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Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin. The Referendum on the Constitution will be on Monday September 26, 2022, in Samson, Pigeon Lake, Edmonton and Calgary. The Acimowin News will bring you the results of the referendum on that day via social media and the Samson Cree Nation website. This will be historic. Please make your way to your local polling station on that day and make your decision. Your vote counts.



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

Mission Statement

Samson Cree Nation is a Sovereign Nation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all our People by maximizing our Human Resources and respecting our Cree Language and Traditions of our Peoples.
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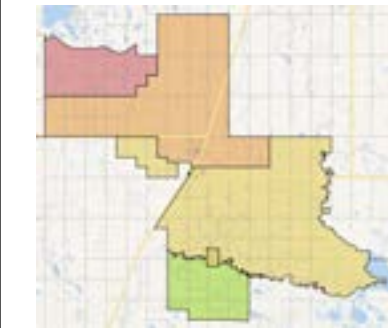


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September 12, 2022: former Chief Victor Buffalo canvassing for the constitution in Samson.

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NOTICE

ATTENTION: SAMSON CREE NATION MEMBERS

Samson Cree Nation Constitution Referendum 2022 Paminikew wiyasiwewin (Samson Cree Nation Constitution)

On July 12, 2022, the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council agreed to hold a Referendum regarding the Paminikew wiyasiwewin (Samson Cree Nation Constitution) on Monday, September 26, 2022.
Motion SCM-08-07-22-#02.

BALLOT QUESTION: Do you affirm and adopt the Paminikew wiyasiwewin (Samson Cree Nation Constitution)? Yes or No

Referendum Voting Day, Monday, September 26, 2022 POLLING STATIONS

Polling Stations will be set up from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at the following locations.

Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre
Maskwacis, AB

Pigeon Lake Recreation Center
Pigeon Lake, AB

Polling Stations will be set up from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the following locations.

River Cree Resort
Enoch, AB

Calgary Sheraton Inn
2620-32 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB

Quality Inn and Conference Centre
7150 Gaetz Ave, Red Deer, AB

Samson Cree Nation Treaty Day
Celebration Venue in Maskwacis

All requests for mail in ballots must be directed to the Referendum Officer, Eileen Sasakamoose on or before Friday, August 26, 2022. Mail in ballots will be sent to the mailing address on SCN's Membership file so update as required. All mail-in ballots must be received prior to the close of polls on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Eligible voters may request a package containing the proposed documents by contacting the Referendum Officer or online at www.samsoncree.com.

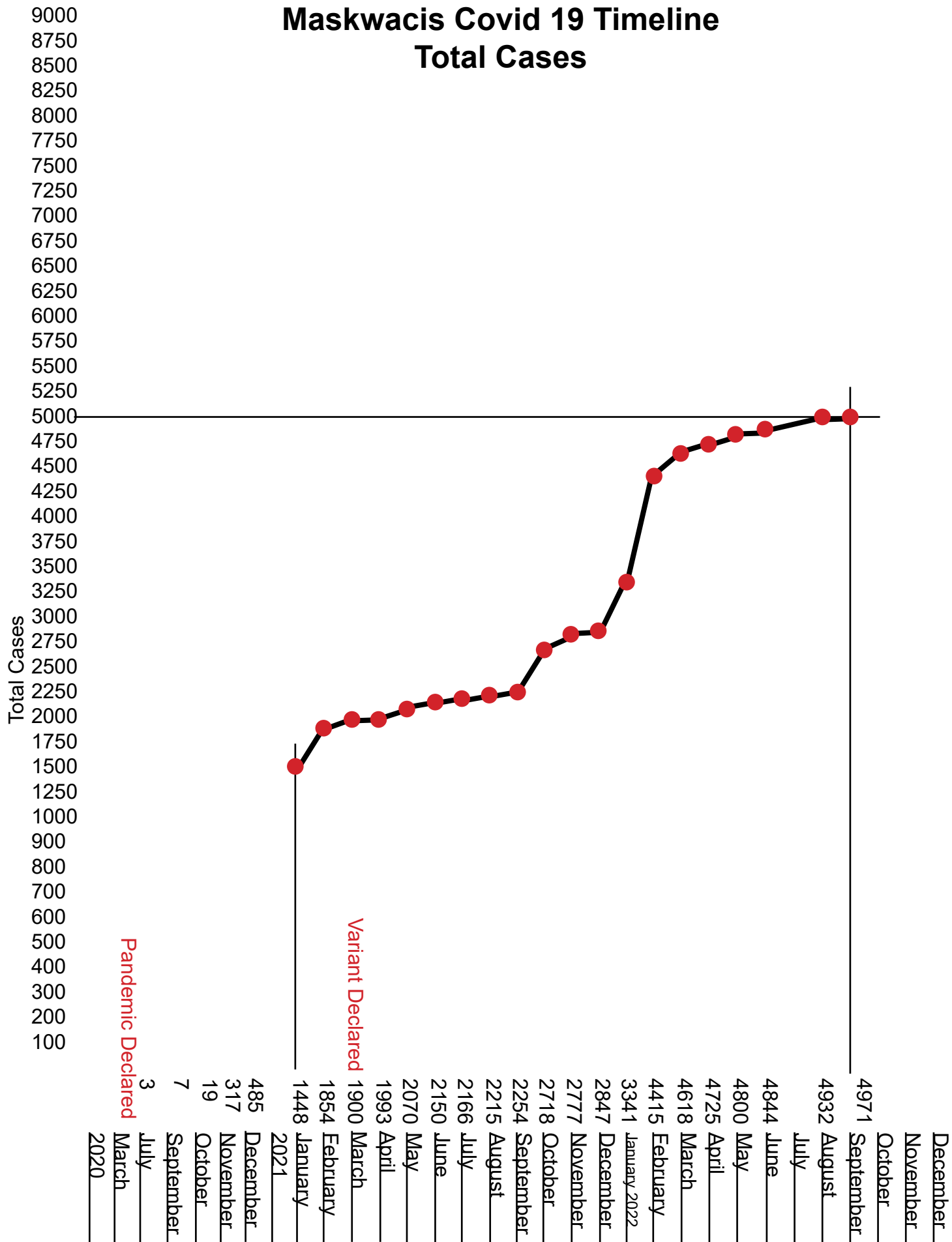
A copy of the voters list will be available at Membership after August 26, 2022.

Contact for Further Information:

Referendum Officer - Eileen Sasakamoose, P.O. Box 159, Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0
Tel: (780) 974-7905; Email: esasakam@gmail.com

Samson Cree Nation Referendum 2022

Maskwacis Covid 19 Timeline Total Cases



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ATTENTION: SAMSON CREE NATION MEMBERS

Samson Cree Nation SETTLEMENT Referendum

On July 26, 2022 the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council agreed to hold a Referendum regarding the Case Settlement (Settlement Referendum) on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**. Motion **SCM-26-07-22-#04**

SETTLEMENT Referendum Voting Day Tuesday, November 15, 2022

POLLING STATIONS

Polling Stations will be set up from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at the following locations:

Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre
Maskwacis, AB

Pigeon Lake Recreation Center
Pigeon Lake, AB

Polling Stations will be set up from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the following locations:

Radisson Edmonton
4440 Gateway Blvd
Edmonton, AB

Sheraton Cavalier
2620 32 Ave NE
Calgary, AB

Quality Inn Red Deer
7150 50 Gaetz Ave
Red Deer, AB

INFORMATION SESSIONS

October 25, 2022 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Radisson Edmonton, 4440 Gateway Blvd
Edmonton, AB

October 26, 2022 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Pigeon Lake Recreation Center
Pigeon Lake, AB

October 26, 2022 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre
Maskwacis, AB

October 27, 2022 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sheraton Cavalier, 2620 32 Ave
Calgary, AB

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS (on Zoom)

October 20, 2022 1:00 pm
October 27, 2022 1:00 pm
(see SCN website for registration info)

Ballot Question:

Do you agree to the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement that will settle and release Canada against the claims in Federal Court Action No. T-2022-89 and all related claims for the sum of \$134 million and that Chief and Council is authorized and directed to take all actions and to sign all documents that are necessary to give effect to the settlement agreement between Samson Cree Nation and Canada? Yes or No

All requests for **mail-in ballots** must be directed to the Referendum Officer, Eileen Sasakamoose **on or before October 15, 2022**. Mail-in ballots will be sent to the mailing address on SCN's Membership file so update as required. All mail-in ballots must be received prior to the close of polls on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Eligible voters may request a package containing information about the proposed settlement agreement by contacting the Referendum Officer or online at www.samsoncree.com. A copy of the voters list will be available at Membership after October 15, 2022.

Contact for Further Information

Referendum Officer - Eileen Sasakamoose
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Samson Cree Nation SETTLEMENT Referendum November 2022



REACHING OUT BBQ

SEPTEMBER 10TH

@ SAMSON WILLOWVIEW

11am-3pm

- HOT DOGS
- HAMBURGERS
- DUNK TANK
- DRAW PRIZES

hope
belonging
meaning
purpose

National Suicide Prevention Week
September 4th - 10th, 2022

Samson Community Wellness
OUTREACH TEAM



CONSTITUTION REFERENDUM 2022

VOTING DAY IS ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

6 LOCATIONS

POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM.

1. HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTRE, MASKWACIS AB
2. PIGEON LAKE RECREATION CENTER, PIGEON LAKE, AB
3. RIVER CREE RESORT ENOCH, AB.
4. CALGARY SHERATON INN 2620-32 AVENUE NE, CALGARY, AB
5. QUALITY INN RED DEER 7150 GAETZ AVE, RED DEER, AB
6. SAMSON CREE NATION TREATY DAY CELEBRATION AT BEAR PARK IN MASKWACIS

POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM.

For more information go to www.samsoncree.com

IN HONOUR OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Maskwacis Health Services presents

MINI POW WOW

DANCE SPECIALS **WOW** BBQ & GIVEAWAY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7th | 4-10 PM
GRAND ENTRY @ 7pm

Located @ Peter Bull Memorial Centre, Louis Bull

Max 5 drum groups paid. Dancers will be paid.
Arens Director: Danny Buffalo.
MC: Dennis 'Blue' Lightning & Elmer Rattlesnake

Drum registration please contact Nina or Danny @ 780-585-3830 or MCS5 staff Noreen or Marilyn @ 780-585-2268

Hosted by: Maskwacis Parents

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Fall 2022

Thursdays
5:30 - 7:30pm

Zoom Link:
Meeting ID: 274 050 5980
Passcode: maskwa-asl

To Register:
Call Carmella @ 780-585-2254

OPEN to all Maskwacis Members

FREE Classes to learn ASL

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS:

TÛS NÛA BREATH & SOUND HEALING

-FACILITATOR- SEANNA KELLY

HEAL THE BODY, MIND & SOUL
WITH BREATH AND SOUND HEALING
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 27th 2022
@ 1pm

LOCATION : HBMC CLASSROOM #1.
PLEASE CALL (780)585-2254 TO REGISTER

Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services



Nayoskan Detox & Treatment Centre



Opening June 1, 2022 specializing in Opioid addictions, a sixty day program with a Cree Cultural approach.

Contact us at 780.585.2268 for more information

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

CASES	4971
RECOVERED	4962
ACTIVE	9
HOSPITAL	2
DECEASED	27




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NAYO-SKAN Healing Centre

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Above: from the archives.

2022 MHS Diabetes Conference

Ermineskin Arena

Agenda

MC: Elmer Rattlesnake

- 8:30- 9:00 -Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00- 9:30 -Opening prayer-Phyllis Rattlesnake
- Welcome-Randy Littlechild, CEO MHS
- Bonny Graham RN, Diabetes Program Manager
- 9:30-9:45 -Hobbema Dental- Dr.Nathan Crowfoot
- 9:45-10:45 -MHS Dietician, Joanne Siemens
- 10:45-11:00 -Health Break, table tour
- 11:00-11:30 -R & B Pharmacy: Jigar Pokar, Pharmacist
- 11:30-11:45 -MHS Lab-Erika Marchand
- 11:45-12:00 -Diabetes RN-Millie Picotte
- 12:00-1:00 -Lunch provided by Toni Potty catering
- 1:00-1:15 -Ice Breaker-MHS CHR's
- 1:15-1:45 -Dr. Ellen Toth, Diabetes Dr. & guest Doug Applegarth
- 1:45-3:00 -Keynote Speaker: Don Burnstick
- 3:00-3:30 -Door prize draws
- 3:30-3:45 -Closing comments-Bonny Graham

**WE THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING & HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE DAY.
PLEASE FILL OUT THE EVALUATION**

Maskwacis Health Services

Location change from NOK building to Ermineskin Arena from 8:30am-3:30pm. First 125 people will be accepted...

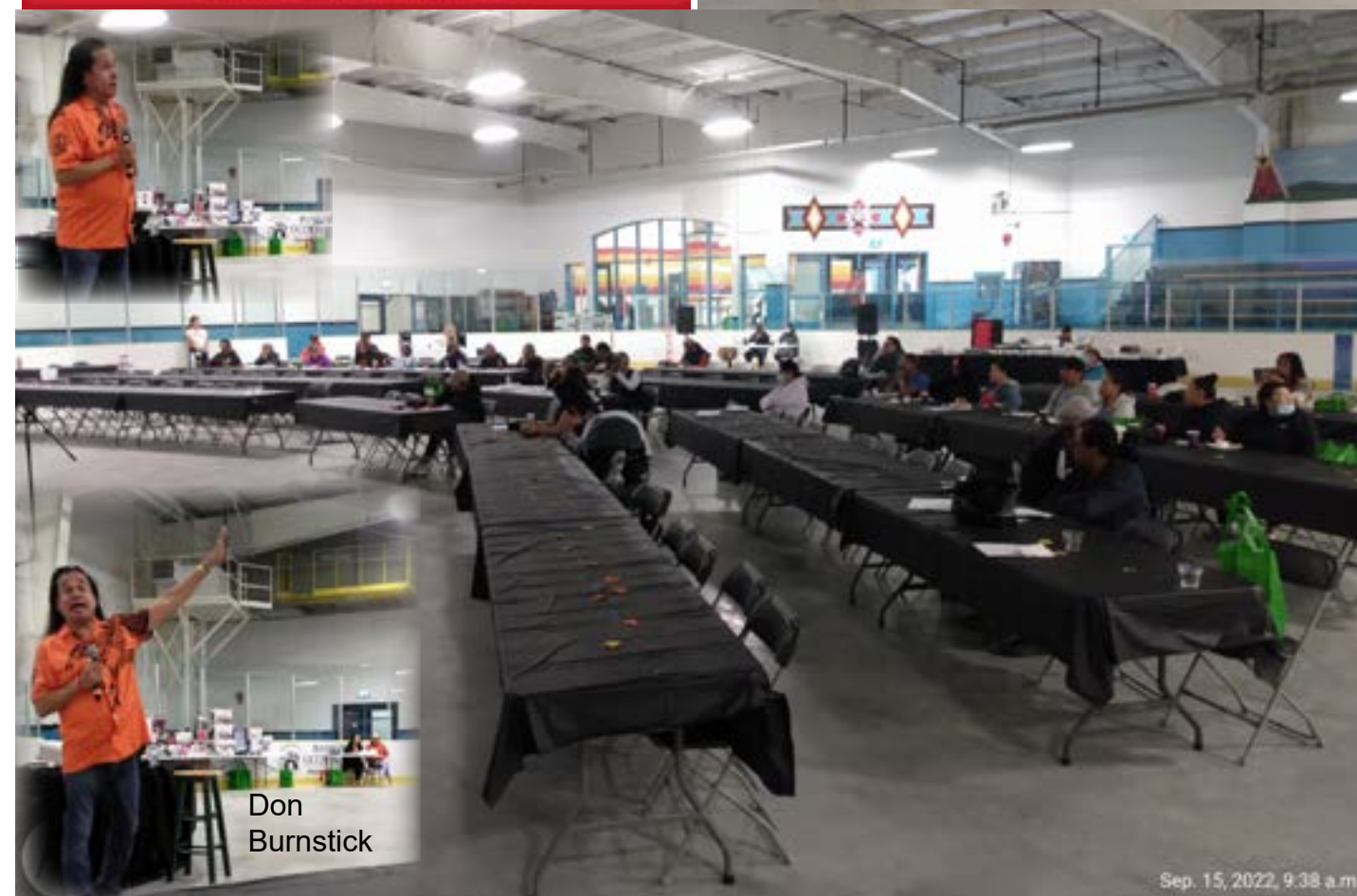


TOMORROW!!!

MASKWACIS DIABETES CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Registration and Breakfast @ 8:30 am
Location: Ermineskin Arena

Breakfast and lunch included. Capacity capped at 125 people so please come early. There will be draws for prizes. Must be present to win.



Photos: Lydia Quinney, Facebook, Samson Cree Nation Facebook September 12, 2022.

19th Annual International F.A.S.D Awareness Day

September 12, 2022

Come join us at **10:00 am** for our walk. We will begin our walk at the 3 mile turn off & finish at the lagoon turn out before the police station. Walking shoes needed, babies in strollers welcome. Water & snacks will be provided. Transportation provided from Howard Buffalo Memorial Center (H.B.M.C) to 3 mile. **Van leaves at 9:30 am**

4:00 PM—Evening program will begin. All participants will be triaged at front doors prior to entry.

Door Prizes
Coupons for walkers
Dinner Banquet 6:00—7:00

Guest Speaker—Stephanie Harpe

Call our office for any further inquiries **780-585-2254**



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SHOCK CHLORINATION PROCEDURE FOR CONTAMINATED WELLS

This shock chlorination procedure is designed for disinfecting groundwater wells that have been tested positive for *E. coli* or fecal coliform. For disinfecting wells to control iron or sulfur bacteria please refer to "SHOCK CHLORINATION PROCEDURE FOR IRON AND SULFUR BACTERIA" or contact your Environmental Health Officer or Public Health Inspector.

BEFORE YOU START

- Store sufficient water to meet family needs for 24 hours, including the water required for animals. Note that the water is not safe for drinking and must be boiled for one minute or treated before being used. Consult with your Environmental Health Officer or Public Health Inspector on proper ways of disinfecting your water supply.
- Before attempting to chlorinate the well, it is essential to check the following:
 - All repairs to the well should be completed before the chlorination process
 - Check the condition of the well: location, well casing, and sanitary seal (well cap)
 - Check the condition of the plumbing system: leaking pipes, pressure tank and cross connectors
- Shock chlorination is a process designed to inactivate harmful bacteria within the well and distribution system. If the bacteria have been introduced to the well directly or by means of poor siting or well design, shock chlorination should effectively reduce the bacteria levels. Shock chlorination is NOT intended to provide disinfection of the aquifer beyond the immediate location of a well.
- Unless you are familiar with water wells, and are comfortable working with chemicals, the process should be done by a licensed water well contractor or licensed plumber. If you have point-of-use or point-of-entry home water treatment devices, consult with your water treatment company before starting with chlorination.
- Chlorine is a strong oxidizing agent and is highly corrosive. It may cause skin and eye damage, or irritation to the nose and/or throat. Use goggles and rubber gloves when handling this material. It is also recommended that protective clothing (splash apron) and rubber boots be worn. Always provide adequate ventilation when using chlorine.
- Materials Required
 - A clean water tank with a holding capacity of at least 1,360 litres (300 gallons)
 - Garden hose
 - Appropriate volume of chlorine or bleach solution.

since the dust will irritate the eyes, nose, mouth and skin. Calcium hypochlorite is also highly corrosive when wet.

- Loosen and remove the well cap, be careful not to contaminate the cap. Caution should be taken when removing the well cap, as bare wires may be exposed posing an electrical hazard.
 - Attach a clean hose to the water storage container and place the other end of the hose into the well casing. Introduce the chlorine solution into the well and wash down the interior of the well casing in a swirling motion from top to bottom. If there is no spigot on the water storage container, siphon the solution into the well.
 - To disinfect the distribution system open one hot faucet first and let the water run, then open the cold water faucet farthest from the pressure tank and let the water run until a strong chlorine odor is detected. Open the remaining cold faucets one at a time (including dishwashers, washing machines etc) in the distribution system until the water coming out has a chlorine-like odour.
- Caution: Do not let all of the water faucets run at the same time because you may loose system prime or damage your pump.**
- Shut the faucets off once a chlorine odour is detected or after testing for chlorine if you are using a chlorine test kit.
- It is best to verify the chlorine concentrations by using a test kit. Chlorine test papers are available through restaurant or swimming pool suppliers. There should be at least 10 ppm of chlorine in all faucets. If chlorine is not present or is weak at any faucet, it is an indication it is being used up in cleaning the well and you may need to add small amounts of chlorine into the well to maintain or increase the desired chlorine concentration.

- Make sure the chlorine reached the whole system by completing the following:
 - Starting at any location, open the remaining hot water faucets one at a time until each faucet has been run. Allow hot water to run at least 30 to 60 seconds until a strong chlorine odor and/or a noticeable drop in water temperature is detected. In some cases, the water heater may have to be completely emptied before chlorine concentration can be detected at the faucet. Shut the faucet off after proper concentration is noted.
 - All the toilets should be flushed at least once. Check chlorine concentration inside the water tank above the toilet.
 - Unflushed plumbing that has been capped (plumbing dead ends) should be flushed. If necessary, provide a temporary faucet. Plumbing that is no longer in use should be removed from the distribution system. Contact a licensed plumber to perform the work. Check chlorine concentration and shut each faucet off after proper concentration is noted.
 - All outside spigots and household appliances connected to the water supply (i.e. dishwasher, washing machine, ice maker, etc.) must be disinfected. Check chlorine concentration and shut faucets off after the proper concentration is noted.
 - If fire suppression is present, partly drain the system storage tank so the pump turns on and begins drawing chlorinated water into the system and the tank. Then shut the pump off and check chlorine concentration at the storage tank outlet drain.
 - Disconnect the water feed line to the furnace humidifier and turn the valve on and allow the water to run until a proper chlorine concentration is noted.

PROCEDURE FOR SHOCK CHLORINATION
1. Measure the well depth and the static or resting water level, then calculate the depth of the water in the well using the following formula:



To measure how much water is in the casing, carefully drop a weighted fishing line into the well until you hear it hit the water (static water level). Mark the fishing line, and measure the distance to the water level. Subtract this amount from the total casing length (well depth). Well depth and static water level can also be determined from the water well drilling report.

- Using Table 1, determine the amount of water and chlorine solution required. Pump the recommended amount of water into a clean water storage container. A clean galvanized stock tank or pick-up truck box lined with a 4 ml thick plastic sheet is suitable.
- Mix the recommended amount of chlorine with the water to give the recommended 50 ppm chlorine solution.

Table 1. Amount of Chlorine Bleach and Water Required to Obtain 50 ppm chlorine (i.e. sodium hypochlorite) solution

Casing Diameter	Volume of Water Needed per 1 ft (30 cm) of water in casing		Millilitres of 5.25% Bleach needed per 1 ft (30 cm) of water		Millilitres of 12% Industrial Bleach needed per 1 ft (30 cm) of water	
	(in)	(mm)	(Gallons)	(Litres)	(millilitres)	(millilitres)
4	100	1.1	5	4.75	2.1	
6	150	2.4	10.9	10.5	4.55	
8	200	4.2	19.1	18	8	

4. Household bleach is easy to obtain, inexpensive and already in liquid form for easy mixing. Use fresh bleach that does not contain detergent or other additives. Industrial bleach, usually in the form of calcium hypochlorite, is used to disinfect swimming pools and can be found in hardware stores and pool equipment outlets. This material should be handled with care.

10. After completing the chlorination, since the well cap with chlorinated water and turn the outside spigot off. Replace the well cap to form a watertight seal. All bolts and screws must be reattached. If any parts are lost or broken, replace them as necessary.

11. Once the chlorinated water has reached all the appliances, fixtures and faucets, let the chlorinated water stand in the well and plumbing system for 8 hours.

WHILE THE CHLORINE IS IN THE SYSTEM DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. CONTACT WITH THE WATER MAY CAUSE SKIN, EYE AND NOSE IRRITATION.

12. When the chlorine has been contained in the well for 8 hours, start flushing the chlorine from the system by running an outside spigot to a culvert or drainage ditch until you can no longer detect chlorine in the water. NOTE: Do not run the well excessively (i.e. slowly flush low yielding wells) to avoid damaging the well pump. Avoid running the water into or onto the septic system. Flush the chlorinated water into an area where desirable vegetation will not be harmed, such as a gravel driveway and away from any surface body of water.

13. After the chlorine has been flushed from the well, flush the hot and cold water faucets, appliances and fixtures, one at a time. The length of time for flushing depends on the concentration of chlorine, depth of the well, formation type, the pH and the size of the distribution system. It will usually take 4 to 8 hours to flush the well after a standard well chlorination. The water may become discolored during flushing because the chlorine may have loosened the hard water deposits in the plumbing.

Caution: The chlorine must be completely flushed from plumbing system. Chlorine may damage the rubber and plastic parts in the faucets and plumbing.

14. Backwash all filters and softeners and regenerate any water treatment equipment. Consult your water treatment equipment supplier for any specific procedures required for backwashing and regenerating any water treatment equipment.

15. Take another water sample for analysis after seven (7) days.

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Technical Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water, Environmental Public Health

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Okihcihtawiskwewak
The Voice for the Women of Samson



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Samson Women's Advisory Role Models Awards

Legacy Recipients - Honoring those who contributed to the community who have since passed on the promoted wellness mind body soul and spirit.

Late Wilda Louis
Late Florence Buffalo
Late Doreen Johnson
Late Maryjane Louis
Late Nancy Yellowbird

Sports, Athletics, Recreation and Fitness: Achievement in any organized sports (e.g. hockey, rodeo, baseball, etc); those individuals who have represented your Nation at a Regional, National or International level of organized sports.

Natasha Saddleback
Mackenzie (Abby) Buffalo
Leiha Crier
Daryl-Lyn Nepoose

Business/Entrepreneur: Success in business; whether in development or owner of a business.

Kora Bruno
Cherie Rain
Connie Potts
Brittany Rogers
Wendy Buffalo
Carmen Yellowbird

Health, Medicine and Traditional: An individual who advocates in the western and/or Indigenous health system.

Christine Buffalo
Gloria McKnight

Public Service: Those individuals who advocate in the Justice System, those who are serving or have served in the Canadian Forces, Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

Tina Buffalo
Violet Soosay
Stephanie Buffalo

Lifetime Achievement: Person who has shown community service in their lifetime.

Ginger Wildcat
Kathy Louis

Culture/Language/Traditional:

Rose Saddleback
Rita Cutknife
Linda Saddleback
Dr. Yvonne Saddleback

Community Builders:

Myrna Buffalo
Colleen F. Buffalo

Now taking nominations for future Awards!

Please request for a nomination form at:

Samson Cree Nation
Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak
scn.okihcihtawiskwewak@gmail.com.



Samson Cree Nation Women's Advisory Awards

Okihcihtawiskwewak
The Voice for the Women of Samson



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Early in his first term as Chief of Samson Cree Nation, Chief Vernon Saddleback requested that the Women's Advisory be organized to assist the leadership on matters involving women and issues specific to women of the Nation. At the time, only two women had been elected to the Council, specifically, Shannon Buffalo and Katherine Swampy.

Under the leadership of Shannon Buffalo and Katherine Swampy, working in collaboration with various women senior managers of the Nation, the Samson Women's Advisory started to take shape. It's important to note that the initial group of the Women's Advisory was created to respond to report by way of position paper which was hand delivered to Minister Berman.

A decision at the leadership table was to post for members of the Nation to apply for the advisory positions.

A Cree name: *Okihcihtawiskwewak*, was chosen. Shortly thereafter, the Women's advisory chose a logo for *Okihcihtawiskwewak* the Voice of the Women of Samson, entitled "3 wisdom I" by Angela M. Williams which is now copyright protected.

You will see our logo sewn on shirts, silk screened on t-shirts, embroidered on coats and any initiative that we host or attend to honour our beautiful women of Samson Cree Nation.

The Advisory would like Nation members, especially Nation Women and Children to know we exist ... and we are here to help!

We have a unique role as an Advisory body. While we do not oversee programs and services of the Nation, we are mandated by a Terms of Reference which was ratified by the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council.

The mandate of the Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak, is to be a voice for women of Samson Cree Nation and to serve the Chief and Council in an advisory capacity.

The Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak, serves the Women of Samson in the following way:

- S - advocates for the **Safety** of women
- E - addresses issues of **Equity** and **Equality** for women
- R - **Recognizes** the contributions of women
- V - is a **Voice** for women
- E - encourages and promotes **Education** for Women

Currently the voting members of the *Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak, are:*

- Terri C. Baptiste, Member
- Michelle J.S. Louis, Member
- Solana Montour, Member
- Sarah Potts, Member
- Elizabeth Rowan, Elder, Member
- Priscilla Swampy, Chair

The non-voting members of the *Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak, are:*

- Elesha Buffalo, Councillor
- Lannie L. Buffalo, Councillor
- Shannon Buffalo, Councillor
- Holly Johnson-Rattlosuka, Councillor
- Loisise Ormeau, Councillor
- Katherine Swampy, Councillor

Further to our mandate to recognize the contributions of women, at the 2019 Samson Cree Nation Pow-Wow, the Women's Advisory honored twelve (12) member women who earned the distinction of a Doctoral Degree (i.e. a PhD) in their chosen field of study. In 2020, we honored our former women Chiefs of Samson, Lena Cutknife and the Late Florence Buffalo who have dedicated themselves to the service of the Samson Cree Nation. Due to COVID-19 our role model awards ceremony was put on hold until September 1, 2022 in which nominations were provided and we had women honored and provided a plaque and blanket as recognition.

This event will be ongoing as we know we have many women within our Nation that should be recognized and appreciated, if you can help us with nominations and categories for the next event that would be great!

Aside from many events we've hosted and participated in, it is important to acknowledge Shelli Yellowbird and Debra Buffalo who had a similar approach of honoring our Women in the past and it's time we resurrect those events which we have included in our yearly workplans and budgets.

The Women's Advisory encourages initiatives to 'give voice' to and empower women of the Nation to effect change and bring about the kind of world we all want to be a part of. We believe that working together we are capable of achieving this goal.

If you have someone you want to nominate for future awards, please provide a summary of the recipient or if you would like to see other categories for future events and email it as follows:

Women's Advisory, Okihcihtawiskwewak
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Samson Cree Nation

Treaty Days 2022

Celebration with us!!
Mini Powwow
Free Food

**JOIN US!!
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26,
2022
9:00pm - 5:00pm
At Bear Park**

For more information contact the Membership Department at 780-585-3793

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Every 3rd Monday of Month
Starting September 19, 2022
1:00 - 3:00pm

Howard Buffalo Memorial Classroom #1

We Welcomes all Four Band Maskwacis Families who have children within the Autism Spectrum. Please join us to meet with other families having a shared experience. Resources will be available. Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

Information call 780-585-2254

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

UNDERSTAND

IN THE KNOW

HEAR

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**

NEVER MISS AN UPDATE

GET THE APP

The app uses state-of-the-art technology to notify SCN members of breaking news, documents, videos, and events, instantly delivered via push notifications.

- JOB OPENINGS
- SURVEYS
- EVENTS
- NEWS

SCN Application Form Released
Here is the application form you will need to help your unit. Closing date is this weekend.

HOW TO GET THE APP

- 1 Scan the QR code below or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search "Samson Cree Nation"
- 2 Tap "Register" under "Member Login"
- 3 Fill out your information and press "Register"
- 4 Click the verification link in your email address

Get it on Google Play

Download on the App Store

Samson Community Wellness Hosts:

In Spirit of Hope & Reconciliation

Sept. 29th & 30th
LOCATED: Outside, Behind Willowview

9am - 3pm

- Guest Speakers
- Giveaways (T-shirts, keychains, Gift bags) *limited*
- MMIEP Awareness (Sept. 29th)
- Orange T-shirt Walk & Community Feast (Drive-Thru)
- Lunch & Refreshments Will Be Provided

Covid-19 protocols will be in place

Healthcare Wellness and Social Development - Samson Community Wellness

In Commemoration of Truth and Reconciliation Day
Willowview Building
September 29th & 30th, 2021

Theme: IN SPIRIT OF HOPE AND RECONCILIATION

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Craig Dine
8:00 a.m.	Pipe Ceremony - Elders
9:00 a.m.	Registration
	Opening Devotional - Parflet Dine
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - First Support Lnc	
9:30 a.m.	Registration - Elder
	Opening Remarks Chief Yvonne Saddleback - Councilor, Chairwoman Dolly Johnson, Spirituality Wellness and Social Development Senior Manager, Heather Duffin, Spirituality Wellness and Social Development Christine Cuthbert - DCH Representative
10:20 a.m.	Guest Speaker - Lorne Greene - History and the Legacy of the Indian Residential Schools
11:00	Guest Speaker - Stephen Dine
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 p.m.	W's Story - Doreen Johnson
1:45 p.m.	MMIEP - Theresa Dine
2:00 p.m.	Day School - DOROTHY SIMON
3:00 p.m.	Samson Women's Advisory Group - Patricia Swagay Dine
3:15 pm	Samson Men's Advisory Group - Ryan Lightning
3:30 pm	End of Day One

COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED. TRUDGE ON SITE
DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

LEANN'S KITCHEN

NOT accepted to
Item: 2091, 2090@samson.com

BREAKFAST:

- Breakfast Sandwich: Ham, Bacon, or Sausage \$5.00
- Bacon OR Sausage w/ hashbrowns & toast \$5.00
- HUNGRYMAN: Ham, Bacon, Sausage w/ Zeggs, hashbrowns & toast \$11.00
- French Toast w/ Sausages \$8.00
- Oatmeal & Toast \$5.00

LUNCH:

ALL MEALS COME WITH FRIES & GRAVY (POUTINE EXTRA)

- Chicken Strips \$12.00
- Cheeseburger \$12.00
- Popover Chicken \$10.00
- Fish & Chips \$10.00
- ribs \$6.00
- Macca Nicks \$6.00
- Battered Mushrooms \$7.00
- Cheeseburger \$5.00 w/ Sausage (\$1.00) \$6.00
- Deli Cheeseburger \$6.00 w/ Sausage (\$1.00) \$7.00
- Fries w/ Gravy \$4.50
- Onion Rings \$5.00
- Poutine \$5.00
- Soup & Bread \$5.00
- Fruit Smoothie \$3.00
- Smoothie \$3.00

Daily Specials
Weekly Menus

BEVERAGES:

- Coffee \$2.00
- Tea \$2.00
- Pop \$2.00
- Water \$1.00

CONTACT: (780) 585-3793
Ext #125
OR
TEXT orders to (780)361-7846

Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services

Honouring our mental health, as the Medicine Wheel teaches. We deliver an array of services that include mental health counselling, addictions prevention, Residential School support and youth suicide prevention services.

Family Wellness Building - entry level to walk in!
During the Covid-19 outbreak, while we are not seeing clients, we are still available to counsel by phone or by Face Time

Resolution Health Support Workers
Noreen Omeasoo
Orenda Kihcayis -Stonechild

Cultural Support Worker
Marilyn Rowan

Manager
Peyasu Wuttumee

Manager
Ordel Saddleback
Craig Dine

Online Programs!
Cancer Survivor Sharing Circle, Anger Management, AA

WATCH FOR OUR NEW PROGRAMS!

Coming Soon! Online Programs!
Al-Anon, Grief & Loss

Let's Connect!
To talk to staff from Counselling & Support Services:

email: maskwacis@samson.ca
tel: 780.585.2268
text: 780.312.5268
after hours: 780.585.2222
Maskwacis Mental Health Unit

Hai Hai

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AGENDA

DAY TWO: Thursday, September 30, 2021

9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION Invocation - Elder Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	WALK FOR "EVERY CHILD MATTERS: HONOURING THE MISSING CHILDREN" BEGIN AT 3 MILE ROAD TO WILLOWVIEW BUILDING DRUM - DEVON SIMON
12:00 p.m.	COMMUNITY FEAST - DRIVE THROUGH UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST
1:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker - Flossie Northwest
2:15 pm	Memory Vigil
2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks - NWSD STANDING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE End of Day Two

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Maskwacis Employment Center
Kim Crane - 9h

Limited Spots Available.
Deadline to register is September 26, 2022

DRIVING TO SUCCESS CLASS 5

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have access to internet.
- Must complete online modules prior to driving.
- Must have valid identification (Birth Certificate, Indian Status, etc).
- Must have valid class 7 and no fines.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

TO REGISTER CONTACT
Kim@maskwacisemployment.ca
(780)- 585-4450

Orange Shirt Day

Join the Town of Devon as we come together to honour those who survived the residential school system and those who did not

Location:
Devon Community Center
20 Haven Ave, Devon, T9G-2B9

For more information, contact Mitch @ 587-577-0091

September 30, 2022

9 AM - Pipe Ceremony

11:00 AM - 12 PM - Community walk in solidarity with IRS survivors
• Walk will start from the Town Office and end at the Community Center

12 - 1:30 PM - Lunch (Burger Creations Food Truck)

2 - 4 PM - Presentations from IRS Survivors

4 PM - Community art project

6 PM - We Were Children screening at Devon Community Center
• Courtesy of the Devon Public Library and National Film Board of Canada

*Pipe Ceremony and main gathering will take place outside of Devon Community Center (weather permitting) in field on east side of building.

Please bring your own lawn chairs and dress appropriately for the weather.

Devon Devon

MASKWACIS OSKAPEW OKIHICITAW TRAINING

MEN WHO WANT A CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES

Ages 18+
Registration Fee \$600
For more info and to register, contact John Crier
780-312-0521
indigenousshadowhealing@gmail.com

Turtle Island
ManKind Project

OCTOBER 7-9TH, 2022
Maskwacis, Alberta

**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.



Samson Youth and Sports Development phone 780-585-3012

Jim Johnson or Jordana Littlepoplar

Samson Youth Wellness 780-585-3634

Tamara Saddleback or Klevlin Cutknife

Facebook pages can be accessed.

Registration can be found at:

www.SCWprograms.com



September 22, 2022

Handing out information packages for the referendum vote this Monday September 26, 2022, in Samson, Pigeon Lake, Edmonton and Calgary.

Youth Categories

4-6 7-9 10-12
16-18 13-15

Prizes Awarded



Adult Categories

19-24 25-35 36-45
46-49 50-59 60+

Ermîneskîn Community Wellness

2022 Turkey Trot

1KM ELDERS ROUTE
2KM WALK
5KM RUN

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Maskwacis Bear Park at 12pm - 2pm

Covid-19 Precautions

Masks, Hand Sanitizing & Social Distancing Mandatory at this event. Please stay home if you are experiencing symptoms.

Registration



11:00 AM at Maskwacis Bear Park
***In Person Registration**

Ermîneskîn Community Wellness
(780)585-3741


Ermîneskîn Recreation
(780)585-3088

Samson Youth & Sport Develop.
(780)585-3012

Are you a hunter or land-user who is concerned about the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the wildlife near Maskwacis?

High-Risk Parts



Chronic Wasting Disease Tags

If you are interested in submitting samples for CWD Testing and receiving tags, please submit your PO Box # to:

[cwgmonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:cwdmonitoring@gmail.com)

or

samsoncreedata@gmail.com / 780-585-3793 ext. 130



Mommy & Baby Yoga
with Vanessa Buffalo

No experience needed

When: October 14 @ 1:00 pm

Where: HBMC

***Moms need 6 weeks postpartum & 8 weeks caesarean *** to participate

Baby Yoga is a practice to help encourage & strengthen the bond with Mom & baby.



Call 780-585-2254 for more information

OILERS TICKETS GIVEAWAY

Download the app and enter

Want to get up-to-the-minute notifications from the Band Administration AND enter to win a pair of Oilers tickets?

Game Date: October 12th @ 8PM

Just download the Samson Cree Nation mobile app, register for an account, and enter to WIN!

DRAW TIME:
Wednesday October 5th 12:00PM MST

HOW TO ENTER:

- Scan the QR code or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search: 'Samson Cree Nation'
- Tap 'Register' under 'Member Login'
- Fill out your information and press 'Register'
- Click the verification link in your email address
- Login to the app, navigate to the Giveaway form, and fill it out! Now you're entered!






POSITIVE HOME TESTS

If you have taken a home test that you received from the DEMS, the schools or from neighboring communities and it is **positive**, please be reassured that it is accurate.

Please do not proceed to the ambulance bay or to the test site in your community to validate the test. This will help decrease wait times at the ambulance bay & test sites.

If you have a positive home test, please advise Community Health by calling 780-585-2266 between 9 am-3 pm Monday to Friday.

Your name(s) will be added to the positive home test list. The Contact Tracers will follow up with you as soon as possible.

While waiting for a phone call, please isolate, stay home, inform your close contacts to monitor for symptoms of covid, and if they are having symptoms, proceed for testing.

Alternately, you can share your result with your DEM who will inform the MHS contact tracers, we will follow up with you as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation.

It is Cold - Kisin Pîᓃᓃ **Winter Pipon** ᐱᓃᓃᓃ It is Snowing Mispon ᓃᓃᓃ

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Samson Cree Nation Referendum 2022

Paminikew wiyasiwewin (Samson Cree Nation's Constitution)

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

- The Constitution says "As long as the rivers flow", as most of our rivers are drying up, does this have an effect on us? **ANSWER:** When you are born the water flows, the spirit of Treaties is us.
- Does this mean we are going to be self governed and create our own Laws? **ANSWER:** We always have been, we just never exercised it before. So yes.
- Are there any other Nations that are creating this kind of Constitution as well? **ANSWER:** Yes.
- Is there a proven track record that shows that other Nations are creating this in order to protect our Treaties as well? **ANSWER:** There are more Nations asserting their right to sovereignty.
- What's the difference between self-government and this Constitution? **ANSWER:** Self-government is the formal structure through which Indigenous communities may control the administration of their people, land and resources through agreements with federal and provincial governments, usually done through land claims or self-government agreements. This Constitution is us asserting our sovereignty and affirming that we have had a Constitution prior to contact and we are now formally translating it into a written form.
- Will there be a translator to interpret our Constitution when needed? **ANSWER:** Our elders will be our expert translators.
- Who's going to protect the Constitution? **ANSWER:** An Elders Senate was recommended. There was also a recommendation for a Samson "judicial body". This is something we want to create.
- Why the rush with this Constitution? **ANSWER:** We've tried for the last 20+ years to create a Constitution. This time, we're more focused on getting it done and we have a good team.
- Who's to say that the next Chief and Council won't change the document? **ANSWER:** Amendment provisions will be in place.
- Who can request a mail in ballot? **ANSWER:** Any eligible vote can request a Mail-in Ballot from the Referendum Officer.
- Why is the Chief highly regarded? **ANSWER:** Our elders spoke of the Chief being highly respected in the community. Traditionally the Chief was always respected and the office of the Chief was held in high regard.
- What is needed to pass the Constitution? **ANSWER:** Under Samson Cree Nation's Referendum Regulations, we need a majority (i.e. 50% plus 1) of the eligible voters casting a vote in the referendum to vote "Yes" to the Constitution.

Samson Celebrations would like to thank everyone that entered the **2022 Yard Contest**. Continue to take care of your homes. See you next year. Results: Country 1.Larron Northwest 2.Tricie Buffalo 3.Cletis Louis. Town Site 1.Charmaine Soosay 2.Harriette Baptiste 3.Theresia Boysis. Knotts Landing/ Whoville 1.Tina Saddleback 2.Dezmone Rowan 3.Pamela Johnson. Pigeon Lake 1.Casey Roan 2.Beverly Dion 3.Amber Yellowbird.

Congratulations to the winners.

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5 LABOR DAY STAT HOLIDAY	6 Coupon Day	7	8 Walking Group 12pm	9
12 FASD Day Coupon Day	13 Powwow Flow 4:30pm	14	15	16
19	20	21 Walking Group 12pm	22 Powwow Flow 4:30pm	23 Community Kitchen 11am
26 Coupon Day	27 Breathwork Session 1pm	28 Craft Parenting Day - Moss Bags 10am	29 Craft Parenting Day - Moss Bag 10am	30

COVID Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
(780) 585-2254



Integrated Family Services

Prenatal Nutrition Program
IFS Mentor Program
Maskwacis Parents Place

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

November	September
Friday November 11	Friday September 9
Friday November 25	Friday September 23
December	October
Friday December 9	Friday October 7
Friday December 23	Friday October 21

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
Box 1200 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0
Ph: 780-585-3793 Email: gasutility.scn@gmail.com

Lyle Littlepoplar, Manager 1-780-335-6073
Everette Omeasoo, Supervisor 1-780-312-9748
Gas Co-op Shop 780-585-3547 Please Leave A
Message

Email: gasutility.scn@gmail.com
Please call EXT#215, Cell 780-335-6073 or
Email: lyle.littlepoplar2020@gmail.com
If you have any questions on this matter. Thank
you.



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

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

Avian Influenza Resources:
 Canadian Food Inspection Agency
 Website: English: <https://inspection.canada.ca/en> | French: <https://inspection.canada.ca/fr>

Mary Rose Argonza-Oberhoffner (shu/vik)
 Indigenous Liaison Officer, Western Area
 Avian Influenza 2022
 Canadian Food Inspection Agency | Government of Canada
Mary.Rose.Argonza-Oberhoffner@inspection.gc.ca | Tel: 403-951-6729

Learn more about avian influenza (AI):

- Fact Sheet – Avian Influenza <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/1366193731967/1366192918462>
- Avian influenza in domestic birds: <https://www.alberta.ca/avian-influenza-reportable.aspx>

Learn more about how to protect your flock:

- Protect your flock from bird flu
- Protecting Alberta Small Flock Poultry from Avian Influenza – Spring 2022

If you think your birds are infected:

Bird owners across Canada are legally responsible to notify authorities of serious bird diseases, such as avian influenza. This applies to all sick birds which are located both in and out of a PCZ. Please call a veterinarian or your nearest [Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\) Animal Health office](#) if you suspect your birds have avian influenza.

- Find out what to expect if your animals are infected

To find out more about permit and movement control if you are in or near an AI Primary Control Zone (PCZ)

- Permits and Movement Control

If you spot a sick or dead wild bird

Anyone who finds a sick or dead wild bird is encouraged to contact the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative \(CWHC\)](#) or report to the Alberta Environment and Parks Office 310-0000.

Be prepared to submit details like where you found the bird or discuss options for carcass submission to allow them to gather information about the health of wild populations.

Additional information related to wild birds:

- Wild birds and avian influenza – Includes information for hunters and food safety guidelines when handling game bird meat. (Public Health Agency of Canada)
- Avian influenza in wild birds (Environment and Climate Change Canada)
- Avian influenza in wild birds | Alberta.ca (Province of Alberta)

If you think you have been exposed to or are experiencing symptoms which may be related to avian influenza:

Please contact your family physician, 811 for 24/7 health information, or contact your local public health authority:

- Alberta Health Services: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>

Due to the potential for human infection, it is recommended that people working with poultry suspected of being infected with avian influenza, or in contact with such poultry, wear protective clothing. This includes, face masks, goggles, gloves and boots. Avoid contact with blood, body fluids and feces. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water.

Additional information:

- Avian Influenza and Poultry (Health Canada)
- Human Health Issues Related to Avian Influenza in Canada (Public Health Agency of Canada)
- Healthy eating and food safety for Indigenous peoples (Indigenous Services Canada)
- Avian Influenza (Risk) | Alberta.ca (Alberta Health Services)
- Alberta Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Resources – Farmer Specific Resources

Additional information for small flock owners

The [Province of Alberta](#) provides additional information for small flock owners:

- Resources for poultry owners | Alberta.ca

Aussi disponible en français.  






Moss Bags

Waspison

Craft Parenting
September 28th & 29th, 2022
Howard Buffalo Memorial Center
(Upstairs classroom) 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Call 780-585-2254 to register
(space is limited**)**

Avian influenza: Information for hunters and gatherers

Although the risk of getting avian influenza (AI) from wild birds is very low, it is important for people who hunt, handle, and eat wild birds, including their eggs, to take precautions to avoid becoming infected or spreading the virus. Hunters and people who prepare and cook wild birds and eggs may be at a higher risk.

General precautions

- Before hunting birds or harvesting eggs, check the hunting regulations in your area.
- Do not handle or eat sick birds or birds that have died from unknown causes.
- Following general food safety guidance when hunting is always recommended.

Accessing wild bird nesting areas

Avian influenza can spread between different bird communities when potentially contaminated material (such as: dirt, water, bird droppings or feces) is transferred between bird nesting areas.

Items to bring or wear:

- Rubber boots
- Gloves (multiple pairs)
- Small brush for cleaning
- Hand sanitizer

When traveling between separate bird communities, such as moving far distances on land or between islands:

- brush off organic material (such as dirt, bird droppings, plant matter) from clothing before leaving the site
- remove organic material (such as dirt, bird droppings, plant matter) from rubber boots by stamping feet or using a brush to clean the bottom of the boots, and use nearby salt water to rinse them
- change gloves, wash hands or use hand sanitizer between bird nesting areas
- while in a bird nesting area, try to minimize contact with freshwater ponds or wet areas, if possible
- when preparing and having meals on islands, try to select a site furthest away from bird community activity



Handling wild birds, waterfowl, and their eggs

Practice good hand hygiene at all times:

- wash your hands with soap and water
- use hand sanitizer when you can't use soap and water
- wear vinyl, latex, nitrile, or rubber gloves when possible
- avoid touching your face or rubbing your eyes with your hands
- do not eat, drink or smoke

Choose a suitable work environment before you start:

- work in a well-ventilated space, outdoors if possible, and stay upwind of birds to avoid inhaling dust, feathers and particles in the air
- keep young children and pets away from the area, and discourage them from playing in areas that could be contaminated with droppings
- avoid potential contamination of areas that are accessed by domestic birds for feed or water

Avoid potential sources of contamination while you work:

- avoid direct contact with blood, feces or droppings, and other bodily fluids
- avoid harvesting cracked and very dirty eggs covered with feces or droppings
- rub dirt and debris off of eggs with a clean and dry paper towel, cloth, or brush; do not use water to wash or soak eggs

Clean all surfaces, tools, and personal belongings once you are finished:

- wash hands immediately with soap and warm water
- if there is no water available, remove any dirt using a moist towelette, apply an alcohol-based hand gel (between 60% and 90% alcohol), and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you can
- wash all knives, tools, egg collecting and cleaning equipment, work surfaces and other equipment with soap and warm water, followed by a household disinfectant or bleach solution (5 teaspoons of bleach to 8 cups of water)
- remove and wash clothing and footwear that may be contaminated with blood, feces or droppings, or other bodily fluids
- store dirty shoes and clothing in a sealed plastic bag until they can be washed

Cooking and preparing eggs and meat from wild birds

There is no evidence to suggest that fully cooked game birds or eggs are a source of AI infection.

Make sure all harvested birds and eggs are cooked thoroughly (no visible pink meat, and juice runs clear).

Using a food thermometer:

- cook whole birds until the inside temperature reaches 82°C (180°F)
- cook pieces of meat until the inside temperature reaches 74°C (165°F)
- cook eggs to an internal temperature of 74°C (165°F)

Be aware of the risks associated with consuming eggs raw or partially cooked (runny yolk), or using raw eggs in foods that will not be cooked, baked or heat-treated in other ways.

Follow general safe food handling practices:

- keep raw meat and eggs separate from other food products to avoid cross contamination
- wash your hands often, including before and after handling raw meat or eggs
- thoroughly clean contaminated tools and work surfaces with hot, soapy water, then use a household disinfectant or a bleach solution (5 teaspoons of bleach to 8 cups of water)

If you think you have been exposed to AI or if you become ill after handling birds, see your health care provider. Be sure to inform your health care provider that you have been in contact with birds.

If you spot a sick or dead wild bird

Anyone who finds a sick or dead wild bird is encouraged to contact the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative \(CWHC\)](#) http://www.cwhc-cmf.ca/avian_influenza.php

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NEHIYAWEWIN
 MASCWACIS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

Fall 2022 Evening Classes

MESC Learning Services is pleased to offer the following Nehiyawewin online evening programming to engage participants in Cree syllabics, SRQ and conversational Cree.

- 13 weeks of online classes:
 - Fall 2022 Classes:
 - Registration: August 29, 2022 closing September 9, 2022
 - Classes start: September 12, 2022 - December 5, 2022
 - Register [here](#)
 - Levels of Cree to register in:
 - NISTAM: Little to no written or oral knowledge of the Cree language
 - MÁCI: Basic written and oral knowledge of the Cree language
 - TÁPI: Strong understanding of Cree, with the ability to engage in conversational Cree
 - NESTAW: Fluent in Cree, but want to strengthen oral/written knowledge

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Please note: Programming will be offered online and will require participants to have a valid Gmail address and internet access.

For more information, contact Jalene Rain at jalene@necsc.ca



POSITION: HOUSE KEEPING (1 MALE & 1 FEMALE)
DEPARTMENT: SAMSON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description:
 We are looking to hire housekeeper(s) to join our emergency team. You will be responsible for cleaning rooms and common areas, disposing of trash, changing beds, and notifying maintenance of any issues within the isolation trailers. The ideal candidates for this job will be to follow NHS health guidelines, and attending to our facilities with integrity and attention to detail.

- Housekeeper Responsibilities:**
- Keep facilities and common areas clean and maintained.
 - Variety of cleaning Vacuums, sweeping, and mopping floors, dust and polishing.
 - Notify managers of necessary repairs.
 - Collect and dispose of trash.
 - Assist guests when necessary.
 - Keep linen room stocked, Check stocking levels of all consumables and replace when appropriate.
 - Ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards
 - Protect equipment and make sure there are no inadequacies
 - Notify supervisor on any damages, deficits and disturbances
 - Deal with reasonable complaints requests with professionalism and patience
 - Adhere strictly to rules regarding health and safety and be aware of any company-related practices.
 - Write/re-record log entries

- Qualifications:**
- Minimum or equivalent of grade 10 or GED
 - Ability to manage your time efficiently.
 - Work well unsupervised.
 - Handle basic maintenance and cleaning.
 - Ability to maintain a professional appearance and interact positively with guests.
 - Must be alcohol and drug free
 - The successful applicants must submit a child intervention check and a criminal record check.

CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 14TH, 2022 @ 4:00PM

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

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POSITION: SECURITY GUARDS (1 FEMALE & 1 MALE)

DEPARTMENT: SAMSON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Description:
 We are looking to hire Security guard(s) to join our emergency team. Full time employment, must be willing to be assigned shifts. Act as a representative to all staff, guests and visitors. Ensure that they protect Samson Cree Nation's property, personnel, and information against fire, theft, vandalism and illegal entry.

- Responsibilities:**
- Protection of people, property, facilities, and information
 - Maintain surveillance of the surrounding area and report suspicious activity
 - Assess disturbances
 - Perform detailed and diligent patrols
 - Provide access control as required.
 - Observe and report daily activities and irregularities to appropriate personnel.
 - Ensure all safety and emergency procedures are followed
 - Submit verbal and written reports to supervisor
 - Observe and keep records of security-related activities in a log book.

- Qualifications:**
- Security training or Experience
 - Reliable transportation
 - Basic CPR and First aid training is an asset
 - Must be able to work all shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays
 - Minimum or equivalent of grade 12
 - Ability to manage your time efficiently.
 - Work well unsupervised, and multi-task
 - Excellent interpersonal and communication skills while being alert and detail oriented.
 - Excellent written and communication skills.
 - Must abstain from drugs and alcohol.
 - Successful applicant must submit a child intervention check and Criminal record check.
 - Must have valid class 5 Alberta License with application.

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POSITION: RECEPTIONIST (1 YEAR)
DEPARTMENT: MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY:
 Under the direction of the Membership Manager, the receptionist will be responsible for performing general Receptionist duties to ensure the efficient daily operation of the Membership Department.

- Duties and Responsibilities:**
- Greets the public politely and directs questions to appropriate personnel and or assists when possible.
 - Answers telephones and takes and delivers messages required.
 - Records all incoming and outgoing mail and or documents and distributes to the appropriate staff and or department.
 - Keeps and inventory of office supplies and makes the necessary arrangements to order additional supplies.
 - Prepares correspondence and accomplishes directives as instructed by the Membership Manager and Senior Manager of the Citizen and Tribal Support Services (CTSS)
 - Photocopies all material requested.
 - Assists in delivering pay lists and picking up cheques for Memberships Department.
 - Performs all other duties as requested by the Membership Manager and Senior Manager of the CTSS department.

- Qualifications:**
- Must have a minimum of Grade 12.
 - Ability to greet and interact with the public in a pleasant and polite manner.
 - Must be able to understand Cree and willing to learn it.
 - Must be punctual and reliable.
 - Must have knowledge and experience with computers/printers etc.
 - Must sign and abide by the Oath of Confidentiality.
 - Submit a criminal records check.
 - Submit an updated resume.
 - May be subjected to drug test.

CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 7TH, 2022 @ 4:00PM

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September 22, 2022

Samson Cree Nation Chambers: Chris Stewart from APTN interviews Chief Vernon Saddleback about the recent violence in Samson. Chris mentioned that it would be in a three part series. As well, Chief mentioned that there might be an early election in November and that solutions to the problems that we are experiencing are on the horizon. Leadership is aware of what is going on in the community and the announcements will be coming soon about the solutions.

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Above: Splash park 2023 behind the HBMC.

Home Owners: Please have your house numbers on the front of your homes so workers can see where they are at. Hai Hai !

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