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Samson Cree Nation Recount

**There was a Recount Held on June 21st, 2023,
at the HBMC in Samson with the Council not
changing at all.**

Words by Guide

June 21, 2023

HBMC in Samson: Electoral Officer Brenda Vangaurd and her Assistant Stephanie John along with the election workers recounted the ballots from the Council election that took place May 23, 2023. During the May 23 election the electronic tabulator malfunctioned which lead to the ballots being counted by hand. The hand count took approximately 30 hours.

With the tabulating machine the process took about 4 hours. The results did not change other than two votes for one contested position. There were no problems this time during the recount.

The following are Samson Cree Nation
Samson Cree Nation Acimowin

Councilors along with the number of votes they got: Ryan Lightning 487 votes, Frank Buffalo 481, Darryl Montour 483, Kurt Buffalo 454, Elesha Buffalo 418, Brian Lightning 393, Louise Omeasoo 380, Vincent Saddleback 370, Cletis Louis 368, Izaiah Swampy Omeasoo 363, Holly Johnson 358 and Armand Swampy 343.

That is your SCN Council for next three years (2023-2026) with Chief Vernon Saddleback who is on his third term as Okema (Chief).

The recount was live streamed on the SCN facebook and Youtube page so you can see the it there if you want. Tom Crier coordinated the live stream.



Recount



SAMSON CREE NATION

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PUBLIC NOTICE June 15, 2023

Many rumours have been created and spread online through numerous Social Media accounts, none of these accounts represent Samson Cree Nation. Therefore Samson Cree Nation has created this Public Notice to address the Nation Members concerns.

There is No Special Pay or Per Capita Distribution Payment set for June 15, 2023 this is a rumour posted online.

The Samson Cree Nation has NOT received the Breach of Trust (Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89) Settlement Payment from Canada yet. The current expected timeline is that Samson should be receiving the Payment sometime in July or August 2023.

Below are some FAQ. Hopefully 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 leasing 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 calculated 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 trustee/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 Nations 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 claims in the Breach of Trust lawsuit. Before the agreement in principle could be finalized, Canada requires SCN members to approve the agreement in principle. This is done through a referendum. If 50% plus 1 of the members that vote in the referendum vote "yes", then Canada and SCN will finalize the settlement agreement and SCN will collect the settlement money. The referendum was held on November 15, 2022, and passed with 83% of 1032 voter turnout, 858 in favour.

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

If the agreement in principle is approved, SCN and Canada will finalize the settlement agreement and SCN will receive \$134 million 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 get any money?

Chief and Council has stated that they intend to distribute 20%, or \$26.8 million, directly to SCN members.

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, 10% of the settlement will be used to pay SCN debts, 30% 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 change based on Chief and Council.

When do the members get their distribution of the settlement money?

SCN will collect the settlement money after all the other steps that Canada insists on are completed. This process can take a few months.

Have the members already received any of their distribution of the settlement money?

Yes, the SCN Chief and Council took out a loan to provide \$1000.00 to the nation member, this money was distributed \$500 in December 2022, and \$500 in January 2023. This will need to be paid back to the financial institution it was loaned from, with interest.

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. Chief and Council and Canada are committed to completing this entire process by July or August 2023.

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 oil production began to slow down. All four Maskwacis 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 Kooenyaamaw 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 6 formal settlement offers from Canada. In 1988 SCN received an offer of \$60 million. In 2003 an offer for \$120 million. In 2004 an offer for \$137 million. In 2005 an offer for \$196 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 extinguish 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.

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 Kooenyaamaw Heritage Trust Fund. As part of this settlement, Canada has agreed to drop its \$7.9 million against SCN or the Kooenyaamaw 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 Maskwacis 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 Kooenyaamaw 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. Because this agreement in principle does not compromise any of SCN's other Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title claims, Chief and Council is comfortable bringing this agreement in principle to the members of SCN.

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.



June 21 MHS



Notice of Recount of Ballots Cast in the 2023 SCN Councillor Elections

In Relation to a Notice of Appeal received May 30, 2023 regarding an Appeal of Election Results of the Samson Cree Nation Election for Councillors, the Elections Appeal Board has rendered a decision, dated June 15, 2023, signed by the Election Appeal Board Chair, Paula Hale as follows:

In accordance with the Election Law section 20.3, and Schedule B section 6.5 (b)(ii) the Appeal Board orders a recount of all ballots under the following conditions:

- The recount shall be carried out by the Electoral Officer appointed by SCN BCR 2023-2024-774-8001 dated April 24, 2023;
- The recount shall be by tabulator on or before June 22, 2023, on Samson Cree Nation territory;
- The recount should include all ballots, including spoiled ballots;
- The Electoral Officer shall publish a Notice of the time and place of the recount at least 2 days in advance of the recount; and
- The recount location shall be sufficient to allow scrutineers and SCN members to observe the proceedings.

ACCORDINGLY, A RECOUNT OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE MAY 23RD ELECTION FOR SAMSON CREE NATION COUNCILLORS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

TIME: 1 P.M.

LOCATION: HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTRE (HBMC)

POSTED this 17th day of June, 2023 at Samson Cree Nation #137 & Pigeon Lake 138A in the Province of Alberta.

Brenda Vanguard
Electoral Officer (780-723-8852)



ELECTION FOR COUNCIL STATEMENT OF DECLARATION

A Statement is hereby given to the electors of Samson Cree Nation #137 & Pigeon Lake #138A that an Election Recount for Council was held on June 21st, 2023 at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Center. The results were hereby given by an electronic tabulator.

Results from June 21st, 2023 election recount for Council.

Candidates:	Total votes received
Lightning, Ryan	487
Buffalo, Frank C.	481
Monteur, Darryl	483
Buffalo, Kurt Lewis	454
Buffalo, Elenha	418
Lightning, Brian H.	393
Omesaso, Louise Margaret	380
Saddleback, Vincent B.	370
Louis, Cleto Murray	366
Swampy-Omesaso, Isaiah	363
Johnson, Holly	358
Swampy, Armand	343

Candidates listed are hereby declared Councillors for Samson Cree Nation for the term of 3 years (May, 2023 to May, 2026)

Posted this 21st day of June, 2023 at Samson Cree Nation #137 & Pigeon Lake #138A in the Province of Alberta.

Brenda Vanguard
Electoral Officer



SAMSON POWWOW
Aug 11, 12, 13, 2023

Samson Celebrations and Powwow 2023

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Handgames

- 1. Must be best to all nations
- 2. Knowledge of handgames
- 3. Must set up & take down sections
- 4. Must event own tent

Security

- 1. Must do call out for personnel and work with RCMP
- 2. Must have own equipment

Poker Tent

- 1. Call out for personnel

Deadline for proposals

July 3, 2023 at 4pm

For more information on these, please call:
Powwow Chair Armand Swampy at 780-312-3476 at
armon.swampy@gmail.com
Powwow Admin Angela Boys's at 780-335-7013 or at
ang.bbui@yahoo.com



ELECTION FOR COUNCIL STATEMENT OF RECOUNT

A statement is hereby given to the electors of Samson Cree Nation #137 & Pigeon Lake #138A that a recount for Council was held on June 21, 2023. The results were hereby given by electronic tabulator.

Results from June 21st, 2023 recount for Council(s).

Candidates:	Total votes received	Candidates:	Total votes received
Buxfield, Ricky C.G.	295	Monteur, Derrick	156
Bayer, Angela	218	Monteur (Swampy) Pat A.	193
Bayer, Ryan	145	Nepoose, Brandon	153
Buffalo, Austin Patrick	189	Nepoose, Cody C.L.	272
Buffalo, Aaron (AG)	286	Nepoose, Jennifer Adelaide	118
Buffalo, Cameron S.	174	Nepoose, Keith	113
Buffalo, Darryl	331	Nepoose, Morris	242
Buffalo, Elenha	418	Northbrook, Fiona	248
Buffalo, Frank C.	481	Omesaso, Rodney Reginald	94
Buffalo, Ivan	70	Omesaso, Louise Margaret	380
Buffalo, Kurt Lewis	454	Pelger, Barry (Shamal)	64
Buffalo, Wayne K.	239	Potts, Crystal N.	118
Buffalo-Makinas, Deloma	272	Potts, Ruby Kaye	67
Buffalo, Shannon R.	310	Rais, Dale	258
Craig, Cheyne (Cheyenne)	242	Ross-Holmesford, Glouette Rhonda	246
Craig, Jonathan Joseph	260	Saddleback, Arnel	62
Craig, Ryan Blair	163	Saddleback, Cameron	279
Cookville, Annette	172	Saddleback, Cory	168
Cyckville, Deanna	94	Saddleback, Hector L.	162
Cutcliffe, Ian (Ipsell)	265	Saddleback, Jerry H.	278
Demers, Lori	122	Saddleback, Rennie R.	252
Johnson, Holly	358	Saddleback, Ray	126
Johnson, Tommy	315	Saddleback, Ross S.	248
Johnson, Keith	91	Saddleback, Vincent B. (Vincent)	370
Johnson, Kevin	111	Samson, Theron Thon	187
Johnson, Lori S.	154	Simon, Ivy	136
Johnson, Robert	26	Swampy - Omesaso, Isaiah	363
Lightning, Brian H.	393	Swampy, Armand	343
Lightning, Caroline	136	Swampy, Gloria Lee	200
Lightning, Ryan (Patt)	482	Swampy, Carl Mario	362
Louis, Barbara B.	153	Wilkinson-Currie, Kooky	269
Louis, Chris Murray	366	Wilkinson, Marilyn B.	289
Louis, Marilyn (Shurtle)	126	Wilkinson, Shay	126
Monteur, Darryl (Chato)	483	Wilkinson, Vincent Patrick	152

Posted this 21st day of June, 2023 at Samson Cree Nation #137 & Pigeon Lake #138A in the Province of Alberta.

Brenda Vanguard
Electoral Officer



June 17, 2023
The Samson Cree Nation 4th Year 6 Mile Traditional Pow Wow: "Honouring All Dancers & Singers Healing The Communities & The People," took place with more dancers this year. There were four drums with Thunder Lake being the Host Drum, Buffalo Lake and Hobbema Cree filled out the rest of the drums. The day was nice and there were about 50 dancers. The Grand Entry took place and a few words were said by

new Councilors Cletis Louis, Armand Swampy and Brian Lightning. Councilor Holly Johnson was present and she was dancing as well. MC "Blue" Lightning took over the speaking duties.

Cletis mentioned that his relative Myles started the pow wow 2 years ago. Healing was the main reason and this goes out to all the people in Maskwacis.



2nd Annual Ponoka Tipi Village and Powwow showcase

June 29 & 30, 2023



Experience Indigenous Storytelling, artwork, and culture

Activities weather dependent

AGENDA
 Grand entry 2pm
 Speakers 2:30-3pm
 1 Intertribal
 Ladies Traditional
 Ladies Jingle
 Ladies Fancy
 Mens Traditional
 Mens Grass
 Mens Chicken
 Mens Fancy
 1 intertribal
 Elders Speakers 4pm
 Closing prayer 5pm

For more information call Suzanne Lila-Paterson at (780) 585-4552




YOUTH GATHERING 2023

SAMSON YOUTH CALL OUT!
 YOUTH AGES 12-19
JULY 10TH-14TH, 2023



- Samson Youth Registration Deadline: June 30th, 2023
- 5 day overnight camp @ Kehewin Cree Nation
- Limited spots available
- Successful applicants will be contacted!

Non-Samson Band members will need to reach out to their respective Nations. Call Samson Community Wellness (780-585-3634) for more info.



LIBRARY HOURS

Open Monday - Thursday
 10:00AM - 5:00PM

BOOKS! DVDs! COMPUTERS!

Memberships free to sign up!

Phone
 (780) 585-3012 ext. 103
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SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

LAND TO LAB CAMP

CAMP DATES AND LOCATIONS:
 JULY 4th - 5th: MIMIWI SAKAHIKAN (PIGEON LAKE)
 JULY 6th: EDMONTON, ALBERTA
 9:00AM - 5:00PM DAILY
 INTENDED FOR
 SAMSON YOUTH BAND MEMBERS
 AGES: 12 - 35 YRS
 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE

WATER CEREMONY

MORE ACTIVITIES
 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FROM WILLOWVIEW
 MEALS PROVIDED DAILY
 INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPANTS

WATER AND FISH TRAINING AND SAMPLING 	UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA LAB VISIT 	ELDERS AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING 
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REGISTER USING THE QR CODE
 1. Scan the QR code with your camera phone.
 2. Or copy and paste URL into your browser:
<https://app.wooclap.com/events/ZASBRT/0>
 then use Event code: ZASBRT

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: CHERYLYNBUFFALO@GMAIL.COM

Community Clean Up June 8, 2023, Photos: Ashley Lightning

June 8, 2023

Samson Cree Nation: All the departments were out cleaning up the town site and

business area. Lunch was served and prizes were given away. Thank you to all the people who participated.



Samson Communications Department 13

Clean Up



2023-2024
Registration Now
Open
4 Nations Arena
780-585-3771
maskwacishockey@gmail.com
FB Page:
Maskwacis Minor Hockey Association

Pigeon Lake Rec. Centre: Youth Pow Wow, Dance class Co-Ed., Pow Wow Drumming. Tuesday Evenings 5-7 PM. Call 780-586-2211

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. [Initials](#)
I confirm that I am of Indigenous ancestry. (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis) [Initials](#)
I agree that my entry was created within the last 24 months. [Initials](#)
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, 10th Floor, 10011 - 109 Street NW, Edmonton AB, T5J 3S8

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Clean Up Day.	9 Acimowin	10 Basket Ball High School.
11	12 Amen Corner 12 PM. Elders Engagement HBMC 9 AM. Autism Group.	13 Poundmakers Lodge Gathering. Grief & Loss Willowview Building.	14 School Jump Rope For Heart.	15 Elders Abuse Awareness Day HBMC.	16 HBMC Fathers Day Personal Care. Grief & Loss Willowview Building.	17 6 Mile Pow Wow 1-6 PM.
18 Fathers Day.	19	20	21 Chief & Council Inauguration. Uncle & Bros Camrose Casino. Solstice.	22 MESC Pow Wow Bear Park 11 AM.	23 Saddle Lake Pow Wow.	24
25 30	26	27	28 Goal Setting & Getting MCC. Pride Day Willowview 10 AM.	29 Acimowin	30 Pigeon Lake Home Maintenance Workshop. Ponoka Parade.	

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Canada Day TP Village Ponoka.
2	3 Communications Social 10 AM Call Ashley.	4 Land to Lab P.L. 9-5 PM.	5 Land to Lab P.L. 9-5 PM.	6	7 Acimowin Alexis Pow Wow.	8
9	10 Youth Gathering @ Kehewin Cree Nation.	11	12	13	14 Youth Gathering @ Kehewin Cree Nation.	15
16	17 Girls Cultural Camp @ Kootney Plains.	18	19	20	21 Acimowin Girls Cultural Camp @ Kootney Plains.	22 Indian Relays
23	24	25	26 Mobile Mammography MHS	27 Mobile Mammography MHS	28 Kehewin Pow Wow. Mobile Mammography MHS.	29
30	31					



Elders Community Wellness

June 12 & June 15, 2023

The Indian Residential Schools program had their **Elders Event** on June 12 at the HBMC and the Elders and Assisted Living Department had their **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** on June 15 in the same location. Self care like hair cuts and massages were done, transportation was provided and the day consisted of socializing, prizes, snacks and drinks along with lunch. The Elders Event June 12 had merchandise bingo, holistic treatment, computer training and a photography service.



Community Wellness



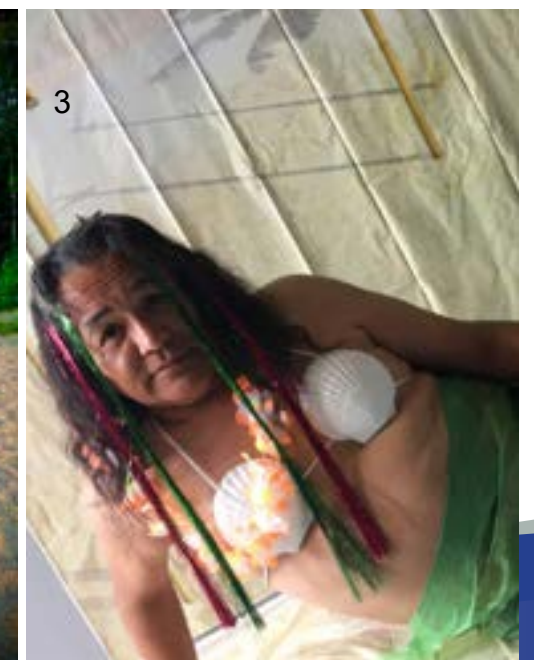
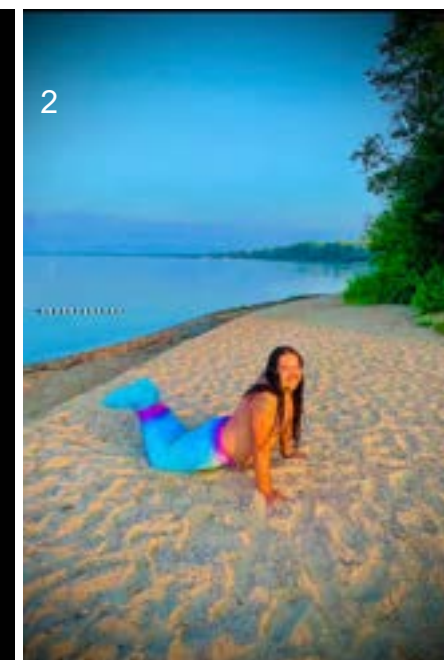
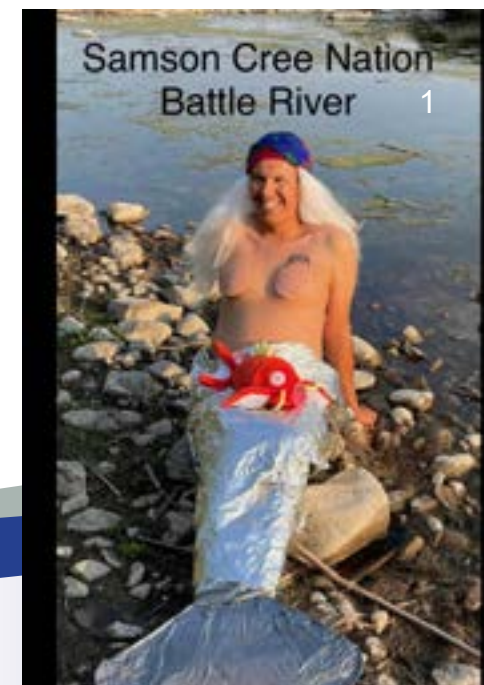
Elders & Assisted Living



June 16, 2023

Fathers Day in Samson and Pigeon Lake. The above photo is (center) Curtis Soosay, (left blue shirt) Leo Bruno SCN Community Wellness liaison. Pigeon Lake had their Fathers Day with a BBQ and gift bag. Golf passes were also available. Prizes were announced for the winners about 2 PM.

On the same day, the Integrated Family Services (IFS) had their Fathers Day at the HBMC. The day consisted of snacks, drinks, basketball for prizes, a golf putt and Carmella Cutknife with assistance cooked up the BBQ lunch. Samson Councilors Ryan Lightning and Darryl Montour were present and they both spoke to the men gathered. As well there was Merman contest. The merman has been trending lately on social media and it was all about having fun. The Merman contest winners top three winners were: 1 Clifton Buffalo. 2 Owen Swampy. 3 James Green. Good job to all the other 8 contestants.



Mental Health Programs & Tips

Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services Programs (780-585-2268) :

- Weekly Grief Recovery Meetings every Tuesday at 6-8 pm at the MCSS Building.
- Intake is underway for July 10 to August 16 Detox/Treatment Cycle. Call to apply. Spaces are limited.
- Weekly AA Meetings - Phone or Online. Every Wednesdays at Noon. Call 780-585-2268.

Wetaskwin

Child, Youth, and Family Mental Health Therapy
- 5201 50 Avenue, Wetaskwin
Phone: 780-361-1245 Tollfree: 24 Hour Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642, 24 Hour Addiction Help Line 1-866-332-2322

Addiction and Mental Health
- Addiction Counselling 5201 50 Avenue, Wetaskwin Phone: 780-361-1358

Steps to Meditation:

- 1) Take a seat, find place to sit that feels calm and quiet to you.
- 2) Set a time limit.
- 3) Notice your body.
- 4) Feel your breath.
- 5) Notice when your mind has wandered.
- 6) Be kind to your wandering mind.
- 7) Close with kindness. That's it!

10 Mental Health Tips



LACOMBE MUSEUMS HOSTS INAUGURAL TREATY 6 FLAG RAISING IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

[Lacombe, AB] – On June 21st 2023, the Lacombe Museums hosted their first-ever Treaty 6 Flag Raising ceremony as part of the National Indigenous People's Day Celebration. This momentous occasion marks a significant step forward in recognizing and honouring the diverse Indigenous cultures that contribute to our shared heritage. Members of the community, the Lacombe Museums, and City Council were in attendance.

The Lacombe Museums extend their sincere gratitude to the individuals and organizations that have played a vital role in making this day possible, especially Terri Smallboy and Gaila Fleury.

The Treaty 6 Flag Raising ceremony holds immense significance, symbolizing a commitment to fostering understanding and appreciation for Indigenous traditions and histories. The Lacombe Museums were delighted to welcome friends and guests from Maskwacis, creating an opportunity for attendees to deepen their knowledge and connection with Indigenous cultures. The event was a cultural celebration that showcased the beauty of traditional dance, singing, and drumming. The celebration began with a blessing of the Treaty 6 flag and Michener House site.

While the Michener House Museum is currently closed for a large Reimagination Project aimed at enhancing the sharing of Lacombe's diverse stories, its interpretation, and the stories it shares, visitors were encouraged to partake in the festivities and explore the Heritage Garden, a space which highlights the history of the region from the last ice age. The event ended with the sharing of a National Indigenous Peoples Day cake and tea, fostering a spirit of community and connection.

This event was supported by a variety of community sponsors, including FORTIS Alberta, the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Government of Canada's Celebrate Canada Grant.

For more information on our efforts of becoming Good Relations, please contact:

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About the Lacombe Museums

Located in Lacombe, AB, the Lacombe Museum is operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society and operates three buildings: The Michener House Museum, the former Grace Methodist Church parsonage and birthplace of populist Governor General Daniel Roland Michener; The Blacksmith Shop Museum, the oldest operational blacksmith shop in Alberta; and the iconic Platoon building Museum in downtown Lacombe. More information about the Lacombe Museum can be found at: www.lacombemuseum.com

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CALGARY STAMPEDE POWWOW SADDLEDOME JULY 12 & 13, 2023

GRAND ENTRY AT NOON EACH DAY WITH GRASS DANCE BLESSING AT 11:30 A.M. AND DRUM ROLL CALL AT 11:45 A.M.

\$200,000 IN PRIZING TO BE AWARDED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 21 AT 5 PM MOUNTAIN TIME

INVITED DRUM GROUPS

Blackfoot Confederacy, Blackfeet, Black Ojibwa, Cree Confederation, Nakoda Nation, Stony River, Stony Park, TsuuTina Singers, Young Spirit, Whitefish Jr's

TEAM

MC's	Ruben Littleford, Elroy Starlight, Hennie Thompson
Annex Directors	Kelly Crowshoff, George Deperes, Rony Gifford, Elroy Star, Sheldon Scalplock Jr., Dylan Small Eyes and more
Head Judges	Dan Rader and Carmen Oseguera Rader
Tabulators	C & T Tabulators
Prize Coordinator	Cheryl Crowshoff

EIGHT DANCE CATEGORIES:

Teams (13 - 17)
Jr. Adults (18 - 24)
Sr. Adults (25 - 34)
Golden Age (35+)

FIRST PLACE FOR ADULTS: \$2000, JACKET, AND BUCKLE

FIRST PLACE FOR TEENS: \$1000, JACKET, AND BUCKLE

WOMEN'S FANCY

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL

WOMEN'S BEADS

WOMEN'S CHICKEN

WOMEN'S JINGLE

WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN

Questions? Contact Powwow Coordinator Cheryl Crowshoff at powwow@calgarystamper.com.

Interested in being a vendor? We are still exploring the possibility of having vendors at the 2023 Stampede Powwow in the Saddledome. Contact powwow@calgarystamper.com for more information.

TO REGISTER, VISIT CALGARYSTAMPEDE.COM/POWWOW

The Calgary Stampede Hotel and Conference Centre has a host of rooms available until June 19 for Powwow participants. Call 1-800-861-1558 and use CPN23 to receive the special rate.

Calgary Stampede AUG 7 - 16, 2023

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Stampede Powwow is not responsible for injury, loss, theft, damages, etc. International travelers should confirm travel arrangements.





June 26, 2023

Maskwacis Cree High School, Jonas Applegarth theatre: The **Chief and Council Inauguration** took place with a pipe ceremony before the event. After that a Grand Entry took place and then the signing ceremony took place.

There was the official signing, photography by Burt Crowfoot and live streams on both the Samson Cree Nation facebook and Youtube page. If you missed it go to these social media platforms and watch it there. The event was

emotional for some and a lot of appreciation was made for the assistance to get to this point and former Councilors were honoured for their work for the nation. Samson Lawyer Eileen Sasakamoose and Wilton Littlechild formalized the signing ceremony for the leaders. Afterward, the Samson flag and Union Jack were danced out of the building. RCMP members Dall and Curtis assisted with the event and participated in the Grand Entry and dancing out of the flags. Janet Potts catered the event.





June 26, 2023: Levi Lightning 1st Place Street Fighter 6 Game Con Canada.



June 24, 2023: photo by Karim R., Nickelback in Edmonton.



SAMSON NATIVE GALLERY

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Will be at the
Ponoka Stampede Market

Location: Ponoka Arena
Dates: June 30th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
4th.



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- ✓ Drawing & painting
- ✓ Elder teachings
- ✓ Communication skills

Activities

- ✓ Baseball/Kickball
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Lacrosse
- ✓ Golf (skill training)
- ✓ Water Fight

For more information call Samson Community Wellness: (780)-585-3634





SAMSON CREE NATION

POWwow

AUGUST 11-13, 2023
BEAR HILLS PARK, MASKWACIS, ALBERTA, CANADA
HOST DRUM: **SHARPSHOOTER**

MCs: HAL EAGLETAIL, ELMER RATTLESNAKE & KISTEW MASKWA
ARENA DIRECTORS: GEORGE DESJARLAIS, JARED BUFFALO

DANCE COMPETITION

MEN'S BUCKSKIN Paid Daily

MEN'S AND LADIES (55+ yrs) Traditional, Chicken, Fancy, Grass & Jingle
1st - \$1,500 2nd - \$1,000 3rd - \$800 4th - \$600 5th - \$500

SENIOR ADULT (35-54 yrs) Traditional, Chicken, Fancy, Grass & Jingle
1st - \$1,500 2nd - \$1,000 3rd - \$800 4th - \$600 5th - \$500

JUNIOR ADULT (18-34 yrs) Traditional, Chicken, Fancy, Grass & Jingle
1st - \$1,500 2nd - \$1,000 3rd - \$800 4th - \$600 5th - \$500

TEENS (13-17 yrs) Traditional, Chicken, Fancy, Grass & Jingle
1st - \$700 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$400 4th - \$300 5th - \$200

JUNIORS (7-12 yrs) Traditional, Chicken, Fancy, Grass & Jingle
1st - \$350 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$150 4th - \$125 5th - \$75

TINY TOTS Paid Daily (in full regalia) 6yrs and under

DRUM COMPETITION 1ST PLACE: \$20,000
2nd: \$12,000 3rd: \$10,000 4th: \$8,000 5th: \$6,000
Drum split for non-competing drums

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GOLF
Contact: Frank Buffalo 780-362-1516
Cletis Louis 780-312-8572

HANDGAMES/POKER
Contact: Armand Swampy 780-312-3476

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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www.samsoncree.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

*July 4-5: **Land to Lab** in Pigeon Lake. July 6
Edmonton, University of Alberta. Email:
Emily Quecke
quecke@ualberta.ca
Cheri-Lyn Buffalo
cherilynbuffalo11@gmail.com

*July 17-21: **Girls Cultural Camp**. Deadline to
Apply July 7. 5 Day overnight camp at Kootney
Plains. Call Samson Community Wellness 780-
585-3634. For Girls 12-17 years of age.

August

*August 11-13, 2023: **Samson Cree Nation
Pow Wow**. Host Drum: Sharp Shooter. For
MESC Bus Drivers Needed. Looking for
Class 1 and 2 (full size bus) and Class 4.
Training is available for Class 2 license
upgrades. If interested please contact
Clainia Potts at the main office 780-585-
3333.

more information please call the Pow Wow
Chairperson Armand Swampy 780-312-3476.
Email: armor.swampy@gmail.com

*August 3-6, 2023: **Rocky Boy's 59th Annual
Celebration Pow Wow**.

*August 15-19: **Boys Cultural Camp**. For boys
12 to 17 years of age. Deadline to Apply August
4. 5 day overnight camp at Kootney Plains. Call
Samson Community Wellness 780-585-3634.

September

*September 1: Drivers must now slow down and
stop for Emergency Vehicles on the roads.

**Fundraise: Maskwacis Minor Hockey
Association: Golf Scramble**. July 20,
2023. Montgomery Glen Golf Course. To
Register your Team call 780-585-3793.
\$600 Team of 4. Start Time: 9 AM.

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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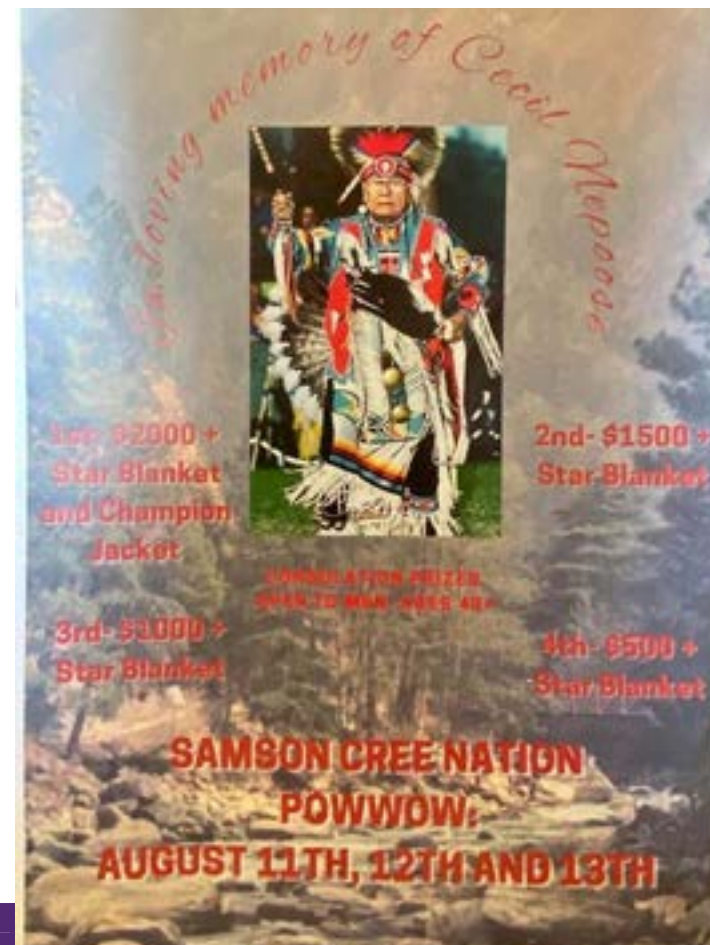
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June 22, 2023
Maskwacis Bear Park: Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) Annual Pow Wow, “Honouring Traditions with Our Youth.” Grand Entry took place at 11 AM with about 4 drums and more showing up later. There was a good turn out for the event and the day was nice. The pow

wow had almost all the regular categories and they were all youth. There was also youth drum groups with a couple older men to help them out. MCs Elmer Rattlesnake and Dennis “Blue” Lightning announced the categories. Samson Councilor Ryan Lightning was singing in one of the groups.



Maskwacis Dog & Cat Wellness Clinic
June 16-18, 2023
Four Nations Arena



June 16-18, 2023
Four Nations Arena in Samson: People in Maskwacis love their animals and you can tell by how many showed up during the three days of the dog and cat wellness clinic. The Canadian Animal Task force was the main service provider for the animal service along with Saving Grace

Animal Society and Petsmart Charities. Thank you RJ for allowing the Acimowin take some pictures. Services provided were spay and neuter, tattoo for identification, vaccines and treatment for worms and fleas. The pet clinic was offered to all people in Maskwacis. The Task Force website: www.cataskforce.org



IFS Fathers Day BBQ



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