



Pakisqnuq Community Newsletter Jan. 10-23



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Message from Chief & Council

Ki?su?k kyukyit Kukun Makut Qapi nisiki!

Council would like to wish everyone a new year that brings happiness, health and prosperity to your family.

Each year Chief & Council end the year by reviewing past years accomplishments to identify new priorities for the coming year. This year we took the session off site in the Banff Centre which gave the Managers and Chief & Council time to reflect and see if we need to adjust initiatives to benefit the membership. We recognise there is always room for improvement.

As we step into our roles as full-time Chief and Council, we are honored to serve ?akisq̓nuknik with dedication, purpose, and heart. Some days, you'll find us in the Council Chambers, working through important matters for the community. Other times, we'll be connecting with people, engaging directly in the community, or collaborating with regional, provincial, and federal partners to advance the well-being and best interests of all ?akisq̓nuknik.

While our roles may take us to different places, our commitment to listening and leading remains steadfast. Together, we are working toward a stronger and brighter future for everyone.

?akisq̓nuk Chief and Council



Kalhawa7alap/Hello Chief Donald Sham and Community,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. My name is Nicole Bell, and I am proud to be part of the BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) as the Communications and Engagement Coordinator. I am reaching out to share some exciting news about the new Indigenous Justice Centre (IJC) is now open and ready to support your community.

The Cranbrook IJC is now open and ready to welcome community members. Here are the details:

Location: 44 -12th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 2R9
Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Phone Number: 250-420-0202
Cranbrook Indigenous Justice Centre - BC First Nations Justice Council

These centres are designed to offer a safe space for Indigenous people to access legal support, whether it's related to criminal law, child protection, or navigating the justice system. I encourage you to share this news with your community and invite members to visit the IJC—we are here and ready to support.

Looking ahead, we are planning the Open House at the IJC on January 23rd, 2025. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to meet the team, learn more about the services we offer, and discuss how we can work together. A formal invitation will follow in January once closer to the date.

We want to uphold the importance of protocol, and with that we warmly invite Elders and knowledge keepers from your community to take part in the centre openings in whatever way feels most meaningful to you. Whether through an opening prayer, or another contribution, their presence would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know how we can support this involvement.

As the Communications and Engagement Coordinator, I am also a direct point of contact for BCFNJC. If you have questions about the IJCs, would like to arrange a meeting, or need support connecting with others across our organization, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Tákem nsnekwnúkw7a (All my Relations)

<https://bcfnjc.com/cranbrook-indigenous-justice-centre/>

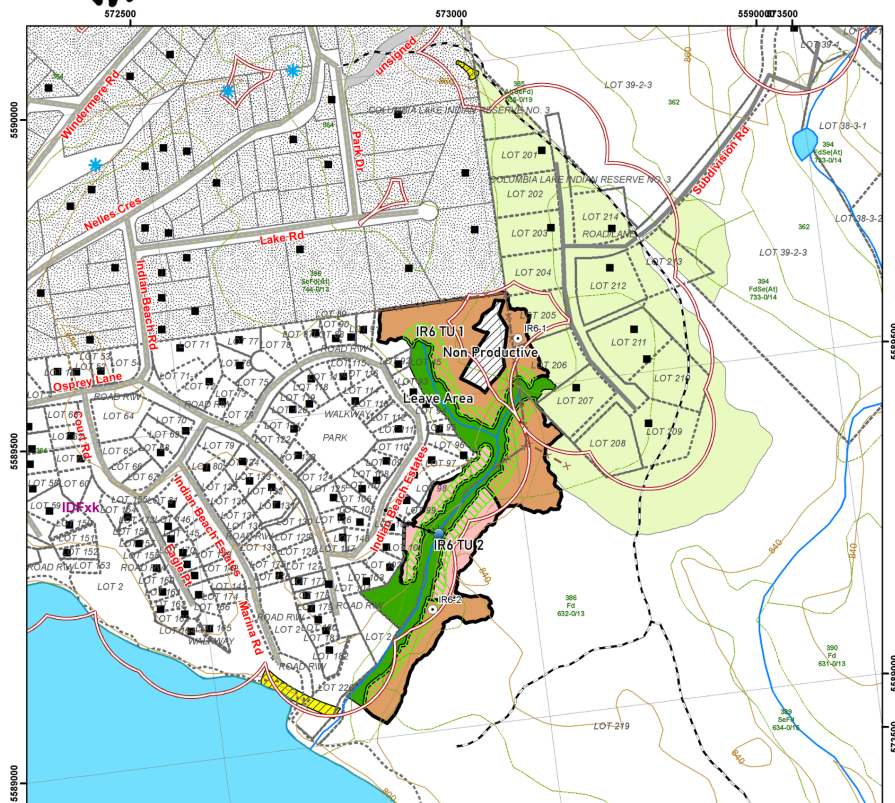
Notices

Notice: Wildfire Risk Reduction Project



Columbia Lake Indian Reserve No.3

IR 6 Prescription Map



Akiskqnuq First Nation will be commencing a Wildfire Risk Reduction project in the Windermere area starting January 9, 2025. The highlighted area above, located between Indian Beach Estates and IR3 Subdivision will be affected. Smoke may be visible in the area as debris is burned.

For further information please contact
Grant Glessing, Natural Resources Manager (250) 308-6274

NOTICE: WATER CONSERVATION STILL NEEDED

December 12, 2024

Dear ʔakisq̓nuknik,
The central Water Pumphouse is still experiencing a malfunction, and only one pump is operational. (This affects those from Linda's home to Ally's.) Our maintenance team is working diligently to address and fix the issue and is currently waiting for a part to arrive.

In the meantime, we kindly ask all members to conserve water as much as possible to ensure that we can maintain an adequate supply for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



ʔakisq̓nuk Members are invited to attend a presentation of AFN's 2024 Fiscal Year (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) Financial Results.

Date: Monday, January 27th, 6:30 - 9pm.
Light snacks will be provided.

Location: The Lions Hall at the Columbia Valley
Chamber of Commerce: 651 Hwy 93/95
Invermere, BC

Zoom info for members to attend online:
Meeting ID: 895 0970 8777
Passcode: 025413

Announcing: Hał·catik

A seasonal publication for the whole family



We are thrilled to introduce Hał·catik – a vibrant and engaging seasonal magazine for the whole family, brought to you by ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation. This new resource celebrates the beauty of learning, storytelling, and being connected to culture, land, and community. Hał·catik debuted at our recent Solstice Party, and we are excited to announce that copies are now available for pick-up at the Health Centre.

Each issue of Hał·catik is thoughtfully crafted to reflect our community and values, focusing on:

- **Ktunaxa Language:** Words and phrases to inspire learning and connection.
- **Stories:** Tales and legends that honor Ktunaxa culture and history.
- **Activities:** Fun, hands-on projects centered on literacy, education, and more.
- **Health and Wellness:** Tips and activities for nutrition, physical activity, and being on the land.

We hope Hał·catik becomes a beloved resource for your family, inspiring dreams and strengthening bonds within our community.

Pick up your copy today! Additionally, ʔakisq̓nuk families may request a copy be mailed by emailing: healthcentre@akisq̓nuk.org. The debut issue is free of charge and available while supplies last.

Together, let's dream, learn, and grow with Hał·catik!



UPCOMING *events*

JAN 10-23
2025

**JAN
9+**

**Wildfire Risk Reduction
(Prescribed Burning)
Windermere**

**JAN
13**

**Health Centre Closed
12-3PM
Staff Meeting**

**JAN
27**

**2024 Financial Results
Presentation (members)
6:30-9PM
CVCC Lion's Hall**

RECURRING *events*

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays:
Acupuncture Clinic @ 11AM January 14**

**Every other Thursday:
Dr. Page @2-4PM January 9 & 30th**

**3rd Tuesdays:
Massage Clinic @ 10AM January 21**

**Thursdays: Serenity After the Storm
Recovery Healing Circle 6PM**

**NEW! Tuesdays: Starting Jan. 21
Inter-generational Playgroup @ 1-3PM
Columbia Valley Rec Centre**

**NEW! Sundays: Starting Jan. 12
Kimberley / Panorama Ski Program**

AKISQNUK MEMBERS

WINTER *Ski Program*

**PANORAMA & KIMBERLEY SKI DAY
EVERY SUNDAY STARTING
JANUARY 12**

**E-mail trisha.clowers@akisqnuk.org
to register on or before each Tuesday!**



LITTLE HANDS, WISE HEARTS
ABORIGINAL HEAD START ON RESERVE

NEW!

INTER-GENERATIONAL PLAYGROUP

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FROM 1-3PM AT
THE COLUMBIA REC CENTRE FOR AN INTER-
GENERATIONAL PLAYGROUP!

STARTING THIS MONTH ON JANUARY 21ST,
RUNNING UNTIL MARCH 11TH.

This unique program brings children (0-6 years) and elders together for fun activities, storytelling, and connection, fostering learning and relationships across generations. Come be a part of this experience that embraces community and togetherness!

**A parent or guardian must remain to attend to their children*

Free for all ʔakisq̓nuk members and by donation for non-members

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CONTACT THE
HEALTH CENTRE: 250-341-6301

e-mail ashely.killin@akisqnuk.org for more info

Dear ʔakisq̓nuknik

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making our recent Solstice Dinner and Gathering event a success.

To the volunteers: Your dedication and hard work were truly remarkable. You all did an amazing job, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

To the members who attended: We hope you enjoyed the horse and wagon rides, the excellent food, the side-by-side rides, the activities, and most importantly, the special time spent with your families. Your presence made the event even more special.

If you have any feedback about the event, please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions by contacting us at communication@akisqnuk.org.

Thank you all for coming together and making this event a memorable one. We look forward to many more wonderful moments with our community.



SAVE the DATE

February 11, 5-7pm OR
February 14, 11am-2pm

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Come learn with us! Details to follow
Contact trisha.clowers@akisqnuk.org to
sign up or for more information

COMMUNITY SHOPPING TRIP TO CRANBROOK



DATES: JANUARY 10, FEBRUARY 7,
MARCH 7, APRIL 4, MAY 2, JUNE 6

Details:

- Seats Available: Up to 7 passengers
- Registration: Required for all participants. Elders will have priority.
- Need a Ride? Let the Health Centre know if you need transportation to the Health Centre.

Book Early! Seats may fill up fast.

Depart from Health Centre at 10AM

Morning stops:

Superstore, Walmart (with optional stops
at the second-hand store and dollarama)

Afternoon:

Casino (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

Return:

Depart from the Casino at 4:00 PM

TO REGISTER CALL ROBERTA @ 250-342-6379



SERENITY AFTER THE STORM

Recovery Healing Circle

Thursdays, 6pm-7pm
at the Alpine Cottage

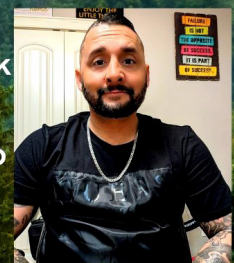
A welcoming and supportive environment for community members and their family and friends who are struggling with substance use to share experiences, strengths, and hope to help each other on the road to wellness.



Are you or someone you love struggling with addiction?

Hello everyone, my name is Shayne Bonenfant. I am a recovery mentor & liaison who works within communities as an independent contactor. I have 6 years of experience sponsoring & mentoring over 100 men & women battling addiction. I have guided them through various adversities related to addiction as a disease process. I build relationships with community members & give them the tools to help them create a new life. Ceremony has been a big part of my healing journey. In truth, I am also an addict in active recovery who has gained a lot of knowledge on the grips of substance use & alcoholism. My purpose in life is to help others & do Creator's work. If you would like to get in contact with me, please
call or text 403-437-3097 or email me at
shaynieb.billwardlife@gmail.com.

I am on site at Akisqnuk
every Thursday &
Friday. But available to
talk any day of the
week.



YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

SPECIALIZED
TRAINING FOR
INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES

200 hr Yoga Teacher Certification

OR choose from the following certifications

100 hr Foundations of Indigenous Yoga
Teacher Certification

50 hr Accessible Yoga Teacher Certification

50 hr Advanced Community Yoga
Teacher Certification

*Prerequisite for the 50 hr training is the 100 hr foundations
or previous yoga certification*

Why Choose Our Training?

Special emphasis will be placed on generating the presence of yoga within Indigenous community settings and creating yoga classes that are accessible to able bodied people, youth, seniors, and those with chronic conditions. Students will learn and experience in depth: asanas (postures), breathing, meditation; teaching methodology including trauma informed yoga, anatomy and physiology including yoga for chronic conditions; chair yoga; yoga for youth; philosophy and ethics including both Indian and Indigenous world view; the subtle (energy) body; the business of yoga, and practice teaching.

In person

April 23- April 28th & May 22nd - June 1

Location: Akisquik First Nations
Invermere BC



KI?SU?K ?AWUMU

good medicine wellness training centre



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER GO TO :
[HTTPS://WWW.GOODMEDICINETRAINING.CA/](https://www.goodmedicinetraining.ca/)

Lands & Resources

Request for participants on ʔakisq̓nuk Lands Committee

Do you want to have a voice and contribute your ideas and advice about how to steward ʔakisq̓nuk Lands both on and off reserve?

This is your chance!

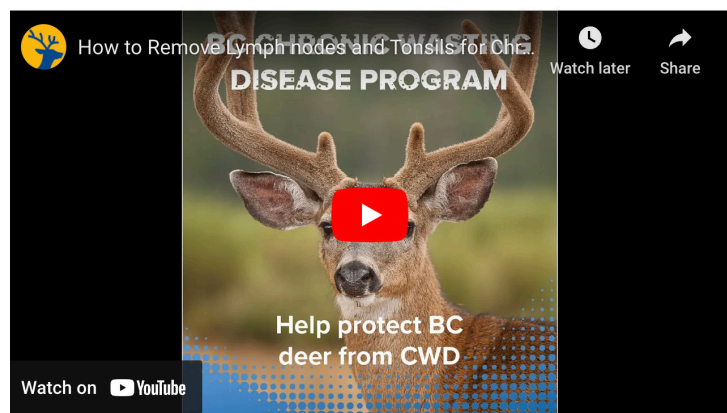
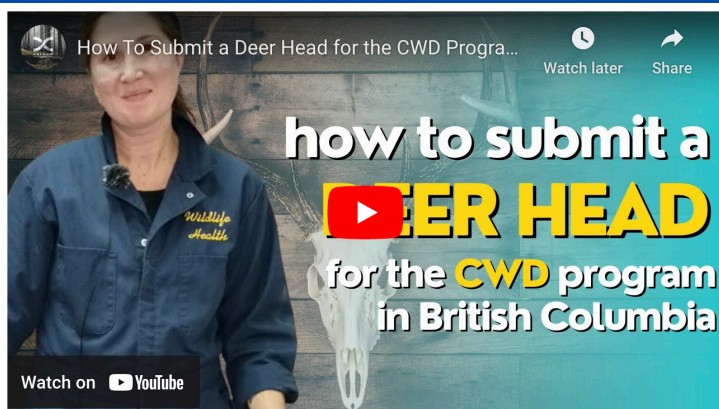


Do you have:

- Traditional and modern on the land knowledge;
- Knowledge of Ktunaxa Perspective and Values including ʔaknumux̓t̓it̓it̓;
- Desire to improve ʔakisq̓nuk reserve lands and ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa;
- Interest in Land Stewardship and management;
- Willingness to work with other Ktunaxanintik in a positive and supportive environment;
- Willingness to learn new knowledge, skills and perspectives

Submit a resume and cover letter to lorne.shovar@akisq̓nuk.org if you are interested in joining the ʔakisq̓nuk Lands Committee. 4 positions available!

Chronic Wasting Disease is in our region. Watch the videos linked below for how to submit samples.



ATTENTION HUNTERS: COMPLETE THESE STEPS

STEP 1.

Prepare to submit tissues for CWD in one of three ways:

> Submit a head:

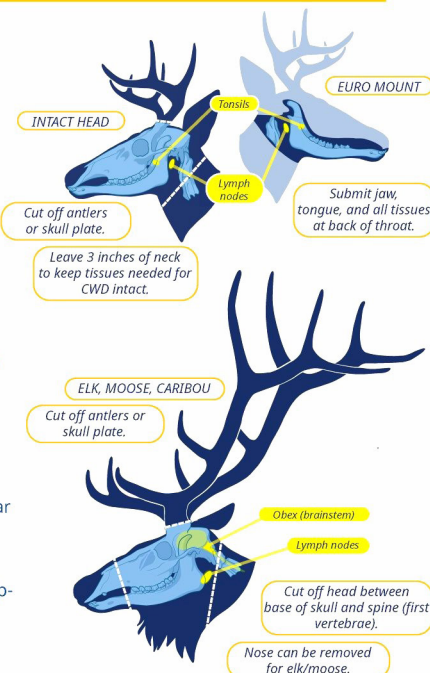
Cut head off animal and remove antlers (nose can be removed for elk/moose).

> Keep upper skull for Euro mount:

Cut out lower jaw with the tongue and all tissues at back of throat. Only need lower jaw for deer. Also need the obex for elk/moose.

> Submit your own samples:

Remove lymph nodes and tonsils (for deer), or lymph nodes and obex (brainstem - for elk and moose).



STEP 2.

Fill out CWD Ear Card provided at freezer.

STEP 3.

Remove and retain perforated portion of Ear Card to look up results online.

STEP 4.

Attach CWD Ear Card to head or jaw with zip-tie, or put in ziplock with samples.

STEP 5.

Place sample in drop-off freezer.

NAME: Dorian Doe	PHONE: 250-123-4567
PHONE #: 250-456-789	ADDRESS: 123 Main St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E1
DATE: 09/09/2024	TIME: 10:00 AM
KILL DATE (dd/mm/yyyy): 09/09/2024	KILL LOCATION: Cranberry Pt. Rd. 4 - 20
KILL METHOD: 10 (Bait)	HOW KILLED: 10 (Bait)
WAS THIS ANIMAL NORMAL? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	IF NO, describe:

B.C. Chronic Wasting Disease Program	
For information on CWD, please contact: BC Wildlife Health Centre, 2200 St. James St., Victoria, BC V8P 2C5. Phone: 250-363-5800. Fax: 250-363-5801. Email: info@bcwildlifehealth.ca	
Submitter Name: Dorian Doe	Submitter Address: 123 Main St, Victoria, BC V8W 2E1
Submitter Phone: 250-123-4567	Submitter Email: dorian.doe@example.com
Submitter Signature: [Signature]	Submitter Date: 09/09/2024

Place Ear Card inside of the bag.

If submitting your own samples, fill out sample info portion on back of Ear Card.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO CWD RESPONSE!
Visit gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease for more information

Learn how to submit samples for the testing requirement in the CWD Management Zone (MUs 4-1 to 4-8 and 4-20 to 4-25) on our website.

Hunter samples from deer, elk, and moose are critical for science-based Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management.

Be part of the solution and help stop the spread of CWD.
Learn more at gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease



CLICK [HERE](#) for the BC Government's website on Surveillance and Testing for CWD.

Hunters, gatherers, harvesters: What you need to know about bird flu in BC

What is avian influenza (bird flu)?

Avian influenza is a virus that spreads quickly among birds. Since 2022, cases have increased globally, affecting wild birds, poultry, and some mammals like skunks and foxes.

Humans can also get sick from handling infected birds or animals because the virus can survive on feathers and surfaces for weeks.

How long the virus can survive at different temperatures:



Signs of a sick bird

Do not touch sick or dead birds.



- Weakness or lack of movement
- Sudden death



- Swelling around the head, neck, or eyes
- Diarrhea



- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Difficulty breathing

For more information: [BCCDC Avian Influenza: How can I protect myself?](#)

For general questions: Contact the FNHA Environmental Health Team
Email: environmental.health@fnha.ca



Note from Lands Department:

I'd like to thank all those who attended the Chronic Wasting Disease and Winter Forestry Meeting. We had a good turnout with great presentations and even better discussions with a lot of questions answered. We are hoping to have a Forestry Gathering seasonally to address Cultural Values that go along with each season (ie. Fall season rut, Spring plant harvest, Summer berry harvest).

Any interest, comments, and suggestions are appreciated and can be sent to my email address: chris.joseph@akisqnuuk.org. We can also be contacted at the Akisqnuuk Office in Invermere or called at (250) 342-6301 Ext. #3841.

Hu sukił qukni! Ki?su?k kyukyit kukun makut!

- **Chris Joseph (TFT) NRT, Forest Technician/Lead**

Health & Wellness

DECEMBER 2024

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FEBRUARY 2025

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JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 Recovery Healing Circle	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Dr. Page Recovery Healing Circle	10	11
12	13 Health Centre Closed for Staff Meeting In Afternoon	14 Acupuncture Clinic	15	16 Recovery Healing Circle	17	18
19	20	21 Massage Clinic	22	23 Recovery Healing Circle	24	25
26	27	28 Acupuncture Clinic	29	30 Dr. Page Recovery Healing Circle	31	1



VACCINES

ᐅAkisq̃nuk First Nation Health Team are now offering in-home flu and covid vaccines. Please call the health center to book.

250-342-6379

ᐅAkisq̃nuk Health and Wellness Programs

Scan QR code for more details on Website.

- Mental Wellness and Trauma Recovery
- One-on-One Recovery Mentorship
- Serenity after the Storm - Recovery Healing Circle
- Chiropractor
- Acupuncture
- Massage: Rising Sun massage therapy
- Nutritionist Coach

- Influenza vaccines
- Non Coverage Medical
- Medical Appointment Transportation



Don't forget to schedule your appointments for physician, massage, acupuncture, and foot clinics by calling the Health Centre at (250) 342-6379, or in-person at the Health Centre! Come visit us to get info on our upcoming prize draw!

Welcome to New Staff Members

LET ME SHARE A LITTLE



TINA HEAL ACCOUNTANT



Hi everyone! My name is Tina Heal, my mother was Josephine Fisher and my grandmother was Sophia Stanley. I am a member of ?Akisqnuk First Nation and a Chartered Professional Accountant. I achieved gold medal status as the top graduate in BC for my accounting program.

For over ten years, I worked with and for a variety of First Nations organizations including Indigenous Services Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, CIBC, and the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation to present the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. For about 20 years, I have worked in public accounting, including the only accounting firm in Nunavut!

In my spare time, I love bike packing which means traveling on your bicycle. My husband, who works on-call as a physician at Cranbrook Hospital, and I have toured New Zealand and many countries in Europe and South East Asia by bicycle.

I'm so excited to be working with my First Nation! I love working with numbers and helping out where I can. Every day I think what can I do today to make things a little bit better and bring a smile to someone's face.

Looking forward to meeting you!

LET ME SHARE A LITTLE

CASSIE HUMBER

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



I'm so grateful for the opportunity to join the Akisqnuq First Nation as an Executive Assistant for the Core Services Department. I have over 10 years of administrative office experience with 5 of those years as a Medical Office Assistant in a fast paced medical clinic in Victoria BC.

Prior to administration, I mainly worked in customer service and even spent a few years working for a Bingo Hall as a shift manager, floor sales and a bingo caller - my love for playing bingo just grew from there!

I am originally from the coast of Newfoundland but have resided in BC for almost 30 years. My children and I moved to the valley in August 2020 from Victoria BC to get away from the bustling city and enjoy the outdoorsy Kootenay Valley lifestyle.

I now live in Canal Flats with my new fiancé and our 5 crazy kids. Together we love traveling, camping, boating, fishing, attending demolition derbies and everything else that the beautiful valley has to offer.

LET ME SHARE A LITTLE

MARGOT CAIN

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



I moved to Canada from Northern Ireland in 1981 at the age of 10.

After moving around the lower mainland and west coast, my husband, two kids, and I settled in the Columbia Valley in 1999. We lived in Windermere until 2020 when we sold our pizza place and moved to Nova Scotia for 2 years. Then the valley and our kids brought us back.

We have settled in Radium and love it. We have known many members of the Akisqnuq band as our kids had many friends in the band.

I am excited to help be a part of the new growth and hope to be included in many celebrations and achievements!

Employment Opportunities

If you are a community member re-entering the workforce, navigating a career change, or a recent graduate, ?Akisq'nuk First Nation (AFN) is dedicated to your success. We offer training, coaching, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to support you.

While having all the qualifications listed in the posting isn't always necessary, the first step is to apply for an opportunity that interests you.

You can submit your application directly to Human Resources at hr@akisqnuk.org. For more job postings, visit our [website](#).



We're hiring!

?akisq'nuk First Nation has exciting new employment opportunities available! Visit our website to see the job requirements and submit your application.

www.akisqnuk.org/employment-opportunities

Current Opportunities Available as of **Jan 10, 2025:**

- Regulatory Engagement Communicator

KNC Opportunity (Cranbrook)



**KTUNAXA
NATION**

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

QUALITY ASSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR

**Full-Time, Permanent
Cranbrook BC**

Ki?su?k wi?nam

The Ktunaxa Nation Council has an opportunity for a Quality Assurance Administrator in Cranbrook B.C.

This position would be reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

The Quality Assurance Administrator supports the Senior Management Team by providing leadership, mentorship and direction through implementation of quality standards across the KNC.

The Quality Assurance Administrator employs Ktunaxa-centered methodologies, role modeling and sets the directional course for operational initiatives, process development, enhancement, and innovation.

This position is guided by the Ktunaxa vision and values of building capacity across the KNC while contributing to positive outcomes for the Ktunaxanin'tik as a whole.

How to apply:

Please submit your application through our website.

<https://www.ktunaxa.org/careers/current-postings/>

The closing date for this opportunity is **January 26, 2025**

Elections Canada Opportunities (Local)

Job Opportunities :

1. Poll Workers

If anyone from the community is interested in working at the polls, they are invited to apply already. [Apply to work as a poll worker – Elections Canada](#). In the section "How did you hear about our employment opportunities?", select "other" and mention it's from and AFN referral so they know to include them in the hiring process for your community.

2. Community Relations Officer :

You will find attached the information concerning the Community Relations Officer position we are looking to fill to serve Yaq'it ?a·knuq̓i 'it. Inquire with lisa.cannady@akisqnuk.org

3. Indigenous Elder and Youth Program:

Purpose

The IEYP is intended to make polling places more welcoming and to make voting easier for electors in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities by:

- removing barriers to registration and voting on polling day
- creating a comfortable setting through a familiar presence (i.e., members of the community)
- offering translation services in the language of the community, if the elector is not comfortable in French or English

The role

To be appointed as an Elder or a youth in the program, the person is not required to reside in the electoral district, nor required to be eligible to vote in it. On polling day, their role is to:

- split their shifts during the 12 hours of voting (usually the Elder takes the first shift)
- offer translation services to electors, if needed
- help explain to electors the voting process, including registration procedures
- answer electors' questions
- act as a liaison between poll workers and electors
- help with voting procedures, such as reading the ballot before it is handed to an elector

Impartiality

The Elder and youth are not allowed to canvass for a political party or a candidate, or to try to influence electors. In addition, they must:

- take an oath before they begin work
- remain non-partisan throughout their duties
- agree to maintain the secrecy of the vote

Inquire with lisa.cannady@akisqnuk.org if you are interested.

PHSA Opportunities (Vancouver)

We're Hiring!

Grow With Us and Create Impact Across B.C.



Social Work Educator, Indigenous Health BC Children's Hospital at PHSA

PHSA is seeking a Social Work Educator to guide the development and delivery of educational programs that are rooted in Indigenous values, social work theory, and community-based practices. In this role, you will collaborate with health professionals, educators, and Indigenous communities to create learning experiences that honor the knowledge, lived experiences, and cultural safety of Indigenous peoples. You will lead the design of programs that incorporate evidence-based approaches, providing training and mentorship to Social Work staff and students while ensuring that education materials are inclusive and culturally relevant.

This position involves actively engaging with staff and students to foster an environment of continuous learning, where you will support the integration of Indigenous perspectives in clinical practice and policy development. As a clinical role model and resource, you will provide guidance on complex issues and contribute to the improvement of services through consultation, mentorship, and the incorporation of community knowledge into training materials. Your work will help build a culturally safe space for staff, encouraging collaborative care that supports the well-being of Indigenous peoples.

This position requires a Master's Degree in Social Work from an accredited School of Social Work.

- **Job Type:** Regular Full Time
- **Wage:** \$43.87 - \$54.79 /hour.
- **Hours of work:** 08:30-16:30 (Monday to Friday)
- **Requisition #:** 177246E



Social Worker, Indigenous Health Program BC Children's Hospital at PHSA

PPHSA is seeking a Social Worker for the Indigenous Health Program. In this role, you will walk alongside Indigenous patients and their families, offering support through psychosocial assessments, education, and short-term counseling. You will contribute to holistic discharge planning by connecting families with community resources and ensuring their care is supported and coordinated. Your work will involve nurturing relationships with Indigenous communities, health agencies, and other healthcare professionals to ensure culturally safe and collaborative care. You will also contribute to the development of programs that are rooted in Indigenous values and promote cultural safety, advocating for a deeper understanding of Indigenous health issues within both staff and the community.

This position requires a Master's Degree in Social Work, a minimum of one year of relevant experience, and current full registration with the British Columbia College of Social Workers.

- **Job Type:** Regular Full Time
- **Wage:** \$42.27 - \$52.81 /hour.
- **Hours of work:** 08:30-16:30 (Monday to Friday)
- **Requisition #:** 177247E



PHSA Opportunity (Vancouver)

We're Hiring!

Grow With Us and Create Impact Across B.C.



Director, Sanya'kula, Indigenous Recruitment and Employee Experience

Join PHSA as the Director, Sanya'kula – Indigenous Recruitment and Employee Experience, and play a vital role in transforming the recruitment and employee journey for Indigenous employees. Based in Vancouver, this leadership position focuses on advancing meaningful systemic change, fostering an inclusive culture, and embedding Indigenous-specific practices across PHSA.

As the Director, Sanya'kula, you'll lead an Indigenous team dedicated to eradicating systemic racism and creating a culturally safe and inclusive environment for all. In this role, you'll collaborate with the Talent Acquisition team and work closely with the Executive Director, Indigenous Health, and People and Culture teams to integrate Indigenous perspectives into all HR practices. Your work will support PHSA's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, foster respectful partnerships, and ensure Indigenous voices are central to organizational change. If you're passionate about making a difference and driving meaningful impact, explore this transformative opportunity today!

- **Regular, Full-Time**
- **Salary Range:** \$116,591 - \$167,600 /year. The starting salary for this position would be determined with consideration of the successful candidate's relevant education and experience, and would be in alignment with the provincial compensation reference plan. Salary will be prorated accordingly for part time roles.



Scan QR Code to Learn More!

PHSA Opportunity (British Columbia)

Indigenous Health Promotion Specialist, Indigenous Cancer Control - BC Cancer Provincial

Join BC Cancer as an Indigenous Health Promotion Specialist, Indigenous Cancer Control, and contribute to improving cancer care and outcomes for Indigenous communities across British Columbia. This meaningful role focuses on fostering culturally safe and equitable cancer control initiatives, building strong relationships with Indigenous communities, and advancing health promotion strategies that reflect Indigenous knowledge and practices.

As part of BC Cancer's commitment to advancing Truth and Reconciliation, this position offers a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact by collaborating with Indigenous communities, healthcare teams, and partners to create culturally responsive programs that address cancer prevention, education, and care. Your work will help ensure Indigenous peoples have access to equitable, compassionate, and effective cancer care services.

- **Regular, Full-Time**
- **Salary Range:** \$67,861.00 - \$97,550.00/Year. The starting salary for this position would be determined with consideration of the successful candidate's relevant education and experience and would be in alignment with the provincial compensation reference plan. Salary will be prorated accordingly for part time roles.
- **Location:** Provincial Position – Candidate must be within the vicinity of any of the 6 regional cancer centres (bccancer.bc.ca/our-services/centres-clinics).



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Odds & Ends

Feb 17th to 28th 2025:

BUILD CAPACITY IN... OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



Our **2-week OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** program is designed to build capacity through developing social skills, transferrable skills, soft skills, and employment skills. This program will guide participants through building a toolkit that will allow them to excel in their personal life and in their career.

During this **2-week extensive program** participants will learn:

Week 1

- Time Management
- Stress Management
- Financial Management
- Skills Inventory
- Effective Business Communication
- The Fundamentals of Public Relations
- Social Media in the Workplace
- Digital Literacy
- Records Management
- Office Administration

Week 2

- Computer Basics
 - MS Word
 - MS Excel
 - MS PowerPoint
 - MS Outlook
 - MS Teams/Zoom
- Keyboarding Skills
- Intro to Bookkeeping

THIS PROGRAM CAN BE DELIVERED VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON



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**ʔakisq'nuk First Nation Community
Consultative Group**



Cpl. Jarret Cottrell of the Cranbrook RCMP and BC Indigenous Policing Services is looking for 3 - 10 member volunteers to meet 4 times a year or when issues arise to help provide suggestions, share community policing priorities, share issues from the RCMP, offer advice, and enhance police officers cultural sensitivity and awareness.

If you are interested contact jarret.cottrell@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

11 AM - 12 PM

**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**


Calling ʔakisq'nunik who are interested in mentorship

As the Chief and Council address national matters, we would like to reach the members who are interested in attending conferences, workshops, etc., to get a glimpse on matters we address that impact our community.

Some of the events encourage Knowledge Holders and Youth to attend. If this interests you, please reach out to Mykola Perun, Executive Assistant mykola.perun@akisqnuk.org Huyas!

**ʔakisq'nuk First Nation
Chief and Council**





British Columbia Assembly of First Nations

YOUTH

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SESSION

February 11, 2025

Win Prizes!

Save the Date!

Registration coming soon!

BC First Nations Youth ages 18 - 29 are eligible to register

events.bcafn.ca

CALL FOR ARTWORKS

Seeking First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artworks about preventing communicable diseases to feature in public health campaigns

Indigenous perspectives

The top three submissions will each receive a **\$4,000** grand prize

We will provide a \$100 honorarium for every individual submission that meets the criteria and \$250 for group submissions. Honoraria will be provided for qualifying submissions on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds have been fully distributed. Only one submission will be accepted per applicant.

JAN. 31 2025 The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2025.

For questions about this opportunity, please email: [Darian Stahl](mailto:darian.stahl@unbc.ca)
NCCIH Research Associate
darian.stahl@unbc.ca

Submissions should reflect Indigenous perspectives and experiences related to health and wellness. Submissions may be in any art form, including drawing, painting, textiles, sculpture, storytelling, poetry, dance, music, and more. Artists retain copyright over their work while granting ISC and NCCIH permission to use submissions.

submission process

Visit the NCCIH web site to view the guidelines, criteria, and submission process instructions.



nccih.ca/485/NCCIH_in_the_News.nccih?id=536

FAIC Call Out

Passionate About Finances? We Need You!

Do you have a knack for understanding finances and managing risks?

Join our Finance, Audit, and Investment Committee and make a difference! We're looking for dedicated individuals to serve a two-year term.

Why Join?

Impact: Help shape the financial future of AFN.

Growth: Enhance your skills and knowledge.

Community: Collaborate with like-minded individuals.

Interested or have questions? Reach out to: [Akisqnuuk CEO David Bach \(david.bach@akisqnuuk.org\)](mailto:David.Bach@akisqnuuk.org) or send email to info@akisqnuuk.org

Your expertise can make a real difference. Join us today!




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HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE ENGAGED?

GET INVOLVED WITH KNC LANDS

How can we support you in becoming more involved with the Lands and Resources Sector at the Ktunaxa Nation Council?

- Would you like to be part of our Information Distribution list? – Project & Event Information
- Would you like to be invited to our On the Land Engagements?
- Are there obstacles restricting your participation?
- Everyone is valued and we welcome all Ktunaxa ʔaqʔsmaknik voices.

Contact us:
landcommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org

KTUNAXA
NATION

DEADLINE TODAY:

Help shape the

Ktunaxa Nation Legacy Trust

We're seeking:

4 appointments total

- 1 citizen-at-large
- 1 youth (ages 15-24)
- Alternates for each

Qualifications

- Basic financial literacy and knowledge of trusts
- Previous board or committee experience
- Strong reasoning, critical thinking, and collaboration skills
- Ethics, integrity, & respect for confidentiality

The Ktunaxa Nation Council Society invites qualified Ktunaxanihtik to **join an ad hoc committee** to help develop the **Ktunaxa Nation Legacy Trust**.

The committee will **explore options and make recommendations** to the leadership of the four Ktunaxa First Nations.

Details

The committee will remain active until its work is done, with **varying time commitments**. Members will be **compensated** at KNC committee rates.



To APPLY

Find the form at: <https://shorturl.at/PgABi> or with the QR code on this page.

Deadline: January 10, 2025.

Or email David.deschamps@ktunaxa.org

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