



Ermineskin Newsletter June 29th, 2022

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Maskwacis Hosts a Press Conference



On June 27 the Maskwacis hosted a Press Conference at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik (NOK) Building. The leaders of Maskwacis - Chief Desmond Bull, Chief Randy Ermineskin, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Vernon Saddleback, and Proxy for Montana, Chase McDougall spoke about the announcement from the Vatican of the Papal visit. Pope Francis will be arriving in Maskwacis on July 25th. During the visit, he will meet with survivors and community members, he will then go on to visit the former residential school site, and pray at the Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Catholic Church. Pope Francis will then make a formal apology to the Residential School survivors at the arbor. The Vatican has said the Pope's daily appearances will be short due to the 85-year-old's mobility and health issues. The Maskwacis First Nations want to make sure the visit is meaningful despite the time constraints. Leaders from four First Nations say the Pope's upcoming visit could help the world understand the impacts and intergenerational trauma that the residential school system inflicted on Indigenous people. More information about Pope Francis's visit will be available once all the arrangements have been finalized.

Pope Francis is scheduled to arrive in Edmonton on July 24 for a brief ceremony at the airport. The next day he is set to join survivors in Maskwacis. He will then travel to Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in downtown Edmonton. On July 26, Francis is scheduled to attend a large mass at the Commonwealth Stadium, also in Edmonton.



POPE FRANCIS VISITS (Submission from the Planning Committee)

It has been officially announced by the Vatican that Pope Francis will be visiting Maskwacis on July 25, 2022. He will make a public appearance at Bear Park (Ermineskin) where he will give an apology to the former residential school students. A lot of preparations have already begun, and we will do our best to keep you all informed on the planning process.

Many of you may have questions or concerns regarding this event. Here is a brief overview of information to answer some of your questions.

Why is Pope Francis coming to Canada? In March and April of 2022, 30 Indigenous delegates representing First Nations, Métis and Inuit Elders, survivors of residential schools and youth went to Rome and met with Pope Francis. During their meeting with the Pope, they shared their stories and discussed the historical and ongoing intergenerational trauma that is continuously impacting Indigenous Peoples. The Pope had many invitations to visit several Indigenous communities, including an invite from Chief Wilton Littlechild. After issuing a public apology on April 1, 2022 at the Vatican, the Pope reiterated his desire to travel to Canada to deliver an apology to the Indian Residential School survivors on their own land. The visit is to also continue the healing and reconciliation journey for the Indigenous people.

Why Maskwacis? The Ermineskin Residential School was one of the largest in Canada. The Pope desired that he visit a First Nation that was the site of an Indian residential school. The Pope was invited to visit Maskwacis by the delegates that went to Rome this past April, which included Maskwacis elders, and Chief Wilton Littlechild. Factoring the Pope's health, being at the age of 85, his increased lack of mobility due to the necessity of a wheelchair all contributed to his restrictions on travel. Therefore the Maskwacis location fit well considering all the factors and the desires to obtain important measures.

How long will the Pope visit? Due to limited mobility of the Pope and scheduling the visits are in within 1 hour time periods.

Where will the Pope be in Maskwacis? He will visit the Church our lady of Seven Sorrows for a private visit. Also the former site of the Ermineskin Indian Residential School grounds and the Cemetery for a private visit with Chief's and delegates, then a public gathering at Bear Park.

How Many People do they expect? They are estimating 15,000 people to attend at Bear Park. People from Maskwacis including other residential schools survivors, and some invited guest as and dignitaries from across the country will be in attendance.

Can we watch from home or at other locations? Yes, the visit will be viewable online; it can be watched from the Papalvisit.ca website in the comfort of your home if you have access to wifi. Other "Off-site" Viewing locations may come available nothing yet confirmed (potential locations being considered are: Samson, Montana, and Ponoka) more information to come.

How do You Register to attend? You must register in advance on the Papal website. They will get the registrations up soon at papalvisit.ca

Who is able to attend? The event is meant for the Indian Residential School Survivors from Maskwacis and across Canada, and invited guests.

Will you be able to attend if you do not register? No, due to security reasons. You must register prior.



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Indian Day School Class Action Lawsuit

Don't forget to submit your Claim Form.



The deadline to complete and submit your Claim Form is July 13, 2022.

The Claims Administrator remains committed to ensuring that all Claimants are given the opportunity to submit a complete claim form within the Claims Period prescribed under the Settlement Agreement.

All claims must be received by the Administrator by the Claims Deadline. It is the Claimants' responsibility to ensure their claim meets the Claims Deadline.

The Claims Deadline is **July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST)**.

In order to meet the Claims Deadline,

- Claims submitted by **email or fax** must be received by the Claims Administrator or have an electronic, system-generated date stamp of no later than **July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM PST**.

Claims Submitted by **regular mail or courier** must be received by the Claims Administrator or postmarked by Canada Post or courier service provider by no later than **July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM PST**. For clarity, the term "postmark" refers to an official mark stamped

on a letter or package by either Canada Post or a courier service indicating the date and time that the correspondence was received by Canada Post/courier service. A postmark may not be automatically applied by the post office or courier service. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Claimant to request and obtain a postmark on their claim submission.

For greater certainty, a Claim submission may be received by the Claims Administrator after **July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM PST**, so long as the electronic, system-generated date stamp (in the case of email or fax) or postmark (in the case of regular mail or courier) indicated on the correspondence is **before** the Claims Deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: Claims submitted by regular mail or courier that are received by the Claims Administrator after July 13, 2022 at 11:59 PM PST without a postmark will be deemed to have been received after the Claims Deadline and might not be accepted.

MASKWACIS MINOR HOCKEY UPDATE

MMHA's Annual General Meeting was held on June 22, 2022 at the 4Nations Arena in Samson. Regardless of the low attendance, a to-do list was announced as follows: All jerseys loaned out during regular season (for provincials or for treaties) in the 2021/2022 season will need to be returned As Soon As Possible. Any outstanding fees will need to be paid to MMHA in order for your child to play in the upcoming 2022/2023 season. If your child played with MMHA in the 2021/2022 season and is not playing at an AA or AAA level, they will not be released from MMHA. A \$150 option for an Oiler's Night for your child during the 2022/2023 season, can be paid upfront or during the season before the initial date is set, in order for MMHA to have an approximate amount of children attending. Date TBH.

A golf fundraiser is in the works for August 2022. Stay tuned for more! Volunteers are encouraged!

The 4Nations arena will be hosting activities: Starting on June 28th

- In-line rollerblading will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8pm.
- Youth Ball Hockey will also run on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- July and August- Lacrosse every Monday and Wednesday from 6-8pm

MMHA relies on parent volunteers to have a successful season. They are in need of coaches, managers, and refs for the 2022/2023 season!

REMINDER: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR AIG IS JUNE 30TH 2022. No late entries will be submitted. (Photo & article by: Jessica Ermineskin)



PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE UPCOMING POWWOW, AS WELL AS CANADA DAY THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE ONLY BE OPEN: **SATURDAY JULY 2ND** AND CLOSED: **THURSDAY JUNE 30TH AT 12PM, FRIDAY JULY 1ST, AND MONDAY JULY 4TH**



APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE,
THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING



Father's Day Golf Tournament

Ermineskin Community Wellness and Brighter Futures hosted a successful Father's Day Golf Tournament at Dorchester Ranch Golf Course on June 17, 2022. Over 80+ golfers participated. Dads, Uncles and Mosums were present despite the wet weather. There were tons of laughs, jokes, and positive vibes out on the course! After 18 holes, and a well-deserved supper, a few competitors resulted in tie. An exciting "chip-off" was held on hole 9. (Photos & article by Jessica Ermineskin)





Congratulations to all the winners.

A side 1st Place - Joel Johnson

2nd place split - Eric Ermineskin & Joel Rain

B side 1st Place - Pete Wolfe

2nd Place - Warren Samson

3rd Place- Jamison Larocque

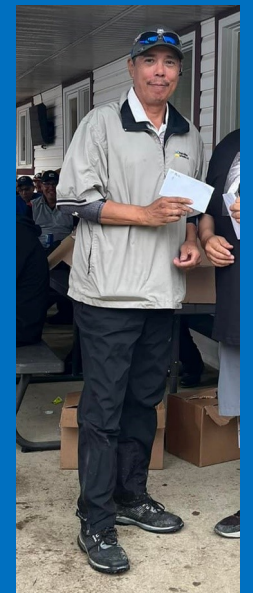
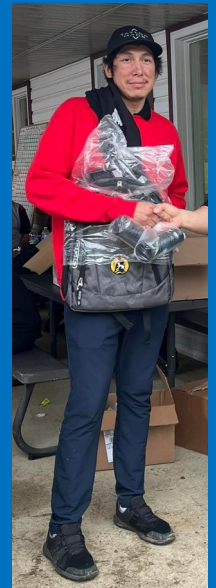
C side 1st Place - Darryl Buffalo Sr.

2nd Place - John Rattlesnake

3rd Place - Ryan Potts

Happy Gilmore Longest Drive - River Minde

(Photos & article by Jessica Ermineskin)





Indigenous Peoples Day

On Tuesday June 21st 2022, Ermineskin Industrial Relations, Kanawemahwasowin Kamik and NGCI Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies provided the public with 1,000 burgers and hotdogs for a Drive-Thru Indigenous Peoples Day Event. Kamawemahwasowin Kamik staff were also present to help with the cooking and distribution. A huge thank you to our volunteers for giving their all in the sun and rain! You are appreciated. The evening ended in a fantastic firework show! Thank you to all that came out and celebrated with us! (Photos & article by Jessica Ermineskin)



Photo credit: Perry Morin

Upcoming Events/Classifieds

Maskwacis Summer Youth Day Camps

Ages: 7-17

ONLINE
REGISTRATION FORM



ERMINESKIN
COMMUNITY
WELLNESS



Ermineskin Arena
Parks & Recreation
(780)585-3088



LOUIS BULL
COMMUNITY WELLNESS
(780) 585-4075



SAMSON YOUTH
WELLNESS
(780)585-3634



SAMSON YOUTH & SPORT
DEVELOPMENT
(780)585-3012

WEEK #1: JULY 5-7

LACROSSE

Location: Ermineskin Arena



JR. GOLF

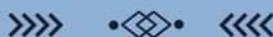
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Time: 12PM - 4PM

WEEK #2: JULY 12-14

JR. GOLF

Location: TBA



BASKETBALL

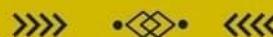
Location: HBMC

Time: 12PM - 4PM

WEEK #3: JULY 19-21

VOLLEYBALL

Location: HBMC



LACROSSE

Location: Samson
Ball Diamonds

Time: 12PM - 4PM

WEEK #4: JULY 26-28

TRADITIONAL
TEACHINGS

Location: Maskwacis Bear Park

HIDE TANNING
HAND GAMES
HOOP DANCING

Time: 12PM - 4PM

Healing from loss sharing circle

June 23 2~4

June 30 2~4

July 7 2~4

July 14 2~4

Snacks and transportation
provided please call Ermineskin

Brighter Futures to register

1-780-585-2000 or

futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

DEPARTING: RIVER CREE RESORT AND CASINO
ARRIVING: REYNOLDS-ALBERTA MUSEUM



Legacy
Run
2022

Ride for Awareness

JULY 1, 2022

Legacy Run 215+ of 2021 was held to honor the memory of the children found in May at the former Indian Residential School in Kamloops. This tragic event triggered survivors of Canadian Indian Residential Schools to come together in solidarity and bring awareness to this dark history which was unearthed by the unmarked graves. It was our hope that the Legacy Run would unite Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples.

Event Features

A peaceful memorial convoy of trucks, motorcycles, and passenger vehicles will be departing from River Cree at 10 AM and arrive at the museum at 11:30 AM


Events scheduled to start at 12 PM where guest speakers, cultural performances and activities will take place.

This event is a place to listen, heal, and share stories in a social setting. Please come with open minds and hearts, Hat Hill!



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @LEGACYRUN2022 OR CONTACT US AT LEGACYRUN215@GMAIL.COM to receive updates on this year's event!





Are you between 16-30 years old?
Are you from one of the
Four Nations of Maskwacis?
Come fill out our
Maskwacis Maternal Health Survey
and enter for a chance to
win **Airpods** and more!

Ermieskin Traditional Pow Wow
Ihelti Booth
Thursday June 30th 2022
4pm to 8:30pm

(780) 585-3741 ✉ trishia@ermieskin.ca
ext #266



ERMIESKIN NEWSLETTER
NEXT ISSUE: JULY 14TH, 2022

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
JULY 11TH, 2022

📍 ECN LT & Communications
PO Box 219
Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0

FEMALE YOUTH CULTURAL/SURVIVAL CAMP

with Brighter Futures

Cultural & Creative Outdoor Activities for GIRLS ages: 12 and Above




JULY 10 - 14, 2022

REGISTER ASAP!
SPACE IS LIMITED

ACTIVITIES:

- Storytelling
- Fire safety, building, and maintenance
- Fun Games
- Nature-Based Mentoring AND MUCH MORE!





CONTACT:
(780) 585-2000 | futuresbrighter@yahoo.com



NEYASKWEYAHK GROUP OF COMPANIES INC. PRESENTS

YOUTH BUSINESS FORUM




OUR CULTURE,
OUR BUSINESS,
OUR FUTURE

**NEYASKWEYAHK OKIMAW KAMIK BUILDING,
MASKWACIS AB
JULY 5 & 6, 2022.**

Open to Maskwacis youth 16+. Come learn about topics like entrepreneurship, business industry, life skills, resources, etc!

For more information contact Brayden at Brayden@ngcinc.ca or NGCI office at info@ngcinc.ca and (780) 585-3000



NEYASKWEYAHK GROUP OF COMPANIES INC. (NGCI) IS A CORPORATE DIVISION OF ERMIESKIN CREE NATION

3rd Annual Justice Bruno Memorial Handgames Jackpot

2-5 man \$100.00 a team



ENTRIES CLOSE July 2nd, 2022
@ 5PM

\$4000.00 PLUS ENTRIES

Location : Ermineskin Cree Nation Handgame Arbor



Ermineskin Administration Office CLOSURE NOTICE

- The ECN offices will be closed the following dates/times;
- Thursday June 30, 2022 @12pm/afternoon for the Traditional Pow Wow
 - Friday July 1, 2022 for Canada Day Holiday
 - Monday July 4, 2022 all day in lieu of the Pow Wow Haï Haï and have a wonderful safe weekend.

Thank you
 Faith Whitebear
 Personnel Administrative Assistant
 Ermineskin Cree Nation

Youth SAET Program
 Ages: 14-17. 10 SPOTS
 apply with NHS Dept
 Deadline: July 7th, 2022
 To Register Please Call: Loralyn Cutarm or Kenneth X. Roan @ (780)585-3835.

NEYASKWEYAHK GROUP OF COMPANIES INC. PRESENTS

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Montgomery Glen, Wetaskiwin

Thursday July 7, 2022

Teams of 4 - each team must have one woman
 Minimum 3 drives per person
 Dinner Included

\$10,000
 Hole-in-One



8AM Registration
9AM Shot Gun Start

\$1000 1st
\$600 2nd

\$400 fee for teams

\$400 3rd
Prizing Most Honest



Contact Stephen Wagner at
 (780) 585-3000 or
 stephen@ngcinc.ca



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Ermineskin POWWOW

Maskwa Park,
Maskwacis, AB **2022**
JULY 1ST - 3RD

JC's
Elmer Rattlesnake
Chris Wells
Host Drum
Mountain Cree
Arcna Directors
Nathan Littlechild
Navarene Thunderchild
Drum Judge
Nathan Rattlesnake

Zero Tolerance: No Alcohol or
Drugs allowed on the premises

Dance Competition
Mens Golden age (50+)
Mens Buckskin (50+)
Womens GoldenAge (50+)
1st \$1400 2nd \$1200 3rd \$1000 4th \$800

Adult Categories (18+)
1st \$1400 2nd \$1200 3rd \$1000 4th \$800

Teen Categories (13-17)
1st \$500 2nd \$400 3rd \$300 4th \$200

Jr. Categories (6-12)
1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th \$100

Tiny TOTS paid daily (0-5)

Drum Competition
1st \$14,000
2nd \$10,000
3rd \$8000
4th \$6000
5th \$4000

Specials
Mens Traditional Winner
take all \$1500
Womens Jingle Winner
take all \$1500
other specials to be
announced
TRIBE GIVEAWAY

contact information
Faye Wolfe 780-585-3741
Amanda Ermineskin
780-585-3065

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Ermineskin Cree Nation is in partnership with Alberta Transportation in engaged in a Road Paving Project.

THE PAVING WILL INCLUDE: FROM 611 TO ARENA, MASKWA PARK AREA, BEHIND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL, ROAD TO CEMETERY ACROSS TO PANEE AGRIPLEX TO MINDE ROAD ON EAST SIDE OF THE PANEE.



**Paving crew will start work Wednesday June 29th and Thursday, June 30th .
Paving work will resume on Monday, July 4th.**

 THANK YOU,
ANNE M. WILDCAT
DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

ERMINESKIN CREE NATION POWWOW PARADE



Saturday July 2nd, 2022
Parade will start at 10:30 am
At the Maskwacis Mall South Parking lot,
Judging will begin at 10:00 am sharp
The theme is Healing our Community

For More information call 780-585-3741 Ext.310 or Teresa White at 780-839-9944

This event was planned in collaboration between the Ermineskin Powwow Committee and the Ermineskin Parade and Recreation Department.

Judging Categories:
-Decorated Vehicles\ Horse and wagons
-Non-Commercial & Non-Professional
-Band departments/ Sports and recreation depts.

Parade Route:
Starts at Maskwacis Mall south parking lot and will drive through Ermineskin Sub-Division and then finish at Bear Park



Healing Our Ermineskin TRADITIONAL Powwow

Maskwa Park,
Maskwacis, AB **THURSDAY
JUNE 30TH 2022**

JC's
Elmer Rattlesnake
Blue

Host Drum
Mountain Cree

**5:30 pm- 6 pm lunch will be served
7:00 pm Grand Entry
Tipi's Paid Daily**

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No Alcohol or Drugs are allowed on Premises.

Community