



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chief & Council Report



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Chief & Council Greetings

In October of 2023, we proudly accepted our responsibility as your newly elected Chief and Council. Since that time, we have had the chance to speak to many of you as we embarked on our term of service to our Nation, and to you. We have heard your hopes and dreams, we have listened to your concerns, and we have both celebrated and grieved together.

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation is a community of family, friends and neighbours who share a common history, culture, and traditions. We look towards the future while we cherish, honour and treasure the past, and we work every day to improve the lives of those around us.

Over the last twelve months, our Council has worked with ACFN administration – and our Members – to achieve the goals described in our 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, which you will find referenced in this Report to Members. Even more than this, our entire team of Chief, Council and Administration have explored innovative ways to improve service to our Members and create sustainability for our Nation.

Our Nation stands proud and strong, united by our shared past and present and the exciting future that lies ahead. This Report showcases the work done in the past year but is also a road map to that future. It highlights our milestones of achievements while recognizing the tremendous work that is yet to be accomplished.

Collectively as a Nation we have achieved so much together, and in the past decade we have been through some remarkable challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the ever-increasing threat posed by climate change, like the wildfires that deeply impacted Fort McMurray in 2016, Fort Chipewyan in 2023, and Fort Smith this year. We know more challenges lie ahead; and just as we have faced them in the past, we will come together to face those yet to come.

We hope the 2024 ACFN Chief and Council Report to Members provides you with a sense of our team's work from the past year; however this report is just a glimpse of the work done every day to serve you.

As our Vision states: “We are the ACFN K'ai Taile Dene. We are fiercely protective of our Treaty Rights, our traditional land, and our language for future generations.”

We are proud to serve as your fierce protectors, your passionate advocates, and your Chief and Council.

Marsi cho,
Chief Allan Adam
Councillor Flossie Cyprean
Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi
Councillor Teri Villebrun

How We Serve ACFN Members



Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Frequently Asked Questions

What is a strategic plan?

A strategic plan sets out the vision, mission and values for the Nation, and sets our priorities for the term in which Chief and Council are elected.

How is the strategic plan developed?

At the beginning of the elected term, Chief and Council work with the administrative team to identify ongoing work, new opportunities and challenges, and ways to address them. These become the pillars that support achieving our vision and mission. Our values guide how we do the work.

Why does ACFN need a strategic plan?

The strategic plan helps Chief, Council, and our administrative team to clearly define our goals for the next four years. It guides our work and ensures we are meeting the needs of the Nation for today and tomorrow, while still recognizing and honouring our past.

What are the pillars in the ACFN 2024-2028 Strategic Plan?

The new strategic plan outlines eight pillars:

- Administration and Capacity Building
- Infrastructure
- Natural Resource and Environment
- Treaty Rights and Governance
- Health and Well-Being
- Economic Development
- Education
- denesųliné Language and Culture

How does the work of ACFN's departments support the plan?

In this report you will find updates from our departments that show the strategic plan in action; guided by our values and the pillars of the plan, the work accomplished by the ACFN team in each department supports reaching our vision and serving our Nation and Members with excellence and pride.



t'a dáníddheni | VISION

k'aitélé hot'íné dáídlj. t'ahú tsąba nálya nj sí, eyi bet'á nuheyatié ú nuhenéné hųt'édhé bóghedi hóąą yųn-adhé xa. eyi begųą dánít'éth nuheskéné beskéné xa. nuhenéné k'e náíde ú t'ahú lósi náílzé ú edegųą nakóhíldé ú nánuhenet'en ha hóąą íle.

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t'a dáíltsi ha sí | MISSION

denenj bech'ánjé ú ąasi t'a k'adórelųą nj sí bek'édásídlj hóąą. t'ahú tsąba nálye nj sí eyerots'j nuyatié ú nuhehéne ú t'ąt'ú náíde sí eyi bóghedi hóąą. t'ąt'ú eyi bóghedi walí yanadhé hoxa, t'ąt'ú nuheba súghá ha sí eyi bekádáníta hok'étt'á. dene ts'éráídi ú yoh ú la ú honelten ú nuhenéné k'e ąasie dáíltsi ú dene beba súghá ha sí horelyj eyi ąasie xa dádóríldzá, kųt'ú k'aitélé hots'j denesųlíné hoąąj nárátser ha, tth'i nuheskéné beskéné bets'ádíe k'érální ha ú yets'én nárátser ha.

We honour our ancestors' traditional ways of being and knowing, and innovate new ways to protect and preserve our Language, our Land, and our Treaty Rights. We invest in people, programs and infrastructure to empower our Members, strengthen and sustain our Nation, and to benefit our future generations.

t'at'ú dene nezq dáidlj ha | Core Values

yunadhé ha hóʔa hołé Trailblazing

t'at'ú dene yázi edýnj ʔasíe dáitsi ha ú t'at'ú hoʔázi hýzý eghálada walí beba súghá ha yekádáneta déza, eyi ha dene ts'éráidi ha.

We encourage innovation and boldness to pathfind solutions and to disrupt/ challenge the status quo.

horelyú bek'éseđlj déza Respect

nuhenéne hots'j dene, njh ú, tu ú horelyú bek'éseđlj hóʔa. yanísj dene t'at'ú dághena nj sí, ałý duhý hots'én kýt'ú náidé horíłdzá, denesýliné dáidlj. nuhenéne k'e horelyú ʔasíe bazj k'orílyá ú t'at'ú ʔasíe bet'órilʔá, eyi tth'i bek'éseđlj déza. horelyú dene etk'ézi aráıldhen ú nuheyatié ʔá ú nuhech'ánje ʔá dene k'edásíłj.

We deeply value our people, our land and our water. We honour the diversity of our collective lived experience. We treat everyone with dignity, grace and compassion in our words and actions

dene etts'érádi Service

nuhni eghádálaghída horelyú etá, hotié etth'i k'aitélé hot'jne ts'éráidi ha, t'at'ú nuhts'j la hoʔázi beba bet'óreʔá ha.

We work together as a team to excel in the provision of top-quality services for the benefit and growth of our Members and our community.

horelyú la bek'ója ú net'j ha Accountability

horelyú ʔasí t'a dáitsi sí bóret'j. t'at'ú eghálaghída ú t'at'ú dene hél dáyałti ú.

horelyú dene hél dáyałti nuhórelker dé, hok'étt'á dene hél ʔóidi ha dóríłdzá ú sj.

We are transparent; we embrace work conduct and communications that are truthful, responsive and informative.

naráitser ha Empowerment

t'at'ú eghálaghída sí, hotié eghádálaghída horelyú k'aitélé hots'j denesýliné hoʔázi náraitser ha. k'aitélé hots'j denesýliné bech'ánje bazj hadónılten, ʔasíe gha k'óide ha hadónelten ha ú yunadhé nídel ha beba súghá ha.

We approach our work through the lens of empowering our people and our Nation.

We value our people and are committed to their growth through a culture of constant learning and leadership development.

etá eghálaghída Collaboration

jłáh k'ézi eghádálaghída ú, etadýne dene hél eghádálaghída ú. horelyú dene etk'éch'á hél eghálaghída ú, njh ts'én k'óide dené ú, kýt'ú horelyú ʔasí bazj bet'órilʔá ha ú náraitser ha, nuhni k'aitélé hots'j dene

We acknowledge that our strength is found in unity, and through working collaboratively as a team and with other Nations, organizations, and stakeholders in ways that will most benefit the Nation.



Economic Development

Business Grant Program

- **Program Support:** Over the past 12 months, the ACFN Business Development Grant Program supported 23 ACFN members in their entrepreneurial endeavors.
- **Grant Funding:** The KÁI TAILÉ DENESQŁINE TRUST approved a total of \$400,500.00 to fund the ACFN Business Development Grant Program for the fiscal year 2024-25.
- **Grants Availed:** A total of \$106,000.00 in grants has been availed by ACFN entrepreneurs through the Business Development Grant Program in this fiscal year. This funding has provided essential financial support for members to launch and sustain their business ventures.
- **Chief and Council's Support:** Chief and Council have been instrumental in ensuring a swift and efficient approval process for business grant requests. Strong commitment from ACFN leadership has been key in maintaining program's effectiveness, fostering a dynamic and growing entrepreneurial community.
- **Entrepreneurs' Stories:** To highlight and motivate our community, we feature inspiring stories and successful projects of entrepreneurs in our newsletters. This initiative is aimed at sharing knowledge and fostering inspiration among members.
- **Website for Entrepreneurs:** ACFN has launched a dedicated webpage for entrepreneurs at acfn.com/acfn-entrepreneurs. This platform allows business-minded members to connect, share ideas, and collaborate with others, creating a supportive ecosystem for emerging entrepreneurs.
- **Resource Sharing:** We provide access to additional external funding resources through our channels, further enhancing the support system for entrepreneurs and enabling them to pursue growth and success.
- **Workshop:** We collaborate with external entities to identify valuable training/workshops around business planning, financial literacy, and market analysis to support our entrepreneurs.

Economic Development Summary

ACFN continues to explore Economic Development opportunities that will benefit members for years to come. Such initiatives include:

Alberta Powerline

- 508 km transmission line running from Fort McMurray to Wabamun, Alberta.
- Approximately 35% of the line is owned by 4 Indigenous Communities (ICs), with ACFN and SCFN sharing equivalent ownership majority shares.
- Project is estimated to provide 35 years of revenue.



Northern Courier Suncor Pipeline

- 90 km dual pipeline running from Fort Hills Mine to Suncor's East Tank Farm.
- Transports bitumen and diluent products.
- Ownership is shared amongst 8 ICs in the Wood Buffalo Region, with ACFN maintaining the largest share.
- Provincial loan guarantee provided by Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation (AIOC).
- Project will provide revenue for 20 years, with possible extensions beyond this.

Enbridge Pipelines

- Enbridge sold a minority ownership share, approximately 12%, in 7 pipelines in northeastern Alberta to 23 ICs.
- Provincial loan guarantee provided by AIOC.
- These pipelines are expected to provide revenue for 35 years.



ACFN – Concord Green Energy Solar Farms and BESS

- ACFN shares equal ownership in three merchant solar farms located in Coaldale, Monarch and Vulcan, Alberta.
- Total generation is 68Mw, approximately 22 Mw per farm.
- ACFN received a grant \$46 million under the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program (SREPs) to add 45Mw of Battery Storage (BESS) to these projects. Construction is completed, performance testing is nearing completion with term conversion expected in September 2024.
- These projects are expected to deliver revenue for 35 years.



Three Nations Energy

- 2.35 Mw Solar Farm in Fort Chipewyan is co-owned by the three local ICs.
- This helps stabilize the local grid and reduces the fuel required for generation in the community.
- Funding provided by Natural Resources Canada (Government of Canada) and the Government of Alberta.

ProStar Energy

- Since 2022, this directional drilling partnership provides revenue to ACFN for work performed in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Precise Downhole Solutions

- Beginning in 2024, this downhole solution and well servicing partnership provides revenue to ACFN for services in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Education

- ACFN provided funding for 61 post-secondary students.
- 14 ATC-funded students received top-up support from ACFN.
- 19 ACFN members were funded through ATC.
- 3 incentives were awarded for High School Continuing Education.
- 11 incentives were granted for Post-Secondary Program Completion.
- 16 incentives were distributed for High School Completion.
- 2 grants of \$1,500.00 each were awarded through DLRM's Nih chu Tu (Land and Water).
- ACFN allocated \$670,694.00 from its own source revenue.
- An additional \$500,000.00 was contributed by the K'ai Tailé Denesūliné Trust.



Elders

- Provided seasonal maintenance, including winter snow removal, spring cleanup, summer lawn maintenance, and delivering water.
- Seasonal Harvests organized and delivered in Spring, Fall, Winter. Harvesters include Seniors, Adults and Youth.
- Celebrated Seniors Week with scheduled programs, BBQ, Cribbage, Painting, Bingo, and feast.
- Planned and delivered Lac St Anne Pilgrimage with accommodations, transportation and BBQ
- Assisted with Treaty Days event delivery
- Organized and delivered the Jack Fish Elders/Youth Camp with programs for Elders and Youth.
- Assisted with Dene Days event delivery with drymeat, dryfish demonstration, Bannock on stick, traditional camp, traditional food, handgames, bingo, boat rides, and feast.
- Hosted Bingo & Luncheon/Birthday Recognition – Last Wednesday of each month with a catered lunch, cake, and Bingo, Students will be attending these events starting September.
- Supported delivery of the Dene Language program
- Hosted a program with Elders from Fondulac to teach ACFN Members how to tan moosehide
- Good Food box delivered monthly to seniors 65+
- Hampers for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter distributed to members in Fort Chipewyan.
- Assisted with the delivery of the DLRM Quarterly Elders Meetings
- Supported and organized rentals of Charlie Voyageur Conference Centre/Sunroom for meetings and events





Emergency Management

- Emergency Management established as a department in May 2024 with Tim Flett as Emergency Management Manager and Jay Telegdi as Deputy Emergency Manager
- Purchased eight cabin sprinkler packages for distribution as needed due to threatening wildfires
- Purchased enclosed trailer to house cabin sprinkler packages and FireSmart tools
- Purchased and installed home air purification systems in Elders' homes so when air quality is impacted by wildfire smoke these Elders will be able to shelter in place in the comfort of their own home.
- Supported the evacuation and relocation of Fort McMurray residents in May due to MWF- 017
- 16 employees in Fort Chipewyan and 16 employees in Fort McMurray successfully completed the ICS (Incident Command System) I-100 course provided by AEMA
- Over the summer, were in constant communication with Alberta forestry getting up to date information on all wildfires with potential impact to Members
- Received a grant from ISC to FireSmart all ACFN lots in Fort Chipewyan (ongoing)
- Offered support and advocacy for Members experiencing homelessness including in Edmonton during a cold snap when ACFN staff provided warm clothes, bedding and food to individuals impacted by encampment closures and people living in encampments in Fort McMurray, as well as advocating for long term housing.
- Updated emergency contact information for all Members
- Successfully conducted missing persons searches

2024 Wildfire Emergency Response – Fort McMurray Evacuation

- On May 14 2024 MWF-017 was threatening parts of Fort McMurray
- At approximately 2:05 pm RMWB called for a wildfire evacuation order.
- Affected areas were Abasand, Beacon Hill, Grayling Terrace, and Prairie Creek
- ACFN's emergency team established help centers in Cold Lake, Lac La Biche and Edmonton to assist evacuated members.
- May 18, 2024 at approximately 10:25am RMWB cancels the evacuation order and ACFN's members who were evacuated begin to return home.

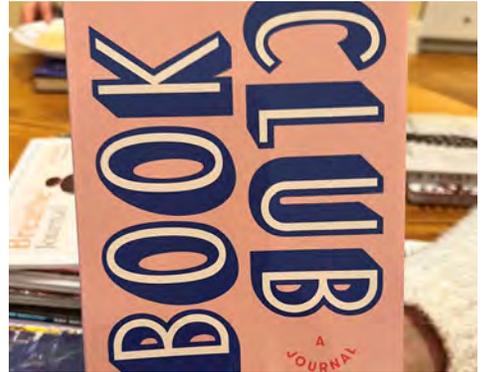
Employment and Training

- ACFN supported 30 members through its employment and training programs.
- The ACFN Employment and Training Department provides support with resumes, cover letters, job searches, referrals, and interview preparation.
- ACFN arranges training courses and funds programs, personal protective equipment, and safety certifications with an employment offer letter.
- ISETS supports training leading to immediate employment, with programs under 12 months qualifying.
- The ACFN SETS Committee focuses on creating employment and training opportunities for ACFN members.
- ACFN invested \$122,424,67 in employment and training programs.

Events

- **4th Annual Virtual Fall Family Challenge** - Over 200 ACFN members participated in our 6-week virtual family challenge. The grand prize was \$500 grocery gift card for 6 months.
- **Jingle Dress Making** - 10 ACFN members made their own Jingle Dresses from start to finish. Classes included Grandmothers and Grandchildren and a father with two daughters.
- **Indigenous Medium Carly Morton** - ACFN Indigenous Medium offered readings to ACFN members for the week of October 16-20, 2024. ACFN supported our own Nation Member's business as well as twenty individual ACFN members who benefited from a reading with Carly.
- **ACFN AGM** - Hosted in four hubs as well as online for all ACFN members.
- **Ribbon Skirt Making** - Hosted Ribbon Skirt Making workshop for Members in Edmonton.
- **Christmas Parties** - Hosted Disney Christmas theme Christmas parties for ACFN members, each party was at capacity.
- **Virtual Christmas Draw** - Held a Christmas draw for a Disneyland trip for ACFN members. An ACFN Youth (Aged 21) won and took her parents. Events team helped them with all preparation and travel.
- **'12 Days of Indigenous Giveaways'** - Events team sourced ACFN traditional art to host 12 days of giveaways for Christmas. This is a fun way to support and highlight our artists.
- **ACFN Book Club** - Hired ACFN member and aspiring teacher Cassandra Marcel to prep and host a monthly book club. ACFN members from across the province are participating and we are at 30 Club members.
- **Family Night at Play on Space** - Rented out the Play On Space centre for ACFN families and those with sensory needs to enjoy a night out.
- **Immersive Disney Animation** - Hosted over 86 ACFN members at the Immersive Disney Animation event.
- **Self Esteem and Job Readiness** - Hired Indigenous makeup artist, hair stylist and photographer to offer ACFN members an opportunity to look/feel their best for a headshot. Identified an ACFN Youth's passion for makeup and offered her an apprenticeship opportunity as well as the support in an online Education program.
- **Fort McMurray Carnival** - Purchased and distributed one hundred carnival tickets for ACFN members. Priority given to ACFN youth in care and families who has higher needs.
- **Oilers Playoff tickets** - Hosted a draw for Oilers playoff tickets.
- **Healing without Words** - The 2nd Annual *'Healing without Words'* event had 11 individual sessions offered, and all 170 spots filled. Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to wildfire and will be rescheduled in the near future.
- **ACFN Treaty Days** - Two full days of fun-filled celebration in Fort Chipewyan for the entire community.
- **Oilers Playoff Game Tickets** - Draw for ACFN Members to attend game.
- **Calgary Stampede Ticket Giveaway** - Calgary Stampede ticket admission and ride passes for members. 100 passes were distributed.
- **ACFN Member BBQ** - Three Annual Member BBQs hosted (one cancelled and will return bigger and better next year!
- **ACFN Drive through BBQ** - Drive through BBQ hosted.
- **ACFN Run for the Cure Garage Sale** - Garage Sale hosted by ACFN Staff to fundraise for Team ACFN in CIBC Run for the Cure.
- **ACFN Annual Family Fall Challenge** - Hosting 5th Annual Virtual ACFN Fall Family Challenge.







Fort Chipewyan Community Daycare

Over the past 12 months, our daycare has successfully passed two licensing and AHS visits, both of which received excellent feedback.

The Daycare and Head Start programs together have a steady enrollment of 28-30 children.

Our new weekend care program 9:00-5:00 pm on Saturday has been a great success, with parents expressing their appreciation for the added flexibility and support. In the last year, two more educators have completed their Level-1 certification.

FCCDS is committed to the ongoing professional development of its staff by offering a variety of training opportunities, including online courses, webinars, and in-person coaching and workshops on PD days.

We are incorporating Indigenous cultural activities into our curriculum while also focusing on STEM education to enhance children's learning experiences.

We collaborate with several organizations, including Wood Buffalo Library, Jordan's Principle, TAMACA Services, Providence, Helping Hands, Athabasca Delta Community School, and Treaty 8 IELCC Program, to provide comprehensive support to children, parents, and educators.

We are working with the Dene Language Coordinator to help children learn and appreciate the traditional language. Continuously investing in specialized toys and resources to support the holistic development of children.

We remain dedicated to consistently improving the quality of education and care provided to our children and their families.

On August 23rd, 2024, our daycare celebrated the graduation of 11 preschool children in a warm and joyful event. Children proudly walked down a mini "graduation aisle" to receive their certificates, cheered by their families, community members, the FCCDS board of directors, and ACFN leadership.



Housing & Capital Projects

- Home Renovation Grants: \$25,000 each awarded to 10 approved applicants, totalling \$250,000.
- Home Ownership Incentive Grants: \$25,000 each awarded to 2 approved applicants.
- Home Repair Requests: Over 200 completed to date.
- New Housing Shop: Completed and setup began in September 2024.
- Two New Homes: Completed, and tenants have moved in.
- Inventory Control Project: Ongoing for the new shop.
- Maintenance Planning: Continues for housing units.
- Furnace Filters: Available for pickup; YEL is assisting seniors with changing their filters.
- ACFN Housing Portfolio: ACFN owns and manages 101 residential properties in Fort Chipewyan, valued at approximately \$25,554,212.
- Housing Portfolio Breakdown: Includes 50 Section 95 homes and 51 band-owned homes.
- Maintenance costs exceed rental income.
- A yearly deficit of \$1,166,550 in the housing program.
- Rental Arrears: Continue to affect the housing budget – please ensure rent payments are made!





Teepee Summit Summer Students

Human Resources

- As of September 2024, ACFN/DLRM has a total population of 73 employees
- 51 are regular employees, 22 are temporary employees
- Of the 73 employees, 42 (58%) are ACFN Members; 14 are Indigenous (First Nation and Métis) for a total of 56 (77%) Indigenous workforce combined
- Of the 73 total employees 50 are ACFN and 23 are DLRM
- 11 summer students were employed in the summer of 2024 (9 with ACFN and 2 with DLRM)



Admin Assistants



Intergovernmental Affairs

- Worked to build and strengthen ties with other Nations are driven by the belief that collective action between nations on mutual problems is the best way to advance certain issues, especially when dealing with industry or government
- Worked with Athabasca Tribal Council on issues of common concern such as the state of local emergency that was declared for addiction and mental health
- Worked to coordinate emergency management teams with other Nations and organizations, sharing resources and best practices, and providing support as needed
- In regular collaboration with Treaty 8 on the issues of traditional land use, place naming, utility corridors, forestry management and water stewardship.
- Worked with all Nations impacted by drought and the BC Hydro Site C dam project to assess impact and determine path forward.
- Worked with DLRM on issues such as the Imperial Kearsy tailings spill.
- Collaborated with ISC and the RMWB to ensure that drinking water continues to be safe to consume, including the issues that have arisen with Big Dock in Fort Chipewyan when we learned the water was contaminated with cancer causing agents. Our response included conducting further testing and risk assessments and pressuring the Federal government to repair and remediate the dock and surrounding area, including dredging a trench to the channel that we can use for emergency egress in the event of a wild-fire evacuation.
- Participated in working groups and ad hoc committees on issues such as education, policing, all season road and more.

K'ai Taile Market

- The Market continues to amplify its food security and sovereignty mandate.
- A “never out” strategy is maintained in fresh food categories while controlling costs, retailing, and shrink.
- Food waste is less than 2% of sales due to efficient product rotation and selling items nearing their best-before dates.
- Sales are gaining momentum, resulting in a positive bottom line.
- Four team members celebrated five-year anniversaries: Cathwyn Philpotts (Executive Director of Operations), Julia Cardinal (Office Manager), Liz Cardinal (Front End Manager), and Carmen Cardinal (Assistant General Manager in Training).
- The Market employs 20 people, 10 of whom are community youth, with 8 ACFN members.
- Northern Living Allowance payments are granted to Market staff members monthly.
- Winter Road brought in approximately 1.2 million pounds of dry goods, improving cost savings and efficiencies.
- The Market partners with ACFN, MCFN, Métis, Athabasca Tribal Council, schools, and community groups to support events and optimize food needs.
- The Good Food Box was relaunched in partnership with Nunee Health.
- Alberta Health conducts quarterly visits, with positive Food Inspection and tobacco compliance reports.
- The Market celebrated its 6th anniversary with the first annual Fort Chip Food Fest and Feast.
- The revived Meals to Go Department offers expanded options like sandwiches, salads, hot meals, and fresh produce trays.
- Product realignments are underway, with freezer section updates in progress.
- A new online ordering tool was launched for meals and food procurement, proving successful.
- Plans are being developed to explore rear storage expansion and front shop retail sales, with potential grant funding opportunities.



Language Revitalization

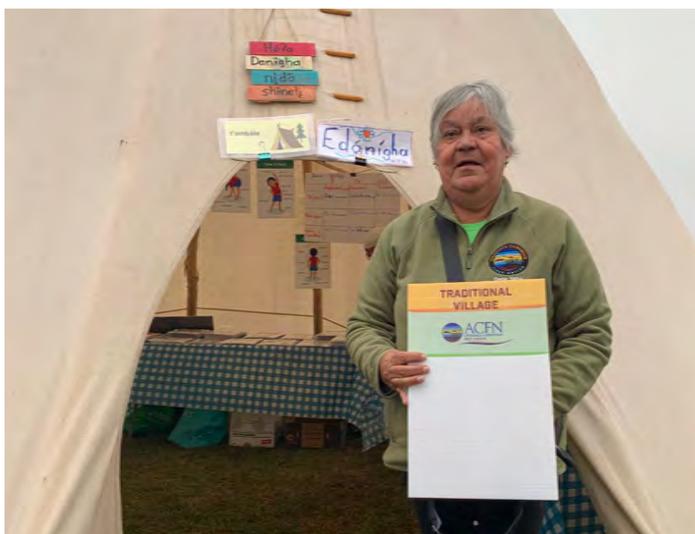
- Dene Language Classes via Zoom with Alice Rigney & Cecilia Adam (Monday to Wednesday).
- In-Person Dene Language Classes in Fort McMurray, led by Janette Jones-Flett.
- Produced and printed the first ACFN Denesųfiné Resource Book, for beginner learners.
- Ongoing development and review of the Draft ACFN Denesųfiné Dictionary with Elders. 5000 words have been recorded.
- Creation of ACFN Dene language materials, including posters, a “Word a Day” feature on ACFN’s Facebook, and videos of elders pronouncing Dene words.
- Dene language and culture integrated into the Fort Chipewyan Community Daycare.
- Supported various events such as the Elder’s New Year’s Party Language Challenge, National Indigenous Language Day, Dene Bingos, Treaty Days, Family Camp at Jackfish, a Naming Contest for the new housing shop, Dene Days, and the ATC Gathering.



Dictionary Vetting



ATC Language display



dene Bingo

Social Development

- Supported 9 members in completing treatment programs.
- Assisted 6 members in accessing detox services.
- Provided housing support to 13 members in collaboration with other agencies.
- Assisted 8 families with Jordan’s Principle applications.
- Provided Home Care services to 14 individuals.
- Offered NIHB navigational support to 8 members.
- Assisted families in navigating Children’s Services.
- Supported families with Psycho-Social and Educational Assessments.
- Collaborated with Mark Amy Treatment Centre, Pastew Detox Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association, and Nunee Health.
- ACFN, in partnership with ATC and other nations, continues to advocate for and support members affected by the opioid crisis under the ongoing State of Local Emergency.

ACFN’s Social Development Department offered a range of programs, including Triple P parenting, Digital Media Training, a Backcountry Mountain Excursion for youth, Water Teachings Outdoor Camp, ski trips, and an upcoming hockey camp.



Youth

- ACFN Youth Collaboration New Year’s Eve sliding party developed and hosted
- ACFN Youth Collaboration Winter Carnival developed and hosted
- Arctic Winter Games/Alaska Youth trip - Training and fundraising provided for six youth athletes (two youth who attended tryouts but did not make the team were brought to Alaska to cheer on the team)
- ACFN Youth Figure Skating - Coach hired to come to Fort Chipewyan to provide instruction twice weekly
- ACFN Youth Jasper Youth Ski Trip - Hotels, transportation, charters, ski passes, gear rental, and ski lessons booked for 16 youth
- ACFN Youth Collaboration Oilers watch party (playoffs) – Delivery of watch parties with food, drinks, and door prizes
- ACFN Youth Collaboration Community Street Dance – Planning and delivery of event
- ACFN Youth End of School Color Run – Community collaboration of event delivery
- ACFN Youth Support Jackfish family camp – Collaborative planning and support of youth activities
- ACFN Youth Support Treaty Days – Planning and execution of youth focused events
- ACFN Youth Beach volleyball – Worked with RMWB to plan and deliver event
- ACFN Youth Survey completed and report created



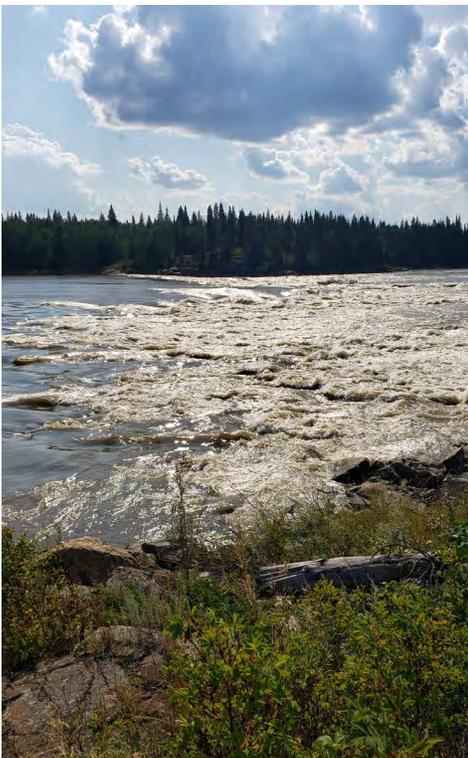
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Government Relations

- Completed Leadership video to support COP Conference of the Parties
- Hosted Minister Guilbeault and toured the Delta
- International Advocacy - Councillor Mike Mercredi, Elders Jim Deranger and Cecilia Adam, along with youth Janelle Flett and Callie Davis Flett, presented at the International Association for Impact Assessment Conference in Ireland





Land and Rights

- Medicinal plant book published
- Built emergency cabin at Poplar Point – open to anyone traveling the river
- Initiated Land Code development
- Fish camp held at Jackfish Reserve
- Signed onto the Indigenous Buffalo Treaty
- Successful muskrat camp hosted alongside Parks Canada at Fraser Bay
- Nipiy Tu Research and Knowledge Center lab installed - grand opening Oct. 2024



Community Engagement

- Held Inaugural Elder Advisory Committee and Chief and Council Retreat at Grey Eagle Resort
- Several successful annual events:
 - Dene Days
 - Elders New Year's Celebration
 - Job Fairs
 - Elders Meetings



Regulatory and Industry Relations

ACFN Litigation against the Alberta Energy Regulator/Government of Alberta on tailings leakages

- In the Spring of 2024, ACFN-DLRM launched litigation against the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Government of Alberta for failing to inform ACFN of the tailings leaks at the Imperial Kearsy site.
- The litigation highlights the broader issue of transparency and accountability in how environmental risks are managed and communicated to Indigenous communities.
- This lawsuit seeks to address both the lack of proper consultation and notification regarding the tailings leakages and to hold the AER and GoA accountable for failing to uphold their regulatory duties in a manner that respects ACFN's rights and environmental stewardship.

Teck Resources Leases transfer for biodiversity conservation purposes

- ACFN is leading an Athabasca Indigenous Conservation Coalition (AICC) and working with Teck and the Government of Alberta towards the transfer of Teck Resources' Oil Sands Leases for biodiversity conservation.
- This initiative will be the first of its kind Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) in Alberta and will help protect the critical Ronald Lake Bison herds, other critical species, waters, and lands, as well as ACFN's Treaty and Aboriginal Rights and way of life.

Water Policy Implementation with Industry and other stakeholders.

- ACFN-DLRM have developed a Water Policy which is aimed at ensuring the protection of ACFN's water resources especially the Peace-Athabasca Delta (PAD) and other water bodies as well as aquatic resources.

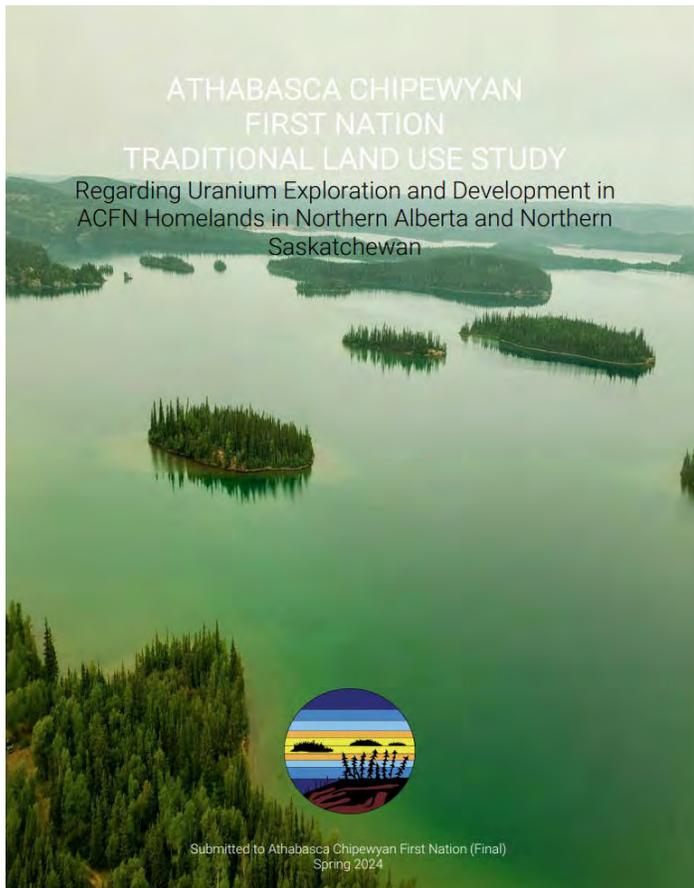
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DEFENDANTS:	Alberta Energy Regulator and His Majesty the King in right of Alberta
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Statement of facts relied on:		
I. The Parties		
1. The plaintiff, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation ("ACFN") is an Indian Band within the meaning of the <i>Indian Act</i> , RSC, 1985, c I-5.		
2. The defendant, His Majesty the King in Right of Alberta, is represented by the Minister of Environment and Parks (the " Province ").		

- DLRM has shared the policy with its stakeholders and is currently developing an implementation plan to implement the policy with all its stakeholders including Industry partners.
- ACFN's Water Policy, together with ACFN's Consultation Policy, will play a pivotal role in safeguarding ACFN's Treaty and Aboriginal Rights, while ensuring the protection of our traditional lands, cultural practices, and way of life for current and future generations.

Completed Traditional Land Use (TLU) Study for N22 and surrounding areas

- TLU was done concerning two proposed uranium mine projects around Patterson Lake (SK) to protect ACFN's Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.
- ACFN-DLRM plans to expand the study to have an extensive database of member's traditional use of the territory.
- The proposed mines are in Federal and Provincial environmental impact assessment review



Entered into a Terms of Reference agreement with Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

- ACFN- DLRM has an open dialog with the nuclear regulator about issues related to nuclear activities on or around ACFN's traditional territory.
- This agreement strengthens ACFN's voice in the nuclear/ uranium regulatory sector as the industry aims to grow in the Athabasca Basin.

Initiated on-site emergency sampling for Imperial's Kearl Mine

- ACFN-DLRM works with Imperial to conduct surface water and groundwater sampling by staff when requested. The sampling locations are chosen by ACFN which includes areas that were previously impacted by tailings spill.
- Sampling was completed in March, April, and October of 2023 and June of 2024.

Ongoing data collection and monitoring of the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant

- ACFN-DLRM works with the RMWB to gather and analyze water samples. These are monitored based on the WQICU standards developed by ACFN and experts.

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NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT		
This application is made against you. You are a respondent.		
You have the right to state your side of this matter before the Court.		
To do so, you must be in Court when the application is heard as shown below:		
Date:	Wednesday June 26, 2024	
Time:	10:00 a.m.	
Where:	Edmonton Law Courts Building 1A Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, AB	
Before:	Justice in Chambers	
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What's Next for Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation?



“As your elected Council, we are honoured to serve our Nation and Members. As we move forward, we will continue to honour our past, including ensuring our Elders are protected, supported, and cherished, and inspiring and supporting our Youth in achieving success. When we take care of each other and all Members, our entire Nation succeeds.”

- Councillor Flossie Cyprean



“Through application of our strategic plan – including the vision, mission, values and priorities – we will continue to work to achieve the goals we have identified. One of the new pillars of the plan this term is ensuring that the Denesuline language is not lost, and we are committed to providing opportunities to learn, use and appreciate the language of our ancestors and our Nation. Language is an integral part of our culture, and we will fight to preserve it for future generations.”

- Councillor Hazel Mercredi



“The future is bright for ACFN! Our Council is working towards securing that future with a robust plan created to address every aspect of our Nation. With a keen eye on preserving, promoting and practicing our culture, protecting the environment and our traditional lands and territory, and building the infrastructure we need to serve the Nation in the best possible way, we are in a strong position for the years ahead.”

- Councillor Mike Mercredi



“Chief, Council and the administrative team are forging ahead in achieving new milestones in service to our Members and Nation. A significant part of this is supporting the provision of access to education, employment and training to assist our Members in reaching their personal goals. Giving our Members the tools they need to succeed supports the overall success of our Nation.”

- Councillor Teri Villebrun



“Our Nation is internationally recognized as a trailblazer in service to our Members, Indigenous advocacy, environmental stewardship, and protecting, preserving and practicing our Treaty Rights on our traditional territory and lands. Over the last few years we have faced some incredible challenges, and we have risen to meet each one. As we look towards the future, we focus on sustainability and success for our Nation and every Member. We are Denesúliné, and our Nation stands strong and proud.”

- Chief Allan Adam

