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Thursday, March 9, was the Ktunaxa Artist Showcase that sprang to life when Jared Basil, Ktunaxa Cultural Framework Educator, learned that plenty of health offices were identifying ways of being more culturally welcoming, and spoke to the importance of displaying Ktunaxa art so that future generations can see themselves in the work we do.

Jared works collaboratively with Interior Health and other organizations to make space for the Ktunaxa Social Sector Framework, and to help ensure services are delivered in a culturally safe and relevant way.

Some of his contacts approached him with the request to help them connect with Ktunaxa artists directly, and so he arranged the showcase, which went ahead on March 9 with five Ktunaxa artist/vendor representatives.

Darcy Luke, Artist, Cedar and Pine Design

Carol Louie, Artist (contact via Legend Logos)

Patricia Gilhuly, Artist

Troy Hunter, Photography (Contact via troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org)

Denise Louie, Legend Logos, Art Vendor, Cultural Centre, Cultural Tours, Merch and Swag

To learn more about the Framework, please visit HERE
Feather Fan Workshop

(Photograph by Eldon Stanley)

The feather fan workshop at KNC last week was to help people in creating their own fans, using Everett White’s traditional teachings. Several Ktunaxa participants attended and spent three days learning from the teacher and from each other.

More coverage on this will come out in coming weeks, as appropriate.

This event was co-presented with Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society.
Issues are being distributed this week.

Thanks to all contributors!

You can read it online, too.

Stories and photos for next issue?

Email news@ktunaxa.org!
Have you checked out akisqnuk.org lately?

?akisq̓nuk First Nation unleashed their new website in the last few months and it features a Members Only section, updates on Governance, Administrative, and more.

Check out their employment opportunities—and please share if you feel inspired to do so.

Speaking of employment opportunities...

Check out the Current Postings at KNC!
Salmon Save the Date

Salmon Warriors Gathering
June 23-27, 2023
Near Fairmont Hot Springs, BC

Open to Syilx Okanagan, Ktunaxa, Secwepemc young adults ages 19-29. Transportation support, meals, accommodation, honorariums provided.

APPLY NOW! Contact:
Valerie Michel, Secwepemc Nation c/o@shuswapnation.org
Troy Hunter, Ktunaxa Nation troyt.hunter@ktunaxa.org
Syilx Okanagan Nation c/o admin@columbiasalmon.ca

BRINGING the SALMON HOME
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Ziti nañxwéna smułam
Topelx'énem re Squilax
The Columbia River Salmon Restoration Initiative
ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca
Elders engagement sessions

KTUNAXA NATION ELDERS

YOU ARE INVITED:

Elders Engagement Session
- Bill C-92
- KKCPS legislation

WHEN:
- March 9th: 8:00am Breakfast and Sign-in
- March 10th: 8:00am Breakfast and Sign-in

WHERE:
HERITAGE INN CRANBROOK
803 Cranbrook Street North

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
- Honoraria will be paid to Elders
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner March 9th
- Breakfast and lunch March 10th
- Hotel room will be provided for non Cranbrook residents
(If you require a hotel room please contact Chelsea Hollingshead at 250-489-4563)

TO REGISTER:
CHELSEA HOLLINGSHEAD
250-489-4563 EXT: 4012
chelsea.hollingshead@ktunaxa.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday February 28th, 2023

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services Society
First session - Wednesday March 22 at Akisqnuk health center from 5:30-7pm. The first info session will be to find out what you want, and what you need from the lifeskills program.

So, bring your creativity and your sense of humour, and we will bring the snacks! Please register by calling Lori at 250.342.6370 or emailing lori.skuth@ktunaxa.org

KKCSS presents
LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH
All Atunax, sísxwaxw and nís̓íxw youth are encouraged to attend.
Ktunaxa Kinbasket child & family services society.
KKCFSS Working Toward Child Welfare Legislation

by Julie Birdstone

In June 2019, the Government of Canada passed Bill C-92, known as An Act Representing First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families, which came into effect in January 2020. The Act has opened the door for Nations across Canada to pursue jurisdiction over their children through writing their own laws pertaining to child welfare. The Ktunaxa Nation has decided to begin working toward full jurisdiction for the children of the nation. Once the Ktunaxa Nation has written these laws they will no longer be under the jurisdiction of Indigenous and Northern Affairs (Indian Affairs) Canada or the Government of British Columbia.

In September of this year, I moved into the role of Governance Transition Manager/Cultural Advisor. In this role, I will be working with the Nation on our Ktunaxa Child Welfare Laws. I have worked with KKCFSS since 1998, starting as a Family Support Worker, then in almost all aspects of delegation from Social Worker to Team Lead in the different areas of delegation. I have also experienced the different stages of our existence as an organization.

We have gone from only providing family support services to our children and families working with the Ministry of Children and Families to being fully delegated to providing services to our nation's children and families and eventually to all Indigenous families within our service area both on and off reserve. Over these years I have always tried to ensure that Culture is embedded in the Delegated Services and throughout the organization. With this experience and knowledge, I have a good understanding of what needs to be changed within the current legislation.

Working on our own jurisdiction and developing our own Child Protection Laws is the last step in realizing our Grandmother’s dream of having full authority over our children. This is a big task and will need input from so many people. As part of this work I will be reaching out to our Elders, Knowledge Holders and any interested Nation Members that would like to have input on what our Legislation looks like.

In the next few months I will be setting up both in person and virtual Community Engagement to get your views on what needs to be in our Legislation, what cultural knowledge should be in our Legislation and what shouldn’t be in our Legislation. We know that how we are currently doing things within the realm of Child Protection does not always match with our Cultural Values and as an Indigenous and a Ktunaxa Organization we want to make sure that our Cultural ways of working with Children and Families reflect in our Legislation.

If you would like to be included in these Focus Groups and Community Engagement in the new year, feel free to reach out to me at jjbirdstone@ktunaxa.org

A link to a newsletter that tells more about the engagements coming up this spring...
Medication Return Event: Enter to win prizes!

Drop off at Ktunaxa Health Clinic

DATE: Monday – Thursdays during the Month of March 2023
TIME: 9am-4pm

If you have questions, contact the event organizer:
NAME: Sara Chamber, Community Health Nurse
PHONE: 250-455-7366
EMAIL: sara.chamber@ktunaxa.org

In Partnership With

First Nations Health Authority
Health through Wellness

Read more HERE

Courtesy KNC Health Clinic

The Ktunaxa Health Clinic is having a Medication Return Event during the month of March.
Bring in any old, expired, or no longer needed medications to the clinic for safe disposal and enter to win one of 3 gift certificates to St Eugene’s Numa Restaurant or Ella’s.

Examples of items that can be returned: Prescriptions, pet medications, antibiotics, birth control, vitamins, pills, tablets, creams, or inhalers.

Safely disposing of medications and prescriptions helps keep drugs and chemicals out of the environment, and out of the reach of kids, teens, or adults who might be tempted to misuse them. [https://www.fnha.ca/.../FNHA-Safe-Disposal-of-Medications...](https://www.fnha.ca/.../FNHA-Safe-Disposal-of-Medications...)

**KNC responds to Teck’s appeal of fines**

"The Ktunaxa Nation Council will continue to advocate for ?a·kxaň is ḍapi qapsin, and to support compliance and enforcement actions and processes, including the determinations made by ENV on January 31, 2023."

[Read the KNC press release on some recent developments in Qukin ḍamak?is.](#)

Listen to KNC Nation Chair on [CBC Daybreak HERE](https://www.cbc.ca) (interview starts at 37:42)

[ CBC website coverage](#)

[2Day.FM coverage](#)
Community Connectivity is a Ktunaxa Nation Economic and Investment Sector Council initiative that will provide FREE or Subsidized internet to Ktunaxa citizens residing at one of the four Ktunaxa First Nation communities.

Free, yes, free... IF you reside within one of the four Ktunaxa communities and your service provider is FlexiNet.

Subsidized Internet, if you also reside in one for the four communities and you internet is by another service provider, like TELUS, Shaw, Bell, or others.

Check out our FAQs for more information or this cool video we made: KTUNAXA COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

Visit the Ktunaxa-only project to apply for Free or Subsidized Internet.

https://ktunaxahakqyit.org/ktunaxa-community-connectivity

(Must register to access.)

Food Sovereignty Survey

Courtesy Ash Sterling, TeaCreek.ca
This survey is being conducted by Tea Creek with the support of Indigenous Advisory Council on Agriculture and Food to research a diverse sample of food sovereignty/security initiatives in different nations across BC. We started this survey last year. The intent of the project is to have the map inform better strategies and resource delivery around Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Agriculture.

Survey is here if you have something to say...

**Upcoming events at AFN**

Thanks to AFN and TKL for sharing these updates with us to distribute more widely.

If you have any Ktunaxa events you would like to share via this newsletter, please email news@ktunaxa.org.

Thanks!
Call For Interested community members

Annual General Assembly Planning

If you have an interest in being apart of the planning for the next AGA, please feel free to attend the upcoming AGA planning meeting at the recreation centre board room

MARCH 22, 2023
MEETING TIME: 10 O’CLOCK

FOR AKISQNUK BAND MEMBERS ONLY

GOOD FOOD BOX

The next Good Food Box will go out on April 5th.

Cost $7

To sign up or for more information contact Mary Joseph at reccentre@akisqnuk.org, or 250-342-6301 ext. 3843 (or to Cancel your box)

Please confirm you will pickup. If you do not confirm or sign up by Wednesday March 29th 2023, you will not receive a box.

Pickup is between 1pm and 2pm, Wednesday April 5th.
Ktunaxa Nations: Links

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Website

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Ktunaxa Word of Today

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Do you have a story or Ktunaxa Share for the KNC Report?

Events in your community? Please send directly to news@ktunaxa.org.

Take good care, and thank you for reading.

Hu sukiʔqukni.

Taxa,

Codie Morigeau

Chief Administrative Officer

Ktunaxa Nation Council

Email: cmorigeau@ktunaxa.org