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JULY 2016

Gathering at Poplar United Church Cemetery Pays Respect

On Wednesday, July 6, a group of NCN Citizens gathered at the Poplar United Church cemetery to remember beloved friends and family who have passed on.

Councillor Shirley Linklater organized the event, which she hopes will become a highlight for the community every year.

"It was a get together to acknowledge our loved ones who have passed on. I wanted people to come out and clean the cemetery, to gather together and pay our respects."

It was a wonderful time to reflect and celebrate. Participants enjoyed a BBQ

feast, candlelight vigil and a slideshow that highlighted beloved ones who have passed on. The emotional highlight was decorating bright balloons with people's names and messages

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for them, and then releasing them into the sky.

Special thanks to Violet
Turner who helped with
coordination of the event;
Robert Turner and Jennie
Tait volunteer cooks; and the
organizations that generously
offered donations. A choir,
composed of Mark Flett,
Chris Flett, Alex McDonald,
Lori-Ann McDonald,
Maryjane Linklater and Nina
Linklater, brought a beautiful
sense of peace to the day.

Please stay tuned to community events postings, ncncree.com and facebook and plan to join us at next year's event which is planned to be called "Flower Day".



NCN Citizens gather to honour passed loved ones on Memorial Day, releasing personalized balloons into the sky. A cemetery clean-up took place at the event to beautify the sacred grounds.

Send Your Photos: Honour Your Loved One's Memory

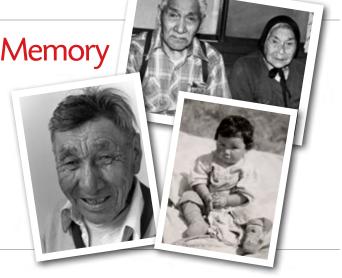
Do you have precious photos of beloved friends and family who have passed on? Please send them by email to shirleylinklater@ncncree.com

Watch for an upcoming special evening at the United Church. We will enjoy stew, bannock, tea and fellowship, and a special slideshow.

This is a wonderful chance to come together

with our NCN friends and neighbours to reminisce and share stories. Children welcome! When young people hear about the hardships and victories of previous generations, they gain confidence and a sense of strength.

We will inform the community of a date as soon as it is available.



A Celebration Rain or Shine

Grandparents and children of all ages gathered at Mile 33 on July 19 - 22, 2016 for the NCN Parks and Recreation Annual Appreciation and Mini Festival Days. The funfilled days included puzzle piecing, gospel singing, movie night, bingo, jigging, fiddling, singing, kids activities and more. The event went on through rainy weather and the fun was not dampened, making it a great four days of fun at the camp. A big thank you goes out to NCLP, NCN Chief and council and NCN Parks and Recreation for their continuing support. Thank

you to the chefs and cooks Nora Thomas, Arlene smears, Matilda Linklater, Florence Muswagon, Terri Lynn McLeod, Samara Wood, Viola Linklater and George Linklater. A special thanks goes to helpers Solomon Spence, Roger Linklater, Harvey Linklater, Jack Linklater, Kia Linklater, Maria Donkey, Helen Linklater and Etta Dumas and the security support of Anna Spence and Druscilla Linklater









First Nations Gaining Momentum in Niagara

Niagara Falls, Ontario was host to over 1,000 First Nation leaders, elders, youth and Citizens from across the country, from July 12 to 14, 2016, for the Assembly of First Nations 37th Annual General Assembly. The goal of the assembly is to develop consensus on fundamental issues and common interests affecting First Nations. Members of NCN Chief and Council along with several interested Citizens and youth took part in the week's events.

The three-day Assembly at the Scotiabank Convention Centre included dozens

of panels addressing issues like health and wellness, environment, land rights and claims, education, governance, social development, child protection and safety for Indigenous women and girls as well as helping preserve Indigenous languages.

Addressing Racism and Discrimination

Among the main topics of the gathering,

the Assembly of First Nations signed a memorandum of understanding agreement with the RCMP addressing discrimination and racial issues within the force. They agreed to find new ways to improve relations ahead of the federal government's much-awaited national

Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett told First Nations chiefs the federal government is "very close" to launching a national inquiry into missing and murdered

inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women.



Chief Marcel Moody travelled to the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly and took time to talk with NCN teens.

Indigenous women and girls. In his remarks, National chief Perry Bellegarde said it would come later this fall. He also stated the hard work still lies ahead, but conveyed a common theme throughout his message by repeating Indigenous communities are "gaining momentum."

Bennett also said the current Canadian government has made "reconciliation, healing and rebuilding" with Indigenous nations a priority.

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In 2014, RCMP reported nearly 1,200 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women but families of victims expect the actual number is much higher. RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said they are committed to helping find answers and solving all outstanding cases.

The Memorandum of Understanding will lay the groundwork for a new era of stable funding for First Nations and narrow the gap in the quality of life between First Nations and Canadians.

Move Beyond the Indian Act

The Indian Act, the primary legislation used by the federal government to administer everything from laws to membership and elections in First Nation communities, was the subject of Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould's remarks to the general assembly on Tuesday in Niagara.

Wilson-Raybould made the case for moving beyond the Indian Act telling First Nations chiefs it would not be as easy as "ripping" it up.

While the Trudeau government has embraced support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Wilson-Raybould said it could not be adopted as is into Canadian law.

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak also presented on July 12, 2015 after leading a group of Manitobans to Niagara. The campaign and walk called "Road to Niagara" is AMC's latest initiative to raise

awareness about the spirit and intent of our treaties and to move towards a future without *Indian Act* colonial legislation.

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 Manitoba Grand Chief Derek Nepinak

Nepinak's message stated, "The act strips away control and decision making from our communities and sets regulations contrary to our traditional governance and natural laws. It attempted to destroy our nationhood by removing our ceremonies, spirituality, languages, medicines and ways of life. The act and its numerous amendments have marginalized our communities."

Not all Manitoba First Nations share this view and feel other options need to be considered carefully.

Why Niagara? An Important Chapter in First Nation's History

Indigenous people first settled the area of Niagara over 11,000 years ago. Nomadic hunters and gatherers, they eventually made their settlement more permanent, cultivating crops in the fertile area. The then neutral Nations inhabited the area now known as Niagara until the Iroquois overthrew them in 1650. With their demise, the Seneca and Mississauga Nations briefly settled the area.

The interaction of Native and non-Native people during the 1700s resulted in the formulation of principles to regulate the allocation of land resources. These principles were developed through

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practised experience, war, and negotiation.

The traditional lifestyle of First Nations around the Great Lakes and North America was altered after their first contact with non-Indigenous people. In the early 1600s when the French intruded on Aboriginal territory they established settlements near the shores of the Great Lakes and had contact with First Nations through exploration and trading. At the same time, the Dutch, and later the British, were establishing settlements to the south of the Great Lakes along the Atlantic coast. The French and English were each seeking to establish greater control over territories within North America, and they sought the help of First Nation allies to solidify their interests. Conflict between the French and English for the control of trade on the upper Great Lakes eventually led to the Seven Years' War. Despite the loss of



Discussion between First Nations representative and Colonel Bouquet at Treaty of Niagara in 1764.

the war by their French allies in 1760, First Nation peoples did not consider their sovereignty extinguished and consider themselves as free people.

To help put an end to wars, in 1764 the Crown requested a meeting of all Indigenous Nations at Fort Niagara to ratify the

Royal Proclamation of 1763. During this historic event, the Proclamation affirmed First Nation Sovereignty and formalized an alliance between the settlers and the First Nations.

Around this time First Nations were being pressured from the south of the Great Lakes to leave their traditional homelands. The Proclamation implied and it was understood that no lands would be taken from First Nation peoples without their consent. However the British also inserted statements into the Proclamation that also claimed 'dominion' and 'sovereignty' over the territories that First Nations occupied. While the Proclamation seemingly gave First Nation preferences to remain free from European settlement or imposition, it also contradicted the same preferences.

In 1764, this time with First Nations representatives



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present, the Treaty of Niagara was made between settler and First Nation peoples. This treaty affirmed the true intent of the Proclamation and affirmed an alliance in which no member gave up his or her sovereignty.

Thus, the treaty at Niagara was recorded in the manner that the First Nations were familiar with. Wampum belts were exchanged which communicated the promises and formed the record of the agreement.

The treaty at Niagara was entered into in July and August of 1764, and was regarded as 'the most widely representative gathering of American Indians ever assembled, as approximately two thousand chiefs attended the negotiations. There were over twenty-four Nations gathered with 'representative nations as far east as Nova Scotia, and as far west as the Mississippi, and as far north as Hudson Bay.

This agreement, at the start of the formal relationship between the British and the First Nations of Canada, demonstrates the foundation-building principles of peace, friendship, and respect agreed to between the parties.

To this day, Niagara is known by First Nations as a gathering place for important negotiations with the Crown and Governments.

Youth Raise Concerns About Teen Suicide at Niagara Summit

Young people from various First Nations communities across the country attended the Youth Summit in Niagara, Ontario. The summit was held during the Assembly of First Nations 37th annual general assembly. Some walked more than 950 kilometres to the meeting to raise awareness about the challenges they face and to call on all levels of government to take action. Youth face issues like drug overdoses, suicide attempts and bullying and brought their concerns forward with a unified voice to leaders.

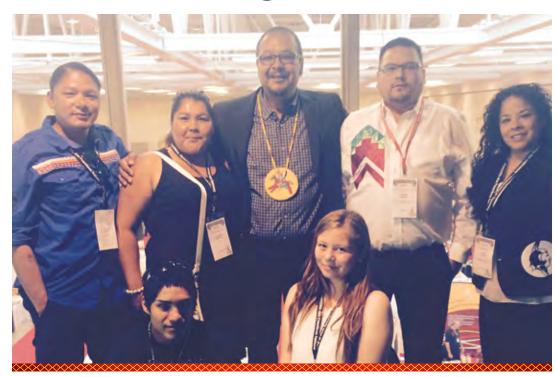
Among the Youth were a group who travelled nearly 3,000 kilometres from Nelson House with the support of Youth Centre manager

Hart.

Cheyenne Spence and NCN Chief and Council. The NCN teens on the trip were Terrance Thomas, Arron Hart (AJ), Roseena Lewis and Claire "I want to help

The NCN youth met AFN Chief Pellegarde, Kevin Hart AFN Manitoba Regional Chief, NCN Chief Marcel Moody and Councillors. They also had a chance to take part in panels with several other youth to lobby for action to address the issues affecting youth.

AJ Hart said, "At the youth summit we heard much of the same we have heard for years. They talk about doing evaluation and studies but they already have all that. They know there are problems in First Nations. We want to see action. We want to



NCN Youth attended a Summit in Niagara Falls, Ontario. (Top Row) Terrance Thomas, Cheyenne Spence, Regional Chief Kevin Hart, Councillor Willie Moore, Councillor Bonnie Linklater, (Bottom Row) Arron Hart (AJ) and Roseena Lewis.

know what is being done about it. I stood up and spoke with

ten others and raged. It was important they know we need action."

AJ has spoken on behalf of his peers in the community and at school. He grew up in the Nelson House territory and moved into the community 5 years ago. Although his first language is Cree, he has no problem speaking out about topics that affect his community.

"I plan to go back (to the Summit) to see if there will be actual change. I recommend others see more too. Go out

and meet people, don't be afraid to get out there and make others listen," Hart explained.

see on the rez. - Claire Hart, NCN Teen

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AJ met other like-minded people his age from across Canada, "My favourite guy was Turtle, from the Turtle clan. When I said I was from the Wolf clan we made an instant connection. We didn't need to use our real names and just knew we had come to Niagara for the same reasons."

Claire Hart, age 17 from NNOC high school also said the trip was about making connections with others, "there were thousands of people there, people that really care about our struggles and issues like suicide. Back on the reserve many of our youth think that no one cares about them. I found that's just not true. So many people are working to make things

Claire returned home with a new perspective on the world and is inspired to help others and learn more about human rights and discrimination. She now believes she can do a part in making it happen, "I want to help people see that life isn't just negative. There is more to life than just what we see on the rez. You don't have to depend on others. We can stand together. As a group it takes a lot to break us. I encourage others to experience more, see more, go outside the reservation and

bring back what you learn."

Claire's favourite class in school is Social Studies and she aspires to become a guidance counsellor one day. After going to a session on Suicide at the Summit, she feels it is important to let teens know they are not alone and others feel the



NCN Youth met with AFN Chief Perry Bellegarde in Niagara Falls.

same way they do and get depressed. But she now knows she can be stronger and tells others not to give up, "there is hope and you always have someone that cares."

The NCN Youth Centre plans to have a Youth Conference

in Nelson House at the end of July. Claire has been asked to speak to others in the community.

Top Students Awarded Trip

NNCEA, NCLP and NCN Parks and Recreation Organize Fun Filled Trip for OK School Kids

Many students are happy to be on summer vacation, but for 15 OK elementary school kids their hard work throughout the school year has made the start of vacation extra memorable.

These young role models were awarded the opportunity to take part in the annual trip to Winnipeg from July 4-8, 2016. Teachers selected the group of young achievers for their academic success, excellent attendance, positive behaviour and interest in recreational activities.

The week-long trip encourages students to not only stay in school but to excel to the best of their ability. Organizers say this trip sponsored by NNCEA, NCLP and NCN Parks & Recreation department is encouraging kids to "work hard and

your efforts will pay off."

The fun and interesting trip kicked off at Winnipeg's Sky Zone trampoline park. The bouncing fun was followed by Lasertopia laser tag and arcade games. Day one ended with swimming, plenty of eats and rest back at the hotel.

On day two, the group began the day at Grand Prix amusements with fast-paced go-cart racing, batting cages, bumper boats, and bumper cars. Next they went to Fun Mountain for water slides and even more swimming. Then

it was off to Miracle Ranch for horse riding lessons and a horseback ride around the premises.

Chaperone and coordinator Debbie Muskego said, "The kids learned while having fun. Whether it's gocarts or horses, these kids were natural born riders."

On day three a visit to the Museum of Man and Nature science gallery and exhibit was planned. "The three-hour experience was a good learning experience for everyone, "said Muskego.

The museum exhibits display natural Manitoba plant and animal life as well as early history of Indigenous peoples and settlements in the province. Following the science gallery the group had



Students from OK School learn hard work pays off with fun rewards as they spend fun-filled days in Winnipeg at the Museum, Sky Zone, Laser Tag, Go-Cart races and horseback riding.

CMHC Home Maintenance Workshop Educates NCN Residents

Many residents or homeowners in NCN know that housing repair and maintenance can be time-consuming, expensive and is preventable with a simple home-maintenance checklist. Maintenance that takes minutes can prevent larger problems in the home later on. If left, these major problems are not only expensive to repair, but can also be a risk to the health and safety of members living in the home.

Every year preventable home repair and maintenance cost NCN millions of dollars. This is money that could be spent on building more houses in the community to alleviate the overcrowded conditions and improving essential community infrastructure.

Easy maintenance in the home can prevent mould, reduce damage and even prevent fires that can often be fatal.

The Nisichawayasihk Housing Authority held a First Nation basic home maintenance workshop at Gilbert McDonald Arena on June 22 - 23, 2016 to educate homeowners and Authority staff about things they can do to keep their home safe and sound. The workshop focused on home repairs, mould prevention and basic home maintenance.

The two-day workshop was presented by experts from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Those

in attendance learned how to change heating filters and ensure their ventilation is working properly and how to reduce moisture in corners or spaces of the home that cause mould while keeping good airflow in the home. Basics demos were given for simple two-minute tasks, like cleaning clothes dryer vents of lint that can prevent risk of fire and even save a life.

Members taking part in the workshop said the tips were something every resident should get to know. The Housing Authority plans to host future workshops and recommends all residents attend.

Housing Director, Kelvin Finnbogason says, "We plan to do more workshops like this. The information is very helpful and for NCN residents the few hours "The few hours spent learning could save tons of time in the long run. We welcome everyone to come out and see how to do it (repairs) yourself.

- NCN HOUSING DIRECTOR, KELVIN FINNBOGASON

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For more information and a home maintenance checklist visit the Authority's website at http://www.ncncree.com/housing-authority.

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Students who excel in school activities get to enjoy hoseback riding at Miracle Ranch.

good eats and service at the Forks Spaghetti Factory. In the afternoon they toured the Red and Assiniboine Rivers and learned the history of Louis Riel and the surrounding area by participating in Splash Dash boat tours.

"A few of the kids had the experience of driving the water taxi. We highly recommend everyone to check them out. We all fed the ducks and geese and the brave kids fed them out of their hands. After the tour, the kids wanted to go back to the hotel and swim some more even though we had planned a movie night," said Debbie.

The final day was travel back to Nelson House after a big breakfast at Perkins. Debbie added, "We were very impressed with the kids when we went to restaurants. They were very polite and were very generous to our servers. Parents should be proud of your wonderful, well-behaved and polite children. It was a pleasure taking them to Winnipeg and we are looking forward to next years trip."

Organizers would like to thank NCN Parks & Recreation, NCLP and Nelson House Education Authority for their kind and generous donations. Kind appreciation also goes out to the chaperones and "a big congratulations" to the kids. Keep up the good work!



Workshop participants learn about maintaining proper ventilation in the home to reduce moisture and mould that can cause illness. Housing Authority staff also took notes.





Recovering Car Crash Victim Speaks Out Against Drinking and Driving

Megan hopes others

will learn from their

tragic experience

and refuse to drink

and drive.

Megan Prince has this piece of advice for others after a car accident that nearly took her life, "never drink and drive or

get into vehicles with others because it's not worth the risk... or the pain."

Three months after a deadly car accident seriously injured her and killed the other three occupants, Prince continues her recovery and speaks about the accident.

The 19-year-old is at Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg and is hard at work with a rehabilitation team to overcome her many injuries.

On Saturday, April 30, Prince was with three friends in a car when it crashed into the extended concrete wall of the public service building on Kiche Maskanow on Opaskwayak Cree Nation.

Local residents Ernie, Brandon and Derek Flett pulled Prince from the car, which was engulfed in flames. Her three friends,

> Kyla Fontaine-Young, Sean McGinnis and Mike Vaillancourt, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Prince, lucky to be alive, was induced into a medical coma at the Health Sciences Centre and woke up eight days later in critical condition with a fractured spine, pelvis and shoulder blade, broken ribs, cracked femur, punctured lung and a brain injury.

She is using a wheelchair, working on her ability to walk, and dealing with nerve damage to one eye which may not be

Prince told the CBC that she and her friends had been



Injured Megan Prince lost three friends to drunk driving.

drinking before they got in the car. She recently got a tattoo to remember them and hopes others will learn from their tragic experience.







Voice of Our Youth

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL IT'S GONE

"Opportunities, relationships, even money flowed my way when I learned to be grateful no matter what happened in my life."

-OPRAH WINFREY

Charlize Linklater, Grade 12 student at NNOC

"Opportunities, relationships, even money flowed my way when I learned to be grateful no matter what happened in my life." –Oprah Winfrey Gratitude is important because without it, you may likely find yourself depressed. It's been said, and I quote, "the more grateful you are, the less depressed you'll be." –Ocean Robins According to Philip Watkins, a clinical psychologist, "several studies have shown depression to be inversely correlated to gratitude."

You're probably thinking, "Why should I be grateful? You don't know what goes on in my life." Well, you're right; I don't know what goes

on in your life and I don't want to. The truth is, we all have our own obstacles to face but whining and complaining won't help you overcome it. With that being said, you should be more grateful and appreciate what you have because it is not guaranteed that it will last forever.

Do not let anyone fool you into thinking that you aren't good enough because you don't have what society has. Material things do not matter, there are people who have what others don't and yet they are not satisfied; while the people who don't have much are. It goes to show you that no matter what you have, if you don't appreciate what you have now, you won't know what you have until it's gone.

That is what we need to understand, we have it easy compared to others and yet we mutter about the things that do not matter. Sure there will be some despair along the way, but don't let it overcome you. Instead, be positive and give positive vibes. Be grateful for what you have now, and you will notice a small, but positive change in your life.



TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE

Sammy Spence (Dysart), Grade 12 student at NNOC

My grandparents are two special people in my life. They are loving, caring, joyful human beings and I appreciate all of the things they do for me, as well as the teachings and life lessons that they have taught me.

My grandparents have been together for fifty years now, and they recently had their wedding vows renewed. I was happy to see them get remarried after fifty years of being together. I wasn't there for their first wedding, but I made sure I was there for the second one.

My grandma is the best woman I've met; she is the most loving person when it comes to her grandchildren. She is the most understanding when I am going through some problems in my life, and she is the most caring person when it comes to family and friends. That is what I appreciate about my grandma.

My grandma not only cares about her family and friends, she also cares about her community. She worked on the school board for quite a number of years, but she retired from being a school board member because she could no longer travel to Winnipeg for meetings. Even when she wasn't helping out with the school, she would find another way to teach the children in our community. She attends every community festival to teach the youth traditional animal calling, fire making and bannock making. My grandma is the best at what she does; she has come in first in every competition to be crowned Queen Elder Trapper.

My grandpa is a competitor in this event as well, except he was crowned as King Elder Trapper. Like my grandma, my grandpa teaches the children of our community how to do traditional animal calling, fire making and bannock making.





My grandpa is an awesome character; he will always greet and welcome new people he meets. He is also a funny character; he always makes jokes or funny speeches at family dinners or gatherings. My grandpa is also wise, he knows a lot about hunting, trapping and fishing. He teaches his other grandchildren and me how to hunt, trap and fish. These are the things that I appreciate about my grandfather.

Each day I go visit my grandparents and they always have a smile on their face and welcome me into their home with open arms. I always look forward to visiting my grandparent's house. I wish that all people of the world had the same loving, caring grandparents that I have.

My grandparents have taught me to respect others and have proper manners, to greet each person that I meet with kindness and to love all forms of life. They have also taught me to help others when they are feeling down or hurt, and to appreciate the little things in life.

I am thankful to have such wonderful people in my life like my grandparents. I appreciate all of the wonderful things they do for me and our community. I have much love and appreciation for my grandparents.



Always Keep Boating Safe for a Fun Summer

Whether you're catching your fill of pickerel, pulling your friends on a tube, or simply enjoying the calm of the water, boating safety is essential to a fun-filled summer.

On the water, a small accident or error in judgment can quickly become a tragedy. Even expert boaters and swimmers have died by making little mistakes.

Every year across Canada, more than 225 men die because they stood up to pee into the water. Usually they are not wearing lifejackets. Often they are drunk. So many lives can be ruined by a small, poor decision.

Safe boating starts before you arrive at the water. Check the weather conditions and the state of your boat and equipment. Tell someone where you are going, what your route will be, and when you will return. Leave alcohol at home.

Don't be shy when you're getting into the water. Discuss who is in charge of what. Ensure everyone is wearing a lifejacket. Sitting on a flotation device or storing it under your seat doesn't help in an emergency. Make sure someone has a radio or cell phone. If someone brings alcohol, tell him or her to leave it on shore. In a boat, everyone pays for one person's mistake. Speak up!

While you're enjoying the water, pay attention to your surroundings. Watch out for changing water levels, undercurrents, debris and unstable shorelines. If the weather changes quickly, you should also change your plans and return to shore.

Children must be supervised every single moment and they must wear a life jacket, even when playing near the water. Weather, water conditions

and children are all unpredictable, which means you must be watching them at all times. Teach children how to respect the

> they learn by example. a lifejacket.

If these rules are new to you, learn from an experienced boater who takes safety seriously. If you are a parent, elder or older friend, take responsibility

water and remember that

and teach everyone the rules.

Don't let a tragedy on the water become your family story. When everyone is prepared for an emergency and focused on safety, then you're ready for fun.

You must carry safety equipment on board your boat. This includes:



Boating can be dangerous if you do not spot the hazards and travel safe.

- sound-signalling device
- Class 5 BC fire extinguisher
- watertight flashlight or flares (type A, B or C)
- 15 metres of buoyant heaving line
- paddle or anchor with 15 metres of rope or cable The Canadian Red Cross also recommends having on board:
- knife
- first aid kit
- dry clothing
- drinking water and snacks
- sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- waterproof matches.

Safe boating starts before you arrive at the water... Ensure everyone is wearing

■ a lifejacket for everyone



Important Walk Raises Awareness of Missing and Murdered Northerners

A walk to honour missing and murdered Northern Manitobans arrived in Winnipeg on July 6, 2016.

The over 760 kilometre walk began in Thompson on July 3, 2016 and people joined the campaign in various communities along Highway 6. The caravan of travellers carried a banner and posters with photos and names honouring those that have been lost to murder or are still missing.

Organizer Jackie Walker, from NCN's Family and Community Wellness Centre, thanked the families and loved ones for their commitment on the long journey from Thompson. A gathering and drum ceremony was held on the steps of the Legislative building where nearly 100 supporters gathered to create awareness for their lost loved ones or honour their memories.

Words from CEO of the NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre, Felix Walker offered comfort to an emotional gathering of victim's families and friends. Walker also called for action from governments to more actively listen, help heal and solve the tragedies of missing and murdered children, men and women of the North. "What we are asking for is more services to be provided to the victims and families of those dealing with homicide and missing persons... To see changes in the way services are provided when it comes to missing-persons reports and to take the time to actively investigate."

In the days following the march, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson signed a memorandum of understanding stating that they are committed to find the funding to resolve outstanding missing and murdered cases of First Nations people across Canada.

Event organizer Jackie Walker said, "the walk is about awareness, but more importantly it is about honouring victims and healing for these families."







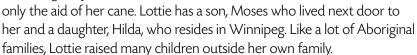
Portraits of Our NCN Elders

Lottie Moore

born.

Nelson House, Nisichawayasihk Cree Lottie Moore lived in Nelson House, a Cree community 75 kilometres northwest of Thompson, Manitoba. Although the building which kept her birth records burned down years ago, Lottie's children say she was approximately 105 years old. Their estimate is based upon her children's ages and the years apart they were

Lottie lead a very active lifestyle. She once broke a leg in three places. It evidently healed well because she would regularly walk to the store with



In the fall of 2003 Lottie passed away. The illustration tries to capture the contentment of Lottie Moore, a woman who stood up for what she believed in, yet greeted each day with a twinkle in her eye. Those who knew her say she was a gem of a lady and did not fail to leave a positive impression upon those who met her.



Esther Linklater

Nelson House, Nisichawayasihk Cree Esther Linklater grew up in the Cree settlement of Otoh-owin near Nelson House. Born on December 26 along the trap line, Esther believes she is in her

As a young girl, Esther walked six miles to school each day until grade three. Because of limited education, she cannot read or write. Esther moved from camp to camp when growing up. Marrying Mathew Linklater at age 15, Esther remembers crying during the arranged marriage ceremony. Their relationship grew over the years and



At age 17, Esther experienced the 'shaking tent' ceremony with an Elder communicating with animal spirits. She recalled understanding the four animals speaking with the Elder. The experience inspired her to learn traditional medicine from her grandfather.

Esther's smile displays a strong faith that love can conquer all hardships. She told her daughter Barbara, "there are two roads to travel, the good and the bad. Choose the good one and walk it to the fullest."

You can view all 11 portraits at our 2-1100 Waverley office in Winnipeg.

ATTENTION NCN CITIZENS: Join Us at the Upcoming **NCN LAND CODE WORKSHOPS**

Get Informed and Involved

The Land Code Development Committee will be hosting upcoming workshops to talk about the Land Code and NCN Lands generally. These important workshops will ensure the community members become familiar with the Land Code development process.

Community workshops and lunch or dinner will be held on the following dates:

WINNIPEG

August 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Holiday Inn, 1740 Ellice Ave.

August 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Holiday Inn, 1740 Ellice Ave.

NELSON HOUSE

August 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. United Church, Nelson House

August 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **United Church, Nelson House**



Dates for workshops may be subject to change.

It is important that all members also provide email addresses leading up to the ratification vote to ensure you are informed. Please contact Jeremiah Spence for further information. Email: jeremiahspence@hotmail.com or Phone: (204) 939-3805



Employment Opportunity

FINANCE CLERK (TERM POSITION)

The NCN Personal Care home is looking for a qualified candidate to fill a term position as a Finance Clerk.

Job Description:

■ The Finance Clerk is responsible for providing financial, administrative and clerical services in order to ensure effective, efficient and accurate financial and administrative operations. The Finance Clerk must comply with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Job Purpose:

■ The Finance Clerk reports to the Finance Comptroller and is responsible for providing financial, administrative and clerical services. This includes processing and monitoring payments and expenditures, processing and monitoring receipts and revenue. Providing these services in an effective and efficient manner will ensure that agency finances are accurate and up to date that staff are paid in a timely and appropriate manner and that vendors and suppliers are paid within established time limits.

Job Requirements:

Perform the day to day processing of financial transactions to ensure that

agency finances are maintained in an effective, up to date and accurate manner.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

Knowledge of office administration and basic bookkeeping procedures, Knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable and maintain general ledgers. Confidentiality concerning finance employee files, Awareness of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Excellent interpersonal, team building, bookkeeping, analytical time, management and problem solving skills, Effective verbal and listening, communications organizational and computer skills including the ability to operate computerized accounting, spread sheet and word processing programs, email at a highly proficient level. Superior financial calculations understanding, knowledge and skills. Ability to work well with other managers from wide range department areas and residents. Ability to work flexible hours as required. Must possess a valid driver's license, access to a vehicle and be willing to travel. Must provide a clear Criminal Record Abstract; and ability

to speak Cree is preferred and is a definite asset.

Work Experience:

Must have at least (2) years of recent and successful employment experience within an office administration environment with exposure to financial processes and procedures.

Proficiencies:

■ Word Processing – MS Word, Power Point, Publisher, Spreadsheets – MS Excel, E-mail and Sage Acc Pac

Qualifications:

■ GED/High school Diploma, Willing to train

Please send your resume, cover letter and Criminal Record Check to:

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Events Calendar



HOURS: 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

- Please sign up to volunteer with the HR for the Youth Initiative
- Hand drum teachings with Wolf
 Tootosis every Wed. & Thurs. 7–9 p.m.
- Sign up at the Youth Centre if you want to join the Youth fundraising group
- Activities Centre is open between 4–7 p.m. every Wed. & Thurs. with Hope Linklater

Lake Water Levels

Forecast July 1 – August 31, 2016

On July 1, 2016 the level of Footprint Lake is forecasted to be 793.0 feet. The level of the lake is expected to rise 1 foot 9 inches to an elevation of 794.8 feet by the end of July.

During the month of August the level of the lake is expected to rise

2 inches to an elevation of 795.0 feet by the second week of the month and then remain fairly constant near an elevation of 794.9 feet until the end of the month.



Call Cheyene Spence or Damon Yetman at 204-484-2923 to sign up for programs, arrange a ride or just drop in at the Youth Centre anytime for a registration form.



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