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## **Ktunaxa Nation Council Purchases Property on East Side of Columbia Lake to Protect Archaeological Site**

***Cranbrook/?a·kiskaq#i?it*** – The Ktunaxa Nation Council announced today that it has purchased a piece of property on the east side of Columbia Lake near Canal Flats containing an important archeological site.

“The purchase of this property is in alignment with Ktunaxa Nation cultural heritage principles,” said Jesse Thomas, Ktunaxa Nation Council Archaeology Coordinator. “The preservation and stewardship of our archaeology sites is a priority and this purchase will ensure this site will be protected and managed in a way that is respectful of Ktunaxa cultural values and traditional teachings.”

“I would like to thank Ktunaxa Nation Leadership, particularly the Ktunaxa Nation Council Lands and Resources Council for acting quickly upon this opportunity as this timeframe was extremely short,” said Thomas.

There have been many efforts over the past years to protect this archaeology site as many Ktunaxa oral histories, including the Ktunaxa Creation Story are connected to this particular location.

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