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Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin. The Covid 19 virus along with the UK Variant have arrived in Maskwacis and you can see what Chief Vern Saddleback has to say about it with his update on page 6, see his full address on the Samson Facebook page. Moving on, Samson band member Kiara Johnson, U of C student, has an interview on page 10. Locally, Samson employee Myles Rain was presented a book with his published poem by Elder Roy Louis see the article on page 19. The Samson Headstart program had an Easter Drive Through event and you can see the picture on page 20. Finally, Take Back The Night/Sisters In Spirit Vigil took place at the NOK building in Ermineskin with Stephanie Harpe as one speaker, see page 25.



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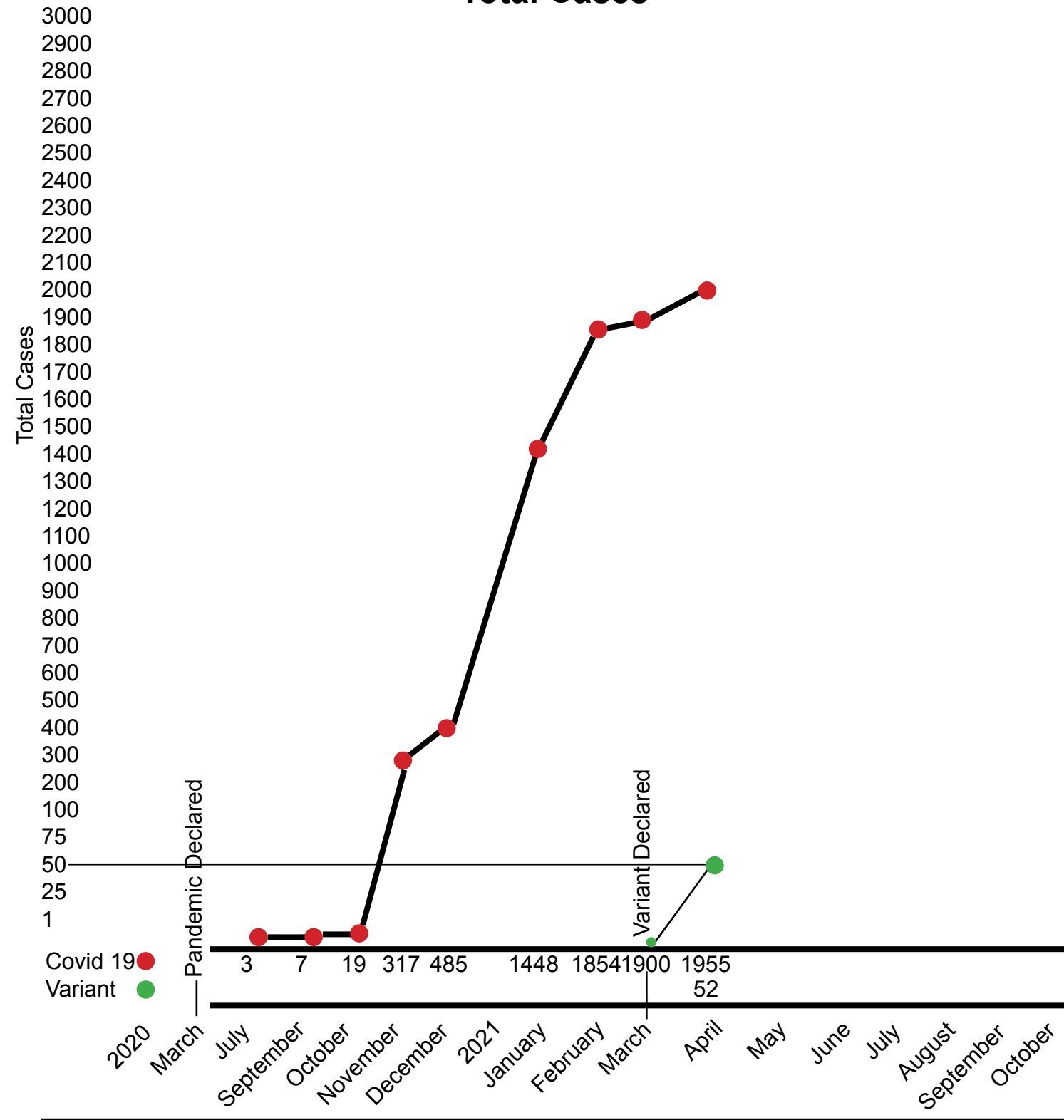
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Briefing note from: **SAMSON CREE NATION Celebrations committee**
Candy Cane Lane 12/18/21
Virtual Traditional Powwow; Jan. 9/10, 2021
Family Day Traditional Powwow; Feb. 15, 2021

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

SUMMARY:

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

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

Team Lead: Councillor Marvin Yellowbird

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

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

Outcome: 195 vehicles
378 children
290 Adults
18 elders

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

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

Team Lead: Karlene Cutknife

Technicians: Jaime Buffalo, Kim Buffalo, Kirby Buffalo

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

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

Remaining funds: \$ 6362.68 *to be determined

Outcome: 75 dancers registered
15 Family photos

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

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

CONCLUSION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remaining: \$ 9100.00 *repurpose on Family Day

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

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

Team Lead: Jaime Buffalo

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

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

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

Samson Celebrations Committee:

Chair: Louise Omeasoo

Elected Council: Holly Johnson Rattlensnake, Shannon Buffalo,
Marvin Yellowbird, Frank Buffalo

Committee members: Jaime Buffalo, Kim Buffalo, Karlene Cutknife,
Kirby Buffalo

Administrative Assistant: Angela Boysis



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All Samson Band Members
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April 4, 2021

Samson Chief Vern Saddleback update on the SCN Facebook page.

Chief Vernon Saddleback: Cree word of the day: Atoske (work). Let's show the people that we are getting back to work and to forget all the negative talk.

Chief's Covid 19 and UK Variant statistics for April 4, 2021:

Total: 1946

Recovered: 1888

Active: 58

Variant: 45

Covid 19: 13

Variant Samson: 22

Covid 19 Samson: 2

Chief wants to thank the Emergency Management team and the work they've been doing for the last 13 months. The band office employees are in a cohort system where half of the department works one week and then the next employees come in while the other goes home. This ensures that the band office will stay open if there is an infection in one department. If a department

is infected then the Ambulance Authority comes in and fogs the area. The fog is like a mist that disinfects the area. So I am asking the people to be patient.

The pandemic took a toll on employment. Chief understood that interviews for jobs would cause the spread of Covid 19. So the nation has a lot of temporary employees right now.

We need 70% of the people to be vaccinated in Samson in order to resume normal operations. The pow wow committee posted the annual celebration for this year because we are being optimistic. If we are not there yet then we will have to have another discussion about mass gatherings taking place like the annual pow wow.

As for the job situation, Chief wanted the jobs posted to be fair to the people. This is one of the major questions people ask him about. Chief had to make a tough call on the hired temporary employees and the decision was that they had to be let go and rehired properly. This process would go back two years prior to being hired by the nation. All those people who were let go of temporary employment are urged to reapply for the position again. The point is that we have to go back to a fair system.

Chief sent a letter to the Elders Executive Law Committee: the first question was what is the employment status of Council. This has to do with employee benefits.

The other committee is the Executive Committee made up of 4 Council Members. They take care of the Band Administrator (B.A.), the Assistant B.A. and issues of the nation. Their task is to be fair on how Chief and Council are paid. On April 1st they made a salary adjustment, which was approved, but myself and two other Councilors did not approve. I believe that the people of Samson should decide how much leadership should be paid.

The reason I am doing this is to prepare for the end of the pandemic. When it lifts I want an organized structure so we can move forward as a people.

The strategic planning update: this has to do with the organization of the nation. The surveyors went out, Grace Dion and Charlene Bruno, and collected the information and thank you to everyone who participated. The first reading to approve the strategic plan was passed recently and the next reading is coming up soon. There might be some departments moving in the future so I want to tell the people that right now. We want to make sure that the department is under the correct pillar so there is support.

Moving on, I know there are mental health issues in our community. He gets all the reports from the RCMP and Ambulance Authority and when you read all these reports you start to realize how much mental health plays a part in it. People are being sent to jail instead of being sent to treatment. I've posted publicly that I deal with depression so I know what it's like. Right now, we're gathering the data to show the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), Health Canada, that we need support. At minimum, I want some staff hired to deal with mental health issues in our community. This is going to be done so Chief can get people out of incarceration and get them the mental health supports that they need. The Treaty Chiefs have been meeting and letting the province know that there is the Medicine Chest clause that needs to be upheld.

Policing: As you know the province is pushing hard for a provincial police force to replace the current RCMP. We are not a provincial entity, we are a federal entity. We've always had problems with Sheriff's and Fish & Wildlife coming into our territory. They are provincial not federal. The Treaty Chiefs agree that they have no jurisdiction in our territories as well. As of April 1, 2021, the province is giving special powers to their Sheriff's and Fish & Wildlife officers. I would rather see the RCMP continue on here in Maskwacis rather than a provincial police force or our own local Maskwacis police force.

The Constitution: we lost by only a few votes for the constitution last time. Ermineskin Cree Nation has a constitution passed by its people and the courts recognize this. My Mother's side of the family comes from Ermineskin. I want people to know that we will be re-launching the Samson constitution this Spring. The constitution will have a few edits this time. Once the people of Samson agree to create their own laws then the court system will have no more say.

Once we get people vaccinated then we can have the community meetings again. The Elders are ready because they've done the work on the constitution. We are going to get feedback from the people and then get this passed. That's the update on the constitution.

I use Facebook for communication purposes only. I wanted to use Messenger. If people want to get a hold of me they can use Messenger on Facebook. I talked to a social media consultant and they urged me to create a Chief's website and a more personal Vernon Saddleback website. This way I can keep the people up to date with information.

So with that I am done. I want to thank the following people for their messages after me: Harper Potts, Councilors: Laurie Buffalo, Holly Johnson and Shannon Buffalo.

Log on to the Samson Cree Nation Facebook page and see the reports by Councilors Laurie with Treaty, Holly with an Election law update and Shannon will discuss the Executive law update. Thank you and I love you all.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

31 March 2021

(amiskwaciwâskahikan) The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Chiefs in a zoom conference call with Alberta Minister of Justice, Kaycee Madu and Minister of Indigenous Relations, Rick Wilson informed the Chiefs that the first phase of Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defence (RAPID) will start on the 1st of April 2021.

The Chiefs were shocked to learn that the province without any process to engage our Nations has taken on itself the decision to deploy the Peace Officers, Fish and Wildlife Officers, and other provincial enforcement agents on the sovereign lands along with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Confederacy Chiefs have by resolution completely rejected this initiative as unworkable.

The Chiefs want to remind our citizens that we entered into a Peace and Friendship Treaty with the Crown. The Province of Alberta did not exist when we made Treaty. It is completely unacceptable that our sovereign lands will be open to provincial officials.

The Confederacy Chiefs learnt that the Province of Alberta does not respect our Peoples or our Territories by the imposition of RAPID. The province of Alberta needs to step back in the implementation of RAPID if the spirit of reconciliation is going to continue.

The Confederacy Chiefs want to caution our citizens to remain calm as you might be stopped or confronted by these officials. The **Chiefs have not authorized these officials** to come into the Treaty Sovereign Lands.


We are attaching the resolution passed by the Confederacy Chiefs on 31 March 2021.

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For more information or media inquiries, contact:

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Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations
lmills@treatysix.org

- The five million federal monies that are presently being given to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) must be redirected to the Alberta First Nations who are rights holders so that we can engage in the work; and
- More specifically, the present Five Million dollars given to AFN by Minister Blair, Minister of Justice to work on restorative justice based on the implementation of Treaty; and
- The Nations completely reject any provincial police force in our Territories – we retain our sovereign rights; and
- Write a letter to the Province and the federal government that the Chiefs completely and totally reject any provincial police force; and
- The Chiefs and the working committee once established need to meet with the Provincial Justice Minister of Alberta, to discuss the blue-ribbon panel review of policing in Alberta and their quest to replace the RCMP as the police service of choice; and
- Working committee will monitor the Provincial government and their committees on policing; and
- Have a meeting with the RCMP to determine their views on a provincial police force; and
- The combination of the Provincial Police force along with the Peace Officers, Fish and Wildlife and other provincial enforcement agent on the reserved lands be completely rejected as unworkable and could lead to major issues related to policing; and
- A report be prepared for the next Confederacy meeting on the above items.
- That the Treaty Six Nations request that we begin the negotiations for a self-administered essential Tribal Police Service and that the RCMP will be the police service of choice during this time

Moved by:	Chief Vernon Saddleback, Samson Cree Nation
Seconded by:	Proxy Chief Kelsey Jacko, Cold Lake First Nations
Decision:	PASSED
Dated:	March 31, 2021
Certified Correct:	 Cameron Alexis Interim Executive Director, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations

Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations: In Effect April 1, 2021: RAPID: Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defence.

CONFEDERACY OF TREATY SIX FIRST NATIONS RESOLUTION ON POLICING

31 MARCH 2021

WHEREAS, the Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No. 6 did meet in a duly convened meeting at the, Treaty No. 6 Territory, AB on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs derive their authority from the Creator and the citizens of their respective Nations/Tribes, and in the exercise of their inherent authority and Treaty Rights are beneficiaries of all aspects of international law; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs have reviewed the report on Policing in Alberta; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Alberta is engaged in the reestablishing a provincial police force; and

WHEREAS, the Province has engaged Price Waterhouse to scope out the costs of such a force without any discussion with the Treaty Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the province has not released sufficient documents on their plans; and

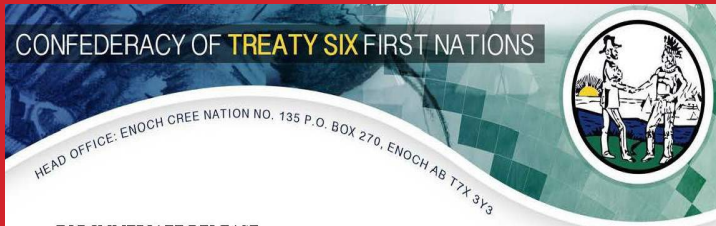
WHEREAS, the Province of Alberta will be releasing a report from their work; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) have been engaged at the National level on federal legislation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Confederacy Chiefs give the following directions:

- The first step is to reengage our Nations, in our own security; and
- The Confederacy Chiefs support the work of our Nations to secure a reestablishment of the security needed within their nation(s); and
- There is a lot of work to do to reimagine the implementation of the inherent rights to security of the Nation including looking at the continuation of our own laws. This concept is widely known as legal pluralism; and
- In exploring the role of what laws apply in the Nations and what laws will the Nations agree to apply from the state; and



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 7, 2021

URBAN FIRST NATION VACCINE CLINIC (EDMONTON AREA)

(amiskwaciwâskahikan) Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in partnership with the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations will be hosting an Urban First Nations Vaccine Clinic from April 12-15, 2021 at the Venue at River Cree, Enoch Cree Nation.

We are addressing the inequitable rollout of vaccines and are pushing the Federal and Provincial governments to recognize all of our First Nations Citizens on or off reserve. The Province of Alberta has shown disparity with the vaccine rollout in relation to the First Nations population in Alberta. Our citizens must have equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine regardless of residency.

Vaccine Rollout Clinics are below: (By appointment only)

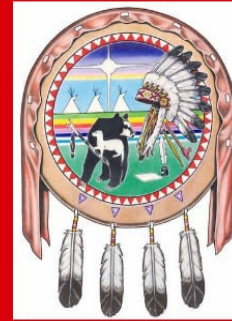
Date: April 12 Location: Venue at River Cree from 08:45 am – 4:30 pm
Date: April 13 Location: Venue at River Cree from 08:45 am – 4:30 pm
Date: April 14 Location: Venue at River Cree from 08:45 am – 4:30 pm
Date: April 15 Location: Venue at River Cree from 08:45 am – 4:30 pm

Bookings will begin on April 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Please call 780-444-9366. Confirmation of First Nations Status is required along with a contact phone number. Bring your Alberta Health Care Card or number with you to your scheduled appointment. If you require transportation to and from the venue, please indicate when booking your appointment. Medical transportation service is available within the Edmonton area.

For more information, please contact the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta at (780) 444-9366 or the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations at (780) 944-0334.

Off Reserve Vaccinations by Enoch Cree Nation for Off Reserve Members.

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March 29, 2021

Interview with Kiara Johnson, third year student at the University of Calgary majoring in business.

1. Where did you graduate from and what was your major in university?
 - a. Currently I am a third-year student at the University of Calgary majoring in business and specifically marketing, with an interest in HR as well as Indigenous studies. If I can, I'd like to apply for a minor in Indigenous studies
2. Did you make the honour role?
 - a. I think the year most people get honour role in is first year, but because of trying to adjust to university and that I did not make it. My grades more recently have been better, although I question whether or not I will make it onto honour roll before I graduate
3. Who are your parents?
 - a. My parent are Kelly and Lana Johnson, my dad has his company Glaziers edge and my mom is the director of Maskwacis Employment center. They're both part of the reason I wanted to go into business. Seeing my Dad as an entrepreneur as well as seeing my mom graduate from business school when I was young helped me to figure that out.

4. Would you recommend young people to stay in school and perhaps get some college or university?
 - a. I think it's really valuable for them to do that. My parents always taught me that school is really important and that it will help me to make the most out of my life. I feel its especially important for young people to stay in school and pursue secondary education because its what will help the reserves and our community the most. I really value my education because it helps me to give not so much a script but a voice to the issues that we as Indigenous people face. Its through education that we will be able to stand up for ourselves and fight for what we deserve such as water and land rights. The more of us that get educated, the more we can improve our communities and heal from the trauma we face together

5. What would you say to the young women out there who are reading this right now?
 - a. I would say that young women are our future. Indigenous women are the keepers of our knowledge and their creativity, art, and opinions need to be shared. I encourage every young woman reading this to continue with education, to continue learning about your culture, and to stay strong through all of the hardships you are faced with. We as Indigenous women have a lot put against us, but we can't give up. You are the product of what your ancestors dreamed about and fought for. That's not saying there's a right or wrong way to live though, you need to do what makes you happy and fulfills you the most. And remember that there's always people there for you, especially through western education where you may not always be accepted.



6. What does success look like to you? It could be helping people or the environment, or helping out animals. Or helping out your community. Or working in the city and having a good job and stability.
 - a. I've started to think a lot more about what I want from my future, and when I first went to university my main goal was to be over and done with so I could start my own sewing or fashion business. Because that's one of my main hobbies when I have time to do so. But after going through almost three years of classes, I started to think about how people are treated within the workplace and within the capitalist system of business, I thought about how people are treated and how I could help improve that. I'm really big on mental health, so I think if in some way I could find myself in a position that looks after people and sees them as more than just employees but as people with emotional and mental needs, I would consider that a huge success. I think that could manifest in lots of ways, I've thought about working at smaller companies or non-profits and things like that, but in general I want to help people. I could see myself working toward bettering the environment as well. I think with things like climate change being so high on my radar its important to raise awareness to the problems that modern short term solutions that the government and big businesses are giving. If I could, I would definitely like to contribute to that in some way.
 - b. I guess I would like to see myself bettering the world in some way, and I'd like to be able to see my contributions to that work.

7. Any last words or anyone you would like to say thank you too before we end the interview?

- a. I would like to say thank you to the University and the ii'taa'poh'to'pprogram for this Excellence Award. You know I've been living funding paycheck to paycheck for a while now, and I have to say, I took my little brother out on the town this weekend. We didn't do much, but just being able to buy him food and Starbucks without having to worry about how much we were ordering, or if I would have enough money in my account helped to make that day one that I'll remember forever. It took away the stress of if I would be able to treat him, and just gave me the ability to really have some quality time together.
- b. This is my second big scholarship while in University, the first one was last year where I bought a car. That was courtesy of Wells Fargo through the Indspire Program. I am very thankful for every scholarship and well wish I receive. They help me very much and I am eternally grateful

Thank you for your time.



April 1, 2021
Interview with Vincent Saddleback.

Guide: So what's going on here today Vincent?

Vincent: We have business partners in the farm.

Guide: What kind of partners in the farm Vin?

Vincent: We have all kinds. We have suppliers, we have seeding fertilizers, we came across a potato farmer who wanted to do business with us. He heard about our nation and for business relations, and he offered a tote of potato's.

Guide: How much is that?

Vin: 1000 liters. So it's a cube. The size of a cube. The farmer wants to do business with us as in renting our lands of us. He wants to expand his business and in order to do that he wants to rent more land off the nation. It was just common sense to give it to the Samson food bank on behalf of the Samson Tribal Enterprises.

Guide: Did you organize all this Vin?

Vincent: Yes I did. It's been in planning for two months and now it's happening. It was too cold to deliver them before.

Guide: Are there going to be anymore drop offs in the future?

Vincent: That's what we were hoping.

Guide: You call me when you deliver the next load. Is there anyone you would like to thank or any last word you would like to say?

Vincent: I would like to thank my crew: Keith Nepoose, Keith Rain and Patrick Nepoose. There three hard workers and it was actually their connection on how I was able to find this. Me being the Manager I have to do the bigger deals. The crew had the same initiative and same thought that we should donate the potatoes and lead by example for our community.

Guide: I see your adapting well to your new job Vin. Do you have any advice for the new councilors?

Vincent: The only thing I can say is the people come first. Don't lose focus on that. Everything we do is for the nation and the only way we can grow as a nation is to work together. If that means thinking outside the box or doing business off the reserve, so be it. We have to lead by example. By all means do whatever you can do build up our nation. Empower our nation.

Guide: Thanks Vin.

Earth Day 2021



As the world returns to normal, we can't go back to business as usual. From April 20-22, join the world's leaders for Earth Day 2021. Together, we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. Together, we can Restore Our Earth. Come back on April 20 for the start of the event and follow our platforms to join the discussion. The theme of Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth.

source: www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/

SCFC



Samson Community Friendship Center

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

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

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October 5, 2020

Source: SCN Facebook.

Maskwacis Transport Ltd.

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

Email: maskwacis_transport@outlook.com

Please email to lower the phone call volume.

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

April	June
Friday April 9	Friday June 11
Friday April 23	Friday June 25
May	July
Friday May 14	Friday 9, 2021
Friday May 28	Friday 23, 2021

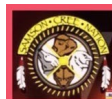
MMIWG 24/7 Toll Free Support Phone

Line: 1-844-413-6649


Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health: Call us at any time on our hotline 780-362-2150

or Email : info@maaems.com

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



Samson Cree Nation: Pediatry

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

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


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

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

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

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


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




SAMSON CREE NATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

SCN Personnel Department has started a new Temporary Employment list.

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



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



For more information contact Personnel at 780-585-3793

Samson Emergency Management



Wakes & Funerals

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

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

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

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

SCN Emergency Management and SCN Community Initiatives.

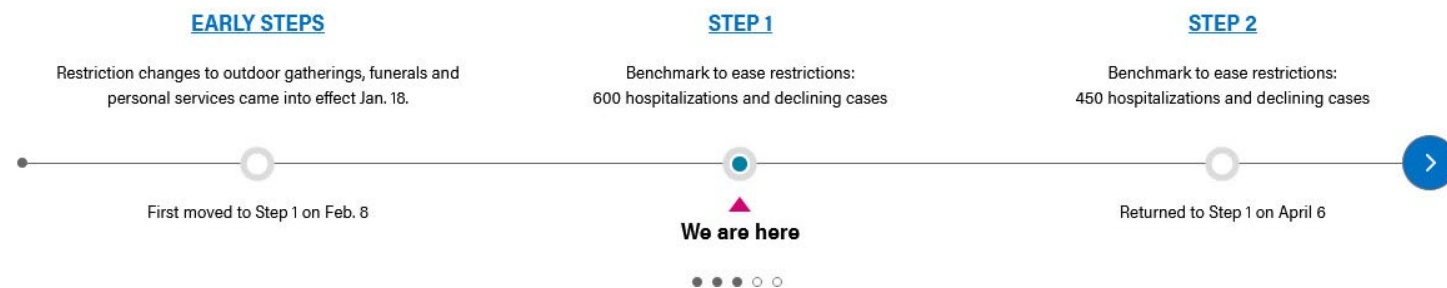
If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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



Alberta Government Enhanced Public Health Measures Stop The Spike

Alberta is moving back to Step 1 effective April 6, 2021. Additional restrictions for restaurants take effect April 9 at noon. Step 1 restrictions will remain in place until further notice.



All indoor social gatherings are prohibited. Public and private.

*Close contacts are limited to household members only.

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

This restriction does not apply to:

*Co-parenting arrangements.

*Service visits from caregivers, health or childcare providers.

*Home and maintenance repairs.

*Mutual support group meetings.

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

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

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

Out of Town Travel and Visitors: Returning to Alberta

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

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

Visitors to Alberta

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

Weddings and Funerals

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

*10 people maximum for wedding ceremonies.

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

The maximum limit:

*Includes the officiant, bride, groom and witnesses.

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

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

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

Places of Worship

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

*Physical distancing between households must be maintained.

*Mask use is mandatory.

Alternatively:

*Virtual or online services are recommended.

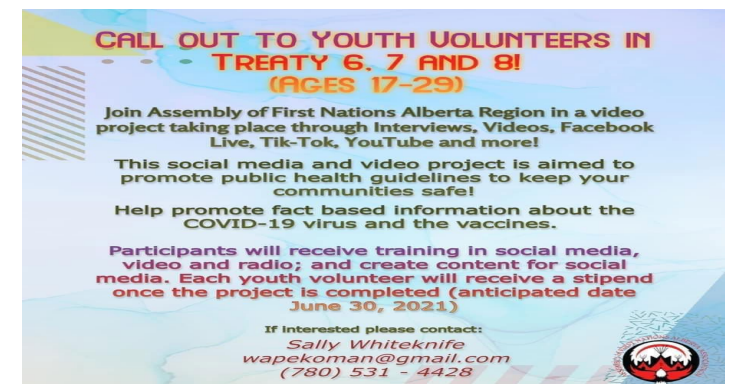
*Drive in services where people do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance are allowed.

Additional safety measures:

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

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

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



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Samson Cree Nation Members

Call to Register for your
Covid19 Vaccine at
780-585-3793 Ext: 286

For the next scheduled
Vaccination dates on
April 14 - 16, 2021



Samson Emergency Management

COVID 19 VACCINE

REGISTER NOW
TO GET YOUR VACCINATION

780- 585-3793
ext. 286, 287, 288

18- 65+ & Health
Compromised

Vaccine dates:
March 31 – April 1st, 2021

April 7 – 8, 2021

April 14 – 15, 2021

- 🤔 kīkway ē-mamitonēyihamin. What are you thinking of?
- 😬 ē-nēpēwisit. He/she is shy.
- 😘 kā ocēmitin. I will kiss you.
- 😂 nipāhpin. I laugh.
- 😝 ē-pāhpihitān. I'm laughing at you.
- 👁️ mahkacāp. Big eyes.
- 🙄 kiyām. I don't care.
- 😓 māna awa. Geez, this one.
- 💃🕺 nitaw-nimīhitotān. Let's go dance.
- 👋 wāstahikē. Wave.
- 🙈 namakīkway niwāpāhtēn. I saw nothing.
- 🙉 namakīkway nipēhtēn. I hear nothing.
- 🙊 namakīkway nikī-itwān. I said nothing.
- 😓 nētē. Over there.
- 😓 nētē wāhyawīs. Over there further away.
- 🙏 ninanāskamon. I am thankful.
- ☕ pihkatēwāpoy minahin. Give me coffee to drink.

Source: Nehiyawewin (Cree) Word/Phrase of the day
Facebook.



April 8, 2021: **Samson Band Office. Elder Roy Louis presented Myles Rain** with his published poem in the book “Arts that flow as stories from our landscape: Alberta.” by Jane Ross PhD. ISBN 978-0-9695841-8-6

Thank you Mother Earth

Myles Rain

For thousands of years

You have grown and flourished
Shaping all elements, all life forms
To coexist, to renew.
For future generations.

Thank you for

the land
the water
the wind and
the fire.

In all your beauty
In all that's good.

There are some
who want it all;
do not understand
that they are hurting you
do not give you time to heal, or
render you unable to heal.

Thank you for

the four directions
the four elements
the four seasons
the animals and
all the races.

Natural disasters

Are your way of healing Yourself.

Thank you for

All your gifts and for
Your care of me.

I want you to grow

Find ways to flourish
beat out greed and the almighty dollar.



Good Morning Guide

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

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

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

Surplus Food and Related Items

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

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

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

-Frozen Waffles-Coffee

-Rice -Adult depends

-Crackers-Pasta Sauce

Email: yagut@edmontonfoodbank.com



April 1, 2021: **Samson Daycare: The Headstart program** had a Easter drive through at the daycare with gifts given to the participants.

Virtual Sharing Circles & Self Care Activities

Kisewatisiwin Support Group

A Pregnancy Loss Support Group

"Helping our hearts heal through sharing"

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5-7 PM

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

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

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

Kisewatisiwin

SAVE THE DATE

Samson Cree Nation

POWWOW Celebration

August 13 - 15 2021

Samson Cree Nation Communications Department

MHS Trailers

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

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

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

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

facebook twitter

COVID-19 HOTLINE

(780) 335-3744

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

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

Open 9:00A-3:00P
CALLS ONLY
After hours and weekends leave a voicemail and will get back to you when available.

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

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SCN Consultation Department Traditional Land Use

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

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

Please contact Sherina Crier at 1 403 796 6948

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

Summary

- Under the direction of the Public Works Manager, the Heavy Equipment Operator maintains and operates heavy equipment.

Duties and Responsibilities

- from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. walk around inspection on all heavy equipment
- Responsibility for the maintenance of his grader ex: grease job, oil change, and filter change every 250 hours.
- Fills in daily time sheets, other duties performed ex: grading main roads, driveways, washing machine, changing tires, changing blades and greasing and maintaining Heavy Equipment.
- Must read operators and maintenance manuals for the operator is responsible for maintaining daily, weekly and monthly checks and grease intervals with up to date maintenance documentation.
- Must learn how to maintain road tops for proper crown and gain the knowledge of snow removal techniques for different households. Ex: so that windrow is away from house.
- Be aware of your section and note which roads need immediate attention (soft spots) and which roads need weekly attention. Also roads that may need gravel.
- Check your section for damaged or missing sign, garbage or obstruction on the roads which may pose a hazard. Ex: mufflers, rocks, boards, also areas that may need a snow fence or brushing.
- Must be willing to work overtime when required. Heavy rain fall and blizzards require serious immediate attention with operators working around the clock urgency to ensure that the roads are in safe driving condition with the shortest reasonable amount of time.
- Responsible for learning how to assist in changing blades, wings, v, plow, rippers, cable, sheer pins, seized nipples, light fuses, air and fuel filter, wipers, tires, tire chains, prime a diesel engine, tighten belts, hoses, fluid checks and test.

Qualifications:

- Must have a valid Class 5 driver's license.
- Must have the capability to operate all heavy equipment.
- Willingness to work on weekends or after hours
- Must submit Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate.
- Must be willing to take training where available
- Must submit a clear criminal record check
- Must be willing to do alcohol and drug testing

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 20TH, 2021 @ 3:00PM

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

Samson Cree Nation Telephone (780) 585-3793
Personnel Department Extension 179
Box 159 FAX (780) 585-2088

Maskwacis, Alberta Email: scnpersonnel@gmail.com
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Employment Opportunity

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

Job Summary:

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

Duties and Responsibility:

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

Work Environment

While performing duties of this job, the Site Attendant Supervisor, may be exposed to fumes or airborne particles, moving mechanical parts and vibration. They may be exposed to a variety of extreme conditions in an outdoor work environment with extreme temperatures. The noise level in with environment and job sites can be loud.

The individual will be provided with training in operations of the various equipment on site and must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.

Qualified candidates should have:

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

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 21ST, 2021 @ 3:00PM

All applicants will be screened

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

For application and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
Personnel Department Extension: 179
P.O. Box 159 Fax (780) 585- 2088
Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0

To register:
bit.ly/scwregistration



April 19
to April
29,
2021

**Oskinikiskew
Spring Camp**

FOR GIRLS 13 TO 17

Cultural
and
Landbased
Teachings

UK VARIANT

ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE THE UK VARIANT HERE IN MASKWACIS AND WHAT IT MEANS WHEN YOU BECOME POSITIVE OR A CLOSE CONTACT.

BY LAW YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE UNTIL 14 DAYS HAVE PASSED FROM YOUR COVID TEST EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO SYMPTOMS.

ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOU MUST ALSO, **BY LAW** SELF-ISOLATE FOR AT LEAST 24 DAYS AND WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS. THIS IS NECESSARY

STAY HOME- DO NOT LEAVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, DO NOT GO TO WORK, SCHOOL, THE GROCERY STORE OR AND ANY OTHER SOCIAL GATHERINGS WHILE YOU ARE IN ISOLATION

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, ESPECIALLY SENIORS AND OTHERS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS OR COMPROMISED HEALTH IMMUNE SYSTEMS.



UK COVID VARIANT

ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS IF YOU ARE POSITIVE FOR THE UK COVID VARIANT

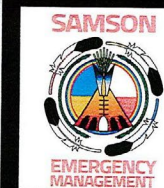
BY LAW

YOU MUST STAY HOME FOR AT LEAST 10 DAYS AFTER YOUR TEST, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO SYMPTOMS

ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE CONTACT, MUST ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS AND WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

STAY HOME
DO NOT LEAVE TO ATTEND WORK, SCHOOL, SOCIAL EVENTS OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC GATHERINGS. DO NOT GO INTO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

NO VISITORS
DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME AND AVOID CLOSE CONTACT



Youth Wellness Saturday

Being thoughtful is about thinking of others and doing something kind for them. Make someone smile today.

**Every Saturday
starting April 10th 2021**

Youth Holistic Wellness

**12 week programs
Zoom: 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Please Register
<https://forms.gle/XPRiAebQdjTvEbDcA>**

**for more information please call
Samson Community Wellness
780-585-3634**

SCN Housing Department

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

to see the complete packages: DIY Program Application (below), Residential Development Request for Repairs (next page), Tenant Application (website).



P.O. Box 159
Maskwacis, Alberta
T0C 1N0
Phone: (780) 585-3919
Email: scn.housingrd@gmail.com

RESIDENTIALDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DIY REIMBURSEMENTPROGRAM POLICY

1. Only the registered home occupant can apply for the reimbursement program.
2. Application and reimburse will not be issued every year.
3. Home occupant to apply every 2 years if funding is available.
4. One application and one reimbursement.
5. Reimbursements are notto exceed \$3000.00 per registered home occupant.
6. Receipts must be dated within that fiscal year.
7. The department will absolutely not reimburse for furniture, fuel, equipment, and tools of any sort. PLEASE NOTE: All items will be subtracted from invoice/s.
8. Receipts will not be accepted if the house number or address is not on the receipts.
9. Reimbursements will ONLY be for material. No labour costs. delivery, gas, or tools & equipment are eligible.
10. Home occupant cannot present receipts at different times throughout the year.
11. To qualify, you must be a Samson Band Member on the membership list.
12. Proof of purchase must accompany receipts and invoice/s with registered occupants name and house number.
13. Due to the funding process, this program will only run as funds are available.
14. Please do not provide original receipts, and invoices
15. In the event funding runs out before an applicant can be considered, they must re-apply the following fiscal year. When re-applying, provide your receipts and invoices from previous year with an explanation that you applied previously.

ON-RESERVE:

- CMHC Units do not qualify for this program.
- In the event the work being requested for reimbursement has the potential for reimbursement through another agency, the request will be forwarded to that alternate program or agency.
- Inspections will be required before any payment will be processed and all payments will NOT be given until the Friday of the following week.

OFF-RESERVE:

- Must provide a copy of their mortgage agreement with their name on it.
- Must keep mortgage in their name for 3 years after accessing the DIY program, or reimburse SCN.
- Because an Inspection cannot be performed by SCN, client must provide before and after pictures.



March 25, 2021.

Ermineskin Cultural Center: The Ermineskin Women’s Shelter had their online event take place: Take back the night/Sisters in spirit vigil and you can see it on the Samson Cree Nation Facebook page. The drum group was called Perfect Storm and they performed while the women dancers entered the building. Samson Chief Vernon Saddleback was present along with the Samson Senior Manager, Citizen & Tribal Services, Donna Johnson. The Maskwacis Detachment OIC Leanne MacMillan was also present along with her colleague Constable Claire Myers. After the speakers, everyone went out for a moment of silence and for a song to be sung for the females who have been lost. Lanterns were lit for the moment. The Hawk Radio 93.5 FM was on location and they broadcast the event for the listeners at home.





April Programs



2021

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

MCSS

For all meetings Dial 1 855 703 8985

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

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

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

** All programs via Zoom except Sweat Lodge

Samson Cree Nation
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
HAS RELOCATED INTO THE
TRADES CENTRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Samson Cree Nation
Residential Development
Box 159
Maskwacis AB
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Phone: 780-585-3919
Email: scn.housingrd@gmail.com

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COVID-19 Stats for Maskwacis
as of April 08, 2021

 Active	50
Variant Active	43

 Recovered	1908
Variant Recovered	24

TOTAL CASES	1958
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Hospitalized	4
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Deceased	16
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8 new recoveries

April 2021

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

SCN Departments: We are developing the SCN website, departments we need your input. Please see request below.
Hai Hai !

Department Information:

- Department name.
- 1a. Department manager or coordinator name.
2. Contact phone number, fax number, email, physical address like box 123 Maskwacis. Extension number.
3. Brief description of the services or programs that your department offers.
4. Business hours.
5. Location.
6. Social media links to your site. Like Integrated Family Services Facebook , SYSD Facebook.
7. All department employees names, email and extension phone number. In case one employee cannot be reached.

Categories. The departments will be categorized under the building they are in.


1. Administration(all departments or services in the CTA building).
2. Maintenance and Water. Public Works. Transfer station.
3. HBMC departments or services.
4. Community Wellness. Departments or services at the Willowview center.

The Samson Cree Nation has a new website and we need the departments to send their information to the communications department to finish the website. The communications team will be working with a web developer to complete the website. Please call Guide at 7 8 0 3 1 2 9 9 4 6 or Email: guide@ualberta.ca
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