



# Community Newsletter

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**21st Annual Kid's Fishing Derby...Congratulations to John Gad and Simone Barsalou**



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

Wachay,

With the coming of spring season we are privileged to witness the rebirth of our Mother Earth. Much like our ancestors had experienced in their day, coming of the trap lines and reacquainting themselves with friends and family, this season of growth and renewal is proving to be beneficial to the Chapleau Cree First Nation.

Although a season of celebration we are also reminded that work and progress are ahead for us and we must prepare to meet the challenges that face the CCFN.

These past winter months have been busy for our First Nation but progress requires hard work and dedication. I am pleased to report back to our membership that positive results are coming to light for us with this change in our season.

To begin, Goldcorp was successful in their bid to purchase Probe Mines Explorations Borden Gold Mine Project. We have met with and are negotiating a new Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) with Goldcorp to ensure the integrity of the project and the voice of the operation are a part of the CCFN's future. The purchase of Probe was very quick and the CCFN is moving to establish a Securities Account with the help of Mr. Patrick McCounnell of RBC Wealth Management. This will allow the CCFN to convert our shares with Probe into Goldcorp securities for any market transactions.

We continue to manage negotiations for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Joint Venture Agreements (JVA) partnering with our neighbouring First Nations, Brunswick House First Nation, the Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation and those companies seeking to develop the resources in our traditional territory. Meeting and negotiations as well as Nation building with our local area First Nations are paramount to our success.

Recently a Joint Venture Agreement was established with Major Drilling, a contractor working with Probe Mines and now Goldcrop and a Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated with Austin Powder Ltd. (see below) As with all agreements we strive to ensure that the CCFN is financially compensated for its costs and best efforts are established by the company to provide employment and training to band members; including first consideration of businesses and entrepreneurs from participating First Nations as well as right of first refusal to all necessary services and operational needs of the project.

**Austin Powder Limited**—A company with 160 years of providing state-of-the-art analysis for a variety of blasting needs. A full line of industrial explosives, blasting agents and accessories to meet the needs of quarrying, mining and construction. Austin's research and product development work is conducted at their Red Diamond plant in McArthur, Ohio.

Chapleau Cree First Nation is looking into developing a Corporation. With the hub of activity in and around the Chapleau area, we foresee that there are business opportunities and profit to be made to ensure self sufficiency for our First Nation. A corporation would also take the business side of CCFN entities to keep business and politics separate. This would also bring employment and training for our members as the Corporation will take care of all aspects of business including joint venture agreements for resources development, forestry, water power, mining and subsidiaries.

There is always a lot of work to be done here on reserve. We have ongoing concerns with our water and have had many meetings with (AANDC) just barely making an agreement. (AANDC) will pay to help eliminate the THM's but will not pay to overhaul or build a new water treatment plant which will also benefit the concerns we have for the water volume; a new plant is what is needed.



Chief Kevin Tangie, Brunswick House First Nation  
Chief Keeter Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation  
Kevin L. Taylor, General Manager, Austin Powder



Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
with Austin Powder Ltd.

## TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT (TLE)

With our continued approach of persistence and holding both the Provincial and Federal government negotiators accountable for their respective areas of responsibility, the CCFN TLE negotiating teams hard work has finally come to fruition with respect to our Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE). The Offer has been signed by Minister Bernard Valcourt of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the land allotment has been approved by Northern Development (AANDC). The Province of Ontario is nearly completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) with a deadline of early July 2015.

In our ongoing commitment to keep the membership informed, Information sessions will be held over the coming months in Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Ottawa and Chapleau. The TLE team recently met with members residing in the Greater Toronto area while meeting with the Provincial government this past month. When we have completed our community sessions and are notified of the completion of the environmental assessment, the Chief and Council will be making available for all our voting members the Ratification Package with the Terms of Trust included. For your information we have enclosed a copy of the Power Point Presentation that is presented at the membership information sessions. If you have any questions or are seeking current and accurate information please feel free to contact me directly. I am always available to speak with membership and provide facts to the process and details of the TLE.

**ALL VOTING AGE BAND MEMBERS** will be provided the opportunity to be heard by voting on this package. It is important that we have your current mailing address. Talk to friends and family to make sure they have received this newsletter so they are aware of the upcoming Ratification Package.

As always I have been and continue to be optimistic of the future of our great nation. The Chapleau Cree membership is well represented by their elected officials and the administration of the CCFN is heralded as excellent by not only our funders but by other First Nations in our area. I am pleased with our accomplishments to date but am also well aware that we cannot rest on our laurels. The changes taking place with resource development in our territory require our vigilance and constant attention to ensure the CCFN is progressing with all other partners at the same speed. I remain optimistic with the changes taking place within the Chapleau area, and I with the support of Council, continue to work diligently in representing not only our current but future seven generations.  
Meegwetch, Chief Keeter Corston



Signing Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Major Drilling  
Chief Kevin Tangie BHFN, Joanne Wesley COFN, Chief Keeter Corston, Natalie Barsalou,  
Ashley Martin and John Stringer (Major) and John Battiste Wabun Tribal Council



Chapleau Cree First Nation is getting a new Web Site with a  
"New Address"

**chapleaucree.com**

Google this address to find the page under construction; fill in  
your email address and name to receive notification when our  
new site is up and running...

We will no longer be **.ca** but will change to **.com**



## Coming Soon

New Chapleau Cree First Nation website coming soon!

If you would like to be notified when we are live, leave your email below.

We promise to never spam you.

### **What is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?**

A legal document outlining the terms and details of an agreement between parties, including each parties requirements and responsibilities; which also include consultation and obligations.

### **What is a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) ?**

A Joint Venture Agreement is a contractual business undertaking between two or more parties. It is similar to business partnerships, the difference being: a partnership generally involves an ongoing long-term business relationship, whereas a Joint Venture is based on a single business transaction.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



**Edith Larocque  
Winner of the HEART HEALTH 2015  
MINI IPAD DRAW**

## OUR SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST



**DOMINGUE'S  
FIRST PLACE**



**MARTIN/RAPOSO'S  
SECOND PLACE**



**RUFFO'S  
THIRD PLACE**

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**Membership News** ~ Lynn Turner, Indian Registry Administrator

There are a few versions of the Status Card that are currently in circulation. The three major cards are the Paper Laminated Indian Status Card, the in-Canada Secure Certificate of Indian Status and the Border Crossing Secure Certificate of Indian Status. Below is a chart showing the differences between the cards.

<b>Paper-Laminated Indian Status Card</b>	<b>In-Canada Secure Certificate of Indian Status</b>	<b>Border Crossing Certificate of Indian Status</b>
Issued at the First Nation level	Issued by AANDC Regional Offices and National Capital Headquarters.	Originally issued by AANDC
Adult cards are valid for 5 years, children cards for 3 years.	First roll out of cards are valid for 5 years. Newer cards are now valid for 10 years for adults and 5 years for children.	Cards are valid for 5 years.
Cards cannot be issued by mail. In person applications only. *Appointment required.	Currently accepting applications via mail at most AANDC Regional Offices. Appointment may be required for in person applications.	AANDC is no longer issuing this card.
Card has no security features.	Card has security features to protect card holder from identity theft. New cards will no longer have a machine readable zone.	Card has security features to protect card holder from identity theft.
Card provides access to services and benefits in-Canada.	The cards provide easier access to services and benefits in Canada. AANDC shares information with appropriate government agencies for provision of services within Canada i.e. health & drug benefits.	
The cards can be used for crossing the border into the United States (U.S.) via land ports of entry (which can include ferry and lake crossings). AANDC has been advised that, in the near future, U.S. border officials will accept both the SCIS and older Certificates of Indian Status as valid identity documents. The Government of Canada cautions individuals that the duration for the acceptance of these documents for border crossing purposes into the United States is entirely at the discretion of the U.S. Government.		The card is currently an acceptable document to present when crossing the U.S. border via land ports entry or via ferry/lake crossings.

## **Deceased Family Members**

We have many band members who have passed on to the Spirit World who remain on our Registry List as a Death Certificate has not been submitted. Please contact Lynn Turner, Indian Registry Administrator if you are unsure if a certificate has been submitted for your loved one.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding band membership, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email at [lynn.turner@chapleaucree.ca](mailto:lynn.turner@chapleaucree.ca).

## **TREATY DAY**

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:30 to 2:30 ~ Chapleau Cree Band Office  
Please bring your Status Card.

Third Party pickups are no longer permitted although a spouse can collect for a spouse and parents can collect for their children under 18 years of age and still living at home.

## **OUT OF TOWN BAND MEMBERS**

Out of town Band Members can collect their Treaty Payments through the mail by completing The Treaty Annuity Payment Request Form which is available on the Chapleau Cree website [www.chapleaucree.ca](http://www.chapleaucree.ca) or the AANDC website [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca).

Send your completed form, along with a photocopy of your Status Card (front and back) to the Ontario-North office in Thunder Bay.



**STAFF AND COUNCIL TEAM BUILDING WITH GUY DUMAS**



## Band Administrators Report: Spring 2015

Wachey,

With the transition from winter to spring the administration office is tasked with preparing for the year end audit. All departments are busy finalizing last fiscal year programming and reporting in preparation for the audit team from KPMG to test our procedures and policies for compliance and proper operation. We, once again, anticipate presenting a positive financial accounting of the programs and services to the members of the Chapleau Cree First Nation.

Although the CCFN as well as all other First Nations, has suffered cuts and terminations of funding programs and services, we continue to provide active and participatory programming for the members of the CCFN and the residents of the Fox Lake Reserve.

Working with the Health Department, the CCFN offers services to address the mental, spiritual, intellectual and physical wellbeing of our members and residents. The goal to achieve a healthy balance in all areas is paramount to the health of our people and through sources and our own revenues the CCFN continues to provide such services.

Recently the CCFN struck an agreement with F.P. Innovations to perform an assessment on our Woodmizer to explore possible product development and customer accessibility. With other developments beginning to ramp up in our area, we would like to utilize this asset as well as others to be a part of future initiatives in our area. We have also submitted a proposal to the Ontario Regional Economic Development Program seeking funds to assess all other businesses of the CCFN for improvement of their operations and advice on how to take advantage of any programs, services or similarities they may be able to access or build upon.

The CCFN continues to work with our main funding agent, AANDC and our engineering Consultant Kelvin Jamieson to address the THM and HAA elevated levels we experience in our water treatment process. AANDC has committed to provide funds to assist with the design and construction of a modified process to reduce the THM and HAA levels to acceptable standards. With the current timetable provided by the Capital Management Officer from AANDC we hope to have the design stage completed by the end of 2015 and begin construction of the modifications to the treatment process by the spring of 2016. This has been a long and arduous process but we are now beginning to see progress to address this issue. We will keep the membership updated on the progress of this project.

The CCFN will be kicking off its newly designed webpage. We anticipate a user friendly page accessible to the membership with timely information available. We will also be including a password protected area that will hold sensitive information and documents that are only accessible to members of the CCFN. We will notify membership when the new page is up and running and provide instructions on procedures to access the **members' only pages**.

As always, all band members are encouraged to apply for any positions that are advertised at the Chapleau Cree First Nation. Preference will be considered in the favour of qualifying band members over other applicants. Also, training programs specifically for band members are made available often through the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council and Native specific positions are sometimes funded through AANDC.

If you are interested in a position please submit your résumé as per the competition advertisement.

Miigwetch  
Brian Edwards  
Band Administrator

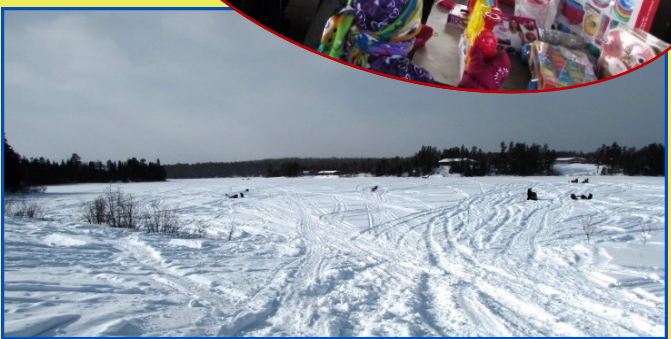
**Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success. Henry Ford**



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kids FISHING DERBY



Braving the cold  
-29 C with wind-chill -32 C



## Health Report - April 2015

Greetings Band members, I hope everyone fared well over the winter months and are enjoying the arrival of spring; we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring up here in the North.

We are currently focussing our efforts on improving the holistic health of community members through promotion of healthy lifestyles which include focus on increasing physical activities, weight loss, and support groups, in addition to meeting our mandated targets. It is great to see so many community members out and about in pursuing their goals of improved health.

We have applied for and received funding from the Ministry of Youth & Children Services for the development of a First Nation Student Nutrition Program. Once we have completed the community consultations and feedback sessions, a proposal will be developed to obtain funding to offer a program to our local students. Laura Barker has been hired for a period of four months to assist in the compilation of research for this project.

We have currently been designated as a contingency site for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) for the year 2015 and are prepared for the possibility of two first year medical students completing their 4 week community placement in our community. We anticipate moving into designated host community in the 2016 placement year.

As a reminder, if you require funding assistance under the First Nation Inuit Health Branch's (FNIHB) long distance medication transportation program; they require a minimum of two weeks for application processing. For members within the Chapleau and surrounding area, please submit your requests directly to the Health Centre.

For members outside our catchment area, please contact FNIHB, Ontario Region directly at 1-800-331-3921 for assistance.

Our thanks to the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) Officers who assisted and escorted the Easter Bunny in preparing the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youth in the community. This event is always well attended and enjoyed by the youth and parents.

Meegwetch,  
Peggy Domingue, Health Care Coordinator



## Meet your Health Administration Staff



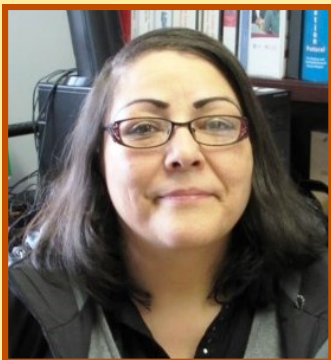
Peggy Domingue  
Health Care  
Coordinator/Director



Tracy Martin  
Health Program  
Facilitator  
Registered Practical  
Nurse (RPN)



Lorraine Desormiers  
Health Financial  
Controller



Carla Tangie  
Personal Home Support  
Worker



Denise Fortin  
Administrative Assistant



Amanda Domingue  
Meals on Moces Cook  
Mukeso House Custodian



Cassidy Fortin  
Student Co-op



Laura Barker  
Nutrition Planning  
Assistant



Gilbertson's  
Sugar Shack  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
An annual event



## Earth Day Water Ceremony—Honouring Mother Earth



Sandra Ruffo—Lead Singer and Teacher  
Martina Raposo, Amara Ruffo, Halle Moreau,  
Evangeline Barsalou and Peyton Domingue  
“WELL DONE”





Watchay, greetings to all my fellow Band Members.

As head of the Chapleau Cree First Nation Health Committee, I called a meeting on November 13, 2014. It was attended by members...Marjorie Lee, Sandra Ruffo, Nathalie Barsalou and myself. Absent was Cheryl Cachagee; Brian Edwards as Band Administrator also attended.

Our first order of business was to review terms and references, our roles and responsibilities and band/health policies.

As our Health Department ranks as one of the best among our First Nations, we were hard pressed to decide where we could best fit in.

After much discussion, we thought, perhaps we should take a closer look at recent cutbacks/shortfall funding, attendance to programs and transportation.

It was also suggested we work together with other committees i.e. education and housing.

I expect we will meet again in the spring. I will keep you post of new developments.

Miigwetch, Councillor Norma Caldwell

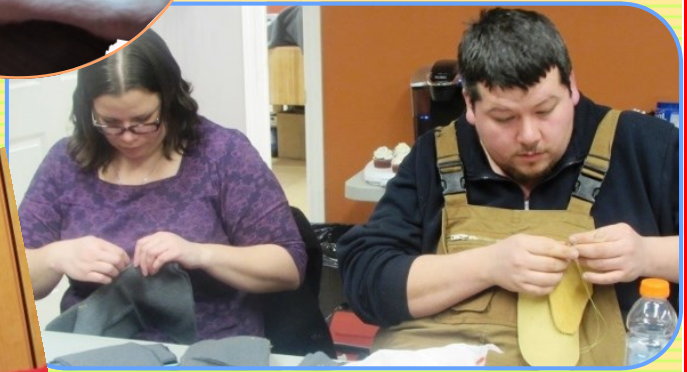
**Northern Ontario Operator of the Year  
Aboriginal Water Waste Water Association of Ontario (AWWAO)**

We all know it takes a very dedicated person to be a water/wastewater treatment plant operator. To diagnose and treat water when it's difficult to determine where the bugs are is truly a gift. Operators play an important role in the lives of our communities. Congratulations to our newest operator, Allan Dupuis, for achieving Northern Operator of the Year from the Aboriginal Water/Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO).



**Ian Fortin, Steve Caldwell (AWWAO)  
Chief Keeter Corston , ALAN DUPUIS**

# Moccasin and Mitts Making Workshop





YOUR ALWAYS INVITED TO...



## Youth Activities



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Lunch and Learn  
Always a "Different Topic" every time!!  
Check your Calendar



## Education News ~ Lynn Turner, Education Counsellor

The Chapleau Cree First Nation's Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) is funded by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Our PSSSP Policy is based on the guidelines released annually by AANDC. These guidelines have changed over the last few years and therefore CCFN's Policy must be revised to reflect these changes. The CCFN Education Committee has begun to look at changes needed to not only meet the new AANDC guidelines but also to incorporate changes in post secondary education programs; to make changes in the application process; and to ensure success for our students. Our current PSSSP Policy will be in effect until such changes have been approved by Chief and Council.

**Post Secondary Student Support Program**  
**The funding application deadline for September 2015 is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed in a second round, funding dependant.**

### Did you know?

- ◆ Elementary, secondary, and post secondary schools receive Aboriginal initiative funding based on the First Nation, Métis and Inuit self-identified student population in the institution. Therefore it is important to self-identify when registering for school.
- ◆ If a student has been formally identified with a developmental delay, learning disability and has a current Individual Education Plan, their accommodations and modifications can follow them to post secondary institution. It is recommended that the student has a Psychological Educational Assessment in Grade 12 in preparation for their post secondary studies. I encourage the students to contact their post secondary institution during the summer months to have accommodations in place for the beginning of the academic year. The student will work with a Learning Strategist to ensure their success with their studies.
- ◆ A student diagnosed with a physical or a mental health disability can also receive accommodations and modifications at post secondary institutions.

This summer we will once again have a variety of Summer Student Positions. Applicants must be currently enrolled in school (full-time) and returning to school in September and be between the ages of 15 to 29 (varies according to the funding source). These positions will be advertised once funding is confirmed.

## Monthly Reading Hour





**Congratulations** to the following Band Members  
for receiving awards in their field of studies:

**Deanna Cachagee**

Social Service Worker - Native Specialization Program ~ Presidents' Academic Excellence Scholarship Award and the Brenda Combs Premier's Awards Community Service Award;

**Kristina Ferrone**

Hairstyling Program ~ Presidents' Academic Excellence Scholarship Award and the Michael Farelli Memorial Award.

**WAY TO GO GIRLS!**



*Kristina Ferrone*

**STAY TUNED ...**

Elephant Thoughts Science Camp will be coming to  
Chapleau Cree again this summer.  
August 2015 ~ the week is yet to be confirmed.

\*Sponsored by Omushkego Education,  
Mushkegowuk Council.



**School Bus Safety**



Your Communications Officer—Roxanne Metlin

In February, Edith Larocque and I had the opportunity to attend the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Women's Forum in Thunder Bay, ON.

This year's theme was **“Honouring our Life Givers—Past, Present and Future.”**

During this 3 day event we had the opportunity to learn more about the projects the women's council are working on including...

**Draw the Line Campaign**— Focuses on sexual violence in Ontario. This first campaign will adapt existing resources to make the campaign accessible and relevant to First Nation citizens in Ontario. The intent is to create a campaign that represents the ethnic, linguistic, cultural sexual, economic, and geographic diversity of Ontario.

For more information visit [DRAW-THE-LINE.CA](http://DRAW-THE-LINE.CA)



**Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women**—Becoming aware of the “Hot Spots” for abduction...Regina, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, East Vancouver, Hwy 16 from Prince George to Prince Rupert, B.C.

There was a round table discussion to develop a national plan to gain support from the Assembly of First Nations and encourage the families of the missing women to take the lead. Also to encourage the Canadian Government to hold a much needed national enquiry.

**WALKING WITH OUR SISTERS EXHIBIT** (Moccasin Vamps) is making its way across Canada visit...

<http://walkingwithoursisters.ca/events/> to see when they will be in your area.

Finally, there was an election for a new Council. There is a total of eight women who sit on the Women's Council. Four from the Northwest Communities and 4 from the Northeast Communities. There is no per diem for this council. The women are volunteers; nominated and elected by women within their own territory.

The Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council (NANWC) is the voice to support our women and families. The council works to achieve and maintain healthy lives in all 49 NAN First Nations. The NANWC ensures that the women of these First Nations as well as their families have a voice in the governance of NAN.

If you would like more information on the NAN Women's Council, Nishnawbe Aski Nation or any other government affiliations that Chapleau Cree is a part of please do not hesitate to contact me. [ccfn.comm@chapleaucree.ca](mailto:ccfn.comm@chapleaucree.ca)





# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR DONALD WHITE

## "MOSHOO" 102 YEARS YOUNG





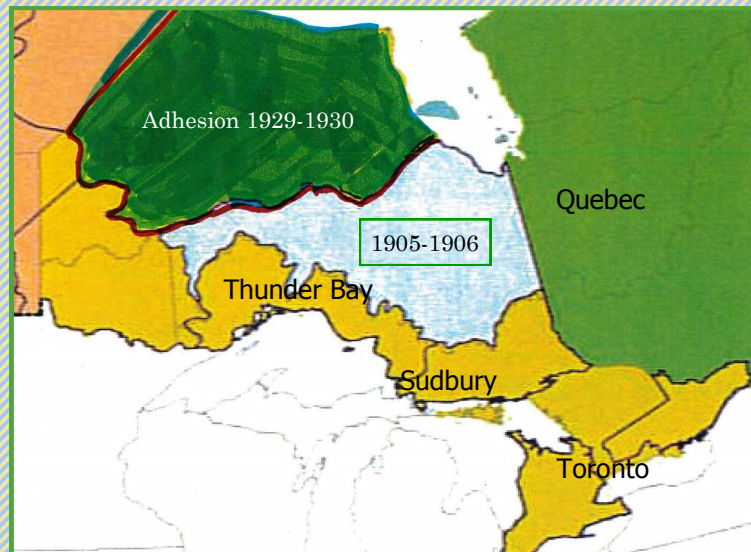
## Do you know how much land is covered by our Treaty 9?

Activity in mining and railway construction in the large section of the province of Ontario, north of the height of land and south of the Albany River rendered it advisable to extinguish the Indian title.

By order of his Excellency in Council on June 29, 1905 the commissioners embarked to negotiate a treaty with the Indians inhabiting the unceded tract. This comprised about 90,000 sq. miles of the provincial lands drained by the Albany and Moose River systems.

The Federal Government in 1905-1906 "negotiated" Treaty 9, also known as the James Bay Treaty. For the first and only time a Provincial Government took an active role in negotiations. Together, with the area acquired by adhesions in 1929-1930, Treaty 9 covers almost two thirds of the area that is Northern Ontario and a sliver in the province of Manitoba.

### *James Bay—Treaty 9*



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#### **SUMMER HOURS BEGIN**

**Monday May 4, 2015**

**Band Office and Health Administration  
Business Hours will be:**

**Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:00—12:00 p.m.**