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Ktunaxa Artist Showcase











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



(Photo 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.

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KNC complex care house opens in Cranbrook

An innovative complex care housing facility in Cranbrook began operation in mid-January of 2023. It's located in the former Mary Beth Davis Centre, which was closed in 2020.

The new facility is not a detox centre, it's not a long-term shelter, and it's not open to the general public.

Complex Care: What is it?

The facility is complex-care housing, part of a new, coordinated approach to caring for the most vulnerable and at-risk Ktunaxa, Indigenous and Métis citizens in a culturally safe and relevant way.

"We've been working steadily with our partners since 2021, when the Ktunaxa Nation declared a Mental Health State of Emergency," said

Debbie Whithead, who is Director of the Social Investment Sector at Ktunaxa Nation Council.

Complex care housing is one component of a unique approach the Nation is taking to extend complex care services to at-risk and vulnerable citizens.

"Those who struggle with complex disorders—mental health, addiction, psychosis—need what have been essentially housed from other facilities, still need a warm, safe place to be, where they can receive support," Whithead said. "They need time to acclimate to treatment and welcome supports."

"In many instances, these folks also have added challenges such as poverty, homelessness, and criminal justice involvement."

The Social Investment Sector of KNC put together a Complex Care Outreach Team last summer, then requested Society's license for citizens who are close to finding stable housing. The opening of the facility in January adds one more option, and provides nightly shelter for the most at-risk citizens.

For citizens who access it, the new facility is a nightly spot to rest, wash clothes, have meals and be safe. Citizens typically go to Operation Street Angel during the day. Operation Street Angel is in Cranbrook, and offers supports, meals and culturally safe community opportunities during the day. Continued on Page 4.

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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!

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Have you checked out akisqnuq.org lately?

ᐱakisq̓nuk 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 Hotsprings, BC



Open to Syilx Okanagan,
Ktunaxa, Secwépemc
young adults ages 19-29.

Transportation support, meals,
accommodation, honorariums
provided.

APPLY NOW! Contact:

Valerie Michel, Secwépemc
Nation crt@shuswapnation.org

Troy Hunter, Ktunaxa Nation
troyd.hunter@ktunaxa.org

Syilx Okanagan Nation c/o
admin@columbiariversalmon.ca



BRINGING the SALMON HOME

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ʔatʔ suʔkiniʔ swaqmu

Tspelq'entém re Sqélkten

The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

ColumbiaRiverSalmon.ca

Elders engagement sessions

KTUNAXA NATION ELDERS

YOU ARE INVITED:

Elders Engagement Session

-Bill C-92
-KKCFSS 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
Akisqnuq 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
250.342.6379
or emailing
lori.sluth@ktunaxa.org

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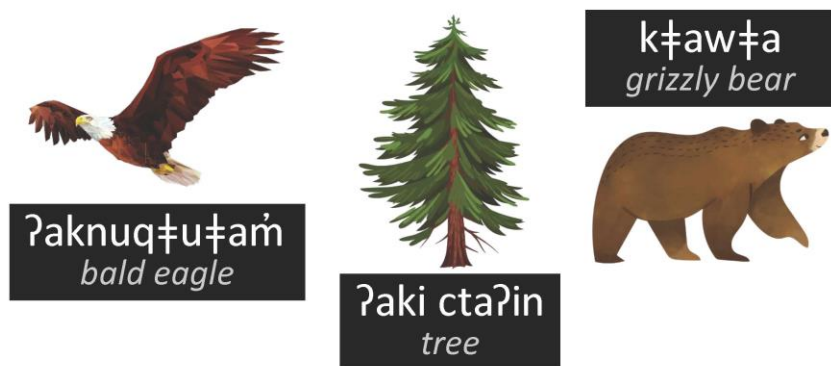
PRESENTS

LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH

ALL KTUNAXA, SHUSWAP AND METIS 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 jbirdstone@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

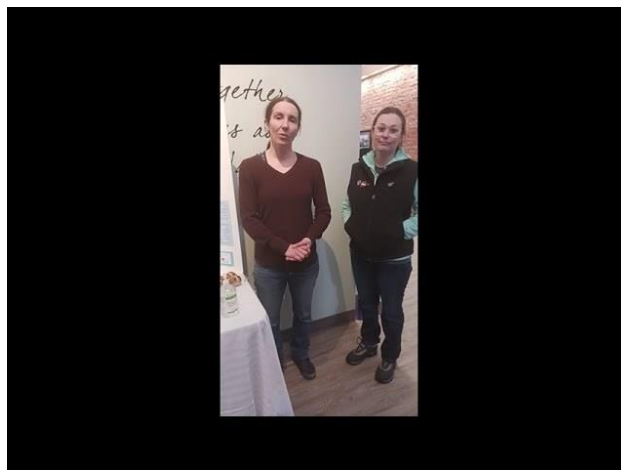
If you have questions, contact the event organizer:

NAME: Sara Chorney, Community Health Nurse

PHONE: 250-420-2700

EMAIL: sara.chorney@ktunaxa.org

In Partnership With



[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...>

KNC responds to Teck's appeal of fines



"The Ktunaxa Nation Council will continue to advocate for ʔa·kxaḥ is ǵapi 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 ʔamakʔis.](#)

Listen to KNC Nation Chair on [CBC Daybreak HERE](#) (interview starts at 37:42)

[CBC website coverage](#)

[2Day.FM coverage](#)

Ktunaxa Community Connectivity



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://ktunaxahakqiyit.org/ktunaxa-community-connectivity)

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(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!



KTUNAXA NATION TKL SECTOR invites you to



DRUM MAKING WORKSHOP

March 25th & 26th
9am
Columbia Lake
Recreation Centre
Mural Room

*Come enjoy
a day with
community*

All ʔakisǰnukniiks and community welcome to come learn how to make a drum.

Call or text Martina to reserve a drum. Only 10 drums sets available, or come out to support and observe.

Admission is FREE ————— To register please text or call 250-859-2961
Martina.Escutin@ktunaxa.org for inquiries


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 TAKISQNUK 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 recieve a box.
Pickup is between 1pm and 2pm.,
Wednesday April 5th.

SUPAMAN

Entertaining performance utilizing flute playing, fancy dancing, video,
comedy and hip hop music !!

@ Columbia Lake Recreation Centre

Monday, March 27th!!! 1:00—4:00 pm

Open to
All ages!!



Everyone
Welcome!!

\$ Admission by donation \$

Proceeds will go towards future ʔakisq̓nuk Community opportunities!

There will be a concession for snacks and refreshments.

**** CASH ONLY! ****

Ktunaxa Nations: Links



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Ktunaxa Word of Today

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Spring

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.

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Taxa,

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Ktunaxa Nation Council

Email: cmorigeau@ktunaxa.org
