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We would like to congratulate all the Fort McKay First Nation and Fort McKay Métis honourees that were announced during the reveal of 35 Indigenous Sport Gallery Honourees by The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Games Host Society on November 3rd, 2022.

The Honouree Dinner took place at the Fort McMurray Golf Course with the goal to recognize, celebrate, and honour some of our Indigenous athletes' contributions to sport in the Wood Buffalo region. The evening was intentionally hosted 87 days out from the 2023 Arctic Winter

Games, as an initiative to support and pay tribute to the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #87 which calls upon all levels of government, in collaboration with the Aboriginal Peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Indigenous athletes' history.

Earlier this year, the Indigenous Sport Gallery invited people within the region to nominate Indigenous athletes or persons who contributed to the
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REJECTION OF SOVEREIGNTY BILL



FMFN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mel Grandjamb, Chief
Raymond Powder, Councillor
David Bouchier, Councillor
Melinda Stewart, Councillor
Crystal McDonald, Councillor

Chris Johnson, CEO
Alvaro Pinto, CEO Oilsands Development
and Sustainability
Stuart Randell,
Director, Strategic Portfolio Investments

ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

Dorothy McDonald Business Centre
General Delivery
Fort McKay, AB T0P 1C0
Phone: 780-828-2430

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed daily: 12 - 1 p.m.

SUBMISSIONS

If you have any photos, stories or ideas for
the Red River Current, please contact the
Communications Department
email: communications@fortmckay.com

Last month, Chief Mel Grandjamb joined the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 to voice unanimous opposition to Premier Danielle Smith's proposed Alberta Sovereignty Act.

The Chiefs are committed to rejecting the Act, which Premier Smith says will allow Alberta to operate as "a nation within a nation" and ignore federal legislation and court rulings that the provincial legislature believes infringe upon its jurisdiction. Premier Smith has particularly highlighted the impact of federal policy that affects resource development.

Alberta has not consulted with Fort McKay, or any other First Nation, about its intentions or the impact of the proposed Act. Chief Grandjamb is committed to monitoring the progress of the proposed Act, expected to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within two weeks and voted on before the Spring election. He will also be monitoring potential short-term and long-term impacts on Fort McKay First Nation if the Act becomes provincial law. FMFN will be kept informed as this issue continues to unfold.

"The UCP government cannot make changes that affect our sovereign territory," said Chief Grandjamb. "We have not and will not agree to anything that impacts our Treaty Rights. And if industry and government want to do business in our territories, they have to come directly to us. We are the ones with jurisdiction and authority over our lands and resources."

The full text of a press release issued by Treaty No. 6, No. 7, and No. 8 Chiefs, can be read on the Fort McKay website.

FORT MCKAY WELL REPRESENTED IN INDIGENOUS SPORT GALLERY



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development of sport and well-being within their community. Fort McKay was well-represented when the society unveiled eight of our local honourees into three categories - Local Legend, Athlete, and Community Builder.

Fort McKay honourees include:

Local Legend:

Lawrence Bull Powder

Athletes:

Tayden Shott

Alicia Gladue

Jayden Shott

Ben Asadi

Community Builder:

Shay Laurent

Regional Community Builder

David Bouchier and Nicole Bourque-Bouchier

In addition to the dinner, an Indigenous Sport Gallery inspired by the stories of these honourees will be created by the Host Society and is expected to travel throughout the Wood Buffalo region throughout the 2023 Arctic Winter Games and other cultural events. The gallery aims to contribute to and advance the conversation regarding Indigenous excellence in sport within Wood Buffalo and serve as a source of inspiration

for youth to participate, showcase their talent, and strive for opportunities of personal greatness.

In February 2019, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee's former president, Mr. John Flynn announced that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, which subsequently incorporated under the name of Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society, was awarded the opportunity to host the Arctic Winter Games. The games were originally scheduled to take place in March of 2022, however, were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games will take place from January 29 to February 4, 2023, and include athletes from the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska, Greenland, Nunavik (Northern Quebec, northern Alberta, and the Indigenous people (Sami) of Norway, Sweden, and Finland.

The efforts of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee (AWGIC) remain the same as it was in 1970, to include as many participants as possible and to offer a competition for athletes in the North, which strengthens our communities and has an extraordinary impact on our region. The games achieve these results by gathering a multitude of athletes, coaches, cultural participants, volunteers, media, visitors, officials, and community leaders from around the Circumpolar and northern world for a week of athletic competitions, cultural exchanges, and social interaction.

TYRELL SHOTT PLAYING IN THE GREATER METRO JUNIOR A HOCKEY LEAGUE

Local Tyrell Shott has become a force in the Greater Metro Junior A-League (GMHL) and a leader for the Northern Alberta Tomahawks. The team is currently in 2nd place in the GMHL West Division, and Shott is the top scorer with 21 goals and 26 assists which he earned in 16 games for a total of 46 points. Furthermore, Tyrell is currently in 4th place in the league scoring race, including 26 teams (Ontario North, South Division, West Division). He is gaining much-deserved attention as a promising player to keep an eye on as he completes his last year of Junior A.

As a child, Tyrell could be found every night at the rink, working on his stick-handling skills and shooting pucks all by himself. His perseverance, dedication and hard work have paid off, and he is now one of the most talented contemporary hockey players to come out of Fort McKay.



Bob Russell founded the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) in 2006 with a distinctive model, concept, and mission to improve the standard of developing young hockey players within a Junior 'A' league format setting. Initially, the league consisted of teams in the Greater Toronto Area, Central Ontario, Northeastern Ontario, and Quebec. In 2019 the league added three teams from Alberta, including the Northern Alberta Tomahawks, which made the Enoch arena their home.

Many players who graduate from the GMHL play for NCAA colleges, professional leagues, and major junior teams and represent their country in various Ice Hockey World Championships. Tyrell Shott is destined to have opportunities following the end of his Junior A chapter, and we look forward to following him and his journey.

FORT MCKAY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS BEST PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS BUSINESS

Chief Mel Grandjamb participated in the Grand Entry at the Knowing Our Spirits Conference in Edmonton November 24.

Chief Grandjamb was honoured to be accepting an award on behalf of our nation for “best practices of Indigenous business in provincial, national and international standards.”

In accepting the award, Chief Grandjamb gave an overview of Fort McKay First Nation’s business successes and shared that it is a goal to help other First Nations achieve economic freedom through business. Fort McKay First Nation is a proud sponsor of the annual event, which was sold out with 850 registrants attending. It is an important event for Indigenous peoples to share success stories and support each other.



ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Elsie Fabian School Gym

Indoor shoes must be worn ~Enter via back door

No children allowed ~ No food allowed in gym

For more information contact Stefany at: 780-714-7094



INTRODUCING OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



FORT MCKAY
FIRST NATION

KIM HAINES



We would like to welcome Kim Haines who was recently hired as Fort McKay First Nation's Human Resources Director.

Before accepting this position, Kim worked for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for over 20 years and has extensive experience within all HR functions, including on-boarding, recruitment, training, safety, compensation, benefits, and payroll. She is very excited about this position and sees it as a good opportunity to gain further experience in her career with a community she's heard great things about. "I am very excited to work with a team of great people within this beautiful community," she shared.

Kim has a passion for the outdoors, and when she is not working, enjoys going camping, fishing, walking and spending time with her family.

What is that?

Dustfall Monitoring in Fort McKay!

In conjunction with the WBEA, and thanks to funding from the Oil Sands Monitoring Program, FMFN is conducting a dustfall monitoring program within the community. Each month, the Environmental Guardian Program will collect dustfall samples at 9 different sites and have them analyzed. These samples will be weighed to measure the amount of dust, and measured for chemical composition to better understand the likely source(s).



FORT MCKAY
FIRST NATION

Health & Elders Services
2022 Fort McKay Elder's

Christmas



PARTY

Thursday, December 15th
Fort McKay Band Hall
12 pm - 3 pm

Lunch followed by entertainment
by Walter Quinn & Company,
and a visit from Santa!

For transportation contact Tara at 780.742-4927.



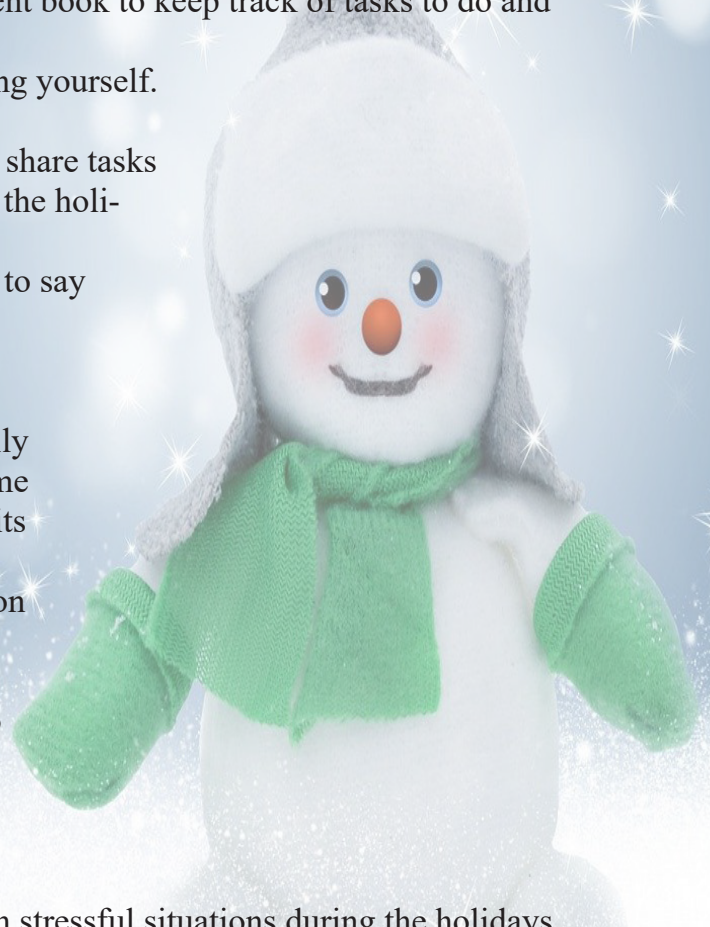
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Tips to stay stress-free during the holiday season

The holidays can be a joyful time, offering a chance to reconnect with friends and family. But they can also be stressful. You may not be able to avoid stressful situations during the holidays. But you can plan to respond to them in a healthy way.

Here are some ideas:

- Know your spending limit. Lack of money is one of the biggest causes of stress during the holiday season. This year, set a budget. It's OK to tell your child that a certain toy costs too much.
- Give something personal. You can show love and caring with any gift that is meaningful and personal. It doesn't have to cost a lot. Or use words instead of an expensive gift to let people know how important they are to you. Make a phone call or write a note and share your feelings.
- Get organized. Make lists or use an appointment book to keep track of tasks to do and events to attend.
- Share the tasks. You don't have to do everything yourself. Share your "to do" list with others.
- Spend time with friends and family while you share tasks like decorating, wrapping gifts, and preparing the holiday meal.
- Learn to say no. This will give you more time to say "yes" to events that you do want to attend.
- Be realistic. Focus on the traditions that make holidays special for you and your family. And remember that just because it's a holiday, family problems don't go away. If you have a hard time being around your relatives, it's OK to set limits on your time at events and visits.
- Take breaks from group activities. Pay attention to your own needs and feelings.
- Spend a little time by yourself if you can. Meditate, or do some relaxation breathing. Go for a short walk.
- Keep a regular sleep, meal, and exercise schedule.
- Limit your alcohol.
- Taking care of yourself will help you deal with stressful situations during the holidays.
- Get support if you need it. Holidays can sometimes trigger depression. They can be especially hard if you are already dealing with the death of a loved one or the breakup of a relationship.
- You may feel embarrassed to ask for help, or you may think that you'll get over "the blues" on your own. But most people need treatment to get better. Talk with your doctor about counselling and medicine for depression.



CHRIS WILSON HONoured AT THE NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Chief Mel Grandjamb and the Fort McKay First Nation are proud to congratulate Chris Wilson on the recognition he received at the awards ceremony in honour of National Philanthropy Day. The ceremony, which took place in Edmonton on the 15th of November saw nominees in the fields of the Arts and Culture, Education, Community Enrichment, The Environment, Social Services, Youth, and Health.

Chris was nominated by Fort McMurray's Northern Lights Health Foundation in the health category, which recognizes people and groups who give their time, talent, and resources to better the health and well-being of their community. Chris and Birch Mountain Enterprises have raised over \$500 000 in the last five years towards the foundation's work, and this generosity has made a meaningful difference to the hospital and the services it is able to provide.

"Saving patients from pain and helping with healing are so important to the quality of life we all want for ourselves and our families," said Chris. He speaks from experience. As a youth, Chris suffered a gunshot wound to the chest while on a hunting trip. He believes that it was the care and treatment he received at the Northern Lights Health Foundation that saved his life.

As a result, as soon as Chris was in a position to do something for his community, it was a small wonder he focused on the Health Foundation. "I'm a proud donor and will continue to keep healthcare close to home with my donations."



Chris sees what he does as an investment in the health of his family, friends, employees, and community and he feels the need to set an example for others. "We must continue to use our funds and donations to invest in advancing local healthcare services and help each other."

Chris is a proud band member of the Fort McKay First Nation, and the Nation is proud of Chris and all he does for the community.





WELLNESS CENTER RECEIVED SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL

The Fort McKay Wellness Center recently received funding from the Alberta Blue Cross-Covid Community Roots grant program that allowed them to purchase various Adapted Physical Activity sports equipment, which helped the center improve the inclusivity of physical activity and sports programs for all community members experiencing disability. With this grant, the center was able to purchase specialized equipment and adapt its current programs to better support individuals with disabilities.

Throughout October 2022, the Wellness Center hosted four sessions where kids played various adapted physical activities and games that incorporated specialized equipment. “These sessions allowed us to become familiar with the equipment, and gave participants an idea of what it would be like to participate in a sport or physical activity program with a disability,” shared Julia Soucie, Director of the Fort McKay Wellness Center.

The first session consisted of soccer skills development activities that incorporated Slow Motion and Sensory soccer balls. With 10 ounces of sand inside, the Slow Motion soccer balls allow participants to “feel the ball” with their feet and also keep the ball from getting too far away from

the user making this an ideal ball for participants on the autism spectrum. The sensory soccer balls also provide the same utility as the slow-motion ball, however, are made of 10 ounces of ball bearings inside and have an added sound which makes them ideal for participants with vision impairment.

While performing soccer skill drills, the participants moved in and out of colored cones that are more flexible and a safer alternative than regular cones. Flex cones collapse easily if stepped on or fallen on, and the open sides make them more stable for outdoor use, especially on windy days.

During the second session, participants spent the evening playing games with several sensory balls. The activity covered a wide range of sensory integration needs, including tactile input, visual processing, and motor skills. The 9-piece mega set of balls used during the activity included a rattle ball, jingle bell ball, light-up puffer balls, and flashing neutron balls. The flashing neutron balls are excellent for reaction time skill development, and the jingle ball can be helpful for participants with visual impairments when playing a variety of sports.

“In this session, we also took some time playing with an adjustable multi-ring basketball stand. This



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stand features multiple height-adjustable hoops, making it ideal for small group activities with younger children, participants who use wheelchairs, or those with limited mobility,” shared Soucie.

Throughout the third session, kids were introduced to the Flaghouse Overcomer; a unique device that allows participants with limited motor abilities and visual impairments to swing, throw and strike any number of lightweight sport or gaming attachments. With this gear, individuals can attach sports equipment to the device and play baseball, hockey, tennis, golf, and a variety of other sports. “The Flaghouse Overcomer helps promote independence, increase user success, build positive self-esteem, and support overall well-being among users!”

Two of the boys (Kane and Decimus) who were in this session were enamored by the device. They spent the entire night using it and even learning how to make all the height and angle adjustments and attach different sports equipment. Kane was rolling a hockey ball to Decimus to shoot into the net and said, “this is cool; it’s awesome that people who can’t move very well can still play with us.”

In the fourth session, community members and parents were invited to watch demonstrations of the

equipment, where kids demonstrated some of the attachments to the Flaghouse Overcomer and then everyone played a human foosball game. Players were instructed to only move side to side in between the flex cones and participants were blindfolded to gain a sense of what it would be like to be visually impaired. “The kids would roll the ball and try to get it past the players on the opposing team and into the goal. The players had to rely on their hearing only as the ball would ring while rolling toward them,” explained Soucie.

All of the equipment that was provided by the Alberta Blue Cross-Covid Community Roots grant program has significantly improved the overall delivery of the Wellness Center’s programs. “Not only can we provide adapted physical activity programming to those who require it, but we are also now equipped to serve individuals experiencing a disability in their regular programming.”

The Wellness Center looks forward to providing all children the opportunity to do something that, before this equipment, they could only watch other children do. That moment of independence can be a life-changing experience for some children, and will this equipment, the Wellness Center is now able to help them accomplish that.



The Thecla Powder (Tremblay) Christmas Lights Contest 2022.

- Registration November 21 st - December 2nd
- Judging takes place on December 16th

Categories

On-reserve (in-person judging) | Off-reserve (virtual judging*)

- *To register and photo submission email culture@fortmckay.com
• before 4 pm on Friday, December 16th..

Prizes in Each Category •

- Best Overall 1st place: \$750 | Best Theme 2nd place: \$500
- Best Traditional 3rd place: \$400 | Runner Up 4th place: \$300
- Christmas Judges choice 5th place \$200 & 6th place \$100 .
- Submissions may be published in Fort McKay First Nation's print and online communications.



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NOTICE OF VOTE

~To all Fort McKay First Nation members~

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the *Fort McKay First Nation Member Ratification Process* on **December 13, 2022**, to determine if Eligible Voters approve the *Fort McKay First Nation Land Code* and the Individual Agreement. The Land Code and Individual Agreement shall be approved if a minimum of 25% of Eligible Voters cast a ballot in the Ratification Vote and a majority of the participating Eligible Voters vote to approve them.

The following question will be asked of the Eligible Voters of Fort McKay First Nation by secret ballot:

"DO YOU APPROVE THE FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION LAND CODE DATED FOR REFERENCE OCTOBER 7, 2022, AND THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2022?"

OFFICIAL VOTING DAY: DECEMBER 13, 2022 - 9:00AM TO 8:00PM

**FORT MCKAY DOROTHY MCDONALD BUSINESS CENTER - BAND HALL
94405 FORT MCKAY ROAD, FORT MCKAY, AB**

**FORT MCMURRAY – MACDONALD ISLAND PARK – MISKANAW SOUTH BALLROOM
1 CA KNIGHT WAY, FORT MCMURRAY, AB**

**EDMONTON – CHATEAU NOVA – BLATCHFORD ROOM
159 AIRPORT ROAD, EDMONTON, AB**

**ADVANCE VOTE DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2022 – 9:00AM TO 8:00 PM
FORT MCKAY POLL LOCATION ONLY
FORT MCKAY DOROTHY MCDONALD BUSINESS CENTER - BAND HALL**

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: All Members of Fort McKay First Nation 18 years of age or older as of the Official Voting Day of the Ratification Vote (December 13, 2022) are eligible to vote.

VOTE BY ELECTRONIC BALLOT FROM 12:00 PM ON OCTOBER 28, 2022, TO 8:00 PM ON DECEMBER 13, 2022

To register to vote electronically, please visit:

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/fortmckay>

Electronic Voting will be available during regular polls on voting days (Advance Polls and Official Voting Day)

Please note: All Eligible Voters shall receive voter information packages, with instructions on how to vote electronically and how to request a mail-in ballot. If you have not received a voter information package, please contact the Ratification Officer. Eligible Voters who wish to vote in person may attend any of the poll locations on the Official Voting Day or the Advance Voting Day poll in Fort McKay only.

For electronic and paper copies of the Background Documents, Ratification Documents, and the Ratification Process, or if you have questions about the Land Code and Individual Agreement, please contact

Carie Santo via email: csanto@fortmckay.com or by phone 587-644-4887.

Copies may also be obtained from the website: <https://www.fortmckay.com/governance/land-code/>

Dated at Merritt, British Columbia, this 22nd day of October, 2022.


Drew Shaw, Ratification Officer

For information, or to request a Mail-in Ballot Package, please contact:

OneFeather Support

Email: support@onefeather.ca

Office: (250) 384-8200

Toll Free: 1-(855)-923-3006

209 – 852 Fort Street, Victoria BC V8W 1H2





STAYING BUSY WITH THE YOUTH CENTRE

The Fort McKay Youth Centre hosted a very scary Haunted house, where brave community members were invited to participate in a fun and scary night. We had rooms with chains, spiderwebs, clowns, mirrors and even had an appearance from Santa!



The youth wanted to celebrate one of our Youth Centre staff birthdays. Here is our youth with Walter Orr on his 28th birthday.


GET YOUR FRIDAY NIGHT VIBE ON WITH **FORT MCKAY 106.3 FM!**

It all starts at 6 p.m. with the DJ Marky Mark. Marky has new music by Midnight Sparrows, My Morning Jacket, Jonah Yano, Mellisa Carper, Arctic Monkeys, Shred Kelly and plenty more. How does he squeeze it all into one hour !!

Then coming in HOT at 7 p.m. is The Bizzy Blanqz Show! The Bizzy Blanqz show is a variety of music with throwbacks, country, rock and roll and rap!

At 8 p.m. is Fort McKay FM's very own, Bubbinz Baybee With The Bopz ! Take a music journey with Bubbinz through today's new music with an eclectic sound. From HipHop, Pop to dance, rock & EDM!

At 9 p.m., Friday Nightz With Felo takes us well into the night with a mix of new music, rap and dance The work week is done, and it's the weekend !!!! Celebrate your Friday nights with Fort McKay FM, 106.3 on your radio dial, and all around the world at fortmckayfm.com !

BROADCAST SCHEDULE										
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
6:00 AM	SUNDAY AM GOSPEL	FORT MCKAY MUSIC MIX						FORT MCKAY MUSIC MIX		
6:30 AM		FORT MCKAY GOLDEN HOUR							CONVERSATIONAL CRE [CFWE]	
7:00 AM										
7:30 AM										
8:00 AM		AMERICAN COUNTRY COUNTDOWN WITH KIX BROOKS	FORT MCKAY MORNINGS						INDIGENOUS MUSIC COUNTDOWN	
8:30 AM										
9:00 AM										
9:30 AM	FORT MCKAY MIDDAYS						TODAYS TOP HITS			
10:00 AM										
10:30 AM										
11:00 AM	FORT MCKAY WEEKEND MIDDAYS		COMMUNITY BINGO						TODAYS TOP HITS	
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7:00 PM	CORT'S COUNTRY CLASSICS	BINGO [CFWE]	INDIGENOUS MUSIC COUNTDOWN	CORT'S COUNTRY CLASSICS	BINGO [CFWE]	DJ MARKY MARK JAM	BINGO [CFWE]			
7:30 PM						BIZZY BLANQZ SHOW				
8:00 PM	FM THROWBACK MIX					BUBBINZBAYBEE WITH THE BOPZ				
8:30 PM						BUBBINZBAYBEE WITH THE BOPZ				
9:00 PM	TRIBAL TRAILS	MADE IN MCKAY & ABORIGINAL MUSIC SPOTLIGHT					FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH FELO	FM THROWBACK MIX		
9:30 PM	WITHOUT RESERVATION									
10:00 PM	FORT MAC'S FINEST						FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH FELO	BIZZY BLANQZ SHOW		
10:30 PM										
11:00 PM	CANADA'S COUNTRY									
11:30 PM										
12:00 AM	FORT MCKAY MUSIC MIX									
6:00 AM										

FORT MCKAY RADIO FM BROADCAST SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2022

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LEARN MORE ABOUT FORT MCKAY FIRST

What does taking back control over our land and resources mean?

In 1876, the government of Canada made a law called the Indian Act that told Indigenous people how to live and gave the government control over our land. The government did not consult with Indigenous people when they made the Indian Act and **150 years later the law still gives Canada control over our land and resources.**

It is time to take back the control that was taken from us. Why? Because we have the inherent right to use, protect and govern our land and resources as a strong, resilient, and self-reliant First Nation community. We never gave that up.

What does not change once the Land Code is in place?

The Land Code does not change the way Housing is allocated or managed in Fort McKay.

- Housing in Fort McKay is managed through the Housing Department policies and under the Community Housing by-law. Rental contracts are made under the Community Housing by-law.
- The Community Housing by-law and the Housing policy are not cancelled or replaced by the Land Code.

The Land Code does not change how a member's personal property or housing is managed when they pass away.

- Members can leave their personal property to their family or anyone else in a Will.
- When a member living in band-owned housing passes away the family can work with the Housing department to determine who will remain in the home.
- Cabins on reserve are the personal property of the member and can be transferred to another family member when someone passes away.

The Land Code does not change McKay First Nation's Treaty rights or your Treaty rights as an individual.

- The Indian Act was NOT part of the Treaty. Opting out of the land management parts of the Indian Act will not change our inherent, Indigenous or Treaty rights.

Be a part of Fort McKay First Nation history. Participate in the Land Code Ratification Vote.

If you vote YES for the Land Code, Canada will no longer have control over our land. If you vote NO, Canada will continue manage our land under the Indian Act. **Vote in person on December 13, 2022 – 9:00 AM-8:00PM Or vote online NOW until December 13th @ 8:00PM** <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/fortmckay>



FIRST NATION'S LAND CODE INITIATIVE

INDIAN ACT VS. LAND CODE

What will change under the land code?

INDIAN ACT how it is now...	LAND CODE how it will be...
The Minister of INAC decides how we develop our land and resources.	Fort McKay First Nation makes decisions on land use and development.
The Minister of INAC does not consult with Fort McKay Members when decisions are made.	Fort McKay Members must be involved in major decisions being made about land use and resource planning.
Chief and Council report on land use and development to the Minister of INAC .	Chief and Council report on land use and development to Fort McKay Members .
The Minister of INAC will approve a surrender of reserve land for sale if 50% of members vote in favour of the surrender.	Land CANNOT be surrendered once the land code is in place. Fort McKay can agree to a land exchange only if it is voted on and approved by Members .
The Minister of INAC must approve Fort McKay's bylaws.	Fort McKay First Nation can make its own land laws. No approval from INAC is required.
There is no requirement for Fort McKay members to be consulted or provide input into bylaws.	Fort McKay members are involved in the law-making process through committees and mandatory information sharing
There are no laws that protect cultural and historical resources on reserves.	Fort McKay can make its own laws or rules about preservation and protection of cultural and heritage sites and artifacts.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE LAND CODE?

Visit the Fort McKay First Nation Land Code website:
www.fortmckay.com/governance/land-code/

Call or text the Lands and Leasing team:
Benita Koochicum - 587-645-4351;
Tara Telnes - 780-881-6192; and
Carie Santo - 587-644-4887

Be sure to cast your ballot on the Land Code by 8:00PM on December 13, 2022!

LAND CODE REFERENDUM QUESTION AND BALLOT:

2022 FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION LAND CODE MEMBER RATIFICATION PROCESS

"DO YOU APPROVE THE FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION LAND CODE DATED FOR REFERENCE OCTOBER 7, 2022, AND THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA DATED FOR REFERENCE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022?"

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARK YOUR BALLOT WITH AN 'X' IN THE CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR VOTE - SELECT ONLY ONE (1)

YES

A "YES" vote means that Fort McKay First Nation will manage its own reserve lands under the Fort McKay First Nation Land Code.



NO

A "NO" vote means that the Fort McKay First Nation lands will continue to be managed by Canada under the Indian Act.



2022





Fort McKay Health Team & Public Health Christmas party

Monday, December 12th, 2022

12 pm - 3:30 pm | Youth Centre

For children ages 0 - 6 years.

**We will have Santa pictures, cookie decorating,
Christmas crafts, and light refreshments.**

**Public health will also have a station set up for anyone who
would like to have their little ones measured and weighed.**

**To register call Erin at 780-215-6723
drop-ins are also welcome.**



FORT MCKAY
FIRST NATION





THE HUB
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



Hub on Wheels

The Hub Family Resource Centre offers free play, child development, and parent/caregiver education programs throughout Wood Buffalo!

Hub programs are an opportunity to make connections with other families, engage in fun, developmentally appropriate activities, and get connected with other community resources.

December Programs

December 14th

December 21st

Location

TBD

Time

1:00pm - 2:00pm

What's New

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Wellness Center December Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Craft Night (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	2 PRE-TEEN NIGHT (Ages 8+) Field Trip – Mac Island *Permission Slip Required* Bus Leaves at 5:30 pm Bus Returns at 9:30 pm
5 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Game Night (Charades, Trivia) (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	6 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Outdoor Activities (Sliding, Snowshoeing) (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	7 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Gingerbread House Decorating (Ages 5-8) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	8 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Gingerbread House Decorating (Ages 9+) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	9 Wellness Center CLOSED at 6:00 PM Metis Santa Skate
12 Wellness Center CLOSED at 6:00 PM Family Gingerbread House Decorating At Youth Center 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	13 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas BINGO Night (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	14 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Movie Night (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	15 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Caroling (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	16 NO SCHOOL DAY Open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Field Trip – Fort City Play World (Ages 5+) *Permission Slip Required* Bus Leaves at 12:30 PM Bus Returns at 4:30 PM
19 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Craft Night (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	20 Wellness Center CLOSED at 6:00 PM School Christmas Concert	21 Wellness Center KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	22 Afterschool Program (Ages 5+) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Movie Night (Ages 5+) 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	23 Wellness Center OPEN 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Christmas Activities
26 Wellness Center CLOSED Christmas Holidays	27 Wellness Center CLOSED Christmas Holidays	28 Wellness Center CLOSED Christmas Holidays	29 Wellness Center CLOSED Christmas Holidays	30 Wellness Center CLOSED Christmas Holidays

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Doctor O'Connor will be in Fort McKay on:
December 12,13,14,& 15
January 9,10,11, & 12.

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