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# Climate & Energy Workshop

Devon Morin-SREP Projects  
Chad Simon-Nipiy Projects  
Shalaize Buffalo-CRCB Projects  
Tiran Smallboy-Zorthian-IODI Projects

Climate & Energy



Words by **Devon Morin**

## Media Release

RE: Climate & Energy Workshop, August 2, 2023  
Summary

Smart Renewable Energy Project (SREP) Coordinator, Devon Morin hosted a Climate & Energy Workshop held on August 2, 2023 at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre from 4 P.M. to 8 p.m. Doors opened at 4:00 p.m. and people started to enter the HBMC to attend the engagement, the engagement started with introducing everyone. Presentations were given by Chad Simon, who used footage from his projects while giving updates from all his ongoing water projects with Nipiy (Groundwater well improvements, drinking water advisories project, Water

Main Replacement/ Facilities Project, Water feasibility study, 3 mile drainage project). Shalaize Buffalo also gave a presentation from her projects the Climate Resiliency Capacity Building (CRCB) she gave a brief description of her projects and hows shes recording everyone willing to give information regarding their personal living areas or traditional lands that grow herbs, so that we may save them and mark them on a map weather its sightings trails, animals, and even climate change. Where have you seen the most change over the years to the environment? Drained ponds missing wildlife. Tiran Smallboy Zorthian, during the workshop tabletop activity engaged the nation members and asked about housing from house occupants and asked

questions like “where in your house do you feel the most comfortable”, Questions like this were asked to figure out where nation members use most of their time and would eventually lead to showing how nation member could save a lot more money by being more energy efficient and small teachings for nation members to learn how to retro-fit themselves. Dana Mears, works with Urban Systems and asked nation members what their hopes & dreams are for the nation in regards to all the presentations given by all the facilitators present. Devon Morin, He gave a brief summary on his renewable projects such as the Community Energy Plan (CEP), the Electric Vehicle charger port Level 2, this is a project to have a EV charging port to be installed within Samson CTA.

During this Climate & Energy workshop facilitators gave their personal presentations involving their individual projects. After this the workshop changed to a hands-on activity in which each facilitator engaged the nation members to ask questions for their projects. With the data collected from this engagement, it assists with Coordinators to have a better understanding of what the nation wants to see in each program.

Ashley Saddleback- General Manager for Tipahaskahn Kamik Pillar. \*Summary, Ashley provided general support and her feedback on the questions each facilitator had in regards to their respective areas was relevant to each of the facilitators project ideas. Katty Okeymow-Admin assistant to the General Manager

\*Summary, Katty looked after the tickets and front door sign in sheets, provided general support.

Chad Simon- Water Projects (NIPIY) Coordinator

\*Summary, Chad gave a presentation & video and gave a brief update on all his water projects, He showed how his projects have supported the community and where his projects will lead.

Tiran Smallboy-Zorthian- Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI) Coordinator

\*Summary, Tiran spoke with nation members and asked which location in their household is the most comfortable, and where they see the most energy consumption/loss.

Shalaize Buffalo- Climate Resiliency Capacity Building (CRCB) Coordinator

\*Summary, Shalaize provided a map of the reserve, & spoke with attending members who could provide any information on the traditional side, as to where any traditional herbs grow and any difference they may

have seen over the years because of climate change.

Stan Orlesky- Fortis, Alberta

\*Summary, Stan provided info for anyone interested in Fortis, with material to support any questions the people may have had.

Myles Rain - Maintenance Manager

\*Summary, Myles provided booths for 3rd party companies who can set up spots for the community members who have questions for their involvement within the nation.

Dana Mears, Urban Systems

\*Summary, Dana asked nation members what their hopes & dreams are for each of the presentations given during the workshop. Urban systems provided the large print papers which facilitators used to engage the nation members.

Craig Roan, Elder for invocation

\*Summary, Craig did opening prayer for the workshop while praying over the food in the workshop



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AUGUST 2023				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1	2	3	4 AA 12-1
7 STAT HOLIDAY	8 Reclaiming Our Knowledge	9 Reclaiming Our Knowledge	10 Reclaiming Our Knowledge	11 AA 12-1 Samson Cree Nation Powwow
14	15 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	16 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding, MPP	17	18 AA 12-1
21	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSURE	25 OFFICE CLOSURE
28	29 Life Skills 10:00- 3:00	30 Life Skills 10:00- 3:00	31 N.W.S.D. FEAST 12:00	

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**Samson Cree Nation Youth Camp Experience**  
 August 23, 24 & 25, 2023 - 1st Annual Summer Camp  
 Ages 8 - 17 - 1:00 - 4:00pm each day




**HI-TEK DEVELOPMENT**

**Howard Buffalo Memorial Center**  
 - Location may be subject to change -



**Learn from Experienced Hi-Tek Sports & Development Instructors**

The Youth camp will have a strong focus on:

- Archery lessons
- Mental health & wellness sessions
- Leather work activities & community engagement
- Leadership, team building activities and games
- Developing a support network of friends
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**Parents / Guardians must register upon arrival**  
**More Info Contact Samson Youth & Sports Dev.**  
**780-585-3012**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR OPPORTUNITY**  
 August 14, 2023  
**NON-ELECTED**

Parcan Developments Inc. is actively looking to fill one (1) director position in the capacity of NON-ELECTED Board of Directors. This position on the board is a voting position which helps guide the overall direction of Parcan Developments Inc.

- These positions will be selected by the criteria outlined:
- Understanding of financial statements
  - Experience in owning or managing a business
  - Have an education, or pursuing an education, in business management, business administration, commerce, accounting designation, economics, marketing, or legal - Public relation skills
  - Previous board knowledge and experience within Samson Cree Nation
  - Served as a board of director for private or public companies
  - Experience working with First Nation bands
  - A combination of the above criteria and requirements will be considered
  - Please note, if you are already on another board your name may be withdrawn from this board selection.

**Parcan Developments Inc. Corporate Overview**  
 Parcan Developments Inc. is an independent real estate holding company consisting of the Samson Mall located in Lake Louise, Alberta as well as 20 staff accommodations which is separated into two separate areas. These consist of 12 townhouses located on Pinnacle Drive, as well as 4 four-plexes situated on Saddleback Drive. The management of this project is overseen by Samson Real Estate with the mandate of securing long-term tenants, maintaining full occupancy, negotiating rents, maintenance contracts and overall maintaining the integrity of the property while working to increase overall property values and the Parcan portfolio.

The selected individual who becomes part of the board of directors of Parcan Developments Inc. will ensure that the direction of Parcan follows the company's vision and mission statements.

- Qualifications:**
- Must be a Samson Band Member, per Parcan bylaws
  - Must be at least 18 years of age
  - Must be independent
  - Must be in good standing health
  - A Criminal Record Check must be completed and in good order

**Term & Frequency of Meetings**  
 Minimum of four (4) meetings per year; one (1) meeting per quarter. Term will be for three (3) years.

**Closing Date:** August 28, 2023

Interested persons are requested to submit a Resume, Criminal Record Check, and a Cover Letter stating why they would be a good fit as a Board Member of Parcan by mail, personally, fax or email to:

**PARCAN DEVELOPMENTS INC.**  
 P.O. Box 530 Maskwacis, AB, T0C 1N0  
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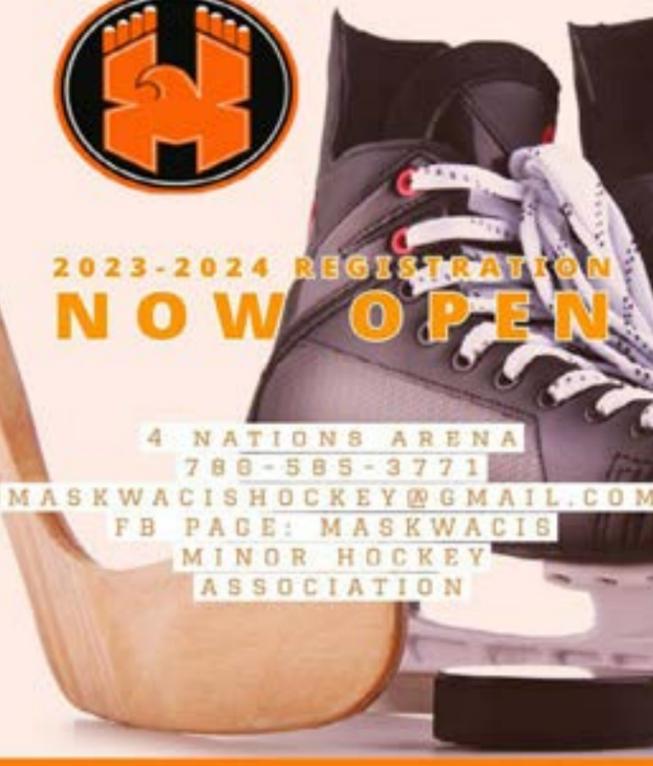
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**PHT** Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists  
 40th Annual Indigenous Art Contest

**Deadline: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

more details @ [peacehills.com](http://peacehills.com)

adult	1st Place - \$5,000
	2nd Place - \$3,000
	3rd Place - \$2,000
youth	1st Place - \$1000
	2nd Place - \$750
	3rd Place - \$500

**ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**  
**ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Band/Home Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT CONTEST SECTION**  
 I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Adult Entrant), understand that in order to be considered for the Art Contest my entry must be in a "2 Dimensional Art" form, on a flat surface suitable for framing, and it must be no greater than 4 feet by 6 feet in size. I hereby certify that I am the original creator of my entry and that I am the sole owner of the copyright interest in my entry. I hereby agree to assign all of the copyright interest in my entry to Peace Hills Trust, as required by the Rules and Regulations, and waive all of my moral rights in my entry in favour of Peace Hills Trust. [Link to Rules](#)  
 I confirm that I am of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis) [Link to Rules](#)  
 I agree that my entry was created within the last 24 months. [Link to Rules](#)  
 I agree/do not agree (circle one) to have my telephone number (as shown on the entry form) released to potential purchasers of my entry.  
 I certify that the information in this entry form is true and accurate. I certify that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the entry procedures, the rules, and regulations of the Peace Hills Trust Art Contest as written on the reverse side of this Entry Form.

Signature of Adult Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH CONTEST SECTION** Age Category: 14-17 \_\_\_\_\_ 10-13 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 and under \_\_\_\_\_  
 I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Youth Entrant), and my parent/guardian understand that in order to be considered for the Art Contest my entry must be in a "2 Dimensional Art" form, on a flat surface suitable for framing, and it must be no greater than 4 feet by 6 feet in size. I and my parent/guardian understand that my entry **MAY OR MAY NOT** be returned to me after the contest. If my entry is the winner then Peace Hills Trust will become the owner of my entry and Peace Hills Trust shall have unrestricted rights to my entry, to do with it as they may decide, including but not limited to reproducing and displaying my entry, and I and my parent/guardian hereby assign all copyright interest in my work to Peace Hills Trust and waive my moral rights associated with my entry in favour of Peace Hills Trust. I and my parent/guardian certify that the information in this entry form is true and accurate, that I have read, and I and my parent or guardian understand and agree to be bound by the entry procedures and the rules and regulations of the Peace Hills Trust Art Contest as written on the reverse side of this Entry Form.

Signature of Youth Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Signature of Parent or Guardian of the Youth Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY** NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ **SEND ART TO:** Peace Hills Trust Indigenous Art Contest, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 10011 - 109 Street NW, Edmonton AB, T5J 3S8



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 Chief Vernon Saddleback

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 14, 2023

**Re: Update on The Missing Child Incident**

Samson Cree Nation has officially been informed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) that there was no report made of a missing child. The incident appeared to be a misunderstanding, and all persons involved have been contacted.

As an extra precautionary measure, the Samson Emergency Management Team and Samson Celebration Security followed safety protocols which included implementing searching of all vehicles leaving Bear Park. Thank you for your patience.

The Samson Powwow Celebrations' mission is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

Remember our Cree cultural values; let's take care of each other.

If you require more information, please contact Samson Emergency Management at 780-585-2522 Ext. 114.

In Spirit,  
**SAMSON CREE NATION**



Chief Vernon Saddleback

### Mimiw Sakahikan (Pigeon Lake) Land2Lab Camp

On July 4 - 6, 2023, Samson Community Wellness Department, Samson Cree Nation, hosted the Land2Lab Camp at Campground 2, Mimiw Sakahikan (Pigeon Lake), Treaty 6 Territory, in partnership with the University of Alberta. Samson Cree Nation recognizes Pigeon Lake as an important ecological and integral significance to our language and culture because it is an area immersed in our Treaty and Inherent Rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather medicines.

Day 1, July 4th started with a Water Ceremony on healing the water led by our Elder Bernice Stoney and Elder Mary Rose Johnson. This was a powerful way to reconnect our Nehiyaw relationship with Pigeon Lake and tributaries, territory and the land. Following the ceremony, Alberta Environment and Parks set nets to be left overnight. It is a lottery on how many and what the net will collect.

After the ceremony, it was a jam-packed agenda to promote immersion to learn about Nipiy (water) and Kehiw (fish) from our Elders and their teachings on the land. Elders and youth had the opportunity to learn water sampling methods through hands-on training from the University of Alberta and collect benthic invertebrates. The Battleriver Watershed Association led the group activity on benthic invertebrates. The next activity was the sharing of a water poem by the elders and the youth having the chance to discuss what is water and why water is important to them. Why do we

care about Nîpîy? Nîpîy binds us together and as a giver of life, it reminds us that we are all related. Some of the youths commented included: "Water is the most important medicine. As Water is one of the four Natural Laws. It is a sacred relative and carries knowledge. Water is the blood of Mother Earth and connects us to one another. Water is so important and vital to all living things".

Day 2, July 5th started with an opening pray to bless the day and the creator. Alberta Parks and Environment brought in over 40 fish from the nets they set up the previous day. Elders and youth with assistance from AEP identified the fish, there was adult and baby fish for Yellow Perch, Walleye and Whitefish. The fish were then dissected by AEP with the guts and the whole fish listed on the Chain of Custody form.

A group discussion was held with the Elders and Youth and the University of Alberta on water quality and the physical properties of a water body can be analyzed for its health and to determine any negative indicators. The foginess of the water is measured by turbidity, which uses light to pass through water and determines the suspended particles within it and can help identify harmful substances. These particles can act as a shield to harmful microorganisms within the water and hide them from water treatments. Youth also used Education test kit equipment to sample the fish in Pigeon Lake. The Education test kit consisted of tools such as thermometers, conductivity meters, test strips, reacher sticks, and sample cups. Also, the participants would find a dissolved oxygen test kit and a reel

to help you do physical surveys of water bodies you test. The youth had the learning opportunity to measure parameters of testing the PH of the water and cut up the whole fish sample and identify the parts. Youth also with fish rods went fishing and swimming from the shore of Campground 2. The youth enjoyed the water as the temperature was warm and beautiful. Azure Johnson, Pigeon Lake resident and Fisher, provided a demonstration on the importance of fishing equipment and the opportunities and challenges for the fish and water. Elders shared their history on the importance of fish in Mimiw Sakahikan. Youth collected the samples from the boat and on shore. The names of the samples were written in Cree and sent to a lab in Edmonton. The turbidity was measured and dissolved oxygen.

Day 3, July 6th started with the Elders, youth and their families taking an early bus ride to the University of Alberta from Samson Community Wellness. Once everyone arrived there was an opening prayer at the University of Alberta. The Arlos (Engineering) and Johnson (Sociology) Research Groups at the University of

Alberta shared the project are grounded in ceremony and rooted in Nehiyawak Teachings. The research groups planned the "Lab" portion of the camp with the support from the Faculty of Engineering and the I-STEAM Pathway Program at the UofA. Elders and youth were immersed in western science for indicators of water quality: physical, chemical and biological parameters. Youth had the opportunity to go on a tour of the University of Alberta to learn more about what programs the University of Alberta has available. The final activity of the Land2Lab Camp was the youth and elders writing a Letter to the land and water. What the land and water mean to them and why it is vital for our existing generations to work together to protect our water source and the land.

The Land2Lab was exciting and well-organized event. Samson Community Wellness will be hosting a camp in Fall. Stay tuned and reach out to Glinis Buffalo at [gbuffaloconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:gbuffaloconsulting@gmail.com) for more information and volunteer opportunities.



Miyo Macihowin

# Reclaiming Our Knowledge 2023



August 8-10, 2023

Words by Ashley Lightning, Source SCN Facebook post on August 11, 2023.

Samson Willowview Building: "Here are some photos from the Reclaiming Our Knowledge Conference. It was held from August 8-10, 2023, outside of the Willowview Building. It was an awesome couple of days! Great speakers, presenters and facilitators. They had workshops such as tipi teachings, plant medicine, archery & Cree name places, rights of passage, kinship, traditional parenting and more! There was also a youth panel. They had people come and share their wisdom. Hopefully everyone got to take away & learn something new. There was also breakfast, lunch and snacks provided throughout the event including door prizes. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers & cooks that helped set up this event for the Community."

Thank you to the sponsors such as Samson Community Wellness, Integrated Family Services, Nipisihkopahk Social Development, Indian Residential School (IRS) program, Group I.A.P. and Workforce Training & Development."

MC was Councilor Brian Lightning. Morning Prayer by John Crier and Rita Cutknife. Drum Group Maskwa Ridge and Mountain Kree. Chief Vernon Saddleback and Councilors present.

Speakers/Presentations by: John Crier, Rights of Passage. Dennis & Sandy Omeasoo, Grief From A Cultural Perspective. Josephine Buffalo, Plant Medicine.

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Marilyn Rowan, Traditional Parenting. Veronica Cutknife, Women's Role & Responsibilities. Rose Saddleback, Kinship. Treffery Deerfoot, Traditional Tobacco Teachings. Brad Rabbit, Tipi Teachings. Bruce Cutknife, Archery & Cree Name Places. Equine Healing at Pat Buffalo's residence.

Keynote Speakers: Regena Crowfoot, Michael Hart, Dr. Esther Tailfeathers.

There was a Mini Pow Wow with dancers on the first day.

Youth Panel: Kristopher Buffalo, Christie Nepoose, Gilbert Buffalo, Kyrkys Bruno, Tymon Carter and Shanley Buffalo.

Thank you to the Personal Care providers: Wendy Buffalo, Sarah Joe Buffalo, Carly Simon, Kareem Kanji, Muriel Lee, David Loree and Clint Morin.

Nipisihkopahk Wellness and Social Development Chairperson, Frank Buffalo. Senior Manager, Heather Buffalo.



## I.O.D.I.



### Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative - Mountain Cree/Smallboy Camp Tipahaskahn Kamik Field Trip Pipe Ceremony Acknowledging 3-month probation period completion for IODI Coordinator Tiran Smallboy-Zorthian

On July 18th, 2023. Tiran (Tee-ravn) Smallboy-Zorthian took Samson Cree Nation's Tipahaskahn Kamik Energy team to Mountain Cree/Smallboy Camp. He was also accompanied by a council member Armand Swampy. There in the Camp Tiran Gathered the elders to host a prayer ceremony, to acknowledge the completion of the 3-month probation period for the IODI Coordinator position within SCN.

On March 20th, Tiran agreed to be the Energy Champion for the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI) program, Samson Cree Nation applied for

the grant on behalf of the Camp. IODI Energy Champions, are then required to participate in a capacity building program called "20/20 Catalyst Program". Energy Champions then travel to three locations, learning about Indigenous-led Renewable Energy Projects across Canada. Tiran has completed the 20/20 Catalyst program during the 3 months probation period with SCN. With the completion of the 3-month probation period and, 20/20 Catalyst program. Tiran is now entering Phase 2 of the IODI program. To begin planning and engaging community members to develop a community energy plan, to determine what is the most suitable Sacred Renewable Energy Project, that can be implemented within the Camps Kisiko Awasis School.





August 16, 2023

This vacuum truck was purchased for the Water/Wastewater Servicing program which will be forming later this year or early next year. The Nation will be hiring and training individuals to service the water and wastewater systems in Samson. *Chad Simon.*



July 25, 2023. Lake Louise 40th Year Anniversary of business in Lake Louise. Mini Pow Wow. Photo by SML Maintenance Manager Phil.

**RCMP·GRC**  **MISSING / DISPARU(E)**

**Christopher Crier**

Age / Âge: 16      Hair / Cheveux: Black

Weight / Poids: 180 lbs / livres      Height / Taille: 5 ft / pieds 7 in / pouces

Last Seen / Vu(e) la dernière fois: 2022-10-01 in / à:

Please contact the Maskwacis RCMP Detachment at 780-585-4600

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# HIRING

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

5-10 HR/WEEK CONTRACT UNTIL MARCH 2024, \$51 CAD/HR W/ POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CONTRACTING & TRAINING AVAILABLE.

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Iron and Earth is seeking 4 Community Engagement Officers to represent the interests of their community. The successful candidates will collaborate in the development of local community engagement, and attend relevant community events

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep up with community events happening in the area
- Provide context for the local community and act as a community representative
- Support logistics for events happening in the community
- Training will be available

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29TH OR UNTIL FILLED

WE ARE SEEKING TO HIRE FOUR INDIVIDUALS, WITH ONE POSITION AVAILABLE FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, BULL, MONTANA, AND SAMSON FIRST NATIONS

### ABOUT IRON & EARTH

Iron & Earth (I&E) is a not-for-profit organization with roots in the fossil fuel industry. We create pathways to opportunities in the net-zero economy for fossil fuel workers, Indigenous Peoples, and their communities.

### CONTACT US

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**SAMSON CREE NATION**  
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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: ALL STAFF  
SAMSON CREE NATION

RE: SON Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

DATE: August 10, 2023

The Smart Renewable Energy Proposal Department is pleased to announce that two new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations have been installed on the east side of the CTA building. The install was completed yesterday August 9, 2023.

Staff are asked to please refrain from parking in the EV Charging Stations. The parking spaces will be painted to clearly identify the area.

If you have any questions please contact Devon Morin at 780-585-3793 ext. 197. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

SAMSON CREE NATION  
Allison Adams-Bull, SON Band Administrator  
cc: Chief and Council

**DOG SAFETY DAY**

**IF YOU HAVE A DOG or are thinking of getting one please join us for this info session!**

**Promoting safe environments for everyone**

THURSDAY AUGUST 24  
11 AM - 2 PM  
HEALTH PROMOTION TRAILERS

For more information or to register please contact 780-585-2266

**January** kisê pîsim Kind Month ᐱᖃ ᐱᓕᓕ

**February** mikisô pîsim Bald Eagle Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**March** niski pîsim Goose Month ᓂᐱᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**April** ayiki pîsim Frog Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**May** Pinawew Pîsim Egg Laying Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**June** paskâweh pîsim Hatching Moon ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**July** ôpasko pîsim Moulting Moon ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**August** ôhpaho pîsim Flying Up Moon ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**September** ônocihito/wasêpakaw pîsim Moose Fighting/Mating Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**October** kaskatinô pîsim Frost Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**November** ihkohpiw pîsim Fog Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**December** pâwacakinâsis pîsim Drift Clearing Month ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ

**MONTHS PÎSIMWAK ᐱᓕᓕ ᐱᓕᓕ**

*Cree Provided by Betty Simon*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF TREATY DAYS**  
PIGEON LAKE NATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2023  
Location: RECREATION CENTRE  
From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- Provide PICTURE identification for Adults (Trailer Status Card, Driver's License, Passport, Band Membership Card)
- Parents need identification for children (status card, birth certificate, health care card or Student ID)
- Notes will not be accepted
- No third-party payment
- Money for children in care will not be paid

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF TREATY DAYS**  
SAMSON CREE FIRST NATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
Location: BALL DIAMOND BEHIND HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTRE  
From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- Provide PICTURE identification for Adults (Trailer Status Card, Driver's License, Passport, Band Membership Card)
- Parents need identification for children (status card, birth certificate, health care card or Student ID)
- Notes will not be accepted
- No third-party payment
- Money for children in care will not be paid

Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services

**Weekly Treatment Aftercare Program**

This is a weekly in-person program on Wednesday Evenings from 7pm-8pm.

The program is intended to support those coming from Treatment recently and who need supports or for those wishing to continue their journey without drugs or alcohol.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact LEO BRUNO at 780-585-2268.



Samson Cree Nation Pow Wow 2023

Photographers: Jeffrey Heyden-Kaye, Lee Paul, Curtis Cameron, Brad Calihoo, Delorna Buffalo-Makinaw.

August 11-13, 2023

The SCN Pow Wow took place in Maskwacis at Bear Hills Park (the arbour in Ermineskin). The pow wow committee, volunteers, workers and security organized a very good event this year. It took a lot planning, hard work and long hours but the memories will be worth it. Thank you to the pipe carriers who prayed for the pow wow prior to the event.

The weather was good all weekend, thank you to the Elders and people for the prayers. There were people from Texas, New Mexico, Wisconsin. People came from Nova Scotia and Manitoba in Canada and a viewer on the Samson Youtube

channel was tuning in from Paris. Thank you Tom Crier for the live feed, Pow Wow Thunder for the audio and Clayton Crain from C&T Tabulating. A big thank you to Peace Hills Insurance for the sponsorship.

Thank you to the following: The MCs, dancers, singers, Elders, visiting Chiefs and Councilors, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Salma Lakhani, vendors, the crew who kept the pow wow grounds clean and the visitors who came from all across Turtle Island. As well, the organizers for golf, baseball, parade, Initiation, rodeo, poker and hand games all did a good job in their categories and deserve a big thank you for the planning.

Maskwacis



Initiation for Youth Dancers.



Thank you to the departments who set up at the grounds to provide services: Emergency Management, Integrated Family Services, Elder & Assisted Living Department, Medical Services (Ambulance), Maskwacis Cultural College and IFS had a Sensory TP available and the Maskwacis RCMP detachment had their TP up as well.

The drum groups were: Host drum-Sharpshooter, 2 Mile Style, Trail Mix,

Red Tail, Sorrel Rider, Young Spirit, Stony River, Whitefish Jrs, Ho-Chunk Station, Warrior Society, Abraham Lake, Wandering Spirit, Muskwa Ridge, Mountain Kree, Saddleback and Pigeon Creek.

Once again, thank you all, have a safe rest of the year and we will see you all back here in 2024. Hai Hai and of course, thank you to the Creator.



Left Photo. Peace Hills General Insurance-Ladies Fancy Dance Special. 1st Tricia Alberta. 2nd Lakesha Marie. 3rd Jessena Verez. 4 Shannon Swiftwolf.



Above Photo. The Peace Hills Trust Special-Old Style Jingle. Congratulations to the winners. 1st Tayanne Devine. 2nd Jordan Eagle. 3rd. Michelle Whitecalf. 4. Jarzara Littlewolf.

Photo left. Peace Hills Trust Special-Ladies Contemporary Jingle Dance. 1st Nihtanis Dusty Horn. 2nd Elisa Gadwa. 3rd Junay Tootosis. 4 Jesena Blackfres.

Photo bottom. Peace Hills Trust-Men's Chicken Dance Special. 1st Sheldon Scalplock. 2nd Kessin Thompson. 3rd Joel Tootosis. 4 James Jones. 5 Ocean Rain. 6 Sheldon Scalplock Jr. 7 Danie Roan. 8 Colin Rain.



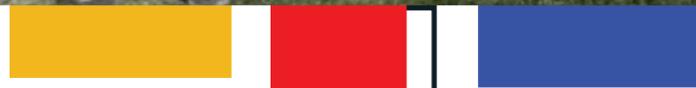
Left Photo. Peace Hills General Insurance-Men's Fancy Dance Special. 1st Marcus Pahtehkan. 2nd James Jones. 3rd Darrell Brereton Jr. 4 Buster Cleveland.



Left Photo: Sr Princess, Allaya Brown Roan. Tiny Tot, Kalaya Buffalo. Jr Princess, Caydence Simon. Little Warrior, Kylan Buffalo. Thank you Outgoing Royalty you represented SCN very well.



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August 12, 2023  
Ponoka, Calnash Trucking Ag Event Centre:  
Interview with Browning, Montana Cowboy.

Guide: What's your name?

Andrew: My name is Andrew Whiteman and I am from Browning, Montana. I'm here for bareback riding. I got a score of 74 here today at the Ponoka Samson Cree rodeo.

Guide: Did you win the division?

Andrew: I am not sure because there is another round tomorrow but I marked a 74 today.

Guide: Is 74 a high score in that category?

Andrew: Yes that's a good average.

Guide: Who is your Mom and Dad?

Andrew: Gerald and Maria Whiteman from Browning.

Guide: Is there anything you want to say to the people in Maskwacis?

Andrew: Thank you for putting on the rodeo. I had fun. I should be up here more often. I can't wait to see you guys next year. I'll hit it even harder.

Guide: Thank you, you have a safe trip home.



Andrew Whiteman



Jacobie Todechine, New Mexico.



**Samson Cree Classic INFR Tour Qualifier**  
Saturday August 12, 2023 2pm Performance

Order Of Events	Sr. Breakaway
<b>Barrel Race</b>	1. Greg Two Young Men - Morley, AB
Steer Wrestling	2. Jordan Bralson Head - Standoff, AB
Ladies Breakaway	3. Keith Leffland - Eden Valley, AB
Sr. Breakaway	4. Carver Salter - Morley, AB
Saddle Bronc	5. Ray Auger - Browning, MT
Call Roping	6. Billy Lamer - Box Elder, MT
Jr. Breakaway	7. Jeremy Not Afraid - Lodge Grass, MT
Team Roping	8. Terry Wellman Jr - Browning, MT
Sr. Team Roping	9. Leon Littlelight - TsuuT'ina, AB
Ladies Barrel Racing	10. Rudy McLean - Morley, AB
Jr. Barrel Racing	
Jr. Steer Riding	
Ball Riding	

Barrel Race	Saddle Bronc
1. Steven Dewette - Buffalo Gap, SD	1. Llewellyn Paul - Shiprock, NM
2. Connor Helmer - New Underwood, SD	2. Jay Joagins - Sacaton, AZ
3. Carly Twigg - Leithridge, AB	
4. Andrew Whitman - Browning, MT	

Steer Wrestling	Call Roping
1. Wynn Bralson Head - Standoff, AB	1. Andre LaFrance - Wynok, MT
2. Oys Little Moustache - Brockton, AB	2. Dory Shade - Black Diamond, AB
3. Ty Day Chief - Standoff, AB	3. Milan Fisher - Ashland, MT
4. Greg Louis - Browning, MT	4. Shawn Fisher - Ashland, MT
5. Jay Many Grey Horses - Standoff, AB	5. BO Walls - Cardston, AB
6. Dany Louis - Browning, MT	6. Jayon Ky Day Chief - Standoff, AB
7. Wright Bralson Head - TsuuT'ina, AB	7. Wright Bralson Head - TsuuT'ina, AB
8. Shane Day Chief - Standoff, AB	8. Zane Not Afraid - Lodge Grass, MT
9. Dakota Garbrycht - Standoff, AB	9. Eric Paul Watson - Box Elder, MT
10. Tack Johnson - Browning, MT	10. Leon Littlelight - TsuuT'ina, AB

Ladies Breakaway
1. Rene Croff - Lodge Grass, MT
2. Rosanne Not Afraid - Lodge Grass, MT
3. Tania Lamer - Box Elder, MT
4. Raven Shade - Cardston, AB
5. Colie Dixon - Morley, AB
6. Carly Day Chief - Standoff, AB
7. Sydney Not Afraid - Lodge Grass, MT
8. Olivia Mary Wounds - Calgary, AB
9. Emily Ramose - Hays, MT
10. Cor Black Rabbit - TsuuT'ina Nation, AB

**Samson Cree Classic INFR Tour Qualifier**  
Sunday August 13, 2023 1pm Performance

Order Of Events	Sr. Breakaway
<b>Barrel Race</b>	1. Marvin Yellow Bird - Maskwacis, AB
Steer Wrestling	2. Robert Wells - Cardston, AB
Ladies Breakaway	3. Leonard Williams Sr. - Loupp, AZ
Sr. Breakaway	4. Spider Ramose - Hays, MT
Saddle Bronc	5. Keith Johnson - Maskwacis, AB
Call Roping	6. Darril Crowchild - TsuuT'ina, AB
Jr. Breakaway	7. Stephen Fox - Coaldale, AZ
Team Roping	8. Elliot Benjamin - Morley, AB
Sr. Team Roping	9. Darry Dixon - Morley, AB
Ladies Barrel Racing	10. Terry Tasey - Browning, MT
Jr. Barrel Racing	
Jr. Steer Riding	
Ball Riding	

Barrel Race	Saddle Bronc
1. Jacob Todechise - Gallup, NM	1. Jesse Racine - Browning, MT
2. Cam Bralson Head - Standoff, AB	2. Randle Wagner - Browning, MT

Steer Wrestling	Call Roping
1. Nolan Conway - Cut Bank, MT	1. Tristin Dixon - Morley, AB
2. Arlan Misse - Warner, AB	2. Taylor Wells - Leithridge, AB
3. Tristin Dixon - Morley, AB	3. Jake Fox - Cardston, AB
4. Kesh Shade - Leithridge, AB	4. Lane Dixon - Morley, AB
5. Jim Stevens - Strathmore, AB	5. Nolan Conway - Cut Bank, MT
6. Lane Dixon - Morley, AB	6. Erik Fox - Cardston, AB
7. Derek Adams - Harlan, MT	7. Ryan Young - Broadus, MT
8. Tucker Rabbit - Standoff, AB	8. Mike White Quills - Cardston, AB
9. Jan Owsper - Calgary, AB	9. Rodie Owen Pickens - Standoff, AB
	10. Jay Crowler - Morley, AB

Ladies Breakaway	Jr. Breakaway
Fallyn Crighton - Cardston, AB	1. Memphis Dodginghorse - Calgary, AB
Kiley Shade - Cardston, AB	2. Zanika Dixon - Morley, AB
Laurie Johnson - Cut Bank, MT	3. Byron Simon - TsuuT'ina, AB
Katelin Conway - Cut Bank, MT	4. Rhygan Shade - Leithridge, AB
PJ Fox - Cardston, AB	5. Addison Conway - Cut Bank, MT
Charmyse Fox - Cardston, AB	6. Checotah Mary Grey Horses - Cardston, AB
Sammy Jo Bird - Cut Bank, MT	
Sherris McArthur - Maskwacis, AB	
Deviny Stevens - Strathmore, AB	
Charmyse Pickens - Standoff, AB	
Elaina Simon - Calgary, AB	

**Samson Cree Classic INFR Tour Qualifier**  
Saturday August 12, 2023 2pm Performance

Jr. Breakaway	Ladies Barrel Racing
1. Hayden Edwards - Browning, MT	1. Cor Black Rabbit - TsuuT'ina Nation, AB
2. Makisha Day Chief - Cardston, AB	2. Shayenne Bear - Sundre, AB
3. Martin Watson - Box Elder, MT	3. Terrie Lamer - Box Elder, MT
4. Leola Pypion - Browning, MT	4. Carly Day Chief - Standoff, AB
5. Wynn Bralson Head - TsuuT'ina, AB	5. Tristin Bull - Good Fish Lake, AB
6. Marvin Whitford, Jr - Box Elder, MT	6. Lacey Bish - Calgary, AB

Team Roping	Jr. Barrel Racing
1. Cody Healy & Jesse Starlight	1. Leola Pypion - Browning, MT
2. Tack Johnson & Greg Louis	2. Leslie Crowler - Morley, AB
3. Jeremy Not Afraid & Zane Not Afraid	3. Hayden Edwards - Browning, MT
4. Wynn Bralson Head & Wright Bralson Head	4. Makisha Day Chief - Cardston, AB
5. Terry Wellman Jr & Mike Lamberhead	5. Amber Mary Gums - Siksika, AB
6. Wright Bralson Head & Oys Little Moustache	
7. Hayden Mary Grey Horses & Raven Shade	
8. Cody Healy & Marty Wildman	
9. Hayden Mary Grey Horses & Tamm Black	
10. Andre LaFrance & Mike Lamberhead	

Sr. Team Roping	Jr. Steer Riding
1. Don Wilson & Mike Lamberhead	3. Sat, August 12 2023, 2:00 PM
2. D. Matt & Billy Lamer	1. Andrus Bull - Good Fish Lake, AB
3. Hoss Pypion & Ray Auger	2. Wynn Bralson Head - TsuuT'ina, AB
4. Wright Bralson Head & Marty Wildman	3. Tager Crow Chief - Standoff, AB
5. Hoss Pypion & Greg Louis	4. Yak'Maxon Louis - Carleton, BC
6. Terry Wellman Jr & Mike Loring	5. Ryder Jackson - Goodfish Lake, AB
7. Carver Salter & Greg Two Young Men	
8. Don Wilson & Mike Loring	
9. Terry Wellman Jr & Mike Lamberhead	
10. D. Matt & Swede Cole	

**Samson Cree Classic INFR Tour Qualifier**  
Sunday August 13, 2023 1pm Performance

Team Roping	Ladies Barrel Racing
1. Leonard Williams Sr. & Spider Ramose	1. Sheryl Matuschiel - Calgary, AB
2. Darry Dixon & Lane Dixon	2. Katelin Conway - Cut Bank, MT
3. Rhygan Benjamin & Elliot Benjamin	3. Sharlee Scott - Cardston, AB
4. Stephen Fox & Keith Johnson	4. Elaina Simon - Calgary, AB
5. Marvin Yellow Bird & Silin Crighton	5. Destiny Stevens - Strathmore, AB
6. Stephen Fox & Billy Lamer	6. Fallyn Crighton - Cardston, AB
7. Marvin Yellow Bird & Keith Johnson	7. Sammy Jo Bird - Cut Bank, MT
8. Nolan Conway & Jim Cole	8. Karlee Meyers - Box Elder, MT
9. Leonard Williams Sr. & Jay Crowler	9. Charmyse Pickens - Standoff, AB
10. Nolan Conway & Colton Leffland	

Sr. Team Roping	Jr. Barrel Racing
1. Darry Dixon & John Pickens	1. Brylen Benjamin - Morley, AB
2. Lane Moore & Terry Tasey	2. Zanika Dixon - Morley, AB
3. Marvin Yellow Bird & Kelvin Fox	3. Jade Wells - Cardston, AB
4. Ralph Ross & Terry Tasey	4. Don Conway - Cut Bank, MT
5. Stephen Fox & Billy Lamer	5. Addison Conway - Cut Bank, MT
6. Leonard Williams Sr. & Spider Ramose	6. Memphis Dodginghorse - Calgary, AB
7. Marvin Yellow Bird & Keith Johnson	7. Checotah Mary Grey Horses - Cardston, AB
8. Leonard Williams Sr. & Jay Louis	8. Rhygan Shade - Leithridge, AB
9. Stephen Fox & Keith Johnson	
10. Darry Dixon & Elliot Benjamin	

Jr. Steer Riding	Ball Riding
1. Noah Call Robe - Leithridge, AB	1. Ryan Young - Broadus, MT
2. Taylor Strongman - Ponoka, AB	2. Lucky David - Brockton, AB
3. Jeff Littlechild - Maskwacis, AB	3. Preston Louis - Browning, MT



August 16, 2023  
Good luck to our AIG golfers. Team Nipisihkopahk. Chad Jr, Dylan Jr, Takobi, Cody Jr, Jaden. Let's go boys. Photo: Barbara Dumigan-Jackson and Kaylyn Buffalo-White.



# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Climate & Energy WorkShop HBMC.	3	4 Rocky Boy Pow Wow	5
6	7 Civic Holiday	8 ROK	9 ROK	10 ROK Pesakastew Pow Wow 11 AM.	11 SCN Pow Wow	12 SCN Pow Wow
13 SCN Pow Wow	14	15	16 ELJEN Workshop All Local Contractors Welcome.	17	18 <b>Acimowin</b>	19
20	21	22	23 Consultation Soil Info. Session 10 AM.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Pigeon Lake Treaty Days</b> September 27, 2023. 9 AM to 4 PM. <b>Samson Treaty Days</b> September 26, 2023. HBMC ball diamonds. 9 AM to 4 PM.	

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Stop For Emergency Vehicles Law	2
3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8 <b>Acimowin</b>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Acimowin</b>	23 Autumn Begins
24	25	26 SCN Treaty Day Behind HBMC	27 Pigeon Lake Treaty Day	28	29	30

### 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.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE August 17, 2023

Samson Cree Nation has created this Public Notice to address the Nation Members concerns regarding the Settlement.

The Samson Cree Nation has NOT received the Breach of Trust (Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89) Settlement Payment from Canada yet. Due to the conditions and timelines imposed by the Government of Canada, Samson Cree Nation should receive all settlement funds sometime in October or November 2023.

All Official Notices will be on our Samson Cree Nation Website at [www.samsoncree.com](http://www.samsoncree.com)

Below are some FAQ, hopefully, this can answer the questions nation members have.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is this legal claim (Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89) all about?

Samson Cree Nation's ("SCN") reserve lands, including the Pigeon Lake Reserve, contain large pools of oil and gas. Since the 1940s, the Government of Canada, as SCN's trustee/fiduciary, began issuing oil and gas leases allowing oil and gas to be produced from our lands. When oil and gas was produced, Canada would collect a royalty, or a portion of the oil and gas produced, from the producer and deposit the money into an account in Ottawa for SCN's benefit. SCN was the largest oil and gas producing First Nation for many decades. Canada as trustee/fiduciary controlled and managed how the oil and gas was produced, Canada collected and collected the royalties, and Canada managed and controlled the royalty money held in Canada's own accounts. SCN never managed or controlled this resource, it was always controlled by the Canada. In the 1970s and 1980s SCN leadership began to question how well Canada was protecting SCN's interests. These questions led to Federal Court Action T-2022-89, started in September of 1989. SCN claimed that Canada breached its fiduciary obligations to SCN. In the management of the oil and gas resources and royalties, the management of the trust funds held in Ottawa, and the funding of programs and services (the "Breach of Trust Claim"). After SCN filed its claim against Canada, many other oil and gas producing First Nation's also filed similar breach of trust claims against Canada.

#### Why did SCN members vote in a referendum?

Since SCN filed the Breach of Trust Claim in 1989, SCN has spent many years pursuing and advancing these claims both inside the courts and through direct negotiations. Chief and Council and Canada have been able to negotiate an agreement in principle that will settle SCN's remaining claims in the Breach of Trust lawsuit. Before the agreement in principle could be finalized, Canada required SCN members to approve the agreement in principle. This was done through a referendum. SCN plus 1 of the members who voted in the referendum needed to vote "yes", to allow Canada and SCN to finalize the settlement agreement and for SCN to collect the settlement money.

The referendum was held on November 15, 2022, and it passed with 80% of the 1032 voters, voting in favour of the agreement in principle.

#### How much money is SCN going to get in this settlement?

Since the agreement in principle was approved, SCN and Canada are finalizing the settlement agreement and upon finalization SCN will then be paid \$134 million in cash to compensate SCN for the claims in the Breach of Trust lawsuit.

#### Out of the \$134 million, how much does SCN keep and what do the lawyers get?

SCN will get 100% of the settlement money. No lawyers get a share of the settlement.

#### Do the members receive any of the settlement money?

As presented to the membership prior to the referendum, Chief and Council intend to distribute 20%, or \$26.8 million, directly to SCN members.

#### Have the members already received any portion of the \$26.8 million distribution?

Yes, the SCN Chief and Council took out a loan to provide \$1000.00 to the Nation's membership. This money was distributed \$500 in December 2022 and \$500 in January 2023. This loan needs to be paid back to the financial institution it was loaned from, with interest.

#### When do the members get the remainder of the proposed distribution of the settlement money?

SCN will collect the settlement money after all the other steps that Canada insists on are completed. This process has taken a number of months due to the complexity of this particular settlement agreement.

#### What will happen with the rest of the money SCN collects?

Chief and Council has stated that they intend to allocate the funds as follows: 20% of the settlement will be deposited into SCN trusts for future generations, 15% of the settlement will be used to pay SCN debts, 35% of the settlement will be invested in SCN infrastructure, and, 10% of the settlement will fund improved SCN programs and services. This is subject to changes based on future decisions of Chief and Council.

#### What else must be done?

Once the Settlement Agreement is finalized, Canada has a condition that specific SCN lawsuits will be amended, that lawyer's certificates must be prepared and signed, and that Chief and Council will pass resolutions and sign the Settlement Agreement. SCN will then ask the Federal Court to review the Settlement Agreement to make

sure it is in the interests of SCN members. After this review, Canada will sign the Settlement Agreement and transfer the settlement money to SCN.

#### Has SCN gone to court on any of the issues raised in this lawsuit?

Yes, SCN has been to the Federal Court of Appeal on the issue of whether Canada was allowed to reduce SCN's royalties with an Oil and Gas Export Tax in the 1970s and 1980s. The court ruled that SCN was negotiating with Canada about the Export Tax having been used to reduce SCN royalties and that by 1989 SCN had waited too long to file its lawsuit. The Court applied "limitations" legislation to protect Canada from any liability owed to SCN. SCN went to the Supreme Court on SCN's money management claim. On the mismanagement of SCN's money, the Supreme Court agreed that as a trust-like fiduciary Canada should have paid SCN a better interest rate. However, the Court ruled that Canada was protected from any liability to SCN because Canada passed its own law that limited how much interest would be paid to SCN. This meant that Canada could use its own laws to get around its obligations to SCN. SCN went to the Federal Court on the issue of whether SCN's money, that Canada was holding, should be transferred to SCN's private trust. On the transfer of SCN's funds from Canada to SCN's private trust, the Court ordered the transfer on SCN's behalf. This shows how difficult it is to successfully sue Canada for money damages even when a court might agree that Canada did not act properly.

#### Has SCN collected any money from the Breach of Trust lawsuit?

Yes, as part of the mismanagement of SCN's royalties, SCN and Canada settled one of the accounting issues and in September 2002, SCN collected \$15.5 million for this one error. This lawsuit forced Canada to conduct extensive audits of the royalties paid to SCN and required Canada to begin to adjust the royalties collected. The lawsuit allowed SCN the opportunity to directly participate in the production of oil and gas on our reserve lands and to negotiate bonuses and benefits other than just royalties. The lawsuit allowed SCN to negotiate directly with Imperial Oil to ensure that the maximum amount of oil was produced from SCN's Pigeon Lake reserve lands as of production began to slow down. All four Maskiwake Nation benefited from SCN's actions in this regard. In 2005 the Court ordered that SCN was allowed to transfer all the money held by Canada on behalf of SCN into our own private trust, the Koooyaminaw Heritage Trust Fund. Controlling our own money means that since 2005 SCN has received \$213 million more than we would have if the money had stayed with Canada.

#### Has SCN received any other settlement offers from Canada?

As part of the Breach of Trust lawsuit, SCN and Canada have tried to negotiate a settlement of the lawsuit over many years. These negotiations resulted in 5 formal settlement offers from Canada. In 1998 SCN received an offer of \$60 million. In 2002 an offer for \$120 million. In 2004 an offer for \$137 million. In 2005 an offer for \$166 million. In each case the offer was to settle not just the oil and gas claims but also the money management claim. More important, in each offer Canada insisted that SCN give up all existing and future Treaty rights, Aboriginal rights and Aboriginal title claims, both on and off reserve. Because Canada demanded that SCN effectively give up its ability to pursue any Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title claims these offers had to be rejected. Since the money management claims were resolved by the Supreme Court decision, SCN received an offer to settle the remaining claims in the lawsuit for \$112.1 million. In 2021, following additional negotiations, and after SCN received a positive result from the Alberta Court of Appeal in a related lawsuit against Chevron and Canada, SCN submitted a counteroffer to Canada. This resulted in the agreement in principle to settle all remaining claims for \$134 million.

#### Did SCN give up any Treaty or Aboriginal rights and title in this settlement?

No. Chief and Council are recommending this settlement because Canada has agreed to allow SCN to preserve and pursue its current Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title claim against Canada and Alberta. SCN is only settling its on-reserve oil and gas claims against Canada. Any rights (Treaty or Aboriginal) off-reserve will continue to be preserved. Canada has also agreed that if SCN wants to, then SCN may continue to pursue any existing or future claims that it may have, on or off reserve, against Alberta or individual oil producers. The negotiations on the amendments to these various claims have been complex.

#### Did SCN give up any Reserve lands in this vote?

No, this settlement does not involve the surrender of any SCN lands.

#### What was the Chevron lawsuit about and why is it important in this settlement?

Chevron, one of the oil and gas producers on our reserve lands, and Canada made errors and collected too much oil and gas royalties. Both Chevron and Canada sued SCN for the return of the royalties even though SCN was not responsible and did not even know there was an error. SCN, Chevron, and Canada went to the Alberta Court of Appeal on this issue and the Court of Appeal agreed that SCN was not directly liable to Chevron or Canada for the mistakes made by these two. After the Court of Appeal decision, Canada wanted to go back to Court and raise a new argument, that Canada should be allowed to pursue the claim against the Koooyaminaw Heritage Trust Fund. As part of this settlement, Canada has agreed to drop its \$7.9 million against SCN or the Koooyaminaw Heritage Trust Fund, regarding the Chevron overpayments.

#### Why are the Louis Bull and Montana Nation claims against Canada important in this settlement?

Royalties from Pigeon Lake have been divided between the Maskiwake Nations based on population. Louis Bull and Montana have sued Canada and they argue that royalties should be split in four equal shares. Canada has sued SCN and said that if Canada distributed the royalties incorrectly then SCN is responsible for Canada's error. As part of this settlement, Canada has agreed to drop its claim against SCN and has agreed that Canada will make whole SCN or the Koooyaminaw Heritage Trust Fund if a claim is successfully made by either Louis Bull or Montana Nations.

#### Was this the best deal SCN can negotiate?

A negotiated settlement of a dispute between two parties is a compromise. Each side gives up something to eliminate the cost of going to court and to eliminate the risk of a negative judgment if they do go to court. Chief and Council believe this is the best offer that can be negotiated without SCN spending a lot more money on lawyers' fees and spending many more years pursuing at least some of these claims in mediation, the courts, or the Specific Claims process. It is possible that with more time and legal fees, more money could be negotiated. It is also possible that if SCN goes to mediation, the court, or Specific Claims a judge may not agree with SCN's position or may not agree that damages were suffered and SCN may receive less money or perhaps even no money. Further, this agreement in principle does not compromise any of SCN's other Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title claims.

#### Is this settlement the Cows and Plows?

No, this settlement is not the Treaty 6 Agriculture Benefits Settlement, aka Cows and Plows, that litigation is still in negotiations with Canada. This Settlement is the Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89, aka Breach of Trust Settlement.

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