



ʔAQ'AM NEWSLETTER

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27	28	29	30	31	1 All Souls Day Mass St. Eugene Church, 4 pm	2
3	4	5 Chief & Council Meeting Admin Boardroom Let's Talk About Fire Columbia Lake Prov. Park, 11 am	6 Wildfire Timber Harvesting & Restoration DJMG, 5 pm	7 Open House Admin Boardroom, 10 am Historic Photos Heritage Inn, 11 am Lands & Economy Zoom, 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11	12 Health, Safety & Security Zoom, 6:30 pm	13 Thrive Together H&WC, 5 pm	14	15	16
17	18 Band Meeting DJMG, 5 pm	19 Chief & Council Meeting Admin Boardroom	20 Recreation & Spirit of Community Zoom, 6:30 pm	21 Language, Culture & Education Zoom, 6:30 pm	22	23
24	25 Kitki-kʔamnan Society AGM DJMG, 5:30 pm	26	27 Housing & Infrastructure Zoom, 6:30 pm Deadline to register to Community Fest	28 Energy Zoom, 6:30 pm	29	30

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ʔaqam Council and Administration wishes to welcome

Nicole Kapell

as ʔaqam Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).


Nicole Kapell has worked for Ktunaxa for over 15 years in various capacities, most recently as the Director of the Lands and Resources Sector at the Ktunaxa Nation Council. Nicole has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, a Master of Arts in Environment and Management and has spent the past 15 years learning from Ktunaxa and applying those teachings to stewardship of lands and resources in ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa.

Nicole is originally from Saskatchewan and resides in Kimberley with her husband, dog, and three cats. She looks forward to supporting Ktunaxa's goals and vision in this new role.

CAO Open House
Thu, Nov 7, 2024, 10 am – 12 pm
Administration Boardroom

Lunch will be served





ʔAQ'AM Band Meeting

Monday, Nov 18, 2024
Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 5:00 PM

If you have questions or want to add items to the Band Meeting agenda, please email EA Karmin Snow by November 11, 2024, to:

ksnow@aqam.net

Please email the address above for the meeting package and the Zoom link.

Dinner will be served

We add content to our website regularly. Please, scan the QR Code to visit our News section



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Ka kni#witiyaʔa & Governance- November 2024

UPDATED: OCTOBER 16, 2024

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<p>Thursday, Nov 07, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Lands & Economy Hosted by: Corrie, Stubby & Mindi</p>	<p>Tuesday, Nov 12, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Health & Safety and Security. Hosted by: Dallas & Sancira</p>
<p>Monday, Nov 18, 5:00 pm: Regular Band Mtg Zoom & In person</p>	<p>Wednesday, Nov 20, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Recreation & Spirit of Community. Hosted by: Andrew & Kristen</p>
<p>Thursday, Nov 21, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Language & Culture and Education. Hosted by: Kay & Joe</p>	<p>Wednesday, Nov 27, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Housing & Infrastructure. Hosted by: Vickie, Jesse & Leslie</p>
<p>Thursday, Nov 28, 6:30 pm: Zoom Only, Energy Hosted by: Marty</p>	<p>Contact: Bharvey@aqam.net for Zoom Links.</p>

Community Feast

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2024
5:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Kimberley Conference Centre
301 N Star Blvd, Kimberley

SAVE THE DATE
REGISTRATION OPENS
NOVEMBER 01, 2024

Open to: band/community members, ʔaqam staff+ 1 guest, school & daycare families.

Transportation available:
Arrange by Wed, Nov 27, 2024

Info: cwilliams@aqam.net

 **ʔAQAM**

SAVE THE DATE

5	11	24
DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Nasuʔkin and Council
Nasuʔkin Nana & Council **SWEARING-IN**
Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 9:30 am

November 1st

All Souls Day



4pm Mass
at the St. Eugene church

Followed by dinner
at the
ʔaqam
language and culture center
7462 Mission Road

Let us honour those that have recently passed and allow them the space to move on in peace




HISTORIC PHOTOS

NOVEMBER 7, 2024
HERITAGE INN MEETING ROOM
11 AM

Bring any and all photos to share!

Come join us for an afternoon to talk about historic photos that the Nelson Museum has provided.
For more information contact: landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org

 If you need to update your mailing address or want to receive the ʔaqam Newsletter via email, please contact the Reception at receptionist@aqam.net



Hu sukiᑭqukni kin wakiᑭ

Four Ktunaxaniᑭtik – Jesse Thomas, Kristen Whitehead, Dustinaya (Naya) Duteau and Caitlin Phillips have been enrolled in the Indigenous Environmental Leadership certificate program through Royal Roads University for the past year. They are in their final months and will each conduct their practicums on land and resource issues that are important to Ktunaxa. Jesse, Kristen and Naya are working directly for ʔaq'am over the next several months to support Land-based initiatives on reserve and will be working out of the administration office one day per week. Caitlin will be working on a nationwide project and connecting with ʔaq'amnik directly over the next few months. Below is a summary of their projects.

JESSE THOMAS



I will develop the archaeological and cultural management plan for the upcoming prescribed burns in 2025. I will start with a desktop/map-based analysis and research previous archaeological assessments that have been done on the reserve in the past and talk to the ʔaq'am Lands Committee to get their input and advice on the project. I will then conduct a preliminary field reconnaissance to see if there are any archaeological sites or materials in the burn areas. Based on the results, I will develop a management plan to avoid impacting the sites during the work. I will also connect with the Language Speakers and Knowledge Holders to discuss any other cultural values that need to be protected and cultural protocols that need to be followed before starting the work.

CAITLIN PHILIPS

I will analyze historical protocols and treaties between Ktunaxa ʔaq'maknik and neighbouring Nations. Once I have completed my research and consulted with our knowledge holders, I will focus on translating this historical data into the present-day context. My goal is to identify how historical treaties can be applied to our current nation-to-nation relationships and how they can support the advancement of indigenous practices in managing natural resources and healing relationships. The analysis will also consider how political changes impact government-to-first-nation and nation-to-nation relationships. As our homelands are unceded, navigating these relationships can be complex due to other government's interpretations of oral history and other challenges we face.

Additionally, it is important to note that the information I am analyzing is based solely on our oral history, which outsiders may see as having a narrow focus or lacking outside perspectives. Therefore, I will ensure that my information gathering is thorough and it is understood that this analysis is based almost entirely on knowledge passed down by Ktunaxa ʔaq'maknik.



KRISTEN WHITEHEAD AND NAYA DUTEAU



We will be doing our practicum in ʔaq'am for our Indigenous Environmental Leadership Program at Royal Roads University. We started on Oct 18th and will be here one day a week until December. We will be creating a tool that will identify Species at Risk that are within ʔaq'am. We are also here to start the conversation around fencing within ʔaq'am. Both of these projects will be implemented with the help of community consultation and engagement. There will be ample opportunity for us to engage with community and your input will help us shape what this work will look like for ʔaq'am. We are looking forward to working in community and with you all.

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WILDFIRE TIMBER HARVESTING AND RESTORATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

?aqam Lands has identified potential areas for harvesting wood in the 2023 wildfire-affected lands. Please join us for a discussion session to share information gathered to date and to provide recommendations on how to proceed.

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 | Dan Joe Memorial Gym | 5-8 pm
Dinner will be provided

Please contact Will Kaufman for further information at:

✉ wkaufman@aqam.net
☎ (236) 703-9542



?AQ'AM LANDS

On October 17th, classes from the ?aqamnik school joined the Lands Department and MacHydro in setting up a weather station at Francis Lake that will be in place year round.

We would like to thank Living Lakes Canada for donating the Weather Station



hu suki#qukni to everyone who made Community Wood Day such a success again this year.
?aqamnik staff and students thoroughly enjoyed getting into Community and doing their part to help.

Eryn Geddes, Education Director


KITKI-KCAMNAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Achieving excellence through learning based on individual strengths, passions and potential.

Cordially invites all Band & Community Members, stakeholders and interested parties to attend.

There are 3 positions up for renewal:

- Two Community positions
- One youth position

GUEST PRESENTATION

KNC Lands staff will share their *What We Heard* report.

AMAZING DOOR PRIZES

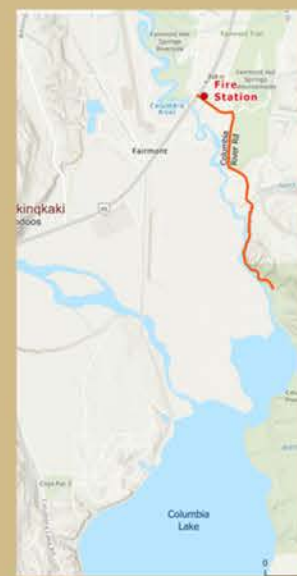
- Family Get-Away to Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort (\$1500 value)
- MORE prizes supporting Ktunaxa-owned establishments

📅 **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

📍 **Dan Joe Memorial Gym**

🕒 **Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, followed by the AGM**

Please RSVP to education@aqam.net to confirm dinner numbers


LET'S TALK ABOUT FIRE

... around the fire

Lunch provided



LOT 48

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

LOCATION: MEET AT COLUMBIA LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK GATE
SEE MAP ABOVE

TIME: 11 AM

Hey Ktunaxa ?aq#smaknik! What does bringing ?a-kin#uku (fire) back to the landscape mean to you?

ANY QUESTIONS?
landscommunityengagement@ktunaxa.org



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