktunaxa.org.
- Oct. 27th 2 - 4pm.: ʔakisq'nuq Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To Book appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Oct.27th.: KNC Economic sector 2022 Ktunaxa Business Showcase at the Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort Cranbrook. Need a ride? Contact alexis.martig@ktunaxa.org to make arrangements.
- Oct.28th 2-4pm.: 3rd Annual ʔakisq'nuq KKFSS Trunk O'Treat at the Akisqnuq Arbor.



Ktunaxa Literacy Day 2022

Monday October 24th, 2022 11:AM

Cranbrook Public Library 1212 2nd St. N Cranbrook B.C

- Ktunaxa Legend Time
- Scavenger Hunt
- Ktunaxa Language Lesson with ʔaqam Language Team

Fun for all and everyone!!

Hosted by Cranbrook Public Library & ʔaqam Language & Culture Department



For more information contact Brett Capilo at bcapilo@aqam.net or Mike Selby at myselby@cranbrookpubliclibrary.ca



Cranbrook Bucks Game

Cranbrook Bucks game "Ktunaxa Night" Game is Friday October 21st at 7:00pm at Western Financial Place in Cranbrook against the Powell River Kings.

There is a limited number of regular admission tickets

available to Ktunaxa Citizens, please contact Adam Nicholas adam.nicholas@ktunaxa.org 250 421-4674

Below is a list of confirmed activities:

- Ktunaxa literacy day one sheet inside the programs.
- Ka-kin Nana drum group performing at intermission
- Playing the Ktunaxa Homelands videos on the jumbotron during intermissions and possibly during stoppages in play.
- Words from Nation Chair Kathryn Teneese at intermission

Celebrate Qat'muk Pow Wow

All Ktunaxa are Invited!

October 24, 2022
Heritage Inn
Cranbrook

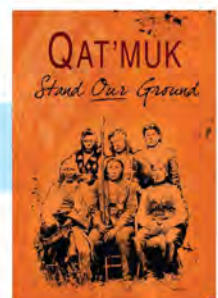
2:30 Doors Open
(Doors close at 2:50)
3:00 Welcome & Ceremony
Opening Comments & Acknowledgements
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Pow Wow



**Celebrate the Past, Present
and Future of Qat'muk**

So we can plan for the meal, please RSVP to Kerri Garner at kgarner@ktunaxa.org by October 18, 2022. Thank you!

Please Note: Due to health concerns of some who will be in attendance, we request that you do a COVID rapid test within 24 hours of the event and also wear a mask. We will have rapid tests at the door if you do not have access to one.





Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



Elder Advisory meeting

OCT. 25

10.00 AM

Email: karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org
Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85632236041?pwd=OU85WCs4MURKeTU0djZGUlpxcmZEdz09>



**Ktunaxa 2022
Business Showcase**

KtunaxaBusinessShowcase.ca

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort
209 Van Horne St. S. Cranbrook

Authentic Ktunaxa products available!

Connect with Ktunaxa business,
entrepreneurs and artists

Open to the public
1:00PM - 5:00PM

Opening by the Ktunaxa Nation Dance Troupe



Teck



Ktunaxa Nation Council Economic & Investment Sector

MOCCASIN MAKING



With Elder Gina Clarricoates
and Tanya Francis



Tuesday, October 25th
2-7 PM

?akisqnuq Health Centre

Open to all who are interested
Limited spaces available.
Please sign up with Donna Bone
by 11 AM on Monday, October 24th
250-342-6379
dbone@ktunaxa.org



Ktunaxa Kinnasket
Child & Family
Services Society



Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



Klunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society

ʔakisqnuq First Nation

SHUSWAP
INDIAN
BAND



IT'S BACK! TRUNK O' TREAT

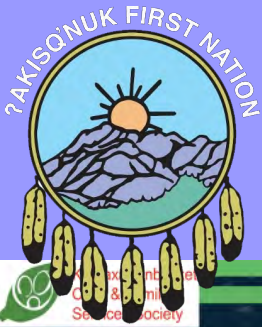
3rd
annual

Friday, October 28th
2-4 PM

ʔakisqnuq harbour
3048 hwy 93/95
Windermere

for more information
please contact the team at KKCFSS ʔakisqnuq
250.342.6379





Community Engagement Needed

Are you interested in learning hockey skills?

INDIGENOUS CHILDREN & YOUTH HOCKEY CAMP

UP TO 1.5 HOURS OF FREE ON ICE INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL!

PRACTICE SKATING, STICK HANDLING, SHOOTING, AND MORE!



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BC RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: Oct 31, 2022 !!

WHO

BC Youth aged 14 to 18

WHEN

January 2023 to June 2023

WHY

- Discuss issues that matter.
- Play an essential role in how the RCMP connects with Youth.
- Receive volunteer hours and a reference letter.

HOW

Send an email to yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca for an application

Lend your voice
Explore new perspectives
Achieve change
Dare to make a difference



Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

• FOUNDRY •

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

YOUTH AGED 12-24
IN GOLDEN
INVERMERE
RADIUM
KIMBERLEY
CRESTON
FERNIE
ELKFORD
SPARWOOD
CRANBROOK
OR SURROUNDING AREAS:



We need your voices to inform the Foundry East Kootenay program and service delivery!

6:00 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL
1007 BAKER STREET, CRANBROOK, BC

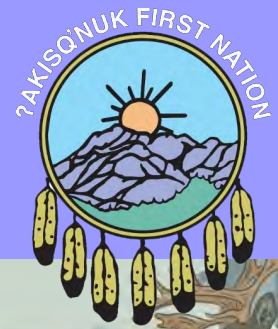
PLEASE CONTACT MICHAELAMATTERS@KTUNAXA.ORG

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Community Engagement Needed



BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Youth Serving Youth

British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) is about youth taking responsibility and initiative to make a positive impact on their communities.

BCYP is a non-profit, non-partisan, parliamentary education and service organization.

BCYP is an extraordinarily unique organization- for youth and by youth.

For a full year, 97 members pool their resources, creativity and determination for a common purpose: to advance, better and improve the youth of British Columbia.

BCYP brings together youth from across the Province and unites them to fulfill the motto: "Youth Serving Youth".

The application deadline is: October 25, 2022

If you are interested, please contact the Shuswap Band Education Department
250.341.3678 ext. #203



Species At Risk Act (SARA) Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Virtual Workshops - Second Series 2022

Southern Mountain Caribou - Indigenous Knowledge, Perspectives, and Languages

Hosted By:

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER)

Registration

We are hosting 3 workshop sessions, each with the same agenda and content. Please register for your preferred date via the Zoom registration links below. Please note: these are *repeat* sessions. You do not need to have attended past virtual workshops to attend the 2022 workshops.

[Wednesday, November 16 - 9:00am to 12:00pm PST | 10:00am - 1:00pm MST](#)

[Tuesday, November 22 - 9:00am to 12:00pm PST | 10:00am - 1:00pm MST](#)

[Thursday, November 24 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm PST | 2:00pm - 5:00pm MST](#)

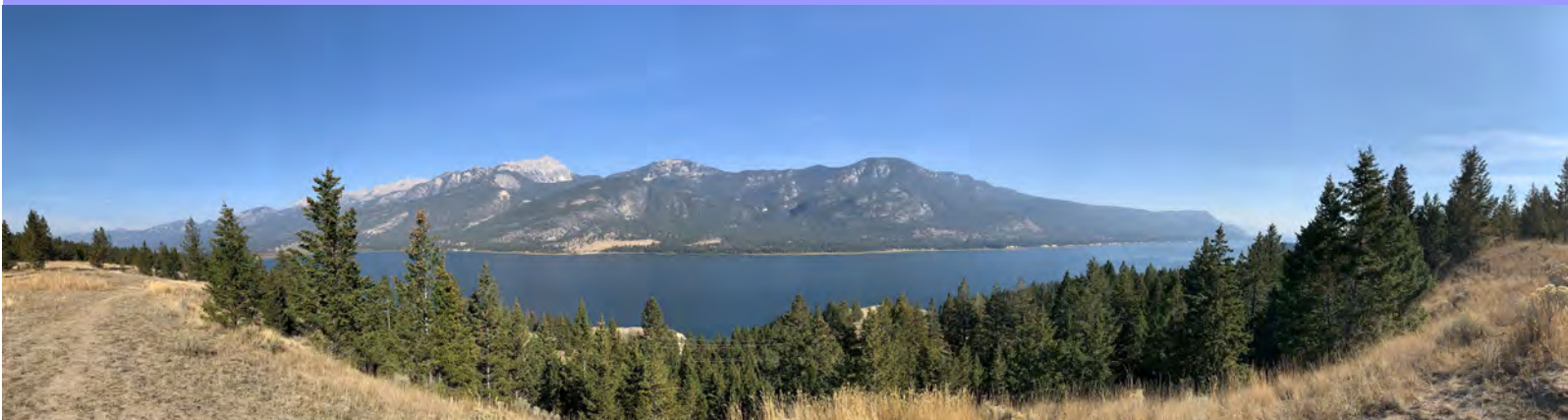
Workshop Purpose

At the workshops we will explore meaningful ways to increase Indigenous representation in the amendment to the [2014 federal Southern Mountain Caribou Recovery Strategy](#). We will build on the conversations that were started at the first series of virtual workshops held in the winter of 2021. A summary [report](#) and an [infographic summary](#) of the 2021 workshops are available on the [CIER website](#) under the Southern Mountain Caribou tab.



Check out the [sway link](#) for full details

<https://sway.office.com/UEIoC57roKQYU1oR?ref=Link>





Community Engagement Needed



Community Events team and tea

Akisqnuq is recruiting/looking for people who would be interested in being in an events team to assist in planning events for the community. Honorarium will also be provided for your time



If your interested in being apart of the events team will be meeting every thursday at the rec center at 1:30pm, zoom can be made available. if that works best for you. You may send ideas to communication@akisqnuq.org



AKISQNUK MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

AKISQNUK RESILIENCE

Akisqnuq First Nation is doing emergency planning and would like to know who would need assistance in evacuating in an emergency, i.e., wildfire, flood, etc.

We need to know this number for emergency planning.

If you have an interest in being apart of the community emergency planning

CONTACT CHRISTY BAKER AT CBAKER@AKISNUK.ORG OR CALL 250-342-6301



KTUNAXA NATION

Ktunaxani'ntik Did you sign up yet?

Ktunaxa Hakqyit is to provide an online engagement space for Ktunaxa. Register to learn about, and contribute to, engagement opportunities such as surveys, stories, forums and ideas. Share your thoughts and stay updated on the projects that matter most to you. Most Engagement Projects are open to Ktunaxa contributors only, while the Sections are available to view by everyone. Sign up here <https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/>

Community Engagement Needed



Ktunaxa Kinbas
Child & Family
Services Society

Presents

REGALIA MAKING WORKSHOP

SIGN UP.

DATE: TBD

We at Akisqnuq KKCFSS would like to coordinate a regalia making workshop and would like to know how many would like to participate, and who could help with making regalia from the community.

we haven't set a date yet, and will be based on how many would attend.



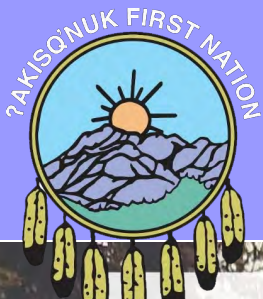
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE
OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT RICHARD
BRYCE AT
RICHARD.BRYCE@KTUNAXA.ORG

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"AND THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE MY FRYBREAD"

Contact
communication@akisqnuq.org if you want more
information or have
questions with anything
in the newsletter



For ʔakisq̓nuk artist & photographers to submit

Lillian Rose is collecting submissions for the Ktunaxa Legacy Publication project.

Please reach out to have your story idea, article, photo or artwork included!

Contact
Lillian Rose

Traditional Knowledge and Language
Coordinator

Cell 250 342 1635

lillian.rose@ktunaxa.org

Our Land. Our Words. Our Stories.

Ktunaxa Legacy Publication

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Pioneer article on the project

<https://www.columbiavalleypioneer.com/ktunaxa-legacy-publication-in-the-works-through-parks-canada/>



Ktuq̓qakyam, The Bearer of News, Teller of Tales

Check out the revamped Ktunaxa newspaper Ktuq̓qakyam!

<https://www.ktunaxa.org/ktuq%cc%93%c8%bcqakyam-%c2%a2%cc%95upnakutnamu-fall-2022/?fbclid=IwAR15DFQ6jcEPCLWfBfhuiEEteTcxiKe2F4gJ8jcF6IAorfYtmcZJsa7iVM0>

Or pick up your paper copy at the band office

The Bearer of News, Teller of Tales
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Treatment Centre Update

The Seven Nations Soaring Eagles Treatment Centre will be built on Lower Keeleway Band territory. The project has been in the works for several years. Navukin Jason Louie of Yaqan Ni'k'iq' says it represents the seven First Nations that live in B.C. He says the 12-bed facility will accept all Indigenous Canadians who seek help and treatment.

As Navukin Louie told *Ni'kwam'yu'ew* in 2019, "They've made the decision that they want to change their lifestyle. They're realizing that there's an issue with alcohol and drugs in their lives. That their lives have become unmanageable. We just want to get them here."

Debbie Whitehead, Director of Ktunaxa Nation Council Social Investment Sector, is pleased with progress so far. "The team, including Shane Stewart, manager of Ktunaxa's Economic Investment Sector, is ensuring the centre is built in a timely manner," she said. "The society is incorporated, and the curriculum is complete."

A group was informally created, made up of Yaqan Ni'k'iq' First Nations Health Authority, Ktunaxa Nation Council Social and Economic Investment Sector, and Cover (the architects). The group had regular meetings to review drawings and designs. They raised many questions around layout and functionality. The group finalized the schematic designs based on the needs of the treatment centre clients. Most funds are in place, with other applications in process.

Next steps

The members of the design committee have been finalized, and meeting dates have been set. The committee will tackle decisions on siding, roofing, materials, flooring, colour choices... all the choices needed to complete the entire project.

Meanwhile, the architects will create the construction documents and get ready for the building tender submissions.

If everything goes according to the schedule, by end of January, 2023, the bid package/tender will be sent out to potential contractors. By end of February, 2023, the tender will be awarded. And by April or May, 2023, construction will begin.



Drawing courtesy Cover Architects. A site view of the Seven Nations Soaring Eagles Treatment Centre. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as April of 2023. If you have questions about the treatment centre building project, please contact Carlis Walker, Lower Keeleway Band. If you have questions about the operations, contact Debbie Whitehead, Ktunaxa Social Investment Sector, and if you have questions about the design, contact Shane Stewart, Ktunaxa Economic Sector.

For ʔakisq̓nuk artist & photographers to submit



Request for Qualifications

Graphic designers & illustrators



To learn more go to our website: fpcc.ca/about-us/employment

Are you a creative digital artist looking to take on more projects?

The First Peoples' Cultural Council is building a list of graphic designers and illustrators to contract for a variety of projects on an as-needed basis. Does this sound like a good fit for you? Download the [Request for Qualifications](#) and find out how to submit your portfolio for consideration.

This opportunity will remain open until filled.

LOCAL Artisans

Shuswap's cultural department is compiling a list of our local artisans. Would you like to be on this list? Let us know...



PLEASE CONTACT ENOLA EUGENE
EEUGENE@SHUSWAPBAND.CA
SHUSWAP ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 250.341.3678

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Reminders & Notices

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AKISQNUK FIRST NATION HEALTH CENTRE



NOVEMBER 1, 2022
BETWEEN 10AM-2PM



OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY AND STAFF
(6 MONTHS AND OLDER)

Jordan's Principle Regional Service Coordinator



Assistance with Jordan's Principle requests, appeals, payments, data collection, and case management

?AQ'AM HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE:

OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 14

?AQ'AM HEALTH FAIR NOVEMBER 30

Health

- mobility aids
- wheelchair ramps
- elders' services
- mental health services

Social

- social work
- land-based activities
- respite care
- cultural programming

Education

- tutoring services
- teaching assistants
- mental health services
- assistive technology

📧 MICHAELA.MATTERS@KTUNAXA.ORG

☎ 2504641631

Contact info

Akisqnuq First Nation Health Centre
(250)-342-6379



?AQ'AM



Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Services Society

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EAST KOOTENAY

HARD TIMES
REQUIRE FURIOUS
DANCING



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

Self-Care



TAKISQNUK HEALTH CENTER

KUPAQPI?K (FALLING LEAVES) OCTOBER

OCT. 27TH 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

OCT. 18TH & 19TH 9AM-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC
NOV. 29TH & 30TH- 9AM-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC

*Please note Jason Juell Akisqnuq RN will be away from the Office Oct 24th - 28th *

*Please note that all Medical receipts should be submitted directly to Christy Baker
christy.baker@akisqnuq.org*

Naloxone kits are available for pickup at the Health Center for anyone who would like them



For more details on the Foot Clinic & Dr. Page Clinic or to cancel your appointment Contact
Office: (250) 342-6379



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

October 27th is the next clinic. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Foot Clinics

November 29 & 30 are the next clinics. Contact Health Center for booking, canceling or more information at 250-342-6379

Chiropractor*

ʔakisq'nuq Members may book your Chiropractor appointment at *Invermere Family Chiropractor* at 250-342-9666

Massage*

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

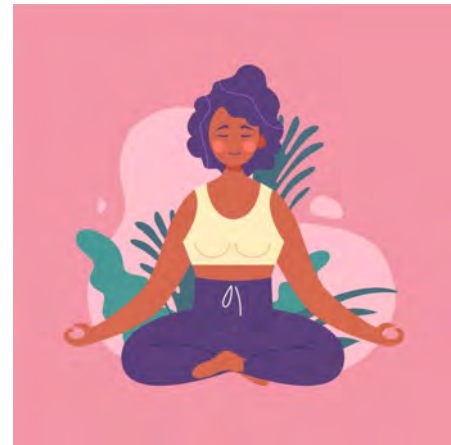
Non Coverage Medical*

ʔakisq'nuq members living in BC have Pacific Blue Cross Coverage. If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisq'nuq Member services director Christy Baker for assistance at christy.baker@akisqnuq.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 Member Services Director Christy Baker at christy.baker@akisqnuq.org.



Contact
communication@akisqnuq.org if you
want more
information or have
questions with
anything in the
newsletter

Community Quality of Service Standards Survey



COMMUNITY QUALITY OF SERVICE Survey

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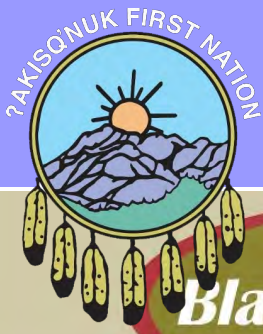
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/F5T6GWG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/f5t6gwg)



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.





Learning Something New

BladeRunners

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

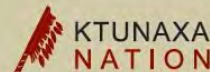
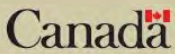
LOCATIONS

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- ?aqam
- Yaqit ?a-knuqli'it
- Yaqaq 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:

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Brandon.Hunt@ktunaxa.org

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Jenn.Higginbottom@ktunaxa.org



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Visit us at www.ktunaxa.org/five-pillars/educationemployment



Indigenous Community Development Program

Accredited with the Indigenous Certification Board of Canada

Training includes the following six courses:

- ICDP 100 - Building a Solid Foundation
- ICDP 200 - Organizational and Community Strategic Planning
- ICDP 300 - Designing Projects, Programs, and Services, and Writing Successful Proposals
- ICDP 400 - Research, Needs Assessments, Feasibility Studies, and Ethical Standards
- ICDP 500 - Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting
- ICDP 600 - Implementing and Managing Projects or Programs to Ensure Success

What's included:

- Weekly live virtual training sessions with two Instructors - twice a week (3.5 hrs total)
- Access to student portal 24hrs/7 days a week, with recordings of weekly sessions, handouts, worksheets, templates, examples, checklists, videos, resource library, and more
- Portal is open in perpetuity for participants
- Massive email with links to funding databases and opportunities
- Regular emails with grant opportunities
- Ongoing support and mentoring
- Flexibility to complete certification

For full program outline or to register, please contact:

icdpinstructors@gmail.com or ellen.huse@gmail.com

Phone: Judy - (250)-751-1555 or Ellen - (250)-895-1775

We are happy to assist in securing funding for the program if funding is not available through your community or organization.

Timing and Schedule

Oct. 26, 2022 - June 2, 2023
Wednesdays: 10:00-12:00 PST
Fridays: 10:00 - 11:30 PST

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Training Programs to help you build and advance your career in Natural Resources

Land Guardian CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Course Description:

NRTG's Land Guardian Program (LGP) is designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled guardians employed within communities, industry, non-profit organizations, or regional stakeholder groups. Graduates of this program are capable of performing guardian roles and observing, recording, and reporting results, information, and advice to industry stakeholders, government and regulators. Participants are provided practical skills and abilities in four core skill areas:

Safety and Fieldwork Logistics:

- Field safety, planning, data collection and management, navigation and orienteering, measurement and reporting.

Environmental Monitoring:

- Construction site monitoring, spill response, erosion and sediment control, working with legislation, identification, protection and management of sensitive habitats & species.

Identification & Assessment of Environmental Features:

- Basic identification of significant fish, wildlife & vegetation species; introduction to species-at-risk, and rangeland, marine, riparian, and sensitive habitats.



Management:

- Technical writing, business correspondence, fish & wildlife management, project management and supervision.
- The LGP is a comprehensive educational program, designed and developed by NRTG with input from industry sector representatives (e.g., oil & gas, mining, agriculture, marine, forestry, fisheries, environment, cultural heritage, linear development and natural resources). Delivery of the program is over five consecutive weeks (200 course hours) with classroom time conducted on-line (Zoom) and directed field exercises completed by the students in their local area. Roles which students will be able to fulfill upon completion of the program include Land Guardian, Watchman, Field Supervisor, and Land Management positions.

Each NRTG course includes live, lifetime admission. Enrol once - come back anytime.

To Register Contact Us:

EMAIL: info@nrtgtraininggroup.com
CALL: 1-877-388-2172
www.nrtgtraininggroup.com



?Akisqnuq First Nation—Wildland Firefighting

We are looking at running a training program for people interested in Wildland firefighting for next year. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie with name and contact information to be added to the list.
(250) 342-6301 Ext:3807 or stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org
More information will be provided when it's available.

Employment Opportunities



ʔakisqnuq First Nation

The following positions are available at ʔakisqnuq First Nation.

To view the full descriptions visit <https://akisqnuq.icompasscms.com/content/employment-and-contracting> and submitting your interest to hany.hafez@akisqnuq.org

- Financial Officer
- Social Development Worker
- Land Referrals Coordinator
- Water Operator Trainee
- Project Manager Trainee
- Administrative Assistant
- Registered Forest Technician
- Community Wellness Facilitator

Eva Joseph Learning & Cultural Society

The society is currently looking for ʔakisqnuq /Ktunaxa grass roots people interested in sharing stories or cultural activities with the Badger students please contact Kayla at Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com. Honorariums are available.

Ktunaxa Nation Career Opportunities

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

Lands and Resource Sector Director

(CLOSING DATE: October 27, 2022, 4:30 pm)

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



**WE ARE LOOKING
FOR
CATERERS**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
CATERING FOR SHUSWAP
BAND EVENTS?**

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT
THE SHUSWAP EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OR CALL BAND
OFFICE: 250.341.3678**

cpaccagnan@shuswapband.net

*We would like to create a list of Band Members who cater for future events with the Shuswap Band

**SHUSWAP
BAND**



Chief & Council

Band Meeting

TBD

Chief and Council

Deadline to submit items to Chief and Council Agenda is always the Friday before.
Deadline is October 28th for November 2nd Chief and Council.

Elders' Corner

ʔAkisq'nuK Elders Committee Scheduled

Scheduled: October 25th 2022, 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/85632236041?pwd=OU85WCs4MURKeTU0djZGUlpxcmZEdz09>

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

1st Wednesday of Every month. Next meeting is November 2nd 2022.

Contact Barbara Fisher for agenda items, information (location for in-person) and/or Zoom link at barbara.fisher@ktunaxa.org

KKCFSS Elder Resident position posting

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

<https://www.ktunaxa.org/wp-content/uploads/Resident-Elders.pdf>

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Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society
(EJLCS)



Dear Akisqnuq Families,

Just a reminder! Community members requiring child care are placed at the top of our waitlist and given priority placement within programs! To register your child or inquire about the programs available please feel free to call us at 250-342-6331 or email little.badger.windermere@gmail.com.

As part of the Aboriginal Head Start Programming community members under the age of 6 are entitled to receive free childcare and quarterly care packages throughout the year! If you have a child in this age range and are not receiving information on AHS please reach out to Kayla at kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com!

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