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BAND OFFICE

VISITORS BY **APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Given the increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in community the Band Office is closed to outside visitors until further notice.

If you need to meet with any Band Office Staff we ask that you make an appointment, bring a mask and make sure you are fully vaccinated

To make an appointment please call (250) 286-6949

Thank you for your understanding.

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Omicron Variant: Protect Yourself from COVID-19

The omicron variant is generally mild but is the most contagious COVID-19 variant to date. All of us play a role in protecting our communities and our loved ones. Follow these tips to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- **Get vaccinated.** The more people who are vaccinated, the less chance of becoming critically ill. The elderly and people with chronic and/or concurrent illness are most at risk from COVID-19
 - Individuals who have up-to-date COVID-19 vaccines have the best protection from acquiring and becoming seriously ill from Omicron
- **Make sure to wash your hands** and cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a napkin.
- **Wear a facemask** when indoors with people from outside your household. A cloth mask is fine for most public spaces
- **Avoid the use of formal greetings** such as handshakes, hugs or kisses with friends or people outside your household. Safe greetings include waving, nodding or "air hugging"
- **Limit unnecessary travel** and avoid larger gatherings with others
- **Stay home if you are not feeling well.** This will keep your community safer
- **Self-isolate and get tested** for COVID-19 if you are exhibiting symptoms
- **If symptoms progress,** seek medical attention

During the pandemic it is important to check in with yourself and others - if you aren't feeling 100%, it is better to stay home.

For additional support to **resource community responses** to the Omicron variant, please contact COVID19needs@fnha.ca

For additional **support for isolation and transport costs**, please contact HB.eligibility@fnha.ca

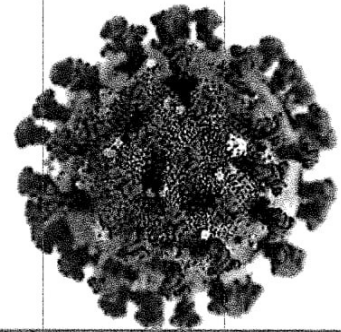
Thank you for doing your part to keep your community safe!

Learn more about COVID-19 prevention at www.fnha.ca/coronavirus

COVID-19 Rapid Testing

Available Now

at KDC Health



What do I do if I develop symptoms?

If you develop any symptoms such as cough, runny nose, or fever. It is recommended to be tested for COVID-19.

You can call the KDC Health COVID-19 Call Centre

7 days a week between 9:00am to 7:00pm

Appointments will be scheduled from 1:00-3:30 Monday thru Saturday ONLY (No appointments on Sunday)

778-348-7657

If unable to get through, please leave a message and our on-call staff will get back to you within 1 hr.

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY BREATHING
CALL 911**

Where do I get the test done?

You will be booked for a scheduled time to arrive in the round-about and a swab or gargle test will be administered and testing will be completed in the KDC Health main office. You will be notified within 2hr.'s of your test results.

What happens if I have test positive for COVID-19?

A nurse will call to inform of results and give further direction.

1) You will be instructed to self-isolate

Supports KDC Health can offer through-out your isolation period

- ⇒ At home isolation kits (sanitizing and cleaning supplies)
- ⇒ Isolation Trailers (for people who can not safely isolate at home)
- ⇒ Daily check-in's
- ⇒ FNHA COVID meal funding application
- ⇒ Information & understanding of Provincial Health Guidelines and other related resources
- ⇒ Vaccination

COVID-19

How to self-isolate when you are a close contact



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

How to self-isolate

Do not go to work, school, or other public places. Have family, friends, or a delivery service deliver food, medication, and other supplies to you. Do not have visitors inside unless they are homecare providers. Do not go outside of your home if you have a cough.

If you don't have a cough, you can go outside of your home in some circumstances. If you need to walk your dog, get fresh air, take out the garbage, or go to shared spaces for laundry or mail:

- Wear a well-fitted 3-layer mask that covers your nose and mouth and goes under your chin.
- Stay 2 meters away from others at all times, inside and outside.
- Go outside at quieter times, when there are fewer people around.
- Only go to places where you know you will have space to distance yourself from others.
- Avoid shouting, singing or exercising that makes you breathe harder, as these activities increase the chance of spreading COVID-19.
- Walks can be with one other person who is also a close-contact in your household (maximum two people out together).
- Clean hands before touching anything outside of your home.
- Do not stop to talk to others, even if you are wearing a mask and staying 2 meters apart.
- If you live in a condo or apartment: Avoid busy waiting areas and elevators. Take the stairs if possible. If you must take the elevator, ride alone or with one other household member who is also self-isolating. Do not use common areas such as gyms or pools.

If you live with others

Let everyone at home know you are self-isolating.

- If possible, stay in your own room and use a different bathroom than others.
- If you must be in a room with others:
 - Stay more than 2 meters apart as much as possible.
 - Everyone should wear a 3-layer mask that covers the nose and mouth and goes under the chin.
 - Open windows to increase airflow.
- Eat alone in the room where you are self-isolating. If you must eat in a shared space, eat by yourself.
- Everyone should wash hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer.
- If you share a bathroom:
 - Put down the toilet seat before you flush.
 - Turn on the fan or open the window.
 - Clean handles and faucets after each use
 - Avoid sharing personal items like toothbrushes and towels
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces such as door handles, light switches, faucets, phones, computers and remote controls.



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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Next Income Assistance Cheque Issuance is
Wednesday FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022, for the month of
MARCH 2022.

Cheques will be delivered to your home starting at 11 am-
if you are needing cheques earlier – please call office and
they can be left up front for pick-up

REMINDER:

(Fully Filled out) DECLARATIONS NEED TO BE HANDED
IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY Feb 11th, 2022

Pay-lists are processed every Friday before Cheque day, therefore,
if declarations are handed in late, there is a 2-3 day wait until your
cheque may be processed

MONTHLY DECLARATIONS:

No declaration = no cheque (unable to verify eligibility).

It is the **clients** responsibility to disclose any information that is required ie. EI
payments, Earned Income, higher EPP payment on Hydro, within your
Declaration, OR any change in circumstance. Declarations are a legal document
that verifying monthly eligibility.

Gila kasla, Nicole Dumont, Social Development Manager



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Income Assistance Payment Dates for 2022 are:

Income Assistance Payment Dates	Benefit Months
JANUARY 19 TH , 2022	FEBRUARY 2022
FEBRUARY 16 TH , 2022	MARCH 2022
MARCH 23 RD , 2022	APRIL 2022
APRIL 27 TH , 2022	MAY 2022
MAY 25 TH , 2022	JUNE 2022
JUNE 22 ND , 2022	JULY 2022
JULY 20 TH , 2022	AUGUST 2022
AUGUST 24, 2022	SEPTEMBER 2022
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022	OCTOBER 2022
OCTOBER 26 TH , 2022	NOVEMBER 2022
NOVEMBER 23 RD , 2022	DECEMBER 2022
DECEMBER 21 ST , 2022	JANUARY 2023

Emergency Management and Preparedness

Wei Wai Kum Lands Department is working on preparing the Nation to respond to emergencies. The new green sea can behind the Thunderbird Hall (below) is being used to store emergency supplies. These supplies will be used if we ever need to evacuate part of the reserve and house people at the Thunderbird Hall.



At the moment we have food, water, cots and blankets. In the future, we aim to get more supplies and start training members of the community so Wei Wai Kum is prepared to respond to emergencies that may impact.

If anybody has questions about emergency preparedness please contact stephenhextall@weiwaikum.ca or 250-797-5240.



Addition-to-reserve update

The addition to reserve (ATR) process, especially for projects with existing development such as the Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre can be complex and time consuming. One of the requirements for the ATR process is an environmental site assessment. This was just completed for the site with the help of some funding from Indigenous Services Canada. Another requirement is to re-write all interests such as leases, easements, right-of-ways, and others to ensure they abide by the Land Code laws and regulations rather than the municipal and provincial laws and regulations. Though the changes are not too significant to the documents there are close to 80 interests to review and replace that must also reviewed by the interest holders and their lawyers. We are currently focused on the headleases but hope to be moving onto the sub-leases soon. Among the many benefits of the ATR when it is fully complete Wei Wai Kum will be able to charge property taxes rather than pay property taxes on the property. All Wei Wai Kum laws and bylaws will also apply to those properties at that time as well.



A large, stylized white outline of a tree with a thick trunk and a full, rounded canopy, set against a solid orange rectangular background.

LAND USE PLAN ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

February 9th

1:30-2:00

2:00-2:30

5:30-6:00

6:00-6:30

One-to-One zoom sessions are available to discuss, provide feedback and ask questions about the Land Use Plan. Contact tabithadonkers@weiwaikum.ca to sign up for a session



STATUS CARDS PAST THE RENEWAL DATE

Information for persons registered under the *Indian Act* about status card validity.

Since April 2020, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has extended the validity date of status cards and Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension will end on **May 1, 2022**.

If your status card is past its renewal date, you should renew it now.

SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (SCIS)

- » Submit a complete application by **February 28, 2022** to allow for processing time to avoid delays.
- » To find out how to renew the SCIS, visit canada.ca/indian-status-card or contact the regional office nearest you or your First Nation office.
- » You can now take your own photo when applying for the SCIS using the [SCIS Photo App](#).

CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (CIS)

- » Some First Nation offices issue the CIS.
- » To find out if your First Nation issues the CIS and how to renew the CIS, contact your First Nation office.

TEMPORARY CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION DOCUMENT (TCRD)

- » You can ask for a [Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document](#) if you need proof of registration while waiting for your new card.
- » To get a TCRD by mail, contact Indigenous Services Canada at 1-800-567-9604 from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 6 pm Eastern time.
- » To get a TCRD in person, contact the regional office nearest you.

INDIAN STATUS DOES NOT EXPIRE.

Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access certain services and programs.

For a list of regional offices, visit canada.ca/indian-status.

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Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala

Bilingual Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72

The early Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala bilingual program is a district program housed in Ripple Rock Elementary aimed to develop Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala bilingual speakers. The classroom teachers and language and culture teachers work together to create an environment where students can learn, play and grow in Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala. Enrollment is dependent upon space and staffing considerations.

WHAT IS EARLY Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala?

- Along with the primary classroom teachers there are certified language teachers to support language growth of the teachers and students.
- In the early elementary years (K-3) Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala is the main language of instruction and English is used to support understanding within the lessons. Students are encouraged to interact in Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala for all school-related activities.
- The curriculum parallels the English language program. Children are expected to develop the same level of competence in academic, social and physical skills as their counterparts in the English program.
- The classroom experiences connect foundational skills, Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala, and supporting children in being proud of who they are and where they come from.
- A learning environment for children to be connected to their community through their language, stories, and relationships.

WHO IS THE Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala BILINGUAL PROGRAM FOR?

- Early Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala is a program of choice open to all children entering kindergarten or grades 1, 2, 3.
- The program is open to families wanting to increase language opportunities, strengthening the use of Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala at school, home and in communities.

Common Questions

Will my child receive the same quality of education in the early Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala bilingual program?

Yes. The programs follow the Ministry of Education curriculum.

Will my child adapt to a class where limited English is spoken?

Yes. Children adapt very easily. Those who are very confident begin using the language right away. Others need more of an initiation period. As their confidence builds, they begin to interact more in Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala.

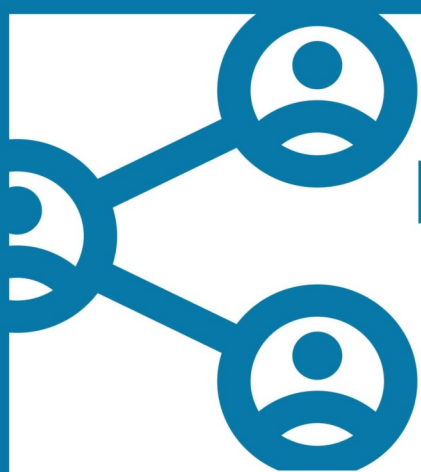
Will my child keep up in their English language development?

Yes. Language mechanisms are taught in both English and Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala. Supporting the two languages can strengthen the first language and vice-versa.

How can I help my child at home?

At the early elementary level, parents and guardians can encourage their children by demonstrating an active interest in their language learning and where possible create connections with other Kʷaḵʷala and Liḵʷala language speakers. Parents should continue to read with their child in English. As children progress through the years, it is wonderful to celebrate their learning and take an active role in their day-to-day lessons.

For more information contact either the school principal at (250) 850.2035 or the Indigenous Education department at (250) 830.2332



INDIGENOUS CLIMATE RESILIENCE FORUM

February 9-11, 2022

The Indigenous Climate Resilience Forum is a three-day virtual event hosted by the Province designed to connect and support Indigenous communities in their climate resilience and adaptation work.

This event will be hosted on Zoom with networking sessions on Gather from February 9-11, 2022, with a pre-event virtual training session on the 8th and a keynote address from Dr. Jeannette Armstrong on the evening of the 10th.

The forum is intended to build capacity through networking, learning, collaboration, and skill-building. Sessions will include story-sharing, presentations from climate resilience and food security innovators and researchers, opportunities for participants to learn about funding opportunities, workshops on grant-writing and other skills, and a cross-ministry open-house for participants to connect with provincial representatives.



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For more information or to register for the event, please visit:

<https://www.alderhill.ca/resilienceforum>

or scan the QR code on the poster.

For any questions, please contact
ren@alderhill.ca



INDIGENOUS CLIMATE RESILIENCE FUTURES ZINE



The world is changing...

but Indigenous Peoples continue to survive and thrive just as we have from the very beginning. Now more than ever we need to share our voices and visions for the future, to inspire each other as we adapt to this changing environment. We invite you to imagine a world where our people are thriving - happy, healthy, taking care of the Lands and Waters, with food sovereignty, able to co-exist and work in harmony with nature as we have done since time immemorial.

We invite Indigenous-identifying folks (especially Indigenous youth, Elders, two-spirit folks, urban Indigenous Peoples, creatives, and non-linear thinkers) from across the province to share their vision for an Indigenous climate-resilient and food-secure/sovereign future in a way that feels authentic to yourself, your family, your community, and your culture. Collaboration between youth and Elders is strongly encouraged.

artwork - poetry - song - video - interview - prose -
comics - cartoons - stories - and more

Submissions are open until

February 28th, 2022

(early bird bonuses are available for submissions
received by January 31!)

All submissions will receive a scaled
honorarium
(of up to \$300!)

Want to find
out more?

<https://www.alderhill.ca/zine>





JOB POSTING

Part Time Chamber Maid / House Keeper

HOUSEKEEPER for year-round part time employment. This position will lead into increased hours as we get into the busy summer season. At times being on call is needed, as bookings come in daily at times on short notice.

Rate of Pay: \$17.00

Start Date: As soon as possible

Hours: 8 to 22 Hours per week

Our Housekeepers deliver exceptional guest experiences by:

- Ensuring Guest Cottages and public areas at cottages are clean and safe
- Passionate about the hospitality industry and the guests we serve
- Ensuring the cleanliness of all linens and towels
- Keeping Cottages sanitized, stocked and organized
- Keep house-keeping storage and supply building tidy and organized and stocked, inform manager when supplies are low.
- Attention to detail is extremely important.
- Being highly responsible and reliable

-Follow our COVID-19 operational protocols and procedures for staff and guest's.

-Regular sanitization of Cottages after guest's check-out, as required by new Worksafe BC protocol due to Covid-19.

-Sanitize all common areas in the RV Park/Resort as set out by management to adhere to Worksafe BC protocol.

Responsibilities: Under direction and support of Office Management, responsibilities for this position include but are not limited to:

- Meet or exceed guest expectations of great service by providing and maintaining the highest level of professionalism, and cleanliness.
 - Contribute to a positive workspace through the use of effective communication skills within the housekeeping department and all office and outdoor maintenance staff.
 - Continually strive to improve cleanliness standards
 - Ensure the cleanliness and order of all work areas, common areas and equipment for cottages
 - Responsible for cleaning guest Cottage suites and common areas
 - Safe operation of standard Housekeeping equipment and other duties as assigned
 - Ability to work independently and part of a team is extremely important
 - Ability to work well under pressure in a fast-paced environment at times
- **Specific duties include:**
 - Cleaning and sanitize up to four small cottages
 - Laundry after check-outs (bedding, towels, blankets, etc.)
 - Keep cottage storage rooms tidy, organized and advise management when we need to restock supplies
 - Sanitize washrooms, laundry room and other related duties as they may arise or as requested
 - **Able to work a flexible schedule which may include weekends and able to work on a on-call basis with short notice at times. All hours are day shifts.**

Qualifications:

- Previous hotel/motel or Chamber maid or House Keeping experience considered an asset.
- W.H.M.I.S Certification would be considered an asset.
- First aid certification would be considered an asset.

Preference will be given to Weiwaikum Band members with the above qualifications.

We are willing to train the right person. Only those short listed will be contacted.

Drop off your cover letter and Resume to the Thunderbird RV Park & Cottage Resort Office from 9am to 6pm.

CALL FOR INTEREST

ARE YOU A BAND MEMBER OVER THE AGE
OF 18 WITH A VALID DRIVERS LICNESE?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURSUING A
CAREER IN SECURITY?



If you are interested, please call Merci Brown at the Administration office (250)286-6949 or email mercibrown@weiwaikum.ca.