

Maskwacis Employment Centre General Meeting

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the annual report, which detailed the number of clients served, certifications achieved, and job placements facilitated through various programs, including trades, construction, health, administration, and entrepreneurship support. Special recognition was given to clients who completed programs or obtained full-time employ-



The Maskwacis Employment AGM continues to serve not only as a reporting mechanism but also as an important community-building opportunity, fostering transparency, shared vision, and motivation for a brighter employment future for all Maskwacis members.

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Confederacy of Treaty Six Holds Annual General Meeting



The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on July 11–12, 2025, bringing together leadership and community representatives from across Treaty Six territory.

The two-day gathering provided a platform for critical discussions, updates, and collaboration among the member Nations. The AGM featured presentations from Confederacy staff, who offered detailed reports on the political advocacy work undertaken by the Confederacy throughout the year.

Key topics included the ongoing defense of Treaty rights, intergovernmental relations, health and education initia-

tives, and regional priorities impacting First Nations communities. In addition to leadership reports, delegates received updates from various departments and program areas supported by the Confederacy.

These included updates on housing, child and family services, governance capacity, justice, and emergency management, among others. The meeting fostered meaningful dialogue and encouraged the sharing of perspectives from Elders, youth, and grassroots community members.

Cultural protocol and ceremonial elements were incorporated throughout the event, grounding the proceedings in the traditions and values of the Nations present. (first 2 photos are Confederacy AGM, with Ronald Littlechild holding ECN flag, he represented the nation for the leadership at the AGM).

Photos/Article by: Tara Cutarm



20  **PONOKA STAMPEDE CELEBRATION**  **25**
"SALUTING BULLFIGHTERS"



CREE CORNER

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July



Molting Moon

JULY SALE

PUZZLE'S 10% OFF

FLORAL TUMBLERS 10% OFF

WALLETS 10% OFF

SCARVES/SHAWLS 10% OFF

HOODIE'S 10% OFF

TOWEL SETS 10% OFF



Reminder

NEXT ISSUE:
JULY 23RD 2025

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
JULY 21TH, 2025

KAYLA@ERMINESKIN.CA



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A'C'V' GIFT SHOP





~ Thank You ~ kitatamihinan

36th Maskwacis Annual Awasisak Conference ~ Hosted by Ermineskin Daycare Centre
June 6 & 7th, 2025

On behalf of Ermineskin Daycare Centre and staff; I would like to thank the following group of people, within the community, that made this event possible with attendees from Louis Bull staff, Samson Daycare staff, Ermineskin Daycare staff, and participants from other nations; Paul First Nations, Kapawe'no First Nation & MHS Early Years, thank you for participating. Thank you to; Carla Listener, Erm. Personnel Director, and Ermineskin Elder, Linda Whitebear, for speaking on behalf of the Ermineskin Daycare your kind words and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

As well, a big Thank you going out to ETE Personnel Department for sponsoring the costs for our daycare staff and Ermineskin community members to attend. Thank you, to the following departments who donated door prizes; Erm. Admin. Lee Littlechild-10 wooden feathers, Ermineskin Cree Nation-\$500.00, Lucky Dollar-2 blankets, Burger Baron-4 wallets, Wild West Gallery-Tote & set of earrings, ERD-\$350 gift card, ETE Lands Resources-4 gifts cards. Businesses of Wetaskiwin; Daves Smokeshop-2 boxes of fireworks, General Steam Cleaning-Gift Card, Challenge Industries-Hamilton Beach Grill, Ermineskin Daycare Centre-\$700.00, Discount Daves-Beaded Ear rings, Lands Resources/Timmys Gift cards, Awasisak Conference-TV and Projector with Screen.

Thank you, to all the facilitators who participated with the Conference; Council member Cheryl Littlechild, Kelsey Penney, Gordon Minde, Simone Wildcat, Telisa Clarke, Nicole Morrell, and Lorraine White who each presented great sessions in making this event possible. As we make every effort to have a variety of topics available around; wellness, team-building, traditional culture, child development and special needs. As the manager I am very grateful to all who participated. Last but not least, Daycare staff who all pitched in to help, Hiy Hiy.

Ermineskin Daycare Centre

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Maskwacis, Alberta
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Marcella Child-Paul





Inspiring Indigenous Fitness Influencer

I'm Kalaija, a proud Nehiyaw woman from Treaty 6 territory, and I'm here to invite you on a journey that's all about strength, confidence, and community. The Booty Builder Challenge is designed to help you rebuild your strength and embrace your body in a way that feels empowering and uplifting.

As an Indigenous mom, I know how easy it is to put ourselves last. Between juggling family, work, community responsibilities, and everything in between, it can feel like there's no time left for us. But guess what? You deserve to feel strong and confident! This challenge is designed for all genders, but especially for moms and Indigenous women who want to reclaim their power and feel fabulous in their own skin.

My approach to fitness is rooted in honouring our bodies and creating spaces where we can thrive together. Over the next four weeks, we'll dive into effective workout plans that focus on building strength and toning your body. You'll have clear guidance on exercises, sets, and reps, making it easy to follow along and see progress. Plus, you'll have access to specialized weight-tracking software to help you stay on top of your goals.

But it's not just about the workouts! You'll be part of a vibrant community where you can connect with others on the same journey. Share your experiences, cheer each other on, and celebrate every little victory together. This is a space where we lift each other up and create lasting friendships.

Here's what you'll get:

- ♦ A comprehensive 4-week workout plan tailored to help you build strength and confidence
- ♦ Clear exercise guidance with sets and reps to keep you on track
- ♦ Specialized tracking for weights & reps to monitor your progress
- ♦ A supportive community that celebrates your journey and honors who you are
- ♦ Guidance from someone who understands the unique challenges we face as mothers and Indigenous women

BONUSES

- * High Protein Meal Generator
- * Specialized tracking for weights & reps
- * Community feed to interact with other participants and the creator

My mission has always been to improve the health of all, but especially my Indigenous community. My journey began as a young teen struggling with anxiety, but I found my safe place in the gym. It became a safe haven, helping me grow mentally, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

I was raised by my late Kokum (grandmother) Audrey Ward, who instilled in me the value of healthy living. She loved her daily walks and even participated in a walking challenge within our community in 2023, placing in the top 3 and winning a set of kettlebells & a treadmill!

Around that time, I was studying to become a personal trainer and was thrilled when she asked me to create a



workout routine for her. Every time I see elderly individuals in my gym, my heart aches & I wish I could have done that for my Kokum.. Because just a few weeks later, she was diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma cancer. Despite this, we shared our dreams and goals for the future in her hospital room, and I was so proud of her for looking past her sickness.

My Kokum passed away just five months after her diagnosis, and just a month before I welcomed my first baby. I know she would be proud of my journey, and she's cheering me on from above.

When she passed away, I felt alone and the only place that felt like home was the gym.

The gym can be a powerful tool for coping with grief. Exercise provides a healthy outlet for emotions, boosts endorphins to improve mood, and establishes a routine that brings stability during chaotic times. It encourages mindfulness and enhances self-esteem with small fitness wins. Overall, engaging in physical activity can help you navigate your grief and promote healing.

Movement is truly medicine.

Everything I do is to inspire and motivate everyone—elders, youth, mothers, fathers, boys, and girls—to lead a healthy lifestyle.

My new workout challenge starts July 14! Join now!

<https://www.solin.stream/kalaijaward/program/3555>

Headshot by Brynn Kuling

LACROSSE PLAYER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The 2025 U15A Red Deer Chiefs have been selected to receive a prestigious Mayor's Recognition Award from the City of Red Deer in honour of their outstanding 2024 season!

This award celebrates the team's exceptional accomplishments, dedication, and sportsmanship both on and off the field. Their remarkable season not only brought pride to their community but also set a high standard for youth lacrosse in the region. Congratulations to the entire team, coaching staff, and families for this well-deserved recognition!

On behalf of Ermineskin Cree Nation, we wish this astounding young man good luck on his future endeavors! Your dedication to the sport is truly inspiring and admirable. Keep pushing and reaching your goals!

Photos by: City of Red Deer FB page.



Indigenous Support Line

Indigenous Support Line is now available province-wide Indigenous patients and families across Alberta now have access to an innovative service to help them navigate the healthcare system in a culturally safe way.

Call 1-844-944-4744 or 811 between 10 am and 6 pm weekdays. As of June 1, 2025, any Indigenous patient, their family members, friends and even front-line healthcare providers can reach out to the Indigenous Support Line for advice, advocacy, navigation, translation services and more. To reach the Indigenous Support Line, call 1-844-944-4744 or 811 between 10 am and 6 pm weekdays.



walk with me,
talk with me,
learn with me

Primary Care
Alberta

811 Health Link
Advice 24/7

Indigenous Support Line
1-844-944-4744 or 811
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday

Are you an Indigenous person who has questions about navigating the health system, has a concern, or needs help?

- ♦ Patient Concerns
- ♦ Referrals
- ♦ Cultural Support
- ♦ Primary Care Support
- ♦ Addiction Mental Health Support
- ♦ General Support



Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations



PRESS RELEASE

Statement on Bill C-5 Receiving Royal Assent

June 30, 2025 (Treaty No. 6 Territory) — Now that Bill C-5 has received Royal Assent, the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations reflects on the process and outcome with a commitment to our Peoples, our Lands, and our Treaties. Treaty Rights are binding agreements made between our sovereign Nations and the Crown. Our ancestors signed these Treaties in good faith and we will continue to uphold them – just as we expect Canada to do.

Since its introduction, we have consistently raised the alarm about this legislation. We continue to have serious concerns about the lack of meaningful prior consultation, the sweeping powers it grants Cabinet and the risk it poses to constitutionally protected Treaty Rights. We brought those concerns forward publicly, forcefully and in the spirit of protecting future generations.

The exclusion of the Indian Act from the Bill's reach was a positive step. The prime minister's promise to engage First Nations this summer is another. We also took note of his acknowledgment that the process to date has failed to uphold the principles of true partnership and will be guided by the principles of free, prior and informed consent moving forward.

As we move toward implementation of Bill C-5, the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations calls on the federal government to ensure Treaty No. 6 leadership is fully involved in the creation and mandate of the Indigenous Advisory Group. That work must reflect First Nations governance, not replicate federal structures. Our leadership also calls on the federal government to invite our Nations to co-design and participate in national dialogue sessions. We require transparency about identified "projects of national priority" and early inclusion in discussions.

Our Nations are not opposed to economic development. We welcome opportunity when it is grounded in respect, equity and sustainability. Decisions made behind closed doors without our full participation are not in keeping with the spirit or the letter of our Treaty relationship. We were not meant to be bystanders to decisions directly impacting our Lands, waters, and rights. We are ready to engage constructively on a Nation-to-Nation basis. It's time to shift from symbolic gestures to meaningful action.

In partnership and friendship, aiy hiy,
Grand Chief Greg Desjarlais

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ermineskin Cree Nation

WE ARE HIRING!

June 30th, 2025

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✓ **Custodian/Janitor with the Ermineskin Parks and Recreation Department**
CLOSING: July 15, 2025

- ✓ **Executive Assistant with the Ermineskin Parks and Recreation Department**
CLOSING: July 15, 2025

APPLY NOW

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:
faith@erminekin.ca



NEYASKWEYAHK GROUP OF COMPANIES INC.

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

- **Bear Paw Trading Post:**
PT Retail Clerk
Deadline to apply: July 10, 2025
- **Niwihoihaw Acceptance Ltd:**
Intermediate Accountant
Deadline to apply: July 25, 2025

To apply, submit the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Criminal Record Check
- Certificates/Diplomas
- 3 References

Email Applications to: jewel@ngcinc.ca

PH: (780) 585-3000



Alberta

Supply Chain Training Program

Program Starts July 28, 2025
Deadline to apply: July 22, 2025

Prerequisites:

18+, high-school diploma/GED required, & driver's license is an asset.

For inquiries or to apply, contact:
NEST - (780) 585-0191

Location: Maskwacis, AB



What is Supply Chain?

Supply chain jobs address the different steps required to bring a product to a consumer - from manufacturing, transportation, and warehousing, to purchasing, marketing, and sales. The supply chain industry is rapidly growing to address the diverse and evolving needs of everyone in Alberta.



About the Program:

This 5.5 month training program includes in-class learning and a 4-week work experience placement. This program is designed to provide an introduction to the main supply chain jobs in Alberta, as well as professional skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

Supply Chain Careers

ENTRY LEVEL

- Inventory Analyst
- Customer Service
- Buyer/Planner
- Logistics Coordinator
- Operations Specialist
- Warehouse Associate
- Data Entry Clerk
- Shipping & Receiving Specialist
- Inventory Associate
- And more!

SENIOR LEVEL

- Supply Chain Manager
- Purchasing Manager
- Logistics Director

Neyaskweyâhk Employment Skills Training is partnering with Channer Consulting & Training and Supply Chain Canada, the largest association for supply chain professionals in Canada for more than 100 years. Upon completion of this program, learners will be eligible to receive their accreditation from Supply Chain Canada, a nationally recognized certification and standard.



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ATTENTION!

This message is for Ermineskin high school students (Gr. 10 & 12). The High School Credit Incentives will not be paid retroactively to prior academic school years. The deadline for High School Credit Incentive applications will be August 31, 2025. As per the updated EETF Program Policy. Should you have any questions, please contact me via email or phone.

Thank you,



coordinator@eetfund.com
780-585-2135



EETF BY- LAW PUBLIC READING

You are invited to join us
on July 25th, 2025.

Location: N.O.K Building at
10 am.



NEYASKWEYAHK GROUP OF COMPANIES INC.
Niwihcihaw Acceptance Ltd.
Job Opportunity
Intermediate Accountant

SUMMARY:

Niwihcihaw Acceptance Ltd. (NAL) is seeking a detail-oriented and experienced Intermediate Accountant to manage full-cycle accounting functions, with a primary focus on processing loans and other financial services. This role ensures financial accounting and administrative compliance with legislative requirements while supporting operational efficiency. The Intermediate Accountant will report directly to the General Manager and play a critical role in preparing quarterly financial reports for the NGCI Board of Directors, policy adherence, and accounting standards implementation. The ideal candidate must have strong public relations skills and professionalism when interacting with clients, stakeholders, and the business community.

The right candidate must be proficient in the following areas:

- General daily functions in the Accounting Department, including the loan portfolio transactions.
- Posting Journal entries; account analysis and reconciliations.
- Month-end processes.
- Quarterly development and distributions of financial reports.
- Assisting staff and clients with accounting-related queries.
- Commitment to continuous learning and process improvement.
- Contribute to projects enhancing financial strategy and operations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree with a major in Accounting Preferred or College Diploma in accounting
- Minimum 5 years' experience in a financial position
- Strong computer skills in Microsoft Office
- Familiarity with News Views Loan program and SAGE 50 Software is an asset
- Ability to speak and understand Cree Language
- Excellent Interpersonal and Communication skills
- Ability to work independently on routine tasks and as part of a team
- Organizational skills – prioritizing tasks
- Valid Class 5 driver's license and own transportation

Intermediate Supervisor: NAL General Manager

SALARY: Dependent upon education and experience

DEADLINE: July 25, 2025

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- 3 References
- Certificates/Diplomas
- Criminal Record Check

SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS VIA:

Jewel Smallboy, HR Manager
Email: jewel@ngcinc.ca
Phone: 780-585-3000
or in-person - NGCI Innovation & Professional Building
P.O Box 1320 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0

**** Incomplete Applications will be screened out ****

OSKIHCIKÉWIN SUMMER PROGRAM

JULY 7th - SEPT 5th
2025

YOUTH FROM 12-17
YEARS

WHAT WE OFFER:

TRANSPORTATION BREAKFAST LUNCH
HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIONS,
SUICIDE, GRIEF & LOSS CULTURE..ETC

PROGRAM HOURS:

9:00AM-3:00PM

MON-THURS,

FRI ARE ½ DAYS

9:00AM-12:30PM

MORE INFO CONTACT

SUSAN OUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT

phone 780-585-2219

slenzin@youngspiritwinds.com



\$70 PER
RAFFLE
TICKET

2 Chances to win a cash
prize!!

Draw August 1

MCC's

Golf Fundraiser

1st Prize \$1000

2nd Prize

\$500



**MASKWACIS
CULTURAL COLLEGE**

For more information please contact 780-585-3925

 <h2>GOLF</h2> <p>WEEK #1: 12PM - 4PM JULY 2: PONOKA GOLF CLUB DRIVING RANGE JULY 3: DORCHESTER RANCH GOLF COURSE</p>	 <h2>SOCCER</h2> <p>WEEK #2: JULY 8 - 10 12PM - 4PM ERMINESKIN ARENA</p>	 <h2>YOUTH GATHERING</h2> <p>WEEK #3: JULY 14-17 REGISTER WITH ERMINESKIN RECREATION</p>
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MASKWACIS YOUTH DAY CAMPS

REGISTRATION: ERMINESKIN RECREATION (780) 585-3088 SYSD (780) 585-3012

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

 <h2>GOLF</h2> <p>WEEK #4: 12PM - 4PM JULY 22 & 23: PONOKA GOLF CLUB DRIVING RANGE JULY 24: DORCHESTER RANCH GOLF COURSE</p>	 <h2>FLAG FOOTBALL</h2> <p>WEEK #5: JULY 29 - 31 12PM - 4PM SAMSON BALL DIAMOND</p>	 <h2>BASKETBALL</h2> <p>WEEK #6: AUG 5 - 7 12PM - 4PM MASKWACIS CREE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL</p>
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Understanding Grief & Loss

with Maureen Ward

ECN MEMBERS & RESIDENTS

July 28 - 30th, 2025
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Max 10 participants
18+

KKI PREVENTION BUILDING

Light Refreshments & Lunch will be provided

To Register Contact:
melina.a@kkamik.com



KKI PRESENTS

SUMMER

BEACH KIT GIVE-A-WAY

OPEN TO ECN MEMBERS & RESIDENTS

JULY 17, 2025
10:00AM - 2:00PM
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

KKI PREVENTION & WELLBEING BUILDING

MELINA.A@KKAMIK.COM



ERMINESKIN CREE NATION 2025 NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING AND ELECTION



ERMINESKIN
CREE NATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all electors of the Ermineskin Cree Nation that a Nomination Meeting for Councillor will be held on August 20, 2025 at the Neyaskweyâhk Okimaw Kamik (NOK building) in Neyaskweyâhk.

The purpose is to nominate eligible candidates for the Ermineskin Cree Nation Election, which will be held on August 27, 2025. There are (4) four positions available.

The Nomination Meeting and Election will be held according to the *Ermineskin Cree Nation Custom Election Law*. To be eligible as a candidate, Part II of the Law states:

A candidate means a person who:

- i) Is twenty-one years of age or older and
- ii) Is a registered Ermineskin Cree Nation Member, in accordance with the Ermineskin Cree Nation Membership Rules and
- iii) Is a resident of Ermineskin Cree Nation Reserve #138 and #138 A (Pigeon Lake), in accordance with Custom Law No. 2003-10 Residency by-Law, such residency being at least (12) consecutive months or longer, verified by an affidavit which shall be submitted to the Returning Officer two weeks prior to Nomination Date; and
- iv) Has submitted a Criminal Record Checks form in accordance with s. 6(d) of the Custom Law, such form shall be dated no later than two weeks prior to the Nomination Date
- v) Has submitted drug and alcohol test results in accordance with Section 6(e) of this Custom Law.

Accordingly, the following documents are required at least two weeks (August 6, 2025) before the Nomination Day:

- a. An affidavit verifying residency (from the Ermineskin Housing Department)
- b. Criminal Record Check form (from the local RCMP) and
- c. Drug and Alcohol Test results (from Wy-co in Ponoka). The cost is \$270.00, which the potential candidate bears. The candidate must make their own appointment at Wyco-Ponoka at 403-790-7442.

Please read the *Ermineskin Cree Nation Custom Law* in its entirety for more information. In the alternative, you may call the Electoral Officer.

Loretta J Pete Lambert T: 306-227-3373 E: loretta@petelambert.ca
Office: 306-952-1318 F: 1-877-339-7781

Submit all documents to loretta@petelambert.ca or fax: 1-877-339-7781.