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February 5, 2019

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Mystery Lake Long-Term Staff Bids Farewell

**JANUARY 2019** 

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# NCN Purchases Thompson Bus and Freight

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"We have a vested interest in making this successful," Chief Marcel Moody says. "It's difficult for our Citizens to get back and forth to Winnipeg. They often just

don't have the resources. Now, instead of relying on others to give us that opportunity, we can provide it for ourselves."

Sid Varma, third from left, Chief Marcel Moody, centre, and co-owner Jimmy Pelk, third from right, with other NCN Councillors Ron Spence, Cheyenne Spence, Jeremiah Spence and Vice Chief Cheryl Moore Monday at the announcement of the NCN Thompson Bus Line partnership deal.

Thompson Bus and Freight stepped up to provide bus services in northern remote communities in Manitoba after

Greyhound pulled out of the area last October. It currently offers passenger and freight services from Thompson to Gillam, Cross Lake and Winnipeg.

Moody hopes to expand those trips to include Leaf Rapids, Lynn Lake, Nelson House, Snow Lake, The Pas and Flin Flon.

Varma says partnering with NCN is a wise choice, as it has proven its business abilities with other ventures, including gas stations, hotel, grocery store and new cannabis store.

"We wanted to add a partner that can add a lot of value to it, and NCN is bringing that value,"

Varma told the CBC. "We have a life expectancy, but a Nation will be staying forever."

He also said the partners are making plans to open a training school for commercial driving. By the end of the year, they hope to provide education for Class 1, 2 and 3 licences.

"This is an exciting opportunity for NCN," Moody said. "We're providing services that our people need, we're generating profit for our community, and we're creating employment opportunities. This is something to celebrate."



Chief and Council have been busy so far since coming back from the Christmas holidays. We started with a Finance Treasury board meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019. Regular council meeting on Tuesday, with an evening meeting with the school board, education director and assistant director. We continued meeting with the school board in January and with the director and assistant education director, with Alfred Linklater and John Weins – independent consultants.

Please join Chief and Council at the upcoming General Assembly on February 5, 2019. We will update Citizens on

Income assistance – alternate payment methods, roles of our government and priorities for our Nation over the next four years.

Chief Marcel Moody
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



# Newly Elected NNCEA Board of Trustees Begin Term

Jerry Primrose, Lou Moodie, Shirley Linklater, Wanda Bunn and Felix Walker were sworn in as the elected NNCEA School Board of the Trustees on November 29, 2018.





# OK School Revs Up for New Year

#### By: Matilda Gibb, Principal

Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik principal, teachers and staff would like to take the opportunity to wish all parents and community members of NCN a Happy New Year. We also welcome back students and staff to the second term of the 2018-2019 school year at Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik. Classes resumed on Monday, January 7th. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday spending quality time with family and friends.

When I returned to the community after my holiday I had time to reflect on the many successes we have accomplished throughout the first term. For example, the Elders program, our Life Skills program, and the C.C.A.S.E.L. program have all reached a higher level of success as demonstrated in the pictures that have been submitted by our LifeSkills teacher, Mrs. Frederica Bunn and the C.C.A.S.E.L. teacher Mr. Donald Hart.



Elders have joined our primary students for a pancake breakfast during the Breakfast Program, sharing their stories about our traditional way of life.

We are working diligently to develop initiatives and programming that will encourage our students to attend classes every day. We ask for your support as parents and guardians to send your children to school on a daily basis.

I am pleased to announce the return of our Grade Three teacher Miss Gabrielle Britnell

and our Grade One teacher Miss Josephine Baker. Welcome back. Both teachers were missed by their students and staff and we are thrilled to have them back.

#### Elders Program Shares Traditional Way of Life

Winter solstice is a time when Elders share stories about our traditional way of life. Elders Lydia Linklater, Lena Dysart, Joyce Wood, and Gordon Hart are sharing their stories about when they were children growing up in Nelson House they created toys and games made from materials found on the land. They have joined our primary students for a pancake breakfast during the Breakfast Program sharing their stories. Our students loved the opportunity to sit and listen attentively to the stories.

Elders were honoured to be invited to share their childhood memories with our students. They spoke to me at the end of the activity and said that they were thrilled to be able to recall the kinds of games and toys they had played with when they were youngsters. They were also impressed that our students were so willing to respectively listen to their stories and ask questions.

#### Welcoming Our Elders

It is an honour to introduce our Elders (from left to right) Elder Darlene Mason, Lena Dysart, Lydia Linklater, Joyce Wood, Gordon Hart, and Mavis Stevenson. Missing from this picture is Elder Sam Dysart.

Our Elders arrive at our school every day and have become an important addition to our school community. They are caring, patient, and loving individuals who are dearly loved by all students and staff. Our Elders can always be counted on to help out when needed. For example, whenever there is an overflow

of students staying for the Breakfast Program or the Hot Lunch Program, now that the winter temperatures are dropping to extremely cold temperatures, all our Elders gladly help out to serve lunches and breakfasts to our students. Our students and staff are so grateful to have them in our school.

As winter temperatures started to plummet, the Elders started to organize donated winter clothing such as mitts, toques, scarfs, and socks. Due to the high demand for warm winter items, donations were quickly used by our students in need of these items. Our Elders also noticed that attendance starts

to drop drastically in the winter months partly because students are not properly dressed for the cold weather.

#### We are seeking 313 pledges of \$100.

The Elders came up with a brilliant idea to try to raise funds for warm winter clothing and to raise funds to increase school attendance. Their plan is called 313 CARES ABOUT EDUCATION ... please read the poster that explains the request for donations to this great cause.

I would like to challenge all NCN organizations and community members to please consider making your \$100 pledge today to this wonderful fund raiser.

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# Life Skills Program Teaches Traditions

We understand daughter, nieces, great-nieces and even mothers and teachers need mentors! It's great to have our Elders come in to visit and help students with traditional learning of our ways since many traditional



Elder Carol Prince, is visiting as a guest Elder, teaching sewing techniques.



crafts are being lost or not taught to youth. We need to continue with this learning; we need to TEACH, LEARN, AND PASS ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS!!! Our elders and skills programs are sharing this tradition.

### C.C.A.S.E.L. PROGRAM Shows Kids Wilderness Training

Students, under the watchful eye of our Elder Sam Dysart from the C.C.A.S.E.L program, are learning to check their

rabbit snares.
The C.C.A.S.E.L.
teacher Donald
Hart has stated
that the best part
of the day for his
students is when
the weather
permits the class
to go out on the
land to check
their snares or
learn more about
traditional ways to
hunt and gather.



Please be advised that next Wednesday January 16th we are celebrating the Winter solstice. A full turkey luncheon will be prepared for all students who wish to join. The

luncheon is free of charge and will run from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. In addition, students from our CCASEL program will be tending to a sacred fire and classes will be meeting with community Elders to discuss the meaning and purpose of

this important cultural event.

#### **School closures:**

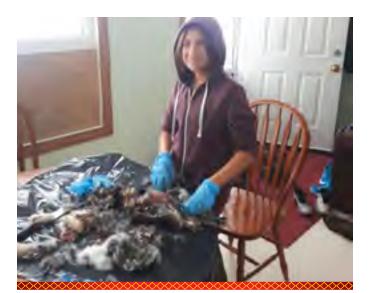
January 18 Dismissal @ 2:30 p.m. (Staff Meeting)
January 29 Dismissal @ 12:05 p.m. (Staff Professional Development)

February 7 Full Day Closure (Staff Professional Development Day)

February 18 Full Day Closure (Holiday – Louis Riel Day) February 20 Dismissal @ 2:30 p.m. (Staff Meeting)



(Terry Spence) has successfully snared a rabbit. He has returned to his classroom to proudly display what he was able to snare in the bush. He asked if his teacher could take a picture of the rabbit before he had to prepare the animal for skinning. After skinning the rabbit meat is used to make rabbit stew which is also prepared by the C.C.A.S.E.L. students to enjoy as a meal.



Kasandra McDonald is preparing her snared rabbit in her classroom. Her teacher and educational assistants are proud of her positive attitude and willingness to take on the task of independently skinning animals. Kasandra also enjoys going out on the land with her classmates. She currently is the only female student enrolled in the program. When asked to participate in the outdoor activities such as trap setting, snaring or setting nets, Kasandra does not hesitate to participate.

February 22 Full Day Closure (Report Card Writing Day) Finally, please don't forget that January 30th is our annual local Science Fair! The winners will move on to the regional and national championships!

## ASTUM, ASTUM, ASTUM!!!

Parent Education Classes at OK, Room 101
Come Out and Learn, Workshops are Free!!
6:30- 9:30 p.m. on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
January 21st, 2019 – March 29th, 2019

WEEK 1 THEME: Pre/Post Colonization
WEEK 2 THEME: Nehetho Star Chart
WEEK 3 THEME: Universal Teachings

WEEK 4 THEME: Rocky Cree Teachings and Protocols

WEEK 5 THEME: Sweatlodge Teachings
WEEK 6 THEME: Our Job as Parents
WEEK 7 THEME: Our Education System

WEEK 8 THEME: Understanding Grief, Loss and

Trauma

WEEK 9 THEME: Traditional Activities

WEEK 10 THEME: Violence





# NCN Chief and Council Take Action to Address Medical Access Concerns

Chief Moody (left) and Councillor Jackie Walker (right) meet with Pam Smith Regional Director for Indigenous Health-FNIB.



MKO Grand Chief Settee also attended to discuss follow up with Heath Canada about the death of Abraham Donkey on the bus. Indigenous Services Canada is expected to contribute \$42 million over three years to

support health transformation in Manitoba. They are partnering with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak to help create tailored health solutions for the communities they serve. NCN is among those communities.



MKO Grand Chief Settee was pleased to host a meeting between Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief and Council and Federal officials to discuss improvements to medical transportation for NCN and all MKO patients requiring health supports in a safe timely manner outside of the community.



#### FACT:

injuries and even death attempts to bumper injuries from obstacles been hit by following vehicles or slid under the tires at high speeds

PLAY SAFE. Winter Safety is Everyone's Concern.

### It's illegal and dangerous!

Our Nisichawayasihk schools and safety officers have received a number of reports and complaints of children grabbing onto the bumpers of school buses or cars and sliding along for a free ride.

- Parents are urged to remind youngsters of dangers of what is now termed "bumper-shining".
- Students, if you hear or see others sliding behind buses, make the bus driver aware, report it to the school and encourage them to **STOP**.









## MAKE A DIFFERENCE for NCN kids Pledge \$100 to 313 Cares About Education Program What is it? An initiative from the elders of the school to increase attendance for the students and raise awareness for the importance of education in today's world! Monies raised will go towards: Attendance awards You can make a pledge in honour of

yourself or someone you know that

has made a valuable contribution to

First Nations education. A brochure

of all the pledges and recipients

Awards.

will be recognized at the Year End

- · Winter gear- hats, mitts, socks etc. for students
- STAR Skating program

Attendance Awards will be given for:

100-99% **- \$100**\*

98-95% **- \$75**\*

94-90% - \$50\*

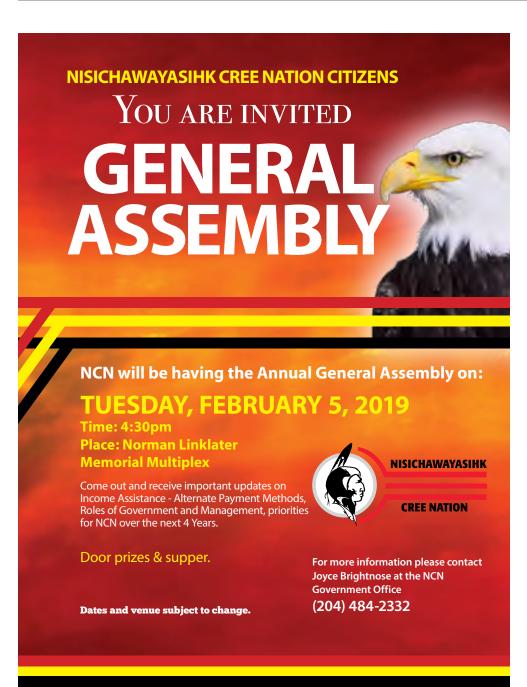
(\*Provided all Monies have been raised)

Please contact the following to make a pledge at

204-484-2242

William Spence, Nadine Yetman or





# Natashia Moodie Awarded Human Rights Hero, December 2018



In December, Natashia Moodie was celebrated by Manitobans for Human Rights Inc. as its monthly MHRI Hero.

"I'm amazed, surprised and honoured to be recognized as a Hero," says Moodie. "Raising awareness for humanitarian issues, being active in my community, speaking to youth about bullying and suicide prevention ... these things have always been important to me."

On its website, the organization mentioned Moodie's upbringing in Nelson House.

"...Parents Lou and Edna Moodie have played a huge role in mentoring their children to be hard working, educated, and proactive in trying to make the world a better place," the write-up says.

It outlines her success as a musician with her sister, Alexandria, as the duo Moody x 2.

"In 1999, Moody x 2 was invited to sing the national anthem in their Cree language at a Blue Jays game in Toronto. This was the first time the Canadian anthem had been sung in an Indigenous language at a MLB baseball game. They then closed the Pan Am games in Winnipeg singing the anthem in Cree and received a standing ovation."

Manitobans for Human Rights is a non-profit organization that aims to promote human rights education throughout the province. It was created in 2014 to work towards a society based on equality, with citizens who understand and embody human rights.

MHRI praised Moodie's volunteer work for pregnant women. In 2015 she started The Beauty Within Project, which included photo shoots for women in remote, northern Manitoba, celebrating the beauty of pregnancy. It also created a sense of community for those women, many who felt isolated and alone.

"I've just always been passionate about helping others," Moodie says. "Everyone could definitely benefit from more kindness in the world we live in today."



Revised Policy - Effective January 16th, 2018

School closure is determined by a temperature reading at 6:00 a.m. based on the Weather Network reading (available at www.nncea.ca). The school principals and Director of Education, decide and inform the NNCEA School Board Chair. Closures are then posted on the NCN and NNCEA websites and on Facebook by 7:00 a.m.







## -40°C WITH THE WIND CHILL

Parents/Guardians decide to send students. Buses will be running. Schools are open. Staff will attend. Classes will be in session. \*Note children without proper clothing will be taken home.

### -44°C OR COLDER WITH THE WIND CHILL

Schools will be CLOSED to all students. Buses will not be running. Parents should not send students to school. Staff will attend meetings and planning sessions.

### -48°C OR COLDER WITH THE WINDCHILL

Schools CLOSED and staff are NOT required to attend.

Closures do not affect students' attendance awards.

OPEN

CLOSED

# Long-time Employees at Mystery Lake Hotel Say Goodbye

Mystery Lake Hotel has seen some staff changes this winter.

Josie Haney bartended at Trappers and had two "tours of duty" at the hotel. She initially worked at the hotel for about 10 years and then, after she moved away and came back in 2005, another 12 and a half years.

Molly Stapleton served as the assistant manager for an impressive 21 years. They both retired earlier this winter.



Back row (left to right): Molly Stapleton, Caroline Williamson, Scott Jocelyn (President Manitoba Hotel Association); Front row (left to right): Marlene Stoltz, Janet Andrews, Maria Guerra (missing Gloria Hermenegildo).

"Both Josie and Molly were dedicated and hard working," says Rob Roberts, who worked as the general manager of Mystery Lake Hotel. "We have been blessed over the years with several long serving employees who truly care about the property, and many younger, high-energy staff. I deeply care about all of them and will miss them very much."

Roberts is also leaving Mystery Lake Hotel, after almost 8 years as GM. He says the biggest change during his time leading the hotel was the granting and implementation of Urban Reserve status.

"I'm also happy to see an increase in First Nations staff since we made that transition to Urban Reserve. As a First Nations owned business, this is very important."

Roberts has moved to Winnipeg to take over the position of general manager at the Canad Inns Club Regent Casino Hotel. He's happy to be starting this new chapter closer to his family. In the 8 years since he moved to Thompson, his two grandchildren have been born.

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my children, grandchildren, old friends and family, and playing rock and roll with my band," says Roberts. "But I'll miss so much here, like

the many beautiful people I have come to know and



Rob Roberts, former GM, Mystery Lake Hotel.

love. Pisew Falls. The ravens. The rare gift of fresh moose meat. Pickerel from the nearby lakes. The woods. The Northern Lights. There's a lot to love here."

Many NCN Citizens have fond memories of Josie, Molly and Rob. We wish you the best of luck. Ekosani!



Left to Right: Terri McKay, Molly Stapleton, Gloria Hermenegildo, Belinda George, Gaylene Flett, Kerry Thomas, Hun Choi Moose.



Josie Haney, former Mystery Lake Hotel employee.

Bringing in the New Year with Celebration

NCN Celebrates with fun and dance at the annual New Years eve dance hosted by NCN Chief and Council. The event was well attended and party goers of all ages took part in the festivities.

















# Midget and Peewee Hockey Players Get Blades Going

By: Nic Campbell



Thank you to NCN Parks and Recreation for sponsoring the Minor Hockey program.

like to thank all volunteers, officials, and members of Parks and Recreation who contributed to our Midget Hockey Tournament held on January 11-13, 2019 at the GMA. This tournament was part of our Midget A league play consisting of 6 teams. A big thank you to those who donated towards our tournament for fundraising purposes. Additionally, thank you to NCN Parks and Recreation for sponsoring our Minor Hockey program and making these

tournaments possible, as well all volunteers

who helped with time keeping and ticket

NCN Minor Hockey would

sales, and the GM arena staff for operating the arena. As January continues our PeeWee team will travel to Thompson January 18-20, 2019 and our Midget team will travel to Cranberry, January 25-27, 2019. Due to rostering we have had to collapse our bantam program, but our players will be able to either play midget or be overaged into Peewee. Practices for the remainder of the season will occur on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the arena. A reminder to all players to keep your equipment secure and to ensure all your equipment is put back in your bag.



# NNOC Prepares for New Academic, Drama and Music Options This Term

By: Nic Campbell

NNOC would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone enjoyed their winter holidays. We are currently

wrapping up our first term at NNOC and will be starting exams very soon. Exam dates are January 23, 24, 25, and 28th. Term 2 at NNOC will start on January 29, 2019 at 8:25 a.m. On this day we will have a half day for students in the morning and Professional Development in the

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afternoon for staff. The purpose of this is for students to come, receive their timetable, be introduced to their new courses, and then make any changes in the afternoon if necessary. Our 40S Mathematics class will be writing the Manitoba Provincial Exam on January 23, 2019. Our 30S drama class will

be travelling to Winnipeg to take part in a musical. The drama class would like to thank everyone who contributed to their fundraising for this trip. During the months of November and December the attendance at NNOC increased by 14% from last year. An increase in our attendance is great news and we hope our attendance continues to increase during term 2. NNOC would like to thank Mr. Bryce Peterson and Ellen Palmer, along with Connected North for coming to NCN to talk to us about setting up a virtual classroom within our school.

During term 2 we will be implementing a 10 teachings system which will focus on 10 different character traits. We would also like to thank Ms. Alma Spence for her service and dedication to our school system! Within our other classes

we have exciting initiatives occurring such as robotics, soapstone carving, drama/play creation, hydroponics, exam preparation, guitar club, interviews, cross country skiing, weightlifting, and a model of a house made in Industrial Arts. On behalf of NNOC, I would like to thank all staff and students for their dedication to our school. Without each member of our staff and student body, we would not be able to achieve the goals we have set out or operate in an efficient and effective manner.

A reminder to any students in Grade 12 to apply to Post Secondary Schools as well for sponsorship. Additionally, congratulations to those

students who have been accepted to different Post-Secondary Schools!



NNOC student Everton Linklater with his soapstone carving.

#### NNOC TERM 1 EXAM DATES

The following dates will be reserved for student exams. Term 1 for NNOC will end on January 28, 2019. Term 2 for NNOC will begin on January 29, 2019.

| EXAM SCHEDULE  |                             |                        |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| PERIOD         | DATE                        | TIME                   |
| 1              | Wednesday, January 23, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |
| 2              | Thursday, January 24, 2019  | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| 3              | Thursday, January 24, 2019  | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |
| 4              | Friday, January 25, 2019    | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| 5              | Monday, January 28, 2019    | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| *Make up exam* | Monday, January 28, 2019    | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |

# Kosopatchekan Ceremony Honours NCN Traditions

In collaboration NNCEA, NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre and the Nelson House Medicine Lodge will be hosting a sweatlodge and blanket night lodge ceremony (Kosopatchekan) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for healing, prayer and ceremony – all for our overall NCN Community. We will be giving Gordie Walker an honorarium to cover the fees of travel expenses for himself and his helpers. The ceremonies will happen at the NNCEA building starting with a sweatlodge at 2:00 p.m. and will carry over until later into the evening.



Gordie Walker



# Potential Strike Looming at NCN Personal Care Home

On Thursday, January 24th, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Personal Care Home support service workers will vote on the possibility of a strike. They currently make 14% less than workers at other care homes, even though they have the same training and job descriptions. Their demand will be wage parity with other personal care homes in the province.

"The reality is that all First Nations PCHs are underfunded, even though we provide the same care and services as other rural care homes that are 100 per cent funded by the province," says Regitha Rajesh, chief executive officer of the NCN PCH. "If we received the same funding, we wouldn't have wage disparity. Our employees are feeling disrespected and frustrated. They need to strike every time just to be treated equally. It's not fair to them and it's not fair to our Elders."

About 75% of NCN PCH employees are members of Manitoba Government and General Employee's Union (MGEU), and they've been working without a collective agreement since last March. NCN PCH needs \$389,722 in funding to achieve wage

parity for its workers. NCN has been working with the federal government (which funds 17 beds), and the provincial government (which funds the other 7 beds), to increase funding. But so far, no commitments have been made. Unless the government offers up more money, NCN will be unable to stop the strike.

"In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled, under Jordan's Principle, that Canada cannot discriminate against Indigenous

children on the basis of jurisdiction or geography. Now, another vulnerable group of people, our Elders, are being denied equitable care," says Chief Marcel Moody.

He is sympathetic to the workers' frustrations. "Support service workers are the backbone of the PCH. If

they vote to strike, it will definitely have a big impact on the residents, families and the community as a whole."

This is not the first time MGEU staff have gone on strike. At the end of 2016, these support workers were on strike for almost three weeks, for the same reason. They received a 10% wage increase, which went about halfway to addressing the inequity in pay.

Rajesh is worried again about the impact a strike will have on the consistency in care. "Of course, residents' safety will be

the priority, and the strike would not cause a risk to an Elder's life or basic care needs, but striking staff would only be able to provide "essential services," which would not include the typical tasks of every day."

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NCN Personal Care Home workers currently make 14% less than workers at other care homes in Manitoba.



# Medicine Lodge Honours Outstanding Individuals

The Nelson House Medicine Lodge's Executive Director Laurel Wood and Board of Directors Shirley Linklater proudly presented framed awards to Citizens and staff of the Lodge in recognition of their achievements. The recognition, which also includes a framed plaque on the Lodge's wall of Honour, is given to recipients that not only have noteworthy accomplishments at the lodge but are also contributors to the overall wellness of our NCN community. The 2018 recipients acknowledged at the Lodge's holiday dinner in December were:

- Employee of the Year Award for Exceptional Service to Nelson House Medicine Lodge – Herman Linklater
- Community Member of the Year: Sandra Moose and Joe Moose
- Youth Community Member of the Year: Priscilla Bighetty and Lewis Dumas
- Elder of the Year: Gloria Spence and Sam Dysart
- Family of the Year: Mary and Johnnie Parisien

Congratulations to all recipients. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and honoured. **Jerman Linklater** Employee of the Year Award for Exceptional Service to Nelson House Medicine Lodge December 2018 Markey Buck Chi Shirley Linklater, Chair Laurel Wood,



**DEALING WITH ADDICTIONS?** (204) 484-2256

# **Nelson House Medicine Lodge Intake Dates**

The current residential intake program is for women and the next program starting is for men. Referrals and registration are being accepted now for alcohol and drug treatment, prevention and aftercare services. Intake dates and administration weeks are as follows:

#### 2019 SCHEDULE

Women: January 2 – February 22, 2019 Men: February 25 - April 19, 2019 April 22 – 26, 2019 – Admin Week

Women: April 29 - June 21, 2019

Men: June 24 – August 16, 2019 August 19 – 23, 2019 – Admin Week Women: August 26 – October 18, 2019 October 21 – December 13, 2019

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Knowledge Exchange Forum

#### **Enhancing Safety and Sharing Knowledge**

The Knowledge Exchange Forum will provide an opportunity for key stakeholders and partners including law enforcement, victim services, representatives from various levels of government and subject matter experts to share their knowledge and insights.

Date: February 5, 6 & 7, 2019 Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Location:

Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre

4 Nelson Road, Thompson, Manitoba

#### FREE TO ATTEND SPACE IS LIMITED

Registration Deadline February 1, 2019 All participants must complete a registration form.

#### **SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Subject Matter Experts
- Survivor of Human **Trafficking**
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Liaison Unit
- Winnipeg City Police Specialized Investigat Counter Exploitation
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police Missing and Exploited Persons Unit
- Project Devote Task Force for Missing and **Murdered Exploited Persons**
- Bear Clan
- Tracia's Trust Strategy
- Canadian Centre for Child **Protection Inc.**
- Manitoba Victim Services
- Province of Manitoba
- Joy Smith Foundation

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To download a registration form and to view additional information on the presenters please visit mkonation.com/mmiwg/



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1st \$600.00, 2nd \$400.00, 3rd \$200.00

**MINI QUEEN (6-10)** 

1st \$600.00, 2nd \$400.00, 3rd \$200.00

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Barb Moore: (204) 679-0014

Leona Linklater: (204) 679-1245

Debbie Francois: (204) 484-2341



# A New Year of Fun with Parks and Recreation

On February 13, a whopping 70 people headed to the Strand Theatre to catch Aguaman. Thanks to Vernon and Mac for

driving the two buses we needed, and to Nicole and Jack for organizing. **NCN Parks** and Recreation

is keeping

people busy



during the week at the DWMH, with open gym, arts and crafts, and movie nights. On the weekend, there are often mini skills

competitions, hockey tournaments and dance and lights shows. Follow the NCN Parks and Recreation group on Facebook to

make sure you join

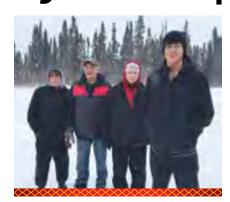




us for all the fun. On January 4, Jack Young posted a few

> slideshows on our **Facebook** page of last year's activities. Watch it to see if your family members are there!

# CBC Reporter was Impressed by His Trip to Nelson House



William Spence (second from left) didn't need much convincing to give us a tour of his home community. (Photo by: Lenard Monkman/CBC)



That Monday the community radio was supposed to have filler music, but Russell Bonner opened up the studio to talk about our careers as journalists and offered us insight into what the community was like.

A CBC reporter, who knows Indigenous stories are hard to find in the media, took matters into his own hands when he came up to Nelson House on NCN Aboriginal Veteran's Day Holiday, November 12, 2018.

The new host of

the CBC Radio's North Country, Ramraajh Sharvendiran and reporter Lenard Monkman from Lake Manitoba First Nation – an associate producer with the CBC Indigenous unit – were shown around the community by Vice Chief Cheryl Moore, her husband Jim Moore and other welcoming NCN Citizens.

"I wanted to visit northern communities near Thompson," he says. "The communities that I wanted to visit have large populations and they are under-reported in the mainstream news, yet there are lots of stories that need to be told."

Monkman visited Nelson House, Tataskweyak and Cross Lake. He had plans to go to Norway House but the ferry was broken down.

During his visit to Nelson House, Monkman had a tour of the community with William Spence, and visited the Three Rivers grocery store, chatting with Lorna and John Spence, who were selling their famous bannock. He also met Lou Moodie at the new multiplex.

"The people we were able to run into were very friendly and accommodating," says Monkman. "A lot of the locals had a good sense of humour and were genuinely pretty friendly. I think that was the most important part of the trip."

Monkman says the

trip was definitely

worth the effort.

NCN Vice Chief Cheryl Moore brought Monkman to ATEC for a tour with Jim Moore after hearing him on the local NCN Radio with Russell Bonner. Cheryl said, "the tour was limited because many facilities

were closed that day, but they seemed impressed with NCN."

"I think one of the biggest surprises for me was the ATEC building. I thought it was cool to see this facility that has a lot of room to teach post secondary education. I know that a lot of communities in the south don't have that kind of infrastructure on reserve."

His travelling companion was Ramraajh Sharvendiran, the



CBC reporter, Lenard Monkman (inset) enjoyed a tour of the community from NCN Citizens in Nelson House.

host of CBC Radio's North Country on 93.7 FM. You can listen to him every weekday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The two of them enjoyed their spontaneous interview on 98.1 CREE FM with Russell Bonner, and reminded listeners to reach out to Sharvendiran with interesting stories that should be told.

Monkman says the trip was definitely worth the effort.

"I love meeting people. I love talking to people. I would definitely be interested in going back up north."

# **Employment Opportunities**

# NEHETHO LANGUAGE TEACHER NEEDED AT THE NISICHAWAYASIHK NEYO OTHINWAK COLLEGIATE (NNOC) FOR SEMESTER TWO, JANUARY TO JUNE 2019

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

Start Date: January 28, 2019

**General Information:** A limited term teacher is required for grade 9-12 Nehetho Language (Cree) classes at the local high school at Nelson House, Manitoba for semester two, which begins on January 28th, 2019 and ends in June 2019.

**Qualifications:** Minimum of Bachelor's degree in education with successful, applicable experiences.

A Manitoba Teacher's Certificate or eligibility for teacher certification in Manitoba.

Significant knowledge/mastery of the Nehetho/Cree language.

Able to teach the language utilizing updated methods of language instruction.

# Successful candidate should possess the following:

The ability to teach with minimal direction in a fast-paced, unique school setting. Professionally updated and aware/ usage of current educational trends: UDL, differentiation of instruction, assessment for/as/of learning, Maplewood, inclusive classrooms, etc

Able to take direction, model a positive work ethic and maintain confidentiality

\*\*\*Furnished teacherages with full utilities/furnishings are available at a reasonable rate

Please send a cover letter, 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 Check within three weeks of hire.



# GRADE 7 TEACHER URGENTLY NEEDED AT OTETISKIWIN SCHOOL TO THE END OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Interviews: ASAP
Start Date: ASAP

**General Information:** a limited term teacher for grade 7 is required for the elementary school on a full time basis to the end of for the 2018-19 school year.

**Qualifications:** Minimum of Bachelor's degree in education with successful, applicable experiences.

A Manitoba Teacher's Certificate or eligibility for teacher certification in Manitoba.

Knowledge of Nehetho/Cree language and FN school systems in Manitoba are definite assets.

## Successful candidate should possess the following:

- The ability to teach with minimal direction in a fast-paced, unique school setting.
- Professionally updated and aware/usage of current

educational trends: UDL, differentiation of instruction, assessment for/as/of learning, Maplewood, inclusive classrooms, etc.

Able to take direction, model a positive work ethic and maintain confidentiality

\*\*\*Furnished teacherages with full utilities are available at a modest rate

Please send a cover letter, updated resume to:

NNCEA Selection Committee @ AMEC, Nelson House, Manitoba Phone: 204-679-3500 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 Check within three weeks of hire.



#### **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT (EA)**

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

**Position:** Educational Assistant **Deadline:** Friday, January 18th, 2019 **Start Date:** January 23rd, 2019

Hourly Rate: Depends on credentials

General Information: NNCEA is currently seeking an educational assistant to work in the elementary school classrooms with a supervising teacher and classroom students to the end of the 2018-19 school year. The hours of work will vary from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will be responsible and accountable to the assigned teacher/Resource Teacher/School Administrator at the Otetiskiwin School. Interviews will be held @ the Alice Moore Education Centre on January 22 and/or 23rd, 2019.

#### Responsibilities:

- to work with students one to one or in classrooms as assigned/instructed
- other duties as assigned

#### **Qualifications:**

Grade 12 graduate or Educational Assistant training program graduate.

Ability to speak the Nehetho/Cree language an asset.

Updated First Aid/CPR training an asset.

## Successful candidate should possess the following:

- The ability to perform all the job requirements in a fast-paced, unique working environment
- Working knowledge/skills in above areas helpful
- Excellent communication (oral/written), interpersonal skills
- Ability to take direction
- A positive work ethic
- Ability to work as part of the school team

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

OK School Administration, Nelson House, Manitoba

Phone: 204-484-2242 Fax: 204-484-2002 Email: matildag@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.





# **NEED HELP?**

If you or someone you know is dealing with depression or suicidal thoughts, get help! You are important. You matter.

**Thompson Mobile** Crisis Team 1-866-242-1571 204-778-1472

**Kids Help Phone** 1-800-668-6868 Suicide Helpline 1-877-435-7170

**Addictions Helpline** 1-855-662-6605

**Gambling Helpline** 1-800-463-1554







Nisichawayasihk Urban Reserve to be Recognized on Thompson City Signs

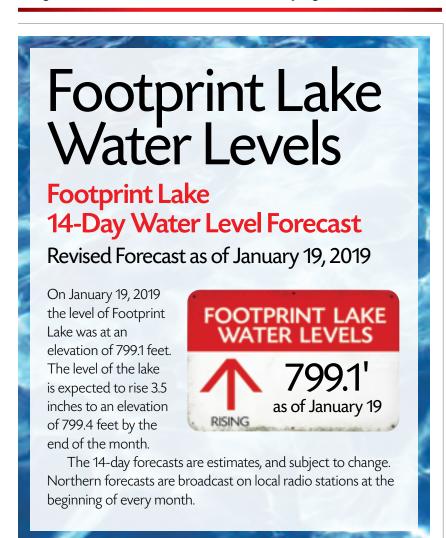


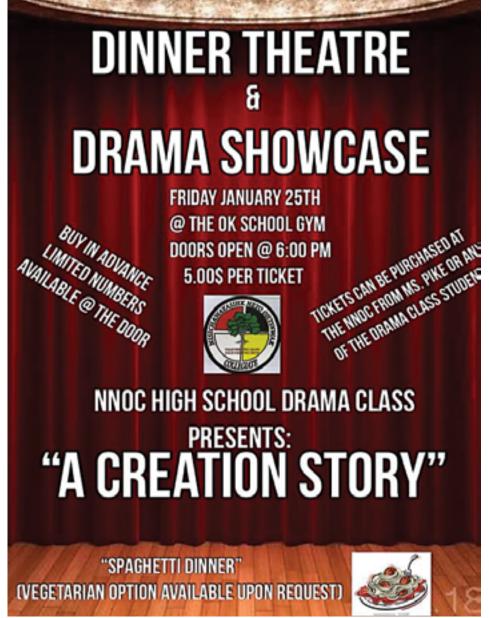
The old Thompson City Signs will be replaced with ones displaying recognition to NCN's Urban Reserve and new city logo.

The well-known welcome signs at the southern and northern ends of Thompson, Manitoba are expected to be updated this summer and NCN will be recognized.

The current signs have been in place for at least 40 years, but will be changed to include Thompson's new logo, which is already used on its social media and website. Other areas will also receive updated signage, including the water treatment plant, cross-country ski trails, and waste disposal grounds.

Kacper Antoszewski, communications officer for the City, told the Thompson Citizen the welcome signs would also include recognition of NCN and its urban reserve status.







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