

# Ktunaxa Nation Council Lands and Resources

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# Overview

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The Ktunaxa people have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers for more than 10,000 years



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Historically, Ktunaxa bands were located throughout the entire Ktunaxa Territory including the Arrow and Kootenay Lakes and Elk River.

Ktunaxa seasonally travelled throughout the Territory, following the natural cycles.



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Ktunaxa interacted with other First Nations through trade, social relations, sharing of resources, and at times, warfare.



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Ktunaxa, as with many other First Nations, have maintained cultures and spiritual understandings that stress tradition, community, and harmony with the natural environment.

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# Ktunaxa Nation Today

» Total population (status and non-status) is approximately 1,500 (in Canada)

» Approx. 50% of our status population and most of our non-status population live off reserve



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# Ktunaxa First Nations

- » Each KFN is governed by a Chief and Council elected by the members of the respective First Nation.
- » Terms of Chief and Council are determined by the specific community; most have staggered terms of three to four years.



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# Ktunaxa Nation Council

- » The KNC originated in 1970 as the Kootenay Indian District Council, and is the collective body that provides services to the Ktunaxa Nation
- » The KNC represents Ktunaxa citizens and is accountable to the Chiefs and Councils of the Ktunaxa Nation Communities

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# Vision Statement

Strong, healthy citizens and communities, speaking our languages and celebrating who we are and our history in our ancestral homelands, working together, managing our lands and resources as a self-sufficient, self-governing Nation.

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# Governance

- » KNC is overseen by the Executive Council
  - » the Chief of each Band and the Chair of each Sector Council
  
- » Kathryn Teneese is the Nation Chair



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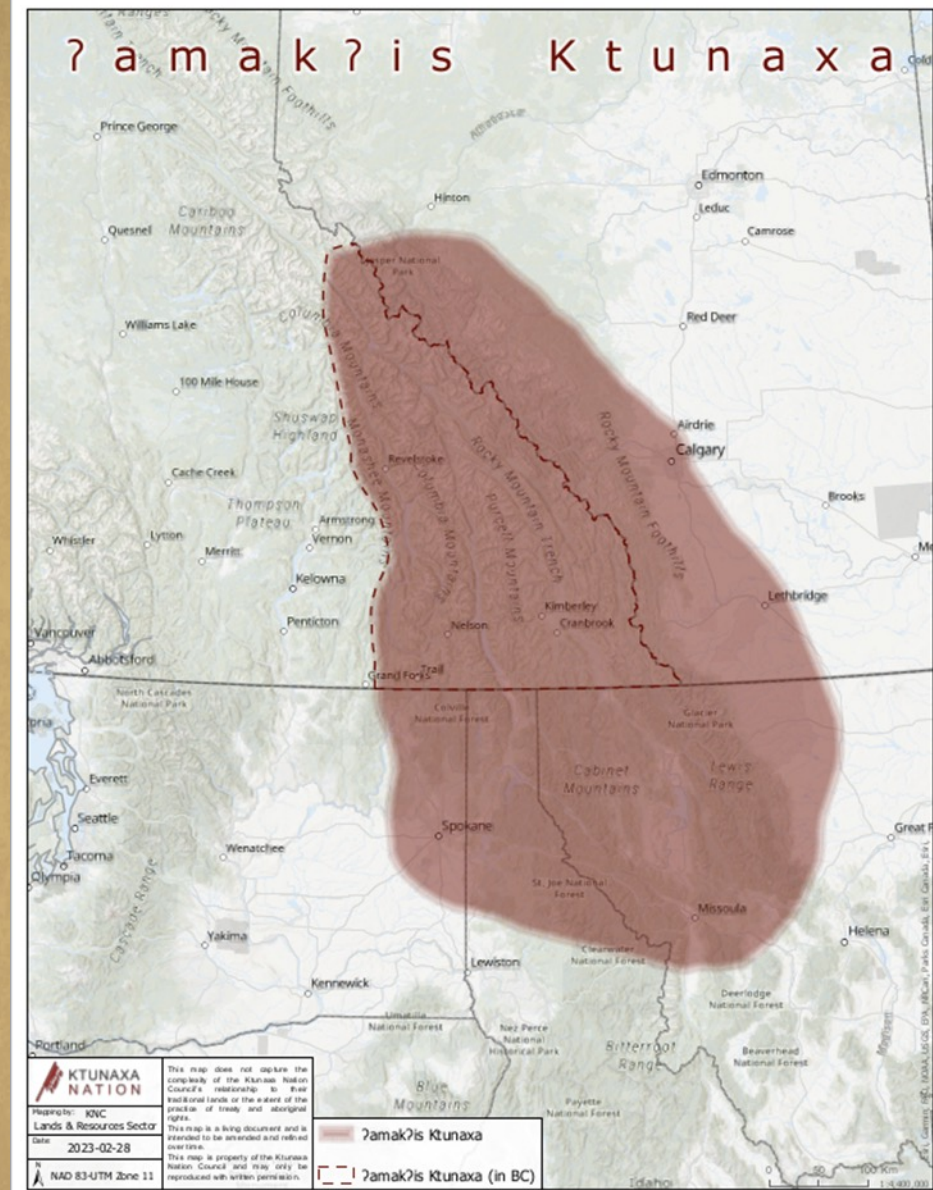
- » Economic Investment Sector
- » Social Sector
- » Education & Employment Sector
- » Traditional Knowledge & Language Sector
- » Lands & Resources Sector

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# Ktunaxa ʔamaʔkis British Columbia Portion:

- 70,000 square kilometres
- 27,000 square miles



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# Lands and Resources Sector

The mandate of the Ktunaxa Lands and Resources is to ensure that the lands and resources within the Ktunaxa Territory are effectively managed and protected for the benefit of the citizens, communities and government of the Ktunaxa Nation

- » KNC LRS staff are the participants in the KLP on behalf of KNC

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