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# The Land Code Needs Your Vote!

Chief and Council, Elders, and Land Code committee members have worked on this land code for years. We have learned from other First Nations who have taken control

of their own lands. We've heard your wisdom and have rewritten our land code several times. Every version has become better.

Now the time has come to vote and put our land code into motion.

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**NCN Chief and Council** 

- Your Leadership - Working to Build a Brighter Future for Our Nation.



Top row (left to right): Councillors Joe Moose, Willie Moore, Patrick Linklater and Ron D. Spence. Bottom row (left to right): Councillor Shirley Linklater, Chief Marcel Moody and Councillor Bonnie M. Linklater A land code is a promise to our children, grandchildren, and all generations of our Nation to come. We will make decisions that will protect and enrich our home forever.

A land code is a promise to our ancestors. We will have control of our land and resources at last, and we can bring peace to their spirits.

Let's challenge ourselves to have a good turnout! Please talk to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbours about the importance of this vote. See the vote dates in your area on the following pages.

When you vote, you must state your 10-digit registration (Treaty) number. Bring your Voter Registration document. If you need a ride, please call Natalie Tays (Cell: 204-697-1462), Roslyn Moore (Cell: 204-679-6892) or Vernon Anderson (Phone: 204-374-2300).

To vote electronically, which you can do until August 25, go to www. ncncree.com and click on the red box that says VOTE NOW.

Let's consider this vote a grand achievement of our community, our history, and our future. To do your part in making NCN's future great, we encourage you to vote.

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I hope you have all been enjoying the great summer weather and having fun with your family and friends. The summer festival was a great success as was our golf tournament.

#### NCN Winning Gold

I want to congratulate a number of our athletes, especially our youth. It is amazing that Haley Jo Braun (hockey), Kurtia Yetman (hockey) and Breeann Pagee (high jump) all won gold medals this summer. Congratulations girls!

I also want to congratulate our golf tournament winners: Ed Vystricl (NCN flight – best golfer of the tournament), Leonard Linklater (NCN senior flight), Theresa Yetman (NCN women's flight and best golfer of the tournament). We had 69 golfers competing from NCN, OCN, Thompson and Winnipeg. Thanks also to our volunteers and sponsors.

#### **Back to School**

It is time for everyone to get their kids ready for school. Education is absolutely critical for the future of our youth and our Nation. The two key factors leading to educational success are attendance and parental involvement. Please take the time to make sure your kids have the supplies and clothes they

need as we start another school year. During this last week

before school starts it is important to transition from more relaxed rules about bedtime to getting them to sleep earlier so that they get enough rest as it is hard to concentrate if they are tired. I wish all students a successful school year and hope we will continue to see more students graduate not only from high school but also university and

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community college. I also want to remind parents that ATEC offers upgrading programs that will help you improve your own math and language literacy.

#### Nisichawayasi Aski Pumenikewin (land code)

We have a lot going on as we continue to build our Nation. Many of you have voted about whether to approve our *Nisichawayasi Aski Pumenikewin* (land code). We need more of you to come out and vote so we can control the development of our lands and not have to abide by the Indian Act provisions that impede development.

#### **Mystery Lake Gas Station Plans**

We plan to start construction of a gas station on our Mystery Lake property in early September. We retained MNP to give us a report about other options for the development of our property. Council will be reviewing that report shortly and we will provide more information about it at

our next General Assembly in September.

Council will be approving a Drug and Alcohol policy for its staff shortly. We are looking at similar policies for

Council members.

#### Multi-Plex

Our Multi-Plex is about to become a reality. We are just finalizing the contracts and site preparation is beginning this week. Our plan is to have the facility operational by next August. This is a very exciting development for our

community. We have a number of other projects underway to improve the lives of our citizens, including the building of

our baseball fields and our pow wow arbour.

#### Addressing Violence

As indicated at our last General Assembly we are taking steps to address the violence and the impact of violence in our community. Construction of the women's shelter is to start shortly. We are examining options for increasing treatment programs to address the underlying causes of the violence. Council will be approving a Drug and Alcohol policy for its staff shortly. We are looking at similar policies for Council members.

#### **Community Health Centre**

NCN has the option to proceed with the design of a new nursing station if we want to fund it. If we want, we can proceed and Health Canada will reimburse us as long as we follow their processes. By completing the design early it will mean that the construction of the nursing station can start as soon as the capital costs are available. We are also examining other options on the health front for our Mystery Lake property and the purchase of duplexes or an apartment building in Winnipeg for our Citizens facing health issues to access.

#### **Constitution and Self-Government**

Once the vote on the land code is completed, we will be starting a final round

of discussions on our
Constitution so that we
can finally vote on it this
fall. As many of you know,
the James Bay Cree have
been leaders in advancing
the rights and jurisdiction
of our peoples, nationally
and internationally. They
recently approved their

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own Constitution and self-government agreement. It would be a proud moment for our Nation if this fall we adopt our own Constitution and begin the process of self-government negotiations.

As always I look forward to hearing from you and your continued support.

Ekosani!

Chief Marcel Moody
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation





# LAND CODE RATIFICATION VOTE SUMMARY **COMMUNITY QUESTIONS** (TO AUGUST 11, 2017)

#### General Questions about the Land Code



### Q. What is a Land Code?

The Land Code will be the basic land law of NCN and will replace 33 land management provisions of the *Indian Act*. It will act as our overriding land law to manage our reserve lands. A Land Code is a land management option to strengthen our Land Governance and manage our reserve lands under a Land Code consistent with the national Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management.

We developed our own Aski Pumenikewin (Land Code) to govern and manage our reserve land base outside of the Indian Act. If the Land Code and Individual Agreement are approved by the NCN Citizens, our reserve lands and resources will no longer be managed by the Minister of Indian Affairs under the Indian Act.

#### What is the NCN Land Code history?

In 1996 a number of First Nations, signed the Framework Agreement A. on Land Management in order to be able to fast-track development of their lands without having to follow the cumbersome processes in the Indian Act. Over the last twenty years, a number of other First Nations have signed onto the process. NCN signed a document called an "Adhesion" to the Framework

Agreement on March 3, 2014. We are 1 of 12 First Nations in Manitoba to take on the development and ratification of a Land Code – this number continues to increase annually. The Adhesion started the process for the development of NCN's land code. Since then there have been a number of meetings in the community to discuss land issues. There have been articles in the newsletter, special meet and greets to discuss the land code and door to door delivery of information about the land code.

#### How will the Land Code benefit off-reserve citizens?

Urban reserves benefit all NCN Citizens. These economic development lands increase annual revenues for NCN to provide better programming and services for all NCN citizens – ex. Elders, medical services, post-secondary education etc.

It is estimated that the revenues on the Mystery Lake Hotel Property increased approx. \$2 million a year from it gaining reserve status (VLTs revenues). A Land Code speeds up land development – the *Indian Act* hinders economic development because we need to get Ministerial/INAC approval to develop

#### Will we need a referendum each time we want to make decisions about our lands?

No, we won't if the land code is approved as we will pass our own NCN laws. If the land code is not approved then we will have to have

referendums as required by the Indian Act. Our laws will spell out when a referendum is required, e.g. if reserve lands are expropriated for a community purpose or if we want to consider exchanging any of our reserve lands for other equivalent or better reserve lands.

#### Will the Land Code create • Fee simple title out of NCN Reserve Lands?

No. Reserve lands under the A. Indian Act are held by Her Majesty and are set apart for the use and benefit of a First Nation. This will not change under the Land Code and the Framework Agreement. These lands remain a federal responsibility under section 91(24) of the Constitution Act. 1867. In addition, NCN lands will be protected against surrender for sale.

#### Will the Land Code apply to Fee Simple Lands?

No. The lands NCN Citizens A. currently own through fee simple title will not be governed by the Land Code. Only our reserve lands will be.

#### Will the Land Code turn us into a "Municipality"?

No. Municipalities are A. creations of provincial law and subject to Provincial legislation. First Nations do not gain provincial status as municipalities under a land code or the national Framework Agreement.

First Nations that have approved and implemented their land codes enjoy the ability to pass *laws* according to their own rules. Municipalities can only pass bylaws according to provincial statutes.

#### Will things happen at • a faster rate after the ratification vote has gone through?

Chief and Council and the A. lands team are confident that NCN's own procedures will be faster than the Indian Act requirements. For example, we waited over 15 years to be able to have our Mystery Lake property converted to an urban reserve. If our Aski Pumenikewin is not approved we will then have to have another designation vote like we did

## **LAND CODE KEY INFORMATION**

Our Lands — Our Future — Our Way

The Indian Act has cost us long delays and obstacles for us to get an opportunity to create and develop on our lands, we always have to wait for an approval.

However, Aski Pumenikewin (Land Code) can change that.

Many benefits can come from there.

- Reclaiming the control and Management of our Land and Resources. Protecting Reserve Land for Future generations decisions regarding our lands and resources will be in the hands of NCN citizens.
- >> NCN will have the opportunity for increased environmental protection
- Aski Puminikewin DOES NOT turn us into Municipality
- )) It DOES NOT affect the treaty or aboriginal rights
- ) It DOES NOT affect the lands that were selected or the ones that will be selected
- Law can be made on how to manage and protect our lands resources
- It will be the responsibility of the leadership to ensure laws are set, on how to manage and protect for the benefit of NCN citizens
- )) Canada still holds the title to the land, but they will have no authority to tell us how to control and manage our lands and resources
- 1 Lands cannot be sold, we have to control and manage our lands for the benefit of future generations

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for the store. This is time consuming and costly and we believe we can make better use of our funds than holding all these votes required by the *Indian Act*.

## Will the Land Code affect our treaty rights?

No. There is a provision in the Land Code that says: "NCN's signing of the Adhesion to the Framework Agreement and the development of this Aski Pumenikewin (land code) do not abrogate or derogate from any Aboriginal, Treaty or other rights and freedoms of NCN or NCN Citizens including NCN's sovereign right to govern itself recognized by international law including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

## Will the Land Code create taxation? Land Taxes?

No, Taxation is not part of this initiative. Taxation falls under section 83 of the *Indian Act* or another federal legislation called the First Nation Fiscal Management Act.

# If the Land Code goes through, is it going to be easier for us to have businesses on our lands?

Yes, subject to those businesses complying with our NCN laws which we will have the clear authority to pass. If the Land Code and Individual Agreement are approved by NCN Citizens, the lands and resources (reserve land base only) will no longer be managed by the Minister of Indian Affairs under the Indian Act.

# Can we charge businesses and others taxes on our

Chief and Council's intention A. is not to impose land taxes. There may be a fee to lease the land in the future taking into consideration that NCN currently provides all the services for the lot for things like sewer, water, fire services, etc. However, the benefit is that people would be able to own their own houses. We would be able to use the leasehold interest option to be able to get mortgages from the bank and build our own houses. We will have further discussions as a community about how to deal with these issues.

We may also want to consider some form of fee as an additional source of revenue on our Mystery Lake property or other reserves to generate additional land revenues that would go towards community programs and services. For example, many First Nations' obtain significant revenues from their leasehold interests from commercial and residential enterprises on their lands, and this is a direction NCN should consider particularly on our TLE reserves.

### Do we need permission to build traditional homes for harvesting seasonally?

Generally not if this is part of the exercise of our treaty and aboriginal rights.

## What happens to existing environmental problems that occurred historically under Indian Affairs and the *Indian Act*?

The Land Code Team studied the historical and current Environmental issues in an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to determine what Canada remains responsible for under during their management of our Reserve lands. Before bringing a reserve under its Land Code, a First Nation is also entitled to full disclosure on any environmental problem from Canada. There is a list of issues documented in an ESA report and Canada remains liable for these issues up to the date the land code is ratified.

#### Will we need experts to make environmental laws?

A Experts can provide valuable information in the development of laws. NCN has been incorporating the expertise of our Elders into our practices though the use of our customary laws and Ethinesewin. This expertise will be incorporated into our environmental laws as have already been including it in our practices for the monitoring of the Wuskwatim Project.

#### Can we have land leased through the Land Code?

Yes, NCN will pass its own laws about how lands can be leased and how they can be passed on to their children and grandchildren.

#### Can people own their own homes under the land code?

Within one year of the Land Code being approved there will be laws passed about these issues. Marital property laws will also be enacted. All proposed laws will be discussed with the community before being passed. Reserve lands will not be subject to individual ownership of NCN Land. Instead there will be a leasehold system option that will grant people the ability to lease NCN lands and buy or build their own houses for up to 99 years after which a lease can then be renewed and willed to family members. Other communities, such as Buffalo Point in South Eastern Manitoba currently grant leasehold interests for up to 75 years and this system works very well for them.

#### Q. How will land by allocated? Through bidding?

There will be further discussion with NCN Citizens about the processes that should be followed for allotting lands and houses. The Land Code indicates that such laws must be enacted within one year.

#### Questions about the Vote

#### . How was the vote tabled for the NCN Land Code referendum?

A special Council meeting was held to comply with the provisions in the Framework Agreement on Land Management and the NCN Community Ratification Process which includes the form of the Council Resolutions that were required to start the voting process. Once the Council Resolutions were passed and signed, the person chosen by NCN and Canada to act as the Verifier for purposes of the Land Code vote. The Verifier then certified that our draft Nisichawayasi Aski Pumenikewin complied with the terms of the national Framework Agreement. Once that step took place, NCN's Electoral Officer, who Chief and Council appointed as the Ratification Officer, sent out the Notice of the vote. A copy of these documents are on NCN's website.

Q. How were the community consultants hired/selected?

A selection committee reviewed the applications submitted and recommended the people to be selected based on the selection criteria. The recommendations were approved by Chief and Council.

### Why did we include Electronic Voting (E-vote) and mail-in ballots?

A. Chief and Council and the Land Code team decided to introduce E-voting and mail-in ballots in this vote to try to encourage voter participation, for higher voter turn out, and to make other innovative methods of voting available to NCN Citizens on and off reserve.

#### ls the e-vote a test run?

A It is a test run in the sense that it is intended to encourage voter participation especially among youth and NCN Citizens living off-reserve. E-voting is a tool that is being used more and more in First Nation communities. It is not intended to replace in-person voting at Nelson House where the majority of our Citizens live. It is just an additional voting tool to encourage voter turn out.

#### Who is running the e-vote?

A NCN's Electoral Officer is running the e-vote with the assistance of an e-voting technology company that specializes in electronic voting platforms.

#### . Why do we have an e-vote? Is the e-vote confidential?

To encourage voter participation but in-person voting is also available.

Yes. All votes are secret ballot votes, whether in-person, by mail or e-vote.

#### Q. Will everyone be able to see how we vote?

No. The vote is confidential and only the results will be tabulated along with the ballots cast in-person and through mail-in ballots.

#### Q. If I am not on the voter's list can I still vote?

Yes, you can by asking NCN's Electoral Officer who has been appointed as the Ratification Officer to conduct this vote, to add you to the list. Either the Ratification Officer or her assistant can make the necessary arrangements.

### I just got my treaty number so can I still vote? If not, why not as isn't it my right to vote?

You can still vote. All NCN Citizens who are or will be 18 years of age as of the last voting day are eligible to vote as long as they complete the registration form. If you have any questions, contact the Ratification Officer at (204) 679-0506

#### Are there rides to go vote?

A. Yes, there will be rides in Leaf Rapids, Thompson, Nelson House and Winnipeg to drive people to the polls to vote.

#### Q. When will we know the results of the vote?

On August 25th if well over 25% of NCN Citizens turn out to vote. If not, likely the second week of September if additional voting days are required. Chief and Council hope there will be a really high turnout during the festival week so that we meet the required threshold of our Citizens who must vote for this to be approved.

## When I asked Chief and Council for help, they did not help me so why should I vote if they did not help me?

All NCN Citizens 18 years of age and over have the opportunity to vote. It is important to vote as our people have always been spiritually connected to the land. This is an opportunity to regain authority over our



lands and resources so even if you feel that Chief and Council did not help you sufficiently about a particular problem, it is important for the future of our Nation, our children and grandchildren for all of us to participate in the vote.

Questions about NCN Reserve Lands

#### Who selected the lands for the 18 reserves?

The original reserves (IR 170, 170 A, B and C) were selected by our ancestors. The compensation lands from the 1996 NFA settlement were selected with community input at that time. A similar process was followed in relation to the TLE lands.

#### Is the Mystery Lake property already reserve land?

Yes, but if the Land Code is not approved, we will have to hold a designation vote under the Indian Act to continue our hotel business on our reserve lands.

#### If the Land Code goes through, will we have all the mineral rights or will the government still own those rights?

The Individual Agreement indicates INAC will provide a letter confirming NCN's ownership of the mine and minerals on the TLE and compensation lands. They are excluded on the Mystery Lake lands at this time. As NCN's position is that all mines and minerals are part of our reserve lands we are also undertaking historical research related to the mines and minerals on the original reserve lands (IR 170, 170 A, B, and C) and in accordance with the Individual Agreement, if it and the Land Code are approved, there will be further discussions about this issue over the next year.

#### If the vote is yes, can NCN Citizens have access to the soil at Mile 20 or anywhere on Hwy 391?

NCN Citizens will be able to access soil on our reserve lands if they obtain a permit in accordance with any laws we decide to pass. However, we want to promote good land management and we know we can do it better under our own management system versus the Indian Act systems. The Land Code will only apply to our reserve lands not to all the lands within our traditional territory.

#### Why did the First Nation say that all provincial laws apply? It was already a grey area and they did not need

The provision in the Land Code deals with which laws apply if there is a dispute over jurisdiction and the application of the different laws. To resolve such disputes there are legal principles that may apply. The Land Code says that if there is an inconsistency between it and any Land Law that NCN enacts, the Land Code approved by NCN Citizens will apply. It also says that the laws of Canada and Manitoba will continue to apply unless replaced by an NCN Law. For example the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) would still apply as it does now, until we create our own Environmental Assessment Law.

#### Questions about Implementation of the Land Code

### Who is going to create the laws? What will the process

The process is outlined in the Land Code. In simple terms, A. Chief and Council, an NCN employee with responsibility for lands and resources, the land advisory committee or at least 5% of our Citizens can propose a law. The Proposal for the law will be considered by Chief and Council and a decision will be made about having the law prepared. Any law that is drafted will be referred to and NCN General Assembly and/or workshops for input from NCN Citizens before again being considered by Chief and Council. At this stage the draft law may be revised based on the community input before it is considered by Chief and Council who must formally pass

a Council Resolution to enact the law. There are time limits and checks and balances for the various processes including if Chief and Council decides not to proceed with a particular proposal.

#### Oo we need lawyers to help with the law-making?

Lawyers can assist with the law-making as they are trained in not only drafting laws, but the legal principles related to the interpretation and application of laws. However, once the laws are enacted lawyers are generally not needed for the day to day administrative decisions that are made.

### Who will manage the lands?

NCN currently has some lands and resources staff. Chief and Council also can establish a lands advisory committee once the Land Code and Individual Agreement are approved. As the Land Code is implemented, and laws are established, there will be additional new positions which will be

#### Will it be possible to get into environmental training?

The various positions will be determined as the implementation process unfolds. It may be possible to get into environmental training.

#### Who is going to provide education and monitoring over lands and laws?

The lands and resources staff. There are also provisions in the Land Code that will allow for the enforcement of our laws.

Who is going to monitor the environmental aspects of development?

We will be enacting our own A. environmental laws and monitoring and enforcement will be part of our laws.

#### Will there be a committee • overseeing the whole process once the Land Code is approved?

Chief and Council can A. appoint a Lands Advisory Committee to provide input and advice. The lands and resources staff will be responsible for implementing the Land Code under the overall supervisory authority of Chief and Council similar to all other areas of NCN governance.

#### Will there be a board • set up or will they be

There is no provision for a A separate board to be set up or appointed. In the future, a decision could be made to administer lands and resources through a separate operating agency but that is not the immediate plan.

# **Notice to NCN CITIZENS**

# Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Community **Ratification Vote**





A Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Community Ratification Process from July 21, 2017 to August 25, 2017, in order to determine if Onuwosonekew (voters) approve the Nisichawayasi Aski Pumenikewin (land code) and the Individual Agreement.

The Ratification Vote will include:

- 1. Electronic Voting from July 21, 2017 to August 25, 2017
- 2. Mail-in-Voting from July 30, 2017 to August 18, 2017
- 3. In-person Voting in Winnipeg and Nelson House on the dates set out below.

#### **IMPORTANT VOTING DATES BY LOCATION:**

**AUGUST 17-19,** & 24-25, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **REGULAR VOTING DAY NELSON HOUSE** Gilbert McDonald Arena

**AUGUST 21, 22, 2017** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **REGULAR VOTING DAY** WINNIPEG

Marlborough

#### For more information please contact:

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# What the... (LAND CODE)? Aski Pumenikewin



## **QUICK FACTS:**

The Land Code will allow NCN to shift away from the *Indian Act* and INAC paternalism of our NCN Reserve Lands. It will also strengthen Land governance by establishing legal and administrative frameworks to allow us to start managing our Lands ourselves. This will also speed up economic development processes and other development on NCN Lands.

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First Nation Communities in Canada are operating under their own Land Code.

Having a Land Code will eliminate

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sections of the *Indian Act* that give the federal government the power to manage NCN reserve land and resources. Land has spiritual, economic and political significance for First Nations Peoples. With the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Land Code, we will finally resume and exercise control over our reserve lands and resources for the use and benefit of our NCN Citizens.

**COMMUNITY DRIVEN** 

Development of the Land Code is a step toward a community self government at a grass-roots level. Our Citizens have had and will have input into every step of the process.



The Land Code was overseen by Chief and Council and developed and reviewed by

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NCN committee members and staff with the direction and input from NCN Citizens.

As of April 1, 2017 there are **3,302** 

Eligible NCN Voters (1,642 on-reserve, 1,660 off-reserve). NCN has 5,086 total Citizens.







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Other First Nation
Communities are also in
the process of developing
their own Land Code.

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Chiefs from across Canada presented their own framework Agreement to Canada in the 1980's.

# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

In 1996, Canada entered into the Framework Agreement with 14 Chiefs and ratified it by passing the First Nation Land Management Act outlining the government's roles and responsibilities to the First Nations who are enacting their own Land Codes.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Under the Land Code, Chief and Council are accountable to the Citizens of NCN for managing the lands and resources for the use and benefit of NCN.

The Land Code allows the community to give direction to Chief and Council on all major land management decisions.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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# Gold in Europe

Two NCN girls brought home their first international gold medal this summer...at the age of 11!

Haley Jo Braun and Kurtia Yetman played for the Atom Canadian Cowboys in a hockey tournament in Europe. Their team came out on top with an undefeated record of 9-0.

"They were so happy. They love the game, they just want to play," says Kurtia's mom, Jemima Lobster.

The girls were accompanied by Kurtia's parents, Curtis and Jemima Lobster. They first flew to Calgary to practice with the team for a week before the tournament. As the only girls on the team, Kurtia and Haley Jo were met with some resistance.

"The first day when we got to the arena, the boys were shocked to see the girls, and they didn't think the girls would be able to keep up. Then they hit the ice, and that was the end of that!" laughs Jemima.

Kurtia, who plays defence, scored one goal and about 6 assists. Haley Jo placed in the Top Six scorers of the entire tournament. Jemima says the games were great, with a few "nail biters," and she enjoyed seeing the difference in fan culture.

"Oh, the fans over there were so quiet. It was amazing, and not at all like it is here at home, with Canadians screaming and yelling!"

Haley Jo and Kurtia, both 11 years old, were scouted to play on the Cowboys team when their NCN Flames Atom team won the Aboriginal Hockey Championship in Regina in May.

"I'm so proud of them," says Haley Jo's mom, Patricia Berard. "I don't have to motivate them at all. It's my highest high when I'm at the arena with them. And I'm so lucky to have the Lobsters, I couldn't do it without their help."

The best friends will start school in Winnipeg this fall so they can focus on hockey.

# NCN Girls Win Triumph at the North American Indigenous Games

Breeann Pagee, a 14-yearold girl from Pikwitonei, is the best First Nations high jumper of her age in North America.

Breeann attended the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto, Ontario from July 16th to the 23rd, and came out with the gold medal in high jump. She won with an incredible leap of 1.39 metres (4 feet, 7 inches). She beat her closest competition by a full 6 centimetres.

"The amazing thing is that she had collapsed during her race the day before," says her grandfather Wayne Spence. "She was in second

place just before the finish line, and it was so muggy, and she was dehydrated, and she just couldn't do it."

The following day was the high jump event, and Breeann was not feeling optimistic about her chances, as she was not feeling fully recovered.

"She gave it her best, and she won! That's Breeann. She loves sports, she really has a passion," says Spence. "She was pretty surprised and she didn't expect it, but now she's already setting her sights on the Games in 2020."



Breeann Pagee wins gold medal in Athletics/High Jump at the North American Indigenous Games.

Breeann is a gifted athlete with many interests, including track and field, baseball and basketball. She will begin grade nine at R.D. Parker Collegiate this fall.

Congratulations Breeann! Your NCN community is proud of you.

#### **ATTENTION NCN CITIZENS:**

# WANT TO BE ADDED TO THE NCN VOTING LIST OR ACHIMOWINA NEWS DELIVERY LIST?



There will be several important votes in the near future that will require your vote. Be sure to let us know your contact information to be eligible to vote. Your input matters!

#### DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE ACHIMOWINA NEWSPAPER AT HOME EACH MONTH?

If you are a NCN Citizen living in Nelson House, Leaf Rapids, South Indian Lake, Thompson, Winnipeg or Brandon, we want to get news to you. WANT AN E-COPY? You can always find the latest Achimowina online at ncncree.com! Send your contact information and address to Joyce Yetman by phone (204) 484-2604, or joyceyetman@ncncree.com.

# NCN Slo-pitch Teams Make National Debut

Two NCN slo-pitch teams qualified for the first time and competed in the 2017 Slo-Pitch National Championships. The tournament was held August 3rd to 7th in Winnipeg at the Little Mountain Sportsplex, which is the largest slo-pitch venue across Canada.

Both teams, NCN Rampage and Wayne's World, play in the league out of Thompson, and have played at the provincial championships before. But for the first time, they both played at the national level.

"We made it to the elimination round on Sunday. We played six games and lost them all, I think the Rampage did the same," says Wayne's World captain Wayne Spence. "But now

we know what we're up against! It was a great experience." Both teams played in the Coed E division, which was eventually won by Just Evil, a team from Denare Beach, SK.

"It was so hot that weekend, it was tough for us," says Spence. "But for our team to get there for the first time ever, it was awesome. Meeting new people, the fun you have, the memories you make, we were so happy to be there."

The Wayne's World team has played slo-pitch for four years. Spence says the game was played for many years in NCN, but people seemed to lose interest.

"We're trying to revive it now, and we are grateful to Parks

and Rec, Chief and Council, and everyone who sponsors us," Spence says. "It gets us out of the house and keeps us busy. We feel like one big family now."

If you are interested in playing slo-pitch next year, contact Rampage captain Graeme Linklater or Wayne's World captain Wayne Spence.

Make Time for Kids – Tips to Strengthen Family Relationships

At every stage of childhood, kids need affection, attention and communication. A great way to cover all three is to think about your family's evenings.

When young people understand their family's values, they have confidence when facing peer pressure. Children who know they're loved do better in school. Kids who know there are expectations about their behaviour and actions push themselves to work hard and achieve.

It may seem tough, or even weird, in the beginning, but if you create reasons for your family to spend time together, you will talk more, share more, and love more.

Plan family routines and traditions. You don't have to spend money or leave the house to create closeness. Try an evening of board games every week (and turn all screens off). Maybe a night when everyone gathers in the

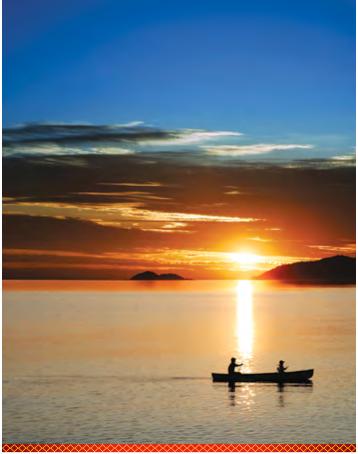
living room and works on their own hobby. Choose a new TV show, video game, audiobook, or novel to enjoy together as a family. Lay out a puzzle so parents and kids can spend a few minutes at it every night.

- Welcome your kids and their friends in your home. Have healthy snacks available. Be upfront about rules such as no smoking, drinking or drugs. Young people often make bad choices because they don't have a safe space to hang out together. Make yourself available as a parent figure, but don't act like one of the group.
- Enjoy healthy habits together. Try a new food or activity every week. A nightly walk after dinner helps your digestion. Join the gym! You'd be surprised how much a child will talk when shooting hoops, or walking side by side. Turn devices off an hour before bedtime, giving your body and mind time to relax. Use a family bedtime, so everyone gets enough sleep.
- Make sure your house is a functioning home. Clutter and mess can make people feel depressed, irritated and overwhelmed. Get rid of everything in your home that's broken or not used. Look at a space in your home with fresh

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eyes and decide as a family what to do with it. Hang up special photos, art and awards. If you show pride in your family and home, your children will learn they are deserving of love and success.

Share your family history. Point out how your child's



Quality time on the land with family can be a great bonding experience.

personality is similar to an older family member. Explain how your experiences as a child influence the way you act as a parent. Talk about the funny, tragic, and incredible stories that have shaped the people around you. Children who learn about their family's challenges feel more resilient and able to cope with their own setbacks.



# Mmm Summer BBQ! Heatin' it up!

NCN and Parks and Recreation Department hosted successful community barbeques with great food and

an excellent turnout. Thanks to all organizers, sponsors and volunteers who made the event a success!

See the snapshots of the NCN summer festival 2017 below.





## **Employment Opportunities**

#### ELDERS NEEDED IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR 2017-18

#### JOB SUMMARY:

Five Elders are needed at the Schools for September to March 31st, 2017

- One female and one male for Nursery–grade 4 from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- One female and one male for grades 5–8 from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- One male or female for the high school from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

Elders should be in good health and will have to provide an updated, clear Child Abuse Check and Criminal Record Check

If you are interested, call 204-484-2095 and the clerk will take your name and number.

Arlene Smears will give you a call or visit you to get additional information during the week of August 21st, 2017 sometime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Successful candidates will be contacted during the week of August 27th.

Start Date: August 31st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the School Gym



#### THE NISICHAWAYASIHK FIRST NATION IS SEEKING A GYM AND FITNESS WEEKEND WORKER

#### JOB SUMMARY:

Please forward your applications to Anna N. Spence.

Anspence@ncnwellness.ca

#### Family and Community Wellness Centre

Nelson House, MB R0B 1A0

Phone: 204-484-2341

Cell: 204-679-4283

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Wellness Centre

Fax: 204-484-2351

Hours of operation are 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Hourly Rate: \$15.50

# Looking for Employment? Visit ncncree.com



Get the latest job postings online.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER TRAINEE FOR NNCEA**

#### **JOB SUMMARY:**

**Employer:** Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. (NNCEA), Nelson House, Manitoba

**Position:** Human Resources Manager Trainee

**Deadline:** August 31st or until filled **Interviews:** Early September, 2017

Start Date: Mid-September 2017 or sooner





Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Wellness Centre

NNCEA is currently seeking a Human Resources Manager Trainee (HRMT). Successful candidate will be trained in the 2017-18 school year to establish/implement/manage the NNCEA Human Resources Program for the organization. Suitable applicant will be trained for gradual responsibility in: human resource planning/management; all aspects of recruitment; performance monitoring/evaluations; office management; labour relations; professional development; investigations; employee counselling; staff orientations; holiday/leave scheduling; workplace health and safety; staff incentives; employee benefits; salary scales; provision of support services to School Administration/School Board; etc. Training allowance will be dependent upon qualifications. The HRM will be accountable to NNCEA's Assistant Director/Director of Education and be expected to model/foster positive, professional working relations with management and personnel.

#### Qualifications:

- A determination/willingness and/or some experience in the field of human resources management
- Human Resource experience within a school setting a definite asset
- Working knowledge of First Nation school systems/organizations in northern Manitoba
- Ability to speak the Nehetho/Cree language is another asset

#### Successful Candidate Should Possess the Following:

- The ability to be trained and perform all the job requirements with minimal direction in a fast-paced, unique environment
- Working knowledge/skills in employment standards/law/legislation; program development; policies; proposal writing; supervision/delegation/facilitation; problem solving; negotiations; mediation; computer; time management, multi-tasking; team builder; etc.
- Excellent communication (oral/written), interpersonal skills, public speaking, report writing; public relations, etc.
- A positive work ethic, able to make sound judgements; maintain confidentiality

Please send a cover letter, updated resume with the names of three references to:

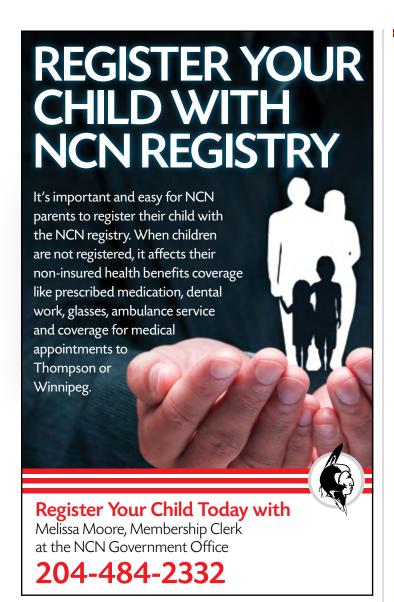
NNCEA Selection Committee @ AMEC, Nelson House, Manitoba

Phone: 204-484-2095 Fax: 204-484-2257

Email: gailm@nhea.info

NB: Successful candidate must submit a clear Child Abuse Registry Check and a clear Criminal Record Check or Vulnerable Sector Screening Check within three weeks of hire.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Please cut out this contacts card and ensure the phone numbers are in an easy-to-find location in your home or office.

RCMP:

204-484-2288

Fire Hall:

204-484-2047

**Nursing Station:** 204-484-2031

Ambulance:

204-484-2911

Manitoba Suicide Line: 1-877-435-7170

Teen Touch:

1-800-563-8336 Sexual Assault 24-hour Line:

1-204-292-7565

Crisis Line: 888-322-3019 **Health Links:** 888-315-9257

**NCN Government Office:** 204-484-2332

NCN Toll Free: 1-888-323-7658

Housing: 204-679-7723

Plumbing:

204-307-6435 **Electrical:** 

204-679-1482 **Public Works:** 204-484 2597

Radio Station: 204-484-2065

# Get That Job – A Good Resumé is Key to a Great Interview

There are almost always employment opportunities in our community. (They are often posted on the noncree.com website.) To make sure you have a chance at getting a great job, you need a resumé that's honest, easy to read and outlines why you would be a great person to hire.

- Use sections such as Work Experience, Education, Volunteer Work, Interests and Awards. It should be no longer than 2 pages, and it's OK if it's one page.
- Once you're applying for a specific job, make sure your resumé proves that you're a good fit. Use the same words in your resumé as

they did in the ad. Rewrite sections to show how your experience matches

their needs.

Apply for the job even if you don't have the experience you think you need. You don't know how many applications they're receiving, or who else is applying!

- Use people as references who know you in different ways, such as a previous boss, a co-worker and the captain of your sports team. Tell each person about the job, and what you'd like them to highlight about you.
- Once you've got a resumé, keep it current! You might have to change or update it, but at least you'll have something to start with.



A good resumé is a great way to get noticed.

#### Your resumé landed an interview! Now what?

- Practice before you go. Write down ten typical questions and practice answering with a friend,
- Highlight on your resumé the great things that make you the right person for the job. Bring it to the interview so you can look at it and remind yourself what you want to say. (You can do this with the ad, too.)
- Be early for your interview, and friendly with everyone. Be neat and tidy, and use respectful and upbeat language. You want everyone to have a positive feeling about you.
- Bring an extra copy of your resumé, and pen and paper, in case you need to make notes. Turn off your phone.
- Try not to feel nervous. They think you're qualified because they've called you in for an interview. Don't be shy! Talk about your strengths and accomplishments with pride.
- Never answer a question with only "no." Use "no, but" instead.
  - Have you ever had a job like this before?

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- No, but I've worked in a group before and I'm a quick learner.
- Know about the company. Prepare some questions about its history and mention a connection if there is one. Keep it positive!
  - I know you close for Christmas every year. How do you prepare ahead of time for that?
  - My grandfather worked here in 1985. He remembers when the new office was built.

Next time, be sure to use these tips for a great interview and to help get that job you have your sights on.

# NNCEA's Prepares for School Year Ahead

Report from Director of Education, L. Gail Gossfeld-McDonald

Tansi, tansi, Hoping your summer holidays are going well! We are working hard to get the schools, school grounds and teacherages in order for the 2017-18 school year. In a very short time, lots of repairs, cleaning and rearranging has to get done. Some things will not change and some things will change. We look forward to another

year of Indigenous Control of Indigenous Education (ICIE) at NCN. Classes for 2017-18 will begin on Tuesday, September

New teachers will start arriving by mid-August. Their twoday orientation is scheduled to start on August 29th. The general two-day orientation for all NNCEA staff is scheduled to start on August 31st and September 1st, 2017 at the OK gym. The public is invited to join us for a one day workshop at 9:00 a.m. on August 31st on the Circle of Courage. You are most welcome to attend!

Many of the teaching/non-teaching staff will return! Please be good to our teachers/staff as they do their best. We want



A Nehetho Language and Culture team will be created. Thanks to those members that already served.

Youth Support Workers Needed **NELSON HOUSE Job Fair** August 30th, 2017 11.00 – 15.00 per hour

Valid Class 5 Required (Criminal and Child Abuse Registry Checks upon Hire.



# Interested in working with Children and Families?

The Nisichawayasihk Family and Community Wellness Centre is seeking individuals over the age of 18 to work within our programs as a Support Worker.

A support worker does varying duties such as transport children and families to programming and family visits.

These positions offer flexible scheduling.

#### **JOB FAIR DETAILS**

When: August 30th, 2017 Where: FCWC Main Area Nelson House Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Other: For more information contact: Amanda LeDrew, Anna Spence or Chantelle Hartie.

1-204-484-2341 – Human Resources



them to feel welcome and stay at NCN for as long as possible. As in previous years, the school nutrition/lunch program will continue. Start date will be announced. Partnerships with FCWC, VALE, MFNERC, UCN, INAC and others will continue

The School Feasibility Study initiated by Chief and Council continues. If you need any info on the study, drop in to AMEC and the latest handouts will be provided. If the study

is approved, it will be a few more years before a new school is built/opens.

Plans are still underway to ensure that the School System Evaluation happens in 2017-18. Many educational players will be consulted for their views/ input. Your presence is needed when a fall

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meeting is advertised. The evaluation will provide numerous recommendations to make our school system even better.

Yahoo! The doors to NNOC will open once again. All high school students and staff will return to the portables. NNOC is being readied for September 5th, 2017 with all kinds of repairs, cleaning happening as well as a new deck and wheelchair ramp! There will be a new Principal, a new Resource Teacher and a Guidance Counsellor. There will be lots of supports and great activities happening in 2017-18. All high school students are invited to attend! Check it out!

The search for a new school principal at OK is still happening. There's still adequate time to recruit one. So, until then, it will be a mystery. Two new school buses and a



wheelchair bus are expected to arrive by late August 2017. The boys and girls washrooms by the front area of OK are being modernized.

Due to bus overcrowding and the safety factor, it has become necessary to have two bus runs, one for 8:30 and one for 9:00. Classes for N-Grade 4 will be held at 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday with a lunch break from 11:45 – 12:45. Classes for grades 5-12 will held at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday with a lunch break from 12:38 – 1:38.

The Nehetho Language and Culture team will be created. They will be responsible for the Nehetho curriculum for N/K, land-based programming, cultural activities/camps and the ongoing indigenization of our school system.

A NNCEA Human Resources unit will be established. This year, there will be an Elders in the School program (two for the early years, two for the middle years and one at the

Nisichawayasi Nehetho **Culture and Education Authority Inc.** 

School Board Meeting Dates for 2017-18, 5:00 p.m. @ Alice Moore Education Centre, Nelson House, Manitoba

- Tuesday, September 12th, 2017
- Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 (flex days week)
- Tuesday, November 14th, 2017
- Tuesday, December 12th, 2017
- Tuesday, January 9th, 2018
- Tuesday, February 13th, 2018
- Tuesday, March 13th, 2018
- Tuesday, April 10th, 2018
- Tuesday, May 8th, 2018
- Tuesday, June 12th, 2018
- Tuesday, July 10th, 2018
- Tuesday, August 14th, 2018



high school) which will run until the end of March. Their presence will surely make a difference! See the ad in this issue.

Teacherage (7A) will be converted to the Centre for Cultural, Academic, Social, Emotional Learning (CCASEL) and will be for students who require additional supports.

Don't forget, our flex day calendar is not as rigid as the provincial calendar and allows for various breaks. The day will be extended by 30 minutes. This extra time adds up each day to give us "flex days" where we don't have to be in school. No school days will be lost as the calendar has the required amount of 196 school days.

Thanks to NCN Public Works, speed bumps have been installed and the school zone signage has yet to be posted.

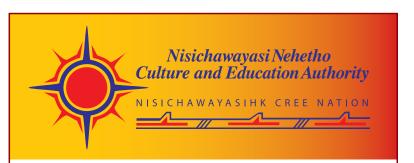
The Planning Alternatives for Tomorrow with Hope (PATH) plan will progress this year. Additional presentations on the topic will be provided.

Due to leakages, the roofs at OK, three teacherages and AMEC have had to be repaired this summer as well.

This month's report is brief. Please enjoy what is left of the summer especially the gospel jam and summer festival and any other functions that arise!

Next month, school administration will be doing the monthly report. We are taking

The 2017-18 school year is greatly anticipated and looks promising!



Proudly invites NCN Community Members to attend:

# **CIRCLE OF Courage Training**

The Circle of Courage® model outlines the four essential elements every child needs in order to flourish and thrive:

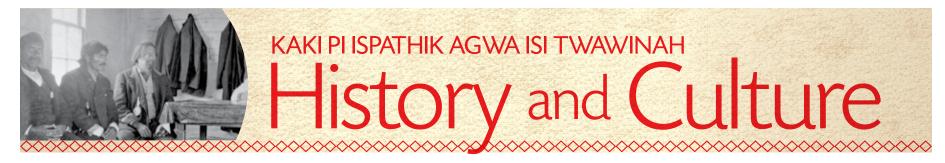


- Belonging
- Mastery
  - Generosity

Circle of Courage® training teaches people how to work with our youth in a good way using Indigenous teachings and perspectives.

Thursday, August 31st, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at OK School gym (Lunch will be provided)

Sponsored by NNCEA Inc. Call Matilda at 204-484-2095 to register.



# Listening to Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers on Climate Change

At Sagkeeng First Nation, Manitoba, Canadian minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, and Manitoba minister of Sustainable Development, Cathy Cox, attended the Turtle Lodge in Sagkeeng First Nation, Manitoba on Monday, to hear from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers on solutions to climate change. Among them was Elder NCN's D'Arcy Linklater.

"If you take care of the land, it will take care of you," began Elder Dennis Whitebird, former Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and former Treaty Commissioner of Manitoba.

Brought together by the AMC, Manitoba Elders and Knowledge Keepers shared Indigenous understandings of natural law – laws of conduct required to uphold the sacredness and balance of the Earth and all living beings.

Manitoba Elders Harry Bone, Dave Courchene, Katherine Whitecloud, Florence Paytner, Wally Swain, Mary Maytwayashing, D'Arcy Linklater, Dennis Whitebird and Henry Travers presented the federal and provincial ministers with a document many of them had written entitled Ogichi Tibakonigaywin, Kihche'othasowewin, Tako Wakan: The Great Binding Law, highlighting their position.

The Turtle Lodge also presented the ministers with the Onjisay Aki International Climate Calls to Action, developed earlier this summer by Indigenous knowledge keepers and international climate leaders who convened at the lodge, an Indigenous centre of excellence in wellness and education

located 100 km north of



The Elders and Knowledge Keepers at Turtle Lodge are hopeful that the relationship that has been started will continue.

Winnipeg, from June 8 to 10.

On Tuesday Minister Catherine McKenna spoke at the Assembly of First Nations General Assembly in Regina, with a strong acknowledgement to the Turtle Lodge in her opening remarks, in which she acknowledged the Elders and

Knowledge Keepers for their knowledge, experience, and cultural protocols.

"We sat, we talked, we broke bread, and we learned from each other," said Minister McKenna. "Elders shared with me a document describing the outcomes of the Onjisay Aki Climate Summit held in June, which brought together Indigenous Knowledge Keepers and international climate leaders. This is a fantastic example of communities contributing to climate

change action. I love hearing stories of Indigenous leadership on climate change, and I applaud all the work you are doing and the efforts to do it together."

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Founder of Turtle Lodge, Elder Dave Courchene, stated in his closing comments Monday, "the Elders hope to engage further with the ministers in respectful discussions, and next steps with direct actions that we can take together."



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# **Back to School** Tips for a Great School Year

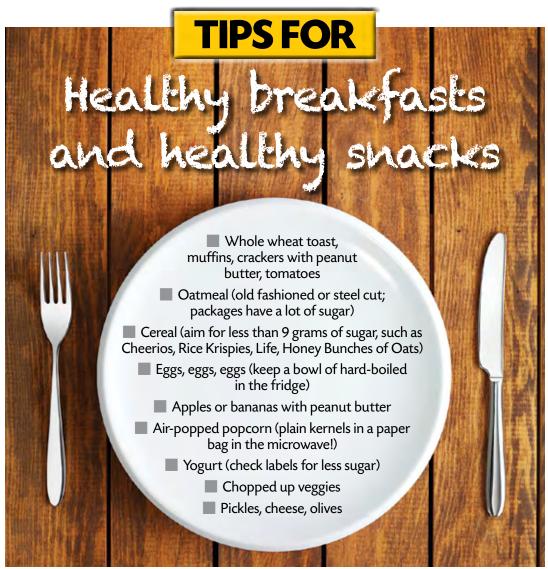
At this time of year, parents and kids are squeezing out the last bit of summer fun and counting down the days to the start of school.

With some planning, the beginning of school doesn't have to be frustrating. Here are some ideas to transition back into school days and have a successful year.

**Start a healthy sleeping schedule.** Getting enough sleep is crucial for your child's health and success in school. Kids under five need 10-13 hours of sleep every night; kids 6-13 years need 9-11 hours; and teenagers 8-10 hours. Start going to bed 15 minutes earlier every few nights to get your schedule on track.



- **Establish a routine.** Children feel safe and loved when they know there is always a plan. Have a healthy snack ready when they come home. Unpack the backpack so you know what needs to be accomplished. Know where and when your child does homework. Enjoy family time after dinner. Turn off TVs, phones, computers an hour before bedtime.
- **Keep the mornings calm.** Make sure they have plenty of time to get ready, eat a healthy breakfast and get to school on time. Prepare as much as possible the night before: put out clothes, make lunches, and place all paperwork into backpack.
- **Stay involved in your child's education.** Play High/Low (talk about one great thing and one difficult thing from the day). Read to your child every day, or read the novel they are studying. Attend school events. Ensure they are keeping up with homework, and if they're struggling, ask teachers for help.
- Keep your language and attitude about school positive. Our history and culture can make education a difficult topic, but children pick up what we say and do. Focus on education as part of the path forward for your child's success in life.
- **Be your child's safe space.** School can be difficult, boring, scary and sad. They should feel relaxed and comfortable at home. Pay attention to your child's moods and give them what they need, such as a snack, a laugh, a hug, silence. Be their biggest fan.
- Maintain friendships with families and kids who focus on school. It's easier to do your homework, eat healthy and get a good sleep when your friends are doing the same!
- Show your children that learning never stops. Model good learning behaviour by trying a new hobby, starting a new exercise regime, or getting in touch with your culture. When children see their family triumph and fail, they learn it's OK to be disappointed and it's important to keep trying.







# Notice to NCN Membership

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NISICHAWAYASIHK TRUST Community Approval Process (CAP) TASKINIGAHP TRUST

Community Involvement Process (CIP)

Applications for the use of Nisichawayasihk Trust and Taskinigahp Trust monies for the 2018 calendar year are now being accepted. Application forms are available on the NCN Trust Office's website at www.trustoffice.ca and at the Trust Office.



Application submission will be accepted up until 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2017.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

Please submit your applications to Joyce Yetman or Roslyn Moore at the Trust Office.

DATES	Timeline for CAP/CIP Process
By June 15	Issue the call for applications (posters are posted)
By September 15	Application Deadline
By September 30	IRSP Director and RL Director shall submit a summary of applications to the CAP/CIP Committee.  Applicants shall receive a notification on receipt of application.
By October 15	CAP/CIP Committee completes preliminary review of applications.
By October 30	The applications will be presented by the applicants to the NCN members before the CAP/CIP Committee.  Applicants will be contacted via letter or email on date of meeting. Community meeting to hear presentations by applicants.
By November 15	CAP/CIP Committee to recommend projects and budgets to Chief and Council.  IRSP Director and RL Director will present recommended budget and Annotation Summary proposed budget to Chief and Council.
By December 15	Chief and Council will formally adopt the 2018 Nisichawayasihk and Taskinigahp (CAP/CIP) budgets pursuant to Article 8.5 of the Nisi Trust Indenture and Article 8.8 of the Task Trust Indenture subsequent to the CAP/CIP meeting.

In order to ensure that all members are informed of these meetings, they will be advertised in all public places, NCN Trust Office and through our local radio station.

To obtain more information contact Joyce Yetman, I/Executive Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Special Projects at 204-484-2604/679-0506 or Director Resources and Lands, Roslyn Moore at 204-679-6892.

## Be Responsible for Your Pets!





Footprint Lake 60-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast August 1 – September 30, 2017

On August 1, 2017 the level of Footprint Lake is forecasted to be 792.0 feet. The level of the lake is expected to rise 1 foot to an elevation of 793.0 feet by the end of August.



During the month of September the level of the lake is expected to rise 4 feet 4 inches to an elevation of 797.5 feet by the end of the month.



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# Do you have a suggestion or an Achimowina story idea?

We would like your comments, feedback or news stories. Please contact achimowina@gmail.com

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