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June 28, 2024

Katzie First Nation

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MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024



KATZIE
FIRST NATION
...Land of the Moss

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General Band Meeting Notice and Agenda

Sunday, July 28th , 2024

12:30PM - 5:00PM

In Person at KHCC Gym 19700 Salish Road, or Online via Zoom Meeting
(registration details to follow)

- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm – 3:00pm Open House/Department Information Booths
- 3:00 pm - Council Updates
- 5:00 PM - Adjournment

*** Submit any agenda items to meetings@katzie.ca no later than Friday, July 19th , 2024 by 3 pm. Zoom**

Meeting Link will be provided closer to the GBM



Hi, I'm Sheila

I have 5 years of public practice accounting experience, my experience ranging from tax, audit and private enterprise. I wrote CPA Canada's final exam, the Common Final Examination last May.

My family settled to Vancouver from China when I was 3. I grew up in Coquitlam so the Tri-cities are special to me and will always feel like home.

Outside of accounting, I am enthusiastic about many topics from art, fashion, health, psychology, and spirituality. I can't get enough material about those topics and am always adding new books to my Kindle.

One less commonly known fact about me is that I was in fashion school before accounting.

I am honoured for this new endeavor supporting both the Finance and Referrals department with all the dynamic work they are doing.

If you would like to reach out, please contact me via email at finance@katzie.ca

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Kennedy Vanderwoerd



My name is Kennedy Vanderwoerd, and I am thrilled to join the youth team as your new youth coordinator here at Katzie!

A little about me is I just finished my third year at Simon Fraser University pursuing a degree in Indigenous Studies. This opportunity allows me to merge my academic passion along with my commitment to serving this community. I grew up on the Sunshine Coast with my lovely parents Adam & Shannon and my older sister, Katzie. I now live in Surrey, and I bring a deep passion for our culture, heritage, and the well-being of our youth. I am excited to collaborate with each of you to empower the youth, celebrate our traditions, and foster a vibrant future for generations to come. I look forward to learning from each of you and contributing to our collective journey of growth and resilience.

Thank you,
Kennedy



k'weq'ənəq

Proposed transfer of federal Crown land and public education campaign: It's our Time – k'weq'ənəq for Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations

Prepared for the communities of Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations

k'weq'ənəq – Proposed transfer of Crown land and public campaign to support economic reconciliation

Overview

The Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo Nations (“the Nations”) have been stewards of our territory for thousands of years. Essential to our future prosperity is a piece of land in an area of the Nations’ shared territory.

From reviewing information on traditional place names in this area, the Nations have been referring to this area as k'weq'ənəq, which translates to ‘look out for enemies.’ Traditionally, this area was an important travel and trade route from ocean to river resources between communities and offered a good vantage point for seeing who was travelling up and down the water ways. The Nations are considering the possibility of a new name if the land is acquired.

k'weq'ənəq is currently recognized as federal Crown land, and it has been declared surplus by the federal government. While k'weq'ənəq may be surplus to the federal government, it is not surplus to the Nations. We are calling for k'weq'ənəq to be returned to our three Nations to support our collective future.

Why we are advocating for k'weq'ənəq

k'weq'ənəq is administered by the federal Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development (ISED). For the last several decades the property has been leased to the Heppell’s Potato Corporation, owned by a wealthy settler family and home to the potatoes used in making Hardbite chips. The land is federally held and not in the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve.

When ISED declared this land as surplus, they began a process to dispose of k'weq'ənəq.

k'weq'ənəq is the last substantial piece of Crown land in the Nations’ collective territory which we can assert our rights and title on. Like many urban First Nations, the territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo have been heavily developed, and are primarily made up of private parcels that the Nations cannot acquire through rights and title assertion. As such, the Nations are advocating for k'weq'ənəq to be returned to the Nations for our collective benefit, and for the benefit of the greater community of Canada. By using the lands according to their historic and traditional uses (traditionally k'weq'ənəq was part of a trade route / trade conduit) the Nations can advance the prosperity and wellbeing of our people for generations to come.

Unfortunately, there has been misinformation spread by the Heppell’s Potato Corporation, creating the false impression amongst the public that the Nations have no rights and title interest in k'weq'ənəq and that this land is critical to Canada’s food security: this is simply false. The large and wealthy Heppell farming corporation grows potatoes (and a very small number of other vegetables) on this land and makes tremendous amounts of money doing so because they have a very cheap (below market value) lease with the government.

How we are advocating for k'weq'ənəq

The Nations have been working together as one, meeting with provincial and federal levels of government, and are undertaking a public education campaign that will launch in June 2024.

Meetings with provincial and federal levels of government

Timeline of government engagement to date

Katzie has been engaging with the federal government on the future of k'weq'ənəq since the Nation entered the modern BC treaty process in the 1990s.

In recent years, Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo have come together to advocate for their shared rights to k'weq'ənəq. As this land falls within the boundaries of each Nation's territory, and was historically seen as shared territory, it made sense for the Nations to combine their resources and engage with the federal government as a united group -- this strategy weakens the ability of the federal government to argue that the land cannot be transferred because of overlapping claims. This strategy is also in line with the Nations' customary practice of sharing the land and jointly benefiting from its use. Below is a high-level timeline of our engagement with the federal government to date:

- 1994 -2001: Katzie enters the Modern BC Treaty Process and identifies k'weq'ənəq as crown land that could be transferred in a future treaty.
- 2013: Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo sign a Protocol Agreement related to accommodation from the sale of surplus crown lands and begin to jointly engage with Canada on the future of k'weq'ənəq.
- 2017: Canada announces its intentions to dispose of k'weq'ənəq. The Nations undertake an initial Traditional Use Study to better affirm their rights and title to the land.
- 2020: The Nations complete the initial Traditional Use Study and submit it to Canada for review.
- 2022: Canada completes its review of the Traditional Use Study and states to the Nations that the document did not provide enough evidence to showcase a strong claim to the land – which the Nations continue to dispute and are working to address through ongoing research and negotiation.
- 2023-2024 – The Nations undertake extensive engagement with Canada to further advance their collective interest in the land and to ensure that any future sale / use of the land recognizes their rights and title and provides the Nations with direct benefits. Concurrently, the Nations are preparing a comprehensive work plan for an elaborate socio-economic / community tie based ethno-historical report which will conclusively establish their undeniable strength of claim to k'weq'ənəq.

The return of k'weq'ənəq to the Nations would be a clear demonstration of the government's meaningful commitment to reconciliation. To this end, the Nations have submitted a proposal to the Government of Canada regarding the transfer of k'weq'ənəq to support economic reconciliation as well as create opportunity to solidify Canada's growing trade and supply chain stability needs (i.e. k'weq'ənəq could again be used to support trade).

Representatives from the Nations will continue to advocate for the transfer of k'weq'ənəq with provincial and federal government officials as needed.

Public education campaign: It's our time – k'weq'ənəq for Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo

As government conversations about the Nations' rights and title continue, the Nations are starting to work with a local public relations agency – Coast Communications – to develop and implement a public education campaign. The campaign is called “It's our time – k'weq'ənəq for Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo”. The plan for the campaign is to:

- Launch with a media event in June 2024;
- Publicly announce the Nations' collective interests in acquiring stewardship over k'weq'ənəq; and

- Work to build awareness about the importance of this parcel of land to the Nations by emphasizing its history and cultural significance.

What to expect: Activities and milestones

- **Ongoing:** Representatives and leadership from the Nations will be meeting with federal and provincial government representatives to continue to advocate for this land transfer as a meaningful path to economic reconciliation.
- **Week of June 24, 2024:** Media event with representatives and leadership from the Nations to formally announce their interests in acquiring stewardship over k'weq'ənəq.
- **June to August, 2024:** To educate the broader public community in the Lower Mainland about the Nations' interests in acquiring stewardship over k'weq'ənəq. The campaign will unfold over several weeks and will include public education initiatives such as:
 - A newly branded website;
 - Media releases;
 - E-newsletters;
 - A social media campaign;
 - Print advertising, including transit shelters around Surrey City Hall;
 - Letters to elected government officials to seek their support;
 - Correcting misinformation and disinformation;
 - Radio advertising; and
 - Video.

What you can do

This initiative would also greatly benefit from the support of our communities. Here are a few things you can do to ensure we are all supporting our collective goal and our future:

- Seek guidance from your leadership if you have any questions about k'weq'ənəq and our advocacy efforts;
- Show your support by following, liking, and sharing the campaign on social media when it launches; and
- Invite others to learn more about our communities and k'weq'ənəq.

Figure 1: Location of k'weq'ənəq (Campbell Heights North):

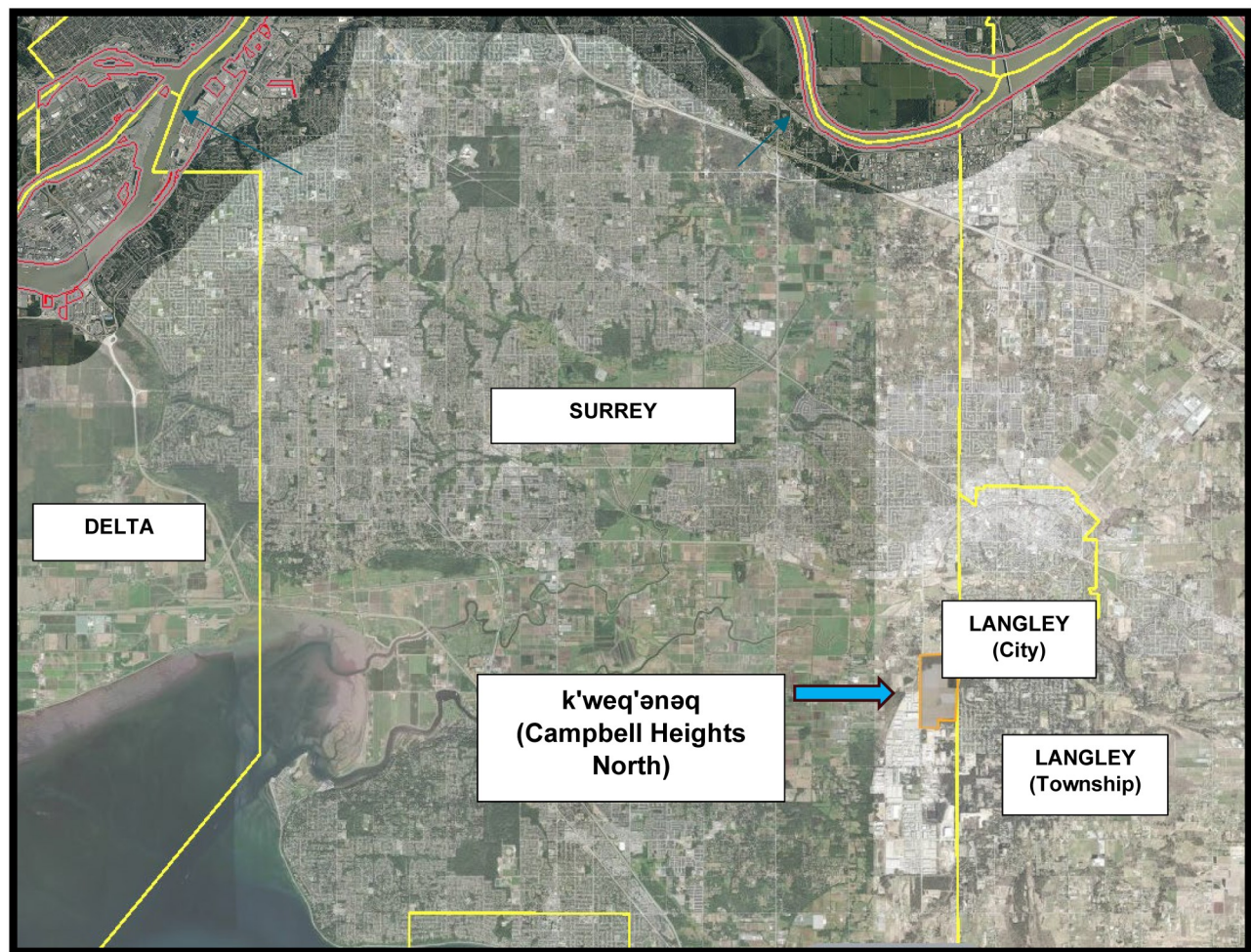
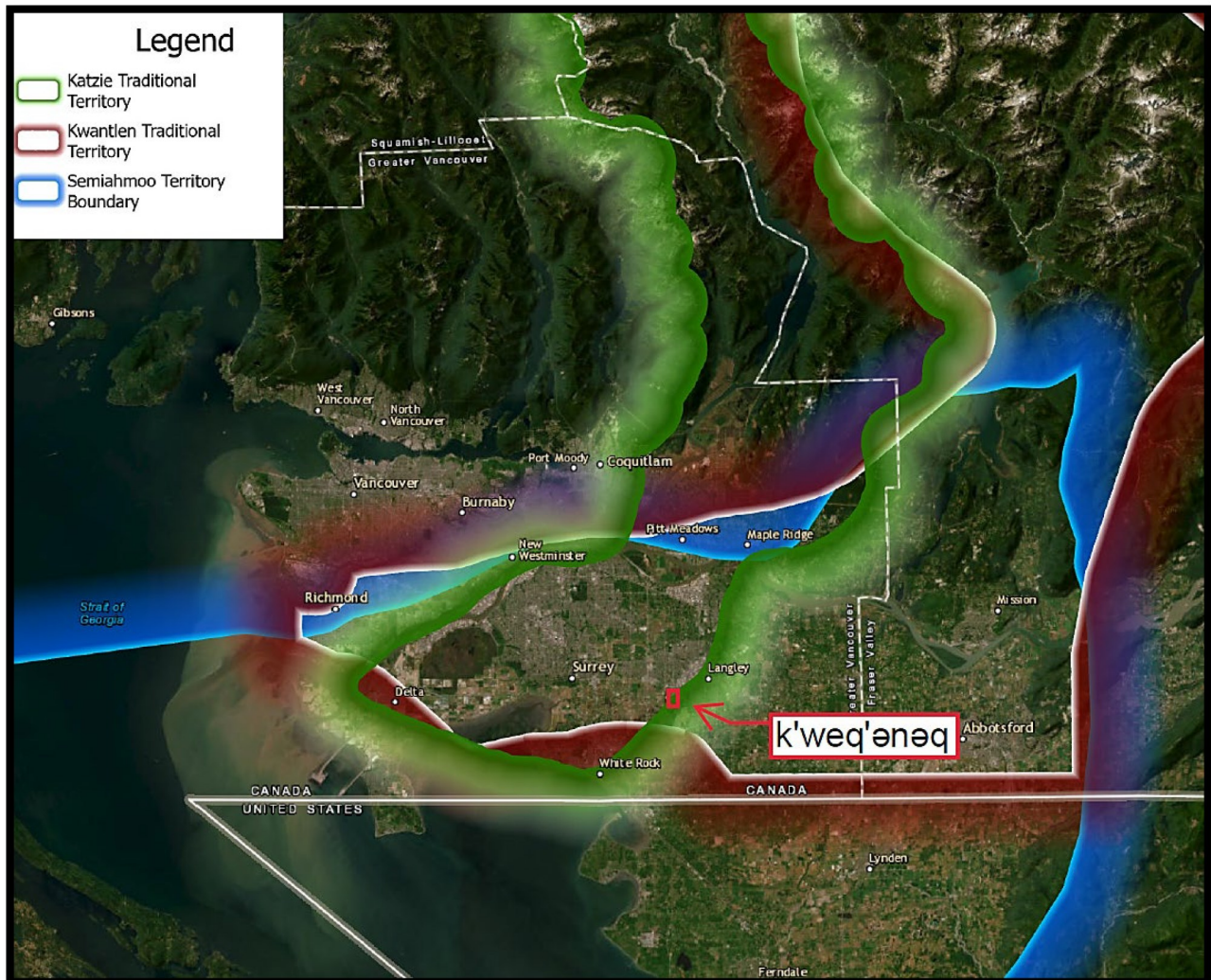


Figure 2: Location of k'weq'ənəq (Campbell Heights North) within the Nations' shared territory:



History of k'weq'ənəq

k'weq'ənəq sits upon the traditional floodplain of the Serpentine and Nicomekl rivers. Prior to European settlement and diking, this area would have been a mixture of wetlands, low-lying shrub and brush lands, and mixed coniferous forest. Additionally, the Nicomekl River itself was once wide and deep enough to be navigable part way by a generous-sized vessel, and its entire length by canoe – making it a major transportation corridor. Oral histories supplemented by archaeological and ethnographic records indicate that Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo established and maintained trade systems, relying heavily on this specific area, for many thousands of years. As well as the gathering of foods and materials for their own use (some from k'weq'ənəq and the immediate surrounding areas), the Nations traded surplus goods for items that were otherwise scarce or unattainable in their home territories.

The Serpentine and Nicomekl rivers helped to connect the various permanent and seasonal settlements of the Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo, and provided them with access to a diverse range of plant, animal, and other resources. These smaller rivers also provided the Nations with an alternate route between saltwater and the Fraser, sometimes essential to avoid hostile Nations who could be encountered more regularly at the mouth of the Fraser River. Oral traditions indicate that this area was also used by the Nations to watch for possible Cowichan or Musqueam raiding parties travelling upriver, and as a site where the Nations could ambush potential hostiles. Two traditional names used for this area are k'weq'ənəq and θemqəl'əm, which translate into “look out for enemies” and “battleground with ambush,” respectively.

Historical area of travel and trade

k'weq'ənəq was heavily used by the Nations for travel, trade, security, and maintaining kinship ties through intermarriages and customary law. Modern archaeological evidence supports this claim, as seven archaeological sites exist within the immediate area of k'weq'ənəq that show the presence of seasonal, or perhaps longer, habitation. Several of these sites were used for the processing of food for storage and/or trade. The presence of shells indicates the site's inhabitants may have travelled to the mouth of the Nicomekl River themselves to acquire shellfish, or traded with the coastal peoples (e.g., the Semiahmoo) who canoed up the well-known inland water route on their way to visit relatives living in the villages on the Fraser River.

There is robust evidence that Kwantlen harvested shellfish resources and transported them to the Katzie village of cxwi't located in modern day Port Hammond (Maple Ridge, B.C.) on the Fraser River. According to oral traditions, the bringing home of immense quantities of clams was an important event for the Nations, as they were highly valued as a food source. This is substantiated by the large shell midden deposits at Port Hammond. These shell middens are described as being 1,600 meters long and radiocarbon dating places occupation of the basal strata between 1,500-1,900 years ago. Ceremonial practices and the presence of status items (e.g., stone beads, frog bowl) provide further evidence for the use of areas along the Nicomekl as trading and/or gathering, and possibly even feasting sites. The transportation of these shellfish resources to areas upriver also speaks to the fluidity of kinship and the utilization of many different village and resource access sites within Coast Salish territory.

Katzie First Nation
Christmas Craft Fair
2024

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Hosted by KFN Elders

Do you have a small business that you want to promote? Or homemade crafts to sell? We are looking for all types of vendors. If you are interested in having a booth for **Sat. DEC 7/2024** at Katzie Christmas Craft Fair 2024 please contact Rosie Leon at elderscoordinator@katzie.ca for more information

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP DEC 2/2024



JULY 2024

Katzie First Nation Youth Program

Mondays: Open Gym/ISPARC
 Tuesdays: 13+ Highschool Group
 Wednesdays: Homework Group
 Thursdays: Open Gym/Drumming & Singing
 Fridays: Family Nights

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Kennedy Vanderwoerd
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Katzie First Nation Youth Program

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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BIRTHDAYS

Ethan Sepass
 Jada-Lee Adams
 Connor Leon-Adams
 Leighton Adams
 Matteo Florence-Donnelly
 Dylan Florence



If you would like your child's name to be celebrated here, please advise Meghan@katzie.ca of their birthdate.



KATZIE FIRST NATION YOUTH



BIRTHDAY JAM OUT

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

June 28, 2024

5 - 9 PM

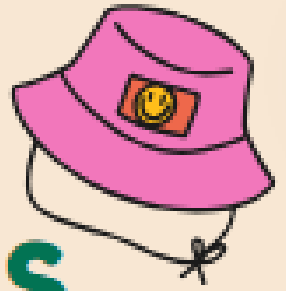
PIZZA &
PRIZES!

KFN HEALTH & COMMUNITY
CENTRE GYM
19700A SALISH ROAD, PITT MEADOWS

Join us for a special celebration! Let's come together as a community for our first monthly birthday celebration to honor the birthdays of our katzie children & youth in June. Once a month, we would like to share a delicious meal, as well as drumming, singing and dancing. Bring your drums! It's a wonderful opportunity to show support and make their birthdays extra special. Mark your calendars and share the word! Birthday Jam outs for katzie children and youth will be celebrated on the last Friday of every month.



ELDERS SUMMER OUTINGS



July 10

Steveston Village - Leave at 10:00. Deadline to sign up July 8

July 25

North Beach - Family Day at the beach. Leave at 10:00. Deadline to sign up July 22

August 14

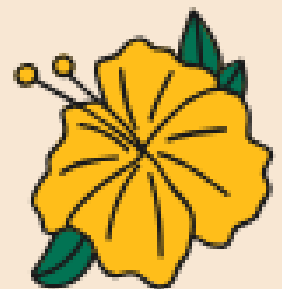
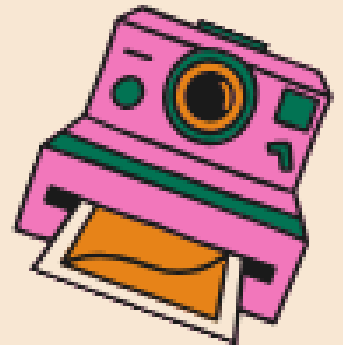
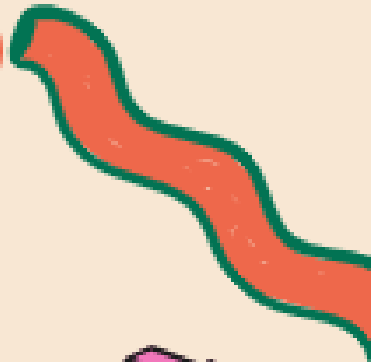
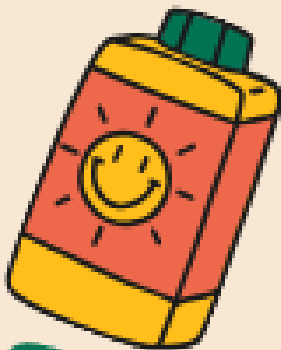
Dinner and Movies. Deadline to sign up August 12

August 21

Muesum of Anthropology. Deadline to sign up August 19

SIGN UP NOW!

Transportation is provided. Please sign up with Bruce Leon. If you have any questions please ask Rosie Leon or Bruce Leon.



Katzie Elders

NORTH

BEACH

JULY 25

BUS LEAVES AT 10:00

**NORTH BEACH
at Golden Ears**

Spend the day at Golden Ears at our North Beach territory. You can sit back and relax, go for a dip or a nice walk. Elders must register with Bruce Leon. If you are wanting to bring a guest with you please register them as well. Deadline to sign up July 23. Transportation is provided.

BBQ BURGERS & HOTDOGS

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

(604)465-8921

bruce@katzie.ca

KATZIE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

NOTICE 2024

Income Assistance Payment Dates

Income & Disability Assistance payments are issued **monthly**

IA - 2024 Schedule:

- January 17, 2024 (for February 2024)
- February 14, 2024 (for March 2024)
- March 20, 2024 (for April 2024)
- April 17, 2024 (for May 2024)
- May 15, 2024 (for June 2024)
- June 19, 2024 (for July 2024)
- July 17, 2024 (for August 2024)
- August 21, 2024 (for September 2024)
- September 18, 2024 (for October 2024)
- October 23, 2024 (for November 2024)
- November 20, 2024 (for December 2024)
- December 18, 2024 (for January 2025)

Utility Bills MUST be submitted before the 15th of every month. If not, risk of late payments and or disconnection could result in bill repayments being issued.

Please note **MONTHLY RENEWAL FORMS & JOB SEARCH FORMS** are **required**. These forms are available at the Katzie Health Centre.

If you have any questions, please call KHCC 604-465-8921 and ask to be transferred to Cameron Bailey or email me at cameron@katzie.ca

Attention Katzie Community Members!

The following people in the photographs below are **formally Banished** from all **Katzie First Nation Lands**. Should you see any of these individuals anywhere on Katzie Lands you are asked to immediately report the name of the person and location where the Banished person has been sighted to the Katzie First Nation Land Steward: Phone **604-465-8921** extension **418** or email **landsteward@katzie.ca** during office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

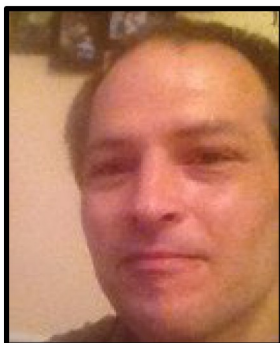
After Hours you are asked to report the individuals name and location, they were sighted to the RCMP at 604-463-6251



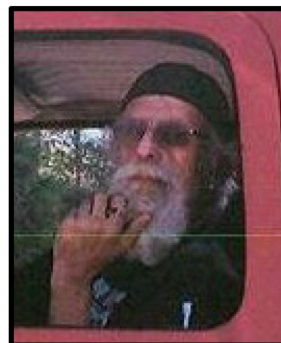
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Christina Wallis



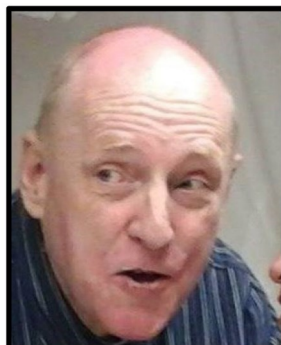
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Lance Rosiek



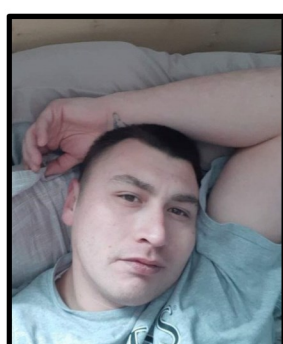
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Richard Rheume



Courtney Frostad



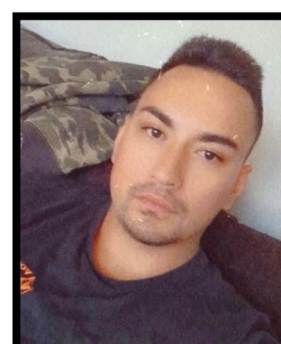
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Rebecca Bailey



Misty Chalmers



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