



# NIPISIKOPAHK ACIMOWIN

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October 2022

Tansi and welcome to another edition of the Acimowin.

Top right photo of Lena Cutknife, former Chief of Samson, at the Settlement Information Session which took place October 17, 2022, at the HBMC. Below that is the Samson Daycare parade and finally, the 2nd Annual Pow Wow Times International Gathering: Honouring Our Languages in Red Deer. It was a competition pow wow and there was 13 drums and people from Utah, Washington, Montana, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.



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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](http://www.samsoncree.com/aboutus)

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

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## NOTICE



### 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](http://www.samsoncree.com). A copy of the voters list will be available at Membership after October 15, 2022.

#### Contact for Further Information

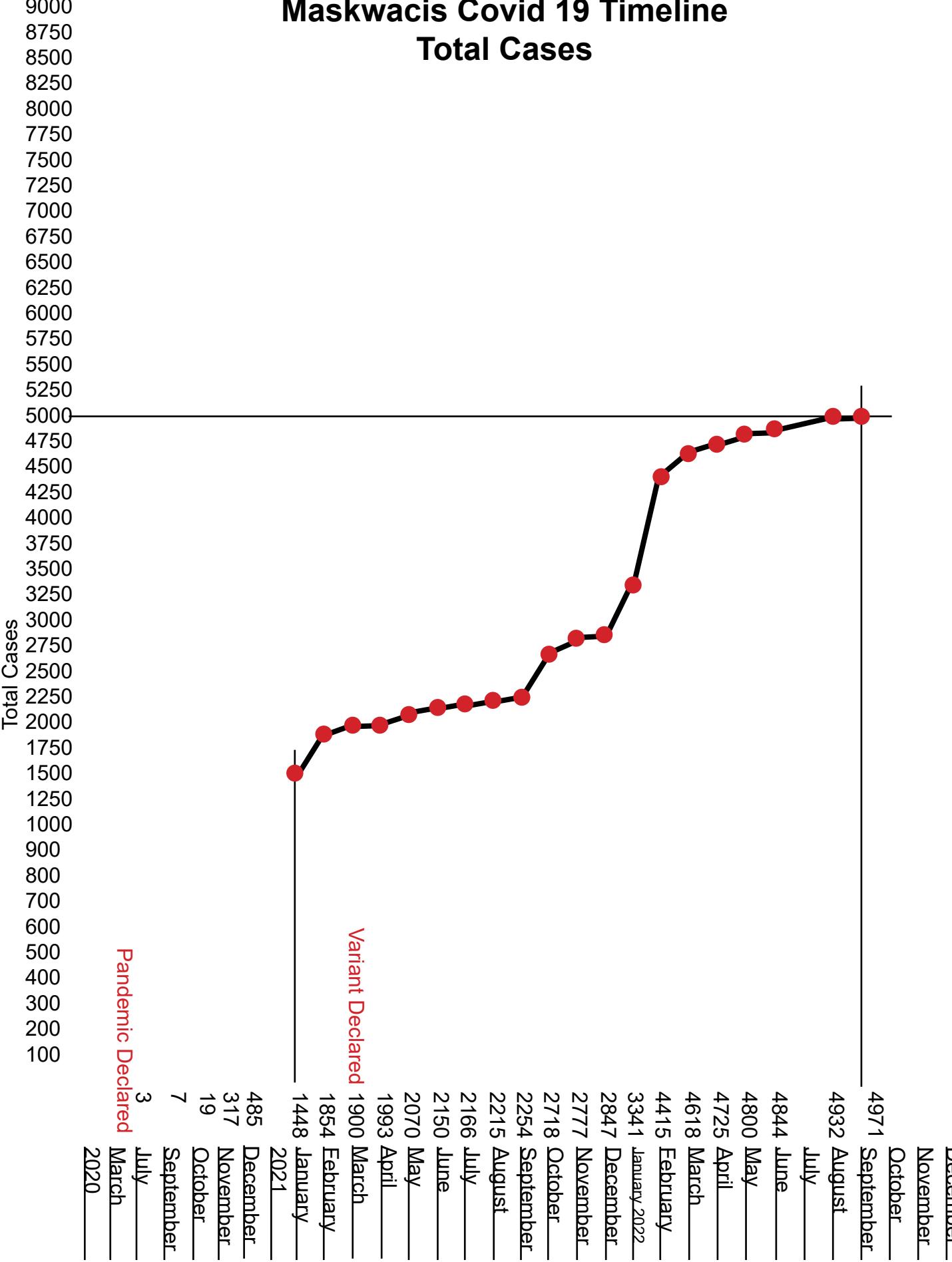


Referendum Officer - Eileen Sasakamoose  
Box 159, Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0  
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Samson Cree Nation SETTLEMENT Referendum November 2022

# Maskwacis Covid 19 Timeline

## Total Cases



## SAMSON CREE NATION

TO: SAMSON CREE NATION MEMBERS

### INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION SESSION ON ELECTION LAW CHANGES

On behalf of the Samson Election Law Elders Advisory Committee, Samson members are invited to an Information Session on proposed changes to the Samson Cree Nation Election Law – Nipishkophak Wiyasuwewin, as follows:

#### Information Session - Election Law Amendments

Monday, October 17, 2022

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre  
Maskwacis, Alberta

The session is hosted by the Samson Election Law Elders Advisory Committee members Victor Buffalo, John Crier, Barbara Louis, Roy Louis, Ilene Nepesic, Sara Potts, Elizabeth Rowan and Bernice Stoney.

The Samson Election Law Elders Advisory has based the proposed amendments on the attached SCN Feedback Report Questionnaire Results 2018. This is the people's document, therefore your input provided guidance to the Elders as they reviewed the Election Law.

#### Notice of Information Session

After getting feedback from past Information Sessions, there will be another Information Session on October 24, 2022, at the Bingo Hall from 10 AM to 2 PM. A Zoom link can be emailed to those who want to view virtually. Email: [comms@samsoncree.com](mailto:comms@samsoncree.com) To request Zoom link.

#### Information Session

Monday, October 24, 2022

10:00 AM

Samson Dingo Hall  
Maskwacis, Alberta

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Samson Governance office at 780-585-3703 Ext. 101.

Samson Election Law Elders Advisory Committee  
Councillor Holly Johnson

**Samson Cree Nation Communications Department**

## Finance Department Community Presentation

Tuesday October 25, 2022

The Finance Department will be having a Community Presentation at the HBMC.

Topics: KHTF and Audit Report.  
Time: 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM  
Seating Capacity: 150 people.

Please contact: Jaime Nepoose  
Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 225

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**Samson Cree Nation Communications Department**

### Iyiniw Kiste Tamâwin Ekwa Traditional Knowledge & Inherent Rights Conference

**Public November 3-4, 2022**

Pipe Ceremony Each Day. Speakers:  
Dr. Wilton Littlechild, Jerry Saddleback.

Topics: Indian Act vs. Treaty. Treaty 101. Natural Law.  
Traditional Territory.  
Traditional Leadership.  
Location: HBMC

Please contact: [comms@samsoncree.com](mailto:comms@samsoncree.com)

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LISTEN UP! UNDERSTAND  
IN TUNE IN PAY ATTENTION  
BE INFORMED**

### 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

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## GIRL POWER

\*In person program\* Register Online → 

Location: Samson Willowview building

**10 WEEK PROGRAM**

**EVERY TUESDAY (5-6pm)**

**AGES: 7-13**

Girl Power is an educational, skill-building and creative group designed to introduce girls ages 9-12 to concepts and skills that promote a positive self-image. Girl Power assists girls to challenge social rules and media messages that diminish a girl's sense of self as they move toward adolescence.

**Samson Community Wellness**

**2BBOYS**

**BOYS WELL-BEING GROUPS**

**10 WEEK PROGRAM**

**EVERY MONDAY (5-6pm)**

**AGES: 8-14**

(in person Program) Register Online! → 

For more info or to register call: (780)-585-3634

## DAUGHTERS OF TRADITION

+DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS  
BUILD HEALTHY IDENTITY  
HAVE & BE A MENTOR

**10 WEEK PROGRAM**

**EVERY SATURDAY (2pm-3pm)**

**Ages: 7-12**

Provides a prevention education program that will enable youth (ages 7-12) to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women.

**Samson Community Wellness**

## Expecting Respect

**Teenager Life Skills & Healthy Habits**

**EVERY Thursday!**

**Location: Samson Willowview Building**

**In person program\* Register Online** → 

**Time: 5pm-6pm**

**Co-ed (Ages: 12 and up)**



October 7, 2022

NOK Building, Elders Advisory Committee: Chief Vernon Saddleback present, Samson Elders, Maskwacis Detachment Staff sergeant Richard McKay, MC Brian Johnson.

Traditional dog by law. Our traditional view of the dog is discussed by Marlene Buffalo. Elder Albert Yellowbird, from Pigeon Lake, discussed the dog in Cree and then the traditional relationship with the dog. Albert then mentioned the difference between the modern dogs and how they are treated, the purpose of that modern dog now as opposed to the atim that is part of our culture. Dogs are for protection and Albert said that they never had pit bulls back in the day. They had house dogs, they never roamed around because they would stay in one area. Young people and the youth today, should learn about the dog. It may sound awkward but when Albert was young, his Elders taught him about the relationship with the dog. The dog problem is real in the town site and in the country and furthermore, Albert would like to see people learn the Cree language and speak it more. He acknowledges the fact that he never took enough time to teach his grandchildren and children Cree.

Albert went on to say that the government took away the right to teach your children the way you wanted them to be taught. He said that when he wouldn't listen to his parents they were disciplined. When he was young he had no choice in regards to going to school or getting up for work.

Albert mentioned that today, they are trying to make law. Like this dog bylaw. The constitution failed. Now the Chief and Council keep the power because the constitution failed. If we had that constitution we would put this dog bylaw and all the other laws under that constitution and then come up with some laws for Samson band for generations to come.

MC Brian Johnson: Thank you Albert.

Chief Vernon Saddleback talked about a past member who was the bylaw officer who had to deal with  
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dogs. Chief mentioned that he was not brought up to cull dogs. The question today is how do we take care of these dogs.

MC Brian Johnson: We also have a problem with vicious dogs attacking band members. They are also being used as status symbols. Our current bylaw has no mention of dealing with animals. Our current bylaw is 30 years old. We have to make it clear to our people that needs to be updated right now.

Todd Buffalo was present at the meeting and he had a few problems with dogs coming around his home and bothering his livestock. Todd had some stories that did not end well for his animals. Todd went on to say that the dog and horse are related. In Cree we call the dog "Atim," and we call the horse "Misatim." The dog was here before the horse was. I did not know that this meeting was taking place on this matter and there should have been protocol given to start it off since we are talking about the dog.

Marlene Buffalo: The reason why you have been given a copy of the agenda is for you to review it personally. It will be amended. There will be strict rules in place. The reason why this is on the agenda-we had a pipe ceremony this morning to deal with anything spiritually related. To answer your question on protocol. We have to address the vicious dogs. We have to figure out how it's connected to the violence that is happening. To cut to the chase, we need a place where we can take these dogs once they're captured and it's been suggested to build a dog shelter at the Public Works area. The owners of these dogs will have to come forward and if the dog is not registered, if they don't have tags, then there has to be a decision on how to deal with that dog. That's really the issue here.

Brian Johnson: Thank you Marlene. Ilene.

Ilene: Good morning everybody. She talks Cree for a while. Over the years, our band members have been bitten by these kind of dogs. Ilene talks about the town site dog problem she has seen. She talked about a man who went around shooting dogs a few years ago and what happened to him after he had an accident. The man quit shooting dogs after that. Ilene could not verify if the story was true or not. Prevention and Enforcement have to be put in place.

Brian Johnson: I think it explains it in the first lines of the current bylaw. The purpose of the bylaw is to regulate and control the keeping of certain dangerous dogs within the Samson Cree Nation. To protect the public health, safety and welfare of Samson Cree Nation members. Brian tells a story all in Cree about an American Husky dog.

Chief Vernon: I need advice on the next topic. Some background first: I always supported the women in our community. Last term I created a Women's Council. At the time, there were only two women in Council. I meet with them once in a while and they keep me updated.

I sat with Lena Cutknife a few weeks ago. I went to a conference with her and we were just talking and then she went quiet on me. She said, "I don't even have a symbol to say that I was Chief. I was never allowed to wear a head dress."

The times have changed. The Indian Act came in and forced elections on the people. Now, we have had female Chiefs. We will have a female Chief again. What should we have to symbolize a female Chief?

When I went to the AFN regional meeting in BC, their regional Chief was female. She was wearing

this head dress and I asked her, "Is that head dress from your culture?"

The BC regional Chief replied, "No. We couldn't agree to what a female Chief should wear so we agreed that the youth of the community would create a head dress for this. This is what the youth created for me."

It was a head band made out of sea otter with some bead work on it. It was really nice. There's going to be a traditional pow wow on Remembrance Day in Louis Bull. I want to do a ceremony for Lena at the pow wow so at least she has a symbol.

Marlene Buffalo: I remember when the late Lillian Potts. I worked for her a number of years. The late Sam Curry made her a head dress and he made it with eagle feathers. We have to realize that we have come to follow the patriarchal system. Which is not our system.

The matriarchs of the community should decide this because it's a women's issue. Now that the times are changing we need to make sure that our women Chiefs get a proper head dress.

Clifford Nepoose: Lena Cutknife was one of the Chiefs that I served under and the other one was late Florence Buffalo. I don't recall Lena wearing a head dress. When I think back now, I was the Administrator, she never wore a head dress. Florence wore a head dress. Why can't we keep that tradition going? Hai Hai!

Marlene Buffalo: I recall many white people who have gotten head dresses in the past. I guess the question here is: How can we view our women lower than white people? Again, that was something decided by the men. It wasn't the women who decided to give these head dresses to white folks. I think tradition has already been broken. In fact, I am going to make a motion: The women pipe carriers in our community will decide on the head dress for the woman Chief. Ekosi!

Josephine Buffalo: I will second that motion.

Chief Vernon: Thank you. If there is no other comments, there's a motion on the floor for a vote. I am going to ask if everyone is in favour?

Marlene Buffalo: I am going to make one final comment. Late Lillian and I had a pipe ceremony long ago on the 16th floor at the UN building. This was for the impending approval of the Maskwacis Non-Governmental that is known today as the International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development. That NGO protects your human rights and Treaty rights. At the time, we felt that we were the warriors and we did succeed in obtaining the NGO for the Maskwacis four nations. That's my final comment on this issue.

Arlette Saddleback: Moved by Marlene Buffalo and seconded by Josephine Buffalo. That the Treaty Office Advisory Committee hereby recommend that the female pipe carriers in our community be the ones to decide the head dress of the female Chief.

Brian Johnson: Motion carried. Next to item number three: Traditional Justice. This is major crimes and restoration and review of the residency bylaw.

Chief Vernon: So a quick introduction. We had a few homicide here about a month ago. We lost two boys. There's lot of push from the community like what are Chief and Council going to do about the violence in our community? One of the problems we realized is that methamphetamine (meth) is on

our community. There was a shooting at Whoville recently.

We have to train our front line workers who deal with people like this. We want to train everyone in this. We have assigned a safe house in Whoville for people who want to come down from whatever they are on. We are going to get metal detectors for the SA office. Our housing staff have been delivering eviction notices to people are now getting threatened. We have a budget for bailiff services. We are going to call a third party company to deliver those notices now. This is so we can keep our staff safe. So we are responding.

How do we welcome the people who have served time in the penitentiary system? So how do we help these people adjust back into the community in a good way? So what does traditional banishment look like? This will be done until they can prove themselves that they are ready to come back into the community in a positive way. That's what I am asking here today.

## October 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Autism Support Group 1pm	4 <b>COUPON DAY</b>	5 <b>COUPON DAY</b>	6 A.S.L Online 5:30pm	7 <b>Thanksgiving Drive-Thru</b>
10 <b>Thanksgiving Office Closed</b>	11	12 Community Kitchen 11am	13 A.S.L Online 5:30pm	14 Walking Group 12pm Mom & Baby Yoga 1:00pm
17 Basic Cree 101 1 - 3pm	18	19 <b>COHI COUPON DAY</b>	20 A.S.L Online 5:30pm	21 FASD Informational Day 10am
24 Cultural Basket Program 10 am - 3pm	25 Cultural Basket Program 10 am - 3pm	26 Cultural Basket Program 10 am - 3pm	27 A.S.L Online 5:30pm	28 Walking Group 12pm
31 Halloween Activities				

### COVID Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
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Prenatal Nutrition Program  
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- Garry Louis

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- Ornell Saddleback

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**Youth traditional Teachings & Elder Knowledge Sharing**

**EVERY Wednesday!**

**Location: Samson Willowview Building**

**In person program**  
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**Time: 5pm-6pm**

**Co-ed (Ages: 12 and up)**

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HALF OF PROCEEDS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY CHARITY

Alberta First Nations Voice for On Reserve Shelters

## Dinner & Live Auction

Coast Edmonton West

18035 Stoney Plain Road

**OCTOBER 22 Saturday**

6 pm - 11 pm

TICKETS ARE \$125 each or \$1250 for a table of 10

Please contact Jennifer Gladue @ 780-891-3905

Samson Cree Nation

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PO Box 159, Maskwacis, Alberta, Canada, T0C 1N0  
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**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

Rural Water Well and Septic System Inspections

September 28, 2022

Dear Potential Sponsor:

The Alberta First Nation Voices for On Reserve Shelters Society (AFNVORSS) is hosting its annual Banquet on October 22, 2022, at the Coast Edmonton West, 18035 Stoney Plain Road. The night will include dinner, entertainment and a live auction.

To give you a little more insight on who we are, AFNVORSS is a non profit society consisting of On Reserve Shelters located on the Bigstone Cree Nation, Tsuu-Tunuwa Cree Nation, Sucker Creek First Nation and Kainai Blood Reserve. With limited operational budgets within the women's shelters we cannot afford to provide employees with adequate training. Through our joint fundraising we can offset some costs in these areas.

As a non-profit organization, we reach out to businesses and companies for assistance to make positive contributions towards our communities. Through your generous donations your organization has a few options to make this event happen with monetary donations, ticket or table sponsorship, and items for the live auction. Event ticket prices are \$125.00 each or \$1,250.00 per table. Your assistance is greatly appreciated, and we hope to have a memorable & successful event.

At this time, AFNVORSS would like you to thank you for considering our request and look forward to having you join us for a night of laughter and merriment.

Sincerely,

Sandra G. Petreniuk  
President, AFNVORSS  
IWSS Director

Doris Lowborn  
Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge, Director

Jennifer Gladue  
Treasurer, AFNVORSS  
Nepisino Family Healing Centre, Director

Delaine Moosata  
Sucker Creek Emergency Women's Shelter, Director



October 13, 2022

Whoville: A ribbon cutting took place for the Richard Swampy Sr. Drive sign. Chief Vernon Saddleback and the Swampy family were present. The sign can be seen when you enter Whoville.



## Alberta 24 Hour Environmental Response Line

**1-800-222-6514**

Call from outside Alberta: 780 422-4505



If you have information about a spill, release or emergency that could damage the environment, call 1-800-222-6514, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

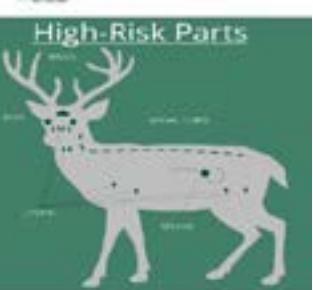
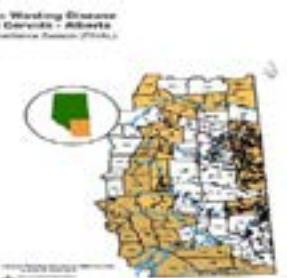
Every suspected violation that comes to the attention of Alberta Environment and Parks will be assessed and responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. Remember, all Albertans have a role to play in ensuring our environmental and natural resources are protected. Know the rules, know your responsibilities and know when to report.

### For More Information

For more information contact the Alberta Environment and Parks Information Centre:

- Toll free in Alberta: 310-3773
- <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency-and-environmental-response-line.aspx>

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



## Chronic Wasting Disease Tags

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

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

or

[samsoncreedata@gmail.com](mailto:samsoncreedata@gmail.com)/780-585-3793 ext.130

Alberta

**NWSN PRESENTS:  
HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU 2022**

**Happy Halloween**

**Where: HBMC Parking Lot**

**When: October 31, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 AM until supplies last**

**NWSN:**

**Income Support**

**Integrated Family Services**

**Community Wellness**

**Food Bank**



2nd Annual

Pow Wow Times International Gathering: Honouring Our Languages  
October 14-16, 2022, Red Deer, AB

**2nd Annual**

**POWWOW TIMES INTERNATIONAL GATHERING**  
*honouring our languages*

**SOUND**  
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Doors open 4pm

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Singin' \$10,000, \$8,000, \$6,000, \$1,500  
Ladies Blackup \$2,500  
Tiny Tots Pow Wow

**TAXATIONS & CDT**  
Ladies Black Up: Windy & Della Waskewikis  
**VENDORS**: Currys Millers  
MC's Holl Eggleston, Donald Speidel, Jackson Yatoka  
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Assembly: George Denigakos  
MAY OF SHAW: Eric Munkack  
HEADS: Nata DANCER: Heather Mikusong  
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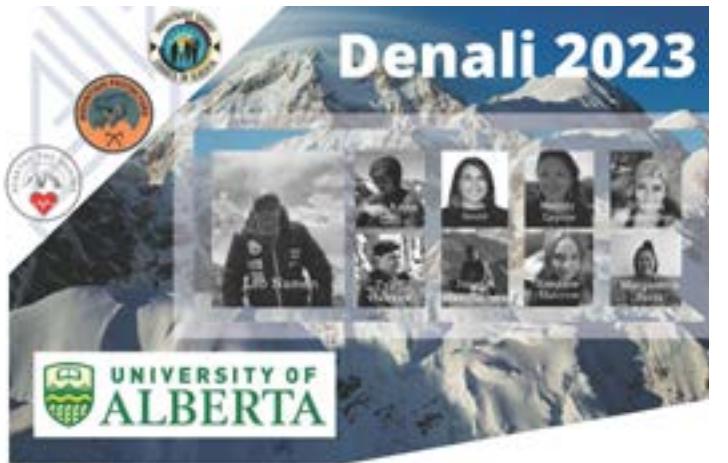
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**Motorola**





## Live Press Release

Saturday, October 22  
University of Alberta,  
Social Street  
5:00 PM

In May 2023, Leo Namen accompanied by 8 members of the Indigenous Community in Alberta will head to Alaska for one of the greatest challenges of their lives! Leo is going to attempt to summit Mt. Denali while raising money for the Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta (ISCA). When successful, they will have the first Canadian heart attack survivor to complete this feat and the first ever Canadian Indigenous team to summit the highest mountain in North America. Leo and the entire team will be taking questions from media, and many personalities will be attending the private event at the University of Alberta Climbing Centre followed by our public silent auction and other additional events.

To create and promote a strong foundation of holistic health and wellness opportunities for Indigenous people, their families and their communities through sport, physical activity, recreation and culture.

For Leo to set a world record by climbing Mount Denali in 2023 alongside male and female Indigenous Mountain climbers from Alberta, and to bring awareness and raise funds for the Indigenous Sport Council Alberta (ISCA) to create and promote a strong foundation of holistic health and wellness opportunities for Indigenous people, their families and their communities through sport, physical activity, recreation and culture with an emphasis on supporting Indigenous women & girls.

To raise funds, bring awareness to increase valuable partnerships, and enhance the capacity for the ISCA to further their important work with the Indigenous Communities, Families and Individuals of Alberta and to further enhance the ISCA's profile as a provincial organization. To partner with Leo Namen & Heart of the Summit with Indigenous individuals, Families and Communities across Alberta, Canada with a view to promoting relationship between emigrants from all over the world with Indigenous Peoples and their customs and culture.

In addition to increasing ISCA programming capacities, to have an emphasis to bring awareness to the importance of supports for sport, physical activity, and recreation programming for Indigenous Women & Girls. In addition to increasing ISCA programming capacities, to have an emphasis to provide and/or increase opportunities for Indigenous people of Alberta to participate in mountain climbing.

## AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

1st Monday of Month

November 7, 2022

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Howard Buffalo Memorial Center  
Boardroom (Lower Level)

We Welcomes all Four Band Maskwacis Families who have children within the Autism Spectrum.

Please join us to meet with other families and network.

Resources will be available.

Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

Information call 780-585-2254

## LEANN'S KITCHEN

### BREAKFAST:

- Breakfast Sandwich Ham, Bacon or Sausage \$5.00
- Bacon OR Sausage w/ Hashbrowns & Toast \$9.00
- HUNGRYMAN: Ham, Bacon, Sausage w/ 2 eggs, 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 \$8.00
- Chilidog \$8.00
- Pepperon Chicken \$10.00
- Fish & Chips \$10.00
- Ribs \$8.00
- Mac & Cheese \$8.00
- Buttered Mushrooms \$2.00
- Cheesburger \$8.00
- Double Cheesburger \$10.00
- Fries w/ Gravy \$4.50
- Onion Rings \$5.00
- Poutine \$8.00
- Soup & Sandwich \$9.00
- Fruit Smoothie \$3.00
- Hammock \$8.00
- Hammock (\$1.00) \$6.00
- Hammock (\$1.00) \$7.00

CONTACT: (780) 585-3793

Ext #125

OR

TEXT orders to (780)361-7846

Daily Specials  
Weekly Menus

**ISCA SPECIAL  
RUNNING SHOE  
SALE**

Oct 5th to Dec 31st

As part of continuing to honour reconciliation, Saucony and the Running Room are providing a 40% discount on Saucony Ride 15 or Guide 15 shoe models to Indigenous people of Alberta who purchase online or who come into any Running Room store (MENTION ISCA) in Alberta from October 5th to December 31st 2022.

**SHOP ONLINE**  
[runningroom.com](http://runningroom.com)

**Discount Code**  
**ISCA40SAU**

RCMP-GRC

MISSING / DISPARU(E)



Christopher Crier

Age / Âge: 16 Hair / Cheveux: Black

Weight / Poids: 160 lbs / livres Height / Taille: 5 ft / pieds: 7 in / poies

Last Seen / Vu(e) la dernière fois: 2022-10-01 In / à:

Please contact the Maskwacis RCMP Detachment at 780-585-4800

Appelez le détachement de la GRC de Maskwacis au 780-585-4800

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STOPPERS

1-800-222-TIPS

[www.p2tips.com](http://www.p2tips.com)

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**ELDER AQUATIC  
FITNESS PROGRAM**

**SAMSON YOUTH  
SPORT AND  
DEVELOPMENT IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH  
SAMSON ELDERS  
PROGRAM**

**PONOKA AQUAPLEX**

**SAMSON ELDERS**  
STARTS TUESDAY OCT 11 - DEC 20, 22  
8:15 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.  
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Call : HBMC 1.780.585.3012 or 780.585.3793 (ELDERS DEPT)

## 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.



October 11, 2022

The HBMC in Samson: There was a presentation by Staff Sergeant Travis McKenzie, Maskwacis RCMP Detachment, about gangs in the community and there were a lot of questions fielded by Staff Sergeant Travis McKenzie. There is a gang exit strategy that they use so please contact Travis about that. The Staff Sergeant basically gave a realistic evalution about the community and Emergency Management assisted in the presentation. Travis McKenzie also discussed his detachments solutions to the problems. The Staff Sergeant is well aware of what is going in the community and there are plans to alleviate some of problems.

Good  
Family is OK

Caution  
Someone has a cold

Sick  
Someone has flu like symptoms

Samson Cree Nation

COVID-19

Colour Code

FLAG SYSTEM

Please place on front Window of your home

Ermineskin Community Wellness

**2022 HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU EVENT**

2 DAY EVENT: OCTOBER 29 + 30, 2022

PANEE MEMORIAL AGRIFLEX

6:30PM - 8:30PM

ZOMBIE WALK, COSTUME CONTEST AND HAUNTED VEHICLES CONTEST ON OCTOBER 29, 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION:

ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS (780)585-3741 / ERMINESKIN RECREATION (780)585-3088 / SAMSON YOUTH & SPORT DEVELOPMENT (780)585-3012

PRIZES

HOT DOGS

CANDY BAGS



For Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs in  
Maskwacis, Alberta

Are you a passionate Indigenous woman in the looking to start a small business or take your current small business to the next level?

Apply today Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE)  
"Next Step to Success" Business Planning Series

Dates: November 1 to 24, 2022

Time: 5 pm to 8 pm

Location: To be announced

**Program Highlights**

- Business Plan Learning Series covered in 8 evenings (3 days per week)
- Regional & local business expertise & resources
- Peer mentoring
- Free
- Dinner provided
- Small co-hort of 10 – 15 participants

AWE is committed to providing women the knowledge, tools, and networks they need to establish and grow their business. The program offers an 8-module course with workbooks & journals to help draft your business plan. A laptop is not needed.

AWE provides women entrepreneurs with the skills, resources, and networks needed to start and scale successful businesses. Through AWE, women entrepreneurs participate in a facilitated entrepreneurship program supplemented with localized content, as well as networking and mentorship opportunities.

Local experts will guide participants through weekly learning discussions that will include success stories, real life examples and discussion on starting a business, operations, marketing, finance and what to do once your business plan is ready. The program equips women with the tools needed to create and grow their own businesses, raise capital, and effectively network with other successful business owners.

**Limited spots**

**Deadline: November 1st, 2022**

To apply, visit: [link](#).

For more information please contact:

Charlene Bruno at [cbruno@telus.net](mailto:cbruno@telus.net)

Bev Latter, Alberta Women Entrepreneurs at 403 862 3490 or [bev.latter@awebusiness.com](mailto:bev.latter@awebusiness.com)



MASKWACIS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

# Petôhtek Tâtâwôw

OPEN HOUSE



VJ'U' C'C'D'.

OCTOBER 17  
6PM-7PM  
MIMIW  
SAKAHIKAN  
SCHOOL GYM  
PIGEON LAKE

OCTOBER 25  
6PM-7PM  
KISIPATINAHK  
SCHOOL  
GYM  
LOUIS BULL

NOVEMBER 1  
6PM-7PM  
MESKANAHK  
KA NIPA WIT  
SCHOOL GYM  
MONTANA

NOVEMBER 8  
6PM-7PM  
MASKWACIS  
CREE SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SAMSON

NOVEMBER 21  
6PM-7PM  
MASKWACIS  
CREE JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ERMINESKIN

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

**October**

Friday October 7

Friday October 21

**November**

Friday November 11

Friday November 25

**December**

Friday December 9

Friday December 19

**February 2023**

Friday

Friday

**From the Office of Samson Gas Utility**  
Box 1200 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0  
Ph: 780-585-3793 Email: [gasutility.scn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gasutility.scn@gmail.com)  
Please call EXT#215, Cell 780-335-6073 or  
Email: [lyle.littlepoplar2020@gmail.com](mailto: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.firstrnationsdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.firstrnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

**Samson Cree Nation Urban Office** in Edmonton.  
Location: 12046 - 77 St. Edmonton.  
Ph: 780-477-6648 ext. 257  
Samson Communications Department @SamsonCreeNation 23

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



## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

OPEN to all Maskwacis Members

Fall 2022

Thursdays

5:30 - 7:30pm

Zoom Link:

Meeting ID: 274 050 5980  
Passcode: maskwa-asl

To Register:

Call Carmella @ 780-585-2254

FREE Classes to learn ASL

## CULTURAL BASKET

October 24th, 25th & 26th, 2022

Lunch provided

Transportation Provided



Must be in attendance all three days. We will have men & women in separate groups with elders from our community.

Topics included:  
oral teachings, child rearing, oskapekw teachings, fire keeping, ceremonies

Call 780-585-2254 To register with house number & location

**SYSD Presents...**

## Devon Morin: SREC Coordinator

Growing up in Maskwacis, AB and from Ermineskin Cree Nation. Devon Morin has always understood the value of hard work and dedication, as a Smart Renewable Energy Coordinator (SREC) recently hired by Samson Cree Nation (SCN) Devon is the first SREC Coordinator in his field of work, SCN received the funding for Devons position from NRCAN. He attributes previous successful projects involving solar panels implemented in SCN commercial buildings. Previous solar projects include The Samson Daycare the Howard Buffalo building (HBMC) and Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre.

Devon has enjoyed being a resident of Maskwacis for the last 18 years. While he's not busy planning upcoming projects for SCN, Devon enjoys outdoor activities like basketball, hockey and trying exciting new things like skydiving, he enjoys spending his days with family and living a healthy lifestyle.

Devon has started planning community engagements, to inform SCN band members of his upcoming projects involving his position, A date on a community engagement may start as soon as November 31, 2022. Hes hoping to get a larger understanding on how SCN utilizes energy in commercial buildings. His projects and plans will proceed over the course of 3 years. His plans include receiving energy bills from the previous solar projects and create a graph from years, 2016 to 2021 to see how these projects have impacted the nation. With this information he is planning on making projections for upcoming solar projects and how to proceed. Devon has been meeting with Urban Systems as well as local Department managers to build a database.

Devon is looking forward to working with SCN and building a positive relationship, and is excited for his department and the direction it is heading.



### POSITION:

RECREATION WORKER

### DEPARTMENT:

SAIMON YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

### JOB SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the SYSD manager, the recreation worker assists in the promotion of recreation programs for the Samson Cree Nation community.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Maintain safe and clean equipment + facility.
- Support the SYSD Recreation Policy, Sr. Manager and SCN council.
- Support further training in the recreation field.
- Developing and evaluating options regarding equipment and facilities.
- Prepares reports by collecting, analyzing and summarizing information trends.
- Prepares monthly inventory.
- Reporting any repairs and resolution to management.
- Contribute to team effort.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsible for equipment set up of all recreation programs.
- Will monitor all recreation programs.
- Ensure the safety of all recreation equipment and areas.
- Ensure the cleanliness of recreation facilities.
- Ensure the cleanliness of all recreation vehicles.
- Ensure shift work schedules are followed accordingly.

### SKILLS & ABILITY:

- Demonstrate understanding of basic use and opportunities of recreational facilities, services and programs.
- Ability to correctly implement the activities associated with this position allows the community of Samson Cree Nation to provide Recreational service to the members of the community.
- Contributes to the positive perception of the Samson Cree Nation for the community.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.
- First aid/CPR an asset.
- Must have experience in the recreation field.
- Must have a valid Alberta driver's license preferably Class 4 license.
- Certification/Diploma in related field an asset.
- Demonstrate self-motivation.
- Must provide current Criminal Records Check.
- Maybe subject to drug test.

### CLOSING DATE:

NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

### INTERVIEWS:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

### FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Samson Cree Nation  
Personnel Department  
Box 159  
Maskwacis, AB, T0C 1N0

Telephone: (780) 585-3793 ext.107  
Fax: (780)585-2088  
Email: personnel179@gmail.com

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
October 7, 2022

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**

**Summary**

The Office Assistant will report directly to the Real Estate Manager of the Real Estate Division and will be responsible for the reception and general administrative activities for the Real Estate Division.

**Duties & Responsibilities**

- Oversee and coordinate office administrative procedures
  - Greet people coming into the office, direct them to the appropriate contact or services, and provide information in person and by phone.
- Operate telephone system and switchboard to answer, screen and forward telephone calls, taking messages as required.
- Photocopy and ensure all correspondence is distributed to appropriate personnel and/or mail.
- Operate all office equipment and maintain equipment as required
- Accept messenger and courier deliveries.
- Process incoming and outgoing mail, manually or electronically.
- Distributes memorandums and related correspondence.
- Maintain boardroom bookings and ensures cleanliness of facility for use.
- Responsible for keeping front desk and reception area neat and tidy at all times as well as coffee room area.
- Keep record of Division personnel whereabouts for messaging and safety purposes.
- Responsible for records management duties
- Office filing
- Electronic filing
- Processing incoming invoices for payment
- Other tasks assigned by the Real Estate Manager or Assistant Manager

**Education**

- High School Diploma or GED
- Andor Office Professional Certificate, or related certifications.
- Andor previous experience in a related administrative occupation
- Any combination of the above will be considered
- Valid Driver's license and transportation an asset
- Willing to learn Rent Manager Program or have current knowledge is an asset

**Employment Opportunity**

This is a Regular Full-Time position with a three (3) month probationary period. This position is located in Maskwacis, Alberta. Continued employment is dependent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

**Wage Expectations: Pending Experience**

Closing Date: October 28, 2022

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

SAMSON MANAGEMENT (2009) LTD.  
P.O. Box 539, Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0  
Email: [humanresources@samsoncree.com](mailto:humanresources@samsoncree.com)  
Telephone: (780) 585-2466 Fax: (780) 585-2803



**Specific duties will include but not be limited to the following:**

The Generalist will:

- Report to the Casework Foster Care Supervisor.
- Work closely and collaboratively with co-workers, Management and Executive Director.
- Have knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA).
- Have a clear understanding of the Sub-Delegation of Authority from the Executive Director as it pertains to the Ministry of Alberta Human Services and will ensure that all requirements are met to administer the duties and responsibilities associated with it according to current Legislation.
- Work within ACFSS's Personnel Policies.
- Assist in the organization of and attend all ACFSS events/functions and attend all meetings as directed by the Casework/Foster Care Supervisor.
- Be available for after-hours/on-call shifts.
- Utilize with co-workers regarding assessments, case management, intervention strategies and reviews.
- Be available for phone calls and meetings with clients, staff and service providers.
- Review and respond to all correspondence of ACFSS on daily basis and forward appropriate documentation to Casework/Foster Care Supervisor for filing.
- Communicate effectively with clients, the Executive Director, Management, co-workers, Elders, Board of Directors and MFN Leadership.
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**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Social Work Diploma or equivalent.
- Minimum one (1) year of related experience in youth and family services.
- Completion of CYFEA Delegation training.

**Required Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:**

- Must respect Maskwacis Cree Traditional Language and Culture
- Knowledge of relevant Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (CYFEA) legislation and other applicable Acts.
- Must be proficient with the use of computers, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), and internet usage.
- Must have working knowledge of Child Intervention Case Information Online (CICIO)
- Must have knowledge of community resources
- Must be able to work with community partners at all levels
- Must have a clear and current Criminal Record
- Must have a clear and current Child Intervention Check
- Must maintain an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle
- Must maintain professional ethical conduct at all times
- Must have a valid class 5 driver's license and provide driver's abstract; reliable transportation is a requirement.
- Must have effective written and verbal communication skills
- Must sign and abide by Oath of Confidentiality
- Must possess interpersonal and human relations skills
- Must be able to demonstrate the ability to follow-up on all matters pertaining to Akamihk Child and Family Services Society
- Must submit three (3) work related reference letters.

**Closing date: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please fax or email Cover Letter, Resume, Criminal Record Check, CYIM, 3 references and relevant documents to:

Akamihk Child and Family Services Society  
Attention: Kendra Johnson  
Fax: 780-585-3066  
Email: [Kendra.Johnson@akamihkcfs.ca](mailto:Kendra.Johnson@akamihkcfs.ca) or [Kendra.Johnson@cov.ab.ca](mailto:Kendra.Johnson@cov.ab.ca)

Please note that only candidates short listed for an interview will be contacted. ACFSS wishes to thank all candidates applying for the position.



**Scope of Responsibilities and Activities:**

The purpose of the Generalist is to determine whether a child is safe or needs intervention services as defined in the Child Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA) and ensure that services are provided to meet the child's needs. The Generalist steps into the role and acts as a guardian of children who have in care status. Generalists are also responsible to plan for each child's placement as well as work with youth in their transition to independence/adulthood. Generalists may also establish or enhance existing relationships and partnerships to enable service provision to children, youth and families, and may be required to help children, youth and parents prepare for court. The Generalist will work to support families to keep them together and be an overall advocate for ACFSS, the clients and wider community.

# October 2022

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2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>Newsletter</b> IFS Thanksgiving Drive Thru SCIS Card 9AM band office	8
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23	24	25 Information Session Edmonton Radisson 6-8 PM <b>Halloween Audit Report</b>	26 Information Session HBMC 6-8 PM & Pigeon Lake 12-2 PM	27 Information Session Calgary Sheraton Cavalier 6-8 PM	28	29 SYSD Fright Night Galaxyland

# November 2022

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