

Happy
New
Year

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January 2025

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Trailblazing

Happy New Year!

As 2025 begins we are excited to see what lies ahead for all our Members and our Nation!

This month on January 15 ACFN DLRM hosts the annual **Elders New Years Celebration**. This is undoubtedly the party of the year as Elders gather at the Charlie Voyageur Centre to laugh, connect and celebrate!

The third annual "**Healing Without Words**" is taking place from January 20-24. This annual event is very popular, and we invite you to register today by contacting michelle.carroll@acfn.com or candace.voyageur@acfn.com

In other news from the Nation, the **2025 Home Renovation Grant** application is now open! If you are improving or renovating your home, you may be eligible to receive funding through this grant. Please visit our website at www.acfn.com and under Departments select "Housing". The **Home Ownership Grant** is also available for application! If home ownership is your goal, this grant may help you achieve it. You can find it in the same section of the website as the Home Renovation Grant.

Are you an ACFN Member looking to start, grow or expand a business? We have a **Business Development Grant** available for businesses operated by Members. We want to help you reach your business goals! You can find more information on the grant under the Members Only section of www.acfn.com or by emailing Aman at aman.chauhan@acfn.com.

ACFN DLRM is hosting a **land code community engagement** session on January 23 from 4pm-7pm at the Charlie Voyageur Centre! Door prizes and a dinner will be provided.



**3rd Annual
"Healing without words"
Winter Edition**

January 20-24, 2025

Open to the entire community | Supper provided every day
Wellness gifts for first 25 ppl registered.

Massage	Reiki
Indigenous Medium (virtual)	Hair stylist offering haircuts/style
Indigenous Herbal Medicine & Womens Health	Headshots/Family Pics

Event Location: Therese Tuccaro Secondary School (FCHS)

Register today and embark on a path of
self-discovery and tranquility.



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Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

As we head into the last few winter months, we encourage Members to stay up to date on the conditions of the winter road, particularly given the warm weather we have been seeing in recent years. Climate change is having a significant impact on our Nation, and we are seeing it in things like the winter road, spring flooding, and of course wildfires. As we head into spring, our emergency management team will be keeping a close eye on conditions and ready to respond should we see any risk to our Nation and Members.

We want to send our best wishes to all Members for a happy and healthy 2025! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and programs and thank you for supporting our Nation and each other!

Chief Allan Adam

Councillor Flossie Cyprean

Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi

Councillor Teri Villebrun



Congratulations!



**ACFN MEMBERS
MONTHLY GROCERY
GIFTCARD**

December Winners

Beverly Tourangeau
Garrett Roy
Jonah Deranger
Roman Bourque



**2025 QUARTERLY
ELDERS DLRM
INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Q1 - March 12th

Q2 - June 4th

Q3 - September 4th

Q4 - December 3rd

Charlie Voyageur Conference Centre

For more information contact:
rose.ross@acfn.com | 780.799.3693
kristina.deranger@acfn.com | 780.742.7163

2025

Important Dates & Upcoming Events January and February

Movie Night: Wicked
January 17

Healing Without Words
January 20-24

Open and Real Talk on Addictions
January 25 on ZOOM

**ACFN Land Code
Community Engagement**
January 23
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Youth Jasper Ski Trip
February 5 -10

For more information on these and other events, please visit our Facebook group or ACFN app!

**ACFN YOUTH
JASPER SKI TRIP
2025**

Join us for the ACFN Youth Jasper Ski Trip!
Feb 5th to 10th, 2025

2 days of lessons and skiing at Marmot Basin! Open to all Youth ages 12-17 in Fort Chipewyan, and ACFN Youth in Fort McMurray, and Edmonton. All food, transportation, and activities are free.

Please note* If you attended the 2024 Jasper trip your name will be put to the bottom of the list, this ensures everyone gets an opportunity.

Questions? Please contact Rachel at youth@acfn.com

Open and REAL Talk on Addictions: Personal Stories and Spiritual Journeys

ZOOM Event
Saturday, January 25th, 2025
Noon to 3PM MST

FACILITATOR

BILL WARD

Open to Everyone interested in learning about addiction, recovery and resources; what you need to do to access support systems.

This event is a free ONLINE event.
ZOOM CODE: 529 841 2715
Password: recovery7

Questions? Email: info@acfn.com

SPEAKERS

ANASTASIA "ANNA" POUETTE
Anastasia faced a challenging upbringing, marked by trauma, abuse, and struggles with alcohol and cocaine from age of 14. She became a mother at 18, but heavy drinking, separation, and losing her children to child services led to a low point in her life. Overcoming self-esteem issues, she chose sobriety and has been sober since 2019. Now a strong, inspiring indigenous alcoholic and addict, she reclaimed her children, started a growing business and actively mentors others thus finding gratitude in her life.

RUSSEL GOODRIDER
Rylen, a Blackfoot from Kamai in southern Alberta, struggled with addiction and family dynamics, seeking acceptance in the wrong places, including gang life and the correctional system. After years on the streets and multiple near-death experiences, he decided to change. His last treatment program, where he learned about addiction and alcoholism, became the turning point in his pursuit of sobriety. Rylen has worked hard to transform his life and now dedicates himself to helping others.

SEPTEMBER DANIELS
September Daniels, a member of the Nakoda Sioux and Tsariga Nations, is a mother of three and has been sober for 10 years. Growing up in an alcoholic household, she was deeply impacted by her late brother Jason, who cared for her and her sister but tragically lost his life to alcoholism in 2012. Determined to change herself and her family, she began working in programs addressing domestic violence. September is dedicated to helping community health and thrive.

EMILE WARD
Emile Ward, an Elder from Dziłgáale Cree Nation, overcame alcoholism to become a dedicated counsellor and advocate for holistic health. With 42 years of sobriety, he has spent over 20 years leading treatment centers and supporting Indigenous individuals facing substance use and intergenerational trauma. A proud father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Emile continues to inspire with his transformative journey.

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MANAGEMENT (DLRM)

ACFN LAND CODE
Community Engagement

ACFN DLRM is establishing a Land Code! Come learn what a Land Code is and meet our committee. The event will be held at the **Charlie Voyageur Centre 4:00pm - 7:00pm January 23rd**, and you're invited! **Door prizes and a dinner will be provided.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU !!

If you have any questions please contact
Dara Mahowich 780-881-8190 - dara.mahowich@acfn.com

January 23rd, 2025 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CHARLIE VOYAGEUR CENTRE, FORT CHIPEWYAN

**Questions? Connect with us
at info@acfn.com**

OPPORTUNITIES



Congrats!

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



**LET US HELP WITH YOUR GROCERY BILL!
Win a Grocery Gift Card Worth \$250**

Win a Grocery Gift Card – 4 Winners Every Month!
With the rising cost of groceries, we want to lend a helping hand.
Open to all ACFN Members 18+

How It Works:

- 4 Winners will be chosen every month via a Wheel of Names draw!
- Winners will be announced on the 1st of each month.



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For more information please contact Michelle Carroll info@acfn.com or Candace Voyageur info@acfn.com



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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.

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ACFN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- If you have moved, please **update your address** by emailing info@acfn.com or calling 780-697-3730 during business hours!
- Know Before You Go - you can **check winter road conditions** at www.rmwb.ca/winterroads
- **Nunee Health is now offering Al-Anon** meetings on Tuesday at 7pm at the Nunee Wellness Building

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!*



The new app provides easy access to information on resources, events, updates and alerts for Members, as well as an emergency management function that can be quickly deployed in emergency situations.

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

HOW TO INSTALL ACFN MOBILE APP

1. Install the Hawk Communications app from your **Google Play Store (Android)** or **App Store (Apple)**.
2. Launch the app and choose your permission settings. You will then be directed to the login page. Click the **Request Account** button.
3. 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@einsight.net**"
5. Start exploring the app!

