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			1	2 Chief and council Guardians in training Bingo event	3	4
5	6 Language Speakers & Knowledge Holders	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Foot clinic	14 Foot clinic	15 Foot clinic	16 Guardians in training	17 Fry bread competition event	18
19	20	21 Indigenous Peoples Day Chief and Council	22	23	24	25
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Community Information and Upcoming Events

CELEBRATING TRADITIONAL COOKING

FRY BREAD  
COMPETITION



CASH PRIZES

1st Prize \$200.00  
2nd Prize \$100.00  
3rd Prize \$75.00  
4th Prize \$50.00

PLEASE LABEL YOUR  
NAME ON THE BAG/OR  
CONTAINER.  
SUBMISSIONS CAN BE  
DROPPED OFF AT THE  
CULTURE CENTRE FROM  
\*2:00-4:00PM\* ON DAY  
OF.

FRIDAY JUNE 17,  
2022

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BINGO  
Night

AT THE DAN JOE MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM  
7500B Mission Road, Cranbrook B.C  
June 2, 2022

Gift  
Cards  
TO BE WON

FREE  
ENTRY  
\*AGE 5 & UP\*

Dinner  
PROVIDED

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM | BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 PM  
DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN-UP TODAY WITH  
BRETT CAPILO  
BCAPILO@AQAM.NET OR CALL (778) 761-1077

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

Walk in counselling has changed to June 7th and 14th from 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Access to ᑦaqam Lands- Standard practice

Currently, both the Lands and Operations teams receive numerous requests to access ᑦaqam Lands which most often come from utilities such as BC Hydro or Telus conducting routine maintenance. The second type of access requests are for our own contractors requiring access to conduct work. This ranges in activity from archaeology to species at risk work as well as drilling and geotechnical assessments.

Our current process, regardless of type, is to obtain details on dates of access, duration, type of equipment on site, and area of work. We then issue a letter of access which summarizes their permissions and provides the relevant contact information within the organization should someone wish to inquire further. These letters are to be maintained on the persons throughout the duration of their work on Reserve. At the same time we issue the letter, we also send a notification to Council with the above details should they receive any inquiries from citizens.

Should citizens encounter or have concerns about the legitimacy of someone’s presence on ᑦaqam Lands, they may request to see the Letter of Access. If that person is unable to produce the letter or alternative reliable evidence of their authorization (example: contract), we would advise that the citizen contact the Lands department or a member of Council.



Meet the Team

Each month we will be highlighting a few of our team members so that you can get to know them better. For the month of May we are happy to share profiles of some of our

Administration team

Bonnie Harvey  
Governance Coordinator

The passion Bonnie Harvey has for learning her Ktunaxa language, culture and traditions is evident in all work that she engages in. Although Ktunaxa was not Bonnie’s first lan- guage, she endeavours to infuse Ktunaxa in her daily activities. As a storyteller she is proud of her connection to ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa and is willing to share her knowledge with those willing to be active witnesses.

Mrs. Harvey received her Certificate of Indigenous Leadership, Governance & Management Excellence from the Banff Centre. In her effort to become proficient in Ktunaxa Lan- guage you will find Bonnie participating in Nukihka ʔakiʔkaʔis (Language Class) every Tuesday night. Bonnie is grateful for every professional development opportunity that is afforded to her which includes her participation in the Indigenous Governance Program through the Native Nations Institute.

Bonnie is honoured to introduce ʔaqam’s Strategic Plan, ka knitwi-tiyaʔa to those that are not familiar with her community’s living document. When asked, “How can I be a better ally to the people of ʔaqam?”. Bonnie responds, “Figure out how you will help move our Strategic Plan forward.”

Lyla Gilhuly  
Receptionist

Lyla started working at ʔaqam as a summer student in July of 2020 as a summer student. She been a full-time employee of ʔaqam since the September of 2020. As the receptionist she is the main point of contact. She has responsibility's which include greeting visitors helping them navigate through the office, in addition she sorts the mail, answers the phone, does the monthly newsletter, other administrative tasks and assists staff where and when she can!

Anna Gravelle  
Executive Assistant

In 2021 Anna accepted the role of Executive Assistant at ʔaqam. In her role she supports Chief and Council, Chief Administrative Officer and the Directors. Anna is a proud Ktunaxa and community member who looks up to the community matriarchs. Anna loves concerts and travelling and the farthest she has travelled is Australia, she is best known for her love of sloths. What Anna loves best about her job is being able to support and assist community members.

Lands update

Goat Grazing!

This June & July, goat grazing is coming back to Long Prairie. The goats are being used to eat and lower the Sulfur Cinquefoil density in this area.

Signs will be placed along the St. Mary’s River warning those using motorized water vehicles to slow down and promote safe river practices. If you live adjacent to the river and would like to install one of these signs on your property, please contact Skylar Nikkel, Lands & Resources Project Coordinator at [snikkel@aqam.net](mailto:snikkel@aqam.net).

During the week of June 13-17<sup>th</sup>, one of our design contractors for the Wetlands Restoration Projects will be using a drone to get some images of the wetlands of interest in order to help create a restoration plan.

During the week of July 26-29<sup>th</sup>, the BC Wildlife Federation will be delivering a Wetland Health workshop for Ktunaxa citizens on ʔaqam Lands. Registration is free for this learning opportunity! If you are interested in attending, please email Skylar Nikkel, the Lands and Resource Project Coordinator, at [snikkel@aqam.net](mailto:snikkel@aqam.net) for the URL to sign up.

Kiʔsuʔk kyukyit ʔapi niskil!

Ktunaxa Video Project

The Ktuaxa Video Project was lunched May 3, 2022 that sparked a lot of attention to the Ktunaxa Creation and who we are and or connection to our homelands. I am pleased to have Eldon Stanley who has formal education in videography production and editing to be part of the production crew. I am also glad we had our very own Ktunaxa models featured in the videos and photos. They accepted the call out for Ktunaxa talent and were featured for their interest in hiking, biking, rafting, canoeing and skiing. We also called upon our relative from Elmo Mt to offer the voice over, Francis Auld.

This is all in the spirit of sharing our story and making sure not only our neighbors but let the visitors know we are no longer invisible on our home lands and that we are resilient and have a great love for being in ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa - our homelands. To view the complete series they can be viewed on our [KABDA](#) website.

IAM Ktunaxa Photo Project

The Ktunaxa Regional Branding Initiative has parented with Kyle Hamilton of Birr Agency, to develop a website to incorporate the Ktunaxa Story. We are looking for Ktunaxa, all walks of like who would like to be part of this project.

**It will feature your photo and a statement of what being Ktunaxa means to you.** The photo shoot is taking place **June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the KNC Building Gymnasium at 10:00 am both days**

If you are interested in sharing your beautiful face please make a point to drop by. If you have questions please contact Janice at [jalpine@kabda.org](mailto:jalpine@kabda.org) or call 250 420 2762. If you plan on showing up the day of text 250 417 7895. See you there!

Call for Ktunaxa Artists

Through the Ktunaxa Regional Branding initiative we have partnered with the Marysville Eco Park to include Ktunaxa names to the garden.

They are looking for artistic renderings of plant species that align with our list for the Marysville Eco Park. Each plant will be printed on an individual alumel sign posted on our kiosk that encourages park users to find each plant in the park. Not all plant signs will be posted at once, as it is my intention to switch signs 2 times per season. 6 plants will be posted and then switched to create a more dynamic experience for repeat park visitors.

Each artistic rendering of the plant species should:

- be a ratio of 3:1
  - Depict the plant in the height of its season when it is displaying the most easily identifiable features such as flower, fruit, leaf.
- Show as much detail as possible yet still align with the artists style

Here is the link to the [Golden version of the signs](#) again. Let me know if this is enough information.

If this interests you please connect with me and I will ensure you are directed to the project Lead, Andrea Chapman.

Purcell Golf Course in Kimberley

Purcell Golf in Kimberley is offering golf passes to ʔaqam Band members. Your pass qualifies you/your family for free golf after 4pm, (excluding Wednesdays).

More information <https://purcell.golf/memberships-and-passes/>

If you are interested, please email [aqam@purcell.golf](mailto:aqam@purcell.golf) with the names of the family members you would like to enroll. Purcell Golf will confirm details before sending a welcome email to you.