

Community Newsletter

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Wachay! Fox Lake Ney-hwee-nee-no-wuk! O KI MA'S REPORT

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 on 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.

Spring is a very important season in the circle of life. It is the time where the long winter has come to an end, and the people are coming off the trap lines to do their spring harvesting. Spring is represented by the east, the colour yellow, youth and children. It is a time when new life begins.

Chapleau Cree has been going through negotiations with Goldcorp for some time now. Recently Goldcorp has agreed to all of our terms in general. However, we are ironing out the details on July 4th, 5th and 6th at the Olthuis Kleer Townshend (OKT) law office in Toronto. Everything should be finalized in the months to come. February 2017: Representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) present Chief Corston with a letter confirming their commitment to the construction phase of the water plant project – a \$3.9 million upgrade.



Chief's Report – Cont'd

Recently, the Chiefs made a motion to remove existing Kunuwanimano board members and temporarily replace them with the Chiefs. However, we learned through the bylaw that it was not achievable. Therefore, Chapleau Cree has temporarily placed Deputy Chief James Fletcher in this position.



Chief Corston and the Annual Fish Derby participants. We are engaging in a process to develop our land code. This process is defined as the First Nations Lands Management Frame Work (FNLMF). It is a very exciting project that will be funded through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The goal of this process is to remain autonomous on our reserve and traditional lands. It gives us the authority to plan and govern our lands as this is our right under the constitution of Canada.

The native studies class from Chapleau

High School joined us in the turtle lodge for some history on Chapleau Cree First Nation. The turtle lodge was the appropriate place to do this. I spoke to them about treaty rights, the history of Chapleau Cree, and who we are as a people. I always encouraged this kind of partnership with the municipality of Chapleau to educate the non-native people on our history and our constitutional rights.

Chief's Report – Cont'd

I believe this educational piece is very important, so the general population is not misled by the government distorting the truth. Education is such a powerful factor in life. It teaches the people they do not need to consider us foe, and it builds great allies in our quest for social justice, and to take our rightful place on the land, as intended by the grandfathers in the treaty.

As stated in the previous newsletter, there were four band members that were missed in the last round of negotiations. Recently, I negotiated with the federal government on the loss of use monetary piece. The federal government figure of five hundred and twelve thousand dollars was grossly inadequate. Through very persuasive arguments by myself and the law firm, we managed to negotiate an extra one hundred and fifty thousand. These details will be ironed out in the coming months. We will be doing

some disbursement on the old formula that was ratified by the band membership last year, which is 77 percent pay out. I will keep you posted as things progress.

"A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong." –Tecumseh

We have ongoing negotiations concerning

our half ownership in one of the four dams on Kapuskasing River with Hydro Mega. I feel that Chapleau Cree was somewhat exploited in that agreement. I will succeed with better terms in this arrangement.

The two houses are 95% complete. The housing committee is now taking applications. These two homes are not your typical box house, but have a bit of character. We are

already thinking of building more houses as it is very evident the need is there. With ongoing needs and growth of Chapleau Cree, we are focusing on the first nation's market housing fund to participate in the credit enhancement facility of the fund.

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

Meegwetch,

Chief Corston



From left to right: Teaghan Koster (NOSM Student), Chief Corston, Health Care Coordinator Peggy Domingue, and Anastasia Faggioni (NOSM Student)

BINGO at the Band Office

February 2017



Band Administrator's Report - Edith Larocque

I hope everyone kept warm during the last few months of winter and has been enjoying the warmer weather now that summer has arrived.

A few changes within our Human Resources department have occurred since last reported. Our Public Works Manager Robert Fortin has resigned

his position with Chapleau Cree and has joined DUMAS Contracting with the Borden Lake GoldCorp project. We wish Robert all the best in his future endeavors. Allan Dupuis currently holds the position of Public Works Manager. Matthew Dupuis has joined our team for a 32-week program sponsored by Mushkegowuk Employment Training Services as our Records Management Clerk.



We have an active Joint Health and Safety Committee. We have updated and implemented our Health and Safety Policy and all staff have received the required training to ensure we comply with the Occupational Health & Safety Act. Upon completion of all required tasks, we applied for a 5% discount on our annual WSIB premiums.

Congratulations to Allan Dupuis for his achievement in achieving his Class 2 Drinking Water Operators Certificate.

Emergency Response Planning training is being provided through Ontario First Nations Technical Services for our community. This training comes at an opportune time as we are currently updating our emergency plan.

We have implemented Employee of the Month, which allows every employee to celebrate a co-worker who has gone above and beyond the scope of their job duties in the workplace. This nomination is made by fellow employees in an anonymous manner and submitted for selection via our suggestion boxes. We proudly post these on our website.

Band Administrator Report – Edith Larocque

Our past Employees of the Month are:

February 2017	Tracy Martin, Health Program Facilitator & RPN – Health Department
March 2017	Eric Caldwell, Labourer – Public Works Department
April 2017	Stephen Lee, Communications Officer – Administration
May 2017	Claude Lortie, Gas Bar Attendant – Pimii Kamik

Summer hours have changed for the Chapleau Cree Auto Truck Repair and the Chapleau Cree Small Engine. They are now open Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Chi Bannock Chip Stand is also open for the season and is open daily from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

With summer fast approaching, students have begun to look for summer employment. I am happy to report Chapleau Cree has been approved for funding for various positions and encourage all students to apply. Our job postings can be viewed online at www.chapleaucree.ca.

Our Audit was completed in May by KPMG and all programs and requirements have been reported on as per funding guidelines.

We have updated our Housing Policy and it will be available for review by Band Members via Google Docs in the near future.

The construction of our two homes are coming along nicely and should be ready within the next few weeks. The homes have a garage with a deck off the kitchen. They are nicely

designed with a full basement. Please, feel free to drop by the worksite and take a walk through.

We still have a vacant one bedroom apartment available for rent at Mukeso House for band members. Rent is currently set as \$300.00 monthly plus hydro and satellite fees.



We have implemented the Land Use Committee. Their first official meeting was held on June 13, 2017. Any land use questions or concerns can be sent to their attention at the office.

Demolition is being planned at the Golden Route. We are currently waiting for funding approvals before we move forward on the plans to construct an Eco Lodge. We have started the process to remove cabins currently on the property to be removed by interested band members on a first come first served basis. Cabins can be removed from the property at the individual's expense. A gate has been constructed



to restrict access to the boat launch, due to liability. Access will be permitted to band members only.

Our CCFN Kid's Fish Derby had another successful year. There were 29 children in attendance and one fish was caught. Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters! Without their help this event would not have been as big of a success as it was.

Our Youth Champion Amara Ruffo has requested to have a Youth Group formed in our community. We have accepted her request and we look forward to working with our Youth. Thank you Amara.

Should anyone want further information on any one of our projects, policies, or First Nation businesses I can be reached by email at bandadmin@chapleaucree.ca or telephone (705) 864-0784 ext. 226.

Edith Larocque



Health Centre Update

Changes/Improvements to Primary Care Services

One of the biggest members to the community changes forthcoming is the as well as to outline their partnership between our First roles. The team which will Nation North Shore Health Services includes a Nurse Practitioner to increase the opportunities Lead, for our clients to access a Registered variety of primary health care Diabetic services with our Renovations are underway to increase



capacity to house additional team members. A Town Hall session was held during the week of June 12-16th to introduce the various team

Staffing Updates

We pleased to be hiring a part-time home to support which will and compliment augment services of the PSW reserve clients. In

and Maamwesying add to our holistic care model Nurse Practitioner. Dietician, Nurse Educator. clinic. Mental Health currently Behaviouralist, Tribal doctor, our Physiotherapist Physiotherapist Assistant and a Case Manager. More information on this exciting addition to our services will be announced in the coming weeks. lf you have questions about upcoming services, please contact Peggy Domingue, Healthcare Coordinator at

705-864-0200 Ext 202.



Health Centre Extensions

Peggy Domingue	202
Tracy Martin	206
Lorraine Desormiers	208
Reception	201
Barb Cormier	205
Terri Bouchard	208
Nurse Practitioner	217

are worker. This will be a direct benefit clients our worker within the Home Community and Care program the offered to the onaddition. are we

also pleased to announce that our RN's hours have been extended up to 32 hours per month, which will put her in the health centre on a weekly basis.

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Holistic Health Activities

Culturally Safe Care



10 ways to lift your spirits 1 count your Blessings 2 think POSITIVELY 3 relax & BREATHE 4 apprecial of Address 5 look at the bigger picture 6 create something 7 take a step towards a goal 8 have some TUN 9 cove this very moment 10 SMILE! www.yrdatedacom

Our mandate to provide holistic health activities continues and with the transition of the cultural component shifted to Kyle Corston, Cultural Coordinator, we will continue to work together to offer cultural activities to our community members. In addition to hosting other activities which focus on the mental, physical and emotional aspects. To this end, we offered the following have programs within the last fiscal year, senior's activities & cultural trip, youth activities, skirt/feather

Other Updates

We have hosted two first year students from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine for a 4 week period within our community as part of the community based placement requirement. We look forward to keeping in touch and learning of their successes in the future as we have those of our students in 2016.

In the coming months, we will be losing our foot care nurse as she will be relocating with her



case making, Wah Zah Zaa wellness conference, Christmas shopping trip, Remembrance Day ceremonies (CCFN), drug awareness sessions for youth senior's and community, activation activities, weight/exercise loss challenges, medical clinics, lunch & learn presentations, flu clinics, parent workshops, youth activities/learning opportunities, foot care clinics, and seasonal activities.

family. We will definitely miss Kellie and our clients will also miss her tender touch and ready smile. We will be looking to fill this void on our team as quickly as possible to ensure seamless service to our clients.

Paint night is well received within the community. As a result of the discussions surrounding stress relief and relaxation opportunities, we are testing out a couple of stress/relaxation activities which include adult coloring sessions in conjunction with visioning sessions.

Long Distance Medical Transportation

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.



Water Treatment Plant & Public Works Department

Greetings everyone,

We have had a busy past few months here at Chapleau Cree First Nation. We are still working on the Water Plant upgrade project. We have now completed the 90% design phase and are now awaiting approval from INAC to bring this project to tender. Once this stage is finalized we will be able to secure a contractor and get shovels in the ground. This project has been a lot of work by many different people and our goal of clean, safe, potable water should be realized in the near future.

Our First Nations Water and Wastewater Action Plan program is nearing completion. This was a program that was sponsored by Health Canada. The criteria for this program was to complete water sampling as well as to provide cultural appropriate events that emphasized on safe drinking water. Cheryl Cachagee worked with me at the Water Treatment Plant from January to the end of March. She coordinated a Full Moon ceremony, completed a community survey to identify



important lakes and waterways, co-hosted a community information session and planned a kids event with water games and teachings which will take place on Aboriginal Day. Taking water samples, flushing hydrants, or hosting outdoor events



during the coldest months of the year is a difficult task but Cheryl was always in high spirits and enthusiastic and I would like to thank her for her work on this program.

Our new Public Works employee Eric Caldwell has been training in the Water Treatment Plant to become a certified operator. He attended an AWWAO conference in Sault Ste Marie where he wrote and passed his mandatory entry level course through the Walkerton Clean Water Center. Next,

he will work towards completing his Operator-in-Training (OIT) certification. Eric has been making excellent progress so far and I look forward to having another certified operator at the Chapleau Cree Water Treatment Plant. Our Public Works department has been busy throughout the cold season with plowing, salting, sanding, shoveling, wood, home health care programs, as well as staying on top of the day to day maintenance issues at Chapleau Cree First Nation. We are all happy to see that spring is here to stay and we can now shift our focus away from winter and onto other projects.



Our team completed a Canada Mortgage

and Housing Corporation (CMHC) sponsored building maintenance and inspection course as well as a Safe Propane Handling certification. We still have training and



certification goals we plan on completing and I look forward to updating you in the future on our progress.

In the next few months we have our work cut out for us. We have our yearly spring clean up to complete, weekly events and dinners to help setup, our Aboriginal Day festivities as well as the Kids Cultural Camp and yearly Pow Wow. All departments are working on Health and Safety policies and procedures, ensuring that

Chapleau Cree First Nation is a safe place for everyone to work. We are currently putting together a plan to address the issues outlined in our latest Asset Condition Reporting System (A.C.R.S.) report for building deficiencies. I will continue to keep you, the members of Chapleau Cree First Nation and its residents posted on our progress in our newsletters.

Thank You,

Allan Dupuis

Public Works Manager Water Plant Operator



February





29 kids attended this year's CCFN Fish Derby!







Team Domingue & Bouvier



Xander Jaworski with his winning fish





Economic Development Report - Patty Ann Owl

I am pleased to provide you an Economic Development update for the new year, January to present. The purpose of economic development has evolved to community consultation, business development planning, proposal submissions, eco-tourism planning, and government-to-government relationship development. As we proceed to discuss the Chapleau Cree initiatives I have maintained the portfolio for community planning and this is coming to fruition.



The community updates from the Economic Development happen once a month and are supported for the purpose of social inclusion to get an idea of Community Well-Being Index. Without the involvement and support we wouldn't be successful in our planning programming. Milgwetch to all who partake in this initiative as over the last year we have had 14 economic development dinners



and community information updates.

Through participation we fully examine socioeconomic indicators, infrastructure planning, community development, education, labour force activity, housing, and lands management. The purpose of sustainability İS to provide accountability and transparency while working with the people, community, leadership, resources community partners, and agencies.

The Economic Development department is pleased

to report some of the updates, news and future planning for Chapleau Cree. To date I will try to capture the essence of development in a holistic model. The general citizenship can always provide their input by contacting the Band Office.

Teachings, Drumming, and Soap Stone Carving with Phil Jones

February 2017



Economic Development Report Continued - Patty Ann Owl

The Mushkegowuk Economic Summit was held in Timmins where leaders and economic development officers participated in a regional planning session to identify what the model could look like as a support mechanism for the member communities.



My take away was to ensure that

competing interest for business development should be supported and shared throughout the regions as we all have our own priorities. There are still common goals where we can partner and develop for growth and prosperity together. The Report has just been released and is available for your review; copies will me mailed at your request should not be able to download from the www.ChapleauCree.ca website. Please visit our website.

Chapleau Cree Eco Tourism Lodge

NOHFC, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation meetings with Bruce Strapp, General Manager has been ongoing to support the applications required for Chapleau Cree Eco Tourism Lodge. There is ongoing dialogue set out for capital purchases, marketing and promotion for the Chapleau Cree Eco Tourism Lodge formerly known as Kathy's Kitchen/ Golden Route. Two applications are in progress for the accommodations piece. The theme for the community conference centre is the seven lodges to reflect the Big Bear Teachings and/ or seven grandfathers. The designs/briefs are to be reviewed, prior to submission. JL Richards engineering has provided us with a scope of work.

I attended the Waubetek Business Development regional conference that shared some excellent business development themes and supports. My takeaway was the networking and gathering of resources useful to business development practices for the Chapleau Cree Eco Tourism Lodge.

Chapleau Cree hosted a Funding Forum to identify funds, deadlines, overlapping applications, and local community priorities. The funding agencies that participated were FEDNOR, NOHFC, NWMO, INAC, regrets were MIRR, Trillium, and NADF. The day was welcomed by opening remarks by the Chief at the Turtle Lodge.

The demolition application for Golden Route was submitted early this year to get the activity going at Sideburned Lake. The demolition will consist of the removal of all infrastructure currently there but band members are offered the chance to salvage and remove any building they are interested in on a first come, first served basis. The Land Use Permit has been transferred to Chapleau Cree First Nation and will be included in a future Addition to Reserve application.

The Devon aggregate pit management agreement has been renegotiated and Miller paving has been renewed for the royalty management. Through this partnership Chapleau Cree gains to work together with Miller Paving for aggregate contracts with Ministry of Transportation, Borden Gold, and the Town of Chapleau.

Most recently, Chapleau Cree coordinated and hosted a meeting in the community where MTO/MNRF discussed aggregates, the duty to consult process, and applications for pits in the area. The final outcome was the involvement of stakeholders including ACE

Contracting, Missinabi Headwaters, Milman Industries, the Three First Nations joint venture, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Ministry of Natural Resources. A legal opinion was drafted for this event explaining the duty to consult, territorial use, and traditional ecological knowledge protection.

Past Economic Development Events

MTO & MNRF on Aggregate Development

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9,00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lunch is provided.

Location: Chapleau Cree First Nation 828 Fox Lake Road

Invited Communities Brunswick House First Nation Chapteau Cree First Nation Michipicoten First Nation Missanable First Nation





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Economic Development Dinner JUNE 7TH 5:30 PM @ THE BAND OFFICE

To Honour Those We Lost



Howard (Jimmy) Cachagee November 8, 1941 to May 31, 2017



Economic Development Dinner

March 2017





Thank you to our presenters!

Patty Ann Owl, EDO

David Flood, Wahkohtowin

Al Dupuis & Cheryl Cachagee, CCFN Water Treatment Plant

Devlin Fernandes & Satnam Manhas, EcoTrust Canada





Stephen Lee drawing the names for the prizes

Get Active Contest



Happy prize winner Keenan Domingue

1st prize (\$300) - Alain Domingue (shoveling) 2nd prize (\$200) - Noah Raposo (hockey) 3rd prize (\$100) - Keenan Domingue (hockey)

RACINE CANOE TRIP 2017

JULY 15 - 17, 2017 16+ YEARS OLD

Paddle from Chapleau Beach to Camp Racine.

Call 705-864-0784 to sign-up.

Chapleau Huskies Win NOHA Tournament of Champions

March 2017



Chapleau Huskies after their win on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

From left to right (kneeling): Kayden Caldwell, Colten Caron, Carter-James Pullen, Sienna Lortie, Maxim Thibeault, Jordan Martineau, Tanner Moreau, Chase Cachagee, Jack Cyr, Tyson Kydd, Peyton Domingue, and Camden Arsenault

From left to right (standing): Ryker Woods, Dominique Thibeault (Assistant Coach), Robert Moreau (Head Coach), Rob Kydd (Assistant Coach), Michelle Martineau (Trainer), Lori Moreau (Team Manager), Kirk Ellis (Assistant Coach)

Chapleau Cree First Nation and Pimii Kamik Gas Bar were two sponsors of the event.



Coaches and players of the Chapleau Huskies Novice "C" team. This season they took home the bronze in their League playoffs.

Chapleau Cree helped support the team through the Jersey Sponsorship Program

Chi-Bannock Specials

monday	- chicken burger & fries	\$9
tuesday	- 2 pizza fingers & chili cheese fries	\$9
wednesday	- hot hamburger on bannock & fries	\$9
thursday	- chicken club wrap & fries	\$9
friday	- pogo & deep fried pickles with fries	\$10
	- fish and chips	\$10
saturday	- scone dog & fries	\$8
sunday	- indian taco & fries	\$9

Good Luck + Have Fun! Roa i

Congrats to Emma Morrison on representing Chapleau at the Miss North **Ontario Regional Pageant!**

Beautiful + you've

GOT THIS

Follow her success at www.facebook.com/missnorthontario or www.facebook.com/EmmaforMNO2k17



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Education



Brandon Ruffo, Hunter Mercier, and Connor McAuley receiving academic achievement awards.

Education – Stephanie Scott

Congratulations to all 2017 graduates from Pre-School to Post-Secondary School!

Chapleau Cree has received quite a few Post-Secondary applications this year. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, Chapleau Cree was only able to fund 15 full time Post-Secondary applicants for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year. INAC has not increased the Post-Secondary budget for quite a few years so it is extremely important when applying for Post-Secondary funding to have it in before the deadline to ensure it qualifies and meets Chapleau Cree First Nation's funding criteria. Please keep in mind, it can take six to eight weeks to process your request allowing for the timing of the Education Committee and Chief and Council meetings. Please plan accordingly.

I encourage all Post-Secondary Students to apply for bursaries and scholarships that are available, especially those specifically for Aboriginal students. Indigenous and Northern Development Canada (INAC) has an Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool available on their web site. The Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool is comprised of a list A friendly reminder -Post Secondary applications for January 2017 intake are due by October 1st.

of more than 750 Bursaries, Scholarships and incentives across Canada, being offered by governments, universities and colleges, private and public companies, individual Canadians, organizations and others. The majority of bursaries on this list target Aboriginal students but could vary by group such as a First Nation, Métis or Inuit. Also, some bursaries are specific to a region, place of residence, a school, or a field of study. This tool is found at the INAC website <u>http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng</u> under the "Education" tab, "Post-Secondary School" sub-category.

OSAP has recently made a few changes regarding Indigenous learners. OSAP will no longer include Post-Secondary Student Support Program dollars (Band Funding) as a resource, meaning the student will no longer be penalized dollar for dollar. The student contribution amount that was previously taken off the top of the loan/grant to the student will no longer be applied and will be waived to self-identified indigenous students. If you were to use the OSAP estimate calculator on the website, the calculator does not allow for the waived amount therefore you will have to add the student contribution amount of three thousand dollars to get a more accurate estimate of eligibility amount in loan/grant funding.

Several projects have been submitted and approved for funding under Indigenous and Northern Development Canada's various program proposals. These projects include a monthly Reading Hour, After-School Homework Club (with tutor) and Turtle Lodge Teachings also a newly added Youth Movie Night.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding education, please feel free to contact me via phone or email at <u>education@chapleaucree.ca</u>

Stephanie Scott

Education Counsellor

Community Events



March 2017: Environmental Steward Dakota Souliere introduces herself at a dinner discussing nuclear waste management



April 2017: Chapleau High School students in the Native Studies class enjoy a lunch at Chapleau Cree.

Membership Report – Stephanie Scott

In August 2015, The Supreme Court of Quebec rendered its decision in the Descheneaux case. The court found numerous paragraphs and section 6 of the Indian Act have differential treatment of eligibility between Indian women and Indian men along with their descendants. The court's decision also advised that the legislative amendments address all the inequities in the Indian registration not only specific facts from the Descheneaux case.

The proposed amendments under Bill S-3 addresses the inequities identified in the Descheneaux decision and other known sex-based inequities in Indian registration:

- **Cousins Issue:** Address the differential treatment of first cousins whose grandmother lost status due to marriage with a non-Indian, when that marriage occurred before April 17, 1985.
- **Siblings Issue**: Address the differential treatment of women who were born out of wedlock of Indian fathers between September 4, 1951 and April 17, 1985.
- **Issue of Omitted Minors:** Address the differential treatment of minor children, who were born of Indian parents or of an Indian mother, but lost entitlement to Indian Status because their mother married a non-Indian after their birth, and between September 4, 1951 and April 17, 1985.

Parliament has until July 3, 2017, to enact legislative amendments under Bill S-3 in order to eliminate the sex-based inequities in Indian registration.

Following the passage of Bill S-3, a collaborative process on the broader issues relating to Indian registration, band membership and citizenship such as;

- Other distinctions in Indian registration
- Issues relating to adoption
- The 1951 cut-off date for eligibility to registration specific to Bill C-3
- The second-generation cut-off
- Unstated/unknown paternity
- Cross-border issues
- Voluntary de-registration
- The continued federal role in determining Indian and band member under the Indian Act
- First Nations authorities to determine membership under the Indian Act.

This phase will take 12-18 months, after which the Minister will take the results of the process to Cabinet.

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

Stephanie Scott

Indian Registry Administration

Cultural Activities & Teaching













rekindling your home fire

Martin Millen April 27-30 For a complete schedule, contact: Kyle Corston | 705-864-0784 | culture@chapleaucree.ca



Aboriginal Day

June 21 2017

























Wahkohtowin Development has entered its second year of operation with a range of key priorities ahead. In an

effort to continue to build a for-profit business enterprise our priorities include a joint venture with Workforce North in Human Resources Recruitment and Placement services; Forest Management Planning and Operational Services; and a large task of closing an equity/ownership position in the Hornepayne sawmill and cogen facilities.

The efforts of Wahkohtowin to build and identify pathways to full participation in the Forestry Sector is also tied to the Northeast Superior Chiefs Forum mandate to have its First Nations directly involved in the enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence process that will see the Martel and Magpie Forests amalgamated and a shareholder governance structure that

includes a roll in forest governance and management. This is a marked change of rolls and relationships since the 1995 Crown Forest Sustainability Act came into effect.

The current shareholder document places our First Nations able to direct forest management and governance at a higher level, access overlapping license's to grow harvesting enterprises, establish a sustainability and diversification fund resourced by the wood consumers and be in a priority position to take up unutilized or unallocated wood for new opportunities.

Our project efforts last year resulted in many products and outcomes.

- * Guardianship Implementation Strategy
- * Regional Tourism Strategy new
- * Regional Mining Strategy Phase I
- * Regional Energy Strategy ongoing development 2017
- * Manitou Mountain Protection Plan ongoing protocol work
- * GIS Mapping capitalize an operating system (ESRI)
- * Birch Syrup Production Business Test Case Capitalize a processing system
- * Continued effort to solidify joint venture project work and forest sector business development

Wahkohtowin continues to apply for funding that will continue to organize and support the forming of a Guardianship Program designed in part as fee for service opportunities with area Forest Sector partners and act as a catalyst for career development pathways for our youth. This program is designed to support a direct relationship with youth and elders putting people on the land to monitor and provide a stewardship roll.

We thank everyone for your patience as our website is still under construction and should be available shortly. This website will serve to act as a library for the past 10 years of NSRCF work and showcase the go forward business development and key projects that our shareholders – our First Nation owners deem important.

David Flood

General Manager

Spring Photos



Housing Update

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Golden Route

June 2017







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Upcoming Events

June 28 - Community Dinner July 3 - Offices Closed for Canada Day July 12 - Economic Development Dinner July 15 to 17 - Racine Canoe Trip July 17 to 21 - Youth Cultural Camp July 26 - Community Dinner August 12 & 13 - CCFN Powwow

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