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NEWSLETTER

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			1 MMIW Dress/Shirt Making L&C, 6-9 pm	2	3	4 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Walk Street Angels, 11:15 am
5	6 Language Speakers and Knowledge Holders Meeting L&C	7 Chief and Council Meeting	8 Regalia Making L&C, 9 pm	9 ʔaʔam 15th Annual ka knilwi-tiyala Celebration DJMG, 5-8 pm	10	11
12	13 Band Meeting DJMG, 5 pm	14	15 Genealogy with Gina L&C, 6-9 pm	16 The Cree Nation's Hip-Hop Power House Key City Theatre, 7 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Chief and Council Meeting	22 Activity TBA L&C, 6-9 pm	23	24 CAO Open House Admin Boardroom, 9:30 am- 2 pm	25
26 Mass at St. Eugene 1 pm	27	28 REFERENDUM Admin Boardroom, 8 am - 8 pm Empowered Filmmaker DJMG, 9 am - 5 pm	29	30	31	

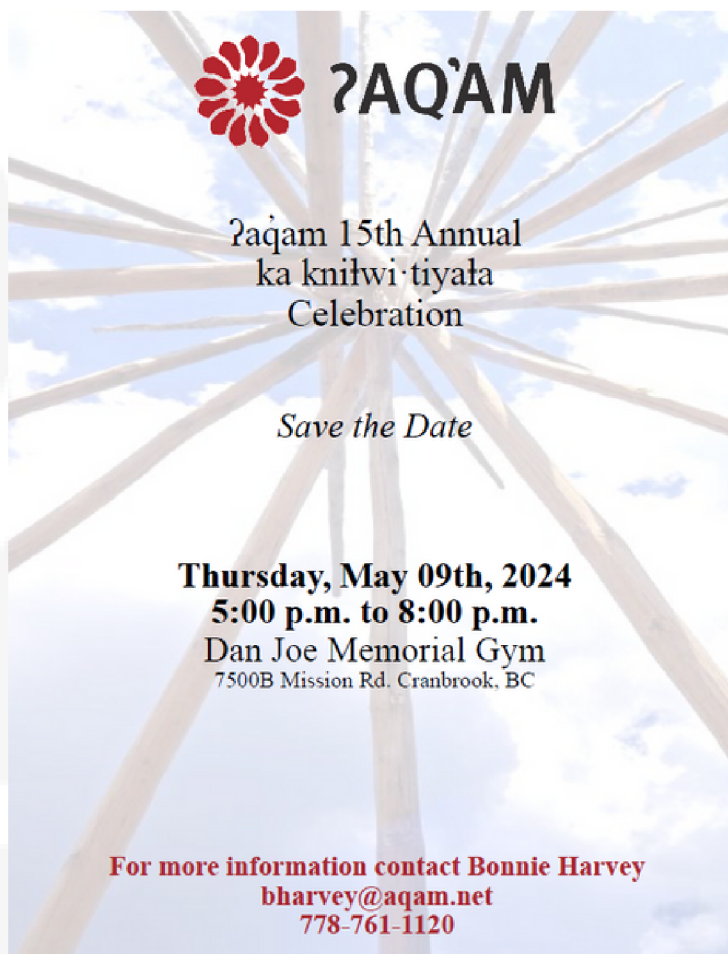
ʔaʔam Community Garden-Horticulture 101

 Language and Culture
  Admin Boardroom
  ʔaʔam Community

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS



ʔAQ'AM
Band Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024
Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 5:00 PM
Please email agenda items by May 6, 2024 to:
EA Karmin Snow
ksnow@aqam.net
Dinner will be provided
For meeting package and Zoom link, please contact:
CAO Mike Frank
mfrank@aqam.net
EA Karmin Snow
ksnow@aqam.net



ʔAQ'AM
ʔaʔam 15th Annual
ka knilwi-tiyala
Celebration
Save the Date
Thursday, May 09th, 2024
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dan Joe Memorial Gym
7500B Mission Rd. Cranbrook, BC
For more information contact Bonnie Harvey
bharvey@aqam.net
778-761-1120

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Two Votes will be held on **May 28th, 2024**, to determine if the Voters of ʔaqam approve and assent to **ʔaqam proposed Membership Law (2024)**, and to determine by referendum the per capita **distribution percentage for the Timber Specific Claim**.

The following two Ballot Questions will be asked:

Membership Law Referendum:

Do you vote in favour of both repealing the Kootenay Nations St. Mary's Indian Band Membership Laws and approving the ʔaqamnik (Membership) Law, 2024?

Timber Claim Distribution Referendum:

What per capita distribution percentage should be paid out to ʔaqam Band Members?

0% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100%

The Votes will take place on:

Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, from 8:00am to 8:00pm at 7470 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC, in the Boardroom.

Members may also choose to vote by telephone during polling hours, by calling:

250-426-5717 OR 778-761-2045

At least **40 days** prior to the Voting Day, the **Referendum Officer** will send a **Mail-in Ballot** to each person on the Voters List for whom an **address has been provided**. If you have not received a Mail-in Ballot and wish to vote by Mail-in Ballot, please contact **OneFeather** using the contact information below:

EMAIL: VOTERHELP@ONEFEATHER.CA
TOLL FREE: 1-855-923-3006 FROM 9:30 AM TO 4:30 PM PT
WWW.ONEFEATHER.CA/NATIONS/AQAM

For access to the full ratified settlement agreement and info summaries please visit the Nation's website at : www.aqam.net/news

ʔaqam 2024 Council Election Timeline

Call Out-Elections Complaints & Appeals Board	<i>Deadline: As soon as applicable.</i>	2022 Elections Complaints & Appeals Board: Rosemary Phillips, Colin Sinclair, Stan Chung
Call Out-Quotes for Chief Electoral Officer (at least 100 days prior)	<i>Deadline: Monday, April 22, 2024</i>	RFP sent to:
Appoint Chief Electoral Officer (not less than 60 days prior)	<i>Deadline: Tuesday, June 4, 2024</i>	BCR required.
Elections Complaints & Appeals Board Appointed (at least 50 days prior)	<i>Deadline: Tuesday, June 4, 2024</i>	BCR required.
Voter's List to Chief Electoral	<i>Deadline: Friday, August 16, 2024</i>	Coordinate with Membership Clerk
Post Public Notice of Election Date	<i>Deadline: Friday, August 16, 2024</i>	Will work with Chief Electoral Officer
Nomination Mtg Notification	<i>Deadline: Friday, August 16, 2024</i>	Will work with Chief Electoral Officer
Nomination Mtg	<i>Wednesday, October 9, 2024</i>	
Mail-in Ballot to voter		Will work with Chief Electoral Officer to complete
All Candidates Forum	<i>Wednesday, October 16, 2024</i>	Will work with Chief Electoral Officer to complete
Election Day	<i>Wednesday, October 23, 2024</i>	Will work with Chief Electoral Officer to complete



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Open House

Friday, May 24, 2024
09:30 am - 2:00 pm

Please join CAO Mike Frank for an in-person & virtual open house event

- Learn about ʔaqam programs & services
- Meet the staff
- Lunch will be served

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



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Tuesday to Sunday
 May 28 - June 2, 2024
 9:00am - 5:00pm

7500 Mission Road,
 Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

CERTIFICATIONS
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PROFESSIONAL GEAR INCLUDED

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
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ONGOING MENTORSHIP

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 (604)562-2119 OR EMPOWEREDFILMMAKER@GMAIL.COM

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Last year was a monumental year for fires. Given that conditions are expected to remain dry this spring, there's concern about further fires and the danger to lives, homes and property in Community. Based on Home Ignition Zone training and FireSmart principles, we would like to offer top tips to help protect your home in the event of a wildfire...

FireSmart

#1. Roof Repairs

Your roof is the first place where embers from a wildfire can land and ignite any exposed wood or travel through any holes in the gable ends or soffits of your roof. Once inside your attic, embers have a good chance of starting a structural fire. Please repair holes and patch exposed wood with shingles or steel roofing if you can.

#2. Clean Eavestroughs

Gutters that are filled with pine needles, cones, or any other dry flammable material are an easy place for embers to start a fire that can ignite your roof. Please take the time to clean this material out of your gutters if it is an issue.

#3. Broken Windows

Another prime place for embers to enter your home. Most things inside of a house are flammable (couches, rugs, curtains, etc). It is crucial to prevent embers or flames from getting inside your home through a broken window or open window. Please fix broken windows.

#4. Plastic, Rubber and Wood Debris

Items made of these materials are all flammable. Once something relatively large and flammable starts on fire, it burns for a long time and can cause windows to break, or fire to spread to homes, vehicles, etc. Please move any flammable items at least 10 meters (30 feet) away from your home. This includes firewood piles, deck chairs, spare tires and lumber.

#5. Tall Grass, Trees, Weeds

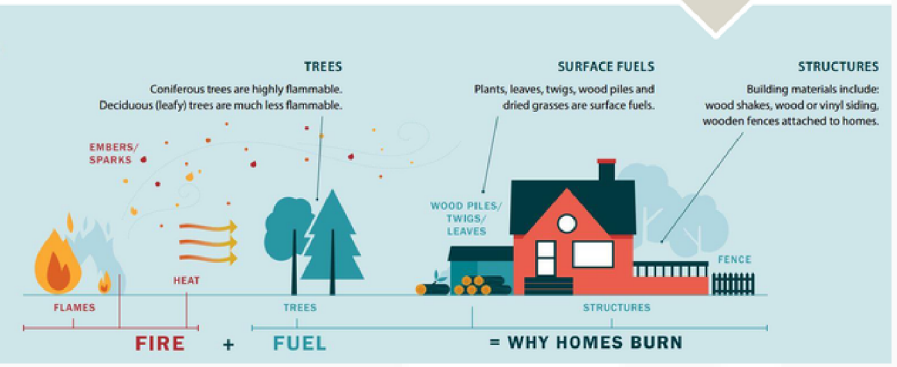
Please keep grass and weeds mowed adjacent to your home. It is an easy method to rule out a grass fire igniting your house. It is recommended to keep a buffer of about 10 m (30 feet) around your home with no large trees in that zone. If this is not possible, trees and shrubs should be kept pruned up to a height of at least 2 metres (6 feet) off of the ground so that a ground fire cannot 'climb' the branches and start the tree canopy on fire. Unfortunately, ornamental Cedars and Junipers are highly flammable and create a lot of heat when they ignite.

If you witness a fire on ?aqam Lands please report it immediately to emergency services by calling:

9-1-1!

For more information on how to ember-proof your home and yard, please visit FireSmart Canada's Homeowners page:

<https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/homeowners/>



May Is Invasive Species Month

INVASIVE SPECIES CENTRE, 2024

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?

Plants, animals, insects, and pathogens that are introduced to an area and cause harm to the environment, economy, or society. These species arrive, often accidentally, and establish in the absence of natural predators.



MEADOW KNAPWEED

Photo: CKISS

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Invasive species compete with native species for resources such as water, light, food, and space and can ultimately kill or crowd out native species. Invasive species mitigation can be costly and can take years to make an impact.



SPOTTED LANTERN

Photo: Government of Canada

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Use a boot brush to clean your footwear and gear after hikes
- Clean your bike tires after riding
- Learn about the different invasive species (many plant stores sell invasive plants. Try to buy native plants)
 - Apps like iNaturalist and Seek can help you identify unknown plants.
- Burn firewood in the same proximity as purchased to avoid spreading invasive insects (try to stay within 15km)

Photo: EKISC



AMERICAN BULLFROG

Photo: EKISC



PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

starseeker

THE NORTHSTARS
THE CREE NATION'S HIP-HOP POWERHOUSE

LIVE AT KEY CITY THEATRE

20 14 AVE N, CRANBROOK, BC V1C 6H4

MAY 16TH
7PM
ALL AGES
FREE EVENT - LIMITED CAPACITY

AQAM KEY CITY THEATRE CRANBROOK BASIN YOUTH NETWORK

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7AQ'AM 2024 SUMMER PROGRAM

SPOTS AVAILABLE– Ages Kindergarten to Grade 7
Priority for Program spaces will be given first to 7aqam Band Children, 7aqamnik School Students, then 7aqam Band Staff Children, and, finally, to all other children.
Students must have already attended Kindergarten. Once spots are filled, children will be placed on a Waitlist.

7 Weekly Programs (M-F)
8:30–4:30

8–12 July week 1	15–19 July week 2	22–26 July week 3
29–2 July/Aug week 4	6–9 Aug week 5	12–16 Aug week 6
19–23 Aug week 7		

Sign up by the week. Registration deadline is June 28th 2024

Tons of activities including rock climbing, horseback riding, land-based learning, STEM, and more!

Limited seats **Fees free** 7500 Mission Road, Cranbrook BC

Registration Email: summerprogram@aqam.net More information: 778-761-0816

7u+umi - May

Wednesday, May 1st, 6 - 9pm
MMIW Dress/Shirt making

Saturday, May 4th, 11:15am
Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Walk meet at Street Angels

Monday, May 6th
Language Speakers & Knowledge Holders

Wednesday, May 8th, 6 - 9pm
Regalia Making

Thursday, May 9th, 5 - 8pm
Community Celebration at DJM

Mondays 13th & 27th, 12 - 1:30pm
Language Lessons with Dorothy & Chrystal

Wednesday, May 15th, 6 - 9pm
Genealogy with Gina

Wednesday, May 22nd & 29th, 6 - 9pm
Activity TBA

Sunday, May 26th, 1pm
Mass @ St. Eugene Church

May 28th to June 2nd
Empowered Filmmaking including a feast and film showings on June 2nd at DJM

7AQ'AM
LANGUAGE & CULTURE
For more info : ntaron@aqam.net



A **BIG THANK YOU** from the Education Department to everyone who came out to have a fun time at Bingo and in turn you helped support your Daycare!! 😊
We so appreciate you and all of your smiling faces! Your donations were humbling! ❤️ taxa



Did you know?



SMOKE DETECTORS NEED THE BATTERY CHANGED ONCE A YEAR

Check your smoke detectors to be sure they are working. They usually have a **TEST** button that you can press.

Join us in the 7aqam Community Garden Horticulture 101

MAY 27 - 31 | 2024

Help the 7aqam Community Garden get ready for a productive season in this hands-on program for youth.

Learn the basics of

- food cultivation
- gardening & landscaping

ELIGIBILITY

- Ktunaxaniñtik
- Age 15 to 30
- Unemployed or Underemployed
- Not a full-time student

We are inviting Elders to attend the garden days, May 29 and 30, to share some time and their advice with the lucky ones who attend.

Free Lunches & Snacks • Completion Bonus \$\$

Starter Garden Kit as a gift!

Sign up! kncee@ktunaxa.org
250-489-2464

BladeRunners

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