

# ʔakisq'nuq Community Newsletter

## July 27, 2023



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# Update from Akisq'nuq

## ʔakisq'nuq First Nation

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For Release  
July 21, 2023

### ʔakisq'nuq First Nation Stands in Solidarity with ʔaąam Community

The Leadership of ʔakisq'nuq First Nation wishes to extend our sympathies to those at ʔaąam that have been affected by the St. Mary's River fire.

It has been inspiring to see how the region has come together to support ʔaąam in its time of need through donations of clothing and other necessities. The need for monetary donations to support ʔaąam members that have been displaced by the fire remains high. ʔakisq'nuq First Nation will be making a financial contribution to ʔaąam and we encourage our members to do so as well.

A media release from ʔaąam on July 19 has indicated that the only current approved method of donating is to contact Ivan Winter at [iwinter@aqam.net](mailto:iwinter@aqam.net) to make a direct donation. ʔakisq'nuq First Nation encourages everyone to practice due diligence when looking to contribute to any crowdfunding campaign raising funds in support of the ʔaąam community as currently there are no official crowdfunding campaigns underway.

The immediate danger caused by the fire will eventually subside, but the lingering effects and the recovery process for ʔaąam will be prolonged. ʔakisq'nuq First Nation will be there in every step of this healing and recovery process to support the ʔaąam community.

While we are only in July, this has already been the most destructive forest fire season in British Columbia's history. It is a stark reminder of how dry the forests are and how fast tragedy strikes. ʔakisq'nuq First Nation is encouraging members to be prepared. Ensure vegetation is trimmed back around your homes and have a grab-and-go emergency kit handy. ʔakisq'nuq Leadership wishes to reassure its members that it has been proactive in developing an Emergency Preparedness Plan over the last few months to guide us if such an emergency were to happen here.

Stay safe, and take care of each other.



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Events coming soon

# 2023 Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly

July 20-23

**POSTPONED**

All Ktunaxanihtik & guests  
are encouraged to attend!

**Awesome prizes!**

**Info booths!**

**Cool swag!**

**Great food!**

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

Registration forms at [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org)

Please send your forms

to Kyle Highwind

[AGA@ktunaxa.org](mailto:AGA@ktunaxa.org)

Or fax to 250-489-2438

Or drop off at BAND OFFICES or

at Ktunaxa Nation Council,

220 Cranbrook St. N, Cranbrook



**Check [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org) for agenda  
and updates closer to the AGA.**

Some sessions are open to Ktunaxanihtik only.





# Summer Programs for kids

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## SUMMER PROGRAM

### AUGUST 7TH TO 11TH

Overnight Summer camps will only be running during the August 7th week.

Inclusive if we get enough volunteers to help out, and we have kids signed up.

All interested youth and families of youth must register immediately.

To sign up, contact [christy.baker@akisqnuq.org](mailto:christy.baker@akisqnuq.org) or [richard.bryce@ktunaxa.org](mailto:richard.bryce@ktunaxa.org)





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# Summer Programs for kids

Food  
Games  
Music

Register before July 26 for a chance to win a \$100 gift card by sending your name and text# by email to [kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org](mailto:kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org)

DOOR  
PRIZES

## Indigenous Youth Summer Camp



Ages 12+ / Registration is FREE

KNC GYM

220 Cranbrook St. N

**August 1-3, 2023**

**Starts each day with Lunch at 12pm**

At this event, photos and videos may be recorded.  
By attending this event you give permission to be in event photos or video.





# 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

### July

- July 26-27: Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly in Tobacco Plains. Registration forms at [ktunaxa.org](http://ktunaxa.org).  
—POSTPONED

### August

- August 1-3: Indigenous Youth Summer Camp at KNC gym in Cranbrook. Email [kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org](mailto:kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org) to register.
- August 16: 9-4: Foot Clinic at AFN Health Center. To book an appointment, contact 250-342-6379.
- 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 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](http://akisqnuq.org)  
Please send your forms by email  
to [reception@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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](http://akisqnuq.org)





# Annual General Assembly

Registration forms available at the Band Office,  
or online at [akisqnuk.org](http://akisqnuk.org)

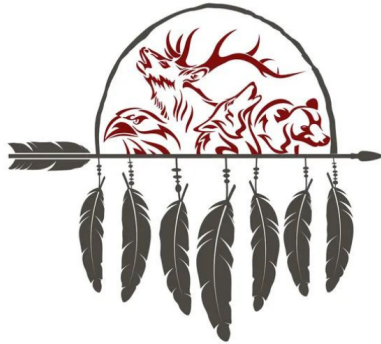
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|   |   | <b>ʔAKISQ NUK FIRST NATION</b><br><b>Annual General Assembly</b><br><b>August 25 - 27, 2023</b><br>3050 Hwy 93/95 Windermere, BC V0B 2L2 |                      |                |                     |
| <b>Participant &amp; Staff - Registration Form</b>   |   |  |                      |                |                     |
| Participant information is required in order to plan meals and childcare to AGA participants.<br>Please ensure your registration form is completed IN FULL and returned to ʔakisqnuk First Nation office by August 4, 2023<br>Drop off, Fax (250) 342-9693 or email to: <a href="mailto:reception@akisqnuk.org">reception@akisqnuk.org</a> |   |  |                      |                |                     |
| Print Name:  |   | Email:   | Phone:               |                |                     |
| 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,<br>August 25  | Saturday,<br>August 26   | Sunday,<br>August 27 |                |                     |
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| Travel Assistance/Distance in Kilometres Roundtrip<br>200km -500km =\$100 <input type="checkbox"/><br>501km -1000km =\$200 <input type="checkbox"/><br>1001km -1500km =\$300 <input type="checkbox"/><br>1501km and higher =\$400 <input type="checkbox"/><br>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?<br><br><br><br> |  |                      |                |                     |
| <b>Meals</b>   | Aug. 25 dinner  | Aug. 26 breakfast  | Aug. 26 lunch        | Aug. 26 dinner | Aug. 27 break/lunch |
| <b># of people:</b>  |   |  |                      |                |                     |
| 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](mailto:friends@columbialakereccentre.com)

3050 Highway 93 / 95

Windermere, BC





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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 16 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](mailto: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





# 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](mailto:Gayle.michel@akisqnuq.org)

[Patsy.nicholas@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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 will 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](mailto: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.

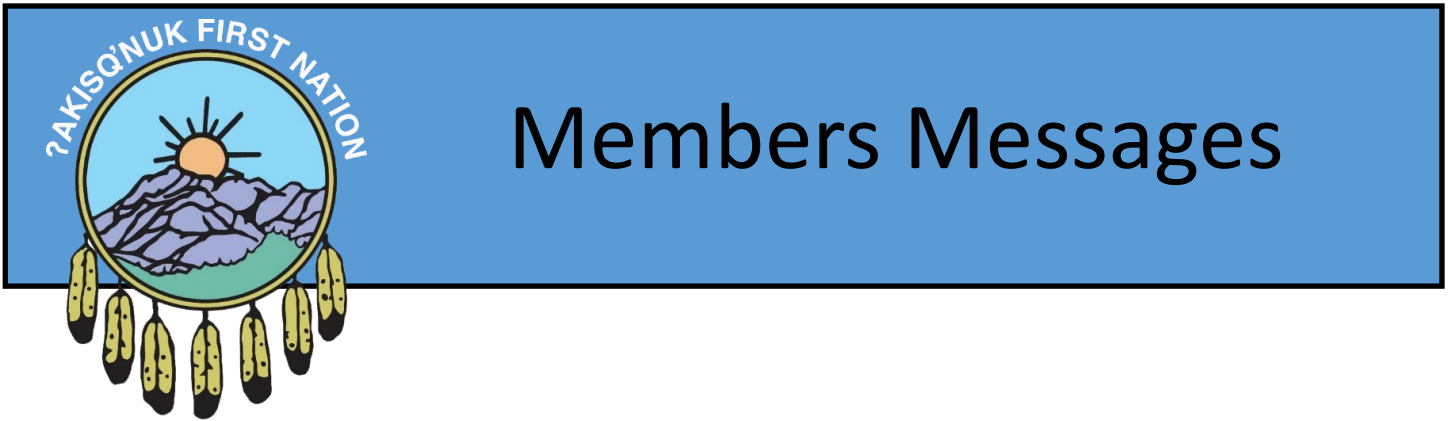
You can get an application from your Band office, Shane or fill the application online by login into your Ktunaxa Hakqyit account

<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](mailto:shane.stewart@ktunaxa.org)



# Members Messages

Ki?su?k kyukyit,

My name is Jesse Nicholas.

I've been brought aboard to help ?akisq'nuq First Nation staff with communication and outreach for a few hours a week. I currently live in Cranbrook with my son, where I work for Keefer Ecological Services in a communication capacity but also work with Indigenous communities and nations around the province who are engaged with governments and resource development companies.

My first ever real job was back at the Columbia Lake Band Office back in 1992 as a groundskeeper and make no mistake, I kept the old ball diamond and 'Legend's Loft' in immaculate condition.

Over the years I've had a number of jobs at ?akisq'nuq including Treaty Liaison and Lands GIS worker. I also served on Council from 2006 to 2010. Through a lot of hard work, I completed a B.A. degree from the University of Victoria in 2006.

Although it is in a limited capacity, I am happy to be back helping my home community. Things are a lot different than they were in 1992, but change is good, and ?akisq'nuq is definitely heading in a positive direction.

Please reach out to me at [jesse.nicholas@akisqnuq.org](mailto:jesse.nicholas@akisqnuq.org) if you have any news you want shared in the newsletter. With fire season upon us, the need for immediate news and updates is very clear. We will continue to utilize Akisqnuq.org and our Facebook page to provide updates for ?akisq'nuq members so be sure to visit those pages on a regular basis.





# 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](mailto:hr@akisqnuq.org)



## WE NEED HELP WITH OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Paid and volunteer positions:

- Paid Facilitator
- Lunch Volunteers

Join  
our team!

The program will run during the summer school holidays. A schedule of events will go out to Community by the end of May.

Contact us at [hr@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09)  
[pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89758249947?pwd=dIYvNm9CSFdfVm4xa1dtM1lrndBvQT09)  
Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

Contact Executive Assistant Karen Vargas [ka-  
ren.vargas@akisqnuq.org](mailto: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

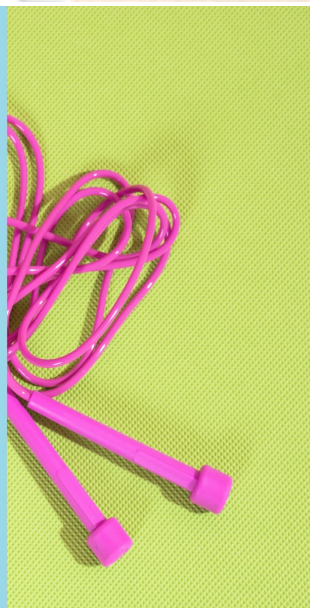
## We care about what you think.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 August 1

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

Please confirm or sign up by  
Wednesday July 26.  
Pickup is between 12pm and 2pm,  
Tuesday August 1.

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 September 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:

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE BIRDSTONE: JBIRDSTONE@KTUNAXA.ORG

CHELSEA HOLLINGSHEAD: CHELSEA.HOLLINGSHEAD@KTUNAXA.ORG

250-489-4563



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# Ktunaxa Language Learning

## Ka 'a·kʔukaqwaʔa

*Our language, our time*

### Ktunaxa - Ksankanintik

Enjoy two hours of Ktunaxa Language sharing four times a month!

A safe place to explore learning our sounds and all the beautiful words they make.

Learn along with others while using beginner learning materials, word games and Kahoot!

Perhaps you have something you want to learn but don't know where to start or feel intimidated trying on your own? Four times a month we will come together for these and many more reasons.

Hun huɛpayaʔti kuɛ ɔapiʔ ʔupxniskiʔ!

**'a·kʔukqa'n**am, *n.* speech, language (someone's). **ka·kʔukqa** (**ka 'a·kʔukqa**), my language. **'a·kʔukqa'nis**, your language. **'a·kʔukqa'is**, his, her, their language. **ka·kʔukaqwaʔa** (**ka 'a·kʔukaqwaʔa**), our language. **'a·kʔukaqwumniskiʔ**, your (pl.) language.

Starting June 7th, 2023

Every second Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm MST

Starting June 10th, 2023

Two Saturday evenings per month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm MST

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# Ktunaxa Language Learning



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## KTUNAXA

### Language Course

*Connecting to the local land through language*

12 x 90 minute  
virtual learning sessions

September - December  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
7 PM MT ON ZOOM

This course is designed for you to garner skills that will enable you to carry Ktunaxa Language forward to your classrooms, organizations, in schools and on the land.

**REGISTER ONLINE**

[cbeen.ca/ktunaxa-language-course](http://cbeen.ca/ktunaxa-language-course)

Session topics include:

- Ktunaxa Creation Story and the connection to place
- Place names in the East Kootenays
- Why each place is named what it is
- Common classroom phrases
- Things around the town/community
- Plant names • Animal names
- Colors • Numbers • Family relationships
- Common expressions
- Calendar - seasons, months, days of the week



**CBEEN**

\$300 for all 12 sessions  
(\$25/session)

\$240 for CBEEN members  
(\$20/session)

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