

January 4, 2021

Welcome to 2021! We hope that your holidays were spent with family and smiles...and of course in a COVID safe manner.

Our staff are back to work, although many are still working from home. Please remember, even though they are working from home, you are encouraged to call or email them if you have a need. The receptionist will be able to direct your calls accordingly.

We made the decision prior to the Christmas Break to extend the return to school for the kids to January 11th. Although we all try to be cautious, the reasoning behind this was to give time for any possible COVID outbreaks show themselves. Teachers are in-house with instructions to prepare for the kids to return and as well, to solidify their back up plan for online learning in the event that outbreaks become abundant. If you or your child is in need of supports during this chaotic time, you can still reach out to their teachers for help. We are all here to help.

Election News! Did you pre-register for the zoom event yet? Keep reading...

Nominations are in 6 days! January 10th via zoom. Registration information is below.

Election notices were posted to our website, Facebook page and our office door. In accordance with the election regulations, off reserve members were mailed out notices. Included in the mailout were voter declaration forms.

Voter Declaration Forms accompanying the Notice of Nomination

Pursuant to Section 98 of the ?aqam Custom Election Regulations (Revised 2016) ... a notice of the nomination meeting and a voter declaration form shall be mailed to every elector who does not reside on the reserve in respect of whom the Chief Electoral Officer has been provided with, or has been able to obtain an address.

These forms act to register you for voting and most importantly, to verify that we have the most current address for you. Please send these forms back to our electoral officer, Tricia Thomas. They can be mailed to:

Paqam PO Box 336 101 10th Ave S Cranbrook, BC V1C 2N0

Alternatively, you can email the Voter Declaration Forms via scan or even take a photo with your phone and email that to salisheye@gmail.com – and finally, the forms can be faxed to 1-800-403-2175.



<u>To pre-register for the zoom calls: Contact Tricia Thomas Cell Number: (250)709-</u>2929 Email: <u>salisheye@gmail.com</u> Toll-Free Fax Number: 1 (800) 403-2175

NOMINATION MEETING To be held via Zoom Meeting. (register in advance) https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYof-Copj8rEtx11UWbelbg9i3X1QU4piIi Sunday, January 10, 2021 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm (local time)

ALL CANDIDATES FORUM To be held via Zoom Meeting (register in advance) https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQloDWXnS2OPslU_i5GhNw Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:00 pm start (local time)

ELECTION DAY To be held by mail-in ballot, in-person or by telephone to 250-426-5717 Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Poll: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (local time)

Wishing you all a great start to a new year! Taxa

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