

# Seven Nations Healing Centre Information Session June 28, 2018 @ 5pm LKB Gymnasium

The Chief and Council of the Lower Kootenay Indian Band through a Band Council Resolution, have requested to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to order a referendum vote to be held by secret ballot pursuant to the *Indian Act* to determine if the requisite majority of the electors of Lower Kootenay Indian Band are in favour of designating a parcel of land, described as Nick's Garden Lot of Lower Kootenay 1C Indian Reserve, containing approximately 3.0 hectares (7.5 acres) as shown on the attached Map, for the development of the Seven Nations Healing Centre.

The referendum vote will be held in early September 2018. A number of Community meetings and Information Sessions will be held prior to the referendum vote.

The Seven Nations Healing Centre will be a cultural, land based, live-in wellness program for Aboriginal adults recovering from alcohol and drug misuse/abuse or other dependencies. However, unlike most existing treatment centres, the Seven Nations Healing Centre will be built on a foundation of traditional ceremonial activities rather than on a foundation of addictions. The program will be based on indigenous worldviews with a focus on connection, empowerment, purpose and a meaningful vision.

This site was chosen as it is the most suitable location to develop a land-based and culturally safe program with site structures designed accordingly. There will be a tipi camp, sweat lodge, traditional workshop, 2-person sleeping cabins and a main building designed around a large round traditional healing space.

