

FIRE BAN IN EFFECT: Protecting Our Community and Lands

Ermineskin Cree Nation has implemented a year-round fire ban to help protect our community members, homes, and surrounding lands from the growing risk of wildfires and grass fires.

As of April 18, 2026, the fire ban includes strict restrictions on open burning. Community members are reminded that burning grass, garbage, yard waste, and open bonfires are not permitted. In addition, no burning is allowed when wind speeds exceed 15 km/h.

Limited fires are allowed only under controlled conditions, such as small, contained fires in approved fire pits or barbecues. Even then, fires must be kept small, safely contained, and well away from dry grass or structures.

These measures are in place to reduce the risk of fast-moving fires, especially during the spring season when conditions across Alberta are particularly dangerous.

Why Fire Bans Matter

Grassfires are one of the most common and fastest-spreading types of wildfires in Alberta. After the snow

melts, dry grass and vegetation become highly flammable. Even a small spark from a match, cigarette, or unattended fire can quickly grow out of control.

In Alberta, wildfire season begins as early as March 1, and many fires occur in the spring due to dry conditions and strong winds. Grassfires can travel across open fields, ditches, and roadways, sometimes reaching homes and communities within minutes.

Wind plays a major role in the spread of fire. Under windy conditions, flames can move rapidly and unpredictably, making them difficult to control even for trained firefighters. This is why restrictions on burning during periods of high wind are critical.

Human activity is also a leading cause of wildfires. Many grassfires are preventable and often start from unattended fires, improper burning, or discarded smoking materials.

Fire prevention is a shared responsibility. By respecting the fire ban, our members are helping to protect:

- Homes and infrastructure
- Wildlife and natural areas
- Elders, children, and future generations

Simple actions like avoiding open burning, properly disposing of cigarettes, and monitoring any approved fires can make a significant difference.

The Ermineskin Fire Department continues to work hard to protect the Nation, but prevention starts with each of us. Following fire restrictions is one of the most effective ways to reduce emergency risks and keep our community safe.

As we move into wildfire season, let's continue to look out for one another and take fire safety seriously. **Respect the fire ban. Prevent grassfires. Protect our Nation.**

Ermineskin FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- No Bonfires.
- No Burning Grass.
- No Burning lawns.
- No Burning Garbage.
- No Burning When Winds Exceed 15 km/hr.

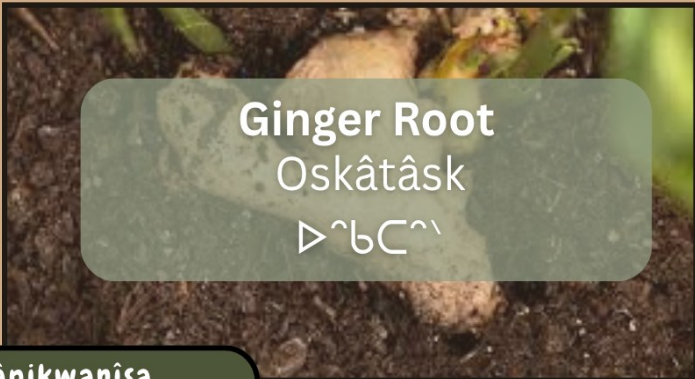
Permitted:
 BBQ: Small fires in purchased fire pits or a 1 Foot hole dug in the ground with large rocks around it where the fire is not to exceed 2 feet high from base of fire or be within 20yards/60feet of tall grass.



GREE CORNER

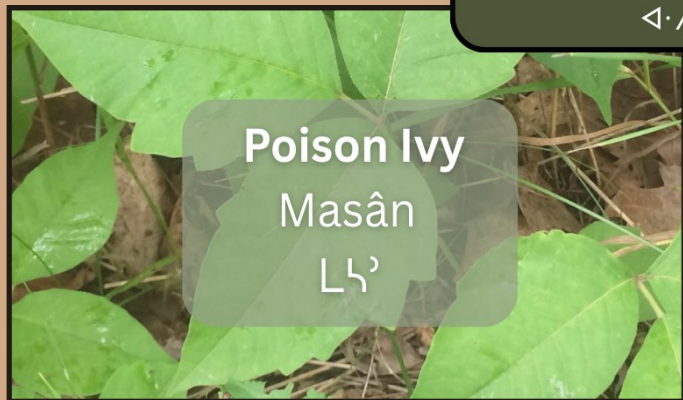


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Ginger Root
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Plants- Wâpikwanîsa
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Poison Ivy
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Rat Root
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May Issuance

April 29, 2026

Location: Ermineskin Mall Classroom

Time: 9:30AM – 4:00 PM

Please remember to bring any important documents for your caseworker to your appointment.

780-585-3835

Personal pick-up only



Attention

NEXT ISSUE

May 13th, 2026

Submission Deadline:

May 8, 2026

kayla@erminekin.ca



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY!
ECN celebrates Administrative Professionals Day and takes a moment to recognize the incredible individuals who keep everything running smoothly here in Ermineskin Cree Nation.

Your dedication, organization, and attention to detail do not go unnoticed. Whether you're coordinating schedules, supporting leadership, or helping community members every day, your work is essential and deeply valued. Thank you for your hard work, your patience, and the care you bring to everything you do. You are the backbone of our operations and a vital part of our community.

We appreciate you today and every day!



Thank You Essential Services!

Let's take a moment to recognize and celebrate the incredible individuals who keep our community in Ermineskin running strong. Staff celebrated on April 24, 2026, with a delicious BBQ potluck, where everyone gathered to play games and win prizes!

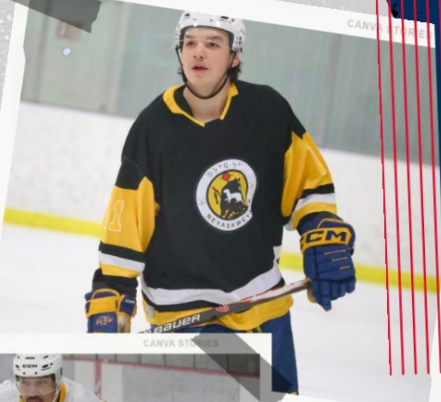
To our teams in Public Works, Security, Technical Services, and the Fire Department, thank you. Your dedication, long hours, and commitment do not go unnoticed. Whether you're maintaining our infrastructure, keeping our community safe, ensuring our systems run smoothly, or responding in times of emergency, you are the backbone of our daily lives.

We are proud to create and share these memories to honour the hard work, resilience, and heart you bring to everything you do. From early mornings to late nights, through every season and every challenge, we appreciate you. Thank you for all that you do for our community.



ALBERTA SENIOR NATIVE PROVINCIALS 2026

HIGHLIGHTS



SR MEN'S PROVINCIAL CHAMPS

From Survival to Strength: The Journey of Sunshine Roan

In every community, there are stories of resilience that quietly reshape what people believe is possible. Sunshine Roan of Ermineskin Cree Nation carries one of those stories, a journey marked by hardship, healing, and ultimately, transformation into a thriving entrepreneur and devoted mother.

Her path was not easy. Like many who face addiction and homelessness, Sunshine endured periods where life felt overwhelming and uncertain. Yet even in those darkest moments, there were small but powerful seeds of change being planted. ***“The encouragement from my support system played an important role in my growth,” she reflects. “With strong support, difficult situations become more manageable and less overwhelming.”***



Support, however, was only one part of the equation. There came a moment, a turning point she could not ignore, when the weight of addiction became impossible to carry any longer. Years of substance use began to take a serious toll on her mental health. ***“I started hearing voices, and I knew that that was not normal,” she shares. “That was when I needed to change.”*** What followed was an unsettling shift in how she saw herself. ***“I started noticing myself turn from a happy, bubbly self to me disassociating from everyone... thinking that I smelled so bad that nobody wanted to be around me, when in fact, it was just all in my head.”***

That awareness, though painful, became a turn-

ing point. It marked the beginning of her decision to reclaim her life.

Sunshine’s healing journey was not one she walked alone. Deeply rooted in her experience is the strength of community and family. Access to community resources helped guide her toward opportunities she might never have otherwise explored. ***“If it wasn’t for income support pushing me to take courses, I wouldn’t have found my passion,”*** she explains. Those small steps at first opened doors to a new sense of purpose.

At the heart of her recovery stands her family, especially her sister. ***“My family has been my primary source of support... my sister’s unwavering determination and encouragement played a big part in my recovery,”*** she says. ***“She has become my best friend through all of this.”*** This foundation of love and accountability gave Sunshine the stability she needed to rebuild her life piece by piece.

As she began to heal, Sunshine also began to redefine what strength meant to her. Where once strength meant simply surviving, today it reflects growth, resilience, and self-awareness. ***“My strength has significantly improved,”*** she says. ***“Previously, I struggled to be around anything that might trigger moments of weakness... but as an Indigenous woman, our strengths can be very powerful. I’m glad I’ve overcome my weakness to be as strong as I am today.”***



Sunshine Roan and her daughter Harlow Carson-Roan.



That strength eventually led her to discover a passion that would change everything.

What started as an interest in lashes and makeup quickly became something more meaningful. It wasn't just about beauty; it was about connection, confidence, and transformation.

"It made me feel good about what I had to offer my clients and how they felt leaving my chair," Sunshine explains. ***"From that, I found my love and passion for this industry."***

With determination, she pursued certifications and expanded her skills, building a business rooted in both talent and purpose. Today, her work represents far more than financial independence. ***"It represents my independence and my strengths,"*** she says. ***"It also ensures safety for my daughter and me."***

Transitioning from survival mode into entrepreneurship came with its own challenges. Rebuilding stability required patience, persistence, and continued reliance on her support system. ***"Probably just getting back on my feet again,"*** she admits. But through it all, one thing remained constant: ***"My family has consistently provided me with support in all aspects of my life."***

Now, success carries a deeper meaning. It's not measured solely in business growth, but in the

life she is creating for herself and her child. ***"Achieving this milestone signifies not only a personal accomplishment but also a positive impact on my daughter's future,"*** she shares. Her vision is forward-looking and grounded in growth. ***"I am committed to continuous improvement... my annual objective involves establishing and attaining new professional goals."***



Sunshine Roan's journey is a powerful reminder that transformation is possible, even in the face of immense struggle. Her story speaks to the strength found in community, the importance of self-driven change, and the resilience carried within Indigenous women.

For those who may find themselves where she once stood, her message is clear and deeply personal: ***"If you want to get better, you have to change for yourself and only yourself. Once you make that change for yourself, all other aspects in your life will align naturally."***

Today, Sunshine stands not only as a business owner of **"Lashed by Sunshine"** but as a symbol of perseverance, proof that even from the hardest beginnings, a new future can be built with courage, support, and belief in oneself.



Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations STATEMENT

CONFEDERACY OF TREATY NO. 6 REJECTS BILL C-21 AS ILLEGAL AND AGAINST TREATY

April 24, 2026 (Treaty No. 6 Territory) – The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations stands in unity with all First Nations in voicing our rejection of Bill C-21, An Act to give effect to the Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. This illegal piece of federal legislation is moving to second reading without the consent or involvement of First Nations, whose Treaty Rights are impacted directly.

This Bill will create division between Indigenous Peoples by jeopardizing the inherent Land rights of First Nations – setting a precedent for groups like the Red River Métis to claim Land already protected by Treaty. We respect and recognize the inherent right of self-governance Métis Peoples hold, but not at the expense of First Nations and Treaty. We are the Rights Holders. No legislation can create layers of new rights over our own. No legislation can create new forms of jurisdiction over Treaty Lands. Bill C-21 illegally proposes to do both of these.

Section 35 of the Charter stipulates that Canada or the Crown must consult with First Nations before taking action that will impact Treaty rights. Due to lack of consultation with First Nations, Bill C-21 is a step backwards from the Government of Canada’s commitment to reconciliation.

The Treaty relationship is a sacred Nation to Nation bond protecting Land, Treaty and Inherent Rights. A precedent that erodes the Rights of any Treaty Territory sets the stage for further assaults on us all, Treaties 1-11. We know this and stand in unity with all Treaty Nations in rejecting the illegal Bill C-21. We continue to demand true consultation with First Nations on any legislation that may impact our Lands, Peoples and Treaty and Inherent Rights.

Treaty is forever.

Grand Chief Joey Pete
Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations



JOB OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ermineskin Cree Nation

WE ARE HIRING!

April 28, 2026

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✔ **Board Member with the Ermineskin Rural Electrification Association (REA) Board**
CLOSING: April 29, 2026
- ✔ **Housekeeper/Cook with the Ermineskin Women's Shelter**
CLOSING: April 29, 2026
- ✔ **Receptionist with the Ermineskin Property Management Department**
CLOSING: May 12, 2026
- ✔ **Journeyman Plumber with the Ermineskin Property Management Department**
CLOSING: May 12, 2026
- ✔ **Tribal Administrator with the Ermineskin Administration Department**
CLOSING: May 6, 2026 *3yr. Contract Term*
- ✔ **Journeyman Carpenter with the Ermineskin Property Management Department**
CLOSING: May 12, 2026

APPLY NOW



HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER

Work Experience

PROGRAM

2026

S.W.E.P. is for Full-Time Ermineskin Students in High School. INAC Summer Work Experience Program's goal is to support activities and training that will assist students in acquiring the essential skills that will help them gain employment, function well in the workplace and learn about job/career options.

GROUP ONE: JUNE 30, 2026 - JULY 27, 2026

GROUP TWO: JULY 28, 2026 - AUGUST 24, 2026

REQUIREMENTS:

- Ermineskin Band Member
- **Ages: 15-19 years of age**
- **Must work Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm**
- MUST HAVE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION
- Must Provide SIN #
- Must be enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year
- Provide grades and courses of completed classes

APPLY NOW



(780) 585-4006

millie@ermineskin.ca

Ermineskin P&R Building
(Across the Admin Building)

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
June 19, 2026



IMPORTANT NOTE:

1. Applications are **ONLY AVAILABLE AS A HARD COPY.**
2. Applications can **ONLY BE SUBMITTED AS A HARD COPY.**

POST-SECONDARY

SUMMER

Work Experience

PROGRAM

2026

S.W.E.P. is for Full-Time, Post-Secondary Ermineskin Students who are in college or university. INAC Summer Work Experience Program's goal is to support activities and training that will assist students in acquiring the essential skills that will help them gain employment, function well in the workplace and learn about job/career options.

MAY 19, 2026 - AUGUST 24, 2026

REQUIREMENTS:

- Ermineskin Band Member
- **Ages: 18-30 Years**
- Full-time Post-Secondary Student
- **Must work Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm**
- MUST HAVE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION
- Must Provide SIN #
- Must be enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year
- Provide unofficial transcripts

APPLY NOW



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Kanawemahwasowin Kamik Inc.

Family Wellness Presents:

Youth Night ages 12-17

BECOMING LEADERS ROOTED IN CREE VALUES

A youth night dedicated to grow strong leaders through the 7 Cree Values, empowering youth to lead with culture, confidence and purpose

May 6, 13, 20, 27
5 pm - 8 pm

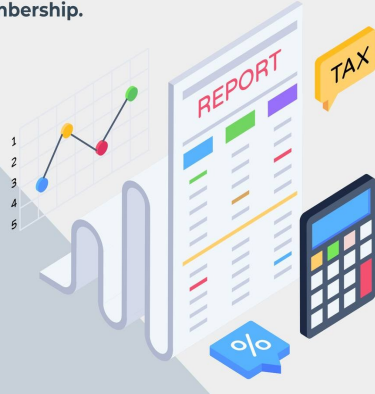
Light Refreshments and Supper Provided

To sign up:
melina.a@kkamik.com
Registration and Consent will be on site

Ermineskin 2023-2024 Audit Presentation



MNP will be presenting the March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024 Ermineskin Cree Nation Consolidated Audited Financial Statements. This presentation is open to all membership.



May 7th at the NOK building from 5:30pm to 7:30pm



ALL ARE WELCOME

Voices of Strength & Resilience

May 05 & 06, 2026

Bear Park, Maskwacis AB

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lunch & snacks provided

MAY 05 at 9:00 am
WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
In Honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-spirited people
WALKING FROM Maskwacis Mall ->Bear Park

May 05- Day 1 Featuring: **Konwatsitsawi Meloche, of Kahnawà:ke**
May 06- Day 2 Featuring: **Guest Speakers and Story Telling**

Any questions call Ermineskin Women's Shelter
780-585-4470

First 130 people will receive SWAG bags

EQUINE DENTAL HORSE CLINIC

- Deworming
- Dental
- Vaccinations
- Minor care

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

MAY 2nd & 3rd

ALL HORSES MUST BE
HAULED IN BY OWNERS
NO TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE.

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY
VERBAL HARRASMENT OR
BEHAVIOUR

• More
Info

Panee Memorial Agriplex
Maskwacis, Alberta

Taylor Buffalo
639-840-3814



You're Invited



EETF
ERMINESKIN EDUCATION TRUST FUND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 30TH, 2026

LOCATION: N.O.K. BUILDING
TIME: 5PM - 7PM

LIGHT SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED

DOOR PRIZES TO BE WON AT THE END OF THE
PRESENTATIONS

ZOOM LINK TO BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON. LINK AVAILABLE ON
EETF FACEBOOK PAGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE: 780-585-2135
EMAIL: COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

KKI MONTHLY SWEATS!



KKI invites families to participate in monthly sweat lodge ceremonies focused on healing, cultural connection, and wellness. All families who are looking to engage in ceremony are welcome!

****Sweats will be held at KKI Early Childhood Wellness!**

Open to all ECN families/youth and residents, open to individual family sweats!

***Ages (12-17) must be accompanied by an adult**

DATES:

MAY 2 ND	SEPTEMBER 5 TH
JUNE 6 TH	OCTOBER 3 RD
JULY 4 TH	NOVEMBER 7 TH
AUGUST 1 ST	DECEMBER 5 TH

📍 **LOCATION:** EARLY CHILDHOOD WELLNESS

START TIME: 2PM ON THE DAY(S) SCHEDULED

More info: call (780) 585-3721 ask for Andrea or email andrea.m@kkamik.com

4TH ANNUAL
MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER TEA DANCE

May 21, 2026, Thursday
1:00 PM

NOK Building

HONORING OUR PAST AND PRESENT CLIENTS

RECREATION

AGES 6-13

Arts & Crafts Club

"LIMITED SPOTS"

5PM - 7PM

THURSDAYS

JIM RS SPORTS BUILDING

(780) 585-3088

2026

DROP-IN FLOOR HOCKEY

with Kaedin Larocque-Wolfe

MONDAYS
Starting APRIL 27, 2026

Time:
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location:
Jim RS Building

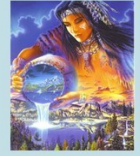
Contact:
(780) 585-3088

Ermineskin Food Bank 11th Annual Highway Clean-up

Saturday, May 2, 2026



Families working together for a beautiful Nation.



Paying respect to Mother Earth

Neyaskweyahk, Pride



Teams will be paid, and are encouraged to use their own vehicles. Single participants requiring transportation are welcome. Bags, gloves, safety vests, vehicle safety signs, masks, snacks and water will be provided. No children under 9 years old please. For more information or to register, please call 780-585-2377 and leave your name and number. Participants should be at the Food Bank between 8:30 and 10:00 am.



ERMINESKIN HEALTH & WELLNESS PRESENTS

Mother's Day Celebration

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
ERMINESKIN ARENA

Registration at Event

First (150) Mother's

For More Info Contact
ECN Health & Wellness at (780)585-2000



Special Guest:
Psychic Medium
Lynne Sullivan!

**Please Note:
Event is for Mothers only, No Children and Spouses*

**Subject to Change*

ECN Band Members
Only Please

Live Entertainment!

Photo Booth

Massages

Games

Prizes

Ermineskin Cree Nation is not responsible for any loss, theft, accidents, injury, forces of nature, or vandalism