

## **KTTA News - June 29, 2017**

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*Summer Hours: July 3 to July 14 (9AM - 4PM)*

*Office will be Closed from July 15 to August 20*

*Battle of the Bands (Tonight at Cactus Jacks - 7:30 PM Doors Open)*

*Labour Day Picnic / Activities - MacDonald Park (North Shore) on Monday, September 4th at 11AM - 2PM*

*Check: [www3.sd73.bc.ca/careers](http://www3.sd73.bc.ca/careers) for Round 4 in mid-August*

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#### ***Summer Message to Members***

We would like to wish all of you a restful and well deserved summer holiday.

Thank you all for the wonderful work and advocacy you do with students every day - for your resilience and sacrifices.

Know that your work is appreciated and does make a difference in students' lives everyday.

After a challenging year, please take time over the summer to focus on yourselves and re-energize.

#### **A. KTTA Transition**

We are excited about the transition in the KTTA office as Amanda Jensen and Laurel Macpherson will be taking over as president and 1st vice president respectively.

The office has been in transition over the past week and we are looking forward to the new leadership in the KTTA.

The Jim Harrison show on Radio NL held an interview about this transition and that interview can be found here: [www.radionl.com/podcasts/audio-vault](http://www.radionl.com/podcasts/audio-vault).

#### **B. Kamloops Pride Events - August 17-20, 2017**

*(From KTTA Social Justice Chair Nichelle Penney)*

If you haven't heard already, Kamloops is organizing its first downtown Pride Parade and you're invited!

Kamloops Pride is excited to be hosting its inaugural downtown Pride Parade and celebration weekend August 17th-20th, 2017! Our organization aims to provide a fun, inclusive, and affirming event lineup that will appeal to both members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, Trans, queer/questioning, two-spirit (LGBTQ2S+) community and the Kamloops community at large.

Our Pride weekend will kick-off with a burlesque showcase at The Blue Grotto on Thursday, August 17th.

On Friday, August 18th, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies will be invited to a family-friendly sign-making event.

Representatives from Kamloops Pride will be on-location at the Kamloops Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 19th to rally the community ahead of the Parade the following day.

Celebrations will kick into high gear on Saturday evening with a dance, allowing members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies to come together in solidarity to celebrate visibility, community, inclusivity, love, and diversity.

**Kamloops Pride's celebrations will culminate with the city's first-ever downtown Pride Parade on Sunday, August 20th.** Marchers will begin to **gather at 10AM in Riverside Park** for mustering and last-minute registration before the Parade at 11AM. Local musicians will provide entertainment during this first hour as participants mingle and learn more about community organizations at a collection of booths in Riverside Park. A handful of food trucks will be on-site selling food to Parade-goers. Participants will be officially greeted with an address from our president Kirstin McLaughlin before being directed to assemble. The procession will include invited arts and entertainment groups such as local dancers, performance artists, and musicians. **The Parade will wind past City Hall and up Victoria Street, turning left on 5th Avenue before returning to Riverside Park via Lansdowne Street.** Upon return, participants will enjoy more live music and entertainment until 2pm.

For more information or to get involved please visit:

<http://kamloopspride.wixsite.com/kamloopspride/registration>  
<https://www.facebook.com/kamloopspride/>

\*Please note that unions are asked to fill out the community organization form, unless people are marching separately.

NOTE - the KTTA will be participating in the parade and will also consider organizing a booth.

### **C. BCTF Summer Conference (Aug. 22-25, 2017)**

The BCTF Summer Conference will be held at **Thompson Rivers University** from **August 22-25, 2017**. There are opportunities for KTTA members other than delegates to participate.

**Opening Plenary with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (former BC Children's Watchdog):** Grand Hall - Campus Activity Centre on Wednesday, August 23rd at 9AM

**Closing Plenary with Ivan Coyote (Canadian Spoken Word Performer and LGBTQ Advocate):**

Grand Hall – Campus Activity Centre on Thursday, August 24th (**check at BCTF Registration Desk at Student Residence Building for time**)

**Elective Sessions (with permission)** – Wednesday, August 23rd (11AM - 12:30PM and 2PM - 3:30 PM) and Friday, August 25th (10AM - 11:30 AM and 11:45 AM - 1PM) - Please ask the BCTF Registration Desk for permission before attending. A list of electives is attached to this email.

The BCTF has also sent the following message to us share with KTTA members regarding an event on Wednesday, August 23rd:

*At this year's Summer Conference we have an exciting session scheduled for the afternoon of **Wednesday August 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM** where the **Wenjak and Downie families** will be introducing the work they have been doing on "The Secret Path", a resource that explores the impact of residential schools:*

*The Secret Path acknowledges a dark part of Canada's history – the long-suppressed mistreatment of Aboriginal children and families by the residential school system. Every Canadian should know Chanie Wenjack's name and his story. Mike Downie and Harriet Visitor (Chanie's sister) will share their stories about their involvement with the Secret Path.*