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Community Information and Upcoming Events

 **?AQ'AM**

Band Meeting

Monday, March 18th, 2024  
Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 5:00 PM

Please email **agenda items** by **March 11, 2024** to:

EA Karmin Snow  
ksnow@aqam.net

Dinner will be provided

For meeting package and Zoom link, please contact:

CAO Mike Frank  
mfrank@aqam.net

EA Karmin Snow  
ksnow@aqam.net

Fire Season is projected to be busy this coming year

Please be sure to have your forms submitted for house insurance. We must have your direction to add you to the Band Commercial policy.

You can bring them to **Sharrie or Michelle at HUB** insurance or **Sloane at the Administration** office. If you don't know the answer to a question please take a picture and one of us can help identify.

Payment for coverage is due before implementing the policy but an estimate cannot be produced without the forms.

Did You Know?

Kitchen Grease should never be put down the sink.  
It will cause several issues with a Septic system





Department Information and Upcoming Events



**YOU ARE INVITED:**

# Sukitqankiniyat GATHERING

We welcome voices of ?aq'am to join Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services in sharing a meal and providing input to inform the vision for your future services...

**March 14, 2024**

**12:00PM - 4:00PM**

**Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort**  
209 Van Horne Street S, Cranbrook BC

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024

**chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org**

**250-489-4563**  
for any questions

**Door Prizes and Lunch will be provided!!!**



## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver, this is the opportunity for you!

In collaboration with ?aqam, Ktunaxa Nation Education & Employment Sector will be hosting a **School Bus Entry Level Driver Training** program, organized by the Association of School Transportation Services of BC (ASTSBC).

In this 7- to 10-day program, you will:

- Receive theory and practical training on how to transport students safely as a professional school bus driver
- Prepare to take your BC Class 2 License Road Test.

To participate in this program, you must meet the following requirements by the start of the program:

Obtain a BC Class 2 Learners License and air brake endorsement (with support and coordinated training from KNC)

Obtain Vulnerable Sector Check and Criminal Record Check clearances

There are limited seats available, if interested in participating, please contact Kristi Strobbe at [kstrobbe@ktunaxa.org](mailto:kstrobbe@ktunaxa.org) or (250) 489-2464 ext. 4052

## ?AQAMNÍK SCHOOL K4 PROGRAM



**What:** A Spring Kindergarten readiness program to support a transition to full-time school

**Who:** ?aqam Community Members and registered ?aqamník School 2024 kindergarten students who turned 4 prior to Dec. 31st 2023

**When:** Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 12:00-2:45 starting April 3rd

**Contact:** Mike Bishop, Principal  
[mbishop@aqam.net](mailto:mbishop@aqam.net)  
778-761-0770

**REGISTER NOW**

## You are invited

Join ?aqam, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Reconnect Restoration and Consulting, The Nature Trust of BC, and the Province of British Columbia on a tour of Bummers Flats in its current state before it will be restored over the upcoming years. Open to ?a-knusti, Guardians in Training, and ?aqam community members.

**Saturday April 20, 2024**  
**Meet at Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 830AM - 230PM**  
**Stipend, transportation and lunch will be provided**




Register one of three ways:  
Online at [tinyurl.com/bdz56wnx](https://tinyurl.com/bdz56wnx)  
By phone at 780-265-4945  
By email at [c\\_abma@ducks.ca](mailto:c_abma@ducks.ca)

### Rewild Nature

Bummers Flats is a 600-hectare floodplain along the Kootenay River, located across the river from ?aqam and adjacent to ?aqam IRB. We are partnering together to restore natural river flows through this floodplain and improve marsh habitat for plants and wildlife.

### Collaborative Opportunities

This restoration project offers opportunities to share knowledge and learn from ?aqam elders, knowledge holders, ?a-knusti and Guardians in training, and to bring together western science and Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.





## Call Out!

### 2024 Ktunaxa Citizens' Excellence Awards Committee

**When are the awards?**  
Presented at the 2024 Ktunaxa Nation Building Celebration in May! (Date TBD)

**First Meeting is March, 2024 (TBD)**

**YOU CAN STILL VOLUNTEER!**

**This is a**

- Volunteer committee
- Ktunaxa-only
- Two-year term
- 3 ~ 4 meetings a year
- Collaborate
- to allocate awards

**Awards in**


- Health
- Sports
- Education
- Arts & Entertainment
- Lifetime Achievement
- Entrepreneurial / Business
- Cultural Knowledge & Language

**To volunteer...**  
Send in your name and why you're interested by **February 29, 2024**

**Email to:**  
Rachelle Sebastian  
[RachelleF.Sebastian@ktunaxa.org](mailto:RachelleF.Sebastian@ktunaxa.org)

**OR Drop Off:**  
Attention: Citizens' Excellence Committee  
KNC Government Building  
220 Cranbrook Street North, in Cranbrook, B.C.





## ?AQ'AM

# 11 March 2024

### Ka knitwi·tiyała Renewal

*?aqam is seeking to renew Ka knitwi·tiyała, our strategic plan to understand how well we are moving towards our community vision*

## Checking Our Foundation


### Validating our Vision and Values

In-person location: Dan Joe Memorial Gym  
When: Monday, March 11  
3 to 5 pm open house  
5 to 8 pm formal meeting  
Dinner will be served

**Win Door Prizes**

or join virtually via Zoom  
\*\*Starting at 5 pm:  
Meeting Id: 845 4937 4949  
Passcode: 962771

Scan QR code to join virtually



Please stop by ?aqam Admin Reception to get your Marks discount card

### 10% CLIENT SAVINGS CARD


**Ktunaxa Nation Council**

**Present this card at any Mark's location to receive the above discount on all purchased items.**

Card is required to be eligible for discount. Where an item is sale priced the lower price will apply. This card is not valid for online purchases and is not redeemable for the purchase of gift cards. Not to be combined with any other offer. Purchase must be paid for at point of sale by credit card, debit or cash.

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Valid At Any Mark's**  
This card is to be returned to the customer.  
**EXPIRES 31 Jan 2025**



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