

June



# YUNADHÉ HA HÓ?A HOŁÉ

## Trailblazing

eghézé yéhólj zá (egg hatching month) – June 2026

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dene Zoom Classes Begin  
June 30

Uranium Engagement  
July 7

ACFN Land Code  
Virtual Engagement - July 14

Bingo, Dinner and Open House  
(Climate Change) - July 15

Fort Chipewyan Climate Risks  
Assessment - July 16

Dene National Convention  
August 10 - 14

2026 K'ai Taile Dene Days  
August 19 & 20

Acden Show and Shine  
August 23

DLRM Quarterly Elders Info  
Session - September 2

Decolonizing Land and Water  
Summit - September 16 & 17



### Message from Chief and Council

As summer continues, it has been wonderful to see so many Members coming together to celebrate our Nation, our culture, and our shared future. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for this year's Treaty Days. Your participation helped make the celebration a meaningful opportunity to honour our Treaty relationship, connect with family and friends, and celebrate our community together.

We also have several exciting opportunities ahead. In August, we look forward to welcoming everyone to K'ai Taile Dene Days, where we will once again celebrate our rich Dene culture, traditions, and the connections that bring our Nation together.

In September, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation will host the Decolonizing Land and Water Summit. This important gathering will bring together Indigenous Nations, partners, and knowledge holders to discuss stewardship of our lands and waters and explore collaborative approaches to protecting the environment for future generations. There will be a number of opportunities for Members to participate, and we encourage everyone who is interested to watch for more details.

Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar



## Chief and Council Message - Continued!

This summer also brings continued engagement on ACFN's Land Code. Both in-person and virtual sessions will be offered, providing Members with opportunities to learn more, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Please watch the ACFN Members Facebook Group and the ACFN app for upcoming dates and information.

We are also pleased to welcome back our Dene language Zoom classes with Alice Rigney and Cecelia Adam. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, giving Members another opportunity to strengthen their language skills and help preserve our Dene language for future generations.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all ACFN Members who have recently graduated. Whether you completed kindergarten, junior high, high school, college, university, an apprenticeship, or another educational or training program, your hard work, perseverance, and commitment are achievements worth celebrating. Education is an investment in both your future and the future of our Nation, and we are incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished. Congratulations, and we wish you every success as you take the next step in your journey.

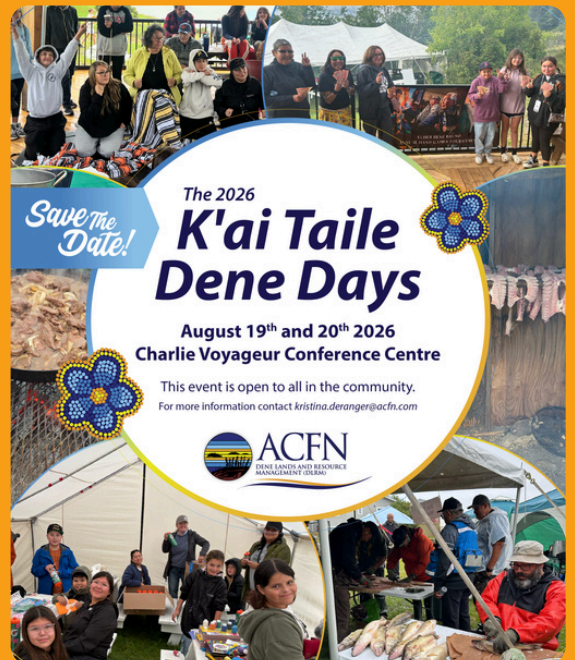
Finally, we remind all Members that wildfire conditions remain high to extreme across the Fort Chipewyan and Fort McMurray forest areas. Please stay informed, follow all fire restrictions and advisories, and take extra precautions while spending time on the land. By working together and remaining vigilant, we can help keep our families, communities, and traditional territories safe.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the events and engagement opportunities in the weeks ahead.

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



## 2026 Decolonizing Land and Water Summit



## 2026 K'ai Taile Dene Days



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## ACFN Members



Come, review, and confirm what we heard from you for ACFN's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan!

How can we best restore balance to our land, and adapt to the changing rhythms on the land from climate change?

All ACFN members are invited.

DLRM warmly invites you and your family to our:

### Bingo, Dinner & Open House

Wednesday July 15th  
5:00 - 8:00 PM  
Charlie Voyageur  
Conference Centre

Dinner - 5:00 pm  
What We Heard & Bingo  
activities - 5:30 PM

For free rides & more information contact:  
Doren Otung, Climate Change & Sustainability Coordinator  
780.370.3052 | doren.otung@acfn.com



## Engagement



### URANIUM ENGAGEMENT

JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
AT 5 PM - 8 PM

FORT CHIP CHARLIE VOYAGEUR  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Dinner & Door Prizes
- ✓ Get updates, voice concerns & questions
- ✓ Hear from ACFN Environmental Allies
- ✓ Hear from ACFN Community Focus Group
- ✓ New Mines: NexGen & Paladin
- ✓ Presenters: CNSC, Saskatchewan, Research Council, etc.

more information

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janelle.flett@acfn.com  
780-598-1864



## DENE NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 10-14, 2026  
Fort Simpson, NWT

We are looking for ACFN youth and elders who want to attend the Dene National Convention.

To submit your name for consideration, please include a brief statement on why you would like to attend. Must be willing and able to speak about the effects of low water levels on the land and culture.

Please email Jay by July 8, 2026 to submit your interest to attend the convention:  
jay.telegdi@acfn.com  
780-881-7062

## Join in and learn our language!

ACFN is Excited for the return of the Zoom Dene Classes

Every Tuesday & Friday with Alice Rigney from 6-7 pm  
Every Wednesday & Sunday with Cecelia Adam from 6-7 pm  
Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | On Zoom

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

## Upcoming Land Code Community Engagements

Want to know more about ACFN's Land Code? Come see us at the following events!

**June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:** Land Code table @ Treaty Days!

**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Join our Land Code Virtual Info Session at 6:00 PM

**August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>:** Land Code table @ Dene Days!

**VIRTUAL SESSION**

If you have any questions please contact Dara Mahowich at dara.mahowich@acfn.com



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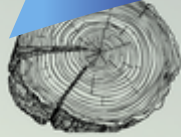
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# Decolonizing Land and Water Summit September 16 & 17



## VENDOR CALLOUT!

### DECOLONIZING LAND AND WATER SUMMIT

September 16, 2026  
Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake

### SEEKING HANDMADE GOODS BY INDIGENOUS ARTISTS!

Questions? Email  
Dara.mahowich@acfn.com  
Deadline to apply: July 30th



INTERESTED? CLICK  
THE LINK TO APPLY  
<https://forms.gle/CMZ51246275988252>



## Artist Callout

ACFN DLRM is designing merch for the upcoming Decolonizing Land and Water Summit and we want to feature YOUR artwork!

**The winner receives a \$300 Visa giftcard!**

### Guidelines:

- Must be an ACFN member
- We are accepting **FLORAL** designs only
- Artwork can be beaded/painted/traditionally drawn/digitally drawn
- Please submit a **HIGH-QUALITY** photo of physical art or a PDF of digital art
- **ART CANNOT BE MADE WITH AI**
- The winning art will only be used by ACFN DLRM once
- All submissions will go through an anonymous juried process
- **Deadline: July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Submit all photos/PDF's to [dara.mahowich@acfn.com](mailto:dara.mahowich@acfn.com)



## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

- FOR FREE TRAVEL AND  
ACCOMMODATION TO THE -

## Decolonizing Land and Water Summit!

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2026  
METIS CROSSING  
SMOKY LAKE, AB  
LIMITED SPONSORED SEATS AVAILABLE  
MEMBERS WILL BE CHOSEN VIA BLIND SELECTION  
OPEN TO FORT CHIPEWYAN AND FORT  
MCMURRAY RESIDENTS ONLY

EMAIL  
[SUMMIT@ACFN.COM](mailto:SUMMIT@ACFN.COM)  
OR USE THE QR CODE  
TO APPLY!



## Members are Free!

ALL Members can register for a free  
ticket for the 2026 Decolonizing Land  
and Water Summit!

Urban Members in the Edmonton area  
can utilize the daily shuttle services to  
and from Smoky Lake!

Email:  
[summit@acfn.com](mailto:summit@acfn.com) or use the QR code below  
to get your ticket today!



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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](http://www.facebook.com/NuneeHealth) for more info**

**Athabasca Tribal Council hosts a wide variety of programs and events - visit: [www.facebook.com/AthabascaTribalCouncil.ATC](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@acfn.com) or calling the ACFN Band Office at 780-697-3730 during business hours!

## Denesuline Corner

### Learn the ACFN Values in Dene!

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t'ąt'ú dene yązj edųnj ąasíe dáłtsi ha ú t'ąt'ú hoąązj hųzų eghálada walí beba súghá ha yekádáneta déąą, eyi ha dene ts'éráidi ha.

We encourage innovation and boldness to pathfind solutions and to disrupt/ challenge the status quo.



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