



NIPISIKOPAHK ACIMOWIN



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Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin. The above photo was taken in 2018 during the community clean up. The highway clean up will take place on Tuesday May 4, 2021, and you can register by calling 780-585-3771. Following that will be the Community Clean Up on May 7: please register for this (see page 9) and take pictures before the clean up and after and submit them to the email provided on page 9. Prizes will be won. Please be safe out there when on the highway and drivers please slow down when approaching the clean up volunteers. Moving on, you can read Chief Vernon Saddleback's update on the salary compensation and the upcoming referendum in July. Thank you to the essential workers, security, triage and people helping with vaccines.



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SCN Departments: Please send your announcements, events or information to the Acimowin for publication.
 Email: guide@ualberta.ca
 Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 266

The Acimowin is released bi-weekly every month.
 Advertisers please call the Communications Office.

Community events can be forwarded to the Newsletter
 Please make it a JPEG format to save paper.

Vision Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a healthy, educated, knowledgeable and industrious community.

Mission Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a Sovereign Nation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all our People by maximizing our Human Resources and respecting our Cree Language and Traditions of our Peoples.
www.samsoncree.com/aboutus

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 connect@hawkradio935.com
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 Contact: Robert "Bobby Jack" Ward.

Good
Family is OK

Samson Cree Nation

Caution
Someone has a cold

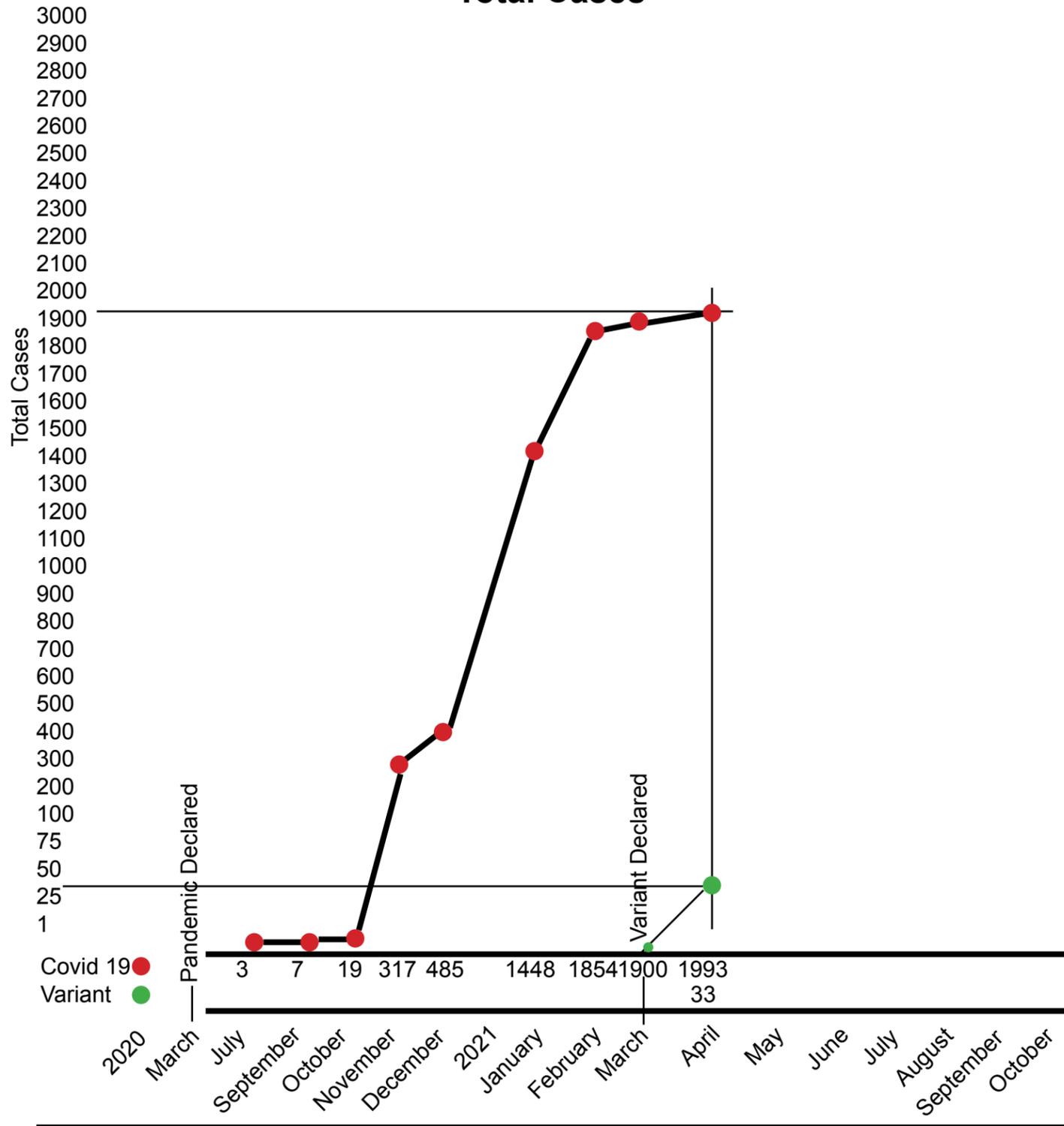
COVID-19
Colour Code

Sick
Someone has flu like symptoms

FLAG SYSTEM
Please place on front Window of your home

Maskwacis Covid 19 & UK Variant Timeline

Total Cases



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Briefing note from: SAMSON CREE NATION
Celebrations committee
Candy Cane Lane 12/18/21
Virtual Traditional Powwow; Jan. 9/10, 2021
Family Day Traditional Powwow; Feb. 15, 2021

OBJECTIVE: Samson Celebrations committee to look at different events and processes to promote Culture, Language, and assist with the issues surrounding the global pandemic.

SUMMARY:

Report for the Candy Cane Lane and Virtual Powwow enclosed for reference. This report was presented by Louise Omeasoo, SCN Chair in February 2021.

Brief overview of Candy Cane Lane, Dec. 18, 2020:

Team Lead: Councillor Marvin Yellowbird

Departments: Samson Youth and Sports Development, Samson Headstart, Samson Daycare, Samson Consultation.

Cost: \$25,000.00
(Samson Daycare & Samson Headstart supplied majority of budget. Other programs listed were in kind contributions)

Outcome: 195 vehicles
378 children
290 Adults
18 elders

65 prizes ranging from \$10.00 to \$400.00
Turkey Trot Repurposed gift cards/ frozen meat were also handed out to elders and vehicles with small children.

Brief overview of Virtual Powwow, Jan. 9-10, 2021.

Team Lead: Karlene Cutknife
Technicians: Jaime Buffalo, Kim Buffalo, Kirby Buffalo

Keep the people dancing Facebook page sparked an idea to host our own local powwow online. The Team worked together on a process and format to ensure a safe event as well as sought assistance from Northern Cree as Facebook required permission from artists for use of their songs.

Payout: Tiny Tots \$30.00
Juniors \$40.00
Teens \$50.00
Golden Age \$65.00
Adults \$75.00
Specials: Family Team Dance \$1000.00
Hand Drum \$500.00
Family Photos \$25.00 an entry

Remaining funds: \$6362.68 *to be determined

Outcome: 75 dancers registered
15 Family photos

Hand drum Winners: 1st Gilbert Buffalo
2nd Tzyion Simon
3rd Ryan Deschamps
4th Nathan Eagle

Family Team Dance: 1st Angelin Gadwa & Gracie
2nd Cortez & Neto Giroux
3rd Jordan Eagle & Trevor Eagle
4th Bobbi Jo Roasting & son

CONCLUSION:

We would like to thank the following individuals Jaime Buffalo, Karlene Cutknife, Kim Buffalo, Kirby Buffalo for their collaboration and desire to bring the virtual powwows to life.

Thank you to Chief Vern Saddleback and Marvin Yellowbird for seeking financial support from Peace Hills Insurance and Peace Hills Trust.

Thank you to Francis Green "Shining Elbow" for providing our ceremony and opening prayers each session.

Steve Wood of Northern Cree for the use of their songs.

Lastly, the dancers and families that helped lift our spirits and touched our souls with their healing dances which are needed during this time.

Testimonials: To watch and hear the dancers and hear the songs of the drum, and to hear who they are dancing for filled your heart with love and joy - anonymous viewer.

The team worked in shifts and helped with technical issue and also ensured each dancers received a confirmation email and confirmed e-transfer.

Sponsorship: Peace Hills Insurance \$15,000.00
Peace Trust \$15,000.00
Samson Headstart \$1000.00
SCN Celebrations = \$4000.00

Payout: Tiny Tots \$30.00/ day
Juniors \$40.00
Teens \$50.00
Golden Age \$75.00/ day
Adults \$85.00

Specials: Juniors \$500.00 divided equally = \$100.00 to top 5 (boys/girls)
Teens \$500.00 divided equally = \$100.00 to top 5 (boys/girls)
Women's Jingle \$1000.00
Women's Traditional \$1000.00
Women's Fancy \$1000.00
Men's Fancy \$700.00 (2 entries)
Men's Chicken \$1000.00
Men's Traditional \$1000.00

Cost: Traditional Powwow = \$3630.00
Sunday Specials = \$7523.00
Administrative = \$6200.00

Remaining: \$9100.00 *repurpose on Family Day

Outcome: 75 Dancers from Maskwacis or residing within
Very well received and appreciated
Lifted the spirits in the community and online

Brief overview of Family Day Powwow, February 15, 2021.

Team Lead: Jaime Buffalo
Technicians: Karlene Cutknife, Kim Buffalo, and Kirby Buffalo
Department collaboration with Integrated families, Carmella Cutknife. Repurposed their Annual Tiny Tots Powwow with the Family Day Virtual Powwow.

Cost: Traditional Powwow = \$3000.00
Specials = \$3000.00
Integrated Families = Tiny Tots approximately \$1000.00

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact the Samson Cree Nation Celebrations Committee via Angela Boysis at ang.bbull@yahoo.ca

Samson Celebrations Committee:

Chair: Louise Omeasoo
Elected Council: Holly Johnson Rattlensnake, Shannon Buffalo,
Marvin Yellowbird, Frank Buffalo
Committee members: Jaime Buffalo, Kim Buffalo, Karlene Cutknife,
Kirby Buffalo
Administrative Assistant: Angela Boysis



COVID 19 VACCINE
All Samson Band
Members
To Register Please Call
780-585-3793 EXT 286

SCN Housing Department

Please go to www.samsoncree.com/news/housing-applications/

to see the complete packages: DIY Program Application (website), Residential Development Request for Repairs (website), Residential Development Housing Application (website).

Please go to www.samsoncree.com/nipisihkopahk//housing-forms/

Recently Added: Alberta Ramp application form (website) and CMHC RRAP application (website).

Alberta Govt. website: www.alberta.ca/residential-access-modification-program.aspx#jumplinks-2



Highway Clean Up
 Saturday May 1, 2021
 You Want To See
 Change?
 Sign up, call the Four
 Nations Arena to Register
 Ph: 780-585-3771
 We need 100 Volunteers

Virtual Sharing
 Circles & Self Care
 Activities

Kisewatisiwin Support Group

A Pregnancy Loss Support
 Group

*"Helping our hearts heal
 through sharing"*

**SECOND WEDNESDAY
 OF EVERY MONTH
 5-7 PM**

FACILITATED BY A
 MOTHER, A
 SURVIVOR AND
 SUPPORTED BY THE
 MHS EARLY YEARS
 PROGRAM AND
 MASKWACIS ELDERS
 MENTORSHIP
 PROGRAM

*"We are all one drum
 and we need each
 other"*

To Connect & Sign Up contact
 Tanya @ 780.839.8050 or
 mcdougall.cutarm@gmail.com

Kisewatisiwin

Samson Cree Nation Communications Department

MHS Trailers

If you have tested Covid 19 Positive, as a Maskwacis Cree member, you have the option of Isolating or Quarantining at the Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) Trailers. They take excellent care of you and this choice ensures you keep the rest of your family safe from Covid 19.

For more information please contact your nations Director of Emergency Management Team Leader:
 Samson's representative is:

Harper Potts 780-335-0303
 or
 Kevin Johnson 780-362-2197

#StaySafe #SamsonCree #WashHands #WearAMask #ProtectOurElders
 #GetTested #NoVisiting
www.samsoncree.com

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COVID-19 HOTLINE

(780) 335-3744

Open
 9:00A-3:00P
 CALLS ONLY

After hours
 and weekends
 leave a
 voicemail and
 will get back
 to you when
 available.

We will be taking the initial inquires with the following headings:

1. A concern about a person that is NOT following isolation or self-isolation requirements.
2. A concern about a mass gathering (Will be forwarded to the RCMP at 780-585-4600.).
3. A concern about a business or public place that is not following restrictions.
4. A concern about a workplace that is not following health and safety restrictions to protect employees.
5. A concern or question related to Schools and COVID.
6. For General information about COVID-19 such as information about events/activities.
7. A request or complaint to Environmental Public Health that is NOT fealted to COVID-19 restrictions.
8. A request for information about an EPH program or services (water sampling, education courses, inspections, etc.).

Samson Cree Nation
**POWWOW
 Celebration**
 August 13 - 15
 2021

MASKWACIS HEALTH SERVICES FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM OR TWITTER @MASKWACISHEALTH

**SCN Consultation Department
Traditional Land Use**

Phone Toll Free: 1 800 661 2579 ext. 130
Edmonton Line: 780 421 4279
Maskwacis: 780 585 3793
Fax: 780 585 2104

“The Imperial Pigeon Lake Reclamation Project will be commencing work on site in Pigeon Lake starting April 5, 2021. AECOM and contractors from the Maskwacis Cree Nations will be on site conducting test pitting, remediation, and reclamation. If you have any questions:”

Please contact Sherina Crier at 1 403 796 6948

Correction from Volume 7 Issue 37, page 20: Larron Northwest was the youngest Samson Cree Nation Councilor elected at 21 years of age in 1989 not Shay Yellowbird.

Security Services:

SCN PROVIDES 24 HOUR SECURITY SERVICES TO THE NATION

SECURITY ENSURE ALL COVID19 PROTOCOLS ARE FOLLOWED AT ALL NATION EVENTS

SECURITY ALSO ESTABLISHES TOWNSITE BARRICADES AND MORE.

FOR INFORMATION OR CONCERNS CALL 780-585-2522

Support Services:

MASKWACIS AMBULANCE
780-585-4000

MASKWACIS MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH
780-362-2150

MASKWACIS HEALTH CENTRE
780-585-2020

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS -
KELLY KARIUS 780-585-3634

MASKWACIS COUNSELLING SERVICES
780-585-2268

When you go for your Covid19 test, Do not attend social events/gatherings until you get your Covid19 results

SAMSON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
#STAYSAFE #WEARMASK



SAMSON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

MAIN LINE: 780-585-2522
EMAIL US AT:
EMERGENCYSN@GMAIL.COM



Wear A Mask
DO YOUR PART!
To Prevent the Spread of Covid19

#STAYSAFE #STAYHOMEIFSICK
#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCE

Syllabics

e	pe	te
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i	pi	ti

ke	ki ce	ci me	mi
ko	ka co	ca mo	ma

ne	ni ye	yi se	si
no	na yo	ya so	sa

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CONFEDERACY OF TREATY SIX FIRST NATIONS

HEAD OFFICE: ENOCH CREE NATION NO. 135 P.O. BOX 270, ENOCH AB T7X 3Y3

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 9, 2021
(amiskwaciwāskahikan) THE CONFEDERACY OF TREATY NO. 6 FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS ACCEPT THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ALBERTA INDIAN EXEMPTION CARD

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs accept the provincial government’s decision to remove the Alberta Indian Exemption Card from circulation in favour of the federal Certificate of Indian Status (federal status card) as the only proof of eligibility required by retailers in the purchase of tax-exempt tobacco or on-reserve fuel purchases.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs affirms that as sovereign Treaty Nations, the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations retains the right to nationhood and their inherent right to determine their own destinies, including the treaty right to be exempt from taxes within their respective territories.

For more information or media inquiries, contact:
Lisa Mills
Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations
lmills@treaty6.org

SAMSON CREE NATION COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

TO REGISTER: EMAIL
ang.bbull@yahoo.com

JUDGING :
FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021

REQUIRE:
HOMEOWNER NAME
HOUSE NUMBER
CONTACT NUMBER

TOWNSITE/COUNTRY HOMES MUST REGISTER BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES WILL BE HONORED

PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES
SPONSOR:
SAMSON CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE



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SAVE THE DATE

Samson Cree Nation POWWOW Celebration

August 13 - 15
2021



April 16, 2021

**Chief Vernon Saddleback update
(from Samson Facebook page):**

Chief Vernon: Chief Vernon has his own Facebook page so if people want to message him on there you can. Every Friday he will be posting updates on his Facebook page but please respect the platform because he doesn't want to have to delete anybody but he will if it's called for. The intent of the page is to keep the people informed about the nation's situation.

The Facebook page is not a crisis response so if you need it please see the Samson Facebook page or the website for help.

On April 6, 2021, Chief visited the Open Door Association program at the Wetaskiwin homeless shelter. Chief got to see the reality of the situation with regard to band members being homeless in town and it's just not

Samson members, it's people from Maskwacis in general. Thank you Jessica Hutton, she is the Executive Director of the Camrose Open Door Association. Chief asked the other three Chief's and the Samson Band Administrator on how they can help the situation in town and that is ongoing. Thank you to Peace Hills Trust for donating \$1000 for food at the shelter. On April 12, we met with FNIHB [First Nations and Inuit Health Branch] and the Open Door Association on how we can get federal and provincial funding to this program.

On April 14 we had a special Council meeting about leadership's salaries. I want to say again, there were good intentions with this. The idea was to reduce the amount that Council was making. To this day I still believe that Council makes too much. Chief Vernon talks about when he had to go to a finance meeting years ago and report to the people on their salaries. Chief Vernon was a Councilor at the time. Needless to say Chief got a lot of negative feedback when he went to that meeting years ago and he went by himself. Chief is grateful to the two Lady Elders who helped him out during that situation.

First off, I want to thank the people who gave me feedback. I want people to know that when your in leadership you can't take everything personal. People might be angry but it's all feedback. The question was: What do we do about this? So Chief called a special council meeting. I apologize to Council and their families because it was never my intent to hurt anybody. What I recommended Council do was to rescind the motion and to send it to the people to decide. It was a very contentious meeting and I want to thank Council for giving me feedback. What we did was come to a compromise. That's what I want to report to the people of Samson is that we are all on the same page now. I fully

support Council on what they're trying to achieve now and we learned some lessons from each other. So we didn't rescind the motion we overturned it. We made another motion with Councilor [former Samson Chief] Marvin Yellowbird's assistance, to return to the topic at a later date because I believe what Chief and Council make in salary has to be dealt with eventually. When I was talking to people the number one thing they had to say was, 'Why were we not consulted?'

So we are giving the topic to the Elders Executive Committee to discuss on what Chief and Council make and then we are going to take it to the people to have some input. July 2, 2021, will be a referendum for the people to decide on this topic of salary. Please check out the Samson Cree Nation website because the Council will discuss the topic and model created to fair salary wages. Please listen to what Council has to say with an open heart. Again, I want to thank former Chief Marvin Yellowbird that reminded us that there are other nation problems that have to be dealt with besides salary and wages. Sometimes we get caught up in the heat of the moment so I am glad Marvin reminded us about the bigger picture.

Moving on, one of my priorities is helping at risk people. That's why I visited the homeless shelter in Wetaskiwin and I want to help them with their program. I visited the RCMP, the Ambulance Authority, Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) and our Senior Administration. I asked Administration to create our post pandemic plan. Dr. Denna Hinshaw said that if everyone continues on with vaccinations then we can open up in July. So I asked the RCMP, the Ambulance and Health Services to plan for the mental health problems that are going to come out of this pandemic. This pandemic has been hard on a lot of people both emotionally and mentally.

We are working on the budget for the Elders. So that is ongoing.

Data Mining: we are looking at all the phone calls from various emergency dispatch centers in Maskwacis including the schools. We are going to see if there are patterns in the data where we can focus on mental wellness. I already contacted FNIHB about this and told them once were done this map Chief will be going after them for funding. The Ambulance Authority told him once that 70% of the calls are alcohol or drug related and they think that behind that addiction is a mental health problem which leads them to abusing alcohol or drugs. I want to provide mental wellness in our community.

With that take care of one another and love one another. I will see you next Friday afternoon. Ekosi and take care.

Chief Vernon Saddleback's Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/acahkosis/
 @acahkosis

The Open Door Association
 Jessica Hutton
 Executive Director
 780-679-6803
jessica@camroseopendoor.ca

Council Executive Committee Presentation April 19, 2021

on the Samson Cree website www.samsoncree.com

Chief and Council Compensation

To see the complete video please go to the Samson Cree Nation website and look for the title, **Council Executive Committee Presentation-April 19, 2021.**

Samson Councilor Mario Swampy.



Samson Councilor Katherine Swampy.



Myths

- Myth #1 – Council are giving themselves a raise
- Myth #2 – C&C already set the amount by motion
- Myth #3 – Why standardize C&C Salaries when others haven't been considered for raises
- Myth #4 – C&C are only focused on themselves and not dealing with the larger issues

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Where do we go from here?

- New motion made to direct further work through joint collaboration with Election Law Elders Committee
- Interim report due May 28, 2021
- Referendum vote July 2, 2021

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

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To submit feedback, suggestion or questions
scngovernance@gmail.com

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Samson Cree Nation Executive Committee Presentation

Topic: Chief & Council Compensation Presentation

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Why Standardization/Cap

- Unify Chief and Council and not pitting one against another
- "Get rid of per diems" – request from members
- Prevents mismanagement and overspending, supporting approved budgets
- Focus is on work that needs to get done
- Reinvest the savings back into our Nation or Elders Senate
- Enforces financial/fiscal transparency, accountability and responsibility
- Eliminates gap in individual earnings
- Allows administration to manage and be accountable for budgets resulting in consistency
- "Status quo has to go"

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Proposed Compensation

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Salary

- Covers normal office hours
- Covers all internal committee meetings (during work hours and after hours)
- Covers all meeting per diems on and off reserve for internal committee
- Attending additional community functions; ie. ceremonies, celebrations, etc
- Per diems will be discontinued for leadership

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Business Travel

- **Not payable to individuals**, unless expense is being reimbursed
- Business travel **capped at \$15,000 per annum**
- The travel covers:
 - Registration fees,
 - Flights,
 - Hotels,
 - Vehicle rental while on business travel,
 - And meals and mileage
- If you don't use it, you lose it
- Non transferrable

April 19, 2021 Presentation to the SCN Membership

Grade 6 and 9 students in MESC SCHOOLS

IMMUNIZATION LETTERS

WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS

FOR FURTHER SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER @MASKWACISHEALTH

MESC

Students in Grade 6 and 9

IT'S TIME TO VACCINATE

As a result of COVID-19, the nursing staff have been unable to get into the schools to immunize students as of this time. Due to the side effects of the immunizations, which can look like COVID-19 symptoms, we are inviting parents of MESC students in grades 6 and 9, to book an immunization appointment in your students "off-week" by either

Calling 780-585-2266 or Texting 780-312-4793

There currently is no COVID-19 vaccine approved for use in people under 16 years of age.

Source: MHS Facebook Page.

SCFC



Samson Community Friendship Center

Source: Samson Community Friendship Center Facebook.
Soup Kitchen
Monday to Friday
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Every Wednesdays at 12:00 PM. soup and bannock with desert.
Our Volunteers networking group come together and build the entire community a beautiful, hearty meal.

New Volunteers are always welcome to the kitchen. Free WIFI and much more. Positive choices make for better lifestyles. Call Janet at the Food Bank. PH 780-361-7383

Samson Gas Utility Emergency Contact Information:

- Lyle Littlepoplar, Manager, 1-780-335-6073
- Everette Omeasoo, Gas Field Supervisor, 1-780-312-9837
- Gregg Buffalo, Gas Field Operator, 1-780-839-9917
- Jason Nepoose, Gas Field Operator, 1-780-312-5418
- Owen Buffalo, Gas Field Operator, 1-780-335-8994
- Judy Soosay, Field Safety Officer, 1-403-913-4487

October 5, 2020
Source: SCN Facebook.

Maskwacis Transport Ltd.

There will be no route 76 or 77 until further notice. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you have questions or concerns regarding these routes, you can contact Wayne Saddleback at 403 783 1476. At this moment we are short staffed in the Administration office and only have one person answering phones. We are asking parents and guardians to be patient with us as we are doing our best to keep up with the phone call. Please be kind.

Email: maskwacis_transport@outlook.com
Please email to lower the phone call volume.

The Acimowin (Samson's local newsletter) Submission Dates for 2021.

April	June
Friday April 9	Friday June 11
Friday April 23	Friday June 25
May	July
Friday May 14	Friday July 11
Friday May 28	Friday July 25

MMIWG 24/7 Toll Free Support Phone
Line: 1-844-413-6649

Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health: Call us at any time on our hotline 780-362-2150
or Email : info@maaems.com

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Day School Applications:
for assistance contact Beatrice Okaymow at 780-839-9616
Indian Day Schools Class Action Settlement: Claim Due by July 13, 2022.



Dr. Heather Dreise

Samson Cree Nation: Pediatrics

PEDIATRIC CLINIC NOW OPEN
Dr. Heather Dreise-Pediatrician
Location: former MYI Building
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9 AM to 4 PM
For Appointments call 780-585-4062.
Walk Ins are available.

2020 Income Tax Returns: for Income Support Clients.
Starting April 1, 2021, with Elda Goodin.
Contact: 780-585-6680
Direct Deposit is Encouraged.

Samson Cree Nation Urban Office in Edmonton. **SCN Community Wellness:** Client Support Services Ph: 780-335-5953. Outreach 780-335-7439. Respite Care 780-335-9687.
Location: 12046 - 77 St. Edmonton.
Ph: 780-477-6648 ext. 257

Please be advised that the Samson Cree Nation **Personnel Department** has a New Email Address:

personnel.179@gmail.com
Anybody applying for a job or submitting their documents to Personnel Department can send to the email provided. Thank You.

The Samson Cree Housing Department is now located at the Trades Centre (on Cranes Road).
New phone number: 780-585-3919

The Samson Community Initiatives Program 780-585-0111
Check them out on Facebook.
[@samsoncommunityinitiativesprogram](https://www.facebook.com/samsoncommunityinitiativesprogram)



SAMSON CREE NATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

SCN Personnel Department has started a new Temporary Employment list.

If you are interested in temporary employment, call Personnel and leave your name and contact number

It is mandatory for all temporary workers to provide a negative covid test before arriving to work.

For more information contact Personnel at 780-585-3793



Good Morning Guide
 It is a pleasure to speak with you. I will attach a few resources our team uses. I will include information on both services provided by Edmonton's Food Bank and other community partners throughout the city. Edmonton's Food Bank does provide a delivery service to clients that fit specific criteria. These clients are usually Elderly, disabled or have a medical condition that prevents them from travelling outside their home. Persons in

quarantine are also eligible to receive a one time delivery while they are in quarantine but this service is mostly for those that have no other means of accessing food.

Hailey Helset, Agency/Depot Engagement Manager, Ph 780-425-2133 ext 225, Email: hailey@edmontonfoobank.com
 11508 120 St. NW, Edmonton, T5G 2Y2, Box 62061 Edmonton T5M 4B5

Surplus Food and Related Items

MEAL PROGRAMS!!! We have plenty of items in our freezer ranging from an assortment of meat, beyond beef, frozen waffles, and other frozen desserts. Please come in and dig through these items for your programs.

We have been recently donated a wide variety of fresh produce including lettuce, strawberries, and yogurt. All of these items can be found in the agency cooler.

Please let us know if you can use any of these items. If you are unable to find these items when you visit please ask for our team at reception.

- Frozen Waffles-Coffee
- Rice -Adult depends
- Crackers-Pasta Sauce

Email: yagut@edmontonfoodbank.com

Wakes & Funerals

Please be advised that due to our Nation's current situation with the Covid 19 pandemic it is important to that we have a record of all the people that are attending the wake or funeral.

For Covid 19 safety: a record must be kept of each person and a contact phone number in the event that there is a positive case.

During wakes and funerals all Covid 19 protocols must be followed: sanitizing, wear gloves, wear masks.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your family members safe.

SCN Emergency Management and SCN Community Initiatives.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Harper Potts @ 780-335-0303 pr Debra Buffalo @ 780-362-0272

Enhanced Alberta Government Public Health Measures due to Covid 19



Path forward starts February 8, 2021. Step 1 changes come into effect February 8. All other restrictions remain in effect.



All indoor social gatherings are prohibited. Public and private.

*Close contacts are limited to household members only.

*People who live alone can have up to 2 close contacts.

This restriction does not apply to:

- *Co-parenting arrangements.
- *Service visits from caregivers, health or childcare providers.
- *Home and maintenance repairs.
- *Mutual support group meetings.

Outdoor Social Gatherings: Outdoor social gatherings are limited to 10 people maximum and must not have an indoor component.

*Backyard gatherings that require movement in or out of homes are not permitted.

*Attendees should remain distanced at all times and follow all public health measures.

Out of Town Travel and Visitors: Returning to Alberta

*If you do not have a household in Alberta, you must stay in other people's homes while these restrictions are in place.

*If you belong to the household, you are permitted to return to the home (ex. child returning home from college).

Visitors to Alberta

*Out of town visitors cannot stay in other people's homes while these restrictions are in place, regardless of where they are coming from.

Weddings and Funerals

Wedding and funeral receptions are not permitted. Wedding ceremony and funeral service attendance is limited to:

*10 people maximum for wedding ceremonies.

*20 people max for funeral services, with mandatory masking and 2 metre physical distancing between households.

The maximum limit:

*Includes the officiant, bride, groom and witnesses.

*Does not include funeral service or facility staff, clergy or event organizers who are not considered on invited guest.

*Applies to any facility, including places of worship and funeral homes.

*Applies to services held indoors or outdoors, seated or non seated.

Places of Worship

Faith services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in person attendance.

*Physical distancing between households must be maintained.

*Mask use is mandatory.

Alternatively:

*Virtual or online services are recommended.

*Drive in services where people do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance are allowed.

Additional safety measures:

*In person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings are: not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect. Permitted when conducted at a place of worship as long as physical distancing and public health measures are followed.

*Faith leaders and other speakers can remove their masks while speaking if there is a distance of 3 metres. The mask must be put on again once finished speaking.

*Group performance activities, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted if they are normal worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment. Performers must wear masks at all times.



Elizabeth Fry
Northern Alberta

Canada

Food Bank Depot

Emergency food hampers are available for individuals and families quarantining due to COVID-19 or who need to self-isolate



Call EFRY at 780-421-1175 to do an intake and arrange for a delivery

Elizabeth Fry Society of Northern Alberta (Facebook page). If you or your family is in quarantine or self isolation and in need of food support, contact EFRY at 780-421-1175 to request a food hamper delivery.

Source: www.facebook.com/EFryNAAlberta/

Take A Step In Your Healing Journey

April 29 to May 1 in Edmonton at the Hyatt Place Edmonton West

If you attended a Federal Indian Day School, you may be eligible for compensation.

A Community Support Session will be held to connect you and others in your community with support from a Claims Assistant.

The Claims Assistant will help you fill out or check the status of a Claim Form, and connect you with legal, cultural and healing supports - in-person, by phone or by computer.

View a list of eligible schools and register for your personal session today at indiandayschools.com/en/edmonton or by calling 1-877-515-7525.



Faites un autre pas dans votre démarche de guérison

Du 29 avril au 1er mai à Edmonton au Hyatt Place Edmonton West

Si vous avez fréquenté un externat indien fédéral, vous pourriez être admissible à une indemnisation.

Une séance de soutien communautaire sera organisée pour vous mettre en contact, vous ainsi que les autres membres de votre communauté, avec le soutien d'un assistant chargé des demandes d'indemnisation.

L'assistant chargé des demandes d'indemnisation vous aidera à remplir ou à vérifier l'état de votre formulaire de demande d'indemnisation et à vous mettre en contact avec des soutiens juridiques, culturels et de guérison - en personne, par téléphone ou en ligne.

Consultez la liste des écoles admissibles et inscrivez-vous à votre séance individuelle dès aujourd'hui sur indiandayschools.com/fr/edmonton ou en appelant le 1-877-515-7525.



Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mothers out there. May God bless you on this wonderful day. Hope your day's great & filled with lots of love & happiness. ~ching~



Mother's Day Zoom Presentation

Sunday, May 9th @ 1pm

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Deborah Dion

Grandmother Song: Cheryl Montour

Honour Song: Gilbert Buffalo

MC: Annette Cutknife

Invocation: Elder Rita Cutknife

With Guest Speakers:

Holly Johnson-Rattlesnake & Heather Buffalo

Presented by
INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES



3:30pm - Drive thru

Gift pick-up
for Mothers of Samson

Register @ integratedfamily@yahoo.com

Samson Food Bank
is now OPEN

We are now located at the Friendship Center beside the HBMC for Food Requests

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

We are open Monday to Friday 9-3pm daily
Food Hamper pick up from 1-3pm

We can be reached at
780-585-3902

All COVID protocols in place
Face Masks are required



Calling all young, Indigenous women and gender-diverse artists under the age of 29

You are invited to submit artwork for possible purchase that answers the question:

WHAT DOES RESILIENCY LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Artwork could include:

- Canvas
- Paintings / drawings
- Baskets
- Sculpture
- Artisan furniture
- Other mediums of your choice

Submit your entry by May 25, 2021 by showing us your art on tiktok @nwac_ca and by including a photo of your piece, the size, price and materials and send to: tiktokart@nwac.ca

Selection of those we purchase will be made by our NWAC committee and announced May 31, 2021. Selected pieces will be displayed at NWAC's new Social & Economic Innovation Centre.



Native Women's Association of Canada
L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada

Family Porch Portraits



Maskwacis Parents Place would like to photograph our wonderful special needs families of Maskwacis. We will come to you :)



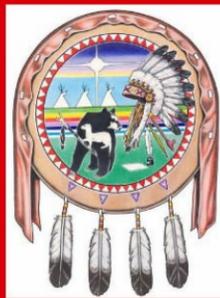
Please contact Carmella @780-585-2254 to schedule a time for this week or next :)

COVID-19 Stats for Maskwacis
as of April 12, 2021

😊 Total Active	58
Active Variant	55
★ Total Recovered	1919
Recovered Variant	33
TOTAL CASES	1977
Hospitalized	3
Deceased	16

6 new recoveries
3 cases removed due to being out of province

**MEC.
Going.
Virtual.**



To do our part to protect our community, we are CLOSED to the PUBLIC starting March29/2021.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We Are Working Remotely and Can Be Reached At:
780-585-4450 ext 3 or text/call 780-360-4423

Email a Job Coach:
nicole@maskwacisemployment.ca
lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca



COVID-19 Variants

COVID-19 is caused by a virus. It is normal and expected for viruses to mutate (change). The changed virus can be spread and may continue to mutate as it moves from person to person.

When there have been several significant mutations to the virus then it is called a variant.

When a variant affects disease spread, disease severity, the tests used to detect the virus, and/or vaccines and treatments, then it is referred to as a "variant of concern".

COVID-19 variants of concern have been identified in the UK, South Africa, and Brazil. They have since been found in many other countries around the world, including Canada.

What We Know Now

Work is underway around the world by scientists and public health communities to better understand these variants. Early findings include the following:

- These are variants of concern because they spread more easily than the original virus.
- The variants may affect the severity of disease.
- Research is underway to understand how the current vaccines help protect against the variants.
- The variants can be detected using testing methods
- There is concern about the impact on our communities if these variants become common. The increased spread of COVID-19 would result in more illness, hospitalizations, and death.
- Symptoms are the same as the usual COVID-19, including cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, or other symptoms.

Reduce Your Risk & Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

While the new COVID-19 variants seem to spread more easily, they are thought to spread in the same way as the usual virus. This means the same types of preventative measures will be effective.

To protect yourself and those around you, follow all public health guidance, including:

- Staying home when sick
- Avoiding gatherings
- Practicing physical distancing
- Wearing a mask
- Washing your hands
- Following all public health measure in effect - for current public health measures refer to alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx

These are all critical steps to preventing the spread of the virus, regardless of what strain it is.

Isolation & Quarantine

Remember to isolate immediately if you develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Contact your local Health Care or call Health Link at 811 to arrange for testing.

You will be notified if you test positive for a COVID-19 variant. Household contacts need to stay at home in quarantine until 14 days have passed from the end of the case's isolation period, which is 10 days. This means, household contacts that stay at home, need to quarantine for 24 days. This is necessary to prevent spread into the community. Follow instructions from your local public health team.

If you cannot isolate or quarantine safely in your own home, supports are available. Speak to a representative from the local Health Centre (Maskwacis Health Services). There may also be an option to isolate or quarantine in a hotel room by calling 211.



April Programs



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday (Office Closed)	3
4	5 Easter Monday (Office Closed)	6 Sweat Lodge	7 AA Meeting noon to 1:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Anger Management	13	14 AA Meeting noon to 1:00 pm	15 People living with Cancer Sharing Circle	16	17
18	19 Covid 19 Sharing Circles	20	21 AA Meeting noon to 1:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Anger Management	27	28 AA Meeting noon to 1:00 pm	29	30	

MCSS

For all meetings Dial 1 855 703 8985

AA Meeting
Meeting ID: 912 6177 4237#
Passcode: 936604#

Covid 19 Sharing Circles
Meeting ID: 933 3728 4347#
Passcode: 830108#
Anger Management
Meeting ID: 990 8658 0440#
Passcode: 903985#

People living with Cancer Sharing
Circle
Meeting ID: 930 1706 2140#
Passcode: 130407#

** All programs via Zoom except Sweat Lodge



Emergency Contact Support:

We provide contact information for situations such as
No Heat Electrical Plumbing
Contact our main office for assistance to direct personnel

Food Support:



**SERVICES:
ALL FOOD REQUESTS MUST
BE AUTHORIZED BEFORE
DELIVERY**

**FOOD ASSISTANCE IS
ALSO PROVIDED TO THOSE
FAMILIES WHO ARE IN
ISOLATION/QUARANTINE
DUE TO COVID19.**

**SCN EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PROVIDES
FOOD SUPPORT FOR ALL
SAMSON HOUSEHOLDS
DURING THIS PANDEMIC**

For Food support contact
Emergency Management Main
Office at 780-585-2522

Samson Emergency Management Team

Harper Potts - Emergency Manager
780-335-0303
Kevin Johnson - Deputy Incident Commander
780-362-2197
Debra Buffalo - Operations 780-362-0272
Coleman Saddleback - Security
780-839-8244

Funeral & Wake Supports:

Due to Covid19 the emergency management team offers additional supports for funerals & wakes

For more information contact Membership at 780-585-3793 Ext. 249

And they will get you in touch with the required information



Follow us on SCN
Website www.samsoncree.com
Facebook: Samson Cree Nation Page

Of Covid19 On Instagram: samsoncreecreation



April 16, 2021

Maskwacis Ambulance
Twitter: @MaskwacisEMS

Huge Thanks to @PeaceHillsTrust for the support helping our paramedic team purchase new IV fluid warming devices. Thank you for dropping off the cheque today Yvonne and thank you Peace Hills Trust



Mother's Day Drive-Thru Gift Pick Up

Mothers and Kokoms of Samson:
Stop by the HMBC on
Sunday, May 9th, 2021 between 3:30 - 5pm
and pick up your Mother's Day gift bag.

Thank you going out to
Samson Community Wellness
for their contribution of
flower seeds and the book, "Calling My Spirit Back."



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FAMILY
SERVICES**

Limited to the first 100
Moms and Kokoms from Samson

POSITION: (1) DISPATCHER
DEPARTMENT: PEACEKEEPERS

SUMMARY
This position is responsible for receiving requests for service or emergency assistance and relaying information to Samson Peacekeepers or other surrounding Emergency Services. Under the direction of the Peacekeepers Manager.

- DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
- ☒ Relay emergency information to other emergency services (R.C.M.P.)
 - ☒ Answer and log all telephone requests.
 - ☒ Transmit information to Security personnel via radio.
 - ☒ Maintain work records and prepare reports (eg. Accident reports, complaint forms, submit incident reports to immediate Supervisor/Manager).
 - ☒ Keep records and logs to document all radio submissions and phone calls.
 - ☒ Work shifts, holidays, weekends and office closures.
 - ☒ Must also be willing to work overtime or extra shifts occasionally.
 - ☒ Work requires sitting for long periods of time but also include hourly foot patrols (interior/exterior) of CTA building.
 - ☒ Keep office area clean and tidy.
 - ☒ Work closely with Emergency Services. (eg. Fire Hall, RCMP, EMS)

- QUALIFICATIONS**
- ☒ Minimum Grade 12 or GED.
 - ☒ Excellent communication skills.
 - ☒ Ability to listen to incoming requests for service and dispatch services at the same time.
 - ☒ Must be willing to do shift work.
 - ☒ Security Training and/or License is a definite asset.
 - ☒ **The applicant MUST submit a Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check. Must have a clean record.**
 - ☒ **MUST have Class 5 Drivers License.**
 - ☒ **Maybe subject to Drug Testing.**

Only those that submit the required documents will be contacted for an interview.

CLOSING DATE: May 6th, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M.
INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

For applications and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
Personnel Department Extension: 179
Box 159 Fax: (780) 585-2088
Hobbema, Alberta T0C 1N0 Email: personnel.179@gmail.com

OFF RESERVE REFERRALS

Utility Deferral - contact your utility provider for deferrals. Any deferrals you still have to pay at a later date.
Mortgage Deferrals - contact your bank.
Rent Deferrals - Contact your landlord.
EI applications - go to website and apply www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html

Edmonton

ALBERTA WORKS: If you receive Alberta Works, talk to your worker or call 780-644-5153 or 1-866-644-5135. Qualify every three years.
Bissell Centre: West Community Bridget 10530-96st. One time only rent/utilities: need eviction notice and or cut off notice.
Islamic Family and Social Services Association: 780-430-9220 ****Must try income support/Alberta Works first and must meet with Intake Worker. Call for eligibility.
Calvary Community Church: 874 Millwoods Rd. 780-462-8444 *** Millwoods residents only; Must try income support and Alberta Works first.
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: 780-471-5577 or email inquiries@ssvpedmonton.ca. Leave your name and number with a brief message.
The Good Neighbor Fund: Application deadline is the last day of every month. Please fill out the application form to help the Board of Directors understand the circumstances. 780-486-9215
Emergency Relief Fund - Alberta.ca Applications being taken, closes April 1.
Expo Centre is a temporary homeless shelter.

Wetaskiwin

Food:
Salvation Army Food Bank - 780-352-2416
Hope Mission - 780-352-9834
Neighbors Outreach Wetaskiwin - soup kitchen - 780-352-8428

Calgary

For all resources in Calgary, there is a toll free number to address food, shelter, rent, utilities, etc.
1-866-331-3933
Alberta Works clients - contact your case worker.

For more information for Alberta, look up Canada.ca or Government of Alberta websites.
You can also contact:

Edmonton Urban Referral - Tania Saddleback
780-780-399-9456
Community Wellness Referral - Claudette Yellowbird
780-335-9441



Gift Card Program

-We just received more gift cards in the office

-Mail outs will be Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays until completed
-February applicants are first, then March, followed by December and January

-Allow time for mail outs as one person is doing mail outs. Patience is appreciated.

Work From Home

-Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council will be working from home until further notice

-Contact through email/Facebook

More Updates to Come



POSITION: (2) SECURITY GUARD
DEPARTMENT: PEACEKEEPERS

SUMMARY
Under the direction of the Manager, the Peacekeeper participates in patrolling Samson Cree Nation's local buildings, town site and community functions. It is the duty of all Samson Peacekeepers to ensure that they protect Samson Cree Nation's property, personnel and information against fire, theft, vandalism and illegal entry.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☒ Patrol all assigned areas.
- ☒ Check doors, windows, locks and building interiors for signs of damage or theft.
- ☒ Ensure all Samson Office doors are secure after general working hours.
- ☒ Provide information, guide traffic or respond to complaints and maintain order in the Samson Cree Nation Community.
- ☒ Watch for intruders, sometimes through the use of electronic surveillance systems.
- ☒ Observe and keep records of security-related activities into a logbook.
- ☒ Work indoors or outdoors in all weather conditions.
- ☒ Stand most of the time or sit at workstations.
- ☒ Work in teams or work alone for extended periods of time.
- ☒ Work in uniform.
- ☒ Perform routine patrols in sporadic intervals.
- ☒ Control and monitor admittance of Office buildings after general working hours.
- ☒ Maintain peace and order within the Town site.
- ☒ Report all suspicious activities to proper authorities.
- ☒ Submit verbal and written reports to supervisor.
- ☒ Enforce the Samson Cree Nation By-laws.

QUALIFICATIONS

- ☒ Excellent written and communication skills.
- ☒ Must be willing to do shift work.
- ☒ Understanding of the Cree language and culture is a definite asset.
- ☒ Training or experience in related field and/or security license is a definite asset.
- ☒ **The applicant MUST submit a child intervention check and Criminal Record Check. Must have a clear record.**
- ☒ **MUST submit a valid Class 5 Alberta Drivers License with application.**
- ☒ **Maybe subject to drug testing.**

All applications must contain the above information or will not be considered for an interview.

CLOSING DATE: May 6th, 2021 @ 4:00 PM
INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

For applications and more information please contact:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
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Hobbema, Alberta Email: personnel.179@gmail.com
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Samson Communications Department @SamsonCreeNation 23

Position: Site Attendant Supervisor: Three Mile Waste Transfer Station
Department: Public Works

Job Summary:
Samson Cree Nation is currently seeking a local Samson community member who is a qualified individual interested in being a Site Attendant Supervisor at the newly constructed Three Mile Waste Transfer Station. The Site Attendant Supervisor is the first and last point of contact for people entering and leaving the Station.

- Duties and Responsibility:**
- ☒ Overseeing the operation of the Transfer Station and being responsible for ensuring in its upkeep and state of cleanliness.
 - ☒ Directing users on where and how to properly drop off diverted waste (i.e. tires, mattresses, e-waste, used oil, hazardous waste, bulky metals/white goods, etc.) into the proper designated storage areas and providing assistance with unloading, pouring, etc.
 - ☒ Assisting with placing of permitted household waste into the compaction trailer or other designated receptacles.
 - ☒ Assuring that waste brought to the station meets the standards for disposal at the Station;
 - ☒ Operating the hydraulic compaction trailer and managing trailer loads on a daily basis;
 - ☒ Performing grounds maintenance at the station, such as grass cutting, snow removal and picking up and properly placing any waste that was misplaced or blown about the Station or left at the gate;
 - ☒ Coordinating the removal of diverted wastes (i.e. Tires, mattresses, e-waste, used oil, hazardous wastes, bulky materials/white goods, etc.) from the Station prior to each area designated storage area from becoming overfilled – this includes coordinating pick-ups, packaging items, filling out associated paperwork, searching for receivers, etc.
 - ☒ Cleaning the site and equipment on a regular basis, including loose waste and spills;
 - ☒ Maintaining daily site logs of waste entering and leaving the station;
 - ☒ Performing routine maintenance checks on machinery (eg., engine check, oil check, etc.);
 - ☒ Complying with all the safe work practices and hazardous waste standards;
 - ☒ Operating site equipment such as a lawnmower or skid steer loader as required;
 - ☒ Maintaining log books and preparing simple reports;
 - ☒ Participating in and attending regularly scheduled training courses;
 - ☒ Assisting with waste collection and/or hauling goods off-site, as required;
 - ☒ Being an ambassador or proper waste management and disposal in the community including speaking at community events, providing education to the community including school visits, etc; and
 - ☒ Any other duties as required.
 - ☒ May encounter various unwanted pests, dead animals on the worksite.
 - ☒ Able to withstand hot / cold temperatures depending on the season.

Work Environment
While performing duties of this job, the Site Attendant Supervisor, may be exposed to fumes or airborne particles, moving mechanical parts and vibration. They may be exposed to a variety of extreme conditions in an outdoor work environment with extreme temperatures. The noise level in with environment and job sites can be loud.
The individual will be provided with training in operations of the various equipment on site and must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.

- Qualified candidates should have:**
- ☒ An interest in environmental or civil engineering, waste management or heavy equipment operations;
 - ☒ A high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
 - ☒ Strong coordination and organizational skills;
 - ☒ Computer skills – Microsoft Word, Excel, etc.;
 - ☒ Attention to detail and accuracy;
 - ☒ Good written and verbal communication skills; and
 - ☒ Determination to set and manage priorities to meet deadlines.
 - ☒ Must be willing to do alcohol and drug testing
 - ☒ Must submit a clear criminal record check

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 27TH, 2021 @ 3:00PM
All applicants will be screened

To be considered for this position, you must submit all necessary documents. (Application, Cover page, Resume, Certification/Licences, Criminal Record Check, Driver's Licence)

For application and further information, please contact:
Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
Personnel Department Extension: 179
P.O. Box 159 Fax (780) 585-2088
Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0
April 17, 2021

**OKEYMOWKISIK GAS BAR
ON-CALL SHIFT SUPERVISOR**

Summary

The On-Call Shift Supervisor has the overall responsibility of the daily operations of Okeymowkisik Gas Bar. They supervise and co-ordinate the activities of the cashiers and gas jockeys. The On-Call Shift Supervisor reports directly to the Gas Bar Business Manager.

Experience Requirements

- Supervise and co-ordinate daily operational procedures of Cashiers and Gas Jockeys
- Assist in completing, posting, and maintaining the daily and/or weekly shift work assignment schedule for all employees.
- Opens and closes store on time.
- Prepare and maintain reports on product inventories, sales, and personnel matters
- Prepare the daily deposit records. Ensure that all floats and cash drops are verified during each shift.
- Ensure that all security measures are followed
- Assist in interviewing, hiring, training, evaluating, promoting and terminating employees.
- Ensure that all employees, including self, are providing a high level of customer service.
- Ensure that all staff is following provincial and federal regulations pertaining to the sale of tax exempt tobacco and fuel.
- Ensure that all staff assists with monitoring and maintaining a high standard of cleanliness within store parameters at all times.
- Maintain a professional working relationship with all staff
- Provide assistance during busy times through-out the day at any position
- Assist in how merchandise should be displayed
- Implement all policies and procedures set out by Okeymowkisik Gas Bar and Samson Management (2009) Ltd.
- Resolve problems that arise, such as customer complaints and supply shortages, promptly and professionally.

Working Conditions

The On-Call Shift Supervisor works in a gas station environment. Their position requires bending, standing, and walking the entire workday as well as some administrative responsibilities within the business. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs. **Must be available to work on short notice and able to work mornings and nights between 6:30am and 11:00pm.**

Education

- High School Diploma or GED
- Minimum of two (2) years of previous experience in a customer service related position(s)

Employment Opportunity

This is an **On-Call** position.

Closing Date: April 29, 2021

Interested persons are requested to submit a resume by mail, personally, fax or email to:

SAMSON MANAGEMENT (2009) LTD.
P.O. Box 539, Maskwacis Alberta, T0C 1N0
Email: humanresources@smcorp.com
Telephone: (780) 585-2468 Fax: (780) 585-2393

**POSITION: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL CLERK
DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Job Summary:

Under the direction of the Finance Manager; is responsible for ensuring that all payables are approved and processed in a timely and efficient manner. Must work well as a team player with and maintain communication with the Finance staff and vendors of Samson Cree Nation. Performs a variety of complex, responsible and confidential clerical duties requiring a thorough knowledge of Financial Operating Procedures.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ☒ Ensure that vendors accounts are opened and that records of all transactions are maintained and that all supporting documentation is kept on file
- ☒ Ensures that staff payroll is in order prior to inputting; photocopies and files all relevant documentation for staff personal files
- ☒ Communicates with Information Technology personnel when necessary for maintenance and/or repairs
- ☒ Responsible for inputting financial data into the Xyntax system
- ☒ Maintains a filing system and confidentiality of files
- ☒ Assists in maintaining all staff attendance records and reports findings to the Finance Management Team
- ☒ Assists in preparation and review of staff payroll of Finance staff
- ☒ Establishes good public relations with the band membership, vendors and outside agencies
- ☒ Maintains confidentiality within the department
- ☒ Assists in organizing and maintaining all departmental filing systems
- ☒ Maintains the files for ease of access for the Finance Management Team
- ☒ Any other relevant duties as outlined by the Finance Management Team

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a minimum of Grade Twelve (12) education plus two (2) years related experience and/or possess certification from an accredited institution in post-secondary accounting
- Must possess advanced computer knowledge and skills
- Must be willing to train on the Xyntax First Nations software system
- Must understand proper usage of English, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and punctuation
- Must demonstrate proficiency in Word 2007 or 2010 as well as knowledge of Excel
- Must have the ability to relate to staff, other SCN departments, vendors and clientele in a friendly, helpful and professional manner
- Knowledge of the Cree language would be a definite asset but not required
- Must be able to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and submit a Criminal Record Check
- Must have a Class 5 Drivers License and possess reliable transportation
- Must be organized, reliable and bondable

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 26TH, 2021 @ 3:00PM

To be considered for this position, you must submit all necessary documents. (Application, Cover page, Resume, Certification/Licences, Criminal Record Check, Driver's Licence)

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Personnel Department Extension 179
Box 159 FAX (780) 585-2088
Maskwacis, Alberta Email: personnel.179@gmail.com
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**SUBWAY
SANDWICH ARTIST**

SUMMARY

The Sandwich Artist is responsible for greeting and serving customers, hot and cold food preparation, stocking counters, and maintaining sanitation standards. The Sandwich Artist will report directly to the Store Manager of Subway.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrated ability to understand and implement written and verbal instruction
- Good speaking, computer, and financial skills as well as ability to tactfully deal with people
- Organizational skills

WORKING CONDITIONS

Sandwich Artists work in a fast-food restaurant environment. Their position requires bending, standing, and walking the entire workday. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Cleaning duties such as janitorial, wiping tables and small equipment, sweeping, and refilling of stock is required.

EDUCATION

- High School or Equivalent
- And/or previous fast food experience

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Good verbal communication skills
- Good listening skills
- Ability to work effectively with variety of people
- Ability to work independently or part of a team
- Professionalism
- Ability to set and meet deadlines
- Positive attitude
- Dependable
- Attention to detail and accuracy

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

This is a **Regular Part-Time** position. This position has a three-month probationary period. Continued employment is dependent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

Closing Date: April 28, 2021

Interested persons are requested to submit a resume by mail, email, personally, or fax to:

SAMSON MANAGEMENT (2009) LTD.
P.O. Box 539 Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0
Email: humanresources@smcorp.com
Telephone: (780) 585-2468 Fax: (780) 585-2393

APRIL 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED
5 Easter Monday OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 Coupon Day Kids Art Therapy 5:30 - 6:30pm Sign Language 5 - 7pm	8 Coupon Day	9
12 Adult Art Therapy 1 - 3pm Sign Language 5 - 7pm	13	14	15	16
19	20	21 Coupon Day Sign Language 5 - 7pm	22 Coupon Day	23
26 Sign Language 5 - 7pm	27	28	29	30

Please register for Online Programs at:
integratedfamily@yahoo.com

COVID Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
(780) 585-2254

Integrated Family Services

FASD Mentor Program
Maskwacis Parents Place
Prenatal Nutrition Program

**POSITION: (4) FIREFIGHTER
DEPARTMENT: SCN Firehall**

Summary:

Under the direction of the Fire Chief and the Fire Captain, the Firefighter responds to emergency calls such as structural fires, grass fires, vehicle extrication at motor vehicle accidents and aiding Maskwacis Ambulance Authority.

Duties and Responsibilities

- ☐ Respond to various types of emergency calls and may aid Maskwacis Ambulance Authority personnel.
- ☐ Care and maintenance of Fire Truck and Equipment.
- ☐ Must be willing to take training as directed by the Fire Chief.
- ☐ Be available for Emergency calls as needed.
- ☐ Fire Prevention public speaking.
- ☐ Maintenance of firefighting equipment.
- ☐ Report writing.
- ☐ Ensure all units are stocked, cleaned and fueled on a daily basis.
- ☐ Participate in any onsite training.
- ☐ Some janitorial duties.
- ☐ Other duties as assigned by the Fire Chief and/or Captains.

Qualifications

- Grade 12 Diploma.
- Level 1, Level 2 or equivalent to 10-01 Fire Training
- First aid and CPR
- Valid Class 3 Drivers License.
- Air Brakes
- Must submit a drivers abstract
- Will be subject to physical testing
- Fluency in the Cree Language would be an asset
- Must be willing to do shift work
- May be subject to a Drug Test.

NOTE:

- All applicants will be required to:
1. Submit Criminal Records and Child Welfare checks
 2. Provide a medical clearance and pass a job/task related physical test.

3. Upon completion of the physical exam, the successful applicants will be granted an interview.

****We thank all interested applicants for their interest, but only those who are qualified and submit the required documents will be contacted for an interview.****

**CLOSING DATE: MAY 7, 2021
INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

For further information and applications contact:

SAMSON CREE NATION
Personnel Department
Box 159
Hobbema, Alberta
T0C 1N0

Telephone: (780)585-3793
Extension: 179
Fax: (780)585-2088
Email: personnel.179@gmail.com

Indigenous Cultural Area

A place where healing happens



SCN Band member Karlene Cutknife. Woman Fancy Dancer.

Wetaskiwin
HEALTH FOUNDATION

Samson Cree Nation
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
HAS RELOCATED INTO THE
TRADES CENTRE

Residential Development is taking precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety in stopping the spread of Covid19/Corona viruses. In doing so, Residential Development, Trades and CMHC programs and service operations have changed in planning to address housing concerns and issues during this time as are as followed:

CONTACT TRACING
MANDATORY TESTING and TRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE
Is required for all work orders and appointments.
It is your responsibility to have your home cleaned and disinfected prior to service call being completed.

APPOINTMENTS
For emergency only, no walks will be permitted. Please contact **780-585-3919** for an appointment.
Tuesday and Wednesday's 9:00 – 2:00 (max 20 minutes per person)

DOCUMENTS AND PAPER
Forms and work orders will be emailed to you and must be returned by email only. We will not accept paper.

Providing Residential Services in:
Pest Control: Bed Bugs & Cockroach Infestation
Plumbing: Repairs and Servicing - Tanks and Pumps
Heating: Furnace Cleaning, and Furnace Repairs and Replacements
Flooding: Septic Tank Servicing and Repairs and Drainage Cleaning
Please contact **780-585-3919** or email: scn.housingrd@gmail.com

Residential Development would like to **Thank You for Your Cooperation**. We are doing the best we can to tend to your service needs during these difficult times.

Samson Cree Nation
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Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists

Deadline: September 8th, 2021

adult
1st Place - \$5,000
2nd Place - \$3,000
3rd Place - \$2,000

youth
1st Place - \$1000
2nd Place - \$750
3rd Place - \$500

PHT PEACE HILLS TRUST

38th Annual Indigenous Art Contest

Our Indigenous Art Contest is back! After 37 consecutive years, we postponed for 2020 due to circumstances beyond our control.

The health & safety of our staff, our artists, and our community will remain our #1 priority.

more details @ peacehills.com

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday.	3
4	5 Easter Monday.	6	7	8	9 Newsletter.	10
11	12	13	14 Kisewatisiwin Support Group. 5-7 PM.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day.	23 Newsletter.	24
25	26	27	28 Administrative Professional Day.	29	30	

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Youth Wellness Saturday. Highway Clean Up. 585-3771
2	3	4	5 Kisewatisiwin Support Group. 5-7 PM.	6	7 Community Clean Up	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14 Newsletter	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26	27	28 Newsletter	29
30	31					

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



► **Jim O Cultural Centre News:**
 Samson Band Members \$150 Non Refundable.
 Non Samson Band Members \$150 Non Refundable.
 \$50 Damage Deposit.
 Centre must be cleaned after use, kitchen cleaned up, floors swept, chairs put away.
 Call 780-585-3793 ext. 159. No Double Booking. No Smoking. No Public Phone.

SAMSON GAS CO-OP

Please Call (780)585-3547

Know what's below, call before you **DIG!**

- ❖ Building a deck
- ❖ Fence Post
- ❖ Major Gardening/Planting
- ❖ Removal Of Trees
- ❖ Contractors
- ❖ Any other Digging
- ❖ Require a minimum of 2 full working days' notice



Alberta One Call

1-800-242-3447

www.albertaonecall.com

DRUG SAFE

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

► **Samson Trades:** High volume of calls due to not changing furnace filters, please do not pour grease down the drains, the Housing department has moved into the Trades Center.



SAMSON GAS UTILITIES

780-585-3547

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 LINE LOCATING**



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Jan 23, 2019