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# Band Office and Hall

# June 25th 12-2pm

# Enjoy some food, take pictures, and share memories





# GOOD FOOD BOX JUNE 27TH 12 - 3:30PM MURAL ROOM FOR PICK UP





# **?AKISÓNUK FIRST NATION 2024 AGA**

# AUGUST 23RD, 24TH, 25TH



PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION



**?AFN Health + Wellness** 

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To make an appointment or inquire further about any of our programs and services, please contact us at: 250-342-6379 or healthcentre@akisqnuk.org





Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day!

# JOIN US FOR A BBQ AND OUTDOOR MOVIE FUN

Friday June 21st, 2024 | 3:00 PM - Late

LAKESHORE CAMPGROUND PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR



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<u>www.akisqnuk.org</u>





1:00-4:00 PM Pothole Park | Invermere BC



#### **2SLGBTQ+ Pride** WHAT IS 2SLGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH? June is Pride month and seeks to raise awareness in society from a positive stance on the rights of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, as well as to promote safe spaces where inclusion prevails and violence and discrimination against Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other 2S(LGBTQ+) peoples are eradicated. The month is dedicated to promoting equal rights, as well as increasing 2SLGBTQ+ visibility as a social group while celebrating sexual diversity and gender variance \* WHY IS IT CALLED "PRIDE"? 500 Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the perspective that drives most 2SLGBTQ+ rights groups and movements around the world. \* WHY IS IT CELEBRATED IN JUNE? On June 28, 1969, police raided a gay bar in New York City known as the Stonewall Inn. The event sparked a series of riots by people in the 2SLGBTQ+ community, constituting the major event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for 2SLGBTQ+ rights in the US. The month of June was chosen to honor and commemorate those Stonewall riots. HOW IS IT CELEBRATED? \* 2SLGBTQ+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants from around the world each year. Today, the celebrations include parades, marches, parties, concerts/shows, workshops, among other activities that take place in different nations. \* WHAT DOES "TWO SPIRIT" MEAN? The term "Two Spirit" was coined at the third, transnational gathering of Indigenous queer activists in 1990 to link contemporary LGBTQ+ experiences with Indigenous

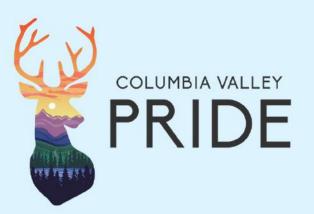
gathering of Indigenous queer activists in 1990 to link contemporary LGBTQ+ experiences with Indigenous traditions, histories and worldviews. Two-Spirit is about selfdetermination, rejecting colonial labels, building community and reconnecting with long-suppressed aspects of Indigenous histories and cultures, including spirituality.





?akisqnuk First Nation invites everyone to a **FREE** pancake breakfast for Pride!

#### WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH | 9:00 - 11:00 AM LOCATION: #625 4TH STREET INVERMERE B.C







## WORKING WITH FOCUSING-ORIENTED THERAPY AND COMPLEX TRAUMA

#### June 19 & 20th | ?akisgnuk First Nation

Trauma and loss is a collective experience that permeates the lives of Indigenous families. In this workshop we will explore how trauma impacts us individually and how it impacts our family and community. Our focus will be on resiliency and growth. We will explore the role of ceremony and land based practice as we introduce strategies for how to acknowledge and respond to the trauma.

#### Day 1: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Opening/Ceremony Introductions

- Overview of Trauma
- Trauma Backlash
- Understanding the Trauma Brain

#### Lunch

- Circle of Security-the power of attachment and understanding triggers
- Building our capacity to observeHow do we respond when someone is in
- their trauma?
- Seeing the need under the behaviour

#### Day 2: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Opening/Ceremony Check in

- Self-Care and building resources
- Helpful coping strategies for managing overwhelm- building skills to calm the nervous system; Clearing Space, Self-Regulation, Containing and Distancing

#### Lunch

- Resilience: What is it and How do we build and maintain it?
- Tools for Building Resilience
- Closing

Light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks will be provided S50 No Frills Gift Card per day for all attendees





**Alexis Phillips** and **Shaun Phillips** are a sister and brother team who have been using Focusing-Oriented Therapy for over 25 years. They are both thrivers of early childhood sexual abuse. This unique and dynamic team have specialized training in working with FOT and Complex Trauma. This sibling team have on-going training for therapists and health professionals in Canada, the United States, Israel, Brazil China, Japan and South Africa.

**Shaun Phillips**, M.Ed., RCC, SFTT, is a world renowned complex trauma therapist and trainer. He is a Focusing-Oriented Therapist (FOT) specializing in sexual abuse and intergenerational trauma. Shaun teaches with his sister Alexis Phillips, RCC, SFTT. They train health professionals to work more effectively with complex trauma and have run FOT and Complex Trauma certification programs in New York, Israel, Japan, China, and with Whitesand First Nations, and the Independent First Nations Alliance. When he isn't working he is training and racing on international Ironman courses. In September he will compete in the men's world championships in Nice, France.

**Alexis Phillips**, M.A., RCC, SFTT, CHT, is a registered clinical counsellor, Focusing-Oriented therapist and trainer, and Focusing coordinator. She is also a certified Hakomi therapist. Alexis holds a Master of Arts degree in Counselling Psychology from the University of British Columbia (2001). Alexis specializes in working with complex trauma and teaches Focusing Oriented Therapy and Complex Trauma Internationally. She is a clinical counsellor in private practice working online and in person in Nelson, British Columbia and on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake.



#### ki?su?k kyukyit qapi niskił | Greetings everyone,

Exciting news! We're thrilled to announce that ?AFN has secured funding from the First Nations Wellbeing Fund for our community's wellness endeavors, covering two essential streams:

Stream 1: Community Projects

Stream 2: Wellness Strategy

In partnership with Urban Matters CCC., ?AFN's Health and Wellness team is embarking on an 18-month journey dedicated to nurturing wellbeing within our community. Through a series of engaging initiatives, including on-the-land workshops, virtual learning sessions, community dialogues, and more, we aim to foster strong and enduring connections among ourselves, with each other, and with the land.

Central to our initiative, 4 Seasons of Wellness, is a focus on food sovereignty, language revitalization, and a deep exploration of the question:

#### "What does wellness mean to ?akisqnuknik?"

These enriching activities and dialogues will pave the way for the emergence of an ?akisqnuknik Wellness Strategy, one that embodies the values and aspirations of our past, present, and future generations.

Stay tuned for invitations to engage with ?akisqnuk 4 Seasons of Wellness in upcoming newsletters and communications!

For any inquiries or to share your thoughts on what wellness/wellbeing means to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Community Wellness Coordinator at Sharla.Mark@akisgnuk.org.

Let's embark on this journey together toward holistic wellness and community resilience!

Warm regards,

Rachel Bach, Associate Director of Health



#### urban Meet the **matters** Team supporting this initiative!

Martina Escutin, Indigenous Health & Wellbeing Practitioner Urban Matters



**Cleome Wilkinson** Communications and Engagement Coordinator Urban Matters



**Larissa Lychenko** Community Planner Urban Systems





Deadline: June 14th



## **Calling all artists!**

### Submit a logo for **?akisq́nuk 4 Seasons of Wellness**, AFN's new Community Well-Being Project, and WIN \$250!

#### The Project

AFN's Health and Wellness team is promoting wellbeing within our community through a series of initiatives and workshops. We aim to foster strong and healthy connections with ourselves, each other & the land.

The project is inspired by the four seasons, with a focus on food sovereignty, language revitalization, and a deep exploration of the question: "What does wellness mean to ?akisq́nuknik?"

A strong logo submission will find a simple way to imagine this idea visually, embodying the values of our past and present, while inspiring wellbeing for future generations. Be creative and have fun!

### Every submission will receive \$25, with \$250 going to the winning logo design!

OPEN TO ?AKISQNUK FIRST NATION MEMBERS OF ALL AGES! SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO AFN COMMUNITY WELLNESS COORDINATOR: Sharla Mark - sharla.mark@akisqnuk.org





### REGIONAL HEALTH SURVEY (RHS4)

#### **?akisģnuk** July - September 2024

#### What is the RHS4?

The RHS is a voluntary nation-wide survey for First Nations people living in their home community. It asks about community/personal wellness health conditions/behaviours, wellness, housing, food security, water quality, effects of colonialism, etc.

#### Why take the RHS4?

The survey is important to gather data that will help in policy development and decision-making to improve the well-being of First Nations people. Your voice is important and we want to hear it

#### More information :

- fnha.ca/health-surveys
- nhs4@fnha.ca
- (833) 633-3642

Receive a \$50 gift card for participating

#### You will be contacted if you are selected to participate



### **General News and Updates**

#### **Chief and Council Meetings**

#### **Chief and Council**

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

#### The next meeting will be June 19, 2024.

?akisqnuk Nation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chief and Council Meeting

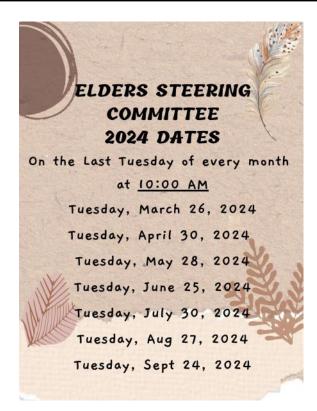
Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/</u> <u>j/89758249947?</u> <u>pwd=dlYvNm9CSFdFVm4xa1dtM1IrdnBvQT09</u> Meeting ID: 897 5824 9947 Passcode: 054045

#### Contact Renee Campbell

renee.campbell@akisqnuk.org to request to be on the agenda or if you have any questions.



Job Search documentation and Monthly Renewal Applications must be submitted to Trish Clowers (trisha.clowers@akisqnuk.org) by the 15th of every month



The next Elders Meeting will be June 25 2024.

Akisqnuk Nation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Elders Steering Committee** 

Time: June 25 2024 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86516769993? pwd=aElzdHdRVzRSRDRxYkpUWDVCa2s1Zz09

Meeting ID: 865 1676 9993

Passcode: 695649

If you wish to participate in these meetings, reach out to Renee Campbell (renee.campbell@akisqnuk.org) at the office and she will send out the meeting details and any meeting packages if required.



## Employment Opportunities

#### **?akisqnuk First Nation Employment Opportunities**

If you are a community member who is re-entering the workforce, going through a career change, or a new graduate, ?akisqnuk First Nation (AFN) is committed to your success. We provide training, coaching, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to support your success. We ask that you have an eagerness to learn and a willingness to be a part of our team. Having all the qualifications listed in the posting is not always necessary; the first step is to apply for an opportunity that is available and of interest.

Check out full postings at https://akisqnuk.org/employment-opportunities

You may submit your application by submitting your interest directly to Human Resources at hr@akisqnuk.org



## Ktunaxa Nation Council CAO Job Posting



### We invite you to apply for the position of ...

#### Ktunaxa Nation Council Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

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.

The Ktunaxa Nation Council has an opportunity for a CAO in Cranbrook BC. Directed by Ktunaxa Leadership, the opportunity is well suited to someone who is knowledgeable and experienced in strategic leadership, organization administration and working with First Nations and their citizens. The CAO leads a team of Directors that will advance the quality and effectiveness of the KNC services provided to Ktunaxa Citizens and the four Ktunaxa First Nations and contribute to positive outcomes for Ktunaxa Citizens.

This is a full-time permanent position with full benefits.

#### Key Responsibilities:

The CAO has the complex role of overseeing an organization that must engage with the four Ktunaxa First Nations, Elders, Knowledge Holders and Ktunaxa citizens while developing and implementing strategic and annual work plans. The CAO is responsible for the administration of the following KNC Sectors and supporting areas:

- Core Services Provide comprehensive services to the organization in the areas of communications, information technology, and facilities.
- Economic Investment Development of a robust business community and the establishment of a diversified economy where Ktunaxa interests play a major role, and creating an autonomous revenue base to benefit the Ktunaxa Nation.
- Education and Employment to cooperatively support and empower Indigenous people in reaching their full potential, achieving self sufficiency and overall desired quality of life.
- Lands and Resources Establish and maintain the long term integrity of Ktunaxa lands and resources, build and maintain the Ktunaxa relationship to the land and generate the revenue needed to invest in social and cultural programs.
- Social Investment Deliver health and wellness strategies, programs and services to ensure Ktunaxa people have the best possible opportunity to be "Strong healthy citizens and communities".
- Traditional Knowledge and Language Ensure that Ktunaxa people have the best possible



## Ktunaxa Nation Council CAO Job Posting

opportunity to "speak their language and celebrate who they are and understand their history in the their ancestral homeland".

- Finance Build, implement, and maintain the KNC financial platform that provides professional financial direction, leadership, controls and expertise in support of organizational goals.
- Human Resources Develop an employee-oriented organizational culture that emphasizes quality, high performance, continuous development, collaboration, empowerment, talent attraction, retention, and development plus the integration of Ktunaxa cultural traditions into HR management approaches.

#### Key Requirements:

- University degree or equivalent education and experience, master's degree preferred
- CAO role experience preferred, 5 years of senior management minimum, in a First Nations setting with interaction with various government ministries and organizations, and resource industries
- Significant knowledge of and appreciation for the culture, values and political objectives of the Ktunaxa Governments
- Cultural agility, the ability to work respectfully, knowledgeably, and effectively
- · Systems approach to managing, supportive of staff, able to effectively delegate
- High level of professional communication skills required to speak in public, mediate, negotiate, and influence, and to write reports, briefings, policies, procedure, and best practices
- Demonstrated effectiveness in creating a positive culture within an organization
- · Ability to maintain a high level of professionalism in all aspects of the position

#### Interested candidates are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to KNC-HR@ktunaxa.org.

#### The closing date for this opportunity is July 12, 2024.

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

The Ktunaxa Nation Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for all Employees, Ktunaxa First Nations, and the Citizens that we serve. Proof of Covid Vaccination is required as per the KNC Vaccination Policy.

Ktunaxa candidates are encouraged to apply. All qualified candidates will be reviewed, however preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants.



#### Ktunaxa Lessons

Open to AFN Staff + Community

Join Alfred Joseph and Mara Nelson for 12 weeks of Foundational Ktunaxa Language Learning. This course is designed for you to garner skills that will enable you to carry Ktunaxa Language forward at home and in the workplace. Every lesson will be on Zoom and recorded with the option to attend every other lesson in person in the AFN Band Hall.

#### Content:

NK FIRS

- · Ktunaxa Creation Story
- Place Names
- Sounds
- Vocabulary to enhance the use of those sounds
- Proper Ktunaxa introduction
- New modules each week to include new concepts, verbs, nouns
- Survival phrases ie. Qapsin kin skikił ?aqaqna? What are you doing? How do you say \_\_\_\_ (in Ktunaxa)?
- · Learning games

#### When:

March 5th, 1:00-2:00 (in-person and Zoom) March 12th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom only) March 19th, 1:00-2:30 (in-person and Zoom) March 26th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom only)

May 7th, 1:00-2:00 (in-person and Zoom) May 14th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom only) May 21st, 1:00-2:30 (in-person and Zoom) May 28th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom only)

July 9th, 1:00-2:00 (in-person and Zoom) July 16th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom only) July 23rd, 1:00-2:30 (in-person and Zoom) July 30th, 1:00-2:30 (Zoom



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INTERESTED? Email <u>rachel.bach@akisqnuk.org</u> to register

#### Missed a lesson or two? The links below will catch you up:

LESSON 1 - passcode is 9.%m?y0G LESSON 2 - passcode is q?FF^K1p LESSON 3 - passcode is L^kFJuZ1

LESSON 4 - passcode is 5\$M5gN5x

### Ktunaxa Language Learning

## Ka 'a ktukaqwata 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 hu¢paya?ti ku¢ qapi<sup>‡</sup> ?upxniski<sup>‡</sup>!

<sup>a</sup>-ktukqa'nam, n. speech, language (someone's). ka-ktukqa (ka 'a-ktukqa). my language. 'a-ktukqa'nis. your language. 'a-ktukqa'is. his, her, their language. ka-ktukaqwata (ka 'a-ktukaqwata). our language. 'a-ktukaqwumniskit. your (pl.) language.

FIRS

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

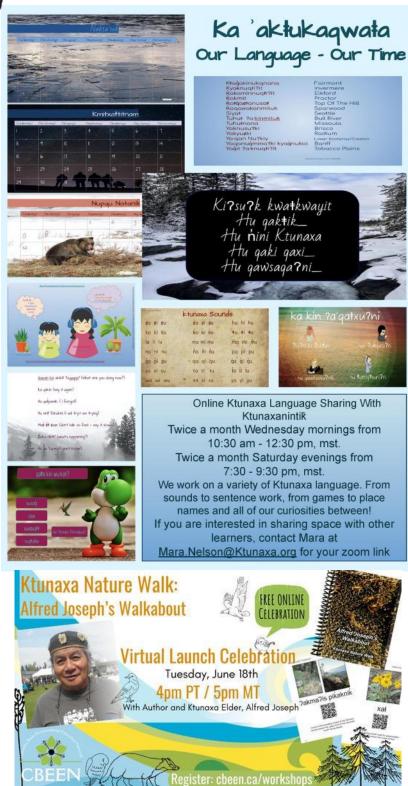
For link, please contact Mara Email: ktunaxalanguagelearner@gmail.com Call: (403) 392-6682



Traditional Knowledge and Language



### Ktunaxa Language Learning



### Kootenay Residential School Survival and Healing of Warriors

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Columbia Lake Recreation Centre Updates

Allention Quests!

## THE CLRC WILL BE CLOSED FROM JUNE 17 - JUNE 26. WE WILL OPEN AGAIN ON JUNE 27.



Thank you!



## Columbia Lake Recreation Centre Updates



### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10 AM - 11 AM

DESIGNATED TIME FOR OUR WOMEN, ELDERS, AND SENIORS TO USE THE WEIGHT ROOM AND WALKING TRACK!

Elders are welcome to walk the outer boards of the main gym floor.

### Encouraging YOU to GET HEALTHY and STAY HEALTHY



Columbia Lake Recreation Centre Updates

### **CORN HOLE NIGHTS** AT THE COLUMBIA LAKE RECREATION CENTRE MONDAYS MIRODISTO 5 PM – 7 PM NEW & IPCONING **CORN HOLE** TOURNAMENT COMING SOON!! FOR MORE INFORMATION, RECUIDED **CONTACT US AT:** friends@columbialakereccentre.com (250) 342-0804

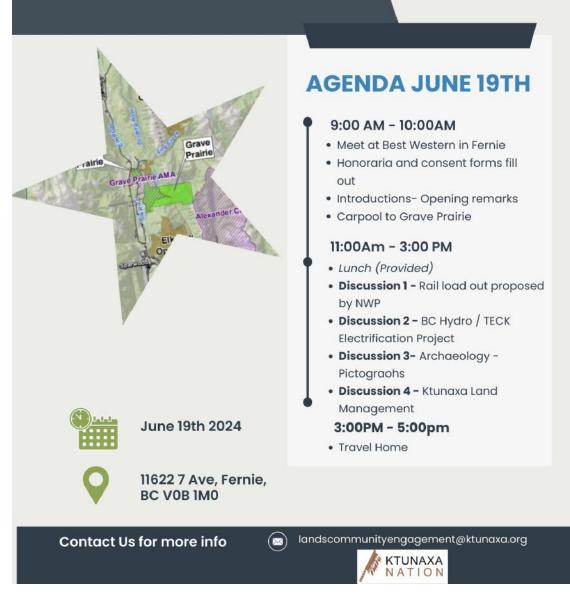


### **Little Badgers Updates**





### GRAVE PRAIRIE SITE VISIT







For more information: landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org





### Yoho & Kootenay National Park **Bus tour**

July 22nd-24 2024

e bus with us to explore two national pa lop on within Ktunaxa ?amak?is

> Parks Canada appraoched Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Communties in 2021 to help develop an Aqautic Stewardship Plan.

The techincal working group (with Ktunaxa participation) provided an initial list of values and concepts from 🝧 Ktunaxa perspectives. 📂 We are now reaching out to more 📕 ktunaxanińtik to learn what's 👘 important to you when it comes to aquatic health in our area

Meals. Accommodation and Honoraria provided.

LIMITED SPOTS

2 NIGHT TRIP

REGISTRATION

REQUIRED



For mor landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/lands-communityengagement-82450117853



**JOIN THE** 

## KNC and Ktunaxa Communities News

**?A-KNUS** 

Becoming an ?a·knusti summer student will give you the opportunity to get out on the land and waters! From trying Fisheries work, Archaeology, Forestry Surveys, Data Collection to just being out on the Land and learning more about the Ktunaxa Homelands!

#### **Working Conditions:**

- Long days outside in various weather conditions - eg. rain, wind, heat.
- Hiking several kilometers through forests and cutblocks,
- May work away overnight will have adult supervision



#### **Qualifications:**

 Ktunaxa Youth aged 15 and up, currently in Secondary or Post Secondary School and returning in the Fall.

- Interest in working/spending time outdoors is required.
- Physical ability to complete field surveys and work outside.
- Excellent communication skills and a strong sense of community.
- Positive attitude and willingness
  to learn.

In partnership with the Education and Employment Sector Self-Created Summer Student Program. Reach out to them for help on your application!

#### kncee@ktunaxa.org

We encourage ALL Ktunaxa who live in ?amak?is Ktunaxa to apply!



# 2024 Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly

July 17 & 18, 2024 ?akisq́nuk First Nation

All Ktunaxanińtik & guests are encouraged to attend!

> Awesome prizes! Info booths! Cool swag! Great food!

Check ktunaxa.org for agenda & updates closer to the AGA Some sessions are open to Ktunaxanintik only.





### 2024 Ktunaxa Nation Annual General Assembly



Ktunaxa Nation Council's AGA will be held on July 17 and 18 at the **Columbia Lake Recreation Centre** at **?akisqnuk First Nation (Windermere.)** 

CALL Caterers

July 17 & 18, 2024

**?akisģnuk First Nation** 

We are asking for catering bids for this **two-day event**. We expect **250+ people.** Food Safe certificate is required.

#### The caterer will provide:

- **Snacks** for morning & afternoon (Fruit, muffins & cookies) for two days
- Lunch (Wednesday & Thursday)
- Supper (Wednesday)
- Water, coffee, tea, sugar, cream & juices
- Plates, bowls, cups & cutlery
- Please have options available for gluten free, dairy & other known allergies

#### **Bid submissions must be** received by 12 pm, June 26, 2024.

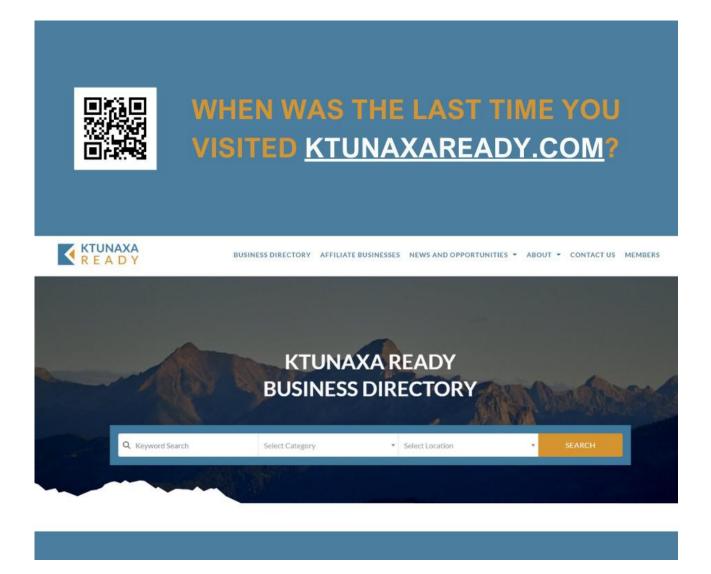
Attn: Rachelle Sebastian Fax: 250-489-2438 Email: RachelleF.Sebastian@ktunaxa.or The successful bid will be notified.

Please make sure to include your complete contact information on your bid. Also include a general description of the meals you will be providing.

### We promised good food: Help us provide it!

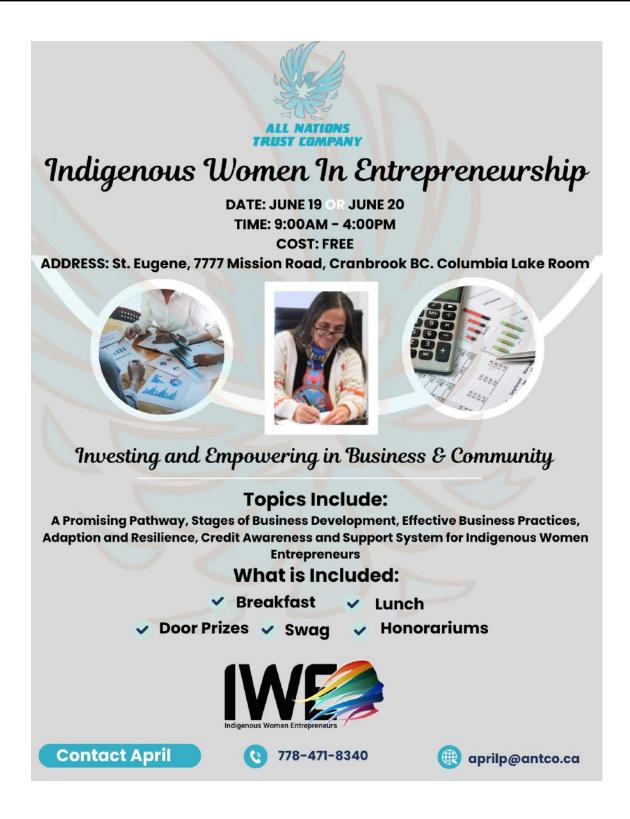








## All Nations Trust Engagement Session





### **Celebrating Good News!**



Bella Lovely, age 12, playing a year up with the Kelowna Youth Soccer Association has won their U14 girl division!

The athletes will compete for the Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer Association cup!



## **Celebrating Good News!**



Congratulations to Morgan Montgomery who graduated from Little Badgers Pre-school on June 13!