By now, you may have heard that Teck Coal Ltd. has suspended its CMO2 project. This is very good news for All Living Things who call that area home. There is the possibility that this project may be taken off the shelf again and looked at in the future, and if this is the case we will resume our work at that time. If you have any comments or concerns regarding the CMO2 project, or any other mining work in the Elk Valley, please do not hesitate to contact me, Alison Burton, contact information on page 8.

Did You know??

Did you know that the Ktunaxa used to collect coal at Coal Creek (near Fernie) and used a piece to keep as hot coal? They would keep a piece of heated coal in clam shells between campsites and used it to start the fire.
“Take a knee.” Our youth obeyed Nasu?kin Jim’s command. Each young hunter listened intently as Jim gave his Welcome Speech to the brave 10 souls who wanted to learn more about hunting. Jim said “When it comes to firearms, your life can change in a heartbeat or it can end.” He went on further to say “You gotta respect yourself first and foremost but you also gotta respect the guy next to you. You treat everybody how you wanna be treated.” Nasu?kin went on and shared “The last thing you need is controversy in a group. Your biggest source of power comes from the collective, as in everyone around you. Stay together, don’t leave anyone behind. The power of the collective is like when you’re drumming, you have to make a fist and you are stronger together.” Jim’s closing remarks were “Treat your momma with respect; Mother Earth will look after you.”

Stubby and Tim McCoy hid tarps, ropes and hatchets for each Team to locate with a GPS Machine, compass and map. The professional maps created by Leeanna Rhodes from GPS and compass coordinates recorded by Stubby and Tim were laminated by Rocky Mountain Printers. When we unveiled the maps our youth could not contain their excitement for the Survival Scavenger Hunt. So, needless to say we appreciated the generous donation of the laminating by Rocky Mountain Printers.

Our Team Leaders; Kyle Shottanana, Lindsey Whitehead, Jeff Williams and Jared Cayenne-Twigg showed up early on the cold, crisp Saturday. It never ceases to amaze me how giving our Community Members are. Chief Jim Whitehead showed his Community Spirit by coming back and spending Saturday morning with Lindsey’s Teammates.

Austin, Brandon.P, Calian-na.T, Dezirea.J, Isiaha.G, Izzy.S, Jordan.S, Korbin.B, Malakai.S and Wolfgang.O were our awesome troopers that camped with Tanya Francis, Kristen Whitehead and me. These respectful youth were invited to attend the Youth Hunt Camp because they have either attended 3/4 of our previous Youth Camps or demonstrated great skills that we felt needed to be honoured. These future leaders will make us proud and will ensure that we don’t starve.

Theʔaʔam Staff celebrated “Ktunaxa Literacy Day” by setting up two tipis for our Youth Campers. As we pulled into our camp around 4pm we were comforted to see two tall tipis erected by our elders, friends and ʔaʔam staff members. I felt a strong sense of community on Friday, October 23, 2015.

It was so cold that our two large Culligan Bottles full of water froze over the matter of a couple hours. The moon was bright for a few hours but once it went over the hill it was pitch black. The stars and constellations were a welcomed distraction from the worries of being attacked by the nearby black bears.

Jared and his team were the first Team back with all of their items. Way to go. The youth were excellent students and when they came back to the main camp they were all excited to share their experience with Kristen, Tanya and I. All four teams were back within an hour, great timing and even better team work.

The youth went around the camp and ensured that we picked up all garbage. We tried to leave the camp better than when we got there. We tore down camp and were back to the hall by 3 p.m. What an awesome 24 hours with our awesome youth. Thanks for your participation. Stay tuned for our next Adventure!

- Bonnie Harvey
The Ktunaxa Nation Council was a recent recipient of a Premier’s Award for Organizational Excellence. The KNC were a member of a team, including several provincial ministries, which developed the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan and the Valley Wide Permit. The award recognizes the innovation and team work that went into the development of the plan and permit. Congratulations to the staff and leadership of the Ktunaxa Nation Council for the hard work that went into the development of the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan, and we look forward to its implementation. For more information contact Alison Burton.

Bill and Ray with Jennifer McGuire (MOE) and Geraldine FitzGerald (MFLNRO) holding the award
POSITION SUMMARY:

The Ktunaxa Archaeology Guardian works with the Ktunaxa Lands and Resources Sector (KLRS) to protect and preserve the archaeological resources of the Ktunaxa Nation within the Ktunaxa ?Amak?is. Under the direction of the Environment and Archaeological Stewardship Manager, the Guardian will provide information and advice to the Ktunaxa Nation Council regarding the impact of activities in Ktunaxa ?Amak?is to archaeological resources. This position will review archaeological research and reporting to ensure that Ktunaxa stewardship principles are being met. The Guardian will educate youth and the public about archaeology and communicate with Ktunaxa citizens and leadership about the archaeological resources within Ktunaxa ?Amak?is.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate and participate in archaeological field work within Ktunaxa ?Amak?is. This includes monitoring permit applications and reports to ensure that findings reflect what you recorded in the field and that recommendations are in keeping with Ktunaxa stewardship principles.
- Record areas of archaeological importance and provide information to support the KLRS, Treaty negotiations, KNC initiatives and community meetings related to lands and resources issues.
- Assist with the collection of data to inform decision making processes and make recommendations about site protection plans and resource protection measures.
- Act as part of a team (i.e. archaeologists, resource technicians, Environmental Monitors) to make sure that Ktunaxa values are used in the approach to the identification of significant archaeological resources within the Ktunaxa ?Amak?is.
- Assist with the development of education and outreach material regarding archaeology to broaden interest in and knowledge of Ktunaxa archaeology.
- When directed, engage with the Ktunaxa communities, Ktunaxa citizens, Traditional Knowledge and Language staff, Elders and treaty negotiators with respect to the Ktunaxa Nation position on archaeological resources.
- Review land development applications in Ktunaxa ?Amak?is to assess their impact on archaeological resources and make recommendations to protect or preserve archaeological sites.
- Support the information needs of the KLRS by providing archaeological information that is relevant to specific projects.
- Contribute to the development of policy and standards for Ktunaxa Nation regarding the stewardship of archaeological resources.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Grade 12 diploma or a combination of education and experience.

**Required Skills, Knowledge and Experience**

- Knowledge of Ktunaxa culture, traditions and values
- Physical ability to complete field surveys and work outside
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn.
- Good communication skills and a strong sense of community.
- Desire to learn from elders and educate youth to foster interest in archaeology and awareness, and develop capacity within the Nation.
- Internet skills.
- Knowledge of computer applications (Microsoft Office and Excel).

**Other Skills, Knowledge and Experience**

- A valid drivers’ license.
- Committed to life-long learning.
- Be self-directed, flexible and able to work independently.
- Well organized, thorough, with attention to detail.
- A self-motivated, resourceful person willing and interested in developing the position.
- First Aid and Safety Training and asset.
- GIS Training an asset.
- Technical background an asset.
- Ktunaxa Nation member preferred.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

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**CLOSING DATE:** December 18, 2015 at 4:30 pm MST

*We thank those who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*
The KNC, through Lands and Resources, joined the Kootenay Lake Partnership in 2011. Participation in the KLP involves a process aimed at managing development along the foreshore of Kootenay Lake in a way that is economically, socially, environmentally and culturally sustainable. In order to do this, the KNC has set out identify Cultural Conservation Value (CCV) areas on and adjacent to Kootenay Lake. These are areas with high ecological and cultural values as identified by Ktunaxa community members and planners.

The methodology has four main steps:
- Assessment (identification) of Cultural Conservation Values (CCVs);
- Identification of Cultural Conservation Value areas (CCV areas);
- Development of management strategies for CCV areas;
- Monitoring of CCV areas to ensure that management strategies are effective in protecting the CCVs.

We had a kick off meeting with interested citizens in March of 2015, and then conducted interviews with knowledge holders and lake users to start to identify interests and map them out. A boat tour around Kootenay Lake happened in September, which helped to confirm some of the locations that were mapped during the interviews. Ktunaxa values were identified all around the lake, and a pictograph location was recorded that we didn’t previously have in our data base!

Oral histories associated with the lake were collected and mapped including:
- Ancestral village/camping areas
- Fishing, hunting and waterfowl harvesting areas
- Place names
- Water routes and trail access points
- Fish spawning and foreshore habitat areas

The KNC is now working with the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the Province of BC to align (harmonize) identified CCV areas and management strategies within a shoreline guidance document. This document can be used by developers, land owners, and all levels of government, including the KNC, to make management decisions when people are planning developments around the lake. This will help the Ktunaxa Nation Council to identify what Ktunaxa interests are and make sure we are protecting those interests. For example, we have identified a lot of places where Ktunaxa people access the lake to hunt and fish, and we want to make sure that access is available to them into the future.

Lands and Resources are hoping to have this work completed by the spring, so that we can share what we have with citizens for review and more input. If you are interested in this project, learning more or sharing with us, please contact Nicole Kapell (contact information on page 8).
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The Mandate of the Ktunaxa Lands and Resources Agency is to ensure that the lands and resources within the Ktunaxa Territory are effectively managed and protected for the benefits of the citizens, communities and government of the Ktunaxa Nation.

- Lands Sector Mandate

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Chad Luke is encouraging everyone to please add Lower Kootenay (Stewardship Assistant) as a friend on Facebook to keep updated on what’s happening in the Creston area.