



December

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2025

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Trailblazing

Dear ACFN Members,

As snow settles on the land and winter wraps our communities in its quiet beauty, our thoughts turn toward the holiday season and a moment of reflection. This time of year invites us to pause, to gather close, and to look back with gratitude on all that our Nation has accomplished together.

As we close out 2025 and look ahead to a fresh new year in 2026, we want to begin by thanking all our Members for your support, strength, and participation over the past twelve months. Time and again this year, we have seen the power of coming together as one Nation and one community. We gathered to celebrate milestones, to connect with one another, and at times to mourn and support each other through difficult moments. Through it all, our shared resilience and care for one another has shone brightly.

We are especially proud of our Members who continue to excel in their education and careers, setting ambitious goals and working hard to achieve them. Watching our Members grow, succeed, and pursue their dreams is a powerful reminder of the future we are building together, and it fills us with pride and hope.

For Council, 2025 was another busy and meaningful year focused on advancing our strategic priorities while also responding to the day-to-day needs of our Members and our Nation. Just this month, Councillor and Acting Chief Teri Villebrun, Councillor Flossie Cyprien, Councillor Hazel Mercredi, and Councillor Mike Mercredi travelled to Ottawa to meet with key federal ministers. These meetings focused on advancing important priorities for the Nation, including clearly expressing our refusal to accept the memorandum of understanding signed between the federal government and Alberta regarding new pipeline projects. We participated in over a dozen meetings over three days, including meetings with MP Buckley Belanger Secretary of State for Rural Development, MP for Nunavut Lori Idlout, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada Arun Thanagaraj. and member of the Environment Committee MP Wade Grant. During these meetings we discussed several items of importance including the remediation of Big Dock, the Pathways Project, and the Canada-Alberta MOU.



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Greetings from Chief and Council - Continued

Our annual holiday parties were joyful opportunities to gather, reconnect, and celebrate the season together. For our Fort Smith Members, we are pleased to share that a community holiday party is planned for January 19, and we look forward to celebrating with you then. Information about this event, along with photos from our December gatherings, can be found on our Members Facebook group.

The celebrations continue into the new year. On January 6, our Events team is bringing some boot-stomping fun to the Charlie Voyageur Centre in Fort Chipewyan with a line dance class. We hope Members will join us as we dance our way into 2026 together. Then on January 21, the ACFN and DLRM teams will host one of the most anticipated events of the season, the Elders New Years Celebration. This year's theme is sports, so we invite everyone to come dressed in their best sporting attire as we kick off the new year with laughter, music, and connection.

As winter deepens, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo continues to make progress on the winter road. We are sharing updates regularly on our Members Facebook group, and we encourage everyone to also check the RMWB website and sign up for alerts at www.rmwb.ca/news/fort-chipewyan-winter-road/. Your safety and well-being remain our top priority, so please be sure to check conditions and updates before travelling.

As we enter this holiday season and prepare to welcome a new year, we hope you find time for rest, warmth, and moments of joy with family and loved ones. May the weeks ahead be filled with peace, reflection, and renewed energy for all that 2026 will bring. Thank you for being part of our Nation and for continuing to walk this path together.

*Chief Allan Adam
Councillor Flossie Cyprean
Councillor Hazel Mercredi
Councillor Mike Mercredi
Councillor Teri Villebrun*

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CHRISTMAS



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Save The Date!



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**ACFN HOLIDAY
WINTER PARTY**
Fort Smith

JANUARY 19, 2026

SRFN Conference Center
Fort Smith
Time: 6:00PM

**JOIN US FOR DINNER
AGM INFO, DOOR PRIZES,
FUN GAMES AND MORE..**

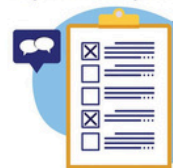
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We are looking to better understand our members barriers to meaningful employment. The survey will be online and in person in community (door to door).

For more information about the survey contact:
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Dance Into 2026!



**ACFN IS PROUD TO
ANNOUNCE LINE
DANCE CLASS**

**Meet, Move, & Have Fun.
Line Dance Classes Open to All!**

**January 6, 2026 • Starting at 6:30- 8:00 pm
Charlie Voyageur Conference Centre, Fort Chipewyan**

*Drop in and join us, no sign up needed.
Anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Please contact Rachel Marcel at rachel.marcel@acfn.com



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