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Councillor Codie Morigeau Report January/February 2017
Kiʔsuk kyukyit January and February have proven to be busy and full months in my role as Councillor for ʔaqam. I currently hold the following positions within my role of ʔaqam Councillor:

ʔaqam Administration and Social portfolios, KNC Social Sector Chair, Ktunaxa Nation Executive Council (KNEC Member), KNC Finance Committee Chair, and Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services (KKCFS) Board Member

I have participated in two ʔaqam administration meetings where I provide support to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) between Chief and Council meetings. We have been working towards preparing for the Chief and Council strategy session February 24, 2017.

There have been two Social Sector Council meetings and one support meeting that I have attended. The Social Sector has been working hard to develop an Urban Services Society that will be responsible for front line services and delivery to remove front line services from the Nation Government for liability purposes. We have also been approved to have a Treatment Centre within the Ktunaxa Territory which has involved a lot of work and partnership with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). The creation of this Treatment Centre will include capital funding to contribute to build a new facility or upgrade a facility to standard. The Social Sector Director will be working with the Social Sector Council and all of the Band Council's to determine the location for the facility.

As the Social Sector Chair I am appointed to the Ktunaxa Nation Executive Council (KNEC) which meets 5 times a year. On January 19, 2017, I attended the KNEC where we approved the revised KNC Finance Committee's Terms of Reference (TOR), approved the BC Capacity Initiative Funding Application, set a date for the Ktunaxa Nation Protocol meeting, discussed the KNC becoming a guarantor for the buyout of the partners for St. Eugene Mission Resort, and discussed the Ktunaxa Economic Community and Development Agreement (ECDA).

The KNEC approved the Finance Committee's TOR that will give direction and mandate to reinstate the Finance Committee and look to function as a support and recommendation body to the KNEC regarding financial decisions. In 2009 the KNC, Kootenay Tribe of Idaho (KTOI) and the Confederated Salish & Kootenay Tribes (CSKT) signed a protocol with the intention of meeting collectively to discuss common topics. The three groups will come together and meet on March 13, 2017.

The Economic Sector and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the KNC have been working with the St. Eugene Holdings Limited (SHL) Board of Directors to work towards buying out the other two partners, Samson Cree Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, for one hundred percentage ownership of St. Eugene Mission Resort and Casino. In order to facilitate this purchase, the SHL Board is looking to the KNC to sign as guarantor to the loan that would be taken out for this purchase. Although the KNEC did support this in principle, a meeting of all 20 leaders (4 Chiefs and 16 Councillors from the 4 bands) has been called due to the significance of the decision to be made and ensure that all leadership is presented fulsome information to discuss the details of the purchase and implications of becoming the guarantor. The meeting of the 20 Leaders was scheduled to take place on February 20, 2017, but has been postponed to take place in March.

I have attended three Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services meetings that included two Board meetings and a Staff Working Meeting. Highlights from the Board meetings include: reviewing policy (technology, vehicle usage), approving the bilateral agreement with the ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), Board Finance training, the Ktunaxa House and our Child and Family exception Signs of Safety (SOS). The Board approved a new structure to support the management of the Child & Family Agency and for the past 6 months the Agency has thrived under the Direction of Jackie Brown as the Executive Director and Tanner DeBruyne as the Practice Manager. Our Practice Exception, Signs of Safety, has been vital in allowing us to work with children and families in a positive and culturally appropriate manner. Jackie and Tanner have been working diligently with MCFD to ensure that we continue to hold our exception to practice the SOS model with our children and families.

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Health News Medical assistance while traveling.

Going to the Emergency room while traveling into the USA is not covered by First Nations Health Authority. A typical emergency visit in the States can range from \$618 (for a basic visit hospital charge) up into the thousands depending on what is needed at the time. The best course to avoid these charges while traveling is to purchase medical travel insurance before leaving on your trip. **The Band will not be responsible for any medical charges incurred while traveling.**

March is Liver Awareness Month

The liver is a resilient, maintenance-free organ that's easy to ignore - until something goes wrong. Because of its wide-ranging responsibilities, the liver often comes under attack by viruses, toxic substances (including alcohol), contaminants and disease. Often, people with liver problems will be completely unaware because they may have few, if any, symptoms.

The liver performs over 500 different functions including fighting off infection, neutralizing toxins, manufacturing proteins and hormones, controlling blood sugar and helping to clot the blood. At any one time, the liver contains about 10% of the blood in your body and it pumps about 1.4 litres through per minute. The liver is the only organ that can regenerate itself thus making it possible for one person to donate part of their liver to another person. When a portion of the liver is transplanted, the donor's liver will regenerate back to its original size while the transplanted portion will grow to the appropriate size for the recipient.

While there have been major advances in treating liver diseases, there are no cures. That's why it's important to take steps to prevent liver disease, such as making healthy lifestyle choices and getting immunized against viruses that can cause liver disease.



**BladeRunners
Pesticide Applicator Training**

Cranbrook
March 20 - March 31, 2017

- Pesticide Applicator Certification
- Wildlife & Bear Awareness
- WHMIS

Register early to reserve your seat!
Contact Suzanne or Savannah at 250.489.2464
DEADLINE: Thursday, March 9, 2017

The BladeRunners Youth Employability Program eligibility

- 16 -30 years of age ■ Unemployed
- Under-employed (20 hours or less) ■ Not in school
- No EI Attachment

ʔaqam "Umbrella" Home Insurance

Home Insurance existing/new are due March 10, 2017 please stop by the office to fill out a Home Insurance form or bring in your copy, we will then send in the information to be calculated. Please note that after we have received calculation back insurance premiums must be paid in full before you will be added to the ʔaqam band insurance.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:
Alicia Phillips Program Coordinator ext 3580

Elections BC—East Kootenay Electoral District

Elections BC will have a table set up in the ʔaqam Main Office on Friday, March 10, 2017 from 9:00—3:00 pm. The table will have information on the upcoming election and Enumerators can help you update your personal information on the voters list. An Enumerator (Band Member) will also be going door to door to update your information if you are unable to come into the office. The goal of this outreach is to have as many Community Members of ʔaqam on the voters list or have their information updated prior to the general election.

The Provincial Election is May 9, 2017.

Aboriginal Community Policing Report

Submit this report by the 4th of the month, per policy ["E" Div. OM 38.1 - Aboriginal Policing Services](#)

Report Prepared by (Member Name) Cst. ARCHER		Date Report Prepared (yyyy-mm-dd) 2017-02-07	
Report From Detachment (required) Cranbrook		Community (required) St. Mary's	
Report Month (required) January	Report Year (yyyy) (required) 2017	Total Hours Spent Policing the Nation / Community by APS Members During the Month 160	
Part I: Offences Reported and / or Committed in Your Community		Part II: Number of Events Attended by All Detachment Personnel in Community Policing / Prevention Initiatives within the Community	
A. Criminal Code	Number	B. Substance Abuse	Number
1. Assaults - Spousal / Other	1	1. Drug Related	2
2. Sexual Related		2. Liquor Related	
3. Break and Enter		C. Traffic	Number
4. Thefts - Over / Under		1. Charges	
5. Fail to Comply		2. Warnings	1
6. Mischief		3. Driving Prohibitions	
7. Impaired Driving	1	D. Assistance / Services	Number
8. Threats		1. MCFD	
9. Frauds		2. BC Ambulance	
10. Youth		3. Fire Department	
11. Mental Health Act		4. Other - please explain:	
12. Search Warrants - explain:			
13. Other - explain: Motor Vehicle collision, Breach of the peace X 2			
Part III: Hours Spent in Nation / Community by APS Members			
Type of Work		Number of Hours	
1. Hours Worked in Your First Nation Community		40	
2. Hours Worked in Other Nations		120	
3. Other APS Duties - please explain:			
4. Voluntary Overtime - please explain non-APS duties:			
Total Hours Worked (Rows 1 + 2 + 3 + 4)		160	
Part IV: Narrative Interpretation of Statistics in Parts I to III (text fields will expand as needed)			
(I) List the priorities of the Letter of Expectation Youth Substance abuse Road Safety and Patrol			
(II) Describe particular problems, crime trends, program updates and initiatives, recommendations / solutions, based on: - First Nations Community events / activities during the reporting period - Future plans and initiatives involving the Nation and the RCMP - Feedback from any community or advisory committee meetings held during the reporting period - Brief description of significant events responded to by police personnel during the reporting period - Developing problems and trends which should be addressed, and their solutions and suggestions			
Jan 6, Possible impaired driver left Casino - vehicle not located Jan 6, Drugs were found at Casino and were turned over to police Jan 11, CCG at Aqam (St. Mary's) Jan 13, Band member called in a person passing them in school zone. Vehicle located and verbal warning given as per complainant request Jan 13, Vehicle went into ditch gone upon police arrival Jan 14, Domestic assault with a weapon. Person arrested and charged with assault with weapon Jan 21, Members of Crazy Indian Brotherhood gang were checked by police in a vehicle on Mission Road. Jan 22, Breach of the peace. Police attended a residence for a family dispute (argument) and had to return a second time. 2 people arrested and drug paraphernalia with drug residue was seized Numerous patrols of the reservations done though out the month			

Flood season is upon us and with it comes landslide risk. ?aqam Staff and Council have been working on both prevention and planning to mitigate personal and property impacts. If a severe slide impacts access on Mission Wasa Low Road the trigger of events will be as follows:

- Main Roads will be called out to clear the slide.
- Main Roads is obligated to a response time of 5 to 6 hours, if we are in the midst of severe weather or a separate more critical emergency is elsewhere, they will contact a secondary contractor to attend.
- If a secondary contractor is sent out to respond, they will have to await the safety approval of an engineer prior to beginning work. We are told that the engineer would need to fly in from Kelowna; a delay in relief would be definite.
- Once safe to do so, clearing of debris would begin; the amount of time that this could take is dependent on the size of the slide and could be in the upward of 24 hours or more.
- If the timeline to open the road to at least single lane traffic is too great, Nasu?kin Joe Pierre Jr. would consider issuing a state of emergency. Once a state of emergency is triggered, administration would open a file with Provincial Emergency Services to access funding to carry out relief.
- Once deemed necessary, efforts to plow the alternative route, which would require a large dozer, would commence.

We encourage all community members to plan for the worst; have your 72 hour Emergency kits ready now! Here is a list to help you with your planning.

- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- Manual can-opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs).

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Are you changing your Band membership in the near future?

Do you have a lawful possession of reserve land (i.e. Certificate of Possession or other evidence of title) with your current First Nation?

IF SO: Read this important information about the operation of Section 25 of the Indian Act.

25(1) "An Indian who ceases to be entitled to reside on a reserve may, with in six months or such further period as the minister may direct, transfer to the band or another member of the band the right to possession of any lands in the reserve of which he was lawfully in possession."

25(2) "Where an Indian does not dispose of his right of possession in accordance with Subsection (1), the right to possession of the land reverts to the band, subject to the payment to the Indian who was lawfully in possession of the land, from the funds of the band, of such compensation for permanent improvements as the Minister may determine.

If you are changing Band membership and are affected by Section 25 of the *Indian Act*, you need to complete a Transfer form (transfer of land in an Indian Reserve), and submit the transfer to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) within 6 months of changing your membership. You will also need to provide the documentation required under the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*. These forms may be available at your Band Office, or can be provided by INAC upon request.

Any extension to the 6-month period, as noted in Section 25(2), needs to be requested in writing prior to the end of the 6-month period. A lawful possession which is not transferred within the 6-month period will revert to the Band.

For further information about the operation of Section 25 of the *Indian Act* contact INAC as indicated below.

Toll Free: 1-800-665-9320 or email BCLandRegistry@aandc.gc.ca

?aqamnik Elementary School News

7500 Mission Road Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5
phone: (250) 489-5183 fax: (250) 489-5455

RE: School Updates for March Newsletter

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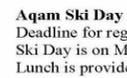
What a crazy February! ?aqamnik students got to enjoy a few good Snow Days last month. This month, ?aqamnik Parents can expect to see the Second Term Report cards in the Beginning of March.

Please Note: The School will be CLOSED for Spring Break from Monday March 20th – Friday March 31st and will Re-open on Monday April 3rd at the regular scheduled school hours.

**Social Development
March 2017**



Men's Night
Wed, Mar 15th at 5:00 pm in Member Services Building
Sons, fathers, uncles, grandfathers, men of all ages welcome
Free hair cuts
Lots of Food



Aqam Ski Day
Deadline for registration is Mar 3rd
Ski Day is on Mon, Mar 20th at 8:45 am
Lunch is provided



Craft Day
Thurs, Mar 23rd 8:30 –4:30 Member Services Building
Bring your craft i.e. moccasin, regalia, etc. or start a new craft
Lunch is available



Hide Tanning
Thurs, Mar 30th 8:30-4:30 Member Services Building
Learn the traditional process of hide tanning



Youth Dinner & a Movie
Wed, Mar 22nd
Meet at Boston Pizza at 5:00 pm



Fairmont Family Swim
Mon, Mar 27th
Bus leaves at 9:00 am from school
Lunch is provided



Wednesday, March 15, 2017 is the

Deadline for Feedback on the

Draft Trespass & Access to ?aqam Lands Law, 2017

?aqam is requesting that Members provide their comments, concerns or suggestions about this Draft Law in writing, on or before **Wednesday March 15, 2017**. If a member is unable to provide written feedback, they can arrange a meeting or phone call with staff to record feedback on their behalf. Please direct all feedback to Chris Bosman, ?aqam Interim Director of Lands and Natural Resources phone: 250-426-5717 Ext. 3531 or Email: CBosman@aqam.net

Members may obtain full copies of the Draft *Trespass & Access to ?aqam Lands Law, 2017* and Introductory Power Point Presentation of this Law, from the reception desk at the ?aqam Administration Building, (hardcopies only). If you prefer a digital file, you can download both from our ?aqam website www.AQAM.net, under the News & Events tab. You may also request an electronic and/or hard copies from Leanna Rhodes, Lands Officer at LRhodes@aqam.net or 250-426-5717 Ext. 3533.

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March, 2017**

1st Abigail H, Naomi J. 7th Jon J. 12th Delores A, Gloria
W. 16th Robyn A. 20th Tabi C,
Star C. 24th Nukinka M.
27th Savanna P. 28th Mark H, Tianna G.
31st Tim M

**Special ?akinmititnis to those whom wish
to remain anonymous**