

February

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Trailblazing



Introducing the new Member Spotlight!

We love to showcase our Members and highlight your achievements! Want to be in the spotlight? Email info@acfn.com with a photo and information on your success so we can share it here, on our Facebook group, and in our newsletter!

det'anchogh zá (Eagle month) – February 2026



Message from Chief and Council

2026 has gotten off to a great start for our Nation, including several opportunities to gather and connect!

These opportunities included the Fort Smith Winter Party, the Elders New Year Celebration, and the ACFN dinner event recently held in Edmonton.

There are also some exciting events coming your way in the next few weeks, including the ACFN DLRM Career Fair in Fort Chipewyan on February 24 and the Drum Dance, Community Gathering, and Dinner in Fort McMurray on March 3. The Drum Dance features the Grammy and Juno nominated Young Spirit Drummers!

DLRM is also hosting their quarterly Elders Information Session in Fort Chipewyan on March 11.

Our team is working hard to plan even more future events, and we look forward to sharing them with you when we have more details!

We have also announced the dates for Treaty Days this year, which will take place on June 18 and 19. These are always incredible chances for our Nation to come together and we are excited to share more details on the activities soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **ACFN DLRM Career Fair**
February 24, 2026
- * **Drum Dance, Community Gathering, and Dinner**
March 3, 2026
- * **Quarterly Elders DLRM Information Session**
March 11, 2026

Mark
YOUR
Calendar



Chief and Council Message - Continued!

We would also like to thank all Members who have come out to support not only recent events but important initiatives like the Land Code Community Engagement sessions! Your participation is vital in helping to set our direction for the future, and we are deeply grateful for your willingness to give your time and effort to ensuring your voice is heard as we move forward.

This year we have seen extremely variable temperatures ranging from the deep freeze you expect at this point in the season to unseasonable warm stretches. These drastic weather changes can have a significant impact on the winter road, so we encourage you to continue to check official sources, including our Facebook group, to stay informed.

Finally, we want to wish all Members a safe and happy spring as we transition to warmer temperatures and longer days. We look forward to connecting with you at one of the upcoming events - stay warm as we experience what will hopefully be the last few weeks of winter and we welcome a new season!

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




CELEBRATING YOU!
DRUM DANCE, COMMUNITY GATHERING & DINNER

March 3 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Dinner at 6:30 PM
Frank Spragins High School

Join us for an evening of drum dance, song, and community connection with the Grammy - and Juno - nominated Young Spirit Drummers



Featuring messages of sobriety, healing, and wellness

All are welcome | Drug-and alcohol-free event





Save The Date

Celebrating You! Drum Dance, Community Gathering, and Dinner



TREATY DAYS
Save the date

JUNE 18 & 19, 2026

Fort Chipewyan, AB
Mamawi Community Hall
Baseball Diamond

*Our Time to Gather.
Celebrating Our People.*



Save The Date

2026 Treaty Days



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Join Us!

ACFN DLRM

Career Fair

February 24th, 2026 | 11am - 7pm

Welcome to all Community Members

9 am	Doors open to exhibitors
10:30 am	Doors are open to public
11:00 am	Opening remarks and prayer
11:15 am	Words from Chief and Council
11:30 am-12 pm	Presentation from Athabasca Tribal Council
12 pm	Lunch
1-2 pm	ACFN Changemakers Panel
2:30-2:45 pm	Careers
3:00 pm	Door prizes
4:30-5:30 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm	Door prizes
6:00 pm	Closing remarks

For more information, please contact kristina.deranger@acfn.com

Lunch and dinner provided by the
Therese Tuccaro Secondary School



Career Fair

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR EXHIBITORS



Looking forward to seeing you there on February 24th, 2026
11:00am-7:00pm, Mamawi Community Hall

ACFN Changemakers Panel



Vanessa Lynn Clarke

Vanessa Clarke is an experienced administrative professional with over 20 years supporting public sector and Indigenous-serving organizations. She currently serves as the Employment Placement Coordinator with Chard Métis Nation, helping connect individuals to meaningful employment opportunities and strengthen community workforce development.

Known for her collaborative spirit and relationship-building skills, Vanessa brings experience in coordination, communications, and community engagement across education, health, and governance initiatives. Her passion for lifelong learning—inspired by her grandmother—continues to guide her personal and professional growth, reflecting her belief that learning is a lifelong journey that empowers both individuals and communities.



Rose Adams

Fort Chipewyan is my home community where I was raised and have lived for most of my life. I am a proud member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. My current career journey is with Imperial Oil Limited at the Kearl Lake Project. In addition to my role at Kearl Lake, I volunteer on site with the Women's Interest Network and the Indigenous Network.

I am a Certified Power Engineer who attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), in Calgary. I began my work in the Oil Sands over 17 years ago. I initially started my career in 2008 as a Process Operator for Syncrude Canada and held that role for 4.5 years. I am now going into my 13th year with Imperial Oil.

A career as a female Power Engineer in the Oil Sands is absolutely viable. I would say my time in the Oil Sands has been rewarding, challenging and profitable.



Janelle Flett

I am a 27-year-old Dene and Gwich'in woman working for the Dene lands and Resource Management office for ACFN. I have a degree in Environmental Science from Mount Royal University and have worked in cities and remote communities in western and northern Canada to amplify Indigenous voices, protect land, and create energy resiliency. I love to play sports and take very opportunity that is presented to me. I currently sit on three different national youth advisory councils, bringing my Indigenous lived experience, knowledge and perspectives into actionable changes.



The **ACFN DLRM Career Fair** is a do-not-miss event featuring an exciting **Changemakers Panel**, exhibitors and more!

February 24, 2026
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Mamawi Hall
Fort Chipewyan



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Community News

Nunee Health offers 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

Stay Connected – Download our app!



ACFN INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE APP

We are excited to announce the launch of a new mobile app for ACFN Members!

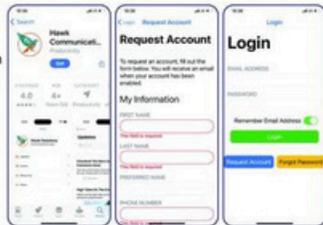
ACFN has worked with Hawk Solutions, which was created by Nautsa mawt Tribal Council, a non-profit society supporting ten Coast Salish Nations, and a technology provider specializing in secure, customized solutions, to customize and app for ACFN Members. This app has been designed by First Nations for 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!



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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Please stay in touch!

If you have moved, please update your address by emailing info@acfn.com or calling the ACFN Band Office at 780-697-3730 during business hours!

We Want to Celebrate YOU!

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!

FUN FACT

According to Canadian groundhogs, the prediction is for an early spring!



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