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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

# Nisichawayasi Achimowina

## Showing Respect to MMIWG

On March 3, a ribbon removal ceremony, sponsored by MKO, was held on the Miles Hart Bridge.

Chief Angela Levasseur, Councillor Jeremiah Spence, Thompson Mayor Colleen Smook, MKO staff and MMIWG staff walked along the bridge to respectfully take down the ribbons before construction began.

The ribbons had been placed to symbolize missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

NCN would like to thank the RCMP and the construction crew for acknowledging this ceremony by temporarily stopping traffic.



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### Chief and Council



Back (L to R): Kim Linklater, Vice-Chief Marcel Moody, Jeremiah Spence, Ron D. Spence.  
 Front: Shirley Linklater, Chief Angela Levasseur, Cheryl Moore.



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# From the Chief

## Tansi Nitoteemak!

We hope this message finds everyone well as we head closer to the end of March. Some exciting events just around the corner are our Annual Richard Linklater Memorial Winter Festival (March 20th to March 26th), Spring Break, and flex week for our NNCEA schools (March 27-April 7th).

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will visit our local high school (Nisichawayasihk Neyo Ohtinwak Collegiate or NNOC) for a flag football game on Monday, March 20th, 2023. Chief and Council will join the Blue Bombers to take on the students, and it promises to be an excellent time for all!

Some of the highlights that we would like to share with you over the last two months are as follows:

- Finance Portfolio holders conducted interviews for two Certified Professional Accountants
- Council and staff have been working on getting a new government office and our CEO has put in a proposal for a new church.
- Council has been meeting to secure funding to get a new health centre and a new elementary school.
- Council met with Premier Heather Stefanson to discuss core funding and accreditation for ATEC.

- Portfolio holders went to Toronto recently for the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference with our land departments.
- Education portfolio holders have been working on NNCEA Inc. to bring a Teacher Training program to NCN
- Chief Levasseur attended an AMC Special Chiefs Assembly for Health Legislation and UNDRIP in Winnipeg, MB (this was a critical meeting because the Federal Government is planning to pass a health law that will affect our people's healthcare services!)
- NCN Leadership met with VALE here in NCN at the Government Office to discuss Resource Revenue sharing, a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (or MOU), First Nations Resource Charge, TLE lands, and future opportunities for training and employment for NCN citizens.
- CAP/CIP Committee members on Council spent two weeks reviewing proposals, listening to and viewing presentations, and then deliberating on how best to allocate the Trust funds to various programs in NCN. Council commends the CAP/CIP committee for their hard work and due diligence in reviewing the 38 proposals submitted to the CAP/CIP for consideration. Priority was given to proposals designed to address NCN's social, economic, and physical needs and job creation.
- On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, the Nelson House Medicine Lodge staff held a beautiful Honouring Ceremony for clients who completed an 8-week program. Council extends heartfelt congratulations to these individuals for their tremendous accomplishments in working on their healing and striving for a life of sobriety! Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in helping others change their lives! Kinanaskomitnawaw!
- On Sunday, March 5th, Council members attended the annual RCMP fishing derby for youth at the United Church channel.
- On Tuesday, March 7th, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation was one of two communities chosen for an Indigenous Community Courts pilot project by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Restorative Justice. Thank you, staff, technicians, and Justice Portfolio holders (past and present), for your hard work in this area!
- On Friday, March 10th, Violet Turner was honoured for 40 years of service to the nation with a celebratory

luncheon at the Norman Linklater Memorial Multiplex – Violet has loyally served the nation through six different Chiefs as the Chief's secretary. Kinanaskomitin Violet!

- Economic Development portfolio holders met with Treaty One to discuss exciting business opportunities and explore partnerships that will lead to even greater prosperity for NCN!
- Housing portfolio holders are working with our Housing Director and staff to secure funding for a CMHC program called the Rapid Housing Initiative, round three.
- Health portfolio holders have been busy working on negotiations for the Personal Care Home and also plans for our new Health Centre.
- Lands and Public Works portfolio holders have been working on a wide range of projects, including a new graveyard, a new landfill site, and the new development that will allow us to build more houses.
- Our committee of volunteers has been meeting to work on implementing the solutions proposed by NCN community members from our Community Solutions meeting to address violence in the fall.
- The Nation has posted five finance positions and two Chartered Professional Accountants or CPA positions
- In terms of board positions, a posting was recently made for one board position for the NCN Economic Development Corporation and for five NNCEA Board of Trustee positions
- A posting was made for the position of Check Stop Coordinator
- The old NNOC/high school building is going to be repurposed to house our Nisi Court and also the decision for some of the finance to be located at the old high school.
- Finally, our community had the opportunity to host visitors from Teach for Canada and Live Different. Ekosi, take care and stay safe. My colleagues and I hope you will participate in the Richard Linklater Memorial Winter Festival and wish everyone a wonderful Easter holiday!

**Chief Angela Levasseur**  
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation















# Keeping NCN Men Healthy

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and it refers to cancers of the colon, rectum and anus.

Colon cancer is one of the most common types of cancer for men. Fortunately, good education and screening means most men can receive treatment and heal.

If you are a man between the ages of 45 and 75, you should ask your doctor about a colonoscopy, which allows them to check your bowel using a camera attached to a tube. Another common check is a FIT test, which checks for blood in your stool.

## Signs of colon cancer include:

- changes in your bowel routine;
- different shape or look of your stool;
- blood with or around the stool;
- abdominal pain;
- surprising weight loss.

It's important to maintain a healthy lifestyle! Exercise and cutting out alcohol and nicotine are very important. Good food choices include high-fibre veggies like broccoli and cabbage to "scrub out your system." You should avoid

processed meat like bologna because it contains harmful ingredients, including carcinogens.

Make healthy choices, and pay attention to your overall well-being and your medical needs. Your community needs you!

# Wuskwatim

## Monitoring Advisory Committee

# Open House


The Wuskwatim Monitoring Advisory Committee announces that an Open House will be held to provide an opportunity to review environmental monitoring activities.

**When: Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Where: Norman Linklater Multiplex  
Nelson House**

For further information please contact:  
**Mark Linklater (204) 939-0221**  
**Bill Yetman (204) 939-4221**




## WUSKWATIM

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**You are encouraged to attend!**  
 Transportation is attendee's responsibility.

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 <b>2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR</b>		DATE	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Month	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat	August 29-31, 2022	New Teacher Orientation
Aug 2022	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	September 1 and 2, 2022	PD Days for Staff Orientation
	28 29 30 31 1 2 3	Monday, September 5, 2022	Labour Day Holiday
Sep 2022	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Tuesday, September 6, 2022	First Day of Classes
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Friday, September 30, 2022	Truth and Reconciliation Day
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Monday, October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
	25 26 27 28 29 30 1	October 11-14, 2022	Flex Days (4)
Oct 2022	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Friday, November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Monday, November 14, 2022	Flex Day (1)
	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Friday, December 16, 2022	Last Day Before Break
	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	December 19-20, 2022	Flex Days (2)
	30 31 1 2 3 4 5	December 21/22 – January 3/23	Christmas Break
Nov 2022	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Wednesday, January 4, 2023	Classes Resume
	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Friday, February 17, 2023	Flex Day (1)
	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Monday, February 20, 2023	Louis Riel Day
	27 28 29 30 1 2 3	March 27-31, 2023	Spring Break
Dec 2022	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	April 3-6, 2023	Flex Days (4)
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Friday, May 19, 2023	Flex Days (1)
	25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Monday, May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
Jan 2023	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Last Day of School Year
	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Thursday, June 29, 2023	Flex Days (1)
	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	<b>OK School Term Dates</b>	
	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Term 1	September 6, 2021 – December 2, 2022
	29 30 31 1 2 3 4	Term 2	December 5, 2022 – March 17, 2023
Feb 2023	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Term 3	March 20, 2023 – June 29, 2023
	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	<b>OK School Report Card Writing Day</b>	
	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	1	December 2, 2022
	26 27 28 1 2 3 4	2	March 13, 2023
	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	3	June 19, 2023
	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	<b>OK School Report Card Night</b>	
	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Term 1	December 8, 2022
	26 27 28 29 30 31 1	Term 2	March 21, 2023
Mar 2023	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Term 3	June 28, 2023
	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	<b>NNOC Term Dates</b>	
	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Term 1	September 6, 2022 – February 3, 2023
	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Term 2	February 6, 2023 – June 29, 2023
	30 1 2 3 4 5 6	<b>NNOC Report Card Writing Day</b>	
Apr 2023	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	1	November 21, 2022
	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	2	April 14, 2023
	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	<b>NNOC Report Card Night</b>	
	28 29 30 31 1 2 3	Term 1 – Part 1	November 28, 2022
May 2023	4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Term 1 – Part 2	February 15, 2023
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Term 2 – Part 1	April 19, 2023
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Term 2 – Part 2	June 28, 2023
	25 26 27 28 29 30 1	Kindergarten Graduation	
Jun 2023	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Grade 6 Farewell	
		Grade 12 Graduation	
		194 School Days for 22-23 194 x 330 minutes = 64,020 180 x 360 minutes = 64,800	
		Motion #2022-04-28-15: NNCEA School Board of Trustees approve the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar	









































# Aggressive Behaviour in Community Dogs

Stray dogs and pets in the community are again becoming aggressive. Many NCN Citizens are carrying sticks or branches for protection. This is unacceptable for our community, as children are often playing by themselves and Elders enjoy their time outside, too.

If you are a pet owner, you are responsible for them, their well-being and their behaviour. Dogs must be tied

up or penned at all times. If your dog is not on your property, it must be on a leash. You must keep it appropriately fed, watered and healthy. These rules are all part of the Nelson House Indian Band By-Law 2.

Please be a responsible pet owner and have it spayed or neutered to keep our dog population under control.

From March 24 to 26, in partnership with Thompson Humane Society and Pet Smart Charities, NCN hosted a free spay and neuter clinic at the old high school. An incredible 75 dogs and cats were fixed and vaccinated!

NCN's new animal control officer, Ted Salamandyk, who started his new position in March, will be there. His other priorities include helping community members to learn about aggressive behaviour in pets and how to reduce it, and getting the stray dog population under control.



The Dog Control Officer is able to take a dog from anyone who has violated, is violating or about to violate this by-law. The Dog Control Officer has full authority to destroy a dog that is running at large; or attacking a person, or animal that is tethered; or a dog that is injured or diseased.

*(Nelson House Indian Band By-Law 2)*

If you have been bitten by a dog, go to the nursing station, and call the Band Constables at 204-679-0057 or 204-307-0912. You should also file a complaint with RCMP at 204-484-2837.

## Footprint Lake Water Levels

### Footprint Lake 7-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast as of March 19, 2023

On March 19, 2023 the level of Footprint Lake was at an elevation of 798.3 feet. The level of the lake is to remain constant at an elevation of 798.3 feet by the end of the month.

**FOOTPRINT LAKE WATER LEVELS**

**798.3'**  
as of March 19

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The 7-day forecasts are estimates, and subject to change. Northern forecasts are broadcast on local radio stations at the beginning of every month.



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