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State of Emergency Declared in NCN

On July 13, Chief Levasseur declared a State of Emergency to deal with illegal activity and community violence.

"Alcohol and drug use, bootlegging and illegal drug activity are causing increased, very serious violent incidents in our community," she said in a bulletin posted on social media and the NCN website. "We have a collective responsibility to make our community a safe place to live, work and raise our children."

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Chief and Council are hopeful these measures will slow the violence, but are prepared to establish more measures if required.

The following list is condensed and shortened. Read the complete measures at nncree.com.



Measures to reduce and eliminate violence and illegal activity include:

- A curfew from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am is in effect for everyone under the age of 18. Guardians of those who violate curfew will lose benefits. CFS will be notified.
- Anyone bootlegging, transporting or selling illegal drugs will be evicted or banished.
- Anyone who attempts to bring alcohol or cannabis more than amounts outlined in the Community Protection Law will be fined. All substances will be seized.
- Bear mace, machetes, knives or guns cannot be brought onto NCN Lands unless approved by Chief and Council or their authorized designate.
- Any person who attempts or causes harm using these items or other weapons may be evicted or banished.
- ATVs and boats cannot be operated from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Those who violate these hours will have their vehicle seized for 30 days. They will be fined \$500 for a 1st offence, \$1000 for a 2nd offence and will be banished on 3rd offence.
- All access roads, trails, rivers and waterways that lead to NCN Lands will be patrolled. There will be searches of vehicles and personal property.
- Anyone released from jail will require

a special pass to be allowed entry onto NCN Lands.

- Anyone who violates the OIC will be offered the opportunity to enter into an agreement to pursue Mithopematisiwin (a good life). If they refuse, they will be evicted or banished.
- Failure to comply with the OIC will result in fines or other penalties and disciplinary action for employees.

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.

Tougher penalties are being enforced in NCN for bootlegging, transporting or selling illegal drugs and will result in eviction or banishment from NCN Lands.

Paths of Change

By: Alaina Francois



When creating the “Paths of Change” posters, we the school, took in ideas from the students. They’ve wrote down the negative aspects of NCN and what Citizens should do to make NCN a better place. Students wrote down what should be changed, what the youth should do, what we should learn and what to encourage. The posters themselves are simplified and have been put into a bullet point format, so I could see how some of it is taken out of context.

The “Paths of Change” are what we should be following in our everyday lives. Always honour your elders, always give

respect, be a good person. There are recommendations on programs we should start running such as teaching more Cree, more sports activities and a variety of therapies. There are negative aspects in NCN as well that the students acknowledged such as the violence that roams and haunts the streets of NCN.

On our green coloured poster of the “Paths of Change” a student had wrote down “RCMP Violence,” the anonymous student was asked why they written this down when they were talking amongst themselves, “It goes both ways. We should respect the RCMP, and they should respect us...” The anonymous student feels that we should respect one another. Citizens should not be violent towards RCMP members, they

are only doing their job. The “Paths of Change” were created by the students at NNOC to encourage the Citizens of NCN. Citizens should respect one another regardless of their role in the reserve. They hope they’ve created a more positive place, and hope to encourage those who pass by the posters and give them a read through.



NCN Lands, Environment & Resources NISICHAWAYASIIHK CREE NATION

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Tansi’ Citizens of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation the Lands, Environment and Resources (LER) department would like to give an update on where we are with the Land Code planning and implementation. A Lands Advisory Committee was established in 2019 comprising of community members to help review and make recommendations on important land use development for Chief and Council decision making.

To date the LER department has developed a Land Use Plan and Environmental Management Plan. Some leasing documents are in the process as well such as Commercial/Residential/Industrial land leases to help gain revenue for the Nation. This is a very good start to exercise sovereignty that sustains a prosperous socio-economic future for the Nation.

There have been legal land lot surveys done on most commercial lots and some residential/Industrial lots, these lots have been appraised by a certified appraiser for fair market value.

LER department and McKercher LLP are also in the process of developing Land Laws and Environmental Protection Laws to better manage the Lands within

IR170. The Lands department will present these documents at a community engagement meeting as soon as they are in the final stage to do so.

LER is currently working with Public Works Department on remediation decommission plan for the existing landfill and accessing funding. The landfill site has been deemed a significant environmental concerns due to its proximity to the New Sub-Division with the new High School and residential areas. Chief and Council is in support of new waste disposal site off IR170 onto adjacent Crown Land north of the Metis Community.

As for the Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) it has been very difficult to transfer TLE selections to reserve due to the consultation process with the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF). The Treaty Land Entitlement Committee (TLEC) are in the process of filing a claim against Canada and taking Canada to court due to their breach in the Framework Agreement. For Citizens that would like to use land on reserve there is a process to come to the lands department to fill out a Land Use application form. The Lands, Environment and Resources department continue to work on planning implementing the Land Code.



Moving Forward

By: Rosena Lewis

Be proud of what you've done to do better and be proud of yourself for having the strength to recognize that you deserved better.



Have you ever made choices you regretted? Have you ever said or done something you wished you could take back?

Like many others, you probably have. But mistakes don't matter. What matters is what

you do to prevent these same mistakes from happening again. Changing yourself is one of the hardest things a person can do. Physical, mental, spiritual or emotional: however one changes, it is an act of sacrifice.

When we change the way we act, think, or conduct ourselves, we are sacrificing the comfort of what we know. That is powerful. When we finally say, "enough is enough" and do better for ourselves, we are saying that we deserve more

than what we have previously been giving or receiving.

However, when you make the choice to change and to do better, there is usually someone who reminds you of your past actions and the mistakes you once made. It can feel defeating when you've worked so hard to become someone wholly new and to have someone bring you back to your darkest point.

But remember all your hard work was not for nothing. This change wasn't made for other people, it was made for you. We all have a past, and we all have a future, too.

Instead of holding things against other people, we must learn to forgive, and move forward. If someone wants to do better, let them! Don't keep reminding them of the person they once were. Why not bring up their accomplishments? Why not mention the good things they have done?

Recognition and support feel good, but we

won't always get them. Recognizing the changes you've made and being proud of yourself is all we get sometimes, but it is still important.

Ever since I was a little girl, my dad would tell me, "Self-praise is better than no praise." Congratulating myself and celebrating my accomplishments alone was better than waiting for acknowledgement from anyone else. I used to depend on others for support and for recognition, but I must admit, it feels so much better coming from myself.

I see it everywhere: people are changing for the better. I'm proud of everyone who has made the decision to live a healthier life, whether it be physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional. Change is not easy, and it is a constant battle.

Be proud of what you've done to do better. And while you may not be proud of your past, be proud of yourself for having the strength to recognize that you deserved better.



Nelson House MEDICINE LODGE

Mithwayawin Mitho Tehewinihk Ochi

Nelson House Medicine Lodge Intake Dates

Referrals and registration are being accepted now for alcohol and drug treatment, prevention and aftercare services. Intake dates and administration weeks are as follows:

DEALING WITH ADDICTIONS? Call 204-484-2256

Treatment Schedule for 2023

Monday, January 2, 2023 – Thursday, February 23, 2023

Monday, February 27, 2023 – Thursday, April 20, 2023

ADMIN WEEK: Monday, April 24, 2023 – Friday, April 28, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023 – Thursday, June 22, 2023

Monday, June 26, 2023 – Thursday, August 17, 2023

ADMIN WEEK: Monday, August 21, 2023 – Friday, August 25, 2023

Monday, August 28, 2023 – Thursday, October 19, 2023

Monday, October 23, 2023 – Thursday, December 14, 2023

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Monday, December 18, 2023 – Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Treatment Schedule for 2024

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 – Thursday, February 22, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024 – Thursday, April 18, 2024

ADMIN WEEK: Monday, April 22, 2024 – Friday, April 26, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024 – Thursday, June 20, 2024

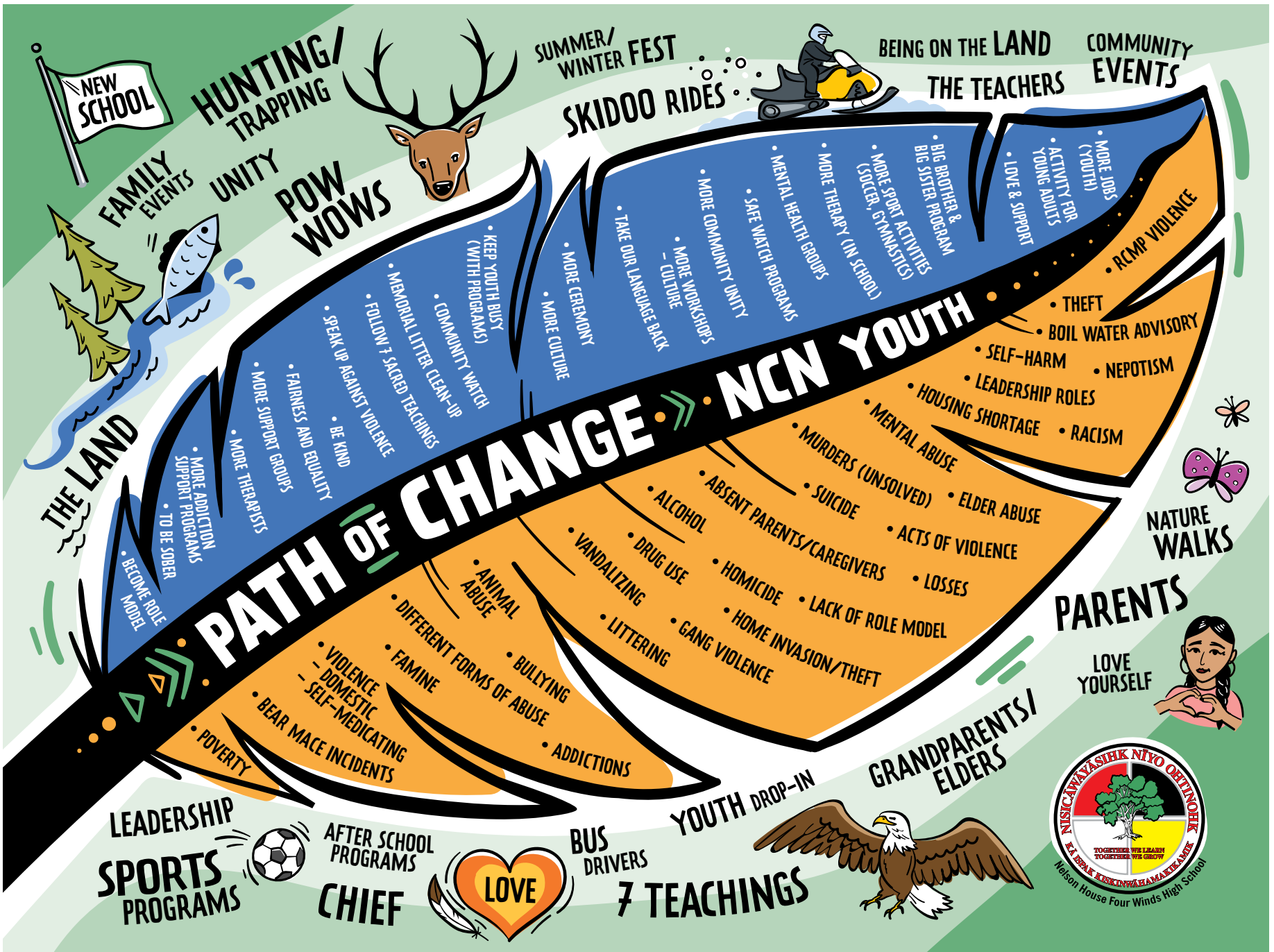
Monday, June 24, 2024 – Thursday, August 15, 2024

ADMIN WEEK: Monday, August 19, 2024 – Friday, August 23, 2024

Monday, August 26, 2024 – Thursday, October 17, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024 – Thursday, December 12, 2024

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Monday, December 16, 2024 – Thursday, January 2, 2025



Returning to Traditional Ways

NCN Land Base Program

Elder Instruction – Traditional Knowledge – Cultural Teachings

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
 Wellness Centre Inc.

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Celebrating NCN Graduates

June has been a month of many celebrations, including the kindergarten graduation, the Grade 6 Farewell, and the NNOC Grade 12 graduation. There were many proud people at all events to support the graduates: parents, grandparents,

aunties, uncles, dignitaries, friends, and extended family. This year, there were 68 kindergarten graduates! Even though they were feeling quite shy, these young students entertained the crowd with a song and dance. It was a beautiful ceremony. They received scooters and helmets as their graduation gifts, and they chattered about how excited they were to try out their gifts in NCN's new skate park.

Thank you to all caregivers who ensured these children came to school, and thanks to the kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Susie Francois-Moore and Ms. Jo Baker. Your job is not easy, but you are always there to give the children the best version of you. A special thank you to Ms. Baker for her years of service and dedication. We wish



Congratulatory MESSAGE

NCN's Ralph McLean, Recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal

Tansi Nitotimak!

Chief and Council, on behalf of NCN staff, management and Citizens would like to congratulate NCN's Ralph McLean, Awarded Recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal



On June 21, 2023, at a ceremony for Mixed Honours Investiture Ralph was among the list of recipients. The Meritorious Service Decorations recognize great Canadians for exceptional deeds accomplished that bring honour to our country. They honour achievements in both military and civil divisions. The Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) were established to recognize remarkable contributions in many different fields of endeavour, from advocacy initiatives and health care services, to research and humanitarian efforts.

Ralph McLean, M.S.M. from The Pas, Manitoba is a Citizen of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. For more than two decades, Ralph McLean has been dedicated to commemorating soldiers killed in war and peacekeeping missions. His self-funded Canadian and international travels have allowed him to identify unmarked war graves, which has helped expand the documentation of British Commonwealth military history. He has also ensured the required maintenance of graves, corrected personal information on thousands of memorial inscriptions, and submitted more than 200,000 photographic records to various databases, including the South Africa War Graves Project, which he created.

We celebrate the contributions of trailblazers who enrich the lives of others and make a difference. Ralph's passion inspires us, teaches us and shows us the way forward. We are proud of your achievements Ralph!

Kininaskomitin! Kisahkihitin!


- Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief and Council

Congratulatory MESSAGE

Billie Jo Berry, Awarded the Native Justice Scholarship at Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Tansi Nitotimak!

Chief and Council, on behalf of NCN staff, management and Citizens would like to congratulate NCN's Billie Jo Berry, awarded the Native Justice Scholarship at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.



On June 14, 2023, Billie was accepted to the full-time Juris Doctor program at Mitchell Hamline School of Law for the upcoming fall sessions. She was also awarded a Native Justice percent annual tuition scholarship.

Billie Jo Berry's dedication and commitment to scholarly achievement is a shining example for youth, peers, and our Nation.

We celebrate those who are motivated to make a difference for not only their personal growth, but locally, nationally and around the world!

We are proud of your achievements Billie and wish you the greatest success in the pursuit of a legal education and all your future endeavors.

Once again, congratulations on your admission and scholarship!

Kininaskomitin! Kisahkihitin!

- Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief and Council

2023 NNOC Grade 12 Graduates



Keanna Brightnose



Kaidence Choquette



Lexi Joos



Kelsey Leighton-Linklater



Kyla Leighton-Linklater



Silas Linklater



Ellis Moose



Raylene Moose



Denicka Spence



Desiree Spence



Durlin Spence



Genette Spence



Lenyshia Spence



Jules Rhianna Spence

NNCEA Policy 426: Donations to Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

There will be certain times when the community members/organizations will seek donations from the NNCEA organization. To promote a positive, caring image, the NNCEA chooses to support the families and community with donations via cheque, electronic funds transfer and/or purchase order. NCN Citizens, normally resident, will be entitled to this support. Each year, funds will be allocated to the budget. *Qualified applicants are only eligible for two donations per budget year.* If the budget gets expended, donations cannot be provided. Rates for various requests will be determined by NNCEA Senior Administration.

When a death occurs, the NNCEA will show its compassion by sending a wreath and/or flowers to the bereaved family. *Upon occasion, support to NNCEA affiliates/partners will have to be extended.*

Donation requests can be made for a wake and bereavement; travel off the reserve to attend a close family members' funeral/burial; for occasional/annual events for our children; for summer/winter festivals; for various traditional ceremonies in the community such as Sundances, powwows, etc. Due to the limited budget, private functions like memorial events, etc., are not eligible. Donation requests from people/organizations, off the reserve, are also ineligible.

Procedures:

1. Whenever a donation is needed, it has to be put in the form of a letter or email to the NNCEA.

2. The letter must be dated and provide the necessary details of the request: what it is needed for, when it is needed, what is needed (a cheque, purchase order or EFT) who the donation is to be made to, contact information.
3. The request will be reviewed as soon as possible by Senior Administration and a decision will be made and actioned. The family will be informed by the Human Resources Director.
4. Senior Administration will put the necessary details on the letter of request and NNCEA Finance will be notified so the request can be processed.
5. Letter will be filed accordingly.

Eligible Donations

Rates

a. Donation for individual Wakes/Funerals/Burial.....	\$300.00
b. Donation for travel to attend a family members' funeral/burial, per family, in Manitoba	\$300.00
c. Donation for travel to attend a family members' funeral/burial, per family, out of province.....	\$400.00
d. For occasional/annual events for our children	\$500.00
e. Summer and/or winter festivals	\$2,000.00
f. Traditional/cultural ceremonies for the community:	
– Sundances	\$2,000.00
– Pow-wows	\$2,000.00
g. Support to NNCEA affiliates/partners (wreath/flowers, etc.).....	\$300.00

Footprint Lake Water Levels

Footprint Lake 14-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast as of May 19, 2023

On May 19, 2023 the level of Footprint Lake was at an elevation of 793.5 feet. The level of the lake is expected to drop 5 inches to an elevation of 793.1 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.

MISSING PERSON \$10,000 REWARD



A reward of \$10,000 (matched donation funds) is being offered for useful information that leads to finding Rico Cody Linklater. He was last seen on October 21, 2021.

Anyone with information can submit an anonymous tip by calling the local RCMP at 204-484-2837, ask for Ryan Linklater.



RICO CODY LINKLATER



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