



Ermineskin Newsletter September 8th, 2022

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2022 Ermineskin Council Election Results



Ermineskin Cree Nation
2022 Councillor
Statement of Results

Candidate	Number of Votes
Ryan Ermineskin	228
Shirley May Ermineskin	297
Lee Littlechild	191
Michelle Littlechild	133
Terry Littlechild	175
Craig Makinaw	350
Clayton Wildcat	239
S Collin Wildcat	213
Samuel Daniel Wildcat	203
Rejected Ballots	3

To the position of Councillor for the next ensuing term:

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| 1. Craig Makinaw | 2. Shirley May Ermineskin |
| 3. Clayton Wildcat | 4. Ryan Ermineskin |

Dated this 31st date of August, 2022 at the Ermineskin Cree Nation in the Province of Alberta.

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YOUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILORS



As of August 31st Ermineskin finalized its 2022 Council Election. The vote was between the following candidates: Ryan Ermineskin, Shirely May Ermineskin, Lee Littlechild, Terry Littlechild, Craig Makinaw, Clayton Wildcat, S Collin Wildcat, and Samuel Daniel Wildcat. The polling station closed at 6 P.M. at which point votes were counted by

hand. Two councilors, Ryan Ermineskin and Clayton Wildcat, were re-elected and two new councilors Craig Makinaw and Shirley May Ermineskin were also elected. We would like to congratulate the elected officials and we look forward to their swearing ceremony at a later date! Hai Hai!

Welcoming our new Council Members!

We would like to highlight the speeches made by our newly elected officials at the Ermineskin Council Forum and thank our returning council members for the continuing work they do for the community.

Shirley May Ermineskin delivered the following speech: “I learned good values from my mother, caring, giving taking care of one another. I learned hard work and humility from my dad. I learned to work hard. I have 44 years of experience in different ECN departments. I have been involved in administration and capital management. My working motto is never back down, Indian affairs and treaty rights that’s where that comes into play. I will use my authority (as council) to fight for our rights for seven generations because we are being downloaded to the provinces. We didn’t give the land up for nothing we agreed to share. When the Pope was here there was discussion on the doctrine of discovery. They took our land and now the same with our treaty rights I see our rights being eroded for example our medicine chest some medicines are not covered. Optical, Dental, prescription medications are being cut out. Funding for post-secondary – government capped funding I want to address this issue. Education Rights are also being eroded subtly and capped by government. I’ve sat at tables with the government where they want to continue eroding our rights and they do it very subtly through the language in the documents where 1 word can be detrimental. These are the things I want to fight for. I don’t want our children or grandchildren paying for anything lets hold the government responsible for what they promised us. Co-vid, how many families lost loved ones? Suicide, family violence, and homelessness I want to tackle these issues. ECN off-reserve members should have a voice we need to take care of them as well. Promote healthy working environment, if we are happy at work we will work harder. Emergency Measures/Response teams should be available we had flash flooding, power outages, and we all faced them. We need to provide resources to keep members safe. To address the 5 needs of our urban members who are potentially forgotten right now. In some of my 44 years of experience I’ve been involved in helping build the Hockey Arena we built the Woman’s shelter, we built the transfer station it is very nice and well taken care of. Helped Develop the waste collection program where waste is collected weekly. We did upgrades to the water treatment plant so we could

have clean safe water to drink. I helped in having renovations to some of the buildings. We’ve improved water in homes through water conditioning. Primarily I’ve been on funding agreements The Funding agreements negotiated the clauses after funding. Band built buildings INAC doesn’t cover FN buildings but was able to get \$400,000.00 for the NOK. I have years of experience I get things done vote for me August 31st , I will be an honest and transparent leader.”

Craig Mackinaw had the following to say: “We worked on initiatives on previous term as chief one of the things we worked on was the 60 settlement. Housing is a major issue, a few years ago we got a report we are 400 houses behind we need to address the housing issue and to help our members. Houses need renovations we need a program to attend to this need especially for our elders. We need 2 elders at every meeting 1 male and 1 female and rotate them to be fair to the elders. We are losing elders and we need their input. They have lots of knowledge and keep them involved they can help us when council is stuck they can give advice to solve issues. We look at issues like NRTA we need to look at and talk about it those are our resources. The government is trying to get rid of our treaty and inherent rights, we need to attack the government and find different ways of dealing with them. If we don’t do something about it now we will end up municipal status. We have to work at 6 protecting our rights. We need more meetings a discussion so that we have membership on board. Co-vid stopped a lot of things. We need to get back to band meetings and meetings at least once a month. Things that need to be discussed can be brought to membership. Sometimes info that is sent out too late we need to keep out membership involved and informed. We looked at additions to the reserve we need to follow up with that, Buck lake follow up to get reserve status. Cows and ploughs we need to do follow ups. We need to look at solutions right now there’s nothing happening we need to get work together and back to the teamwork. We were one of the top bands in Canada and we can still do that but we need to work together to get to that stage. Vote for me 31st I will work hard for you again like I’ve always done and always will. Ninaskomon.



U of A Medical Students Greeted at Bear Park



Maskwacis recently welcomed first year students from the university of Alberta who were seeking careers in healthcare. A small event was held to help give them an understanding of indigenous communities. For many of them it was their first time visiting an indigenous community. The general idea was to give them a chance to connect before they enter a classroom and to help them learn about the health inequities that effect first nations and metis people in Canada.

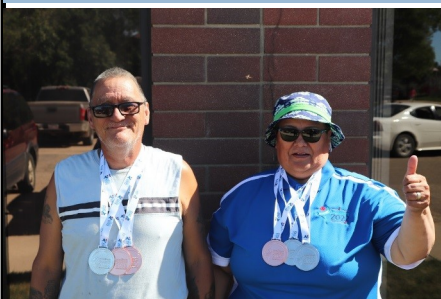


Chief Randy Ermineskin spoke to the young students and emphasized the im-

portance of trust and mental health which requires that practitioners understand the trauma and history of residential schools and other atrocities while still looking forward. The importance of healing both mentally and physically can not be understated and the efforts taken by these young students to help them understand the struggles that comes with healing from great loss is a big step forward in the healing process. The complex history between indigenous peoples and medical practitioners will take a great amount of time and effort to mend and it only with continued support that we will begin to see meaningful change We hope to see this new interest in our communities well being continued thought the upcoming years.



Golden Age Medalists!



Recently two Ermineskin band member brought home a series of medals in the Track and Field Games segment of The Canada summer 55

plus Games in Peace River Alberta winning several medals in

Order to qualify for the 55 Plus Canada Summer games in Kamloops BC. Congratulations to both Donna and Josey for their athletic feats! We they will inspire future participants in the Canada Summer 55 Plus Games and continue to bring home medals for Ermineskin.

plus Games. Band member Donna White silver in shot put, silver in discus and bronze in javelin, and Josey White won silver in shot put, bronze in discus and bronze in javelin.

The Canada summer 55 Plus Games took place in Kamloops, BC on August 23-26/2022.

In June they competed in the Alberta Provincial Track



Staff Appreciation Day!

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, Ermineskin Cree Nation held its annual staff golf which was hosted at Montgomery Glen Golf & Country Club in Wetaskiwin. There were a total of 32 teams consisting of 128 players. Some came out to compete and others came out just to have fun and vie for prizes such as:

- Hole in One
- Men and Women KP's
- Men & Women Long Drive
- Longest Putt
- Super Kp
- Ball in the water – Fun Game
- Tons of door prizes
- 65" Flat Screen TV and Wrist Watch Range Finder

- Montgomery Glen
- ATB Bank
- Peace HILLS Trust
- Tipi Insurance
- Burger Baron
- Events Department
- Maskwacis Health Center
- Ermineskin Administration
- Ermineskin Daycare
- Ermineskin Personnel Department
- Ermineskin IT Department
- Bow And Arrow Convenience
- Councillor Joel Mykat

On behalf of the staff golf committee we would like to take this time to thank all the staff (golfers) and guests that came out to play. Special thanks to our volunteers for their hard work and ensuring we all had fun.

Lastly, we want to acknowledge our care partners (aka: sponsors) who make our event a success:

On the following pages we've included pictures of each of our staffs teams.



Queen of England's Passing

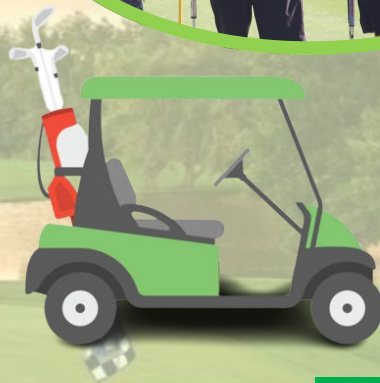


It has recently been announced that Queen Elizabeth the 2nd has passed away this afternoon at 96 years old, having ruled as monarch for 70 years. The treaties were initially between First Nations people and the British Crown and as a strong proponent of indigenous sovereignty the Queen has had an important role in the lives of many indigenous people. It would seem as though in her passing Prince Charles will be made King and the duty of upholding the treaties will fall upon him. Charles has previously come to meet with various Cree nations and we hope to see him take a more involved stance in his part of the treaties going forward. What does this mean for indigenous peoples in the future? Will we see changes or more of the same? Only time will tell.

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Golf 2022



SASKATCHEWAN STABBING SUSPECT APPREHENDED

Saskatchewan RCMP confirmed Wednesday the capture of Myles Sanderson, a suspect in one of the worst mass killings in Canadian history, after an intense four-day search that held national and international attention. Police later confirmed that Sanderson was pronounced dead in hospital shortly after being taken into custody. Global News first reported Sanderson's death citing multiple law enforcement sources, who believed he died from self-inflicted injuries, which RCMP did not confirm.

"This evening, our province can breathe a sigh of relief," Saskatchewan RCMP Commanding Officer Rhonda Blackmore said Wednesday night. Sanderson, who was facing multiple charges related to a series of fatal stabbings on Sunday, was apprehended around 3:30 p.m. local time near Rosthern, a town north of Saskatoon and more than 100 kilometres southwest of James Smith Cree Nation, where many of the attacks took place. Multiple law enforcement sources told Global News police used a "pursuit intervention technique" — ramming Sanderson's vehicle on one side and causing it to spin off the highway. Blackmore said the vehicle was "directed off the road and into a nearby ditch" where officers were able to identify Sanderson as the driver. A knife was found inside the vehicle after he was taken into custody.

"Shortly after his arrest, he went into medical distress," Blackmore said, and "all lifesaving measures that we're capable of were taken," including CPR. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Saskatoon where he was pronounced dead, she added. Saskatchewan RCMP have requested an independent investigation into Sanderson's arrest and death. The results of a forthcoming autopsy will not be released, RCMP said, citing the ongoing investigation. An emergency alert went out on Wednesday afternoon saying an individual that may be connected to the stabbings was seen driving in the Wakaw area in a 2008 white Chevy Avalanche, which was reported stolen from the town. Wakaw is less than 50 kilometres east of Rosthern. Blackmore said the pickup truck was seen speeding through Rosthern by a RCMP officer shortly before he was spotted on the road outside town, where he was arrested. Videos taken from the scene of the takedown showed a white pickup truck on the side of the road, surrounded by roughly a dozen RCMP vehicles while a helicopter hovered overhead. RCMP said on Monday that Sanderson was charged with three counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of break and enter of a residence in connection to the stabbings. Ten people were killed and 18 more were injured in the rampage at 13 crime scenes on the James Smith Cree Nation and the nearby village of Weldon. Damien Sanderson, Myles' brother and also considered a suspect in the attacks, was later found dead on the reserve with injuries police said were not believed to be self-inflicted — suggesting he may have been attacked by Myles. Damien had also been charged. Before news of his

death broke, family members of the victims expressed relief that Sanderson had been caught. "Now people can start to feel safe again but also now is the time for healing to begin," said Saskatoon Tribal Council Chief Mark Arcand, who lost his sister and nephew in the attacks. Blackmore said she hoped families could "rest easy tonight knowing Myles Sanderson is no longer a threat to them," but acknowledged the survivors had "a very long and extensive" healing process. "Some of them have witnessed incredible trauma, so hopefully this is the first step to them starting that healing process, that grieving process," she said.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority noted Wednesday that 10 people were still in the hospital with injuries, two in critical condition. Myles Sanderson's arrest came after an expansive manhunt that brought additional resources from neighbouring Alberta and Manitoba. A dangerous persons alert covering Saskatchewan was expanded to those provinces due to fears Sanderson may have fled there. Blackmore said over 160 officers from all three provincial RCMP detachments, as well as local police forces, were involved in the investigation. More than 150 interviews have been conducted with witnesses and victims, she added, with more interviews still to be conducted with witnesses to Wednesday's events.

Myles was wanted for being unlawfully at large before the stabbings, according to Crime Stoppers. Global News reported Monday the Parole Board of Canada found in February that Myles would not "present an undue risk," and freeing him would "contribute to the protection of society" by facilitating his reintegration. He had a lengthy criminal history. The stabbings and ensuing manhunt sent shockwaves throughout Saskatchewan and the rest of the country, with flags on provincial and federal buildings lowered to half-mast in honour of the victims. World leaders also condemned the attacks and offered condolences and support to Canada. An online fundraiser for victims and their families was closed Tuesday after surpassing its \$100,000 goal. Blackmore said the deaths of both Myles and Damien, who she said is still considered a suspect in the attacks, means their motive may never be known. "His motivation may, at this time and forever, may only be known to Myles," she said. - *Article has been taken from globalnews.ca*



Upcoming Events/Classifieds

2022 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept 12th 2022 **Adult Literacy (MCC)**
applications can be filled out at NHS office.

Sept 12th 2022 **Office Tech (NAIT)**
orientation: sept 6th. start date: september 12th.

Sept 12th 2022 **safety tickets training/certified customer training. (NEST)**
deadline to apply: sept 6th. 2022.

Sept 21st 2022 **Budgeting Course.**
one day session. @ PESP classroom in mall.

Sept 2022 **Maskwacis Employment Center**
class 7/5. tickets, job readiness & driving course.

Oct 2022 **Hospitality & Pre Trades.**
(oct 3rd. 11 weeks. Hospitality Open to Ermineskin Band Members living on Reserve)/(pipe fitting, gasfitter, plumbing, welding, 16 weeks)

For More information please contact PESP @ (780)585-3835 applications can be filled out at NHS Office see Lorilyn Cutarm or Kenneth X. Roan for assistance.

Ermineskin Community Wellness

Part I

Sky for Health and Healing Workshop



Fostering Resilience in Indigenous Communities

September 13 & 14, 2022

11am - 2:30pm

Location: Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin

Program offered to Elders Only

This program aims to reduce stress and increase resilience for program participants, so that they may continue healing on personal and community levels. Specifically designed for members who are ready to work on their trauma.

FIRST 20 PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED. INCENTIVES PROVIDED

To Register Please Contact Ermineskin Community Wellness (780)585-3741 Ext. 252

The Neyaskweyahk Human Services Building NHS

will be Closed

STARTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*The closure is due to internet issues and system access

All Appointments will be postponed until the office reopens, and clients can rebook. We apologize for this inconvenience.



TREATY 1-11 GATHERING

2022

Hosts

Enoch Cree Nation - Treaty No. 6
Kapaweho First Nation - Treaty No. 8

Location: Enoch Cree Nation Arbour

Date: September 21-24, 2022

-An Outdoor Event-



"The Great Binding Law...
...the sacred directions of the pipe"

For more info email:
gmuskwa@treaty8.org
darlenep@treaty8.org
780-444-9366

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FIRST 10 SR. MENS (50+) ACCEPTED

MEN'S DIVISION-30 HANDICAP (Minimum)



KIAN LITTLECHILD

\$600.00

Entry Free

(includes 18

holes & cart)

Contacts:
Kevin Littlechild @7803358445
Bruce Littlechild @ 7803601557

Sage Beauty



Permanent Makeup Training

Date: September 12-16, 2022

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Location: Sage Beauty, Wetaskiwin Mall
3725 - 56 St.

Only 4 Spots Available

Contact Ermineskin NEST 780-585-0191 for
more information!



THE MUSTANGZ CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Starting **AUGUST 27, 2022**

HELP OUR YOUTH DRUM GROUP TRAVEL TO SAN MANUAL

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SEPT 16 - 18, 2022
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Contact Martha 780-335-3884 or
Evangeline 780-360-3816
we can pick up any donations

Ermineskin Community Wellness

Grief



Understanding the Inner Journey to Wellness

SEPT. 27 & 28 | N.O.K Bldg. | 10am to 3pm | **NO COST INCENTIVES OFFERED**

Neurological Processes
Anxiety
Depression

Connection/Compassion
Love/Healing
Range of Emotions

To Register Please Contact: 780-585-3741

Ermineskin Education Trust Fund will be hosting their Annual Awards Night

October 15, 2022

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION MEMBERS ENROLLED
IN KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12**

ATTENDANCE: KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 2 50%
GR 3 -6 70%
GR 7-12 90%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - students in Grades 9 - 12 are eligible who receive an average overall grade of 80% or higher in their academic year

GENERAL INTEREST AWARD - eligible students are those who have completed or participated in an extracurricular activity that promotes physical, spiritual, intellectual, and mental development:

PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2022:

- 2020-2021 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
- 2021-2022 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
- Supporting documents for General Interest Awards

PARENTS CAN DROP OFF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AT THE EETF OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EETF COORDINATOR LISA LITTLECHILD: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-4:30 AT (780) 585-2135 OR COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

EETF celebrates 40 years of Educational Excellence

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FIRST 12 PARTICIPANTS PER MONTH

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AND CONTINUING ONWARD ON THESE DATES.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21

CONTACT :

LORALYN- ERMINESKIN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

780-585-3835



Those experiencing symptoms are NOT to be tested at the site, and are referred to go get tested at Maskwacis Ambulance Authority (MAA).



COVID RAPID TESTING FOR ECN EMPLOYEES AND ECN MEMBERS

**RAPID TEST CLINIC
4:00 PM TO 6:00PM
N.O.K BUILDING
SUNDAY ONLY**

Friendly reminder for ECN employees that it is mandatory to provide weekly negative tests. Employees, once result is provided, notify your immediate supervisor. Rapid Testing until September 30, 2022

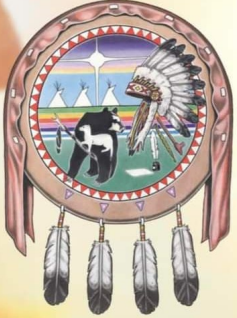
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MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

FALL JOB FAIR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

**HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTER
MASKWACIS, ALBERTA
10AM-3PM**




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780-312-0521
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OCTOBER 7-9TH, 2022

Maskwacis, Alberta



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4-7 PM • SAMSON ARENA • MASKWACIS, AB
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Or reach out to:
Tanya Rexin, Indigenous Relations Manager
Email – Tanya.Rexin@atco.com
Phone – 587-216-7547

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