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Samson
Cree Nation
Maskwacis Alberta
Canada
National Addictions
Awareness Week
Veterans Day &
Pow Wow

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Veterans Day & Pow Wow



Words by Guide

November 8 & 11, 2023

The Maskwacis Cree **Veterans Day** Ceremony took place at the Veterans Memorial on Samson territory by the Peace Hills bank. The ceremony takes place here every year and this year's weather was not to bad compared to last years. The event started with three Maskwacis Chiefs, Samson, Ermineskin and Montana and Tammy Moonias representing Louis Bull.

The four band representatives and veterans families had a Grand Entry style procession to the monument and Bear Street was the drum group. Daniel Roan from Bear Street read In Flanders Fields when the time came.

Bernice Stoney from Pigeon Lake was the Mother who represented the Moms when they went to fight the wars. Bernice was saying that as a little girl she remembers the Mothers faces when the native soldiers left from the train station which was located near what is today the Bow N Arrow

convenience store.

MC Trevor Larocque coordinated the event that day and the Maskwacis RCMP detachment Inspector Leanne MacMillan laid a wreath down in respect of those who had fallen. All three Chiefs laid down wreaths in respect of that choice those men and women made in order to fight for their people. Tammy Moonias laid down a wreath as well.

The names of the Veteran's from Maskwacis were all read out loud and half way through the reading there was a moment of silence.

Following the veterans day ceremony, on November 11 there was a pow wow in honour of those who are today and those who have passed on to the spirit world. The Panne Agriplex got a new upgrade which allowed more movement for the people to get around in and all the dirt was removed from the ground.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies
blow,
Between the crosses, row on
row,
That mark our place: and in
the sky
The larks, still bravely
singling, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below
We are the Dead. Short days
ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and
now we
lie
In Flanders fields
Take up our quarrel with the
foe:
To you from falling hands we
throw
The torch; be yours to hold it
high:
If ye break faith with us who
die
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

*Nayihnokanih
Wahpokwanisah
opikinwa
piyesisak Kotohwak
ekwa kayapich
Paskiskana
mamarwewewa
Emikwa
pindaisiyahk
nikwapatikosi
Nan kapakisismohk
ekwa
ekipesakikwiyahk
Anoch ekwa
nitaywepinan otah
niyihnokanih
kahpisiniyahk ispihk
kiskisototawiyahki
kahkisimohk ita
kahpimisiniyahk
niyanan
samakansihkanak*

Maskwacis Cree Veterans

Memorial Day

**National
Indigenous War
Veterans' Day**

**November 8,
2023
10:30 am-12:00
pm**

*Maskwacis Cree
Veterans Day Ceremony*

10:30 am- 12:00 pm

At Maskwacis Veterans Memorial

Service Program

Master of Ceremonies- Trevor Larocque

- 10:30 am Procession & Flag song
- Opening Prayer by Muriel Lee
- Reading of Veteran Names
- 11:00 am Two minutes of silence
- Last Post - Jan Schwonik
- Traditional Honor Song
- Laying of Wreaths
- Mother of Veterans - Bernice Stoney
- In Flanders Field
- Victory Song & Closing Remarks

Maskwacis Veterans

Ermineskin Veterans

Robert Belcourt (WWII)	Dick Lightning (Army Reserve)
Joseph Buffalo (WWII)	Peter (Petel) James Oldpan (WWII)
Joseph Smith Littlechild (WWII)	Ernest Oldpan
Charlie Roastng (WWII & Korean)	Peter Ermineskin (WWII)
Lawrence Wildcat (Army Veteran)	Joe Young (WWII)
Alex Georgie Minde (WWII)	Gordon Lee (Peace Time)
Ernest Ormeasoo (Korean)	Wilton Littlechild (Peace Time Army Veteran)
Jim Stoney (WWII)	Patrick Rattlesnake (WWII)
Albert Stoney (WWII)	Clarence Wildcat (US Active Marine)
Lucy Stoney (Army Veteran)	Leslie Dennehy
George Minde	

Samson Veterans

George Applegarth-Fourtyes (WWII)	Joseph Deschamps (WWII)
Dr. Elizabeth Lightning (Army Veteran)	Fred Larocque (WWII)
Harry (Jackie) Lightning (Bull Army Veteran)	Henry Larocque (WWII)
Arthur (Art) Potts (WWII)	Cecil Lee/Bull (WWII)
Louis Potts (Korean)	Henry Floyd Raine (Army Veteran)
Walter Potts (WWII)	Lloyd Shortneck (Raine) (WWII)
William Samson (WWII)	Andrew Raine
Narcisse Yellowbrd (WWII)	Trevor Larocque (Iraq)
Dan Johnson (WWII)	Harry Bull Lightning (WWII)
Lawrence Johnson (WWII)	Blaine Raine (Iraq & Afghanistan)
John Johnson (WWII)	Jacob (Laka) Raine (US Navy)
Michael Lightning (WWII)	Joe Shortneck (WWII)
Joseph Montour Sr. (WWII)	Shayla Raine (Reserves - Active Duty)
Wallace Soosay Sr. (Army Veteran)	Montana Veterans
Archie Northwest (Korean)	Alex Makinaw (WWII)
Henry (Ducky) Northwest (WWII)	Erwin Peigan (Army Veteran)
Joe Saskatchewan (WWII)	Malcom Peigan (Army Veteran)
Gus Bruno (Korean)	Greg Buffalo (RCAF)
Victor Bruno (Korean)	Seth Longjohn (Canadian Armed Forces Active Duty)
Daniel Joshua (WWII)	Community Member Veterans
Joe Ormeasoo (WWII)	Narcisse Blood (WWII)
Wilfred Sangrett	Joe Fraser (WWII)
Cory Shane Buffalo (Iraq)	Victor Fraser (WWII)
Herman Cutknife (Army Reserves)	Wilfred Sangrett (WWII)
Adolphus Dennehy (WWII)	Madore Spence (WWII)
Danny Montour (Army Reserve)	Josie Spence (WWII)
Wolfgang Saddleback (US Marine Corp Active)	Pete Roughfoot
Jim Saskatchewan	
Ernest Simon	

Special Thanks To
Planning Committee
and Toni Potts Catering.



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 SAMSON YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2023 						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WEIGHTROOM OPEN 8AM-8:45PM	Basketball 6pm-8:45pm	Volleyball 6pm-8:45pm	1 Basketball 6pm-8:45pm	2 Volleyball 6pm-8:45pm	3	4
5	6	7 Youth Self Defense Class 4:30-5:30pm	8 Youth Self Defense Class 4:30-5:30pm	9 <i>Feasts of Maskegonis 6pm</i>	10 <i>Office Closure Staff Appreciation</i>	11
12	13 <i>Office Closure Remembrance Day</i>	14	15	16	17 NATIONAL CHILD DAY IF'S 4-7PM Samson Athletics Bingo 5pm @SRB	18
19	20 Cree Market 10- 3pm	21	22	23	24 Samson Athletics Bingo 5pm @SRB	25 U of A Round Dance Paulina Johnson 6-12pm
26	27	28 Family Violence Workshop 9am - 9pm	29 Family Violence Workshop 9am - 3pm	30		

Phone: 780 585 3012 FB Page Samson Youth and Sport Development

Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative - Cultural Stream (IRI-CS)

Application guidelines

Alberta's government is committed to reconciliation with Indigenous communities, peoples, and organizations by supporting initiatives that enhance local cultural conditions. The Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Cultural Stream (IRI-CS) supports Indigenous-led initiatives that enhance, protect, or revitalize Indigenous language, heritage, culture, and arts.

Alberta's government is committed to collaborating with Indigenous communities and walking the path toward reconciliation together.

The IRI-CS was designed to offer flexible funding that supports Indigenous communities and organizations in pursuing priorities based on their unique needs. The IRI-CS

- aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Call to Action #14 iv., calling upon the federal government for the preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures that are best managed by Aboriginal peoples and communities; and
- will focus on Indigenous-led initiatives that will promote reconciliation, healing, and cultural revitalization for Indigenous peoples and communities.

Funding

IRI-CS applicants can receive a maximum of \$100,000 to support a cultural project.

Funding for successful projects is determined by the requested amount, eligible costs, and program budget.

There is no requirement for the applicant to contribute financially; however, all sources of funding should be disclosed in the proposal.

The IRI-CS may be stacked with other government sources (including federal, provincial, and/or municipal). For the purpose of this grant, the grant stack funding level to a recipient can be up to 100 per cent of eligible costs.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the IRI-CS are Indigenous communities and organizations located in Alberta, including:

- First Nations
- Metis Settlements General Council and Metis Settlements
- Métis Nation of Alberta
- Aseniwuche Winewak Nation
- Tribal councils and Treaty organizations
- Indigenous not-for-profit organizations, including Friendship Centres
- Inuit organizations

Applicants must be in compliance with the terms and conditions of any previous Indigenous Relations funding. If an applicant is a corporate entity, it must be in good standing

Eligible projects

The intent of the IRI-CS program is to enhance, protect, or revitalize Indigenous language, heritage, culture, and arts initiatives, including (but not limited to):

- community or organizational engagement on what government reconciliation should look like
- community-led reconciliation activities
- cultural protocol items
- Elders' honoraria
- programs offered within the community, such as beading, sewing, drumming, drum making, and reclamation of traditional cultural activities
- community language initiatives
- community research, such as gathering oral histories or archival research

The project must support cultural activities that strengthen Indigenous communities.

Ineligible costs

The following costs are ineligible:

- operating costs such as salaries, utilities, or rent
- payments for services that would normally be provided without charge
- prize money
- capital expenditures
- expenditures not related to the approved project
- costs incurred before the program was announced

When to apply

- This is an open enrollment and applications will be reviewed as received.

How to Apply

1. Step 1. Read the guidelines

2. Step 2. Fill out and sign the application form

[IRI – Grant Application Form](#)

Applications must include:

- a date and signature
- description of proposed activities
- expected outcomes, results and community reconciliation benefit(s)
- detailed timeline of the project activities and qualification of professionals, where applicable, and

- a detailed budget

Step 3. Demonstrate community support

You must demonstrate organizational support for your project by providing **at least one of the following**:

- Band Council Resolution for a First Nation
- Council Resolution for a Metis Settlement
- Board Resolution from a community-owned company/development corporation
- Board Resolution from a not-for-profit Indigenous organization
- Letter of support from an Indigenous community or organization

Step 4. Submit your application package

Email your application package to IR.Reconciliation@gov.ab.ca.

After you apply

Once your application is received, the following will happen:

1. We will do a preliminary assessment to ensure your application provides enough information to undertake a full assessment.
2. We will do a full assessment to confirm your eligibility and suitability with the IRI-ES.
3. We may ask for more information if your application is incomplete.
4. We may provide recommendations on how your proposal could be improved to better align with the funding stream.
5. A grant manager will communicate the status of the application and a final decision will be sent through email.

Decisions are final and there is no appeal process.

Reporting and deliverables

- If your projects is approved, we will enter into a funding agreement with you.
- You are expected to report on the activities and results of the projects as detailed in the funding agreement and provide financial statements.

Contact

Staff are available to discuss economic and cultural development opportunities with Indigenous community representatives.

To connect with the Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative program:

Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

Email: IR.Reconciliation@gov.ab.ca.

November 2023

The haunted house on 6 mile, which is operated by the Louis, Crier, Rain, Buffalo, Omeasoo and families donated the earnings to the Womens Shelter-\$500, and to the Food Bank \$1200. Louis family handing check to charities.





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH, 2023
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. DAILY
HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTRE

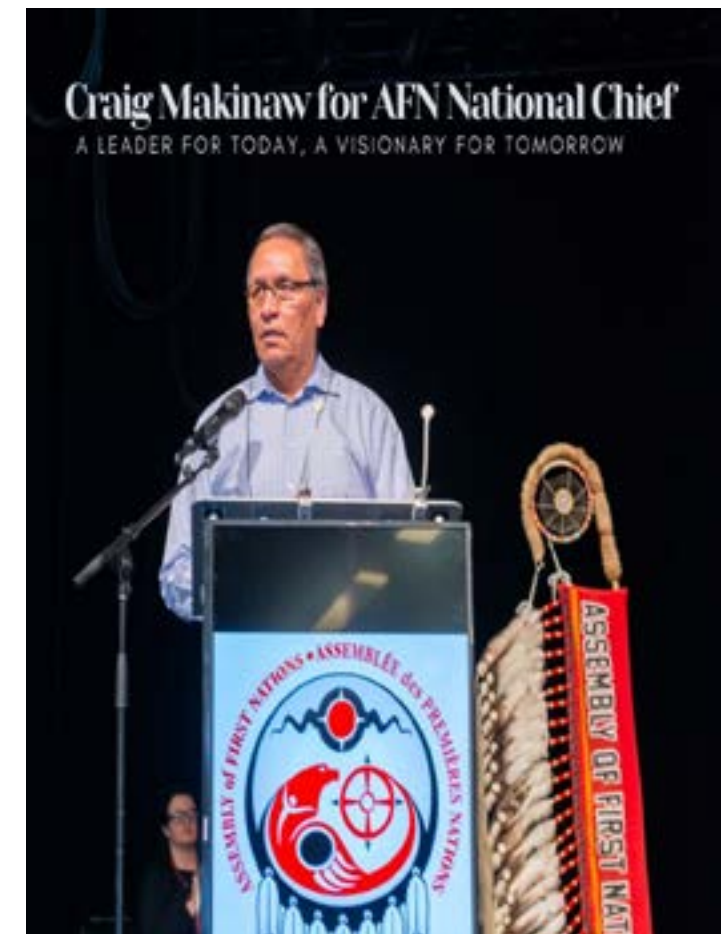
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TBA

Women & Men's Conference

Continental breakfast & lunch will be provided daily!
Door Prizes Daily
Call SCW for more information: 780-585-3634

THEME: Heal, Hold & Center

In collaboration with:
Ermineskin Women's Shelter, Maskwacis Health Services, Maskwacis RCMP & Samson Community Wellness.





Infant and Pregnancy Loss Support Group



November 30th, 2023
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Louis Bull Recreation Centre

Painting activity + Guided meditation!
Supper provided!
Chance to win a self-care basket!

Samson Community Wellness is looking for Participants for a New Research Project

<https://walkthetalktoolkit.ca/>

PROJECT DETAILS:
Walk the Talk is a toolkit that provides organizations with a process to deliver a new mental health service. Organizations have used this toolkit to add a new service, such as peer support, family support groups, and self-help programs. But we're not done yet! We are now looking to adapt and improve the Walk the Talk toolkit.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
People over the age of 18 who:
• Are friends or family of people
• who use services at the SCW

WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE?
• The chance to work with managers, staff, community members and other community advocates at SCW
• The opportunity to have your voice heard in planning and deciding on a new mental health service at SCW
• Financial compensation for your participation will be provided.

Stop in at one of the information sessions to learn more about the project and how you can be a participant!

Location: Willow view
1-30 pm Nov. 27
1-30 pm Nov. 30

CONTACT Information: Karen
karen@samson.ca
Or by phone: 780-585-3634

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

walk the talk toolkit

McGill University

Adapting Walk the Talk Toolkit for Equally Deserving Groups: A Pan Canadian Study - Dr. Myra Fiat et al

Samson Communications Department @SamsonCreeNation 9



**SCN CHRISTMAS
DAY DINNER**
DECEMBER 25, 2023
12:00 – 4:00 P.M.
LOCATED AT H.B.M.C
"DON'T BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY"
"FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE"
"TRADITIONAL TURKEY DINNER"
ANY QUESTIONS CALL:
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS 780-585-3634



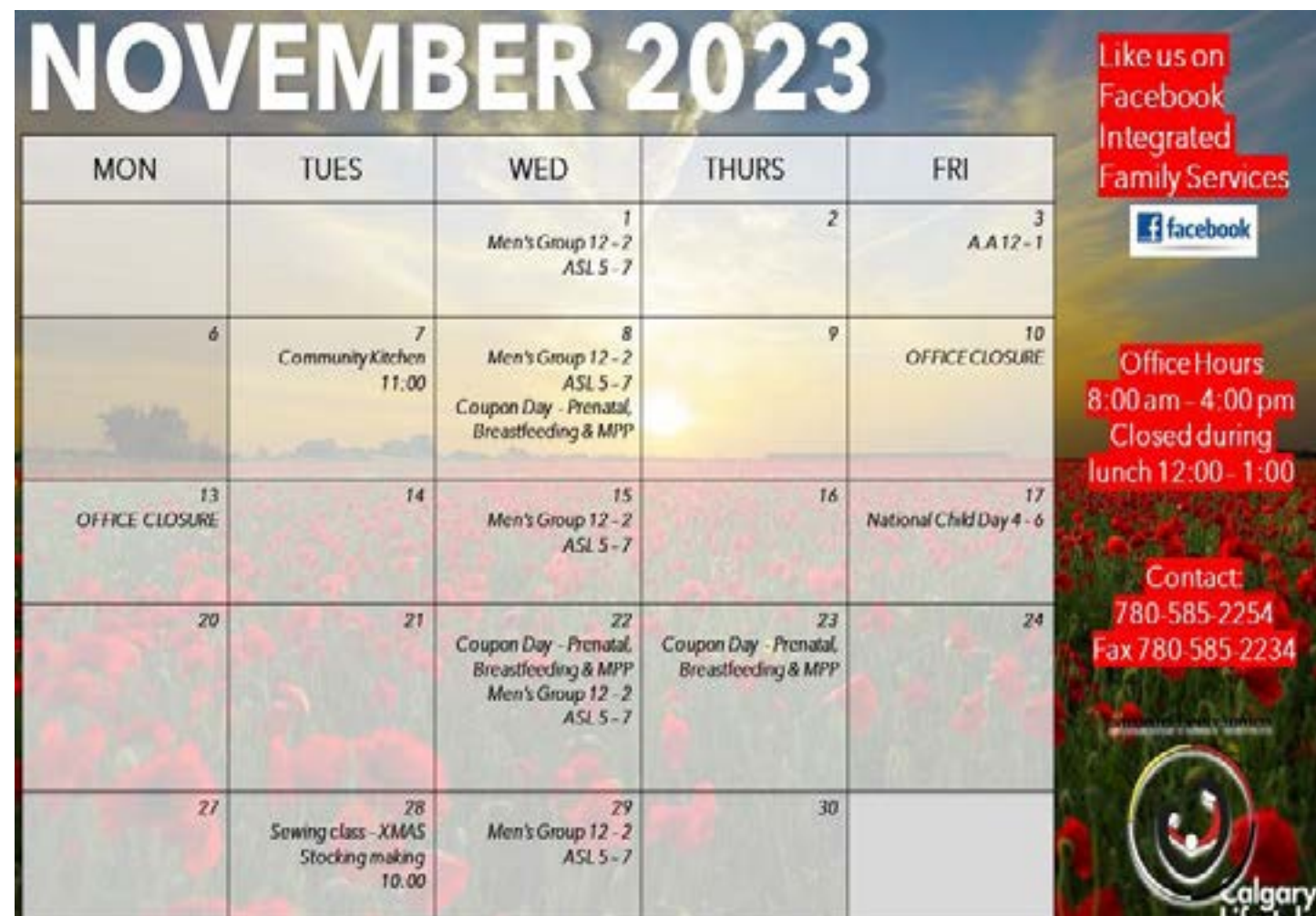
**SCN
CHRISTMAS
COMMUNITY DINNER**
DECEMBER 19, 2023
LOCATED AT H.B.M.C
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
780-585-3634



**SAMSON CREE NATION
OFF RESERVE
CHRISTMAS
EDMONTON DINNER**
DECEMBER 12, 2023
5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Limited capacity for the venue (500 max capacity)
Location: Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre
11834 Kingsway NW,
Edmonton, AB
Transportation: pick up/drop off every 45 minutes
• Millwoods Town Centre Terminal
• Southgate Terminal
• West Edmonton Mall Terminal
• Claireview Terminal
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Samson Community Wellness
780-585-3634



**SAMSON CREE NATION
OFF RESERVE
CHRISTMAS
CALGARY DINNER**
DECEMBER 14 2023
5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Limited capacity for the venue (250 max capacity)
Location: THE WESTIN CALGARY AIRPORT
671 Aero Dr NE, Calgary, AB
Transportation: pick up/drop off every 45 minutes
• Chinook Terminal
• Anderson Terminal
• Barlow - Maxbell Terminal
• Marlborough Terminal
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
780-585-3634



NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1 Men's Group 12 - 2 ASL 5 - 7	2	3 A.A 12 - 1
6	7 Community Kitchen 11:00	8 Men's Group 12 - 2 ASL 5 - 7 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding & MPP	9	10 OFFICE CLOSURE
13 OFFICE CLOSURE	14	15 Men's Group 12 - 2 ASL 5 - 7	16	17 National Child Day 4 - 6
20	21	22 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding & MPP Men's Group 12 - 2 ASL 5 - 7	23 Coupon Day - Prenatal, Breastfeeding & MPP	24
27	28 Sewing class - XMAS Stocking making 10:00	29 Men's Group 12 - 2 ASL 5 - 7	30	

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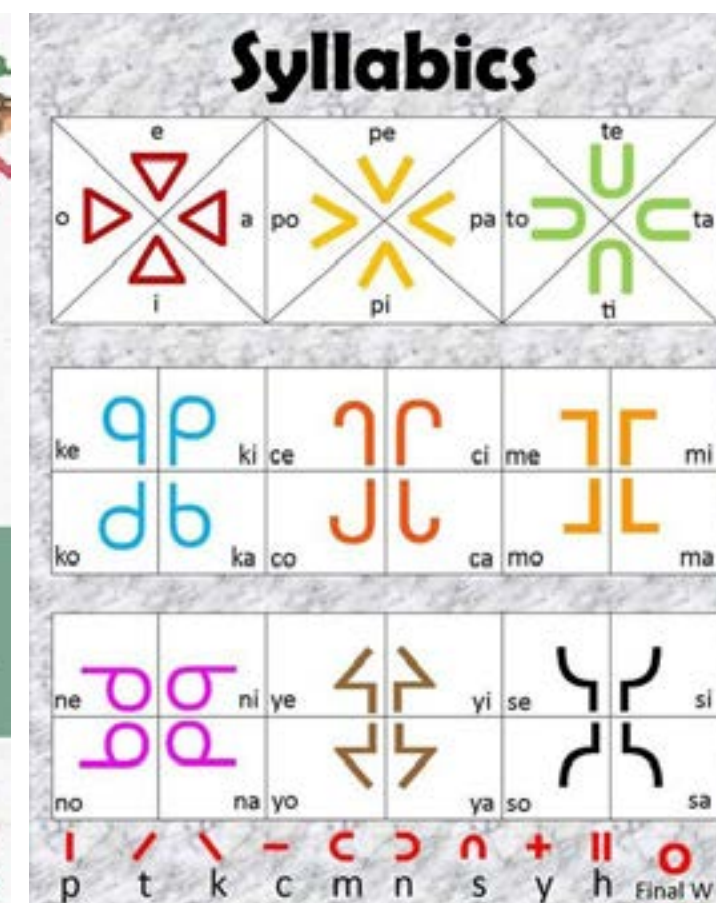
Office Hours
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed during
lunch 12:00 - 1:00

Contact:
780-585-2254
Fax 780-585-2234

Calgary Lifestyle



**Samson Cree Nation
Charity Checkstop**
December 13, 2023
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Hwy 2A & 611 East
Non Perishable Food Items, Toys, & Monetary Donations
Accepted.
Help us provide for those who cant afford this holiday season.
For more information Contact:
Samson Community Wellness
780-585-3634



Syllabics

e	pe	te
o	a	pa
i	pi	ti
ke	ki	ci
me	mi	
ko	ka	co
ca	mo	ma
ne	ni	ye
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no	na	yo
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c	m	n
s	y	h
Final W		



Willow Harvesting and Planting Workshop

Glinis Buffalo Consulting and Samson Community Wellness led a Willow Harvesting Workshop on October 14th and 28th for Mimiw Sakahikan Aquatic Habitat Restoration.

On October 14, 2023, Samson Cree Nation members learned on the importance of Willow harvesting and traditional uses for it. Troy Okeymow, Samson Cree Nation citizen, shared his incredible knowledge on how willows are nutritious for bison. Troy managed his own herd and through his observations, he saw the growth of his buffalo using willows. Troy also uses willows to build sweat lodges. Workshop participants also had the pleasure of Kansie Fox and Alvin First Rider both from Blood Tribe Land Management and members of Blood Tribe shared on the ecology of willows for stabilization for erosion control along creeks and rivers. Elder Bernice shared on natural laws and harvesting rat-root. A key learning from the speakers is there are traditional and western benefits of willows for land protection; it is best when traditional and western can complement each other rather than compete. Participants were of all ages, and it was a great activity to bring families together to learn about willow harvesting and Native Science.

The workshop consisted of gathering willows, destemmed each willow, and then creating bundles and immersed them in Pigeon Lake. The willows will be stored along the shoreline to keep them in stored in water and some will remain in the lake until Spring 2024. As part of the workshop, pre-purchased willows from a nursery were planted, and were planted by the weir at Campground 2, for aquatic habitat restoration. Willows and Pine trees were also planted at the Pigeon Lake cemetery located by the Pigeon Lake shoreline. Participants were provided the tools to do their own willow harvesting as a means to implement their workshop teachings.

On October 28, 2024, the Workshop continued by planting the willows that were stored along the shoreline. Elder Bernice Stoney and Troy Okeymow joined to share more on willow teachings. Alvin First Rider, Blood Tribe land management taught us the technique on how to plant the willows. The participants used heavy tamping rods to dig holes in the frozen ground that were at least 3 to 4 feet deep in the ground. Sledge hammers were needed to pound the tamping rod in the frozen ground. Next the willows were cut approximately one foot above the ground. Approximately 150 willows were planted in the group by Campground Site 2 weir for aquatic

habitat restoration. Participants were of all ages, and it was great to have families showing their children how to plant willows.

Participants learned a simple method for willow harvesting a great way to protect the aquatic habitat. Samson community members are encouraged to join back in Spring 2024 to plant the willows that are now frozen in Pigeon Lake.

Please contact Glinis Buffalo at gbufferconsulting@gmail.com for more information on the Mimiw Sakahikan Aquatic Habitat project or to volunteer.

Glinis Buffalo Consulting



Samson Cree Nation Elder's Lunch

NOVEMBER 15, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
@ SAMSON HEAD START BUILDING

This is a lunch engagement session for Samson Cree Nation Elder's. A follow-up session from the Kokom's & Mosom's Tea in October '23. Lunch provided - limited quantities, please RSVP @ 780-585-2230.

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 Closed during lunch 12:00 - 1:00

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Media Release

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

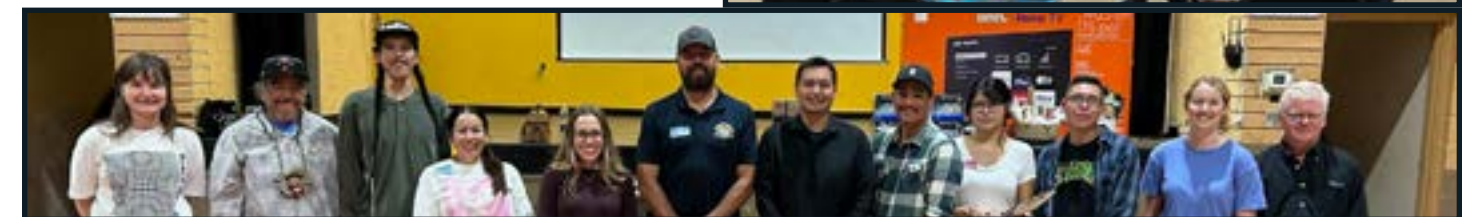
Climate Resiliency Capacity Building, (CRCB) Coordinator, Shalaize Buffalo hosted a Climate & Energy Workshop held on August 2, 2023 at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre (HBMC) from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

funded by the Government of Alberta through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program. (CRCB).

The Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre (HBMC) hosted a climate and energy workshop, Doors open at 4:00 PM, 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 gave a presentation 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, eg. Where have you seen the most change over the years to the environment? drained ponds missing wildlife ext. 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.

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.

Shalaize Buffalo
Samson Cree Nation
CRCB Coordinator
P.o Box 159
Maskwacis, Alberta T0C-1N0
(780)-585-3793 Ext. 232
Email-shalaizebuffalo@gmail.com



Pigeon Lake Christmas Craft Sale



NO FUNDRAISERS ARTS AND CRAFTS ONLY
\$20/Table

Dec. 9 & 10, 2023
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Pigeon Lake Recreation Center
Funds raised from tables will be donated to Food Bank for Pigeon Lake

For More information: Marilyn @ (780) 335-1255
Holly @ 780 361-4939

ELDER'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

FOR ELDER'S 65+

DECEMBER 7, 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

H.B.M.C GYMNASIUM

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
CONTACT SCN ELDERS DEPT. 780-585-3793

GAMES **DOOR PRIZES**

ATTENTION SAMSON CREE NATION BAND MEMBERS

November 2023

INDIGENOUS EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE INCENTIVE FOR MEMBERS AGES 6 & UNDER RESIDING ON-RESERVE & OFF-RESERVE

Required documents for eligibility:

- Parent/Legal Guardian Information
- Registered SCN Members Children 6 years & under
- pending members may qualify with proper documentation
- All required information must be submitted in order for registration to be complete, no exceptions.



2 of the following documents will work:

- samson band card with visible band no.
- status card with SCN nation & treaty no.
- copy of letter from samson cree nation membership department
- proof of guardianship for kids in care
- Incentive will be mailed out once SCN Membership department verifies the band numbers.

register via google form scan the QR code



PLEASE FILL OUT A GOOGLE FORM OR SEND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS VIA EMAIL TO:

scnheadstart@gmail.com

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 30, 2023

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Asset Management Coordinator
DEPARTMENT: Tipahashka Kamik – Asset Management

Summary: Under the direction of the Director of Emergency Management, the Asset Management Coordinator is responsible for the overall Major/Minor Capital Assets, Insurance and Nation Buildings.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Manage capital projects for centralized water and sewer infrastructure, including budgets, schedules, and communication with stakeholders
- Communicate with SCN departments, funding agencies, and other stakeholders as required for successful delivery of capital projects
- Asset Management Planning – communication with Indigenous Services Canada representatives to ensure successful project delivery
- Research and submission of grant proposals related to Asset Management
- ACRS reporting pertaining to Nation assets (buildings, power poles, street lights)
- Documentation of Samson and Pigeon Lake inventories
- Assist DEM in oversight of insurance for Nation assets (buildings, CMHC homes, vehicles, heavy equipment etc.)
- Maintain complete drivers' and vehicle files containing the drivers file worksheets. Ensure work orders are created when any type of vehicle maintenance is conducted
- Reports to and Performs other related duties as requested Tipahashka Kamik General Manager and Tipahashka Kamik Committee
- Ability to manage several tasks simultaneously and handle a large volume of work in a timely manner
- Assist with Operations tasks, if needed
- Must be willing to attend training related to job position

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent; project management training is an asset
- Basic computer skills (MS Word, Excel) experience with GIS software is an asset
- Class 5 Driver's License and access to a vehicle
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge of the Cree language would be an asset
- Comfortable working in office and field environments
- May be subject to alcohol and drug testing

CLOSING DATE: November 28, 2023 @ 4:00 PM

INTERVIEWS: To be announced

To be considered for this position, you must submit all necessary documentation (Application, Cover letter, Resume, Confliction/License, Criminal Record Check)

For application and further information, please contact:
Samson Cree Nation
Personnel Department
P.O. Box 139
Maskwacis, AB, T8C 1S8
Telephone: (780) 585-3793
Extension: 187
Fax: (780) 585-2888
Email: personnel.139@gmail.com

SAMSON RECREATION BINGO

\$25,000.00 BONANZA

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23, 2023

TICKETS: \$100.00/\$125.00 ON DATE OF EVENT

DOORS OPEN: 3:30PM
BONANZA PRE-CALL: 5:30PM
EARLY BIRD: 5:45 PM
REGULAR GAMES: 6:00 PM

REGULAR GAMES (8 SERIES BOOKLET):

\$12,000.00 IN TOTAL PRIZES:

6-4 BASEBALL: \$2,500.00
QUICKIE: \$2,500.00
WILDCARD: \$2,500.00
ODD/EVEN: \$2,500.00

OUR BIGGEST EVER BONANZA TOTAL PAYOUT
BONANZA:

TIP1 PATTERN: \$5,000.00
FULL CARD: \$15,000.00
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\$25,000.00 TOTAL BONANZA PAYOUT!!!!

Employment Opportunity NOVEMBER 14, 2023

OKEYMOWKISIK GAS BAR MANAGER

Summary

The Manager has the overall responsibility for the daily operations of Okeymowkisik Gas Bar/Convenience. The Business Manager will supervise and co-ordinate the activities of all staff and is accountable for all management responsibilities. The Manager reports directly to the General Manager of Samson Management (2008) Ltd.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Responsible to plan, organize, direct, and control the operations of the business.
- Responsible to manage staff and delegate duties as appropriate.
- Responsible for preparing monthly, quarterly and annual budgets and strategic plans as required.
- Responsible for preparation and maintenance of reports on product inventories, site inspections, sales, invoicing, and personnel matters, etc.
- Responsible for collection of accounts receivable and preparation of monthly statements.
- Responsible to ensure all security measures are in place and are followed.
- Responsible for assisting in interviewing, hiring, training, evaluating, promoting, and terminating employees.
- Responsible for ensuring that all employees, including self, provide a high level of customer service and maintain a high standard of cleanliness within store parameters.
- Responsible for ensuring that all staff are following provincial and federal regulations pertaining to the sale of tobacco and fuel, and lottery.
- Responsible for ensuring all equipment is maintained and kept in good working order.
- Responsible for maintaining a professional working relationship with all staff and support staff.
- Responsible for advertising and determining how merchandise should be displayed.
- Responsible for ensuring all policies and procedures set out by Okeymowkisik Gas Bar, Convent and Samson Management (2008) Ltd are implemented and adhered to.
- Responsible for resolving issues such as customer complaints and supply shortages, promptly and professionally.

Working Conditions

The Manager works in a climate-controlled gas station environment. Their workdays tend to be unstructured, and they must deal with frequent interruptions. Must be able to lift 10lbs frequently and up to 50lbs occasionally. Travel may be required occasionally.

Position Requirements

- High School Diploma
- Post secondary diploma/degree in business management, commerce, or administration field preferred.
- Effective leadership skills and ability to focus on operational and business processes.
- Previous managerial experience an asset.
- Any combination of the above will be considered.

Employment Opportunity

This is a Regular Full-Time position with a six-month probationary period. This position is in Maskwacis, Alberta. Continued employment is dependent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

Wage Expectations: Negotiable

Closing Date: November 28, 2023, or until a suitable candidate is found

Interested persons are requested to submit a Resume, Cover letter and criminal record check by mail, personally, fax or email to:

SAMSON MANAGEMENT (2008) LTD.
P.O. Box 538, Maskwacis Alberta, T8C 1N0
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Telephone: (780) 585-2466 Fax: (780) 585-2393

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

GRIEF RECOVERY

WITH BEARWOMAN & ASSOCIATES

THIS SESSION IS FOR WOMEN ONLY
(MENS SESSION SCHEDULED FOR 2024)

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 3, 2023

LOCATION:

TBA

Samson Members 18+



TIME (DAILY):

8AM - 4PM

Registration:

Scan the QR code below to fill out the google form or visit: www.scwprograms.com

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November 21, 2023

National Addictions Awareness Week: HBMC November 20-23, 2023. One of the speakers was Eugene Standing Rock from Kainai-Blackfoot territory. Eugene has been in movies and TV. His movie's are the following: The Revenant, Wonder Woman (Chief Napi) and The Montana Story. His TV career as follows: Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee, Hell On Wheels, Jamestown and Spirit Rangers. Eugene has trained at a stuntman and has worked in Paris at the Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show prior to him landing his roles on TV and movies.

Guide: Eugene what would you say young native girls, woman and males who want to get into an acting career?

Eugene: My advice would be to get as much

experience as you can. That can be in front of the camera or behind the camera. It can be learning special skills like riding horses or shooting arrows. This is what I did and what opened the door for me. Know how to use a canoe, know how to hunt and use a tomahawk. Know how to use a sling shot. There's so many different skills and it's not just about acting. It's about skill set: taking care of yourself, eating and drinking healthy. There's not a lot of Native American stunt woman in the business. That's what opened the door for me was having those special skills. If I did not learn how to ride a horse I never would have been where I am at right now. Again, my advice is to get as many skills under your belt as possible.

Guide: What about acting classes and singing classes?

Eugene: Yes exactly. There's so many different programs now a days. It could be a weekend acting class or there's something like the Toronto Film Academy which is a four year program. If you want to get into the business that is the place to go. You learn not just acting, you learn riding, you learn production, you learn every aspect of the business. There's so many aspects to the business and the more you know about it the better.

You may see two people in front of the camera but there's a hundred people behind it. They all have a duty to do that make it all come together. I know so many people that have gotten into the business as actors or actresses but now their grips or their in lighting or catering. There's so many different options to take.

Guide: Thank you Eugene I know you have to get going so safe travels and thank you for coming to Maskwacis.

November 22, 2023: Daphie Pooyak: She learned the Creation story at a young age and thought everybody knew it. That was her first education from her Grandparents.

Where does your blood come from? What blood

branch from your umbilical cord? This is what her Kokum wanted answered not which reserve your from. Tansi O Chi Kiya? Where do you come from? That is what her Kokum asked her one time at the school she was going to. Daphie answered her nation but her Kokum wanted to know which blood line you come from.

My Mom comes from Mosquito First Nation. My Mother is Dakota.

She said speak about the blood that runs through your body.

A lot of times we are lost because we don't understand our blood line. This means your belly button.

When she was younger she would have dreams. Like prophecy dreams. She would tell the Elders so she could understand what she was seeing in her dreams. I could not make it up because I did not visit those places. This was when she was about 5 years old. I saw a lot of things coming in the future. When I was 8 years old I had a dream. My Kokum told me I had to Sundance for that dream. So I've been fasting since I was 8 years old. This doesn't mean I had a hard life.

A lot of times, like many



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of us, we get hurt and we get broken. Even though I had a traditional upbringing I went through a lot of hard times especially when my Dad passed away. A Minister told her Dad one time, “Your daughter has healing hands to heal sick people.” Her Dad said, “Yes we were told that about her that’s why we take her out.”

I learned a lot about the spirits. I could see the spirits. I could see the shadow people and the lost souls. I could see the good spirits. Some of them are trying to make their way to the spirit world. I’m lucky because the way I was raised nobody ever told me that I was crazy. I could hear and see spirits. It wasn’t so easy sometimes because some of those spirits are mean. I didn’t know what to do about it. So I learned how to pray and I learned how to take care of myself because I didn’t have a choice I could see them all the time.

She finally lost her Dad and she thought it was her fault. Daphie goes on: at the time, I didn’t know about the spirit journey. All of us, we made an agreement with Creator before we came to our Mothers womb. The Creator told us the difficult part of our life, He showed us on his left hand. The sadness hurt and pain. All of these things you will see in your life. He told us, these are key moments in your healing

and growth. On the right hand, He said, these are the happy moments, the joy and laughter. The first gift He gave us was love. The second gift He gave us was free will. We get to choose how we live. That agreement, He said, you can’t come back until I come get you. He said, you got to stay there. One day I will come get you. When I come get you, you will go straight there. I did not understand this when I was a young woman. My Dad passed away then I started drinking and doing drugs.

She went on a downward spiral from there for years. This is how she made a living when her kids were small. She did not understand what she was doing at that time. It wasn’t until she got older that she figured it out. Daphie mentions that: So I didn’t come from a perfect life. She saw the spirits that came with alcohol and drugs.

She went out to the ceremonies. She realized she was drinking and doing drugs to punish herself for something she didn’t understand. Human beings will punish themselves much worse than someone else can. They believe they were wronged somehow or someway. This punishment was a lesson in her learning.

Her Kokum said to her one day, “Nosim, don’t talk about things you don’t understand.” I remember when I finally



quit drinking and doing drugs. I had a lot of shame. Fast forward in my life, I ended up working at my school with my Mom. She was a substitute teacher. I’m not a certified teacher but I have worked in many schools as a substitute teacher then as a traditional teacher. I would go to work and the students would not want to learn. So I stopped and I prayed. I heard a voice and it said, “Tell them a story.” So I started telling them parts of the Creation story. The students would all calm down. I realized, as native people, we want to know where we come from. We want to be proud of where we come from. We’ve grown up in a difficult time. All these negative things that happened to our people and because of that poor treatment we walked around believing what we were told. We started to believe them. Those are lies.

Sometimes we forget that we are loved Daphie tells the crowd about 50 people in the HBMC. We forget that the Creator and Mother Earth loves us and that we are they’re children. All of a sudden I was getting phone call asking to be a cultural advisor at the Indian High School and then I got another phone call asking if I would work with

Saskatchewan Corrections. I was the Elder there for 8 years.

Before she got to the Saskatchewan Corrections job, she offered tobacco because she wasn’t sure what was going to happen. She heard her Kokum’s voice real clear, Kokum said, “Love all people the way you love your children.” Kokum said, “Teach all people the way you teach your children.”

Daphie knew how to be a Mom and she knew how to be a cousin and she knew how to be a Komum. That’s what she would be when she started the Corrections job. This was in maximum security, the gang unit. She worked with them for 8 years. She had a hard time after the second year. She could not believe the stories the inmates told her. The masks came off and they told her their stories. They talked about the abuse, abandonment and neglect. She understood what was going on. The job got easier after that.

People just wanted to be heard. She listened a lot at the Corrections job.

Daphie went on to talk for a while after that. If you ever get a chance to listen to Daphie you will learn something about yourself and life in general.



Football: St. Francis X

November 15, 2023

Submission from Victor Buffalo: That is Colin Buffalo. Son of Adam and Olivia Buffalo. Colin plays for St. Francis X. They played for the university National title Vanier Cup. St. Francis won 34-23.

“Tansi our Grandson Colin’s team are playing the University of BC in the semi final for the Vanier Cup. BC beat the University of Alberta. Winner gets to play in Kingston, Ontario, for the Vanier Cup. The winner of Canadian Universities.”



Education: Pigeon Lake School

November 16, 2023

Pigeon Lake Regional School, Academics Awards Ceremony.

Most Improved Student:
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SAFETY HAZARD ALERT

Hazards of Carbon Monoxide

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

Overview: Due to a high-risk and significant carbon monoxide (CO) call a Federation Member responded to, the following safety alert has been developed to emphasize the hazards of CO and review some important considerations.

Details of Hazard: With the weather changing and temperatures dropping, the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning indoors increases. As heaters and furnaces kick in, windows and screen doors that were usually open during the summer remain shut, causing the potential buildup of CO. Knowing how to prevent the causes of CO and recognizing the symptoms is crucial information that everyone needs to know.

Recommended Preventative Actions: Natural gas or portable propane heaters or petroleum gas generators are not to be used indoors. Vehicles must not be left running inside enclosed shops/garages, near air intake systems or adjacent building windows. Install CO detectors in mechanical/furnace rooms, basements and various locations throughout your home to allow for notification and give you time to make it out safely. Have your gas appliances checked by certified technicians before the winter months. Cleaning vents, filters and screens can also help reduce the buildup of CO. Ensure that as snow builds up along buildings, the gas meter is not buried. Make sure there is a constant flow of fresh air into furnace rooms and keep the area around each appliance clear and free of debris.

Further considerations: Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, tasteless, odorless, lighter than air toxic gas that is released during the combustion process of almost any material. CO rapidly absorbs from the lungs into the bloodstream, where it binds to hemoglobin. The hemoglobin cannot accept oxygen, which leads to oxygen starvation. Because of these properties, CO can go undetected and become a dangerous byproduct of incomplete combustion.

• Symptoms of CO exposure will vary, depending on the concentration and duration of exposure, and should never be ignored:

- **Mild:** Headaches, dizziness, clumsiness, or "flu like" symptoms.
- **Severe:** Vomiting, confusion, visual problems, irregular heartbeat, weakness, or collapse.
- **Extreme:** Unconsciousness, convulsions, or heart and lung failure resulting in death.

• Illnesses can include carbon monoxide poisoning, respiratory alkalosis, respiratory depression and hypercapnia. If not treated, these illnesses can cause significant injury or death.

If any of these symptoms are reported by a caller, it is imperative that they are directed to get outside to fresh air immediately by the Member Utility.

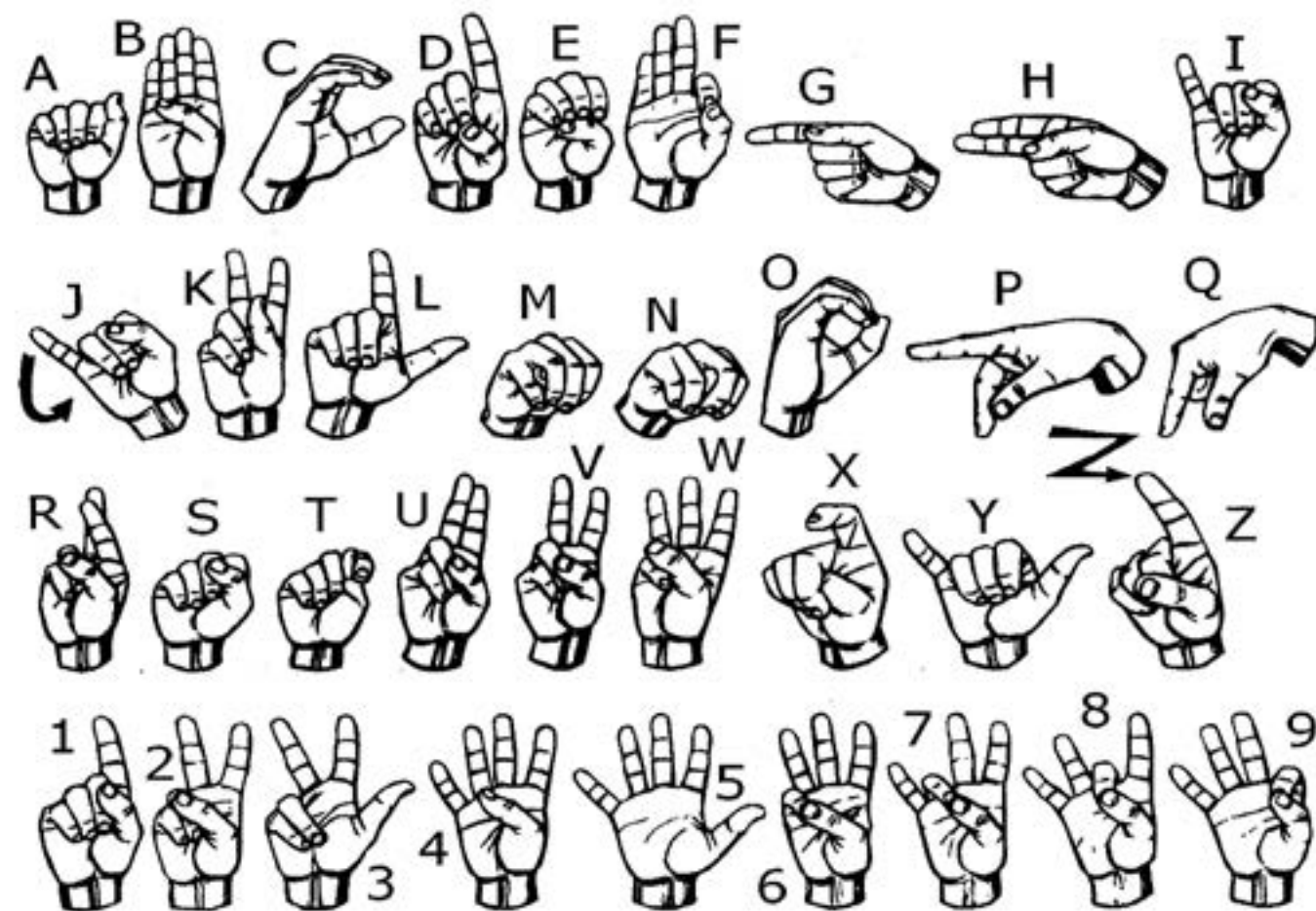
While sampling the atmosphere upon entering the building remember the following:

- If the sample exceeds **10 PPM**, evacuate the premises and commence venting
- **25 PPM** is the CH&S Code maximum OEL for continuous exposure in any 8-hour period
- **75 PPM** for 30 minutes is the maximum exposure during any 24-hour period
- At no time should a worker be exposed to more than **125 PPM** at any time
- Call for support (fire department with breathing apparatus) if immediate access is required

Due to the likelihood of an increase in CO calls as we head into another winter season, it is vital that all Member Utilities familiarize themselves with their emergency response procedures for responding to CO calls. It is strongly recommended that all Member Utilities complete a CO call response tabletop exercise with all affected staff prior to winter.

For more information, refer to the following sections within the O&M Manual:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Section 3.6.1.1 – Incident Action Response – Gas Odor – Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- Carbon Monoxide



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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Day Light Savings Time Ends	6 Communications Meeting.	7	8	9	10 Acimowin	11 Veterans Day. Ermineskin Veterans Pow Wow Panee.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Acimowin	25
26	27	28 Domestic Violence Conference HBMC 10AM.	29 Domestic Violence Conference HBMC 10AM.	30	Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services (MCSS) 585-2268 for A.A. Program.	

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Cultural Basket HBMC 10AM.	5 Cultural Basket HBMC 10AM.	6 Cultural Basket HBMC 10AM.	7 CP Holiday Train town 330 PM. Elders Christmas Dinner HBMC 10AM.	8 Acimowin	9 Arts & Crafts Sake Pigeon Lake Rec.
10 Arts & Crafts Sake Pigeon Lake Rec.	11	12 Edmonton Christmas Dinner 5PM.	13 Charity Check Stop 9AM.	14 Calgary Christmas Dinner 5PM.	15 Christmas Party.	16
17 Pigeon Lake Elders Christmas Dinner.	18	19 HBMC Christmas Dinner 11AM. GingerBread Parade 5PM.	20 Pigeon Lake MCTC Christmas Dinner.	21 Acimowin Winter Solstice. Last Day of Work.	22	23 Samson Bingo Special Game.
24	25 Christmas Day Dinner HBMC 12PM.	26	27	28	29	30
31 Happy New Year!						

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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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