



A Bi-Weekly newsletter from the



Kitselas Band Council & Administration

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K5T CONTINUES TO DELIVER CORE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO KITSELAS CITIZENS

A blended model allows us to respond to COVID-19 challenges



The world will remember 2020, and so will Kitselas First Nation. Since March, we have all felt the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we continue to stand united to overcome the hurdles it has presented.

Our team at Kitselas Five Tier System LP. (K5T) would like to acknowledge the families, Elders, leaders, and all of our citizens who have worked tirelessly to support one another throughout this crisis. While KFN has grown and created innovative programming to respond to our community's needs, it is each and every citizen, our partners, our leadership, and our cultural teachings that have allowed us to continue moving forward, even while many of us work through the impacts of the virus.

We wish the best courage and strength to all citizens, families and staff who are working to overcome the impacts of the pandemic.

During this time, K5T successfully transitioned to a blended model of online and in-person services, to ensure that our citizens continue to have access to our core programs and services.

Our efforts have paid off - we have supported over 50 individuals with Tier 1 supports between July and December, 2020.

Under the leadership of our KCAD coordinator James Seymour, we successfully filled our KCAD (Kitselas Community-Led Apprenticeship Development) program. This means that 12 participants are gaining valuable apprenticeship experience. If you are interested in participating in the next KCAD cohort, please reach out to James at james@kitselastraining.com.

We also continue to deliver our Tier 1 programming, including the Day Labour program, thanks to Bill Bolton's tireless efforts. Day Labour program participants have been earning an income by supporting our Nation and working on community projects that include:

- Renovating multiple Elder's homes for improved accessibility;
- Building community smokehouses;
- Organizing community fishing and distributing fish back to the community; and
- Developing community gardens and building garden boxes filled with soil and seeds, to improve our Nation's access to fresh food.
- And more.

If you are interested in the Day Labour program, we encourage you to reach out to Bill, our Day Labour Program Coordinator, at bill@kitselastraining.com.

Our team at K5T stands in awe with everything we have been able to accomplish as a Nation, de-



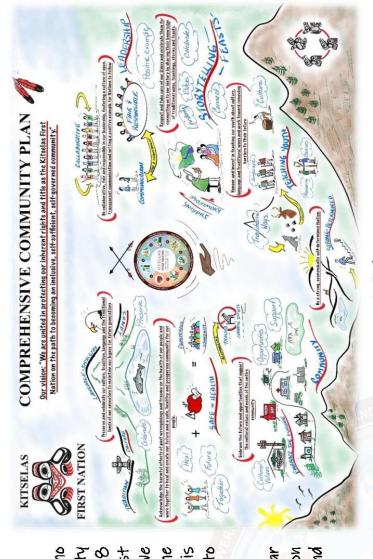
spite the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented. We are hopeful for the future, and excited for the continued delivery of our programs. We are especially looking forward to more opportunities to develop new initiatives, including initiatives focused on our Nation's food sovereignty.

If you are interested to learn more about gardening and food, specifically, or if you want to apply for your own garden box, please email food@kitselastraining.com.

January 2021 CCP Update

first everyone who Comprehensive Community Plan. We are pleased to announce that the draft Plan is now complete and it is currently being graphically designed to in the community engagement opportunities since 2018 to build the Nation's make it really shine. participated Thank you

We could not have made it this far without the support and participation of members and loved ones, staff and



we look forward to unveiling the CCP in the coming months! Next steps include:

- 1. Finish designing the CCP
- 2. Present the CCP to the community for review and comment
- 3. Consider any final comments and make final edits to the CCP
- 4. Council adoption of the CCP
- 5. Celebrate the adoption of the CCP
- 6. Work with key staff and Members to develop the CCP Implementation Plan

For questions or more information, please contact Geneva Mason, Kitselas Community Engagement Coordinator and CCP Project Manager at:



cec@kitselas.com



250-615-1382

To read up on CCP progress to date visit:

https://kitselas.com/council/comprehensive-community-planning/



A message from our team, if anyone is feeling alone, remember to reach out for support, and although distancing is in place, there are now, more than ever, online and call centres available 24/7. Along with online Doctor's there's therapists who can help with many kinds of mental health issues. Anyone can be connected with someone who will listen. If you wish to have local support, please call the hospital, or any Health Station where there are various resources available.

See a list of crisis numbers below:

Kids Help Line: 310-1234

Mental Health Info Line: 310-6789

1-800-Suicide: 1-800-784-2433

Youth Crisis Line: 1-800-784-2433

IRS Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

Kuu-us Crisis Line: 1-800-588-8717

FAST: 778-202-1428



Kitselas Housing Department & Finance Notice



Effective January 15, 2021 Email Money Transfers for Housing payments will be available.

To send an Interac e-transfer, you will first need to add **Kitselas Indian Band** as a recipient.

Please enter as follows with your Banking Institution via banking app or desktop:

Name: Kitselas Indian Band

Email: rent@kitselas.com

Notify By: email

*Note that Auto deposit is enabled, and a security question is not required.

- » Under Message, please include the month the payment is intended for. If a message is not entered, the payment will be applied to the month the payment is received and any remaining funds will be applied towards any arrears. If there are no arrears on your account, it will be left as a credit.
- » You will **NOT** be receiving a written receipt from Kitselas when paying with an Electronic Money Transfer, but you should be receiving an email confirmation of payment with a Reference Number from your banking institution. If you do not receive a confirmation from your bank, please email housing.clerk@kitselas.com to request an email copy of the automatic deposit KBC receives.

3RD ANNUAL YOUTH NATIONAL TREATY NEGOTIOATION AND IMPLEMENTATION SIMULATION

WHEN MARCH 3 March 9-12 2021 HALF DAYS WHERE Online Zoom

1 Kitselas youth Age 18-25 will be chosen DEADLINE FEBRUARY 4

ATTENTION YOUTH: Are you interested in

Building a network amongst emerging Indigenous leaders and experts

Meeting Indigenous emerging leaders to treaty implementation and negotiation practices, issues, dynamics, and career paths

If so, please contact treaty. engagement@kitselas.com

AGE 18-25

PER-DIEM FOR MEALS WHILE PARTICIPATING

INTERESTED YOUTH

EMAIL LETTER OF INTEREST TO

TREATY.ENGAGEMENT @KITSELAS.COM

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What you will need

- -a device capable of Zoom
- -a quiet area to participate
- -an internet connection

February



2021



NOTES

-Basketball will be st arting again at the Thornhill gym February 8th, waivers will be required -We will be having a Valentines day event, where we will make card holders to put on your door, and youth will make cards to give each other -Youth Cultural training and compassion project will continue with Kitsumkalum NIFCS youth empowerment coordinator -We will continue to offer space for our culutral leaders to teach our youth throughout the month

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Become an Indigenous Teacher through NITEP!

Join UBC's Indigenous Teacher Education Program - NITEP

- 5 Year Bachelor of Education Degree with an Indigenous Education Specialization.
- Be part of a cohort and community of Indigenous students
- Take coursework that focuses on Indigenous perspectives and world views and learn from Indigenous instructors, local Elders & knowledge keepers.
- Thrive through holistic supports that include wellness activities, digital supports, mentoring, tutoring, and financial advising.

Want to learn more?
Complete an expression of interest form here!
Or email us at: nitep.educ@ubc.ca

EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15 FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30

Applications completed by March 15th are entered into our Amazon gift card draws!



"I wanted to be a teacher because I wanted to work with youth and feel like I'm doing something to give back to the community. I'm happy that I'm here and in NITEP. I've had some really good experiences"

Lyam, 2nd Year NITEP Student



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Census Jobs

2021







Statistics Canada is hiring approximately 32,000 people to Canada's next census will take place in the spring of 2021.

In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.

Join the 2021 Census team

and verify that all dwellings are counted. Use your local As an Indigenous community member, you are best knowledge while sharpening skills that are soughtsuited to collect census data from local inhabitants after by employers.

Type of work

Census jobs are short-term positions collecting census Job start and end dates vary by position and location, questionnaires from residents in your community. between March and July 2021. Crew Leaders (supervisors): As a crew leader, you will train, supervise and motivate a team of enumerators.

Enumerators: As an enumerator, your primary responsibility will be to complete census questionnaires with residents.

Rates of pay

Enumerators (or equivalent) are paid \$17.83 per hour, and supervisors are paid \$21.77 per hour.

enumerators (or equivalent) are paid \$29.25 per hour, In select Northern and Remote communities, and supervisors are paid \$31.25 per hour.

Employees are paid for authorized expenses.

Applicants must be

- 18 years of age or older
- a Canadian citizen or otherwise eligible to work in Canada
- available to work flexible hours during days, evenings, and weekends.

Apply now / tell a friend

www.census.gc.ca

1-833-830-3106

TTY (a telecommunications device for people who are deaf): 1-833-830-3109

Benefits of the 2021 Census for Indigenous peoples

governments plan for the development of Indigenous language programs, school programs, and community evaluate existing programs and new service needs, health and social services. Census data are used to Data collected from First Nations people, Métis and Inuit across Canada help communities and such as housing.





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Is put together by the Kitselas Communications Department.

Please email communications@kitselas.com with any info - events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc. - that you would like to share with the community.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday.

Call 250-635-5084 Ext. 4071 with any questions

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