



Moose Cree

First Nation

Statement from Moose Cree First Nation on the passing of Stella McLeod

On behalf of the Council and the citizens of Moose Cree First Nation, I wish to acknowledge the passing of Stella McLeod on April 24th, 2018 and offer my sincerest condolences to her family.

Stella McLeod was a highly respected Elder of Moose Cree First Nation and of the entire Moose Factory community. As a Cree language instructor at Ministik School for many years, she helped preserve and promote the Moose Cree language amongst our youth. She also shared her extensive cultural and traditional knowledge with them out on the land through Ministik's Outdoor Education program.

Her commitment and passion for sharing this knowledge was evident in how she often gave of her own time to work with community members individually to help them improve their skills in areas such as traditional food preparation or with tanning hides.

The loss is undoubtedly felt no greater than among those that loved her and knew her best. Yet her passing brought shock and sadness to many and was felt across the community. The continued use and promotion of our cultural knowledge and skills along with preserving the Moose Cree language, and to pass these on to our youth is the best way we can honour her memory.

Meegwetch,

Acting Chief Barb Chum,
Moose Cree First Nation
May 1st, 2018
