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Ermineskin Newsletter October 12, 2018

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Pîsim Energy!



Solar Project Power On Event

September 25, 2018—The sun came out after days of snow to shine on the new ATCO solar project located north of the Ermineskin Cree Nation Administration Building for the official Power On Event. Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies Inc. (NGCI), with support from ECN Chief and Council, applied for a grant through the provincial government’s *Alberta Indigenous Solar Program*

(AISP) for the funds to build the solar project. The cost of the build was 100% covered by the AISP grant. The event began in the ECN Administration Chambers with speakers including: Minister of Indigenous Relations Honourable Richard Feehan, MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose Bruce Hinkley, Current NGCI Board Member Chief Victor Buffalo, and NGCI CEO and President Samuel Minde. Minister Feehan thanked NGCI and Maskwacis

for being leaders in climate change, noting that 30 First Nations across Canada have put up solar projects in the last year, which is double the amount put up in the previous year. MLA Hinkley commended all four Nations in Maskwacis for taking provincial leadership with their solar plans.

Chief Victor Buffalo acknowledged that humanity is at the crossroads between oil and solar in his closing comments. Sam Minde was thankful for all who attended and everyone who took part in the process toward building the solar project.

The solar panels will produce approximately 83,600 kwh per year, which is roughly 35% of the Maskwacis Mall's energy requirement. This will save the community around \$8,000 every year, which will allow ECN to "reinvest in other community priorities." (*Gov't of Alberta news release*).

The panels are built to work year round,

though the majority of power will be produced in summer. They are made for Alberta weather and can withstand hail, snow, rain, and are expected to last 25 years. Similar panels placed in the late 70s are still standing today, which bodes well for the solar project.

Chief Craig Makinaw, in a quote provided to the Government of Alberta, said "Our nation is committed to making the world better for our children and future generations. We appreciate the government's support for green projects in our community. All of us must take action to make a real difference."

Indigenous climate leadership programs such as the AISP are part of the "Alberta government's commitment to implement the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People."

For more information regarding the solar project, contact Sam Minde at NGCI: 585-3000.

~article and photo by Sara Lee~



Audit presentation MNP LLC

October 2, 2018— Scott Walker and Chris Cholak of MNP, LLP presented the 2017-2018 fiscal year audit at the Jim Rattlesnake Building. The presentation covered the financial position of Ermineskin Cree Nation and its external entities that had provided their financial budgetary information to MNP LLC. The focus of the presentation was on the 2017-2018 fiscal year (March 31, 2017-March 31, 2018).

The job of the Audit team is to review financial information and documents to make sure the documents reflect the true financial picture of an entity (our Nation, in this case). Ermineskin

Cree Nation was given a thumbs up following the audit. Debt has gone down, and ECN is investing in our Nation with services and programs.

The Audit is available for viewing at the ECN Administrative office and will soon be available at Ermineskin.ca for Nation members who register to the website.

An Annual General Meeting will be held by Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies Inc. (NGCI) in the near future to share their project information and will be advertised in the Newsletter, ECN website and FB pages, as well as posted throughout the community.

~article and photo by Sara Lee~

Important Dates

ECN Administration Building

October 19 — Off Friday, Offices Closed

October 31 — Halloween (trick or treating at ECN)

November 2 — Off Friday, Offices Closed

November 12 — Day off in lieu of Remembrance Day

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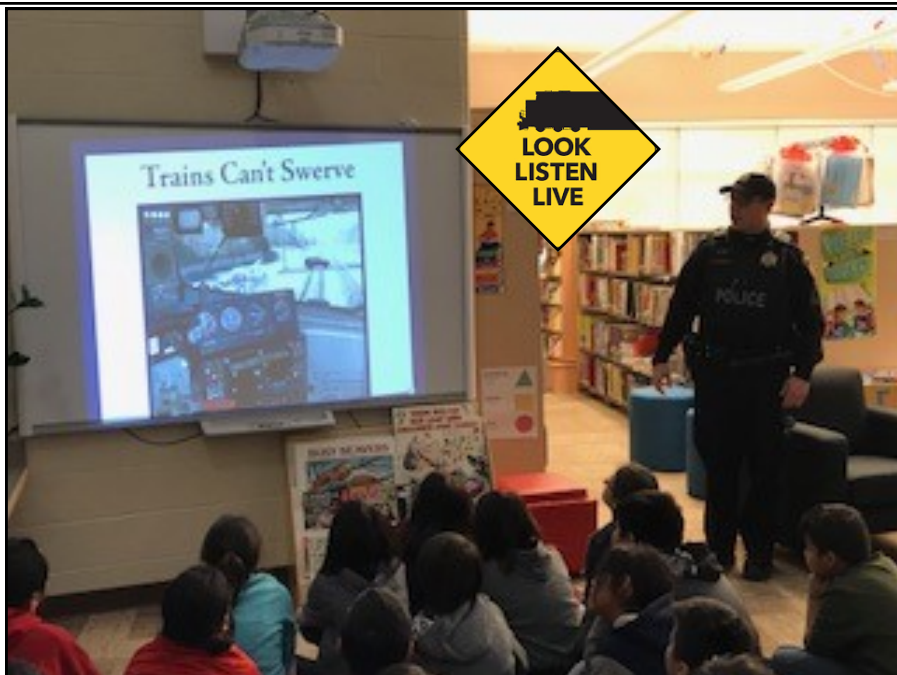
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MASKWACIS RCMP AND CANADIAN PACIFIC POLICE TEAM UP TO EDUCATE STUDENTS

Maskwacis RCMP officer Cst. Kyle and CP Police officer Cst. Donnelly teamed up on September 24 to educate Ermineskin students on safety around trains and train tracks. Cst. Donnelly is a Canadian Pacific Police Officer and works in the Maskwacis area.

Cst. Kyle and Cst. Donnelly presented to grade 4 – 6 students on how to stay safe and the risks there are with trains. Cst. Donnelly spoke to students not only about risks of being on the tracks, but educated students on how trains work, and risks associated with placing objects on the track. Students were able to watch videos on how fast trains can start moving when they've been stopped.

Cst. Donnelly also told the students that the holiday train is coming this year on Sunday, December 9 to Ponoka and Wetaskiwin, encouraging kids to bring their families to see the holiday train.

All elementary and junior high schools in the Maskwacis area have been offered this presentation and Cst. Donnelly hopes to be able to speak with more students in the future. Cst. Kyle will be contacting schools again to set up more presentations to encourage students to practice rail safety.

~Submission from Cst. M. KYLE RCMP - Maskwacis Detachment, Community Resource Office, Community Response Unit, Office: 780-585-4600, Cell: 780-362-2298~



Walk against Racial Profiling

September 25, 2018— The Cutarm family hosted their yearly walk against discrimination and racial profiling in Maskwacis. More than a dozen participants walked in the sunny autumn morning.

The walk included the staff of Mentored Youth Initiative who invited a colleague from Chicago to participate. The walk calls attention to the issue of racial profiling that Nehiyawak face in public life. The annual walk is advertised in the Newsletter and on the ECN website and Facebook pages. Participants are always welcome.



~article and photos by Sara Lee~



Maskwacis Youth Initiative Graduation

Maskwacis Youth Initiative held a recognition awards ceremony for all the participants in their program on Friday September 28th, 2018 at the Jim Omeasoo Cultural Center. Participants were awarded with a lunch, certificate and door prizes.

~photos and article by Janine Wildcat~

Willy Bruce

Elder, Ojibwe, Mi'gmaq, Scottish



"How the Wolf Clan Came to Be"

The original human spirit, Wanabojo who is also called Nanabush, Nenabuyo and Nenabozho was asked to go around the world by the Creator. This human spirit was to travel with Mahingan (the wolf). The wolf and the human spirit were sent on a very long trip so that they could name everything. The Creator knew it was important for some of the spirits that he had created to see and to understand all that he had made in all its richness and purity. He chose the human and the wolf to go on this trip.

The original human and the first wolf were always with each other. They never left each other on that long journey to name everything in the world. When they were finished with their tour of Creation, the Creator instructed them to be separate and to each go on their way alone.

Although they were now apart and not with each other, they had formed so close a bond that what happened to one also happened to the other. This is how the Wolf Clan got created.

When you look at the wolf and the human, we both find a partner for life. We both got pushed off our lands many times. We both had to find new places to live, as our land got crowded. We both faced those hard times, but we both found ways to get better and come back to our former strengths once again.

The Wolf Clan lives like the wolves do; they live in community and in clan groups. Dogs also like to live this way. Dogs like to live in family clans, and when a dog comes to live with us, he gives up so much of his freedom to be our helper. He doesn't ask much in return. He asks to be fed and looked after in a good way. This is how we are connected to wolves and also to dogs.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.™

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materials in the vicinity, they will be ignited and the fire will grow, often going unnoticed until significant damage has been done. The same concern arises with cigarette butts thrown from ve-

Fire Prevention Week

LOOK

Look for places where a fire could start. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. When you hear the alarm, go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

LEARN

Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In many ways, fire safety practices are quite simple. If we keep things that will burn (fuels such as paper, peat moss, wood, compost, etc.), away from things that are hot enough to ignite those things, even slowly, it will prevent ignition – and with no ignition, we have no fire. This is the fundamental premise of the Alberta Fire Code: to separate fuel and ignition source.

One of the problems we see regularly is that people are unaware of the things around them that may ignite. An example is the soil that plants are grown in. These plants require soil that provides nutrients and contains things such as compost and peat moss, both of which are organic fuels. When someone places a cigarette in a plant's pot, the fire does not occur instantly, so individuals may not realize until much later that they have started a fire. The unextinguished cigarette smoulders inside the soil, building up heat and searching for more fuel and oxygen. As it heats up, sometimes over several hours, it heats the organic material in the soil to its ignition point, causing a visible fire to start. If there are other combustible ma-

terials in the vicinity, they will be ignited and the fire will grow, often going unnoticed until significant damage has been done. The same concern arises with cigarette butts thrown from vehicles. The butt continues to smoulder and often gets blown into the ditch at the side of the road where it heats dry grass to its ignition point. In Maskwacis, we know from experience that this may result in rapid fire spread, often accelerated by dry conditions and strong winds. These entirely preventable fires have caused major damage to property our land and have placed firefighters in danger.

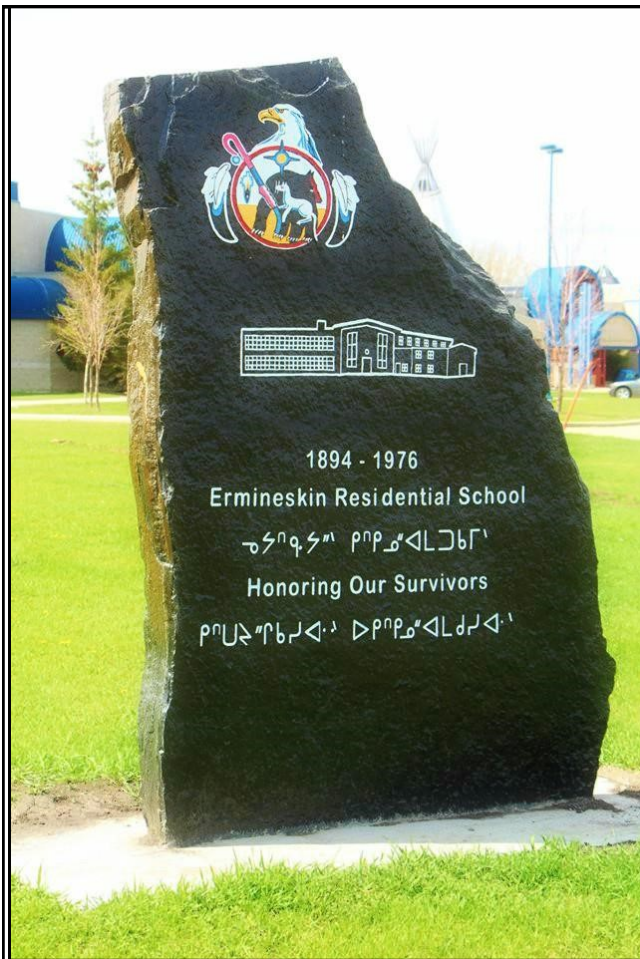
Fire, like all other risks and hazards, is something that all Ermineskin Members, adults and children, need to be aware of at all times, in the home, at work and outdoors.

As we do every Fire Prevention Week, we want to remind everyone to clean and test the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in their house monthly.

Testing your smoke alarm with smoke from a blown out candle is the preferred way of verifying its function, carbon monoxide alarms work on different, time-weighted exposure principles and can only be tested by pushing the "test" button as per manufacturer's instructions.

We strongly encourage all Ermineskin Members to work with your partners, children, family members & even neighbours, to draft, discuss, and practise their fire escape plans. These plans need to be specific to your residence and take into account its type (ie: 5-plexes) and location, as well as the usability of the identified escape routes. Your local fire department and the Office of the Fire Commissioner are always ready and willing to answer any fire safety questions and provide additional guidance upon request. Our goal is the same as yours: to ensure you are prepared in the event of a fire and to help everyone get out safely

~Submission from Greg Minde, Fire Chief/
Disaster Services, Ermineskin Cree Nation, (780) 312-3145 (24 hr), (780)585-3376 fax~



Honouring Orange Shirt Day in Maskwacis

"T"oday we remember and honor those students that attended one of Alberta's largest Indian Residential Schools here in Ermineskin, Maskwacis.

The history of this country and the Indian Residential schools bring a stark reminder to love your children, ensure a proper upbringing for a child, the critical nature of the family bond and also the right to let one live who they are, as they were created. As we move forward and heal, be proud to be as the Creator made us, Neyihawak." (Tara Cutarm, posting on ECN Facebook).

Orange shirt day is honoured yearly on September 30, 2018 and recognizes the history of Indian Residential Schools, the children who survived and those who did not. The orange shirt was chosen because of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) woman from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek Indian Band) who went to a Mission school as a 6 year old for the 1973/1974 school year, and was stripped of her new orange shirt. She says that the colour orange always reminded her that her feelings didn't matter, so it is now embraced to remember Indian Residential School history and the impacts it has had on the First Peoples. The orange shirt day movement began in 2013 and continues today. See next edition of the newsletter for more on the Orange Shirt Day Walk. ~photo by Tara Cutarm, article by Sara Lee~

Alberta Cultural Days

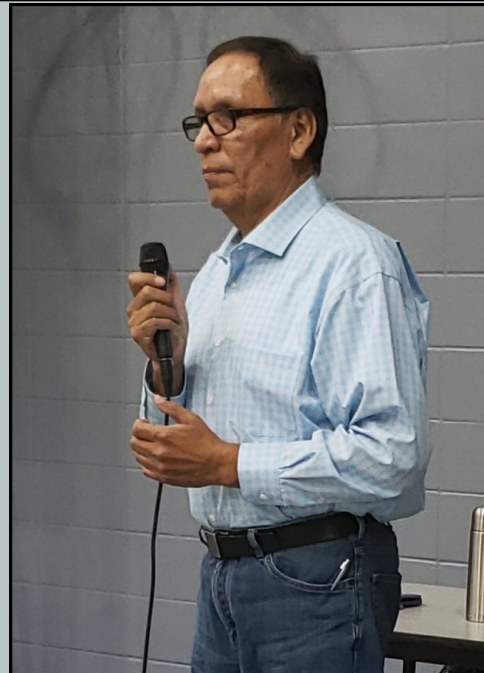
September 30, 2018— The three day Alberta Cultural Days celebration in Wetaskiwin, hosted by the Wetaskiwin District Heritage Museum, culminated in an Orange Shirt day walk from the Museum to Wetaskiwin's Legion Br. # 86.



At the legion, the crowd of over 100 participated in a round dance, enjoyed a buffet, and were treated to a grand entry followed by pow wow dancing and drumming. At the end of the evening, dances were performed by the Wetaskiwin Filipino Community Foundation.

Organizer Karen Aberle of the Wetaskiwin Heritage Museum thanked all the different groups that collaborated in the three day event, including FCSS, the Arts Centre, the Legion, Ken Mastell, Wetaskiwin Archives, the Reynolds Alberta Museum, as well as Samson Cree Nation and

Ermineskin Cree Nation. Ermineskin's own Sarah Lightning collaborated in planning and set up of all the events. Mayor Tyler Gandam acknowledged the location of the event as being on Treaty 6 territory, MLA Bruce Hinkley shared his efforts and experience of learning more about residential schools, and Karen Aberle told the crowd, "We are all treaty people" and she shared a short story of the signing of the Treaty 6 Adhesion, which brought Chief Bobtail to Siksika. People from Maskwacis, Wetaskiwin, and the Philippines enjoyed an evening together in a spirit of goodwill. ~article and photos by Sara Lee~



Community Information Session Political Update

Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Jim Rattlesnake Building.

1. **Invocation**
 2. **Opening Remarks by Chief Makinaw**
 3. **Political Update with First Nations Consultant Sharon Venne**
 4. **Overview of the present situation in Canada: proposed legislation and the reconciliation agenda**
 - Canadian Government gives no notices to nations when introducing new legislations
 - Trying to get first nations to vote on legislations right away, without giving the people time to look at the legislations.
- Have to be aware of:
- In 1876 the govt. amended the Indian act that said “lands reserved for Indians held in trust by her majesty the queen”..., if we eliminate the Indian act tomorrow we will no longer have lands. Don't trust Canada. Without our land, what is going to happen for our people?
 - Has Canada ever passed a legislation that benefitted our people? The answer is NO.
5. **Summary of Meetings w/ Ministers & AFN meetings and the issue of Free, Prior and Informed Consent**
 - United Nations now focusing on Urban Indians & Women.
 - Canada needs to recognize our rights to Free and Informed Consent -> Govt. doesn't not

give free and prior consent, they make legislations and then give little notice to first nations people to look at the information to vote on it.

What Ermineskin, Tsuu T'ina, O'Chiese and Onion Lake asked the United Nations:

- Send a letter to Canada to ask what is going on behind the legislation
- Send representatives to Canada to witness what is going on
- Engage the first nations in a real Free, Prior and informed consent and send the evidence to the UN.
- UN has requested but has not received any information regarding the new legislation.
- UN told Canada that they HAVE to inform the First Nations in Canada and provide more information in advance so they can see what Canada is doing and have to be able to have time to study the material because it is going to affect future generations.
- Canada is selecting to engage with organizations without any clear and transparent process to involve the rights holders – Our Nations and Our Peoples. However, these organizations are not rights holders and they have no ability to consent on our behalf.
- Canada threatens that if the first nations do not sign the documents, they will withhold monies. They put pressure on the administrations and finance controllers. Even though they say they can hold the monies, in actuality they can't. (cont'd on next page)

TD Tree Days

September 28, 2018— “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next best time is now.” - Chinese Proverb

On a cool fall day TD Canada Trust, along with 19 volunteers, planted 113 trees in the Ermineskin community. This year’s TD Tree Days was the third annual event. To date there have been over 300 trees planted in the Ermineskin community, with plantings at the Pow Wow Grounds, Elders Centre and the Cree Language Centre. This year, trees were planted at the future site of the new Community Centre. Councillor Brian Lee, Wetaskiwin TD Canada

Trust Branch Manager Cheryl Friesen, site leader Sherry Morison-Littlechild, tree planting coordinator Sheila Flint worked together with volunteers from TD Canada Trust and the Ermineskin community to make the tree planting a success. *~photo and article by Cheryl Friesen, edited by Sara Lee~*



- We need to know their whole agenda, the whole picture; they are only showing us snapshots.
- This is a TERMINATION policy.
- The people/members have to support their Chief and Council to help fight this legislation.
- The people need to become aware and KNOW what these legislations are.

6. Questions from ECN Community Members

7. Ermineskin Chief Craig Makinaw’s comments regarding “Cows & Plows”

“We will have a better idea once our lawyers come back to us on Cows and Plows, and whether we are entitled to any dollars or not. One of the main questions I have been getting from the membership is: are we signing away our treaty rights to the farming land? Once our legal team get back to us, we will better understanding and inform the membership. I know a lot of Treaty 8 nations have been receiving monies, but with Treaty 8 it is different from Treaty 6 because they received different agricultural benefits than us. We will have an answer within a year regarding cows and plows.”

8. Power Point Presentation:

Peter O’Chiese Cree World View – Iyintiw Wiyasiwewina (Natural Laws – Medicine Wheel)

- Sweetgrass/Eagle (kindness/ love/ kisewatisiwin/ sahkityowin)
- Animals (sharing - wicihotiwini)
- Trees (honesty - kweyasikatisiwin)
- Rock (strength and determination – sohkeyitamowin) *~photos and article by Janine Wildcat~*

Cannabis Legalization: Things To Know

What is legal as of October 17, 2018. At coming into force on October 17th, 2018, subject to provincial or territorial restrictions, adults who are 18 years of age or older would be able legally to:

- possess up to 30 grams of legal cannabis, dried or equivalent in non-dried form in public
- share up to 30 grams of legal cannabis with other adults
- buy dried or fresh cannabis and cannabis oil from a provincially-licensed retailer
 - in provinces and territories without a regulated retail framework, individuals would be able to purchase cannabis online from federally-licensed producers
- grow, from licensed seed or seedlings, up to 4 cannabis plants per residence for personal use
- make cannabis products, such as food and drinks, at home as long as organic solvents are not used to create concentrated products

Cannabis edible products and concentrates will be legal for sale approximately one year after the Cannabis Act has come into force on October 17th, 2018.

It is illegal to give or sell cannabis to a person under 18. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of cannabis. Drugs can impair your ability to drive safely and increase the risk of getting into a collision. In fact, cannabis increases your chance of a car accident. The percentage of Canadian drivers killed in vehicle crashes who test positive for drugs (40%) now actually exceeds the numbers who test positive for alcohol (33%). Impaired driving is the leading criminal cause of death and injury in Canada, and drug-impaired driving is increasing.

~information from justice.gc.ca and Canada.ca~

Housing Corner

Hantavirus Awareness

Brought to you by: Ermineskin Property Management

Hantavirus can affect all ages and genders of people. People are at higher risk if they come into contact with mice, their droppings, urine, saliva, or nesting materials. Always take necessary precautions and avoid exposure to airborne particles when cleaning out or demolishing enclosed or poorly ventilated buildings that have had mouse infestations (ex. Grain bins, sheds, barns, garages, ventilation systems, trailers, elevators, etc.) or cleaning equipment such as combines or vehicles that have been in storage.

What can people do to minimize their risk of getting hantavirus?

Preventative measures include controlling rodents such as mice, cleaning out buildings before use and minimizing the exposure to mice and their droppings. This includes:

- Trapping and safe removal of mice, keeping them out of buildings, trailers, and equipment, and eliminating food sources and hiding places for them. (Place cereal and other boxed items in glass containers and plastic Tupperware).
- Block all openings to keep mice out of your home (a mouse can squeeze into an opening the size of a dime).
- Cut the lawn often and remove old vehicles, wood piles, garbage and debris from your yard.
- Properly cleaning and disinfecting rodent-infested areas and other enclosed buildings before use and minimizing exposure to sources of infection by wearing personal protective equipment or avoiding coming into contact with mice, their nests, or harbourage areas (ex. Woodpiles).
- Wear rubber gloves and a mask and spray droppings with a general purpose household disinfectant or a mixture of bleach and water (1 part bleach, 9 parts water). Make sure you get the droppings very wet.

Let the area soak for ten minutes. Use a paper towel to wipe up the droppings and dispose of the paper towel immediately.

Wash gloves in disinfectant and hot soapy water before removing them from your hands, and thoroughly wash your hands after removing gloves.

Clean up droppings safely. Do not sweep or vacuum mouse droppings as this can release particles in the air that can be breathed in.



Mice live for one or two years. They can start having babies at 6-8 weeks old and have 5-10 in each litter (pregnancy lasts 3 weeks). Babies are born hairless with their eyes closed. One mother can produce over 100 babies a year.



MICE CONTROL OPTIONS

EPM does not provide gloves, masks or disinfectant cleaners. For more information on Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) please call your local health centre or housing department.

AMAZING RACE

Thank you to everyone who took part in Ekaya Pihtwaw Tobacco Project Amazing Race October 4th, 2018!

Congratulations to our winners :
The winners 1st place: AJ Buffalo / Gilbert Buffalo \$1000.00

Second place : Cherish Crane / Tanya Crane \$ 750.00

Third place : Nolan Buffalo / Ian Buffalo \$ 300.00

Best Dressed Team : Charlene Rattlesnake / Brandon Johnson \$500.00

Special Thank you to Connie Potts for catering our Thanksgiving Meal.

Chief Vernon Saddleback for kind words and greeting the teams.

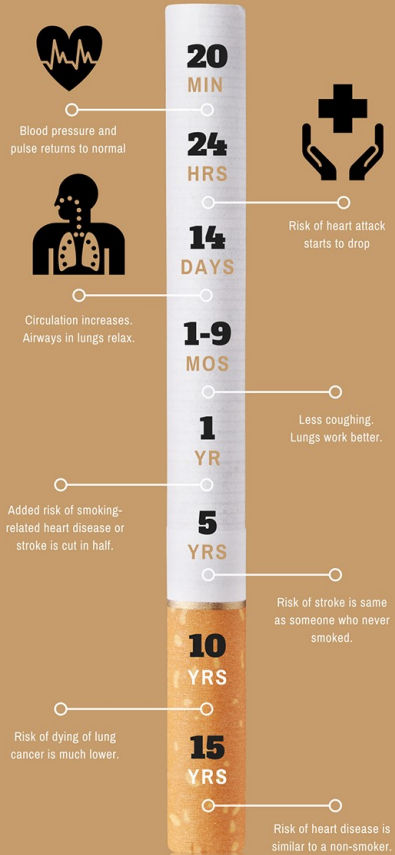
Priscilla Swampy - Posters



~Photos by Sara Lee~

QUIT SMOKING START HEALING

THE BENEFITS OF QUITTING SMOKING



Source: Province of Ontario: Support to Quit Smoking <https://www.ontario.ca/page/support-quit-smoking>

Volunteers : Stepping Stones Program
Staff @ Samson Community Wellness:
Bonnie McCloud-Manager, Sholayne Yellowbird, Morning Glory Omeasoo, Michelle Okemow, Bobby Potts, Lydia Quinney, Francine Buffalo, Lavinia Potts
Maskwacis Health Services - Joanne Siemens :
Donations pedometers/ friendship soup jars
Educational Booths, Alberta Health Services -Wetaskiwin, RCMP - Brochures / treats and

promotional items, IAP Program : Darlene Johnson, NNADAP - Craig Dion
Locations : Hawk Radio, Robins Donuts, Lucky Dollar Foods, Louis Bull Health -Checking blood sugars / blood pressure, NEA, Okeymowisk Gas Bar, Maskwacis Ambulance Authority, Bow n Arrow Convenience Store, Ermineskin Band Office, Samson Bingo Hall, Samson Newsletter, Ermineskin Newsletter.
For more help go to www.quitnow.ca.

~article from Ekaya Pihtwaw FB, photos by Sara Lee~



Pictured above: Amazing race participants dressed as Daniel-San and Mr. Miyagi from *The Karate Kid*. ~photo by Sara Lee~

Ermineskin Cree Nation Smallboy Camp Annual General Meeting

Monday October 15th, 2018
10:00 a.m.



~Lunch will be provided~

It is the ECN citizens' responsibility to be informed and attend meetings affecting the Nation. Due to technical difficulties, Livestream will NOT be available.

Ermineskin Cree Nation Buck Lake Annual General Meeting

Tuesday October 16th, 2018
Location: Buck Lake Agricultural Hall
10:00 a.m.



~Lunch will be provided~

It is the ECN citizens' responsibility to be informed and attend meetings affecting the Nation. Due to technical difficulties, Livestream will NOT be available.

Ermineskin Cree Nation Ma-Me-O Beach Annual General Meeting

Thursday October 25th, 2018
Location: Pigeon Lake Recreational Center
10:00 a.m.



~Lunch will be provided~

It is the ECN citizens' responsibility to be informed and attend meetings affecting the Nation. Due to technical difficulties, Livestream will NOT be available.

Ermineskin Cree Nation Ermineskin Annual General Meeting

~Date to be Announced~
Location: Jim Rattlesnake Building
10:00 a.m.



~Lunch will be provided~

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LEGEND

- PD NO CLASSES
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- ADMIN DAYS
- 2:00 PM DISMISSAL
- IN LIEU - NO SCHOOL

Be Safe and Be Seen Ermineskin Reserve Road Safety

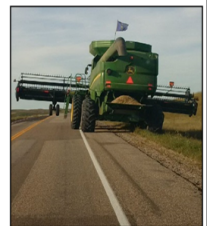
During this fall season, the farmers are busy in the fields. This means an increase in slow-moving equipment on reserve roads, which can create a hazard. Remember to share the road. Be safe and be seen.

Keep these in mind,

Be aware of slow-moving farm machinery. The typical speed of a piece of farm machinery is 30-40 km/hour. You need to slow down to react! Be patient.

- Watch for vehicles marked with slow-moving vehicle signs (a bright orange triangle with a red border) and flashing amber lights.
- Equipment is large and may take up more than one lane.
- Do not drive in equipment blind spots where operators cannot see you. Keep back a safe distance — at least 50 feet, when following.
- Never assume. Watch for hand signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over for you to pass.
- Be aware of intersections where farm equipment might turn. Also, equipment might unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway.
- Do not expect equipment to run partly on the road shoulders. Farm machinery operators will stay on roadways whenever possible.

Thank You



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Ermineskin Schools—

Picture Day

Kindergarten - October 23rd
Elementary - October 24th

Job Opportunities

Political Analyst with the Ermineskin External Affairs department

Closing Date: October 15, 2018

Qualifications:

- Preferred Degree in Political Science or related field, i.e. Native Studies, although experience will be considered.
- Ability to speak and understand the Plains Cree Language is an asset.
- Must have work experience in First Nation Policy.

Please Submit Application/Resume and Criminal Record Check to ECN Personnel Dept.

Assistant Manager for NSD and Band Housing with Ermineskin Property Management

Closing Date: October 12, 2018

Please Submit Application/Resume, Driver Abstract and Criminal Record Check to ECN Personnel Dept.

One (1) Full Time position and One (1) Part Time position for Children's Oral Health Initiative Aide (COHI) with the Ermineskin Brighter Futures department

Closing Date: October 22, 2018

Please Submit Application/Resume, Child Intervention Check and Criminal Record Check to ECN Personnel Dept.

Manager with the Ermineskin Public Works department

Closing Date: October 22, 2018

Please Submit Application/Resume and Criminal Record Check to ECN Personnel Dept.

NOTICE: Ermineskin Security has relocated its office to the Vehicle Compound. The phone numbers are still the same.

780-585-2004, 780-585-2086 and the security truck phone is 780-335-3725.

ERMINESKIN ASSISTED LIVING & ELDERS DEPARTMENT

WE WILL BE HAVING A

LUNCH FUNDRAISING SALE ON

October 17th, 2018 AT THE ERMINESKIN ELDERS CENTRE.



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(BAKED POTATO, VEGTABLES, BAKED BANNOCK & DRINK)

MOOSE MEAT STEW \$8.00

(BAKED BANNOCK & DRINK)

TO PRE-ORDER PLEASE CALL THE ELDERS CENTER @ 780-585-3435 OR 780-585-3478

MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

FALL JOB FAIR



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTER
MASKWACIS, ALBERTA (OPEN TO PUBLIC) 10 AM - 3 PM

COME PREPARED
DRESS TO IMPRESS
BRING RESUME

For more information contact 780-585-4450 or email lana@maskwacisemployment.ca

Canada Alberta
 The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.

ERMINESKIN FOOD BANK

OCTOBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 OPEN	5 CLOSED FRIDAY	6
7	8 CLOSED THANKSGIVING	9 OPEN	10 OPEN	11 OPEN	12 OPEN	13
14	15 OPEN	16 OPEN	17 OPEN	18 OPEN	19 CLOSED FRIDAY	20 FAMILY ALLOWANCE
	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 OPEN	25 OPEN	26 AISH	27
28	29 PENSION OPEN	30 OPEN	31 HALLOWEEN OPEN	1	2 CLOSED FRIDAY	3

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.
AND
1:00 P.M.—3:30 P.M.

PLEASE CALL FOR ELIGIBILITY:
PHONE: (780) 585-2377

We will be closed 4 days after payments such as NHS payment and family allowance



Happy Thanksgiving



ERMINESKIN RECREATION



TUESDAY'S 5:30-6:30

THURSDAY'S 12PM NOON JIM RS BLDG

OPEN TO EVERYONE

\$5 DROP IN FEE TO REGISTER CONTACT (780)585-3088

ERMINESKIN ELDERS CONSULTATION

Kinitomikawinaway!

Ermneskin Elders you are all invited to meet with MESc Learning Services!

Date: Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

Time: 10:00am

Place: Ermineskin Elders Centre

Lunch will be provided!

For more information call MESc Learning Services

Pqula Mackinaw at 780-585-3243



Gravel Roads & Public Works

Please be advised that the grader is unable to work during wet weather seasons (rain/slushy/muddy). In order for grading to be effective, the moisture level needs to be low. With that in mind, Graders are only able to work as weather permits.

Priorities for Grading when weather improves are:

1. Main Roads (especially now due to winter prep for roads is starting)
2. Elders Roads
3. Bus Routes
4. All remaining roads

Please give operators room to work on the roads as you drive, they may exit the vehicle to move big rocks.

Ermineskin Public Works

Youth Group



Starting on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7-9 pm

Please join us to learn more about:

- Traditional History
- Cultural Teachings, and:
- Cultural Ceremonies

Snacks and Transportation Provided

For more information, please contact Rebecca @ 780-585-2000

For ages 13-18 years old

Location: Ermineskin Brighter Futures Boardroom

Every Monday from 7-9 pm

Ermineskin Brighter Futures

Suicide Bereavement with Cultural Component

Tuesdays + Thursdays Starting Oct. 9, 2018 5-7 p.m.

In the Four Nations Building boardroom Transportation + Snacks provided Limit: 12 Participants



For more information, please contact Rebecca at 780-585-2900

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HIV/AIDS/HEP C PRESENTATION OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 10 A.M. LOCATION: JIM RATTLESNAKE BUILDING

ERMINESKIN BRIGHTER FUTURES

HIV PRESENTATION

AIDS PRESENTATION

HEP C PRESENTATION

+ TESTIMONIAL

FOR MORE INFO, CALL REBECCA AT 780-585-2000

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NHS ANNOUNCEMENT

All NHS Clients are required to pick up their own issuance cheques.

THERE WILL BE NO "PICK-UPS" ALLOWED.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

For further information or inquiries you may have, Contact: (780) 585-3835



October 2018 Ermineskin Recreation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. Board Game Evening 5:00-6:30 Sewing Class 5-7	2. High School Haven 3:30-5PM	3. Pow-Wow Singing 5:30-6:30 Arts & Crafts 3-5PM	4. Karate Class 5:30-6:30	5. OFF FRIDAY	6. TURKEY TROT
7.	8. Board Game Evening 5:00-6:30 Sewing Class 5-7	9. Field Trip TBA	10. Pow-Wow Singing 5:30-6:30 Arts & Crafts 3-5PM	11. Karate Class 5:30-6:30	12. Drop In Activities	13.
14.	15. Board Game Evening 5:00-6:30 Sewing Class 5-7	16. High School Haven 3:30-5PM	17. Pow-Wow Singing 5:30-6:30 Arts & Crafts 3-5PM	18. Karate Class 5:30-6:30	19. OFF FRIDAY	20.
21.	22. Board Game Evening 5:00-6:30 Sewing Class 5-7	23. Field Trip TBA	24. Pow-Wow Singing 5:30-6:30 Arts & Crafts 3-5PM	25. Karate Class 5:30-6:30	26. Drop In Activities	27.
28.	29. Board Game Evening 5:00-6:30 Sewing Class 5-7	30. Ghost & Ghouls II Gathering 5:30-7:30	31. HAPPY HALLOWEEN	*NOTE* WEIGHT ROOM OPEN EVERYDAY 8:30AM-8:30PM		



DATE EXTENDED

Gift cards will be distributed at the MESC main office until **MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018** for Maskwacîs students who **reside on reserve** and attend schools **off-reserve**

POW WOW SINGING PROGRAM
Every Wednesday
5:30pm - 6:30pm
at the Jim RS Bld.

To Register Contact Ermineskin Recreation at (780)585-3088



Ermineskin Recreation

YOUTH HOCKEY DRYLAND TRAINING

Mondays & Wednesdays

JIM RS BLDG
5:30PM - 7:30PM

AGES 8 - 18
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING GYM CLOTHES & RUNNING SHOES

TO REGISTER CONTACT (780)585-3088



ERMINESKIN RECREATION

MARTIAL ARTS YOUTH PROGRAM



STARTING OCTOBER 4, 2018
EVERY THURSDAY
5:30PM - 6:30PM
AT THE JIM RATTLESNAKE BLDG.

AGES 12 + UP

TO REGISTER CONTACT ECN REC AT (780)585-3088



Ermineskin Community Wellness & Recreation

WINTER YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

December 27 & 28, 2018

AGES 10 - 18
10:30AM - 3:30PM

OPEN TO ALL 4 NATIONS YOUTH

PLEASE BRING GYM CLOTHES LUNCH PROVIDED



BASKETBALL
ERMINESKIN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GYM
HOCKEY VOLLEYBALL



TO REGISTER CONTACT:
ECN REC: (780)585-3088
SCN REC: (780)585-3012
LOUIS BULL: (780)585-4075





ERMINESKIN
COMMUNITY WELLNESS,
RECREATION & ARENA

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

**GAMES EVERY SUNDAY
(2) 25 MIN PERIODS
FIRST 36 MEN REGISTERED**

**STARTS:
OCTOBER 7TH
ENDS: DECEMBER 7TH**

**GOALIES PLAY FOR FREE
REFEREES WILL BE PRESENT**

\$90 FEE


**TO REGISTER CONTACT
ERMINESKIN ARENA (780)585-2273**

**ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & RECREATION**

GHOST & GHOULS GATHERING II

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
JIM RATTLESNAKE BLDG.
5:30PM - 7:30PM**


MUSIC SNACKS REFRESHMENTS HAUNTED HOUSE MINI GAMES COSTUME CONTEST	PRIZES AWARDED FOR: SCARIEST, CREATIVE, FUNNY AND GROUP THEMED COSTUMES
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**ERMINESKIN
COMMUNITY WELLNESS**

RECHARGE YOUR LIFE

OCTOBER 23 & 24 ERM. ELDERS CENTER 10AM - 3:30PM TOPIC: FAMILY TREE'S	NOVEMBER 13 & 14 ERM. ELDERS CENTER 10AM - 3:30PM TOPIC: MEDICINE BLANKETS	TO REGISTER CONTACT COMMUNITY WELLNESS (780)585-3741
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INFOSESSION INDIAN HOSPITALS INDIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Presented by: Grey Wowk Spencer LLP

*Ermineskin
Cree Nation*

**OCTOBER 16, 2018
10:00 A.M.
JIM RATTLESNAKE BUILDING**

Please contact Maureen Wildcat at 780-585-3741 to register