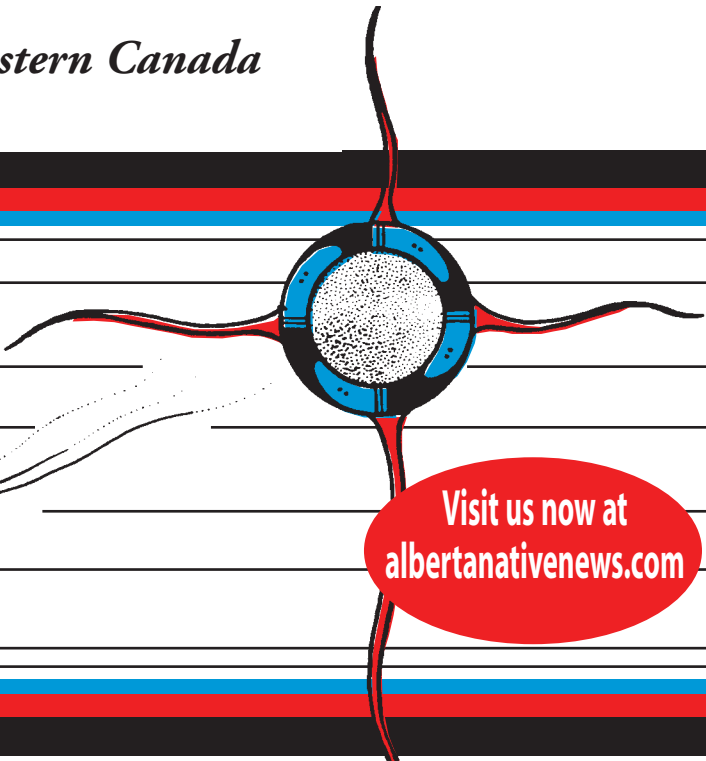




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More NHL Games in Plains Cree over next three seasons on APTN

Following the historic first NHL broadcast in Plains Cree last season in conjunction with Rogers Hometown Hockey’s visit to Enoch Cree Nation, Sportsnet and APTN are expanding their partnership to deliver more games over the next three seasons. In total, a minimum of six games per year will be broadcast on APTN in Plains Cree. The full 2019-20 broadcast schedule appears below.

Sportsnet will continue to deliver the broadcast production, which will feature exclusive Cree-language commentary and analysis from APTN broadcasters for fans across the country. Broadcaster Clarence Iron will have the play-by-play call for APTN, while Juno Award-winning musician Earl Wood will host the studio show alongside influential Cree-language promoter Jason Chamakese, with game analysis from NHL alum John Chabot.

“Last year we partnered with APTN to deliver the first-ever NHL game in Plains Cree and saw first-hand the positive impact it had uniting hockey fans across the country,” said Rob Corte, Vice President, Sportsnet & NHL Productions. “We know that Canada’s Indigenous communities have a great passion for hockey and we are excited to grow our partnership with APTN to deliver more games over the next three years.”

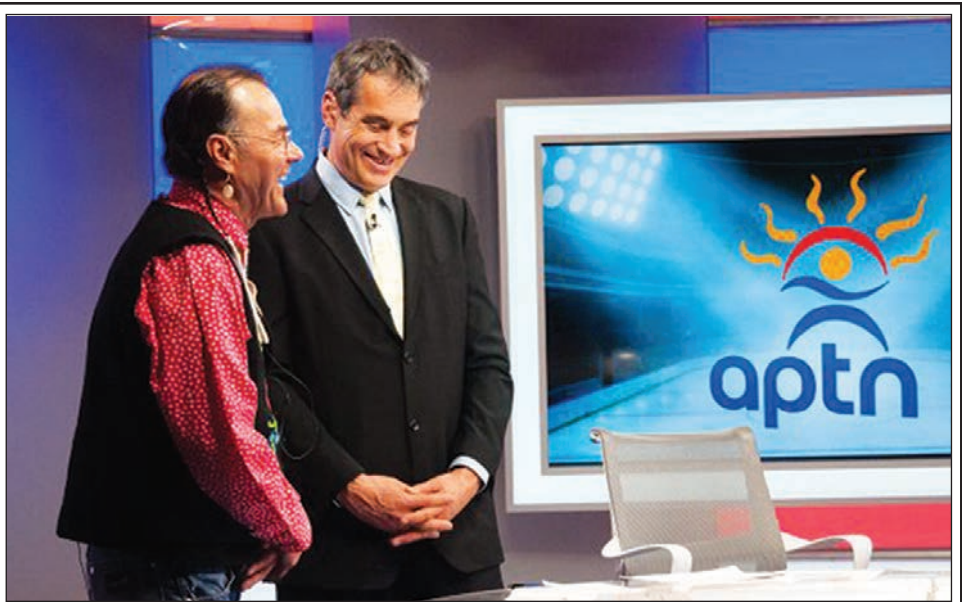
This season’s Cree-language broadcast schedule also features a special Rogers Hometown Hockey stop as the tour visits Peguis First Nation, Man. on Sunday, March 1 where Ron MacLean and Tara Slone will host a live broadcast of the same game on Sportsnet.

“By teaming up with Sportsnet and broadcasting more games in Plains Cree, we can connect with

Canadian hockey fans and share the beauty of Indigenous languages and cultures,” says Jean La Rose, outgoing CEO of APTN. “We are very excited to know we will soon hear more cries of *kociw osihew, pihto-kwahew!* – he shoots, he scores! – across the country.”

In addition to an expanded commitment to delivering Cree-language NHL broad-casts to Canadians, Sportsnet also contributes to the national production of *Hockey Night in Canada: Punjabi Edition* on OMNI Television.

APTN launched in 1999 as the first national Indigenous broadcaster in the world, creating a window into the remarkably diverse mosaic of Indigenous Peoples. A respected non-profit and



APTN and Sportsnet have negotiated a three-year deal to broadcast NHL games in Plains Cree. (Photo APTN)

charitable broadcaster, it’s the only one of its kind in North America. The network is *Sharing Our Stories* of authenticity in English, French and a variety of Indigenous languages to approximately 11 million Canadian subscribers. With over 80% Canadian content, APTN connects with its audiences through genuine, inspiring and engaging entertainment on multiple platforms.

2019-20 Cree-Language NHL Broadcast Schedule from Sportsnet on APTN:

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- Sunday, February 9 – Winnipeg Jets vs. ChicagoBlackhawks (6:30 p.m. ET / 3:30 p.m. PT)
- Sunday, February 23 – Calgary Flames vs. Detroit Red Wings (6:30 p.m. ET / 3:30 p.m. PT)
- Sunday, March 1 – Vancouver Canucks vs. Columbus Blue Jackets (6:30 p.m. Et / 3:30 p.m. PT)
- Sunday, March 15 – Winnipeg Jets vs. Vancouver Canucks (7:30 p.m. ET / 4:30 p.m. PT)
- Sunday, March 29 – Anaheim Ducks vs. Edmonton Oilers (7:30 p.m. ET / 4:30 p.m. PT)

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An inaugural First Nations Educator’s Conference will be held from February 3 – 5, 2020 at the Double Tree Convention Centre in West Edmonton, co-hosted by the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre and Alexander First Nation. The conference is open to individuals in the field of education from communities and organizations within Treaty 6, 7 and 8 territories in Alberta. The theme of the conference is Mental Wellness: Culture, Language, Class Practices and Self-Care.

According to Indigenous Services Canada 2018 nominal enrolment, there are approximately 17,000 First Nation students in Alberta attending one of the 53 band operated schools across the province. Come together with educators, professionals, and advocates, from Treaty 6, 7, and 8 and be a part of a positive impact on education for our children as we explore Strategies for Success.

The goal of the First Nation Education Conference is to bring together educators, professionals, and advocates, from across Alberta's First Nation communities to explore solutions to enhance the classroom experience through innovative practices and technology. Together we can and will create an educational environment that incorporates our culture, languages, traditions and values in the classroom.

Keynote speakers for the event are Dr. James Makokis, Elder Jim O’Chiese, Anthony Johnson and Conway Kootenway.

More information on the presenters and breakout sessions is available at firsteducation.com. Some of the Presentation Titles are: Stress Management, Decolonizing Well-Being within the school system, The How & Why of Self-Regulation in Schools, Trauma and the teaching professional, Trauma and the

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Federal Indian Day School Settlement Claims process is now open

(Ottawa) – The Federal Indian Day Schools settlement takes effect starting January 13, 2020.. This means that thousands of Indigenous people who suffered harm because they attended federally-run Indian Day Schools can now apply for long-awaited compensation. Class Members will have two and a half years to submit their claims for compensation. The last day to submit a claim will be July 13, 2022.

Work will also begin to bring about healing, education and commemoration.

“Today, we honour the legacy of Garry McLean and the work he did with other courageous survivors to right historical wrongs,” stated Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett.

“Thousands of Indigenous people who were harmed by attending federally-operated Indian Day Schools are now able to seek compensation. This is an important step towards healing and justice for day school survivors and their families. This agreement demonstrates a comprehensive approach accomplished by working with survivors which cannot be achieved through court processes. Working with their representatives, we are have made sure that as well as compensation, the Government of Canada is making important investments to ensure access to support for healing, commemoration and culture for the survivors.”

This settlement demonstrates the priorities of survivors can be achieved through negotiation instead of litigation. It combines individual compensation with investments to support former students in their ongoing journeys toward healing.

This settlement is based on the premise that those who were sent to Federal Indian Day Schools were harmed. All eligible class members will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in individual compensation for the harm suffered by attending the schools.

Additional compensation is available for those who experienced more severe cases of abuse.

“This compensation is an important next step in the process of healing and revitalizing our languages, cultures and traditions,” stated Representative Plaintiff Claudette Commanda.

“Not only does this Settlement recognize the harm Indian Day Schools did to our languages and culture, it also validates the significance of First Nation languages and cultures for our people. First Nation people hold to the belief that our languages and cultures are our inherent gifts given to us by our Creator, and we must ensure our languages and cultures will forever be here for our children, grandchildren and our future as the Original and First people of this country.”

The settlement also provides \$200 million for community-based Legacy Projects to support commemoration projects, health and wellness programs, “truth-telling” events and the restoration and preservation of Indigenous languages and culture. This funding will be administered by the McLean Day School Settlement Corporation, an independent, not-for-profit corporation.

“With this next step in the Settlement process, it is time for us to focus on our healing and look forward to the health and wellness and language and culture initiatives that will ensure what we and our families endured will never be forgotten,” added



Representative Plaintiff Roger Augustine. Grants will be made available to organizations to carry out projects within communities. The Corporation is in the process of developing the guidelines and procedures for organizations to follow in applying for grants and these will be made available in the coming weeks.

The Federal Indian Day Schools settlement represents an historic step forward in Canada’s efforts to address the harm caused by federally-run Indian Day Schools. Canada will continue to work with

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Pipeline conflicts are heating up

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled against British Columbia in its attempt to regulate what can flow through an expanded Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta. The B.C. government wanted to require provincial permits before heavy oil could be shipped through pipelines in the province.

The decision clears a major hurdle that was preventing the project from moving forward. Four BC First Nation communities also filed a legal challenge against the project. That case was heard in December but no decision has yet been issued.

Meanwhile, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) is growing increasingly alarmed that violence may erupt between the RCMP and First Nations who are peacefully protesting the TransCanada Coastal GasLink project. RCMP are gathering personnel and equipment and implementing isolation protocols on the Morice West Forest Service Road near Houston, BC, as they did last year before they raided the Unist’ot’en camp.

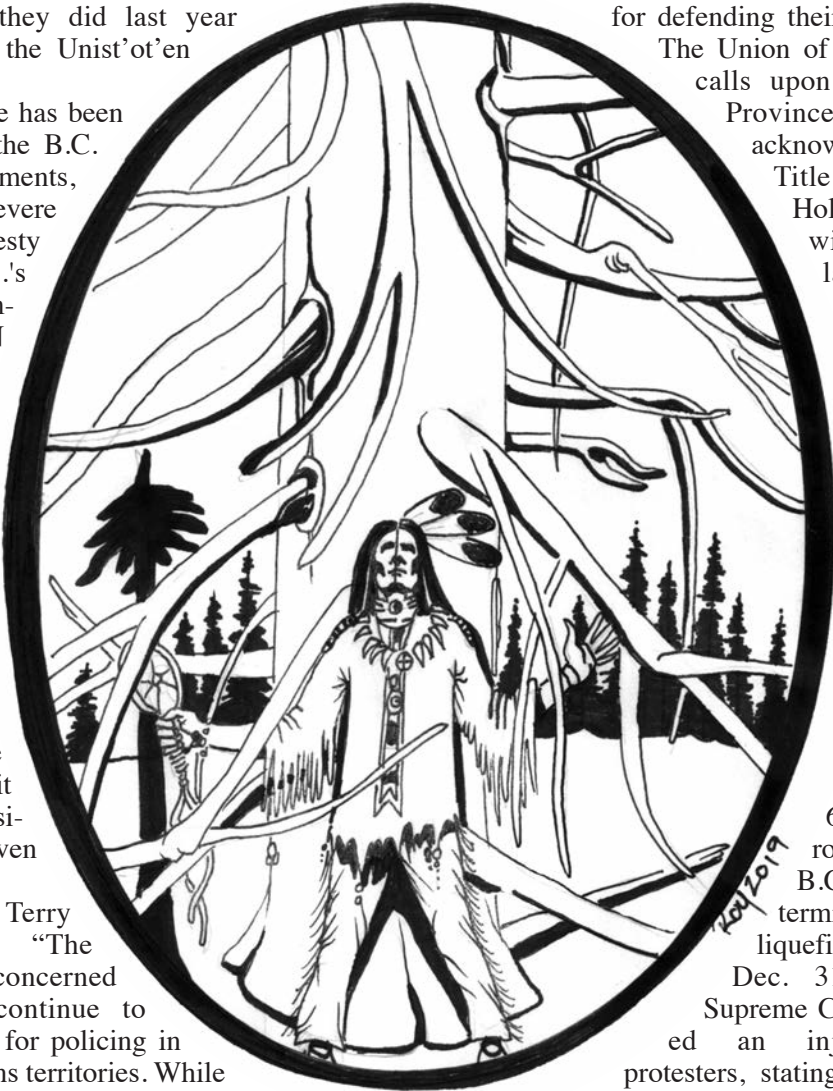
While the pipeline has been approved by both the B.C. and federal governments, it has come under severe criticism from Amnesty International, B.C.’s Human Rights Commission and the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, who all affirm that First Nations affected by the pipeline should give free, prior and informed consent before it can proceed. Consent can never be obtained by force or imprisonment as it contradicts the position of “freely” given approvals.

Regional Chief Terry Teegee stated, “The BCFN is very concerned that the RCMP continue to assume jurisdiction for policing in unceded First Nations territories. While we are in the early days of Bill 41 and the implementation of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* in BC, it is imperative as we move forward that mutual consent be obtained. In this circumstance, it is not only BC or federal law that determines if consent is obtained here, but also, Wet’suwet’en law must be given due consideration. I strongly urge that all discretion be intelligent, reasonable and measured.”

FNS Task Group member Cheryl Casimer stated, “Bill 41 and the UN Declaration provide the framework necessary for the parties to work through the issues without RCMP interference. We urge the RCMP to refrain from the use of any unnecessary force on Wet’suwet’en peoples and others who have been peacefully protesting construction of the pipeline. We encourage respectful dialogue and open lines of communication among the RCMP and opponents of the pipeline who remain in the vicinity of the Unist’ot’en camp in unceded Wet’suwet’en territory and urge the RCMP to exercise extreme caution and diplomacy.”

Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, UBCIC Secretary-Treasurer stated, “We continue to be worried about the safety and welfare of the Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs and land defenders who are facing the increasing risk of violence and intimidation from the RCMP for defending their Title and Rights. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs calls upon Canada and the Province to respect and acknowledge the proper Title and Rights Holders and, aligned with B.C.’s legislated commitment and the rule of law to implement the UN Declaration, allow them to exercise their right to access and make decisions regarding their unceded territories.”

Coastal GasLink started clearing land last year to make room for work camps along the 670-kilometre route from northeast B.C. to a West Coast terminal for exporting liquefied natural gas. On Dec. 31, 2019 a B.C. Supreme Court judge extended an injunction against protesters, stating that construction of the natural gas pipeline has been obstructed by Wet’suwet’en blockades. Dark House, one of 13 Wet’suwet’en Nation hereditary house groups, recently issued an eviction notice to Coastal GasLink and cancelled an agreement that had allowed movement by pipeline workers on the traditional territory.



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Chief Billy Morin appointed Treaty 6 Grand Chief

The Confederacy of Treaty Six welcomes Enoch Cree Nation Chief Billy Morin as the next Grand Chief of Treaty No. 6.

Chief Morin, who was elected chief of Enoch Cree Nation in 2015 at the age of 28, assumed the position of Grand Chief effective January 1, 2020.

“It is with great pride we welcome Enoch Cree Nation Chief, Billy Morin, as the next Grand Chief of Treaty No. 6,” stated the Confederacy of Treaty 6 member nations in a news release. “We thank the people of ECN for allowing us the time with your leader. We are confident that Chief Morin is a strong leader who will continue to protect and honour our Treaty Rights.”

Chief Morin is replacing Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild in the position of Grand Chief.

“It is with balance of humility & pride that I accept the appointment of Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Grand Chief for the year 2020,” stated Chief Morin.

“It is an honour to follow in the footsteps of my mentor Grand Chief Willie Littlechild, who blazed a trail ensuring the next generation of leadership is prepared to defend Treaty Six as long as the sun shines, grass grows, and rivers flow.

“Ninaskomon my mentor, Okimaw Dr. Wilton Littlechild who sat beside me last night, will continue to stand with me to help blaze a trail for me and all of us to follow.”

“I give thanks to all my fellow Chiefs at Confederacy for their belief in me to serve all of our Nations & people,” Chief Morin concluded.

Morin said in a news release that he will advocate for affordable housing, sovereign health care and sustainable resource development as he works toward “a unified vision of Indigenous self-determination and protection of Treaty Six rights.”

“A strong, self-determined First Nations peoples benefits all Albertans and Canadians, socially and economically,” said Morin, noting that he will focus on building deeper relationships with the private sector to increase competitiveness and create more Indigenous jobs.

Alberta’s Indigenous Relations Minister Rick Wilson congratulated Morin on behalf of the province also thanking Littlechild for his “leadership and wisdom” as Grand Chief for the last three years.

“We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations,” said Wilson in an emailed statement. “This government will continue to work with the First Nations in our great province to bring them in as true partners in prosperity as we move Alberta forward.”

Confederacy of Treaty 6 member nations thanked Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild for the dedication and commitment he has provided to the nations of Treaty No. 6, over the last 3 years.

“The Chiefs and staff are humbled and honoured to have served along side Dr. Littlechild and we look forward to working together in the years ahead.

“We wish everyone a prosperous new year and we welcome 2020 in with our newly appointed Grand Chief Billy Morin.”


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Fort McKay FN hosting Moose Lake Together Summit

(January 16, 2020) - Fort McKay First Nation will host key government and industry stakeholders at the Moose Lake Together Summit on January 31, 2020 in downtown Edmonton.

Fort McKay is asking the Government of Alberta to endorse the Moose Lake Plan at the Summit. The Plan supports responsible development that respects Treaty rights and protects the ecological and cultural integrity of the Moose Lake area sacred to Fort McKay.

Stakeholders will convene at the Edmonton Convention Centre on Friday, January 31, 2020, to review the final working draft of the Moose Lake Plan. Confirmed attendees include Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, along with representatives from PetroChina, Sunshine Oilsands, Athabasca Oil, Chevron Canada, Teck, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries, and Northland Forest Products. Fort McKay also invited representatives from Prosper Petroleum, as well as Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy, and Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta.

“The Moose Lake Together Summit is what a strong Alberta looks like — government, industry and Indigenous partners working together. Albertans need now, more than ever, to rally together to find solutions that support responsible oil sands development and tell the complete story of Alberta’s energy sector. Partnerships among industry, government and First Nations are critical to our collective future success. Together, we can bring clarity and certainty to oil sands development while we respect Treaty rights and protect Fort McKay’s last sacred wilderness,” says Chief Mel Grandjamb of the Fort McKay First Nation.

“I am hopeful that Premier Kenney will join us at the Summit and make the right decision on Moose Lake.”

The morning program at this capstone event includes a panel session and Q&A with experts on the latest draft of the Moose Lake Plan, an exploration of issues with area leaseholders, and a closing press conference on outcomes and next steps.

Alberta released a draft plan in February 2018 to which industry responded with concerns. The government and Fort McKay staff worked for eight months to revise the plan to address those address concerns. The previous government ceased work on the project and the revisions were not shared with industry.

In late October 2019, Fort McKay First Nation argued before the Alberta Court of Appeal to have the Alberta Energy Regulator’s 2018 approval of Prosper’s Rigel Project at Moose Lake overturned in order to protect the community’s Treaty rights. The court has yet to release its decision.

“Our position remains the same. We hope the Alberta government will approve the Moose Lake Plan and support responsible development while protecting the place where our ancestors lived for thousands of years. This is the last place we can meaningfully pass down to our children and grandchildren the traditions of our culture,” says Chief Grandjamb.

In November 2019, the Chiefs of the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta unanimously adopted a resolution to support the Fort McKay First Nation and its efforts to protect Moose Lake as an essential means of “protecting and preserving their ways of life, their ways of being, and their inherent rights.”

Fort McKay is hosting the Moose Lake Summit after 20 years of engagement, collaboration and consultation between the Fort McKay First Nation, the Government of Alberta, and industry stakeholders.



The final draft of the Moose Lake Plan is the result of four rounds of government negotiations and five rounds of industry negotiations. Fort McKay has made a number of concessions to provide industry with additional flexibility to develop bitumen resources.

A detailed summary of the latest updates to the Plan will be shared with attendees in advance and reviewed at the Summit. Once approved, the Plan will permit managed resource development in the Moose Lake area with appropriate conditions. Key plan updates that industry has not yet seen include a loosening of interior habitat disturbance limits and accelerated reclamation credits.

“Fort McKay has been a cornerstone of responsible growth in Alberta for three decades. Our economic track record shows we work with all responsible developers to support Alberta’s oil sands. We believe the strength and history of our partnerships can move this stalled decision forward. Let’s cross the finish line on Moose Lake together with a decision at the Summit,” says Chief Grandjamb.

Métis governments hold historic meeting

The Métis Governments of Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan held a historic Tri-council meeting this week in Edmonton, Alberta from January 14 to 16, 2020.

This meeting marks the first time elected representatives of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), the Métis Nation of Alberta, and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MNS) have assembled together since signing Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreements (MGRSA) with Canada in June 2019. Collectively, they represent over 200,000 rights-bearing Métis people.

Over the three days, the primary focus was on identifying common priorities, mutual beneficial opportunities and enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the three Métis Governments.

“Over generations, our ancestors honoured Louis Riel’s vision of a self-governing and independent

Métis Nation,” stated MNA President Audrey Poitras. “After decades of struggle and perseverance, our goal was finally realized with the signing of the self-government agreements with Canada. Now the work begins. This historical Tri-council Meeting is the beginnings of three Métis governments finding strength in unity.”

The Tri-council delegates passed a resolution: calling for more transparency and accountability from the Métis National Council (MNC); affirming that self-government and rights related discussions and negotiations must occur between Canada and the Métis Governments, not through the MNC; and directing the creation of a working group to explore potential reform of the MNC.

“Since our three Métis Governments signed historic Self-Government Agreements this past summer we have been looking for ways to

collaborate, to take the gains we have made and really roll up our sleeves and move forward on self-determination and self-government on behalf of all Métis citizens,” remarked MNO President Margaret Froh.

“This was an historic opportunity to create a shared vision and to finally see the dream of Métis Self-Government realized.”

The Tri-council delegates also passed a joint declaration to continue to work together at the national level in their ongoing collaborations and negotiations with Canada. As well, they will work to develop a memorandum of understanding that formalizes the relationship of the Métis Governments at the national level for consideration at a future Métis Government Tri-council meeting.

Increasingly the MNO, MNA, and MNS have been working together to advance common interests trilaterally and to develop shared and balanced solutions to advance reconciliation, self-governance, and community well-being.

“As we continue to collaborate with MNO and MNA, we build a stronger relationship,” added MNS President Glen McCallum. “When we make efforts to work together it brings a future with secure benefits for all Métis citizens. This gathering of Métis governments has been another step in realizing the dreams of our people and reinforces the importance of self-governance and self-determination.”

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Tribute to Chief Frank Thomas Halcrow Kapawe’no First Nation

It is with regret that Kapawe’no First Nation announces that Chief Frank Thomas Halcrow passed away on January 2, 2020.

Frank Halcrow became Chief in 1970, and served for nearly 50 years as one of the last hereditary First Nations leaders in Alberta. Throughout his tenure, he was a stalwart and capable spokesperson for Indigenous rights. During the early 1980’s, Chief Halcrow advocated for Constitutional acknowledgement of the rights of Indigenous peoples, meeting directly with Members of Parliament of Great Britain and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. He is widely acclaimed for this significant role in the patriation of Canada’s Constitution in 1982.

Chief Halcrow was a pivotal figure in the establishment of the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council, alongside Walter Twinn of Sawridge First Nation. The Council represents the interests of many First Nations members in the Lesser Slave Lake region and has been a model of effective collaboration in program delivery for its member Nations since its inception. Frank was diligent in the establishment of, and clearly responsible for the creation of the Grand Council of Treaty 8 First Nations.

Chief Halcrow also founded the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission, which was instrumental in the creation of Rehabilitation Centres in Alberta and served as Chairman of the Kapown Rehabilitation

Centre. Chief Halcrow was also Chair of the Child Welfare Committee, helped develop the first Indigenous Studies curriculum offered by three universities in Alberta and was a past member of the Alberta Teachers Association.

Reflecting on his legacy, Chief Halcrow shared these words: “My wish for Kapawe’no, now and after my time is over, is to see not wealth or prosperity but contentment. People who are satisfied with what they have; people who are proud of what they are and have accomplished; people who look out for one another; people who really care about their environment (both human and Creator made); people who feel a sense of self-worth. None of this is unrealistic. What is unrealistic is to believe that we can have any of that without working hard to achieve it.”

Frank Halcrow passed away at 76 years of age. The wake was held on January 10 followed by a funeral service on January 11 at Kapawe’no First Nation Hall.



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Natan Obed opens UAlberta International Week

(Edmonton) - Natan Obed, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, is keynote presenter at the University of Alberta’s 2020 International Week opening event on Monday February 3 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre in the Students’ Union Building from 7 – 9 pm. His topic is “Advancing Nation Building, Inuit Self-determination and Reconciliation: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Inuit Nunangat.”

Learn about the policy solutions being advanced by Inuit to remedy long-standing social and economic inequities faced by many Inuit in Inuit Nunangat, the Inuit homeland. Obed will discuss linkages between work being undertaken by the national Inuit representative organization in Canada and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in an increasingly globalized world.

The event is sponsored by UAlberta North and the Global Education Program.

Obed is the President of ITK, the national voice of Canada’s 60,000 Inuit. He is originally from Nain, the northernmost community in Labrador’s Nunatsiavut region, and now lives in Ottawa. For 10 years he lived in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and worked as the Director of Social and Cultural Development for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the organization that represents the rights of Nunavut Inuit. He has devoted his career to working with Inuit representational organizations to improve the well-being of Inuit in Canada.

Natan Obed’s presentation addresses one of the key topics being addressed at this year’s International Week. A warming globe, increasing numbers of refugees and displaced persons, gender disparity, economic inequalities, freshwater shortages, famine, war... We are bombarded with these issues and many others facing the planet and its inhabitants every day. The UN established the Sustainable Development Goals to address these issues, but time is running out. We have ten years until the 2030 deadline to reach the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. How can we do it? Find hope and opportunity for action at University of Alberta’s International Week 2020 (I-Week).

I-Week is a chance to hear various perspectives and to engage in deep conversations about global issues. International Week speakers will connect their work to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which were adopted in 2015. The Goals call on governments and civil society around the world to

address the world’s most pressing issues from poverty and edu-cation to health and environment.

UAlberta’s annual International Week is an incubator of ideas and a source of inspiration for us to work together for a better world.

In addition to Natan Obed, International Week key events include: on February 4, “Stories of Hope, an initiative of Stories of Change, a Signature Area of Excellence of the Faculty of Arts.” Guests Arif Alibhai, Janis Irwin, Tololwa M Mollel and Bridget Stirling will share brief stories about the changes they have witnessed and been part of, tied to the Sustainable Development Goals.

On February 5, Vien Truong one of the world’s foremost policy experts and strategists on building an equitable green economy will provide a keynote address on “Exponential Equity: How we accelerate towards a just, sustainable future for all.”

Thursday February 6 will feature a concert on the theme “Transpositions: Music for Resilient Sustainable Communities.”

The evening will include a presentation by the Lion of Zimbabwe, Thomas Mapfumo, who will deliver a talk by video-conference entitled “Voices from the Wilderness,” followed by a question and answer session.

A concert of Arabic music will follow featuring two virtuoso musicians, Roy Abdalnour (violin) and Ahmed al-Auqaily (percussion), accompanied by Michael Frishkopf (nay and keyboard).

Friday February 7 will feature a keynote address on “Immigrants and Housing in Canada” by University of British Columbia professor Dr. Daniel Hiebert.

Additional events are taking place each day. For information visit ualberta.ca/global-education.

International Week is the largest annual extracurricular educational event on campus and fosters global citizenship through engagement with today's most pressing issues.

Established in 1986, I-Week is one of the University of Alberta’s signature events, featuring free events designed to instigate new thoughts, inspire discussions and animate debates on current global



issues. I-Week's award-winning program provides a forum for all segments of the U of A community - students, staff and faculty - as well as government departments, non-governmental organizations and civil society to present their own particular views on global issues and share their solutions to create a better world.

"International Week brings global conversations to the University of Alberta," stated former University of Alberta President David Turpin (2016). "We've built a diverse and exceptional community spanning our five campuses, and I-Week creates a space where we can hear each other, see from new perspectives, and find solutions together. We want to inspire engaged citizens and leaders who can think globally when tackling local problems. International Week helps to nourish and encourage those next-generation leaders."

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35 of the Consti-tution Act, 1982 and were further set out in The Supreme Court of Canada’s 2003 Powley decision. The Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, and Métis Nation-Saskatch-ewan all signed Frame-work Agreements for Advancing Reconciliation with the government of Canada between 2017 and 2018. A core self-government recognition agreement (MGRSA) was signed by Canada and the Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, and Métis Nation-Saskatchewan on June 27, 2019.

By finding common ground for collaboration, the Tri-council Meeting furthered the process to formally and legally recognize Métis governments as Indigenous governments in Canadian law. The Self-Government Agreement signatories will continue to work together to advance Métis issues and rights, including the right to self-government and self-determination.

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Welcome to 2020

by Xavier Kataquapit

(underthenorthernsky.com) - Mino-oosh-kee-poo-poo-n – This is the Cree way of saying ‘Happy New Year.’

2019 was quite a year and for we northerners up here in Ontario, it was full of snow and very cold winter temperatures and our summer was short. We all survived a nasty national election and ended up with a minority government with the Liberals in charge which is probably as good as it could get. This election campaign was very nasty with lots of hate, racism and bigotry coming from the far right and making huge use of social media. People I normally consider as open and kind were sharing terrible dark, nasty right wing attacks on social media, such as Facebook and that was disappointing.

It seems like the dark face of fascism is once again rearing its head bankrolled by huge corporations that would like to take more control of our world. They want to get rid of any opposition to their profit making and they do what they can to discredit opposition politicians, journalists, academics and scientists. You would think we would recognize these old fascist strategies and repel and protest them but it is important to remember that there is a lot of power and money behind these movements and they dominate mainstream media, social media and all kinds of lobby groups. This is happening in Russia, China, the United States, many other countries and even here in Canada. It is up to us to be intelligent enough not to fall for this kind of nasty stuff. Anytime you see information in any media especially in online social media that is spreading hate, bigotry or racism to get you to support right wing ideas and big companies then don't fall for it. Think about the future of the planet, the future of your grandchildren and all the people you love. We need a more kind, open, tolerant and intelligent society not one that is going to be dark, taking advantage of people, using war to dominate other cultures and countries, spreading hate, racism and bigotry to control people and sacrificing our environment and the good mother earth and all her creatures for short sighted financial profit.

There is a good amount of healing and reconciliation going on right across Canada with my people and hopefully that will continue. Things are not perfect, but I see positive changes in terms of assistance in education, health care, housing and infrastructure in Indigenous communities across

this land. We need to see our government do more to make sure life is as good on First Nations across Canada as it is in the non-Native communities. With the governments in power right now I think this is a trend we can count on and we need to do our best to encourage development for First Nations so that the healing continues, and the quality of life improves for everyone. Our future generations will thank us for working hard to make this a reality. Here is a little gift from myself to you that should help you navigate the world of news and information.

There are many sites you can go to that offer information that provides an alternative view and here are some of them. For alternative Canadian news sources go to: theyee.ca; rabble.ca; democracywatch.ca; nowtoronto.com

A source of information about medical stories can be found at ssristories.org.

These fact checking websites can help you to quickly check on the honesty and reality of a story: rationalwiki.org; www.snopes.com; wikileaks.org

For international alternative news go to these websites: www.alternet.org; www.democracynow.org; consortiumnews.com; www.motherjones.com; www.poynter.org; whowhatwhy.org; therealnews.com

It is not easy to find the media and information that is factual and truthful these days and you have to figure out where the real news is on your own. This requires looking at a lot of alternate news and information sites so that you can get an idea of what is really happening in our world. There are two people I like to refer to when I look into determining the basics for real news and for a just society - Victor Hugo the 19th century author who wrote in his book *Les Misérables*, “If the soul is left in darkness, sins will be committed. The guilty one is not he who commits the sin, but the one who causes the darkness.” And Carl Sagan, American Astronomer, Author and Astrophysicist who helped to popularize the quote, “Keeping an open mind is a virtue but not so open that your brains fall out.” I do my best to remember these two quotes when considering what is real and what is not.

Happy New Year and I hope you take the time to do a little research in determining what is real news and what is not. If what you are reading, watching or listening to is asking you to hate or dislike someone or a group of people, think twice about what you are looking at or listening to. Stop believing those hateful, intolerant, racist and bigoted posts on social media that hook people into thinking in a dark and negative way.

For more columns by Xavier Kataquapit visit underthenorthernsky.com.



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survivors and Indigenous partners to advance reconciliation, promote Indigenous languages and culture, and support the healing and commemoration of those affected by the harmful policies of the past.

Beginning in the 1920s, close to 200,000 Indigenous children attended federally-operated Indian Day Schools across Canada. Many students who attended these schools experienced trauma, and in some cases, physical and sexual abuse at the hands of individuals entrusted with their care.

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Pawâkan Macbeth: Coming to Treaty 6 territory

(January 2020) – Audiences in Treaty 6 territories are in for a rare treat with the Community Telling of *Pawâkan Macbeth* coming soon to centres throughout the area.

This take over by Indigenous playwright Reneltta Arluk, sets *Pawâkan Macbeth* in Cree territory in 1870s Alberta, with the cannibal spirit, Wihtiko.

Pawâkan Macbeth happens before the numbered Treaties were signed, when Plains Cree were allied with Stoney Nakoda, and at war with Blackfoot over territory, food, supplies and trade. The Canadian Government was making its way west with Sir John A. MacDonald as its leader. Harsh environments brought immense fear, starvation, and uncertainty together to awaken the darkest of Cree spirits, the Wihtiko – a being with an insatiable greed.

Through the exploration of Cree language, history, stories and cosmology Arluk asks: What is it to be human? What makes a human vulnerable to the Wihtiko?

Inspired by working with the youth of Frog Lake First Nation, and shared stories from Elders in the Treaty 6 region, Arluk has created a terrifying journey through love, greed, honour and betrayal, with coyote howlers teaching us that resurgence requires balance.

Pawâkan Macbeth is a full length play commissioned by The Stratford Festival.

This community telling of *Pawâkan Macbeth* embarks on a 2020 tour of Treaty 6 territory, bringing professional theatre into Indigenous communities - for the first time.

“First Nations schools in Alberta are required to learn Shakespeare as part of their English curriculum.



A community telling of *Pawâkan Macbeth* is coming to Treaty 6 Territory this month.

The inspiration of taking over *Macbeth* was to offer Indigenous youth a First Nations perspective of the play that lessens the language barrier and heightens the story.

“Bringing *Pawâkan Macbeth* to Indigenous communities centralizes the story around them. A community telling of *Pawâkan Macbeth* connects to the story with land and all it inspires,” says Arluk.

Written and directed by Reneltta Arluk, with Barry Bilinsky as Assistant Director, *Pawâkan Macbeth* features an incredibly talented all Indigenous cast with: Sophie Merasty, Joel Montgrand, Allyson Pratt, Mitch Saddleback, Aaron Wells and Kaitlyn Yott.

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- Jan 31 - 12:45pm - Frog Lake First Nation - Chief Napeweaw School
- Feb 1 - 5:00pm - Frog Lake First Nation - Chief Napeweaw School

Pawâkan Macbeth is part of Edmonton’s Chinook Series 2020, in partnership with Azimuth Theatre’s Expanse Festival on Feb 6 at 7pm, Feb 7 at 2pm and 8:30pm, and Feb 8 at 2pm. Venue: Backstage Theatre, ATB Financial Arts Barns, 10330 - 84 Ave NW. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.chinookseries.ca or by phone at (780) 409-1910. Offer What You Will tickets are also available at the door.

For Ages 14 & up, the show is 90 minutes in duration. For information visit akpiktheatre.com, as well as Facebook & Instagram: @akpiktheatre.

A production of Akpik Theatre, *Pawâkan Macbeth* is produced with the support of Canada Council for the Arts, Canada Council for the Arts’ New Chapter program, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, the Dekker Centre, Azimuth Theatre, and Northern Arts Cultural Centre.

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Mapping U of A through Indigenous eyes

By Jordan Mae Cook, University of Alberta

(Folio.ca) - A walking map created by an undergraduate student in Native studies is providing an Indigenous lens to the buildings, art and spaces of the University of Alberta.

Robin Howse’s map, entitled *pîtos-mâmitoneyihtamowin (reimagine) UAlberta*, lists a number of prominent sites on campus—including Sweetgrass Bear, Nîpisîy House, Rutherford House and the Faculty of Native Studies’ tipi - that have, or seem to have, Indigenous or colonial ties.

“The way you understand place and place names impacts how you see the world and how you interact with it politically, socially, economically and environmentally, and informs how you’re going to solve problems,” Howse said.

“Once people are able to understand the complex history of this space, they can better understand our contemporary issues and why things are the way they are. Understanding that this place was already named before the university came along and expressed dominion over it really changes your understanding of it,” she said.

Howse pointed to the statue in front of the South Academic Building as a good example of the change in understanding. The statue is of U of A founders Alexander Rutherford and Henry Marshall Tory looking at a map of the land, then a collection of river lots, the university would eventually be built on.

“It’s titled *The Visionaries*, so the university sees Rutherford and Tory as these awesome men with their map, envisioning what this land could be. Whereas other people see it as Rutherford and Tory plotting out

how they’re going to steal this land.”

Highlighting and mapping the current sites on campus is about more than providing historical or contemporary information. Naming places is a political action, said Howse.

“Those who are in charge of naming places and creating maps usually control the discourse around our spaces,” she explained.

“The importance of mapping and looking at the original names of things is that it lets you realize these places are dynamic and changing, and lets you know there is a presence here that has been affected by systematic forces.”

Howse’s focus on the importance of names includes the name of her own project: *pîtos-mâmitoneyihtamowin (reimagine) UAlberta*. She came up with it working with Cree language instructor Dorothy Thunder.

“The title had to be Cree because [the project] is about getting people to reconceptualize and rethink, and when you learn a new language, especially an Indigenous language, or if you know an Indigenous language, you see the world in a totally different way.”



U of A student Robin Howse created a walking map and website that offer an Indigenous perspective on prominent sites on the university's north campus. (Photo: Jordan Mae Cook, University of Alberta)

Howse accentuated her own research for the website with crowdsourced information, some of which came from a third-year U of A English class.

“There are so many people doing this, a lot of this information is out there, so I wanted to create a hub for it,” explained Howse, who noted U of A Native studies researcher Nathalie Kermoal and education researcher Dwayne Donald have also each looked into the history of the place the U of A now occupies.

Howse’s project won the Community Connections Award at the Festival of Undergraduate Research in March 2019. The award recognizes outstanding research that bridges communities on or off campus.

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Educator’s Conference

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classroom: what teachers need to know and Survival of Languages and Trauma informed teaching.

Other topics will include: Creating Personally-Meaningful Ritual for Healing and Self-care, Nutrition and Mental Health, Practice as Ceremony, Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program, Honouring and Respecting Indigenous Education, Empowering Youth Through a Harm Reduction Approach, Effective Communication with Youth Who Have Experienced Chronic Trauma, Handgames, A Little Bit of Cree and Treaty for your classroom, Healing Through Song, and Celebration of Cultures: Enhancing Art and Storytelling through Virtual Reality (VR).

The host nation, Alexander First Nation, is located in Treaty 6 territory about 55 km northwest of Edmonton. The Alexander First Nation Education (AFNE), is home to the Kipohtakaw Education Centre, K - 12, and the Alexander Day Care. Their vision is to provide holistic, quality education for lifelong learning founded on community, culture and language with a worldview to build esteemed future leaders. As of March 2017, the First Nation had 2,500 band members.

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