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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS




**Open House**

Fri, Dec 20, 2024  
ʔaqaʔ Admin Boardroom | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please join CAO Nicole Kappell and the Directors for an open house event where you can ask questions and learn about ʔaqaʔ programs and services.

We will have Christmas snacks!



December 6th, 2024

### ʔaqaʔ Community Dinner

Open to community, band members, aqaʔ staff, school and daycare families

Doors open @ 5:30  
Dinner @ 6:15  
R.S.V.P. required

Kimberley Conference Centre  
301 Northstar Blvd, Kimberley

Transportation available

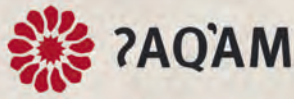
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**OFFICE CLOSURE**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ?AQ'AM ADMIN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

**FRI, DEC 13, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 1 PM**  
HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN

**FRI, DEC 20, 2024 | 12 PM - 4:30 PM**

**DEC 23, 2024 - JAN 3, 2025**

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT 911 OR ANY OF THE SUITABLE NUMBERS BELOW:

URGENT CARE	(250) 420-2323
EMERGENCIES	911
HEALTH LINK BC	811
BC POISON CONTROL	1 (800) 567-8911
EAST KOOTENAY ADDICTION SERVICES	1 (877) 489-4344
EAST KOOTENAY OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT CLINIC	(250) 420-2210
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION	(250) 426-5222
SUICIDE INTERVENTION	1 (800) 784-2433
CRISIS INTERVENTION	1 (888) 353-2273
INTERIOR HEALTH - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE	(250) 310-6478

Complete tasks for your chance to win a yummy, juicy hutterite chicken. Must be in attendance at Community Feast to pick up your winnings.



**CHICKEN CHALLENGE**

- 1) Send me your family team name
- 2) Send me pictures of your team on a walk
- 3) Topic line must be Chicken Challenge
- 4) Deadline Wednesday, December 4th at Noon.



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To see more employment opportunities with ?aqam and our partners, please visit:

<https://www.aqam.net/about/employment>

**MIDNIGHT MASS**



**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 24TH  
10:00PM  
ST. EUGENE CHURCH**

FOR MORE INFO  
DBIRDSTONE@AQAM.NET



**?AQ'AM**  
LANGUAGE & CULTURE



**Wednesday night activities are back!!**

- November 20<sup>th</sup> - Wing Dress, Ribbon skirt/shirt
- November 27<sup>th</sup> - Moccasin Making
- December 04<sup>th</sup> - Wing Dress, Ribbon skirt/shirt
- December 11<sup>th</sup> - Moccasin Making
- December 18<sup>th</sup> - Genealogy

- - ?aqam Culture Centre - 7470 Mission Rd
- - K-house - 5683 Mission Road

**6-9pm**



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WETLAND RESTORATION

Excavation work at Unnamed Wetland was completed on October 25th, 2024. The Lands Department would like to thank Bernadette and Tyrone for helping with this phase of the Wetland Restoration Project.



The next phase of the Wetland Restoration Project involves tree thinning around the six wetlands. We hope this work can begin early in the new year.



The Lands Department installed another wildlife camera at Twin Lakes. This work is in conjunction with the other two wildlife cameras (one set up at Unnamed Wetland and the other at Francis Lake) that were set up with the ʔaqamnik classes.



Photo by Troy Hunter

We're seeking:

- 4 appointments total
- 1 citizen-at-large
- 1 youth (ages 15-24)
- Alternates for each

Qualifications

- Basic financial literacy and knowledge of trusts
- Previous board or committee experience
- Strong reasoning, critical thinking, and collaboration skills
- Ethics, integrity, & respect for confidentiality

The Ktunaxa Nation Council Society invites qualified Ktunaxaniitk to join an ad hoc committee to help develop the Ktunaxa Nation Legacy Trust.

The committee will explore options and make recommendations to the leadership of the four Ktunaxa First Nations.

Details

The committee will remain active until its work is done, with varying time commitments. Members will be compensated at KNC committee rates.



To APPLY

Find the form at: <https://shorturl.at/PgABi> or with the QR code on this page. **Deadline: January 10, 2025.** Or email [David.deschamps@ktunaxa.org](mailto:David.deschamps@ktunaxa.org)

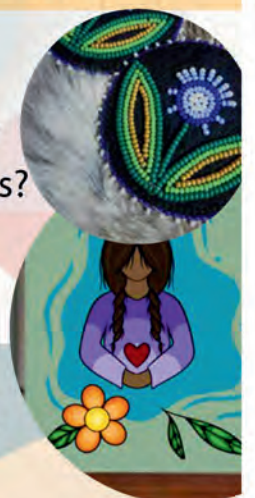


Ktunaxa Artist Market & Art Display Showcase

Attention Ktunaxa Artists!

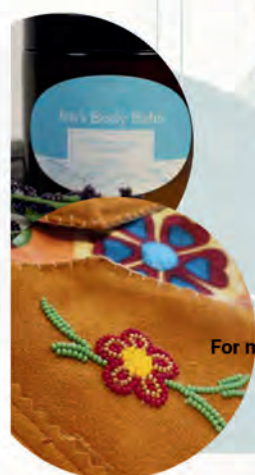
Are you interested in:

- Selling your products?
- Showcasing your portfolio?
- Creating future partnerships?



December 4, 2024  
10:00am - 2:00pm

Ktunaxa Nation Government Building  
220 Cranbrook St. North



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