



# ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Community News

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July 13 to July 24



## Language Class

Chelsea Nicholas (left) visited the Little Badger Early Learning Centre at ʔakisq̓nuk on Wednesday, July 8th to give a Ktunaxa Language class.

## Akisq̓nuk Rediscovery Camp at Whiteswan Lake

Book your summer get away – available for family camps.

Space still available for boys and girls age 6 to 12 years. Call Dolores at 250-342-0311.

## 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

### Tuesday July 14:

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family services AGA at ʔakisq̓nuk

### July 15 and 16:

Ktunaxa Nation Council AGA at ʔakisq̓nuk

### Wednesday July 15:

AGA Powwow, begins at 6:30 p.m. at the ʔakisq̓nuk harbour

### Tuesday, July 28:

A.M. foot clinic at the Band Hall.

### Wednesday, July 29:

P.M. foot clinic at the Band Hall.

### For sale:

Tanned buffalo hides with fur. \$750 each. Contact Hillary Vance, (250) 345-6135.

Gooseberries. Good for jam, includes recipes. \$4 per pound. Call Emilia, (250) 342-8689.

### Summer workforce Program:

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

### Staff holidays:

Stephanie Sam, July 20 to 24

### Social Development (S.A.) Worker Position available

This part-time position is responsible for interviewing potential S.A. recipients and processing S.A. payments. Apply with resume to Band Administrator Marie Skidmore. Call 342-6301 for more info. Deadline to apply is Friday July 24.

## Ktunaxa Nation AGA coming up at ʔakisq̓nuk

The Ktunaxa Nation Council Annual General Assembly is coming up at ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation this week, July 14 to 16.

The general assembly will begin on Tuesday with the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society AGA. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the AGA grand entry will be at 10 a.m.

Highlights of the day will be a workshop for youth at 2:30 p.m. at the Windermere Community Hall by the Red Power Squad hip hop group and a performance by the group at the Windermere hall at 8:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending the show are asked to contact Dusty Dehart or another member of the KKCFS staff.

In the evening there will be family Olympics featuring traditional games at the ʔakisq̓nuk ball diamond.

Day two will be the first day of the Nation Council portion of the AGA. The day will be capped off by a powwow at the Band Yards beginning at 7 p.m.

Day three will feature

an update on all of the work with treaty this year. The flag will be retired at 11 a.m.

Thanks to both Lakeshore Campground and Band staff who have worked hard getting the Band yards ready. Free camping is available during AGA for out-of-town nation members at the Lakeshore Campground. First come first served.



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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!

## A message from your ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Council

Over the past short while many complaints of criminal behaviour related to alcohol and/or drug use have come to the attention of the Band Council.

If you or someone you know needs help the Council encourages you to contact the Family Resource Centre of Invermere. The number is (250) 342-4242 during business hours Monday to Thursday. For crisis calls after hours dial 1-800-607-8407. A safe

home hotline for abused women is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-200-3003.

The commanding officer in the Columbia Valley, Staff Sergeant Marko Shehovac, was a guest at a recent Council meeting and was asked to increase the police presence on the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation. Please remember that the reserve is not a place where the law does not apply. The RCMP has every right to be here

and, as mentioned, have been asked to increase their patrols.

In cases of criminal activity, please call the RCMP. They are trained to help and deal with crises. Staff Sergeant Marko Shehovac is the ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation RCMP liaison. He is available directly at (250) 342-9292.

*- By Jesse Nicholas on behalf of the entire ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Council*

## Land use planning trainee needed

The ʔakisq̓nuk 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 ʔakisq̓nuk 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, 2009 to March 30, 2010. Please apply with a resume to Marie Skidmore, Band Administrator: [mskidmore@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:mskidmore@akisqnuuk.org)

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

## Odds n' ends

Band members are encouraged to contact James White, ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation Community Learning Centre, 250-342-6301, if they have Ktunaxa Language video or audio tapes to convert to C.D.

**Spay and Neuter Vouchers**

The ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation has purchased spay and neuter vouchers from the 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. Call Adrian 342-6301.

### Ktunaxa Playing Cards

Ktunaxa playing cards are available. Come by the office to pick up a deck. If you live off reserve call the office or email [adrian@akisqnuuk.org](mailto:adrian@akisqnuuk.org) and a deck will be mailed to you.

### Video Conversion