

Press Release

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Bonaparte First Nation (St'uxwtews Pesuten Heritage Society) Awarded contract for Hat Creek Ranch and McAbee Fossil Beds

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport has announced, the St'uxwtews Pesuten Heritage Society, a nonprofit organization led by the Bonaparte First Nation has been awarded the Management and Operations of Historic Hat Creek Ranch and McAbee Fossil Beds contract, effective April 2024 -March 31 2030.

This news has sent ripples of excitement into the community, as it represents an opportunity to integrate Bonaparte First Nation's and neighboring sister nation's cultural awareness into each site.

"We are looking forward to partnering with surrounding communities to benefit the region through increased Tourism traffic. What a great opportunity to share and come together to make the locations a Cultural and Historical destination site."

Kukpi7 Frank Antoine (Chief)

Bonaparte First Nation wishes to thank all those involved in the process and those jumping on board!

2024 is full of excitement and opportunities – "Sharing, to keep the communities moving forward."

Bonaparte First Nation
Chief & Council

"The St'uxwtews Pesuten Heritage Society led by Bonaparte First Nation was selected as the new site operator of Historic Hat Creek Ranch

Provincial Site and McAbee Fossil Beds Heritage site for its strong cultural and historic connections to both the ranch and fossil site, as well as for their dedication to collaboration in supporting these provincial treasures. I look forward to Bonaparte First Nation and its society showcasing the important Indigenous history of these sites. This work is vital in fostering greater understanding, appreciation and respect for B.C.'s diverse and unique history.”

The Honourable Lana Popham
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

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