

August

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2025

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Trailblazing

Dear ACFN Members,

As summer begins to wind down, we want to take this opportunity to share some important updates, celebrate what's ahead, and wish you well as we prepare for the fall season.

Dene Days – August 21 & 22

We gathered as a Nation at Dene Days on August 21 and 22. This annual celebration was a highlight for our community - a time when we came together for cultural activities, traditional games, and moments spent with family and friends. We were so happy to see our Members engaged, connected and celebrating our culture as a community.

Decolonizing Land and Water Summit – September 16 & 17

Next month, we will host the Decolonizing Land and Water Summit. This important gathering will bring together knowledge keepers, leaders, and partners to discuss the protection and stewardship of our traditional lands and waters. It will be an opportunity to centre Indigenous voices and wisdom in guiding the path forward.

Skills, Employment and Training Hub – September 25 & 26 in Fort McMurray

We are excited to announce the launch of our Skills, Employment and Training hub in Fort McMurray. This initiative will support our members in accessing opportunities for education, training, and employment. The hub will be a place for building skills, strengthening capacity, and creating pathways to meaningful work for ACFN members.

JOIN US



Join Us!

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

September 25th | 10am-6pm &
September 26th | 10am-3pm
Clearwater Suites, Athabasca Room
4 Hainault Street, Fort McMurray

FOOD,
REFRESHMENTS
AND DOOR
PRIZES

For more information please contact
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The SETS Committee is comprised of:

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

Alternate and SETS Strategist
Shirley Cardinal
ACFN's Director of Human Resources



Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

Back to School & End of Summer

As summer comes to a close, we wish all our students a successful start to the school year. Education is one of the strongest tools we have to build our Nation's future, and we are proud of the commitment our youth show in pursuing their learning. To all families, we hope you've had a safe and enjoyable summer and encourage you to carry that same spirit of connection and care into the fall.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events and working together as we move into a busy and exciting season for our Nation.

Chief Allan Adam

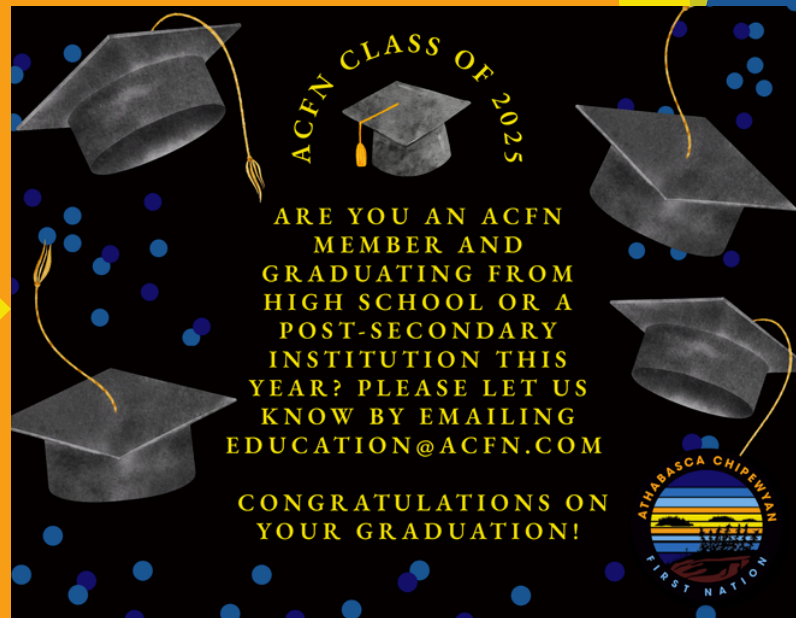
Councillor Flossie Cyprean

Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi

Councillor Teri Villebrun

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



Post-Secondary Education Grant Deadlines

Fall (September-December) – July 31st
Winter (January-April) – November 30th
Spring/Summer (May-August) – March 31st

Complete applications must be received before these dates to be considered.

Please Contact Rianna Flett at education@acfn.com or 780.697.3730 for more information.

Reminder

**November 30 - Winter
Post-Secondary
Education Grant Deadline**

APPLY

NOW!

Are you an ACFN youth passionate about being an advocate for our Nation? Do you want to learn from Elders and land users?

Use the QR code to apply now to be part of this advisory body!

SAVE THE DATE

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ACFN DLRM

Career Fair

November 26th, 2025
11am - 5pm

Mamawi
Community Hall,
Fort Chipewyan

Food,
Door Prizes
and Speakers Panels



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



Are you a youth and interested in being an advocate for your homeland, learning from elders and land users and strengthening ACFN's governance processes? If so apply to be on the Ni Chu Tu Kelni Advisory Body!



Please scan QR with your phone camera & submit your application via google form.



COMING SOON



SAVE THE DATE DECOLONIZING LAND AND WATER SUMMIT

Presented by Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
Dene Lands and Resource Management

More information?

Visit <https://acfn.com/decolonizing-land-and-water-summit/>



September
16-17, 2025



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OPPORTUNITIES



Find more information
on opportunities,
upcoming events, and
important dates at
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ACFN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Nunee Health** is offering several **health and wellness programs** - please check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NuneeHealth for more info
- **Athabasca Tribal Council** hosts a wide variety of **programs and events** - visit www.facebook.com/AthabascaTribalCouncil.ATC

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