



ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Community News

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June 29 to July 10



Flying a kite!

Dads of kids at the Little Badger Early Learning Centre at ʔakisq̓nuk came out and flew kites with their kids to celebrate Father's Day on June 16.

Housing

If you live on-reserve energy auditors will visit your home between July 6 and 10. The audit is voluntary and should improve your home's energy efficiency.

Please remember that expenses for home repairs or maintenance will not be paid unless you have a pre-approved purchase order from the housing department.

Coming events at the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation

Ktunaxa Language:

Ktunaxa conversation sessions: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday at the Health Centre

ʔakisq̓nuk RCMP Liaison

The ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation has a new Aboriginal liaison police officer, RCMP Staff Sergeant Marko Shehovac.

Staff Sergeant Marko is the top cop in the Columbia Valley. He would like all ʔakisq̓nuk Band members to know that they can contact him directly if they need to report a crime. The number to call is 250-342-9292.

July 3 and 4:

Men's Wellness and Healing Conference, Lower Kootenay Band Complex. Free of charge. Meals provided. Participants are responsible for their own accommodation and travel. Call Chris Luke Sr. for info (250) 428-9775.

Tuesday July 14:

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family services AGA at ʔakisq̓nuk

July 15 and 16:

Ktunaxa Nation Council AGA at ʔakisq̓nuk

Buffalo hides for sale

Tanned with fur. \$750 each. Contact Hillary Vance, (250)

345-6135.

Happy Birthdays:

Nathan Zerr, July 7th; Sherree Nicholas, from Allan, Lisa, mom, and the boys. 39 and holding!

Staff absences:

Ann Kurenoff, social development, is away on holidays until July 6.

Congratulations:

ʔakisq̓nuk cowboy Irvine Whitehead finished second at the Father's Day rodeo in Morley Alberta

Smart cookies:

Dion Burgoyne, Theresa

Kains, and Savannah Armstrong are all graduating from high school this year. Way to go!

New ʔakisq̓nukniks:

Congratulations to Don Sam and Loretta Greycloud on their baby girl, born June 15th: Also, congratulations to Windsor Nicholas, and Chantelle Lalonde on their baby girl, born June 12th.

Summer workforce Program:

Designed for youth to gain work experience. Maximum 70 hours. Applications are available from Stephanie at the Band office.

Ktunaxa Nation AGA coming up at ʔakisq̓nuk

The annual Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services and the Ktunaxa Nation Council AGAs are set to go ahead from July 14 to 16 at the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation.

The child and family AGA will be one day -- the 14th and the KNC AGA will follow over the next two.

Plans for the AGA have been in the works for some time and work

has begun getting the grounds ready for the event. The ʔakisq̓nuk harbour will also get some upgrades with new bleachers and sun blockers.

Registration and day-

care forms are available at the back of the newsletter.

As per the custom of the AGA, a powwow will be held on the evening of the second day (July 15).



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Support the Ktunaxa Economy!

Most Ktunaxa citizens make all their purchases outside their own communities because there aren't Ktunaxa-owned businesses on their reserve.

Money spent outside Ktunaxa communities contributes to the well-being of others and not to the Ktunaxa.

This feeds the cycle of dependency on other communities and other levels of government.

In order to build a Ktunaxa economy it is vital to support community-based entrepreneurs and businesses.

To keep money in the community use Ktunaxa goods and services whenever you can!

Land use planning trainee needed

The ʔakisqnuq First Nation requires a land use planning trainee to carry out phase two of the Band's Comprehensive Community Plan. So far no community members have applied for this position and it will be posted off-reserve if it is not filled by the July 17 deadline.

This work was begun last year by Janice Al-

pine. It is a continuation of that work. The position is appropriate for a professional person who is interested in helping to plan for the future of the ʔakisqnuq First Nation.

Responsibilities include learning, training, and the development of a comprehensive community plan. The successful applicant must be able to work independently.

A full job description is available at the Band office. The position is a contract from July 1, 2009 to March 30, 2010. Please apply with a resume to Marie Skidmore, Band Administrator: miskidmore@akisqnuq.org

Deadline is July 17, 2009. If no applications are received by deadline the position may be posted outside the community.

Major power line planned for Columbia Valley

B.C. Hydro and a company called the British Columbia Transmission Corporation are planning a new main power line between Invermere and Golden along the west side of the Columbia

River. The line will increase the power supply to Golden and is supposed to improve reliability in the Columbia Valley.

As a part of First Nation

consultation, the builders have begun environmental, archaeological, traditional use and other Aboriginal interests in the area. If you would like more info, call Chris Heard, (604) 528-1558.

Health Centre janitor position available

A janitor is needed at the ʔakisqnuq Health Resource Centre.

The position will not exceed 30 hours per week.

The janitor has the responsibility to provide service to the entire health resource centre.

The deadline to apply is Monday, July 6.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply, with resume, to Patsy Nicholas, (250) 342-6379 ext. 3210.

Odds n' ends

Ktunaxa Playing Cards

Ktunaxa playing cards are still available. Come by the office to pick yours up. If you live off-reserve call the office or email adrian@akisqnuq.org and a deck will be mailed to you.

Video Conversion

Band members are en-

couraged to contact Laura Birdstone at Ktunaxa Nation Treaty Office, (250) 417-4022, if they have Ktunaxa Language video or audio tapes they would like converted to C.D.

Spay and Neuter Vouchers

The ʔakisqnuq First Nation has purchased spay

and neuter vouchers from the Cranbrook SPCA. The vouchers will be sold to Band members at cost (\$60 for dogs and \$40 for cats) and are accepted at the Invermere Veterinary Hospital. This is a very low cost and no additional services are covered with the vouchers. Call Adrian 342-6301.