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Getting to Know Chief and Council

The newly elected Chief and Council were sworn in with the "Oath of Office" on Monday, December 1, 2104. Congratulations Chief and Council.

Top Row (left to right): Councilor Myron Neapetung, Councilor Terry Kishayinew, Chief John Machiskinic, Councilor Joe Crowe, Councilor Joey Machiskinic. Bottom Row (left to right): Councilor Erin Poochay, Councilor Donna Poorman, Councilor Pauline Whitehead.

PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Social Development – Erin Poochay/Joey Machiskinic
Band Office Administration & Staff, Programs and Services
Social Assistance
Police Management, RCMP, Fine Options and Community Based Justice and Gaming License
Membership/Citizenship

Education – Donna Poorman/Pauline Whitehead/Myron Neapetung
Nawigizigweyas Education Center (NEC)
Curriculum Development
Post Secondary
Cultural/Traditional Knowledge
Rural Labor Force Development
Daycare & Headstart Programs

Health – Joe Crowe/Terry Kishayinew
Clinic Administration & Finance and Programs and Services
Medical Transportation
Addictions Services

Housing /Operations & Maintenance – Pauline Whitehead/Terry Kishayinew
Band & CMHC Housing and Reno's
Community Infrastructure, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Environment
Community Planning and Major Capital Projects
Roads and Fire Protection

ICFS/Urban Myron Neapetung/Erin Poochay
Social Development
Urban Development, Programs and Services
LFD Urban, STC Urban
Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and Natural Resources

TLE/Yellow Quill Holdings – Joey Machiskinic
TLE Lands

Band Governance - John Machiskinic/Donna Poorman
Administration & Finance
Economic Development and YQ Store
Human Resource Department
STC, AFN, FSIN, Treaty 4 and TLE Chiefs

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Community Events

CCC Programs

Serena and Darlene - Beading Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the School. Jigging/Square Dancing classes Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:30pm, Band Hall, last day February 25. Arts and Crafts Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Band Hall, Storytelling Thursdays 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Band Hall. If times have to be rescheduled classes will occur on Monday or Friday. NO classes during February break. Watch for a babysitting course in March, co-hosted by Serena, Darlene and Living Well program.

Robin and Tyrone - Sundays Family Fun Days at the School 2 – 4 pm.
Roberta – February Break Ski Trip February 17 at Mission Ridge. Looking for participants and adult chaperones. Also need chaperones with First Aid. Limited to 80 participants total. Roberta's cel 322-8001.

Dennis and Andrew – Mondays and Wednesdays Karate in RV at 6:30pm, Tuesdays Mens' Circle 4:30 – 6:30 pm at PK office, Friday Sweats 10 am. Watch for Poker fundraising for the CCC projects on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Firearms Course at band hall on February 21 at 9am sign up at band office and be on time.

Day of Healing – February 19 and 20 at the school, FREE FOR YQ BAND MEMBERS you must register, please fill out the registration form at band office with Roberta.

Health Center

February 16 and 17 Health Center is closed.
February 18 yearly Winter Festival at school, hosted by Health Center staff. Come out for some good fun. See posters for activities.
Well Baby Clinic – February 24.
Watch out for the HIV/FASD evening presentation in March.
Good Food Boxes - February 24.

Domestic Violence – six week programming every Wed until March 11, 6 – 9 pm with Lorraine Stone (CAP worker) and William Crowe-Buffalo.

Elders Lunch at noon, Health Center on February 25.

Also looking for Casual staff for Janitor, Receptionist and Daycare. Leave resume of pick up an application at front desk.

Yellow Quill Store

Hiring in the Post Office, please see posting at store. CPIC and Resume required.
Store hours: Weekdays open from 8 am to midnite, Weekends 9 am – 11pm.

NEC School

School Closed during Feb break until Monday Feb 23.
Free Elders Lunch on Monday Feb 23; come have a good meal.

Band Meeting

Band Meeting, Tuesday, February 24 at Band hall 10 am

Firefighters

Band Members needed for volunteer Fire Fighters who have a vehicle, cel phone and home phone. Please sign up at band office.

Essential Skills

Life Essential Skills program runs from February 25- March 26. It is for the 18-24 ESD clients only; apply at Band Office with Barb Desjarlais. Please come in and see Leonard, Barb and Clarissa. There are employment opportunities, resume help; help to research career paths or to sign up for school. There is also help for learner drivers who are 18-24 years old. Come in for a visit.

Memorial Round Dance

Robert Whitehead JR Memorial Round Dance, February 28 at NEC School Gym

REMEMBER all events are alcohol and drug free. No abuse will be tolerated.

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Come One, Come All!!!

To our Annual Yellow Quill First Nations Winter Festival

February 18th, 2015 @ Nawigizigweyas Education Centre

8:30 AM- 3:30 PM

Following a Dry Dance @ 6:00 PM

Agenda:

8:30 AM- Opening Prayer by an Elder

-Breakfast-

9:30 AM- Cribbage Tournament- Man and Wife One on one Teams

10:00AM- Speaker- Riley Burns- Importance of being a parent and child

10:30 AM- Balloon Race- All Ages

11:00 AM- Jell-O Eating- All ages

11:30AM- Smooshing- 3 to a team

12:00 PM- Neck Bone Eating and Hot Dog eating

-Lunch-

1:00 PM- Road Hockey w/6 to a team

1:30 PM- Speaker- Tony Roulette- Gambling

2:00 PM- Sack Race- All ages

2:30 PM- Baby Crawl- All Babies Welcome

3:00 PM- Speaker- Frank and Barbara Badger- Residential/Grief and Loss

3:30 PM- Release of Balloons-To end the Day

4:00 PM- Closing Prayer by an Elder

6:00 PM- Dry Dance to follow

Breakfast and Lunch is served

DAKOTA DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thank you DAKOTA DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION for the YQFN Community Allocation that funds projects for Yellow Quill. We acknowledge and are grateful for your help.

YQFN Day of Healing Agenda

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

8 AM—Pipe Ceremony

10 AM-Workshops (choose one)
- o Nakawe Ceremony & Protocols
- o Nakawe Cultural Teachings
- o The Medicine Wheel
- o Nakawe; Preserving our Language
- o Residential Schools

11 AM-Workshops (choose one)
- o Alcoholism & Recovery
- o The Grieving Process
- o Narcotics Anonymous Program
- o Healthy Relationships
- o Traditional Teachings on Child Rearing

12 PM-LUNCH—Soup & Bannock

1 PM-Workshops (choose one)
- o Healing the Innerchild
- o The Medicine Wheel
- o Nakawe Cultural Teachings
- o Traditional Women's Teachings
- o Native Belief System

2 PM-Workshops (choose one)
- o Nakawe Ceremony & Protocols
- o Residential Schools
- o Healthy Relationships
- o The Grieving Process
- o Narcotics Anonymous Program

3 PM-Workshops (choose one)
- o Traditional Women's Teachings
- o Healing the Innerchild
- o Native Belief System
- o Alcoholism & Recovery
- o Traditional Teachings on Child Rearing

4 PM-SPECIAL PRESENTATION—Grief & Loss

6 PM—SUPPER: Moose Meat & Bannock

7 PM—KEY NOTE SPEAKER—Healing Journey

9 PM—Country & Fiddle Dance

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

8 AM—Pancake Breakfast

9 AM—Traditional Storytelling: NANABUSH

11 AM—DON BURNSTICK—I Am Alcohol Play

12 PM—LUNCH: Cold cuts, buns, cheese, salad, fruit

1 PM—DON BURNSTICK—Sex, Alcohol & Drugs Workshop

5 PM—Youth Speaker—SHANE KEEPNESS

6 PM—BANQUET SUPPER

7 PM—Local Talent
- + Karaoke Singers
- + Pow wow Dancers—YQFN
- + Square Dancers—Shumi Family
- + Otenang

8 PM—DON BURNSTICK FAMILY COMEDY

930PM—CLOSING CEREMONIES
- + Acknowledgements
- + Honor Song
- + Closing Prayer

Day of Healing is FREE for YQ Band Members, please fill out registration forms at the Band Office with Roberta, please. You must register.

Thursday, Feb 19, 2015

WORKSHOPS

Nakawe Ceremonies & Protocols
The Medicine Wheel
Healing the Innerchild
Traditional Parenting
And Many More

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Howard Walker: Healing Journey

~ Country & Fiddle Dance ~

ADVANCE TICKETS
$ 150 / 2 days
$ 75 / Thursday
$ 125 / Friday
** 10 & Under FREE **

CORPORATE TABLES OF 8
$ 800 / 2 days
$ 325 / Thursday
$ 550 / Friday
** 10 & Under FREE **

DAILY DOOR PRIZES FOR ADVANCE TICKETS

YELLOW QUILL FIRST NATION

Day of Healing

FEB 19 & 20, 2015

AT THE DOOR
$ 200 / 2 days
$ 100 / Thursday
$ 150 / Friday

DANCE
ADVANCE TICKETS:
$10/PERSON, $15/ COUPLE
AT THE DOOR:
$15/PERSON, $25/

Friday, Feb 20, 2015

DON BURNSTICK

I Am Alcohol Play / S.A.D Workshop

Family Comedy Show

DON BURNSTICK–COMEDY 8PM
ADVANCE TICKETS: $ 20/PERSON
AT THE DOOR : $ 25/ PERSON

To Register:
Roberta Neapetung / Clarrisa Whitehead 306-322-2281
Pauline Whitehead 306-322-7038

DAKOTA DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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YQFN Committees…

SOCIAL and ADMINISTRATION – Andrew Kinniewess, Stan Whitehead, Roberta Neapetung, Jennifer Quewezance and Elder Eleanor Monias; Portfolio Councilors are Erin Poochay and Joey Machiskinic

HEALTH - Leonard Pasanipiness, Edna Kishayinew, Irwin Campeau, Darlene Neapetung and Elder Raymond Tony; Joe Crowe and Terry Kishayinew are the Portfolio Councilors

HOUSING - Sara Peequaquat, Bruce Whitehead, Theresa Kittiekaywinnie, Dennis Moose and Elder Fred Bighead; Pauline Whitehead and Terry Kishayinew are the Portfolio Councilors

EDUCATION – Jonas Smokeyday, Roberta Neapetung, Darlene Neapetung, Leonard Pasanipiness and Elder John Pauchay; Pauline Whitehead, Myron Neapetung and Donna Poorman are the Portfolio Councilors

STORE – April Taniskishayinew, Dean Severight, Vivian Stoney, Stan Whitehead; Portfolio holders are Councilor Donna Poorman and Chief John Machiskinic

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CIRCLE – Bernard Kishayinew, Gilbert Kewistep, Leonard Pasanipiness, Steve McKay and Elder George Neapetung; Joe Crowe, Myron Neapetung, Erin Poochay and Pauline Whitehead are the Portfolio Councilors

ELDERS FOUNDATIONAL WORKING GROUP – Elders; Henry Neapetung, Joyce Neapetung, Louise Neapetung, Nellie Crowe, Gilbert Kewistep, George Peeace, Joe Quewezance, Alex Quewezance, Eleanor Monias, Martha Cachene, John Peeace; and Portfolio Councilors are Donna Poorman, Joe Crowe and Myron Neapetung. The EFWG is working on the YQFN Child and Family Services Prevention and Protection Policy.

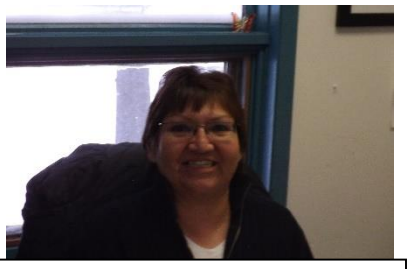
URBAN REGINA - Margaret Moose, Leonard Cheekinew, Devon Ahpay, Alexander Kinniewess, Lori Munroe, Doug Peeace; and Portfolio Councilors are Erin Poochay and Myron Neapetung

URBAN SASKATOON - Leila Nashacappo, Dennis Perillat, Leanne Poochay, Elder Lillian Peequaquat; and Portfolio Councilors are Erin Poochay and Myron Neapetung

URBAN SERVICES IN REGINA AND SASKATOON ARE LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS; please apply with a letter to the specific Urban Office. Enquire to the Regina or Saskatoon offices.

YOUTH ON COMMITTEES; most on-reserve committees are looking for youth representatives to sit on the Committees. Please apply by letter to the Portfolio Councilors.

POST SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
There are New Deadlines; the new dates will be June 1st for fall intake, and October 1 for winter intake. For this year, student applications will be accepted until the original dates while in transition to the new dates.



Edna Kishayinew, Community and Cultural Circle Manager

Darlene Ahpay (Whitehead), CCC Cultural Worker and Serena Tom, CCC Activities Worker

Chief and Council Biographies…. (more to come next month)

Chief John Machiskinic

John is 53 years old. Johns' common law wife is Barbara Bluecloud between them they 6 have children. He has 3 grandchildren. Barb and John have been together for 8 years. Currently, there are 14 people in the household; 10 under 18 years of age, 2 over 18 years of age, and Barb and John. John has been known for many years as 'Bull'. There is much speculation as to how he got the name Bull but, no one wants to say for sure. Bull played fastball for many years as a pitcher on the Nut Lake Royals team. He also was the goalie for the Yellow Quill hockey teams. These days he spends his time helping others as a traditional man. He is humble, spiritual and knowledgeable. Prior to being Chief, he was a Councilor for 9 years (three terms) and could be consistently found at the Band Office.

Donna Poorman

Donnas' immediate family consists of; 7 children, 14 grandkids and still raising her sisters son. Donna is a residential school survivor. She went to residential school for 8 years and completed her Adult 12 in Warman. Donna worked in Home Care at the Health Center and drove school bus for eight years. This is Donnas' fourth (3 year) term as Councilor. Her hobbies include; reading, golfing and helping everyone. Her biggest accomplishment is that all her kids graduated from high school and this is something she wants for every parent. Her heart is very passionate about helping who she can. Her goal, as Councilor, is to help move people forward with their lives and to empower people so they can be proud of themselves; by doing instead of complaining. She wants to spread positive energy so everyone will feel good about themselves and carry their head high like the beautiful people they are.

Erin Poochay

Family comprised of; 3 step daughter, adopted her brothers and one son with her husband, Bentley Poochay of five and a half years. They have two grandsons. Erin is 31 years old. She graduated from high school in 2001 from Nawigizigweyas Education Centre (a part of the first graduating class there, 10 at the time). In 2004 attended and received Women In Trades Certificate from SIIT. Her hobbies are; sewing, singing and hiking. "I started university at the First Nations University in 2008, at first for a Journalism Bachelor Degree... I quit school a few times and changed my mind, I transferred into the Indian social work program in 2010, but switched to Indigenous Studies after a semester. At the end of 2011, I became a Video Teachers Assistant part-time and continued studying. Currently I am in my final year, I plan to complete my final classes online part-time in my spare time. I was also a researcher for my then professor Miriam McNab, she is in pursuing her doctorate. I searched archives for her. I am mentioning this because of my education I was learning and analyzing the issues within First Nations communities. I enjoyed the researching aspect of my education, and I feel that understanding how to research I have valuable skills when it comes to being a Band Councilor. Also my teaching experience has given me communication skills that will aide in articulating the correct information. I took part in many youth activities in Yellow Quill, we were shown how our democracy worked, and I think if I didn't do that then I wouldn't have a general idea on how to sit at the Chief and Council table now. I look forward to serving this term, it's all so new and exciting for me."

Chief and Council Biographies, continued…

Pauline Whitehead

Pauline is 45 years old. She has three children and two grandsons. Her oldest is Kris Whitehead, he is a single parent father to a 9 year old boy, Kadence Desjarlais. Kris graduated from NEC in 2004. Paulines' second child is Mathew Whitehead, he has no children and works as a renovation carpenter for the same company since 2008. Her youngest is is Raven Whitehead, she is a single parent mom to her 5 year old son, Jericho. Raven is a freelance photographer. Pauline has been living a drug free and alcohol free lifestyle since 1998. She worked at the Metis Addiction Council of Saskatchewan since 2007 as an Addiction Worker. In 2008, she took time off from work when she was awarded a scholarship to Vancouver Film School and completed a one year full time Writing for Film and TV Diploma program. She wrote two feature length screenplays, one portfolio short that was produced into a five minute film that can be accessed on the Vancouver Film School channel. In 2010, she wrote, directed, and produced a play "Prairie Song, An Indian Cinderella Story" for Thunderbird Theatre Group. The group toured the Saskatoon Fringe Festival, Vancouver International Fringe Festival and Aboriginal Aids Conference. She studied a one year Business Administration Program at Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and received a Business Administration Certificate in spring 2013. Upon graduation, she was the Assistant Regional Director and was Acting Regional Director during that period for several months. Pauline went back to school to finish up her undergraduate degree program and was part of the Spring 2014 Convocation at the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. July 2014, she was the Manager for the Community Cultural Circle Program for YQ. Pauline works very hard for the community and enjoys challenges. She has respect for everyone and does not demand it in return. As a leader she can see the bigger picture and wants everyone to get up and be proud of their culture and traditions. Pauline brings happiness to the office with her laugh.

Terry Kishayinew

Terry's family includes; three children (ages 22, 16, 5), nephew Durant Brania-Moose; and two grandchildren (ages 4 and 2). Terry has been married for three years and common-law for over five years to Tracey Kishayinew (nee Brania). He is 40 years old. Terrys' late parents were Richard Moose and Agnes Kishayinew and he was raised by his late grandparents Frank Yellowquill and Ellen Kishayinew. Prior to returning to Yellow Quill he was employed for 13 years at Canadian Tire as Store Manager. He has an education in Lands Management and Bio-Resources from the University of Saskatchewan. He enjoys family time and helping/working with cultural events like feasts and rounddances. "I also enjoy helping the young men from school with sweats on Fridays".

Myron Neapetung

Myron is 38 years old. His common law wife is Crystal Fineday and they have been together now for seven years. They have three children together. Myron has six children; 4 boys and 2 girls. His education includes Indigenous Studies and Indian Art History; graduated in 2009 with distinction from First Nations University. In 2011, Myron got his Teaching A Certificate from ITEP. His mom is Bernadette Neapetung and his father is Gilbert Kewistep. He takes pride in being a YQ Councilor and representing the community with the utmost respect. He also takes pride in the advocacy work he does for the families and children. His hobbies include; enjoys being a hockey dad and watching his kids playing hockey, watching movies, being a UFC fan, and travelling when he can afford to.

Chief and Council Biographies, continued…

Myron Neapetung, continued…

"I encourage the Band Members to work together and to be respectful and courteous with all our staff that works for the Band. If you have any concerns with any staff, in a certain area, notify the proper portfolio holder. The only way we will move forward is by working together and being kind to one another. We have to stay away from the negativity and lateral violence (gossip). Be positive and only good things will follow."

Joe Crowe

Joe Crowe has five children and many grandchildren. For some time Joe raised his children as a single father. Now, he is married to Irene. Joe has been sober for 37 years and will celebrate his 38th year in May. He is a residential school survivor. Joe spent many years in Saskatoon. One of his many and various jobs was working for the City of Saskatoon, Parks and Maintenance. He did this for the City for over 20 years. In Later years, he moved closer to Yellow Quill and has been working in different capacities but always helping. He serves the community as an active traditional Elder, sat on various committees, took on developing many projects and can be seen visiting everyone near core area buildings. Joe has also served as an Elder on the Project Management Team for the construction of the Dakota Dunes Casino. He also sat on the Board of Directors for the Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation prior to running for Council. He has also been an Elder for SK Justice to help with culture and ceremony for incarcerated prisoners. His concerns include; protecting the traditional lands in the Porcupine-Pasquia hills forest, health and the holistic well-being of people. He is a highly respected Elder across the province.

Joey Machiskinic

Joey is 45 years old. He has five children; 4 sons and 1 daughter. His common-law wife is Barb Squirrel and they have been together for over 10 years and have the 4 boys together. Joeys' late parents are Mike Whitehead (a Councilor himself) and Julia Machiskinic; they were together for a very long time. Joey has lived on the reserve for most of his life and attended school in both Rose Valley and Kelvington. He graduated from Tisdale in the Adult 12 program. Joey has been working in different jobs like; City of Calgary Parks division, a seasonal firefighter with Government of Alberta, construction jobs in the Winters and most recently, Manager at the YQ Store, before he ran for Council. This is Joey's second (3 year) term in Council. Joey also serves the community in a cultural capacity. His hobbies include; mechanics, golfing and helping in the community. Joeys' message is "Always believe in the Creator. Although we go through hardships in life, take them as tests on how strong you will be in the future."

Community Members

Re: Minors

Yellow Quill First Nations Medical Transportation service Requires an adult accompany all children under the age of 16 to Medical Appointments. This is a Parental Responsibility. Children ***will not*** be driven to an ***appointment without Adult Escort.***

Exceptions may be made for youth clients aged 16-18 unless parental consent is needed for Medical Treatment or Medical Provider deems it necessary for Medical Treatment.

Please Check with the Medical Transportation Coordinator.

The Yellow Quill Medical Transportation Service Provider would appreciate it if parents would follow requirements stated in our policy. **Section X (iii) Non-Medical Escorts.**

Thank you for your cooperation,
Yellow Quill Med-Trans Personnel

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Staff Lists

CCC Staff:
CCC Manager: Edna Kishaynew
CCC Clerk: Roberta Neapetung
CCC Sports & Rec: Robin Peeace
CCC Youth Sports & Rec: Tyrone Peeace
CCC Cultural Worker: Dennis Moose
CCC Youth Cultural Worker: Andrew Kinniewess
CCC Activity Worker: Darlene Ahpay
CCC Youth Activity Worker: Serena Tom
CCC Communications Clerk: Celina Quewezance
CCC Language Nest Coordinator: Eleanore Monias

Public Works Staff:
Mike Peequaquat, Housing Manager
Shauna Poorman, Housing Admin Assistant
Garry Peequaquat, WTPO
Vivian Stoney, WTPO
Jonas Smokyday, Waste Management
Frank Campeau, TLE Water Transportation
Samuel Campeau, O&M Road Maintenance Man
Francis Bluebell, Band Security
Lawrence Kishayinew, Custodian

Saskatoon Urban Staff:
Rose Campeau - General Manager
Shirley Perillat - Post-Secondary Coordinator
Charlene Peequaquat - Receptionist/Community Liaison
Pamela Whitehead - Technical Support Officer - YQ Lands & Resources
Joan Perillat – Janitor

Regina Urban Staff:
Fred R Cheekinew - General Manager
Danielle Wapasuce – Secretary
Margaret Moose - Janitor

Band Office Staff:
Roseanne Okereji, Secretary
Sheryl Poorman, Administration Assistant
Lorne Roper, Director of Operations
Seraphine Roper, Welfare Administrator
Karen Slippery, Welfare Administrator Assistant
Clara Kishayinew, Indian Registration
Blaine Kinnieweess, Lands Manager
Roseanne Antoine, TLE Lands Coordinator
Bernard Kishayinew, Peacekeeper
John David Roper, Bison Ranch Manager

KEY HEALTH PHONE NUMBERS

Kelvington and District Integrated Health Care Facility has new phone numbers:

Kelvington Hospital: 306-327-5500
Kelvindell Lodge: 306-327-5530
Public Health: 306-327-5515
Home Care: 306-327-5520
Med Clinic: 306-327-5525

After Hours Crisis Support Services:

HealthLine 1-877-800-0002, assists with crisis that does not need 911 services. Can be used to access mental health therapist or crisis counsellor.

Melfort 24 hours Crisis Center: 1-800-611-6349. This is a crisis support line and can provide info and referrals to other services.

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Parents Help Line: 1-888-603-9100

Shelters in Prince Albert: Childrens Haven 306-922-4454, Womens Shelter 306-764-7233, YWCA Shelter for men and women 306-922-6162

STC Indian Child and Family Services 1-866-871-4237

Yellow Quill Mental Health Therapist, Jodie Payant 306-525-4918 (if no answer please leave a message).

Staff Lists…continued

Training Staff at Band Office:
Leonard Pasanipiness, NCBR Coordinator
Barbara Desjarlais, Quality of Life Coordinator
Clarissa Whitehead, Administration Assistant

Health Center Staff:
Kristopher Machiskinic-Receptionist
Elizabeth Nashacappo- Community Health Representative/ Acting Health Director
Debora Pauchay- Diabetes Initiatives (LPN)
Twila Grona- Community Health Nurse (LPN)
Crystal Prouse- Maternal Health Nurse (LPN)
Ethel Bluebell- Youth Addictions
Lorraine Stone- CAPP/ Addictions Counsellor
Shannon Poorman- Home Health Aide
Crystal Peequaquat- Home Health Aide
Rhonda Qually- Homecare Nurse (LPN)
Jodie Payant- Mental Health Therapist/ Living Well Facilitator
Linda Bird- Medical Transportation Coordinator
Margaret Whitehead- Medical Driver
Peter Peeace- Medical Driver
Marilyn Gilbert- Medical Driver
Doreen Shumi- Medical Driver (Part Time)
Nana-Afia Benewaa- Focus On Families Home Visitor
Irene Squirrel- Focus On Families Home Visitor
Mary Jane Machiskinic- STC Child and Family Services Supervisor
Ebenezer (Ben) Ababio- STC Child and Family Services
Antonia Moose- Justice Coordinator

Daycare Staff:
Sherry Campeau- Daycare Facilitator
Leona Nippi- Child Day Care Worker
Marcia Taniskishayinew-Daycare Cook

NEC School Staff:
Steve McKay, Principal
Deanna Roper, Secretary
Leanne Torgerson, Kindergarten/Nursery Group 1
Lillian Nippi, Nursery Group 2
Kimberly Hodgson, Gr 1 Teacher Group 1
Caitlin Cambell-Ahenakew, Gr1 Teacher Group 2
Larrisa Asapace, Gr2 Teacher
Colleen Cappo, Gr 3 Teacher
Lois Windigo, Gr 4 Teacher
Heather Morin, Gr 5 Teacher
Tina Cambell, Gr 6 Teacher
Lauren Musqua, Gr 7 Teacher

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

Yellow Quill Offices:
Band Office: 306-322-2281
Band Office fax: 306-322-2304
Band Office Lobby: 306-322-2204
Health Center: 306-322-2041
HC fax: 306-322-5970
NEC School: 306-322-4448
NEC fax: 306-322-2377
Store: 306-322-2156
Peacekeepers: 306-322-2077
Water Plant: 306-322-2093

Saskatoon Urban Office:
1438 Fletcher Rd
Saskatoon, SK S7M 5T2
Phone: 306.979.6811
Fax: 306.979.6815

Regina Urban Office:
1246 Albert Street
Regina, SK S4R 2R3
Phone: 306-789-4544
Fax: 306-789-4554

Saskatoon Tribal Council:
#200 – 335 Packham Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7N 4S1
Asimakaniseekan Askiy Reserve #102A
Phone: 306-956-6100
Fax: 306-244-7273

Darrel Seib, Gr 8 Teacher
Leslie Marceland, Gr 9 Teacher
Johnathan Smith, Gr 10 Teacher
Travis Little, GR 11 & 12 Teacher
Sylvia Pauchay, Leveled Literacy Intervention Teacher
Rena Paykeekoot, Phys Ed and Info Pro
Kelly Mills-Seib, Special Education
Agnes Whitehead, Saulteaux Language Teacher
Thomas Squirrel, Saulteaux Language Teacher/Academic Coach
Norman Moose, Hall Security
Doreen McKay, Community School Coordinator
John Roper, Maintenance
Stewart Whitehead, IT/Computer
Christine Nashacappo-Roper, Librarian
Richard Nataucappo, Custodian
Darwin Peeace, Custodian
Patricia Nataucappo, School Cook
Barbara Bluecloud, School Cook
Robert Machiskinic, Night Security
Joseph Nippi, Night Security
Tracey Tom, Teachers Assistant
Janice Tony, Teachers Assistant
Tia Stoney, Teachers Assistant
Jolene Squirrel, Teacher Assistant
Eugene Peequaquat, Teachers Assistant
Tina Nashacappo, Teachers Assistant
Doreen Shumi, Bus Driver
Elizabeth Kishayinew, Bus Driver
Marty Kishayinew, Bus Driver
Gary Nashacappo, Bus Driver

Proposed YQFN Building on 4th Avenue, Saskatoon, SK

NAKAWE LANGUAGE NEST – Submitted by Steve McKay

Language nests were introduced in Aotearoa/New Zealand by the Maori Peoples. A language nest is an intergenerational language transmission to language development first used by Maori grandmothers to teach the Maori language to their grandchildren. In this program preschool children are immersed in a setting where Maori is the only language of communication. The *language nest* is an international example of Indigenous early childhood language and culture revitalization efforts. Other linguistic groups such as Hawaiian, Russian Karelian, and Finnish Inari-Sammi have adopted Maori language nests to revitalize their own ancient languages.

Maori language nests are our only hope to rightfully reclaim our ancestral languages and cultures such as Saulteaux. The language nests provide a powerful linguistic and cultural blueprint to be used for this purpose. This process involves capacity building where the whole community collectively works to recover and revive ancient practices into the lives of all community members in meaningful and powerful ways. Language nests are not a new linguistic discovery; rather they have been used by every linguistic group of the world (Chinese, Japanese, Russia, Saulteaux, Cree, English, French, etc.) for thousands of years to pass on the language to the next generation (***You don't teach a language, you SPEAK IT!***)

For this reason, language nests were introduced at YQFN Day Care and Head Start in October 2014. Eleanore Peequaquat is the Language Nests Coordinator and the children are beginning to learn their own Nakawe language. The nests are not fully organized because it takes about a year to be fully functional. Language instructors have to be trained in established pedagogical practices such as Total Physical Response (TPR), and Total Physical Response-Storytelling (TPR-S) (Cantoni, 1999), Accelerated Second Language Acquisition (ASLA) (Greymorning, 1999), and Picture Word Inductive Model (PWIM) (Calhoun, 1999) which are highly effective for transmitting language. This process is time consuming and involves a lot of planning, and parents/guardians must be patient because ***children cannot learn a foreign overnight***. It is a good start for Yellow Quill to reclaim their language and culture and it will happen soon; however, the whole community and leadership must be involved in the process.

Language Immersion	Language Nest
• Usually for majority children. • Prestige of the target language; rational reasons to learn it. • Starting at the age of 4-5; successive bilingualism. • Role of the family: parents are not recommended to change the home language. • Continuing in school: immersion classes like English or French	• Usually for minority children. • Traditionally low prestige, but revitalization going on; mainly other than rational reasons. • Starting as early as possible (Day Care); learning both languages daily - synchronic bilingualism. • Families encouraged toward Reversing Language Shift (RLS) • Not necessarily possibilities to continue in school

Figure 1 – Models of Immersion Language Instruction, adapted from Pasanen, 2010

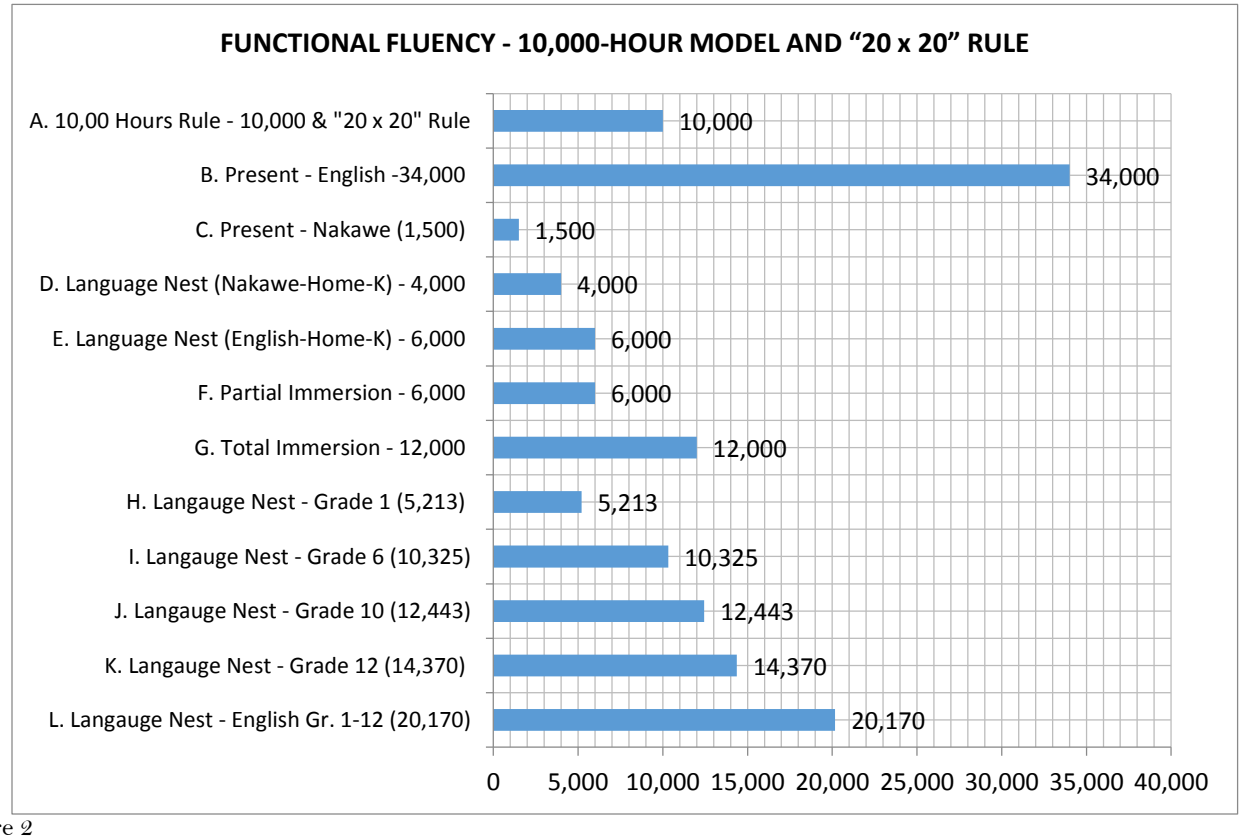

Figure 2

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A. A child must study a second language for 10,000 hours before they are functionally fluent in that second language - phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and lexicon (Grammar). The "20 x 20 Rule" states the child has to hear or use a word 20 times in 20 different situations (400 language acquisition contexts) before he or she masters it. But saying a word 400 times does not meet the goal. This involves a lot of repetition.
B. Present – English learned by a child at Home to Grade 12 (34,000 hours).
C. Present – Nakawe taught as a subject from Grades 1 – 12 (1,500 hours). This is 8,500 hours short of the 10,000 Hour Model and "20 x 20 Rule". This is the area where the community and school have to fill in the gap like CCC and other means to attain Nakawe fluency.
D. Language Nest (English spoken at home to Kindergarten) 6,000 hours.
E. Language Nest (Nakawe spoken at home to Kindergarten) 4,000 hours. This is where the Language Nest Model ensures children become functionally fluent in Nakawe by Grade 6, but language acquisition must start at Day Care.
F. Partial Immersion – 6,000 hours but is 2,000 hours short of the 10,000 Hours Rule.
G. Total Immersions – 12,000 hours. An effective model which was used by present Nakawe speakers in English speakers but does not apply presently to Indigenous language immersion presently programs due to national languages policy (English and French).
H. Language Nest – students completing Grade 1 (5,213 hours), close to partial immersion.
I. Language Nest – students completing Grade 6 (10,325 hours) achieve language fluency.
J. Language Nest – students completing Grade 10 (12,443 hours) functionally fluent.
K. Language Nest – students completing Grade 12 (14,370 hours) highly functionally fluent.
L. Language Nest – students study English from Grades 1-12 (20,170 hours) functionally fluent

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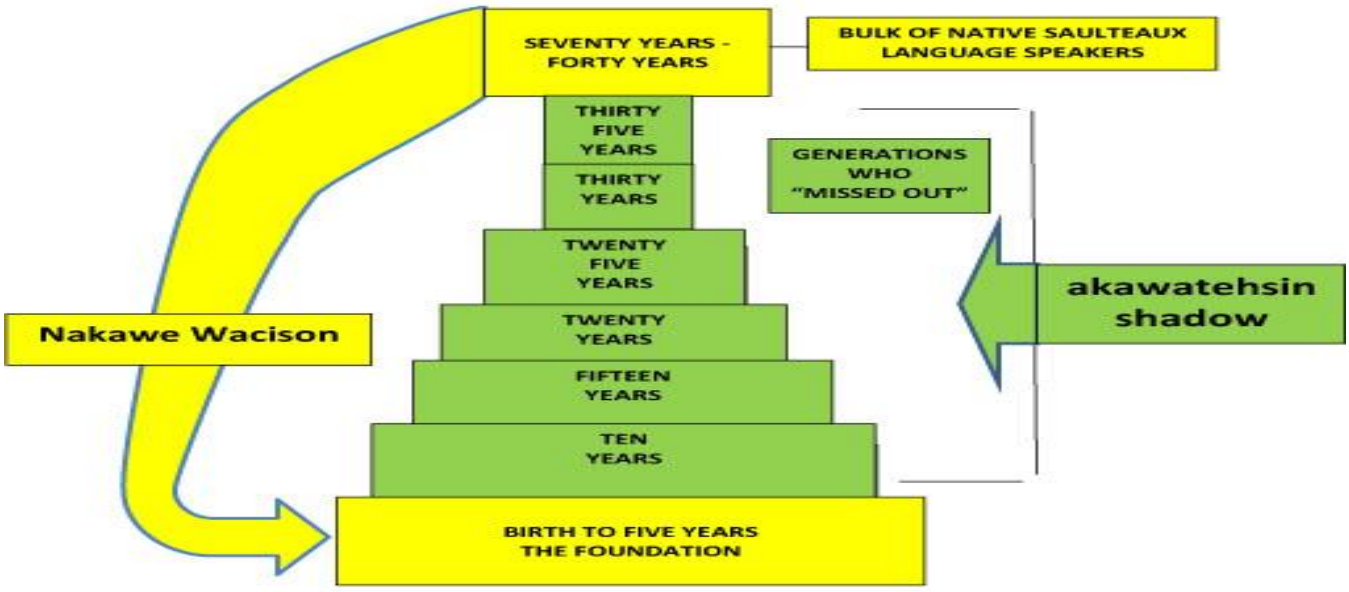

In a Language Nest, the bulk of the fluent Nakawe speakers are adults from 40 – 70 years of age. These are the adults who are used to help preschoolers learn their language in an immersed Nakawe setting at Day Care, Head Start and Nursery. Research in language acquisition states the earlier a child learns both his/her Indigenous language and English (Day Care), the child will reach stable bilingualism by start of Grade 1. This means when the child starts Grade 1 he/she will be fluent in both Nakawe and English and use both interchangeably like with present adults who speak Nakawe and English.