



Community Newsletter

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Wachay! Fox Lake *Ney-hwee-nee-no-wuk* !

Wachay!

Another summer season has come to an end and it has been a busy one. There has been a number of community, regional, Mushkegowuk, Council, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), provincial and national events.

One of the hot topics these days is the buzz around Probe Mines. I have been getting regular updates and making sure that nothing is done without the consent of Chapleau Cree. Probe has been very agreeable to working together. They have funded an Elder's committee that has been created with two Elders from each of the surrounding First Nations to meet and visit the site so it is not being damaged in anyway. First Nations and Probe have started discussions around funding for the Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) negotiation, however, before we enter into any form of negotiations we need to have a ceremony on the land to seek permission from the ancestors and that there is no sacred cultural site such as burial sites at the Probe project area.

We must continue to focus on moving towards being self-governing by working together to make the world a better place. I also remain committed to resolving our historical issues with the Crown through a pro-active reconciliation approach, including the advancement of our Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) claim.

Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)

The Treaty Land Entitlement process is progressing. We are still currently in the negotiating stages and continue to move forward in preparing for future stages such as community consultations and compensation negotiation.

When the team has an offer that they know is the best they can negotiate, it will be presented to membership for a referendum that we anticipate happening early in the New Year (2015).

Dealing with the Ontario has its challenges but we continue to pressure them. Canada has been open to working with us and has been very proactive throughout this entire process. The challenge in dealing with both levels of government is that they do not have a vested interest in the land. We are passionate about our land; it is sacred to us and has huge potential in the future of Chapleau Cree and the seven generations.

Ontario is at the end of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and have started the descriptive mapping that the surveyor needs for the land to be transferred to reserve. This is a lengthy process that will happen after settlement but Chapleau Cree will have use of the land in the interim period before additions to the reserve is complete.

One of the requirements that are involved in a TLE Settlement is that we have a trust in order to manage the monetary part of settlement in the best way for the future generations. Chapleau Cree sent out a posting this past summer for TLE Trust Committee Members, we had a number of applicants and although it was with difficulty with a number qualified applicants 5 band members have been selected;

Larry Cachagee, Wade Cachagee, Erin Corston, Kelly McAuley and Brian Ritchie

The Committee will work with CCFN Council and legal counsel in drafting the Terms and Conditions for our Trust.

As the progress develops there will be more Information Sessions held and I urge you to attend and be engaged as this process belongs to the people of Chapleau Cree.

I will continue to work hard for the membership by advancing our position in every area. Our ancestors made treaty with the new comers and we must never allow both levels of governments to ignore their fiduciary duty.

A treaty is a legal binding document between two sovereign nations on how to share, co-exist and live in harmony. We have honoured our part of the treaty, they have not.

Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs' Forum (NSRCF)

I have been the chairman for the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs' (NSRCF) that includes three other First Nations that has huge benefits for all communities involved. Over the last several months, the NSRCF has continued to advance its regional reconciliation agenda from a traditional Aboriginal perspective. With a working budget that has been averaging about a million dollars a year, strategic projects are moving forward in the areas of government-to-government relationship building, economic development, environmental stewardship, capacity building and cultural renewal, consistent with the Medicine Wheel model.

With respect to government-to-government relationship building, the NSRCF is advancing the first resource revenue sharing pilot project in the history of Ontario, building on a seven point plan that has been endorsed by the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF). The results of this exercise are not binding; it is merely a two year exercise that looks at what a healthy resource revenue sharing arrangement would look like.

A culturally appropriate evaluation framework has been developed as a means of properly assessing the lessons learned from the pilot project as it shifts from a temporary to perhaps a permanent arrangement over the course of the next two years.

The results of the exercise will be shared with the membership before any formal decision is made by the leadership. The goal is to replicate the process over time within the mining and energy sectors. Tied to the government-to-government relationship building agenda is the Northeast Superior Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence (NS-ESFL) development process was recently approved for Forest Futures Trust funding.

The strategic objectives of this exercise include increasing the size of the regional wood fibre basket so that we may take a softer approach to forestry within the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve (CCGP) without adversely affecting the economic bottom line of our forestry partners. The geography of the exercise involves the Magpie Forest, the Martel Forest, likely the entire CCGP as well as the upper portion of the Algoma Forest. This exercise will therefore allow for a single forestry licence to cover the CCGP rather than the five that currently make it difficult to manage it properly. Tied to this is the advancement of the CCGP Conservation Economy agenda that looks at ways to generate wealth from the land while re-building ecological integrity through such ideas as value-added forestry, non-timber forest products and value added tourism. The ESFL will be governed by a board of directors that will include direct First Nation representation as a means of ensuring that our economic and environmental interests are properly recognized.

The NSRCF strategic economic agenda continues to advance on a number of fronts with forestry sector activities leading the way. Business-to-business arrangements have been made with Tembec and Rentech and a regional economic planning council is being investigated as a means of advancing specific business opportunities. Chapleau Cree First Nation continues to explore the merits of leading the regional business centre concept as a centre of excellence in support of this agenda. Discussions are now evolving into profit sharing considerations with the main regional forestry partners and efforts are also moving forward to expand this approach to the mining and energy sectors.

The NSRCF environmental stewardship agenda is also moving forward, supported by a First Nations led forest management planning pilot project and a strategic environmental assessment agenda for the CCGP that is built on the principle of First Nations free, prior and informed consent. A second moose aerial survey is proposed for the CCGP this winter in support of continuing with the advancement of the NSRCF moose recovery strategy. A regional fish restocking program is also being investigated along with a regional energy conservation exercise. The NSRCF is also looking at a water source protection agenda from a centres of excellence approach as well as a related mining agenda that deals with legacy and abandoned mine sites and a mine closure plan regime that is based on free, prior and informed consent.

The focal point of the regional cultural renewal agenda being advanced by the NSRCF Elders Council remains the protection of Manitou Mountain. A protection plan has been developed for this area and has been approved by the Province of Ontario. The methodology for a regional cultural mapping exercise continues to be advanced and includes the identification of culturally significant sites and attributes.

In summary, the NSRCF relationship building exercise is shifting the way in which government and industry relate to First Nations in the region. The process is slow, plagued with numerous challenges, but continues to move forward. There is still work to do in operationalizing these building blocks over the course of the next two years, particularly as the ESFL governance and business model development process and the resource revenue sharing pilot project advance. There is also much work to be done in building a better relationship with our regional municipal partners. In the meantime, the NSRCF process is gaining national and international recognition and is being studied closely in Atlantic Canada in support of dealing with ongoing Aboriginal fishery issues, by Environment Canada in dealing with the protection of the Great Lakes, and elsewhere. As a testament to the importance of the NSRCF process, Dr. David Robinson of Laurentian University, Chairman of the Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development (INORD), recently referred to it as the single most important strategic initiative being advanced in Ontario at this time.

**Meegwetch,
Chief Keeter Corston**

Band Administrators Report Fall 2014

Wachey, with the creation of a position to address the Chapleau Cree First Nation (CCFN) communications strategy, it is our intention to reinstate a quarterly newsletter for the benefit of our membership. With a position dedicated to gathering and disseminating information we will strive to keep our band members up to date on the business and activities of the Chapleau Cree First Nation.

With the hosting of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Annual General Meeting (AGM), the CCFN Children's Summer (Cultural) Camp at Racine Lake and our annual Pow Wow; as well as our day to day business, the Fox Lake Reserve was a busy and bustling community of activity. We were grateful to receive recognition from NOSM and able to highlight our three local doctors that now reside in our area and have set up practice to meet the needs of our local population. This along with regular clinic days in our community has advanced our access to local health care as well as education and prevention programming.



Northern Ontario School of Medicine AGM

Through successful proposal submissions the CCFN is able to improve access to our public buildings for mobile

impaired people with the installation of automatic doors that are now accessible with the push of a button. This as well as the acceptance of our proposal to the Aboriginal Conservation Program has ensured that qualifying home owners will receive upgrades to assist with the cost of electricity by supplying energy efficient bulbs, appliances and if necessary insulation.

With the assistance of the Professional and Institutional Development Program, the CCFN was able to procure the services of a band member consultant to assist with the development of the Communication Policy, a document designed to assist with the timely and accurate presentation of information for our members.



A Thank you presentation to Dr. Doris Mitchell from Chief Corston and Councillors Marjorie Lee and Norma Caldwell

Chapleau and Area Doctors:
Dr. Doris Mitchell
Dr. Kendra Saari
Dr. Steven Saari



BRAINSTORMING



MNO Senator Bob MacKay,
NOSM Association Dean of Community Engagement,
Dr. David Marsh and wife

The issue of Trihalomethanes (THM) in our water continues to be addressed with our main funding agent, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). A site assessment has been completed by Northern Water Works, a designate of AANDC. We have consulted with an independent engineering firm to assess and oversee the assessment and will be taking our solutions to our funding agent. A teleconference is scheduled for October 30, 2014. This issue continues to be at the forefront of our attention and we are diligently working towards a resolution.

The Chief and Council are working with local area industry and businesses to ensure the CCFN is involved with any development taking place in our traditional territory.

- Probe Mines,
- Xeneca Power Generation and
- HydroMega Services continue to work closely with the CCFN on projects they are considering in our area.

We have also established a working Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Workforce, a division of the Morris Group of Companies, to ensure that the CCFN can assist in securing employment for our members when projects move into the construction and actuation stages.

We continue to offer various training and employment opportunities with the assistance of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council. Please like our Facebook page and be kept informed of any employment opportunities that become available. We will migrate more information onto our webpage as our communications person becomes more familiar with the web design.

Chapleau Cree First Nation Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Saturday November 8th, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Band Office. We will have an update presentation of our Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) progress.

We hope to see you there!

As always, I am available for any questions or inquiries, please feel free to contact me.

Miigwetch
 Brian Edwards
 Band Administrator



Chapleau Cree First Nation Issuance of Certificate of Indian Status

NEW PROCEDURES

As per Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)

Identification Requirements to obtain a Status Card at any First Nation

All applicants must provide:

2 pieces of identification

Or

1 piece of identification and 1 Guarantor Form



Acceptable ID Includes:

- Drivers Licence
- Health Card
- Birth Certificate
- Fire Arms Licence
- Provincial ID Card
- Student ID Card
- Nexus Card
(counts as 2 pieces)
- Passport (counts as 2 pieces)

Unacceptable ID Includes:

- Social Insurance (SIN) Card
- Photocopy of ID
- Bank Card
- Expired Card
- (Exception: Status card can be expired for up to 6 months)

Any questions or concerns please call the Membership Clerk at the Band Office (705) 864-0784

No Mandatory ID?

Call 1-800-567-9604

- ♦ Advise the call centre representative that you want to obtain a **Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD)**.
- ♦ There will be a series of questions to confirm your identity; then a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document will be mailed to you
- ♦ This document will state your registration number and can be used in place of a Status Card to access benefits and services.

Membership Report



- If you have legally changed your name, it cannot be changed on your Status Card unless you submit the appropriate documents.
- Contact us regarding life events such as Births, Marriages and Divorce.
- It is important to submit Death Certificates of deceased family members as their death cannot be registered with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) without a certificate.
- In order to receive written communication from us, please ensure to update your address when you move.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Can I cross the United States border using the paper laminated Certificate of Indian Status?

At this time you can still use your Status Card to cross the border by land and water only. The U.S. border officials will accept both the older and newer form of Status Cards as valid identity documents. However, the United States can, at their discretion, terminate this option at any time.

*A valid passport is required to enter the United States by air.

Can I apply for a new Secure Certificate of Indian Status card from CCFN through the mail?

No. First Nation Indian Registry Administrators (Membership Clerks) can only issue Status Cards to members who apply in person however, you can apply for a Status Card via mail from an Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Regional office.

Where can I get the new Status Card?

The new Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) is available at the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada headquarters in Hull Quebec or at any Regional Office.

Do you know about the J-Treaty?

The Jay Treaty is an agreement signed in 1794 between Great Britain and the United States that provided American Indians the freedom to travel across the international border. This obligation is now codified in the Immigration and Nationality Act (Section 289). Aboriginals born in Canada are therefore entitled to enter the United States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing and/or immigration without having to apply for a Visa. Eligible persons must provide evidence of at least 50% Aboriginal ancestry to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection Officer at the port of entry.



***Members can obtain a written statement from Chapeau Cree as evidence of their ancestry.**

You will also be required to provide photograph identification such as a driver's license or passport when crossing the border.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Band Membership or Education, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email at lynn.turner@chapeaucree.ca

Lynn Turner
Education Counsellor
Indian Registry Administrator

Health Report ~ September/October 2014

Greetings to all our Band members!!! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the beautiful fall colours. We, at health, would like to encourage everyone to get out and get active during the fall and winter months, which can have a multitude of positive health benefits.

During the course of 2014 we have offered various types of programming which have ranged from foot care services to “Train the Trainer” workshops for traditional and herbal medicines. Other activities included the Youth Cultural camp, informative lunch and learn sessions, traditional craft workshops, weight loss/healthy eating programs, nutrition bingos, senior’s activation activities and snack and yak programs for our youth.

In this newsletter issue, we would like to highlight the traditional medicine training program, the official title of which is **“Ancient Wisdom of Healing”**. Three participants, who were prepared to return to our community and share their knowledge were selected and have attended four sessions thus far with the final class in October. This program of “plant therapy/traditional medicines” is taught by Ernestine McLeod, Anishinaabe Traditional Healer. There will be a lunch and learn held in November for these individuals to share their knowledge with the community as well as ongoing workshops in the coming months. It is important that we have our own people trained to share information on traditional medicine on a regular basis. Should you have any questions in regards to any traditional medicines, please contact our office.



1. SORTING THE PINES

Making
Seven Pine
Medicine



3. STRAIN LIQUID



2. COOK FOR 2 HOURS



4. CANNING

Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT)

Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health (FNIH) branch continue to make changes to their funded programs and the most recent change was to the Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT) program. The most significant change in this program is the introduction of the new form of methadone called Methadose, as of September 1, 2014, pharmacists are no longer authorized to prepare and dispense the powder form of methadone and clients will be transitioned to the new dosing.

Another notable change in the policy from Health Canada is how the Suboxone treatment is covered through First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) as of September 15, 2014. This treatment will be made more readily available for clients requiring assistance in treating drug addictions. In the past, FNIHB only provided coverage for this treatment under special circumstances. Should you have any questions in regards to any of these changes, please speak to your Doctor, Pharmacist or closest Health Canada regional office.

October is mental health month and we leave you with the following excerpt from the Health Canada website,

“Healthy living means making positive choices that enhance your personal physical, mental and spiritual health. You make these choices when you:

Eat nutritiously, choosing a variety of foods from all of the food groups as suggested by Canada's Food Guide;

Build a circle of social contacts to create a supportive environment of people who care for you and respect you;

Stay physically active to keep your body strong, reduce stress, and improve your energy.

Choose not to smoke; and put an end to other negative lifestyle practices.”

(Health Canada, 2014)

As always, we enjoy seeing our clients at our activities, so come-on out and participate and get involved in your community. Should you have any suggestions for future workshops or programming, please contact us as we would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peggy Domingue
Healthcare Coordinator

Our Community Wellness Team



Julie Charron, Peggy Domingue, Marjorie Lee, Sandy Ruffo, Marilyn Sutherland (Facilitator), Tracy Martin, Bobby Sutherland (Facilitator)



Cultural Camp 2014

This year was the fourth year that Chapleau Cree has organized the Cultural Camp. What made this year so special was that it was fully arranged by Chapleau Cree staff and some of our own members were teachers.

We have built four trapper style buildings at Racine Lake; one for girls, one for boys, one for visiting teachers/facilitators and one for the kitchen. Each sleep building is furnished with bunk beds (must bring your own mattress) and a wood stove. This year there were 14 youth ranging in age from 5-14 years and boy they were kept busy.

Their teachings included the building of the Sweat Lodge. The children participated in the gathering of the grandmothers and grandfathers; the branches for the sweat and the cedar for the floor. The boys and girls worked together. Each had their own sweat, the boys with Don McLeod and the girls with Ernestine McLeod. With an offering of tobacco and white broadcloth during the sweat, there was a naming ceremony and some children received their native name and colours.

Arts and crafts included painting, making bracelets/necklaces and a turtle shell rattles.

The weather was perfect. The kids had swimming lessons (thank you Ellen Jardine), kayaking, lacrosse and a pontoon ride courtesy of Chief Keeter. Thank you to Tim Raposo and Tony Ruffo for taking the kids out fishing, (some for the first time) and between the two boats the kids caught a whopping 25 fish. The kids had an absolute BLAST!!

A warm thank you goes out to the teachers...

Marjorie Lee who played drum and sang with the kids, Joan Cachagee teachings and medicine walk, Chief Keeter sweat and fireside teachings (and got the generators started early every morning) and to Ernestine and Don McLeod medicine walk and sweat lodge.

This was a real community event, from summer students, Jamie Fortin and Cassidy Fortin...to chaperones Cheryl Cachagee and Amanda Domingue who made sure the kids ate, dressed, slept, played and of course were kept safe.

And let's not forget the absolutely great food prepared by Sandra Ruffo and Terry Mercier. The menu included everything from oatmeal, bacon and eggs...to sandwiches, spaghetti, soup, Indian tacos, an abundance of fruits, vegetables and desserts. Even the pickiest of palates had no problem eating.

Thank you to our very own public works crew, Brad Mercier, Ian Fortin, Robert Fortin and summer student Mathew Fletcher.

And of course, the Health Centre staff, Tracy Martin, Peggy Domingue, Denise Fortin and Lorraine Desormiers who took on this task to make sure that our kids not only had fun but would leave camp with lasting wonderful memories...

"Mission Accomplished"



What we did this Summer



CULTURAL CAMP





Seniors' Camp Day at Connie and Lou Martin's

Connie and Lou have been inviting the Chapleau Cree First Nation seniors to their camp for almost 10 years. Their camp is on Como Lake but is off the beaten path and a little hard to find **if you've not been there before.**

This year I had the privilege of joining our seniors. Since camp day was in September the weather was a little cool; Connie arrived before us and got the wood stove going. In the past there were rides on the Martin pontoon boat; this year everyone was happy to just stay indoors with snacks and hot tea and coffee.

Lasagne and Caesar salad was on the menu for lunch and some of the best homemade butter tarts made with love by our very own Denise Fortin.

Over the years the seniors have enjoyed homemade Chinese food, barbecue hot dogs, hamburgers and steak which included potato, macaroni and green salads.

Of course what would living in Chapleau be without a "fresh fish fry" (we are lucky!!) thanks to Lori and Robert (Boum) who one year served up the tastiest fish.

There is always something special for lunch on camp day; I believe they haven't had the same menu twice.

No matter how big or small the group, you can be sure this get together is loaded in laughter and storytelling. Sharing memories of days gone by with a little hint of town gossip is "priceless".

This has become an annual event...and you're always invited. So check the calendar and if you're going to be in Chapleau when we have "Senior's Camp Day at Connie and Lou's"... be sure to JOIN US! By Roxanne



MUKESO HOUSE HAS BEEN RENOVATED

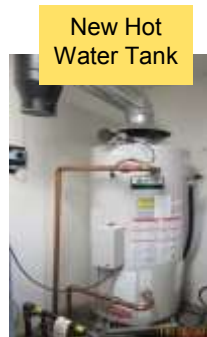


Mukeso House is our six unit senior's complex. It was built in the early 1990's. It is a beautiful building. This year it received some new upgrades. New siding and insulation was added and replace existing cedar siding originally installed.

Then a new hot water take and furnace. The Mukeso House was originally designed with independent oil fired furnaces that serviced each individual apartment. This method of heating became costly and difficult to service as many oil systems used for heating have become antiquated in design. To alleviate this problem the Chief and Council explored options and alternatives to provide a reliable heating source keeping in mind future maintenance and costs.

The installation of a propane fired boiler system meets the current and future needs of this band owned asset. Residence can now enjoy the comfort of clean and efficient heating from this new system. The new boiler systems provide the individual apartments with control allowing the residents to set their own comfort level in their living quarters.

What's next...new roof, attic insulation and decks.



Community Communications Assistant

I've been recently hired as the Communications Assistant. I am a CCFN Band Member.

I moved to Chapleau October 2013. While I am here I hope to gain more knowledge of my Aboriginal background and to learn more about my ancestors and traditional ways.

In August I had the honour to go into the bush with an elder to pick and learn about different medicines. Currently, my tasks are to maintain our CCFN Website and Facebook page. Also, I am in the process of doing research on different web designers so band members can easily navigate throughout the website.

In communications we will be striving to get our band members the information they need. If you have any questions or want more information about something in this newsletter we'll be happy to help. I'm looking forward to working for you.

Thank you,
Dezirae Van Horne (Cachagee)
ccfn.comm@chapleau Cree.ca



What we did this Summer



Powwow





St. John Indian Residential School Commemoration Ceremony



Chapleau Cree First Nation continues to oversee the ongoing maintenance of the residential school cemetery which includes annual site maintenance and ceremonies.

Chapleau Cree First Nation is committed to preserving the memory of those residential school children who are gone but not forgotten.

There will be a Commemoration Ceremony each year on the weekend of our Powwow.

The ceremony will take place at the residential school cemetery.

Education Report

Bill C-33 – The First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act

The last six months have been extremely busy for First Nation Education Departments as we work together to reject **Bill C-33 – The First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act**. I have been busy travelling to meetings at various political levels such as the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council (MTC), Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) and Chiefs of Ontario (COO). I sat in these meetings as an Educator/Technician with hands on experience in our current education shortfalls.

Bill C-33 was rejected at all political levels in Ontario and by the Assembly of First Nation (AFN) at the national level. The Chiefs have called on Canada to **“engage in an honourable process with First Nations that recognizes and supports regional and local diversity leading to true First Nation Control of First Nations Education based on our responsibilities and inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights”** -Ghislain Picard, National Chief. We, in Education, are committed to charting our own path forward and will continue to fight for our own jurisdiction over our education systems and the implementation of stable, predictable funding mechanisms. The Bill is currently “tabled” but could resurface at any time however, we continue to meet to develop a go-forward strategy and work plan.

Interesting articles regarding the Education Act:

The First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act can be found at the following sites:

www.oneca.com – First Nation Education Act;

www.oktlaw.com – Judith Rae’s blogs “The Federal Control of First Nation Education Act” and “Behind the numbers: Harper’s new funding of the First Nation Education Act; and various articles on the Chiefs of Ontario website www.chiefsfontario.org.

First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Collaborative Inquiry

I was invited by the Algoma District School Board to participate in the Ministry of Education’s First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Collaborative Inquiry. The goals of the inquiry are to increase student achievement and self-confidence; increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of First Nation, Métis and Inuit histories, cultures and perspectives for all staff and students; and to increase community engagement of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Partners. The meetings have been ongoing for the last year and we were just informed that the Ministry of Education has committed funds to continue with the inquiry for another year.

Deadline for Post Secondary Student Support Program

Our current Post Secondary Student Support Program has two deadlines for applications:

June 1st for September intake, October 1st for January intake and February 15th for the summer semester (recommended date).

These deadlines are set in place to ensure that we can process the applications in a timely manner to meet the institutions’ deadlines. When applications (Post Secondary, RAMA or other education requests) are received after this date, it can take anywhere from four to eight weeks to process the requests as they must be reviewed by myself, then the Education Committee and finally by Chief and Council.

*Please keep this in mind when applying for education funds and submit your requests accordingly.

Some of the activities sponsored by Education in the last year were:

- Literacy/Numeracy Family Fun Nights,
- Reading Hours,
- Mining Symposium,
- Cultural Camp
- Workplace Preparation Workshop and
- After School Homework Club and Learning Opportunities

Elephant Thoughts



This summer we accessed funds from Omushkego Education (Mushkegowuk Council) to provide a one week Summer Science Camp facilitated by Elephant Thoughts. We had eleven children participate in the daily activities ranging from playing games, making crafts, doing experiments and having lots of fun while doing them.

I believe one of the favourite activities was being rolled around in a body orb.





CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday November 8, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Band Office Community Hall

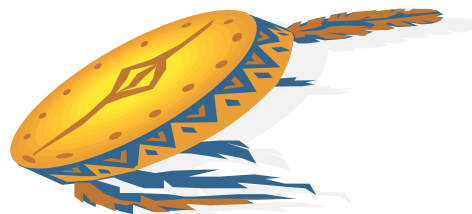
AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

Audited Financial Report presented by KPMG

Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) update

Light Lunch will be served

"SEE YOU THERE"



Greetings, Wachey, Bandmembers

Chapleau Cree has a communications policy which requires a report from a Councillor on their particular portfolio they have been assigned to. I will be giving you a brief report on education.

As of now a new education committee has been formed consisting of five CCFN band members, Education Counselor and Councillor with portfolio. The new committee will be re-vamping the student hand book and the education policy which is out dated. The committee will also create a Rama Education Funding Policy.

Presently Chapleau Cree supply two support workers at the schools in Chapleau. One is an Aboriginal Support worker and the other focuses on academics. Both positions are part time.

Chapleau Cree have sixteen post-secondary students attending Universities and Colleges throughout Canada. I wish them all success in the careers they have chosen. High School, elementary and kindergarten students are bussed to school in Chapleau. After school programs are in place for our children at Chapleau Cree F. N.

Awards and bursaries are given to students who achieve exceptional academic marks in post-secondary, high school and elementary school. I am very excited to have this portfolio and will continue to work diligently on this file.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for your kind words and cards on the passing of my girl Sissy. Meegwetch

I wish you all a great fall season and a wonderful winter. Be safe.

Yours in Native Spirituality
Marjorie (Cachagee) Lee

Mena Wah Pii Tiin



Seniors' Thanksgiving Dinner



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YOUR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Hello,

I recently was hired as the Communications Officer for Chapleau Cree First Nation (CCFN) and I have been busy. I am a Chapleau Cree band member my lineage being Saylor and Chappise and White. I moved to Chapleau in 1995 with my son Christopher and have had the privilege of working quite extensively in many areas and on many projects that CCFN has implemented over the years. I was the first manager of the band owned gas bar; I was trained and helped build the four log homes located on the Fox Lake Reserve and most recently I was the Land Use Planning (LUP) Coordinator.

Chapleau Cree First Nation is busy throughout the whole year with an eclectic range of activities for all CCFN members of all ages. I have been very active in many aspects of CCFN and would like to use this experience and my ideas to help the Chief and Council and CCFN administration keep you informed.

My position will offer me the opportunity to attend events and report on them; hopefully enticing those members who shy from these gatherings to take part and to give those members who live outside the Chapleau area an opportunity to know "what's happening" and attend these events when they're in town. Most importantly, I am tasked with the job of keeping you, the CCFN band member updated of any pertinent changes occurring within the Band Office; following what is outlined in our "new" Communication Policy.

Also included in my position is keeping you informed of any changes relevant to First Nations from both provincial and federal government and how we are affected by them.

This Newsletter gets the ball rolling, my first in keeping you informed, hope you like it. I am also (with the help of Dezirae and Nigel) updating the CCFN Website, so if your not on Facebook check us out there..oh yeh...and please **LIKE** us on **Facebook, just type in Chapleau Cree First Nation in the top left hand search bar of your Facebook page to find us.**

Roxanne Metlin
Communications Officer
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*Christmas cards will be mailed soon,
do we have your new address?

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