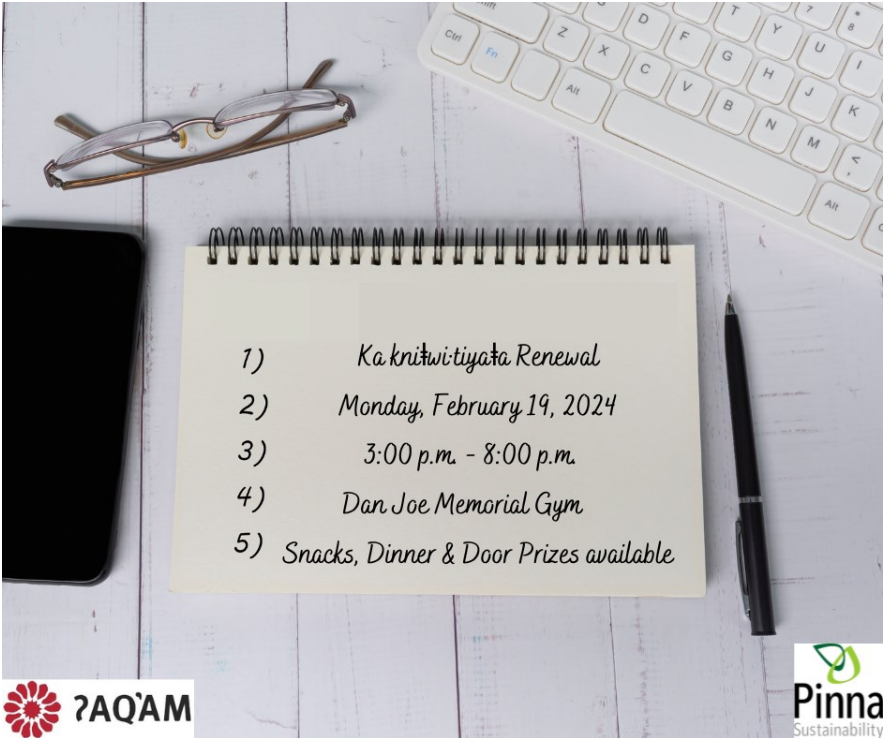


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Community Information and Upcoming Events





1) Ka kni?wi-tiya?a Renewal

2) Monday, February 19, 2024

3) 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

4) Dan Joe Memorial Gym

5) Snacks, Dinner & Door Prizes available





World Wetland
(?akaq?a?ha?) Day
February 2nd

Wetlands are defined as areas where water covers the soil or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season.
(United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2023)

Wetlands provide food and water sources for many plants, animals, insects, and microbes.



Wetlands include bogs, fens, marshes, swamps, and shallow open water bodies.

****Save the Date****

Monday February 5th, 2024

6:00-7:30pm


Cluster System Water Project
Community Meeting

• Update on project design and construction plans

• Update on potential future water connections to homes

• Ask questions of the project team and engineers




• Give feedback



Join by Zoom or join us in the ?aqam Boardroom

If you would like a virtual invite, please email mshortridge@aqam.net

HELLO february



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Open House
Hosted by Mike Frank

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 2024
Lunch Provided at Noon
9:30AM-1:00PM

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the ?aqam Community to attend an in person & virtual CAO open house event. This is an opportunity to learn about ?aqam programs & services, meet the staff, and an update on the Timber Specific Claim.

Please RSVP to me for a zoom link at: mfrank@aqam.net or call/text me directly at (236) 302-1621

Department Information and Upcoming Events



Identifying Home Maintenance Needs Training Sessions

These are VIRTUAL online twice weekly starting January 29th until February 26th, 2023. From 11:30am to 1:00pm

Training Sessions Include the following topics:

- 1. Foundation
- 2. Framing and Walls
- 3. Roof
- 4. Exterior – Building Envelope
- 5. Mechanical Systems
- 6. Outdoor Air - House as a System
- 7. Health and Safety
- 8. Maintenance Condition Procedure, and
- 9. Defect Recognition

Sessions are hosted on MICROSOFT TEAMS online. We will be streaming them at the Community Health and Wellness Meeting Room or Sloane can send you a link so you can log on from the comfort of your home.

Identifying Home Maintenance Needs

Mondays & Wednesdays
from January 29th to February 26th

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

Identifying Home Maintenance Needs ("IHMN") - a nine-part training session that helps anyone interested in housing gain more information about basic housing maintenance.

The session will cover how to:

- Identify housing maintenance and repair needs;
- Prioritize repair needs; and,
- Complete a maintenance condition review and summary report.

This session is intended for anyone involved in housing or is new to housing and has an interest in learning more about maintaining a home.

Date and time:

- From January 29th to February 26th, 2024
- Mondays and Wednesdays 10:30am - noon (PDT).

Location:

- MS Teams Video Conference (Link obtained through RSVP)
- MS Teams can be downloaded in the App Store and in Google Play



Call for Caterer

Ktunaxa Nation Council – Education and Employment will be hosting a Youth Summit on March 22 & 23, 2024.

We are asking for catering bids for the event.

There is an expectation of approximately 65+ in attendance. Food Safe certificate is required.

The Youth Summit will be held at the Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium located in [?aqam Community](#) near Cranbrook, B.C.

The caterer will be responsible for providing:

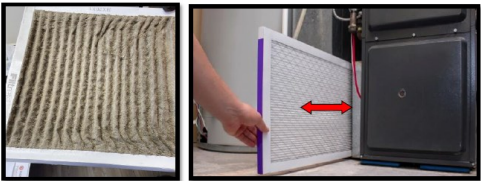
- Lunch (Friday March 22, 2024)
- Supper (Friday March 22, 2024)
- Plates, bowls, & cutlery for the meals
- Please have options available for gluten free, dairy & other known allergies

Bid submissions must be received by 12:00 pm February 12, 2024.

Attn: Rachelle Sebastian
Fax: 250-489-2438
Email: RachelleSebastian@ktunaxa.org

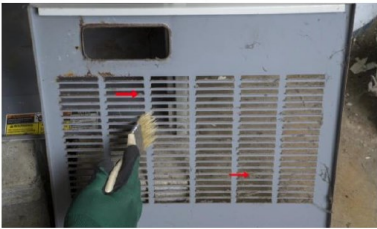
Please make sure to include your complete contact information on your bid.
Also include a general description of the meals you will be providing.

Did You Know?



A plugged furnace filter can cause you furnace to stop working.

When you replace a filter, don't forget to clean the furnace filter housing:



Lands Department Updates



BC Hydro

BC Hydro will be onsite starting January 22nd to do some vegetation removal around their poles. This work was scheduled to happen in December but was postponed. It may take a few weeks to complete this work. If you have any questions/concerns you can contact the BC Hydro representative Mark Krahn at 250-919-2761.

Wetland Restoration

The Lands Department has been continuing to work on the Wetland (?akaq?ha?) Restoration Project with the wetland restoration specialist, Rewilding Water and Earth. This spring we plan to have a hydrological study completed, and inventory made of plants near the wetlands, and further archeology assessments completed. We hope construction can begin in the fall.

Land Survey- Invasive Plant Species



In December 2023, Keefer Ecological Services Ltd. completed a survey of the wildfire area to help determine where seeding could be focused to help with erosion control and to mitigate invasive species from spreading. Their report outlined high, moderate and low priority areas, a native seed mix suggestion, and various seeding methods. We will use this report to help guide us in our wildfire recovery work regarding invasive species.

Community Garden

Although it is still winter, it is never too early to start thinking about gardening! If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or comments on this year's community garden, please contact the Lands and Resource Project Coordinator, Skylar Nikkel, at snikkel@aqam.net.

Bummers Flats Project with Ducks Unlimited

A Tour of Bummers Flat is being planned with ?aqam's Land's and Resource Project Coordinator (Skylar Nikkel) for Saturday, April 20th, 2024. The tour is open to the community and we encourage Chief and Council, Guardians-in-Training, members of the Language Speakers & Knowledge Holders, and all interested community members to participate if available. We are seeking speakers for the event in which honorariums will be provided. If you are interested in speaking, please contact Matthew Wilson from Ducks Unlimited at M_Wilson@ducks.ca or call 236-464-4130. Further details will be provided soon.



You are invited to the
2024 Ktunaxa Economic Summit

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:00AM - 4:30PM (lunch provided)
Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort - 209 Van Horne St. S. Cranbrook

Open to all Ktunaxaniituk, Ktunaxa Leaders,
Economic & Business Development staff,
Community Owned Businesses, Ktunaxa Entrepreneurs &
Business Owners

- Learn about the KNC Economic Sector services and initiatives
- Ktunaxa First Nation community presentations
- Participate in our "table talks"
- Opportunity to have "your say"

[KtunaxaBusinessShowcase.ca/2024-economic-summit](https://ktunaxabusinessshowcase.ca/2024-economic-summit)

To register or for more information contact:
Marion Eunson: 250-489-2464 ext. 3046 / MEunson@ktunaxa.org



Ktunaxa Nation Council Economic & Investment Sector

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pin beading session
with Darcy Luke
in partnership with the RCMP



RAISING AWARENESS AROUND BULLYING

February 7th 6-9pm
Aq'am Language and Culture centre



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 5th

Language Speakers and Knowledge Holders

Wednesdays 6-9pm

Feb. 7th

Pink Shirt Day Beading session with Darcy Luke
To raise awareness around bullying

Feb. 14th

Ribbon skirt/shirt making

Feb. 21st

Family Genealogy with Gina Clarricotes

Feb. 28th

Open activity night

Tuesdays 7-9 MST

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Contact maraqueenbee19@gmail.com
or cwilliams@aqam.net

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 MST

Lower Mainland Language class
Contact elise.mcdelay@gmail.com
or tgatchalian@hotmail.com



We are looking to start a new language class
with Dorthy Alpine and Chrystal Williams.

Are you interested?

We are looking for your input.

When works best for you?
What would you like to learn?

Help us design this class to best serve our community

This is a very quick survey.
Just a few questions.
Please take a moment to answer.

surveyMonkey.com/r/P3256FD

For more info - cwilliams@aqam.net

First Nations Drinking
Water Settlement Claim

Deadline coming up fast!



COMPLETED COMPENSATION CLAIM FORMS MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

ALL REGISTERED ?AQAMNIK ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A
CLAIM, EVEN IF YOU ARE FEELING UNSURE ABOUT IT!

You may be eligible for compensation if you are a First Nation
individual and you dealt with a drinking water advisory on Kootenay
IR 1 that lasted at least one year between September 20, 2013 and
June 20, 2021.

Find forms at <https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/claim-forms/>. To submit completed forms, either email them to firstnationswater@deloitte.ca or fax them to 647-738-5206

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT HELP?

Reach out to Sarah Baines, ?aqam Land Code Advisor, at
236-302-1628 or email sbaines@aqam.net

Sarah can help you print out, fill out, and submit forms. If you choose to fill
out Part 4: Specified Injuries of the form, Sarah can also help get your forms
signed by a Councillor.

