



deten zá (October) 2024

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Trailblazing

Greetings from Chief and Council

This month we are excited to launch a fresh and engaging format for our monthly letter to Members! In 2020, as the pandemic began to impact the world and our Nation, we introduced these letters as a way to ensure Members felt connected during a time of disconnection and uncertainty. Over time, Members have shared with us how much they appreciate these letters and the information they hold.

This new format is way of continuing that connection, showcasing information you need to know like upcoming events, important dates, opportunities for Members, and news from the Nation.

In that light, we are looking forward to welcoming Members to the **ACFN Annual General Meetings** this month. The meetings also have a new format this year to increase connection and allow Members the chance to learn more about what we have achieved over the last year. We strongly encourage you to attend!

We are also very excited about the upcoming **ACFN DLRM Urban Job Fair and Conference** in Edmonton. This event has been created for our urban Members to explore employment and education opportunities and network with each other and potential employers.

As we head into the Thanksgiving season, we are also delighted to announce the distribution of hampers to Fort Chipewyan on October 9, and the direct deposit of \$100 for Members who do not reside in Fort Chipewyan on October 10. We hope this will contribute to your Thanksgiving celebrations this year!

Recently, members and Elders from our Nation attended the **10th Anniversary Buffalo Treaty** gathering and we signed to show our continued support and restoration of Buffalo across Turtle Island and beyond!



2024 Treaty Days



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Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

Beginner Dene Classes are once again being offered in Fort McMurray starting October 8 and running until November 12! This is a great way to participate in the revitalization of our language and be part of preserving and practicing it for future generations.

In very important news, ACFN has been working diligently to address the concerns surrounding the water contamination at Big Dock in Fort Chipewyan. After learning that Transport Canada conducted tests in 2017 and never informed us of the results, we conducted further testing that has confirmed contamination of the waterfront. We are deeply disappointed and disturbed that our community was not informed by the Federal government in 2017 of these results, and we have arranged for Nunee Health to offer health screenings, and we are working with Athabasca Tribal Council to provide healing circles. We will continue to ferociously investigate and advocate for our Members and Nation to hold Canada to account for their failure on this very serious issue with tremendous impact on our people.

As always, we are honoured and grateful to serve as your Chief and Council. As we head into this season we want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. This is a season for reflection and gratitude, and as we count our blessings we want to express our appreciation for all ACFN Members and the support you have shown us. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Chief Allan Adam

Councillor Flossie Cyprean

Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi

Councillor Teri Villebrun



Buffalo Treaty Signing



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IMPORTANT DATES - October

ACFN Annual General Meetings

- October 21 - Fort McMurray (Shell Place)
- October 24 - Edmonton (Chateau Nova)
- October 28 - Fort Smith (SRFN Conference Centre)
- October 29 - Fort Chipewyan (Charlie Voyageur Conference Centre)



Fort Chipewyan Thanksgiving Hamper Pick-Up

October 9 - (Charlie Voyageur Conference Centre)

Thanksgiving Direct Deposit to Members

October 10

NOTICE OF ACFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2024

SAVE THE DATES

- Fort McMurray Oct 21, 2024
Shell Place 6:00pm
- Edmonton Oct 24, 2024
Chateau Nova 6:00pm
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- Fort Chipewyan Oct 29, 2024
Charlie Voyageur Conf. Centre 6:00pm

info, presentations, door prizes, food.

ACFN ATHABASCA CHIPEWYAN FIRST NATION

ACFN DLRM URBAN JOB FAIR & CONFERENCE

Welcome to ACFN Dene Lands and Resource Management's Inaugural Urban Job Fair!

Agenda

- 10:00am Grand Entry - Performances from Indigenous Dancers, Drummers and Singers
- 10:30am Opening Remarks and Designates
- 11:00am Changemakers Business Panel
- 12:00pm Indigenous Fashion Show and Lunch
- 1:30pm Entrepreneurial Panel
- 2:30pm Knowledge Keeper speech
- 3:00pm Keynote Speaker

Over 40 exhibitors and multiple vendors!

This is a free event open to the public. (Email registration upon entry)
To register a booth please contact kristina.deranger@acfn.com (a booth fee applies)

October 16th, 2024 | 10am-5pm
Edmonton Convention Centre | Hall D
9797 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton AB

ACFN DENE LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (DLRM)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Throwback Movie Night

October 11 - Mamawi Hall



ACFN DLRM Urban Job Fair and Conference

October 16 - Edmonton Convention Centre

Beginner Dene Language Classes - Fort McMurray

October 8 - November 12 - ATC Boardroom



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OPPORTUNITIES



Are you an ACFN Member celebrating a special achievement? ACFN wants to celebrate YOU!

Please send your special achievement to info@acfn.com to be featured on our social media, newsletter and website!

Find more information on opportunities, upcoming events, and important dates at www.acfn.com

Looking for a career with ACFN? Visit www.acfn.com/careers



COMMUNITY NEWS

- On September 18 the soft opening of our new **dechen ghálanai kóé (maintenance shop)** took place! This new space will help increase efficiency for our team and the Members we serve!
- ACFN was pleased to participate in the recent **ATC Cultural Festival**, allowing attendees to experience traditional food
- We just wrapped up our **Youth Survey** which will help us to develop improved programs and services for ACFN youth
- Congratulations to **Brandylynn Marcel**, our **2024 Orange Shirt Design** contest winner!

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