

# **?AQAM** February, Nupqu natanik NEWSLETTER

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### **Community Information and Upcoming Events**

?aqam is looking for an individual from our community to conduct research related to the history, cultural use, and significance Wetlands on ?aqam Lands. This vital work will support the ?aqam Lands Departments efforts to restore and rehabilitate wet ecosystems on Kootenay IR 1! A Request for Proposal for this contract opportunity is now posted on our website at: <a href="https://aqam.net/news/request-proposal-wetlands-">https://aqam.net/news/request-proposal-wetlands-</a> restoration. Any questions related to the RFP or project can be directed to Sonja Seher, Lands & Resources Project Coordinator at <a href="mailto:sseher@aqam.net">sseher@aqam.net</a>.

Happy Birthday to everyone in the month of February!!!



#### Attention ?agam Band & Community Members

Occupational Skills and Training Funds are available for driving lessons or upgrading your skills from Rocky Mountain Pro Drivers.

Please contact Kim for an application.



## **Department Information and Upcoming Events**



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#### STATUS CARDS PAST THE RENEWAL DATE

Information for persons registered under the *Indian Act* about status card validity.

Since April 2020, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has extended the validity date of status cards and Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension will end on **May 1, 2022.**If your status card is past its renewal date, you should renew it now.

### SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (SCIS)

- Submit a complete application by February 28, 2022 to allow for processing time to avoid delays.
- To find out how to renew the SCIS, visit <u>canada.ca/indianstatus-card</u> or contact the regional office nearest you or your First Nation office.
- You can now take your own photo when applying for the SCIS using the <u>SCIS Photo</u> App.

### CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (CIS)

- Some First Nation offices issue the CIS.
- To find out if your First Nation issues the CIS and how to renew the CIS, contact your First Nation office.

# TEMPORARY CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION DOCUMENT (TCRD)

- You can ask for a <u>Temporary</u> <u>Confirmation of Registration</u> <u>Document</u> if you need proof of registration while waiting for your new card.
- To get a TCRD by mail, contact Indigenous Services Canada at 1-800-567-9604 from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 6 pm Eastern time.
- To get a TCRD in person, contact the regional office nearest you.



#### INDIAN STATUS DOES NOT EXPIRE.

Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access certain services and programs.











Monday, Jan 31, 2022. 5:30-7 p.m.
Friday, Feb 04, 2002. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Monday, Feb 14, 2022. 5:30-7 p.m.
Friday, Feb 18, 2022. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Monday, Feb 28, 2022. 5:30-7 p.m.
Friday, Mar 04, 2022. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Your input is needed for the amendment of our ?aq́am Election Code

Please contact Bonnie Harvey for your Zoom link. bharvey@aqam.net