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JULY 2018

NCN Heading to the Polls

Electing NCN Chief and Councillors - How do I vote?

In a few weeks, on August 22nd and 23rd, NCN Citizens will go to the polls to vote for Chief and six Council member positions.

There are a total of 3,431 Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Citizens living on and off reserve who are eligible to vote. In 2014, voter turnout was about 47 per cent. Let's all do our part to raise the number of voters who make their voices heard!

Many people grumble, "Oh, I'm just one person, my one vote doesn't matter." But this is not a huge election with millions of people casting ballots. With less than 3,500 eligible voters, these NCN campaigns for Chief and Council are actually won and lost by single votes.

You may tell yourself, "I don't know anything about these people. I don't know if they would do a good job." It is up to you as an NCN Citizen to learn about the candidates and their abilities, and to ensure the right people lead our community.

- Attend a community event to hear more about their opinions and goals. Bring a friend!
- When they come to your door, ask what they'd like to achieve for NCN and how they'll do it.

- Follow them on social media.
- Don't pay attention to gossip. Talk to the candidates.
- Pay attention to how they make you feel. Are they interested in your thoughts?
- Ask for their resume and past experience.

Remember, you only have to place an X beside the names of people you believe in. There are 6 councillor positions, but if you think only two of the candidates are qualified, only select those two people. Never give your vote to someone who shouldn't receive it.

Casting a ballot is your chance to acknowledge your rights as a Citizen, to participate in our democracy, and to be recognized as a member of our NCN community. To ensure life continues to improve for all NCN Citizens, and the generations to come, we must get involved and choose the best people for the job.



NCN Citizens will head to the polls August 22 and 23, 2018 to elect one Chief and six Councillors.

Cast a ballot

In-Person Voting

On August 22 and 23rd, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, bring your proof of identity to vote at any of the following:

- NCN Gilbert McDonald Arena
- Leaf Rapids town centre
- Thompson Mystery Lake Hotel
- Canada Post, 103 Selkirk Avenue, Thompson
- Suites

Mail-in ballots

If you live more than 50 kms councillor. away from a polling station in Nelson House, Leaf Rapids, Thompson or Winnipeg, you Tuesday, August 21 to be are eligible to vote by mail-in ballot.

You must register with

Electoral Officer Joyce Yetman at joyceyetman2017@ gmail.com or at 1-204-679-0506. Or try Jacqueline Hunter, Deputy Electoral Officer at jacquelinencnatec® gmail.com or 1-204-484-2886. You will receive your mail-in ballot in the next few

Complete the registration form in front of a witness, Winnipeg Fairfield Inn and and mark a ballot with one X to show your vote for chief, and another ballot with up to six Xs for your choices for

> Your ballots must be received in the mail by counted in the election for Chief and Council. Send them in a few days early!

NCN Chief and Council Election Candidates

Candidates for Chief who meet compliance, are qualified to run, and have agreed to allow their name Jerry Primrose William Elvis Thomas to stand: Marcel Moody

There are 26 candidates for Councillor who meet compliance, are qualified to run, and have agreed to allow their name to stand:

- Russell Bonner
- Gordon Dumas
- Carl Francois
- Carol Kobliski
- Susan Kobliski
- Bonnie M. Linklater Darcy B. Linklater Jr.
- Darcy N. Linklater Sr.
- Francis D. Linklater
- Kim Linklater
- Nina Linklater
- Shirley Linklater
- Terry (T-Bone) Linklater
- Roxanne McDonald
- Cheryl Moore
- Willie (Buckoose)
- Moore
- Joe Moose
- Edward (Eddy) Primrose
- Cheyenne Spence
- Jackie Walker James Warren
- Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation & 7/64-57* & "\\d\-\frac{1}{2} \d\-\frac{1}{2} \d\

Conrad Spence

Ron D. Spence

Eddie Vystrcil

Jeremiah Spence

Inez Vystrcil-Spence

NCN's Strong Woman Delights Crowds and Dreams Big

Muriel Hart gave a Canada Day crowd in Thompson a thrill by pulling a Chevy Silverado through a parking lot.

Strapped with harnesses, the Strong Woman pulled the large truck, owned by The Highway Brothers Construction, with five kids and one of the owners, Shane Holden, in the back.

"I wasn't nervous, it was not my first time pulling a truck," she says. "I use my own truck to practice, so I was excited. People are amazed, children especially."

Hart has been in strongwoman training for four years. Last year, she competed in her first Canadian Alliance of Amateur Strength Athlete (CAASA) competition. She was the only First Nation Cree woman at the event and came in third place.

Strong Woman competitions usually include events such as Farmers Frame Carry, Sandbag Carry, Log Press, Deadlifts, and Circus Dumbbell Press.

Hart started lifting weights at the NCN Health and Wellness Centre, with help from Chris McDole and Dave Beakley. She is now a dedicated athlete at the Thompson Detachment gym and rarely misses a workout.

Hart is currently training for the Manitoba Classic Strongman Competition in Winnipeg on August 5. However, she needs more than willpower to compete, and says it's always difficult to fundraise and find sponsors.

"If there's anyone willing to support me, I hope they will get in touch."

Hart has been invited to the World Strength Games in St. George, Utah next April. The invitation is a huge honour and she hopes to attend and represent NCN and Canada.

"My training continues. My dream is not done yet!"





Muriel Hart dazzled Canada Day spectators by singlehandedly pulling a Chevy Silverado in the Thompson Regional Community Centre parking lot. Photograph by Kyle Darbyson.



July 26 to 29, 2018 Mile 33 1/4, Nelson House, Manitoba.

PLEDGE DAY: The 4th and last pledge day is July 25th. Offer your tobacco and 4 different colour cloths and state your reason and commitment for sundance. It is also Tree Day, Camp Day and last feast before sundance begins.

Did You Know?: Sundance ceremonies have always been a part of First Nations' cultural way of life. Unfortunately Government's colonization policies and church-run missionaries outlawed our ceremonial practices and cultural way of life. For years our people have fought to bring these ceremonies back to our communities.

Our Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation community has traditional dancing circles embedded in the earth at Wuskwatim and Leftrook, and these sites have been protected by our old people (they symbolize a monument of our culture and ceremonies).

Sundance is a sacramental ceremony that involves 4 days and 4 nights dancing without food or water. People dance in prayer for thankfulness, healing and protection all in a manner of sacrificing their lives for others. The 3rd Day of Sundance is the healing round, so those wanting healing and prayers are welcome to come, please simply bring your tobacco for offering.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in sundance, please feel free to contact our Hosts Jacqueline Walker and Felix Walker, our Sundance Chief Wilfred Buck or wife Connie West-Buck Ph: 204-679-5277

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hosting a sacred ceremony requires a lot work before and after the Sundance, and if you would like to volunteer, contact Jacqueline or Felix and feel to come out to the site from July 9 to 31, 2018.





Greyhound Shutting Down in Western Canada

Safe transportation

has always been

a concern for

Indigenous people

living in rural areas,

especially for

women and girls.

On July 9, Greyhound Canada announced it is eliminating its bus services across the prairies and BC. Its last bus runs will be October 31.

"We understand these route changes are difficult for our customers," the company's senior vice-president Stuart Kendrick told The Canadian Press. "But simply put...the routes in rural parts of Canada-specifically Western Canada-are just not sustainable anymore."

Greyhound said ridership has declined 40 per cent since 2010. Kendrick says that decrease comes from a number of factors, including competitive air fare prices and increased car ownership. The plan to shut

down Western operations will leave about 420 workers out of work, though they will receive severance packages.

Judy Hughes, a Native Women's Association of Canada board member, calls Greyhound's decision to end bus service a crisis situation.

"Reliable transportation is a lifeline," she told the Aboriginal

People Television Network. "Women need basic mobility for healthcare and for education. We are calling on the federal government to intervene and work with the provincial and

Indigenous governments."

Safe transportation has always been a concern for Indigenous people living in rural areas, especially for women and girls.

One of the key recommendations to come out of the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, was frequent and accessible transportation, because it lowers the necessity of hitchhiking.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was asked if Ottawa was ready to offer subsidies to the

company or provide other solutions.

"I've asked our minister of transport to work with the provinces, to work with communities, to work with the company to try and see what paths forward there are," Trudeau said, also mentioning his concern for rural communities and Indigenous women and girls.

In the meantime, private companies are planning to step in to fill the public's need

Kasper Transportation, out of Thunder Bay, hopes to create a Winnipeg-Thompson trip as soon as possible.

"We already had the plans in place in case Greyhound decided to pull out. I've got the vehicles, I've got the licences," owner Kasper Wabinski told Global News. He said he hopes to fill the void from Greyhound's halt with four or five new routes in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and plans to be operational by the time Greyhound stops in late fall.



NISICHAWAYASIHK CREE NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL

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





2018 Chief and Council Elections IMPORTANT DATES

	DATE AND TIMES	LOCATION	
POLLING PLACES	August 22 and 23, 2018 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm August 22 and 23, 2018 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm August 22 and 23, 2018 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm August 22 and 23, 2018 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Mail In Ballots (July 23 – August 21, 2018)	 NCN Gilbert McDonald Arena Leaf Rapids Town Centre Thompson Mystery Lake Hotel Winnipeg Fairfield Inn and Suites Canada Post Thompson Stn Main 103 Selkirk Avenue, Thompson, Manitoba 	TREE NATION RISICHAWAYASIHK CREE NATION
NOMINATION PERIOD 1) Filing of Nomination Papers	July 11, 2018 – 1:00 pm July 16, 2018 – 10:00 am	· United Church	
2) Close of Nomination 3) Nomination Meeting	11.46 1.24.2040		For more information please contact
VOTERS LIST	July 16 – August 21, 2018 August 8, 2018	Voters List will be posted in these locations: · NCN Governance Office · Family and Community Wellness Centre · Three Rivers Stores · OT Gas Station · Fanny Hartie Medical Centre · NCN Achimowin Radio Station · NCN Website · Thompson Family Foods · Leaf Rapids Town Centre	Joyce Yetman NCN Electoral Officer at 204-679-0506 or email at joyceyetman2017® gmail.com or Deputy Electoral Officer Jacqueline Hunter at 204-679-5213 or email at enlightenfirst@gmail.com
ELECTION DAY (2 DAYS)	August 22 and 23, 2018 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm	NCN Gilbert McDonald Arena	emigntermist@gmail.com





Parks and Rec Starts a Summer of Fun

Athletes Honoured at Sports Banquet

Young NCN athletes celebrated a year of hard work and dedication at the sports banquet on Monday, June 18. Chief Moody presented awards for Most Valuable Player, Most Improved and Best Effort. The MVP plaques were given to:

- Charelle Bunn (high school girls basketball)
- Corbin Francois (high school boys basketball)
- Candeshia Spence (senior girls volleyball)
- Brandon Wood (senior boys volleyball)
- Kia Linklater (junior girls volleyball)
- Chase Flett (novice hockey)
- Keshaun Wood (atom hockey)
- Samuel Spence and Harriet Linklater (peewee hockey)
- Jaden Francois (bantam hockey)
- Wyatt Spence (midget hockey)
- Paige Hartie (top goaltender)

Canada Day eh!?

Everyone enjoyed Canada Day and Chief Pierre Moose day celebrations at the ball diamonds on July 1 and 2. Canada Day started with a stroller parade. It was so much fun to see our smallest Citizens decked out in red and white to celebrate! In the afternoon, the crowd enjoyed a wiener roast and there were all sorts of fun games and activities for kids, adults and Elders. Canada Day ended with an open talent show.

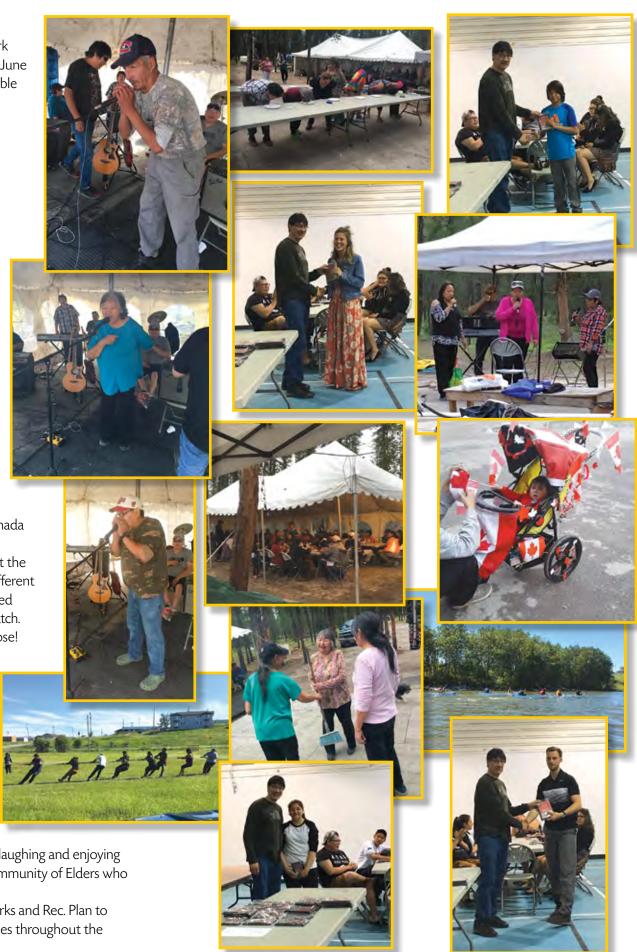
The next day started with family canoe races at the arena, followed by Elders' animal calling. Kids of different age groups participated in BMX races, and the co-ed Tug-O-War, as always, brought a large crowd to watch. Impressive fireworks brought the weekend to a close!

NCN Grandparents Day Celebration

The fifth annual NCN Grandparents Week took place the second week of July at Camp Mile 33. NCN families celebrated our Elders with activities and entertainment including square dancing and jigging, gospel singing, monkey calling, pie-eating contest, and more. The Three Rivers Band had everyone on their feet, and even a thunderstorm couldn't stop our bingo players!

It was great to see our Elders singing, dancing, laughing and enjoying company. We are so thankful to have a healthy community of Elders who share their wisdom and experience with us.

Transportation and meals were provided by Parks and Rec. Plan to join us next year! You can keep track of our activities throughout the year on our Facebook page.



NNCEA Plans to Build on Success of Nehetho Language and Culture

Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority hosted its annual general assembly on July 10. About 85 people enjoyed a delicious barbeque supper and learned about the education our NCN children received this year and about the school board's achievements and future plans.

William Elvis Thomas, NNCEA assistant director, served as master of ceremonies, and opened the meeting with prayer and song. NNCEA Chair Wanda Bunn and the Director of Education, Gail Gossfeld-McDonald brought welcome messages.

"Our team has worked so hard creating a curriculum that will teach our children their Nehetho language and culture through school," NNCEA Director Gail Gossfeld-McDonald reported. "I am so proud of our community and its decision to bring our culture back into focus. When our children are proud of their heritage, they can achieve great things."

After a supper break, delegates voted successfully on a motion to safeguard into the future the plans for the Nihithowin dual track/ immersion curriculum. It is intended to contribute to the reclamation of Asiniskow ithiniwak (Rocky Cree) identity, and revitalization of Nehetho language.

William Dumas and George Ross outlined future plans for Language and Culture in the schools. A representative from Clarke Educational Services highlighted information from the 2012-2017 school evaluation.

Other reported 2017-18 highlights and significant achievements included:

- Re-stabilization of the high school, full time Principal/Social Worker/Resource Teacher.
- New Principal at the OK elementary.
- Students and staff attended the second cultural camp hosted by the Wellness Centre.
- NCN Chief and Council initiated a School Feasibility Study
- School System Evaluation for 2012-17 was completed July 10th, 2018.
- Road safety signage and school parking lot upgraded.
- Flex Days school calendar set in place.
- NNOC students now have a gym to call their own. The DWMH was renovated and

"Our team has worked so hard creating a teach our children their Nehetho through school,"

Elders in the schools began this school year and is working effectively.

NNOC students have access during the school day.

- Staff were given professional development on the Circle of Courage, treaty education kits and attended the annual Lighting the Fire conference hosted by MFNERC.
- Newly established NNCEA award for language and culture in MY's and one for gr. 12's to promote entry into teacher training programs continues.
- Ten educational assistants successfully completed UCN's Education Assistant Program.
- Graduates for this year include: 44 Kindergarteners, 33 grade 8's, 17 grade 12's and 15 MSDP.
- Teacher recruitment for 2018-19 conducted.
- Long time employees were acknowledged: Paul Bonner; Shirley Primrose; Matilda Linklater; Fred Prince; Brenda Spence; Sharon Linklater; Bernice Wrightson; Fay Flett; William A. Spence; John and Jenn McBain; Deb Duvall, Linda Linklater, Don and Phyllis Hart; Loretta and Ross Francois, Debbie Muskego; Sally Gamblin; Brian Beardy; Carol Linklater; Susie Francois; Edith Linklater; Margaret Bird; Brent Badiuk; Tammy Long; Natalie Tays; Frederica Prince; Rhonda Spence; Pat Miller; Donald Thomas; Alma Spence; and Angela Levasseur. (If anyone's been forgotten, it was not intentional).

curriculum that will language and culture **NNCEA Director** Gail Gossfeld-McDonald reported.





NNCEA Reviews 2016-2018 and Reports on Schools Highlights and Challenges

The education authority in the NCN community was established in 1981. In the following 37 years, an incredible transformation has occurred in our community, our schools and our homes. The education system has evolved with the times, and it continues to do so.

Of course, the Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority (NNCEA) continues to face challenges. The biggest issue we face every year is financial and an overall shortage of funds. We usually face a cash flow shortage when



waiting for ISC/NCN dollars and the 10% Band administrative fee. At the other end, we must spend our targeted dollars by the end of March to ensure our funding is not clawed back the following school year.

Other challenges include:

- aging facilities and equipment create unforeseen repairs (such as the 400 wing, teacherages, bus garage);
- inconsistent internet;
- insufficient bus fleet (about 900 students need transportation; we have 8 buses);
- high teacher turnover;
- inadequate space, equipment and resources. However, the NNCEA and its board believe in the ability of our staff to provide the education our young NCN Citizens

need! We continue to dream big for our children and to create the learning that will help them achieve.

Some of our future plans include:

- Indigenization of our school system so it can be truly ours;
- be part of the movement to change the educational funding model for First Nations;
- gradual phase in of Nehetho immersion classes;
- a culture campsite for our schools;
- monthly parental meetings;
- public school board meetings starting in September

(join us!);

- increased student attendance;
- improved relations with the NCN community;
- updated NNCEA policies and user-friendly policy manual
- new fleet of school buses.

The NNCEA believes it is the responsibility of all Citizens to create a consistent, high-level education for our students. Please get involved! Join us at school board meetings, attend school events, and talk to your children and grandchildren about the importance of being a good student.

OK School highlights, challenges and future plans:

- new program brings 10 Elders into school to share their wisdom, traditions and stories;
- new Centre for Cultural, Academic, Social and Emotional Learning Program (CCASEL) for 12 students dealing with emotional and behavioural issues;
- hosted first annual Keewatin Northern Regional science fair;
- resource department increased from 1.7 to 3 full-time
- ten EAs graduated in June from UCN's Education Assistant
- Spring Break traditional workshops (bannock making, snowshoeing, dreamcatchers, etc.);
- performances from Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Magoo Crew Motivational Rappers, Winnipeg Blue
- field trips to Disney on Ice, Niji Makwa School in Winnipeg, Career X workshops in Portage.



Kids enjoy bannock on a stick at Cultural Camp at mile 35.

At OK School, our challenges are fundamental.

- Our student attendance is about 60%. Young people need to be in school at least 85% of the time to learn the year's curriculum. Attendance MUST improve to strengthen our children and our community.
- Lack of extracurricular activities makes it difficult for students to stay entertained and healthy. We ask all community services to work with us to give kids programs that help them make positive lifestyle choices.
- High rate of teacher turnover and staff absenteeism makes it difficult to keep classrooms running. We urge parents and families to get involved in their kids' education. When teachers feel support from home, they can do great work!

Future plans include:

- sharing circles and traditional Seven Teachings values begin in all classrooms in September;
- Second Step kits to reduce bullying;
- team teaching will be piloted in the grade 7 and 8 classrooms;
- Cree Language Revitalization program begins in September with half day nursery classes

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- offered in both English and Cree;
- greater separation between Nursery-Grade
 3 and Grades 4-6 to allow younger students to feel safe.

NNOC School highlights, challenges and future plans:

- students and staff happy to be back in their own building!
- renovated Duncan Wood Memorial Hall and new gym floor;
- grade 12 students visited post-secondary schools in Winnipeg, Brandon and The Pas;
- specialty courses such as 40S pre-calculus offered to support students' goals;
- initiated a Parent Advisory Committee to collaborate with administration;



Kids doing activities during class time.

created new individual education plan for students based on Medicine Wheel.

The challenges at our high school are a concern. These students will soon be adults, and must learn responsibility, motivation and discipline!

When a student does not complete a grade nine course,

they cannot move forward with their education. This also makes planning difficult at a school level: we have twice as many students who need grade 9 courses than those who require grade 12 classes.

Consistent attendance is crucial. At NNOC, enrolment starts high in September and drops throughout the year. Friday sees a drop in attendance. We must teach our children the discipline of attendance. How will they successfully hold a job?



Primary Teachers with Gabrielle Britnell and Cara Diamond.

- grade 12 students
 participated in NCN
 Constitution review;
- grants received to support apprenticeship program,
 IT, physical education, assessment and more;
- resource department
- A high number of NNOC students are smokers. This affects their health, their finances and their ability to attend class on time.
- Parental involvement is a challenge. A child's high school education sets the path forward. If he or she does not graduate, their choices in life are limited. Please develop a relationship with your child's teacher and ask your child questions every day about school.

Future plans include:

- integration of Nehetho language and culture and Aboriginal perspectives;
- to continue high quality programming and instruction;
- to improve student attendance and enhance positive school environment;
- to collaborate with community members and organizations to create excellent opportunities for our students.

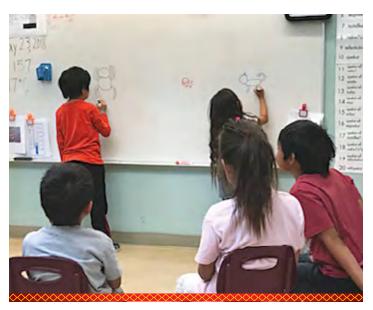
NNCEA post-secondary program

Contrary to popular belief, First Nations people are not entitled to unlimited post-secondary education funding. The federal government does provide money every year to the NNCEA for post-secondary purposes, but it has remained at about \$1.6 million for the last ten years, and is not enough to meet demand, initiatives and administration costs.

The NNCEA has a committee of community members that select and approve sponsorships for NCN Citizens to attend post-secondary education. Full sponsorships include a living allowance, program costs and seasonal travel. CAP/CIP supplements the allowance by \$50 biweekly.

In 2016-2017, 93 people applied for sponsorship, and 75 were approved for funding. That year, 14 NCN students graduated with diplomas, degrees and certificates from Red River College, the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, MB Institute of Trade and Technology, and UCN.

Last year, 108 people applied for sponsorship, with 64 approved. Ten NCN students graduated in fields such as legal



Students drawing at the board during class time.

administration, nursing, natural resources management, law enforcement, fashion, and industrial welding.

With hard work and discipline, our NCN young people can make their dreams come true! The NNCEA administration and board members, and NNOC and OK Schools teachers and staff are so proud of these students.



School's Nehetho Language and Culture Project Programming Rolling

In 2017-2018, NNCEA moved into

the next phase of the Language and

Culture Project: the development

of an NCN educational curriculum.

In 2016-2017, the NNCEA received an award of \$647,000 from INAC (now known as Indigenous Services Canada) to help to launch the Nehetho Language and Culture Project.

This initial grant was used to hire a team led by Susan Kobliski. They created a booklet called Nehetho History, Language

and Culture Project and a minidictionary of the Nihitho language, featuring the local TH dialect.

Working with MFNERC, AMEC, Elders, and NNOC and OK Schools staff, the team mapped out a path forward called Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH).

It presented its goals to the community at two open forums, which were well received and offered valuable feedback.

In 2017-2018, NNCEA received \$702,000 from INAC and moved into the next phase of the Language and Culture Project: the development of an NCN educational curriculum.

The goal of this curriculum is to increase and strengthen the Indigenous language and culture to set a strong path for our children. It is centred on the six seasons and moons, and through land-based education, students learn the rhythm of the Nihitho (Cree) language. By promoting a sense of belonging and the ability to speak their own language, our children will gain confidence and live mitho pimatisiwin (good life).

This September is an exciting moment for the Indigenizing of the education we offer our children. Immersion

> programming, in Nihitho and English, will begin in Nursery School. As these children progress through school, into kindergarten, grade one and beyond, the Cree language curriculum will follow them through the years.

> > Students will learn language

orally, with syllabics (an Indigenous developed writing system) used as the primary Nihitho writing system. Overall, 90% of the day will be taught in Nihitho and 10% English.

Eventually, NCN children will have the opportunity to receive their entire nursery to grade 12 education in bilingual classrooms. It is important for parents and families to note that English-only instruction will always be made available in the schools.

We hope the community will get involved in this exciting

transformation. Plan to join us at monthly school board meetings, open to the public, and talk to our board members and teachers about how you can help!

To be able to offer our children a modern education in their own Nehetho language and culture is an opportunity many of us never thought possible. This huge undertaking has only been possible through collaboration with many organizations, invaluable input from Elders and educational experts, and overwhelming efforts from many individuals. It is a tribute to our ancestors and a testament to our hopes for the next seven generations.

Water Safety for Summer Fu

At a recent news conference, the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba said the children in our province are more at risk of drowning than any others across the country.

In fact, children under four in Manitoba are drowning at three times the national rate.

"It's alarming and unfortunately, it's a trend that we have been seeing lately in Manitoba," said Kevin Tordiffe, operations manager of the Society's Manitoba chapter.

He said the two most important rules about kids and water are: they should always wear a life-jacket, even on shore close to water, and children should always be within an arm's reach.

Remember that drowning doesn't look like it does in the movies. People who are drowning are losing energy and choking on water. They are not able to scream and yell, or wave their arms. Pay extra attention to swimmers who are off by themselves and making little movement.

It's never too late to implement water safety rules for your family. Teach children how to respect the water and remember that they learn by example. Your kids may complain at first, but when everyone knows proper water safety, the focus can be on fun.

Seven people have already drowned in Manitoba in 2018. Let's keep NCN Citizens safe.

Stay Safe in NCN Waters!

- never swim, fish or boat alone;
- leave alcohol and drugs at home;
- children should wear a lifejacket at all times;
- inspect your swimming space before entering. Watch out for trash, jagged rocks, suspicious liquids, weeds and grasses.
- never dive head-first into an area you don't know. It's always safest to jump (better to injure your feet than your head and
- keep kids within an arm's reach (fatal drowning can happen in the time it takes to send a text).
- take swimming and lifesaving courses;
- pay attention to the weather;
- do not swim in the dark or during a storm;
- when you feel tired or out of breath, rest on shore. Ask for help to get there!
- if someone is in trouble, give them something to hang on to (towel, stick, etc.), so they can't grab you in a panic;
- take someone with you who knows first aid and CPR;
- say something if you see unsafe behaviour.

Employment Opportunity

FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER FOR NNCEA

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

Position: NNCEA Financial Comptroller

Post Date: July 6th, 2018

Deadline: August 3rd, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Start Date: ASAP **General Information:**

NNCEA is currently seeking a Financial Comptroller (FC). The successful candidate will be responsible and accountable to the NNCEA Director of Education and serve as the Chief Financial Officer for our educational organization. He/she will be responsible for managing the finance department/personnel/payroll, developing budgets, general financial reports, correspondence/submission of required

financial documentation to various funders and maintaining dialogue between NNCEA and NCN's financial personnel. The FC will be expected to model/foster positive, professional working relations with management and personnel. Salary is negotiable.

Qualifications/Responsibilities:

- Relevant certification and/or degree in financial field;
- Previous finance/accounting experience required;
- Safeguarding all NNCEA finances; experience with SAGE/300 a must; financial policy development/implementation; cash controls; all aspects of financial systems; office management; administrator of benefits plan and other duties as assigned.

Successful Candidate Should Possess the Following:

- All of the above qualifications/ criteria;
- The ability to be orientated to perform all the job requirements in a fast-paced, unique working environment;
- Knowledge/experience/skills in finance/accounting principles/ practices and computers;
- Excellent organizational, communication (oral/written), interpersonal and supervisorial skills;
- A positive work ethic, able to make sound judgements; maintain confidentiality;
- Ability to speak the Nihitho (Cree) language would be an asset.

Please send a cover letter and updated resume to:

NNCEA Selection Committee @ AMEC, Nelson House, Manitoba Phone: 204-484-2095

Fax: 204-484-2257 Email: gailm@nncea.ca

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.



Kevin Hart Voted in for Another Term as AFN Regional Chief

In a solid win, NCN's Kevin Hart has been re-elected for

a second term as the Manitoba regional chief for the Assembly of First Nations. He won on the second ballot with 33 out of 55 votes.

In his acceptance speech, Hart said, "That passion and desire inside of me, I will use that to fight for housing, water

and infrastructure in this region. And for our missing

and murdered Indigenous women and girls and their families." Hart was re-elected at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

annual general assembly on July 18 and 19 at South Beach Casino and Resort on Brokenhead First Nation.

Before the election, Hart told the CBC he was most proud of the work he's done to improve access to housing for First Nations people during his last term.

The other two candidates vying for votes were Nelson Genaille and David Harper. Genaille has served four terms as the chief of Sapotaweyak Cree Nation. He called prescription drug use and addiction his top priority. Harper was the grand chief of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak from 2009

until his defeat by Sheila North in 2015. He said housing was his main priority.

Hart announced his decision to seek a second term as Manitoba Regional Chief on July 9th. He said on Facebook, "My resolve is absolute and I will continue to work even harder to bring change and results. Prayers up and tobacco down."

Hart grew up on

Opaskwayak Cree Nation and was first elected as regional chief in 2015. He has a background in business administration and political science.

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) represents more than 630 chiefs across Canada. There are ten regional chiefs and one national chief on the Assembly.



Kevin Hart was

re-elected at

the Assembly of

Manitoba Chiefs

annual general

assembly on July

18 and 19 at South

Beach Casino

and Resort on

Brokenhead First

Nation.



Congratulations Class of 2018

Grade 12 High School Graduates

- Nicole Brightnose
- Ronald Francois
- Blake Hart
- Rosena Lewis
- Scott Linklater
- Courtney Spence
- Kiya Spence
- Aliece Swanson
- Elizabeth Wood

- Charelle Bunn
- Zachary Hall
- Clairette Hart
- Charlize Linklater
- Candishia Spence
- Eve Spence
- Trvais Spence
- Rikki Tait

Grade 12 RDPC Collegiate Graduates (Thompson)

- Taylor Moody
- Dallas Swanson
- Nikita Spence
- Trudy McDonald

Grade Eight Graduates (Class of 2017-2018)

Grade 8A - Teacher - Mr. Badiuk

- Madison Baker
- James Bunn
- Angeline Donkey
- Tesha Dumas
- Allaynah Linklater
- Graeme Linklater
- Serenity Linklater
- Silas Linklater
- Kyla Leighton-Linklater

- Renalda Moore
- Ellis Moose
- Ty Nozika-Spence
- Aidan Spence
- Emma Spence
- Genette Spence
- Kiann Spence
- Sally Spence

Grade 8B - Teacher - Ms. Pike

- Morgan Bonner
- Jaden Francois
- Meredith Francois
- Corbin Hart
- Orlando Hart
- Everton Linklater
- Kelsey Leighton-Linklater
- Eziah Mason

- Felicia McDonald
- Sheresa Peterson
- Kayda Ryan-Hill Darby Spence
- Tanis Spence
- Jenna Swanson ■ Marissa Wood-Francois
- Desiree Spence

Grade Eight Graduation Awards

Grade Eight A

Excellent Attender Awards

- Kyla Leighton Linklater
- Kiann Spence
- Aiden Spence
- Emma Spence

Most Improved – Kyla Leighton Linklater

Overall Academic Achievement – Serenity Linklater

Grade Eight B

Perfect Attendance – Kayda Ryan-Hill

Most Improved - Felicia Mc Donald

Valedictorian – Kayda Ryan-Hill

Science Award – Kayda Ryan-Hill

Social Studies Award – Everton Linklater



2018 graduates have a little fun celebrating their achievements at the grad ceremony.

NHTA ELA Award – Kyla Leighton Linklater

Math Award - Corbin Hart

Citizenship Award – Graeme Linklater

Overall Best Effort – Kelsey Leighton-Linklater

Cree Male Award – Everton Linklater

Cree Female Award – Serenity Linklater

Kindergarten Graduates (Class of 2017-2018)

- Edgar Bonner
- Faith Dumas
- Aaliyah Dysart
- Lexi Francois
- Michal Francois
- Amelia Harper
 - Ezra Hart-Linklater
 - Ariel Hill
 - Keirstin Leonard
 - Kayda Levasseur
 - Alley Linklater
 - Aniya Linklater
 - Daniah Linklater
 - Denika Linklater
 - Ty Linklater
 - Zane Linklater
 - Maya Madonic
 - Emma Mc Bain
 - Jaylo Mc Kay
 - Jasper Mc Kay
 - Athena Moore

- Carter Moore
- Madden Moore
- Harmony O'Hynn
- Dominic Parisien-Levasseur
- Ariana Spence
- Bill Spence
- Cee Jay Spence
- Karma Spence
- Kingston Spence
- Miley Spence
- Pierce Spence Rayne Spence
- Taylen Spence
- Tiana Spence
- Wayde Spence ■ Cody Spence
- Kenisha Spence-Hart
- Ariel Stevenson
- Nathan Wood-Tays
- Wayne Wood-Yetman Lex Young

Post-Secondary 2017-2018 Graduates

- Chelsea Andrews Legal Admin. Ass't Cert. Douglas Coll. - New Westminister, BC
- Allanah Anderson Fashion Design Diploma Art Institute of Vancouver, BC
- Alexandra Spence Bachelor of Arts Degree Univ. of Manitoba – Wpg, MB
- Jenny Lay Bachelor of Arts Degree Univ. of Manitoba -Wpg, MB
- Launda Warren Masters of Nursing Degree Athabasca Univ. -Athabasca, AB
- Thamer Linklater Honors B.A. Degree Univ. of Winnipeg -Wpg, MB
- Ashley Moore Nat. Resource Mgt.

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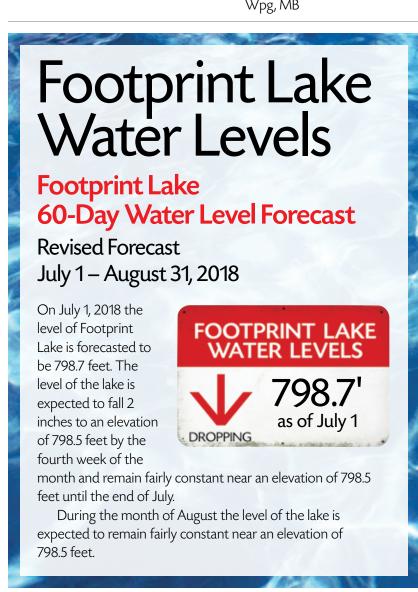


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- Justice Linklater
 Electrical Fund. Cert.
 Univ. Coll. of the North –
 The Pas, MB
- Guantia Spence
 Law Enforcement Cert.
 Univ. Coll. of the North –
 The Pas, MB
- Renada Linklater
 Law Enforcement Cert.
 Univ. Coll. of the North –
 The Pas, MB

- Jason Grenier Industrial Welding Cert.
 Univ. Coll. of the North –
 The Pas, MB
- Garth Berard
 Industrial Welding Cert.
 Man. Inst. of Trades and Tech. –
 Wpg, MB
- Stephanie Harrison
 Medical Admin. Ass't.
 Man. Inst. of Trades and Tech. –
 Wpg, MB
- Melfina Linklater
 Focus on Trauma Cert.
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