



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

(Kamloops Indian Band)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Barrel Racing Event at Kamloops Race Central – Update from Chief and Council
April 3, 2021

Joint Statement from Kukpi7 Rosanne, FNHA, and IH to the patrons of the Barrel Racing Event

“We thank the Easter Barrel Race for agreeing to cancel the event due to the safety concerns raised jointly by the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, FNHA, and IH. We asked everyone to please disperse safely as they return home as soon as possible.”

Message to Membership:

TteS Leadership assures membership that we are upholding community public health and safety and acted immediately on Friday to address the gathering at the KXA Grounds. Your Leadership, Interior Health (IH), and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) have worked together, with Kamloops Racetrack Central. Racetrack Central has **voluntarily cancelled the remainder of the barrel racing event**. The RCMP are working with IH to fulfill the public health and safety order.

Chief and Council take this situation very seriously and we believe that the barrel racing event contradicts all our efforts to ensure that we are upholding community health and safety protocols. Transmission of COVID 19 and or its variants does impose a risk to our membership and our community, so steps are being taken to uphold those protocols and keep our community safe. We were even more concerned when we learned that there were attendees that came from as far away as Alberta and Saskatchewan.

We do believe the event was moving with honest efforts to ensure safety as per their collaboration with FNHA. With the increased numbers of COVID 19 in BC and the new provincial restrictions put in place, Chief and Council have upheld the Provincial Health order prohibiting gatherings and events.



We will continue to trust and rely on each other to do what it takes to get us all through this pandemic. We know that we truly are stronger together and will continue doing our part to see overall case counts go down.

Yecwestsu'ce and stay safe.

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Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir
On behalf of Council