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| 1            | 2<br>Office Closed<br>Game Day 2-6pm KNC Gym<br>Open Gym Night 6:30-8:30 DJMG | 3<br>Chief and Council     | 4<br>Sewing, Beading and Crafting<br>Language and Culture Center<br>6:00—9:00 pm  | 5<br>?aqamnik School Open House & Dinner 5:30-6:30<br>@DJM Gym | 6<br>Community Wood Day<br>9:00 am—3:00 pm<br>Floor Hockey/Open Gym night<br>DJMG 6:30-8:30 | 7                 |
| 8            | 9<br>Open Gym Night 6:30-8:30 DJMG  | 10<br>Beaver Believer Bash | 11<br>Sewing, Beading and Crafting<br>Language and Culture Center<br>6:00—9:00 pm | 12   | 13<br>Floor Hockey/Open Gym night<br>DJMG 6:30-8:30   | 14                |
| 15           | 16  | 17<br>Chief and Council    | 18<br>Sewing, Beading and Crafting<br>Language and Culture Center<br>6:00—9:00 pm | 19   | 20<br>Floor Hockey/Open Gym night<br>DJMG 6:30-8:30   | 21                |
| 22           | 23  | 24                         | 25<br>Sewing, Beading and Crafting<br>Language and Culture Center<br>6:00—9:00 pm | 26   | 27<br>Floor Hockey/Open Gym night<br>DJMG 6:30-8:30   | 28                |
| 29           | 30<br>?aqamnik School Halloween Dance<br>11:00am—1:00 pm                      | 31<br>Halloween            |   |  |   |                   |

Community Information and Upcoming Events



Open Letter to the ?aqam Community

**To:** ?aqam Community Members  
**From:** ?aqam Chief Administrative Officer  
**Date:** September 21, 2023  
**Subject:** [?aqam Band Meeting- rescheduled for November 20, 2023](#)

Due to the recent funeral, ?aqam Administration had to cancel the September 18, 2023 Band meeting.

- The date for the next Band Meeting will be November 20, 2023 at 05:00 PM in the Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium.
- At this Band meeting, there will be a presentation of the ?aqam Audited Financial Statements by our Finance Director Ivan Winter. Audited Financial Statements are also available on the ?aqam Website.
- If you would like to have a printed copy, please contact Ivan Winter at (250) 426-5717 or email [IWinter@aqam.net](mailto:IWinter@aqam.net)

I welcome your feedback, ideas and approaches to serving the ?aqam Community. Should you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact me in confidence. I can be reached at the main administration office in person, my direct number 236-302-1621 or via email at: [mfrank@aqam.net](mailto:mfrank@aqam.net)

Kind regards,

**Mike Frank**  
 CAO for the ?aqam Community

Fire Smart

Last month Ashley O'Neil went to the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) conference held in Montreal Quebec. Ashley sits on the board of Directors of the NIFSC as the Wildfire representative of turtle Island and collaborate with many different nations to change the future of fire in our communities.

After the conference, the Indigenous firefighting competition took place on the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory.

There were firefighters from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic representing their provinces and nations. Congratulations to 1st Manitoba, 2nd Alberta and 3rd British Columbia.

Coming soon in house fire safety training. If you would like more information on our fire smart training contact Ashley O'Neil by email. [aneil@aqamflagging.ca](mailto:aneil@aqamflagging.ca) or Craig Campbell [ccampbell@aqam.net](mailto:ccampbell@aqam.net).



Beaver Believer Bash!

The Guardians in Training and the Kimberley Youth Action Network would like to invite you to our Beaver Believer Bash!

Join us in learning about Beavers, their importance to ecosystems and how we can support them.

There will be a Keynote presentation by Glynnis Hood, Dinner and fun Door Prizes!

AGENDA

- 5:00 pm - Doors open
- 5:30 pm - Opening & Dinner
- 6:00 - 6:45pm - Keynote by Glynnis Hood
- 7:00pm - Announcements
- Plant day invite - Kerri
- Victoria from Calgary Zoo - Leopard Frogs
- 7:45pm-8:00pm - Closing

INFORMATION

DATE: Tuesday  
October 10th  
LOCATION: Center 64,  
Kimberley BC -  
64 Deer Park Avenue,  
Kimberley BC, V1A 2J2




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Glynnis Hood

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Glynnis Hood grew up in the Creston Valley in southeastern British Columbia. She spent her summers in little boats and running barefoot along the shores of Kootenay Lake. Now summers are spent in chest waders and canoes, her winters on snowshoes and skis. For much of her adult life she worked in various protected areas, from Canada's west coast to the mountains of BC and Alberta, to the Subarctic, and finally the southern boreal forest of central Alberta. She has always loved critters with eyelashes, and she completed a PhD in biological sciences at the University of Alberta on wildlife and wetland ecology. She is now a professor of environmental science at the University's Augustana campus. Her closest neighbours are a family of beavers. She is the author of The Beaver Manifesto (Rocky Mountain Books) and Semi-aquatic Mammals: Ecology and Biology (Johns Hopkins University Press). Glynnis lives in Camrose, Alberta.







Aqam Flagging & Safety Blind Auction.

Aqam Flagging & Safety will be holding a blind auction on October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 10am – 2pm, location will be behind NUPQU building where the trucks are located. All trucks listed below will be sold as is. Last blind bid will be accepted on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2pm. Highest bidder will be contacted Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

- 2005 Ford F150 2WD 4.7L V8 Engine Automatic Transmission with 230,666 KMS, Green/Grey two tone paint. Extended cab, clean body, Air conditioning, tow package. The transmission needs to be replaced, and the Cadillac convertor is gone. Sold as it is. Starting bid \$1,000.
- 2000 GMC Sierra 1500 4X4 6.0L V8 Engine automatic transmission, with 251,908 KMS, Grey metallic paint. Extended cab, Tow package with 2500 suspension. Slight bed damage on drivers side of the box, also has motor issues. Sold as it is. Starting bid \$500.
- 2009 Chevy Silverado 2WD 5.3L V8 engine automatic transmission, with 239,528 KMS. Slight box dents, transmission needs repairs. Sold as it is. Starting bid \$750.

PLEASE JOIN US

?inimisamunaps- to have dinner

?AQ'AMNÍK SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE & DINNER

Thursday, October 5th  
School Visits 4:30-5:30  
Dinner & Presentations 5:30-6:30 DJM Gym

Meet our staff & Other Families  
Sign up for PAC(k)  
Say Farewell to Mr. Mike & Meet Mr. Lorne

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES



SEVEN NATIONS  
SOARING EAGLE TREATMENT CENTRE  
SOCIETY

Tsilhqot'in, Secwépemc, Dákelh Dené,  
St'át'imc, Syilx, Nlaka'pamux, and Ktunaxa

2023  
ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
Zoom Meeting

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 to 3:00 MST

ZOOM LINK:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87017028130>

To Register Contact:  
Amanda Davidge  
Tel: 250-489-2464 ext 4337  
amanda.davidge@ktunaxa.org

AGENDA  
Meet the Board Society Logo  
Updated Design Membership

Door Prizes!



BC FIRST NATIONS  
JUSTICE COUNCIL

YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS!

INDIGENOUS  
WOMEN & 2S+ JUSTICE PLAN  
Community Engagement Session

Wednesday October 11th - Cranbrook

Calling on Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQIA+, MMIWG2S+ Family and Survivors, Grassroots activists, service providers and community members.

BCFNJC wants to work to transform the justice system and we need your voice.

Engagement Sessions include


- Lunch
- Review of the Indigenous Women's Justice Plan Guiding Draft
- Community-led Action Planning: How can BCFNJC help the community

CONTACT  
women2s@bcfnjc.com

DATE & TIME  
Wednesday, October 11th 2023  
11am – 3pm

Register via the QR code or visit [bcfnjc.com/W2SYevents](https://bcfnjc.com/W2SYevents)

LOCATION  
Manual Training School  
1212 2nd Street North  
Cranbrook, BC



BC FIRST NATIONS  
JUSTICE COUNCIL

YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS!

INDIGENOUS  
YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN  
Community Engagement Session

Wednesday October 11th - Cranbrook

CALLING ALL INDIGENOUS YOUTH!  
(Ages 12-29+)

Please join our Indigenous Youth Justice Team this fall during one of our Community Engagement Sessions.

Be part of designing a Justice Plan for Indigenous Youth by Indigenous Youth.

Engagement Sessions include

- Dinner
- A sharing circle to share your experiences
- Collaboration to create plans for the future

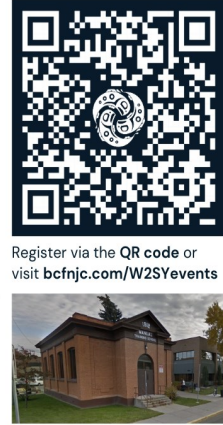
Door Prizes!

CONTACT  
youth@bcfnjc.com

DATE & TIME  
Wednesday, October 11th 2023  
4pm – 7:00pm

Register via the QR code or visit [bcfnjc.com/W2SYevents](https://bcfnjc.com/W2SYevents)

LOCATION  
Manual Training School  
1212 2nd Street North  
Cranbrook, BC



COMING IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE! IN  
HOUSE TCP  
TRAINING!

Aqam Flagging & Safety  
Dates and more information to come.

If interested and want to enroll for future training.  
Email: [aceadmin@aqam.net](mailto:aceadmin@aqam.net)

?AQ'AM

The Language & Culture Centre will be open every Wednesday for community members to bring their sewing, beading or craft projects that they haven't finished and would like to complete!

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:00-9:00PM



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CENTRE (7462 MISSION ROAD)


Please join us every Wednesday for weekly sessions. We have sewing machines and a serger available for use which will be provided to help support your existing project!

- BEADING
- MOCCASIN MAKING
- EARRING MAKING
- RIBBON SKIRT MAKING
- RIBBON SHIRT MAKING
- AND OTHER EXISTING PROJECTS!

BRING YOUR PROJECTS AND STOP BY

For more information please contact Denise Birdstone [dbirdstone@aqam.net](mailto:dbirdstone@aqam.net) or call (236) 302-1622

Chimney Cleaning October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>



The Annual Chimney Cleaning has been scheduled for October 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> 2023  
We have set up a different format for this year and are assuming everyone needs a Chimney clean.  
The contractor will be on site to clean individual chimneys and will require homes to be accessible with no fires burning in the previous 12 hours.  
Your homes are scheduled in the list below. If this is not the best day, please call ?aqam Reception to have your visit moved to a different day. Sloane can help you to arrange access if you are not available.  
If you DO NOT want your chimney cleaned, please call Sloane at 250-426-5717 ext. 3806

**Chimney Cleaning Schedule**  
Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- Mission Rd Houses #4499-#4800

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

- Mission Wycliffe Rd Houses #4449-9750

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Mission Wasa Low Rd Houses #5200-5500
- Mission Wasa Low Rd Houses #5570-5975

Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- LD Ranch Rd House # 8450
- Cassimayook Houses #4100 & 4201

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Rescheduled houses

Ki?suk kyukyit!

Vi Birdstone's Thursday night Ktunaxa class begins on September 14th

Online and learner-guided  
This means that the teaching team (Vi, Terrance Gatchalian, Elise McClay, and Mara Nelson) asks what you want to learn, then works to help you prepare for those topics.

Work together to develop a new language resource, like a calendar, a card game, or a new translation of an old recording.

Thursday nights from 6:30-8pm Mountain time

Welcoming to new students of every level of Ktunaxa knowledge  
Open to all ages - Free of charge

If you're interested in joining, please contact [elise.mcclay@gmail.com](mailto:elise.mcclay@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list!

