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# Mamowo Mimiw Sakahikan

**The Preservation of Healthy Water Will Produce  
Healthy, Edible Fish**

## Written & Photo Submission

April 25, 2023

### **Mamawo Mimiw Sakahikan Ice Fishing and Sharing of Knowledge:**

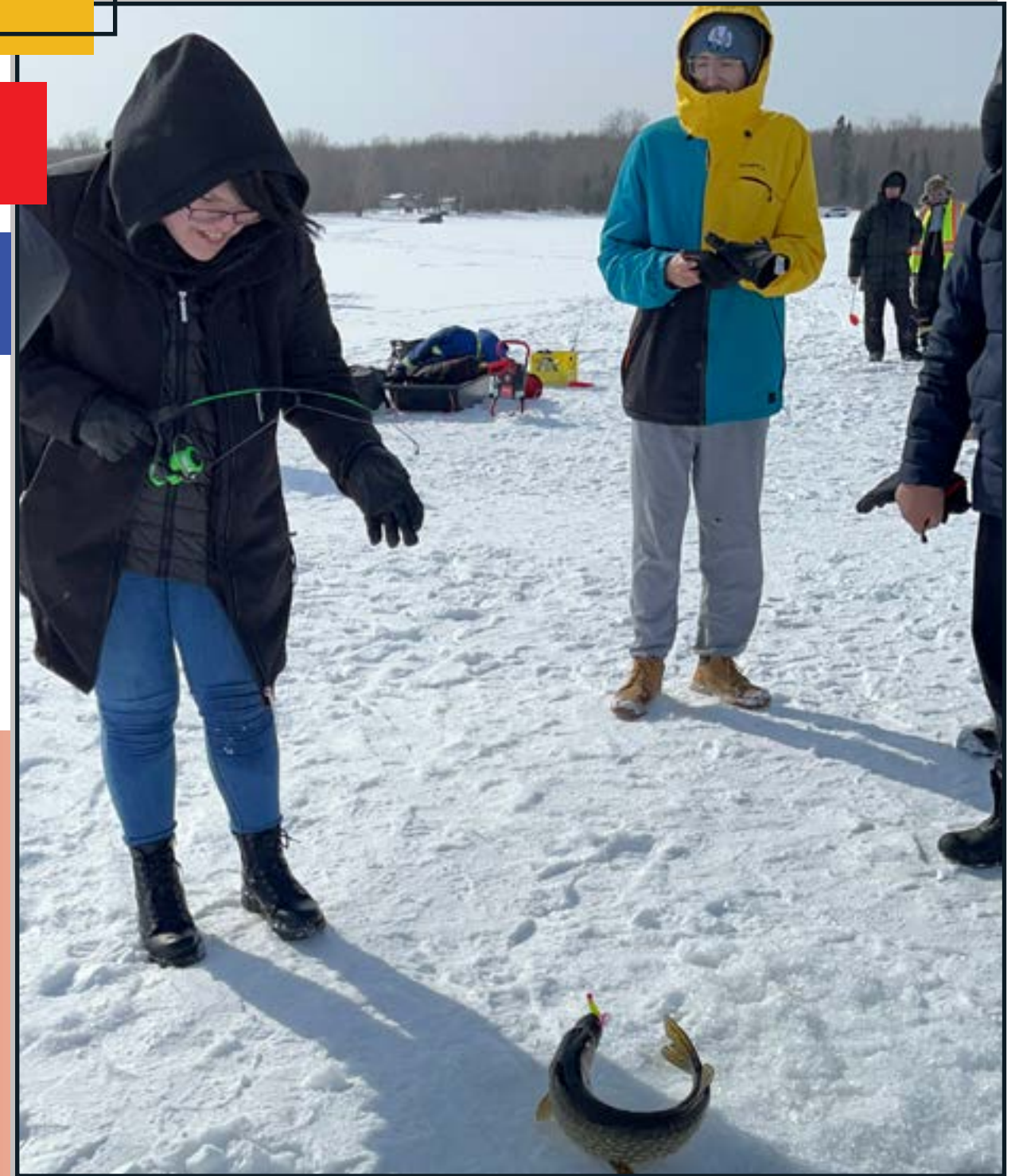
#### **“The Preservation of Healthy Water will Produce Healthy, Edible Fish”**

Celebrating Ice fishing with our elders and youth was held at Mamawo Mimiw Sakahikan (Pigeon Lake) As a way to bring people together to gain knowledge on the importance of ice fishing. The community gathering was held with First Nations members from Pigeon Lake and Samson Cree Nation members on March 11, 19th and the 25th, 2023.

Our first adventure on March 11th was a cold crisp day, temperatures hovered

around -5 with some wind chill and this would only enhance the day because the crew was dressed for the weather as we were all anxious to see what the day had to bring. Members were encouraged to learn how to use the fishing poles and to catch their own fish. An experienced facilitator, Azure Johnson, Pigeon Lake resident walked the participants step-by-step while explaining the history and importance of ice fishing for First Nations Peoples. Azure also shared that she started ice fishing during Covid lockdowns to provide food for her family. Historically, ice fishing is a practice that evolved out of necessity for people who needed food during the winter months. The elders shared that ice fishing is also important for our people as a way of maintaining our culture, identity and health. These

**Pigeon Lake**



**Ice Fish**

**2023**



teachings will be beneficial for or future generations as a way of sustaining foods for feeding peoples in an ever-changing rising food cost in Canada. The Elder's shared that fishing is integral to our language and culture and ice fishing is an important part of trade, labour and economy. By helping shape, identity, promote mental, physical and spiritual health.

Elder Bernice Stoney joined us to give thanks the creator prayers she shared with us or her thoughts and teachings on ice fishing and the importance of water she said “ You came to live life here on mother earth and because the Creator blessed your life as an Indigenous person he equipped you with everything within the environment for you to keep strong as an Indigenous person so it is up to us to take care of the water, to protect the water and to respect the water”. In our traditions and customs, it is very important to say prayers and use protocol first before taking anything from the land such as fish because animals and fish are sacred beings. We offered protocol to Elders Bernice Stoney, Elizabeth Roan and Betty Ann Yellowbird, to ask that what we take be replenished and that we want to

give thanks for mother earth for providing us with these gifts of food. The Elders were present to offer a prayer for our fish we will consume and that we have a safe day and for ancestors to accept our prayers. Elders have been eating fish for a very long time and they love it because of the rich nutrients it provides for the body so that is why we all

want to encourage to teach this generation and future generations to learn ice fishing as well. The intent of this gathering is to inspire and bring in more people to learn about ice fishing.

As the day progressed, the anticipation grew as we all wondered if we would be successful to catch fish or none. Leanne



and Dickie Buffalo's granddaughter Juliette Rain was the gifted one in the group to catch a large sized Pike. The traditional way is to use an axe and traditional ice fishing reminds us that we don't need a lot of equipment. However, for the group's purposes, we used an auger that took about 30 seconds to drill through 4 feet

of ice. We needed safety equipment such as safety gloves, warm ware, measuring tape to measure thickness, rope, ice picks, buckets, reels, rods, bait, most importantly ice auger, lowed the ice scoop and collected our fish. There was also an ice fishing tent with a portable heater if anyone wanted to go inside and warm-up with chairs and it had a hole inside as an option



for catching fish. Real fish bait and fishing rods were provided to the participants. It is especially important to have someone with knowledge on ice fishing because it could be dangerous as well freezing waters could cause hypothermia as we were dressed accordingly. We are looking forward to more Ice fishing so we can take home to cook and share the experience. The first

ice fishing experience was a success.

The Pigeon Lake Water Association also joined us for ice fishing. Carson Hvenegaard enjoyed the event and shared the PLWA is proud to be a partner for this project and help youth connect with nature and their traditional practices. We know they will become strong stewards of the lake and watershed and we hope to continue collaborating with all people around Pigeon Lake to promote education, connection, and caring for a healthy environment.

As part of our day, The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) joined us to demonstrate water sampling. This is part of the Lake Keepers Community Based Monitoring project which enables individuals and communities to monitor and evaluate the health of their favourite lakes and reservoirs during the summer and winter months. ALMS collected water quality samples from under the ice. Participants used a YSI probe to collect temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles, bottles to collect water chemistry, and recorded environmental observations such as ice thickness and snow cover.

This information can be informative about the health of fish habitat and the quality of the water. Lake Keepers is free to participate in, and most participants collect monthly samples between December to March.

The day ended with the entire group moving to the Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre to have lunch and have a sharing circle with Elder Bernice Stoney. Elder Bernice shared



on the importance of water and fish to our people. It was a legacy dialogue with Elders and the youth were very engaged.

We had another ice fishing day on March 19th and the weather was perfect; families spent time together getting their holes dug and fishing rods ready to catch a fish. Cherilyn Buffalo from the Samson Cree Nation was excited to drill her own hole with the ice auger as water came up and poured and spilled over onto her shoes that is why it is important to be properly dressed. But besides that, she said it was “a very fun and interesting day” and “the best things about today were to watch the baby’s interest in helping with the ice holes”. Here is a picture of a family after they dug their hole

An important part of the fishing activities was the fires that were made on top of the ice, and this was a new learning experience for most because most did not know you could have fires on top off ice. With experienced fishers they know that there are important things to consider when having a safe fire. Ice has to be measured first for thickness to make sure its strong enough to carry people’s weight, it has to be more than four inches thick. The fire also was made for a source for warmth as it can get be very cold, and we did not use the fires to cook fish but that is also a way to fry up fish to

eat. The fire did melt the ice, but it was interesting to see that it didn’t affect the ice too much within the hours we were there. The fire on top of the ice was entertaining and the youth sat around talking about its importance to them and how he learned how to build his own fires and was happy to watch the fire. As aboriginal culture we build fires for most cultural ceremonies and that is why we invited an elder to come sit with us. One youth and new ice fisher Blake Dion, Pigeon Lake youth, attended the event and when he arrived, he asked if we could build the fire right away, it was important for him. Here is a picture of Blake tending to the fire.

The ice fishing trips were meant to introduce Maskwacis youth to help encourage ice fishing as a way of learning and to take what they learned and to show others how to fish as a means of sources of food for future generators and that is why each youth was giving their own fishing rod to take home. We want to thank the respected Elders for sharing their knowledge about the values and importance of water and ice fishing and for the said prayers. We would also like to announce that we will have upcoming events in with the Pigeon Lake Habitat Project throughout 2023. We would like to thank anyone who came out and participated in the ice fishing and if anyone has any questions about the programs or upcoming events you can contact Glinis Buffalo at:

gbuffaloconsulting@gmail.com

**Maskwacis Cultural College (MCC)**  
Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work, now accepting applications.  
Closing date: May 1, 2023. Applicant interviews begin May 4.  
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**Indigenous Artists**  
40th Annual Indigenous Art Contest  
Deadline: September 14th, 2023  
more details

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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. [click here](#)  
I confirm that I am of Indigenous ancestry. (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis) [click here](#)  
I agree that my entry was created within the last 24 months. [click here](#)  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND ART TO:  
Peace Hills Trust Indigenous Art Contest, 10th Floor, 10011 - 109 Street NW, Edmonton AB, T5J 3S8



## 2023 ELECTION SAMSON CREE NATION

The Samson Cree Nation Elections for Chief and Council will be held according to the *Samson Cree Nation Election Law – Nipinikopahk Wiyasowewin*, dated February 27, 2013. There is one (1) position for Chief and twelve (12) positions for Councillor. The dates of nominations and elections are as follows:



Nominations for Chief:	May 02, 2023
Election for Chief:	May 09, 2023
Nominations for Councillors:	May 16, 2023
Election for Councillors:	May 23, 2023

The nominations for Chief will be held on May 02, 2023, and for Councillors on May 16, 2023, at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre commencing at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

Samson Cree Nation will not hold any advance polls. The polling stations on Samson Reserve #137 and Pigeon Lake Reserve #138 will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Any other polling stations set up for the elections will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

  
Chief Vernon Saddleback  
March 28, 2023





# Guitarfest



Peekaboo Roan best solo performance.

April 22, 2023

**Jonas Applegarth theatre on the Samson Cree Nation:** Vinnie and Melanie Saddleback are the people who created Guitarfest. Vinnie explained at the start of the show that it started 12 years ago as a wedding fund raiser. It has evolved to what it is today. The youth kept asking Vinnie when the next one was going to be and it has gotten bigger every year since then. There were almost 200 people at the Jonas Applegarth theatre this night and that is the seating capacity for the theatre.

Vinnie has been playing in a band for the past 30 years. Vinnie explained they used to play at weddings and rodeos. The funny thing about weddings was that they didn't ask them to play they invited them over along with everyone else who could play

a musical instrument. Vinnie said that they ended up playing for free at first and then started getting paid about the fifth wedding. Vinnie mentioned that they wanted to encourage the youth to play music. The reason being that there is a lot of talent in Maskwacis. Back in the day when Vinnie used to dance on the pow wow trail he travelled a lot. He noticed people used to stereotype the reserve. He told those people that Maskwacis has a history of champions. There is rodeo and pow wow champions. We have hockey team champions. We have athletes, doctors, lawyers and people with degrees. We have trades people as well. Quite honestly, people don't see that on our reserve. The city of champions? That's us. So give yourself a big hand (the crowd applauds).

Vinnie went on to say that all the people

who phoned and showed up-little do you know that when you perform there is someone out there that looks up to you. All you performers are role models. If someone comes up to you be nice to them. Your efforts can change that person's life. My nephew lives down the road. He graduated and he couldn't afford a suit. He came and seen me so I bought him a suit. He was telling me was tired of living in a negative environment. Vinnie gave him a bass guitar and he told him never stop dreaming and he didn't want to see this in the pawn shop. This guitar can make you famous, this guitar can make you wealthy and this guitar can feed you. He still has that guitar. Now he is in a band. That kid invited me to a venue in Edmonton. I could not believe how he transformed into the musician that he is today from where he was a few years ago. All it took was effort and contribution.

That's what this is all about. This is about all the youth for them to embrace their talents and to show the world how good they are. They say Idle No More. Well guess what? It's time we started singing and dancing. It is time we get up. It is time we breathe. We are the true warriors. The First Nations people are the true warriors and we need to embrace that now. I am speaking from my heart no one paid me to do this. My wife and I have been doing this for 12 years now. We did not go to the band office for help we did this, with help from our friends and on our own. Everything you see here today we bought ourselves.

Today we have 22 bands signed up. Morley

and Pikani nations, Calling Lake, Frog Lake and the urban Indians from Calgary and Edmonton are here.

The door prize winners were Cyrus Baptiste, the Acimowin editor Guide and Phoenix Omeasoo won a Fender guitar. The bands were: from Calling Lake-Midnight Cree with Eddie Soosay helping out on bass guitar, Black Tie Affair from Edmonton, Thunder Wolf, Ahmawok from Louis Bull, Stoney River from Morley, Oscar Acosta, Uncle and the Bros featuring Alaine (local band), Sounds In Neglect and the Saddle Bats. The winner for Single Performer was Peekaboo Roan. The Best Performance: Stoney River. The Best Band was Sounds In Neglect from Maskwacis. Vinnie and Mel used a decibel meter to measure the crowd applause to determine the winners.

At the end of the show, when Vinnie played his flute song, he dedicated Guitarfest to the talented musicians who have left us and to those struggling with issues and addictions. Vinnie said that we will pray for them and we will lead by example. He said that maybe one day those people will come back to the stage and embrace their talents. At the end there was the traditional throwing of T Shirts to the crowd.

Good job to the organizers: Vinnie and Melanie Saddleback. Thank you to their team who helped organize this event. Thank you to the bands who came to Maskwacis to entertain the people. Until next year....

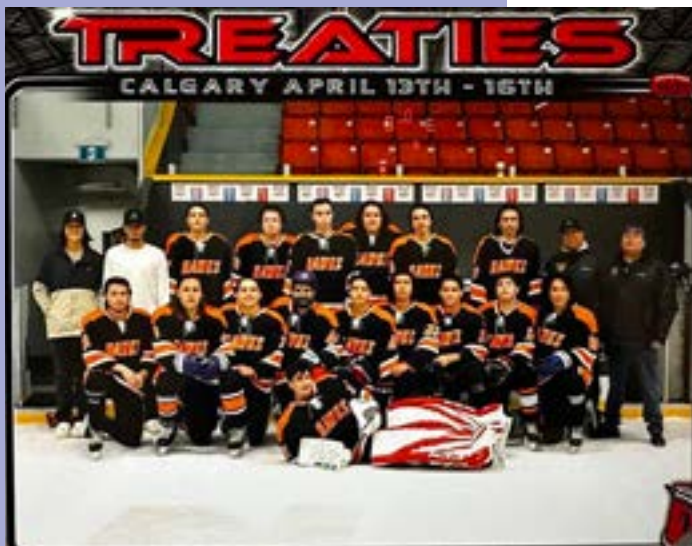




Attack U11 Gold Medal @ Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament April 18, 2023.



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Maskwacis Hawks Juniors U21 Bronze Medal Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament April 18, 2023.



Maskwacis U13 Silver Medal Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament April 18, 2023.



Maskwacis U9 Silver Medal Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament April 18, 2023.

# Maskwacis Hockey April 2023

Source: Samson Cree Nation facebook page.



# Maskwacis Minor Hockey Association: Ashton John

Submission by Breanna Rowan

Maskwacis Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) is proud of 13 year old Ashton John from the Samson Cree Nation who is currently playing with the Alberta Wolfpack AAA out of Edmonton. Ashton found his passion for goal tending when he was 8 years old and continues to excel. This Spring he will be attending a show case in Seattle, Washington USA, with the Wolfpack.



Nipisihkopahk Hawks Senior Mens team, 1st Place Senior Native Provincials 2-23. April 24, 2023. Photos: Samson Cree Nation facebook page.



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## NOTICE 2023 ELECTION

Pursuant to the 2013 Samson Cree Nation Election Law – Nîstrikkopâkê Wiyasowewin, Notice is hereby given to the eligible voters of Samson Cree Nation that there will be nominations and elections for one (1) Chief and twelve (12) Councillors as follows:



Nominations for Chief: May 02, 2023  
Election for Chief: May 09, 2023  
Nominations for Councillor's: May 16, 2023  
Election for Councillor's: May 23, 2023

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A copy of the eligible voters list will be available at Samson Cree Nation Membership Dept. for review only – Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Copies of 2013 Election Law and nomination package will be available with Dorothy Simon at (780) 352-1144 or at buffalochildconsulting@gmail.com

Shanda Vargus  
Election Officer  
780 721-8852



## NOTICE

### 2023 ELECTION – POLLING STATIONS

The polling stations for nomination & election will be held at the following:

- Samson Cree Nation – Howard Buffalo Memorial Center**  
Nomination for Chief – May 2, 2023 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Election for Chief – May 9, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Nomination for Councillors – May 16, 2023 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Election for Councillors – May 23, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Pigeon Lake Reserve #138 – Recreation Center**  
Election for Chief – May 9, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Election for Councillors – May 23, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Edmonton Polling Station**  
Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre  
11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB  
Election for Chief – May 9, 2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Election for Councillors – May 23, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Calgary Polling Station**  
Best Western Premier  
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Election for Chief – May 9, 2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Election for Councillors – May 23, 2023 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

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Gen. Minnie  
M. Powell



# Kakiyaw Nipiy Ehotinikeyahk Water Our Shared Gift



April 20, 2023  
HBMC in Samson: Kakiyaw Nipiy Ehotinikeyahk Water Our Shared Gift exposition took place with vendors, presentations and information about the Maskwacis water system. The MCs were Samson Councilors Mario Swampy and Laurie Buffalo. Chad Simon organized the event. There were prizes awarded to participants and CFWE journalists were taking pictures of the event. The Expo was presented by the Community Capital Planning (CCP) department Tipahaskahn Kamik.

Below: Glinis Buffalo

Below: Darcy's Drilling Services (vendor).



## Water Expo





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

\*April 25: **Red Ribbon Skirt Making**. Samson Community Wellness. Workshop begins April 25 for Red Dress Day May 5. Location: Willowview building with Tamara Saddleback 780-585-3634. Skirt kits supplied.

\*April 26: **Trauma Informed for Men**. Samson Community Wellness. Location: Willowview building. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Call 780-585-3634. Register Online [www.scwprograms.com](http://www.scwprograms.com) 15 spots available.

\*April 29: **KCWS Traditional Pow Wow**. 12-6 PM. MCs: Brian Lightning & Elmer Rattlesnake. Call 780-585-3300 for more information.

\*April 29 & 30: **Free Veterinary Care**. For dogs, cats and horses. Location: Maskwacis Fellowship Church for dogs and cats, Panee Agriplex for horses. Christian Veterinary Missions, Maskwacis Bible Fellowship Church, Louis Bull All Nations Church. Contact: [eeles@naim.ca](mailto:eeles@naim.ca)

### May

\***Womens Healing Camp** by Samson Community Wellness. Location: Camp Wohelo. Register Online: [www.scwprograms.com](http://www.scwprograms.com) OR Call 780-585-3634.

Alberta Indigenous Games (AIG) **Maskwacis Basketball Registration** form August 10-13, 2023. Ages 10-21. \$30 jersey fee. Registration Deadline: June 1, 2023.

**Womens Health:** MHS presents Dr. Heckman, Gynaecologist. Every Tuesday 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Call 780-585-2266 for appointment.

SamsonHeadstart: **Dad/Tot Golf Program** at Amen Corner Driving Range Highway 611 East. Call Jared 780-585-2230 OR Email: [scnheadstart@gmail.com](mailto:scnheadstart@gmail.com)  
Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 29, June 5 & 12, 2023.

\*May 3, 10, 24, 31: **Youth Wellness Basketball Camps**. Samson Community Wellness. Contact Klevlin 780-585-3634 OR Email: [klevlinc@gmail.com](mailto:klevlinc@gmail.com)  
Location: Samson HBMC.

\*May 26-28, 2023: **Ermineskin Pow Wow**, Bear Park in Maskwacis.

### August

\*August 11-13, 2023: **Samson Cree Nation Pow Wow**. Host Drum: Sharp Shooter. For more information please call the Pow Wow Chairperson at 780-585-3793.

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



**Mimiw Sakahikan Habitat Restoration 2023**

Gathering your ideas on the Pigeon Lake Habitat Restoration through a community survey.

**SURVEY OPEN TO MASKWACIS MEMBERS**

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Contact Email: [cherilynbuffalot@gmail.com](mailto:cherilynbuffalot@gmail.com) with questions or if you require assistance accessing the survey.

### Vision Statement

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

### Mission Statement

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



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