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June 2025

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Trailblazing

As the warm summer sun brightens our days and the land around us comes to life, Chief and Council want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued connection, participation, and support. This season is one of renewal, growth, and gathering - and it fills our hearts to witness the strength and unity of our Nation in so many ways.

We want to begin by expressing our deep appreciation to everyone who helped make **2025 Treaty Days** such a memorable and meaningful event. From the Elders who shared their wisdom and stories, to the youth who brought their energy and laughter, to the many volunteers and staff who worked hard behind the scenes - thank you. Treaty Days remind us of our deep roots, our proud heritage, and the importance of coming together as a Nation to honour our past and look forward to the future.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite you to **Dene Days**, taking place on August 21 and 22. This special gathering is a celebration of our identity as Dene people. There will be traditional games, drumming and dancing, cultural teachings, and opportunities to learn, share, and simply enjoy each other's company. It's more than just an event - it's a time to connect, to reflect, and to celebrate what makes us strong. We hope to see many of you there.

We're also pleased to highlight the upcoming **Skills, Employment and Training Session** taking place in Edmonton this month. This session is designed to help members access educational resources, explore career opportunities, and receive support on their journeys toward personal and professional growth. Whether you're a student, a job seeker, or looking to make a change, this is a great opportunity to connect with resources and people who can help.





Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

As we enjoy the beautiful summer months, we encourage everyone to keep safety top of mind. Whether you're spending time out on the land, travelling, or enjoying time in the community:

- Please stay hydrated and protect yourself from heat-related illness.
- Be cautious around open water and always supervise children near lakes and rivers.
- Use life jackets and follow safe boating practices.
- Make sure your campfires are fully out and practice fire safety at all times - especially during dry conditions.
- Keep an eye out for wildlife, respect their space, and travel in groups where possible.
- If you're on the land, let someone know your location and expected return time.

Let's look out for one another this season. Our health and well-being as individuals contributes to the strength of our whole Nation.

To all our students - from kindergarten to post-secondary - congratulations on completing another year of learning! Your hard work in classrooms at home and away from home makes our Nation proud. A special shout-out goes to this year's graduates: may the knowledge you carry and the teachings of your Elders guide you on the path ahead. We also acknowledge the dedication of parents, guardians, teachers, and school staff who support our learners every day. Take this summer to rest, recharge, and dream big - the Nation is behind you.

Summer is a time to be together, to return to the land, and to reflect on all that we've overcome and all that we're building together. We are proud of our Nation and filled with gratitude for the way our members continue to lead, uplift, and support one another.

On behalf of all of us, we wish you a safe, joyful, and peaceful summer.

Chief Allan Adam

Councillor Flossie Cyprian

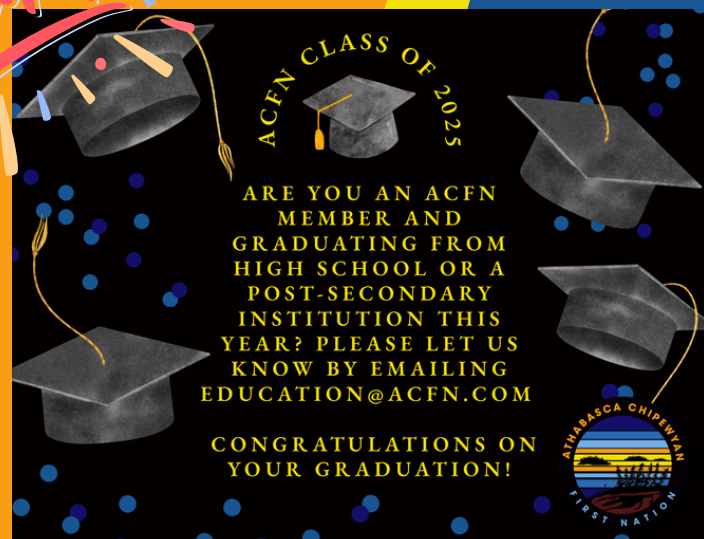
Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi

Councillor Teri Villebrun

Congratulations!

**Are you graduating in 2025?
Email education@acfn.com!**



Important Dates & Upcoming Events

SETS Committee Engagement

June 25 and 26 - Edmonton

October 22 and 23 - Fort Chipewyan

Kai Taile Dene Days

August 21 and 22

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



Wills and Estates

What you Need to Know

What is a Will?

A legal document that outlines how your assets will be distributed after passing.

Why do you Need a Will?

- Ensures your wishes are followed
- Protect your family and loved ones
- Appoints guardians for minor children
- Helps avoid legal fights
- Reduces estate taxes and legal fees

Two Zoom Sessions with Corie Flett, K.C., Q.Arb

June 26 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 815 7232 3367
Passcode: 816845

August 5 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 831 6544 0167
Passcode: 160619

What Happens Without a Will?

- Your things are distributed according to government and not your wishes
- Potential family fights
- Longer and expensive legal process

Key Parts of a WILL:

- Executor - Manages your estate
- Beneficiaries - This is the person who inherits your assets (things).
- Guardians - Caregivers for minor children
- Specific Gifts - Property, money, or items you wish to give.



Join Us!

ACFN members - come and discuss programming needs or explore what is offered through the ACFN SETS (Skills, Employment and Training) Committee.



June 25th and 26th

10am-5pm

Chateau Nova Kingsway

159 Airport Road - in the Blanchard room

DOOR PRIZES!

Attendees names will be added to a wheel of names!

Please RSVP to kristina.deranger@acfn.com!

The SETS Committee is comprised of:

Education

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SETS

ACFN's Indigenous Skills, Employment and Training Coordinator employment@acfn.com

Alternate and SETS Strategist

Shirley Cardinal
ACFN's Director of Human Resources



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS CALL-OUT!

AGES 18+

MUST BE WILLING TO:

- ✓ UPHOLD THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF ACFN
- ✓ REPRESENT YOUR NATION POSITIVELY
- ✓ COOPERATE IN A TEAM SETTING
- ✓ PROVIDE REPORTS FOR FELLOW MEMBERS
- ✓ TRAVEL WITHIN THE REGION TO REMOTE SITES

COMMITMENT: 4-YEAR TERM WITH 1-2 MEETINGS/ YEAR TRAVEL AND HONORARIA PROVIDED PER MEETING

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- ✓ INTERACTING WITH INDUSTRY
- ✓ UPHOLDING OUR TREATY RIGHTS
- ✓ PROTECTING OUR LAND
- ✓ REPRESENTING YOUR NATION
- ✓ LEARNING ABOUT NEW PROJECTS

Seats available on Suncor, Imperial, Cenovus, CNRL, and Parsons Creek Aggregates for Youth, Land Users, Members, and Elders

APPLY TODAY

Email Letter of Interest to:

consultation@acfn.com

Deadline:

June 30, 2025

Letters of Interest will be reviewed and members placed in group based on experience and need. The final approval for group members is with the DLRN Board of Directors



Questions? Connect with us at info@acfn.com



OPPORTUNITIES



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upcoming events, and
important dates at
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ACFN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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