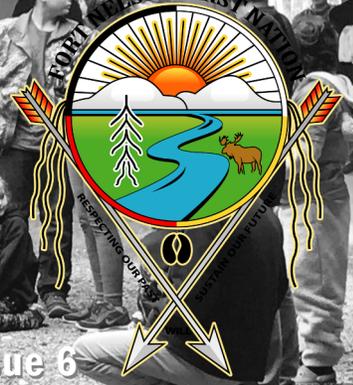


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FNFN has a new Chief



FNFN has a new Chief! Chief Harrison Dickie, shown here hiking with his kids, (right to left) Peyton, Linden and Hailey Mae look to be super stoked about the idea! Harrison was chosen by Council to complete the 2016-2018 term on August 15. He fills in the role after the resignation of former Chief Liz Logan on August 8. Sharleen Gale was Acting Chief filling in the role in Chief Logan's absence. We wish Harrison and Council a great 2nd year in office. A bi-election is forthcoming for the remaining seat on Council. Good luck to those nominated. Photo by Harrison

Agriculture Benefits Specific Claims (aka Cows & Plows) COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, September 6
5-7PM
Chalo Gym

Join Council and our legal team as they provide a detailed presentation of the Ag. Benefits Trust & Settlement agreement and information you need to know for the upcoming ratification vote.

This meeting will be **LIVE STREAMED**.
Log in/password information is forthcoming.

"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."

Editor's Page



Hello FNFN and hello September! Summer (or what little of it, it seemed we had) has flown by! Kids will be back to school in the next few weeks in the Fort Nelson area and soon Fall will be upon us. It actually already feels like Fall but I'm thankful for the sunny days we've been having. We sure had a heat blast during Annual Celebration hey? Yowsa! I don't think there was anyone not trying to beat the heat that Saturday. It was a great Annual Celebration and I'm happy it all worked out so well. When we come together and help each other out, things just naturally fall into place. When we look for faults and think negatively that is what we get in return. Personally, I had a great time, seeing the community and our guests having a good time, united, laughing, socializing, being together - that is what our cultures mean - health and unity. Good times, too!

So, here it is, Fall time is coming which means Fall hunt is coming too. I want to say thank you to the Lands & Resources department and Council for the Harvester Support Program (HSP). With the financial support of the HSP my family can get out on the land, and get hunting

in preparation for winter. There is not much else more rewarding than knowing your teenagers and their friends, like to be at the cabin, eating the odd squirrel and just being on-the-land. The HSP helps encourage and promote our Dene ways and I'm thankful for that.

Hmm, what else? I think that's it for now. As I type this, it's the day of the Solar Eclipse (Aug. 21) did you get to see it? Oh and summer students will be wrapping up at the end of this week, too. It's been nice to have them around this summer, learning, helping out where help is needed, and getting an idea of what FNFN does on a day to day basis. I will miss their help and seeing my own 2 teens earning their way. Anyway, happy Fall hunting and may Creator bring you enough moose to carry you through the winter. Remember, caring is sharing. Let's help out those that don't have the means to get out and hunt, if possible. See you in October!

Renee Lomen
Communications & Media Coordinator

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USED CELL PHONES FOR SALE!

Starting September 5, 2017, FNFN has used cell phones for sale, while supplies last on a first come, first serve basis. FNFN will not reserve cell phones for anyone. Open to FNFN members only for two weeks. On September 19, phones are open for sale to general public.

All sales final. No refunds will be issued.

Who? FNFN members only

When? September 5 - 18

Where? Lands building, see Renee. Pay cash at Administration

What? Used cell phones

Why? Cell phones are no longer in use

iPhones \$100

Androids \$25

Blackberrys \$50

Cases/Cords/Chargers \$5/each

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: By Canada Post: RR1 Mile 295
Alaska Highway Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0
By Email: renee.lomen@fnation.ca



Greetings Nation,

It is with great honor that I've been given the opportunity this past year to be a representative of our people and now assume the **role as your Chief for the remaining 2016-2018 term**. It is with gratitude and appreciation that I am able to walk the same path as many of our respected elders and past leaders that selflessly made the commitments and sacrifices to do a job that requires patience, compassion and persistence to see that our community progresses and prospers.

Over the past year, I've enjoyed working with our leadership and welcomed the challenges we faced as group. We were able to pursue and initiate many positive objectives for the nation including; **improved relations and re-engaged with many natural resource industry leaders** resulting in progressing negotiations in a positive manner. The **Treaty 8 western boundary case** is nearing a decision regarding encroachment on our territory west of Fort Nelson. Chief and Council continuously **strive to improve communication methods with community members** at home and abroad through integrating online streaming, active social media presence and traditional methods like door to door and mail out information. We've also begun the transition to a **central finance system** with the objective to provide council and admin with more comprehensive financial reports in a consistent format.

Over the next year we will be **pursing many exciting initiatives** that will potentially have a significant positive impact on our community's health, independence and unity. Council will continue to advocate for the many **positive benefits of the land code** which is currently in development. We have begun the discussion and brainstorming to introducing **Grass Roots based Self-Governance initiative** that includes all our members from youth to the elders. Over the next year, we will continue to find solutions to strengthen the integrity of our **membership code** ensuring our long history remains intact and respected.

For more information or questions on the above initiatives, as well as the agricultural benefits settlement, please feel free to call me and I will gladly sit down at the office or your home for a coffee and engage on ideas on how best to progress our nation, our one unified Nation!

Mussi,

Harrison Dickie

Cell: 250.500.1070

Email: harrison.dickie@council.fnnation.ca

Council Update

One Year Update:

Over the past year Chief and Council has started many exciting initiatives:

- Early in our term we were tasked with filtering through resumes to fill two key Senior Management positions - The Executive Director of Administration and Chief Financial Officer.
- Chief and Council felt both employees represent the positive leadership qualities that would transition smoothly into our Nation's management team. Thank You Glenn Saganace and Yun Ke "David" Ni for joining our team.
- To fill a vacant councillor position, the nation elected Theresa Fincaryk. Theresa's traditional knowledge, experience and decisiveness are an asset to the Council..
- Chief and Council agreed to pursue the First Nations Land Management initiative, AKA the Land Code. This initiative will give our nation the ability to govern our own reserve lands and resources.
- With the support of the Assembly of First Nations, a resolution was passed to bring together Treaty 8 nations to develop a shared vision for water protection and improved water governance in Treaty 8 Territory. Next step for C&C is to attend National Elders gathering to continue to build support with the Treaty 8 Chiefs and Leaders
- Also in the water related works,, we are working towards taking over the operation of the Horn River Basin water stations. Talks with the province continue and we should see more on this subject with in the next few weeks. (Somewhat vague, is there an expected end date?)
- This year has also seen the continued development of our elders programs and services and the Men's support programs. Thank you to Health and wellness staff for championing these services!
- Chief and Council held an informative traditional governance training workshop with Satsan that will lead to some intriguing and in-depth engagement

with all members of our nation.

- We recently had a Men's support group program and Council is looking to continue this program by exploring options on a Men's Group pilot project for our community.
- C&C signed onto the First Nation Major Projects Coalition, and they have selected Councillor Gale to sit on the Board of Directors. Being a part of this group gives the nation potential to access a significant amount of investment dollars to pursue upcoming major projects in the region.
- Chief and Council has been working with A2A group on the possibility of a railway extending from Alberta to Alaska, this opportunity may have significant benefits for the nation and region as a whole.
- Last but not the least, we've been working on The Agricultural Benefits Specific Claim AKA "Cows and Plows" Council deliberated extensively on the terms of the PCD(per capita distribution.) What does this stand for? and trust agreement, taking into consideration all perspectives on the matter and now feel strongly that what is being offered and presented is done so with respect to our past, present members and our future generations so that we all see the benefits of this broken Treaty promise. To date, we have distributed the settlement package documents, and will hold an information meeting September 6th followed by a ratification vote September 27th and 28th. Isn't there 2 dates for voting? We should include both.

Next Year Outlook:

- With the support of the community, we hope to finalize the Ag benefits claim with a YES vote on September 27th.
- Focus our community energy on continuing the Land Code committee starting again in October.
- Chief and Council has continued to find solutions to strengthen our current membership code to preserve the integrity of our nation's past (and present) elders and leaders. As well, work on the development and improve-

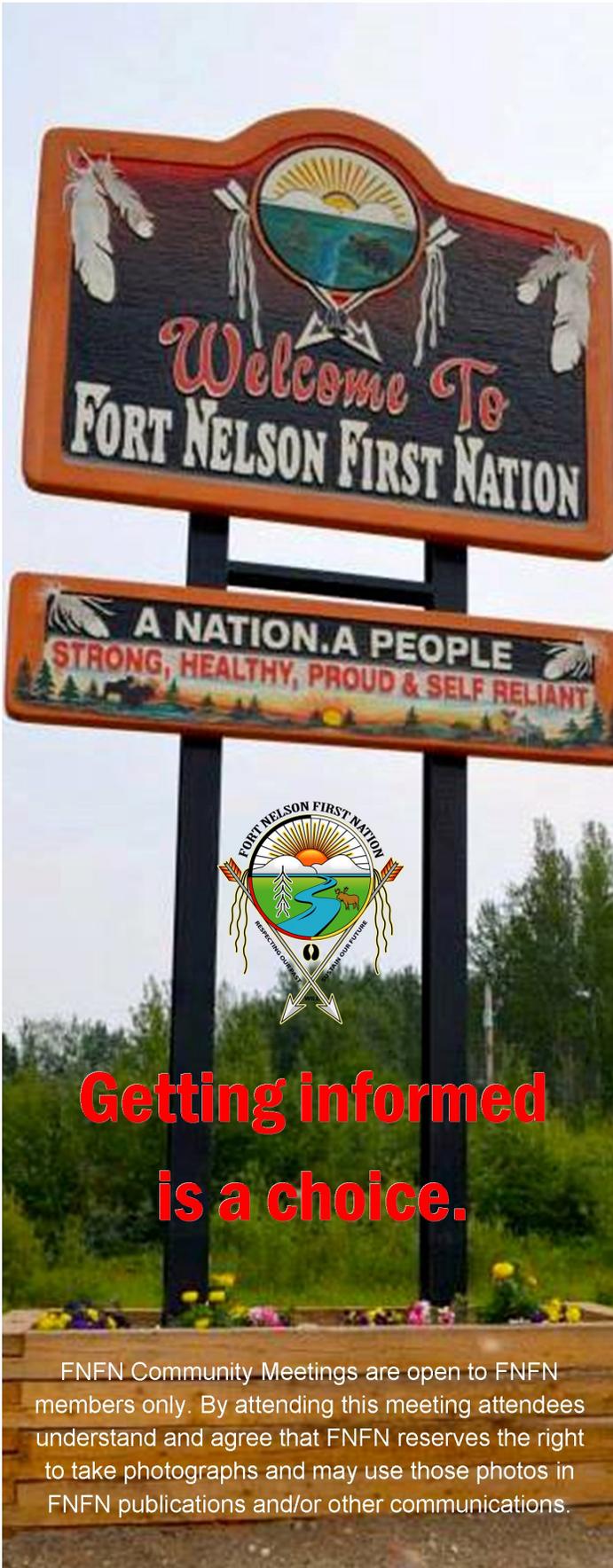
ment of the Draft Membership code.

- In the next few weeks you will see meeting notices regarding a Finance presentation for our 2017 Financial Audit.
- Begin the planning stages of hosting a Water Governance Conference relating the passed resolution by the AFN on Treaty 8 water Governance.
- C&C plans to continue to develop creative ways to communicate information to our members at home and away.
- C&C is awaiting a decision on the Western Boundary case; hopefully this is a positive result for Treaty 8 as a whole.
- In the next few weeks you will see information regarding the bi-election to nominate a councillor for the remaining term. Best of luck to all who are nominated!
- Most recently, Council has voted Harrison Dickie to assume the role of Chief for the remaining term; Chief and Council continue to be excited about working together in unity, strength and confidence for the best interest of all members.

As the first year of our term comes to close, Chief and Council would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Liz Logan for her commitment to community service. We send our best wishes and a mussi cho to Sharleen Gale for her work as Acting Chief. To all FNFN employees and Chalo teachers and staff for all their hard work and commitment, as well the community members for their constant feedback, constructive criticism and support, we say thank you! We look forward to the school year starting again and wish all parents, students and teachers the best of luck this year and we'll see you at morning circle!

Mussi,

Chief and Council



**Getting informed
is a choice.**

FNFN Community Meetings are open to FNFN members only. By attending this meeting attendees understand and agree that FNFN reserves the right to take photographs and may use those photos in FNFN publications and/or other communications.

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION

COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 6
 5:00-7:00PM
 Chalo Gym

AGENDA:

- Detailed presentation of the Ag. Benefits Trust and Settlement agreement

Join Council and our legal team as they provide a detailed presentation of the Ag. Benefits Trust & Settlement agreement and information you need to know for the upcoming ratification vote.

This meeting will be LIVE STREAMED. Log in/password information is forthcoming.

For more information, contact Gabrielle Lalonde, Clerk to Council - Executive Assistant to Chief, at 250.774.7257 or gabrielle.lalonde@fnnation.ca.

Ratification Vote Information

NOTICE OF VOTE

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION TREATY 8 AGRICULTURAL BENEFITS CLAIM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

August 8, 2017

TO: THE MEMBERS OF FORT NELSON FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote of the Voters of the First Nation pursuant to the Claim Settlement Voting Guidelines will be held on September 27 and 28, 2017 to determine if the Voters of the First Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on Voting Day approve and agree to the proposed settlement of the Treaty 8 Agricultural Benefits Claim between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and the First Nation summarized in this Notice and attached as Appendix "A" (the "Settlement Agreement") and agree to the terms of the Agricultural Benefits Settlement Trust Agreement.

The following questions will be asked of the Voters of the First Nation by secret Ballot, as set out in Schedule "1" to the Settlement Agreement:

As a Voter of the First Nation, do you:

- a) *agree to all of the terms and conditions of the Fort Nelson First Nation Treaty 8 Agricultural Benefits Specific Claim Settlement Agreement initialed by the negotiators for the First Nation and Canada, which settles and releases the Claim;*
- b) *agree to all of the terms of the Agricultural Benefits Settlement Trust Agreement; and*
- c) *authorize and direct the Council of the First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Fort Nelson First Nation Treaty 8 Agricultural Benefits Specific Claim Settlement Agreement and the Agricultural Benefits Settlement Trust Agreement?*

An Information Meeting for the purpose of the Vote will be held on September 6, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the gymnasium at the Chalo School, 4021 Fontas Road, Fort Nelson First Nation, B.C.

The Ratification Vote will take place on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 2017, and Thursday, the 28th day of September, 2017 in Council Chambers, Administration Building, Fort Nelson IR No. 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day. You may vote by mail-in Ballot or in person at the Voting Station, but you may only vote once.

An advance poll will take place on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for voters of the Fort Nelson First Nation in Council Chambers, Administration Building, Fort Nelson IR No. 2.

Ratification Vote Information cont'd.

Included in the mail out package with this Notice of Vote are copies of the Settlement Agreement (without these Voting Guidelines and forms), the Trust Agreement and such other information as Council determines.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a List of Voters is posted with this Notice of Vote. Sections 5.3 and 5.4 of the Voting Guidelines provide:

5.3 The Ratification Officer will revise the List of Voters where it is demonstrated that:

- (a) the name of a Voter has been omitted from the List of Voters;
- (b) the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out in the List of Voters; or
- (c) the name of a person not qualified to vote is included in the List of Voters.

5.4 For the purposes of Section 5.3, a person may demonstrate:

- (a) that the name of a Voter has been omitted from, or incorrectly set out in, the List of Voters by presenting to the Ratification Officer evidence from the Registrar or from the First Nation that the Voter is on the Band List and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on Voting Day; and
- (b) that the name of a person not qualified to vote has been included in the List of Voters by presenting to the Ratification Officer evidence that the person is not on the Band List or will not be at least eighteen (18) years of age on Voting Day.

DATED at Fort Nelson First Nation, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of August, 2017.

An application for a change to the List of Voters or a request for a copy of these Voting Guidelines or forms should be made to the Ratification Officer at:

Marlene Greyeyes, Ratification Officer
 c/o Fort Nelson First Nation
 RR1, Mile 295 Alaska Highway
 Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0
 Tel: 250-785-0612
 Fax: 250-788-9792
 Email: mgreyeyes@treaty8.bc.ca


 Marlene Greyeyes
 Ratification Officer for Fort Nelson First Nation

>> IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER <<

Sept 6: Community Meeting 5-7pm Chalo Gym
Sept 13: Advance Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers
Sept 27: Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers
Sept 28: Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers

Administration



Congratulations!

To Erin Longstaff, Clerk to Council - Executive Assistant to Chief (on leave) who welcomed a baby son, Jack, on August 9, weighing 6.7 pounds! Mom and son are doing well and Mom and Dad couldn't be more in love! We're happy for you, Erin and family! We can't wait to meet little Mr. Jack!



**FNFN
MERCHANDISE
IN STOCK**

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 - Grey Medium Fleece coat | 2 – Grey 2XL Long Sleeve shirt |
| 1 - Blue 4XL Fleece Coat | 1 – Teal Blue 2XL long sleeve shirt |
| 1 - Grey 4XL Fleece vest | 1 – Black 2XL long sleeve shirt |
| 1 - Blue 3XL Fleece vest | 1 – Teal Blue small long sleeve shirt |
| 1 - Grey Medium Fleece Vest | 1 – Pink 3XL T-shirt |
| 1 - Black Small Fleece vest | 1 – Black 3XL T-shirt |
| 3 – Grey 2XL Zip-up Hoodie | 2 – Teal Blue XL T-shirt |
| 6 – Blue 2XL Zip-up Hoodie | 1 – Green XL T-shirt |
| 1 – Dark Blue 3XL Long Sleeve Shirt | |
| 1 – Grey 3XL Long Sleeve shirt | |

FNFN MERCHANDISE PRICES

Fleece Coats - \$30, Fleece Vests - \$25, Zip-Up Hoodies - \$30, Long Sleeve Shirt - \$15, T-Shirts - \$10
 FNFN accepts cash or debit. See Admin. Reception to view or purchase.

THIS JUST IN!!

FNFN will be hosting an **FNFN ONLINE STORE** with FNFN gear such as; hoodies, fleece pants, Stormtech jackets, t-shirts and sports bags. The store will be available online via the FNFN Facebook page on September 1 and is all done online! You can shop right from home and order as much or as little as you want, in selected colors and sizes, and get shipped right to you.

(Please note, any orders shipping to Fort Nelson will be sent to Renee for customers to pick up at her office, this will help us save on shipping).

2017 FNFN Annual Celebration Award Winners

Scavenger Hunt

1. Maggie's Girls
2. Team Michel
3. Dene Sisters

Men's G-Ever Cute Pageant

1. Brent Kind
2. Isaiah Behn
3. Zak Myers

Traditional Arts Winners

Dreamcatchers

1. Anne Bell
2. Theresa Sutherland
3. Celine Kotchea

Drawing/Painting

1. Crystal Behn Dettieh
2. Jaymi Lord
3. Angela Rideout

Slippers

1. Anne Bell
2. Theresa Fincaryk Sutherland
3. Mabel Kotchea

Other Traditional Arts

1. Crystal Behn Dettieh
2. Mabel Kotchea

3. Curtis Dickie

Archery

Male 10-17

1. Thomas Michel
2. Ozzy McDonald

Male 18+

1. Josh Mack
2. Jack Neveu
3. Thomas Michel

Male Youth

1. Austin Gairdner

Female 18+

1. Tammy Myers
2. Roberta Michel
3. Jennifer Michel

Cross Cut

Male

1. Darryl Michel
2. Harrison Dickie
3. Curtis Dickie

Female

1. Roberta Dendys

2. Carmen Chambaud
3. Veronica Danais

Youth

1. Logan Bell
2. Jennifer Bell
3. Kaylee Barry

Axe Throw

Male

1. Alex Wasp Collin
2. Rodney Metacat

Female

1. Bernadette Cardinal
2. Chrystal Fincaryk

Wheel Barrel Race

1. Kitty Michel & Manual Riberio
2. Anne Bell & Logan Bell
3. Kristiana Bailey & Duane Loe

Target Shoot

Senior Male

1. Ray Crovel
2. Ralph Tessier
3. George Michel

Male 18+

1. Greg Lomen
2. Roger Needlay
3. Mark Kolag

Male 10-17

1. Logan Bell
2. Ashton Lomen
3. Trindle Samanasta

Senior Female

1. Liz Logan
2. Louise Novordvoski
3. Bernadette Cardinal

Female 18+

1. Anne Bell
2. Carmen Chambaud
3. Sally Behn

Female 10-17

1. Jennifer Bell
2. Kaylee Barry
3. Kierra

Talent Show

1. Roger Lahawk

2. Kruike Tsakoza
3. Justice Burke

Texas Hold 'Em

1. Neil
 2. Candace Loewen
 3. Raymond Needlay
- All 3 agreed to take home \$260/ each of the \$780 pot.

Crib Tournament

1. Ian Tinker



50/50

Winners

Friday's Winner (Yellow Ticket) was **Roberta Badine** collecting \$388

Saturday's Winner (Red Ticket) was **Mary Martel** collecting \$1,185

Sunday (Blue ticket) was **Christina Childs** taking home \$441

Recreation would like to thank everyone for their support during the Annual Celebration.



Photo by Mike from Shangri-La

Annual Celebration 2017 cont'd.



Annual Celebration 2017



"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."

Annual Celebration 2017 cont'd.



Annual Celebration 2017 cont'd.



Annual Celebration 2017 cont'd.



A few of our Greased Pole Challengers...



Mussi cho to all our Annual Celebration 2017 photo contributors:

Roberta Michel

Zakary Myers

Angela Rideout

Sharleen Gale

Pablo Bazerque

Mike from Shangri-La

Dawn Badine

Janelle Badine

Sorry if I forgot anyone!

Renee Lomen

Communications & Media Coordinator

Annual Celebration 2017 cont'd.

Assisi cho! Thank you!

Without the help and hard work of staff and community, Annual Celebration would not happen every year. We would like to take the time to acknowledge ALL staff, community members and sponsors who went above and beyond to contribute to Annual Celebration 2017. Chief, Council and Administration thank everyone wholeheartedly for their generosity. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed.

We apologize if your name is not listed here - thank YOU, as well!

Janet Needlay	Pearl Thomison	Kyla's Gas Bar	John Landry and Band
Judy Duchesne	Flora Gairdner	Qwest Helicopters	Lorraine Behn
Leona Smith	Rupert Behn	Imperial Oil	Carol Resener
Cougan Purington	Sharon Needlay	Deloitte LLP	Patricia Capot Blanc
Frank Capot Blanc	Minnie McLeod	Canfor	Tammy Myers
Drew Burke	Marilyn Norby	Rana Law	Priscilla Badine
Kendra Michel	Katherine Capot Blanc	Black Diamond	Nathan Gairdner
Seth Burke	Cynthia Burke	Lakeview Inns & Suites	Stephanie Parson
Ashton Lomen	Heather Gairdner	Nexen	Renee Lomen
Kurtis Whitehead	Nicole Burke	Elyse Kotchea	Roberta Dendys
Sonny Capot Blanc	Monica McMillan	Natalya Rose	Serena Michel
Brandon Rose	Vera Nicholson	Shaya Soules	Betty Ann Kotchea
Betty Anne Kotchea	Shelly Thomas	Abigail Kosmyinka	Sharon Needlay
Madeline Burke	Terry Gairdner	Kayli Stanek	Vern Ion
Brandy Neitzel	Wesley Behn	Miranda Dendys	Karleigh Kotchea
Samantha Kotchea	Donna Burke	Dawn Badine	Nadeen Sinclair
Angela Rideout	Maxine Burke	Sharleen Gale	Heather Gairdner
Sonya Dennis	Staci Badine	Harvey & Vina Behn	Lovey Behn
Kathi Dickie	Maryann Kotchea	Cyndi Bonn	Chief & Council
Glenn Saganace	Brandon Bake	Dawn Gullackson	
David Yun Ni	Da Dogs	Chateh Drummers	



We welcome **Kim Kotchea** to our team; she will be filling the Janitor Chalo Intermediate position beginning this fall. We would like to say thank you to Martina Michel for filling in for Nicky Badine, while Nicky was on Maternity Leave – Thank You, Martina – you did a great job! Welcome back, Nicky!

SUMMER STUDENTS

Our summer student program ended on August 25, 2017. The team of students were amazing, and we would like to say thank you --- Seth Burke, Drew Burke, Kendra Michel, Brandon Rose, Kurtis Whitehead, Ashton Lomen and Sonny Capot Blanc for your dedication and hard work. It has been a pleasure working with you.

GARBAGE

Household residents, please tie your garbage bags before throwing them in the bin.

RECYCLING

We have distributed the bag buddies to each home, on-reserve – recently or this past spring at the spring fest celebration. There were 4 per household, including a “how to recycle” sheet to recycle acceptable items. You can pick up replacement recycle bags at Wide Sky, they charge 0.25 cents, per bag. If you have any questions, please call us at Capital Works.

APPLIANCES

We are offering a free service to home owners to drop off their appliance at Capital Works shop and we will be happy to haul it to the local landfill for you. We hope to discourage homeowners throwing their appliances; such as, fridges, stoves, freezers, and dish washers, in the bush or illegal dump sites. Please drop off your appliances outside the shop. We will not pick up the appliances; it is the homeowner responsibility to deliver them to the shop.

GARBAGE BIN OUTSIDE CAPITAL WORKS

The garbage bin outside Capital Works is **not a food base** garbage

bin – it is specifically for household basement treasure. Please do not drop off your food garbage in the bin, if this continues then we will have to remove the bin.

OLD VEHICLES

We are looking to arrange to pick up old unwanted used vehicles in the community, please call Betty Anne at Capital Works.

WATER TEST RESULTS

Our monthly microbiological test results that were submitted for this month is tested zero for total coliform/e-coli, indicating there is no presence of bacteria in our water.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fire Ban includes us, on-reserve, if you can apply for exemption at the fire department, a person can be fined. Please exercise caution and apply for the exemption.

FIRE SMART

We will be striving to working towards becoming a fire smart recognized community. We will learn how to decrease the risk of losing assets, and how best to protect ourselves in event of wildfires. There are many benefits becoming a Fire Smart Recognized Community: help prevent fires from advancing and endangering lives and assets and reduce the risk of loss, and offer peace of mind, knowing we have taken preventative measures to survive a wildfire in the event one should occur.

To learn more information to go this link: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/firesmart-communities/community-recognition-program/benefits/>.

HOME IGNITION ZONE

We are wrapping this initiative in our community. Thank you, Thank you for participating in this program.

RURAL DIVIDENDS & PROTECTION OF PARTNERS

This project is a partnership pro-

ject with NRRM and FNFN to utilize technology to address the possibility of risk of wildfire in our communities. We will be utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) to help us to assess risk for wildfire in our residential areas in our communities; this will help us to develop and address fuel management operational treatment programs to minimize risk in our community. This is the second program in Canada. We watched how the wildfire impact Slave Lake and Fort MacMurry, and we wish to be proactive and be preventative. We will exercise the new drones in the community, this October.

FOR SALE

We have a ski-doo for sale. Come to the Capital Works office for details.

2009 Arctic Cat Bear Cat 570 Blue

GIVE AWAY ITEMS

We are cleaning our shop yard, and placing items for the community members to have, we will be placing them in between Capital/Housing building and Neh Zoo – come and take them away.



If bears become a nuisance or they are continuously hanging around your yard, please call the conservation officer at 1-877-952-7277. Please do not shoot the animal, you may injure the animal and pose a public safety threat.

Step 1: Bear-proof your home, reduce attractants

Garbage
Keep Garbage in the house, garage, or shed until pick-up day
Keep garbage bin lids closed, screen bins with fencing.

Fruit Trees
Pick ripe fruit and fallen fruit daily
Remove unused fruit trees.

Bird Food
Use birdfeeders only in winter
Keep ground free of seeds

Barbeque
Burn off the grill after each use
Store covered in a secure area

Pet Food

Bring pet dishes inside; clean up any spillage
Store pet food indoors

Step 2: If you see a bear, remain calm

- ⇒ Remain calm; don't panic. Often the bear is simply looking for food and will move on if it finds nothing to eat
- ⇒ Keep your distance, go inside, bring children and pets indoors.
- ⇒ Never approach the bear and do not run from the bear. Do not act submissively by crouching down.
- ⇒ Warn others of the bear's presence, but don't do it by yelling.
- ⇒ If the bear climbs a tree, keep people and pets away. Eventually when things quiet down, the bear will come down and leave. This usually happens after dark when the bear feels safe.
- ⇒ Once the bear is safely out of the area, check your yard to ensure there are no attractants available.

Step 3: If the bear is threatening, persistent or aggressive...CALL!

- ⇒ Call the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or the RCMP at (250) 774-2777
- ⇒ If you site a bear in your area, the conservation officers recommends that you call, so if the bear is starts to hang around in the area, then they will response and remove the bear in the area. But you have to call the number.

Bear Safety

Dehzona Daycare & Head Start



September at the daycare brings much change. We have said farewell to five of our children who are headed off to KINDERGARTEN this month - Addy, Austin, Jax, Layne and Valery! Some of you, we have had at the center since you were teeny tiny one year olds. Oh how time flies. We wish you all the very best. Have fun learning and playing with your new friends and teachers.

Our new friend Jaxson who joined us in July, is also leaving our center this fall. Have fun at your new center!

We also say farewell to our two summer staff, Kayli and Abigail as they head off to complete their second year at Northern Lights College and obtain their ECE Diplomas. Thank you ladies for all the hard work and creativity you brought to our center. We look forward to working with you again in the future.



At the end of July, We hired a new staff member, who just received her Early Childhood Educator Assistant certificate this spring, Miranda Dendys. The children were excited to see a new staff who is also from our community. She has shown us her fun and creative side and we look forward to her being a part of our team. Welcome Miranda!

The start of a new season, Fall, gives us an opportunity to learn all about the change in the weather, color of the leaves and that its time to harvest our vegetables in our garden boxes. There will still be so much more fun in the sun and we will continue to take weekly visits out in the community.

During the Annual Celebration, the children and staff had an opportunity to join in on the feeding of the fire. With 8 children attending, they had a chance to witness the feeding of the fire ceremony and a bit of drumming. Staff working throughout the weekend had the chance to host the Community Breakfast on the Saturday morning and were quite impressed with the attendance. It was a great opportunity for our staff to meet with our community members. We also hosted our first Mess-fest, which turned out to be so much fun, with water, Jell-O, pudding and the biggest crowd pleaser was the Shaving Cream. We will make sure to continue this event in the years to come.

With the change of seasons, please make sure to send your child with a jacket, hat and appropriate footwear as the days will start to turn a bit chilly with the wind and leaves falling.

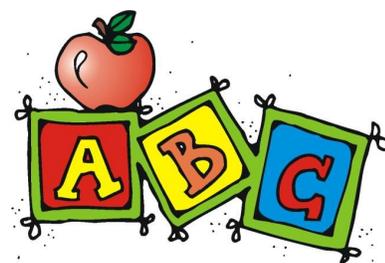
"Time spent playing with children is never wasted." – D. Lantero

This month, there will be opportunities for Head Start staff to interact with parents and their children at home visits. These will be scheduled for Tuesday morning or afternoons. With the great amount of new babies born in the community, we will be reaching out to those that would like to have a visit, possibly go for a walk within the community and go over some resources for baby's development. There will still be the weekly programs of Parent Lunch, Family Friendly Meals and Swimming. Please refer to the community calendar for these dates.



Dehzona Day Care News

**September Themes:
Grandparents' Day,
Community Helpers,
Fall & Thanksgiving!**



Economic Development

The first six months of 2017 have been extremely busy for the Economic Development Department. Here are some items we've been busy with:

- **Deh-Tai Limited Partnership** has been setup to do business with the FNFN.
- The **Guide and Outfitting Territory** is being moved into Deh-Tai LP until we have a guide with a licence.
- The **Qualicum Project** is waiting for approval from The Department of Highways and Infrastructure on the sub-division. This will create the first 35 lot sub-division. We are waiting until the weather improves so we can log what was planned for this season.
- The **Gravel Pit** has a stock of freshly crushed inventory ready to sell. Eh-Cho has purchased some for the airport H2O project. Other sales pending.
- **Eh-Cho** has had a great start to the year being awarded phase 1 and phase 2 of the municipal waterline upgrade to the airport. Eh-Cho has also been awarded the Boundary Road upgrade that includes culvert replacements and ditching.
- The **Liard Hot Springs Lodge** has had a great start to the year as well. It has been a very busy summer with the 75th anniversary of the Alaska Hwy and Canada 150. The crews have been working a 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off rotation. We are working with our lawyers to wrap up the environmental concerns caused by the spill in 2013 at the Lodge.
- We are in negotiations with **Ensign on Rig 113e**. The Joint Venture has served the nation well over the years but with the downturn in drilling in the area, it's time we look at other options.
- We have **negotiations** on the go with a couple oil and gas companies. **Chevron and Nexen** have both come to the table with what seems to be the start of an acceptable agreement.
- We have entered into an acceptable agreement with **Acciona** on the highway maintenance contract. The contract is from **Wonowon to the Yukon border**. If they are awarded the contract we will enter into a JV for the 11 years of the contract.
- We have entered into a **partnership with the NRRM** on a community forest. This will give us a permit to cut ~160K cu mts per year from the TSA. FNFN will also get our own non-renewable 10 year cutting licence. We will have the ability to cut ~65K per year.

Future Ideas:

Dene Foods – Own and operate a grocery store in the community

Heartland Timber Homes – Purchase a sawmill to build our own timber framed homes

FNFN Bulk Fuels – Own and operate a Bulk Plant in the community

We have a few other projects on the go that we have signed confidentiality agreements on. If these projects come to fruition, it will not only be great for the FNFN, but these projects will be a direct benefit to the entire area.



Check out our new logo!

What does Deh tai mean?

Deh tai means 'three rivers' in Dene.

Have questions? Want to speak to our staff?

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Education

FREE!
2 WEEK PROGRAM

AbME MASTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

sessions include:

- Personal Budgeting & Finance
- Market Research
- Competitive Advantages
- Business Planning & Research
- Mission, Values & Branding
- Laws, Insurance & Taxes
- Technology

Sept. 18 – 28, 2017
9:30am-3:30pm

Location to be determined based on participant enrollment
Fort Nelson, BC

Mon-Thurs, lunch & refreshments included.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre: 250.785.1870
TOLL FREE 1-888-783-1870 | office@neabc.ca

neabc.ca



BE ENTREPRENEURIAL



- Prepare to start a business venture
- Entrepreneurship
- Grades 10-12
- 4 Lessons + Business Pitch Competition

FREE PROGRAM for Aboriginal Youth grades 10-12

Date: September 22, 2017

Time: 9:00-3:00

Location: Chalo School (4021 Fontas Drive, Fort Nelson First Nation)

Refreshments and Snacks provided.

About Be Entrepreneurial

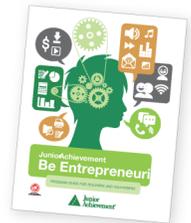
Be Entrepreneurial challenges students to start planning their own entrepreneurial venture while still in school. Be Entrepreneurial provides high school students with engaging, fun and enriching lessons in order to prep to write a business plan while exploring their interest in entrepreneurship and small business ownership.

PAST ACHIEVERS ARE 50% more likely to open their own business.

For more information contact the NEABC at (250) 785-1870 or office@neabc.ca
www.neabc.ca

Supporting student learning and entrepreneurial skills

Through this fun and interactive program, students identify entrepreneurial concepts, including product, service, competitive advantage and target market. Be Entrepreneurial also helps students develop an awareness of resources that are available to entrepreneurs and the planning required to start a business.



Raymond Needlay teaching the Recreation kids and staff how to set nightline and on the right, Chance holds their catch, the very next day! Way to go, kids! We bet it was yummy in your tummies!

Photos by Janelle.



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August 23, 2017

Call for Bids

Catering – Aboriginal Mastering Entrepreneurship Training September 18-22, 2017 and September 15-28, 2017

The Fort Nelson First Nation Education Department is currently accepting catering bids for the Aboriginal Mastering Entrepreneurship training scheduled between September 18 and 28, 2017 at Meyosin.

1. Daily Lunch for 20-30 participants (9 days)
2. Daily Coffee/Tea/Juice/Pop
3. Daily Light snacks for nutrition breaks (granola bars, yogurt cups, fresh fruit etc.)
4. Meals to be served at 12:00 noon each day
5. Bid must include plates, utensils, napkins, and condiments
6. Bid must include a sample menu
7. Caterer must ensure that all food handlers have Foodsafe Certification
8. Caterer must be willing to provide diabetic friendly options and other special dietary requirements (upon request)
9. Caterer is responsible for full organization of meal preparation (shopping, serving, recruiting helpers, clean up, transporting food to Meyosin)
10. Chalo School Culinary Kitchen is available for food preparation upon request, however Caterer must provide own their own kitchen supplies and be responsible for daily clean-up of the facility.
11. Upon request, up to 50% of the total bid can be advanced to the successful caterer to assist with preparation (Purchase Order or Cheque)
12. Fort Nelson First Nation member bids will be given priority consideration
13. Lowest bid may or may not be considered

Bids must be received no later than 12:00 (NOON) on Friday September 8, 2017

Please submit bids by email, fax or drop off at the FNFN Administration Office:

Attn: Daylene Bidulka

dbidulka@chaloschool.bc.ca

250 774 7260 fax

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Fire Ban Update



INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release
2017FLNR0241-001473
Aug. 23, 2017

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

Campfires to be allowed again in parts of the Prince George Fire Centre

PRINCE GEORGE – Effective at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, campfires will once again be allowed in some areas of the Prince George Fire Centre: the Prince George, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Peace and Fort Nelson forest districts.

The combination of precipitation and a return to cooler, seasonal temperatures has reduced the wildfire danger in these northern and eastern portions of the Prince George Fire Centre.

However, some parts of the region remain dry and the wildfire risk in some areas is still high, so the campfire prohibition will remain in effect within the Vanderhoof Forest District.

A map of the affected areas and their associated prohibitions is available online at:
<http://ow.ly/oOX530eCNya>

- In the Prince George, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Peace and Fort Nelson forest districts, the following activities will remain prohibited:
 - Category 2 and Category 3 open fires
 - the use of sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, and burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description
- In the Vanderhoof Forest District, the following activities will remain prohibited:
 - campfires
 - Category 2 and Category 3 open fires
 - the use of sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, and burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description
 - the use of tiki torches, fireworks and firecrackers
 - the use of outdoor stoves
 - the use of stoves and other portable campfire apparatuses that are not CSA-approved or ULC-approved

These prohibitions do not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves or portable campfire apparatuses that use briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, so long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

These prohibitions cover all B.C. Parks, Crown lands and private lands, but do not apply within the boundaries of a local government that has forest fire prevention bylaws and is serviced by a fire department. Always check with local authorities to see if any other burning restrictions are in place before lighting any fire.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a ticket for

Fire Ban Update cont'd.

\$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000, or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online:

<http://ow.ly/znnv309kJv5>

For more information on fire-related fines and penalties, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirefines

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

You can also follow the latest wildfire news on:

- Twitter at <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- Facebook at <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

Contact:

Olivia Pojar
Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Prince George Fire Centre
250 847-6639

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

>> IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER <<

Sept 6: Community Meeting 5-7pm Chalo Gym

Sept 13: Advance Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers

Sept 27: Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers

Sept 28: Ratification Vote 9AM-8PM Council Chambers

Your vote is your voice. Getting informed is a choice.

Health & Community Services

Welcome! To our new staff!



Hello family and friends, I recently started a new position in the Health & Community Services Department on August 8th, as the Cultural Events Supervisor. I'm super excited because I get to have more interaction with all my coworkers but most of all, with the community. My position is responsible for FNFN events; such as coordinating, planning and promoting the events. I'm in my second week and so far, so good, I'm all smiles!

I look forward to hearing ideas and collaborating and working with traditional knowledge holders to pass on their teachings.

Mussi Cho,

Serena Michel



Hi, my name is **Brandy Neitzel**, formerly, Brandy Hall. I was raised in Fort Nelson and graduated from Fort Nelson Secondary School in 1995. I attended Fort Nelson Northern Lights College in the Fall to complete my Drug and Alcohol Counselling Certificate. After I graduated, I worked as a Youth Worker at the Aboriginal Friendship Center.

I took five years off to raise my two children. When they became school age, I went back to work for the Child Development Center part-time, working at Dehzona Daycare with a little girl that had Rhett's Disorder. When she was finished there, I took a position at Chalo School as an Educational Assistant.

Nine out of the eleven years that I was at Chalo I worked as an Educational Assistant. I assisted children with reading and math skills, filled in in the preschool room, subbed grades k-12, worked with a little girl with autism and whatever else was needed to be done. My last two years at Chalo I worked as a Youth Support Worker helping students to be a success in the school system. Now with great pleasure, I am taking on the role of the Child & Youth Worker position for the Nation. I am looking forward to working with families in the area.

In my free time I enjoy hunting, fishing, and skiing in the mountains, horseback riding and quadding. Generally, I just like being in nature, enjoying northern activities. I hope to see you soon, taking advantage of the youth services the Fort Nelson First Nation has to offer but until then, enjoy your summer and play safe.

Brandi Neitzel



Hello everyone, my name is **Karleigh Kotchea** and I am the new Administration Assistant at our Health and Wellness Center. I picked a busy time of the year to start, but so far it's been great and our staff here is wonderful!

I've lived in the FNFN community since I was 16 and am married to Kevin Kotchea. We have two beautiful children together, Sado-nah and Easton, ages three and two.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the many friendly faces of our community and I wish you all a happy hunting season!

Karleigh Kotchea

Serena, Brandy and Karleigh can be reached at:

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Baby brother to Elizabeth and son of Robert Whitehead & Candice Ford



Extra-Curricular Activities

reminder

Please be reminded that as a result of this year's Fiscal Budget Approval, the **Extra-Curricular Activities funding for adults was reinstated**. This allows for adults to receive up to a maximum of \$200/ year to participate in organized sports/health programs. The Policy is available on the website or contact Lorraine Behn at 250-774-2300 for more info.

Walk it Out

Recreation is offering the "Walk it Out" Walking Program for 16+ every Monday from 7-8pm at the NRRM track.



September 11 - November 13

For 16+ Years

Every Monday from 7:00-8:00PM

Did you know walking 30 minutes burns 125 calories?

Just imagine what 60 minutes can do for your health! Come walk it out and find out!

For more information, contact Janelle at 2500.500.1074

Walk it Out

Health & Community Services cont'd.



Waiver and Liability Form must be completed prior to your participation. Form can be found on next page.

Hike

with Harrison

You are invited to participate in a 12km hike (6-hour round trip) at *Flowering Springs* on Sunday, September 24th 2017.

- Departing FNFN at 8:00AM
- Age Limit is 16+
- Minimum of 8+ people
- Transportation Provided
- Water/snacks provided, (encouraged to pack a lunch)
- Contact Karleigh at 250.774.2300 to register



Bingos are scheduled for every Sunday in September! The 3rd, 10th, 17th and 23rd at the Health Centre from 1-4PM. Doors Open at 12PM. Must be 19+ to play.

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FIELD TRIP WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

Name: _____ **DOB:** ____/____/_____(day/month/year)

Address: _____

Health Care #: _____ **Family Doctor:** _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Emergency Contact Person #1

Emergency Contact Person #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Relationship: _____

Relationship: _____

Allergies/Medication Needed: _____

Trip Information:

Field Trip Location: Flowering Springs Hiking Trail, Summit, BC

(Light snacks provided, please bring your own lunch and be prepared for the weather)

Field Trip Purpose: Community Hike (6 hour round trip hike)

Date of Departure: Sunday, September 24th @ 8:00 AM

Date of Return: Sunday, September 24th @ approximately 6:00 PM

Waiver:

As a condition of participation in the trip(s) described above, I agree and acknowledge that my participation in this trip is voluntary and that neither the Fort Nelson First Nation (FNFN), nor any of its agents or employees, shall have responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage incurred or suffered by myself in connection with my participation in this trip(s) (including, but not limited to, any personal injury, death, or property damage), and hereby expressly waive all rights, claims, causes of action, and the like of any nature whatsoever which my or my heirs or legal representatives may have against the Nation or any of its agents or employees in connection with my participation in such a trip.

Participant Signature: _____
(Must be 16 years old or older)

Date: _____(D/M/Y)

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Walk for Reconciliation: September 24th is declared as the **Walk for Reconciliation Day**. This is an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to make a personal contribution to the reconciliation movement. Through walking in the spirit of reconciliation you honour intergenerational lives taken and, honour survivors and those impacted by the Indian residential school system. Come join us at the Health Centre for lunch from 11:30-12:45; church from 1-2pm; walk around the block from 2:30-3:00; social at the Health Centre to follow. There will be door prizes for participants.

Healing Picnic is scheduled for September 5, 12 and 19th at the Old Reserve from 5-7PM.

Community Kitchen:
Scheduled for September 9th and 23rd, has been rescheduled to the 24th in conjunction with **Walk for Reconciliation**.



Grandparents Day
September 10th is recognized as Grandparents Day. We would like to invite grandparents to a Pancake Breakfast from 9-11AM at the Health Centre. There will also be a grandparents' only "Meat Draw".

Elder's Social
is scheduled for Sept. 13 & 27 from 1-4PM at the Health Centre. See you there!

Grieving together is growing together.

Debra Trask will be facilitating. To register, please contact Karleigh at 250.774.2300 or Rose at the Friendship Centre 250.774.2993. For more information, contact Sara-lee 250.774.2300 or Rose 250.774.2993.

Grief and Loss Circle: Fort Nelson First Nation and the Aboriginal Friendship Centre are hosting a Grief and Loss Workshop on Friday, September 15 2017 from 9AM to 4PM with lunch provided at the Health and Wellness Centre. A loss is defined in many different aspects such as a loss of life, job, relationship, etc. If you or someone you know is experiencing grief from a loss, then this would be beneficial for your healing journey.



9:00-10:00AM
Every Wednesday
13 Classes
18+ Years

Recreation encourages healthy living for our adults members and we found a great fun, cool way of doing so! Shallow Water Aquafit is a great aerobic workout with low impact movements. It has all the advantages of a land class, without the stress on your body.

The class has a mix of cardio exercises, circuits and strength training to keep you interested and challenged in the water.

Don't forget to bring your water bottle; hydration is very important during these fitness classes.

Starts September 13!

SHALLOW WATER
Aquafit

Each FNFN Member is eligible for extra-curricular funding and this class is an approved active program that could be covered.

The cost of 13 classes is only \$104 + taxes. Recreation will provide transportation only. This program is offered by the NRRM and registration is required. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Registration opens August 9th and spaces are limited so call today! FNFN Members can call the Health Centre to get details on available funding opportunities.

CALL JANELLE AT 2505001074 FOR MORE INFO



BATTLE READY FITNESS
250-500-2268

This session is open to men & women 16+ years of age. Workouts will be suited for all fitness levels.

BOOT CAMP WORKOUT
is coming to Chalo field!
Wednesdays
6:15PM
August 16 to September 27



FNFN MEMBERS ARE FREE!
ONLY \$5/PERSON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT COTY HARDY, 250.500.2268 OR @BATTLEREADYFITNESS1 ON FACEBOOK

Health & Community Services cont'd.

Did you know?



Aboriginal children make up roughly 53% of the children in care. They are not only separated from their families, but many times are also separated from their language and culture. Sadly, there are not enough Aboriginal homes and many First Nations, Métis and Inuit children in care are growing up without fully knowing who they are and where they come from. **That's why Aboriginal caregivers are urgently needed.**

Family Services hosted a Foster Parent information session last month and we would like to thank those that attended. Fort Nelson has limited foster care homes. **We are still recruiting foster parents.**

To become a foster parent of Aboriginal children and youth, you must be over the age of 19 and have the maturity to provide care and guidance to children and youth. **Single people, couples and families— with or without children— can all become foster parents.** Your financial situation should not prevent you from applying. You do not need to own your own home, but should have additional rooms available to respect the privacy of the children and youth that will be staying with you.

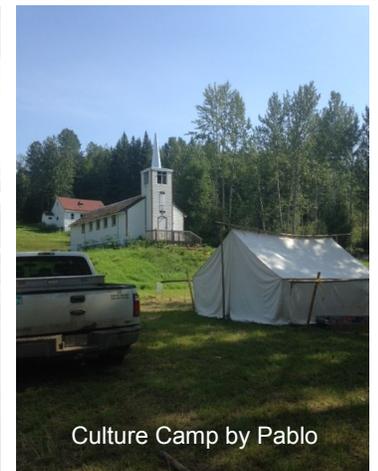
It takes a community to raise a child, if you are interested or would like more information please contact a Family Service Rep.:

Shawna Badine, Youth Outreach Worker
250.500.1078 or shawna.badine@fnnation.ca

Brandy Neitzel, Child & Youth Worker
250.500. or brandy.neitzel@fnnation.ca

Saralee Andrews, Wellness Counsellor/Designated Band Rep.
250.500.3330 or saralee.andrews@fnnation.ca

A reminder that entries from the **Traditional Arts Contest** need to be picked up from the Health Centre. We have had some of the entries picked up, however, we still have quite a few entries sitting here.



Culture Camp by Pablo

There's also competition winners for the following people ready to be picked up or contact Karleigh Kotchea and perhaps she can get it mailed out to you:

Roger Lahawk

Ozzy MacDonald

Liz Logan

Lousie Novodorski

Call 250.774.2300 if you have questions!

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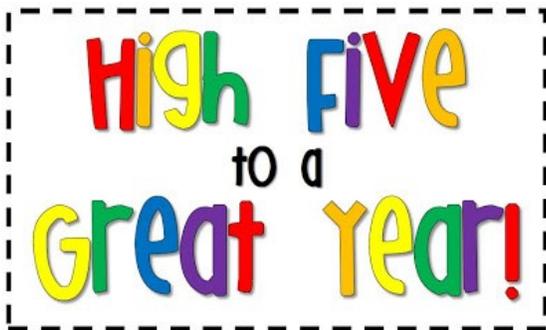
Back to school! It is a bittersweet feeling for Recreation as we are sad Summer has ended but excited we have programming for all to enjoy this month. Our Summer Students are now returning back to school and we want to wish them a successful year and hope they join us next Summer!

I try to ensure children/youth/parents/etc. are heard when at Rec and we have heard plenty of time why Boy's Group or Girl's Group isn't offered anymore SO what do we do? Start is up once again and hope that those interested will join us and bring a friend or two. Recreation strives to have programs for all ages and you will see the different programs and ages on the Community Calendar. We encourage our community to get active through play! If you have a suggested program or activity that you think Recreation can host, let us know, we are always looking for new and creative ways to keep Recreation fun!

Watch out for the Old Fort Cup flyer which will contain the requirements, registration and additional details. Please remember registration is required for your child/youth to participate in any Recreation programs and those forms can be emailed or given in paper form. Transportation may not always be available therefore we ask you to call on the day of program to ensure no changes were made. We look forward to a fun-filled month and hope the school transition for everyone is as smooth as butter!

Take Care,

Janelle Badine, Recreation Program Coordinator



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BC Cancer Agency

CARE + RESEARCH

An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

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Mammograms are available for women ages 40 and over.

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Visit www.screeningbc.ca to learn more.

The BC Cancer Agency's digital mammography coach will be providing breast screening outside
HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

November 2, 2017

Book your appointment today: 1-800-663-9203

Presenting Sponsors:

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation BC • YUKON



SHOPPERS DRUG MART



It's not until November but we wanted to get the notice out early!

Tell your mamas, grandmas, aunties and sisters, too!

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Housing Governance

Governance definition: *establishing policies and monitoring their proper implementation by the governing body of an organization.*

Housing Coordinator Vera Nicholson managed to access external funds for the FNFN to update its Housing Governance.

⇒ project must be completed by March 31, 2018

⇒ this is step one of a long-term plan to have on-going housing program the meets the needs of the Community

Objectives:

1. Create a Housing Policies revision working committee
2. Re-establish a Housing Authority by creating Terms of Reference and Selection process
3. Review, revise, update all FNFN Housing policies
4. Engage Community for approval of policies
5. Strengthen links and relationships with other FNFN departments
6. Align with Reaching for Our Vision housing directives
7. Create governance system based on principles of transparency, accountability, and fairness

Call-out for FNFN members:

Members, your involvement is critical to create housing policies by and for the FNFN. The plan is to have housing policies working committee that would meet approximately 10 hours a month. These meetings would start in late September. Members (who are not employees of the FNFN) will receive an honorarium to recognise the time they're dedicating to our Nation.

Open House:

Come find out about the services the FNFN Housing department offers. Come find out more about the Housing Governance project. The Open House will be held on Wed. Sept. 20th from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Housing Department office.

THE FNFN HOUSING DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP REVISING HOUSING POLICIES!

Goal: Housing Policies revised by FNFN members

Completion Date: March 2018

Commitment: Minimum of 10 hours/month. Members compensated honorarium (except for FNFN employees)

Deadline to Register: September 15, 2017

For more information, call Vera Nicholson, Housing Coordinator or Shelly Thomas, Housing Assistant at **250.774.4905**

COME TO THE HOUSING OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, September 20
3 to 7 pm
Housing Building
There will be door prizes!



Welcome back Chalo Students, we hope you all had A great summer, and are all ready to hit the books!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

Summer has come and gone, I hope everyone had a great summer and spent some time fishing, camping and laughing by campfires with friends and family. I enjoyed my summer, I attended the **culture camp at the Old Fort**. I must say Cindy Bonn did an amazing job hosting, I enjoyed connecting with members and family I never knew I had out here. I finally got to go stay where my mom grew up with her grandma Rose. Mussi cho to Cyndi, Monica, and all the members who brought good laughs, and cultural teachings to share with us all, and to the cooks, Candice and Deborah, and Maryann for coming out and teaching us your sewing skills, you all did an amazing job! I enjoyed eating faaaat boiled ribs for a week!

I'd like to say a **HUGE thank you** to Terry Gairdner, Maxine Burke, Donna Burke, Wes Behn, Brandon Baker and Staci Badine, for your hard work and long hours doing security, and keeping the areas clean during the Annual Celebration. Your hard work and commitment doesn't go unnoticed, mussi cho!

Crown Council Michelle Hopkins is no longer the Crown Counsel of Fort Nelson, as she relocated to another location. At this time Fort Nelson is awaiting for the new Crown Counsel to arrive, as a result, we are working with Fort St John Crown Counsel. If you need to speak with her, you can call her at 250-787-3267.

Next court dates are September 11-15, 2017.

The **Community Security/Animal Control** position is still vacant. We are still accepting resumes, if you are interested in the position, I encourage you to drop your resume off at the Administration building.

Upcoming events

Our Justice program will be sponsoring FNFN members to enjoy a **day of golfing** with Justice Workers and Community Outreach workers on September 9th, 2017. Space is limited; therefore anyone interested are encouraged to call FNFN Justice Department at 774-6565 to register.

Message from Maryann Kotchea, Receptionist:

I had the privilege of attending the Old Fort camp to teach sewing in July and had a great time! Thank you for the invite, Cyndi! The food was amazing. Kendra and I made bannock for everyone. I went again and ended up with a flat tire, but because I didn't want to get stranded alone on the roads, I chanced it home - slow and steady wins the race!

I also attended my Grandfather's funeral service in Trout Lake. Although it was under such sad circumstances, it was a beautiful place to be. I got to stand by the lake and listen to the waves, it was so peaceful. I am happy my Grandpa is at peace.

I hope everyone has a good, safe and successful Fall hunt. I can't wait for dry meat!



**** STATS ****

Restorative Justice Referrals: 2 cases referred by Crown Counsel to FNFN

Restorative Justice Process Alternative Measures: 1 case completed

Community Concerns: 2

Animal Control: 2 dog complaints and 1 bear disposal

Probation Clients: 8

Bail Clients: 3

Visitors: 56

FYI: The Probation Officer will be at our office September 12-15!



*Proud to be FNFN!
Rockin' our culture at Culture Camp 2017!*

First Nations Land Management - Land Code

The Indian Act is the authority on reserve lands unless the First Nation creates its own Land Code to regain authority and responsibility over its own reserve lands. Under its own Land Code, First Nations create systems that do not exist under the Indian Act.

I've heard some comments that the Land Code will give the Council too much power. I've also heard (read on Facebook) that some of our own people don't trust our First Nation.

Here are some differences between the Indian Act and a Land Code:

UNDER THE INDIAN ACT	FIRST NATION'S OWN LAND CODE
<p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</p> <p>There is nothing in the Indian Act about Conflict of Interest.</p>	<p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</p> <p>The First Nation creates its own Conflict of Interest rules that apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council • Employees • Committee Members • Contractors
<p>ACCOUNTABILITY TO MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>Councils are accountable only to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs.</p>	<p>ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Code sets out financial accountability rules for management of lands, resources and revenues • Council is legally responsible for managing the reserve lands and resources for the benefit of the Members • First Nation must report annually to its Members on its land management activities
<p>DISPUTES:</p> <p>There is nothing in the Indian Act that allows members to appeal Council decisions.</p>	<p>DISPUTE PROCESS</p> <p>The First Nation creates its own Dispute and Appeal process.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific provisions for environmental protection • First Nations can't make bylaws for environmental protection. • No comprehensive legislation for identifying and remediating contaminated sites. 	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <p>First Nation (the Electors) may pass laws about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development, • conservation, • protection, • management, • use and possession of Reserve lands.

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION LAND CODE

We are looking for FNFN members that want to get involved and help create our very own Land Code. Call me or Cynthia Burke.

RATIFICATION VOTE:

- Every FNFN elector (both on and off reserve) is entitled to vote
- Advance notice and voting packages must be provided to every elector at their last known address
- The vote is tentatively scheduled for late spring of 2018

Lands & Resources

Hello everyone; Well another Annual Celebration has come and went, our family really enjoyed ourselves, and it looks like everyone else did to. There was activities for all ages, lots of food (mmmm moose camp boiled ribs) thank you to all the staff, definitely out did yourselves. Give yourselves a pat on the back!!

To work stuff now; **Community Forest Update:** Refresher of the CFA project

- In January, the FNFN and the NRRM agreed to collaborate on a request to receive an application to apply for a CFA in the Ft. Nelson timber supply area.
- In early February, a joint letter was sent to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting an invitation to apply.
- In mid- March, the Minister sent the CFA partners a letter inviting them to apply for a CFA of 185,000 m³ /yr.
- Since that time the partners have been working to establish the foundation of their partnership, clarifying the application process with FLNRO and identifying areas that could potentially become part of the community forest.
- We are now at the stage of getting initial feedback from the community on the work we have completed to date.

Current status: CFA tech team and partners; that I am apart of are continuing to narrow down our areas for the CFA (Community Forest Agreement). I have been engaged in meetings with community members asking several questions and showing maps of proposed polygons, and have received positive responses so far. The feedback has provided us with areas to exclude or include and what the Community forest could do that would mitigate potential impacts to trapping activities.

After we conduct the field review we will come back to the community along with specific users of the land base and trap line holders with a refined map of potential forest harvesting areas. Once the CFA partners have selected areas that fit our needs for the agreement, we will then look to MFLNRO for approval on the location.

"Profitability is very important to our commu-

nity forest. However, profitability for a community forest is measured by different metrics than used by industry. While profitability for a community forest can definitely be measured in cash, no less important are more intangible benefits such as the long-term health and sustainability of our forest; recreation, employment and development opportunities for community members and harmony with all the other users of the forest." - McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest

Stay tuned for the CFA Naming contest coming soon!!!

Wildfire Update: With the current wildfire activity and devastation occurring in the interior, let us pray for the safety of all, and for rain in their area. Please ensure you are preparing your home and yard as suggested in the Fire Smart manuals community members were provided, to reduce the risk of wildfire spreading and help your home survive in event of one. If you didn't get a manual please come into the Lands office and I can provide one to you.

FNESS (First Nation Emergency Service Society) has contracted Shifting Mosaics Consulting; who has hired several of our community member's for the crew; to conduct Structure and Site Hazard Assessments (Home Ignition Zones) on approx. 170 homes and department buildings here on the FNFN community. A report will be compiled, homes scored for risk, and the report with mitigation measures will be provided to Capital Works.

The Capital works and Lands department have completed 2 phases of Forest Fuel Reduction Treatment on the reserve and by end of August we will know how much funding is available for phase 3 (Sikanni rd.) In October there will be round 2 of Drone training, this exercise is to train on the use of a drone and to capture images that focus mainly on areas for fuel treatment.

FNESS is happy to see the progress so far that FNFN has done for Wildfire mitigation. Many thanks go out to the community for cooperation in the Fire smart assessments.

Please do your part in ensuring safety of you and your family, neighbors etc.

Feel free to contact myself at the lands office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Heather Gairdner
Community Forestry & Wildfire coordinator

The Fort Nelson First Nation will be will be conducting a

Cultural Site Documentation Project

for FNFN IR#2 throughout the months of September/October. The FNFN Lands Department will be working with the First Nations Technical Services Group (TSAG) in coordinating this work.

The On Reserve Cultural Site Documentation project for FNFN IR #2 will include:

- Assessment of FNFN IR #2 cultural site documentation data needs
- Field visits to document cultural site locations using GPS
- Field visits with knowledge holders to document site use and history
- Youth/knowledge holder engagement event at cultural site location
- Group map-based interviews with knowledge holders

If you have sites or information that you would like identified in this project please contact Marilyn Norby at the FNFN Lands Department, 250.774.6313.

This is to acknowledge and send special thanks to the people who helped with the Moose Camp during the Annual Celebration. They are: Judy Duchesne, Rupert Behn, Flora Gairdner, Minnie McLeod, Sharon Needlay, Housing and Lands Department staff. We are thankful for everyone who chipped in to help make this a successful event.



Thank You!

Summer Students

We had a great summer working with the 2017 Summer Students.

We had 3 different program sponsors employing 12 students this year!

~ NENAS ~

Seth Burke: Capital Works

Kurtus Whitehead: Capital Works

Kendra Michel: Capital Works

Savanah Dennis: Daycare

Natalya Rose: Recreation

Elyse Kotchea-Behn: Recreation

~ Canada Summer Jobs ~

Sonny Capot Blanc: Capital Works

Danielle Lomen: Education

Kane Michel: Lands

~ SWEP (FN Education Steering Committee) ~

Ashton Lomen: Capital Works

Drew Burke: Capital Works

Brandon Rose: Capital Works



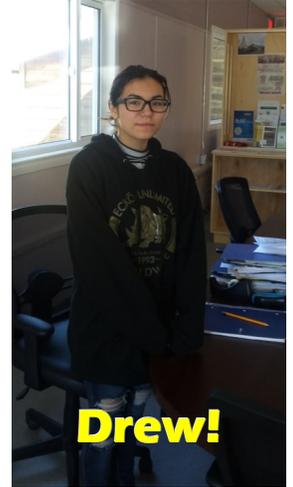
Sonny!



Danielle!



Seth!



Drew!



Brandon!



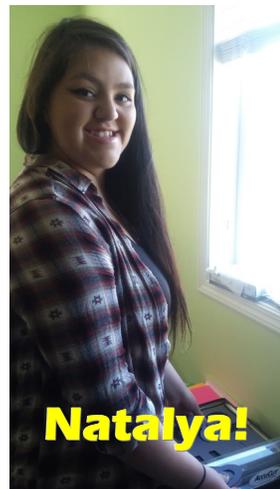
Kurtus!



Ashton!



Savannah!



Natalya!



Kendra!



Kane!

Photos by Nadeen Sinclair

Missing from photos: Elyse Kotchea



~ Strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant. ~

FNFN Chief, Council and Administration wish all our students well in their Fall studies and future endeavours. You are our future leaders and we look forward to seeing all the wonderfully amazing things you will all do with the skills you've learned in the jobs you've taken on during the summer.

Onward and upward!

"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."

September 2017
Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Location Codes used in this calendar:</p> <p>M - Meyosin CH - Chalo OR - Old Reserve HS - Head Start HWC - Health Centre NRRM - Rec Centre</p>	<p>Health - 250.774.2300</p> <p>Band Office - 250.774.7257</p> <p>Chalo - 250.774.7651</p> <p>Recreation - 250.774.7320 250.500.1074</p>				<p>1 Drop In (5+) 1-4PM M</p> <p>Last long weekend of summer! Enjoy your family and friends before we all get back to the grind and school routine. Have a great year, students!</p>	<p>2</p> 
<p>3</p> 	<p>4 STAT: Labour Day - FNFN Closed, No Programs</p>	<p>5 Healing Picnic (Open) 5-7PM OR</p> <p>Boy's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p>	<p>6 First day of school for Chalo-full day/SD81 - K-Gr. 8 - 1/2 day. Chalo Morning Circle at 8:45AM</p> <p>Comm'ty Mtg : Ag Benefits 5-7PM CH</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p> <p>Boot Camp (16+) 6:15-7:15PM CH Field</p>	<p>7 First full day for all SD81 students.</p> <p>MOW Delivery</p> <p>Girl's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p> <p>Family Friendly Meals (Families) 5:30-7:30PM HS</p>	<p>8 Parenting Circle (Parents & 0-6) 11AM-1PM HS</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p> <p>Firework Show (10+) 9-10pm Muskwa River</p>	<p>9 Community Kitchen (Open) 1-4PM</p> <p>Drop In (10+) 3-6PM M</p>
<p>10 Grandparents' Day - celebrate your grandparents. Remember the sacrifices that they've made for us, honour and love them today and always.</p> 	<p>11 MOW Delivery</p> <p>Chalo Field Trip to Muskwa River (collecting rocks for Orange Shirt Day) 1-2:30PM</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p> <p>Walk It Out (16+) 7-8PM NRRM</p>	<p>12 Home Outreach (Parents & 0-6) 10AM—12PM</p> <p>Healing Picnic (Open) 5-7PM OR</p> <p>Boy's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p> 	<p>13 Ag. Benefits Advance Ratification Voting 9AM-8PM Council Chambers</p> <p>AquaFit (18+) 9-10am NRRM</p> <p>Elders Social 1-4PM HWC</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30pm M</p> <p>Public Swim (Families) 6-8PM NRRM</p> <p>Boot Camp (16+) 6:15-7:15PM CH Field</p>	<p>14 MOW Delivery</p> <p>Girl's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p>	<p>15 Grief & Loss Circle w/ Debra Trask (Open) 9AM-4PM HWC Lunch Provided. To register, call 250.774.2300</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p>	<p>16 Drop In (10+) 3-6PM M</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>AbMe starts September 18 and runs to Sept. 28, Monday to Friday, 9:30AM-3:30PM daily at Meyosin</p>	<p>18 MOW Delivery</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p> <p>Beading (15+) 6-9PM HWC</p> <p>Walk It Out (16+) 7-8PM NRRM</p>	<p>19 Home Outreach (Parents & 0-6) 10AM—12PM</p> <p>Healing Picnic (Open) 5-7PM OR</p> <p>Boy's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p> 	<p>20 AquaFit (18+) 9-10am NRRM</p> <p>Housing Open House 3-7PM Housing Office</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30pm M</p> <p>Beading (15+) 6-9PM HWC</p> <p>Boot Camp (16+) 6:15-7:15PM CH Field</p>	<p>21 Elders Lunch 11AM-4PM (Open) HWC</p> <p>Girl's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p> <p>Family Friendly Meals (Families) 5:30-7:30PM HS</p>	<p>22 First day of Fall</p> <p>Chalo Be Entrepreneurial, Grades 10 – 12 8:40AM-3PM</p> <p>Parenting Circle (Parents & 0-6) 11AM-1PM HS</p> <p>Chalo Terry Fox Run 1-2:30PM</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p>	<p>23 Community Kitchen moved to Sunday for this week to coincide with the Walk for Reconciliation event. See you there.</p> <p>Drop In (10+) 3-6PM M</p>
<p>24 Nat'l Police & Peace Officers' Day</p> <p>Walk for Reconciliation (Open) 11:30AM - Comm'ty Kitchen</p> <p>1-2PM Church at Sacred Heart</p> <p>2:30-3PM Walk (around the block)</p> <p>3PM Social at Health Centre</p>	<p>25 MOW Delivery</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p> <p>Walk It Out (16+) 7-8PM NRRM</p> 	<p>26 Home Outreach (Parents & 0-6) 10AM—12PM</p> <p>Language Bingo (Open) 5-7PM HWC</p> <p>Boy's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p>	<p>27 Ag. Benefits Ratification Voting Day 9AM-8PM Council Chambers</p> <p>AquaFit (18+) 9-10am NRRM</p> <p>Elders Social 1-4PM HWC</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30pm M</p> <p>Public Swim (Families) 6-8PM NRRM</p> <p>Boot Camp (16+) 6:15-7:15PM CH Field</p>	<p>28 Ag. Benefits Ratification Voting Day 9AM-8PM Council Chambers</p> <p>Girl's Group (10+) 5-8PM M</p>	<p>29 Orange Shirt Day at Chalo – Walk for Reconciliation 8:45AM, Comm'ty Lunch 1PM, Chalo/Arbour</p> <p>ASP (5-9) 3:30-5:30PM M</p>	<p>30 Old Fort Cup Tournament *watch for flyer!</p> 