



# Community Newsletter

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Photo by Gordon Scott

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

## CHIEF'S REPORT



Spring is a time of rebirth and new beginnings and Chapleau Cree First Nation is living up to this teaching by wrapping up another very active fiscal year and winding down one of our most significant projects.

I trust we will all agree that the completion of the Treaty Land Entitlement Claim (TLE) is a significant accomplishment. We now patiently await Ontario and then Canada to sign the final documents, followed by the Settlement dollars to be transferred to the **Community Trust Fund** within 45 days of the last signature by Aboriginal and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Once the Trust has the money in the account they will begin distribution to the members.

Water is one of our four elements of life, it is the blood that flows through the veins of Mother Earth and needs to be safeguarded. This is why the community water treatment plant expansion project remains a high priority. We have secured a verbal commitment at the highest level of AANDC that the 3.2 million for water plant upgrades will be addressed next fiscal year. We await the release of next year's departmental budget as the next step to putting a shovel in the ground during the summer of 2016.

On another positive note, through hard lobbying AANDC has now committed to fund the design phase of the water plant project. Originally they had insisted that CCFN pay this cost of approximately 200K.

On another water-related note, Band member Ian Fortin has become the new Chairman of the Aboriginal Water and Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO) and band member Allan Dupuis, our Water Treatment Operator, has been awarded the AWWAO Paul Strohach Operator of the Year 2015 for northern Ontario. Congratulations to both Ian and Allan.

On the mining front, we continue to move forward with our relationship with Goldcorp on the Borden Lake property. This project has slowed down a bit due to a drop in gold prices, but advanced exploration activities valued at around \$150 million are still expected to start by late this year or early next year. Our arrangement with Goldcorp ramps up as the project advances and our revenue sharing arrangement with Major Drilling continues to generate wealth for the community.

We are in the process of registering the Three Nations Drilling Company to handle all of the Borden Lake joint venture agreements. We also continue to advance an environmental monitoring agenda associated with this project in keeping with our strategic objective of regaining control of our territory and returning to our traditional role as stewards of the land. We successfully marketed this balanced and collaborative approach at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Annual General Meeting in Toronto in early March 2016 and are poised to build on this momentum by applying the approach to other regional mining activities.

At the request of our legal counsel I recently made a presentation at a conference in Toronto on racial profiling and discrimination, sponsored by the Ontario Human Rights Commission and hosted by York University. While the impressive attendance at the conference helped me appreciate that racism is alive and well in Canada, it also gave me hope that change is occurring given that a growing number of people seem committed to doing something about it.

In closing, it has been another active year and a number of strategic objectives continue to be advanced in support of the end goal of becoming a fiscally independent First Nation that controls its territory.

Meegwetch,

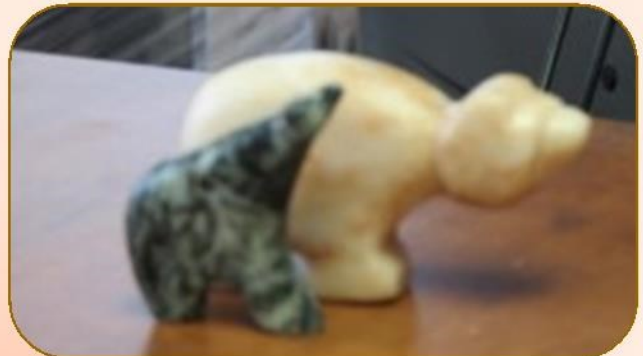


CONGRATULATIONS  
First Place Winners of the  
Steel Blades Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie

PICTURED WITH CHIEF CORSTON

CHASE CACHAGEE  
TANNER MOREAU  
PEYTON DOMINGUE  
KAYDEN CALDWELL

# SOAP STONE CARVING



Although we have had a relatively easy winter here in the North; we are still eagerly awaiting the arrival of spring, and the renewal of our beautiful territory. We hope that everyone has fared well over the winter and can also welcome spring and the renewal it brings to us.

Within the 2015-16 fiscal years we have hosted many activities which meets our mandate of holistic health and focuses on the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional needs of our band and community members. Our core funding from Health Canada and Local Integrated Health Network and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation fund program specific initiatives and services based on the program plans and work plans. Many other programs offered through the Health Centre are funded through proposal driven initiatives from various agencies such as Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Health Canada, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiatives and Food Security, Ministry of Child and Youth Services. Below is a synopsis of the events and activities held throughout the year and how they relate to our mandate:

### **Mental**

- awareness and prevention of bullying & cyberbullying
- alcohol & drug abuse presentation and community training
- lateral violence
- youth programming
- snacks for scholars/snack & yak
- youth on reserve breakfast program
- nutrition bingo
- summer safety & water wisdom
- community & youth trips

### **Physical**

- weight management programs
- exercise programs
- foot care clinics
- osteoporosis & arthritis information sessions
- doctor clinics
- flu vaccination clinics
- youth dental varnish applications
- activation activities

### **Emotional**

- activities targeting specific occasions i.e. Christmas, Mother 's Day etc.
- community berry picking
- seniors dinners
- youth themed activities i.e. Halloween etc.
- stress management
- community activation
- grief/mental wellness workshops

## Spiritual

- sewing & sharing
- traditional activities
- traditional teachings
- trapping & training
- rattle/drum making
- cultural excursions
- snowshoeing activities
- youth cultural camp
- traditional medicine teachings & preparation

There are many other activities held which cross over and impact various areas of holistic health such as:

- ~ seniors & community activation (physical/emotional)
- ~ fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (physical/mental)
- ~ healthy living strategy (physical/mental)
- ~ traditional trapping (physical/mental/spiritual)
- ~ yoga (physical/mental/spiritual)
- ~ heart health promotions & activities (physical/mental)
- ~ stress & relaxation activities (physical/spiritual/emotional)

When planning activities within the health department, we take into consideration the impact of the activity, the cost and how it relates to our mandate. In addition to these activities in the past fiscal year, we maintained the Home and Community Care home and personal support program, local medical transportation, long distance medical transportation, home visits, community nursing, meals on mocs and first aid services and training.

We have recently changed, with the support of Council, the office support technician from a part-time to a full-time program within the Health Centre and have recently welcomed Carole Lafreniere to this position. We look forward to working with her in this newly expanded position. The addition of the extra hours has proved beneficial to the centre thus far.

As mentioned previously, we were a designated contingency site for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine; however, we are now considered a placement site and will receive two medical students within our community. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of two (2) first year medical students in our community the spring of 2016 for a 4 week placement.

As a reminder if you require funding assistance under the First Nation Inuit Health Branch's (FNIHB) long distance medication transportation program; they will 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.

Ahnee and greetings, Waachaay,

I am pleased to announce that I have been welcomed to the territory and your home community as an Economic Development Officer. This is a very exciting opportunity for me to share my experience to enhance your sustainable practices for the Chapleau Cree First Nation. I get to work with the community in providing supports to develop your long term community initiatives, community planning, and economic development initiatives for your consideration.

My academic background has lead me to the Masters of Indigenous Relations program, this is my current study at Laurentian University. I have successfully completed my undergraduate degree at Algoma University for the Community Economic and Social Development Degree. Economic Development with University of Waterloo, and First Nations Lands Management Diploma at Cambrian College. Finally I have a professional designation from CANDO, Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers.

As for work experience my background is providing advisory and supports in Economic Development, Employment and Training, job and course development, Lands Management. I have an interest in treaty protection, sustainable management practice and cultural diversification. This means, that I am an avid anishnaabe kwe I love being outdoors, fishing and hunting, maybe a lil skating and swimming, all seasons bring out my gifts as community leader.

Finally I have been supported with this adventure and new chapter in my life by my family. I am very honoured to speak about my parents nurturing and push to find my identity as an anishnaabe. Without that, oh who knows where I would be....With that I want to introduce my family to the community, I am married to my love for 26.5 years, we cherish our children whom are Brandy 25, Byron 20 and Oliver 8. I have many nieces and nephews, cousins all over the province and am pleased to announce from the Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation. Band number 1790133001.

Miigwetch, Patty Anne Owl

### National Addictions Awareness Sobriety Walk 2015





## Community Economic Development Report

### **Purpose:**

The community Economic Development Officer is responsible for planning, managing and providing oversight for the activities and operations of Chapleau Cree First Nation Economic Development Program and initiatives for business retention, promotion, marketing and expansion. Responsibilities include the coordination of assigned activities with all other departments and outside agency.

### **Job Duties to date;**

Introduction to staff, via staff meeting, and community through attendance of community functions, dinners, meet and greet, and attended several meetings.  
Provided overview of outstanding reports to Economic Development to implement a community economic development program  
Review economic development strategic planning terms of reference for the Zarex EC dev strategy to be released February 10, 2016  
Meet with Band administrator on new fiscal planning and addressing capital planning for the integrated capital management system  
Identified deficiency in reporting and address updates with Ian Fortin for the ACRES and CAMS  
Reviewed Economic Development Office , files and history  
Started working with Communications Officer on the reestablishment of the communications policy  
Introduced myself to the local governments systems, municipalities, INAC, and Tribal Council

### **Recommendations / Highlights**

To provide World Café concept dinner meetings  
To obtain community feedback on economic direction and community planning concept. (Planning for the people by the people.) attached is the summary

### **Our Zamboni and Outdoor Rink**



## Education Report

A friendly reminder to the Post-Secondary Students who are currently funded through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program; your transcript for the 2015/16 academic year is due as soon as it is available. Please note that only official transcripts are accepted and you must order your transcript through your institution.

**\*Applications for the Post-Secondary Bursary are due by June 30th.**

For those who are considering applying for Post-Secondary funding, applications are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> for September 2016. Late applications will be reviewed in a second batch and will only receive funding should there be funds available after the first round of applications.

CCFN receives a set funding each year and, in order to support as many students as possible, CCFN has chosen to keep the living allowance portion at a rate that ensures we can fund as many students as possible.

**It is important to note that this program must also follow AANDC guidelines and is intended to support the student and may not necessarily cover the cost of living.**

Once again this year, the Education Department has facilitated many evenings for parents and children to engage in fun activities such as Literacy/Numeracy Bingos, Family Reading Hours and Turtle Lodge Teachings.

CCFN has signed a Tuition Services Agreement with two out of three local school boards securing services for our on reserve students attending Provincial schools in Chapleau. These agreements are for five year terms with renegotiation options each year.



**LITERACY  
AND  
NUMERACY  
BINGO**





## ***On a Personal Note***

After almost eight years working for CCFN, I resigned from my position at the end of February. My husband and I will be relocating to Southern Ontario to be closer to our three girls and to my family. I will truly miss working for CCFN and advocating for education services for our members. I will always have a special place in my heart for all the little ones, aka "The Little Critters"; I have watched grow up over the years. My replacement is Stephanie Scott and I know she will continue to advocate for First Nation Education. I will remain contactable with Stephanie to ensure that there is a smooth transition.

I would like to thank Chief Corston for his support of the Education Department over the years. We have engaged in many conversations to ensure that CCFN band members have access to quality education opportunities, ensuring lifelong learning for all. I would also like thank the CCFN Councillors for their support and guidance; Elder John Saylor for his spiritual support; and Sandra Ruffo and Julie Charron, our Student Support Workers, for all their hard work and dedication to ensure our students receive the help and guidance they require.

Many thanks to all the students over the years and to the parents who have voiced their appreciation of the CCFN Education Department.  
Chi-Meegwetch, Lynn Turner

## **A FOND FAREWELL!!!**



## Membership Report

A reminder to membership that Certificates of Indian Status can only be issued in person; the applicant must produce two pieces of identification before the card can be issued. For members who do not live in the Chapleau area, other First Nations can issue the cards, however, I suggest that you call in advance to confirm as they need to contact CCFN for permission to issue on our behalf.

You can apply to AANDC for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued through the mail. The application form can be found on the AANDC website (under Benefits and Rights)

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032374/1100100032378>

**\*Ensure that you follow the directions carefully as they will return the application if there is any missing information.**

For those whom already have a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS); a Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) cannot be issued to you if you lose your card. **Once you have a SCIS you cannot go back to the paper laminated format of the CIS.**

As stated in my Education Report, I have resigned from my position and Stephanie Scott is the new Indian Registry Administrator (IRA).

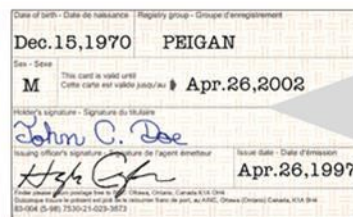
Stephanie will be going for training and can issue Status cards after completion and passing the government exams.

Lynn Turner

### Just a NOTE:

When asked for your Registry Number, it is the ten digit number that begins with the numbers **221**.

The number at the top of your card is the serial number.



Certificate of Indian Status (CIS)



Secured Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)

**KIDS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES...AND EVERYONE HAD FUN!!**



# RABBIT SNARING



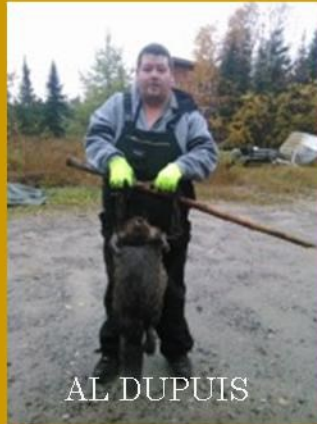
The Youth Prepared a Special Feast for the Elders...



Hunting and Trapping...Thanks for sharing your photos...



BRANDON RUFFO



AL DUPUIS

Meat Cooler



EDITH LAROCQUE



TERRI ANN MCAULEY



## *Acting Band Administrator Report – Edith Larocque*

*Hello and warm wishes to all as we say goodbye to the winter snow and welcome the season of spring.*

Chapleau Cree First Nation has had a few staffing changes since the last newsletter. The previous Band Administrator, Brian Edwards has resigned and I have been assigned Acting Band Administrator in the interim. Lynn Turner has retired as Education/Membership Clerk and has relocated south to be closer to her family. Stephanie Scott has been selected as her replacement. Allan Barsalou, mechanic at Chapleau Cree Auto/Truck Repair, has tendered his resignation and is seeking a new career out of the automotive repair service. I would like to wish Brian and Allan well in their future endeavors and wish Lynn a happy retirement. I look forward to seeing them at our community events held throughout the year. Patricia Ann Owl has joined our team as the Economic Development Coordinator and is eager to bring new economic opportunities to our First Nation.

Although many of you who reside in the Chapleau area know me, there are some members who don't. Allow me to provide you a little bit of information about myself. My mother Margaret and her siblings Jerry, Butch, Puxie and Joe were children of Bella and Snitch McAuley, all deceased. I live on Fox Lake Reserve. I have been employed as the financial clerk with Chapleau Cree First Nation for almost twenty years. As the financial clerk, I am aware of all program funded proposals, reports and funding agency requirements. The experience I have gained allows me to ensure the policies and procedures are being met and adhered to as we continue with our year end obligations and move into the new fiscal year. I am committed to doing my best as I continue to work for the betterment of all our members.

Chapleau Cree First Nation partnered with the Rural Economic Development program to research economic business opportunities for our community. Consultants from Zarex Business Centre visited our First Nation last fall to inspect our current businesses and meet with band members and members of Council to gather their ideas on possible business ventures. The consultants examined our present business practices and procedures and consulted with the managers to gain a better understanding of operations and assist in the development of a five year strategic plan. Information was collected and analyzed and their recommendations were presented to Chief and Council for review.

Funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) program, Professional & Institutional Development, has allowed us the opportunity to contract the services of Holly Hughes to perform an in depth objective review of our First Nation's management and operations. Holly has interviewed as many staff as able, both past and present, as well as members of Chief and Council. As well, copies of our First Nation policies, audited financial reports and approved funding proposals were provided to Ms. Hughes for her analysis. We are hopeful the review will help increase efficiency, address existing concerns, identify solutions and make recommendations on what areas we can improve upon. Ms. Hughes will provide a report of her findings to Chief and Council within the next couple of weeks.

Chapleau Cree has submitted a proposal to the Aboriginal Peoples Program, Language Initiative and we are currently waiting for approval. The program will provide an introduction to fundamental components of the spoken Cree language. Emphasis will be placed on learning to speak and comprehend the language in naturally occurring interactions with one another. Extensive oral practice is involved and students will gain a basic practical understanding of speaking Cree in day to day communications with each other. It is the intent that this provided a base for the development and delivery of an intermediate language initiative that will reintroduce the language to the members of our community.

We have submitted an expression of interest to Canada and Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) for development of two homes through the Section 95 On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program. We were able to submit the application by the deadline and are very hopeful this project will be approved.

I have had the opportunity to speak to a few band members who have called to inquire about the Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) and/or the recent Referendum for the Golden Route Lodge. We are also receiving other calls requesting to have information posted on our website or Facebook page. We are currently looking at retaining a secure website host that can provide us with all of the capabilities required to ensure we have a trusted website to post confidential data that only band members can access via username and password. Once this site is up and running, we will provide this information to all of our members. Newsletters, minutes of Chief and Council meetings and Audited Financial Statements are just some of the documents we anticipate posting to this website.

I am pleased to see information is reaching our band members. Gitchi Meegwetch to everyone who has shown an interest in the activities our First Nation is involved in. Should anyone want further information on any one of our projects, policies, or First Nation business I can be reached by email at [bandadmin@chapleaucree.ca](mailto:bandadmin@chapleaucree.ca) or telephone (705) 864-0784 ext. 226.

## Contributing to the Ultrasound Campaign

**Gail Bignucolo** CEO Chapleau Health Services  
**Chief Keeter Corston**  
**Councillor Marjorie Lee**  
**Councillor Norma Caldwell**



Jingel Bells, jingle bells... 🎵 🎵 🎵



FIRST PLACE - TRACY MARTIN



SECOND PLACE  
LYNN TURNER



THIRD PLACE  
PEGGY DOMINGUE

## STAFF DOOR DECORATING

## SNOW SCULPTING



FIRST PLACE—MARTIN/RAPOSO



SECOND PLACE—DOMINGUE



THIRD PLACE—RUFFO



and Santa Claus came for all the good little girls and boys...



## Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs' Forum (NSRCF)

The NSRCF continues to advance its regional strategic planning agenda in a number of areas, including the following:

**Governance:** The Wahkowtowin Regional Development Corporation is in the process of being created as a means of building regional strategic planning capacity that will assist each member First Nation in advancing community projects and activities. Also, the Northeast Superior Enhanced Sustainable Forest License (NS-ESFL) development process is currently at the draft business concept stage and includes a commitment that all area First Nations will have representation on the ESFL Board of Directors.

**Fiscal:** The NSRCF-Ontario resource revenue sharing pilot project in the forestry sector has completed its first of two years and is scheduled for mid-term review in support of formalizing the process, with an expectation of an increased funding amount being available to NSRCF communities. Progress has been made in replicating the resource revenue sharing process in the energy and mining sectors.

**Economic:** The most significant NSRCF economic initiative continues to be the Magpie Forest resource license development process. A number of formal business cases continue to be advanced in a number of related and unrelated areas.

**Ecological:** The NSRCF Guardianship Program completed its first year of activities in the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve (CCGP). The CCGP moose recovery program also moved forward with the completion of a moose survey report and the development of a hunter's code of conduct. A memorandum of understanding in support of better protecting the ecological integrity of the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve has been drafted and will be reviewed in the near future by the NSRCF and all of the forestry companies that operate in the CCGP.

### Chapleau Cree First Nation—Small Engine and Repair



**Michael Lasante**  
**Small Engines Mechanic**

### Grand Opening and Open House



**Cultural:** Funding was secured to support the construction of healing lodges in each NSRCF First Nations. Also, a detailed regional cultural mapping exercise has been undertaken that, combined with an enhanced forest resource inventory pilot project currently underway, has been used as the foundation to an innovative approach to free, prior and informed First Nation consent, an emerging forest certification requirement. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) of Canada is currently studying this culturally-based methodology as a potential international best practice.

**Social:** The Wahkowtwin Regional Development Corporation is poised to oversee the advancement of a comprehensive social development agenda that will include a youth training and jobs strategy, a comprehensive community planning process to encourage membership involvement in community decision-making and the continuation of a robust regional relationship building agenda.

## VISIT US ON FACEBOOK...CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Chapleau Cree First Nation. The profile picture shows five women. The cover photo features the organization's logo and the text "Chapleau Cree First Nation Community Organization". The page statistics are as follows:

Metric	Value
Likes	611 likes (+6 this week)
Post Reach	2,800 post reach this week
Post Engagement	321
Website Clicks	3

The page also shows a recent post from 20 hours ago: "Chapleau Cree First Nation added 2 new photos."

## ELECTION YEAR IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN

**Please ensure Stephanie Scott, Membership Clerk, has your correct mailing address to ensure your election material is received in a timely manner.**

**Please confirm your contact information  
(705) 864-0784 ext. #227 or [education@chapleaucree.ca](mailto:education@chapleaucree.ca)**



**Activity Report  
of the  
Chapleau Cree First Nation Referendum of February 27, 2016.**

I have been privileged to once again serve Chapleau Cree First Nation.

I do respectfully submit this Activity Report of the Chapleau Cree First Nation Referendum of February 27, 2016, in the matter of the purchase of Golden Route Lodge:

Votes in Favour	94
Votes Against	41
Spoiled Votes	03
Rejected Votes	01
Total Votes:	139

Submitted to Chief and Council and Membership of the Chapleau Cree First Nation.

Sincere regards

  
Marilynne Gagnon-Doyle



## 2015 Annual General Meeting



## Staff Meetings





To: Chapleau Cree First Nation Membership  
From: Chapleau Cree First Nation Council  
Date: February 24, 2016  
Re: Chapleau Cree Treaty Land Entitlement – Timing of Settlement

CCFN Membership ratified the TLE settlement on January 16, 2016. The TLE team had all our paperwork ready to go, and the next business day CCFN Chief and Council signed the Settlement Agreement and passed the associated Band Council Resolution (BCR).

We then sent the signed agreement to Ontario. Ontario needs to sign, and then Canada, before CCFN's compensation money can flow. We thought Ontario would sign within days, based on what they told the team during negotiations. But Ontario has not signed yet.

Rest assured that the settlement is still going ahead. All is still agreed. It is taking longer than expected due to Ontario's internal processes, which only Ontario controls. They need to go to the Treasury Board, which is a central government committee that controls all government spending. Getting on the Treasury Board's agenda takes some time.

The members of the TLE team did everything they could to prevent this. They told Ontario numerous times that the settlement process needed to happen quickly. They asked them about their timing and got assurances. They did not waste a single day after membership ratified the settlement. And we on Chief and Council are still working hard to speed up the process. Chief Corston recently met with officials at the highest levels of government, and successfully pressured Ontario to move the timeline up, though still not as fast as we expected.

At the moment Ontario has not provided any clear indication of when they will sign the agreement. Chief Corston was assured by officials that it would be as soon as possible. We will keep pressuring them.

Once Ontario signs, then Canada has to sign. The money will flow to the trust within 45 days of the date Canada signs, and from there, a portion of it will flow to members, as agreed upon in our ratification vote. We have been told that Canada can get the signature done quickly once Ontario signs (i.e. days, maybe a week or two at most) but we can't guarantee Canada's timing – as with Ontario, it is out of our control.

The delay will have no effect on anyone's entitlement to a distribution. Please rest assured that the settlement will get done, and there will be a good result at the end of all this frustration.

Thank you for your understanding and we will keep you posted.

***Here are the vote details:***

***356 CCFN members appeared on the voter's list***

***285 ballots received***

***274 ballots marked yes***

***2 ballots marked no***

***9 ballots were rejected***

***0 spoiled ballots***

## To Honour Those We Lost in 2015



Robert Donald Pennycook White  
 "Mooshum"  
 April 24, 1913 –September 25, 2015



Norman "Trevor" White  
 April 28, 1972—December 14, 2015

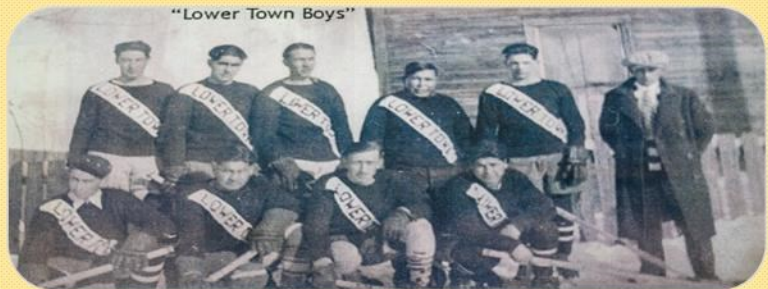


Charles Edward Cachagee "Sonny"  
 September 24, 1938—December 16, 2015

## What We Have in Our Archives

### Chapleau Hockey Team 1919

Left to Right—Back Clouthier,  
 Fred Kelland, Alex McAuley  
 Front—Hank Boucher,  
 Buster McAdam, Bob Turner,  
 Amon Saylor, Ken Sheppard



### "LOWER TOWN BOYS"

Back row Clifford Corston, Tony Cachagee, Mickey Linklater, Bob Turner, Cecil Corston Pat Swanson Sr,  
 Front row Gordon Bolduc, Snitch McAuley,  
 Farmer Linklater, George McAuley

## Little NISHNAWBE KWA SINGERS



PEYTON DOMINGUE, KATRINA KEECH, MARTINA RAPOSO,  
CHEYNNIE FORTIN, HALLEE MOREAU, AMARA RUFFO, APRIL FORTIN,

We would like to Thank the Anonymous member for their gracious donation for our skirts  
A Heartfelt MEEGWETCH From All of Us



## After School Practice



## Breast Cancer Awareness "PINK PARTY"





## AS A REMINDER

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and Social Services**

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June 15, 2015

Hon. Bob Rae  
Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP  
250 University Avenue  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5H 3E5

Dear Mr. Rae:

Thank you for your letter dated May 21, 2015 regarding Aboriginal land claim settlement payments and social assistance eligibility.

My ministry has considered the existing policy and I am pleased to inform you that effective immediately, future Aboriginal land claim settlement payments will be exempt as assets (in addition to the current income exemption) for the purposes of social assistance. The exemption applies to the capital amount of a settlement payment, and not to any additional amounts that may result due to interest earned.

My ministry is committed to continuing to support all vulnerable Ontarians, including First Nations, on social assistance. Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Jaczek".

Dr. Helena Jaczek  
Minister

Wahchay

My name is Stephanie Scott and I was recently hired as the new Education/Membership Clerk. I grew up on Fox Lake Reserve and started working for CCFN as a summer student in 2001. I attended Cambrian College where I received my diploma in Business Administration. I then returned home in 2012 and began working with CCFN on the TLE Claim as well as a coordinator for the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF). With this experience working with CCFN, I trust it will be a smooth transition into my new position.

I will be travelling to Toronto for Indian Registry training in late April. Until training is complete, I will not be able to process status cards as per Indian Affairs guidelines.

As Education Clerk, I have been busy familiarizing myself with students and funding applications for the Fall/Winter Semester.

I look forward to meeting new people through various Education seminars, as well as building stronger relationships with Band Membership.



### The Official Initialling of the Agreement



David Snowden  
Federal Negotiator

Chief Keith Corston

John Nolan  
Ontario Negotiator

After 8 long years of negotiating with the Federal and Provincial governments, Chapleau Cree has finalized our Treaty Land Entitlement process.

We have negotiated 9,884 acres and a significant monetary compensation for loss of use of the land since 1906.

Quote from Chief Corston

**"Although we negotiated a very good overall settlement under this process, this still falls short of what we lost as a people. Canada will never be the country it was intended to be until they truly acknowledge the injustice that has been dealt to us as a nation and we have the real truth and reconciliation."**

**Chapleau Cree First Nation**



**Chief and Council**

**Nomination Meeting**

**Will be held**

**Saturday April 9, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**At the Band Office Community Hall**

**Nominations are for:**

**(1) Chief**

**(2) ON Reserve Councillors –  
who must have residency on-reserve**

**(2) OFF Reserve Councillors –  
who must have residency off-reserve**

**Advanced Poll – Saturday June 4, 2016**

**\*Election Day – Saturday June 11, 2016**

**Please review your  
Chapleau Cree First Nation Election Code**



**Chapleau Cree First Nation  
Status Children's Activity Fund 2015-2016**

A Youth Activity Fund has been created to help families with the cost of youth activities.

Parents are encouraged to submit copies of original receipts for sport/cultural/extra-curricular activities their children have participated in. Receipts must be dated between

**December 1, 2015—November 30, 2016** to be eligible for this program.

Please send a letter with name of child(ren) and copies of your receipts before  
**Friday December 2, 2016.**

\*Only cost for fees associated with youth activities are eligible;  
equipment and supply costs will not be considered.

**A maximum of \$500.00/per family is available for reimbursement.**

**\*This lottery process is based on number of submissions received.**



If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
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