



Community Newsletter

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Wachay! Fox Lake Ney-hwee-nee-no-wuk! CHIEF'S REPORT

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays!

Chapleau Cree stands tall and works together with their leadership and administration to functionally make decisions in regards to governance, resources management, the homelands, and surrounding issues. Chief and Council work diligently in implementing and supporting community projects and development. It has been with the ultimate due diligence that I provide you with an update in this newsletter.

I apologize for the late timing of this update. The community has been without a Communications Officer but now that we have one in place again we will get back to our regular schedule, after this two-in-one newsletter.



Signing of the Treaty Land Entitlement

September
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Representatives of Chapleau Cree First Nation, the Province of Ontario and the Canadian government met on September 17, 2016 for the signing ceremony of the Treaty Land Entitlement agreement.



“TLE claims are intended to settle land debts owed to those First Nations who did not receive all the land they were promised under historical treaties. In CCFN’s case, the First Nation signed Treaty 9 back in 1906. The Treaty promised that one square mile of reserve land would be allocated to each family of five, which is equivalent to about 128 acres per person. However, CCFN had only received about a quarter of its Treaty 9 land entitlement, leaving a land debt owed to the First Nation that had remained unfulfilled for over 100 years.”

Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP



Gifts were exchanged at the ceremony.

Chief's Report – Cont'd

Fall is an important time in Cree culture. We are people of the land and during autumn we gather fish, animals, and plants from the land. We gather together and celebrate the harvest and take time to prepare for the upcoming trapping season.

Winter, in our traditions, is a time for reflection and a time for sharing stories. We remember the past year and begin planning for the new year and coming spring.



Your Chief and Council have been hard at work since our election in 2016. As outlined in our Election Code, we developed a strategic plan for our three-year term. This will provide us with clear purpose and priorities as we act on your behalf.

Some of the priorities in the Strategic Plan include:

Cultural Renewal:

Our culture is precious and it is ours to guard and celebrate. To this end, we have hired a Cultural Coordinator who will provide programs and services that celebrate our Cree traditions and customs. Funding for this three-year position was provided by the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, at no cost to Chapleau Cree.

In October, Chapleau Cree had their very first Cultural Harvest. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and shared their knowledge to help CCFN's harvest become successful. I must emphasize when I say, it is very important to pass down traditional teachings with our youth, the knowledge that we share with them has been passed down from many generations. The purpose of the fall Harvest was to bring our people on the land, teach them our respecting ways, and to teach our youth harvesting practices. We were very fortunate that our members were willing to supervise workshops, activities and training. Without the help of our staff/community members our hunt may have been less successful. We encourage those who did not attend the community hunt last year, to attend this coming year.

Healing and Wellness, Family Well-Being:

These principals are central to our community and success as people. Our goal is that all the decisions we take improve the well-being of our community members and their families.

Lands Management:

Our goal is to see Chapleau Cree build the capacity for autonomously managing our existing and new lands. This includes taking control over future development, zoning implementation, and resource use.

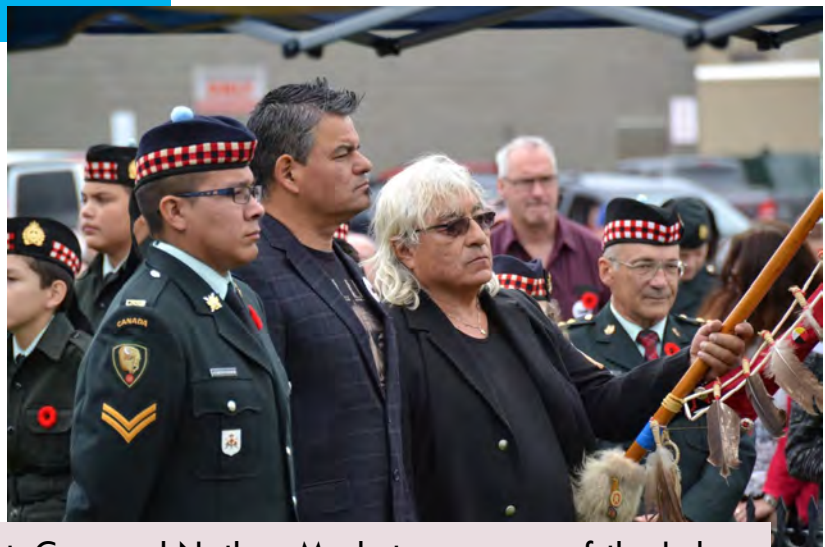
Bronze Statue Unveiled Honouring Charles Byce

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Members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment pose with the monument of Sergeant Charles Henry Byce of the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) in Chapleau, Ontario. Left to right: Corporal Nathan Moskotaywenene, Lieutenant Colonel David Ratz, Corporal Tucker Arnold, Corporal Dakota Sagutch, Master Warrant Officer Craig Loverin, Private Mason Bouchard and Private Denis Trush.

“We are proud to honour the distinguished service of Charles Byce, who overcame the injustices of the Indian Residential School system to become our most highly-decorated Indigenous warrior during the Second World War,” said Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler.



Left to right: Corporal Nathan Moskotaywenene of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, Isadore Day, Ontario Regional Chief and Chief Keith Corston of Chapleau Cree First Nation, holding the Eagle Staff during the Monument Ceremony for Sergeant Charles Henry Byce in Chapleau, Ontario.

Chief's Report – Cont'd



Housing:

Two new houses are currently under construction, funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) non-profit housing program. We are also working to update the housing policy to reflect the current needs of band members. CCFN has also applied to the First Nation Market Housing Fund for continued housing development.

Economic Development:

Community economic development is another significant priority for Chief and Council. Our energy is focused on developing relationships outside our community that will bring resources and benefits to CCFN members.

Economic development work includes our negotiations with Goldcorp for an Impact-Benefit Agreement, forestry management meetings, Joint Ventures from the Borden Gold development, developing designs for our investment in Golden Route / Kathy's Kitchen, and developing a five-year economic development strategy.

I am in contact with Hydromega to ensure our investment yields dividends in the near future and will keep you updated on our progress. There are huge opportunities for our community, from aggregate to medical marijuana. Chief and Council are committed to realising as much benefit as possible for our community.

The Treaty Land Entitlement agreement has been a huge accomplishment for our First Nation that took nearly 9 years of steady negotiations. It was a very proud moment for CCFN members when a settlement agreement was reached last year. After years of hard work and dedication CCFN band members, representatives from Ontario and Canada all joined together on Saturday September 17th, 2016 for the official Treaty Land Entitlement signing ceremony. We incorporated a pipe ceremony, traditional drumming and singing from CCFN Youth. Overall it was a very proud day for all.

**“When you rise in the morning
give thanks for the light, for
your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food and
for the joy of life.” –Techumseh**

We continue to negotiate on behalf of four members that were affected by an oversight by the government of Canada. I will keep you informed on the ongoing talks as they evolve.

As we plan for our future, the goals we are working towards must reflect our values while moving our community towards sustainability. We recognize that individual residents have diverse personal values and goals. However, we believe that members share community values that bring us together.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any of your concerns or comments. Meegwetch

Band Administrator Report – Edith Larocque



I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and was surrounded by family, friends, and fun.

Chapleau Cree First Nation continues to meet with various governments, businesses and agencies to promote and advance the prosperity of our members while protecting their inherent rights and interest. Chief and Council participate in ongoing discussions and meetings to ensure Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Joint Ventures (JVs) are developed and put in place allowing us to share in the future benefits of those operations through employment and economic development opportunities. As we move forward in day to day activities, we will do our very best to keep you informed via our newsletter and through the internet. For up to date information, please feel free to visit our website at www.chapleaucree.org.

A few changes were made in our Public Works Department. Brian (Mike) Byce has left Chapleau Cree and is working for the Township of Chapleau. Ian Fortin, former Public Works Manager/Water Treatment Plant Operator has resigned and returned to Ontario First Nation Technical Services Corporation. Ian remains our Overall Responsible Operator. Robert Fortin has been promoted to Public Works Manager and Allan Dupuis as Supervisor. Joshua Raposo and Eric Caldwell have been hired full time as Public Works Maintenance employees. Kyle Corston and Stephen Lee, Cultural Coordinator and Communications Coordinator respectively, have also joined our team. Congratulations to

everyone. I wish them success in their new positions and look forward to working with them.

Following the recommendations stemming from Chief and Council's strategic plan, we have been building capacity within our own organization. Chief and Council have approved training for employees when and wherever possible. All staff attended the team building workshop late last year facilitated by Sandi Boucher, Indigenous Speaker/Author/Activist. The workshop was focused on different cultures both in the workplace and our homes and recognizing we can all work together by respecting our differences and building from that. We have also provided manager training to assist our administration in accessing and developing budgets, financial reports and data entry. Moreover, our public works staff recently attended housing maintenance training offered through CMHC.

Chief and Council have approved the recommendations made by Zarex Consultants to renovate our Chapleau Cree Auto/Truck & Public Works Department offices. Renovations are now complete and our offices look great. We also have a comfortable waiting room for our customers, new flooring and a new office space for our Public Works Manager. Please feel free to drop by and visit our shop at any time.

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Professional & Institutional Development Program is in its final year of a five-year plan. A review of our existing policies and procedures has been identified as one of the key focus areas for this program. We are in the process of reviewing and updating our current housing policy, administration policies, financial policy and developing a governance manual for Chapleau Cree First Nation. During the development and changes to our housing and administration policies, will be inviting members/employees to share their ideas and suggestions. All employees will receive a draft of the personnel policy and will be invited to attend a meeting or send in their comments or suggestions for consideration. Our draft housing policy presentation is on February 28, 2017 at Chapleau Cree First Nation. A initial draft housing policy will be sent out for members who are unable to attend allowing them to share their comments or suggestions. Please forward any ideas, comments or questions to reception@chapleaucree.ca.

The construction of our two homes is coming along nicely despite the cold winter months and snowfall. We are working along with Mushkegowuk Council and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to ensure we are complying with all regulations and codes. We are almost at fifty percent completion for both homes.

Mukeso House has also had some renovations and upgrades through Canada and Mortgage Housing renovations program. We have replaced some of the decks, and have ordered new doors for the front entrances.



“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

Author: Edith Wharton

The Aboriginal Peoples Program, Language Initiative submitted in 2015-2016 fiscal year was denied late last fall. We will be exploring further options in the new fiscal for cultural language programs.

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 or telephone (705) 864-0784 ext. 226.

Education Report – Stephanie Scott

Indigenous Northern Affairs of Canada (INAC) has committed \$747.6 million over five years, including \$35.8 million for 2016-2017 fiscal year for education. Immediate funding needs will be addressed through core provincial and secondary education programs to First Nations with increases on the nominal roll and the cost of education services. The new budget will be spread across various First Nation services such as: Language and Culture for First Nation educational systems, Special Needs Education and Implementation, transformation and transportation. Chapleau Cree has received increases for Provincial Education in Special Education and Guidance and Counselling for our students on the nominal roll.

Band Members can access Mushkegowuk Employment and Training Services (METS) which provides funding for individual initiatives through a combination of programs and services with the goal to improve the applicants' employment skills and facilitate their entry into the labour market. Applications for funding are available at my office or via Clara Wheesk by phone at 705-268-1150 or via email at clarawheesk@mushkegowuk.ca.

Post-Secondary Student Support Program

The funding application deadline for September 2017 is **June 1st**.

Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed in a second round, *funding dependent*.

METS provides funding for:

- ◇ Programs, courses and training opportunity of one year or less;
- ◇ Programs, courses and training that provide direct entry into the labour force;
- ◇ Course costs & materials, books & supplies, income support, travel costs, and accommodation costs;
- ◇ Pre-Employment Support such as travel costs for interviews;
- ◇ Mobility – relocation costs for employment;
- ◇ Licences, certificates etc. needed for employment.

It is important to note, funding is **limited** and the process may take six to eight weeks depending on the amount of funds requested. Applications are submitted directly to METS and not to my office.

As Education Counsellor, I work hand in hand with Clara Wheesk, METS Community Development Officer to aid CCFN applicants in accessing funding for education and training purposes, often sharing the cost between METS and CCFN's RAMA Education Program and Ontario Works (if applicable).

For those who would like to pursue a career in the trades, information on apprenticeship programs is available on the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) website. Apprenticeship funding for CCFN Band Members is coordinated between CCFN, METS, MTCU and Ontario Works (if applicable) to ensure that the applicant receives the best possible funding available.

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. Please feel free to submit your application and/or resume to education@chapleaucree.ca

Chapleau Cree hosts 31st Mamowihitowin of the Omushkego

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The 19 resolutions passed at the Mamowihitowin are available at www.mushkegowuk.com



Amara Ruffo served as Youth Co-Chair



Resolution No. 2016-09-19

Whereas the Chief, Council, Elders, Youth and citizens of Chapleau Cree First Nation provided exceptional hospitality for the delegates of the 31st Annual Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk.

Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk, thank the community of Chapleau Cree First Nation for their demonstrated hospitality; thank you for the fond memories we will always carry in our hearts.

Mushkegowuk Includes:

Attawapiskat First Nation
Chapleau Cree First Nation
Fort Albany First Nation
Kashechewan First Nation
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Moose Cree First Nation
Taykwa Tagamou Nation

Culture Report – Kyle Corston

Waachaay, waachay!

This is Kyle Corston, your Cultural Coordinator, here giving you all an update during this chilly Bear Moon (February 2017). So far, I've mostly been busy in the office networking and researching, developing protocols, and trying to come up with some culturally relevant programming here at CCFN for the next few months. Some ideas being thrown around so far are an annual spring goose hunt, and also a two day canoe trip with the youth this summer. For the canoe trip, we would depart from Chapleau beach, set up camp near the 18 mile rapids, and continue the next day to Racine Lake campground where canoers will be welcomed with drumming and a community feast. It should be a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to it a great deal.



I will also be starting a year long Healing and Wellness Counsellor diploma program online with NETC Native training centre in February, to become a certified counsellor and provide culturally based counselling services through the Health Centre and Turtle Lodge. This will help with creating a 'cultural safe space' here at CCFN, which is the goal of the Family Wellbeing Program (special shout-out and thank you to NAN for funding this great program for the next 3 years!), and also help build capacity for Chapleau Cree.



In January, we held an Ancestry Feast for the community, conducted by Jules Tapas (Inishinapay) from Moose Factory. It was a beautiful ceremony, where we feasted our ancestors and loved ones who have passed into the Spirit World. This feast is a very important tradition amongst Cree people,

and how we grieve our dead. With the help of Jules, we have created a bundle for this feast, and we will hold this ceremony four times a year, once for each season, from now on. The bundle consists (so far) of black cloth, and a pipe that Jules made that is specifically for the Ancestry Feast for this community, and to be used specifically for the Ancestry Feast only. The bones of our goose hunt will be added to the bundle, once we harvest them. Jules will assist us with the first four ceremonies, but after that, it will be up to us as a community to do these ceremonies for ourselves. This is what cultural renewal and self empowerment is all about.

The turn-out for the ceremony was small, but very intimate. We had a couple really good sweats and the feast, cooked by Cheryl Cachagee and her daughter Dezirae, was amazing (miigwetch Chief Keeter for the moose, and miigwetch Allan Dupuis for donating the fish!). During the ceremony, Jules made contact with the spirits of several of our ancestors. Among the visitors was an old man with long white hair, wearing a beaded turtle broach on his chest who was very pleased and thankful for the feast we were conducting. Also, the



spirit of a little girl spoke to Jules, who was asking where her mother was, and why she wasn't at the feast. I am extremely thankful to those who assisted and who attended, and I truly hope that more people are able to make it to the next ceremony. Our ancestors are hungry!

Okimakan Keeter Corston also received a new Spirit Name in the sweat lodge. Known as Mikisew Inninew (Eagle Man), the new name that came to him in the lodge is Mistatim (Horse). Sometimes in one's life,

we are gifted with more than one name, and this is the case with our Chief. Waachaay Mistatim!

As well, I would like to start a monthly "Indigenous Movie Night" here on the reserve, showcasing Indigenous movies from around the world. The first film I had in mind, which is a family (kids) movie made by Maori (New Zealand)

filmmaker Taika Waititi, is "Hunt For The Wilderpeople", which was a festival favourite at the Sundance Film Festival last year, and truly one of the best films of 2016. It tells the story of Ricky Baker, a Maori boy in foster care who becomes the subject of a national manhunt with his foster Uncle (played by Sam Neill). Check

the trailer out on Youtube. It's a great and really hilarious film, that the whole family will definitely enjoy. We are hoping to screen this film on Saturday, February 25th, 2017 (depending on childrens' hockey schedules). Updates will be posted on www.chapleaucree.org. Hope to see people there!

My Objectives:

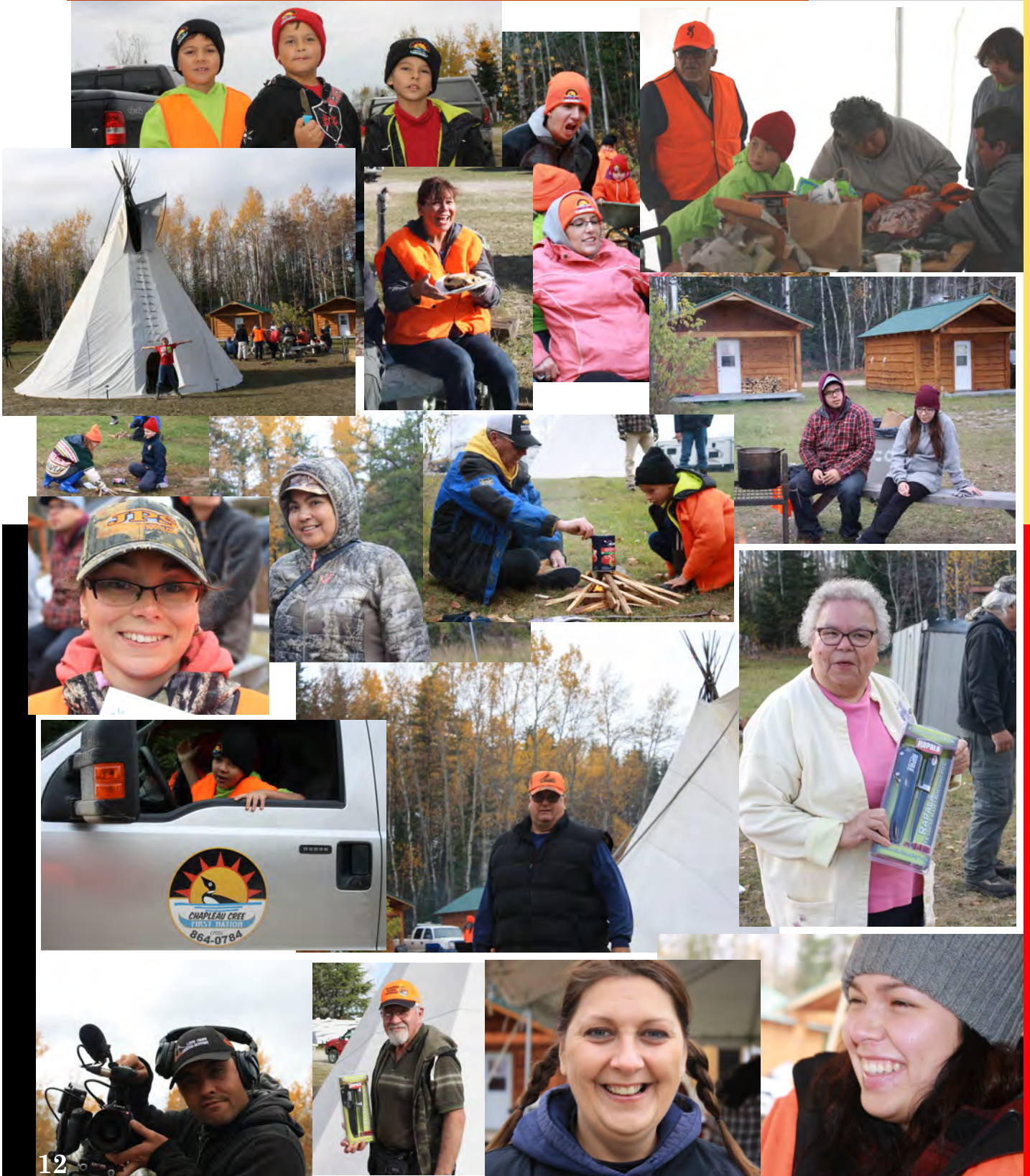
- * **Provide a culturally relevant 'safe space' in the community**
- * **Initiate a 'Cultural Renewal Process' at CCFN**
- * **Ensure the provision of fair, equitable, respectful and culturally relevant service to Chapleau Cree First Nation**
- * **Obtain certification as a Healing and Wellness Counsellor**

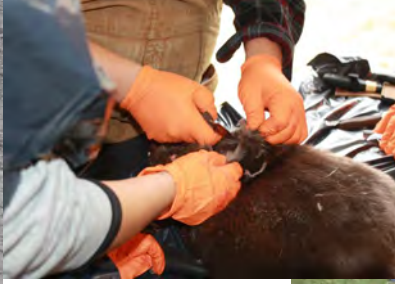
That's about it so far. I've compiled the results of the online survey I sent out in December, and am working on making sure some of these events are occurring on a regular (monthly) basis. I am in the CCFN Health Centre office during business hours, and am always open to suggestions and concerns.

Also, I like visitors; so stop by for coffee or cedar tea! Miigwetch! Ekosi!

Harvest Week

October
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Economic Development Report - Patty Ann Owl

Waaachay and Welcome to our community news update for the Chapleau Cree First Nation. My role as Community Economic Development Officer, has covered a vast array of duties and tasks. While Chapleau Cree's focus on job-creation projects and helping local people with their business ideas, others are negotiating deals to establish or diversify the community's economic base and increase all manner of economic opportunities.

Chapleau Cree First Nation has been focused on implementing the 5 year Economic Development Strategic plan. The priority planning is paired with the Community's leadership directives and structures to manage development processes. Here is where I recommend the importance of developing community internal relations protocol and external relationship development protocols.

This involves forming appropriate partnerships and seeking venture capital and cooperative investments. The work ranges from helping to develop local business plans to very complex economic endeavors. The Chapleau Cree community development process is ongoing and we have embarked on implementing a cultural fall harvest to introduce on the land settlement activity. Camp Racine is a traditional place of significance for the Chapleau Cree First. Therefore a community harvest was planned with the senior administrators and community leaders to provide cultural appropriate activities.

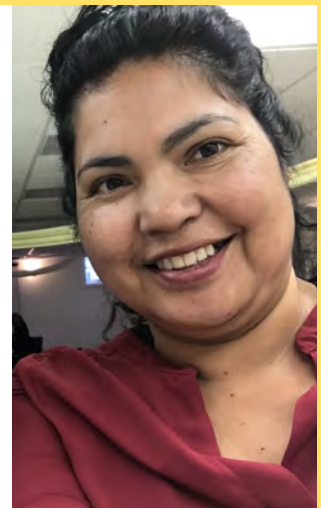
Chapleau Cree First Nation will do everything from coordinating short-term community employment and training projects, to promoting local businesses at trade shows, to finding financial support for ideas and plans, no matter how small or large. The actual tasks or projects obviously change over time, but what remains constant is Community development, community planning, infrastructure management, Housing Development, and First Nations lands management.

To date I have been very busy with the economic development initiatives that pertain to:

◇ Reporting to funders as per project



- ◇ Golden Route Design and funding to that effect (Aboriginal Capital grants application)
- ◇ Community planning project - Walking the Land
- ◇ Land and management of that framework - Application to First Nation Lands Management Act
- ◇ Roads and future development - Engineering and review of infrastructure needs
- ◇ Capital Management Planning - housing setting up partnership with North Shield and the delivery of 2 new homes for Chapleau Cree First Nation



- ◇ Retrofit to the Mukeso House, new decking
- ◇ Planning and Implementing Cultural Fall Harvest funding and activity
- ◇ Miller Paving negotiations for renewal of Devon Pit management
- ◇ Gold Corp Negotiations resource for CCFN
- ◇ Energy Audit kick-off for Chapleau Cree First Nation
- ◇ Attended Regional Economic Development Corporations initiatives and partnership development
- ◇ Community dinner updates mandatory for protect involvement and community consultation
- ◇ Attended Managers Meetings



The Economic Development Department has demonstrated effective planning and provided the necessary instruments to implement community development projects. This phase has successfully introduced the ownership and tangible uses of the land and acquired the treaty land settlement areas, therefore setting the stage for proprietary ownership of their resources. Chapleau Cree First Nation is on the road to economic sustainability and has been introduced to the economic potential with subsidiary business such as Three Nations partnership and joint venture documents with local business. Social inclusion becomes apparent and should you wish to become involved please do not hesitate to come and gather information, we are all prepared and willing to share.

I will continue to prepare proposals for a variety of economic development initiatives for submissions to public and private funding sources. I write project briefs, updates and final reports for all project activities taking place in Chapleau Cree First Nation and will maintain a sound administrative and organizational system, develop budgets and cash flow projections, use business planning software, and create presentations for public speaking opportunities.

Also develop and track accomplishments related to an ongoing work plan that will guide the work in the near future.

IN CLOSING I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE CONTINUED VISION OF CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION AND HAVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITIZENS THEREOF.

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PATTY ANN



Public Works Report - Robert Fortin

The month of January has been busy with multiple snowstorms in a row at the beginning of the month.

We have had a new employee start with us. Eric Caldwell started January 16th and is eager to get to know his roll at Public Works. Al Dupuis, Josh Raposo, and Eric Caldwell attended a housing maintenance training seminar held at Brunswick House First Nation and we've received good feedback from the attendees.



A look inside Robert's new office, part of the garage upgrades.

Ice work is still ongoing at the rink. I haven't been able to schedule training on the Zamboni because of the multiple snow storms and the incredibly mild weather. If and when it turns colder we will be scheduling it then.

Because of the mild weather we've been busy cutting driveways and parking lots to remove the slop and also pushing back the banks before they freeze rock hard.

The mild weather did a number on our ice surface. Once things cool off and it looks like it's going to stay cool for a while we will flood the rink again to fill holes that are down to the concrete.

It looks like we may have solved the Turtle Lodge stove issue. We installed a higher flow pump which has more pressure and it seems to have fixed the issue. We will light it on a cold day to ensure it is good to go.

Garage Upgrades

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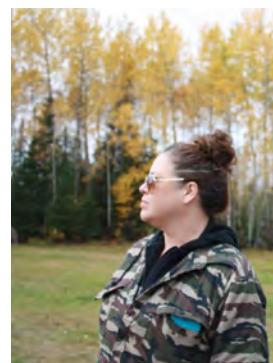


NSRCF & Wahkohtowin Update - David Flood

The Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs' Forum (NSRCF) continues to promote the requirements of Free, Prior, Informed, Consent and collaboration with Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Ontario to form a Centre of Forestry Excellence. Further, the Chiefs' Forum has supported a direct dialogue occur on the emerging Forest Carbon Offset Protocols including a modeling exercise on enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence (eSFL) forests to ensure an informed government to government dialogue.

Wahkohtowin continues to build its relationships with forestry partners and have:

- i) Secured a contract with First Resource Management Group for Forest Management and Operations services in the Wawa District on the Magpie Forest.
- ii) A 5 year contract has been offered from RENTECH to support the establishment of a Log/Fibre Hauling enterprise as we near confirmation with our partner to place an order for the trucks.
- iii) Our Human Resource - Recruitment and Placement partnership continues to build relations and is searching currently for electricians; there is an emphasis to find ways to employ membership from Wahkohtowin FN's.
- iv) The Hornepayne sawmill and co-gen remain a strong focal point for Wahkohtowin as we continue to finalize terms and financing that will see our First Nations hold equity in the assets and overtime see financial returns.
- v) NEW - Resulting from our Bioeconomy workshop in November 2016 we are working with Biodiversity North Development Center to initiate a 100km Heat Diet.



Vanessa Bedard,
Wahkohtowin's
Financial Controller
attending CCFN's
2016 Harvest Week

In addition to business development Wahkohtowin is also serving the North Superior Regional Chiefs' Forum - strategic projects related to Moose Recovery in the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve, First Nation participation at the enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence (eSFL) - Amalgamation process, developing a Mineral Development Strategy, a renewed implementation plan for the Guardianship Initiative, moving toward the establishment of a regional energy strategy - supported by FN's and Municipalities through an IESO project, and, in late March/April, we will be setting up our second phase of Birch Syrup tapping - a non-timber forest product enterprise.

Stay tuned as the fiscal year end Workshops and Information sessions wind up will occur on a number of the projects for the Chiefs Forum through February and March.

All of this work requires human capital – workers. Wahkohtowin partnered with Mamonuskomitwin Employment and Training to conduct a skilled worker survey over Dec/Jan. **This database is critical to link members to employment opportunities and we hope everyone filled out the survey.** We will be making a second round of mail outs to continue to improve the database and generate interest.

To Honour Those We Lost

Jan Douglas White

July 12, 1920 - December 19, 2016



Josh Francois Tremblay

July 26, 1959 - January 9, 2017



Hilary Everett Hugh McWatch

March 25, 1976 - January 20, 2017



🏠 Housing Project Update 🏠



Two views of the new house on Cachagee Road.

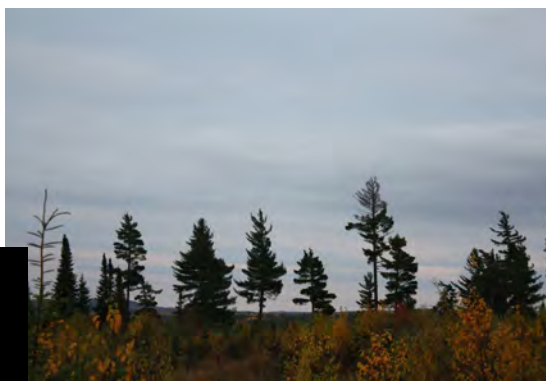


A photo of the new house on Lindy Loutit Lane taken in January.



42 community members receive an update on the housing project at a dinner held on January 18, 2017.

Wakamota Murder Mystery Weekend



Orange Shirt Day
September 30th



Vision:

The Mushkegowuk Development Corporation’s successful business ventures generate resources to enable each member community to invest in itself -- creating more vibrant, healthy and sustainable First Nation communities.

The Mission of MDC:

“Mushkegowuk Development Corporation (MDC) will successfully develop, own and operate significant regional businesses which will benefit the Mushkegowuk Nation and our region’s communities by generating wealth, while creating employment and respecting the environment and our traditional cultural principles and values.”

Approach to Business:

- Maximize current and upcoming opportunities in our region , while taking a regional approach, related to the resource development sector, regional service/product gaps, and other emerging business sectors;
- establishing or securing significant interest in regionally important and profitable business ventures that work effectively and supportively with community members, community business corporations, and other regional entities;
- developing a strategic mix of business ventures which considers opportunities in key sectors and the traditional economy;
- building and retaining economic value within the Mushkegowuk Region to the greatest extent possible;

Strategic Business Plan Implementation highlights:

- Implementation Staff hired, Albalina Metatawabin, General Manager, August 2015; Lucille Uiselt, Finance Admin May 2016
- Incorporation of the General Partner (operating corporation) - complete
- Limited Partnership agreement in place – currently being review by Shareholders, originally shared with Chiefs in spring of 2016
- List of Business pursuits developed –feasibility work in progress
- Permanent Board of Directors – Appointed on August 8th. Interim board was in place prior to that.
- 2nd Strategic Planning session – Dec 2016.
- Formal relationship with BEHLEN Industries

Partnership Opportunities: MDC Partnership criteria:

- established businesses searching for new markets
- to create synergies for larger scale projects
- maximize the market potential offered by First Nation communities
- shared socio economic objectives
- Common values

Next Steps:

- feasibility Study – identify up to 3.
- Confirm equity required
- community engagement
- align on terms of Limited Partnership Agreement with owner First Nations

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS - ELECTRICITY RELIEF \$\$\$ ELECTRICITY BILLS TO DECREASE IN 2017

Starting January, 2017 you should see *TWO ways in which your electricity bills have decreased!

1. 8% Provincial Rebate:

- > A rebate from the Ontario government equivalent to the 8% provincial portion of HST
- > Everyone living in Ontario who are billed for low, medium, or high density service are eligible, **including those living on reserve!**

2. Reduced Delivery Charges for *Low Density Service Customers

- > Residents in **low-density** service zones will receive an increased Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) credit of \$29.00 a month (from the existing credit of \$31.50 per month)
- > You should see the following statement on your electricity bills starting in January:
"Your delivery charge is reduced through Rural or Remote Rate Protection by \$60.50 per month."

**Note that prior to 2017, the RRRP credit of \$31.50 was automatically taken off of your delivery charges and not shown separately.



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Diabetes Conversation Group



Robin Greer, Dietitian Educator at Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services, hosts a monthly conversation group at the CCFN health centre.

Participation is free and open to all. To register contact Chapleau Cree Health Services at 705-864-0200.

Did You Know:

If you are 40 years old or older, the Canadian Diabetes Association recommends being checked for diabetes even if you don't have symptoms.

Community Paint Night



Join us for the next Paint Night!
February 16th



Water Plant Update – Al Dupuis

Greetings from the Chapleau Cree Water Treatment Plant!

It has been a busy time here at the water plant. Our daily duties and maintenance have been keeping us busy along with moving forward on our water plant upgrade project. So far, we have completed the 60% design phase and are moving forward with approval for our 90% design phase. We hope to go to tender in the spring and if everyone works together we should be able to put a shovel in the ground by the end of summer.



In December, we held a community dinner with Chief Keeter Corston, our engineer Steve Redding, and our project manager Kelvin Jamieson. The purpose of the event was to update the community on the status of the project, to display the plans for the new building and to take questions and answers from community members. The event went well and I hope we continue having information sessions on this project to keep community members informed on such an important issue.

It has been business as usual in the water plant over the last few months. We continue our daily duties and the weekly bacteriological sampling is still occurring as usual. Our reports can be seen or requested through the band office.

In November, we received approval for a Health Canada proposal that was submitted earlier in the year. This was through the First Nation Water Wastewater Action plan. This is the second year in a row that we were approved under this action plan. Last year we completed the septic sanitary surveys and community based water monitoring program and this year Health Canada put an emphasis on including a cultural component to the project.

Our goal this year is to not only continue the community based water monitoring program but also host a few culturally inspired events such as a Full Moon ceremony. We are also looking at sampling the water in lakes outside Chapleau Cree First Nation. We are going to be putting out a survey with a list of lakes in our area and with input from our membership

we will be sampling some of these locations for water quality and other parameters as part of the project. We wanted to also monitor water levels in certain areas but with the late approval of this project this is not feasible during the winter months. This program runs until the end of March 2017, at which time we will update the community on our progress and findings. Any community participation in our events would be greatly appreciated!



Community Dinner

January
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Membership Report – Stephanie Scott

Members who live a distance from our reserve can obtain status cards as follows:

1. Most First Nations will issue Status Cards for members of other First Nations. It is recommended that you contact them prior to going to their Band Office as they must obtain verification of your registration from either myself or AANDC. You will be required to produce 2 pieces of identification, one with a picture. Your old status card can be used as 1 of the pieces of identification as long it is within a six-month expiry date.
2. Visit AANDC Headquarters in Gatineau Quebec – appointments are recommended by calling 1-877-710-2908. Their address is 10 Wellington, North Tower Gatineau, Quebec. You will be required to produce 2 pieces of identification, one with a picture, and your old status card.
3. Visit any AANDC Regional Office – appointments are recommended. Their addresses can be found at <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca>. Select “Contact Us” and then scroll down to “Regional Offices”. You will be required to produce 2 pieces of identification, one with a picture, and your old status card.
4. Apply via mail to the closest AANDC Regional Office (see above). To apply via mail you must complete the following forms that can be found at <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca> in the “Forms” section under “Indian Registration”. The procedure is as follows:
 - ◇ Complete an Application for Certificate of Indian Status (Form No. Inter 83-009E)
 - ◇ Complete a Guarantor Form
 - ◇ Submit a head and shoulders picture signed by the guarantor. The picture must be taken within the last six months. No headgear, sunglasses or similar apparel can appear in the picture. Please ensure that the head and shoulders fit within a 1” x 1” size. Do not cut the picture, as it will cut by the Indian Register. If having your picture taken professionally ask for a little smaller than passport size as the regular passport size is too big.
 - ◇ Documentation requirements:
 - * Your old Status Card plus one piece of identification with a picture – health card or driver’s licence.
 - * If your old Status Card it has been lost or stolen you must complete the Lost or Stolen Declaration Form and submit two pieces of identification, one with a picture as above.
 - ◇ The Regional Officer will verify your information in the Indian Register and complete your card and affix the photo. Your partially completed card and identification will be sent to you via Registered Mail.
 - ◇ When you receive your card you must sign it and return it to the Regional Officer via Registered Mail.
 - ◇ The Regional Officer will then sign and laminate your card and send it back to you via Registered Mail.

It is important to keep your life events up to date in the registry. Please note that all events being registered require original documents to be included, such as marriage certificates, birth certificates and statutory declarations.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please feel free to contact me via phone or email at education@chapleaucree.ca



Health Report – Peggy Domingue

Greetings Band Members!

Below you will find a brief synopsis of activities undertaken within the Health Centre over the past few months.

The youth cultural camp for 2016 was a resounding success, with 16 youth participants and 2 guest participants for 1 day. Our youth received many teachings on respect, 7 grandfather teachings, fasting lodge requirements and tools, drumming, created parts of their bundles and made medicine from medicine picked during their medicine walk and participated in male/female sweats on two concurrent evenings. In addition the youth participated in various crafts, games, swimming, kayaking and other events to add to their enjoyment of the camp week. We received very positive feedback from this event as well as suggestions to improve and consider for the upcoming 2017 camp. The date scheduled for this upcoming event is July 17-21.



The Chapleau Family Health Team doctors and nurse practitioner have resumed their scheduled visits to our community and a regular schedule has been provided for the coming months. As an update for our members and community, the doctors have complete access to their patients' health records through a secure and password protected dedicated

laptop directly from our clinic.



**Healthy You!!
Lunch & Learn**

We have held an initial exploratory conversation with Dr. Roger Boyer II, Primary Healthcare Manager of Maamwesying North Shore Community Health as they, in response to the government mandate of increasing First Nation services, are looking to expand their “Circle of Care” model. Potential services which could extend to our community would include MD services, Specialized NP, Registered Dieticians, Midwife, OP/PT, Chronic pain management, Suboxone program and Mental Health services. A face to face meeting is to be scheduled in late August or September to meet with all local health managers including those of the Chapleau Family Health Team and Services de Santé Chapleau Health Services. A BCR in support of provision of integrated primary health in our community from Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services has been sent off and further discussions are planned in the coming weeks on how this will take shape within our community.



The First Nations Student Nutrition program, funded through Ministry of Child and Youth Services, re-commenced on the first day of school in September and will provide daily healthy food/snack options to the children in this program every operating day of the schools and Health Centre. This is a welcomed program by the families in our community.

We are currently involved with the Jays Care Foundation, Girls at Bat program aimed at empowering the girls aged 13-18 in our communities both locally and within the Mushkegowuk Region. The first girls retreat designed to provide them with skills to build their self-esteem/confidence while providing them with tools to use in their home communities as peer leaders. This workshop was designed to empower the youth in light of the high rates of youth suicides.

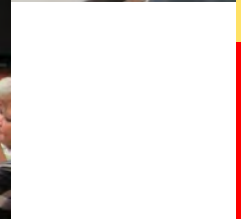
Also included in this newsletter are some pictures of events and activities hosted by our department, we look forward to seeing more clients at our upcoming events.

Nutrition Bingo



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Next Nutrition Bingo: February 23 at 7pm



Bingo at Mukeso House



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OUR THREE KEY PROJECT PILLARS



AMPLIFYING YOUTH VOICE

Increasing youth voice, including supporting the creating and sustainability of local and regional youth councils.



BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

Building the capacity of First Nations youth councils and connecting youth workers / youth-serving organizations to engage and support young people to realize their potential through positive opportunities.



ONGOING COORDINATING AND COLLABORATION

Supporting First Nations' planning for key programs and granting opportunities to increase life opportunities for youth.

Upcoming Events

February 18 - Bingo at the Band Office

February 20 - Family Day - Band Office and
Health Closed

February 22 - Community Dinner

February 22-23 - Mushkegowuk Economic
Development Summit in Timmins

February 26 - CCFN Kids Fish Derby
Prizes for all!

February 28 - Housing Policy Update Dinner

March 12 - Daylight Savings - Move 1 hour ahead

March 20 - First day of Spring

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