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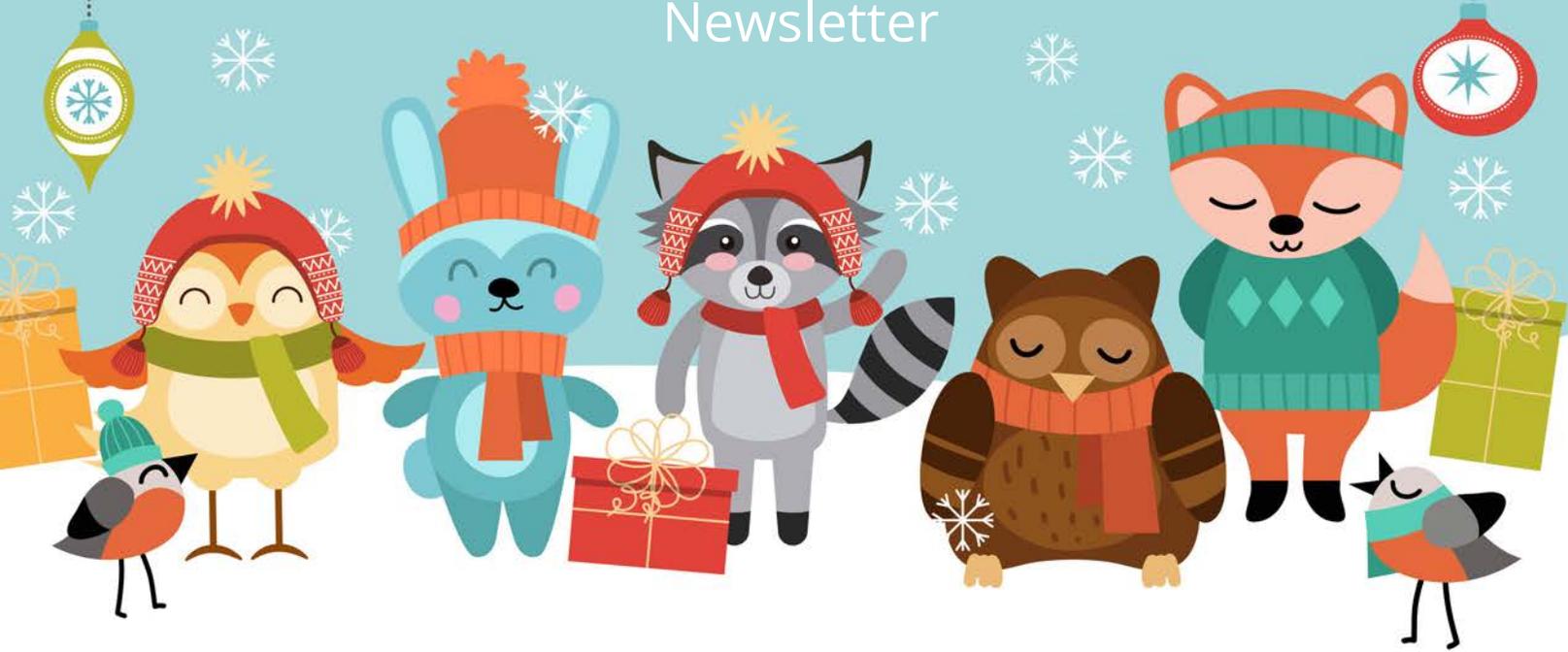
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Christmas 2017

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Newsletter



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
FROM MOOSE CREE
FIRST NATION

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Norma McComb, Director of Social Assistance

Season's greetings Moose Cree! We wanted to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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First Nation Hydro One Community Liaison Initiative

I would like to introduce to Moose Cree, our newly hired First Nation Community Hydro One Liaison, **Nicole Corston**. She started with the First Nation on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017.



Nicole Corston

Hydro One Community Liaison

In July 2017, Moose Cree and Hydro One began discussion on this position. In order to connect with and better serve the First Nation, Hydro One was proposing to fund a liaison worker/services at the First Nation level. The liaison worker will provide assistance on Hydro One Customer Care issues for Moose Cree First Nation community members. Nicole's role is to act as a liaison between Hydro One and the Moose Cree community. Her responsibilities include:

- Promoting awareness in the community about the Hydro One program using social media and other tools that the community has in place (i.e. radio stations)
- Being the single point of contact for the community for Hydro One related inquiries
- Receiving requests from customers who are seeking to better understand their Hydro One bill.
 - Other scenarios may include:
 - Issues with their account
 - High bills
 - Arrears management
 - Financial assistance programs
- Organizing, coordinating, and scheduling one-on-one sessions for community members to address their issues
- Facilitating the filling out of consent forms and submitting them to Hydro One
- Prescreening customers that would benefit from one-on-one sessions
- Where needed, facilitating and teaching community members how to submit their meter reads

Nicole's email is ncorston@mcfn.onmicrosoft.com or she can be reached through the First Nation's main line 705-658-4619 press 0 for the main receptionist and they can connect you with Nicole. She will begin her time with us in orientation and training for the next little while and will work on promoting and creating awareness about her services. Please help us welcome Nicole and wish her success.

Canada Revenue Clinics/Training

This training is scheduled for the new year and our program staff will take part to help us assist our clients in accessing government program and other funding initiatives and benefits.

For any questions regarding our program, please feel free to contact us and we'll be happy to take your call. Thank you and once again we wish a very Merry Christmas!

Norma McComb, Director of Social Assistance



Stan Kapashesit, Director of Economic Development

Sending you all seasons greetings on behalf of the Economic Development Department!

With the holiday season upon us, we take time to reflect on the many blessings that the year has provided, and look forward to what the New Year will bring. There are exciting times ahead for our department, as the projects are now taking shape and becoming reality. We have always kept in mind the best interests of the community and the members as we explore, evaluate, and participate in our project endeavours. We invite you to come chat with us if you have any concerns about the initiatives we are working on, as we want to ensure that the clear line of communication from our department is always maintained and open, as we value your insights in all we do.

During this time, we all want to take the time to say meegwetch for you continued support. We certainly appreciate the words of encouragement, the constructive criticism, and even ideas that are sometimes overlooked but add to the efforts.

We wish you all a safe holiday season, send you a very merry Christmas greeting and certainly hope that the best is yet to come for you in 2018!

From all of our Team – Kim, Ann, John Paul, Bert, Juanita, Cheryl, Connor, Jay, Drew, Kimble, and myself, happy holidays and a happy New Year!

Respectfully Yours,
Stan Kapashesit, Director of Economic Development

INDIGENOUS ALUMNI ALL STARS

A CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SPORT OF HOCKEY.

Reggie Leach, Brian Trottier, John Chabot, Jamie Leach, Denny Lambert, Jean Sebastian Aubin, Cody McCormick, Aaron Asham, Coach Fred Sasakamoose

NHL ALUMNI INDIGENOUS ALL STARS GAME

vs  Alumni

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
7:00 pm - TCJMC Arena, Moose Factory

ADMISSION:
FREE for elders and youth ages 17 and under
\$10 for adults (will be donated to local youth hockey initiatives)

Hockey camp and school visits!

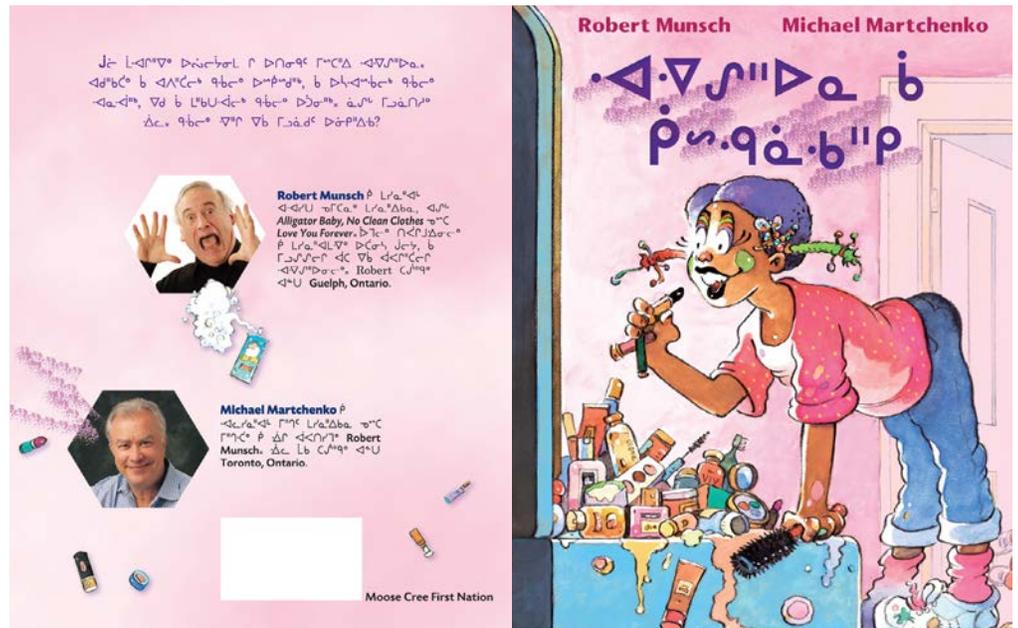
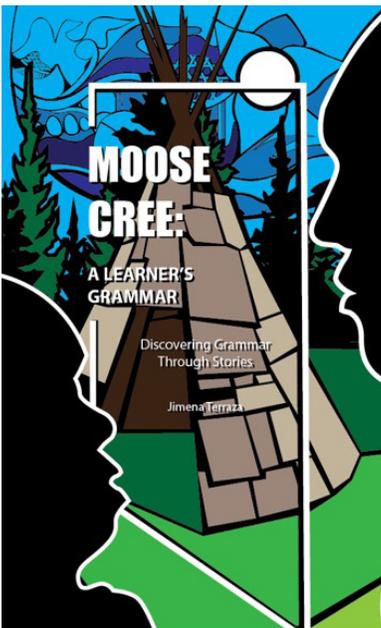


Geraldine Govender, Director of Language and Culture

Wâciye from the Language & Cultural Department. We are making progress in language revitalization with the publishing of two books made possible by our language team: Susan Cheechoo, George Quachegan, Hilda Jeffries, and linguists Kevin Brousseau and Jimena Terraza. Thanks to these individuals, we have reached important milestones in our efforts to save our language. The books are being printed as I write. Here are sneak peeks of two books that we will launch in January.

Moose Cree: A Learner's Grammar. This book will help learners understand how Moose Cree grammar works and how words are formed.

Makeup Mess. Thanks to Scholastic Canada Inc. for letting us publish in Moose Cree this story by Robert Munsch. People may recall that we published two books last year targeted for lower elementary school levels. Makeup Mess is intended for higher levels, but all the books are good for learners of all ages. We are awaiting approval from another publishing company for three other Robert Munsch books for which we have already completed the translation.



In the coming months, keep an eye out for the screening of a film, **Ever Good Hunter Me**, documenting our traditional spring harvest. Filmmaker Paul Rickard of Achimist Films inc. was set back by illness for the past few months but the documentary now only requires the final credits to be complete. I wish Paul well in his recovery and look forward to a celebration of his work and the achievement of the late Frederick Rickard in passing on his knowledge and skills to the ensuing generations.

While sending out good wishes in this holiday season and the new year to come, please keep in mind those who need healing and comfort. May you all enjoy this Christmas. Milo Makoše Kîšikâw.

Geraldine Govender
Director of Language & Cultural Programs



Abel Wapachee, Director of Public Works

Well it is that time of year again for Santa and his reindeer to make their appearance. We here at the Public Works Department are sending joyful Christmas greetings to all community members and our neighbours far and wide. As Christmas draws upon us, it's also that time of year when we wait patiently for the winter road to open to do some last minute shopping, attend hockey tournaments, and spend some much needed time with family and friends.

We also know that with all the excitement that the holiday brings, we should keep in mind that we can do our part as community members to ensure the safety and the maintenance of our community during this holiday season.

Throughout the month of December and well into the New Year, the dump gates will remain open to the public for individuals that would like to dispose of their own garbage.

Public Works Sanitation Department Christmas Holiday Schedule

- Friday, December 22, 2017 - Office closure at 3:00 p.m. for staff luncheon
- Saturday, December 23, 2017 (afternoon) - Garbage pickups for contracts
- Sunday, December 24, 2017 - No garbage pickup schedules
- Monday, December 25, 2017 (Christmas Day) - No garbage pickup schedules
- Tuesday, December 26, 2017 (Boxing Day) - No garbage pickup schedules
- Wednesday, December 27, 2017 - Regular Schedule garbage pickups
- Thursday, December 28, 2017 - Regular Schedule garbage pickups
- Friday, December 29, 2017 - Regular Schedule garbage pickups
- Saturday, December 30, 2017 (afternoon) - Garbage pickups for contracts
- Sunday, December 31, 2017 (New Year's Eve) - No Garbage Pickup
- Monday, January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day) - No Garbage Pickup

Sanitation pick up times and household sections will resume January 2, 2018.

If you require assistance in disposing of large items and appliances, please call the Public Works Department at 705-658-4200 and we will be glad to assist you.

Community members are reminded to snow bank their houses and have someone check on their homes if left unattended for some time. We also ask that you plug in your waterline heating cable, and that you heat your home at a comfortable temperature to avoid any damage that may occur due to extreme cold temperatures at night. At this time, we are still experiencing some water leaks in the community due to homes being left unattended, some abandoned houses, and busted water lines.

We ask that community members keep in mind that due to leaks in the distribution system during the winter months, members will be asked from time to time to conserve water, which includes minimizing the flooding of rinks. You will be notified should this occur.

On behalf of the Public Works Department and committee, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New. May you have and enjoyable, safe holiday full of love and laughter and also well into the New Year. Best wishes to all.

Abel Wapachee, Director of Public Works

ON-CALL INFORMATION:

Waste Water Division 705-336-8561

Ryan Blueboy
ON-CALL - Dec 22 - 27, 2017

Darrell Katapaytuk
ON CALL - Dec 27, 2017 - Jan 1, 2018

For urgent matters, you can call Abel Wapachee at 705-658-6471 or cell 705-288-1156.

Water Treatment Plant 705-658-2034

Brad Stephen or Nadia Rowe

Annual Staff Dinner and Awards

Our annual staff Christmas dinner was held on Friday, December 1st, 2017 at the community hall. This dinner provides staff with the opportunity to celebrate their achievements throughout the year and unwind with family, friends, and coworkers. Special thanks to everyone involved for doing such a great job at organizing the event!



Part of the evening involves the awards presentation. The award winners this year are:

5 years of Service:

- Sara Wesley
- Jeff Hunter
- Michael Katapaytuk
- Greg Moore
- Mark Cheechoo
- Darryl Corston
- Darcy Cheechoo
- Jack Rickard
- Ron Spencer
- Doug Wesley
- Gail Tomatuk
- Clara Kooses
- Connor McComb
- Greg Sutherland

10 years of Service:

- Doug Rickard
- Brenda Rickard

15 years of Service:

- Victor (Dixie) Wynne
- Cheryl Moore
- Christina Linklater



Mr. and Ms. Congeniality

George Cheechoo and Norma McComb



HOLIDAY HOURS

December 22, 2017	Open until 3:00 pm
December 25, 2017	CLOSED
December 26, 2017	CLOSED
December 27, 2017	CLOSED
December 28, 2017	CLOSED
December 29, 2017	CLOSED
January 1, 2018	CLOSED

Regular hours resume January 2, 2018

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Essential services will remain available throughout the holidays.
Visit www.moosecree.com for on-call information.



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