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Dr. Tammy Stoneman

ARTS & EVENTS
Orange Shirt Day:
Survivors Honour Walk

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

NCN Youth Leader Speaks at Orange Shirt Day Walk

On September 30, MKO held an event in Thompson called Orange Shirt Day: Survivors Honour Walk to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Many NCN Citizens attended the walk, wearing orange shirts that were bright against a blue sky. The walk started at



On September 30, many NCN Citizens attended the Orange Shirt Day Walk in Thompson. The walk started at Macleans Park and ended at the TRCC Gymnasium.

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ON THE SHIRT DAY

SURVIVORS HONOUR WALK
IN THOMPSON, MANITOBA

WALKING IN OUR TRUTH AND STANDING UP AGAINST DENIALISM!

DATE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023

WALK ROUTE:

FROM MACLEANS PARK TO THE TRCC GYMNASIUM

START TIME:



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MAEGAN COURCHENE AT 431-276-0764



Macleans Park and ended at the TRCC Gymnasium.

Those who attended had the opportunity to hear our own NNOC Junior Chief Brooklyn Linklater speak. She gave a powerful and emotionally charged speech, and has given permission to print it here in full.

Good morning everyone. My name is Brooklyn Linklater, and I'm here on behalf of Chief Angela Levasseur, who unfortunately couldn't be here today.

Today is about Truth and Reconciliation, or in other words, Orange Shirt Day. The history of Orange Shirt Day comes from residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad, whose grandmother bought her an orange shirt

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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.



Tansi Nitoteemak!

Greetings to you and your families on behalf of myself, my colleagues and the wonderful staff at the NCN Government Office.

Kinanaskomitinawaw kapee for our staff and especially our Executive Management Team; you are the ones who make it all happen and we love and appreciate you all kapee!

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Please refer to the "Where is the Chief?" documents for a detailed account of our activities over the last two months. My colleagues have attended many other portfolio-based meetings and conferences to discuss issues and to lobby and advocate for the nation that are not listed due to space constraints.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Some of the major highlights

of the last two months have been as follows:

Community Thanksgiving Dinner:

In October we had a very lovely community Thanksgiving dinner that was very well attended.

We were fortunate to have our NCN Flames Jr. B and our NCN Flames under 17 hockey teams as servers. Thank you NCN Flames and congratulations on your recent victories!!!

Our dinner was prepared by none other than our world famous red seal Chef Blaine Prince- an NCN citizen! Kinanaskomitin to all who made this dinner a success!

Christmas Gift Cards:

Now some were disappointed that the nation did not give out turkeys or Thanksgiving hampers.

Truth be told, this has never been done and would come at a great expense with more than 6,000 members off and on reserve. However, Council has been working hard on securing alternative sources of funding so that perhaps we can afford to do this in the near future.

When we make a budget in February, we have to stick to it otherwise we would be guilty of financial carelessness/ mismanagement.

Our sincere apologies to those who were expecting a turkey or a Thanksgiving hamper.

For the upcoming Christmas holidays, we are providing house holds with a gift card so that our citizens may purchase food of their own choosing for Christmas dinner. In the past we had issues with hampers that could cause serious health risks such as salmonella due to turkeys thawing out. We also had issues with oranges and potatoes freezing, etc. This is

why we have decided to go the gift card route- thank you to Vernon Anderson for the brilliant suggestion!

Muna Cows and Plows?

Now for the question everyone has been asking: where is our Cows and Plows?

NCN Chief and Council began the process of researching and negotiating our specific claims in 2015.

First Nations such as Pine Creek Anishinaabe Nation who are getting their settlements now began even earlier than that. There will be no settlement for several months or even more than a year because the process of going to court takes time. We will give everyone an update in our next edition of Achimowina. Thank you to the previous and current Council for your hard work and dedication on advocating for our Cows and Plows, Land Disparity, Treaty Annuity and other specific claims.

Constitutional Review:

During the third week of October, our lead consultant/NCN Citizen Alfred Linklater facilitated an internal review of our NCN Othasowewin (Constitution), as well as the Chief and Council Code of Conduct, Roberts Rules of Order, etc.

In the near future, Alfred will facilitate a similar review with NCN citizens, following which we will begin looking at possible amendments. Speaking of Constitutional amendments; there have been NONE to date.

Some citizens are making false statements that Council is withholding this information from them. We cannot provide information that does not exist, pure and simple. Moreover, for those who claim that the Constitution is being withheld from them; we have told these individuals repeatedly that our Constitution is publicly available at www.ncncree.com as are all of our laws. Please do not get fooled by false propaganda, let's work together for the betterment of our nation!

Challenges:

Our main challenges continue to be our Housing shortage, rampant alcohol and drug abuse, community violence., gang violence and chronic grief and loss.

We are committed to rectifying the Housing shortage as much as we can and as quickly as we can. Councillor Jeremiah Spence and myself are travelling to Ottawa in the third week of November to directly lobby the federal government for funding for Housing, ATEC, Justice, a new elementary school, funding for our Health Centre, an assisted living facility for our Elders and much, much more.

Our Nehetho Language and Culture:

NNCEA NLCU Director William Elvis Thomas and Nehetho

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WHERE IS THE CHIEF?

Tuesday October 17, 2023: AMC Annual General Assembly in Winnipeg

Wednesday October 18, 2023: AMC Annual General Assembly in Winnipeg

Thursday October 19, 2023: AMC Annual General Assembly in Winnipeg

Friday October 20, 2023: Meeting with Crown Attorney Assigned to NCN Circuit (In Thompson) Monday October 23, 2023: Chief and Council

Orientation in Winnipeg
Tuesday October 24, 2023: Chief and Council
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Wednesday October 25, 2023: Chief and Council Retreat in Winnipeg

Thursday October 26, 2023: Chief and Council Retreat in Winnipeg

Friday October 27, 2023: At the NCN Government

Monday October 30, 2023: Meeting with Mayor Smook in Thompson Tuesday October 31, 2023: Visiting OK School Wednesday November 1, 2023: Directors/Managers Meeting

Thursday November 2, 2023: Family Leave (Out of Office)

Friday November 3, 2023: Visiting NCLP/3 Wyndi's Appointment

Monday November 6, 2023: CAMP Letter Meeting Tuesday November 7, 2023: Regular Council Meeting Wednesday November 8, 2023: Aboriginal Veterans Day (Office Closure)

Thursday November 9, 2023: Meeting with KCDLC/ Drafting Indigenous Laws Zoom Meeting Friday November 10, 2023: At the NCN Government

Monday November 13, 2023: Office Closure in Lieu

of Remembrance Day Tuesday November 14, 2023: Travelling to Winnipeg Wednesday November 15, 2023: AMC Executive Council of Chiefs Meeting

For more information, please contact the Chief's Assistant, Rosena Lewis: 431-354-2148 or RosenaLewis@ncncree.com





Citizen Spotlight: Dr. Tammy Stoneman

Congratulations to Dr. Tammy Stoneman, who received her doctorate in Education from Western University in October. Your community is proud of you!

Tansi and good day,

My name is Tammy Stoneman (nee Francois). I was born in Thompson and am a proud member of NCN. I spent the early parts of my life living on Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation at Wasasihk with my parents (Mary Jane and Dennis Weier). Throughout my childhood we moved back and forth between NCN, Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, and Thompson.

In 2003, I completed my Bachelor of Education through Brandon University. At the time there was a community-based program in Lynn Lake called BUNTEP (Brandon University Northern Teacher Education Program), which supported a number of Indigenous people through their journey in

After graduating, I taught in Lynn Lake as a kindergarten, high school and special education teacher.

In 2007, I obtained my post-baccalaureate diploma in



special education through the University of Manitoba. In 2008, I was offered a special education teaching position in the Yukon, and my family and I decided to move to the North.

While working there, I obtained my master's degree in special education through the University of Northern British Columbia in 2014. My research focused on complex trauma.

In 2023, I completed my Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership through the University of Western Ontario.

I believe education chose me. As an Indigenous learner and educator, I have embarked on a lifelong journey that requires me to listen to learn and understand. My commitment to education acknowledges the ancestors who have come before us, those who have helped this work move forward, and those who are coming behind us to continue strengthening this work. This work cannot be done in isolation, it requires us to walk together side by side.

I now live in Whitehorse, Yukon and work as a First Nation Curriculum Consultant for the Government of Yukon. I have the privilege of working closely with local Elders and Knowledge Holders. This has been a great honour.

> I have the opportunity to work on localizing curriculum so it is reflective of Indigenous perspectives. I also train educators about settler colonialism and the impact it continues to have on our people. I am fortunate to be able to work with students on difficult topics such as colonization, residential schools, and the Indian Act. I support educators, students, and other organizational departments as we work towards our commitment to truth and reconciliation.

One of my goals is to learn more of the Nîhitho language. My focus will also continue to advocate for an education system that is reflective of Indigenous ways of knowing, doing, and being. Our Citizens require better educational experiences and opportunities as they move through a system that fully supports a holistic

and culturally inclusive system. Education should be about students fostering their identity, facilitating their well-being, ensuring connections with the land and water, and honouring the language and culture. An inclusive approach to education engages our youth and instills pride in who they are.

To young Citizens of NCN, you all matter and you all make a difference. I encourage you to dream big. There is hope that you will have a different story to tell about education – stories of equity, empowerment, partnership, and selfdetermination.

You are our future leaders; what you hear, experience, and learn will shape your future, perceptions, decisions, and actions.

As a family and community, we all have a collective responsibility to support you and hold you up as you navigate the complexities of life and education. Education and learning needs to be rooted in self-education, self-determination, and sovereignty for Indigenous people, and needs to reflect Indigenous values and knowledge systems.

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to wear to her first day of school. Phyllis wore her shirt

proudly, but upon arrival to William Lake's Residential School, authorities stripped Phyllis of her orange shirt.





They cut her hair, and she never saw her orange shirt again. Today, we wear orange shirts to remind our oppressors

that we are still here, and we are strong and resilient.

Today, we remember the children who didn't make it home, and those who still are healing from it all. It's been 27 years since the last school closed in 1996, 10 years before I

> was born. This has affected my aunts, uncles, grandparents, and even my parents. Let me emphasize this is not something that happened centuries ago.

My heart goes out to those who are still healing from residential schools, and all the horrors they endured behind those doors. This isn't something that should be taken lightly, and it makes me proud knowing our people are finally being heard and receiving a bit of justice.

Yes, just a bit of justice. Nothing could ever make up for what residential schools did to our people, and no amount of money can take away the trauma from our survivors. We are left with intergenerational trauma, a culture that our youth

don't know, and for most of us, a dying language. After almost losing our culture, the children who never made it home, our people are now struggling with addictions because of all the trauma they went through.

What does Orange Shirt Day means to me? It means that we Indigenous people are strong. We are fighters, and will continue to fight until the landfill is searched completely.

When I heard that they found those 215 children my heart shattered. I don't know the exact number but from what I've read

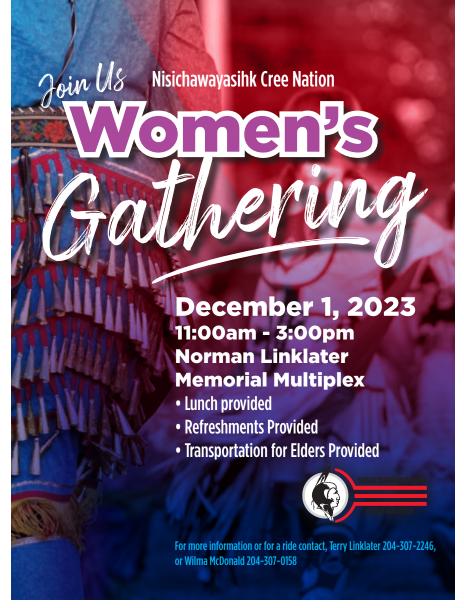
at least 4,000 children were found. Most of them unmarked. Those children had names, beautiful ones even before the schools changed them.

Today we also honour the Residential



School survivors. To those who attended those schools, from the bottom of my heart, I'm so sorry you had to go through this awful thing you had to go through for years. And I know nothing will ever be enough to serve you justice for what you went through, but your story matters. You matter. Your stories are valid. You are valid. We hurt for you, and we welcome you with open arms. We will always be here to listen and learn.







Chief Levasseur Protecting Citizens at AMC General Assembly

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs met at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg on October 17, 18 and 19 for its annual general assembly.

Over the course of three days, 16 resolutions were signed and adopted by Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, with the theme, "Shaping Strategies for Our Future Generations."

"We are dedicated to ensuring fairness, justice, and protection for our people," said Merrick. "The AMC's unwavering commitment to positive change and equity for all First Nations shines through in these resolutions."

NCN Chief Angela Levasseur attended the AMC, and in fact, originated five of the 16 resolutions. They all aim to protect citizens, from Elders to vulnerable adults, and entire communities from violent offenders.

You can read the complete resolutions by searching online: "AMC October 2023 resolutions."

The resolutions originated by Chief Levasseur:

Call for Increased Regulation of Alcohol Sales in Manitoba

This resolution underscores concerns regarding the illegal resale of alcohol within First Nations communities and advocates for First Nations police forces to receive similar powers as other law enforcement agencies. It requests stricter alcohol sale limits for individuals, strategies to tackle alcohol-related problems, and support from provincial and

federal governments to enforce First Nations laws and impose penalties on those involved in illegal alcohol resale.

Manitoba Hydro Rate or Discount for Elders

This resolution is meant to provide financial relief for Elders in Manitoba, who are among the most impoverished citizens, living on inadequate fixed incomes. At the same time, they are dealing with outrageous hydro bills from \$500 to \$1,000 per month, due to fourth-world housing conditions.

Development and Enforcement of Elder **Protection Codes in First Nations**

This resolution safeguards the cultural, historical, and Traditional knowledge held by Elders. It acknowledges the pivotal role Elders play in First Nations governance and their vulnerability to abuse. It calls for all levels of government to uphold existing laws, traditional laws, and Indian Act bylaws related to Elder protection.

Request for Communal Protection Orders for Violent and Repeat Offenders in First Nations

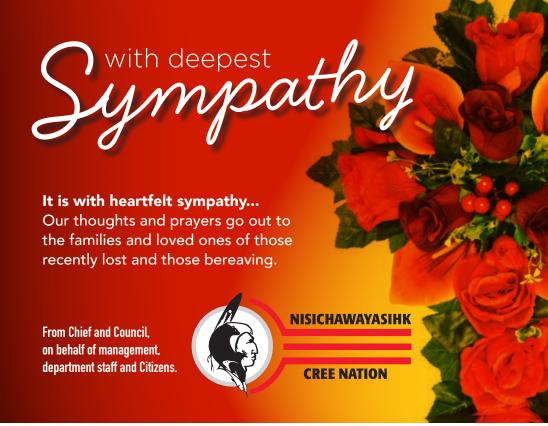
This resolution tackles the need for communal protection orders to address violent, repeat offenders in First Nations communities, and to protect, in particular, the safety of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA individuals. Many Nations have difficulty enforcing their protection laws, as violent offenders return despite banishment. The resolution

calls for the creation or amendment of federal and provincial legislation within First Nations' cultural and legal frameworks.

Estate Administration for Vulnerable Adults Living On-Reserve in Manitoba

This resolution recognizes the over-representation of First Nations individuals in Manitoba's Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) care. It directs the FNFAO to explore the possibility of initiating a class action lawsuit on behalf of vulnerable First Nations individuals and their families. It calls for research results and next steps to be reported to the AMC Women's Council.





Language and Culture Unit Elders Mona Hart and Clifford Hart will be joining us so that they can directly lobby the Minister of Heritage on the projection and preservation of our Nehetho language and culture.

Community Violence:

On Tuesday November 7th, I had the honour and pleasure of meeting with the Nelson House Community Mayor and Council. The main issue was that a small and select number of individuals, (including known and suspected bootleggers and drug dealers) want Council to move the check stop past the Nelson House Community entrance.

To be blunt, these individuals would like to see drugs and alcohol flow freely into NCN. Council does not support this because 95% of the violence and domestic violence (including physical and sexual abuse against children and sexual assaults/violence against all genders/sexual orientations) is drug and alcohol related. This includes rape and gang rapes that occur in our community.

We will not jeopardize the safety of children, men, women, our 2Spirit relatives and our Elders because a minority wishes to allow illegal drugs and high volumes of alcohol to flow freely into NCN.

Moreover, the FNSOs at the check stop confiscate large quantities of deadly weapons such as knives, guns, bear spray and machetes. Our Chief of Police, Carol Kobliski, the FNSOs and community patrol are there to keep everyone safe and we expect our citizens to treat them with respect.

Please think of our innocent and vulnerable children, grandchildren, and Elders before you complain

about our laws and give our First Nations police or Chief of Police attitude. They are there to serve and protect and disrespectful behaviour from ANYONE towards our Nisichawayasi Police Service will NOT be tolerated!

BANISHMENTS:

In terms of youth violence, gang violence, and community violence: we have begun using land based healing as a means of helping perpetrators of violence heal and also atone for their actions. So far, it is going very well. For those banished by a quorum of Council under a CCR or Chief and Council resolution: you must contact our Director of Justice, Jackie Spence to make an appeal to the Peace Keepers Tribunal or PKT.

On this topic, we want to honour, thank and acknowledge NCN Elder Henry Wood for allowing us to use his trap line at Moak Lake for land based healing: Kinanaskomitin, Elder Wood!

HEALING:

Finally on the topic of Healing – Council has brought in many Culturally Appropriate and Trauma informed workshops to facilitate the individual and collective healing of our people including:

- The Three Wyndis
- Resilient Healing Workshop with Melvina and Lance Guiboche
- MKO MMIWG2S Unit Grief and Loss/Self Care Workshop We are planning several more workshops for healing/grief and loss in the near future and in the new year.

Council encourages our citizens to participate and to support one another in our community healing efforts.

BULLYING AND LATERAL VIOLENCE:

Bullying and lateral violence continues to be an issue in our schools and workplaces.

Parents and grandparents: please talk to your children and grandchildren about bullying. There are kids in our schools and adults in our community who have contemplated or attempted suicide because of bullying – Kwani!!!

Also – a VERY important reminder to all: lateral violence, bullying and cyber bullying (social media attacks) are in direct violation of the Nation's HR policy, as well as the HR policies of our respective organizations (NNCEA/NCN FCWC/Nelson House Medicine Lodge/NCN Personal Care Home/NCN Women's Shelter etc. If you bully others and perpetuate lateral violence; you can lose your job through progressive discipline. This includes managers and directors of NCN entities. If you do not have anything nice to say; kakitook.

Our children are watching and listening to all of the bullying, lateral violence, and character assassination that occurs in NCN. Then they bully others in the schools and in the community. This is why we have gangs, because we are infusing our children with teaching of bullying and violence instead of respect and love.

This is what our Elders tell us repeatedly Sahkitook – Love one another. And we MUST listen to our Elders because they have lived their lives – they know what is going on and why.

The ongoing violence is concerning. We've heard from our community members that they've had enough with all the violence and have asked what the consequences are. We called in some of our youth, their parents and the NNOC high school administration, and had the parents and youth sign agreements to rectify their behaviour. Some of those agreements have already been broken, so next steps were taken.

We need ongoing support from all community members. We should all strive to live in a community that is peaceful and free from violence and gangs. We need to promote sobriety and healing. Alcohol and drugs are not our ways, and they never were.

Think of our grandparents and great-grandparents who were never negatively affected by alcohol and drugs. They lived so peacefully.

On the subject of Elders, our next Elders meeting will be at the Norman Linklater Memorial Multiplex on Thursday December 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00pm – lunch will be provided. Also Terry J. Linklater (aka TBONE) is now our wonderful, awesome and amazing Elders' coordinator.

NCN ELDERS: Please call Terry directly if you have a need or a concern at (204) 307-2246. This includes housing related issues as Council has set aside funds for Elders renovations and repairs.

Finally, on the topic of love, we send our love, prayers, and condolences to all of our grieving relatives in NCN in this recent time of great loss in our community.

Life is short and it is too short to be hating one another. Love one another. And above all: Respect and love yourselves too.

We are fast approaching the holiday season and it is essential to acknowledge that Jesus is the reason for the season. It doesn't matter if you believe in Jesus Christ or not, he was a real human being who walked the earth. Saying you don't believe in Jesus Christ is like saying you don't believe in Wayne Gretzky, it is absurd because both were actual human beings who walked the earth.

And you do not have to be a practicing Christian to appreciate a man who tended to the sick (including lepers), fed the hungry and made blind people see.

Now that kind of love is something to celebrate, regardless of your beliefs.

Love is universal and the main component of our Nehetho teachings and customary laws.

Our relative Wîsahkêcâhk, the loving spirit, also teaches us how to love and reminds us that he loves us and that God, our Creator loves us all. Even the bullies and the criminals, God loves everyone, so should we.

Ekosi our relatives, on behalf of your NCN leadership, we wish you a safe, restful and love filled holiday. Sakihitook

On behalf of Council:

Chief Angela Levasseur Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



Chief Levasseur Reflects on Truth and Reconciliation

The first Residential School opened in Canada in 1831 in Brantford, Ontario-Haudensaunee territory.

What was the purpose of these schools?

To Christianize, civilize, and assimilate Indigenous people into mainstream society. Canada wanted our land and resources to build intergenerational settler wealth.

This was the government's actual policy. To this end, they tried to kill us all with warfare and biological weapons such as smallpox covered blankets-but we would not die.

They needed to hurt us, pin us down, and control us, so

they went after our children and grandchildren.

What better way to try to destroy a culture than to kidnap, beat, rape, starve, torture, and murder their children?

Next, the government put our people on reserves ("prisons of grass and muskeg") after taking the best land so that settlers could become rich off the wealth generated from our land and our resources.

start actioning both economic reconciliation and authentic reconciliation to heal our generations from the deliberate traumas that our Nations live with every single day.

It is time to

Today, our lands are

poisoned and flooded, and our traditional economies are all but destroyed. Our collective legacy today is poverty and pain.

Several generations of physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and sexual abuse of helpless children, some as young as 3 or 4, has brought us to where we are today.

This legacy manifests as alcoholism, drug addiction, domestic abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse, sexual assault, gang violence, homelessness, hopelessness, mental illness, and poverty.

It also manifests as internalized oppression, lateral violence, homophobia, and mass cultural and language loss.

True, meaningful reconciliation will look like this:

- 1. Returning stolen Indigenous lands;
- 2. Payment of royalties, including reconciliation payments, to First Nations from the billions and billions of dollars made off our land and resources;
- An active campaign to end racism, sexism, and homophobia;
- 4. Implementation of the TRC Calls to Action and the 231 MMIWG2S Calls for Justice;

5. Considerable contributions from federal and provincial governments towards inclusive, culturally appropriate, and trauma-informed healing initiatives for Indigenous peoples. Canada was instrumental in using the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop, and CFS to promote the genocide of Indigenous people.

But we are still here. And it is time to start actioning both economic reconciliation and authentic reconciliation to heal our generations from the deliberate traumas that our Nations live with every single day.

NCN Youth: Anything is possible!

I was thrilled to see a recent social media post, showing two powerful before-and-after pictures.

The first picture shows three men, Chief Tony Travers of Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation, Chief Cornell Mclean from Lake Manitoba First Nation, and Chief Gordon Bluesky from

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation.

The picture underneath shows the same three as young men, grinning for the camera with their arms around each other.

Chief Bluesky posted the photos and said, "Proud to call these two my friends, we've come a long way since we were young! Appreciate all the

support you two have given me over the years. Honoured to sit with them at the Manitoba Chiefs assembly!"

I love these photos. They give me a great feeling a hope and possibility. I wonder if those three young men would be surprised to know that they would all become great leaders and even Chiefs!

Young people of NCN: you just never know what you and your friends might be doing someday. Keep dreaming.





From left to right: Chief Tony Travers, Chief Cornell Mclean, Chief Gordon BlueSky

ISC Visit to ATEC

On Wednesday September 27, 2023, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) representatives came to learn about what ATEC has to offer. The visitors from ISC included:

- Kandice Leonard, Regional Director General, Manitoba Region
- Allison Hornung, A/
 Senior Advisor, Regional
 Director General's Office
- Paul McKinstry, Manager, Housing Programs
- Derek Bradly, A/Directory, Programs,Partnerships
- Sydney Cadieux,
 Operational Specialist
- Careen Satander, A/
 Regional Program
 Development Team Leader.

ATEC was built in 2003, and was constructed for the purpose of training laborers for the Wuskwatim Project. Upon its completion, the question was "What should we do with ATEC now?" There were ideas such as a hostel and a women's shelter, but ultimately, ATEC remained as is: a training for employment centre.

When the ISC reps arrived, they received a tour that included the offices, the classrooms, the woodshop, the dorms, and the dining area.

After lunch, the group visited the construction site on Moody Drive where ATEC students were working. The students told ISC reps about their experience working with ATEC. One student said he had been working with ATEC since he was in high school, and now he is on track to get his Red Seal in carpentry. After the construction site visit, ISC reps toured Pewapum, which is where ATEC students build materials for their houses.

One of the guests, Kandice Leonard, was impressed, and said, "You can really see the pride in the students."

That is what ATEC does: it creates confidence in its students and gives them everything they need to succeed. Leonard Linklater and Jody Linklater gave presentations

about ATEC and Pewapum, and emphasized that ATEC is one-of-akind. The success rates from ATEC are sometimes 100%, and NCN now has the most registered apprentices nationwide.

ATEC has created opportunities for NCN for years, and the hope is that it will expand its range of programming to meet the current and future needs of NCN. It is important to have higher education in our community, and everyone deserves the opportunity to be educated.

ATEC is NCN's symbol of hope. Just this summer, ATEC graduated 100 students. When ATEC flourishes, our people can flourish, too.



















A Spooktacular Halloween



Learn More About the Women's Shelter

This temporary safe shelter is available on a voluntary basis for women who are dealing with domestic violence, abuse and trauma. It's a calm, clean space that allows mothers to

make an appropriate plan while maintaining trust with their children and receiving emotional support from other women in similar situations.

"Most women we see here have a history of abusive relationships, have been in shelter before, and have previously received counselling related to intimate partner violence," says Darlene Spence, executive director of the Women's Shelter.

The Women's Shelter allows mothers to make an appropriate plan while maintaining trust with their children and receiving emotional support from other women in similar situations.

During the intake process, safety concerns, past history and future ideas are discussed. While Spence says one of her priorities is creating programs to benefit these women and their children, the Shelter also connects them to community

resources that will help them to heal and move forward.

The Women's Shelter can accommodate up to 8 women (and their children) at a time, and is available 24 hours a day, with security and strict policies to ensure safety. Each of the eight suites is fully furnished with a private bathroom and minifridge

Spence says there are many problems that the Women's Shelter has to address to be able to appropriately help its clients.

"The lack of affordable housing is a major problem that affects women's risk for violence and their ability to leave a

relationship and have a safe space. Many women entering shelter are mothers, or are pregnant, and many are already involved with CFS. Childcare needs must be addressed, and most of these women need longterm support in parenting issues, too."

Fortunately, Spence

has a wide variety of skills and experiences. She was born and raised in Nelson House, and completed her BSW degree program in Social Work in 2009. She has worked in carpentry, education, and counselling. Some of her past jobs have included RCMP, CFS, driver and crisis responder.



Employment Opportunities

HIRING GRADE 3 TEACHER - COMPETITIVE SALARIES, HOUSING AVAILABLE, FREE SHUTTLE FROM THOMPSON, EXCELLENT BENEFITS!

Position: Grade 3 Teacher

Location: Nelson House Manitoba, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

Employer: Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. (NNCEA) OK Elementary

Start Date: As soon as possible **Employment:** Permanent

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

The NNCEA Otayitiskiwin Kiskinwahamakikamik (OK) School provides a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits, transportation and moving expense reimbursement, subsidized housing in Nelson House and isolation allowance, annual travel reimbursement, shuttles from Thompson, Manitoba reimbursement for approved courses and more! Otayitiskiwin Kiskinwahamakikamik School is a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school. The school is located in Nelson House, which is 65 km west of Thompson, Manitoba (a full-service community) and is accessible by road. This lakeside community's natural beauty provides for an abundance of year-round outdoor recreation opportunities.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education Degree
- Valid Manitoba Teaching Certificate (or eligibility for)
- A sound knowledge of provincial Early Years curricula
- Previous teaching experience preferred but not required
- Strong classroom management skills
- Experience working in a northern community an asset
- Knowledge of Indigenous Way of Life an asset
- Experience working with students with unique needs an asset
- A team player committed to the belief that all students can learn

Self-motivated Applicants are required to submit the following:

- Cover letter
- Current resume
- List of three professional references including contact numbers

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons with disabilities on request.

By applying, you consent to the NNCEA contacting your references. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit a clear Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Sector Check) and Child Abuse Registry Check. Further information about the community is available at www.ncncree.com.

Thank you for your interest; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted

To apply or if you have questions, please contact: Nic Campbell, NNCEA Director of Education nicc@nncea.ca

Phone: 204-484-2095 Cell: (519) 330-4707



Message from an NCN Elder: Clifford Spence



My name is Clifford Dale Spence and I was born at Waskwatim (Beaver Day). My parents were Robinson and Dinah Spence. Adam Spence was my grandfather on my father's side, and I didn't know my grandmother.

I want to tell a story about the importance of being careful.

In 1956, I was badly hurt climbing around a picket fence.

My father had bought me cowboy boots, so I went up the hill at Bay Road to show them off. On the way to school, my partners suggested we play around the fence. I took two steps and fell in between two boards made from some leftover sawmill. Some were pointed, some flat. I couldn't move. I was stuck!

My partners took off, except for two of them. They ran to get a dog sleigh. They pulled me out and ran me to the nursing station. I was stiff as a board. The nurses put hot water compresses between my legs, and eventually I felt better, and I walked home.

Towards the evening I started to get sick. I couldn't pass my water, and my stomach was getting big. By the time the nurses got back from RC Point, they couldn't do anything. All they could do is give me some painkillers.

The next morning, I heard my mother and sister in-law talking about me. I was almost dead.

I heard the plane flying over the nursing station. I remember the nurses giving me another needle and hearing the plane taking off, and that was it.

Brothers and sisters at The Pas Hospital told me they had given up on me. When I woke up, I was there for a month. After I was able to talk, I was sent to Winnipeg for surgery again. I remained in hospital for 6 and a half years.

I'm writing this so that parents will be mindful of where their children are playing. I hope children will be careful about the games they play, and to watch out for each other. I don't want anyone to go through what I did!



Standings are Great for the NCN Flames!

NCN Flames Junior B is first in the league as of Nov 17, 2023 and looking to retain this lead throughout the season. The team would like to thank all sponsors and individuals who contribute to the success of our program. The NCN Flames value community integration and seek to build our hockey program through the inclusion of youth. The NCN Flames strive to perform at the best of their ability and to continuously improve their team cohesion. The NCN Flames hockey club thrives off the support from their fans, and thanks all fans for their continuous involvement in the program.

Please highlight our current sponsors and drop by if you would like to sponsor the team.

Contact Nic Campbell at 519-330-4707 or nc10yo@gmail.com

Sponsors

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PM and Associates Limited Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation NCN FCWC Family Enhancement NCN Development Corp Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Valerie Matthews Lemieux Law Number 10 Architeture Solution Stack Quantum Utilities Imperial Soaps and Supplies MKO (Manitkba Keewatinowi Okimakanak)

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Standings as of November 20, 2023

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	Oct 22	1:30 PM	Cross Lake Islanders	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Oct 28	7:30 PM	Norway House North Stars	Norway House Kinosao Sipi Recreation Centre
	Oct 29	1:30 PM	Norway House North Stars	Norway House Kinosao Sipi Recreation Centre
	Nov 04	7:30 PM	Peguis Juniors	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 05	1:30 PM	Peguis Juniors	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 10	7:30 PM	OCN Storm	Gordon Lathlin Memorial Centre
	Nov 12	4:00 PM	Norway House North Stars	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 16	7:30 PM	PBCN Selects	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 18	7:30 PM	Norway House North Stars	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 19	1:30 PM	Norway House North Stars	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Nov 22	7:30 PM	Cross Lake Islanders	Cress Lake Sports Complex
	Nov 25	7:30 PM	Cross Lake Islanders	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Dec 02	7:30 PM	OCN Storm	Gilbert McDonald Arena
	Dec 09	7:30 PM	Peguis Juniors	Peguis Multiplex
	Dec 10	1:30 PM	Peguis Juniors	Peguis Multiplex
	Dec 20	1:30 PM	PBCN Selects	Gilbert McDonald Arena

Finding Peace Through Therapy

Employees at Aski 'Otutoskeo Ltd (AOL) recently participated in a grieving and healing session with Samantha Folster.

The unique session involved neuro-linguistic programming (NLP), which can help people to transform their perceptions and to move forward in a positive way. It can involve working with body language, voice, words and behaviour.

The AOL employees requested to attend the sessions at Wuskwatim Village, where they felt safe and content.

They are dealing with their grief over the tragic death of Norman Donkey, a fellow employee who died in a workplace accident.

Folster also worked with Chief and Council at their retreat.



Making Medical Stay Options Less Stressful

It's difficult to deal with medical treatments and appointments that are only offered in Winnipeg. Having to arrange your accommodations, travel and meals during a stressful time can be complicated.

As an on- or off-reserve NCN Citizen, you have options for medical stays in Winnipeg, from daily trips up to three-month stays, and even longer.

"It's important to reduce stress. We aim to make our community members feel valued and respected on their healing journey," says Kenny Braun, director of the Medical Receiving Home.

A few years ago, in the hopes of helping its Citizens, NCN launched the Medical Receiving Home, which is close to the Health Sciences Centre. It has common areas, a full kitchen, and private rooms with bathrooms. The costs of staying in the MRH, transportation for appointments, and meals at the MRH are completely covered by FNIHB.

If you want a sense of community, the NCN Medical Receiving Home is a great choice.

But some people prefer to be independent and arrange their medical stays privately. Others want assistance, but also want some privacy. These people might prefer to use FNIHB planning.

"We want everyone to know their options and how to access them, so we will be educating our Citizens about using MedTrans Services," says Councillor Kim Linklater, who holds the NCN health portfolio.

"As we gain experience, we look for different ways to use the MedTrans Framework Agreement to best maximize benefits for our Citizens. NCN might be the first to apply the MedTrans Framework Agreement in this capacity, like the new Private Accommodation Allowance for people who prefer to

stay with friends and family," says Braun.

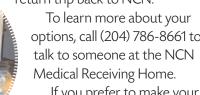
It's important to attend all medical appointments to receive full access to this funding. If you miss an appointment, you will probably lose your funding for accommodations, meals, and

transportation. You'll even lose your return trip back to NCN.

> To learn more about your options, call (204) 786-8661 to talk to someone at the NCN

If you prefer to make your own plans, search online for "medical transportation benefits

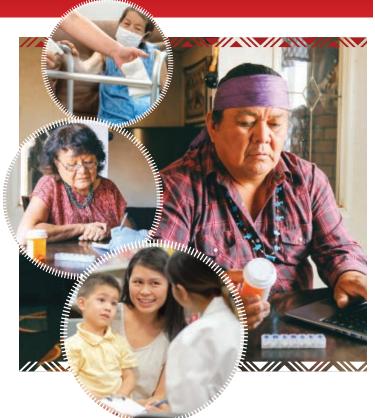
for First Nations and Inuit." This should take you to a Government of Canada website with more information. You can also call 1-877-983-0911 to ask questions.



Medical Stay Options

Options for On-Reserve NCN Citizens:

Stay at the Medical Receiving Home (short or long stay covered by FNIHB):



- accommodations in the MRH;
- transportation for appointments;
- home-cooked meals at the MRH.
 - Or you may prefer to set up your own private accommodations:
- You receive a partial allowance for accommodation for you and your medical escort from FNIHB;
- You receive an allowance for taxi and meals from FNIHB;
- You are in charge of all arrangements for your housing, meals and transportation.

Off-reserve NCN Citizens:

Stay in FNIHB accommodations (short or long stay covered by

- You request your choice of hotels on the FNIHB list;
- You contact FNIHB for taxi service;
- You receive an allowance for meals;
- You are in charge of all arrangements for your meals and transportation.
 - Or you may prefer to set up private accommodations:
- You and your escort receive an allowance for accommodations from FNIHB:
- You contact FNIHB for taxi service;
- There is no meal allowance under this plan;
- You are in charge of all arrangements for your housing, meals and transportation.





DevCorp's Kobliski Retires

It is the end of a highly successful era at the Nelson House Development Corporation as Manager David Kobliski announces his retirement.

"It's hard to articulate how important he has been to the development of our Nation," says Deputy Chief Marcel Moody. "His ability to recognize opportunities and capitalize on them is unmatched. He's a great people person and is passionate about what he does."

In 2022, NCN was named Community of the Year by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO). It pointed out NCN's Otohowin gas bar, grocery stores and hotel, most of which were led by Kobliski.

"He brought the Development Corporation from an operating budget of about \$300,000 annually, to profits exceeding \$5 million. He's made our Nation a major player among First Nations. As former chief, I firmly believed in him, and now that I have the economic portfolio, I'd like to thank

him for his hard work and dedication."

Just some of Kobliski's successes include three Family Food stores, Meetah Building Supplies, and two gas stations. He was instrumental in getting fibre optics into the community, and in creating economic self-sufficiency for NCN.

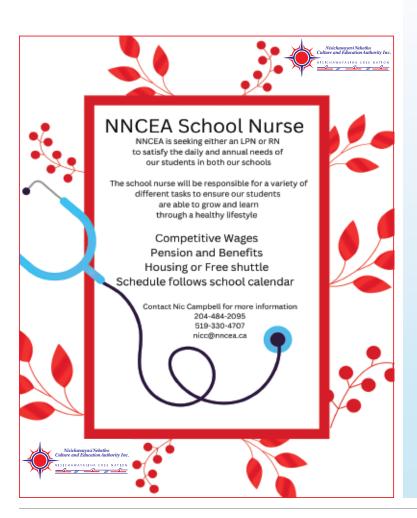
Moody says Kobliski was very savvy in the way he set up NCN businesses. With the grocery stores, he worked to create great relationships with wholesalers, so they didn't have to rely on the middleman. With so many infrastructure projects on the go, he opened up Meetah Building Supplies so things could be purchased here instead of bringing in materials from outside of the community.

"When we first started Dev Corp, people always came looking for employment, and at that time there weren't many jobs. But now we have the opposite happening, which is that we have too many positions. It's a wonderful problem to have, and it's thanks to him," says Moody. "He's led us to understand



that as a Nation we can always achieve more, and he's set a standard for us. That's a real legacy."

Chief Angela Levasseur and Council acknowledge Kobliski and thank him for his dedication and commitment. They wish him the best in his retirement.





Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. School Board Meeting Dates for 2023-24

Please see below dates for the NNCEA School Board Meetings for the 2023-2024 Academic Year as per Motion #2023-08-29-19

DAY/MONTH/YEAR	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, September 26th, 2023	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, November 28th, 2023	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, December 19th, 2023	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, January 30th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, March 26th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, April 30th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, May 28th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, June 25th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024	5:30 pm	OK School Gym
Tuesday, August 27th, 2024	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre

New Nicwakawinikansihk Honour at Thompson Safeway

In a gesture of truth and reconciliation, the Thompson Safeway recently unveiled a new land acknowledgement and a beautiful painting of blues and purples on the wall at the front of its store.

"It is serving as a reminder that Thompson sits on a place ancestrally known as Nicwakawinikansihk and is helping to showcase the importance of the Indigenous ways of knowing, which is exactly what we hoped for," says district operator Greg Warner. "It has been attracting a lot of attention."

Thompson Safeway
held a ceremony to unveil
the land acknowledgement.
Guests included Elders Jack
Robinson, Marie Ballantyne
and Lydia Penner. Grand
Chief Garrison Settee, his
assistant Kevin Carlson,
executive director Kelvin
Lynxleg, and traditional
healer program manager
Shyanna Lynxleg represented
MKO at the event.

Sobeys Capital management including Warner, store manager Ashish Errappa, Sabrina Howell, Fatima Borba, Joyce Amante-Ferrer, and about 18 other store team members showed their support.

Thompson Mayor Colleen Smook and the artist, Jasyn Lucas, were also at the unveiling.

Elder Jack Robinson performed a smudge and prayer to begin the ceremony. Sobeys Capital management Greg Warner and Ashish Errappa both spoke about the importance of the land acknowledgement for Thompson Safeway.

Elvis Thomas read the land acknowledgement in both syllabic Cree and English.

Grand Chief Garrison Settee, artist Jasyn Lucas, Thompson

Mayor Colleen Smook, and Elder Marie Ballantyne all spoke.

After the ceremony, everyone gathered for breakfast, which was generously provided by Ma Mow We Tak Friendship Centre and Thompson Safeway.

In three languages, the plaque reads:

Safeway Thompson acknowledges that it is situated on the Ancestral Territory of the Nisichawayasihk Asiniska Tthiniwak in a place called Thompson, ancestrally known as Nicwakawinikansihk ("scooping fish by the hand"). Acknowledging this truth is important, yet only a small part in cultivating good relations with the Indigenous communities that surround Thompson as we journey forward in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Safeway in Thompson, Manitoba is honouring the Indigenous People in the North with this painting done by Jasyn Lucas that represents the 7 Sacred Teachings. Manitoba Keewatinowl Okimakanak recognizes the efforts of Sobeys



Thompson Safeway recently unveiled a new land acknowledgement and a beautiful painting of blues and purples on the wall at the front of its store as a gesture of reconciliation.

and the Safeway Store Manager Ashish Errappa for building a partnership with MKO.

Words from artist Jasyn Lucas:

I am a proud member of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation. Thank you so much for the opportunity to help showcase the importance of the Indigenous ways of knowing in our public spaces! In this painting I have included the 7 Sacred Teachings.

- The eagle represents love.
- The buffalo represents respect.
- The bear represents courage
- The sabe represents honesty.
- The beaver represents wisdom.
- The wolf represents humility.
- The turtle represents truth.

I have included the Tree of Wisdom on the back of the turtle. The turtle also represents Turtle Island, which provides the circular sustenance to allow us to thrive. I have included the Grandmother Moon. The Northern Light are our ancestors.









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MISKWAHĀMIWIN (Finding life's holistic path)

PIMATISIWIN

(Mastering the ways of your language and culture of your ancestors to help you move forward)

MITHWAYĀWIN (Being holistically balanced)

KISKINWAHAMAKIWIN (To teach your children the good life)

OTINĀMASOWIN (Making good or bad choices)

MASKĀWIKAPAWĪWIN

(To be strong in your guiding principles)

PAYĀHKWASIHTĀMOWIN (To have an open mind)

TAWITIHĪWIN

(To have an open heart)

AYĀKWAMISIWIN (Taught to be careful)

PACITOTĀMOWIN

(When you break a great law)

PĀWAMIWIN

(Dream that guide you)

KISTITHIMITOWIN

(Being respectful to others)

ACIMOWINA

(Personal stories)

TAPACIMOWINA (Sharing another person's

story)

KANĀCI ACIMOWINA (Sacred stories)

ĀCATHOHKIWINA

(Mist of time stories)

ISKWISIS (Girl)

NAPISIS (Boy)

ISKIW (Woman)

NAPIW (Man)

AWASIS (Child)

OSKATIS (Young adult)

KISI AYA (Adult)

KĪHTI AYA (Elder)

MINISIWIN (Family cluster)

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(Direct/Blood relatives)

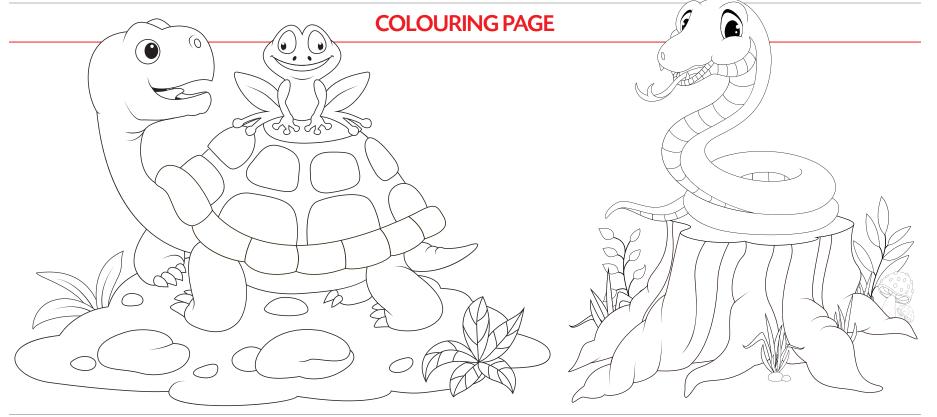
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MITHIKOWISIWINA

(Gifts you are born with)

KISKINOSKAMAKIWINA (Holistic guiding principles)

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Message From Public Health



Help Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Infections

Respiratory infections increase in the fall and winter but there are steps you can take to help to reduce your risk of getting and spreading infection.

Which respiratory Infections might we see this fall and winter?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV): Almost all children will get RSV at least once before they are 2 years old. In most cases, it causes cold-like symptoms that resolve on their own. Infants, older adults (65 years of age or older), and immunocompromised individuals are at a higher risk for developing severe illness.

Influenza: Can infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can lead to serious illness such as pneumonia. It is estimated that 12,200 hospitalizations and 3,500 deaths related to flu occur each year in Canada.

Pneumococcal Disease: Can cause infections of the ears, sinuses, or lungs. It can sometimes lead to pneumonia, infection of the blood, and infection of the brain. Children under the age of 2 years, adults older than 65 years, and people with certain health conditions are at more risk of serious illness.

COVID-19: Is upsurging. We are seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to new variants of COVID-19 spreading in Canada.

How can you protect yourself, your family, and your community?

Staying up-to-date with your vaccinations continues to be one of the most effective ways to protect against hospitalization and death from COVID-19, flu, and pneumococcal infections.

Continue practicing personal protective measures including:

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 and other

respiratory illnesses, including influenza, RSV, and pneumococcus, if eligible and available.

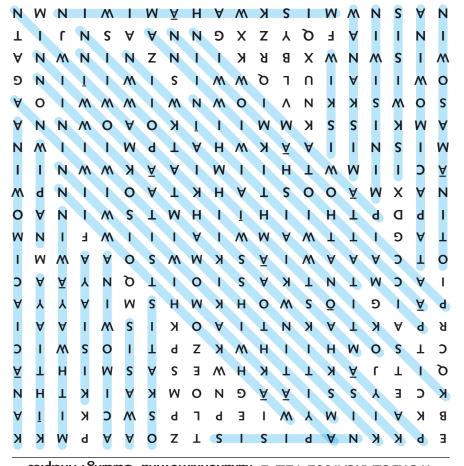
- Frequent hand hygiene.
- Physical distancing
- Wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings.
- Keeping high-touch areas clean such as door handles, light switches, stair railings, sink handles, toilet handles, phones, etc.
- Staying home if sick.

Even if you have been recently vaccinated against COVID-19, flu, or other respiratory infections, it is important to continue to take action and follow public health measures if you feel sick.

Where can I get more information? Talk to a public health professional or your local healthcare provider for more information on respiratory infections and ways to help keep yourself, your family and your community healthy, or visit Reduce the spread of respiratory viruses – Canada.ca



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Fundraiser for NCN Special Olympian

Mervin Linklater Jr will attend the Special Olympics National Games in Calgary, Alberta, in February 2024.

Mervin is already an accomplished athlete. He is a five-pin bowler and won gold at the Manitoba Provincial Games in February 2023.

He has also beat cancer and is a wonderful ambassador for our Nation.

Currently, Mervin's parents drive from Leaf Rapids to Thompson every Wednesday for his training. They are devoted to his well-being, and would like to accompany him at his event in Calgary.

The expected cost of Mervin attending the Special Olympics is \$2,000. It will cost more for travel, meals and accommodations for his parents.

If you can donate to this impressive young man and his goals, please send a cheque or e-transfer to his mother, Mary Jane Linklater at maryjanel23@yahoo.com

To be clear about the email address, it includes her first name and first initial of her last name and the year. It does NOT say 123.

Good luck in Calgary, Mervin! Your community is proud of you.

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.

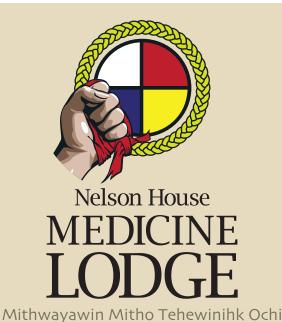
When a death occurs, the NNCEA will show its compassion by sending a wreath and/or flowers to the bereaved family. Upon occasion, support to NNCEA affiliates/partners will have to be extended.

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



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

Monday, April 24, 2023 – Friday, April 28, 2023 Monday, May 1, 2023 – Thursday, June 22, 2023

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

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

NNCEA Success and Highlights

Believe it or not it is almost Christmas Holidays for staff and students. All our staff and students are hard at work trying to achieve the goals of our education system. This school year has brought several new successes, highlights, and memories already. As always, there are also daily challenges that our staff and students work and learn with. It is integral as a community that we strive to put our best foot forward to work together to build a strong, efficient, and progressive education system. Our elementary school is now comprised of grades K-6 while our high school is comprised of grades 7-12. Both of our

schools open there doors and start the day off with breakfast provided for all students who wish to enjoy. Once the day starts going, our staff in all capacities are filling different roles and conquering different tasks to meet the operational needs of our system. NNCEA has over 220 staff members who work in different capacities to ensure our schools are open and students needs are being met.

- Transportation/Bus Drivers
- School Security
- Maintenance
- Administration
- Information Technology
- Post Secondary
- Board of Trustees
- Language and Culture
- Finance
- Admin Assistants
- Support Staff
- Teachers
- **E**ducational Assistants

All these departments play a key role in the implementation of our schools on a daily basis. Without one of these departments











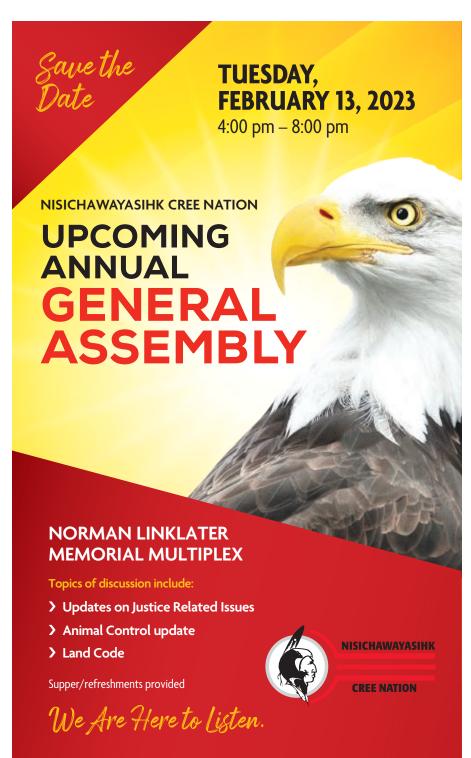




we could not function. NNCEA would like to acknowledge and thank all stakeholders and employees who strive to make our education system the best it can be. Our goal on a day to day basis is to prepare our students for Mithopimatisiwin. Through love, kindness, resiliency, collaboration, dedication, and communication we can are continually improving our system. NNCEA is honoured to be able to provide a service to the community and to the stakeholders and children of Nisichawayasihk.









NCN Minor Hockey Improving

NCN Minor Hockey is continuously improving and recruiting more players to join the sport. Our Hockey program is currently collaborating with Thompson Minor Hockey to build our elite athletes. Our proram will be shifting towards the grassroots portion or U-9 and U-11 in order to build the next generation of Flames! The NCN Minor hockey program would like to acknowledge the support from all individuals who contribute to this program. Catch our flames on the ice weekly in Thompson or Nelson House.







NNCEA Policy 803B: School Closure Due to Cold Weather

Background: The Board intends that its schools operate in accordance with the laws and the annual school calendar. Students cannot afford to miss school. Year after year, there have been multiple cold weather school closures. In an effort to reduce lost school days and lost instructional time, it has become necessary to repeal all previous versions of NNCEA Policy 803B. At a duly convened meeting of the NNCEA School Board, as noted above, it was decided that both NNCEA schools will remain open. Central office and NNCEA schools will remain open. Buses will continue to transport students. All staff are to be at the workplace. Assigned staff will be on duty and classes will be held.

Parents must decide if sending their child(ren) to school is in their child(ren)'s best interests when

temperatures are -40°C or colder with the wind chill. This is called parental discretion. Parents are encouraged to dress children appropriately for weather conditions. Any child(ren) not dressed properly will be taken home.

Should the temperature and/or weather become an endangerment during the school day, the School Principals will:

- Make a recommendation to the NNCEA Director of Education (Assistant Director if the Director of Education is unavailable) who will make the final decision
- 2. The Director of Education or delegate will inform the NNCEA School Board Chair, the NNCEA Board of Trustees, educational leaders, bus supervisor promptly via text, email and/or phone call.
- 3. Prior to the school closure, notice will be posted on the local websites (NNCEA) AND social media (Facebook) by ICT personnel and/or School Administration so the community/staff/bus drivers are informed/aware.
- 4. All NNCEA students will be transported home safely.

Student Awards Not Affected by Cold Weather Closures

Student's attendance will not be affected by these decisions since year-end awards will be issued for excellent attendance. Students whose attendance range is between 90 – 100% for the school year will qualify for excellent-attendance awards. This process takes into consideration absences due to unforeseen circumstances.

TENDER NOTICE - NNCEA Camp Dining Building Foundation to Sub-floor

Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. Nihitho Language and Culture Unit (NLCU)

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The Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority Inc. ("NNCEA") Nihitho Language and Culture Unit (NLCU) is seeking bids for the construction of the NNCEA Camp Dining Building Foundation to Sub-floor (the "Project"). The Project includes supplying and installing all materials as per the scope of work. The Project must be completed by February 28, 2024 unless an extension is agreed upon in advance by NNCEA, NLCU and the successful bidder. The Project contains, among other things, the following requirements:

- Must abide by NCN Procurement Policy for material purchases
- Must employ local labour and trades
- Must provide detailed costing for both materials and labour
- Site Prep
- Excavation
- Footing

- Beam and Foundation walls
- Floor Joists and Sub-floor
- Exterior Foundation Walls
- Cleanup
- Utilize applicable safety equipment
- Provide evidence of compliance with workers' compensation legislation;
- Obtain, at its own cost, all necessary permits.

Contract stipulations, including responsibilities and liabilities of the parties, payment schedule and scope of work are available for review by all bidders at the Alice Moore Education Centre or via email by contacting elvist@nncea.ca

Bids will be accepted by William Elvis Thomas via email at elvist@nncea.ca or in person submitted to the Alice Moore Education Centre in an envelope prior to the submission date set out below.

Submission date: December 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Bids

cam10t be withdrawn after 5 days of the submission date.

Submissions after the submission date will not be accepted. To modify a bid prior to the submission date, please contact William Elvis Thomas via email at elvist@nncea.ca or 204-679-0803.

All or lowest bids not necessarily accepted. In the event that there are no bids that meet the needs of NNCEA, NLCU, the Project may be re-tendered or awarded to a qualified contractor. Selection criteria is based on price, experience, and compliance with NNCEA, NLCU requirements set out above.

Site visits are not mandatory but are strongly recommended, please contact: William Elvis Thomas via email at elvist@nncea.ca or 204-679-0803.

Contact William Elvis Thomas for the complete tender requirements via email at elvist@nncea.ca or phone 204-679-0803.





NCN Hockey Players Continue to Wow

NCN Citizen Haley Braun recently made an exciting decision when she signed a five-year deal to play hockey for the University of Saskatchewan. The Huskies are based in Saskatoon. The forward currently plays for the Saskatoon Stars. Her parents are Patricia Berard and Kelly Braun.





Braun's former teammate, Kurtia Yetman, also has something to celebrate. The defence player was named a part of Team Manitoba to compete at the U18 national championships in Dawson Creek, BC.

Yetman plays for the Balmoral Hall Blazers in Winnipeg. Her parents are Jemima Yetman and Curtis Lobster.

Both Kurtia and Haley have made incredible strides in their hockey careers.

The Achimowina newsletter first told Citizens about these athletes in August 2017. The two brought home their first international gold medals at the age of 11 when they came out

on top in Europe with their Atom Canadian Cowboys team. That same year, their NCN Flames Atom team won the Aboriginal Hockey Championship in Regina.

Congratulations to Haley and Kurtia! Your community is proud of you.





Subject: New Hires - Co-CEOs, Associate Co-CEO and Assistant to Co-CEOs

From: NCN Chief & Council

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NCN Introduces Joyce Yetman, Leonard Linklater as Co-CEOs, Derek Hart - Associate Co-CEO and Candace Dumas – Assistant to Co-CEOs

Tansi Nitotimak!

In October 2023, NCN Chief and Council, staff and management welcomed Joyce Yetman and Leonard Linklater to the Co-Chief Executive Officers positions, Derek Hart as Associate Co-CEO and Candace Dumas as Assistant to Co-CEOs.

Joyce was formerly Director of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Trust Office prior to starting her new role. Leonard was director of operations for the Nation. The two Co-CEOs hires will be part of the team with Derek Hart, Associate Co-CEO; and Candace Dumas, Assistant to Co-CEOs. Candace was formally the Communications Manager for the NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre.

Derek Hart will split his time between working in NCN every two weeks and Winnipeg (sub office) for the following two weeks.

The team's duties will be to communicate directly with Chief and Council, management team and Council Secretariat, NCN staff and managers of internal NCN departments regarding programs and initiatives. They will manage calendars of activities, expense reporting, prepare correspondence, travel plans, and manage itineraries/agendas. Other tasks include coordination and preparation of all communications, meetings, notices, letters, meeting minutes, and briefing notes with Chief and Council.

We hope everyone will welcome and greet the team members with cooperation and courtesy as we build toward a bright future for our Nehetho Nation!

Welcome and congratulations Leonard, Derek, Candace and Joyce!

Kininaskomitin! Kisahkihitin!

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Chief and Council







Campbell Wins Hockey Manitoba Award

By: Peter Woods, Executive Director

NCN resident Nic Campbell is well known to the community. He has served as principal at NNOC for several years, and is now the NNCEA Assistant Director of Education.

Some of you may recognize him from behind the bench at so many hockey games, cheering on and encouraging players at all levels.

Now, he has been recognized as the 2022-2023 recipient of Hockey Manitoba's Regional Volunteer Recognition Award for the Norman region.

As part of this acknowledgement, Campbell will receive a commemorative award and two tickets to a Winnipeg Jets game this season.

Congratulations, Nic, on this well-deserved honour! NCN is lucky to have your passion and enthusiasm.

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Campbell's contributions to hockey in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation was outlined in a profile that appears on the Hockey Manitoba website.

Nic Campbell - Norman Region

Whether it is registering players, coaching multiple teams, organizing travel, fundraising, or being the President of Nelson House Minor Hockey, Nic Campbell does it all. Nic is always juggling players, coaches, officials, parents, and arena staff to organize games. He knows every player, their parents, and guardians, and how to reach them.

Nic often drives players home to and from practice and he runs all the practices for each team. Nic has lived and





breathed hockey in NCN for as long as he has been in the community. As a head coach, Nic's dedication to his athletes is second to none and he has won several championships with his teams.

While his accomplishments are significant, the respect and admiration he receives, and deserves, from the players, their families, and the other team's coaches is special.

Nic also volunteers his time with the volleyball and basketball teams at the high school in Nelson House, that he organizes through the school and its teachers. Many of those teachers wouldn't be there if it weren't for the hard work that Nic puts into recruitment and retention of staff.



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September 5, 2023	Professional Development (1)
September 6, 2023	First Day of Classes
Friday, September 29, 2023	Truth and Reconciliation Day
Monday, October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, October 10 – October 13, 2023	Flex Days (4)
Wednesday, November 8-9, 2023	Flex Days (2) Aboriginal Veterans
Friday, November 10, 2023	Remembrance Day Observance
Friday, December 22, 2023	Last Day of Classes before break
Monday, December 25, 2023	First Day of Winter Break
Friday, January 5, 2024	Last Day of Winter Break
Monday, January 8, 2024	Classes resume
Friday, February 16, 2024	Flex Day (1)
Monday, February 19, 2024	Louis Riel Holiday
Monday, February 26, 2024	Flex Day (1) Aboriginal Justice
March 25-29, 2024	March Break
March 29, 2024	Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 1 – April 5, 2024	Flex Days (5)
Friday, May 17, 2024	Flex Days (1)
Monday, May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Holiday
Thursday, June 27, 2024	Last Day of classes
Friday, June 28, 2024	Flex Day (1)
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Term 1	December 12, 2023
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Term 1	August 31, 2023 to February 2, 2024
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NNOC Report Card Night	
Term 1 – Part 1	November 30, 2023
Term 1 – Part 2	February 8, 2024
Term 2 – Part 1	April 23, 2024
Term 2 – Part 2	June 27, 2024
Kindergarten Graduation	June 24, 2024
Grade 6 Farewell	June 25, 2024
Grade 12 Graduation	June 26, 2024
Total School Days: 196	Motion #2023-04-25-11: That the NNCE
330M x 196D = 64,680	School Board of Trustees approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.
360M x 181D = 64,160 *School day extended by 30 minutes to	
account for 15 flex days.	







Shirleena Spence Tait

Tansi, my name is Shirleena Spence Tait. My spirit name is Extra Ordinary Snowflake Woman and I am a proud member of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation.

I started working with the NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre in July 2021 with the Employment Growth Opportunity Program (EGOP) as a Land Base Worker.

Before COVID, I was working towards becoming a carpenter, and had finished my Level 1 Carpentry. Unfortunately, I could not find work due to the pandemic, so I took the opportunity to work with the FCWC.

Right when I started as a Land Base Worker, my supervisor sent me out for five nights to help with a Sundance in Grand Rapids. It was a wonderful experience, camping out in a tent and getting to witness the Sundance Ceremony.

Working with the Land Base Department was great. We had the opportunity to work with different animal hides. We were smoking fish, and collecting grandfather rocks and poplar trees for the Sweat Lodge. Shortly after, I was promoted to become the Land Base Team Leader. It was a great experience.

In March 2022, I got an offer from the HR department to become a Human Resource Support worker and I took the opportunity. I believe it's good to experience different opportunities, because you will never know what you enjoy doing unless you try.

I have been with the Human Resource Department since, and I really enjoy helping people and to be part of a wonderful team.

Thank you NCN FCWC for the wonderful experiences!

First Nations Workers and the Canada Pension Plan

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is more than just a retirement pension. It is a secure public pension plan that provides workers in Canada and their families with some financial protection in the event of a severe disability, retirement, or death. The CPP is an important part of planning for your financial future, along with employer pension plans and your personal savings.

You must pay into the CPP while you are working and meet the eligibility requirements in order to later receive CPP benefits. The sooner you begin paying into the CPP, the better prepared you will be for the future.

If you are employed off-reserve or you are receiving taxable employment income, you must contribute to the CPP. You can pay into the CPP anywhere in Canada (except in the province of Quebec which has its own similar public pension plan, the Quebec Pension Plan).

Employers and First Nations workers on-reserve can choose to pay into the Canada Pension Plan.

What CPP benefits are available?

Retirement pension: You can apply for a monthly CPP retirement pension if you have paid into the Canada Pension Plan and are at least 60 years of age. The standard age to begin receiving a CPP retirement pension is the month after your 65th birthday. However, you can take a permanently reduced CPP retirement pension as early as the month after your 60th birthday, or you can take a permanently increased pension between age 65 and 70.

You must apply for Canada Pension Plan benefits. They do not start automatically.

Post-Retirement Benefit: If you work while receiving your CPP retirement pension, you may increase your retirement income with a lifetime benefit called the Post-Retirement Benefit (PRB). CPP contributions toward the PRB are mandatory for working CPP retirement pension recipients under age 65. Starting at age 65, you can choose not to contribute to the CPP. To find out more, visit **Canada.ca**.

If you work in Quebec after you started receiving your CPP retirement pension, you could receive a retirement pension supplement from the **Quebec Pension Plan**.

Disability benefit: You may be eligible to receive a monthly disability benefit if you are under the age of 65, have stopped working because of a severe and prolonged disability as defined by CPP legislation, and have made the required contributions to the CPP. If you qualify for this benefit, your dependent children can also receive monthly benefits.





Survivor benefits: In the event of your death, your estate may receive a one-time payment of up to \$2,500, and your spouse or common-law partner and dependent children may be eligible to receive a monthly survivor's pension or children's benefit.

You must apply for Canada Pension Plan benefits. They do not start automatically.

What if my employer wants to participate in the plan?

If your First Nation employer decides to participate in the CPP, all workers must contribute to the CPP through deductions from their pay.

To enrol, your employer must complete and submit Form CPT124, *Application for Coverage of Employment* of an Indian in Canada under the Canada Pension Plan.

What if my employer does not participate or I am self-employed?

If your First Nation employer decides not to participate in the CPP, or you are self-employed, you can still contribute by paying both the employee and the employer's portions of the CPP contributions.

To enrol, you must complete and submit your income tax return with a completed Form CPT20, *Election to Pay Canada Pension Plan Contributions*.

For more information on Forms CPT124 and CPT20, call the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281.

To view and download forms, visit www.cra-arc.gc.ca.

To order forms, call 1-800-959-2221.

Will paying into the CPP affect my tax-exempt status?

No. Paying into the CPP will not affect your tax-exempt earnings. Your tax status is not affected by whether or not you pay into the Canada Pension Plan.

Will I have to pay tax on my CPP benefits?

If all of your contributions to the CPP were made on tax-exempt earnings, your CPP benefits will also be tax-exempt. If your contributions were made on earnings from both on-reserve and off-reserve employment, only the percentage of CPP payments resulting from taxable employment will be taxed.

Be informed

For more detailed information on the CPP, contact Service Canada:

Click Canada.ca

Call 1-800-277-9914 for service in English

1-800-277-9915 for service in French

613-957-1954 (outside Canada and the U.S.)

1-800-255-4786 (TTY)

Visit a Service Canada Centre

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Parks and Rec Never Slows Down!

Parks and Rec has been working hard in our community for years, helping Citizens to celebrate our achievements, to remember our hard times, and to just have some fun! They're always excited to welcome new friends into the

excitement. Thanks to Terry Linklater and his crew for all the good times.

There are lots of recurring events, such as Ethinee nipin local jam and bingo night, open gyms, and movie nights for the kids. Most events are free, and often snacks are provided. Be sure to follow NCN Parks and Recreation on Facebook so you can plan to join their next events!

Citizens made some beautiful wreaths to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Halloween was a great time with lots of laughter.
Participants enjoyed merch bingo, costume contests, dancing and jigging.

A reminder that the Norman Linklater Memorial Multiplex has a track and gym open to all NCN Citizens from 9 am to 5 pm daily. We can also make arrangements for it to be available for evening use.

The canteen is open 11 am to 5 pm, with daily and weekly specials. Call 204-484-2171 for more info.

There are five offices available for rent, and you can rent space for events such as parties, rummage



From Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief and Council, management and staff.

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Back row, left to right: Kim Linklater, Marcel Moody, Jeremiah Spence, Ron D. Spence Front row: Shirley Linklater, Chief Angela Levasseur, Cheryl Moore

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

Best wishes from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Chief and Council.







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sales, meetings, trainings, memorial dinners, merchandise bingos, etc. Get in touch with Terry Linklater at 204-307-2246 to learn more.

So many people to thank for their help!

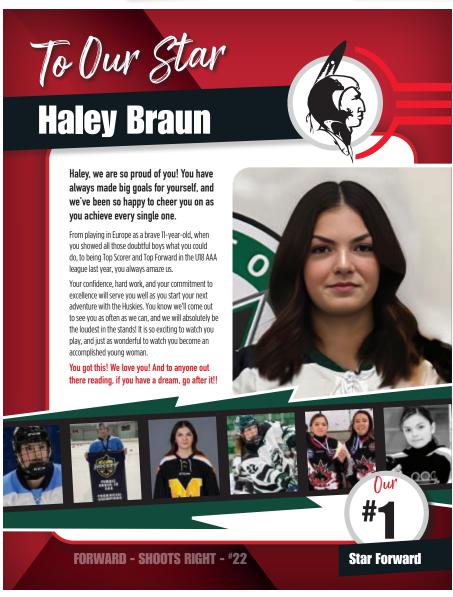
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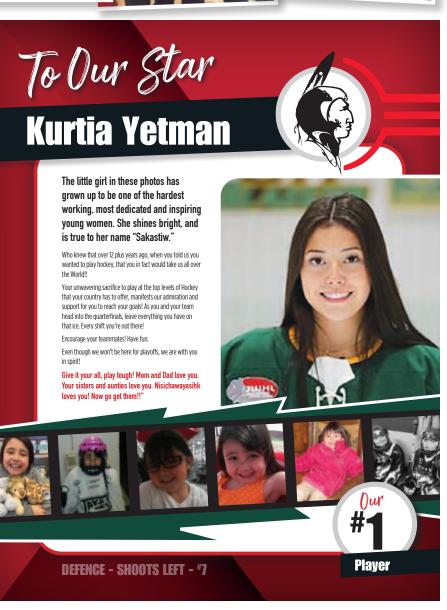














Resister Today for * our Christmas Gift Care

This year, the NCN Christmas Cheer Board will provide Citizens with gift cards instead of Christmas hampers.

"These cards can be used to purchase feast items of your choice this holiday season! We've made this decision, instead of the Christmas food hampers, for people's convenience and to meet their specific food preferences," say Wilma McDonald and Candace Dumas, who are organizing the

Just like the previous hampers, these gift cards are available for all registered on- and off-reserve NCN Citizens. YOU MUST REGISTER by December 1:

Register by phone or private message on Facebook to Wilma McDonald or Candace Dumas. You will provide proof of status card and current address (utility bill).

- Tell us how many NCN Citizens are living in your household so we can determine the amount of the gift.
- Let us know your preference for gift card. Depending on your location, it may be: Three Rivers Store, Family Foods, Safeway, Walmart, Co-op, No Frills, Superstore or Giant Tiger.

Deadline to Register for Gift Cards is December 1, 2023. No Exceptions. For more information, or to register, contact:

Wilma McDonald - 204-307-0158 **Candace Dumas** – 204-670-5946

The NCN Cheer Board was founded in 1993 by the local Awasis Agency (now known as FCWC). A few members dressed up as Santa's elves and delivered gifts to some children that the agency knew were in need. In 2007, the Trust Office took over and has funded the project since.

Every year about 500 families enjoy the spirit of the season, thanks to the



Footprint Lake Water Levels **Footprint Lake**

14-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast as of November 19, 2023

On November 19, 2023 the level of Footprint Lake was at an elevation of 793.6 feet. The level of the lake is expected to rise 12 inches to an elevation of 794.6 feet by the end of the



The 14-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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