

Kanaka Bar Indian Band

September 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Sept 6th, 2021 -Office Closed Labour Day

Sept 30, 2021- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation-Stat. Holiday

August 13th CEC Bulletin

- On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5 was passed by the Senate to introduce a new statutory holiday “Nation Day for Truth and Reconciliation” Bill C-5 creates this statutory holiday on September 30 each year to commemorate victims of the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada. This statutory holiday for employees of the federal government and federally regulated workplaces.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/public-holidays.html>

Indigenous children that never made it home 1,826 and Rising ...



Farmers Almanac – Full Harvest Moon



Full Moon: Sept 20, 2021

New Moon: Sept 6, 2021

The full Harvest moon is also known as the Corn Moon. This is due to when the moon rises at nearly the same time- around sunset-for several evenings and giving farmers extra moonlight to harvest before the frosts of fall arrive.

Patient Travel-

Hello Community,

Patient Travel Request All Patient Travels are **reimbursements only** please submit **All** your forms to Kanaka Health **after** your **appointment** which include the **confirmation stamp** of your appointments. Must have complete package before reimbursement can be accepted. FNHA are very clear on this.

If you have questions, please see Toni at the Health Office **Monday to Friday** from **8am-4pm** or call during **office hours only** at: 250- 455- 2200. 😊 I will do my best to answer your questions. **Continue to practice Social Distance, wash your hands and keep yourself safe and healthy.**

Client transport continues to be not in service until further notice due to Covid. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this challenging time. Health building continues to be closed to public due to Covid-19. **Please call** if you need any travel forms or need to drop your forms off.

Thank you, Kanaka community, for calling ahead to request the travel forms and your confirmation forms from your appointments. Having all the forms filled out and brought back to the health office certainly saves times. Let's keep working together.

Toni

Education-Call or Email: adminexec@kanakabarband.ca or chief@kanakabarband.ca

Post-Secondary Education Deadlines:

Semester	Deadline to apply for sponsorship
Summer (May- Aug 2021)	November 30, 2020
Fall (September- December 2020)	March 30, 2020
Winter (Jan- April 2021)	July 31, 2020



If you are planning on going to Post Secondary-please plan ahead to get your paperwork done. Do not wait until 2 weeks before program starts.

Staying Covid safe and wearing protective mask, hand sanitizing are important to our staff and community

Social Assistance -Practicing Social Distancing

Declaration Forms are due **Sept 20th, please call** and make an appointment to meet in the Admin backdoor. Available All Day



Please bring all your paperwork on the Friday Sept 24th, 2021.

Must wear a mask or your appointment will be re-scheduled.

Next cheque date: **Oct 1st, 2021** and will be **direct deposit**.

Call from Monday-Thursday.

Membership Clerk

Monday-Friday from 1pm-3pm.



Social Distancing is being practiced. Covid Phase 4 is happening

Wearing a Mask is mandatory with your appointment.

If you need to re-new your status cards; **please message or email ahead to make an appointment first** before coming to the band office. **No drop-in's will be accepted.** I can meet you at the Admin back door.

Please remember to bring your **birth certificate** with you.

Health

If you would like to talk to a Dr. regarding medication refills, please call or email:

Dr. Anton DeKlerk: Cottonwood Medical Clinic Maple Ridge (call after 11am for virtual appointments)

1-604-476-9705 will be doing zoom appointments soon.

Terri Stockwell-RN- NLX Health comes on Tuesdays pending on roads usually around 10am.

Covid phase 4 is starting to rise again; even if you had your vaccination shots, please continue to use masks and hand sanitize especially if you are out shopping.

All public places and indoor facilities and outdoor.

Kanaka Necessity Store

The Kanaka Necessities Store hired two new staff this month. Congratulations to Jennifer Hewitt and Crystal Vander Griend, our two new cashiers.

The KNS operating hours shifted in June to better match customer needs. The hours of operation are:

Day	Hours
Tuesday	11:30 am to 5:30 pm
Thursday	11:30 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday	11 am to 4 pm
Sunday	11 am to 4 pm

A reminder that due to Covid protocols, entry to the store is controlled and only one household is permitted to shop at a time. Parents are permitted to bring their children with them. All customers must wear a mask and disinfect their hands on entry.

Home deliveries take place Tuesdays and Thursdays, but in-person shopping and pick-up is available Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Please continue submitting your requests and feedback so that we can stock the items you need. You can submit requests on the website, or in-person at the store during operating hours.

We accept cash, debit, credit cards, master cards and has a “tap” feature.

Website: <https://kanaka-necessities-store.square.site/>

Phone number is 250-455-2200 ext. 254.

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Food Self- Sufficiency Update:

On Saturday, the day the evacuation order was issued, I was uncertain if I would be able to source transport for the animals so I came up to Kanaka and filled all of the animals' food and water so that they would have enough for a minimum of 4 days. The next day I was able to find some generous commercial farmers in Mission who volunteered to help transport the animals. When we arrived and backed the trailer up to the pasture gate, Princess Penelope, the pig, came right up to the trailer, asking to go. It was some effort to get the big girl up the ramp, but at least she came most of the way herself. It took some time and effort to catch the goats and get them in the trailer even with the efforts of the RCMP on duty. We then herded Kuzco, the llama, into his new little pen behind the mini-barn, but quickly learned that he had no intention of coming with us when he hopped the fence into the main pen. The farmers who volunteered their trailer are commercial poultry farmers, and were therefore unable to transport any Kanaka poultry, so the turkeys and chickens stayed with Kuzco. We caught and transported all of the rabbits, however. Some community members who elected to stay in the community during the evacuation order promised to open the pasture gate for Kuzco and the poultry to escape if the fire progressed further.

The pig, goats and rabbits are now at a farm in Mission, where I have visited them to monitor their wellbeing. I am now working to find them transport back to Kanaka. The farmers who originally volunteered their trailer are now quite busy with their own farming operations; but have generously offered to keep the animals with them. It is my intention that the rabbit enclosure will be finished before we bring the rabbits back to Kanaka. Mojave stepped up to water the garden and feed the animals during the evacuation order, and now that the larger FSS team is returning from evacuation, operations are starting to return to normal. These next weeks will be busy with harvest and food processing work.

All community members are encouraged to harvest from the community gardens. There is a whiteboard on the garden shed that lists all the foods ready for harvest. Please connect with FSS staff if you have questions about the foods that are ready for harvest or are wondering how to harvest them.

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Cumulative Effects Coordinator

Invasive Blackberry Species in Kanaka Bar – Cumulative Effects Initiative

While mapping out areas treated for fire in Kanaka Bar's Territory, I recently noticed a patch of Cutleaf blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus*), also called Evergreen blackberry, growing near where the Kanaka Bar Café used to be. This is a highly invasive species that is originally from Europe and Asia. As winters continue to become increasingly mild, this pesky plant will be able to spread more easily throughout the Territory. It is important that we remove as many specimen as we can, because when Cutleaf blackberry populations become established, they form large, dense, prickly thickets that choke out native species and are very difficult to remove. If you have ever driven down to the Lower Mainland, you have almost certainly seen the massive thickets that this species' cousin, the Himalayan blackberry, can form growing along the highway.



Cutleaf blackberry, note the 'cut' leaf-shape and spikey stalk.

If you spot Cutleaf blackberry, please report it to the Thompson Nicola Regional District (Email: invasiveplants@tnrd.ca Phone: 1-877-377-8673 <https://www.tnrd.ca/services/invasive-plant-management/report/>) and email me with a location (cumulative@kanakabarband.ca) so we can track the spread of this plant throughout the Territory and determine how to remove it.

Cumulative Effects Update continue....

Cutleaf blackberry is the only invasive plant I have found in Kanaka Bar's Territory, though others may be here too. There are now over 200 invasive species in BC. Some others that may grow in the Fraser Canyon region include Baby's breath, Blueweed, Canada thistle, Chicory, Common bugloss, Common burdock, Cypress spurge, Common tansy, Cypress spurge, Dalmation toadflax, Diffuse knapweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, Field scabious, Flat peavine, Giant hogweed, Himalayan blackberry, Hoary Alyssum, Hoary cress, Hound's tongue, Japanese knotweed, Leafy spurge, Nodding thistle, Orange hawkweed, Oxeye daisy, Parasitic dodder, Poison hemlock, Puncturevine, Purple loosestrife, Scentless chamomile, Spotted knapweed, St. John's wort, Sulphur cinquefoil, Tansy ragwort, Wild chervil, Wild parsnip, Yellow flag iris, and Yellow toadflax. If you spot one of these species, do not try to remove it yourself, as some may be poisonous (e.g., Giant hogweed, Poison hemlock) or you may unintentionally help them spread; instead, report it to District (see above for contact info) and contact me (cumulative@kanakabarband.ca).



Patch of Cutleaf blackberry near the Restaurant Lands.

Sean O'Rourke, August 2021

WHAT WE DO TO THE LAND, WE DO TO OURSELVES

On Saturday Aug 14th, Kanaka community along with Siska and Skuppah communities was on Evacuation Notice due to the George Fire which was now coming down Siska Mountain. This was to give Kanaka community time to pack and start heading to either their families living in other communities such as Merritt, Kamloops, Surry or was directed to go to Seabird or Chilliwack ESS to register.

Kanaka community were spread out like the Lyttonites. Some community members chose to stay and protect Kanaka community and will Only Leave If Kanaka community could not be saved.

We would like to thank Gary S, Francis Jr, Francis Sr, Ken McLinden, Charles Garcia and Doug McKay for their bravery.

Thank-Janna's team of friends to assist in gathering up all the animals and bring them to safety except for Kusco, he did not want to leave.

We thank Extreme Excavating for their support of machinery and also keep watch of fire, Camp Hope for opening up their accommodations and especially ESS for the willingness to open up 24/7 to allow all evacuees to register in time of need.

Thank- BC Wildfire for contracting a company to have fire guards done.

Kanaka Evacuation Notice was lifted to an Alert on Monday August 23rd and community started to readily return home safe and sound thanks to the rain that came to help put the fires out; Kanaka continues not to have land phone lines and spotty internet.

We are grateful for the rain and at Kanaka we can do our best to get back to "normal" day to day lives.

We continue to keep those whom lost their homes from the Lytton Fire in our hearts and minds and we encourage people to continue to assist them as needed.

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