



ʔakisq̓nuk Community Newsletter

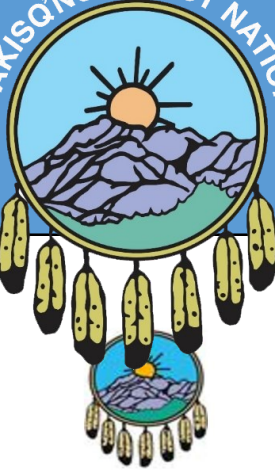
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ʔAKISQ'NUK FIRST NATION



Fire Updates

ʔakisq'nuq First Nation

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

Office: 250.342.6301 Fax: 250.342.9693

www.akisqnuq.org

August 3, 2023

The Leadership and administration of ʔakisq'nuq First Nation are happy to announce that Thomas Dobbin has started in the position of Emergency Program Coordinator.

Tom has provided the following biography to share with ʔakisq'nuq membership:

Good day,

My name is Thomas Dobbin, I am the Emergency Program Coordinator for the ʔakisq'nuq First Nation. I am pleased to be given this opportunity to support this community, and build relationships of trust with members.



My past experience in firefighting, rescue, medical response, and emergency management has been both fulfilling and diverse which I feel brings a lot to this role. I am passionate about providing, giving back to the community and believe my goals align well with the vision, mission, and values of the ʔakisq'nuq First Nation.

The Responsibilities of this exciting new role include working with the community to develop emergency response and recovery plans, support the emergency management plan, emergency operations center, and development/ implementation of the community FireSmart program.

I look forward to learning more about the ʔakisq'nuq First Nation, understanding cultural values, and meeting members and staff.

Thank you,

Tom

Fire Updates

WILDFIRES



What to do, what to know

There is no doubt that we are dealing with wildfire threat in our Valley. The Smoke is visible from our homes, and concern grows as the temperatures rise. But there are a few things we can do to better prepare for an Emergency. It's important that you and the members of your household are prepared so that you'll know exactly what to do if a wildfire is threatening your community.

Aug 2023

PREPAREDNESS GUIDES

Come to the Administration office for your copy of the home Preparedness guide or visit www.preparedbc.ca

Before a wildfire

Educate the members of your household

Make sure that your family and the members of your household are prepared, should a wildfire occur:

- Ensure that you have an emergency plan in place and that your emergency kits are ready in case you need them. We are currently working to provide 72 hr kits to each household.
- Stay informed of weather conditions and advisories in your area. Current Wildfire information can be found at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status
- Should an evacuation occur, Akisqum staff, along with RCMP, or Search and Rescue will be contacting each household to give notice of evacuation alert or evacuation order. You may also receive information from the BC wildfire service.
- Know and practice your primary escape route, as well as multiple routes out of your community. Remember that evacuation routes can be impacted by wildfire.
- Where will you go? Information will be provided to you for a safe refuge area. Ideally this will be a place within a safe area with adequate facilities. This may be the rec center, hotels, or the Columbia valley center.
- Protect your home.

If you live in a potential wildfire hazard zone, take these preventative steps to ensure that your home and your property are protected:

- Remove any fire hazards in and around your home, such as dried out branches, leaves and debris.
- Keep a sprinkler that is in good working condition in an accessible location.
- Make sure [smoke alarms](#) are placed on every level of the home, and preferably in every bedroom. Test your smoke detectors once per month. Batteries should be replaced every 6 months, while the alarm itself should be replaced once every 10 years.
- Consult with your local fire department or log onto FireSmart B.C to learn about making your home fire-resistant.
- If you are on a farm/ranch, sheltering livestock may be the wrong thing to do because a wildfire could trap animals inside. Leaving animals unsheltered is preferable, or if time and personal safety permits, evacuation away from the danger zone should be considered.

Other considerations

- Learn how to turn off the utilities in your residence. You may be instructed by local authorities to shut them off.
- Make sure that your vehicle has enough fuel. If evacuation becomes necessary, it will be hard to stop for gas.
- if you need assistance, place a [HELP](#) sign in your window, or call 911 if its an Emergency.
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbors to see if they require assistance

EVACUATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The RDEK has launched an Evacuation Notification System (ENS) powered by *Voyent Alert!* to keep residents and property owners informed in case of evacuation orders or alerts during critical events such as wildfires, floods or hazardous materials incidents.

The sign-up process is simple and is available to all residents and property owners in the East Kootenay: including rural RDEK, municipal and First Nations communities. You do have to register for the app and enter at least one location to receive notifications.

To receive notifications via text or phone, registration is available online at: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/register.html>

For more information and questions – contact Thomas Dobbin (Emergency Program Coordinator) at: thomas.dobbin@akisqum.org (250) 342-6301 EXT: 3821



Fire Updates



Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire



Evacuation Tips

Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local authorities. **If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Review your evacuation plan for your family and pets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for helpful tips and evacuation plan templates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have your "ready to go kit" (emergency kit) ready and stocked with cash, portable radio, prescription medications, eye glasses, change of clothes, pet food, flashlights and batteries, etc. Make sure your phone numbers, insurance information and other important documents for your go bag are current. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for a more complete list of emergency supplies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Before evacuating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn off air conditioning. Turn off your home water and electricity Close all doors, garage doors and windows. If weather seal or doors have gaps, seal with duct tape.



Quickly address outside surroundings

Complete a scan around your home and property and take steps to remove combustibles.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mow grass and weeds within 10 metres of the house to 10 centimetres in length, or less.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 metres of your home. Maintain a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home and deck by sweeping or raking down to mineral soil, rock or concrete.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Move combustible items such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood and potted plants, that are on and under your deck and within 10 metres of your home. Move all combustible items into your home or garage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a propane tank located on your property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propane tanks should be moved to 10 metres away from structures. Remove weeds and other debris from area around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near tank.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure gate in an open position. Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.



Check around the house

Check vents on roof, foundation and exterior walls to prevent embers from entering your home.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check your attic and foundation (crawl space) vents to see if they are screened and in good repair. Use duct or metal tape to temporarily cover damaged vents and those with 3 millimetres mesh screening.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you store cardboard boxes and other easily ignited materials near a vent in your attic or crawl space, move them as far away as possible from vent(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another option is to place tape over vent(s) at these locations. Be sure to remove tape when you return home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover dryer vents and wall-mounted make-up air openings for furnaces with a plywood cover, metal tape or duct tape.



Visit www.firemartcanada.ca for additional resources and information.





Upcoming Events



Working together to bring Government of Canada services to you.

Join us to find out more about...

- Canada Pension Plan/ Old Age Security
- Canada Pension Plan disability benefits
- Passport services
- Support for apprentices
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)*
- What benefits and credits are available
- How benefit payments are calculated based on your tax return
- How and when to apply for benefit payments
- CRA services that might be available to you

Representatives from Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency will be in your community...

2023/09/19
at 1:00 pm

Address

* If you need a SIN, please bring: your birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status and any other forms of federal or provincial identification you may have.



Notices

- We will be sending someone out to all rental homes over the next 2 months to complete a routine inspection of the properties. You will be given 24 hours notice prior to entry. If you have dogs that are a concern, we ask that you please indicate this when contacted, and we will ask you to make arrangements for your pets during the inspection process.
- Any seniors that need assistance with light repairs and mobility related alterations, please contact Christy or Dale at the office to be added to a list for consideration of small repairs.
- **There has been some confusion around whether or not the Elder's Gathering in Vancouver on August 15 & 16 is still taking place. The gathering is still proceeding as scheduled.**

Mark your calendars

August

- August 15-16: BC Elders Gathering in Vancouver.
- August 17: 2-4pm: Dr Page Clinic at AFN Health Center. To book an appointment, contact 250-342-6379.
- August 21-25: Okanagan RCMP recruiting youth canoe journey. Canoe from Penticton to Vernon. See poster in newsletter for more information.
- August 21: 9-4: Foot Clinic at AFN Health Center. To book an appointment, contact 250-342-6379.
- August 24: 2-4pm: Dr Page Clinic at AFN Health Center. To book an appointment, contact 250-342-6379.
- August 25-27: AFN Annual General Assembly. Registration is now open.

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Annual General Assembly

Akisq'nuq First Nation 2023 Annual General Assembly

August 25 - 27, 2023



Entertainment for
adults and kids

- * live music * great food *
- * awesome give-aways *
- * information booths * and more *

Registration forms are available
at the Band Office, or on the
website at akisqnuq.org
Please send your forms by email
to reception@akisqnuq.org,
fax to 250-342-9693 or drop them
off at the Band Office.

Watch for agenda and
updates on the website at
akisqnuq.org



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or online at akisqnuk.org



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Annual General Assembly

August 25 - 27, 2023

3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, BC V0B 2L2

Participant & Staff - Registration Form

Participant information is required in order to plan meals and childcare to AGA participants.
Please ensure your registration form is completed IN FULL and returned to ʔakisqnuk First Nation office by August 4, 2023
Drop off, Fax (250) 342-9693 or email to: reception@akisqnuk.org

Print Name:	Email:	Phone:
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Address:

Print Name: Please indicate days attending. Only one person per vehicle can claim travel assistance. Carpooling encouraged

List ALL (include children and their ages) who will be attending with you. This information is necessary to help us coordinate events and games.	Friday, August 25	Saturday, August 26	Sunday, August 27

Travel Assistance/Distance in Kilometres Roundtrip
200km -500km =\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
501km -1000km =\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>
1001km -1500km =\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>
1501km and higher =\$400 <input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling from:

Do you or anyone traveling with you have special dietary needs or food allergies? If yes, what are the specific dietary or allergy needs?

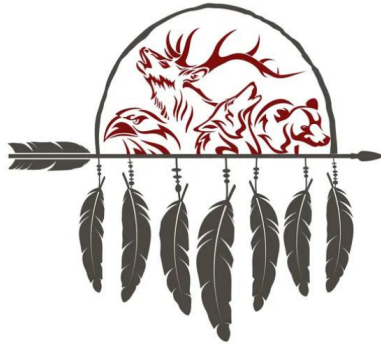
Meals	Aug. 25 dinner	Aug. 26 breakfast	Aug. 26 lunch	Aug. 26 dinner	Aug. 27 break/lunch
# of people:					

Signature: _____

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What's Happening at the Rec Centre



**Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre**

WE WILL BE

CLOSED

**AUGUST 25TH-27TH
FOR A CULTURAL EVENT**

**QUESTIONS? 250-342-0804
FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECENTRE.COM**

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What's Happening at the Rec Centre

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
11.00AM TO 2.00PM
\$5 / CHILD

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023

END OF SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY



BOUNCY CASTLES, GAMES,
FACE PAINTING, COTTON
CANDY, AND MORE!!!



CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE



Bouncy Castles
On Site Cotton Candy Service
Bubble Machine
...and More!



questions? 250-342-0804
friends@columbialakereccentre.com
3051 hwy 93 / 95



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What's Happening at the Rec Centre



**EVERY TUESDAY
EVENING
6PM - 9PM
\$5 / PLAYER
FREE WITH MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP**

VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS

**COLUMBIA LAKE RECREATION CENTRE
3050 HWY 93/95, WINDERMERE, BC
FRIENDS@COLUMBIALAKERECENTRE.COM
250-342-0804**

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What's Happening at the Rec Centre



FLOOR HOCKEY

Drop In! ALL Ages Welcome

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5PM - 7PM

\$5 / PLAYER

FREE WITH MONTLY MEMBERSHIP

questions? 250-342-0804

friends@columbialakereccentre.com

3050 Highway 93 / 95

Windermere, BC



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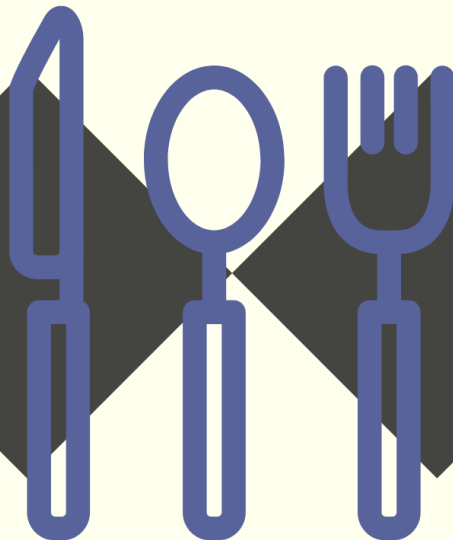


THE COLUMBIA LAKE REC CENTRE STAFF WOULD
LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO.....

Community Dinner Night

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT FOOD

**AUGUST 17TH 2023
6PM - 7:30 PM**



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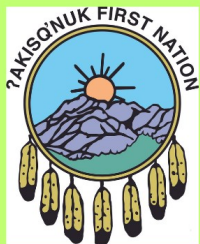


What's Happening at the Rec Centre

AUGUST 26TH,
2023
ʔAKISQ'NUK
AGA

BINGO

SNACKS, PRIZES AND FUN!!
MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED



COLUMBIA LAKE REC CENTRE
3050 HIGHWAY 93 / 95
COLUMBIALAKERECENTRE.COM



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Self Care



ʔAKISQ'NUK HEALTH CENTER

KUKU S'QUMU
(RIPENING OF
SERVICEBERRIES)

JULY

KUQUKUPKUKCI#MITI#Q#
IKWA?IT
(FRUIT RIPENING DURING NIGHT)

AUGUST

JULY 6 & 20 2-4PM.: DR. PAGE CLINIC

AUGUST 21 9-4PM.: FOOT CLINIC

AUGUST 17 & 24 2-4PM: DR. PAGE CLINIC

For more details on the Clinics, to book or to cancel
your appointment Contact

Health Office: (250) 342-6379



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

*Please note that all Medical receipts should be
submitted directly to Patsy Nicholas at
patsy.nicholas@akisqnuk.org*

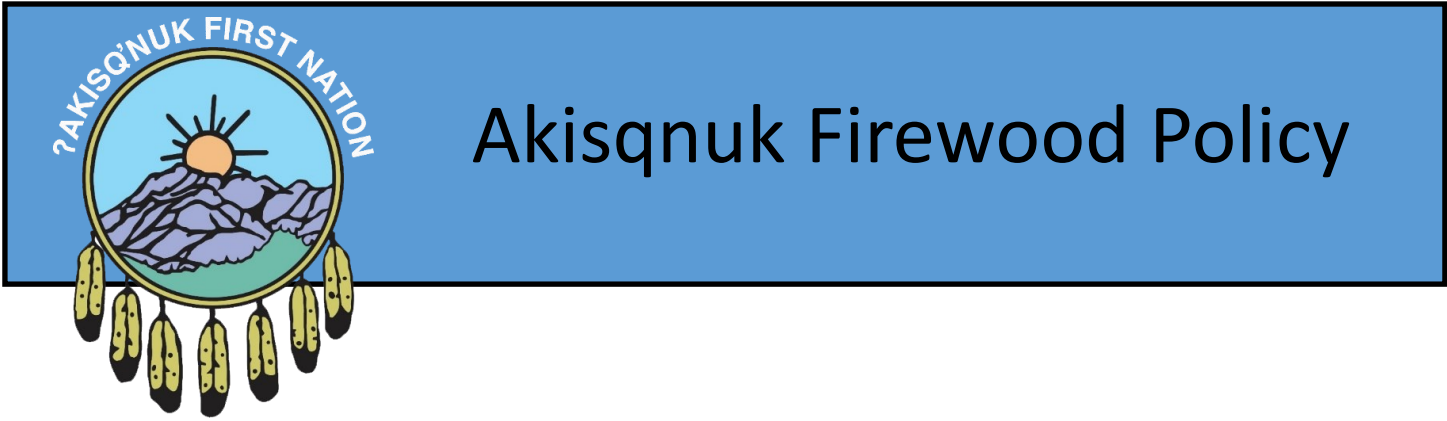
ʔakisq'nuknik, your feedback helps ʔakisq'nuk First Nation make
improvements to services provided.

Take a few minutes to fill out the Health and wellness survey.
visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM> or scan QR



code





Akisqnuq Firewood Policy

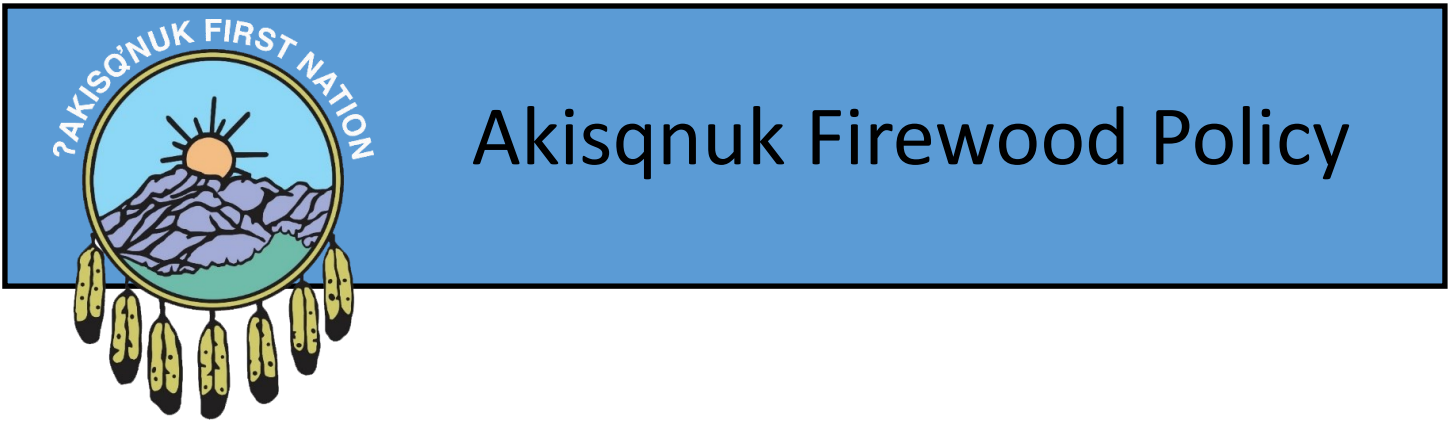
Statement of Policy and Procedure	
Policy No.	28
Department Ownership	Firewood
Issue/Effective Date	APPROVED

ʔAkisqnuq First Nation

Firewood policy

Approved by Council on: June 7th, 2023

Policy:	<u>No. 28</u>
Issue Date:	June 7 th , 2023



1. Policy

This policy is meant to address the disbursement and access to donated wood to the Community. This will ensure a standard practice across the board for Firewood.

2. Purpose

This policy will implement procedures for AFN to provide firewood access and delivery to ?akisqnuknik and community members. The policy will outline eligibility criteria to obtaining AFN firewood which is donated to the community. The public works department will ensure that the quality of the wood includes a mix of birch, larch, and pine to ensure the most efficient burn for heat and chimney safety.

3. Scope

This policy addresses ?akisqnuknik and community members' access to firewood. It will determine eligibility, timing, and delivery.

4. Definitions

?akisqnuknik Community members – are those who live on the reserve and access services of AFN.

5. Responsibilities

Procedures as follows:

- a) The Director of Member Services (Director) will accept and receive inquiries from ?akisqnuknik and community members when the donated firewood is delivered to the reserve – AFN will ensure communication goes out to community a month in advance of that date.
- b) The Director will use a form/checklist that includes name, house number, location at residence to drop off, how much, require firewood annually, need wood split and stacked.
- c) The director then will develop a spreadsheet and submit to Public Works who will in turn execute delivery.
- d) Communication on delivery date and to who will be communicated back to the Director from Public Works with a copy of the spreadsheet that will indicate completed.
- e) The Director will connect with homeowner/resident receipt of firewood.

6. Eligibility Criteria

Is an ?akisqnuknik and community member residing within AFN reserve boundary, burns wood, wood/electric as a primary source of heat in the winter months.

7. Procedures

The Director will submit notice through the Newsletter and website of firewood delivery and if there are any new residents or changes to heating system those members will connect with the Director of Member Services. This policy is subject to amendments.

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Akisqnuq Firewood Policy



Akisqnuq First Nation

Firewood Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Do you require firewood for heat? YES NO Do you use Firewood as main source of heat? YES NO

Would delivering and bucking suffice? YES NO _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received by Member Services Director: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____



Akisqnuk Firewood Policy

Akisqnuk Firewood policy

Member Services Director will send out in accordance of firewood applied to begin. Apply with the administration office.

The Director will use a form checklist that includes the amount of firewood required, where it will be stored, and whether it is for residential or commercial use.

Communication on delivery date, and to who, will be communicated back to the Director in charge of public works with a copy of a spreadsheet including completed.

Member Services Director will connect with occupant to confirm delivery has taken place.

The Director of lands and infrastructure will submit notice through the newsletter and website when the firewood will be delivered.

The Director will develop a spread sheet based on applications, and provide the list to Public works for execution.

Any changes to the heating system of home owner, Member Services Director.



Members Messages

A REMINDER OF THE QUILT PROJECT

The project group is accepting completed quilt squares. It is a slow process, but will keep it open as there are individuals working on their squares. If you are interested in the project and need assistance, you can reach out to Gayle Michel or Patsy Nicholas.

Gayle.michel@akisqnuq.org

Patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org

Quilting Project for a healing journey

This is an opportunity for Akisqnukniks to express how you are feeling on your journey by writing a statement about your experience of the residential school, '60's scoop or the Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women Girls/Boys on a quilt square. You may have been affected by one or two or all three. I am coordinating the project, and the possibilities are endless on how this project can take its course. However, the end project will be 3 quilts to showcase in the community. Please remember that this may be difficult and do take your time with this process. You can express your unique experience in words, sentences, paragraphs, images, color, symbols, pockets and more.

HOW IT WILL WORK

We will send you quilts squares to use, or you can utilize your own to design your masterpiece. We will also be available to put on the squares whatever you would like on a square for you, if you prefer. An opportunity for individuals to assist with the sewing with be set up when all quilt squares have been submitted. The completed projects will be displayed at the Akisqnuq First Nation. Submissions for the squares will be open until all interested individuals have completed their task.

WHY NOT...

Join the Community Connectivity Initiative



FREE
or
SUBSIDIZED

INTERNET FOR KTUNAXA

FREE

- FlexiNet would be your Internet provider

or

SUBSIDIZED

- \$55 per month
- You keep your existing Internet provider

All homes on Ktunaxa First Nations reserves are eligible.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Shane Stewart
(250) 489-2464 ext. 4373
Shane.Stewart@Ktunaxa.org



Ktunaxa Nation Economic and Investment Sector Initiative
and approved by the Economic Sector Council

- **There are no catches. There is no fine print. This is Free internet or \$55 per month subsidized for every household on reserve.**
- 20 years ago the Nations wanted improved connection in communities and wanted it to be free. This is now possible.

You can get an application from your Band office, Shane or fill the application online by login into your Ktunaxa Hakqyit account

<https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/login>

You must register with the site to complete the application for free internet or subsidy for your internet

<https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/ktunaxa-community-connectivity>

For more information contact Shane Stewart with the Ktunaxa Nation at 250 489 2464 ext 4373 or shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org

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Employment Opportunities

Check out full Postings at <https://akisqnuq.org/employment-opportunities>

- **Events Coordinator**
- **Casual workers**
- **Social Development Worker**
- **RN—Clinical Supervisor**
- **Registered Forest Technician**

You may submit your application to Human Resources at hr@akisqnuq.org

Save the Date
for the



**Annual
General
Assembly**



AUGUST 25 - 27

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Reminders and Notices

Chief and Council Meetings

Band Meeting

The next meeting is TBD.

Chief and Council

Deadline to submit items to Chief and Council Agenda is always the Friday before.

Council does not meet in August. The next meeting is September 13.

ʔakisqnuq Nation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chief and Council Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09>
Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

Contact Executive Assistant Karen Vargas karen.vargas@akisqnuq.org to request to be on the agenda or if you have any questions.

ELDERS STEERING COMMITTEE 2023 DATES

On the Last Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Tuesday, Jun 27, 2023

Tuesday, Jul 25, 2023

Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

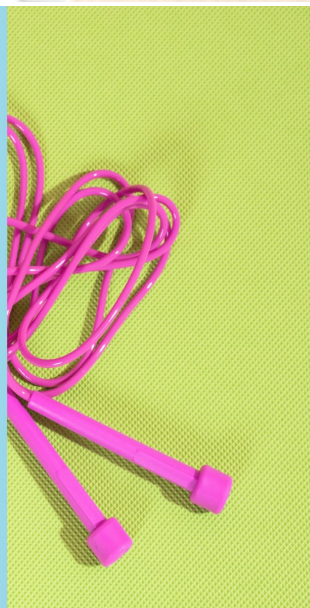
We care about what you think.

ʔakisqnuqnik, your feedback helps ʔakisqnuq First Nation make improvements to our Health Plan. Take a few minutes to fill out the Health Survey. The results will help to inform our Akisqnuq Health Plan (2023 - 2027), and will be submitted to FNHA for funding.

visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW2YVVM>



WWW.AKISQNUK.ORG




The Ktunaxa Nation is in process of developing a communications strategy and perspectives and input from Ktunaxaniñtik is vital.

Please consider taking a few minutes to complete this survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZ59W92>) or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rosemary Phillips at

rosemary.phillips@ktunaxa.org





Reminders and Notices

In planning for the coming year, we need to gather information on Akisqnuq student needs. We are referring to ALL Akisqnuq students, regardless of where they reside.

If you have children in Kindergarten to Grade 12, please complete and submit the assessment form, to help us ensure we are striving to provide sufficient supports and services to all of our students.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact Stephanie Sam (250) 342-6301 Ext 3849 or email stephanie.sam@akisqnuq.org
Can download the PDF <https://akisqnuq.org/education>



Social Development update

Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications need to be submitted to Christy Baker
email: christy.baker@akisqnuq.org

Due the 15th of every Month



Reminders and Notices



GOOD FOOD BOX \$7

The next Good Food Box
will be available September 5

To sign up or for more information
(or to cancel your box) contact
friends@columbialakerecentre.com,
or call 250-342-0804

Please confirm or sign up by
Wednesday August 30.
Pickup is between 12pm and 2pm,
Tuesday September 5.

Any boxes not picked up by 2pm will
be given to the next person in line,
and you will not be eligible to sign up
for the October Box.



Reminders and Notices



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BILL C-92?

- BILL C-92 WAS PASSED IN CANADA ON JANUARY 1, 2020.
- IT AFFIRMS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF THE FIRST NATIONS' JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.
- TO CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO INDIGENOUS CHILDREN.
- ESTABLISHES NATIONAL PRINCIPLES (BEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD; CULTURAL CONTINUITY; AND SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY) AS WELL AS MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE MET IN THE PROVISION OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES.
- THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS CHILD IS ALWAYS THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION WHEN IT COMES TO DECISION MAKING FOR THAT CHILD.

HOW CAN A FIRST NATION EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES?

- ONCE A FIRST NATION HAS AN EXISTING LAW IT CAN TRANSITION TOWARDS EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. ONCE A LAW IS IN PLACE THE FIRST NATION SENDS A REQUEST TO CANADA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ENTER INTO A TRIPARTITE COORDINATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE EXERCISE OF FIRST NATION JURISDICTION.
- WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE REQUEST BEING MADE. IF AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BUT REASONABLE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. THE FIRST NATION LAW WOULD HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF FEDERAL LAW AND WOULD PREVAIL OVER PROVINCIAL LAW IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY.
- THE KTUNAXA NATION HAS DECIDED TO PURSUE FULL JURISDICTION AND HAS STARTED WORK ON THE KTUNAXA CHILD WELLNESS LAW.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW IS FORWARD LOOKING. ALLOWING FOR THE FUTURE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS COURT OR TRIBUNAL OR OTHER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF KTUNAXA LAW?

- IT REFLECTS THE SELF DETERMINATION OF THE KTUNAXA NATION BY IMPLEMENTING THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF THE NATION.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY, FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS WOULD BE PRIORITY.



WHAT IS BILL C-92? AN ACT REPRESENTING FIRST NATIONS, INUIT & METIS CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92?

- BILL C-92 WILL HELP CHILDREN STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTE CONNECTIONS TO THEIR CULTURE AND COMMUNITY. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK THAT FIRST NATIONS CAN USE TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.

WHAT DOES BILL C-92 MEAN FOR CHILDREN IN CARE NOW?

- THE IMPORTANCE OF REUNITING INDIGENOUS CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IS RECOGNIZED.
- THERE IS A PRIORITY PLACEMENT FOR THE INDIGENOUS CHILD, WHICH PRIORITIZES FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PLACEMENT.
- ONGOING REASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR REUNIFICATION.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BILL C-92?

- 12 MONTHS AFTER THE NATION GIVES NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND DEPENDING ON SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A COORDINATION AGREEMENT.

WHICH COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR CASES UNDER THE KTUNAXA LAW?

- THE KTUNAXA LAW WORKS TOWARDS KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TOGETHER. ALTERNATIVELY, FAMILY AND KINSHIP CONNECTIONS PRIORITY AND FOCUS WOULD BE ON STRENGTHENING THESE TIES.
- THE KTUNAXA LAW MAY STILL USE THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COURT SYSTEM, BUT ALSO CREATES ALTERNATIVES TO THE COURT SYSTEM INCLUDE:
- CUSTOMARY CARE AGREEMENTS
- FAMILY SHARING CIRCLE
- COMMUNITY OF CIRCLE CARE
- FAMILY NETWORKS

WHAT LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE NEW KTUNAXA LAW IS COMING?

- KICFSS HAS HOSTED ONLINE ZOOM ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS AND IN PERSON SESSIONS WITH KTUNAXA NATION MEMBERS INITIALLY. FOCUS GROUPS WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUPS FOR INPUT:
- ELDER'S
- FORMER CHILDREN IN CARE
- LEADERSHIP
- DELEGATED SOCIAL WORKERS/TEAMS
- LEADS KICFSS
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS

FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS:

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