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We deeply appreciate everyone who attended the Mini Carnival and contributed to its wonderful success. Your support and effort made this event truly special, and we're grateful to have such an amazing community. Thank you!



## Kanawemahwasowin Kamik (KKI)

### Community Engagements in Progress

**K**anawemahwasowin Kamik's Special Projects department has been meeting with Ermineskin Cree Nation citizens to gather ideas and input for KKI's future goals and programming.

Director of Special Projects Erick Ambtman, along with KKI CEO Rhonda Ross, Prevention Director Patty Wildcat, and Community Engagement Coordinator Jerry Young have been meeting in locations where ECN citizens reside, with appearances from Board Chair Michelle Littlechild, Ermineskin Councillor and KKI Board member Jason Makinaw, and Chief Joel Mykat as their schedule has permitted.

The first engagement in Edmonton was at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown on July 25th, with additional engagements happening in Ermineskin on July 29th, in Mountain Cree (*aka* Smallboy Camp) on August 6, and the latest engagement happening at the Red Deer Public Library on August 11th.

Rhonda Ross, speaking at the Edmonton engagement: "We're here to hear from you. We need to know what will help you as families. To help your families be strong. We have these goals: we want to protect the children... we want to keep families together. We want to build safe, loving, and culturally rooted homes... We want to bring culture into our everyday lives, we want to include the language, the traditions."

KKI has been meeting with directors and leaders from ECN at what has been called the Leaders in Family Togetherness (LIFT) table. "We come together to talk about how we can work together to support (Ermineskin) families" says Rhonda.

Upcoming engagements include Pigeon Lake on August 18, Buck Lake on August 21, and Vancouver on August 26, 2025. For more information about the upcoming engagements contact Jerry Young at [jerry.y@kkamik.com](mailto:jerry.y@kkamik.com), or call 780-585-3721. You can find more information about our programs and how to register on our Facebook Page: Kanawemahwasowin Kamik, or on our website: [www.kkamik.com](http://www.kkamik.com).

*~submitted by Sara Lee, KKI Community & Events Coordinator~*



**Above:** Ermineskin Councillor and KKI Board member Jason Makinaw and KKI Board Chair Michelle Littlechild speak at the Edmonton community engagement. Attendees gave their ideas in the open forum discussion

**Left:** Erick Ambtman and Jerry Young meeting with attendees.





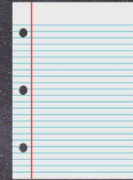
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## BACK TO SCHOOL



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## AUGUST SALE

HOODIE'S 10% OFF  
HANDBAG'S 10% OFF  
BACK PACK'S 10% OFF  
LUNCH BAG'S 10% OFF  
STATIONERY 10% OFF  
BLANKETS 10% OFF



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## Reminder

NEXT ISSUE:  
SEPTEMBER 2<sup>TH</sup> 2025

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> 2025

KAYLA@ERMINESKIN.CA



# MESC BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION



The MESC Back to School Celebration was a great success! They had fun activities like a petting zoo, face painting, coloring, and also free haircuts. Woody and Jesse from Toy Story surprised us with a visit, which made the day even more special.

We'd like to thank all the MESC staff, organizers, vendors, volunteers, and community partners for making it happen. We wish everyone a fantastic start to the 2025-2026 school year! Enjoy every moment and remember that you can achieve amazing things!



## Ermineskin Property Management Announcement

### Service Call Prevention Tips

#### MOLD PREVENTION TIPS

- Ventilate your home by opening windows weekly to ensure good air quality and air flow throughout the house, including basement windows.
- Use bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans.
- Report water leaks

#### ENSURE A CLEAR AND CLEAN ACCESS TO FURNACE, HOT WATER TANKS, PRESSURE TANKS, ELECTRICAL BREAKER BOX AND FLOOR DRAIN.

- Keep laundry off the floor.
- Declutter and store items properly in storage bins and onto shelves.
- Regularly sweep and mop of basement floor.

#### SEPTIC CLEANING: Before calling the Emergency Services Line:

- Keep the grass cut in and around septic tank.
- Keep area clear of any garbage and debris.
- Ensure the septic plug is securely plugged in.
- Ensure the septic plug has not been damaged.
- Do NOT pour grease or greasy water down any drain.
- Do NOT flush any kind of wipes in the toilets.
- Do NOT flush used condoms in toilets.
- Do NOT flush paper towels in the toilets.
- If basement drain smells of sulfur, pour a pail of HOT water into the drain then sit. When the drainpipes get dry the sulfur smell begins to linger.

#### CISTERN MAINTENANCE: Water Conservation When You Have A Cistern

- Keep the grass cut in and around Cistern tank.
- No washing cars.
- No filling of Large Pools.
- Do NOT leave water running unnecessarily.
- Report any leaks immediately.
- Report of any odd smells, if there is, discontinue use until addressed by a plumber.

#### FURNACE MAINTENANCE – CHANGE FILTERS **MONTHLY**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION HOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL FOR TROUBLE SHOOTING TIPS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE, PLEASE REQUEST ONE FROM HOUSING.**

If you have any questions or concerns contact EPM: 780-585-3886



## NEYASKWEYAHK EMPLOYMENT SKILLS TRAINING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Empowering Our People: The NEST Program

On August 15, 2025, the staff at Neyaskweyahk Employment Skills Training hosted a community engagement event designed to inform the community about the programs and services offered by the department. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and had the chance to win numerous exciting door prizes!

A big shoutout to the incredible staff at N.E.S.T. for organizing this fantastic event! It is truly inspiring to see their dedication to keeping our community informed about the valuable programs and services available. Taking the initiative on bringing essential services for employment and training to our community. Below is some useful information shared during the engagement that community members may find helpful.

The Neyaskweyahk Employment Skills Training (NEST) program is here to support members of the Maskwacis Four Nations on their journey to meaningful employment. With a focus on building confidence and employability, NEST offers funding and support for training programs that lead directly to job opportunities. It operates under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS) in partnership with Service Canada.

### Who Is Eligible?

To apply, you must be:

- 18 years or older
- A registered citizen of one of the Four Nations of Maskwacis
- Living in the community for at least six months
- In possession of a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Applicants are prioritized based on their current status—whether continuing, new, or previously deferred. If you're already working, you may still qualify for short-term skill upgrades related to your current job.

### What Kind of Training Is Funded?

NEST supports short- and long-term training programs ranging from 8 to 52 weeks. Some examples include:

- Trades training (e.g., welding, carpentry, HEO)
- Early Childhood Development
- EMT, Addictions Counseling, Fire Training
- Office Administration

Short-term and walk-in training programs (as short as 1 to 30 days) are also eligible. However, university-level



diplomas, degrees, and any international training programs are not funded.

### What Financial Support Is Offered?

If your application is approved, you may be eligible for:

- Tuition funding (up to \$10,000)
- Daily attendance support (\$75/day)
- Rent or utility support (\$500/month)
- Room and board allowance (\$250/month)
- Childcare assistance (\$25/day or \$400/month per child)

Additional support for textbooks, supplies, exams, and some travel expenses may also be available. Funding is based on consistent attendance and submission of required documents.

### What Are My Responsibilities as a Client?

Once funded, clients are expected to:

- Maintain regular contact with NEST staff
- Submit timesheets, progress reports, and proof of attendance
- Notify NEST of any changes (address, contact info, program withdrawal, etc.)
- Complete their training and work in that field for at least one year before reapplying

Misuse of funds or failure to comply with program rules may lead to suspension from the program.

The NEST program is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable skills and take the next step in your career. For more information or to apply, visit the NEST office or speak with a NEST coordinator today.









# A.I.G HIGHLIGHTS



U15 'FIRST NATIONS' SOCCER- Bronze Medal



U13 'CHICKS WITH STICKS' Ball Hockey- Silver Medal



U15 MASKWACIS Basketball- Gold Medal



U14 'BEAR HILLS SHAMROCKS' Lacrosse- Gold Medal



U9 'SAMSON HAWKS' Soccer - Bronze Medal



U17 'BEAR HILLS SHAMROCKS' Lacrosse- Gold Medal



U18 'LOUIS BULL' Volleyball- Bronze Medal



U18 'JAYHAWKS' Slow Pitch - Bronze Medal

**DISCLAIMER:** PLEASE NOTE THAT WE PUT IN OUR BEST EFFORTS TO INCLUDE AS MANY E.C.N YOUTH WHO COMPETED IN A.I.G. 2024, IF WE MISSED ANYONE, IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION



## Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations



# PRESS RELEASE

### ***Treaty No. 6 First Nations fighting Alberta separatists in court***

*Confederacy prepares to seek intervener status in referendum question case*

**August 15, 2025 (Treaty No. 6 Territory)** — The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations will file an official application to intervene in the courts against a proposed referendum question regarding Alberta separating from Canada.

Court of King's Bench Justice Colin Feasby has ruled that a full hearing on the constitutionality of the question will take place. In solidarity with other Alberta First Nations, the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 holds the question of Alberta separation to be unconstitutional, illegal and a threat to Treaty. Separation of Alberta from Canada would be a breach of the Crown's Treaty with First Nations as set out in Treaty No. 6.

We will continue our unchanging opposition to separatist rhetoric and the idea that Alberta could consider separating from Canada. The push for separation is a direct violation of Treaty – which are sacred and legally binding commitments. It is also unconstitutional, posing a clear threat to Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* which protects First Nations Rights.

We will not be idle. Just as First Nations fought for the inclusion of Section 35 in the Constitution, we will continue to fight and oppose the reckless political posturing of this Alberta government and the so-called "Alberta Prosperity Project", who are in fact engaged in playing political games that endanger the future of all Albertans.

To those who stood with us and showed their solidarity with Treaty No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 in May at the Alberta legislature, stand with us now. We must continue to send the message that Treaty is not history — it is a living agreement that binds us all.

**Media Contact:** Brian Golightly | pipikwan pêhtâkwan |  
brian@pipikwanpehtakwan.com



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ermeskin Cree Nation

## WE ARE HIRING!

AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✓ Administrative Assistant the Ermeskin Neyaskweyahk Arena Dept.  
CLOSING: August 25, 2025
- ✓ Equipment Maintenance the Ermeskin Neyaskweyahk Arena Dept.  
CLOSING: August 25, 2025
- ✓ Board Member the Ermeskin Rural Electrification Association (REA) Board  
CLOSING: August 25, 2025
- ✓ Crisis Intervention Worker (CIW) with the Ermeskin Women's Shelter  
CLOSING: September 2, 2025  
\*Contract Term\*
- ✓ Groundskeeper with the Ermeskin Women's Shelter  
CLOSING: September 2, 2025  
\*Contract Term\*

APPLY NOW

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:

[faith@ermeskin.ca](mailto:faith@ermeskin.ca)



Join Our Team!

Full-time	Part-time
✓ Custodian	✓ Prep/Line Cook
	✓ Slot Attendant
	✓ Table Games Dealer

#### Basic Application Requirements:

- ✓ Cover Letter
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Criminal Record Check

#### Departmental Requirements:

- ✓ WHMIS-after 90 days (Custodian)
- ✓ Gaming Registration, Reel Facts (Optional), Deal Us in Phase 1, AML Certification and Lotto Learn (Slot Department)
- ✓ Gaming Registration, Deal Us In Phase 1 and AML Certification (Table Games)

AGLC SMART TRAINING COURSES CAN BE FOUND AT [www.smartprograms.aglc.ca](http://www.smartprograms.aglc.ca)

AML TRAINING COURSE CAN BE FOUND AT [www.amlcertification.aglc.ca](http://www.amlcertification.aglc.ca)

LOTTO LEARN CAN BE FOUND AT [www.lottolearn.ca](http://www.lottolearn.ca)

#### How to Apply:

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest in the position to [jobs@bearhillscasino.com](mailto:jobs@bearhillscasino.com) with the subject line "Custodian Application", "Prep/Line Cook Application", "Slot Attendant Application", "Table Games Dealer Application".

KKI PREVENTION  
PROGRAM PRESENTS:

## Lightning Family Indian Residential School Presentation

With Blanket Exercise



22  
Aug 2025

9:00AM -4:00PM

Wayside Inn Wetaskiwin, AB  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided

For Information Regarding Transportation &  
Registration Contact: [melina.a@kkamik.com](mailto:melina.a@kkamik.com)  
Minimum 30 Participants

RECOGNIZING & HONOURING THE HISTORY OF  
INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS.



## MASKWACIS AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

August 28, 2025

12 - 2pm

HBMC classroom

Special Presentation and Group Discussion on  
Back to School Preparedness with  
Kristen Swampy



**AGES 6 - 17**  
**12-2PM**  
**TUESDAY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
OPEN TO ALL 4 NATIONS YOUTH



## DON'T MISS THIS FREE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC!

IN COLLABORATION WITH ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS  
HOSTED BY THE CFL AND COACHED BY THE EDMONTON ELKS  
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY CAPITAL POWER



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52A AB-611  
MASKWAGIS, AB T4J 1K1

Taking Flight International Corporation



## Supporting Survivors of Sexual Trauma Certification Course

Facilitated by Dr. Jane Simington, PhD.

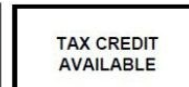
**September 2-5, 2025**

Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, Alberta  
3A St. Vital Ave, St. Albert, AB T8N 1K1

Organized by **Ermineskin Brighter Futures**  
Meals and accommodations will be provided.

During the teaching and learning experiences provided in this course you:

- Gain advanced knowledge and relevant theory of the immediate and long-term effects of sexual trauma on the body, mind, emotion, and spirit.
- Recognize the immediate and long-term grief and trauma reactions to sexual violence and use strategies to heal these responses.
- Advance abilities to provide supportive counselling strategies.



For more info and to register:  
Please call Brighter Futures reception @ 780-585-2000



ERMINESKIN BRIGHTER FUTURES PRESENTS:

# WĀPAN ACĀKWAK YOUTH GROUP

Art, Cree Language, and Land  
Based Education  
For Youth Ages 13+

**Fall  
Sessions**



Every Thursday Evening  
5-7 PM  
Begins August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025



wapanacakwak@outlook.com  
780-585-2000

Supper and Transportation provided

OPEN TO ERMINESKIN STAFF ONLY



Ermineskin

## 19TH ANNUAL STAFF GOLF TOURNAMENT

**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

BLACK BULL GOLF COURSE, MA-ME-O BEACH

**\$10K**  
HOLE IN ONE

**STEAK  
DINNER +  
AWARDS**

**9:15AM  
SHOTGUN  
START**

Prizes for :

**MENS KP  
WOMENS KP**

**LONGEST  
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DRIVE**

**HOLE-IN  
ONE  
SUPER KP**

**8:00am: Registration + Breakfast**  
**9:15am: Shotgun Start**  
**12:00-1:30pm: Lunch**  
**4:00pm: Steak Dinner + Awards**





# ERMINESKIN COUNCIL ELECTION 2025

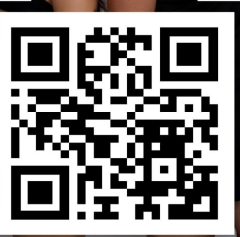
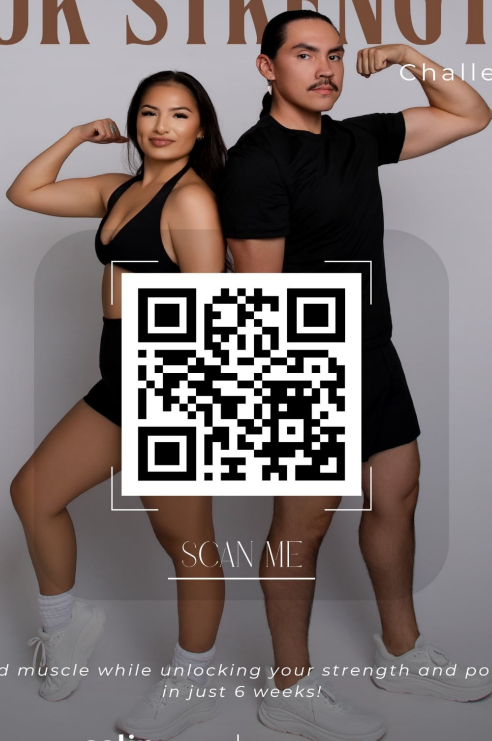
"ONE VOTE IS ALL IT  
TAKES TO MAKE CHANGE"

AUGUST 27TH, 2025  
9AM - 6PM  
LOCATION: N.O.K BUILDING

For more information:  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: (780) 585-3741



## RECLAIMING OUR STRENGTH Challenge



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Build muscle while unlocking your strength and power  
in just 6 weeks!

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## Pathways to Healthy Lifestyles Program



### ELK ISLAND TRIP

AUGUST 22, 2025  
FROM 9AM-3PM

9am - leave from  
Jim O. Parking Lot  
9:20am - stop @ Louis Bull  
Rec Center for pickup  
9:50am - stop at Pigeon  
Lake Library for pickup  
11:30am - arrive @ Elk Island  
have lunch  
12pm - Backstage Bison Tour  
1pm - Medicine Picking  
2pm - Leave Elk Island

\*\* Lunch will be provided\*\*



Kanawemahwasowin Kamik

Prevention Programs Presents:

## Colors Therapy WORKSHOP

With Nicole Lightning

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

- Lunch Provided
- Incentives Provided Upon Completion
- Maximum 10 Participants

Located at the Prevention Program  
Building



To Register Contact:

melina.a@kkamik.com

For Ermineskin Band  
Members & Residents  
Only (18+)





Candidate Nomination:  
**AUGUST 20TH, 2025**  
Council Election Date:  
**AUGUST 27TH, 2025**

## Ermineskin **FORUM** for Councillor Candidates:

**NEW  
UPDATE**

**AUGUST 25TH, 2025**  
**STARTING AT 10:00AM**  
**LOCATION: NOK BUILDING**

**NEW DATE!!**

Contact Robert Smallboy,  
External Affairs  
(780) 585-3741 or  
robert.smallboy@ermineskin.ca

Elections Officer:

Loretta J. Pete Lambert  
Chief Electoral Officer  
1-306-343-7383  
[petelambert@shaw.ca](mailto:petelambert@shaw.ca)

Come meet the Candidates!

*Ermineskin Community Wellness Presents:*

## **Understanding Yourself & Trauma**

September 16-18, 2025  
9:30AM - 4:00PM

Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin  
\*Limited spots available\*

\*Subject to change\*



Register with Ermineskin Community Wellness at (780)585-3741