

hello
FALL

deníe ełk'enádé zá
2025

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Trailblazing

Dear ACFN Members,

As we welcome the change of seasons and bid farewell to summer, Chief and Council extend warm greetings to all. This fall brings much to reflect on and much to look forward to together as a Nation.

Decolonizing Land and Water Summit

We are proud to share that the recent Decolonizing Land and Water Summit was a tremendous success. Held over two days in Smokey Lake, the gathering brought together Indigenous leaders, knowledge keepers, and community members for important discussions and learnings. Together, we explored ways to strengthen our role in protecting the lands and waters that sustain us, and to ensure Indigenous voices remain at the centre of decisions that impact our future.

Acden Mechanical Repair and Maintenance Shop – Fort Chipewyan

We are pleased to highlight the Acden Mechanical Repair and Maintenance Shop in Fort Chipewyan, where local convenience and trusted service bring peace of mind. At the Fort Chipewyan location, they fix it all:

- Cars & Trucks
- Trailers
- Quads & ATVs
- Heavy Equipment

You can find them at 460 Industrial Lane, Fort Chipewyan, or call 780-881-3552. And they are open 7 days a week, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.!

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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ACFN's Indigenous Skills, Employment and
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Alternate and SETS Strategist
Shirley Cardinal
ACFN's Director of Human Resources





Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

Leadership Change at ACFN DLRM

This fall, one of our own talented ACFN Members is taking an exciting next step. Lisa Tsessaze, who has served as a strong and inspiring leader for the ACFN Department of Lands and Resources Management, is pursuing her dream of becoming a lawyer. As she begins her legal studies, Lisa carries with her the gratitude of our Nation for her years of dedication and service.

We are equally proud to share that Lori Cyprien has assumed the role of Executive Director of DLRM. With her proven leadership as Lands and Rights Manager, Lori brings valuable experience, deep commitment, and vision that will guide the department forward.

Please join us in congratulating Lisa on this new journey and in welcoming Lori to her new role. Both are shining examples of the talent and dedication that strengthen our administrative team and our Nation as a whole.

Back to School

Chief and Council also extend our best wishes to all students returning to school this fall. Whether in elementary, secondary, post-secondary, or continuing education, we are proud of the dedication our Members show in pursuing their learning at every level. Education strengthens not only individuals, but our entire Nation.

With the arrival of autumn, we celebrate the successes of summer and look forward to the opportunities this season brings. Together, we will continue to build a strong and vibrant future for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Chief Allan Adam

Councillor Flossie Cyprien

Councillor Hazel Mercredi

Councillor Mike Mercredi

Councillor Teri Villebrun

Reminder

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.



**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



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

NOTICE OF ACFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS



SAVE THE DATES

FORT CHIPEWYAN
OCTOBER 20, 2025

FORT MCMURRAY & ONLINE
OCTOBER 22, 2025

EDMONTON
OCTOBER 24, 2025

ACFN Members are invited to our Annual General Meeting. Join us for **information updates, presentations, and Q&A**. **Door prizes and light dinner** will be provided. **Locations details to come.**



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

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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