



KITTAHWINAOW ACHIMOWIN Community News

NCN Minor Hockey Hits the Road to Start Season

By: Nic Campbell

NCN Minor Hockey had an eventful November and will continue the busy weekend through December and January. During the month of November, NCN travelled to Wabowden to practice as NCN and Wabowden have merged teams due to the limited number of players. Novice, Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget players went to Wabowden to practice and to play games against Wabowden during the month of November. During the weekend of November 24-26 some NCN pee wee



Four NCN boys at The Pas tournament playing with Wabowden.

players travelled to The Pas to compete in the Wescana Cup. NCN fell short in all games but it was a great and enjoyable experience for all players. The NCN

midget boys travelled to Norway House for league play alongside with two bantam call ups Jody Spence and Jaden Francois. The midget team is in a league with Norway House, Cranberry, and Cross Lake. The boys went 1-3 during the weekend but will continue their league play throughout the next few months. During the month of December NCN Bantam players will be competing in the Thompson "A" tournament on December 8-10. The NCN midget team will also travel to Cross Lake on December 8-10 for league play. NCN hopes to have another travel day to Wabowden during the month of December. A reminder to players to check the GMA Facebook page for practice times, be at school daily, and keep your stick on the ice.



Wabowden and NCN Pee wee Hockey Team.



Wabowden and NCN Pee wee Hockey Team getting ready to play.



Christopher McDonald – Game Star for NCN.

NCN Resource Management Board Calls Out Cook Family Land Claim

Conflicting Claims Complicate Attempt to Honour Father's Name

A family in Thompson hoping to honour their father will regroup after receiving resistance from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation.

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November 17th, an article appeared in the Thompson Citizen about brothers Jason and Brian Cook. They were planning to approach the City of Thompson to have it acknowledge their late father Henry Cook, who made significant contributions to the city.

However, part of their claim that they talked about with the newspaper "that Henry Cook owned the land on which Thompson was founded" is a problem for the NCN Resource Management Board.

"The Registered Trapline system was created in the mid-1940s, and they're working from that perspective,"

says Gord Dumas, co-chair of the Board. "But this is NCN traditional land, and our claims are pre-contact. The assertion that the Cook family owned this land is incorrect."

The brothers say Henry Cook helped to map out the Thompson area, staked claims and cut roads.

He also welcomed Inco (now known as Vale) and gave it permission to build its nickel mine on his trapline in 1956. His children are now hoping to erect a plaque or name a street in his honour.

"We don't have any particular issue with the Cooks, or dispute his involvement with the early evolution of Thompson," says Dumas. "But the NCN Resource Management Board is mandated to ensure NCN's land and resource interests are always protected. We were concerned about their assertion from a historical perspective, because it went unchallenged and it was reported that way. Then people will read it, researchers will see it, and it's understood as fact. That's a problem and it's important to correct it."

Part of that correction was to attend the Thompson recreation and community services committee meeting on November 21st, at which Jason and Brian Cook presented their request. The NCN Resource Management Board was given an opportunity to present their concerns and Dumas asserted the area in question was in fact NCN traditional territory. He backed his stance with oral history presented

by NCN Elders Harry Spence and Jimmy Hunter-Spence. They are direct descendants of James Spence, who was a well-known hunter and trapper (resource user) in

the decades before the RTL system came into effect.

After the meeting, Thompson Mayor Dennis Fenske told the Thompson Citizen that, moving forward,

both NCN and the Cook family will be involved to ensure everyone's history is accurately reflected.

Dumas says he doesn't sense

any ill will from the Cook family and that the Board is satisfied.

"We want to ensure that history is reflected with accuracy, and we want our Citizens to know the Resource Management Board is advocating on their behalf."

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NCN Management Board refutes Cook's land ownership claim during the Nov. 21 meeting inside the Thompson Regional Community Centre.

Moving off-reserve to Winnipeg?



OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE CITY AND NEED HELPFUL ADVICE?

Together we can help you find solutions and answers to accessing services, finding resources and ensuring your needs are being met while protecting your rights.

We support Indigenous people experiencing transitional issues and challenges adjusting to life in Winnipeg or new surroundings. We believe everyone should have access to resources that support a healthy balanced life.

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that is not prescribed to you and always take your medicine as explained by your doctor.

Marijuana

Also known as weed, grass, reefer, pot, MJ, and ayhew, people use marijuana by smoking it from a pipe, joint or bong or eating it.

When marijuana is smoked, the effects of its Delta 9-TetraHydroCannabinol (THC) are almost immediate.

The THC passes quickly from the lungs into the blood stream, which carries the chemical throughout the body.

It creates feelings of euphoria but impairs a person's judgment, focus, coordination and memory. These effects are temporary, but over repeated use, can be permanent. Long-term use includes a risk of cancer, bronchitis, anxiety and depression.

The federal government is planning to decriminalize marijuana as of July, 2018. While this suggests it is safe for adults to consume, remember it is a drug like alcohol. Many people have factors in their lives which suggest they should stay away from any substance that can alter perception and create addiction.

Drug use is a crucial issue in NCN. It is so frustrating and sad to see our Nation moving towards self-sufficiency and self-government while our Citizens struggle with addiction. These

drugs are appearing in NCN more often and the age of users is becoming younger. Often our pregnant Citizens endanger the life of their child because of their drug use.

Many of us know people with addictions. They often feel hopeless, worthless, sad and empty. It is our job to give them a smile, hope and support.

If you have a problem with drugs, the best time to heal yourself is right now. Please call the number listed here for the Medicine Lodge, or visit the Wellness Centre or Nursing Station. You can become whole again.

Nelson House Medicine Lodge was established in 1989 to meet a growing need for counselling and residential addictions treatment services for Indigenous people in northern Manitoba. If you or someone you know needs help with drug or alcohol addiction, call 204-484-2256.

Employment Opportunities

FULL TIME/PERMANENT POSTAL ASSISTANT CLERK

JOB SUMMARY:

Employer: Nelson House Development Corporation

Position: One (1) Full time/Permanent Postal Assistant Clerk

Deadline: December 18, 2017

Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Wage: To Be Determined

Competition #: NCN-12-06-2017-001

General Summary:

Under the supervision of the Development Corporation Manager, the Postal Assistant Clerk shall assist in the preparation of all scheduling of production in the mail processing and mail service preparation. The Postal Assistant Clerk will ensure that all post office service, maintenance and customer services are in smooth running operation.

Main Duties:

- Assists in scheduling work to meet the needs of the agency's clients.
- Assists in assigning work and ensures that continuous and prompt service is maintained.
- Maintains records of registered mail, postage used and charges to be made against departments and other clients.
- May provide client service in answering questions from clients.
- Has working knowledge of all mail management equipment.
- Participates in all phases of work such as sorting, metering, distributing, and setting up and operating mail preparation equipment.

- Provides guidance and training of new employees.
- Performs other assigned duties as required.

Qualification:

- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Experience is also a definite asset.

Skills and Abilities:

- Communicate effectively with customers, staff and other individuals.
- Good Verbal and Written Communication Skills.
- Problem Solving.
- Organizational Skills.
- Ability to work without direct supervision.
- Thorough knowledge of mail management and postal laws, regulations and rates.
- Thorough knowledge of mail requirements of local NCN departments.
- Ability to make routine arithmetical calculations and maintain records of charges concerning mail services.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Please provide a Current Criminal Records Check, Cover Letter, Resume and References to:

Kim Linklater, HRS @ the NCN Band Office
Phone: 204-484-2332 ext. 2245
Fax: 204-484-2392
E-mail: kimlinklater@ncncree.com

**Please note, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*



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