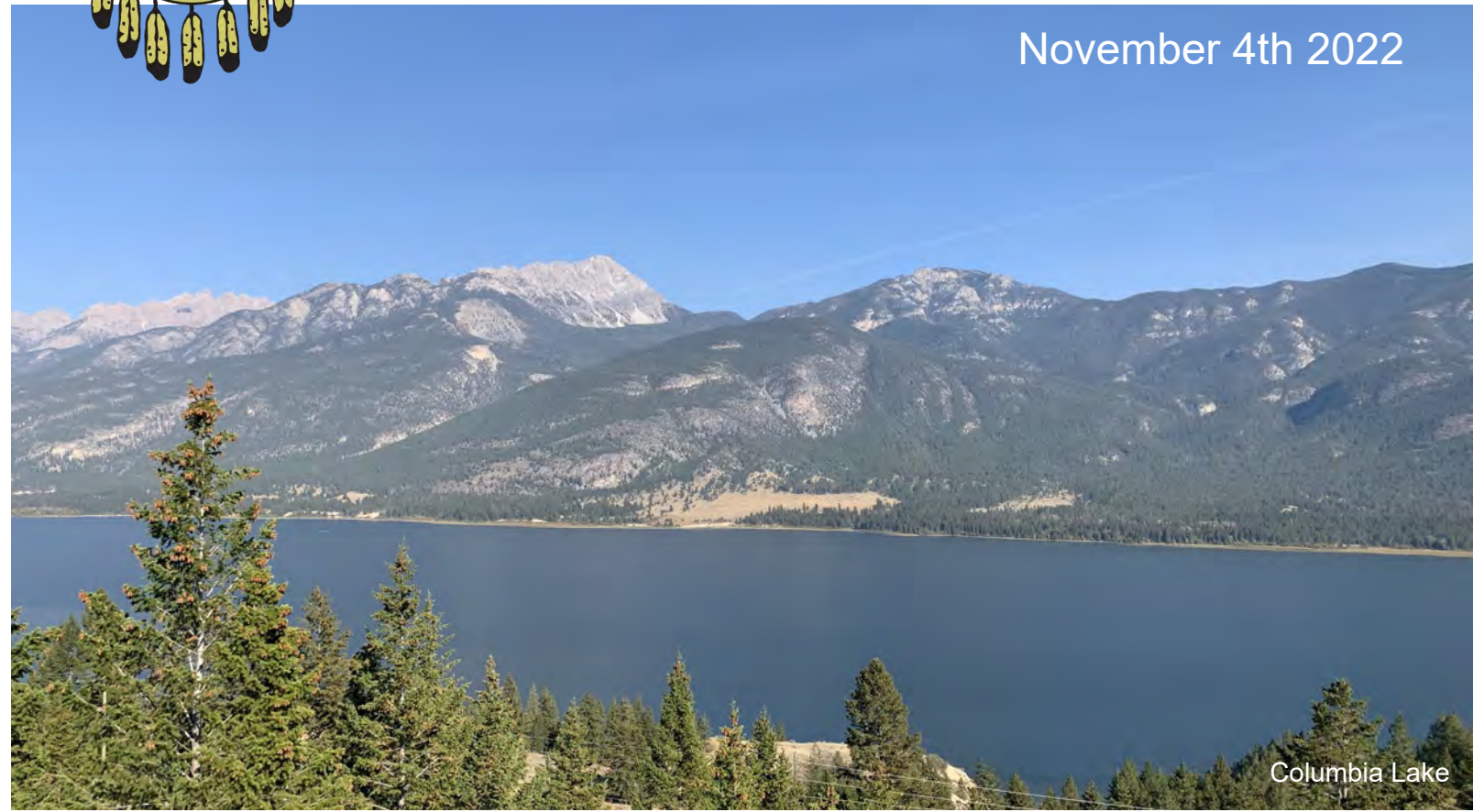




# Tsakisqnuq Community Newsletter

November 4th 2022



Columbia Lake

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# Members Messages



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

[christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org)

## Call Out for **FAIC**

ʔakisqnuq Finance Audit & Investment Committee

Do you have an interest in the finances of AFN?

Do you have a knowledge of finances and risks?

We need you!

The Finance, Audit and Investment Committee is looking for individuals to join the committee for a two-year term.

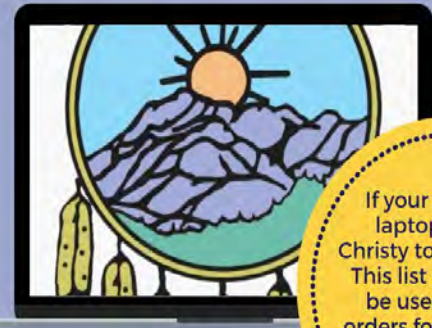
Please reach out to the Senior Administrative Officer ([joseph.khan@akisqnuq.org](mailto:joseph.khan@akisqnuq.org)), or Fiscal and Economic Director ([david.bach@akisqnuq.org](mailto:david.bach@akisqnuq.org)) if you are interested or have any questions.



## 20 22 AKISQNUK FIREFWOOD

AKISQNUKNIK ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST WITH CUTTING AND DELIVERING FIREFWOOD? HONORARIUM WILL BE OFFERED. CONTACT GLYNDA JOSEPH AT [RECCENTRE@AKISQNUK.ORG](mailto:RECCENTRE@AKISQNUK.ORG)

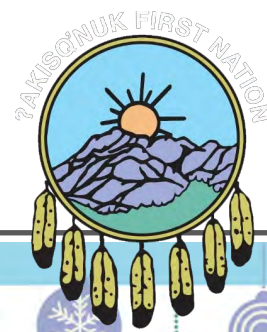
## AKISQNUK FIRST NATION REUSED LAPTOPS



If your needing a laptop contact Christy to get on a list. This list would then be used to make orders for computers from Computers for schools.

▶ CONTACT  
[CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG](mailto:CHRISTY.BAKER@AKISQNUK.ORG)

# Members Messages



## Community Christmas Dinner

Akisqnuq would like to get on the planning for the Christmas season and is seeking input from community on what they would like to see happen this year for the Community Christmas Dinner/celebration with a proposed date of Sunday, Dec. 11th. There is also a call out for caterers if the community wants a catered dinner. Please take a minute to complete the survey by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code <https://>



*Akisqnuq Christmas Planning*  
**CALL OUT FOR AKISQNUK CATERERS!**

AKISQNUK IS STARTING IT'S CHRISTMAS PLANNING AND IS WANTNG TO GATHER AKISQNUK CATERERS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CATERING THE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER IF THE COMMUNITY IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A CATERED DINNER PLEASE CONTACT RAYLENE FORTIN AT [RAYLENE.FORTIN@AKISQNU.ORG](mailto:RAYLENE.FORTIN@AKISQNU.ORG) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

## 2022-23 Ski Program Details!

Let the 2022-2023 Ski Season Begin! Well... almost! Most hills are due to open beginning of December! We are excited to offer FREE skiing/snowboarding again this year! We have partnered with Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (this includes: Nakiska, Kimberley, Fernie, and Kicking Horse resorts) to offer all community members (and their spouse/children, on and off reserve) free lift tickets, lessons and ski rentals, as well as a \$25 food voucher! This will be available on Sundays, as we are only able to offer it once per a week.

To participate, you must email Raylene at [raylene.fortin@akisqnuq.org](mailto:raylene.fortin@akisqnuq.org) with the following information for each participant: Ski hill you wish to ski at, Names, Ages, equipment needed, and lesson information (level). You will then receive an email with a copy of the vouchers to print and present at the ski hill!

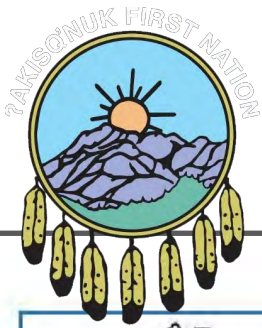
We are also working on a partnership with Panorama near Invermere. The program will be the same as above. We are just awaiting confirmation from them!

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](mailto:RAYLENE.FORTIN@AKISQNUK.ORG)



# Members Messages



## Housing Department Newsletter

Dale Shudra, AFN Housing Manager      November 2, 2022

### Attention Seniors!

**Do you want to move to a new accessible housing unit?**

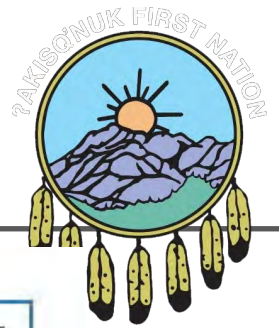
If so, 3-plex 2 (3048 Hwy 93/53) will be ready for occupancy shortly.

- Rent for these beautiful new units is only \$550 per month
- Two units include **accessible features** such as:
  - One floor units with low slope entrances
  - Wheelchair accessible with walk-in shower
  - Accessible cabinets and appliances

If you are interested and have not submitted an application, please contact me to discuss.



# Members Messages



## Do you want to renovate your home ?

CMHC funding is available for renovations to adapt your home for senior's independence.

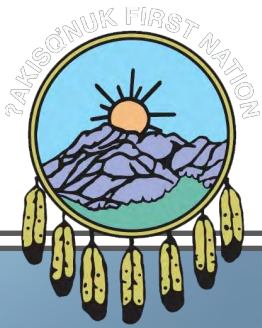
These renovations could be:

- Replacing tub with a walk-in shower
- Adjusting cabinets heights
- Installing Grab bars or handrails
- Relocating appliances

If you have interest in such renovations, please contact the Housing Department.

Dale Shudra , Housing Manger **250 342 6301**

[dale.shudra@akisqnuq.org](mailto:dale.shudra@akisqnuq.org)



# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



## EKFH Starlite Ball

November 5th, 2022 - St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino

In support of Foundry East Kootenay  
5pm Cocktails  
6pm Dinner  
Entertainment, Live music, Dancing,  
Live and Silent Auction

\$150/person (includes \$50 tax Receipt)  
For tickets or information visit [ekfh.ca](http://ekfh.ca)  
or call 250-489-6481

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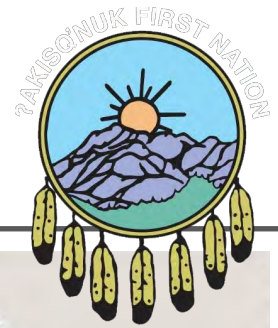
Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Services Society

NOT ALONE

### October

- Nov.1st 10am-2pm.: Flu Shot Clinic at Takisqnuq First Nation Health Center.
- Nov.8th & 9th 9am-4pm.:Chris Luke Sr. Wellness Workshop at the Takisqnuq band Hall. RSVP with Christy Baker for catering Numbers.
- Nov.8th 5:15-715pm.: Free food recovery community dinner at the Little Badgers Early Learning center, serving chili with both meat or vegetarian options. Bring your own bowls and spoons to help reduce waste.
- Nov.10th 2-4pm.: Takisqnuq Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To Book appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Nov.16th 9am-12pm.: Coffee with the Cops at the Columbia Valley Rec.center. Come join Jamie and Monty for a cup of coffee.
- Nov.18th 2:30pm.: Qat'muk Pow wow at the Heritage Inn in Cranbrook. RSVP with Karri Garner at [kgarner@ktunaxa.org](mailto:kgarner@ktunaxa.org).
- Nov.24th 2-4pm.: Takisqnuq Dr. Page Clinic at AFN health center. To Book appointment or cancel contact 250 342 6379.
- Nov.29th 10am.:Takisqnuq Elders committee meeting at Takisqnuq Band Hall. Zoom available.
- Nov.29th & 30th 9-4pm.: Takisqnuq Foot Clinic at AFN health center.

# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars



## Little Badgers Early Learning Centre Invites You!

Our team at Little Badgers are hosting our first FREE food recovery community dinner.

**Where:** Little Badgers Early Learning Centre (3046 Highway 93/95, behind the Akisqnuq Recreation Centre)

**When:** Tuesday November 8th from 5:15-7:15pm.

**What:** We will be serving chilli with both meat and vegetarian options.

We are really looking forward to connecting with our community. IF possible, please help us reduce waste by bringing your own bowls and spoons :)

\*Please note childcare will not be provided at this event\*

A huge thank you to Sobeyes and The Columbia Valley Food Bank for making this possible!



## Chris Luke Sr. Wellness Workshop

Come to this workshop and work with Ktunaxa Elder and published author Chris Luke Sr.

NOVEMBER 8TH & 9TH, 2022  
9AM-4PM  
AKISQNUK BANDHALL

RSVP with Christy Baker for catering numbers  
christy.baker@akisqnuq.org or Call  
250 342 6301 ext.3845  
Zoom will be available

## WES Remembrance Day invite

*Windermere Elementary would like to extend an invitation to members of the Akisqnuq First Nation and Shuswap Band to join our school in celebrating Remembrance Day. We will be hosting a ceremony at 11:00 on Thursday, November 10 in the gymnasium at Windermere Elementary School. All are welcome.*

*Sincerely,*

*Members of the WES teaching, administrative, and support staff*



# Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

## REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV 10 2022 VETERANS BANNER WALK

TIME: 4:00 PM  
DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
PLACE: POTHOLE PARK PICNIC TABLES

Walk together to the Cenotaph  
Flowers will be placed to honor our veterans

Please bring hand drums, as we will sing the Honor Song and have a moment of silence.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN



## COFFEE WITH THE COPS

November 16th 9am-12pm  
Rec. Center



Come join Jamie and Monty  
for a cup of coffee



## Elder Advisory meeting

# NOV. 29

10.00 AM

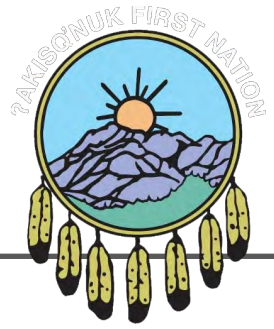
Email: [karen.vargas@akisqnuk.org](mailto:karen.vargas@akisqnuk.org)  
Zoom link

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Upcoming Events:  
Mark your calendars



# Celebrate Qat'muk

## Pow Wow

All Ktunaxa are Invited!

**November 18, 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**

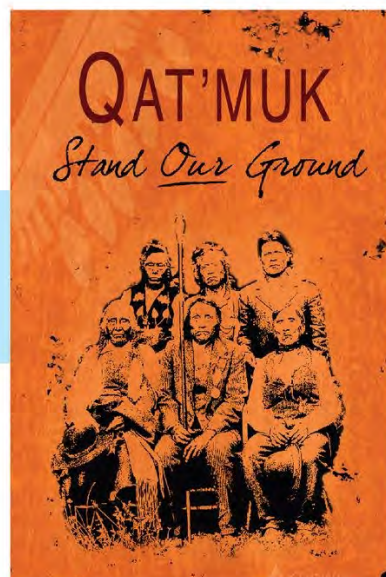
**Celebrate the Past, Present  
and Future of Qat'muk**

So we can plan for the meal, please RSVP  
to Kerri Garner at [kgarner@ktunaxa.org](mailto: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.



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# 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. Honorium 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](mailto: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](mailto:CBAKER@AKISNUK.ORG) OR CALL 250-342-6301



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## REGALIA MAKING WORKSHOP

**SIGN UP.**  
**DATE: TBD**

We at Akisqnuq/Shuswap KKCFS office 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 based on how many would attend.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT DONNA BONE AT [DBONE@KTUNAXA.ORG](mailto:DBONE@KTUNAXA.ORG) OR CALL 250 -342-6379

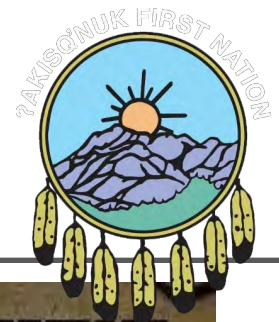


I didn't choose the rez life



The rez life chose me

# 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!



If interested, please contact: [tolderness@ktunaxa.org](mailto:tolderness@ktunaxa.org)



# KTUNAXA NATION

## Ktunaxaniḥtik Did you sign up yet?

Ktunaxa Hakq̓yit 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/>



# 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](mailto:lillian.rose@ktunaxa.org)

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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**  
A PUBLICATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION  
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**Ktuq̓qakyam**

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### Treatment Centre Update

The Seven Nations Soaring Eagles Treatment Centre will be built on Lower Keelesey Band territory. The project has been in the works for several years. Navukin Jason Louis of Yaqan Nu'kiy 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 Louis told [www.ktunaxa.org](http://www.ktunaxa.org) 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 Nu'kiy, 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.

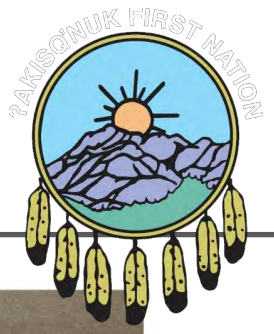
The members of the design committee have been finalized, and meeting dates have been set. The committee will tackle decisions on siding, roofing, materials, flooring, colour choices... all the choices needed to complete the entire project.

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 Keelesey 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.

# Reminders & Notices



**Takisqnuk**  
Health Centre  
&  
Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Services  
250-342-6379

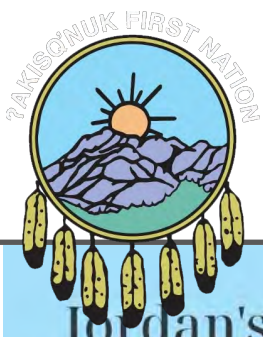


**COME ON IN, GRAB A  
FREE COFFEE, A BOOK,  
AND CHECK OUT OUR  
SERVICES AND  
RESOURCES!**



You can often  
find free  
donated food  
items, and even  
a pot of chili or  
soup on the  
stove!  
Stop by between  
830-12 or 1-430,  
Monday-Friday.





# Reminders & Notices

## Jordan's Principle Regional Service Coordinator



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

### ʔAQ'AM HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE:

- OCTOBER 19
- NOVEMBER 2
- NOVEMBER 16
- DECEMBER 14

### ʔAQ'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

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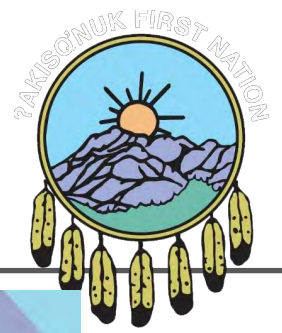


## Social Development update

Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Christy Baker email: [chirsty.baker@akisqnuk.org](mailto:chirsty.baker@akisqnuk.org) Due the 15th of every Month



# Self-Care



## TAKISQNUK HEALTH CENTER

K'TAŁU?K QUPQA  
(DEER RUTTING)  
NOVEMBER

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NOV. 10TH 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC  
NOV. 24TH 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

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

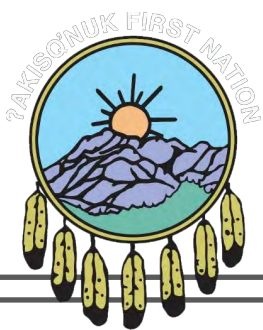
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\*Please note that all Medical receipts should be submitted directly to Christy Baker  
[christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org)\*



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

For more details on the Clinics 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

November 10th 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\*

ʔakisqnuq Members may book your Chiropractor appointment at *Invermere Family Chiropractor* at 250-342-9666

### Massage\*

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

### Non Coverage Medical\*

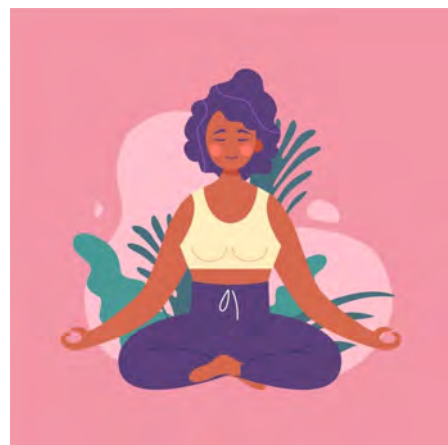
ʔakisqnuq members living in BC have Pacific Blue Cross Coverage.

If your needing assistance with medical expenses that are not covered contact the ʔakisqnuq Member services director Christy Baker for assistance at [christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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.

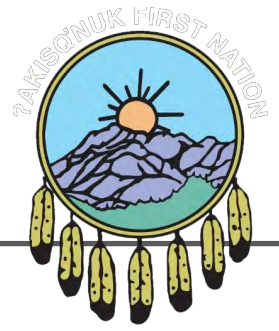
\*If you like to see someone else or are living off reserve keep/submit receipts for reimbursement or to make other arrangements contact Member Services Director Christy Baker at [christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org).



**Contact  
[communication@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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

### SCAN QR CODE

[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



## ?Akisqnuq First Nation—Wildland Fire-fighting

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](mailto:stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org)  
 More information will be provided when it's available.



## Early Childhood Education

Begin your journey towards Early Childhood Education certification at College of the Rockies

College of the Rockies is offering **ECED 113 Health, Safety and Nutrition** in a monthly intake model. The course will be offered starting the first Monday of every month from October through March. Students can complete the online course at their own pace over a maximum of 15 weeks.

The 10-Module course focuses on the important aspects of health, safety, and nutrition in an ECE setting.

Topics explored include:

- Introduction to field trip and menu planning
- The promotion and modeling of a healthy, safe environment
- Personal hygiene
- Standards of cleanliness; preventing the spread of communicable diseases
- Supporting the management of a chronic health condition

This 10-module online course is one of the Ministry of Children and Family Development's approved courses for Early Childhood Educator Assistant certification through the ECE Registry.

**Course prerequisite:** Minimum 65% in English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, or equivalent (refer to Course Equivalency Information on the College website) Academic assessment.

Contact Student Services at [studentservices@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:studentservices@cotr.bc.ca)

**To register:**  
 Contact the Enrolment Service office by email - [reghelp@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:reghelp@cotr.bc.ca) or by phone at at 250-489-8237.

## 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!**

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  - Serving It Right
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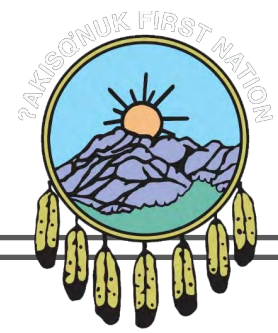
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  - Fernie
  - Golden
  - Grasmere
  - Invermere
  - Kaslo
  - Kimberley
  - Nelson
  - Salmo
  - Slocan
  - Sparwood

For more information or to share your ideas, contact:

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 250-489-2464 ext 3155  
[Brandon.Hunt@ktunaxa.org](mailto:Brandon.Hunt@ktunaxa.org)

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# Employment Opportunities



REGULATORY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

FULL-TIME PERMANENT

LANDS & RESOURCES SECTOR

*The Ktunaxa Nation is characterized by the spirit of courage, initiative, innovation, perseverance, and leadership that it has brought to the work of preserving and protecting both the past and the future of its people. This has been accomplished through the exceptional commitment and vision of its human resources. It is therefore expected that employees who represent the Ktunaxa Nation will be committed to honouring the spirit of the Nation's work by putting their best into all that they do and by conducting themselves at all times ethically, professionally and respectfully.*

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

The Regulatory Engagement Coordinator (REC) is responsible to the Team Lead, Mining Oversight, and the Ktunaxa Lands and Resources Council (KLRC) for ensuring that Ktunaxa aboriginal title, rights, and interests, including stewardship principles, are protected and enhanced in any regulatory decision-making processes. The position is responsible for ensuring coordination between KNC staff and Contractors in reviewing and responding to external land use applications as directed. These responsibilities are to the extent possible within reasonable regulatory decision-making timelines.

Coordination includes budgeting, organizing engagement at a technical level, coordination of participation of other KNC sectors, community outreach and communication, and overseeing external consultants on an as-needed basis.

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

##### Project Coordination

- Primary person responsible for the effective coordination of staff involved in relevant permitting and EA projects; ensures that comprehensive responses are provided to the external based on Ktunaxa aboriginal title, rights, and interests including stewardship principles.
- Coordinates and supports KNC participation in strategic level engagement as directed (i.e. under the government-to-government and government to 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreements or processes).
- Provides significant input into government regulatory schedules.
- Coordinates data gathering and fieldwork pertaining to relevant projects including use and occupancy, archival, biophysical, archaeological, etc.

##### Reporting

- Maintains detailed records of meetings, and discussions as they pertain to consultation and reports out on results and action items; ensures action items are completed by KNC staff.
- At the direction of the Team Lead, Mining Oversight prepares and presents reports and briefings to citizen meetings (band and Nation level), Lands and Resources Council, and community chief and council meetings.
- Supervises the completion of reports required by funders
- Support information sharing and reporting including the development of newsletter items, presentations, and briefing notes as required.
- Support the analysis and preparation of options and recommendations for decision-makers pertaining to relevant regulatory engagement projects.
- Maintain confidentiality on all matters relating to the affairs of the KNC

##### Financial

- With guidance from the Team Lead, Mining Oversight, the coordinator develops and monitors budgets relating to projects the incumbent leads and develops funding proposals and position contractor descriptions to support relevant projects
- Responsible for the accuracy of paperwork (travel claims, expense claims, POs, time tracking) related to project the incumbent leads.

##### Information

- The incumbent is the primary steward of all documents created by multiple working groups and committees, agreements, records of decisions, as well as any official or confidential documents internal to the KNC.

#### POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

##### Academic Preparation

- A Bachelor's degree (BA or BSc) in natural resource management or related discipline with extensive relevant experience

##### Required Skills, Knowledge, and Experience

- 5-8 years of job-related experience
- Strong technical knowledge with the ability to communicate technically in layman's terms
- Project management and coordination experience
- Budget management experience
- Extensive experience working in a First Nations government or with First Nations;
- Knowledge of natural resource industries (mining, forestry, hydro)
- Knowledge of British Columbia permitting requirements within relevant Ministries (i.e. Environmental Assessment Office, Ministry of Mines, Environment, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, etc.)
- Knowledge of the consultation and accommodation legal framework associated with Aboriginal rights
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Problem-solving and interpersonal skills
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Valid BC Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle

The Ktunaxa Nation Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for all employees and the people, Communities and Bands that we serve. Proof of vaccination is required in accordance with the Ktunaxa Nation Council vaccination Policy.

Internal staff and Ktunaxa people are encouraged to apply; support to apply for this position can be accessed through the Education and Employment Sector Service Center.

*Come with your willingness to learn!*

Please submit your cover letter and resume  
Telling us what attracts you to the position and how your experiences relate.

Human Resources  
Ktunaxa Nation Council  
PO 7825 Mission Road

Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5  
KNC-HR@ktunaxa.org  
Fax: (250) 489-2438

CLOSING DATE: December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

We thank those who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

## ʔakisqnuq First Nation

The following positions are available at ʔakisqnuq First Nation.

To view the full descriptions visit <https://akisqnuq.compasscms.com/content/employment-and-contracting> and submitting your interest to [hany.hafez@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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.ejics.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.ejics.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**

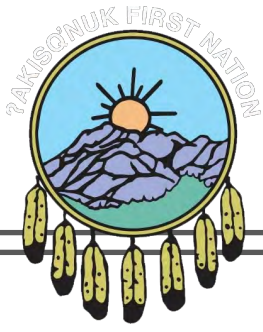
**Medical Office Assistant**

**Regulatory Engagement Coordinator** (Nation Council)

**Client Services Worker**

**Wellness Center Project Manager**

**Elder Secretariat**



# Chief & Council

## Band Meeting

TBD

## Chief and Council

Deadline to submit items to Chief and Council Agenda is always the Friday before.  
Deadline is November 11th for November 16th Chief and Council.

# Elders' Corner

## ʔAkisq'nuK Elders Committee Scheduled

**Scheduled:** November 29th 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 December 7th 2022.

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

## Upcoming Workshop

Dec 5 – Seniors BC – Elders abuse workshop – virtually via zoom. (More info to follow – from Seniors BC)

## 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>

## Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society

If you are interested in sharing stories or cultural activities with the Badger students please contact

Kayla at [Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com). Honorariums are available.



# Eva Joseph Learning and Culture Society (EJLCS)



Dear Akisqnuq Families,

A busy few weeks at little badgers!!!

The Eva Joseph learning and cultural society received the Columbia valley chamber of commerce business excellence award for Outstanding Workplace!

Teacher Evy received CBEENS Award for environment excellence in the early years!

And we had so much fun at our Halloween party with special guest draquarius from the Invermere public library and trunk or treating!

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](mailto:kayla.ejlcs.ahs@gmail.com)!

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