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Community Information and Upcoming Events

Happy Birthday to everyone in the month of March!!

Distribution of Beef to ʔaqam Community Members.

Gwinner’s Country Butcher located in Kimberley donated Beef to our community. ʔaqam will be distributing this donation to our local area households. Members will be given the opportunity to receive a package of Beef. Each package will include variety of cuts. Ground Beef can last for up to 4 months with other cuts up to 1 year if kept frozen safely.

Please contact Kim Halvorson no later than **Tuesday April 11th** to have your household included on the list for a Meat Package. Please provide your name, contact information and how many individuals reside in your household.

Distribution will be held **Friday April 14, 2023, from 3:15 to 5:00 pm** at the Dan Joe Gymnasium. Side Entrance.

ʔaqam will not be providing Delivery Service. Quantities are limited.

Thank you, Gwinner’s Country Butcher for this gift of meat to our community.

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ʔaqam Administration Community Contact List Update

Please contact receptionist@aqam.net or ksnow@aqam.net with your current phone number, email and mailing address
 This information is for Administration communication purposes only and will not be shared.



Join Us for Sunday Easter Mass

When: Sunday, April 9, 2023
Location: St. Eugene Church

The church doors will be opened at 1:00 P.M and the Mass will commence at 1:30 P.M

Please stay home if you, and your family members are not feeling well.

For More Information, Please Contact
Brett Capilo at BCapilo@aqam.net or call
(778) 761-1077

Salmon Warriors Gathering

June 23-27, 2023
 Near Fairmont Hotsprings, BC



Open to Syilx Okanagan, Ktunaxa, Secwépemc young adults ages 19-29. Transportation support, meals, accommodation, honorariums provided.

APPLY NOW! Contact:
 Valerie Michel, Secwépemc Nation
crt@shuswapnation.org
 Troy Hunter, Ktunaxa Nation
troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org
 Syilx Okanagan Nation c/o
admin@columbiariversalmon.ca



BRINGING the SALMON HOME
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 ʔatt suʔkinil swaqmu
 Tspelqentém re Sqléltén
 The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative
ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca



ʔaqam Community Garden

What do you want to see grown?

What garden events do you want to attend?

What is missing from your community garden?

Contact Skylar at snikkel@aqam.net to share your thoughts.



Department Information and Upcoming Events



Kiʔsuʔk Kyukyit ʔapiniskiʔ,

The Economic & Investment Sector have been working on the Community Connectivity Initiative (Free Internet) that has been supported by the Sector Council. In order to begin the process to be able to ensure Ktunaxanintik on reserve have accessibility to the free internet, we need to inspect the fiber infrastructure at each home. We are hoping to contract DHC Communications to inspect and make repairs where necessary at no expense to the Ktunaxa First Nation.

When?

March and April 2023.

Where?

We would like to check all the fiber optic network that goes to each household on the reserve.

DHC will need external access to each house property to check the fiber connection to your home. DHC will NOT require access to the interior of the homes.

Why?

This is an important task because the Community Connectivity Initiative has been passed by the Economic Sector Council, so if any household chooses FREE internet, this fiber network needs to be 100% inspected, maintained and repaired to have reliable and fast internet.

What’s next?

Once the fiber network is verified and any customers have signed up for FREE internet, a FlexiNET representative will need access to the interior of the client’s home for connecting the equipment to deliver the internet services.

What if I don’t want free internet?

Even if you do not want FREE internet at the moment, you may want FREE in the future, so repairing and maintaining this fiber to your home is beneficial.

What is this Community Connectivity and FREE internet?

Please check out Ktunaxa Hakqyit <https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/> for all the information and application form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Shane Stewart – Ktunaxa Nation Council – 250 489 2464

Or

David Monson – FlexiNet – 250 489 3539

Or

James Richards – DHC – 250 919 2505

Economic & Investment Sector



May the Fourth be Bingo!

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Dan Joe Memorial Gym 6:00 pm

Funds Raised for Senior Class Trip/ School Activities

10 Games + Odd/Even Special

Cash Bingo Prizes

Star Wars merchandise

Costume (Star-Wars themed)

& Door prizes!

Concession Services

Note: Doors Open at 5:30

All children attending must be accompanied by an adult and must remain seated while Bingo is being called.

Gaming Event Licence #140956

Spring Burning Tips

Are you planning to do any burning on your property this spring? Using a burn barrel? Burning off brush/wood piles? Stubble/grass burning?

If you are, then:

Think safety first and always err on the side of caution!

- Burn only in ideal conditions (i.e. no wind and good venting so that smoke rises and clears quickly)
- Do not burn when Provincial fire bans or restrictions are in place. Check online at: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp> or call, 1-888-336-7378
- Members may wish to secure a burn permit with the Province of British Columbia. This can be done by calling 1-888-797-1717 and providing basic information over the phone.
- Avoid burning in the heat of the day
- Ensure that you have adequate supervision, manpower, equipment and water nearby
- Use features like roads, bare soil and watercourses to help establish fireguards/perimeters
- Always burn from the outside perimeter and against the wind.
- Never ever leave a burn unattended
- After the burn is complete, continue to patrol until all flames and hotspots are completely extinguished
- Pile and re-pile woody debris if needed and establish a fireguard (down to mineral soil) around any burn barrels or piles
- Call Band Administration (Lands Department) before you plan to burn to let them know when, where and what you will be burning.

And most importantly, if your fire becomes out of control immediately call 911!

Airport Pasture Prescribed Burn

ʔaqam Lands department, in conjunction with the BC Wildfire Service, are planning to conduct a 1,240 hectare prescribed burn between April 1- April 30, 2023, weather and burning conditions permitting. The prescribed burn unit is immediately East of the Canadian Rockies International Airport and extends East to Mission Road.

The prescribed burn is being conducted for ecosystem enhancement purposes- to improve biodiversity while reducing wildfire risk. This project will improve habitat for several species including Elk (kiʔaʔi), Deer (ʔupqa), Flammulated Owl (kupi), Lewis’ Woodpecker (kaʔkaʔ) and Little Brown Bat (ʔa-khuʔ).

To accommodate sensitive wildlife species the burn will not take place after May 1st. Over the likely two-day ignition period, area residents can expect to experience periods of smoke. However, the burn will be conducted under weather conditions that will minimize the impacts and duration of smoke. Public safety is paramount so access to the burn unit will be limited until the area can be assessed for danger trees and hot spots.

First Nations Drinking Water Settlement Claims

Are you aware that you may be eligible for compensation under the First Nations Drinking Water Class Action Settlement?

This settlement applies to individual members of First Nations who lived on an Impacted First Nation, that was under a long-term drinking water advisory (boil water advisory, do not consume advisory, or do not use advisory) that lasted one year or longer anytime during November 20, 1995 to June 20, 2021. ʔaqam, among others, is an Impacted First Nation under this Claim. More information is available at www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

The deadline to submit a claim has been extended to March 7, 2024.

For assistance with the claim process, please contact:

- Claims Administrator can be reached directly at 1-833-252-4220
- Class Counsel is available if you wish to speak to a lawyer free of charge at 1-833-265-7589
- Hope For Wellness is available to provide emotional support at 1-855-242-3310