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Trailblazing

Greetings from Chief and Council

The first snowflakes have touched the ground, the clock has gone back an hour, and we find ourselves in the early stages of winter!

We first want to thank everyone who came out to attend the 2024 Annual General Meetings. This year we updated the format to be more interactive, informative and engaging with a trade show setting so Members could connect directly with the ACFN administrative team to discuss the work that is being done. We are pleased there was such a strong turnout, and there were many great questions, conversations and chances to connect!

At the meetings we also released the 2024 Chief and Council Report to Members. This document captures the work of the various ACFN and DLRM departments and shares some of their key achievements. You can find the report online at www.acfn.com in the Members Only section, on our Facebook group, and in the Resources section of our new ACFN app.

And yes - we launched our new ACFN app at the AGMs too! This is a brand new way to stay informed, and it includes an events calendar, resources, updates and alerts for time sensitive information. This new app also has an emergency management function that we can activate as needed during an emergency situation. You can find information on downloading the app on the final page of this letter.

The ACFN DLRM Urban Job Fair and Conference was also a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of the team. The job fairs are a great chance for Members to connect with opportunities for employment and training, and network with potential employers and each other!

As we head towards the holidays we are delighted to share that Members will receive a Per Capital Distribution in December! The PCD is \$1500 per Member which will be direct deposited on December 10. Please remember to update your banking information if you have not done so recently by emailing info@acfn.com. Minor forms must be completed and submitted by November 28. You can find the minor forms on the website under the Members Only section, on our new app, or by emailing info@acfn.com.





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Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

We are pleased to share that starting this month Elder Alice Rigney is again leading virtual Dene Language Beginner Classes. The revitalization of our language is not only one of our strategic priorities but it is also something that Members have asked us to focus on to ensure we do not lose this important aspect of our culture. We encourage all Members to attend these classes as we work together to keep our language alive and in use for the future!

As we leave the fall season behind us, we also want to congratulate all the winners of our Virtual Halloween Contests! As always our Members showed such amazing creativity!

Heading into the colder months, we want to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy season. We look forward to connecting with you at one of our upcoming events!



Important Dates & Upcoming Events November

December 2024 Per Capita Distribution

- December 10, 2024
- Minor forms due November 28, 2024

Christmas Parties

- Fort McMurray November 27 Shell Place
- Edmonton November 28 River Cree Banquet Room





NOTICE TO ACFN MEMBERS

ACFN Per Capita Distribution (PCD) December 10, 2024

ACFN Chief and Council have approved a PCD payment of **\$1500.00** per member, which will be directly deposited on December 10, 2024.

Those members without banking information on file with ACFN will have cheques mailed to them on December 9, 2024.

We encourage all ACFN members to keep their addresses and banking information up to date with the Band Office. Please email updated banking information to info@acfn.com.

As a reminder, all parents and legal guardians of Minors must complete forms before any funds to Minors will be released. Each time a PCD takes place new Minor forms **MUST** be completed. These forms will be available on the ACFN website in the Members Only section or by request by emailing info@acfn.com.

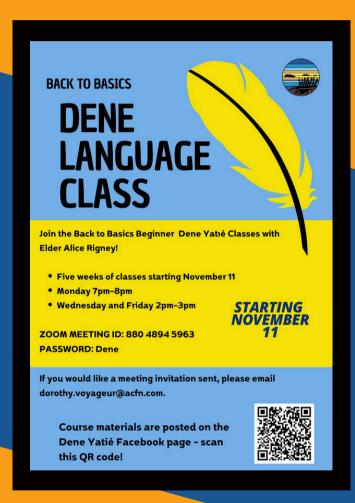
These forms need to be completed and returned by $\bf November~28,~2024.$

Questions

Email info@acfn.com

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DENE CLASSES

Beginner Dene Language Classes - Virtual

Monday November 11 from 7-8 pm and Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm for the next 5 weeks

ZOOM MEETING ID: 880 4894 5963

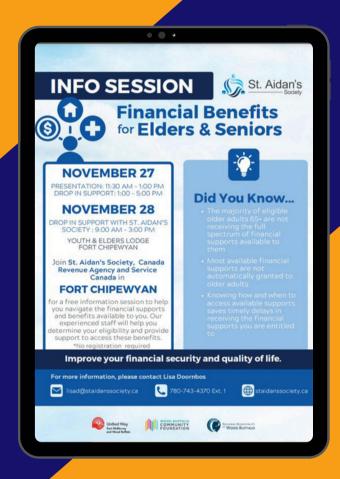
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OPPORTUNITIES



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

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



HAVE YOU MOVED?

We encourage all Members to ensure their current address is up-to-date with ACFN. You can update your address by emailing info@acfn.com, or by calling the ACFN Band
Office (780-697-3730) during business hours.



ACFN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- On November 18 the Acden Mechanical Repair and Maintenance Shop in Fort Chipewyan will celebrate its Grand Opening
- St. Aidan's Society will be in Fort Chipewyan on November 27 and 28 for info sessions on Financial Benefits for Elders and Seniors
- **Congratulations** to our Virtual Halloween Contest winners!
- Remember that the next Post-Secondary
 Education Grant Deadline is November 30!

Join our ACFN Facebook community at www.facebook.com/groups/athabascachipewyan



ACFN INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE APP

We are excited to announce the launch of a new mobile app for ACFN Members!

ACFN has worked with Hawk Solutions, which was created by Nautsa mawt Tribal Council, a non-profit society supporting ten

Coast Salish Nations, and a technology provider specializing in secure, customized solutions, to customize and app for ACFN Members. This app has been designed by First Nations for First Nations!



Below you will find the steps to download the app and connect with ACFN in an entirely new way!



- Install the Hawk Communications app from your Google Play Store (Android) or App Store (Apple).
- Launch the app and choose your permission settings. You will then be directed to the login page. Click the Request Account button.
- You will be directed to a page to fill out your basic personal information. Fill out all required fields and under My Account Request select "Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation". Click Submit.
- 4. After your account request has been approved by the admin, you will receive an email notification that your account has been approved. Click the link in the email to activate your account. Make sure to check your spam and junk folders for an email from "noreply@einsignt.net"
- Start exploring the app!



