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Nisichawayasi Achimowina

Celebrating NCN Land and Water Sovereignty

On June 17, the Land Use Plan (LUP) celebration began with ceremony. NCN Elders and pipe carriers gathered at the Medicine Lodge for traditional drumming, sacred pipe and prayers to bless the new Plan.

They reminded everyone that the Land Use Plan is here to give voice to the plants, the earth and the animals and to preserve our pristine lakes and land.

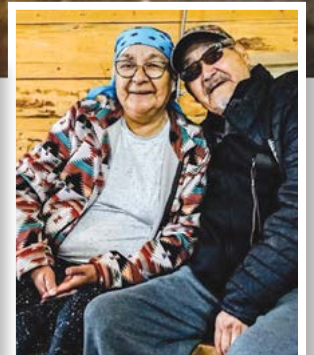
Later, the community gathered at the multiplex to celebrate. Gord Dumas, Lands, Environment and Resources executive director, provided information about the LUP. Everyone enjoyed storytelling, entertainment, dinner and door prizes.

It was a chance to celebrate the progress made so far and to acknowledge the important work to come in our Askiwi Apasihikowi Othaschikewin (Land Use Plan to benefit the future).

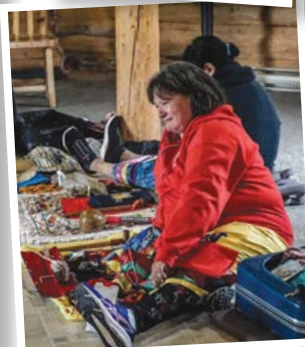
The Land Use Plan is a powerful assertion of the 1996 Northern Flood Implementation Agreement, also known as the Red Book. It is a document that helps Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation set rules and policies for acceptable and

unacceptable activities on our land and waterways.

You can learn more at ncncree.com by searching Land Use Plan.



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



Community News

A photograph showing two men standing in a room with white cinder block walls, looking at a large map posted on the wall. The man on the left is wearing a camouflage jacket and a cap. The man on the right is wearing a white shirt, a dark vest with a circular logo, and glasses. There are other maps and informational posters on the wall, and a small table with more materials is visible on the left.

Nisichawayasi Nethowi Piskituskan

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TIMELINE	SUBSECTION	2026 – 2030
Appointment of Electoral Officer & Approval of Contract	5 (1) Subject to subsection (2), at least 45 days prior to the expiry of its term of office, council shall appoint a voter who communicates in Nehethowiwini and English, as the electoral officer for purposes of this Election Law. 4(1) subject to subsection (3) and (5) the chief and councillors shall hold office for a four (4) year term. 4(4) All Candidates elected to council shall assume office within fourteen (14) days after the election.	April 2022-April 2027
Appointment of Deputy EO	6 (1) The Electoral Officer shall appoint deputy electoral officers, returning officers and such others and employees as are necessary to enable the electoral officer to carry out the duties assigned under this Election Law and to the extent possible shall appoint a deputy electoral officer for each polling location.	May 8, 2026
Electoral Officials Oath of Confidentiality	8 The electoral officer, any deputy electoral officers and other officers shall take an Oath of Confidentiality in the form of Schedule “D” prior to assuming any duties under this Election Law.	
Appeal Committee	20 (1) By May 15th of the last year of its term, Council shall appoint an Appeal Committee for Purposes of this Election Law which Appeal Committee shall remain in office until a new Appeal Committee is appointed. Appeal Committee Adjudicator – Gavin Wood, 1 Elder, 1 Youth, 2 other persons, 5 Alternates	May 15, 2026
Notice of Mail In Ballots	14(7) The electoral officer may, at least ninety (90) days before a council election decide that mail-in ballots shall be used by notifying NCN Citizens that if they are not ordinarily resident within fifty (50) kilometers of a location where in-person voting will take place, they may contact the electoral officer and register to vote by mail-in ballot. For greater certainty, mail-in ballots shall not be utilized for board elections unless permitted by the board’s governing documents.	May 27, 2026
Establish the Procedures if Mail In Ballots are to be used	9 (1) (h) establish the procedures for the use of mail-in ballots if a decision has been made pursuant to subsection 14 (7) to use such ballots; Includes the following: 1. Establishing an email address 2. Opening a post office mailbox in Thompson 3. Posting the Notice of the Mail in Ballot Procedures 4. Establish dates for mail in ballots	
Council Resolution	11(2) Subject to subsection (3), every council or board election shall be commenced by a council resolution calling the council or board election, which council resolution shall be provided to the electoral officer forthwith.	June 30, 2026
Publicize Mail In Ballot Procedures	14(8) Upon deciding that mail-in ballots will be used, the electoral officer shall establish the procedures which will apply to the mail-in ballots and shall publicize the procedures at least sixty (60) days prior to the final in-person voting day in a council election.	June 24, 2026
Election Order	11 (3)– Council elections shall be held on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday in August every four (4) years unless; (a)Only one of the days falls within the fourth week, in which case the election shall be held on the third Wednesday and Thursday in August of that year 11(4) – Upon receipt of a council resolution under subsection (2), the electoral officer shall immediately issue an order: (b) Establishing the fixed election dates in accordance with subsection 11(3) and ensuring those dates are no more than forty-five (45) days after the date of the nomination meeting; (f) post the order in at least five (5) conspicuous places on NCN Lands, in at least one location in Thompson, Winnipeg and other locations in Manitoba where significant numbers of voters reside, as determined in the sole discretion of the electoral officer, and on NCN’s website	June 30, 2026
Polling Places	14 (1) Establishment of Polling Places (a) make arrangements for polling places which are easily accessible for voting during the council and board elections; and (a)Establish in-person polling stations in locations in Manitoba if there are at least fifty (50) voters ordinarily resident in that location. Any changes had to be made by February 23, 2026. Election Locations NCN (5 polling Stations – includes travelling poll), Leaf Rapids, Thompson, Winnipeg Mail In Ballots (July 20 – August 25, 2026) Date & Time August 26 & 27, 2026 – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm	Same as Previous Election
Nomination Papers (Filing of Nomination Papers)	11(4) Upon receipt of a council resolution under subsection (2), the electoral officer shall immediately issue an order:	June 30, 2026
Criminal Records Check Candidates should get the Crim Check asap, Electoral Officer should advertise.	13 (1) (c) at the time the nomination papers are filed provides the electoral officer with a written criminal records check issued no more than three (3) months prior to the date of the meeting: (i) Confirming the person has never been convicted of an indictable offence or sentenced to serve a jail term for an indictable or hybrid offence (ii)Confirming it is at least eight (8) years from the date of the conviction, jail sentence or any appeal arising from the conviction or jail sentence whichever is higher. (a)Provides the electoral officer with written confirmation from the peacekeeping tribunal that the person has participated in restorative justices and the tribunal has decided the person is no longer prohibited from seeking election to council if the person was convicted of murder, manslaughter, or sexual assault of any nature. (b) Provides the electoral officer with written confirmation from a reputable organization qualified to administer drug tests that the person has taken a test for illegal drugs within fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the nomination meeting and it was negative. (c)Provides the electoral officer with a written acknowledgement that the person agrees to be subject to random drug tests throughout the electoral period and if elected during the four-year term of office and consenting to the results being provided to the electoral officer during the election and to the Chief Executive Officer following the election	April 20-July 20, 2026 July 6-July 19, 2026
Workshop for Potential Candidates	A workshop will be held in Nelson House from 10:00 am–1:00 pm and 6:00 – 9:00 pm. This workshop will assist potential candidates understand the processes followed and their obligations so that they can ensure that their campaign workers understand the process.	July 8, 2026

NCN Citizen Aalayna to Make Feature Film Debut at Toronto International Film Festival

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation is celebrating an exciting achievement as NCN Citizen Aalayna makes her feature film debut in SEVENTEEN, which has been selected to premiere in the *Discovery Program* category at this year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), September 2026. TIFF is one of Canada's and the world's most prestigious film festivals.

Aalayna, is an emerging artist in film, an advocate for First Nations people, and Bachelor of Child Studies graduate whose career, and projects reflect a deep commitment to community and positive change.

In SEVENTEEN, Aalayna's starring role is supported by an accomplished Indigenous cast that includes Nizhonniya Austin, Taio Gelin, Kaniehtiio Horn, Shannon Baker, and a host of other talented performers. The film is directed and written by Métis filmmaker Justin Ducharme and marks his feature-length directorial debut.

Set over the course of a single day in Vancouver, SEVENTEEN follows the intersecting lives of three Indigenous sex workers whose experiences are shaped by chance, family connections, and the lasting

impacts of colonial displacement. The film explores themes of identity, resilience, survival, and human connection through an Indigenous lens.

For Aalayna, the role represents an important milestone in an already inspiring journey. As an artist and advocate, she continues to use her voice to help create greater Indigenous representation in film and storytelling while pursuing meaningful work that reflects the strength and diversity of First Nations.

Produced by Your Boy Productions and Experimental Forest Films, SEVENTEEN has already received support from Telefilm Canada, the Indigenous Screen Office, the Canada Media Fund, Vortex Media, and Bell Media/CRAVE.

The Toronto International Film Festival has long served as a launchpad for outstanding Canadian and international cinema, making the Discovery Program an exceptional opportunity for emerging filmmakers and actors alike.

The NCN community is incredibly proud of Aalayna's accomplishments and the dedication she has shown throughout her budding career. Her success serves as an



inspiration, demonstrating that with passion, perseverance, and a commitment to one's values, our *Nihitho* voices will be recognized and celebrated on the world stage.

Congratulations, Aalayna! We know you will be well dressed and represent NCN with pride at TIFF, wearing a custom-designed gown created by NCN's own Jacqueline Kobliski. We wish you success and look forward to following your exciting career in the years ahead.

SEVENTEEN is expected to find its streaming home on Canadian platforms like **CBC Gem** and **Crave** following its festival run.

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Learning Cree Anywhere. Anytime!



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Learning Cree is fun with Nihithowitan – Learn Cree! This easy-to-use interactive learning tool is for anyone learning the language. Users explore easy-swipe flip cards using pictures, Roman Orthography and syllabics.

Start Learning Cree www.ncncree.com/nihitho-language-learning-tool

Community Update: NCN Calls on Canada to Honour Treaty 5 Promises During Meeting with Federal Minister

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation continued its long-standing pursuit of justice during a recent Treaty Land Entitlement Board meeting in Winnipeg, where NCN Councillor and Land, Environment and Resources portfolio holder Jeremiah and the NCN TLE Committee met with the Honourable Rebecca Alty, Canada's Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

Speaking on behalf of NCN Chief and Council, Jeremiah delivered a clear message to the federal government: it is time for Canada to fulfil the agricultural promises made to Treaty 5 First Nations more than 150 years ago.

"Thank you for meeting with us. I'm here on behalf of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation to speak directly and respectfully about a matter that has been outstanding for generations," Jeremiah told Minister Alty. "Treaty 5 promised our people agricultural support to build a foundation for a sustainable economy. Those promises were not kept. Justice delayed is justice denied. Our Nation has waited long enough, and so has Manitoba."

A Settlement That Benefits Everyone

Jeremiah emphasized that resolving NCN's Agricultural Benefits claim is not simply about addressing a historical injustice, it is also a sound economic investment for both Manitoba and Canada.

"Settling this claim is not only the right thing to do, it is the economically smart thing to do," he said.

Drawing on economic data from the Saskatchewan Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) and Indigenous-led economic research, Jeremiah explained that investments in First Nations communities create significant returns throughout the regional economy. Every \$1 million invested in construction generates approximately \$2.25 million in total economic activity, while every \$1 million spent on manufacturing and procurement produces approximately \$1.6 million in economic output.

He noted that a fair settlement would enable NCN to invest in housing, infrastructure, food security, and economic development initiatives that would benefit communities throughout northern Manitoba.

"When NCN invests in housing, infrastructure, food security, and local enterprises, the benefits flow directly into Thompson, Nelson House, Leaf Rapids, and the broader northern economy. Local contractors, suppliers, tradespeople, and service providers all benefit. This is how reconciliation becomes economic growth – not just for NCN, but for the entire region."

Honouring Treaty Commitments Builds Trust

Jeremiah also stressed that meaningful reconciliation depends

on Canada honouring the commitments it made under Treaty 5.

"Canada cannot advance major nation-building projects, including pipelines, transmission lines, and northern infrastructure without trust," he said. "Trust is built when Canada honours its Treaty obligations. Settling Agricultural Benefits claims is a concrete demonstration that Canada keeps its word."

He added that when governments demonstrate integrity by fulfilling Treaty obligations, First Nations are better positioned to become true partners in projects that benefit both Indigenous communities and the broader Canadian economy.

"If Canada wants to move forward on energy corridors, pipelines, and northern trade routes, it starts with honouring Treaty commitments."

A Settlement Based on Canada's Own Precedents

During the meeting, Jeremiah presented NCN's updated settlement proposal, explaining that it follows the same formula previously used by Canada to resolve Agricultural Benefits claims with other First Nations, including Treaty 8 settlements.

"Our proposal is based on the same model Canada used for Little Red River Cree Nation and other Treaty 8 settlements," he said. "We use the current population from the Indigenous Services Canada First Nation Profiles because that is the standard Canada applies. This is a formula, not an ask. It is grounded in Canada's own precedents."

Jeremiah also explained why NCN's claim reflects a 100 per cent shortfall.

"NCN received none of the promised agricultural benefits," he said. "Our ability to pursue agriculture was further undermined by hydroelectric flooding, relocations, and land loss. There is no basis for a discount. The shortfall is total, and the harm is ongoing."

The Time to Act is Now

Jeremiah concluded by reminding the Minister that every year of delay increases both Canada's legal exposure and the growing erosion of trust between Indigenous Nations and the Crown.

"Every year of delay increases Canada's legal and financial exposure. But more importantly, delay erodes trust and trust is the currency of modern Indigenous-Crown relations. Settling now is fiscally responsible, legally prudent, and essential to reconciliation."

He closed with a direct appeal for action.

"We are not asking for anything more than what was promised under Treaty 5. We are asking Canada to honour its word and in doing so, to unlock economic opportunities for NCN, for Manitoba, and for Canada. Let's settle this claim and build the

trust needed to move forward together on the major projects for Nisichawayasihk that will define our shared future."

Jeremiah also made it clear that honouring Treaty obligations must come before Canada can expect NCN's support for future resource development initiatives.

"The Canadian government won't be getting support for its proposed northern gateway pipeline unless our outstanding Treaty claims are resolved. Reconciliation must come before partnership. Canada must first honour the promises it made to our people."

The meeting marked another important step in NCN's ongoing efforts to achieve a fair and lasting resolution of its Agricultural Benefits claim under Treaty 5. The Treaty is rooted in the principle that promises made must ultimately be promises kept.



2026 NNOC Graduation Ceremony



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Adapted from the NNCEA niscawayasihk asiniskaw īthiniwak ītwiwīna (NNCEA Rocky Cree Wordlist)

MĀMAWĪKAPAWĪWIN (Unity)	SŌHKITHIMOWIN (Courage)	NANĀSKOMOWIN (Thankfulness)	KANĀCIHISOWIN (Clean spirit)
OTOTIMIĤTOWIN (Kinship)	SŌKIKAPAWĪWIN (Strength)	OTOTIMIĤTOWIN (Friendliness)	PIYĀHTAKITHIMOWIN (Peacefulness)
TAPWĪWIN (Truth)	KISTĪTHIHTĀKOSIWIN (Honour)	WAWĪYATOWIN (Humour)	KANAWĀPAMIKOWINA (Responsibility)
TAPWĪWINIHK (Honesty)	KITIMĀKINAKIWIN (Compassion)	MANĀTISIWIN (Gentleness)	KISKINWAHĀMASOWIN (Self-discipline)
TAPWIWAKITHIMISOWIN (Integrity)	PONITHIHTAMAKIWIN (Forgiveness)	CIHKĪTHIHTAMOWIN (Enthusiasm)	KWAYASKONIKIWIN (Justice)
TĀPWIWAKITHITĀKOSIWIN (Trustworthiness)	WĪCIHIWĪWIN (Helpfulness)	PIHKATISIWIN (Cleanliness)	
TĀPWIWAKITHITAMOWIN (Confidence)			

New Bright Lights At The Ball Park

The Family and Community Wellness Centre set up some new massive lights at the Desmond Spence Memorial Ball Park beside the multiplex at the beginning of June.

These light machines are so heavy that they needed a forklift to move them into place!

The FCWC provided these lights to keep NCN kids safe as they play ball and practice their skills into the night. If we want our kids to stay out of trouble, they need healthy alternatives, and we are grateful to the FCWC for creating this opportunity.



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

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 2025

January 6, 2025 – February 28, 2025	June 23 – 27, 2025: Administration Week – No intakes	August 25, 2025 – October 17, 2025	October 27, 2025 – December 19, 2025
March 3, 2025 – April 25, 2025	July 2, 2025 – August 22, 2025	October 20 – 24, 2025: Administration Week – No intakes	December 21, 2025 – January 2, 2026: Christmas Closure
April 28, 2025 – June 20, 2025			

Treatment Schedule for 2026

January 5, 2026 – February 27, 2026	June 22 – 26, 2025: Administration Week – No intakes	October 19 – 24, 2025: Administration Week – No intakes	Christmas Closure: December 20, 2026 – January 4, 2027)
March 2, 2026 – April 24, 2026	June 29, 2026 – August 21, 2026	October 26, 2026 – December 18, 2026	
April 27, 2026 – June 19, 2026	August 24, 2026 – October 16, 2026		

The NCN community came together again this year to celebrate Chief Pierre Moose Days. It was two full days of good times and friendly competition.

There was something for everyone, including fun for kids ages two to 17, and events for adults and Elders. There were

celebrate Chief Pierre Moose Days. It was two full days of good times and friendly competition.

To end on a high note, fireworks echoed across the sky, reminding everyone that another year has come and gone. We have so much to be proud of in our NCN community!

Chief and Council would like to thank Terry Linklater and Rena Gossfeld for their incredible leadership and commitment!



DAY/MONTH/YEAR	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, September 30th, 2025	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, October 28th, 2025	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, November 25th, 2025	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, December 16th, 2025	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, January 27th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, February 24th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, April 28th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, May 26th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, June 23th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, July 28th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre
Tuesday, August 25th, 2026	5:30 pm	Alice Moore Education Centre

1st Jeremy Towers
2nd Cassidy Hart
3rd Ashantie





Carolina Ranville, Addictions and Community
Service Worker, CDI College, Winnipeg, MB

Sophia Linklater, Medical Office Assistant
CDI College, Winnipeg, MB

Jemiha Hart, Office Administration
Robertson College, Winnipeg, MB

Julia Madden, Bachelor of Sociology
Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB

Megan Slimmon, Business Administration
Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC

Kiana McDonald, Medical Office Administrator
Sundance College, Saskatoon, SK

Angus Campbell, Bachelor of Illustration
Sheridan College, Toronto, ON

Alfreda Thorne, Addictions and Mental Health Year 2
Yellowquill College, Winnipeg, MB

Louis Busch, Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Education
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Victoria Penner, Child and Youth Care Diploma
Macewan University, Edmonton, AB

Emily Sinclair, Graphic Design
Cambrian College, Sudbury, ON

A grid of 12 individual portraits of graduates, arranged in two rows of six. Each graduate is wearing a black academic cap with a red tassel and a black gown with a red and yellow stole. The background is a solid blue color. The graduates are of various ethnicities and ages, all smiling or looking directly at the camera.

This NCN superstar is working hard to make a difference!

Kayleigh was raised in Nelson House, Pikwitonei and Thompson. She graduated from R.D. Parker Collegiate in 2022 and began her Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Manitoba that year.

Kayleigh chose this career path because she wants to make a difference in people's lives in northern and Indigenous communities.

"I lost my older brother, Marcus, to violence, and I lost my grandmother, Helen, to complications of diabetes. Those losses changed my life and strengthened my commitment to improving health outcomes for Indigenous people. They reminded me how precious life is and how important compassionate, accessible healthcare can be for individuals, families and entire communities."

This summer Kayleigh is working as an Undergraduate Nurse Employee at Grace Hospital in Winnipeg and completing her community health clinical placement. She begins her final year of nursing in September. Her goal is to return to northern Manitoba to work as a registered nurse and to continue her studies so she can eventually become a nurse practitioner.

"I love supporting people during the hardest moments of their lives and helping them feel heard, respected and cared for. Knowing a small act of kindness can make someone's day



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Kayleigh is also giving back. She serves as the Indigenous student rep for the Nursing Students' Association. She organized the University's annual Orange Shirt Day Walk and helped organize its National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.

"As a first-generation university student, there were times when I questioned whether I belonged. My hope is that future Indigenous students will walk onto campus and immediately see that they belong, that their voices matter, and that they have someone who understands their journey."

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the Indigenous Campus Community Award in 2026.

"Receiving those awards was incredibly meaningful because they represent more than personal achievements—they reflect the support of my family, community, mentors and everyone who has believed in me along the way."

Congratulations Kayleigh! Your NCN community is proud of you.

Kayleigh's advice for NCN youth

Never let where you come from limit where you believe you can go.

Be proud of your culture, your community, and your identity because they are your greatest strengths.

Don't be afraid to ask for help, work hard and believe in yourself, even when things feel difficult. There will be challenges along the way, but don't let them define you—let them shape you.

Good Times with Parks and Rec

On June 20, Dads of all ages came to the multiplex to be celebrated for Father's Day! There were door prizes, a merchandise bingo, games, puzzles and karaoke.

Thanks to our sponsors: NCN government office, FCWC and NCLP. We are grateful for our cooks Dwight Linklater, Clint Spence, Donna Dysart and Dwayne Linklater, and our helpers Loriann Hartie and Leta Walker.

On a Friday in June, Parks and Rec hosted a family scavenger hunt. It was so much fun watching participants focus on their Cree as they worked to complete their list! Winners included the families of Melanie, Moses, Yvonne and Mary Jane. Check out the items they had to find. How would you do?

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| 3) tapawiskisin | 9) mitatahtpiwapiskos |
| 4) nipiya | 10) mithapahkona |
| 5) sihtahpikwana | 11) watohkwan |
| 6) kakaspisicik | |



Celebrating Great Students

On June 9, OK School gathered for its Circle of Excellence awards. Students and staff celebrated students who have achieved high grades over the school year.

There was a special award presented to Terry Linklater, who won the Community Member of the Month. T-Bonez is always hard at work creating amazing events for everyone in NCN and he deserves every shout-out he gets!

NNOC high-achieving students were celebrated in the same way on May 29. On Facebook, Paula Bird said, "Oh this is so awesome! Love it. Congratulations to all the students who are working hard and achieving their dreams one step at a time."

"It's hard work and commitment but you did it," said Mare Chartrand. "Congratulations to all the students and staff who supported them, and of course the parents also."

The future looks bright in
NCN!



When The Students Teach

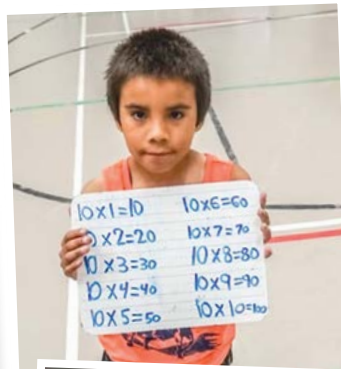
On June 12, OK School hosted an event called "Teach a Skill."

Each student chose a topic or activity that they believed they excelled at and taught other students, teachers and community members what they know.

It was amazing! Participants learned how to rollerblade, moonwalk, bead, shoot pucks, draw dogs, build box robots, and so much more.

It was fun to flip the script and have students act as teachers, and it was so satisfying to see their confidence grow as they encouraged visitors to their booth to try their best.

Way to go, OK School!



Making NCN Beautiful

On June 2, Citizens came out for a community smudge hosted by the Family and Community Wellness Centre. It was a beautiful day, and so nice to see everyone spending time outdoors.

It is heartwarming to watch Elders lead ceremony while young people gathered to watch and learn. We are keeping our culture alive and we are all stronger because of it.

The smudge was made better by all the hard work from Public Works and community volunteers who spent countless hours over the month of May doing a community-wide cleanup.

People of all ages and abilities contribute to the spirit of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. We are thankful to everyone who chooses to have a positive impact on our community.

If you haven't joined in yet, what are you waiting for? Your actions matter!



