

Saulteau
FIRST NATIONS

December

2021

Newsletter



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Monday to Thursday, 8:00AM-4:30PM MST

Saulteau First Nations

X-MAS Parade



Wednesday, December 15th

Judging – 3:30 pm

Parade Start – 4:00 pm

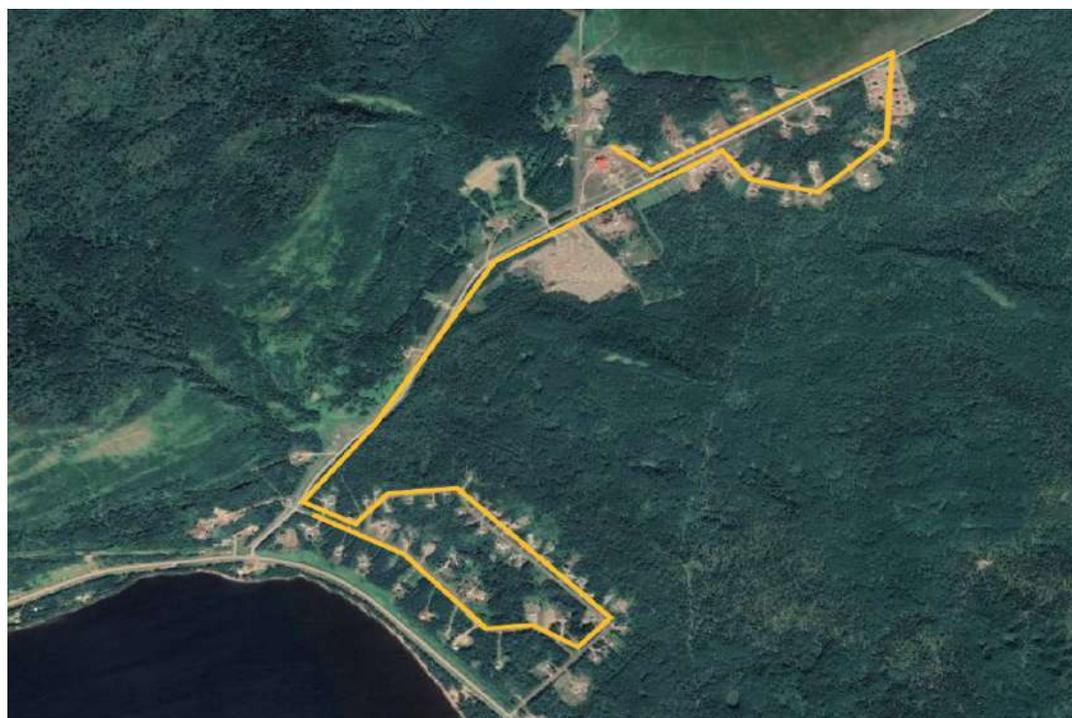


Would you like to be a part of SFN's 2021 Christmas Parade?

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Seeking (3) Elder Judges – (honoraria provided)

Contact Paula Gammie for more information at 250-788-3955 ext 8120



COMMUNITY XMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

To Register contact
Tonia Richter at
trichter@saulteau.com

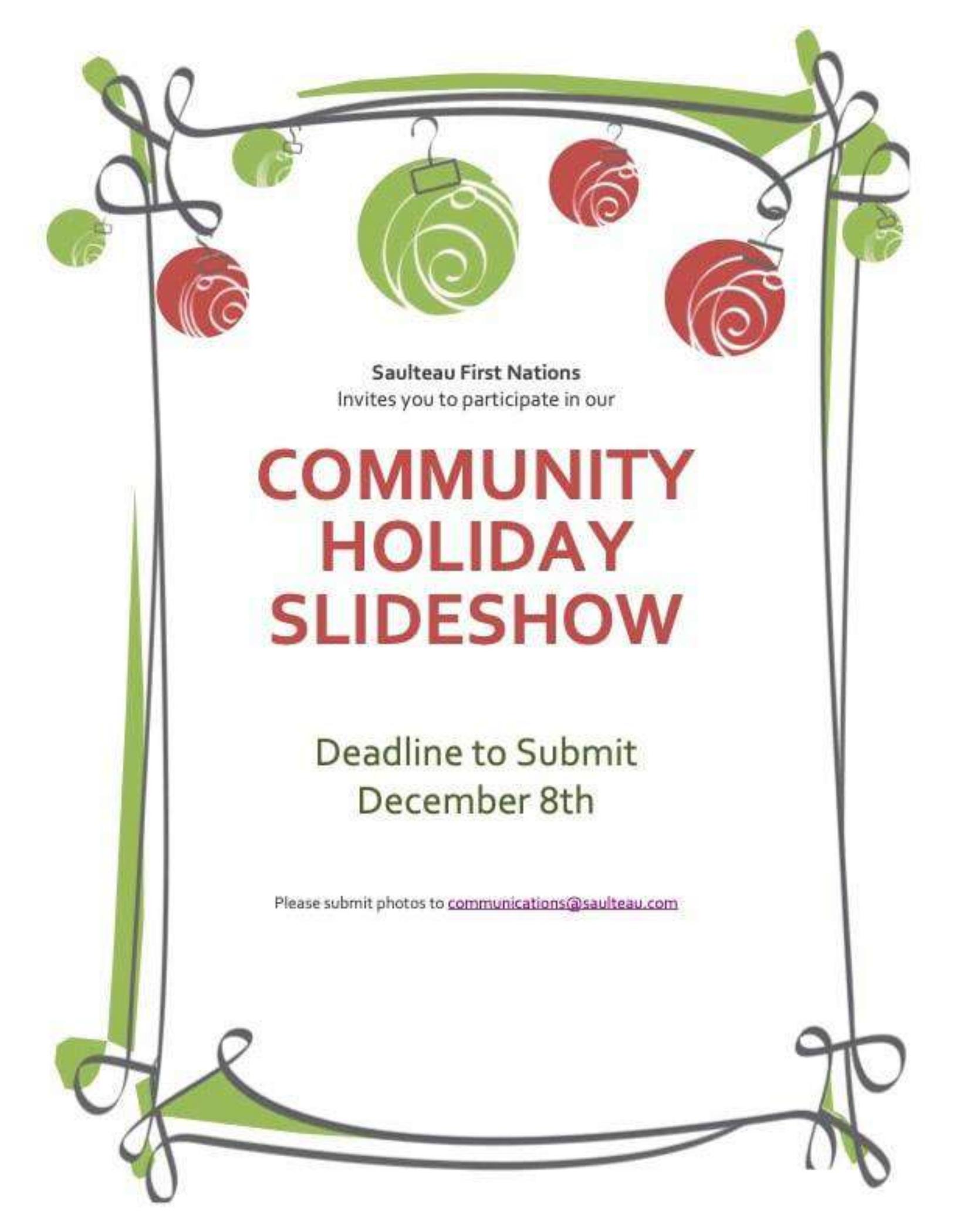
1st - \$500

2nd - \$300

3rd - \$200

Judging takes place
on Dec 6th





Saulteau First Nations
Invites you to participate in our

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SLIDESHOW

Deadline to Submit
December 8th

Please submit photos to communications@saulteau.com

The team at Saulteau has been busy again this year preparing for the upcoming Christmas season and due to some of the restrictions they have been quite innovative in their ideas to provide some cheer for the community. Job well done to the committee and volunteers. It looks like it will be a nice celebration although we can not get together in the same way.

We have had numerous milestones reached this year and it is due to the team effort of each of the people involved that we have been able to accomplish these tasks. To list a few:

1. The Safe House was opened in November after a long process of accessing funds to operate this facility.
2. SFN purchased the Church in town to open as a youth centre and it is projected to open the doors on this facility in January 2022.
3. The Primary Care Clinic work continues and we are very close to having the service agreement settled to proceed with this project.
4. The Health team is providing quality healthcare, administering Covid tests, vaccinations and flu shots and providing support to families in need with Home care etc.
5. The Mistahiya Development Corporation was formerly launched and the business enterprises under the umbrella of the Dev Corp are all doing well.
6. The North Winds Supply was opened and is moving forward well by making a name for itself out there for the quality of products and service.
7. Grade two was approved and we have increased our level of education in Muskoti.
8. The adult education program is ongoing and well used.
9. Wood deliveries and community services are ongoing and the snow is being plowed regularly.
10. Housing renovations and roofing was done over the course of the year. Not all the renos that are necessary can be done at once, but this is a work that is ongoing.
11. The sewer project is ongoing. Large capital projects take much time and preparation as well as funding.
12. The Caribou Partnership agreement is being implemented and the guardian program is started.
13. The FAL (Finance Administration Law) is being implemented.
14. New beginning House is still operating with as many programs as can be done during this time.
15. The land based cabin was built under the direction of the Daycare team.
16. Our human resources department is growing as is our staffing at SFN and that is to be in a place where services that are much needed are provided to SFN membership.

These are just some of the major highlights of the year. A great big thank you to all the staff who contributed to the success of these projects.

At this time, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and merry Christmas, and may you all be safe and healthy to enjoy some much needed time with your families.

Estelle Lavis, Director of Operations



Finance Department:

During the past year, we have expanded our team. We would like to welcome Rayna Davies, Finance Assistant. Rayna has contributed to our team already and we appreciate that! Her main role is assisting finance staff. She processes Purchase Orders, matching invoices to statements so we can pay vendors. She wants to help our team and improve which benefits Managers, staff and members.

We also have hired an Accounting Supervisor, Miranda Vigliotti. She leads finance staff members and improving processes in finance. Her expertise in Adagio software and her CAFM designation will benefit in presentation of financial statements to managers and Council.

SFN FAL (Finance Administration Law)

Saulteau has their FAL approved by First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB), after SFN has been analyzed on all levels. The FAL was originally approved by FMB in 2015. It was updated in 2018.

Currently, we are working with FMB on implementation on the FAL. This is a free service to our Nation. Our main goal is finance policy development. Another goal is establishing the Audit Review Committee that will review budgets, quarterly finance reports, audited financial statements. They in turn will provide input and recommendation to Chief & Council.

10-Year Grant

We are in our 3rd year of the 10-year Grant with ISC - Indigenous Services Canada (formerly INAC). We were approved by ISC to receive this funding vs annual financial funding arrangements. This gives us a bit more flexibility so we can prioritize based on needs. ISC still is a great support, especially during Covid19.

SFN Finance Policy

We are working on a formal policy as a group. There are reasons for this, so that finance staff are fully aware of the policy. The draft policy will go to Council for final approval.

Audit

We are working with Manning Elliott LLP on completion of our year end audit for March 31, 2021. Doing a virtual audit has its challenges. New auditors are working closely with all finance staff and Director of Operations and our other companies.

Notices to Members

We ask that if you change your bank account, mailing address, email address that you send a notice to payout@saulteau.com. We do not share your personal information with other departments, without your permission. We strive to keep our data current, for when we do electronic payments to you. We ask that you only contact us directly to request any changes.

Wishing you the best of the holiday season!

- ❖ Ingrid Bjorklund, Director of Finance
- ❖ Miranda Vigliotti, Accounting Supervisor
- ❖ Penny Parenteau, Payroll Clerk
- ❖ Elisha Anderson, Accounts Payable
- ❖ Rachel Henry, Accounts Receivable
- ❖ Rayna Davis, Finance Assistant



Holiday Office Closure

Saulteau First Nations will be closed for 2 weeks over the Christmas holiday.

Offices will be closed starting on Thursday, December 16th at 4:30PM MST.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th at 8:00AM MST.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday!

Congratulations Nicole Hetu!

I would like to acknowledge and celebrate a recent academic accomplishment by my second eldest daughter Nicole Hetu.

She completed a 2 year Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health at the University of British Columbia with the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health led by Dr. Nadine Caron.

I am very proud of my girl who plans to compete her PhD one day!

The other reason for sharing is to inspire our youth that it's cool to be Sauteau-smart!

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Ruth and JP Hetu



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health

certifies that

Nicole Mîgîzîkwê Hetu

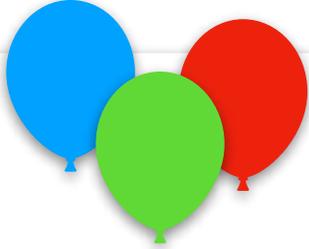
having successfully completed all the requirements, is awarded the

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health

August 2021

Martin T. Schechter
OBC, MD, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS
Co-Director of Centre for Excellence in
Indigenous Health

Nadine Caron
MD, MPH, FRSC
Co-Director of Centre for Excellence
in Indigenous Health



Happy Birthday

Belated Birthday wishes to my boy Brighton Campbell - Nov 30

Laura Murfitt- December 3rd

Lynn Munch- December 4th

Miles Parenteau- December 17th

Ben & Shiny Andrews- Happy 3rd Anniversary! - December 1st

Echo Cooper - December 24th

Rachel Plante - December 19th

Love Mary & Will

Happy birthday Mary Doyle! You're a role model and thanks for all that you do! -Dec 5

Happy birthday to my honorary sister, Samantha Davis!! You've believed and pushed me into great things.

I hope you have a great birthday and holiday!! Love you- Dec 26

Happy birthday to momma Tam Tam aka Tamara Bashforth! Love you! -Dec 7

From Brooke Walker

Happy Belated Birthday to Grandma/ Mom (Debbie Anderson) we miss you so much! Xoxo

Chantelle, Sean, Miles, Nixon & Olivia

Congrats on new baby!!! Dad & Lynn



Miles

Happy Birthday! 🎂 🍷

Dec 3 Lakyn

Dec 4 Lynn

Dec 5 Mary Doyle

Dec 7 Jerri Lynn Apsassin

Dec 19 Rachel Plante

Dec 22 Tyron Sochan

Dec 22 Aunty Ashley

Dec 24 Echo Cooper

Love Chantelle, Sean, Miles, Nixon & Olivia

Happy 14th Birthday

Miles Parenteau!!!

We are sooo proud of you!



Wishing all our family and friends a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2022!

Chantelle, Sean, Miles, Nixon & Olivia

CROWFEATHERS STORE WOULD LIKE TO WISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR LOYAL CUSTOMERS.

OUR HOLLIDAY HOURS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS 9-5 MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

JUST A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE THAT OUR FUEL PRICES FOR PEOPLE WITH STATUS CARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS (EVEN THOUGH THE POSTED AMOUNT IS \$1.59):

REGULAR GAS: \$1.32/LTR DIESEL: \$1.32/LTR PREMIUM: \$1.44/LTR

STAY SAFE! HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!



The SFN Offices will be closed at the end of day December 16th for 2 weeks for the Christmas Break. If you have any urgent work order requests, please have them handed in to the housing department by December 13th. *All non-emergency repairs will have to wait until the New Year to be addressed.*

Elders need to have their wood applications & requests submitted to Paula Gammie by December 11th to ensure we have enough time to have the wood cut and delivered by December 16th.

We will be hosting an online Community Engagement session in the New Year to discuss the updated SFN Housing Program Policy & Procedure guide (available on saulteau.com behind the member login).

The date and time will be announced in January.

SFN IMPORTANT

NOTICE!!

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With the Cold Weather upon on us and Winter soon arriving, we are asking that all tenants with any outside taps, to disconnect any hoses and makes sure they are turned off properly, this will prevent.....

### a) Freezing & Bursting of the Pipes

**\*\*Pipes that burst will cause damage to walls, basements, and create mould.**





# Public Works Holiday Notice 2021

In Case of Emergency Regarding  
Public Works and Housing Maintenance Issues

## Please Contact

**Week 1:** Keith Glover - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
250-401-8828

**Week 2:** Barry Davis - Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
250-401-8993

**WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**\*\* SFN Residents \*\***

Please check your propane levels **BEFORE** Dec 15th to ensure that you don't run out while the office is closed



# Skating with Santa!

Please come and join us  
Skating with Santa!

Hot Chocolate

Hot Dogs

December 15<sup>th</sup> -530pm



Please RSVP [Bwalker@Saulteau.com](mailto:Bwalker@Saulteau.com) |

| Sunday                 | Monday                                | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                                                 | Thursday                              | Friday                                                        | Saturday                                |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                        |                                       |                                       | 1<br>Community Lunch<br>11:30-1:30<br>Dance Group 6pm-7pm | 2<br>Mommy and Me<br>10:30-12:30      | 3<br>Craft Nights 7pm-9pm                                     | 4<br>Snowshoeing<br>2pm-3pm             |
| 5                      | 6                                     | 7                                     | 8<br>Community Lunch 11:30- 1:30<br>Dance Group 6pm-7pm   | 9<br>Mommy and Me<br>10:30- 12:30     | 10<br>Hill Sliding at MLES<br>2pm-4pm<br>Craft Nights 7pm-9pm | 11                                      |
| 12                     | 13                                    | 14                                    | 15<br>Skate with Santa<br>5:30pm at SFN<br>outdoor rink   | 16<br>Mommy and Me<br>10:30-12:30     | 17<br>Craft Nights 7pm-9pm                                    | 18<br>Virtual Round Dance<br>(Time TBD) |
| 19<br>Powder King Trip | 20<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 21<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 22<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's                     | 23<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 24                                                            | 25                                      |
| 26                     | 27<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 28<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 29<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's                     | 30<br>Offices Closed for<br>Holiday's | 31                                                            |                                         |

## EVENTS

**Recreation**  
Facilitated by Brooke Walker.  
[bwalker@saulteau.com](mailto:bwalker@saulteau.com)

**Cultural**  
Facilitated by Tylene Paquette.  
[tpaquette@saulteau.com](mailto:tpaquette@saulteau.com)

Wellness Manager:  
[dnichols@saulteau.com](mailto:dnichols@saulteau.com)

Language:  
[rhetu@saulteau.com](mailto:rhetu@saulteau.com)

SA Day is December 15, 2021

Declarations are due December 6-9, 2021.

### **\*IMPORTANT**

-SA recipients that require job searches must have completed and submitted before completing a monthly renewal declaration.

-Please have your declarations in on time to avoid any delays in payment before the annual SFN Holiday Office Closure.

Please contact Carrie Paquette by phone @ (250) 788-7286 or by email @ [cpaquette@saulteau.com](mailto:cpaquette@saulteau.com) for any questions or concerns.

Happy December, all!



I am very excited to announce that I am now the new Recreation Coordinator & Right to Play Mentor for our Nation!

I'm saddened to not be working at the Cree-ative Wonders Daycare because I absolutely loved it there. It's been a great time working as an ECEA with the kids and staff.

My mother Pauline Hiebert-Walker, my father Arthur Walker, my grandmother's and other family members have helped by teaching me a lot of our Indigenous history, traditions and spirituality that comes with it. I am forever thankful for the teachings that I got to have as many are not so lucky.

About myself in correlation with recreation:

I've played sports my whole life. It started with hockey for me! Watching my brothers, dad and cousins was entertaining. I later had signed up with Chetwynd's first female team as a goaltender at the age of 11. I played soccer as a child (though it wasn't my forte). I've played volleyball in high school at 13 years old and continue to play it when I can. I did try basketball for a while but wasn't good or interested enough (though I did score one single point, LOL). Shout out to my cousin Naomi Owen's-Beek for teaching me how to snowboard at age 13; as well as how to golf at age of 16. In 2011 to 2013 I was on our First Nation's Snow Board Team with Jordan Demeulemeester as our coach. Thanks to my parents, I had the opportunity to join the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) that was hosted in Regina, Saskatchewan. I represented Aboriginal U19 Team BC for volleyball, and we won gold against Quebec. I feel proud to say I served the last 5 points to help us win.

Because of my passion for sports, knowledge of our culture, vision for our nation, and the medicine wheel teachings, that I can offer better support and opportunities within this position.

Moving onto a new job is fun, yet nerve-wracking so I hope you can all bear with me as I learn the ins and outs of this position for these next few months. I will be winging-it for the most part but have a great team and community to help support.

Note: Please keep in mind that this position is also cut in half to make room for the Right to Play program. Therefore, I will be dedicating half of my time to both parts of this position.

Anyways, I'm ecstatic to be on a new team and help with the future of our community. Please feel free to email or call me if you have any idea's or if you have any questions.

Mussi/All My Relations,

**Brooke Walker**

Recreation Coordinator & Right to Play Mentor

# SFN Recreation Committee

## Highlights



### Ice Rink

Thank you so very much to the various volunteers and donators that have made the ice rink possible this year. There are a few items yet remaining to be arranged. These include Gazebo for fire pit area, Lighting, Ice Re-surfacing Equipment & Netting for the exterior of the rink. We hope to have these in place for the December 15<sup>th</sup> Skate with Santa event.

The Skate with Santa event will begin after the Annual Parade (4-5 pm), we will be serving hot chocolate, snacks, and hot dogs. Fire works have been arranged via the Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department, beginning at 6 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event 😊

### Sliding Hill

The development of the sliding hill is still underway. We hope to have this open with a new snowfall. Please watch for posts in the very near future.

### Playground Development

Two new locations on reserve are set to be developed for a new playground beginning in the Spring 2022.

The Recreation Committee will be sending out a survey early to mid-December, giving membership the opportunity to select the design of your choice. Be sure to express your opinion and cast your vote.

### Dance Arbor

The Recreation Committee is hoping to secure Phase One preliminary funding for the design, consultation & planning stages, for our very own Arbor. We will keep you posted as to this development.

Currently, there is a native dance group being revived by Tylene Paquette. For more information or to participate, please email Tylene at [tpaquette@saulteau.com](mailto:tpaquette@saulteau.com)

### Hiking/Snowshoeing Trails

The development of new trails will begin in the new year. Funding initiatives are currently unavailable until Spring, at which point we would like to get the memberships opinion on future trail development in and around the reserve. This process may occur at the same time of our Land Use Planning Sessions with Urban Systems.

## Baseball Diamond Development

The upgrade of our current ball diamond is required. This will include the accessing of funds to build dugouts, basing, infield and outfield preparation (ie: grass/gravel), etc.

This will enable the community to host little league and baseball mini tournaments.

## Meat Cooler

A meat cooler and relevant equipment has been ordered for the Pemmican Grounds and will be delivered in May 2022. A shelter for the unit and electrical hookup will be required prior to the delivery date and have been arranged.

We hope to deliver PAL and relevant courses, food prep and processing for members in the New Year. Please keep your eye open for these opportunities & postings. We will also try and utilize our elders in their traditional knowledge, as much as possible.

The meat cooler will be available for membership use and will require sign in and sign out protocols to ensure safety and cleanliness of unit.

## Other Ideas:

Some of the ideas discussed by the recreation committee which we will revisit in the New Year include:

- Skateboard Park
- Carcass Dumping Site

Should you have any questions or suggestions, or to become involved with our recreation committee, please feel free to reach out to one of our recreation committee members via email or telephone.

Brooke Walker, Mary Doyle, Teena Demeulemeester, Tylene Paquette, Sarah Canning, Daphne Nichols, Ethan Cameron, Megan Campbell, Starr Gauthier, Tom Aird

Happy Holidays!!







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creeliteracy.org Poem by Heather Clear Wind  
translated by Solomon Ratt (y-dialect)

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The eye of  
Grandmother Moon  
So attuned  
To the heart's longing  
Reminding  
Of inherent belonging  
And how  
She'll always see you through.

# ***Beginners Cree Syllabics***

*The Foundation of the Cree Language*

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday- December 7<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Tuesday. December 14<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

## **Syllabic Class by Zoom**

Instructor: *Dr. Lillan Gadwa-Crier*

Facilitator: *Ruth (Garbitt) Hetu*

**Please contact: [rhetu@saulteau.com](mailto:rhetu@saulteau.com)**

Please note: There are only a limited number of seats therefore only fully-committed members who are able to attend all classes are asked to apply.



# THANK YOU!

We'd like to recognize Cory  
Martens & NORTHWIND  
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES for donating  
materials and supplies that we  
needed for our community Ice  
Rink!

-SFN Recreation Committee

# Saulteau Spotlight

## HIGHLIGHTING SUCCESS



Do you or someone you know want to be featured in our monthly Saulteau Spotlight?

We would like to highlight Saulteau members achievements, goals, career paths or anything they are currently working on or towards.

Lets get to know all the talented and amazing individuals in our community, and not only support, but inspire one another.

Submit your own success story or nominate anyone who you think deserves recognition.

Submit to Ethan Cameron  
at [ecameron@saulteau.com](mailto:ecameron@saulteau.com)



**December 2021**

**TREP Manager Updates**

**Naomi Owens-Beek**

**TANSI!! Kayas, kayas.** The past two years have been very different working conditions. Covid19 has really put a strain on how TREP normally engages with the community. That being said we have adapted and worked within BC's Health Guidelines and managed to complete several Traditional Use studies and site tours, we thank all the community members who contributed to this important research.

I wanted to provide a high-level summary of what TREP has been working on this past year.

**Caribou Partnership Agreement (CPA):** We signed the CPA February of 2020. Due to covid restraints we did not receive the funding until early 2021. Our funding commitments consist of contributing annually to the Klinse Za caribou maternal pen, developing a park management plan, Moberly Lake watershed management plan, caribou habitat restoration, predator management and snowmobile access management. We hired consultants to continue the work we competed with our SPI funding in respect to the park and watershed plan. Please find updates in this December issue from Compass, Ecofish and the Park Planning duo.



**The Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)** was finalized and agreed to between the Provincial Government and 7 Treaty 8 First Nations 2015-2016. This was a 5-year agreement and the RSEA project teams are developing Current Condition Reports for all the agreed upon valued components. Bridge funding was provided by BC to get through report writing and it is looking like the province will provide another 5 years of funding. This is great news as we look forward to shared decision making processes and much needed policy and legislations changes.

**The Nikanese Wah tzee Stewardship Society** was established the summer of 2017. The society is the central component of directing all Klinse Za Maternal Pen activities and various working agreements clearly outline how WMFN and SFN take the lead on caribou management.

We are now heading into our 8<sup>th</sup> year at the maternal pen. The latest count for the Klinse Za herd is at 102, which is quite the leap from about 38 in 2012. This is a wonderful success story for SFN, we have received a lot of media attention about this successful program because there is nowhere else in the world where caribou numbers are increasing such as the Klinse Za Caribou Herd.

**Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP):** The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, BC gov, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and public stakeholders. Their main initiative is to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BCH dams. The FWCP allows for interested citizens, consultants, and/or First Nations to apply for funding grants to address fish and wildlife research in many forms, ie habitat restoration projects.

I sit on the FWCP Peace Region Board and we will be reviewing 28 applications this year.

**Wildlife Forum:** this forum is an evolving and growing into many different and informative tables. It was initially created to revise the aging Wildlife Act in 2019. I am part of monthly meetings and I also sit at the following working groups: Shared Decision Making, Ministers Wildlife Advisory Council-Research Team and Wildlife Planning and Objective setting Policy.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ITEMS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT OUR TREP DEPARTMENT!



*HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND WELL WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR*

## CARIBOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (CPA)-UPDATES FROM OUR CONSULTANTS:

### Moberly Lake Watershed Management Plan & Climate Health Action Plan:

Saulteau First Nations is leading a number of projects aimed at advancing environmental protection and protecting Saulteau First Nations' Treaty Rights within the Upper Moberly Watershed. Two projects that are underway this year as part of the Caribou Partnership Agreement signed in 2020 work towards the development of a Watershed Management Plan, and Climate Health Action Plan.

The development of a draft **Watershed Management Plan** builds on a technical review and the community planning process carried out in 2019 that led to a draft Saulteau Vision and Watershed Strategy. The plan will assess climate-related impacts and cumulative effects in order to identify effective strategies towards Saulteau's Vision that *"the lands and waters of the Moberly Watershed are sustainably managed to ensure unobstructed access to meaningfully exercise our Treaty Rights"*. A separate but related plan, the **Climate Health Action Plan**, will assess how climate change may specifically further impact Saulteau's Treaty Rights with regards to community members' ability to access country foods and clean water.

Compass Resource Management and Ecofish Research have been supporting Saulteau in the development of these two plans. Recent milestones have included holding focus groups and meetings with Elders, hunters, fishers and other community members to confirm priority issues and important areas within the watershed to focus on during the next phase of the work.

Ecofish have also been working specifically to understand and predict cumulative effects of development and climate change to Saulteau Valued Components (VCs) within aquatic, riparian & wetland, and terrestrial habitats. While working with TREP, Ecofish have also been analyzing the Saulteau traditional use dataset and applying a decision support matrix to overlay risks of cumulative effects with Saulteau values to prioritize areas in the upper Moberly watershed for protection, enhancement, or alteration of current management. To better visualize and apply the data, Ecofish, Compass, and TREP have been developing an interactive mapping webtool – "the Saulteau First Nations' Protected Area Mapping Application" – to better assess cumulative and climate effects in the Moberly watershed and in the broader Peace region.

## **Klinse-Za (Twin Sisters) Park Planning Update**

By Mike Walton and Sarah Forbes

When Saulteau First Nations signed the Caribou Partnership Agreement with Canada, BC and West Moberly First Nations in 2020, the Agreement included, “shared commitments to the establishment of new conservation measures and new protected areas within the habitat of the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou”, and specifically the “expansion of the Twin Sisters (Klinse-za) Park”. Sarah and I are helping Saulteau First Nations update the draft park Management Plan for Klinse-Za (Twin Sisters).

Hello! My name is Mike Walton and I’m a parks and protected areas consultant based out of Whitehorse and living on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta’an Kwäch’än Council. I retired a couple of years ago after thirty-five years working for parks and conservation organizations in Ontario, B.C. and Yukon. I have been fortunate to learn about the land from First Nations people wherever I have lived.

My colleague, Sarah Forbes, lives in Victoria on the traditional territories of the Lkwungen peoples and is providing GIS and technical support for our work on the Management Plan. Sarah has worked in parks for over 12 years developing collaborative mapping tools to support community-led restoration projects.

Since spring 2021, Sarah and I have been working with Saulteau First Nations’ Treaty Rights and Environmental Department (TREP) to update the 2019 draft Klinse-Za (Twin Sisters) Park Management Plan. Together, we researched how parks and protected areas are governed and managed with Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world. TREP staff were interested in seeing what arrangements have been made by Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to work together to protect sacred lands and traditional uses. Sarah’s work has been focused on updating the mapping included in the 2019 draft Klinse-Za (Twin Sisters) Park Management Plan and looking at tools to create a community-led park mapping program.

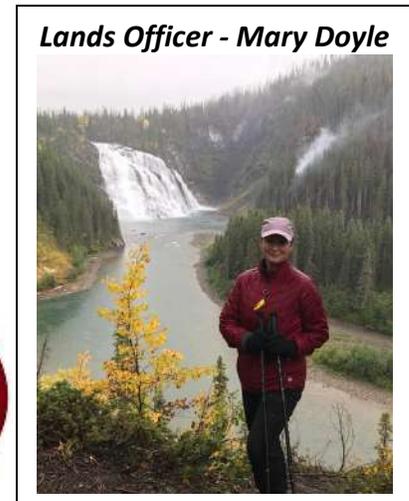
With this information and local knowledge, the TREP team is finalizing the wording in the draft Management Plan to make sure it reflects what was learned and other work underway by TREP.

When completed, the Park Management Plan will confirm management goals and objectives for the park and set high expectations for shared decision-making about Klinse-Za (Twin Sisters) with BC Parks. TREP expects that discussions with BC Parks about the Management Plan will begin next year.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Kindly,

Mike Walton and Sarah Forbes

*December 2021*

### **Hello SFN Members & Happy Holiday Season!**

Thank you for participating in our second round of CCP Engagement sessions earlier last month. With the recent Covid Restrictions, we strived to make the engagement sessions as accessible and inclusive as possible. You, the SFN membership, proved that hosting such meetings virtually, is possible and very well received.

Moving forward, our team plans to present the final draft to membership early in the New Year. This will once again be hosted virtually and hope you can join us for your final thoughts and inclusions, into this very important Comprehensive Community Planning Project.



### **New Year 2022 Project**

As you may remember back in September, I announced that Saulteau First Nations (SFN) had been selected as a signatory to the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management.

Celebrated as one of the newest upcoming signatories to the historic Framework Agreement, SFN will begin the process of working with membership to develop and approve a land code to replace the 44 lands management sections of the Indian Act, with our own governance authority.

The Lands Advisory Board (LAB) and its technical arm the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre has worked closely with Indigenous Services and Crown Indigenous relations Canada, to pave the way for First Nations to take part in this ground-breaking, decolonization initiative, supporting First Nations exercising their inherent right of self-governance.

In addition to this project, SFN Lands will be hosting in conjunction, the Land Use Planning Update as well as the Economic Development Planning for SFN TLE/TLA Land Selections. All three projects complement one another, making it an easier task to complete as one project.

With the success of our CCP, I have requested the assistance of Dan Penner of Urban Systems, to assist in the project management of this very lengthy process.

### Exciting News!!

We are now seeking letters of interest for those wishing to sit on the committee for this project. A general knowledge of land use planning, policy development and economic development, is highly beneficial. We will be seeking representatives for the 5 family groupings, Youth, Elders & Related Professionals & Technical Advisors. An honorarium will be provided for your participation.

**The deadline to submit your letter of interest will be Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Please submit to Mary Doyle, Lands Officer, at [mdoyle@saulteau.com](mailto:mdoyle@saulteau.com).**

Beginning in January, Urban Systems and SFN Lands will begin to develop a work plan, to ensure that project tasks and milestones are followed on a timely schedule throughout the developmental phase. This will include:

- Ensuring schedule, milestones and deliverables are met
- Scheduling and coordinating project activities
- Coordinating with SFN legal counsel on activities

In addition, we will begin to coordinate and facilitate the following:

- Develop a Committee Terms of Reference
- Committee member selection
- Arrange orientation and capacity building of Committee
- Arrange Committee meetings with SFN legal counsel

Upon development of a Work Plan, Schedule, & Committee Selection, Urban Systems and SFN Lands will coordinate community engagement meetings. This will comprise of a minimum:

- o Three (3) on-reserve community meetings
- o Three (3) off-reserve meetings in Dawson Creek, Grande Prairie, Kamloops and Vancouver
- o Community surveys and questionnaires (online)
- o Virtual meeting options for on and off-reserve meetings depending on the current Covid restrictions at that time.

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas & A Safe and Happy Holiday Season! ❤️❤️

Sincerely,

Mary Doyle  
Lands Officer  
Email: [mdoyle@saulteau.com](mailto:mdoyle@saulteau.com)  
Direct Line: 236-364-2012  
SFN Tel: 250-788-3955



## Comprehensive Community Plan – Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in round 2 of our CCP community engagement meetings!

We held a Chief & Council meeting, a staff & managers meeting, committee meeting, a youth meeting, and two community meetings, all which were held virtually over zoom.

We received a ton of great feedback from community on the second draft of our updated CCP.

We had over 80 members participate in these engagement meetings which was amazing to see, your input is greatly appreciated and valuable to making the CCP a success. We are on track to having our updated CCP complete by the end of the year.

## CCP Community Meetings Prize Draw

We also had SFN hats, chains, and TREP calendars available as prizes to members who attended our engagement meetings, in addition to the honorarium.

Congratulations to all winners!

## Staff

SFN Chains x 3 – Teena Demeulemeester, Sarah Canning, Ryan McKay

Calendars x 2 – Jesse Gayse, Shari-Lynn

## Chief & Council

Calendars x 2 – Justin Napoleon, Penny Berg

Hat – Falon Gauthier

## Community Meeting #1

Calendars x 2 – Della Owens, Emily Davis

Hat – Crystal Lalonde

## Community Meeting #2

Calendars x 2 – Jamie Kristoffy, Ginette Lapierre

Hat – Chantelle Ross

*Thank You!*

*Ethan Cameron  
Lands Assistant  
ecameron@saulteau.com*

Tânisi Saulteau community,

Hope this finds you well and fine and I would like to wish you and your family all the best this coming holiday season.

I wanted to share an update on some Aboriginal Liaison Program work I have been privileged to participate in this past month:

- Oil & Gas field inspections. These are on-going and usually every Wednesday. If there are any areas, you have issues or concerns with please let me know and I will try to schedule a visit with the inspector to this area right away.
- Saulteau community initiatives. Have been fortunate to have been asked to help with setting up a skating rink at SFN. Looking forward to this being available to our community. Have started working on 3 more initiatives and these are still very preliminary. They are cultural signage for the Fire Lake walking trail (hoping this will be in place for the 2022 summer season), a community composting program (again, very early and a lot of work still to be done, if possible) and community recycling (if feasible, do a blue box pick-up or something like this).
- Field trips on the Hudson's Hope highway work. Noted excessive dust from the construction and updated BC Hydro on this.
- Field trips to logging blocks in our territory. Logging in operation again. If you have any concerns or issues, please let me know right away and I will do my best to help you.
- In the summer our TREP Team put together a calendar showcasing our traditional territory. We put in an order for 500 and have sold out on these. Was within 3 days of receipt of the order, so thanks to everyone for the great support. The profits from this initiative will go toward community programs here at Saulteau (Women's Shelter, Fire Lake, Caribou Recovery...). This was a 1<sup>st</sup> of hopefully many calendars. We introduced the TREP team and showcased some beautiful pictures in our traditional territory. For next year we have been discussing different ideas of what to showcase including wetlands, traditional plants, berries, medicines, animals, community events and industry. If you have any ideas, you think would be great to feature in our calendar, please let us know.

I am hoping to have a Bear Aware group up and running for next summer. With the significant number of bears we had in our community this past season, would be great to do some preseason planning and share some ideas with yourselves.

If you see any polluting or poaching, please contact the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277. If you are having trouble getting through, please contact me on my cell as follows.

For any question or concerns, please call me at 250-788-6442 (cell) or 250-788-7290 (office) and I will do my best to help you.

Kinanaskomitin,

Tom Aird

# DECEMBER 2021

## MUSKOTI LEARNING CENTRE EVENT CALENDAR

| SUN | MON                               | TUE                      | WED                        | THU                | FRI | SAT                               |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|     |                                   |                          | 1                          | 2                  | 3   | 4                                 |
| 5   | 6                                 | 7<br>Painting with Tammy | 8                          | 9                  | 10  | 11                                |
| 12  | 13<br>Chocolate and Candle Making | 14                       | 15<br>SFN Christmas Parade | 16<br>Winter Break | 17  | 18                                |
| 19  | 20                                | 21                       | 22                         | 23                 | 24  | 25                                |
| 26  | 27                                | 28                       | 29                         | 30                 | 31  | MLC open<br>January 4th,<br>2022! |

★ For event times please phone (250-788-7368) or check in the classroom - dates & times may vary depending on weather/attendance.

# Are you interested in getting your Class 1 License?

**Saulteau First Nations  
Employment & Training Department  
will be hosting a information night on the new  
Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT)  
The Class I driving in BC is now a formal and proper trade, and  
in the process, it will make much safer roads and better  
commercial drivers!**

**December 7th from 5pm to 7pm @ SFN GYM.  
COVID Protocols will be in place. Masks must be worn ,  
attendees must be fully vaccinated with proof of vaccination  
and photo ID to attend**

**For more details please contact  
Tonia Richter @ 236-364-3008  
trichter@saulteau.com**



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF  
SUPPORT DURING THE  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

RCMP Victim Services  
cell phone: 250-401-1501  
Detachment 250-788-9221

crisis line for Adult/Elder 250-723-4050

Crisis Line for Child/Youth 250-723-2040

Aboriginal People Crisis Line 1-800-588-5717

Linda Krystina Safehouse 250-401-8079

Chetwynd Outreach 250 -788 -6814

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PLEASE NOTE SFN STAFF WILL BE AWAY  
DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 3 2022.

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For Emergency  
Response  
please call 911.

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# Vaccine Clinic

COVID & Flu - By appointment.



All vaccines are by appointment.

Please call the Health Centre to book an appointment.

**(250) 788-7280**

## — COVID Vaccines —

COVID Vaccines (*1st, 2nd or 3rd doses only*)

*Every Tuesday between now and Christmas.*

**November 23rd, 30th**

**December 7th, 14th**

*\*If you qualify for a third dose you will have received a notice from public health. Please bring this notification with you.*

*\*\*3rd doses are only given to those with severely compromised immune systems due to organ transplant, cancer and certain medications that lower the body's ability to fight disease.*

*This is different from a booster dose.*

## — COVID Booster —

COVID Vaccine (*booster doses*) will start January 24.

More information will be provided closer to the start date.

## — FLU Vaccines —

*Every Thursday between now and Christmas.*

**November 25th**

**December 1st, 9th, 16th**



# Heart Attack WARNING SIGNS



85% of heart damage takes place within the first  
**2 hours of a heart attack**



KNOW THE SYMPTOMS &  
**CALL 9-1-1  
IMMEDIATELY**

## MEN *vs.* WOMEN

SYMPTOMS THAT COME AND GO AND FINALLY BECOME CONSTANT AND SEVERE:



Shortness of breath



Fatigue



Jaw Pain



Chest pressure, burning, aching or tightness



Pain that travels down one or both arms



Anxiety



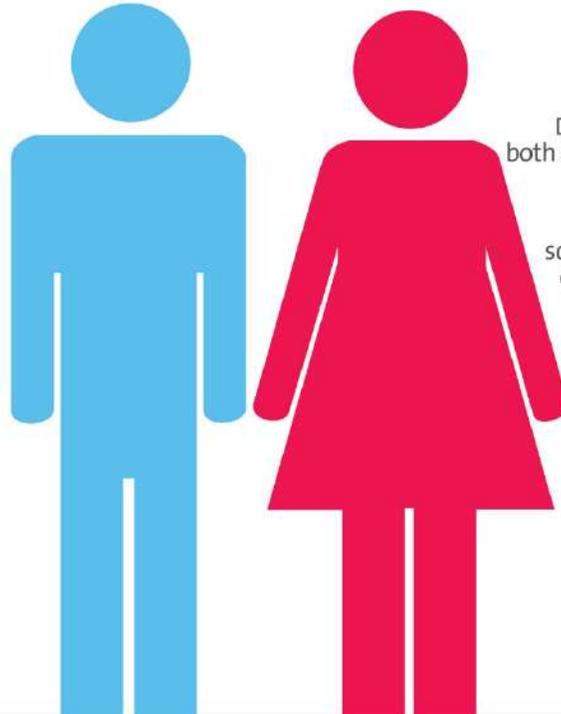
Back Pain



Feeling of Fullness



Nausea



Unusual fatigue



Lightheadedness and fainting



Discomfort in one or both arms neck, shoulder, jaw or stomach



Chest pressure, squeezing pain in the center of their chest



Upper abdominal pressure or discomfort



Feeling of Fullness



Nausea/Vomiting



Cold Sweat



# Winter is ready.



## How about you? Prepare yourself for winter conditions.

### Start by asking yourself this: Do you really need to go?

In winter, sometimes the best defensive driving is staying at home. Can your trip be delayed or switched to another day? If not, the best defense is to prepare yourself. Follow these seven steps:

- 1. Check the current road conditions and weather forecast.** Listen to the radio, TV and visit [DriveBC.ca](http://DriveBC.ca). Again, ask yourself – is it safe to go?
- 2. Plan your route ahead of time.** Avoid any roads that may become dangerous during bad weather. Respect road closure signs and barriers and do not attempt to drive on these routes until they are re-opened.
- 3. Leave lots of time so you're not rushing to get to where you need to be.** Try to travel during daylight and consider delaying your trip if the weather is bad. Let someone know your route and planned arrival time.
- 4. Learn winter road skills.** If you are unfamiliar with driving in snow and icy conditions and your job requires you to be behind the wheel, ask your employer for winter driving training.

Through training and practice, learn how to brake safely, how to get out of a skid, and how your car handles in winter weather.

- 5. Keep at least four seconds distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.** This will allow plenty of room in situations where you may need to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.
- 6. Wear comfortable clothing that doesn't restrict your movement while driving.** Bring warm clothing (winter boots, coat, gloves and hat) with you in case you need to get out of your vehicle.
- 7. Have an emergency plan.** If you get stuck or stranded, don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. If you have a cell phone and it is an emergency, call 911. Otherwise, call for roadside assistance.

### Know before you go.

[ShiftIntoWinter.ca](http://ShiftIntoWinter.ca) | [DriveBC.ca](http://DriveBC.ca)

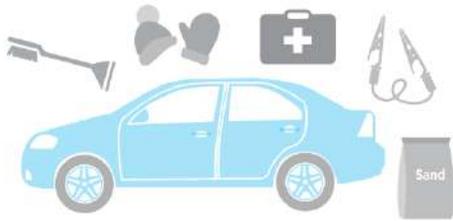


Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure



WINTER DRIVING  
SAFETY ALLIANCE

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## Winter driving

Ice, snow, slippery highways — driving in winter conditions can be both challenging and frustrating. Here are some helpful tips to keep you and your loved ones safer on the road.

### Be prepared

It's important to be prepared if you have to drive snowy, winter roads. Along with slowing down, it's important to have good winter tires and check them regularly as low temperatures can reduce tire pressure. Pack a winter emergency kit in your vehicle in case you get stranded or stuck. Your emergency kit should include:

- First aid kit
- Emergency food and water
- Spare warm clothing
- Flares or matches and lighter, candles
- Shovel and traction mat, sand or kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Battery jumper cables

### Driving in bad weather

#### Hydroplaning

Hydroplaning happens when the tires lose contact with the road surface and float on a film of water. If you find yourself hydroplaning, ease off the accelerator and keep steering in the direction you want to go. Avoid braking.

#### Black ice

During the winter, temperatures can change quickly, which can cause unpredictable road conditions. Although the road may look the same, black ice can form unexpectedly and may not be visible.

Black ice is commonly found on roads with shaded areas, bridges, overpasses and intersections where car exhaust and packed snow freeze quickly.

If you drive over black ice and start to skid, ease off the accelerator, and look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go. Don't brake! this will make the situation worse. You may need to repeat this manoeuvre several times until you regain control.

#### Adjust for conditions

Potholes can be another hazard during cold and wet weather. For all types of winter hazards, remember two key tips: reduce your speed and increase your following distance. The more time you have to react to any hazard the better.

(Adapted from <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/driving-tips/Pages/Winter-driving.aspx> April 22, 2021)

# GIFT IDEAS FROM SANTA'S ELVES AT NORTH WIND SUPPLIES

**OPEN M-F 6:00 am—6:00pm**

**Sat 9:00 am—3:00 pm**

**CLOSED DEC 24-26 + DEC 31 + JAN 1**



Pelican Flashlight  
SKU:XD019

\$42.65



Multibit screwdriver set  
SKU: D062508

\$24.99



Nightfire Power Zoom 1000  
SKU: NFPZ1000

\$52.49



Impact Socket Set  
SKU: TLV394

\$79.99



Cordless  
Work Light

\$58.99



Insulated tool set  
SKU: TYP305

\$63.87



Smart Battery Charger  
SKU: 4506

\$96.85



# Slide one of these Husqvarna chainsaws under the tree



\$399.99



120i w/ battery & charger  
SKU: 967098102



\$329.99



120 w/ 16" bar  
SKU: 970515016



455 w/ 20" bar  
SKU: 970515750

\$529.99



445 w/ 18" bar  
SKU: 970515528



\$429.99  
435 w/ 16" bar  
SKU: 970515336



440 Toy Chainsaw  
SKU: 522771104  
\$39.99



460 w/ 24" bar  
SKU: 970515834



# It's a Timberland time of year...



\$69.99

Woodfort heavy weight flannel  
SKU: A1V4K



\$250

Hypercore hybrid jacket  
SKU: A4QT5



\$189.99

Dry Shift Light weight Jacket  
SKU: A5502



\$169.99

Ironhide hooded Insulated Jacket  
Navy, Grey, Black  
SKU: A237T



\$22.99

Cotton Core T-shirt  
Orange, Grey, Black  
SKU: A4QT2



\$24.99

Textured graphic T-shirt  
Black, Grey, Red  
SKU: A550B



\$110

Ballast soft midlayer  
SKU: A55PZ



\$13.50

Watch Cap toque  
assorted colors  
SKU: A1V98





**Fernie May Garbitt  
Oil & Gas Update-November 2021  
Saulteau Treaty Rights &  
Environmental Protection**

**Tansi SFN Community Members,**

Old Man winter is among us and I hope members stay warm. I have completed my 1<sup>st</sup> Traditional Land use study this past summer within our department with GIS-Ryan McKay for TC Energy's Saturn Proposed Pipeline Project. We interviewed nine SFN members, gathered information and sent all the information to Firelight Group to do the Final Report for us. I am honored and thankful to those members for their time, trusting me with their valuable information and telling me your stories-this what makes me love my job.

My personal note:

*COVID has been tough on ALL of us, especially the 4<sup>th</sup> wave that has hit us hard. I find I have to remind myself to stay busy and focus on good things in Life-use coping skills to feel better. I did get some much needed time off in August. We did get to do some harvesting, and we got a moose and made drymeat. I find it is refreshing & healing when I go into the bush, out on the land. We also went to Moricetown and purchased salmon and brought some home and canned, smoked and filleted it all. I even had a youth, Chelsea Gauthier come and visit me and learn to can fish. I am always learning and I noticed-it is way easier to can fish then to cut up meat...haha!*

Highlight!

I would like to commend the Blueberry River First Nations on their recent court case-I am very pleased and congratulate BRFN on their BIG WIN! They are leading a Path for the rest of us Treaty 8 Nations on more acknowledgment of our Treaty Rights, Cumulative impacts from Industry development and our Way of Life in Treaty 8 Traditional Lands. The Provincial Government will be held to task in making improvements on their consultation on permitting with Treaty 8 Nations-some permitting has been put on hold. BC have until December to develop a Plan in how they will work with BRFN.

## Current Pipelines:

1. **CGL** is still a very current active LNG project, they are mostly finished completion of section 1-3 within Treaty 8, then it goes over the mountains into other FN's traditional lands. I work with Brody Garbitt, Indigenous Relations for CGL. Brody does very well in engaging with Saulteau on updates and notifications on the project. I do like to see our First Nations people be successful in the oil & gas industry, also it's great when we can participate in overseeing the environmental impacts of a major projects. I have attached CGL Fall construction update.
2. **Spruce Ridge Expansion Project-EnBridge** that is going through Chetwynd. Saulteau First Nations has built a good working relationship with EnBridge- Tom Oulette is the FN's Liaison with this project. SFN has received funds to do a small TUS study in 2018 with follow up in July 2021. They have completed their construction phase and Triple J was their main contractor. SFN went out on a site visit in July & September. A Band member's company is doing Bear watch for this project-which was good to see.



Elder Kathleen Letendre and Triple J putting in Pipe west of Chetwynd

3. **NMML-TC Energy:** They are on reclamation and monitoring of the pipeline and they will keep an eye out for any future erosion. SFN was not in agreement with this project due to it going through PMT, but the Federal Government granted it. SFN negotiated to get TC Energy to provide a PMT Protection Plan, and to have a full-time wildlife monitor out for the duration of the project. SFN went on a fly-over on Sept.15<sup>th</sup> and everything looked good from the air. We will be involved with restoration and reclamation going forward.

**Proposed Pipelines:** *(You can find all pipeline projects on the web)*

**Frontier Pipeline-Enbridge:** They have done very well at pre-engaging with First Nations, but more clarification on the project will need to be discussed. There could be a big changes in this project because the FNITR group (SFN/WMFN) is recommending that Enbridge avoid Crown Lands(Groundbrich area), and we ask the question “is their a real need for this pipeline”? We are recommending they rail their product to one of the four proposed staddle plant locations-which they will need to construct. This proposed project will be under the EAO review process-(Provincial) and there is not much happening with this project at this time.

**Saturn Pipeline Project-TC Energy:** 24km pipeline near Stewart Lake-it is under Canadian Environmental Review (CER), a Federal process. SFN received capacity funding to do a TUS, which is now complete. Myself and Ryan interviewed members that also included a site visit. The Firelight Group did our final report. Brandi Cox-TC Energy is the Rep for this Project, she was great to work with. We did go out on a site visit with OGC/TC Energy to confirm location of pipeline before permitting.

**NEBC Connector Project-Northriver Midstream:** A 213km NGTL parallel pipeline from Gordondale AB up to Northwest of Wonowon. They are pre-engaging with SFN. This will be under the CER process. SFN completed a TUS and a FNITR in the new year. This is in preliminary stages and they anticipate this project may start construction in Q4 in 2022. CER representatives have been consulting with SFN TREP on this project.

**WestCoast Gas Connector-EnBridge:** This LNG project is resurfacing. SFN completed a TUS and Socio-ec Study in 2015, and participated on this project in the past with pre-engagement. But our concern with this project is that it is going into the Caribou boundary and will create further cumulative impacts. This project may not benefit SFN, but more discussions will continue.

**Tupper West Expansion-NorthRiver Midstream:** This is 25km pipeline with 24’inch pipe of natural gas. Connecting a pipeline to their facility, most of it is on Northriver’s private property. This will be regulated by EAO and OGC. I have attached a fact sheet on this project.

**Fish and Wildlife Compensation First Nations Working Group:**

I have decided to return to this table as Saulteau's Rep-since Dec.2019. This is a table where First Nations can participate and have input on annual seasonal studies to enhance the fish and wildlife in the Williston Reservoir-Peace Region. I help co-chair along with George Desjarlais(WMFN). Other nations that sit at this table are McLeod Lake, Tsay Keh Dene Band, Kwadacha Nation, Doig River, Prophet River, Fort Ware and Nak'azdli Whut'en Band-nine nations sit at this table. We have not met in person since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, but we have continued with virtual zoom meetings. We have just updated the Terms of References and added new changes to the NOI's and proposal reviews. We made changes from lessons learned and what was not being used or followed. We are now getting geared up for another round of the 2022-23 proposal season. For the 2021/22 season, there is 26 proposals to review (9 fish and 17 wildlife projects). Saulteau members have submitted proposals & I wish them Luck! The FN's working group does get compensated for their time for meetings and reviews and the reimbursements goes back to Saulteau.

What happening in the New Year? TREP will be selling SWAG. If we make funds, then we can order more swag. We always love seeing our members wearing & promoting SFN swag!



**SWEATSHIRTS:**

- Sm.&Med.\$25. ea
- Large-XXL \$30. ea
- Hats \$10
- Mugs\$5

You can contact Fernie Garbitt or Sandra Alexander at the TREP office 250-788-7290.

**CASH SALES ONLY**



# Harvest 2021

Tanner & Porky Garbitt cutting up Salmon, Fernie packaging & canning salmon, Bear Grease & Indian Popcorn, Drymeat making.

Thanks to SFN Member Phyllis Gauthier who is harvesting Chaga on behalf of SFN on the Site C Project. In the New year Fernie will make up baggies of Chaga with instructions for pick-up at The TREP office for SFN members. Limit 2/person.





On Behalf of the Treaty Rights &  
Environmental Protection(TREP)

WE Wish ALL SFN Community  
Members A Safe and Happy  
Christmas Holidays

*Naomi, Teena, Fernie, Mary, Sandra, Pearl, John, Tom & Ryan*



# Coastal GasLink

## Construction Monitoring and Community Liaison (CMCL) Newsletter

FALL 2021

### Indigenous Advisors bring their traditional culture to the workforce lodges

The CMCL program provides opportunities for Indigenous Communities to observe the work happening along the project route. In tandem with the CMCL program, our Community Workforce Accommodation Advisors (CWAA) bring their cultural knowledge and traditions to our lodges as they welcome workers to their communities.

Launched last year, the CWAA program is a first-of-its-kind program designed to foster a respectful and safe relationship between workers and the local communities that host them.

“This kind of program hasn’t been done before,” said Lorisha Desjarlais, a member of the Saulteau First Nations, and one of the program’s Coordinators.

“Real time, on-the-ground access to activities, wellness, and cross-cultural awareness opportunities – no other major project has done that. It means Coastal GasLink is looking to provide action to reconciliation,” she added proudly.

Destiney Michelle is one of the Advisors making the program a reality. Destiney is from the Skin Tyee Nation and as part of the program, she lives in 7 Mile Lodge, a workforce accommodation located within her home community.

“I feel like I’m a pioneer,” shared Destiney. “This has never been offered on any other project that I’m aware of. Being able to support the local Nations that are giving you the opportunity to go through their territory, not just to employ them, but to let them share their history, their knowledge and their culture is a huge honour.”

Through cultural events, recreational activities, wellness challenges, and mental health support, Indigenous Advisors like Destiney are creating a healthier living



Destiney educating the Coastal GasLink workforce about soap berries.

environment for workers at every lodge. The respect, inclusivity, and transparency they foster help make lodges a valued part of every community.

When asked what this program means to her and her community, Destiney said, “it shows how we’re coming together as Nations and communities [...]. It just goes to show how we’ve learned to work together and help each other. We’re given the opportunity to be heard.”

Just this summer, Destiney organized a time of learning and listening at 7 Mile Lodge to commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day. Together with her mother, Hereditary Chief Ludooks (Helen Michelle) from the Skin Tyee Nation, Destiney shared traditional knowledge on soapberry canning and plant medicine with residents of the lodge.

Learning and partnering with Indigenous communities is a core component of Coastal GasLink’s commitment to creating an extraordinary legacy of safety and respect for all people, communities, and the environment. The CWAA program is an important way the project is putting that legacy in action.

“I feel honoured to have the opportunity to share my culture, because it wasn’t always an option. We’ve come a long way to where we are today,” added Destiney.

# Meet the IR Team!

Each Newsletter you will get a chance to meet a member of the Indigenous Relations team and learn about how they are helping create an extraordinary legacy of safety and respect for all people and the environment on Coastal GasLink.



Indigenous Relations Engagement Lead Miranda MacEwen enjoying a nice summer's day

## This round we caught up with Miranda MacEwen, Indigenous Relations Engagement Lead

### How long have you been working on Coastal GasLink?

I am still fairly new! I was lucky enough to start working on the project in February 2021.

### What does a typical workday look like to you?

Every day is exciting and different! I, along, with my teammates, meet regularly with the Indigenous groups I engage with along the project. I am the main point of contact for five Indigenous groups along the pipeline. I work with my Indigenous groups to ensure they are informed on all project activities as it relates to construction. The Senior Field Advisors in my Work Packages are my teammates. We work very closely together to ensure our Indigenous groups are well informed and their comments and concerns are heard/responded to. I am very lucky to work on such a great Indigenous Relations team.

### Where are you located?

I live and work in downtown Vancouver, however, I have a special place in my heart for the Northwest Region of B.C. and I am hopeful to spend more time in the communities I work with.

### What is one thing that you do to help keep you mentally healthy?

I bought a Stand-Up Paddle Board this past spring and spent a lot of my summer on the water. Those who know me well know that I am happiest on the ocean or at the beach! Yoga is also part of my daily routine. I also took up walking the seawall daily and running the stairs in my apartment building (thanks to quarantine).

### What is your favorite movie or movie series?

Oh gosh, there are too many to mention! My favourite movie would have to be Blue Crush and movie series is Harry Potter!

### As the leaves start to fall from the trees, what activity do you look forward to doing in Autumn?

Hiking (and counting down the days 'til ski season)! Now that it has cooled down, I am so excited to get back up in the mountains and get some fall hikes in and take photos of the leaves changing colours.

### What is your favorite part about working for Coastal GasLink and why?

The team! I am so happy I got to be part of the Indigenous Relations team. My VP, Director, Manager, co-leads, and other team members are my new work family. I have always felt supported and could/can rely on any one of them for anything I need help with.

### Is there anything else that you would want the team to know about you?

I am an East Coaster! I was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia but grew up in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and went to Memorial University of Newfoundland. I am proud of where I grew up, but I am happy to call the West Coast home.

### What does Legacy in Action mean to you?

Building new relationships is a passion of mine. I care a lot about the communities I work with. I was given some amazing advice from an Elder I met years ago, "learn to listen and listen to learn". I try to apply this to everything I do in my role as an Engagement Lead and that is my legacy in action.

# Team shout out

This section is an opportunity to recognize those that work on Coastal GasLink that are allies of the CMCL program. It's important to recognize them and their great work.



**Edward Innes**  
**Kitseles First Nation CMCL Advisor**

Coastal GasLink General Inspector Frank Cardinal has been great to be with during field visits. Frank takes time to greet us when we arrive to site and takes time to describe the activities that the crews are completing and answer any questions I might have. This helps me understand what is happening on the right of way. I notice a lot of good communication between Inspectors and foremen, everyone is working together.”

— **Shout out to Frank Cardinal, Coastal GasLink General Inspector**



**Harrison Dickie**  
**CMCL Coordinator**

A Mussi Cho (thank you very much) to Ed Tom and Conrad Nikal for inviting the CMCL Advisors from WP3 to attend the annual summer ceremony to Open the Canyon. This summer event marks the start of their community's time to harvest salmon for the year. Much of the salmon harvested sustain their families throughout the year by smoking, drying and canning it to preserve it over the next few season until the salmon return. Ed and Conrad were very welcoming and informative on the history of Witset. It was a special day for all Advisors being able to witness the Hereditary Chiefs and matriarchs welcome their community and neighbors to their home and join them for a delicious lunch.”

— **Shout out to Ed Tom and Conrad Nikal, CMCLs**



CMCL team pose for a group photo at the annual Witset Summer ceremony to Open the Canyon. Please note photo was taken before an increase in restrictions. The Coastal GasLink team follows all Provincial Health Orders.

# In the Community

On Sept. 30, 2021 the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada took place. This is a day to reflect and honour the victims and survivors of Residential Schools and the lasting impact felt by Indigenous communities. The spirit and intent of the day is to pause and understand the past – the truth – which is foundational before reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples can occur.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which began in 2013. On Orange Shirt Day, people wear orange shirts to show that every child matters.

The orange shirt symbolizes the experiences and abuses suffered by children at Residential Schools. The story Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation member Phyllis Webstad shares, about her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. when her new orange shirt was immediately taken away, was the genesis for Orange Shirt Day. The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to a global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the lasting effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind.

Last Orange Shirt Day, members of our CMCL and CWAA team embarked on a day of reflection and giving back to the community. In Work Package (WP) 1 the team spent the day together, first listening to Residential School survivor Doreen Healy (Kainai Nation member) give a presentation of her Residential School experiences. Then while enjoying an orange themed meal together they reflected on Doreen Healy's presentation and shared more about each other's experiences. After lunch the team were able to give back to the community by helping with upgrades to the Moberly Lake Elementary School. The lakefront school is nestled between West Moberly First Nations and Sauteau First Nations. There, the CMCL Advisors planted spruce and pine saplings as well as staining picnic benches by the scenic lake.

The CMCL and CWAA Advisors in WP 1 returned to Moberly Lake School for the second year in a row. This year they served a hot breakfast to the students. Members from Coastal GasLink, Aecon Group Inc. and Surerus Murphy Joint Venture participated in this impactful day.

Through Coastal GasLink's CWAA program, Coastal GasLink acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by sharing information and resources about the day with our workforce. This includes distributing orange ribbons and hard hat stickers, encouraging moments of silence at meetings and coordinating specific events at the workforce accommodations.



Sheri Wokely (CMCL Advisor, Halfway River First Nation) painting a bench at Moberly Lake Elementary School last year.



Members of our team and Aecon Group Inc. are pictured here wearing orange shirts in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

## Stellako Salmon Fest

**On September 1 and 2 our CMCL's attended Salmon Fest in CMCL Advisor Neil Heron's home community of Stellat'en First Nation. Hear from Neil and fellow CMCL Advisors as they share their experiences of Salmon Fest.**

"We attended the opening ceremony on the first and walked the trail along the river after with a group of people from Stellako. After lunch we helped with canning salmon at the community smokehouse. The next day I helped with more canning in the morning and members of the crew went along on a hike up Red Rock, a cultural use site for the Stellat'en People. That afternoon our whole CMCL team made drums with Dean Sam and listened to Candice George talking about truth and reconciliation."

— *Neil Heron, Stellat'en First Nation CMCL Advisor*

"This is the sixth annual fish ceremony that Stellat'en First Nation have put on in the community. During this event I got the privilege of learning how to can salmon. We made seven cases of salmon; two made with lemon seasoning, salt and vinegar; two cases made with dill, salt and vinegar; and with the rest made with just salt and vinegar. Learning how to can fish is very important to the First Nation community as they get ready for the winter season.

The next day at the salmon fest we made traditional Drums. I made a drum before, but this was a new way of making a drum for me. This just goes to show each Nation does things a little differently than one another. Going around Stellat'en First Nation was a pleasant experience as their community is beautifully kept. This salmon festival was a three-day event and I am super glad that I was able to attend and learn more of these activities that I knew little on."

— *Kiana Wiebe, Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation (Burns Lake Band) CMCL Advisor*

"We joined the Stellat'en First Nation to celebrate the salmon. The Salmon Fest returned this year with a few activities allowed with COVID-19 protocols in place. There were workshops on jarring salmon, glass painting, drum making, hiking and more.

In the drum making workshop we were visited by the local RCMP who were very interested in the culture and history of the drums and customs that go with this. Working with Brooks on our drums gave an opportunity for us to get to know one another. Our first drums are to be given away, which I did do."

— *Theresa Lapalme, Thin House CMCL Advisor's Daily Observation Report*



CMCL Advisor Neil Heron and family canning salmon.



CMCL Advisors Dwayne Prince, and Conrad Nikal overlooking Stellat'en Community from Red Rock.



Completed Drum

# Every Child Matters Photo Gallery

As Canada observes the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous people and allies have been recognizing September 30 for many years as Orange Shirt Day with the slogan “Every Child Matters” to bring recognition to the abuse and lasting impact that children of the residential school system suffered.

To honour and bring awareness to this tragic part of Canadian history members of the CMCL team showcase Every Child Matters stickers on their hard hats.



**Dwayne Prince,  
Skin Tye Nation**



**Nigel Sagalon,  
Nak'azdli Whut'en**



**Vanessa Prince,  
Nak'azdli Whut'en**



**Noel Ketlo,  
Nadleh Whut'en First Nation**



**Mike Gouchie,  
CMCL Coordinator**



**Austin Joseph,  
Yekooche First Nation**



**Pamela Ketlo,  
Nadleh Whut'en First Nation**



**Robert Dominic,  
Doig River First Nation**



**Yvonne Tupper,**  
Saulteau First Nations



**Destiny Apsassin,**  
Blueberry River First Nations



**Kaylynn Davis,**  
Doig River First Nation

## Safety, health and wellness tip of the month

### Why is Walking the Most Popular Form of Exercise?

**Research has shown that walking at a lively pace at least 150 minutes a week can help you:**

- Think better, feel better and sleep better.
- Reduce your risk of serious diseases like heart disease, stroke, diabetes and several types of cancer.
- Improve your blood pressure, blood sugar and blood cholesterol levels.
- Improve your mental and emotional well-being and reduce risk of depression.
- Improve memory and reduce your risk of dementia

- Boost bone strength and reduce your risk of osteoporosis.
- Increase your energy and stamina.
- Prevent weight gain.

If 150 minutes sounds like a lot, remember that **even short activity sessions can be added up** over the week to reach this goal. And it's easy to fit in a few minutes of walking a several times a day.

For more information, go to [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

### How we are protecting our workforce against COVID-19

Safety is number one at Coastal GasLink, and that includes keeping our workforce and their families, as well as our Indigenous partners and local communities, safe from COVID-19. We have implemented extensive protocols and strict measures based on guidance from provincial and local health authorities to ensure we are not straining the systems of our local communities. These measures include mobile vaccination units that travel to

our workforce accommodation and construction sites to administer vaccines and provide RAD testing at our worksites and workforce accommodations for newly arriving workers. These mobile vaccination units have delivered over 100 does in its first week alone. We also work with International SOS and their team of doctors and nurses to monitor any possible cases and provide our workforce with access to 24/7 medical care and advice.

## CoastalFITLink challenge

### Exercise. Track. Win.

**Want to win prizes while improving your fitness? Join the CoastalFITLink Challenge!**

Compete against other sections by tracking all of your fitness activities at [coastalgaslink.com/hubspace](http://coastalgaslink.com/hubspace).

**When:** October and November, 2021

**Where:** Anywhere! Simply track your fitness activities at [coastalgaslink.com/hubspace](http://coastalgaslink.com/hubspace)

**Who:** People of all fitness levels are welcome!

**What:** All fitness activities qualify

To Learn more and register, scan the QR Code or text FIT to 855.541.2407.





CMCL & CWAA Manager Britt Harold hanging out with her cute cat Pippin

## Team Spotlight

Each newsletter we want to highlight a member from the CMCL program. These team spotlights are a way for our team to get to know each other.

### **Britt Harold, CMCL and CWAA Manager**

#### **How long have you been working on Coastal GasLink and where are you located?**

I have been working on the Coastal GasLink project since March 2013 and I am located in the Vancouver office.

#### **You bring a wealth of experience to the role. Tell me a bit about that experience.**

I have had the pleasure of working in Indigenous Engagement since 2010 following my education and roles in the field of archaeology. Through my studies, I developed a deep respect and interest in Indigenous culture and diversity. I have had the privilege of traveling to Indigenous communities all over British Columbia and meeting many incredible people. On the Coastal GasLink Project, the highlights for me have been the amazing relationships that I have made over the years.

#### **What do the CMCL & CWAA programs mean to you?**

As an Indigenous Engagement Lead on the project for many years, I would often receive feedback from communities regarding the need for opportunities like the CMCL and CWAA programs to promote collaboration, mitigate concerns and promote transparency. To see these programs thriving and all the amazing work done on a daily basis by the Coordinators and Advisors makes me proud to be a part of this team.

#### **We all love a good dinner out with family and friends. What is your favorite dish?**

Sushi! Spicy tuna rolls are my favourite.

#### **Life can be stressful and chaotic. What is your favorite way to relax and recharge?**

Although not always relaxing, spending time with my two active and vibrant young daughters is my favourite way to recharge. Followed by a good tv series after the kid's bedtime to relax.

#### **Is there anything else that you would want the team to know?**

The Advisors dedication and contributions to the Project are significant and valued and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and perseverance throughout this difficult time of COVID-19.

#### **What does our Legacy in Action mean to you?**

To me, Legacy in Actions means making a real, tangible difference that will have lasting positive effects.

## Riddle of the month

**What word becomes shorter, when you add two letters to it?**

*Answer will be shared in next month's newsletter.*

#### **Last Newsletter's Riddle:**

I am not alive, but I grow  
I don't have lungs, but I need air  
I don't have a mouth, but water kills me.  
What am I?

Answer: Fire

# Recipe of the month

## Submission by CMCL Coordinator Harrison Dickie

In his free time, Harrison enjoys spending time with his family and making holistic recipes like his famous moose meat stew.

### Moose Meat Stew

- 2 skinned and diced potatoes
- 2 celery stalks chopped
- 3 large carrots chopped
- 1 medium onion diced
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 3 cups moose roast diced into cubes
- 2 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons beef bouillon
- 2 tablespoons of all-purpose flour
- 4 cups of water
- Himalayan salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of basil

1. Prepare a moose roast in the crockpot (medium roast about 4 to 6 hours on low).
2. Chop roast into cubes and put into a large pot. Add olive oil to the pot. Chop onions and garlic and add to the pot.
3. Add water and bouillon then let ingredients simmer for 10 minutes with a lid on
4. Add all vegetables to the pot and allow to simmer until potatoes are tender.
5. Once potatoes are tender, add in flour (to thicken), Worcestershire sauce, basil and salt and pepper to taste.
6. Serve and enjoy!



Harrison's famous Moose Meat Stew

# Book recommendation of the month

## Submitted by CMCL Assistant Coordinator, Terry La Favor

### Son of a Trickster ~ David Goggins

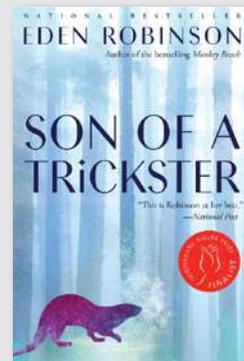
Son of a Trickster is the first book in the Trickster trilogy. This book is linear in time and follows the trials and tribulations of Jared, an Indigenous youth living in Kitimat who is dealing with a broken, dysfunctional family, high school drama, poverty and alcohol and drug issues.

Jared's estranged dad is suffering from addiction through injury. Jared's mom is loving, prone to violence, constantly in questionable relationships and possessive of Jared. Jared is bullied relentlessly at school by another youth who at times doubles as his best friend. Jared's girlfriend self-harms and is ostracized at school for her non-conforming ways.

Through all the obstacles in Jared's life, he remains a loving son who gives his time and money to those he cares about. Jared's elderly neighbors keep him centered and provide a safe haven to him, unfortunately, their health is deteriorating, and that stability starts to dissipate for Jared.

Through all these trials and tribulations, Jared remains witty, acerbic, and supportive of his family and friends. As time marches on, Jared believes he is hallucinating and hearing an inner voice and believes he is going crazy until finally understanding he and his family have magical powers.

As this first book in the trilogy wraps up, Jared has made it clear that he has no wish to explore nor learn the magical powers members of his family possess. Jared leaves us in book one, focusing on his own health and addiction issues while remaining a loving, resilient, and supportive friend and son.



I look forward to following Jared's journey!

# Coastal GasLink Testimonial

Testimonials from the two McLeod Lake CMCL Advisors:



CMCL Kim Sebastian enjoying the fall weather.



CMCL Lynn McGuire enjoying a hike in Northern B.C. on her day off

## Testimonial 1 – Kim Sebastian

Kim Sebastian is Gitksan and Tse’Khene from the McLeod Lake Indian Band. She enjoys seeing the scenery and wildlife along the project corridor.

“There is always something new to see and learn; especially when different crews let the Advisors observe up close and describe their work.”

## Quote of the month



Some people no matter how old they get never lose their beauty.

They merely move it from their faces into their hearts”.

— Martin Buxbaum

*Submitted by CMCL Coordinator Harry Bodewitz*

## Testimonial 2 – Lynn McGuire

“My name is Lynn McGuire and I’ve represented the McLeod Lake Indian Band in the CMCL program since November 2019. I live in Chetwynd and feel that I’m very lucky to be close to the projects that happen around this area. This is the third pipeline project I’ve worked on since 2017. It’s very gratifying seeing these projects through from beginning to end. The care that our Prime Contractors show is very evident in everything they do in regards to the environment.

Besides work, I enjoy reading and watching anything to do with horror and solving Sudoku puzzles. I’m a roommate to a cat named Skye and I credit him with keeping me sane during the pandemic!

The CMCL program has allowed me to meet lots of new people from our Treaty 8 area that I otherwise wouldn’t have met. I think it’s great that we all have a common goal and that we all get along so well! We all care about how this pipeline will affect our hunting and fishing now and in the future, so this means we have to take care of the land, water and air, which is exactly what I feel we’re doing in this program.”

**Coastal GasLink**



### Stay connected

Keep up to date on the Coastal GasLink Project by following our social media channels and visiting the website.

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[twitter.com/coastalgaslink](https://twitter.com/coastalgaslink)

[CoastalGasLink.com](https://CoastalGasLink.com)

# Construction Update

## Coastal GasLink

September 22, 2021

Numbers as available at the end of August 2021 unless otherwise noted



### Construction highlights

#### Icy Pass, COVID-19 Safety and Fall Construction.

Our 670 km pipeline project sees many different types of terrain as it travels from Groundbirch, BC to the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat. From grassy green fields and flowing rivers to granite hills and snow-covered mountains, our team of experts safely manages construction along every inch of the construction route.

This month we're celebrating reaching the highest elevation point on our Coastal GasLink project route — 1,428 meters above sea level at the top of Icy Pass with our construction access road. Working in an active avalanche zone and against deadlines set by Mother Nature, our crews worked alongside year-round run-off channels, extreme weather, and access limitations to get the job done.

Over the past month, COVID-19 continues to pose challenges for our workers and the communities in which

we operate. Our health, safety and construction teams have continued to monitor the changes to public health protocols made by government and communicate with our workers and Prime Contractors. We are dedicated to ensuring the safety of our workers and the Indigenous and local communities with regular monitoring of our workforce through testing, mandatory mask use and encouraging vaccinations.

With the summer behind us, our busy fall construction season is moving ahead with over 4,758 workers across the project route. This construction season will be our busiest yet, with crews completing more major milestones and beginning the next phases of construction, all leading to reclamation of the land along the project route. Coastal GasLink is committed to being a good neighbour and operating in a safe manner, and that includes before, during and after construction through to operation.

#### Performance at a glance:



**50.4%**  
Overall progress\*



**36.4%**  
Construction progress



**4,758**  
workers across the project route as of August 31, 2021

\*includes all engineering, procurement and construction activities



# 1 Section 1: Monthly Construction Update

## At a glance:



**100%** cleared, includes project route and ancillary sites



**100%** of grading completed



**91%** of pipe installed, includes activities from stringing through to backfilling



**165** workers at Sanataa Lodge

## Section 1

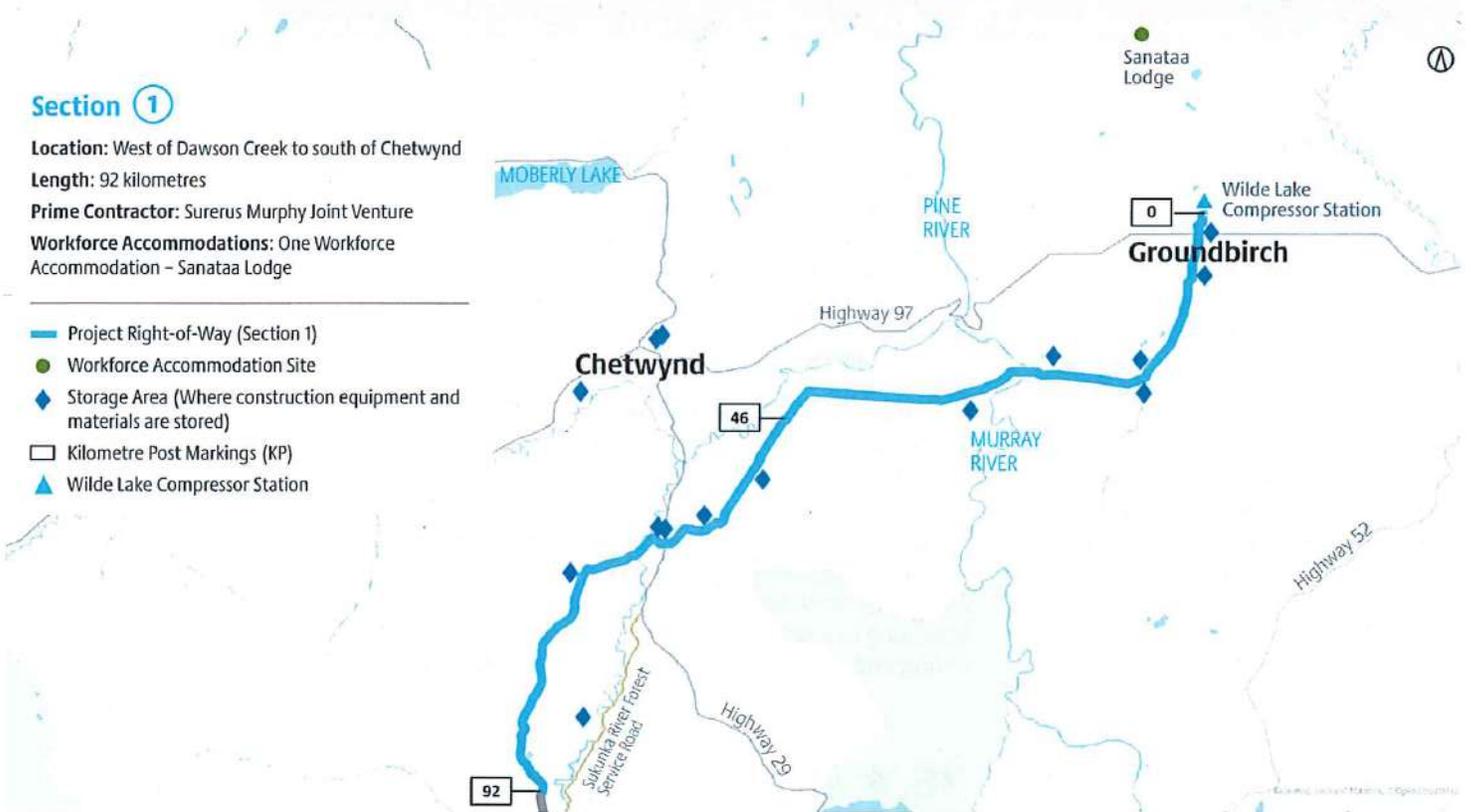
**Location:** West of Dawson Creek to south of Chetwynd

**Length:** 92 kilometres

**Prime Contractor:** Surerus Murphy Joint Venture

**Workforce Accommodations:** One Workforce Accommodation – Sanataa Lodge

- Project Right-of-Way (Section 1)
- Workforce Accommodation Site
- ◆ Storage Area (Where construction equipment and materials are stored)
- Kilometre Post Markings (KP)
- ▲ Wilde Lake Compressor Station



## Key activities:

- Initiated construction corridor clean-up
- Completed 60" ream and made initial attempt at Sukunka River crossing pull-in before experiencing equipment failure; Reconditioning HDD borehole and updating execution plan to re-attempt pull-in
- Continued Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) mitigation

## Look ahead\*:

- Continue Mainline Construction, water crossings, special sections, hydrotesting and construction corridor clean-up
- Complete installation of crossing pipe for Sukunka River HDD
- Continue ESC mitigation

*\*All schedules are subject to change*

## Wilde Lake Compressor Station

### Key activities

- Large bore piping installation progressed in all open work front areas
- Compressor building installation near completion for Unit A1
- Auxiliary building integration progressed
- Electrical and instrumentation work continues

### Look ahead\*:

- Compressor building for Unit A2 to be completed, Unit A3 to commence
- Piping installation and welding to continue at site, including North/South sour bottle piping corridor
- Electrical and Instrumentation installation to progress
- Near completion of off-site fabrication of pipe and structural steel

*\*All schedules are subject to change*

## 2 Section 2: Monthly Construction Update

### At a glance:



**100%** cleared, includes project route and ancillary sites



**61%** of grading completed



**9.4%** of pipe installed, includes activities from stringing through to backfilling



**553** workers at Sukunka and Mt. Merrick Lodge

### Section 2

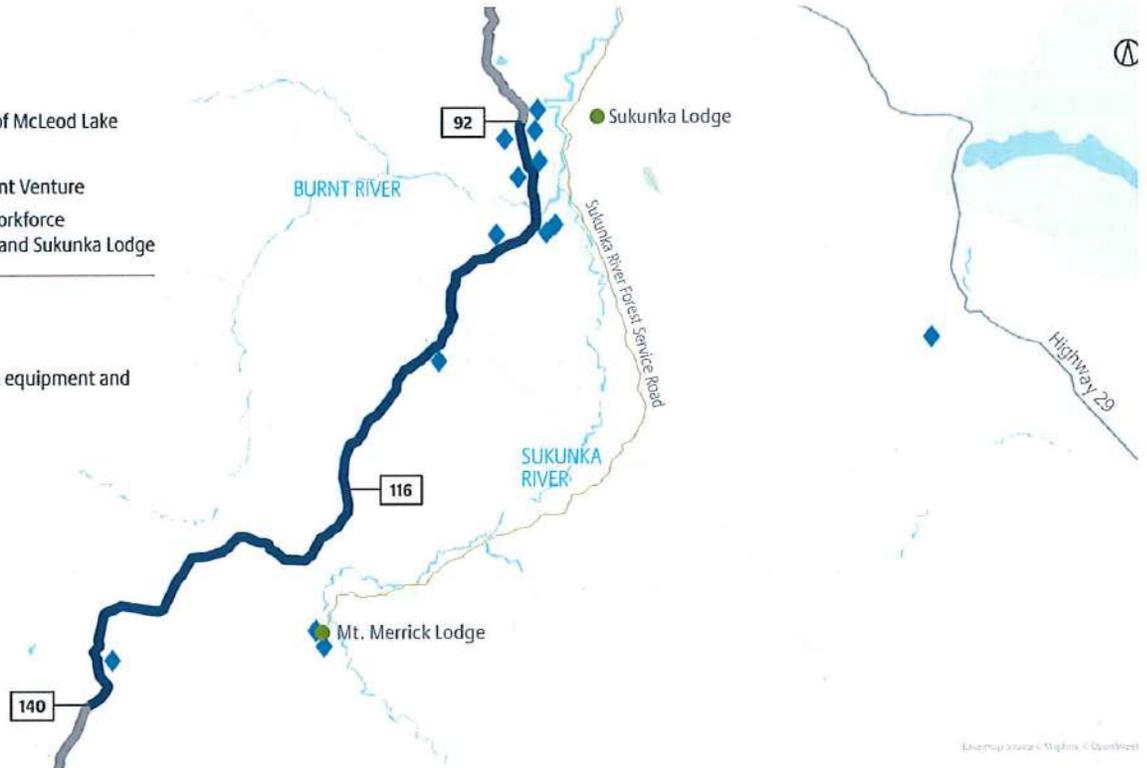
**Location:** South of Chetwynd to east of McLeod Lake

**Length:** 48 kilometres

**Prime Contractor:** Surerus Murphy Joint Venture

**Workforce Accommodations:** Two Workforce Accommodations - Mt. Merrick Lodge and Sukunka Lodge

- Project Route (Section 2)
- Workforce Accommodation Site
- Storage Area (Where construction equipment and materials are stored)
- Kilometre Post Markings (KP)



### Key activities:

- Continued ESC mitigation
- Progressing stripping, access and grading; Initiated Special Section works at Burnt and Merrick Mountains
- Completed civil works and equipment set-up for Burnt River DPI installation

### Look ahead\*:

- Continue stripping, access, grading, blasting, trenching, lower-in and backfill
- Progress Burnt Mountain and Mount Merrick Special Section works
- Continue ESC mitigation

*\*All schedules are subject to change*

## 3 Section 3: Monthly Construction Update

### At a glance:



**100%**  
cleared, includes  
project route and  
ancillary sites



**37.5%**  
of grading  
completed



**14.3%**  
of pipe installed, includes  
activities from stringing  
through to backfilling



**906**  
workers at  
Parsnip Lodge

### Section 3

**Location:** East of McLeod Lake to north of Prince George

**Length:** 104 kilometres

**Prime Contractor:** SA Energy Group

**Workforce Accommodations:** One Workforce Accommodation – Parsnip Lodge

- Project Route (Section 3)
- Workforce Accommodation Site
- ◆ Storage Area (Where construction equipment and materials are stored)
- Kilometre Post Markings (KP)



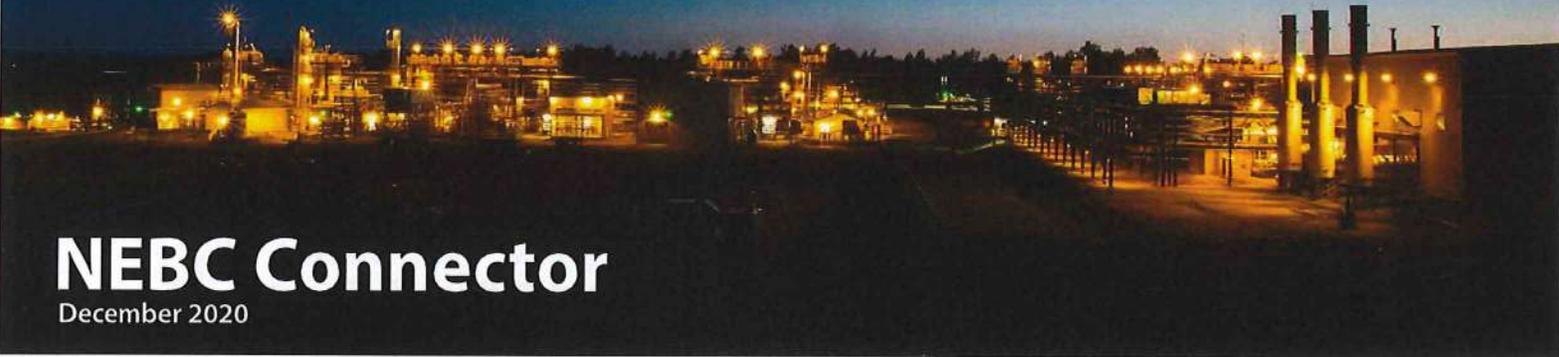
### Key activities:

- Completed removal of temporary ESC measures and regrade of construction corridor
- Continuing post-spring road repairs
- Began drilling and blasting of grade rock, grading, stringing, and bending activities

### Look ahead\*:

- Continue mainline work and ramp up of remaining crews; begin welding, coating, lower-in, and backfill
- Begin entry and exit site development for Parsnip DPI

\*All schedules are subject to change



# NEBC Connector

December 2020

NorthRiver Midstream NEBC Connector GP Inc. is proposing to build the NEBC Connector pipeline to connect British Columbia's Montney Resource to Alberta markets.

The NEBC Connector is proposed to consist of two parallel pipelines. Of the approximately 213 km, 190 km will be in British Columbia and the remaining 23 km will be in Alberta.

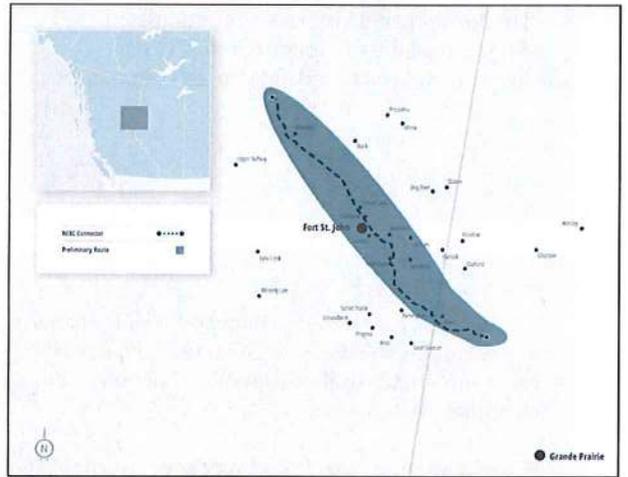
It is anticipated that the pipelines will transport condensate (C5+) and natural gas liquids (NGL) (C3+) from NorthRiver Midstream Inc.'s Highway Liquids Hub, Northwest of Wonowon, British Columbia, to the Gordondale area of Alberta.

### About NorthRiver

NorthRiver is a Canadian owned and operated gathering and processing company that operates 13 gas processing facilities and associated assets in Northeast BC and Alberta.

Our purpose is to connect Canadian energy to the world, and we will do this by co-creating energy infrastructure solutions with our customers, partners and the communities that benefit from our operations.

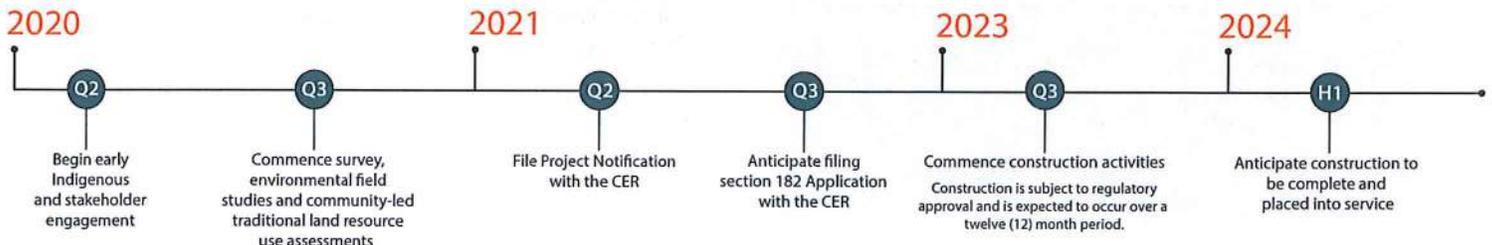
NorthRiver is a new company, however our assets have a history of safe and reliable operation in BC and Alberta.



Preliminary route corridor for NEBC Connector is subject to Indigenous and stakeholder engagement

Project Type: Pipeline  
 Products Shipped: Condensate (C5+) and Natural Gas Liquids (C3+)  
 Status: Proposed  
 Length: Approximately 213 km  
 Expected Initial Capacity: 98,000 barrels per day  
 Estimated Capital Cost: \$350-450M  
 Expected In Service Date: H1 2024

### Project Timeline



## At NorthRiver, we are committed to living our values in all that we do.

Safety, collaboration, accountability, and integrity lead our actions - and we do it all with an entrepreneurial spirit. Throughout all of our projects and operations, we are committed to listening to communities and stakeholders and working in a way that ensures safe and reliable operations.

### Community Benefits

The Project has the potential to offer short term and long term economic benefits at the local, provincial, and national level. NorthRiver anticipates that the community benefits will include:

- Employment and business opportunities
- Annual revenue to support local services
- Investment in local and Indigenous communities

### Indigenous Engagement

NorthRiver is committed to engaging early in a transparent and flexible manner with Indigenous communities potentially impacted by the Project. NorthRiver intends to work closely with Indigenous communities and recognize the value of their insights.

The early engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities will be collected, considered, and incorporated in the Project planning process. Furthermore, the information collected is evaluated by provincial and federal authorities, including the CER.

### Environment

NorthRiver is committed to being conscious of how its operations impact the environment. As a part of this commitment, NorthRiver will collect data on a number of environmental elements.

With the support of technical specialists, NorthRiver will carefully evaluate the potential effects and implement proven and effective environmental protection and mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those effects. An Environmental Protocol Plan is developed to identify the necessary environmental protection to be implemented for the Project.

### Public Safety

At NorthRiver, safety is a core value. NorthRiver is committed to ensuring that everyone returns home at the end of each day and that its assets are operated in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

NorthRiver ensures ongoing safe operation of its pipeline system by implementing safety and loss management programs, and monitors all incidents through an incident management program, allowing for a quick reaction in the unlikely event of an incident or emergency.

### Landowners

NorthRiver engages and listens to landowners and local communities throughout the project planning and execution process. We seek to work with landowners to identify any concerns they may have with the project and how we may avoid, minimize, or mitigate those concerns.

We will continue to work with landowners through all phases of the Project with a focus on developing and maintaining longterm relationships.

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## Project Scope

The Project scope is anticipated to consist of the following components:

### 1. Gas Processing Facility

The expansion will process the inlet gas to meet sales gas pipeline specification. The Project must remove trace content of water and hydrogen sulphide gas, or H<sub>2</sub>S, and increase the pressure of the gas to deliver it into the sales gas pipelines.

The expansion would be built on land owned by NorthRiver and adjacent to the Tupper West facility. The Project will use existing utilities and infrastructure at the Tupper West facility to the extent possible in order to reduce any potential environmental impacts associated with the Project.

#### Facility Details

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Project Type            | Natural Gas Processing Facility |
| Project Status          | Proposed                        |
| Expected Inlet Capacity | 198 MMscfd                      |

### 2. Pipeline

NorthRiver is proposing to construct and operate approximately 25 km of 24" pipeline to connect the expansion to existing sales lines. As noted above, while the preliminary route is subject to Indigenous and stakeholder engagement, the pipeline is currently anticipated to be located alongside and contiguous to existing right of way for the majority of its length and therefore also reduce any potential environmental impacts.

#### Pipeline Details

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Project Type    | Pipeline            |
| Project Status  | Proposed            |
| Product Shipped | Sweet Sales Gas     |
| Pipe Size       | 24" NPS             |
| Pipeline Length | Approximately 25 km |

## Regulatory Framework

Based on the Project's current scope, NorthRiver anticipates that this Project will be primarily regulated by the British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission (OGC). A notification to the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) may be required because of the Project's anticipated greenhouse gas emissions.

## Indigenous Engagement

At NorthRiver, collaboration is a core value. NorthRiver is committed to engaging early in a transparent manner with potentially impacted Indigenous communities. NorthRiver intends to work closely with Indigenous communities and recognizes the value of their insights.

The engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities will be collected, considered, and incorporated into the project planning process where feasible. The information will be documented and submitted to the appropriate regulatory bodies as part of the regulatory process.

## Landowners, Local Communities and Rights Holders

NorthRiver engages and listens to landowners, local communities and other stakeholders throughout the project planning, regulatory and execution process. We seek to work with these stakeholders to identify concerns they may have with the project and how we may avoid, minimize, or mitigate these concerns.

## Public Safety

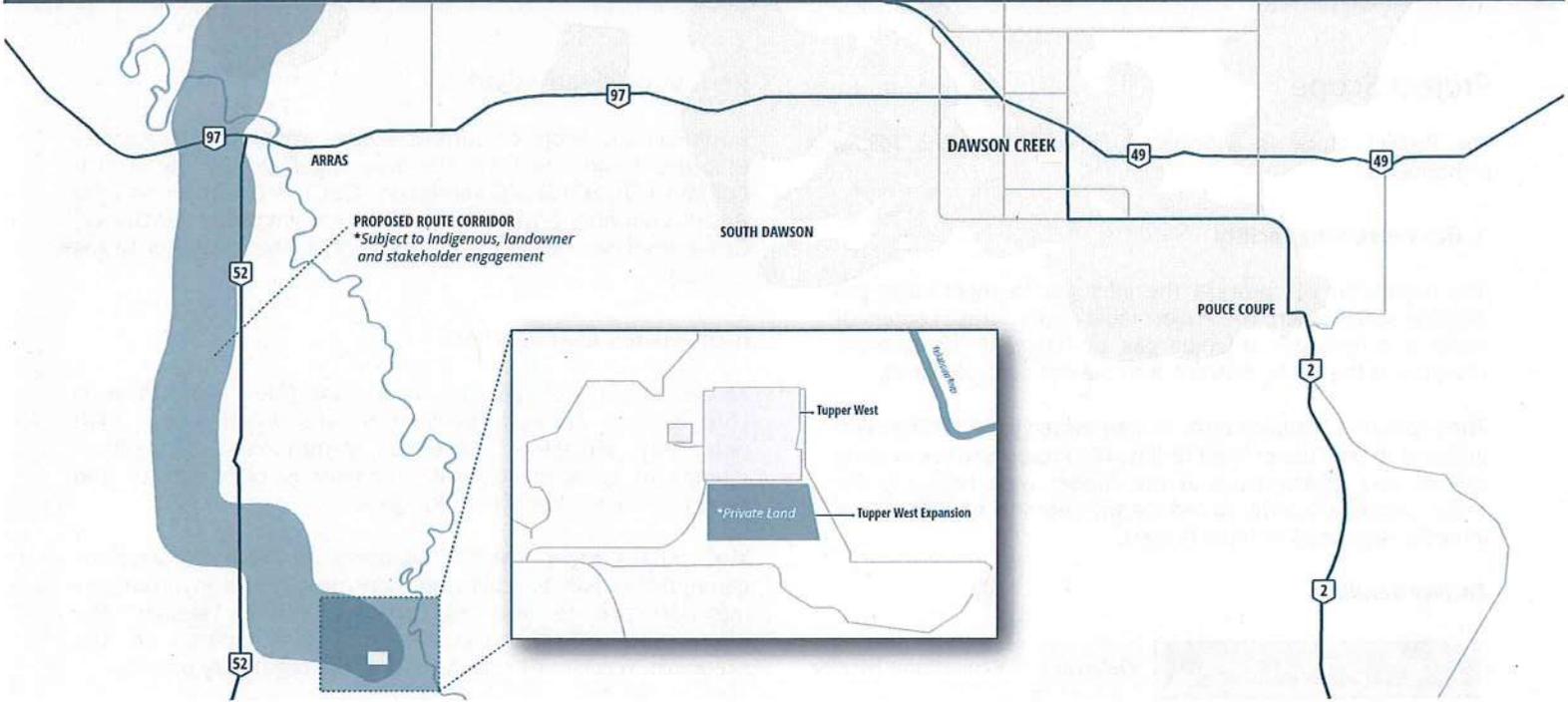
At NorthRiver, safety is a core value. NorthRiver is committed to ensuring that everyone returns home at the end of each day and that its assets are operated in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

NorthRiver ensures ongoing safe operation of its assets by implementing safety and loss management programs. NorthRiver monitors all incidents through an incident management program, allowing for a quick reaction in the unlikely event of an incident or emergency.

## Environment and Climate

NorthRiver is conscious of how its operations impact the environment and actively seeks to reduce emissions across our operations. The expansion will be electrified and powered by BC Hydro. With the support of technical specialists, NorthRiver will carefully evaluate the potential environmental impacts of this project and implement proven and effective protection and mitigation measures to minimize those effects.

## Tupper West Expansion Project Factsheet



NorthRiver Midstream (NorthRiver) is proposing to construct and operate an expansion to the existing Tupper West facility. The expansion (or the Project), will add 198 MMscfd of inlet gas processing capacity.

The expansion is proposed to be constructed southwest of Dawson Creek on private land owned by NorthRiver and adjacent to the Tupper West facility. The expansion would add to the existing sales gas licensed capacity of Tupper West for a combined total of 603 MMscfd.

It is anticipated that the Project will be powered by BC Hydro to reduce any potential environmental impacts such as emissions.

A new pipeline approximately 25 km in length is proposed to be constructed to connect the Project to existing tie-in points for shipping. While the preliminary route is subject to Indigenous and stakeholder (including landowner) engagement, this new pipeline is anticipated to parallel existing pipeline right of way for the majority of its proposed length.

### About NorthRiver Midstream

NorthRiver Midstream is a Canadian owned and operated gathering and processing company that operates 13 gas processing facilities and associated assets in Northeast BC and Alberta.

Our purpose is to connect Canadian energy to the world, and we will do this by co-creating energy infrastructure solutions with our customers, partners and the communities that benefit from our operations.

NorthRiver Midstream's assets have a history of safe and reliable operation in BC and Alberta. NorthRiver annually processes approximately 20% of BC's natural gas.

### Project Timeline

