



NIPISIKOPAHK ACIMOWIN

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Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin. There were a few events this past week. Thank you to the departments for inviting the Acimowin to attend your teachings, walks and knowledge. As the editor I attended the events being vaccinated and tried to wear my mask as much as possible. The Maskwacis numbers, particularly, the Total Cases, are still slowly going up so please get vaccinated, wear your mask and get tested after you attend events. Stay safe out there this pow wow season.



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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.
www.samsoncree.com/aboutus



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Headstart Drive Through, May 4, 2022.

The Samson Cree Nation Acimowin (Newsletter)

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Community events can be forwarded to the Newsletter Please make it a JPEG or PDF format to save paper.

HAWK 93.5 FM Radio

To advertise with the only central Alberta First Nations radio station please call: 780-585-4295.

Email: hawkradio935@gmail.com
connect@hawkradio935.com
Web: www.hawkradio935.com

Contact: Robert "Bobby Jack" Ward.

May 12, 2022 at 8:44 AM

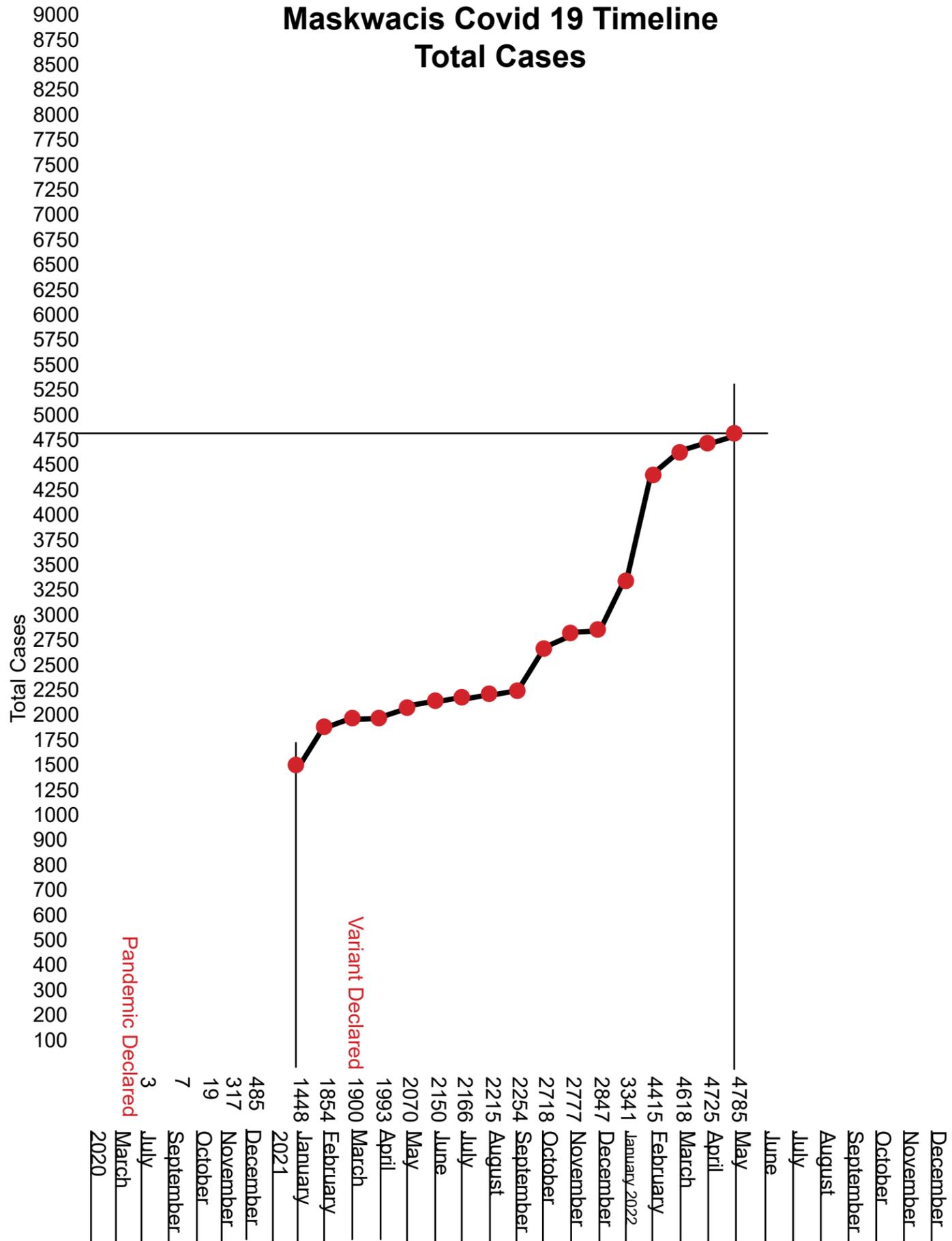
COVID-19 Statistics for Maskwacis As of Wednesday, May 11, 2022

👤 ACTIVE	26
👤 RECOVERED	4757
🌐 TOTAL CASES	4785
🏥 HOSPITALIZED	2
❤️ DECEASED	27

If you feel sick (🤧 flu/cold, 🤧 allergies, 🤧 Covid etc) get tested & stay home. 🏠
If you take an at-home rapid test and it's positive contact your DEM or MHS (M-F/ 9-3) to report your positive result. 🦠
Testing is also available at Maskwacis Ambulance 7-days a week from 10:00am-3:30pm 🚑 🏠

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE





**SAMSON CREE NATION
Celebration 2022**

Location:
To be announced

**SAVE THIS DATE
AUGUST 12, 13 AND 14**

For more information contact:
Chair: (780) 335-0459
Admin: (780) 335-7013



Indian Residential Schools Day Scholars

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND CLAIMS PROCESS FOR INDIAN
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS
DAY SCHOLARS ONLY

- Did you attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight?
- OR
- Did your parent attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight?
- OR
- Are you the estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator or the heir of someone who attended an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight and who died on or after May 30, 2005?

IF YOU FIT ANY OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA AND WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLAIMS PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT MARCIE @705-657-2557 OR BY CELL @705-768-1391

INFORMATION AND CLAIM FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE @ WWW.JUSTICEORDAYSCHOLARS.COM

CLAIM FORMS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 4TH 2023

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLAIM IS DIFFERENT FROM THE INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLAIMS

**Samson Celebration 2022
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Handgames **Security** **Soft Ball**

**Deadline for Submission is:
Thursday May 19, 2022**

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**FEDERAL
INDIAN DAY
SCHOOL
CLASS ACTION**



There is a nation-wide settlement to compensate Survivors of Federal Indian Day Schools and Federal Day Schools

If you attended one of these schools, you've waited a long time for this moment. This may be an important step in your healing journey.

Find out if you are eligible for compensation and how you can make a claim. Go to IndianDaySchools.com or call us at 1.888.221.2898

Need to Talk? Contact the Hope for Wellness Hotline: 1.855.242.3310



May 3, 2022

Interview with Violet Soosay about her Aunt Shirley Ann Soosay who disappeared back in 1980. Shirley Ann's DNA was found in 2008 and in 2018 Wilson Chouest was charged with her murder in California.

The Acimowin got an interview with Violet and documented the film crew Blink Media who was filming Violet for an upcoming show.

Violet Soosay: This film crew is called Blink Media from the United Kingdom (UK). They are working through Hulu Documentaries. Just to let you know, this Friday May 6, 2022, there will be a TV show on Shirley Ann on the A & E Channel (www.aetv.com) and it's called Cold Case Files. We did that TV show at the end of January and into February. Flora Northwest and myself were interviewed for that one and they are now airing it. From there they said it would be airing on Netflix.

So this company here today, Blink, they went down to California and they interviewed the lead investigator Steve Rhods (Ventura County, California) and John Barrick. One is in Ventura County and the other one is in Kern County, California. Together, they interviewed the DNA Doe Project (DDP) and the Kern county coroner, Dawn Ratliffe. Once Blink did their interviews down in California they went to Vancouver and then to Maskwacis yesterday. We had a long day with the interview when they got here and I just want the story out there. (Violet begins to speak Cree).

This is not for money. It's about awareness and that's why I agreed to these interviews. It's about awareness about what is happening in Indian Country. It's been happening since the fur trade and the past 100 years. It's been the annihilation of our women. It was more prevalent with girls and women from the 1960s and forward. There was more communication and information going out into the public. Who knows? Maybe it's been happening all along but we just did not have communications.

“This is not about money. It's about awareness and that's why I agreed to these interviews.”

Disappearances can be happening in a confined area where nobody talks about it. (Violet begins to speak Cree). 1979 is when Shirley Ann Soosay went missing. Violet talks Cree about her Kokum. You know when you make a promise to an Elder, you have to do it. At the time, when I started, I was a young woman. I was in my early 20s. When Kokum asked us, I replied, “I will. We will find her and bring her home.”

I did not know how long it would take. Back then we would drive to Vancouver to look for her. We went to Seattle. When we were not looking we carried on with life. I had done research on Big Bear's genealogy, our family trees. I hung onto the genealogy until about the 1980s or early 90s, I started to realize that DNA was becoming prevalent. I did not get the clearance from all those people who I had done

research with and to allow it to go on Ancestry.com

(Violet speaks Cree).

He finally sent the DNA to Ancestry.com in 2006. He said, “Do you have a USB or memory stick”? He mailed me the USB with the DNA information on it. Big Bear's DNA and genealogy. So, I hung onto it for awhile. I uploaded the information on Ancestry.ca and I don't know if he got paid for the work he did but that's beside the point. The point is: that information helped find my Aunty.

In 2016, I started watching how cases were solved on TV. Like Unsolved Mysteries, Crime Beat and Cold Case Files. One day this news flash came up and it was from California. There were two women shown side by side. The TV news flash showed it was in Kern and Ventura County, California. These women were murdered within 24 hours of each other. “Astum!” she was told.

“Does she look like a Soosay to you?”

“Kind of, sort of,” Violet said.

The name that was given was Becky Ocho. I never gave it a second thought. I should have. My instinct told me to contact the TV show. When they said she was Mexican then I never went back to it. Three years later, it was her. I should have listened to my first intuition that time. It's been a long journey but it's not done yet. Even though we found her in 2019, the Covid 19 pandemic hit. So for the past two years I could not get anything done. A proper death certificate has been issued to her through Sacramento, California. Now we can bring her home.

We want the funeral home down there to connect to the funeral home up here. That should take place any day now.

Guide: Your Nokum wanted her to come home before she passed away. She told you that?



Violet: Yes. It was way before she passed. Until she had Alzheimer's, even then when I went to see her at the Elders home, these clouds around here sometimes look like mountains. I did not want to confuse her because of the Alzheimer's.

So I would go and pretend, I would work with her and try not to confuse her because she was already suffering. I would go along with her and then come back. We did not make it public. The police said that she probably another lost native person who will come back when she is ready.

So we would quietly do our searches. We asked for help from the media and other agencies but we never got any help. They would take our information but that's about it.

Guide: Do you think there should be a special task force in Canada or Alberta just strictly for missing and murdered aboriginal women?

Violet: They should have an organization like that across Canada. It should be something similar to what they have in the USA. They have the DNA Doe Project (www.dnadoeproject.org) where they collect DNA and then try to make a match. Pair bond was my last resort. Pair bond is when they take the DNA and they try and trace the families. So the DNA Doe Project and pair bond are probably

similar organizations that try to identify remains that are found. The other project that Canada should have is an agency strictly for missing and murdered women, men, girls and boys. They are doing a good job, MMIWG organizations but it's short and not long in duration. They create the awareness but we have to go deeper. We have to get people to learn investigative techniques, learn research skills and to encourage submissions of DNA. I know it's not traditional but to me it's an opportunity for them to gain that knowledge so they can help others find their loved ones.

Guide: Do you think this can be a band initiative or four band initiative?

Violet: I don't think it should be politically driven. It should be like a non-profit organization. From there, you can start working with agencies...it's kind of hard to talk about working with the RCMP because of my personal experiences. If we have to then fine we will. I think we should be able to train our own people for this. That's what I would like to see. I never would have found Shirley Ann if wasn't for the DNA. I had submitted my DNA in December of 2019, then I uploaded my DNA in 2020. In February 2020, both Shirley Ann's DNA and not my DNA matched. So that's how I found her.

Guide: Do you recommend people who have loved ones missing to find a site to upload their DNA on?

Violet: See that's the other thing. I think as Indigenous people, we should have our own DNA website. Not Ancestry or any other site.

Guide: So, we should design our own DNA website project?



Violet: Yes! Trust me, I have been at this for years. These are the projects that I have been thinking about all that time. I believe that's the way we should go.

Guide: With what you have been through, what would you say to people to avoid what you have been through?

Violet: What I recommend is: Know yourself. Do your family trees. Know who your relatives are. Keep your family close. Always check in. See where they are at and what's happening. For the girls, I would recommend don't go anywhere alone. Always have a friend with you. Same with boys. Don't go around always expecting your going to be safe. There are people who are not humane. Yes we all have dysfunction on our families. Nobody is perfect. The reason why I say that is because we have intergenerational issues. We have to personally overcome these ourselves. We can work to heal each other. We can work to bring our family unit together. There are kids out there who are lost. I mean lost to the child welfare system, just like the 60s Scoop. Their lost emotionally and psychologically and they need to have that sense of belonging. It's a lot of work because it took us about 100 years to get here. It's probably going to take us 100 years to become the strong people that we are. We are all that what Creator meant us to be but we need to work on those harms that have been done to us. We would not have MMIWG if we did not have intergenerational trauma and colonization. We have to educate each other, we have to heal each other. I feel really bad for the people who are still looking. Some are not even looking. That's the other sad part because it's overwhelming. It's overwhelming. There were many times when I just wanted to give up. Yet, the way we are...we have to finish it. We have to honour that request from the Elder. The promise that was made.





May 5, 2022
 The **Samson Community Wellness** department had a Honouring MMIWG2S drive through at the Willowview building. There was a pipe ceremony prior to the drive through (feast). Samson Councillor Ryan Lightning was present and handing out food and gift bags. Two Maskwacis RCMP members were also helping out with handing out the food and gift bags. The line up was very long and thank you to Samson Peace Keepers for keeping everything in order. Daystone Catering served the food.



**GET UPDATED
 TAKE NOTE BE WISE
 LISTEN UP!
 TUNE IN PAY ATTENTION
 BE INFORMED**

UNDERSTAND

MASKING MANDATE & GATHERING RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT

Due to Maskwacis still below the 70% (first and second dose) and cases become more stable, the Directors of Emergency Management for the 4-Nations and Maskwacis Health Services agree that all restrictions remain in place until further notice.

**Your Co-operation is appreciated.
 Hai Hai**

AUTISM Support Group

Hosted by Maskwacis Parents Place

April 27, 2022 -
 FSCD Informational

May 25, 2022 -
 Family Networking and Resources
 1:00pm
 Online via ZOOM
 Meeting ID: 853 1273 0465
 Passcode: Support

Please call 780-585-2254 to Register

MMIWG2S+ DAY OF AWARENESS

MAY 5, 2022

Join the Town of Devon, Devon FCSS and the Samson Cree Nation Womens Advisory as we gather together in solidarity to remember those who have been lost to violence and support those impacted by the missing and murdered Indigenous Peoples epidemic.

Change starts with each of us - through education, awareness, and commitment.

Let's be change makers in our community and end the violence against Indigenous Peoples.

JOIN US ON MAY 5 FOR A REMEMBRANCE GATHERING, PANEL PRESENTATION AND SHARING CIRCLE BESIDE THE TOWN OF DEVON ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

#ENDTHEVIOLENCE

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Remembrance Ceremony	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Park beside Town of Devon Administration Building
Panelist Presentation and Sharing Circle	7:00 - 9:00 PM	

Questions? Contact Mitch at 587-597-0691 | MWincenby@devon.ca

Hosted By: **TOWN OF DEVON ALBERTA**

In Partnership With: **TOWN OF DEVON FCSS**

MASKWACIS COMMUNITIES Dog and Cat Wellness Clinic
 at the Samson Hockey Arena (aka Four Nations Arena)
June 17, 18, 19, 2022

FOR MASKWACIS MEMBERS ONLY

First Come First Served - Bring your dog/cat with you

Friday, June 17
 Registration: 11am - 6pm

Saturday, June 18
 Registration: 10am - 3pm

Sunday, June 19

No Pre-Registration Or Appointment Necessary

Sorry, we CANNOT provide vaccine ONLY

Your animal will be:

- Spayed or neutered
- Tattooed
- Vaccinated and treated for parasites (worms and fleas)
- Your pet will spend a minimum of 1 night in our care

Questions:

- Call or Text (403) 837-7442
- If you need to borrow a crate, on the day of the clinic come into the Samson Arena to borrow a crate to bring in your pet.

This clinic is being brought to you by:

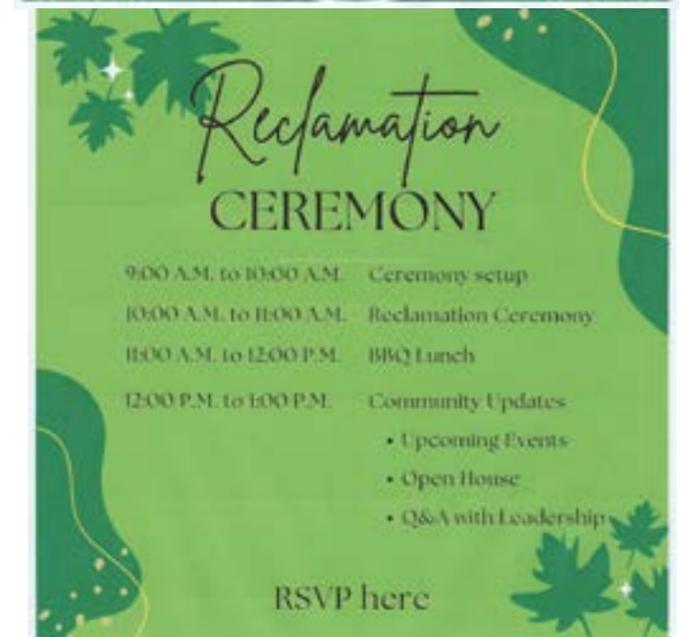
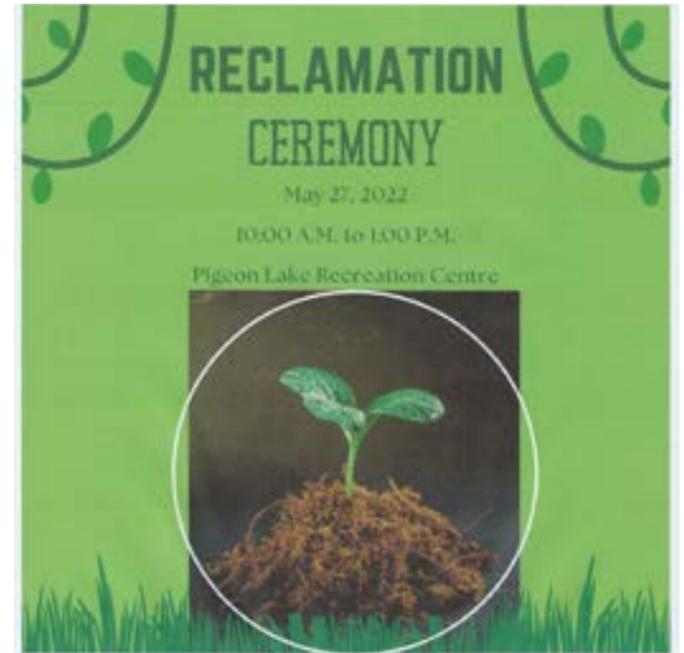


April 22, 2022

Protecting Our Homefire Feast: the Community Capital Planning and Residential Development hosted a feast at the HBMC to honour Mother Earth and the new seventy five new homes accessed through the rapid housing initiative. Councilors present: Kurt, Shannon, Ryan, Shay, Louise. Cody Nepoose was also present along with Allan Joseph Stever from AJS Indigenous Housing Solutions. There were a lot of people at the feast and there was a male and female pipe to begin the ceremony. Thank you to the Ascapios (helpers) for serving the food and the people who made time to come.



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Maskwacis Hawks U11 vs. Innisfail Mariners
Ties Game: 15-15.
Submitted by: Jordana Littlepoplar.
May 12, 2022.



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Rocky Boy Celebration
August 5, 6, 7, 2022
Save the Date

The Acimowin (Samson's local newsletter)
Submission Dates for 2022

May	July
Friday May 13	Friday July 8
Friday May 27	Friday July 22
June	August
Friday June 10	Friday August 12
Friday June 24	Friday August 26

Integrated Family Services (IFS) Ph: 780-585-2254 Email: integratedfamily@yahoo.com

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

SCN Community Wellness: P 780-585-3634 Client Support Services Ph: 780-335-5953. Outreach 780-335-7439. Respite Care 780-335-9687.

From the Office of Samson Gas Utility
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 Everette Omeasoo, Supervisor 1-780-312-9748
 Gas Co-op Shop 780-585-3547 Please Leave A Message
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 Please call EXT#215, Cell 780-335-6073 or
 Email: lyle.littlepoplar2020@gmail.com
 If you have any questions on this matter. Thank you.



Website:
www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

Samson Cree Nation Urban Office in Edmonton.
 Location: 12046 - 77 St. Edmonton.
 Ph: 780-477-6648 ext. 257

FN Drinking Water Settlement
 Do you need help with a claim?
 Contact the Administrator for help with the process: 1-833-252-4220

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.

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)



SAVE THE DATES

Ermineskin Powwow 2022

June 30th, Traditional
July 1st-3rd, Competition

More Details forth coming



May 4, 2022
 Source: **Samson Cree Nation and Eagle Jordan-Integrated Family Services:** “A huge thank you to those who came in to sit with me through my Traditional Parenting Program. These past two days, we went through my handout both days, exchanged personal experiences and teachings, enjoyed a walk after lunch and made earrings for our crafts.”

Traditional Parenting is for everyone. If you want to learn about family this is the program for you. Men if you want to learn about Dad’s role stop in and talk to Jordan, Mom’s to be can register for the program as well.




May 4, 2022
 There was a **drive through for Mother’s Day** at the Headstart building. The event was on short notice but the people who showed up got flowers, gifts and snacks. Samson Councilor Ryan Lightning was present handing out the gifts. The day was nice for an outdoor event and listen to the Hawk Radio 93.5 FM for events this Spring and Summer. Happy Mother’s Day to all the Mom’s in Maskwacis.





Highway Clean Up 2022
Saturday May 7, 2022



May 5, 2022
Maskwacis Health Services (MHS) along with the Samson and Ermineskin bands had a Mother's Day Poker Walk in the town site and along one of the main roads. Thank you to Rebecca and Kayla for organizing the walk. One female Elder came in from Pigeon Lake to walk. The day was nice and there were a few women walking with their red dresses on in memory of MMIWG. Snacks and water were available and lunch was served.



May 2022 COVID Calendar

Testing available at Maskwacis Ambulance Bay 7-days a week from 10:00am-3:30pm

All Vaccine Clinics are walk-in. No appointment necessary. Parents must be present for ages 5+

*1st Booster available for ages 12+
*2nd Booster available for ages 65+
(Must be 5 months after receiving previous COVID vaccine)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Testing: LB Firehall @ 10-2	4 Clinic: LB Health Centre @ 11-3	5 Testing: PL, Res @ 11-2	6
9	10 Testing: LB Firehall @ 10-2	11 Clinic: LB Health Centre @ 11-3	12 Testing: PL, Res @ 11-2	13
16	17 Testing: LB Firehall @ 10-2	18	19 Clinic: PL Health Centre @ 11-3 Testing: PL, Res @ 11-2	20
23 VICTORIA DAY	24 Testing: LB Firehall @ 10-2	25 Clinic: LB Health Centre @ 11-3	26 Testing: PL, Res @ 11-2	27
30	31 Testing: LB Firehall @ 10-2			

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Integrated Family Services

Powwow Fitness Practice

Monday, May 9th
Thursday, May 12th
Thursday, May 19th
Monday, May 30th

All classes are 5:00—7:00 pm

Where: Music Room at Howard Buffalo Memorial Center
Bring your own water
Socks, moccasins, shoes

This is a judgment free ZONE! Beginners, the pros, children welcome! No regalia required!

COURAGE RESPECT

May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Traditional Parenting w/Jordon ASL Class 5pm	4 COUPON DAY Traditional Parenting	5 Horse Therapy 10am Powwow Flow 1pm	6 Horse Therapy 10am A.A. 12:00pm
9 Mothers Day Drive-Thru 12:00pm Powwow Fitness 5pm	10 ASL Class 5pm	11 Prenatal Walking Club 11:30am	12 Prenatal Walking Club 11:30am Powwow Fitness 5pm	13 Community Kitchen w/ Shelley A.A. 12:00pm
16	17 Sewing w/ Caroline ASL Class 5pm	18 COHI COUPON DAY Powwow Flow 1pm	19 Powwow Fitness 5pm	20 A.A. 12:00pm
23 STAT HOLIDAY	24 Prenatal Walking Club 11:30am ASL Class 5pm	25 Traditional Teachings Autism Support Group 1:00pm	26 Traditional Teachings 10am - 3pm	27 Prenatal Walking Club 11:30am A.A. 12:00pm
30 Powwow Fitness 5pm	31 ASL Class 5pm			

COVID Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm
(780) 585-2254



Integrated Family Services
Prenatal Nutrition Program
IFS Mentor Program
Maskwacis Parents Place



May 6, 2022

Pigeon Lake Health Services, Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre: The Pigeon Lake Health Services Satellite Office had a Mother's Day Walk with about 20 ladies showing up to support the day. Thank you to Pat and Sonia for letting the Acimowin attend. There were stations that you had to stop at and do the activity. The event got moved to the recreation centre because of the weather. The Early Years department was present and lunch was served. Thank you to all the ladies who showed up.

Pigeon Lake Health Centre invites all Moms in the Community to our:

Mother's Day Poker Walk & Lunch

Friday, May 6, 2022
Starts at 10:00am

We are so happy to announce that this event is back!
We are welcoming all of the MOMS in the community to come join us for a fun day of activities.
The day will start with a walk, followed by fun activities outside. There will be PRIZES to be won!
Lunch will be served.
Every Mom will receive a gift from us here at the health centre





On Saturday, May 14th at 7:00pm, Wetaskiwin Family and Community Support Services will have the honor of hosting a speech and Q&A with Douglas Cardinal at the Manlak Theatre. We are hosting this event with hopes of opening an important and needed dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples here in Wetaskiwin.

Douglas Joseph Cardinal is a Canadian Indigenous architect based in Ottawa, Ontario. He was born on March 7, 1934, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Cardinal attended the St. Joseph's Convent Residential School near Red Deer.

After studying architecture at the Universities of British Columbia and Texas, he began his professional career. His passion for unconventional forms and his deep appreciation of nature and landscape were present in his life from a very young age, and consequently, developed into the unique architectural style he has employed throughout his career. Douglas Cardinal has become famous for a flowing architecture marked with smooth lines influenced by his Indigenous heritage as well as European Expressionist architecture. He is best known for his designs of the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec, and the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. He was one of the first architects to use computers to assist in the design process.

He is considered one of Canada's most influential contemporary architects.

In recognition of his work, Douglas Cardinal has received many national and international awards including: 20 Honorary Doctorates, Gold Medals of Architecture in Canada and Russia, and an award from the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO). He was also titled an Officer of the Order of Canada, one of the most prestigious awards given to a Canadian, and he was awarded the distinction of "World Master of Contemporary Architecture" by the International Association of Architects.



He has also worked extensively throughout his career to advocate for, and promote, the rights of Indigenous peoples in Canada.



To register for this FREE event, please fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/9YellXU8dsAG3TeN0y7>
Please note that space is limited.

March 18-22 Denver March Powwow, Denver CO USA

April 1-3 Enoch AB Spring Powwow
April 16-17 Siksika AB Powwow
April 28-30 Gathering Of Nations, Albuquerque NM USA

May 7-8 High Prairie AB Powwow
May 20-22 Manitoba MB Powwow
May 20-22 Loon Lake Sask

June 4-5 Peace River AB Powwow
June 10-12 Muckleshoot, Washington USA
June 24-26 Saddle Lake AB Powwow

July 8-10 Alexis AB Powwow
July 8-10 Enoch AB Powwow
July 15-17 Onion Lake SK Powwow
July 19-21 Ministikwan SK Powwow
July 22-24 Mosquito SK Powwow
July 29-31 Kehewin AB Powwow

August 5-7 Frog Lake AB Powwow
August 12-15 Samson Cree Nation AB Powwow
August 19-21 Big River SK Powwow



walking for health

All you need is walking shoes & one hour of your time. (please provide your own stroller). We'll be walking at the track or in HBMC gymnasium weather permitting.

Goal: To help get our community moving with spring in action & summer time shining. Working towards promoting active movement with child bonding & friendship

This walking group will be held twice a week. When you attend BOTH days, you will receive a coupon.

Who: Mothers, children, babies, breast feeding clients, IFS Mentor clients, aunties, nohkomak.

**When: May 11th, 12th, 24th, 27th
June 6th, 8th, 22nd, 23rd**

Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

When you attend BOTH weekly walking groups, you will receive a coupon for healthy foods at Lucky Dollar. This walking group will help off set the weeks we do not have coupon day.

Call 780-585-2254 for inquiries

SCN Staff Events Committee is pleased to announce the

Samson Community Clean-Up Day

FRIDAY MAY 13TH, 2022 9AM

Registration at the HBMC at 9am

Gloves, Garbage's, Water, and Tickets for Door prizes will be distributed.

BBQ to take place once all areas are clean!

We Hope to See You There!

Open to Community Members!
Volunteers are needed and appreciated

For more information please contact: Tyrone Lightning at 780-585-3793 ext. 215 or by email t_lightning@hotmail.com

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Samson Summer Student Program 2022

Now accepting POST SECONDARY applications online for full-time students aged 15-30. Applications can be emailed to:

- shenleybuffalo@scnea.com
- jewelbaptiste@gmail.com

Post Secondary requirements:

- Valid social insurance number.
- Samson band number.
- Unofficial transcripts.
- Course outline for Fall 2022 term.
- Direct Deposit form.
- Resume
- Letter of acceptance from your institution for the upcoming Fall 2022 term.

Closing date for post secondary applications is May 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Please note any late applications will NOT be accepted after the deadline - no exceptions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either the Coordinator, Shenley Buffalo at shenleybuffalo@scnea.com and Assistant Coordinator, Jewel Baptiste at jewelbaptiste@gmail.com. We will be available by phone on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-4:30 pm at 780-585-2211 ext. 224.

Do you need to renew your Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)?

If your secure status card is up for renewal, your First Nation office or Indigenous Services Canada can help you through the renewal process.

How to renew:

- Read the instructions and complete the renewal application form.
- Download the free SCIS Photo app to submit your photo.
- Submit your complete application by mail or in person at your First Nation office.

For more information on how to renew your secure status card and to access the application, please scan the QR code below with your mobile device or visit [canada.ca/indian-status-card](https://www.canada.ca/indian-status-card).

Still have questions? Please contact the Public Enquiries Contact Centre by phone at 1-800-567-0868 or by email at info@indianstatus.gc.ca.

May 22 & 23 Tickets available on **showpass**

SUPER SERIES INDIAN RELAY

CENTURY MILE Racetrack - Casino

Leduc Century Mile Racetrack and Casino. **Super Series Indian Relay** opens their season on May 22-23, 2022. Get your tickets early!



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COMMUNITY NOTICE

2022 Townsite Water Upgrades –
Final Request for Resumes

March 28, 2022

*The final deadline for resumes is coming up quickly!
Please submit yours before **Friday, April 8, 2022***

Project Overview

We have been experiencing frequent leaks in our townsite potable water distribution system for at least the past 50 years. Approximately 7.9 km of the 54.4 km (15%) piped system was built in the 1970s and is starting to fail. Repair work on our sewer systems in the townsite over the past few years highlighted how brittle the watermain is by creating numerous breaks and water service disruptions just by working with heavy equipment adjacent to our waterlines.

We have been advocating for funding to repair and replace our aging infrastructure since at least 2010. In 2020, we received funding from Indigenous Services Canada to complete an assessment of the townsite water systems. This assessment led to the creation of a Nation-led plan to systematically replace our aging townsite water infrastructure over 10 phases (5-10 years). Through continued advocacy, the Nation was successful in securing funding from Indigenous Services Canada in 2021 to design the first phase of the planned watermain replacements and associated system upgrades. We expect to have the design complete and be ready to tender the project by late April/early May, 2022.



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We anticipate this work will be tendered in two separate contracts:

Contract 1 - Watermain Replacement

- Removal and replacement of approximately 800m of watermain, including valves, hydrants, and building service connections from the Samson Cree Nation Townsite Water Treatment Plant along Crane Road to the Band Office. Includes restoration of parking lots, lot approaches, and fencing along the alignment (where applicable).

Contract 2 - Facilities

- Construction of a backup power generator for the Samson Cree Nation Townsite Water Treatment Plant, located just north of the existing Water Treatment Plant. Also includes construction of a potable water booster station/pumphouse in the Whoville area using a pre-manufactured building.

These contracts will require at least 15% local resources (a combination of laborers and supplies) from Maskwacj to be included in the delivery of the work, but we'd like that number to be much higher. We would like to provide support to our members in advance of releasing the tender for this project to allow for the greatest opportunity for engagement in the project. Ideally this will mean including resumes and local contractor information in the tender documents.

Project Schedule Highlights

Tender Contracts 1 & 2 – April/May 2022

Construction of Contracts 1 & 2 – June–December 2022

What We Need from You

1. Submit resumes to the Nation:

- Individual resumes showing relevant experience, training certificates, education, references, contact information, etc.
- Contractor brochures/resumes showing relevant experience, references, contact information, insurance & bonding capabilities, WCB Confirmation, COR Certification, etc.

Please submit your resume, supplier information, or company brochure to the following email address **before Friday, April 8, 2022:**

personnel37@samson.ca

Alternatively, you can direct resumes and questions about the project to:
Chad Simon, Community and Capital Projects – Water Project Coordinator:

cjsachad@samson.ca P: (780) 394-7211

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Potential Job Opportunities

We expect each contract will be awarded to a General Contractor who will need to hire sub-contractors, local labour and services to complete the work. The following list outlines potential job opportunities for each of the two contracts. These jobs are not guaranteed and are only listed as examples.

Contract 1 - Watermain Replacement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Contractor Laborers Foreman Pipelayer Equipment Operators (Excavator, Dozer, Skidsteer, Loader, Packer, Grader, etc) Heavy Duty Mechanic Hydraulic Operator/Contractor Gravel Supply Class 1-5 Drivers Utility Locator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Augring Contractor Chain Link Fencing Contractor Paving Contractor Landscaping Contractor Equipment/materials supplier(s) Fuel supply for construction equipment Temporary site office and washroom facilities supplier(s) Site Inspection Support Site Security
Contract 2 - Facilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Contractor Journeyman Electrician Heavy Duty Mechanic Laborers Foreman Pipelayer Concrete Supply & Placement Equipment Operators (Excavator, Dozer, Skidsteer, Loader, Packer, Grader, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravel Supply & Placement Landscaping Contractor Class 1-5 Drivers Equipment/materials supplier(s) Fuel supply for construction equipment Temporary site office and washroom facilities supplier(s) Site Inspection Support Site Security

Potentially Required Training/Certification/Personal Protective Equipment (varies by job duty)

- Resume detailing relevant experience
- Class 5 Driver's License (preferred) – may include drivers abstract review and/or means of transportation to/from work site
- Valid Construction Safety Training System (CSTS) Ticket
 - With relevant job-specific module topics such as: Basic Ladder Safety, Confined Space Awareness, Environmental Protection, Excavation & Exposing Utilities, etc.
- Pre-Employment Drug and Alcohol screening
- High school diploma/GED (preferred)
- First Aid/CPR, H2S Alive, Fall Protection, Confined Space, Ground Disturbance
- Hard hat, steel-toed boots, appropriate work clothing



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Job Readiness Support

Samson Cree Nation has two excellent resource centers to help you with resume and job readiness preparation, including certification and training enrolment and completion.

Maskwacj Employment Center (MEC)

Hours: 9:30-3:00, Monday to Friday

Virtual or by Appointment

Contact: Ph: (780-585-4452); C (text): (780-360-4473);

Web: <https://www.maskwacjemployment.ca/contact-us>

Type of Training/Support:

- Resume & Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Preparation
- Exposure Courses (Safety Tickets)
- Computer Access
- Employment Readiness Sessions

Samson Cree Nation Workforce Training & Development

Hours: 9:00-3:00, Monday to Friday,

Virtual or by Appointment

Contact: Ph: (780-585-3305)

Type of Training/Support:

- Training Expenses
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Expenses
- PIE



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Other Projects

Alongside this important work, the Nation is also working on the following water projects that received funding in 2020/2021. These projects are being delivered through collaboration across multiple departments and committees including Community and Capital Planning (CCP), niply, Housing & Trades, and Maskwacj Health Services:

- Completed in 2021
 - Emergency Replacement and Upgrade of Wells 11 & 12, improving water supply to our Townsite Water System and ensuring adequate supply of drinking water.
 - Priority Water Valve Replacements, improving townsite water system operations by creating water system "zones" to reduce the need to shut down water service to the entire townsite in event of a water break.
- Currently Underway
 - Implementation of a geographic database system to improve management and record-keeping for our water, sewer, and housing infrastructure.
 - Design of Phase 2 of the planned watermain replacements work in the Townsite (anticipated construction in 2023)
 - Comprehensive water quality testing and concept design for future upgrades to the townsite water treatment plant (anticipated construction in 3+ years). This is a proactive project to ensure we have a plan ready and funding secured to upgrade our water treatment plant when it reaches end-of-life.
 - Assessment of some individual rural household water systems that are on drinking water advisories to better understand the root causes and advocate for appropriate funding to be able to provide safe, reliable drinking water to all our members in Samson Cree Nation and Pigeon Lake.

Thank you,

Samson Cree Nation

Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists

Deadline:
September 16th, 2022

adult

1st Place - \$5,000
2nd Place - \$3,000
3rd Place - \$2,000

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1st Place - \$1000
2nd Place - \$750
3rd Place - \$500

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

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2022
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. _____

I confirm that I am of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis) _____

I agree that my entry was created within the last 24 months. _____

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 **WILL NOT BE RETURNED** to me after the contest, unless my entry was the winning entry for my age category or other arrangements have been made to obtain my entry. If my entry is the winner then Peace Hills Trust will become the owner of my entry and Peace Hills Trust shall have unrestricted rights to my entry, to do with it as they may decide, including but not limited to reproducing and displaying my entry, and I and my parent/guardian hereby assign all copyright interest in my work to Peace Hills Trust and waive my moral rights associated with my entry in favour of Peace Hills Trust. I and my parent/guardian certify that the information in this entry form is true and accurate, that I have read, and I and my parent or guardian understand and agree to be bound by the entry procedures and the rules and regulations of the Peace Hills Trust Art Contest as written on the reverse side of this Entry Form.

Signature of Youth Entrant: _____ Name and Signature of Parent or Guardian of the Youth Entrant: _____

Date: _____

REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY
NUMBER: _____

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

May 2022

POSITION: RECEPTIONIST
DEPARTMENT: SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

One (1) Year Contract

POSITION: BAND ADMINISTRATOR
DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

Summary:
 Under the direction of the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council, the Band Administrator, implements and maintains Programs and Services and the Policies and Procedures established by the Chief and Council of the Samson Cree Nation by:

- Full implementation of the Samson Cree Nation Community Strategic Plan
- Supervising and providing direction to Senior Managers, Program Managers and Executive Staff.
- Monitoring programs to ensure that Policies and Procedures established by Chief and Council are maintained.
- Ensuring that programs are within budget and that planning and rationalization for activities are appropriate and in accordance to the Samson Cree Nation Strategic Plan and Financial Standing Operating Procedures.
- Receiving reports from Senior Managers and Program Managers, consolidating reports and presenting to Chief and Council when required enabling Chief and Council to make informed decisions.
- To ensure Dispute Resolution mechanisms are in place and implemented.

Advise Council on Matters of Policy, Procedures and Criteria by:

- Overseeing drafting of legislation or by-laws for approval by Chief and Council.
- Overseeing drafting of regulations and criteria related to Programs for Chief and Council approval.
- Safeguarding the original copies of by-laws and other Samson Cree Nation legislation.

Coordinates Samson Cree Nation Programs to meet the objectives and goals of the Chief and Council in their provisions of services and benefits to the memberships by:

- Establishing regular Senior Management meetings for coordinating purposes.
- Ensuring that programs collaborate with each other.
- Arranging coordinating the discussion and resolution of program issues with Chief and Council, Senior Managers and Program Managers as required.
- Liaison with Samson Cree Nation Independent Contractors to receive reports.

Maintains liaison with Government and Industry agencies to make Chief and Council aware of opportunities and benefits that may occur from time to time. Maintains Liaison with Samson Cree Nation Business entities, PHU, PIRGL, SML, STS, Pawan, MAA.

SUMMARY
 Under the direction of the Manager of Socio-Economic Development and/or Administrative Assistant, the receptionist greets clientele and the public in a friendly, courteous and professional manner, performs routine clerical work, such as: answering and recording all incoming calls, typing, photocopying, scheduling, mail processing and directing the public to the appropriate personnel.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Receives all incoming calls and directs to appropriate personnel or takes messages whenever necessary
- Greets public, staff and others in a professional manner and directs to appropriate personnel
- Maintains a log book for office use, in order to be informed on fellow employees' activities during staff hours, ensures that staff sign out when leaving the office for a short duration
- Books appointments for the Income Support Workers with their clientele; keeps a record of appointments for office reference
- Operates office equipment such as the computer, photocopier, fax machine and other office equipment
- Maintains a business phone register for office use
- Establishes good public relations with the Nation membership and outside agencies/sources
- Maintains confidentiality within the Socio-Economic Development department
- Assist in the organization of all department filing systems
- Maintains a neat and tidy reception desk and area
- Compiles daily, weekly and monthly call logs and sign in sheets; submitting monthly reports to the Manager of Socio-Economic Development
- Performs other related duties as outlined by the Manager of Socio-Economic Development and/or the Accounts Payable/Administrative Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must have a minimum Grade Ten (10) education
2. Excellent telephone etiquette combined with patience and tolerance will be a definite asset; must be able to deal with a high volume of calls.
3. Ability to use good judgement in a resourceful manner is a requirement
4. Knowledge of the Cree language and culture will be a definite asset
5. Must be highly motivated, emotionally stable and have the ability to handle high stress
6. Must possess a Class 5 Drivers License and reliable transportation
7. Must be able to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and submit a Criminal Record Check and a Child Intervention Check

"We thank all interested applicants for their interest, but only those who are qualified and submit the required documents will be contacted for an interview."

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2022 @4:00pm

For applications and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
 Personnel Department Extension: 179
 Box 159 Fax: (780) 585-2088
 Maskwaic, Alberta Email: personnel.179@gmail.com
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Erm. Womens Shelter Walk 11 AM.	6	7 Hiway Clean Up Arena 9 AM. Volunteers wanted.
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11	12	13 Newsletter.	14 Douglas Cardinal Manluk Theatre Wetaskiwin 1PM.
15	16 Men's Healing Camp 585-3634	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day	24 Walk for Health HBMC 1130AM	25	26	27 Newsletter AECOM Reclamation Pigeon Lake 9AM Staff Golf Day Walk for Health	28
29	30	31				

June 2022

POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
DEPARTMENT: SAMSON PUBLIC WORKS

Summary:
 Under the direction of the Public Works Manager, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for the overall office duties as outlined in the duties and responsibilities.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Responsible for letter-writing, memos and other computer correspondence for Public Works
- Responsible for Public Works meeting planning, minute-taking, flow of communication and related administrative duties.
- Responsible for proper record keeping for all incoming and outgoing paylists and purchase orders, must know proper coding and financial procedures.
- Responsible for flow of communication between General Manager and department Managers.
- Responsible for Payroll.
- Responsible for answering phone calls and taking messages
- General filing and photocopying.
- Ensure confidentiality of all files.
- Controls the filing system to ensure all documents are filed promptly and properly.
- Responsible for requisitioning/ordering office supplies.
- Responsible for taking band member request complaints, as required.
- Performs other administrative related duties which may assigned by the Public Works Manager.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.
- Certification in Administration/Clerical field would be a definite asset.
- Knowledge of the Cree Language would be an asset.
- Must possess strong computer skills. (ie: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Must have strong interpersonal and organization skills.
- Knowledge of office procedures and filing systems.
- Must have excellent writing skills and communication skills.
- Ability to manage several tasks simultaneously and handle a large volume of work in a timely manner.
- Must have a valid Class 5 driver license and own transportation.
- MUST submit clear criminal record check.

CLOSING DATE: May 24, 2022

INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Samson Native Gallery Lake Louise ReOpening	2	3	4 Samson Native Gallery Lake Louise Grand ReOpening
5	6 Walk for Health HBMC 1130AM	7	8 Walk for Health HBMC 1130AM	9	10 Newsletter.	11
12 Men's Healing Camp 585-3634	13	14	15	16	17 Pet Clinic Arena	18 Pet Clinic Arena
19 Fathers Day Pet Clinic	20	21 Solstice. Aboriginal Day.	22 Walk for Health HBMC 1130AM	23 Walk for Health HBMC 1130AM	24 Newsletter Staff Golf Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Qualifications:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree from a recognized University with major course work in Business, Public Administration or Management. Further work in Political Science, Native Studies, Sociology or closely related field.
- Minimum 5 years Management experience at a senior level, performing responsible general administrative work with knowledge in Finance and Personnel Administration.
- Must possess considerable demonstrated leadership skills within an administrative and political environment.
- Must have excellent inter-personal and communication skills and must be capable of working independently possessing a well-organized and flexible management style.
- Must have a valid driver's license and no criminal record.
- Ability to understand and speak Cree fluently.

SKILL:
 Communicating effectively, verbally and in writing, in diverse range of Audiences and settings; persuasion and negotiation of conflicts and problems; assessing operational, program, staffing, and fiscal needs. Interpreting legal documents and government policy and regulation evaluating fiscal and financial reports, forms, and dates; analyzing complex written documents; identifying and resolving administrative problems; working long and irregular hours, and under pressure conditions; and delegating responsibility and achieving results, and maintaining order in an environment of changing priorities.

This job specification should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as may be required.

CLOSING DATE: August 2, 2022

SALARY: TO BE DETERMINED

"All qualified applicants are to forward their resume, Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, cover letter and 3 letters of reference in the attention of the Executive Committee, marked confidential and only those selected for an interview will be contacted".

Preference will be given to qualified Samson Cree Nation members.

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Pigeon Lake Recreation and SCN Satellite Office: May 6, 2022.

Source: Samson Cree Nation facebook page: "Huge shout out to Samson Cree Nation Public Works for cleaning up behind the Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre. Once again special thank you to Robbie, Herb, Dennis and Jody.



► **Jim Omeasoo Cultural Centre News, CTA Maintenance Department:**

Samson Band Members \$200 Non Refundable. Non Samson Band Members \$200 Non Refundable. Centre must be cleaned after use, kitchen cleaned up, floors swept, chairs put away.

First Booking will have priority up until the day of the event.

For bookings Call 780-585-3793 ext. 159.

No Double Booking.

No Smoking.

No Public Phone.



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