



CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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Chief's Report - Keeter Corston

Wachay,

The spring season is upon us and with that comes the rebirth of Mother Earth. The birds are returning, the animals are coming out of hibernation and the water levels are replenishing. With a harsh winter and a late spring, we are hoping for a nice summer to compensate.

Chief and Council feel that communication is very vital to our First Nation members. We realize a large percentage resides off reserve and it is imperative that we get as much information to them as possible.

Listed below is a snapshot of what has happened in the past few months.

Sideburned Lake (Golden Route) property has been completely demolished. We have acquired a lot of funding for this building being flowed through Kunuwanimano based on Cultural and Youth initiatives. We are still in the process of deciding on what would be appropriate under the funding agreement. When we accept the money we have specific guidelines we must follow for this. We will be seeking band membership's input when we have our options available to share. The demolition phase has not used any core funding from Chapleau Cree.

The proposed new community complex is still under planning stages for funding and design. Band members will be informed on the progress.

We are working towards developing the 2021-2031 Ten Year Forestry Plan along with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and RYAM. We as a First Nation have had little to no input of what happens on our territory in the last 2011-2021 Forestry Plan, but are making sure this is not the case under the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** in the upcoming Ten-Year plan. It also ties in with our customized consultation approach. We are directly involved in forest tenure reform, forest management planning, moose recovery strategy, strategy to cease herbicide spraying and exploring new bio-economy opportunities in the use of forest wood fiber.

There are other potential partnerships on the horizon that are currently in the exploratory stages. We will keep membership informed of the progress being made.

Things are progressing well with the new merger of Newmont and Goldcorp, creating the new company called Newmont Gold. We are on track with full production by late summer. We currently monitor the environmental impact that this has on our traditional territory very closely by having our very own Environmental Monitor on site that reports back to the First Nation. The IBA coordinator interviews will be completed at the end of May. This position is vital for the First Nations.

The current Water Treatment Plant upgrade is going as planned. We believe that this will be completed by late summer or early fall.

The renovations at the Band Administration building have begun. The members will be pleased with the new facelift. The building was long overdue for a change. We have removed the outdated carpeting and installed industrial flooring, new LED lighting and have repainted our interior walls. Our plumbing is being updated to eliminate the ongoing issues we have been experiencing and should be completed by the end of June. Our washroom facilities are being updated as well and will be completed in the near future. We welcome everyone to stop in and see the work that has been done. You will be impressed.

Meegwetch, Chief Keeter Corston

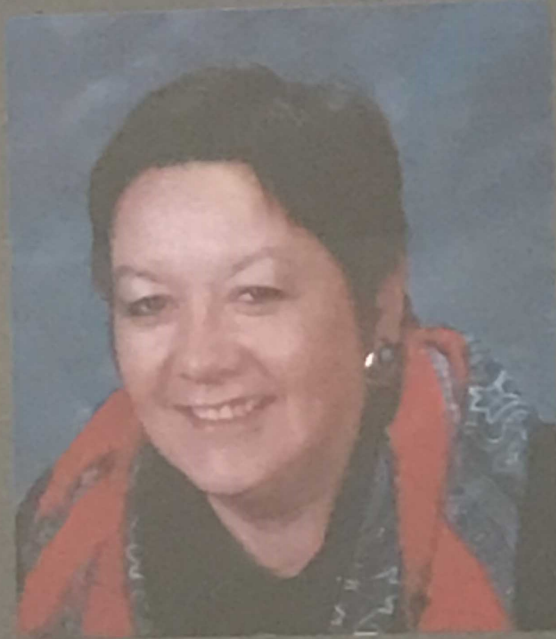
Wall of Leaders

Chapleau Cree has created plaques recognizing our Leadership since 1982. These plaques are commemorating our Chief & Council throughout the years in addition to the preservation of our history for future generations.



Wall of Leaders

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CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION

1992-1995

CHIEF

CANDICE CORSTON

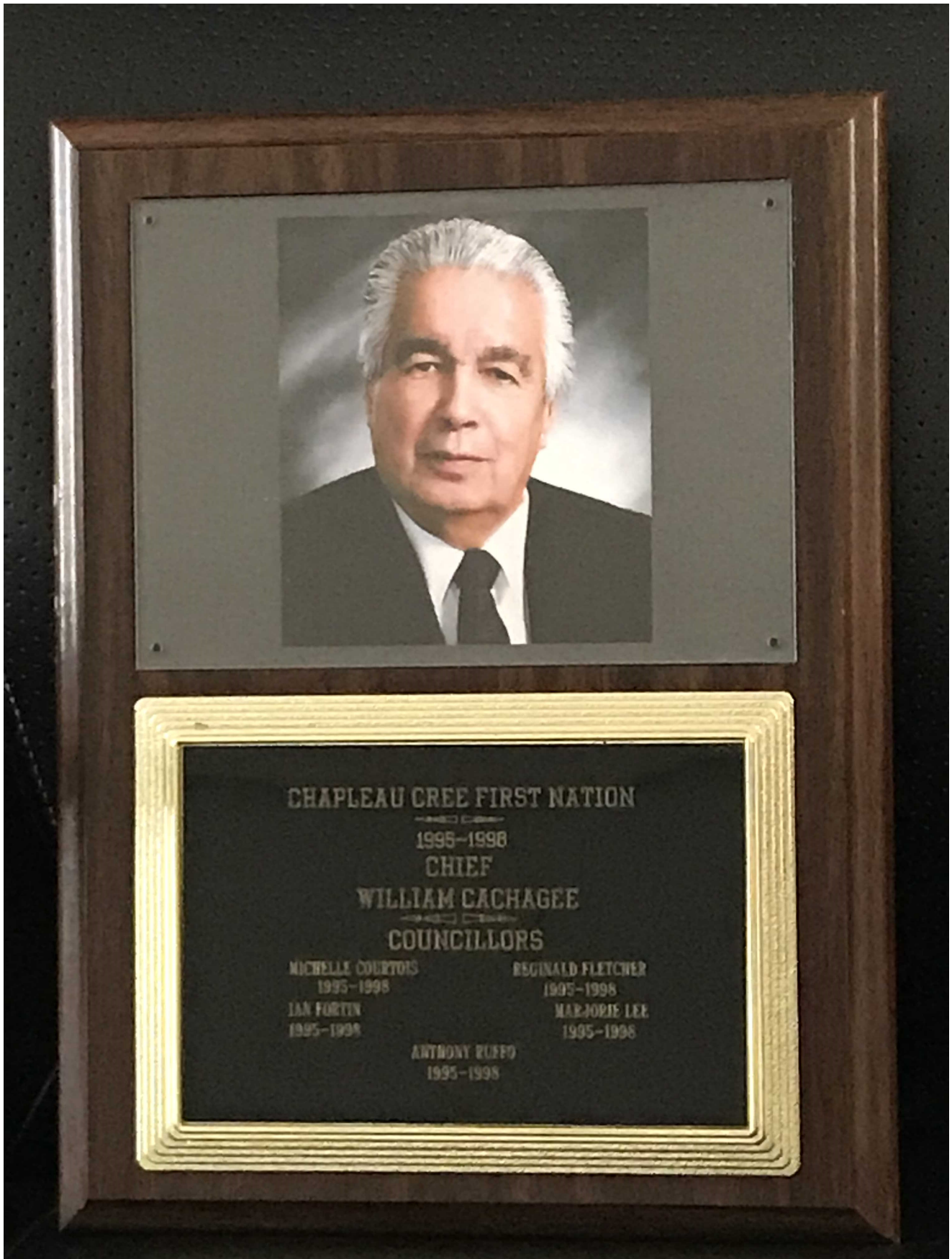
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MARY BRUNETTE
1992-1995

JOSEPH TURNER
1992-1995

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Wall of Leaders

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CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION

1998-2001

CHIEF

ARNOLD MICHAEL CACHAGEE

COUNCILLORS

CANDICE BOUCHER
1998-2001

IAN FORTIN
1998-2001

MARJORIE LEE
1998-2001

TRACY MARTIN
1998-2001

WILLIAM WHITE
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WADE CACHAGEE
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KEITH CORSTON
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CECILLE WESLEY
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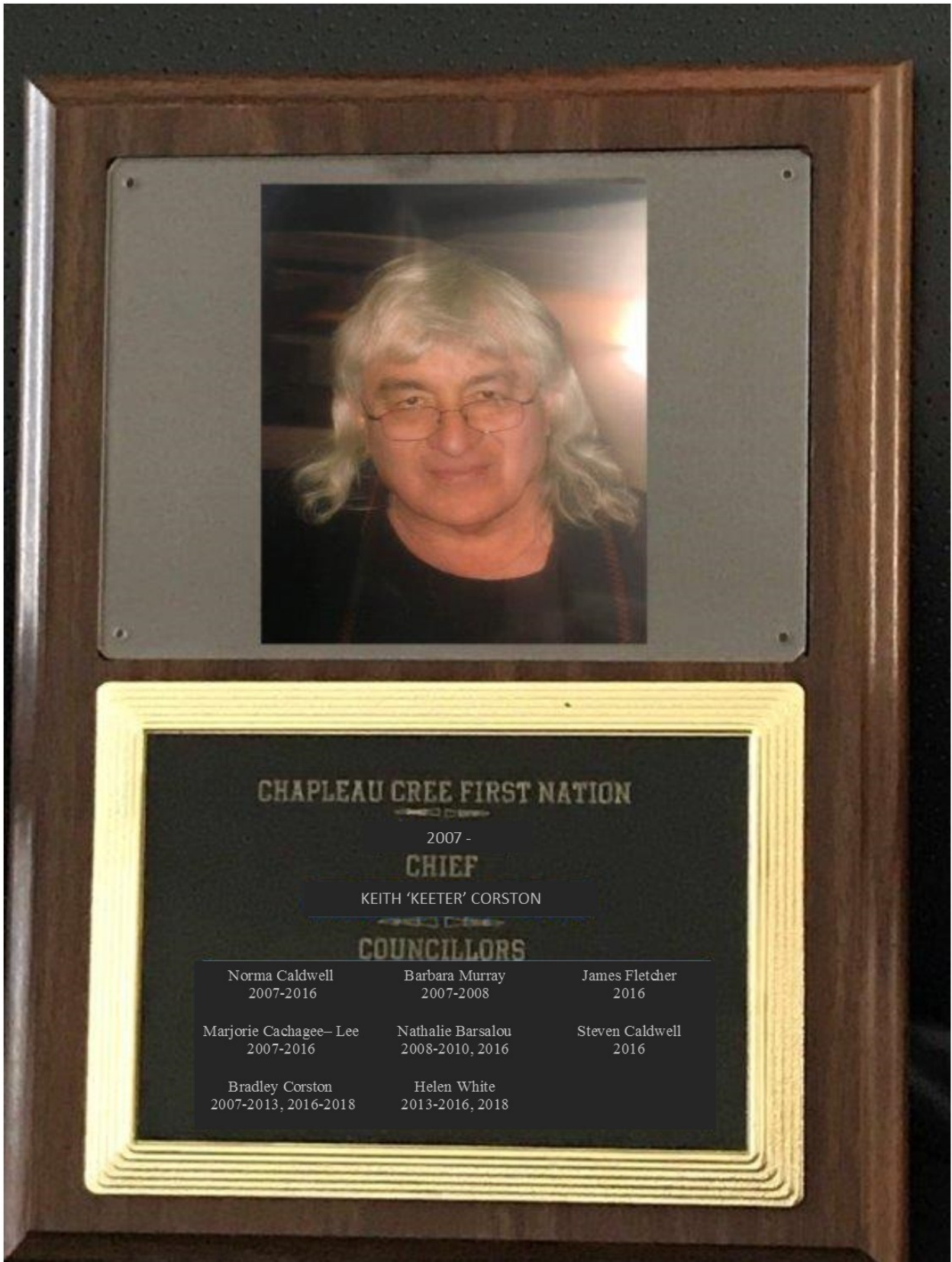
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Chief & Council Swearing in Ceremony

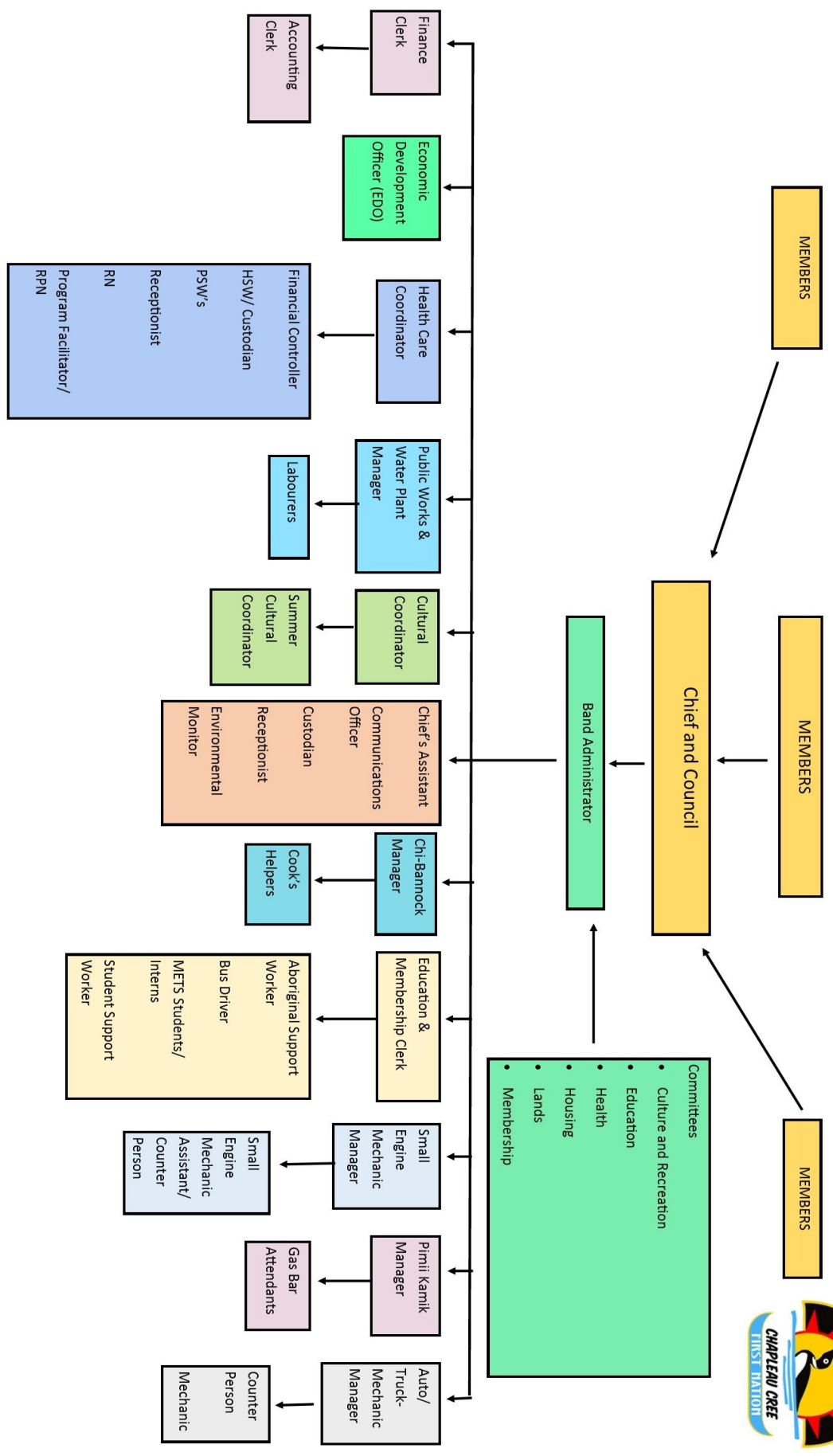
When: June 10, 2019

Where: Chapleau Cree Band Complex

*Please join us for the Swearing in Ceremony for
Chief & Council 2019-2022*



Chapleau Cree First Nation Organizational Chart



Band Administrator Report - Edith Larocque

A Nation's culture resides in the heart and souls of its people!

Administration continually strives to work in the best interest of our members and their families. Our priority is to do our very best to serve and meet the needs of our membership.

Chapleau Cree First Nation has completed out audit for fiscal period 2018-2019. Our office and departments have been extremely busy this past year with infrastructure, education, health programming, administration and economic development. Our annual budget last year was just over \$16 million, including just over \$4 million for our new Water Treatment Plant.

Chapleau Cree First Nation has been invited to the First Nations Financial Administration Law conference being held in Calgary Alberta the last week of May. Chapleau Cree is one of the First Nation's being showcased for the achievements we are/have made in working towards implementing and following our policies and procedures. Lorelei Moreau, Finance Clerk, will represent Chapleau Cree at this event.

Our Multi-Unit 2-bedroom duplex construction has begun. The snow has finally left and work can begin once again. This funding for the complex was approved by Indigenous Services Canada.

An Invitation to Bid has been mailed to all members for the removal of carpeting from Mukeso House. Following a recommendation from one of our members, Chief and Council have decided to approve the removal of the existing flooring and replace with industrial plank flooring.

Albalina Metatawbin, Mushkegowuk Council, recently attended our regularly scheduled Chief and Council meeting on May 13, 2019 to discuss the preparations and design for the construction of the home on our First Nation. This home is being made available for one of their Constable's residing in the Chapleau area. A date for the construction is yet to be determined. A request for proposal is planned for this build with Mushkegowuk managing the project. This house is being funded by the Federal government through our Tribal Council.

Nancy Pine, First Nation Market Housing, has contacted Jane Henderson, Woodward and Company Lawyers LLP to review our draft housing policy. Ms. Henderson has contacted the administration office for further information on other policies which may affect our housing policy, specifically membership and the draft Land Code. Ms. Henderson will be meeting with the housing committee and Chief and Council to discuss the outstanding issues and concerns and assist us in moving forward in completing this draft document. This process is quite time consuming as we want to ensure we have taken all members rights into consideration while meeting our legal responsibilities. All expenses for the development of this housing policy has been funded through the First Nation Market Housing Fund.

Our draft Investment Vehicle Terms of Reference policy for the Management of our Resource Revenues has been sent for legal review and recommendations are forthcoming. This policy is still in draft form and will be revisited after our Chief and Council election on June 8, 2019.

Plans are currently under way for our Youth Cultural Camp and other upcoming cultural events. Please see the proposed dates at the back of our Newsletter. We hope everyone can join us at our events. It is always nice to get together for conversation and fun.

Band Administrator Report - Edith Larocque

Cree Language classes continue into the summer months and everyone seems to be enjoying the program. We are learning the “L” dialect with Annie Metat instructing the classes. Annie is well known for her work as one of the official translators for Mushkegowuk Council meetings.

Chapleau Cree has made a few changes in our personnel since last updated. Kevin Tangie, Economic Development will be working one day a week until the job posting for this position has been filled. Brandon Ruffo has joined us at the Public Works Garage. Cassidy Fortin has left for other employment. Katrina Goheen has left her position as Home Support Worker/Custodian. This position has not been filled as of yet. We have received approval and hired the two apprentice positions recently posted on our website and mailed out to members. Connor McAuley and Ulric Larocque have been hired to fill these positions. We welcome back Belinda Landry to Chi Bannoch for the season.

Employee of the month nominated by their colleagues acknowledging those employees who go above and beyond the scope of their job duties. Congratulations go to the following employees:

March 2019: Public Works Department

April 2019: Allan Dupuis, Public Works Manager

May 2019: Nick Lasante, Small Engine Counterperson, Small Engine Mechanic

Our Joint Health & Safety Committee continues to meet monthly confirming our policies and procedures are up to date and are being followed. In compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, our JH&S committee members are committed to ensuring our employees, supervisors and managers are fulfilling their responsibilities in making our workplace safe.

A friendly reminder to our members. Chief and Council minutes of monthly meetings are available online through our website. Please visit our website to register as this information is for membership only. We also include our monthly calendar and more recently, our weekly pamphlets on our website. If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact the appropriate department for further information. For up to date information on daily, weekly and newsworthy information, please feel free to visit our website at www.chapleaucree.ca.

If you have any ideas of suggestions on changes or additions to our Newsletter, please feel free to contact me. For 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.

Respectfully yours

Edith Larocque, Band Administrator

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope!”



HELP WANTED

Pimii Kamik & Chi Bannock is looking for part time workers.

Please send resume and cover letter to the following:

Edith Larocque- Band Administrator

Chapleau Cree First Nation

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Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0

Bandadmin@chapleaucree.ca



Education Report - Stephanie Scott

Congratulations to all 2019 graduates from Pre-School to Post-Secondary School!

Chapleau Cree was able to fund 15 full time Post- Secondary students for 2018-2019 academic year. This Spring we had 6 Post-Secondary graduates! We had a Masters in Social Work, BSC- Nursing, 2 Social Services /Worker graduates, a Diploma in acting for film and television and a graduate of Pre-Health Sciences program.

Indigenous Services Canada is no longer able to move money between departments to help fund Post-Secondary program. This change makes it difficult to guarantee First Nation allocations. April 1, 2019, letters were received from ISC advising individual First Nations the funding had a decrease of about 18%. With the support from our Political Tribal Councils, Ontario was able to receive more funding for Post-Secondary and bring First Nation allocations back to 18-19 funding amounts.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation's Jurisdiction on Education Agreement has been progressing. NAN has completed the job descriptions for Community Information workers and will be posting these employment opportunities at each individual First Nation in the near future. These individuals will be hired during the negotiation process for updates and answer any questions members may have. If the final agreement is ratified and accepted by NAN First Nation participating communities, we will no longer be under the Indian Act for provincial education and we will have our own Education Act territory wide.



Chapleau Cree is looking for a few students interested in Summer positions. The students will gain the experience in the workforce and gain valuable employment skills. Depending on approval of funding, there can be employment opportunities in all areas of our First Nation including Administration, Health, Maintenance and Customer Service departments.

The Human Resource Committee for Newmont, Borden Gold project, has decided the AZ Training will not be going forward. While communicating with the sub-contractor, it was discovered they will only hire applicants that have a minimum of 3 years experience. Considering the haul from the mine is at its highest weight capacity with a double trailer on Highway 101, the requirement is understandable. The committee is looking for other training opportunities the members can gain from. Business development training has been discussed for those who might want to start their own businesses and be sub contracted for services. Currently, there are 20 First Nation members employed/training with the Mine that add up to 10% of total workforce.

Our Aboriginal Student Support Workers are fulfilling their day with support in the classroom with our students and when needed, working with them one on one in the Aboriginal room. The classrooms have a high number of students so it can make it difficult for ours to focus. When the student feels to distracted the teacher will call the Aboriginal room for one of the workers to come work with the student or bring him/her to the room. The workers have also scheduled visits to our students in other schools, Sacre Coeur, Trillium and Our Lady of Fatima. Homework club with tutoring services continues to be held weekly at the band office after school.

Reminder, if you are a formerly funded student through CCFN who has graduated, please forward a copy of your diploma(s) to this office (via mail, fax or email).

Stephanie Scott
Education Counsellor

Membership Clerk - Stephanie Scott

Treaty Land Entitlement Supplement Agreement monetary compensation was received from the Federal government. The per capita distribution (PCD) to eligible members of the original Treaty Land Entitlement began May 15, 2019 via cheque through registered mail. If you have yet to receive your PCD or have any inquires, please feel free to contact me or the band office. The minor's allocation was transferred into a GIC account that will allow for interest to be incurred and a withdrawal once a year to follow the timeline as outlined in the original Trust. For example, members turning 18 in 2019 will receive two PCD cheques after January 31, 2020. One will be issued from the Trust for the larger settlement and the other from CCFN for the supplementary settlement.

Addition to Reserve Implementation Committee meets via teleconference every 6-8 weeks to review the progress of the Treaty Land entitlement land selection areas that are going through the current Additions to Reserve process (ATR). The committee has representatives from the federal and provincial government, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, CCFN and OKT as CCFN legal counsel.

The Elections of Chief and Council and Trust Committee will be on June 8, 2019. Polling stations will be set up June 1 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and June 8 from 8:00am to 6:00pm at the Band Office. The results will be shared in future mail to membership and on the First Nation website, Monday, June 10, 2019.

Indigenous Services Canada has sent me a shipment of blank status cards. The allotment of cards being distributed to each First Nation has been reduced with their push for status individuals to apply for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status card. For out of town members who require a new card, I highly recommend calling ahead to confirm I have cards in hand and that Edith or I are available. There are some First Nations that will accommodate and issue cards through an appointment. A possible fee may be applied. A letter is required from CCFN membership to verify Indian registration. This June, Minister Bennett's collaborative process report to parliament will be tabled to summarize the process and provide recommendations relating to the three content streams;

- the removal of the 1951 cut-off
- recommendations for next steps around the remaining inequities related to registration and membership under the Indian Act
- next steps for broader legislative reform including devolution of the responsibility for determining membership and citizenship to First Nations

Members are reminded to call or email their change of address as soon as they are able. If a return notice is sent by the Post Office, your mailing address will be removed until the office receives the updated address. Please contact the band office 705-864-0784 ext. 227 for address changes or Indian status inquiries, or email me at education@chapleaucree.ca.

[Stephanie Scott](#), Indian Registry Administrator

Stephanie Scott

Indian Registry Administrator

Treaty Day

Thursday, June 20, 2019 ~ 12:30 to 1:30 ~ Chapleau Cree Band Office

Please bring your Status Card.

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

Out of Town Band Members

Out of town Band Members can collect their Treaty Payments through the mail by completing the Treaty Annuity Payment Request Form which is available on the Chapleau Cree website www.chapleaucree.ca or the AANDC website www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca. Send your completed form, along with a photocopy of your Status Card (front and back) to the Ontario-North office in

Thunder Bay, ON.



How to Use the Members Only Webpage

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go to
www.chapleaucree.ca

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click on 'Members Only'

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fill out the
'New User Registration'

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Watch your emails for
confirmation of your
account

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Log in on the 'Members
Only' page using the
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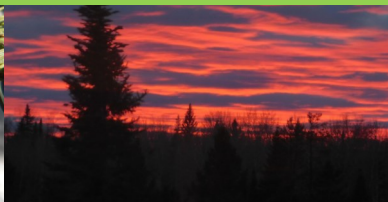


Wahkohtowin Sugar Shack





Youth Self Esteem Program Submissions



Economic Development Report - Kevin Tangie

Multi Use Facility

The demolition of buildings at the site has been completed by Mercier Construction. Request for Proposal is planned for the new construction/additional work with prospective contractors in the area. Schedules and timelines will be decided by new Chief and Council. Project will be on-going. Updates will be provided.

Housing

The First Nation Market Housing Fund will be working with the community and holding a discussion forum on Matrimonial Real Property and help the community to develop a policy on this that would encompass and address all concerns in this area of alignment.

New Relationship Fund

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation has approved funds to continue working on all Lands related initiatives. This is work that be done in parallel to the Lands & Economic Development Services Program. An application to set up a specific Lands Department here at Chapleau Cree First Nation. The application was submitted on May 14, 2019. We will keep everyone posted on its review.

First Nation Land Management Act (FNLMA)

I am trying to get a copy of a review that was done on the First Nation Lands Management Act vs. the Indigenous Service Canada's Resource Lands & Economic Management Program. This will help determine which avenue is better suited to help your community manage your lands. In the meantime there will be a meeting scheduled with the working group (FNLMA staff and Chief and Council) to discuss potential next steps.

North Superior Regional Broadband Network (NSRBN)

This project remains in the information gathering and research stage. I am planning to attend a meeting in Wawa on Thursday May 30, 2019, with much the same group as the Economic Development Regional Strategy. Once I receive further feedback, I will provide an update.

Mining

The Borden Project will continue to develop during the transition of management from Goldcorp to Newmont Goldcorp ownership.

All Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) provisions remain in place for the First Nation partners. Training, skills management and all opportunities will be addressed through an implementation committee made up of 2 company representatives and one representative from each First Nation appointed by their leadership.

A Coordinator is yet to be hired to guide the implementation of the Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA). Interviews for the Impact Benefits Agreement Coordinator are scheduled for the last week of May.

Other

Applications have been made to; **Professional and Institutional Development** for Finance systems management (**\$50,000**), **Northern and Rural Program** for Roads Resurfacing and Road Extension (**\$5million**), **Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund** for Tire Changer and Wheel Balancer (**\$15,808**), **Lands & Economic Development Service Program** for Creation of Lands Department (**\$183,700**).

Kevin Tangie, Economic Development Officer
705-864-0784 or 705-465-0114.

Public Works Garage Report - Allan Dupuis

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Greeting everyone!

The winter is over and finally we are transitioning to the spring and summer season. We have been putting away our shovels, snowblowers and plows and taking out our summertime equipment such as lawn mowers, chainsaws and brush cutters. We still need to take the plow and wing off our sand truck but with the type of winter we had that continued into spring we wanted to ensure winter was truly behind us before removing the equipment. Over the winter our Public Works department completed the snow plowing, shoveling and salting across all the businesses for Chapleau Cree First Nation. We also have a Home Health Care Client list which we provide these same services, and more, which we completed throughout winter as well. We also increased our client list from 9 residences on the reserve to 11. We will need to complete maintenance and repairs on our equipment to ensure we are ready for the next winter season.

We had an employee from our Public Works Department leave for another opportunity at the end of winter and we wish them well. In that time, we put out an internal posting which yielded no response, therefore we put out an external posting to fulfill the position. After interviews, a candidate was selected and we now have another person who is also a band member on our Public Works team. We look forward to working together as a team and so far, everything has been going well. As always, a new employee requires time, attention and training to be successful and we will be providing them with everything they need to achieve this goal.

Currently, we are working to catch up on our list of work orders for maintenance as well as keeping on top of our daily and weekly tasks such as the Water Treatment Plant, garbage duties and spring cleanup items. We are also setting up for events and dinners and helping coordinate bigger upcoming events this summer. We are involved with other projects that keep us busy for example the Water Treatment Plant upgrade and assisting where required with the Band Office Renovations that are currently being completed. We have got the Chip Stand open for another season as well as been out to Racine to ready the facilities and ensure water is available for campers and upcoming activities. The dock will be installed for membership to use in the near future as well.

Some of the projects we have planned to complete is brushing at certain intersections to ensure the visibility and safety of our community along our roads. This was brought up at the end of the fall and we want everyone to know that your concerns have been heard and it is on our list to complete along with maintenance to street, speed, and other signage that is required. We have many projects planned for building maintenance around various locations at Chapleau Cree First Nation. These items will include caulking, painting and staining as well as grounds maintenance. Some of the bigger events that we will be setting up will be the events for Aboriginal Day as well as the youth cultural camp and our yearly Pow Wow. This year we will also be installing new bleacher style seating at the Pow Wow grounds in time for the event in August.

It's that time again to remind our Membership and their families that we have many employment opportunities for students and young workers to fulfill over the summer. It's a great place to not only earn money but also gain indispensable job experience for the future. There are many different programs for people to qualify so please don't hesitate to inquire with our membership clerk at the band office. Also, visit our website for information on upcoming job postings. Once again, I hope we see many new faces taking advantage of these programs this summer.



Site of new duplex

Water Treatment Plant Report

“There is no **winter** without snow, no spring without sunshine, and no **happiness** without friends and family.”

Greeting everyone!

The Water Treatment upgrade project continues to move towards its commissioning date in August. Most of the digging work outside is completed with just water lines from the existing wells and new well to be dug and brought inside the Water Plant. The new contact chambers have been put into the ground which is a very important step in this project. These tanks will allow the proper time for the water to be treated before entering our clear wells. After the water moves through the clear well it is to be pumped into the distribution system and into homes and businesses. These units were so big in size and weight that a crane was required to move them into place one half at a time. Also, we had a precast building installed to the left of the existing Water Plant. This building will be the new home of our diesel tanks and fuel storage and will eliminate any chance of fuel contamination to the water supply inside the plant.

Inside the Water Treatment Plant, we have had many changes as well with wiring and piping throughout both sides of the water plant (both old and new). The stainless-steel piping is almost fully complete on the new equipment and the old equipment piping is being removed and replaced in a calculated and planned process as to not impact the current water treatment process. The next phase of the project is very important as the pipefitters need to connect all the new wells and piping so that we can run the old plant while simultaneously testing the new plant and its processes and equipment prior to a full changeover. This will ensure everything is running exactly as it is designed before we put it online.

We have just completed our Phase 1 for the electrical systems. The electricians have been very busy tying in new and old equipment into our electrical panels and controllers. This allows us to use our old system with the new components and computer systems and it benefits us by allowing us to test the system before hand and ensure the existing plant continues to run without issues until we are ready to put all new equipment online at once. Another benefit is that it allows us as operators the opportunity for hands on training on new systems and processes allowing us to be familiarized and ready to run the new plant once its commissioned in August.

Other work to be completed in the near future at the plant is the landscaping all around both buildings. This will include gravel for the parking lot areas and grass around the buildings. Also, we will see fencing installed in certain areas to protect the septic areas, etc. The brick and siding are scheduled to be completed soon on the new building as well now that the weather will allow for it. The project site is not the nicest site to look at and Belanger has been working on cleaning up area by hauling out equipment and materials no longer needed or required. I look forward to the outside work being completed and according to the schedule it should all be completed before summer arrives.



SUCCESS

HEALTH

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Highlights of Holistic Health Initiatives Cont'd
 foot care services, senior activation activities, nutrition bingo, snack & yak program, capturing the inner spirit workshop, indigenous movie nights, social nights with crafting & paint nights, drumming with the women and youth, food handling course, youth after school activities and of course the youth cultural camp YCC). More information on the YCC is included within this segment on the following pages.

Other holistic activities included flu shot clinics, walk in blood pressure/glucose clinics, long distance medical transportation, local transportation services, friendly visiting, physical activity promotion, haunted forest for Halloween and heart health challenges, birch water tapping & visit to Wahkohtowin Sugar Shack to name a few.

PLEASE NOTE: As a reminder to our families the deadline to register for the Youth Cultural Camp will be June 14th, 2019 with the camp taking place July 8-12th, 2019.

MOVING FORWARD:

Chapleau Cree Health Services has, with the assistance of Makwa Wise Consulting, completed a community asset and needs assessment. We will be following up with community planning sessions to determine where and how we can implement improvements and recommendations. This will provide more opportunities for input into planned activities moving forward.

As usual, please feel free to contact me at Peggy.domingue@chapleaucreehealth.ca or by calling 705-864-0200 ext. 202 with any concerns, suggestions or programming ideas to build upon the holistic health model.



Upcoming Events

Youth Cultural Camp at Racine July 8-12, 2019

Engagement Activities

Ongoing engagement activities coming to a location near you, dates and locations will be posted on the Chapleau Cree webpage when finalized and can also be found on our published monthly calendar.

Chapleau Cree First Nation 26th Annual Powwow, August 9-11, 2019, watch the website and posters for more details on this exciting cultural event.



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Chapleau Cree Health Services

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER REPORT

MCYS—STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

We currently receive funding under the Ministry of Child and Youth Services on an ongoing basis to provide a lunch program to the youth on the reserve. We offer a nutritious bag featuring milks products, vegetable/fruits, meat and grain products for each child for each day of school. This program is largely run with parent volunteers (one of which is pictured below) who come in on a weekly basis to prep for all youth and families. This program is welcomed and enjoyed immensely by the



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Indigenous Health Services Medical Transportation

As a reminder if you require funding assistance under the former First Nation Inuit Health Branch's (FNIHB) long distance medication transportation program, now Indigenous Health Services; 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.

Highlights of Holistic Health Initiatives

Our mandate is to provide holistic health services which are focused on the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical health of our clients; this is achieved through a variety of programs which cover one or more of the holistic aspects. We have achieved success in many areas of prevention which results from "outside the box" and creative programs. Some examples of this are provided below and include some pictures as these speak to the success of our efforts.

Lunch and learns are held monthly at a minimum and provides participants with a healthy meal along with a presentation on various health topics along with a Q&A period. Youth self-esteem program which had a variety of guest speakers and activities designed to address such issues as suicide, bullying, mental health, self-esteem and self confidence to name a few. We have supported the Cree language revitalization by purchasing Daisy Turner Cree language books and CD's for all members, which should have been received by the time the newsletter reaches everyone. Our language is an important aspect as it is the basis of who we are and provides us with emotional and spiritual balance. We have other activities such as a wellness conference focusing on the importance of selfcare, home visits, home support services, reflexology and traditional/cultural activities.



CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION'S
CULTURAL

YOUTH CAMP

JULY 8TH - 12TH, 2019 At Racine Lake

Are you interested in water sports, traditional teachings and ceremonies, medicine gathering, woodland skills, crafts, drumming and singing?

All **Chapleau Cree First Nation Youth** ages 5-15 years of age are invited to register for this year's Youth Cultural Camp experience at Racine Lake.

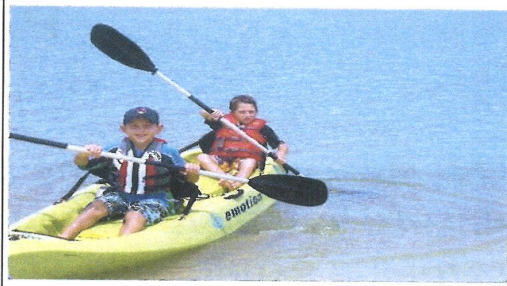
Please see the attached registration form, to be completed and returned back to Chapleau Cree Health by June 14th, 2019. Meals and lodging will be provided for registered youth and program staff ONLY.

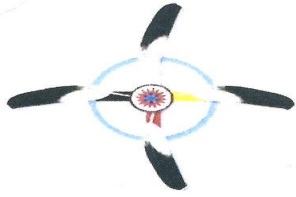
Limited space available, if required, a selection process will be implemented (ie: CCFN bandmembers first).

ABSOLUTELY, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

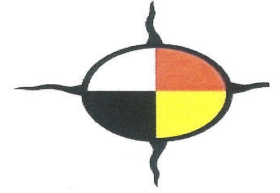
For more information, please contact Peggy Domingue at 705-864-0200 ext. 202.

ALL Registered youth are expected to **FULLY** participate in **ALL CULTURAL** and **SCHEDULED** camp activities throughout the week.





CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION
YOUTH CULTURAL CAMP
JULY 8TH – 12TH, 2019
Racine Lake



PACKING LIST

Not sure what to bring to camp? Here's a packing list to help ensure you have brought everything to have a comfortable camping experience.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sleeping bag, pillow, extra blanket• warm jacket• 1 waterproof rain jacket• baseball cap or sun hat• extra shoes• rubber boots• swim shoes or flip flops• sunglasses• 5 underwear, 5 pair of socks, pajama pants• 2 cotton t-shirts & 2 quick dry t-shirts• 2 quick dry pants & 2 jeans or other pants• personal bundle (if have)• hand drum/rattle (if have)• water bottle with name on it | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fleece long sleeved or hooded sweater• towel• 2 swim shorts or bathing suits• shampoo, body soap, deodorant• folding camp chair• bug spray, sunscreen• flashlight & batteries• personal medication in a ziploc bag with your child's name on it (epi-pen, inhalers, pain, cold/flu, antihistamine etc.)• back pack for outings & camp take home items• personal snacks, books, magazines, toiletries• fishing rod & tackle |
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Cultural & Family Well Being Coordinator Report - Cheryl Dupuis

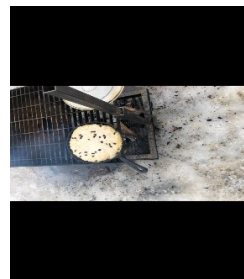
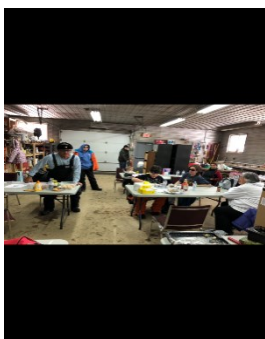
Hello/Wachay,

We started off the year with the Youth Cultural Engagement and New Year's Party in which the youth sharing their ideas of future cultural activities, enjoyed playing games, sliding in the koon (snow) and me chim (food), and an Indian taco supper.

It has been an active past few months with many monthly cultural activities including but not limited to; indigenous movie nights, women's sharing circles, women's drumming and boys and girls drumming.

CCFN's 25th Annual Nuh Mess (Fish) Derby could not be held as the saka he kun (Lake) condition was not suitable, however we held a Family pei pon (winter) Fun Day with the help of Public Works, Health Centre staff and band/community/council members helping with making a sliding hill, organizing games, cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the BBQ, serving chili, drinks and engaging with all the youth and adult visitors. All youth in attendance also received a give-a-way gift and a take home bag of prizes. Although the weather was tah ka yah ow (cold) the pe seim (sun) was shining. The youth were active and everyone had a great time and were very thankful for the activities, food and drinks and their gifts. There were thirty-two (32) youth and (32) adults including elders. With this event being CCFN's 25th Annual Fish Derby an adult door prize for a portable ice hut was also drawn, Vanessa Bedard won this prize. The youth door prize winner was Aria Cormier whom won a soccer net/game. Chapleau Cree First Nation received many donations and gifts in support of this event and are grateful and appreciative for all the support.

Snaring and Trapping teachings was held in February by Al Dupuis, one of our own band members. It was a great opportunity to learn new skills. Everyone participated enjoyed the teachings with a Me Chim (food/lunch) cooked over an open fire (ish kaa tay ow) and being out of the land setting nah ko kun (snares) and wo nah he kun ah (traps). It is unfortunate that we did not nah ko kun (snare) any wah bush uk (rabbits) on this weekend however, one of the members of the group did snare a rabbit (wah bush) shortly after this event by using his own preferred nah ko kun e ahpe (snare wire).

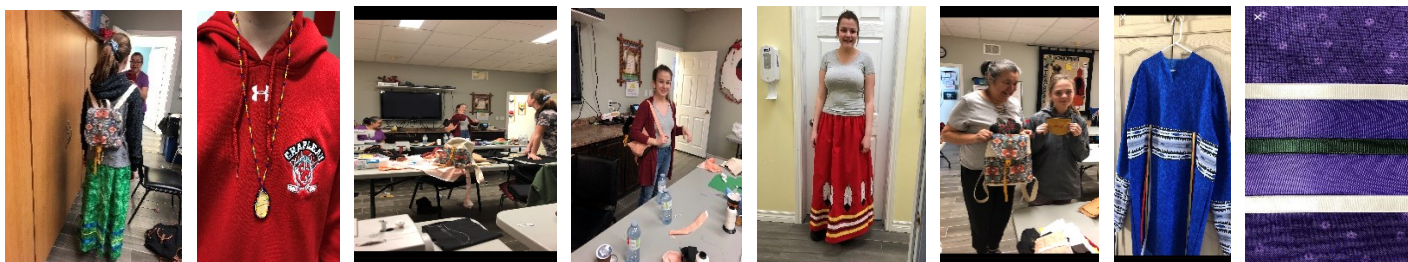


Cast Iron Cooking with senior's was held in February with teachings received from Eva Memegos on how to make ah lah ko nah ow (bannock/bread). From this teaching I learned that pei me (lard) is required so the lah ko nah ow (bannock/bread) is not too dry.

The Youth March break trip to Sault Ste. Marie, ON was very educational where youth received ski lessons and learned to down-hill ski at Searchmount Ski Resort, enjoyed going to the movies, swimming, and being together as a group and a different land-based activity.

In support of revitalizing indigenous language, monthly Cree language classes continue for youth and adults (completed session 4 of 12). Our Cree language knowledge keeper, Annie Metat will be translating "The Humble Song" in which we hope for all drummers to learn and drum to at our 26th Annual Pow Wow. Annie reviews the language lessons from previous classes and participants are tested. Outcomes from review may indicate that some members may need to commit/dedicate more time to studying. All band member households were provided the "Moose Factory Cree 2013 Revised Edition Booklet with 2 CD's for pronunciation by Daisy Turner" by mail to support of language revitalization in learning to read and write the Cree Language.

In March, Bea Echum from Moose Factory came to teach birch bark jewelry and regalia. Participants attending this event learned to sew beads onto the birch bark earring's and necklaces and bags. The young osh kei ne kei skwao uk (girls) also completed traditional skirts and had opportunity to sew their own designed back packs.



In April, a couple of our band members and families attended the Northern College 18th Annual Pow Wow in Timmins, ON and report that "it was a big turnout this year and may have been the largest yet and it was nice to see the many little dancers as well as the older male and female dancing in their beautiful regalia".

Cree Language learning was held with the youth activities and the youth seemed to enjoy the challenge as they were learning how to spell the uk tah so winah (Cree numbers).

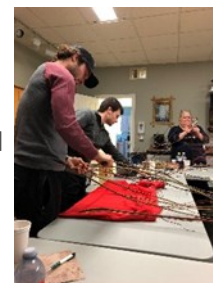
In May, Dolores Gull, came to teach Hide Mitt Making. The participants learned different methods of sewing mitts and enjoyed the weekend teachings.



Cultural Coordinator Report - Cont'd



Body lotion making using sacred medicines was held with our own band member, Adrienne Beaupre. Participants learned to make healing lotions and spritzes and enjoyed learning about healing medicines. Adrienne also shared her knowledge on making kinnikinnick (Sacred Tobacco Medicine Blend) and the benefits of making our own healing medicines.



The youth and ne sho (two) of the Northern Ontario Medical Students, Stephane and Jordan also participated and received the teaching on the benefits of sacred birch water and experienced tapping birch trees for sacred medicine water here at Fox Lake. Everyone was excited to see the results of tapping to see the pails filled with sacred medicine water.



The youth and community also visited the Wahkotowin site to receive more Birch Tree Tapping Teachings with Jaime Fortin and Amber Lee Quakagesic. The youth experienced collecting the tapped sacred water, learning the process to make Birch Syrup, cooked me chim (hotdogs) over an open fire and served the elders me chim (food-hotdogs and smores) with sacred birch medicine and bottled water. The elders shared their connection to the land and we had story-telling of the "Grandmother's Creation Story by Victoria Whitewolf". Everyone had a great time with the teachings, caring for the elders, being together in the wonderful ke sho yah ow (warm) day under the chah kas tay ow (sunlight).



June-Aug 2019

With the “Budding, Molting and Flight Moons” cycles ahead, we welcome the change of a warmer season and look forward to the bountiful abundance of mother earth’s berries, fish, and land-based teachings and activities. CCFN’s Youth Cultural Camp is scheduled from July 8th -12th, CCFN’s 26th Annual Pow Wow with Registration and Social Night featuring Emery Burninggrass on Friday, August 9th as well as other ceremonies.

Outreach/Engagement: Building and Strengthening Relationships

In February, NAN had a booth at the Great Moon Gathering in Timmins, ON and I attended as a NAN representative for Family Well-Being program. This was a great opportunity to connect with our people including James Bay area.

NAN also held their Annual Family Well-Being conference in Thunder Bay, ON at the end of February. I was please to meet other workers and attend workshops that were relevant to service delivery and be provided additional teachings in support of empowering families to build healthy bonds and relationships through holistic and culturally appropriate healing and prevention programs.

MNR Cross Cultural Training discussions have been held monthly with hopes to work with other First Nations involved in the Indigenous Task Force with Martel-Maggie Forest to provide cross cultural training in the future.

Mushkegowuk discussions have also been held in hopes to have their Annual Land-based healing in the area.

With the summer soon ahead of us we hope to see band and community members and families attend our programs and visit us here in the area at Fox Lake and area and wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Thank you/Meegwetch,

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Wacheyay from Wahkohtowin!

We have now successfully completed three fiscal years of operation and over this last year been full operational independent of flow through funds from the original host community Chapleau Cree First Nation who coordinated the operation of the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum./

Over this last year we have taken the time to continue to grow business partnership and professional services related to Forestry and business development. At the direction of the Shareholders and further supported by the Board of Directors there has been increased success in the following areas;

- Developing Human Capital - We have grown the team to 5 people – General Manager, Financial Controller, Senior Project Manager, Forester Intern, Guardian Initiative Coordinator.
- Partnerships – We continue to build on Mistikuskahk Resources Inc (Forestry Planning and Operational Services), Workforce – joint venture (HR Recruitment and Placement Services)
- Conservation Economy – partnered with Ecotrust – Forest Carbon and Conservation Planning
- **NEW** Business start up – Harvesting Company 2680985 Ontario Corp. – launched March 2019 and set to harvest up to 130,000m³; currently employing 5 people from the region and is looking to expand in the fall with more equipment as part of its business model.
- **NEW** Tree to Home – Boreal Products (www.produitsboreal.com) and Wahkohtowin will enter a milestone joint venture that will see through increased sales the development of manufacturing in the northeast superior.
- **NEW** – Guardian Initiative – Steering Committee formation, partner with OUTLAND – Ontario Youth Employment Program to expand access to more camps 16 to 20yrs.
- **NEW** – Assisting First Nations in developing Customized Consultation Approach agreements to support meaningful participation in Forest Management Planning and ultimately as part of growing Lands and Resource Departments as passed under BCR by each respective First Nation leadership teams. The CCA's are designed to address ALL forest plans and annual works schedules affecting each FN territory.

At the upcoming AGM for Wahkohtowin we will be discussing and accepting the addition of sister First Nations that have expressed an interest to be a part of Wahkohtowin and its broader Strategic Plan – found at www.wahkohtowin.com

The Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence – Amalgamation of the Martel/Magpie Forest continues and is set to be finalized by April 1st, 2021. A single Forest Management Plan is currently under development for the two forests – and the name Missanabie Forest is being proposed for the ESFL. Up to five First Nations and three Municipalities will have access to a board roll and assist in the direction of management. There is also a First Nation Sustainability and Diversification Fund to be developed as part of increasing Full Participation in the benefits derived from Forestry and Forest Management Planning.

Wahkohtowin has purchased a house in Chapleau that will undergo a renovation to become an office that seeks to act as an Innovation Lab where a range of services can be sought from individuals, our First Nation Shareholder communities, other businesses, organizations and municipalities.

Part of our growing annual activities the Birch Tap for 2019 is being organized and calls for volunteers is underway!! We look forward to hosting tours and making available Birch Water to communities and Elders. The sale of the Birch Syrup will be reinvested into the Guardianship Program to stabilize uncertainty in funding to allow increased engagement in community initiatives and grow the youth as future stewards into jobs and careers.

We will have a number of engagement sessions planned related to Forest Planning, Forest Carbon, Moose Habitat and Recovery, Conservation Planning and Strategies and the shaping of the Guardian Program. We look forward to meeting more of the membership and receiving your input to guide the success of your community in its territorial lands and resources interests.

Please visit the website and meet the team – their bios are included.

Follow us on Facebook as well!!

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David Flood, RPF
General Manager
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Chapleau Cree First Nation 26th Annual Traditional Gathering & Pow Wow

August
10th & 11th
2019

Everyone Welcome

Registration & Social Night

Friday, August 9, 2019

Featuring First Nation Comedian “Emery Burningrass”

6:00 - 9:00 PM @ CCFN Fox Lake Reception Tent @ the Ball Field

6:00 -7:30 PM Open Karaoke

7:30 - 9:00 PM Adult Entertainment with “Emery Burningrass”

Grand Entry

Saturday, August 10

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM @ Pow Wow Grounds

Sunday, August 11

11:00 AM @ Pow Wow Grounds

Traditional Feast

Sunday, August 11 - 3:00 PM @ Pow Wow Grounds

Host Drum: Thunder Creek

Co-Host: Spirit Bear Singers

Co-Host: Kitchissippi Rini

Invited Drum: Northern Spirit

Head Adult Male Dancer: George Rose

Head Adult Female Dancer: Holly Buffalo

Head Youth Male Dancer: Brandon Ruffo

Head Youth Female Dancer: Amara Ruffo

FREE Traditional Vendor/Craft/Food Booths available - NO Vender Fees! No traditional medicines to be sold.

*Please contact Cheryl at 705-864-0200 ext. 217

Rough camping available. Zero drugs & alcohol in effect. No pets on Pow Wow grounds.



Youth of all ages participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The younger youth had fun hunting around our Administration building, while our older youth were sent on a hunt all over our beautiful reserve! Sneaky Rabbit!

Three Nations Development Update

You may know that CCFN is a 1/3 owner of a business development corporation jointly owned with Brunswick House and Chapleau Ojibwe called Three Nations Development G.P. Inc. (TND). On Thursday May 23, TND held its annual general meeting at Brunswick House FN. These meetings are open to band membership attendance and there were several of our members present along with Chief Keith Corston.

TND presented its financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2018 so we are a little late in scheduling that AGM; another will follow likely late this year for the year ending March 31, 2019.

At the meeting, our auditor KPMG presented that TND has developed retained earnings (profits) of over \$500,000 for each partner First Nation. These retained earnings can be either returned equally to the FN owner/partners or they could be reinvested in other businesses or assets like the Three Nation Apartments on Devonshire that provides housing for Borden Gold miners and Chapleau citizens.

TND reported that it recently did do a distribution of \$250,000 to each First Nation owner/partner and that money is now in the hands of the respective Chiefs and Councils for community development. It was also reported that the investment in the TND Apartments will be earning rental revenue of \$500,000 per year by the end of 2019. This part of our operation, which runs with very low operating costs, was purchased, all-in with improvements, at just over \$600,000 so this was an excellent investment for us.

We also reported on a new investment opportunity that TND is considering with a partner called NRStor which is a battery/energy storage solution for the Borden Gold mine that could earn electricity 'peak shaving' savings for Borden Gold and sell various other energy services to Ontario Hydro. These combined of energy cost savings and service revenues would be shared with Borden Gold and NRStor and TND who would be the owner/operators of that facility. This is not yet an approved project by either Borden Gold or TND but it is something that we are considering and it was presented as an example of how we can choose to either return profits to our owner/partners or reinvest in growing TND's revenues and profits.

Lastly, we reported on the entrepreneurial opportunities around trucking, drilling and construction that are being taken up by community members of the 3 First Nations. For more information on the business activities that TND is involved in or investigating, feel free to contact CCFN's current director of TND, Brian Ritchie, at brianritchie77@gmail.com.



Remembering
Those We Have
Lost

Mary Helen
Maides (nee Drake)

1938—2019



Mushkegowuk Council Members

2019

**Registration is open
until June 7th**

Dates:

Session 1: Aug 10-17

Session 2: Aug 17-24

Ages: 9-14

(on the weeks of camp)

Spaces are allocated to communities based on population and are guaranteed until Friday, June 7th.

If Chapleau allocated spots (*5 each week*) are full, be sure to register on the waiting list... this list to fill will be used to fill spots before it is open to anyone after June 7 to fill the camp.

Online registration form can be found here:

<https://form.jotform.com/bduffin/chikepak2019>



Follow [campchikepak](#) on Facebook to get the most recent information and pics



CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION 4TH ANNUAL CULTURAL HARVEST

Start: October 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM

End: October 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM

(Tentative Date)

Location: Racine Lake

For more information please contact,

Cheryl Dupuis at 705-864-0200





**CHAPLEAU CREE FIRST NATION
26TH ANNUAL POW WOW
August 9th - 11th, 2019**

CALLING ALL FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS

For more information please contact,
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Upcoming Events

June 20, 2019: Treaty Day

June 21, 2019: National Aboriginal Day (Offices Closed)

July 8 - 12, 2019: Youth Cultural Camp

July 15-19, 2019: Mushkegowuk AGA

August 9, 2019: Residential School Commemoration Ceremony

August 9 - 11, 2019: Chapleau Cree First Nation 26th Annual Pow Wow

October 7 - 11, 2019: 4th Annual Cultural Harvest (Tentative Date)

October 14, 2019: Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

November 2, 2019: Chapleau Cree First Nation AGM

For more information on upcoming events, visit us on chupleaucree.ca

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