

FROM THE CHIEF **Get Fully Vaccinated**

OKIMAHKAN OTY'AMIWIN

KITITAHWINAOW ACHIMOWIN COMMUNITY Call For CAP/CIP **Applications**

BUSINESS \$8.3 Million Housing Development Launched in NCN

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JUNE/JULY 2021

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Dry Hot Summer Concern for **Forest Fires**

Drought and hot, windy weather have created perfect conditions for wildfires across the prairies. As of July 15th, there were three active fires in our resource area:

- Leftrook is under control
- Wuskwatim is contained
- Suwanee has increased in size to 180 HA and is currently being manned. Highway 391 North from NCN junction to Suwanee has reopened.

While the community is not in immediate danger, all NCN Citizens are reminded to be prepared during wildfire season, with knowledge of what to do in case of evacuation. For safety purposes, Chief and Council have set a curfew for young people 17 years and under from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Remember that smoke can cause irritation and allergy problems, especially for people with chronic respiratory conditions. Know that smoke is usually worst in the mornings, and contact the Nursing Station at 484-2031 for more advice and treatment.

By provincial order, all campers must get a travel permit from the Thompson Fire Program at 677-6624. Next, you must inform the Pandemic Response Team at the NCN Trust Office of your camping plans. Open fires are prohibited at this time. Call Gordon Dumas at 679-5319 for more info.

The water reservoir is currently at maximum capacity. Citizens are asked to preserve water by limiting washing and avoiding running hoses, sprinklers, etc.



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Be prepared

- Have emergency bags ready for everyone. Include medications, chargers and water!
- Ensure your vehicle always has gas and is ready to go.
- Keep kids and pets close to home.
- Stay tuned to 98.1 NCN Cree FM and NCN Facebook page.

Pack your emergency kit

- **b**ottled water
- canned and dried food
- first aid kit and medications
- phones and chargers
- wind-up flashlight and radio
- copies of important documents
- cash and keys
- whistle

Consider

- changes of clothes and shoes
- sleeping bags/blankets
- candles/matches
- basic tools and duct tape
- toiletries, hand sanitizer, toilet paper

activities for kids

Evacuation checklist

- Close windows, doors, vents, etc. Use plywood if you have time.
- Turn off propane and natural gas as directed. Move combustibles such as BBQ tanks away from the house.
- Leave water in pools/ barrels and hoses available for firefighters.
- Leave a note on the door and inside with full names of your group, time of departure and destination plans.
- Follow NCN community protocol for reporting during evacuation.



Tansi!

The new **Order in Council 313-2021-9** contains a number of changes which are highlighted in this Bulletin. Please refer to the OIC if you have any questions.

Fully Vaccinated NCN Citizens and Employees

- NCN Citizens/Residents
 (including their immediate
 families) and employees
 of NCN Entities and NCN
 government who are fully
 vaccinated and provide
 proof of vaccination can
 do the following:
 - Travel within Canada without prior authorization or being required to isolate upon their return to the community as long as they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms;
 - Attend activities/events in the community;
 - Work in the community including attending meetings;
 - Visit other fully vaccinated people;
 - Stay overnight in the community with other fully vaccinated persons.
- Children under the age of 12 who are not currently eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination can engage in the above activities as long as everyone else they are with is fully vaccinated.

Persons who are not able to be vaccinated for medical reasons can provide written confirmation from a doctor or nurse practitioner and a determination will then be made about whether participation in such activities is safe for the person and the community.

Partially Vaccinated/Unvaccinated NCN Citizens and Employees

- NCN Citizens and their families and employees of NCN Entities and NCN who are not fully vaccinated:
 - Are not authorized to travel to southern
 Manitoba or anywhere else in Canada;
 - Must continue to obtain authorization from the Executive Director of Justice and Public Safety prior to entry or exit from NCN Lands;
 - May only apply to go to Thompson to shop twice a week;
 - Are not allowed to participate in activities or events in the community;
 - Must isolate and be assessed by the health team upon return to the community if they are authorized to leave;
 - Are not allowed to visit other persons in the community;
 - Must continue to obtain a special entry pass to work in the community unless they have a valid medical reason for not getting a COVID-19 vaccination;
 - Must not attend meetings with other employees in the community or elsewhere.
- All other OIC provisions previously outlined remain in effect.

Proof of Vaccination

A fully vaccinated person means all eligible persons 12 and over who have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by Health Canada and it is at least 14 days since the second dose was received.

Proof of vaccination is required at the checkstop – a valid vaccine certificate issued by NCN or the Province of Manitoba must be provided.

Vaccination Clinics Continue

- Please get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community. We need to continue to increase our vaccination rates particularly among our youth ages 12 to 17.
 - The sooner we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can loosen more restrictions.
- Please call the Public Health department at the Family and Community Wellness Centre 204-484-2341 for more details.

Public Health Orders

- Please note that Public Health Order restrictions applicable elsewhere in Manitoba or Canada will apply while you are there so check to ensure you know the differences.
- Rules in Manitoba's Public Health Orders vary depending upon whether a person is fully vaccinated or not.

If you have any questions, our staff will continue to try to respond to your questions as quickly as possible. Be patient and kind as we are all trying to keep the community safe as this pandemic is still not over.

Follow all the public health measures related to distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, sanitizing and limiting contacts to fully vaccinated people to the maximum extent possible.

Ekosani!

Coronavirus

Chief Marcel Moody
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation





KITITAHWINAOW ACHIMOWIN

ommunity News

Bring on the Summertime Fun!

Parks and Rec is amping up for a fantastic summer of fun! COVID-19 rules still apply to activities, and often you must be fully vaccinated to participate.

Watch our NCN Parks and Recreation page on Facebook. We're planning some awesome stuff,

such as horse shoes, fish derby, outdoor dance, dodgeball, basketball, beach party and more!

Be sure to join us at Family Activity Week from July 19-23 at Mile 33. We'll enjoy arts and crafts, square dancing, family competitions, and workshops

on survival skills, gardening and traditional teachings. Transportation is provided, but you'll need your own camping gear if you're planning to stay. Call Terry at 307-2246 with questions. Only fully vaccinated Citizens are able to participate!

Fathers' Day

Chicken Call 29 and Under

1st Alex Spence 2nd Warren Brightnose

30-39 years

1st Geronimo Hart 2nd Nathanniel Hart

40-49 years

1st Chris Francois

50-59 years

1st Ivan Peterson

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40-49 years

1st Chris Francois

50-59 years

1st Ivan Peterson 2nd Harvey Linklater

Aboriginal Day

Scavenger Hunt

1st Moses Hartie and family 2nd Brigette Towers and family

Best Cardboard Tipi

1st Caitlyn Francois and family

Family Singing

1st Caitlyn Francois and family

Fastest Cree Counting

1st Caitlyn Francois and family

Scarecrow Making

1st Susan Wood 2nd Gail McDonald 3rd Priscilla Linklater 4th Andrea Hartie

Cree Translating

5th Kaydine Spence

1st Female Lainey Linklater 1st Male Grayson Linklater

NHL Best Dressed and Cheer

1st Katie McLeod and family 2nd Fonda Berard and family 3rd Kattey Hart and family 4th Loriann Hartie and family 5th Priscilla Francois and family

Parade

1st Barb Moore 2nd Melissa Moore 3rd Jamie Moore 4th Frederica prince 5th Charnelle Linklater















Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief speaks out on the horrifying discovery of the bodies of 215 children found on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential

Upon learning about the horrifying discovery of the bodies of 215 children found on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential

School in British Columbia, Chief Marcel Moody addressed fellow Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Citizens.

"This is the most recent tragic story to come from residential schools, but it is not surprising. It is more proof of the trauma that so many First Nations people

have experienced," said Moody in a post on the NCN Facebook page. "Many of our own Citizens survived abuse, neglect and sexual assault at the hands of those who were supposed to teach them. Many of them have stories from the school in Brandon, Manitoba, where children's bodies were also found."

Even as it continues to make steps toward supposed reconciliation, Moody notes that the Canadian government continues to refuse to use the word "genocide," and has yet to bring the Catholic Church in Canada to task for its evil acts.

"This upsetting discovery on land of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation is the latest clear indication that the Canadian government has committed and allowed atrocious acts of racism and genocide on our people for centuries. Many of those terrible teachers live among us to this day, with their sins unacknowledged. Meanwhile, their victims fade from this country's collective memory, and are only

remembered when another horror is unearthed."

Moody says the discovery in Kamloops stirs up old wounds

and survivors experience the trauma again. He and NCN Council are working with the Nation's Family and Community Wellness Centre and mobilizing its Public Health team to help

Citizens move through this latest tragedy and into healing. They have also created tentative plans for a local memorial to honour all those, living and deceased, who undeniably lost their innocence during childhood at a residential school.

"I call on the federal and provincial governments to create a formal process to search each of this country's almost 140 residential school lands for more unmarked burial grounds," says Moody. "They must create protocols and funds that allow for the "The federal and provincial governments must create protocols and funds that allow for the identification and repatriation of remains. To speak to any one survivor is to know that this terrible discovery is one of many," says Moody.

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DEALING WITH ADDICTIONS? call (204) 484-2256

Nelson House Medicine Lodge Intake Dates

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

2021 INTAKE SCHEDULE

Men: June 28 – August 20, 2021 August 23 – August 27, 2021 Admin Week Women: August 30 – October 22, 2021 Men: October 25 – December 17, 2021



Good News on the Pandemic Front

After a solid year and a half of fear and anxiety due to COVID-19, things are finally looking up in Manitoba.

With numbers of active cases and hospitalizations dropping, and vaccine numbers continuing to climb around the province, there are reasons to believe the end is in sight.

"We know that all pandemics end, and this one will be no different," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer in a press conference on July 5th. "Looking at other jurisdictions that have had high vaccine rates, we can

see that perhaps this pandemic's days are numbered."

As of July 15, 78.3 per cent of Manitobans over the age of 12 had received their first dose of the vaccine, and 60 per

> cent their second. This week, around 13,000 people are getting a COVID shot every day in Manitoba.

There were only two new cases of COVID-19 in the Northern region on July 15, with 205 total active cases in

the North. There were four people in hospital, with one of those patients in the ICU.

While we must be vigilant in handwashing and pandemic rules, and experts are nervous about the more contagious delta variant, the government continues to loosen restrictions, based on vaccine numbers.

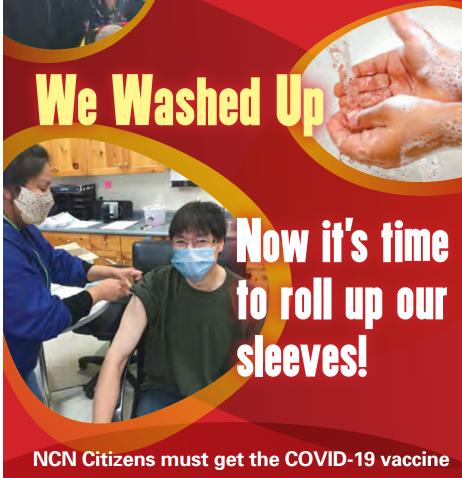
The Winnipeg Blue Bombers announced they

> would host an in-person home opener with 100 per cent attendance. Only those who are fully vaccinated (with proof of an immunization card) will be able to attend. Other businesses such as music

clubs and movie theatres are also moving into opening with partial capacity, but again, will admit only those who are fully vaccinated.

Still haven't received your shots? Call the Wellness Centre at 484-2341 to book an appointment!





We Masked Up

to help us return to normal quicker.

The vaccine is safe, quick and free and getting it will help protect our community.

A message from Chief and Council



All About Immunization Cards

After 14 days after your last dose of vaccine, you can apply for your Manitoba immunization card. With it, you will be able to enjoy privileges such as sports and entertainment, restaurants, bars and lounges, and travel, as the government lifts restrictions.

When you request an immunization card, you'll receive a digital card for your cell phone, which shows your first and last names and a

QR code. You may request a physical hard copy as well, which will arrive in the mail. (There is currently a backlog on physical cards, but you can still request now.)

To request your card, search "Manitoba immunization card" and follow the link. Or you may call 1-844-MAN-VACC. You'll need your Manitoba health number to register.



CALL FOR

2022
FUNDING
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 year 2022 calendar year are now being accepted.
- Application forms are available at the NCN Trust Office from Dawn Hartie, on the NCN Trust Office's website at www.trustoffice.ca, www.ncncree.com or email joyceyetman@ncncree.com for an e-copy of the funding application

Applications submission will be accepted up until 3:00 PM on August 30, 2021. (We will not accept applications after the deadline.)

- Submit your applications to Tanika Spence or Nicole McDonald at the NCN Trust Office.
- Funding Application must be a sealed envelope.
- If you require assistance in filing a funding application, please schedule an appointment with the NCN Trust Office, Trust Coordinator or Executive Director of Intergovernmental Relations will be pleased to assist you.



To obtain more information contact
Alvin Yetman, Trust Coordinator at 204-484-2604



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MATCHING WORDS:

How well do you know some of the Great Laws and how well can you read the Cree language. Draw a line from the Cree word to the matching English word. If you find this difficult, have a teacher, elder, or parent/guardian help you with this. The first example is done for you – ἡριαολο = Love

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MATCHING WORDS SOLUTION

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Honouring Those Passed - In Loving Memory David McDonald

David leaves to mourn:

Father: Freddie Mallet.

Adopted son: Dennis Jr. Spence.

Sisters: Pauline Teli and family, Oudette Teli (James) and family.

Adopted sisters: Delsey McDonald (David) and family, Nora (Murdo) and family, Alma and family, Lori Ann (Moses) and family.

Brothers: Max Teli and family, Jonas McDonald and family, Nelson McDonald and family, Alex McDonald and family.

Aunties: Hartiet Warren and family, Connie McDonald and family, Darlene McDonald and family, Diane Spence (Douglas) and family, Mariam and family, Agnes Hartie and family. Uncles: Ron McDonald (Theresa) and family, Patrick McDonald and family.

Predeceased by:

Mother: Ruth Teli

Adopted parents: Jean McDonald, Murdo McDonald, Solomon McDonald.

Grandparents: Gilbert and Hazel McDonald, David and Eva Flett, Charlie and Mary Ann Hart. Aunties: Beatrice McDonald and Bertha McDonald.

David will be sadly missed by many family and friends: He was loved and respected by many.



Special friends: Farrell, Amy, Vanessa, Beverly, T-Bone, Shirley, Baseball and Volleyball family. Pallbearers: Lori Ann Hartie, Alma McDonald, Delsey McDonald, Margaret Wood, Yvonne Hart, Crystal Linklater, Pamela Hart, Sylvia Linklater, Mariam McDonald, Pauline Teli, Cheryl Moore, and Maryjame Linklater.

Honourary Pallbearers: All sisters, brothers, family and friends.

Solutions below to puzzles on previous page

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Celebrating 40 Years of First **Nations Control of NCN** Education

On July 13, the community gathered at OK School for the annual NNCEA year-in-review meeting. It was a special night, as NCN also celebrated NNCEA's 40th anniversary of bringing Nihitho culture and language to Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation through its education system.

Trustees Jerry Primrose and Lou Moodie served as MCs for the event, which began with a pipe ceremony. The celebration continued with opening prayers and songs, and a moment of silence.

"In 1981, community leaders fought long and heard to make First Nations control of First Nations education a reality, and they succeeded. In the last four decades, NNCEA has achieved incredible advancements even though there was no master plan and minimal supports," said current Director of Education Gail Gossfeld-McDonald. "We have a responsibility to honour their efforts ... the time to set more goals is upon us. There needs to be a balance between the traditional and the contemporary so our children, our students, can be proud of their heritage while they cope, survive and succeed in the days and years ahead!"

There were special presentations that celebrated

forty years of accomplishment and a review of the AGA Booklet. Chief Rodney Spence served as the keynote speaker. Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed entertainment and draws for cash and prizes.

Congratulations to all NCN Citizens, past, present and those who have moved on to the Spirit World, for their vision and achievements in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation education!

NCN Citizens, You're Invited

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: LAWS AND GOVERNANCE

July 27-29, 2021

Time: 2 pm to 6 pm Location: Gilbert McDonald Arena

(Times and locations subject to change)

NCN sets out in law its wishes for the governance of its Citizens, the protection of its lands, the use of its resources, and the processes of its government. Laws give the Nation the important tools to govern in positive and effective ways. NCN is committed to community consultation and is holding meetings of members to discuss important issues and give Citizens an opportunity to ask questions, provide input and meet Council members.

- ▶ Draft laws and amendments to NCN laws
- ► TAPITOWINIKEWIN: Framework for restor-
- ▶ Update on Community Protection Law
- ➤ Asserting our Sovereignty for the Benefit of our Nation, our Lands and our People
- Governance and Law-Making Move NCN Toward A New Era
- Update on NCN Law Making Process and

Topics of the engagement discussion include:

Covid precautionary measures to be followed including: mask wearing, hand sanitizing, social distancing etc.

For more information: Bonnie M. Linklater

Bonnie M. Linklater Executive Director of Justice & Public Safety Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Nelson House, MB ROB 1 AO Cell: 204-679-0115 Email: bmlinklater@ncncree.com

DOOR PRIZES!

Light Lunch Served



2018-2022 NNCEA School Board Trustees

- Wanda Bunn (chair), Shirley Linklater, Jerry Primrose, Lou Moody, Felix Walker (resigned 2020)
- NCN Councillors with NNCEA Education **Portfolio**
- Cheryl Moore, Ron D. Spence

Current NNCEA Staff and Employees

- 50+ teachers
- 8 administrators
- **2** guidance counselors
- 10 Elders in the School
- 5 administrative assistants
- 40+ educational assistants
- Resource, Language and Culture, PSE, ICT, Maintenance, Custodial, Bussing, Security
- School Cook, Home School Liaison, Casuals support staff

NNCEA Directors of Education

1981-1991 Alfred Linklater

- 1991-2000 Lorne Keeper
- 2000-2001 Rob Fisher
- 2001-2006 Matthias White
- 2006-2012 Ernesta Rivais
- 2012-2013 William Elvis Thomas
- 2013-2016 Wayne Thorne
- 2016-2021 L. Gail Gossfeld-McDonald

Looking Back on 40 Years of NNCEA

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Before the establishment of a local education authority, the impacts of residential and day schools, and the Churchill River diversion and flooding of our waterways and lands, created devastation and significant changes to life in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation.

At that time, NCN was isolated and everything had to be flown in by bush plane. There was no highway to Thompson until the late

60s and it was sub-standard for years. Most homes didn't have electricity or running water, and most housing itself was inadequate. Medical facilities were limited. Indigenous educators, infrastructure and technology for schooling was scarce and Indigenous curriculum was non-existent.

Negotiations to take over NCN's own schooling system began in the mid-70s until an agreement was signed with the federal government in 1981. The first local self-governing body was known as Nelson House Education Authority (NHEA). The name then switched to the Nisichawayasihk Education Authority (NEA), and since 2015, has been referred to as the Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. (NNCEA).

The education authority was founded on the spirit and

basic principles of Wahbung and "Indian control of Indian education." First Nations control of education in NCN began with the best of intentions but without a strategic plan or sufficient facilities. After forty years of growing pains and maturation, the next forty will be pleasant, positive and productive!

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2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



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September 1-3, 2021	New Teacher Orientation
September 6, 2021	Labour Day Holiday
September 7-10, 2021	PD Days for all staff (4)
September 13, 2021	First Day of School
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Holiday
October 12-15, 2021	Flex Days (4)
November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day
November 12,2021	Flex Day (1)
December 20, 2021	First Day of Christmas Break
December 31, 2021	Last Day of Christmas Break
January 3-4 , 2022	Flex Days (2)
February 21, 2022	Louis Riel Holiday
March 21-25, 2022	Flex Days (5)
March 28-1, 2022	Spring Break
April 15, 2022	Good Friday Holiday
April 18, 2022	Flex Day (1)
May 20, 2022	Flex Day (1)
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day Holiday
June 29, 2022	Last Day of School
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Term 2	December 13, 2021 – March 18, 2022
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NNCEA Highlights of the 80s

- September 1981 NCN assumed control of education by agreement with Department of Indian and Northern
- There were 612 students registered to be educated in 15 temporary classroom complexes, with no playground equipment. While the staff entitlement was 46.8, there were only 22 people carrying the load of administration, resource, aides and support staff.
- 1984 Computers were introduced to school.
- 1986 The new K-12 school opened, costing \$9.7 million to build. It was named Roland Lauze School. Teacherages, warehouse and bus garage soon followed.

The 90s

- 1994 The school was renamed Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik.
- 1996 The Pathfinder program was created for Grades 9-12 to meet urgent educational needs of older students. Students worked at their own pace and were managed by two full-time teachers.
- 1996 Alice Moore Education Centre (AMEC) opened to serve as the central office building for Education Authority.
- 1997 OK School received 400 Wing addition.

The 00s

- 2001 Pathfinder program revamped as attendance jumps from 15 to 75 students. Classrooms are built, four teachers and education assistant hired.
- 2003 High school converts to semester system and adapts current school name, logo, vision, mission statement, motto, and values and principles. These changes are all requested and created by students.
- 2006 Teacherage Units 5, 6, 8, 9 and 15 are built.
- 2007 Pathfinder trailers are condemned and closed. High school classes are now also held at OK School, using a staggered start for students.
- 2010 "Temporary" modular classrooms set up for high school.



Old school



Alice Moore Education Centre

The 10s

- 2016 The modular classrooms still in use are now deficient. Students return to staggered start at OK School to accommodate grades K-12.
- 2016 Planning for Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH) plan created by school board.
- 2017 Formation of the NNCEA Language and Culture Team.
- 2017 Comprehensive review of NNCEA school system.
- 2018 Nursery immersion class begins at OK School.
- 2018 Elders in the School program established.
- April 28, 2018 Three young OK students, Mattheo Moore, Kethan Lobster and Terrence Spence, are killed in a car accident.
- 2019 Sod-turning ceremony for new high school.
- 2019 Kindergarten immersion class begins.
- 2019 NNCEA Printshop moves from AMEC to OK School.
- 2020 NNCEA becomes an official partner of Teach for Canada, making teacher recruitment easier.
- 2020 Worldwide COVID-19 pandemic creates need for innovative teaching, such as at-home learning, alternate atschool attendance, online instruction and more.
- 2020 Grade 1 immersion class begins.

- 2020 Construction begins on NNCEA culture camp.
- 2020 NNCEA takes control of second-level services from Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre.
- 2021 OK School changes name to Otayitiskiwin Kiskinwahamakikamik, which better describes Footprint School as a place for learning and teaching. It becomes Nursery-Grade 7 school and NNOC becomes Grade 8-12 school
- 2021 Summer school is offered for the first time to cover the time lost to COVID-19.

Next steps and goals for NNCEA

- Open the new high school building for next school year! Five new teacherages will also be built.
- Begin plans for new elementary school.
- Focus on best practices for Indigenous education.
- Keep Nihitho language and culture at the heart of our school system and integrate provincial curriculum into them.
- Improve staff and student attendance.
- Maintain and preserve schools for long-term viability.
- Increase parental involvement.
- Create a video conferencing classroom for distance education and also a daycare at NNOC.
- Create a NNCEA Data and Research Unit (the analysis of achievement, demographic, program and perception data provides evidence and proof to assess and justify needs).
- Implement local teacher training to "grow our own" teachers.



Otayitiskiwin Kiskinwahamakikamik School (O.K.)



NNOC School

Continue to prepare students for 21st century learning and living.



NNCEA

Celebrating 40 Years of Local Control of Education

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY JULY 13, 2021





NCN Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department are Fully **Operational**



Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation residents, please be assured that despite facility damage due to a structural fire to the Fire Hall, NCN Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Department is still operating business as usual.

Should services be required or in case of emergencies, please contact:

- **204-484-2047** for Fire.
- 204-484-2911 for EMS.

Message from the NCN EMS Supervisor.





Having Fun in the Water? Safety First!

One of the best parts of summer is enjoying the water, whether it's swimming, boating or fishing. A few minutes for safety prep before any water adventure is the best way to ensure your family time is fun, instead of tragic.

Teach children how to respect the water and how quickly accidents can happen. Make swimming lessons a necessity every summer, and lifejackets required for every outing, even when playing on shore. Weather, water conditions and children are all unpredictable, which means you must be watching them at all times. And remember, kids learn by example.

Check in with each swimmer about their abilities and comfort level, and make sure your swimming space is appropriate. Have the adults take turns being in the water with the kids. Currents and waves can move you without noticing, so continue to check that you're still in a safe space. Drowning doesn't look like it does in the movies. People struggling in the water are quiet and make little

movement. If you're on shore, always face the water as you chat. Treat the swimmers like television, and don't take your eyes off them.

Safe boating starts before you arrive at the water. Check the weather conditions and your boat and equipment. Tell someone what

your route will be and when you'll return. Discuss who is in charge of what. Wear your lifejackets. In a boat, everyone pays for one person's mistake, so if someone brings alcohol, insist they leave it on shore. Watch out for changing water levels, undercurrents and debris. If the weather changes quickly, return to shore.

Every water adventure must begin with a safety discussion. If no one else starts the conversation, speak up!

Stay safe!

- never swim, fish or boat alone
- never use drugs or alcohol around water
- kids must wear a lifejacket
- inspect your swimming space. Watch for jagged rocks, suspicious liquids, thick grasses.
- don't dive
- keep small kids within an arm's

reach

take swimming and lifesaving Make swimming lessons a necessity every summer, and lifejackets required for every outing, even when playing on shore.

- do not swim in the dark or during a storm
- when you're tired or out of breath, rest on shore. Ask for help!

By law, you must have safety equipment on your boat:

- a lifejacket for everyone
- sound-signalling device
- Class 5 BC fire extinguisher

- watertight flashlight or flares (type A, B or C)
- 15 metres of buoyant heaving line
- paddle or anchor with 15 metres of rope or cable

The Canadian Red Cross also recommends:

- knife and first aid kit
- dry clothing
- drinking water and snacks
- sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- waterproof matches

Basic rescue help

If someone is struggling in the water, remember Reach, Throw, Row, Go, Tow.

- REACH out with a branch, oar, towel and pull them to safety
- THROW a lifejacket or buoy to them so they can stay afloat
- ROW out to them and use an oar to pull them to the boat. They should hang on as you row to shore. In a motorboat, stop the engine and glide in from downwind.
- GO for help. Find someone with safety training, or a strong swimmer. Only GO to save them if

you have training. They will panic and grab you, and then there will be two people struggling.

TOW them back to safety by holding the opposite ends of a floatation device.

If you've capsized your boat:

- Try to get back in, or as much of your body out of the water as possible
- Stay close to it because it's easier to see from shore



Float instead of treading water

Swimming to shore is your last resort.





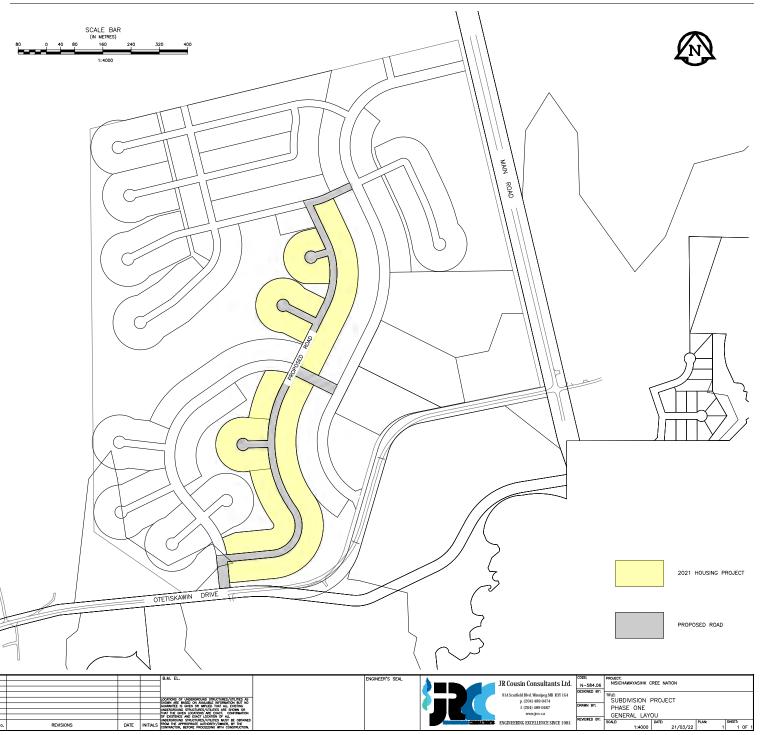


\$8.3 Million 75 House Development Launched in NCN

Chief and Council are excited to announce that a new project for our community has commenced. The new project will involve the creation of 75 new residential lots serviced with water and gravity sewer with an estimated construction value of \$8,300,000. The project is located in the area where the school is currently being constructed.

The project initiation meeting was recently held. The next step in the project will be the clearing of trees along the proposed road alignments and the collection of survey information. The design is expected to be completed over the next several months with construction commencing sometime in the fall.

NCN Subdivision Project - Phase 1



Congratulations!



Hendrix Tait-Spence

Des Whiskey

Jenna Linklater

Zander Towers-Hartie

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN FULL DAY ENGLISH GRADUATION CLASS

Teacher - Mrs. Susan Matilda Flett Dreystin Linklater Chace Spence Horace Linklater Leontray Spence Francois-Moore Drea Hart Briley Bittern Horace Linklater Alena Spence Existence Hart Calin Bonner-Hart Karly Hart Joylin Linklater Sandra Spence Julianne Bonner Scarlett Hartie Kacie Linklater Thomas Spence Harlow Brightnose Dean Moody Justin Spence-Bonner Andy Hunter Jr. Lynnia Dumas-Mc Donald Kazelyn Levasseur Marcus Moose Naylia Spence-Moody Bonnierose Dysart-Hart Delia Linklater Aris Spence Delphine Tait

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN FULL DAY CREE GRADUATION CLASS

Teacher - Miss Josephine **Sterling Francois** Trishtain Linklater **Everett Moore** Jersey Spence-Hunter **Baker** Tyler Francois Tyrone Linklater Kristianna Sinclair Louis Spence-Morris Gwyneth Donkey Miles Hart Victoria Linklater Russell Sinclair Rhianna Spence-Swanson Katalaya Appleton-Moose Joshua Mc Donald Ruby Dumas Orion Hunter Jolana Spence Paul Dysart Andy Leonard Roman Mc Donald Khloe Spence

Matilda Spence

Shauntae Spence

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO THE 2020-2021 GRADE 7A CLASS

Brad Linklater

Teacher - Miss Margaret Luke Francois Andre Leonard Raydon Parisien Bryanna Linklater David Linklater Nellie Tait-Hart Bird Andrew Gamblin Daniel Spence Richard Baker Sienna Harper John Linklater Jaeny Spence Ruth Young Coral Hart Cloe Linklater Julia Bunn Jerome Spence Kingsley Ducharme Erin Hart Lainey Linklater Kashtin Spence Gage Dumas Kingsley Hart Savannah Linklater Shai Spence

Reecee Mc Kay

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO THE 2020-2021 GRADE 7B CLASS

Vivian Hunter-Wastesicoot

Teacher - Ms. Jamila Butt Sherray Hart Jan McKay Valenteen Peterson Hailey Spence Nya Hartie Karissa Bear Colette Moody Larissa Spence Adam Spence Tito Howard Charity Moore Barnes Spence DejuanSpence-Flett Jordan Campbell Elijah Wood Brooklyn Francois David Linklater Nala Moore Beau Spence Lilly Wood Kashaye Francois Riah Linklater Taya Moore Colton Spence Phoenix Hart Rosalind Moose **Dereon Spence** Latrisha McDonald

Esther Moody

Harmony Francois

Isaiah Francois



2020-2021 POTENTIAL GRADUATES (POST SECONDARY)

Brandi Cable

Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Molly Earnshaw

Bachelor of Arts, Queens University, Toronto, ON

Allyson Fournier

Bachelor of Nursing, University of St. Boniface, Winnipeg, MB

Hillary Gal

Bachelor of Arts, Douglas College, New Westminister, B.C.

Rikki Linklater

Bachelor of Nursing, UCN/ UM, Thompson, MB

Roger McDonald

Bachelor of Administration, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB

Pamela Moore

Masters of Social Work, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Gayle Parisien

Bachelor of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Robert Ross

Massage Diploma, Robertson College, Winnipeg, MB

Robyn Soulier-Richot

C.D. Diploma, Red River C.C., Winnipeg, MB

Chastity Spade

Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Gordon Spence

Justice Certificate, Mckay Career Training, Saskatoon, SK

Jonathan Spence

B.C.S., Mt. Royal University, Calgary, AB

Kelly Spence

Bachelor of Administration, Univ. Coll. of the North, Thompson, MB

Brittany Wood

Bachelor of Administration, Univ. Coll. of the North, Thompson, MB

Kaitland Yetman

Bachelor of Administration, Univ. Coll. of the North, Thompson, MB

NNOC

Grade 8

Class of

Kailynn Francois

Deon Tray Linklater

Michelle Linklater

Zaida Linklater

Louie Lobster

Jerry Moore

Keyan Moore

Lenny Moore

Tatum Moore

Tommy

2021

Drew Hart









NNOC

Grade 8

CLASS OF 2021

June 21, 2021





















Mahiken Wood

Keshaun Wood

Elexa Wood

















NNOC Grade 12 **Class of** 2021

Isiah Baker Connor Blacksmith Seth Dumas Anton Hart Jenine Hart Qadim Hill Quaid Hill Bernadette Linklater Brendan Linklater Daniel Linklater Delana Linklater Demi Linklater Stewart Linklater Felix Moody Fern Moody-Hart Bailey Moore Dawson Moore Lori Peterson Caden Spence Carter Spence Denisha Spence Melvin Spence Nathaniel Tait Shane Tait Dredan Turner Lydianna Wood







Walk For the Little Spirits

On July 1, several dozen Citizens joined together for a community Walk For the Little Spirits to mourn and honour the children who attended residential schools and didn't come home again.

Similar acts of recognition happened across First Nations and other communities across Canada.

"Everyone honoured our lost relatives and rallied to ensure the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action, and those of the MMIWG, are implemented," said Jackie Walker, who organized the local event. "We encouraged residential school survivors to participate as we honour their journey."

Sponsored by NCN and the NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre, the participants met at the government office and walked together to the pow wow arbour. Everyone wore orange shirts and carried orange balloons. Several vehicles were decked out in orange flags with banners that read, "Every Child Matters."

At the pow wow arbour, participants heard from survivors Carol Prince, Mona Hart and Fred Hart. They spoke about the deliberate pain and trauma that was inflicted upon them and other children across the country. With the recent confirmation of thousands of bodies found, they said it's time to heal, mourn, fight for justice and bring the children home.

"Our collective story is not just one of pain and trauma, but of resistance and healing. Despite

400 years of colonization, we still speak our languages. We still practice our ceremonies. We still live off the land. We still love our children and have hopes and dreams. We still heal and

reclaim and resist," they said to the NCN crowd. "We are the children who survived what they tried so hard to destroy and we will continue to rise together, in love in healing, and in justice. We will become the ancestors that guide our children and our grandchildren as they reclaim that gentle spirit what was placed inside them before they come to this world."









IN HONOUR OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

And in Memory of Those That Did Not.



Orange Shirt Day is an event, created in 2013, designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the Indian residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century - an impact recognized as a cultural genocide, and an impact that continues today.

Footprint Lake Water Levels

Footprint Lake 14-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast as of July 19, 2021

On July 19, 2021 the level of Footprint Lake was at an elevation of 798.6 feet. The level of the lake is expected to rise 1.2 inches to an elevation of 798.7 feet by the end of the month.



The 14-day forecasts are estimates, and subject to change. Northern forecasts are broadcast on local radio stations at the beginning of every month.



RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION:

 Oversized Items • Derelict Vehicles • Furniture • Metal items • Appliances • Large Equipment • And More

Do you have scrap or junk in your yard that you can't move yourself?

Call David Moose, **NCN Fire Chief at** 204-307-5090 or JP Levasseur, NCN **Deputy Fire Chief at** 204-307-1567

to arrange pick-up and disposal











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