



# Ermineskin Newsletter August 13, 2020

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## Ermineskin Cree Nation Chief Election Results

August 12, 2020—The Election for ECN Chief took place at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik (NOK) from 9:00AM until 6:00PM. There were 807 votes (with no rejected ballots) and the results were as follows:



Randy Ermineskin	169
Brian Lee	119
Craig Makinaw	153
Sam Minde	90
Laurette White	53
Dennis Whitebear	113
Rick Wolfe	110



The 3-year term for Randy Ermineskin will begin on October 1st, 2020.

Elections for four (4) councilors will be held August 26, 2020 at the NOK. Nominations will be August 19 from 12:00PM-3:00PM, with a forum to follow on August 20th, both at the NOK. Precautionary measures will be in place to limit risk of infection from COVID-19.



*(article by Sara Lee, Photos by Janine Wildcat)*

## Kanawemahasowin Kamik A Program for Children and Families Law Development Community Gathering



**A**ugust 4, 2020 - The Kanawemahasowin Kamik: A Program for Children and Families (formally known as Ermineskin Children Services) will be hosting several "safe distancing" community gatherings in the month of August 2020. The main focus of these meetings is for the Ermineskin citizens to provide feedback so they can have a sense of ownership and pride in assisting with the creation of the Ermineskin Child Law (Neyaskweyahk Awasis Oyasowewin) as it relates to the prevention, protection and preservation of our children and families. The Ermineskin Child Law document itself will be organized in sections of Cree and English beside one another and will inform the direction in how the Kanawemahasowin Kamik staff and organization will inherently prevent, preserve and protect our children from abuse. The terms and language within the law will be mindful to stay away from traumatic terms such as "apprehension", "removal of children", "incarceration" etc. to help change the negative connotations that are associated with child welfare. It is with the utmost hope that the Ermineskin Child Law will create hope and recognizing strengths within the family, where they will approach families from a state of compassion as opposed to intimidation. "There will be no power

imbalance within the program and we will come from a prevention first approach when at all possible." Chrystal Hill stated. Once completed, approved and implemented, the Ermineskin Child Law would apply in the jurisdiction of Alberta, which will also supercede the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act and related legislations. Following the Law Development Community Gatherings, the feedback and content gathered from the gatherings will be compiled into a first draft of the "Ermineskin Child Law" and presented with the legal team for any changes. Once the changes and edits are complete and there is a final copy, it will then be presented to the board of directors and Ermineskin Chief and Council for finalization and approval. In its Final Draft, presentation to the Nation citizen's will also occur. If you would like to come and voice your ideas, there are 3 more community gatherings scheduled on August 11th and 18th (from 10am - 1pm) at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik Building (Ermineskin Community Hall) and August 25th (from 10am - 1pm) at the Pigeon Lake Rec. Center. Lunch will be provided and also door prizes. Staff will also be practicing safe social distancing and sanitization.

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# STAY NOTIFIED

WITH ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

## FACEBOOK GROUPS/PAGE:

- Ermineskin Cree Nation
- Ermineskin News for Pigeon Lake Members
- Ermineskin Cree Nation Communications
- Ermineskin Youth News/Info
- Ermineskin Elders Information Group
- Ermineskin Volunteer Opportunities

Twitter: @ErmineskinCree

Snap chat: @ecnnewsletter

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Chloe Minde (pictured above and below) spent some time in Sylvan Lake this summer. While she was there, she did a fundraiser for the food bank and made \$118 in one morning. She delivered the food to the Ermineskin food bank yesterday. We are so proud of you, Chloe! (Via Rose Minde)











## NGCI Welcomes New Board of Director

The NGCI Board understands they are accountable to the shareholders (Leaders) and share the responsibility in succession planning for the ECN Board Members. A smooth transition is essential to maintain the confidence of Leadership, business partners, customers and employees, and provides the incoming ECN Board Members with a solid platform from which to move the company forward. The ECN Board Member's succession plan is linked to NGCI's vision, mission, strategic goals, and financial objectives with the intent of keeping the organization moving forward.

The ECN Board Members along with the Governance & Executive Committee are involved in the process from start to finish and report outcomes and recommendations to the Board of NGCI for information and approval. The Board then reports to the Leadership to recommend the successful candidates. Recently, the Board Succession Plan completed its search to replace predecessor Geraldine Hill.

As of July 1, 2020, Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies Inc. (NGCI) and Ermineskin Cree Nation Chief & Council, officially announce the newest Board of Director, Mr. Ray Wanuch.

Ray was born in Edmonton, Alberta, raised on the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement and is of First Nations descent from the Ermineskin Cree Nation. He has obtained a Bachelor of Management degree from the University of Lethbridge in 1989; and also possesses the Technician and the Professional Level Certification from Cando.

Ray is married to Nola Wanuch from the Enoch Cree Nation, and have three children: Wendell, Natasha and Sydney, and five wonderful grandchildren. In his past time he loves to play golf and currently learning guitar.

Prior to working with Cando, he was the CEO of Settlement Investment Corporation and currently serves on Settlement Investment Corporation's board. He then moved on to facilitate and manage the Métis Settlements Economic Viability Strategy, which received international recognition for sustainable development. Ray managed and taught a self-employment program for the Métis Nation of Alberta. Formed a consulting company with his wife to produce business and community strategic plans. Volunteer work includes being appointed to the Alberta Water Council by the Métis Settlements General Council; as well as serving as the former Cando Co-President and director representing Alberta. Ray also served on the Kainai health board and currently serves on the Changing Horses Board of Directors. Changing Horses is made up of a core group of medical professionals and friends from the Kainai First Nation who wish to address addictions stemming from drug, alcohol, and the current Opioid crisis.

It is our pleasure to welcome Ray Wanuch to the NGCI team while serving the community of Ermineskin Cree Nation as a Board of Director. We also express our sincere gratitude to the outgoing Board of Director, Geraldine Hill. Geraldine completed a 4-year term with great support and dedication to NGCI. Hiy Hiy!!



2020 ERMINESKIN CREE NATION  
COUNCIL ELECTION

To Ensure the Safety of Elderly Voters

**WE ENCOURAGE  
ELDER'S WHO WISH  
TO VOTE IN THE  
UPCOMING ELECTION  
TO PLEASE COME  
EARLY ON VOTING  
DAY.**



Wednesday  
August 26, 2020  
9am - 6pm

Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik  
(Ermineskin Community Hall)

VIRTUES WITHIN WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

GROUP 1: AUGUST 11-14, 2020

GROUP 2: AUGUST 18-21, 2020

10AM TO 3PM

LOCATION: OLOSS CHURCH HALL

AGE 15-19 YEARS OLD



Topics

- Faith Building
- Life Skills
- Virtues
- Parenting
- Healthy Relationships
- Career Planning
- Personal Development

10 participants per group. Lunch Provided.  
Contact Karen to Register @780-362-1912

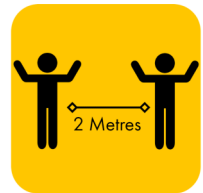
Help Stop the Spread of Germs



STAY HOME IF  
YOU'RE UNWELL



WASH HANDS  
REGULARLY



RESPECT OTHERS AND  
STAY 2 METRES AWAY  
FROM THEM



COVER COUGHS &  
SNEEZES  
AVOID TOUCHING  
YOUR FACE, NOSE  
AND MOUTH



WEARING MASKS IN  
PUBLIC



DISINFECTING  
FREQUENTLY  
TOUCHED SURFACES  
OFTEN





### What type of disinfectant can I use to wipe down surfaces to protect against COVID-19?

If a surface is dirty, first wipe it down with regular household soap or detergent and rinse with water. Then use a regular household disinfectant like bleach – its active ingredient (sodium hypochlorite) kills bacteria, fungi and viruses. Always protect your hands when using bleach (e.g. wear rubber gloves). Dilute bleach with water according to directions on the package.



#COVID19  
25 Feb 2020

### A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING



That small get-together you planned to attend with friends or walk you were going to take with your neighbour – skip it! Any size of gathering poses a risk.

Avoid group events and #BreakTheChain of #COVID19 transmission.



## NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER: SPECIAL 2020 GRADUATES EDITION!

*Thank you for your submissions!*



# ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

COVID-19 UPDATES

UPDATED: JULY 14, 2020  
\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE TO ENSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY

## ECN Administration is Now **CLOSED** to the Public

IT IS MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE TO BE WEARING A MASK IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES

Essential Services Staff such as EPM, NHS, Security, Public Works & Tech Services will still be in operation.

If you have mild symptoms, please stay home and call Health Link at 811 for medical advice

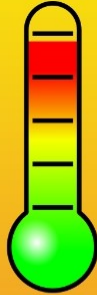


# BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT

## What to Watch For

### HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Feelings of being Faint or Dizzy
- Excessive Sweating
- Cool, Pale, Clammy skin
- Nausea/Vomitting
- Rapid Weak Pulse
- Muscle Cramps



### HEAT STROKE

- Throbbing Headache
- Absence of Sweating
- Temperature Above 40 Degrees
- Rapid Strong Pulse
- Nausea and Vomiting
- Hot, Red Dry skin
- Confusion or Loss of Consciousness
- Convulsions

### Prevention

- Wear Protection Such as Hats and Thin Tightly Woven Fabrics
- Carry an Umbrella for Shade
- Drink The Recommended 8-10 Glasses of Water
- Get to a Cool Place
- Take a Cool Shower or Use Cold Compress
- Use Sunscreen
- Avoid Alcohol
- Avoid Wearing Thick Clothing
- Avoid Prolonged Exposure to Extreme Heat

### In The Event of Emergency

Call Maskwacis Ambulance Authority at 780-585-4000  
or  
Call 911  
and

Take Immediate Action to Cool The Person Until Help Arrives



NGCI is committed to staff and customer Health & Safety. We will implement the following safety protocols the businesses. ALL CUSTOMERS MUST:

- Wear a mask—Mandatory
- Sanitize upon entry
- Wait in line at marked areas
- Respect traffic controls



**BEAR PAW TRADING POST**  
ONE STOP POWWOW SHOP

## Ermineskin Cree Nation

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

# CURFEW IN EFFECT ON JULY 29, 2020

**11:00 PM - 6:00 AM**

**7 DAYS A WEEK**

THIS APPLIES TO ALL ERMINESKIN RESIDENTS & NON-RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE ON ERMINESKIN RESERVE



THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS AND PEOPLE COMING TO AND FROM WORK.

THE LAW WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER 2020

READ THE FULL BYLAW ON THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.ERMINESKIN.CA](http://WWW.ERMINESKIN.CA)



**ERMINESKIN CREE NATION**

# SECURITY CHECKPOINTS

EFFECTIVE: JULY 14TH, 2020

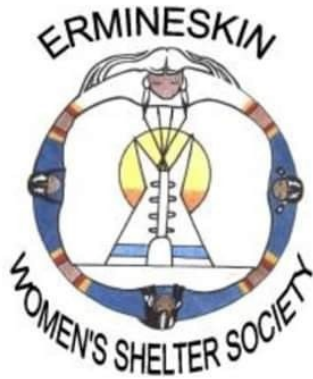
SECURITY CHECKPOINTS WILL BE BACK OPERATING

# 24 HRS

CURFEW RETURNS TO 10 PM TO 6 AM

FOR PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION



**(780)  
585-4444**

Ermineskin Women's Shelter Society - shelter owned and operated by Ermineskin Women's Shelter in Hobbema. Although owned by one First Nation, shelter offers services to all First Nations in the area. Shelter opened in 1992.

**MASKWACIS COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICES**



Feeling stressed? Depressed?  
Have anxiety?

We have Counsellors available for appointments via phone.

*This is a difficult time, and our Mental Health team is here for you.*

**CALL 780-585-2020**

You can also message our facebook page @maskwacishealth to reach a Mental Health Counsellor



Dial (780) 585-4450  
Listen to the  
Voicemail and then  
Press 7 to reach  
a live person!



Text us @  
(780) 360-1045

**MEC is working  
remotely to continue  
to assist you.**

**9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**Email us!**

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nicole@maskwacisemployment.ca  
lacey@maskwacisemployment.ca







# NOW HIRING

- Sandwich Makers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Housekeepers
- Janitors
- Cooks



RCS Site @ Oyen, AB.

## Required Safety Certificates:

Standard First Aid, Approved Food Safety, Valid Photo ID & must be able to pass a Pre-access Drug & Alcohol test.

**Bring your resume to Ermineskin Resource Development**

**Or Apply online at [www.royalcamp.com](http://www.royalcamp.com)**

**Or Email resumes to [HR@royalcamp.com](mailto:HR@royalcamp.com)**





# Ermineskin Cree Nation Council Election For (4) Councillor Positions

Nomination Date: August 19, 2020 at 12pm – 3pm

Candidates Forum: August 20, 2020

Election Date: August 26, 2020

9am – 6pm at Ermineskin Community Hall



**Drug Test Must be in by August 5, 2020**

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Josh Littlechild at (780)585-3741 ext. 239 or by email: [josh@ermineskin.ca](mailto:josh@ermineskin.ca)*



**Kanawemahwasowin Kamik**  
**A Program for Children and Families**

## Law Development

**Kanawemahwasowin Kamik (previously Children's Services) invites you to share your voice as we develop our own law as it relates to the prevention, protection and preservation of our children and families. We will be hosting a 'safe social distancing' event that will be spread over four different dates. We will have boxed lunch available and door prizes.**

**AUGUST 4**  
**10AM – 1PM**  
**NOK BLDG.**

**AUGUST 11**  
**10AM – 1PM**  
**NOK BLDG.**

**AUGUST 18**  
**10AM – 1PM**  
**NOK BLDG.**

**AUGUST 25**  
**10AM – 1PM**  
**PIGEON LAKE REC. CENTRE**