

May

YUNADHÉ HA HÓ?A HOŁÉ



Trailblazing

eghézé zá (egg month) – May 2026



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!



Message from Chief and Council

As we enjoy the warmer temperatures and move ever closer to summer, we are reminded every day of the importance of family, friends, and our Nation. Usually in these letters, which we have been sharing with you on a monthly basis since 2020, we focus on the positive – the successes of our Members and our Nation. This month we find ourselves celebrating all of you and your achievements once again, but also considering what is likely the greatest threat we have seen to our Treaty Rights and our Nation in recent times – the separatist movement in Alberta.

Over the past several months, we have been working closely with our administration and legal team to fight the separatist rhetoric that has infected Alberta. In 2020, we spoke to you often of COVID-19, but now we face a different challenge, and one that is no less threatening to our future. The decisions being made by the current Alberta government do not reflect the respect First Nations deserve and are entitled to and ignore the fact that First Nations MUST be consulted when separation is discussed. We have been repeatedly denied a seat at that table, and we have been active in every possible way – in the courts, in the media, on social media, and at rallies – to demand the respect to which we are entitled. We have seen some success, especially in the courts, and we have been proud of those achievements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Quarterly Elders Meeting**
June 3, 2026
- * **Family Fun Day (Fort McMurray)**
June 13, 2026
- * **2026 Treaty Days**
June 18 & 19, 2026

Mark
YOUR
Calendar



Chief and Council Message - Continued!

Our Nation is built on the foundation of our culture, our language, our history, our traditional lands, and our rights. Any threat to strip away any of the pillars of that foundation is one we must take seriously, and we intend to continue doing so. This fight is not finished, and our Council is proud to be leading and uniting First Nations as it continues.

We want to thank Members for your support and encouragement. During this process we have seen clear examples of racism directed at First Nations Peoples, and on occasion it can be disheartening. We are always lifted up by the support of our Members and your faith and trust in us.

In June, as we come together for 2026 Treaty Days, we hope you will join us not only to celebrate but to remember who we are as a Nation – proud, strong, and committed to building a better future for our Members. We look forward to seeing you at Treaty Days, reconnecting, reminiscing and looking forward to that future that we are working together to create!

Our team has a full slate of other activities planned for the summer, and we encourage you to make sure you check them out either on our Facebook group, our app, or our website calendar.

We hope you will take advantage of every opportunity we have to gather to celebrate and connect, as we should never take these for granted; we are the K'ai Tailé Denesųliné, and together we can do anything - for our Elders, for our Youth, for each other, and for our Nation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to lead the Nation through this challenging time in our history. We are humbled to serve you, to fight for our future, and to honour our ancestors. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

CHIEF ALLAN ADAM
COUNCILLOR FLOSSIE CYPREAN
COUNCILLOR HAZEL MERCREDI
COUNCILLOR MIKE MERCREDI
COUNCILLOR TERI VILLEBRUN



Save The Date

2026 Decolonizing Land and Water Summit



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2026 Treaty Days



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Fort Chipewyan

MARK AMY RECOVERY SERVICES WE ARE COMING TO FORT CHIPEWYAN!

June 9-11, 2026, 10AM-4PM

At the Archie Simpson Arena
Upstairs Boardroom

Join us in connection and learning for our 2-day mini workshop series:

Recovery Fit Check

We are hosting an addictions treatment refresher session with topics including recovery planning, relapse prevention, boundaries, conflict resolution, family dynamics, thought systems, and managing emotions, followed by a day of 1-1 connecting and support.

Open to all community members of Fort Chipewyan

Catered lunch provided

This workshop is being facilitated by our team of Addictions Counsellors:



Amy James, AAC



Cheyenne Alcock, AAC



Danya Manuel, AAC

Family Fun Day

Join Us For
ACFN Family
Fun Day

On Saturday
June 13th

SNACKS
INDOOR
PLAYGROUND
TRAMPOLINE PARK
ROCK CLIMBING
FLOOR IS LAVA

Please join us at

Awesome Khaos
235 Macalpine Crescent Fort McMurray

From 10am-12:30pm

Please email jade.davies@acfn.com
before June 10 with your families
names and treaty numbers to register
your family to attend

STRONGER TOGETHER

2026 Kai Taile Denesoline Trust Proposal

2026 KAI TAILÉ DENESOŁINE TRUST PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Applications will be accepted until **May 29, 2026 at Midnight (12:00)**

Application forms are available at www.acfn.com
under the "Members Only" section.

JURASSIC QUEST

SOMETHING BIG IS COMING!

ACFN MEMBERS!
We are giving away tickets to attend Jurassic Quest at the Edmonton Expo Centre On Saturday June 27th

ENTER TO WIN BEFORE JUNE 1

#1 NORTH AMERICA'S DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE!
JURASSICQUEST.COM

Email jade.davies@acfn.com with your name and how many tickets you would require to enter for your chance to win!



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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

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.



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!

Denesuline Corner

Learn the ACFN Mission in Dene!

t'a dáíltsi ha sí [MISSION]

denénj bech'ánjé ú ʔasí t'a k'adóreljə nǝ sí bek'édásídlǝ hóʔə. t'ahú tsəba nálye nǝ sí eyerots'j nuyatié ú nuhehéné ú t'ət'ú náidé sí eyi bóghedi hóʔə. t'ət'ú eyi bóghedi walí yanadhé hoxa, t'ət'ú nuheba súghá ha sí eyi bekádáníta hok'ét'á. dene ts'éráidi ú yoh ú la ú honelten ú nuhenéné k'e ʔasíe dáíltsi ú dene beba súghá ha sí horelyú eyi ʔasíe xa dádóríldzá, kút'ú k'aitélé hots'j denesúliné hoʔázi nárátser ha, tth'i nuheskéné beskéné bets'ádíe k'éralní ha ú yets'én nárátser ha.

We honour our ancestors' traditional ways of being and knowing, and innovate new ways to protect and preserve our Language, our Land, and our Treaty Rights. We invest in people, programs and infrastructure to empower our Members, strengthen and sustain our Nation, and to benefit our future generations



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