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Where Kitselas Connects



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SAVE THE DATE FOR

Our Next Meeting

May 9, 2023
@ 5:00pm

Special Meeting
May 23, 2023

May 25, 2023

- Location : Gitaus
- Health/Admin
- Building Boardroom

SAVE THE DATE

Kitselas Community Meeting

**May 18 2023 from 5:30 – 7:00pm
Kitselas Community Hall**

**Dinner will be
provided. @5:00 p.m.**

Topics:

Kitselas Community Centre Construction

Housing Projects - 40 Units

Specific Claim's

Vopack project update

Treaty Update



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Questions? Please contact 250-635-5084



2023

Rent and Rental Arrears

Kitselas Housing and Finance department reminder



WHEN?

Due the 1st of each month

HOW?

In person and Online

Electronic funds transfer to rent@kitselas.com

Cash or Cheque can be made to Kitselas First Nation and brought to the finance department

Pre-Authorized Debt forms can be filled out at the finance department





Community Clean Up

May 12, 2023

Local residents are invited to do their part to help the environment; and a number of staff will take part this day to help.

Both Gitaus/ Kulspai will be cleaning up.

- Large Garbage Bin (Outside Quonset hut)
- Garbage Bags/ gloves (provided day of)
- Meet at Gitaus Fire Hall @ 10:00a.m.

BBQ Luncheon everyone's welcome
(Administration Parking Lot)
@12:00p.m.



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DEPARTMENT UPDATE



BEAR SEASON
SPRING 2023

Bear Safety in Our Communities

FORECAST

GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS ARE ACTIVE IN KITSELAS TERRITORY, AND CAN BE DANGEROUS IF THEY COME INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL MAKE EFFORTS TO NOT ATTRACT BEARS.

Being Bear Aware

Spring has arrived, and so have the bears. At this time of year, bears typically feed on natural food sources such as grasses, sedges, and skunk cabbage. Unfortunately, some bears that accessed garbage and other materials last season may return as they have learned these areas can be easy sources of food.

If you're spending time outside, always be on the lookout for bears or signs that they are in the area. You should not assume that if you've never had a bear visit previously that you will not have one in the future. While bears usually prefer to avoid human activity and feed on natural foods, they are often drawn in by the smell of potential food sources in our communities.

To ensure bears don't come sniffing around the community, we all need to keep all fragrant materials locked and stored away securely. Garbage, food waste, and other fragrant materials left outside and accessible WILL attract bears to the community.



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DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BEAR SEASON
SPRING 2023

IMPORTANT

If you encounter a bear:

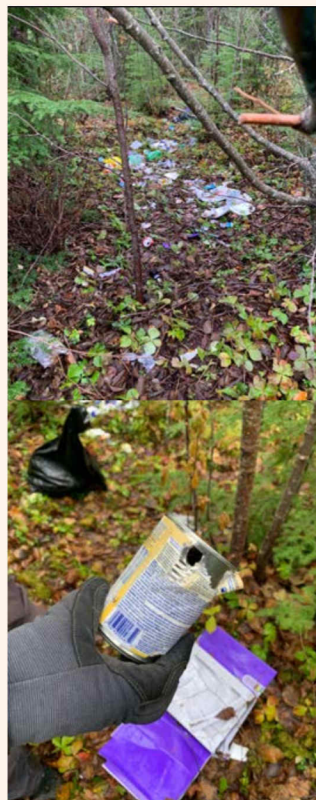
- Remember that most bears just want to be left alone.
- Identify yourself so the bear knows you are a human, and not prey.
- Pick up small children.
- Do not run — bears are like dogs in that they will chase fleeing animals.
- Speak calmly and in a low voice. Do not scream or make sudden movements.
- Back away slowly and calmly.

When it is safe to do so, call the BC Conservation Officer Service (24 hours) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or text #7277 to report your encounter.

Did You Know?

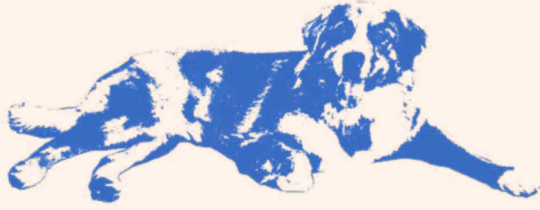
Grizzly bears travel widely, with female grizzlies in BC making their home ranges over 50–400 km² and with males having much larger home ranges of between 500–2,000 km² — almost as long as the distance between Terrace and Winnipeg (2,184 km)!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
RLO@KITSELAS.COM





Caring for our dogs & our community



PER THE KITSINAS DOG CONTROL ACT, ALL DOGS NEED TO BE LICENSED WITH THE KITSINAS LANDS AND RESOURCE DEPARTMENT.

AN ANNUAL LICENSE COSTS \$15 PER YEAR, BUT ITS FREE IF YOU LICENSE IN JANUARY. THESE FEES HELP FUND ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER SERVICES.

Kitselas Dog Control Services

Kitselas Lands and Resources Department has a contract agreement with the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) to provide dog control services in Gitau and Kulspai. Under the contract agreement, the Thornhill Animal Shelter performs weekly patrols for dogs at large in Gitau and Kulspai.

Dog Control Services help keep our dogs and our communities safe! If a dog is picked up and it has a license, the owner will be notified immediately and won't be charged the first impoundment fee within a one year period (each calendar year).

If a dog does not have a license and gets impounded, the owner will be responsible for the associated impoundment fees listed in the Thornhill Dog Regulations Bylaw. Dogs that are not reclaimed within 72 hours of being impounded are either adopted out or destroyed.

Fees for First Impoundment in One Year Period:
- \$50 (plus license fee)

Fines for First Impoundment in One Year Period:
- Not spayed or neutered: \$250 (plus license fee)
- Aggressive dog: \$250 (plus license fee)
- Dangerous dog: \$500 (plus license fee)

IMPORTANT



How to Report a Dog at Large?

If you observe a dog at large, please contact the Thornhill Animal Shelter at **250-638-1565** or **dog-control@rdks.bc.ca**. The operating hours for services are Monday - Friday from 12:30 - 4:30 pm (excluding statutory holidays).

How to Report a Dangerous Dog?

If you observe an aggressive dog, dangerous dog, or dog emergency, **call the RCMP**.

How to Report Dog Cruelty?

If you observe animal cruelty, **call the BC SPCA Provincial Call Centre: 1-855-622-7722**



How to Purchase a Dog License?

Our goal is to have no dogs make it to the pound. To renew or obtain a dog license for your dog, please contact the Reserve Lands Officer at **RLO@kitselas.com** or visit **kitselas.com/departments/dog-control-services** for the Dog License Application Form.

Also, a reminder that your dog should **always** be wearing its dog tag.

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Notice of BC Hydro Vegetation Maintenance Activities

As you may know, BC Hydro conducts vegetation management work to clear or remove vegetation that may endanger BC Hydro's electrical equipment or obstruct lines. The work is necessary for public and worker safety, to help reduce power outages, decrease wildfire risk, and to protect BC Hydro equipment.

From April until June, BC Hydro crews will be implementing scheduled vegetation maintenance activities along the power line rights-of-way in the Terrace region, including in IR 1 (Gitau), IR 2 (Chimdimash), and IR 4 (Endudoon).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these maintenance activities, please contact the Reserve Lands Officer at **RLO@kitselas.com**.



Marlene Araujo Dental Hygiene Practitioner Monday's



- Dental screenings and assessments
- X-rays
- Dental cleanings
- Fluoride applications
- Preventative Dental Treatments
 - Nutritional counselling
 - Tobacco cessation counselling
 - Preventative sealants
 - Oral hygiene homecare including Denture care
- Referrals for Dental Emergencies and Treatment
- Temporary restorations
- Fluoride varnish applications
- Information Sessions for children, caregivers and pregnant women



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To book an appointment
please contact the
Health Center
250-635-6172



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Get in Touch

Kitselas Connects is put together by the Kitselas Communication 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 submission is Tuesday.
Call 250.635.5084 EXT 4071
with any questions.

www.kitselas.com

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 12:30pm

