

SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



FEATURED COMMUNITY NEWS

SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS WANTS YOU!

Are you a Member who is considering applying to work at SFN but you don't feel that you meet all of the qualifications for your desired position? That's ok! The Nation prioritizes hiring SFN Members and is willing to provide education opportunities and training within most positions! The Nation is experiencing internal growth and is seeking dedicated individuals to join our team of staff members who provide the programming and services that you depend on! We have a devoted HR team working to find the right candidates for each available position.

Saulteau First Nations (SFN) strives to be the Best Governed Nation, one that is proud, culturally strong and self-sufficient. As stewards of the land, we will ensure that the best sustainable practices are followed, now and in the future. We remain proudly determined.

To see the available job postings within the Nation and to apply, go to <https://www.saulteau.com/employment>.



Saulteau First Nations

WINTER CARNIVAL

February 17th, 2024 - 11:00 - 8:00 pm

Pemmican Grounds

Come out and Celebrate Family Day With Us!

Activities:

Curling with Milk jugs - Teams of 4

Wooden Ski Relay Race

Paper Air Plane Toss onto Ice Rink

Snow Golf

Skating / Sledding

Scavenger Hunt

Snow Panting

**11:00 - 3:00 Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Coffee and Hot Chocolate
in Mano's Kitchen**

Cook Off in the Gym from 4:30-5:00 pm

Pugeesee Tournament to follow in the gym

5:00 - 8:00 pm

If you'd like to take part in Curling, Snow Golf, or Pugeesee. There will be a Registration Table set up in Mano's Kitchen at 10:30 am on the 17th!

If you have any questions please contact

Carlee Westgate

cwestgate@saulteau.com

or

Chelsea Gauthier

cgauthier@saulteau.com



February

2024



Mikiso-pîsim (Mik-soo-ee-pee-sim) Eagle Moon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			XOXO	1	2 PRO-D Day No School 	3
4	5 PHE - Gymnastics	6	7 PHE - Gymnastics	8 Making Bannock W/ Elder	9	10
11	12 PHE - Gymnastics	13 	14 V-Day PHE - Gymnastics	15 sliding	16	17
18	19 Family Day No School STAT	20	21 PHE - Gymnastics	22 sliding	23	24
25	26 PHE - Gymnastics	27 sliding	28 Pink Shirt Day PHE - Gymnastics Early Dismissal @ 2:00	29 Early Dismissal @ 2:00		



Muskoti Elementary School

Attention fellow band and community members:

Do you or someone you know have a child turning 4 by December 31, 2024, or entering Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, or 3 in September 2024? If so, please contact us for a registration form ASAP to register your child in our upcoming school year in our full-day Pre-Kindergarten (K4), Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, or 3 classes with BC Certified teachers in our registered First Nations School.

We limit class sizes to provide the best quality of education we can, so it's best to register early.

We have a strong cultural and language program that is continuing to flourish. We also offer units on skating, snowshoeing, swimming, gymnastics, and so much more for your child (ren) to learn. Our fieldtrips and local bussing enhance our program.

For more information, please contact our Principal, Cody Schlamp at 250-788-7361 or at cschlamp@saulteau.com.

Our school for our community!



Tiny Tots ages 1-6 Pow Wow pratice

SFN Gym Wednesday
Feb.21st 2024
4:30-5:30pm



Pow Wow Dance Practice



SFN Gym
Feb.28th
6-7pm

Crafts

Sundays
February
11th-25th
SFN Gym
1-4pm



Your paragraph text

Moccasin Making class

Feb 15th
5-8pm@ NBH

This class is for those who
started and need to finish
making their mocassins



Please call -250-788-7262

FEBRUARY 2024

MUSKOTI LEARNING CENTRE EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Culture Day Painting	7 After School Club Create a Resume/Cover Letter 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Chocolate Making	13	14 After School Club Cooking 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19 Family Day MLC Closed	20 Culture Day Every 2nd Tuesday	21 After School Club Sports 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Snowshoe	27 Pink Shirt Day Feb 28	28 After School Club Intro to the Weight Room 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	29		

Notes:

MLC is closed February 19, 2024 for Family Day

Pink Shirt Day is February 28, 2024

If you are a MLC student interested in making a Dream Catcher next month please let us know!

The Muskoti Learning Centre has the weight room reserved for student use every Mon - Thu from 2:00 - 3:00 pm!

★ For registered MLC students. For event info. please phone (250-788-7368) or check in the classroom - dates & times may vary ★

MUSKOTI LEARNING CENTRE

FEBRUARY

READING CHALLENGE

for Grades 5-12

Every participant wins a prize!

Earn an entry to the **GRAND PRIZE DRAW** for every 50 pages you read!

Please come in to the Muskoti Learning Centre Classroom to register and learn more

250-788-7368 bconrad@saulteau.com

MUSKOTI LEARNING CENTRE

February

ADULT READING CHALLENGE

GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

Every participant receives a prize!

Earn an entry in the Grand Prize draw for every book you read!

Please come in to the MLC Adult classroom to register and learn more

250-788-7368 bconrad@saulteau.com

Indigenous. Ingenious.

Rigorous, transformative programs for Indigenous artists.



'Taaurumiq' - Christina King 2022, Indigenous Haute Couture, Photographer Rita Taylor
Dance Showcase, Banff, 2022, Photo by Jennifer...

Indigenous Arts

Informed by Indigenous cultures and worldviews, we offer programs in all disciplines for emerging to established Indigenous artists. Our programs are highly transformative, situate rigour and exploration at their centre, and are inspired by 'power of place' here in Treaty 7 territory.

Through outstanding performances, concerts, residencies, presentations, workshops, talks, and exhibitions, Indigenous Arts contributes to strong and vibrant Indigenous arts communities in Canada and around the globe.

To explore our offerings and for information about application dates, fees and scholarships visit banffcentre.ca/indigenous-arts

Indigenous Arts Residencies

Engage with renowned faculty and artists from around the world. Enjoy access to studio space and extensive facilities to develop your practice.

Explore programs in:

- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Music
- Performing Arts

Scholarship of 100% is available and will be applied to cover tuition, meals and accommodation costs.

Indigenous Arts is generously supported by:



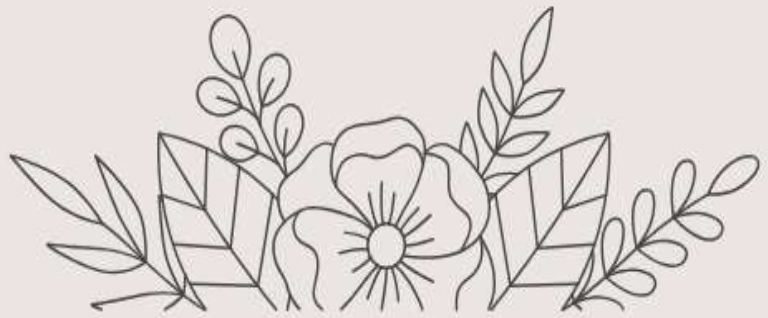
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Elders group yoga



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20
located at SFN gym
11:00am-1pm



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS
@ 8PM AT THE MOBERLY LAKE COMMUNITY HALL OPEN
TO SAULTEAU AND WEST MOBERLY MEMBERS



CONFIDENTIAL AND SUPPORTIVE SELF-HELP GROUP FOR
COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR WHOM SUBSTANCES ARE OR HAVE
BEEN A CHALLENGE. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



2024 Income & Disability Assistance Payment Schedule

Declarations Due	Payment Date	for the month of
January 8-11, 2024	January 17, 2024	February 2024
February 5-8, 2024	February 14, 2024	March 2024
March 11-14, 2024	March 20, 2024	April 2024
April 8-11, 2024	April 17, 2024	May 2024
May 6-9, 2024	May 15, 2024	June 2024
June 10-13, 2024	June 19, 2024	July 2024
July 8-11, 2024	July 17, 2024	August 2024
August 12-15, 2024	August 21, 2024	September 2024
September 9-12, 2024	September 18, 2024	October 2024
October 14-17, 2024	October 23, 2024	November 2024
November 11-14, 2024	November 20, 2024	December 2024
December 9-12, 2024	December 18, 2024	January 2025

The above dates are aligned with the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction payment dates.
If required, there will be advanced notice for any changes to the dates above through newsletter or SFN social media outlets.

***Job search activity and other requests must be submitted with declarations for applicants required to do so.**

Please contact Falon Gauthier @ (250) 788-7286 or email fgauthier@saulteau.com

for any questions or concerns.

Social Assistance Clients

Rights and Responsibilities of Applicants and Recipients

Applicants have the right to:

- Apply if they believe they are in need
- Have their information treated as personal and confidential
- Receive prompt, courteous and efficient service
- Receive all the assistance and benefits they are entitled to
- Appeal decisions concerning an application or provision of benefits

Applicants have the responsibility to:

- Disclose all information required to determine eligibility for assistance
- (if employable) Seek work/be available for work at all times and participate in employability programs and training
- Use all available resources and income to support themselves as a preferred alternative to social assistance
- Inform BSDW of changes in circumstance that may reflect eligibility

All new applicants and continuing recipients of Income Assistance are to search for, accept and continue seeking employment at all times. All clients are required to complete or demonstrate they have completed a satisfactory work search lasting three weeks. However, applicants who meet a certain criteria may be temporarily exempt from this requirement.

If you are a client and want to find out what criteria you fall under, please reach out to your BSDW (Band Social Development Worker) via phone or email to see if this applies to you.

Some examples of reasonable work search activities include but are not limited to:

- Preparing a resume.
- Searching for job openings.

- Telephone, email or face to face inquires with potential employers.
- Submitting applications or resumes for jobs.
- Responding to advertisements.
- Employment interviews.
- Accessing Employment Services such as meeting with the Nation's Employment & Training Officer or Work BC.
- Attending job search sessions or job fairs.
- Pursuing job shadowing opportunities and volunteering.
- Attending workshops on employment search.

Monthly Renewal Declaration

Reporting Requirements for recipients of income assistance, disability assistance and hardship assistance are required to report all or and any employment income or other money received and any changes in their circumstances in addition to requesting further assistance each month.

Changes that **MUST** be reported by Recipients of income assistance, disability assistance and hardship assistance are required to report changes in their circumstances such as:

- address
- shelter/utility costs
- number of dependents
- changes in employability status
- whether they are attending school
- and any changes in assets

Monthly Declarations can be completed by phone, email or in person to the BSDW.

Note: Work search must be submitted with monthly declarations for applicants required to do so in order to continue eligibility.

For any inquires related to Social Assistance please contact

Falon Gauthier Band Social Development Worker

fgauthier@saulteau.com T.250-788-7286 F. 236-364-2038

Office Hours Monday -Thursday 8am-4:30pm

We strive to work with all community members to deliver a SERVICE that lives up to the name of the department
MEMBER SERVICES with EMPATHY, HUMILITY, TRUST and HONESTY!
Ka nesoohkamatin (I will help you!)





New Baby Blues

The New Baby Blues that occur within 7-10 days after the birth of the baby affect 50-80% of new mothers. It can happen to mothers who have had babies before or to first time mothers.

If you are experiencing the New Baby Blues you could find yourself feeling restless, irritable, tearful, tired, discouraged, and/or helpless. These low spirits might then be replaced by a sense of joy; where you feel suddenly energetic, talkative and/or happy.

Causes include sudden changes in hormone levels after birth, discomfort and fatigue related to the birth, the challenges of parenting and/or other life stressors.

No treatment is necessary for the baby blues as the symptoms go away very quickly. However, taking good care of yourself will help you cope with the hectic first few weeks.

If these feelings get worse or last longer than a couple of weeks, notify your physician or public health nurse as 10-28% of women with a new baby experience postpartum depression.

Public Health Nursing will be offering a postpartum depression screening at your baby's first visit to the Health Unit, around the two-month immunization visit. It is important that the screening questionnaire be filled out on your own, without your answers being influenced by others.

Take care of yourself - Some Tips:

- Make rest a priority. Take a nap when the baby does. Less housekeeping, more rest.
- Practice relaxation techniques.
- Drink 8-10 glasses of water per day and eat a nutritious diet. Eat small quick meals and snacks several times per day.
- Take a walk outdoors, this will help clear your mind and help you to sleep better.
- Join an exercise program..
- Talk about your labour and delivery experience.
- Express your feelings with your partner and friends.
- Share your baby's care with your partner.
- Accept help from others and don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it. For example, prepared foods, housekeeping, etc.
- Try to network with other new mothers (you are not alone). You can support each other.
- Consult with your Physician or Public Health Nurse if you have any questions or concerns about your or your baby's health.
- Take regular breaks from baby care to do something you enjoy. 15-30 minute breaks can renew your energy.
- Enjoy a warm bath and or massage.
- Believe in yourself.

If you think you might have the New Baby Blues and would like to speak to a health care professional or for more information on the New Baby Blues or Postpartum Depression, please contact your physician, or your Public Health Nurse. If you need help right away, please call the Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-877-442-2828 or the call 811.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (CANADA)

Determined. Imaginative. Curious. If these are some of the ways you describe yourself — we want to learn more about you! At TC Energy, we are Energy Problem Solvers — passionate about transitioning North America to cleaner energy while meeting the energy demands of today and tomorrow. If that sounds like a challenge you want to help tackle, we want you to join our team!

Posting Close Date: April 30, 2024

The Opportunity

TC Energy is seeking Indigenous students who want to be #EnergyProblemSolvers in various locations, across Canada.

As a valued member of our team, you'll do exciting, challenging work, solve real problems, and make a meaningful impact. You'll learn about the business and build your professional network by working closely with other skilled people at TC Energy.

Term lengths vary by 4, 8, 12, and 16-month opportunities.

Roles are based in Calgary as well as various field locations across Canada, and responsibilities will depend on your team and work location. To be considered for student opportunities, please submit your application online. We have exciting opportunities in the following departments at TC: Natural Gas Pipelines, Energy Origination and Development, Engineering and Research Programs, Information Systems, Liquids Pipelines, Operations and Project Execution, Power Operations, Supply Chain, Safety and Operational Excellence.

Minimum Qualifications

- Actively enrolled in a degree program (Engineering, Computer Science, HR, Supply Chain Management, Accounting and Finance, etc.) or equivalent, with at least one semester of education complete
- Returning to school for at least one semester following your work term
- Must exhibit the TC Energy corporate values and incorporate them into work activities and initiatives: safety, responsibility, integrity, innovation and collaboration
- Legally entitled to work in Canada by way of Canadian citizenship, permanent residency or a valid work permit



Preferred Qualifications

- Strong interpersonal and communicative skills to work efficiently in a collaborative team environment
- Committed to building and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Ability to accurately analyze information and deal with ambiguity
- Experience working in a dynamic and challenging environment, and adaptable to changing priorities
- Ability to multi-task effectively, with strong organizational and time management skills
- Committed to continuous improvement and personal development

To remain competitive, support our high-performance culture and allow for more flexibility in the way we work, we offer a hybrid work model and flexible dress code for our eligible office-based workforce in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. #LI-Hybrid

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CALY W.
Environmental Science Student and
TC Energy Scholarship Recipient



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STEM



TRADES

Application deadline
May 3, 2024



[TCScholarships.com](https://www.tcscholarships.com)

TC Energy



DIABETIC FOOT CARE

CANCELLED

Feb 22nd 2024 @ Health
center.
Call Drea to book
T: 250-401-8267



ELDERS GROUP *Painting*

Feb 6th 2024
11am-1pm
Lunch provided.

Physiotherapy

Feb 15th 2024 the
Health Center
contact your family
doctor
to be referred.
to book Please call
250-788-7300

Physiotherapist is unable to do
WCB and ICBC Claims

FLOOR HOCKEY



MENS GROUP

SAULTEAU GYM
TUESDAY February 20th 2024
6PM- 8PM
SNACKS PROVIDED
CONTACT CORY NOSKIYE @ (250)-874-7333



FEBRUARY
6
2024

SAULTEAU MENS GROUP

VOLLEYBALL

@ SFN GYM

6PM- 8PM

SNACKS PROVIDED

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JANUARY
23
2024

SAULTEAU MENS GROUP

VOLLEYBALL

@ SFN GYM

6PM- 8PM

SNACKS PROVIDED

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JASON SKANI

GRIEF & LOSS (UNDERSTANDING LOSS) FAMILIES
GRIEF & LOSS (THE GRIEVING PROCESS) FAMILIES

Feb 22-26th @ NBH

To register please contact our
Mental wellness and substance abuse counsellor
txt or call
250-401-7616



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Jason E Skani

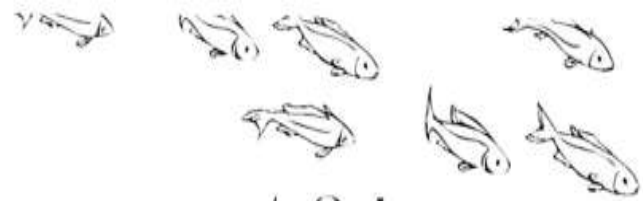
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About

Mr Jason Skani has been involved in the helping/human resource industry for 15+ years. Having the determination, and focus of delivering exceptional and truly engaging experiences for the people Jason has worked with over the past years of facilitating all types of workshops and presentations. Jason's Theory has helped many individuals overcome and achieve success in their life endeavours.

Having come from a traumatic childhood of Sexual abuse, trauma, and abandonment, Foster Care, Mr Skani has overcome these experiences through many years of doing the work necessary to achieve success in his life goals in helping people who have had similar experiences.

Jason's Purpose and his Journey has led him to pursue Life Coaching (2005), Grief Counsel Therapy (2021), Personal & Business Coaching I.C.F. (2022). In Pursuit of Bachelor of Arts - Majoring in Psychology. (2023)



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FEBRUARY

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Dates to Note

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

BC Family Day

Feb 1st - Medicine bags
NBH 5-8pm

Feb 9th- Trapping
demo full day 10-2pm @
NBH

Feb 15th - Mocassin class

Feb 17th and 18th 10am-6pm
SFN WINTER CARNIVAL @ PEM
GROUNDS

Feb 19th- BC FAMILY DAY
-OFFICES CLOSED-

Feb 22nd -Jam Making @ NBH

Feb 29th BABY WELCOMING



Family is everything



**First
2024 Pemmican
Days
Committee Meeting**

Tuesday February 13th

1:00 pm - 3:00pm

BAND HALL GYM

MEDICINE BAGS

**Feb 1st 2024- 5pm-8pm @ NBH
Dinner provided.**



**Limited spots to register
Please call Chelsea Gauthier at 250-788-7262
or email cgauthier@saulteau.com**



**STRAWBERRY
JAM**



**Feb 22 2024
5pm-8pm @NBH**

**All are welcome
Dinner provided**



Trapping Demo

**Hands on experience.
Get to see first hand how
trapping and skinning is done.**

Feb 9th 10-2pm @ NBH



**Please call 250-788-7262 or email
Cgauthier@saulteau.com**

REGISTER TODAY!

APRIL 26TH-29TH, 2024

**SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS
OPEN TO ALL SURROUNDING NATIONS**

FREE

**YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP
(INDIGENOUS YOUTH AGES 11-18)**

**EACH YOUTH RECEIVES \$100 GIFTCARD FOR
PARTICIPATING, AND THE WINNING TEAM RECEIVES
\$250 EACH!**



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
Email rowan@BearsLairTV.com

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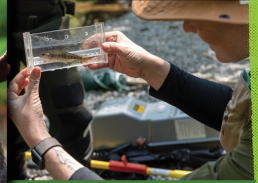
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APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

- First Nations Drinking Water Settlement Claims
- Federal Day School Class Action - Missing Information Letters
- Federal Indian Day School Claim - Reconsideration Letters

Adrienne Greyeyes
Indian Day School Coordinator - Northern Region
AdrienneGreyeyes@irsss.ca
672-755-1275

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Environmental Science Student and
TC Energy Scholarship Recipient

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student pursuing post-
secondary education?**

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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**



TCScholarships.com

TC Energy

WINTER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The winter season can bring challenging conditions to the community - get prepared!

Is Your Vehicle Prepared?

- Winter Tires
- Extra Windshield Fluid
- Traction Aids
- Snow Brush
- Extra Blankets or Warm Clothing
- Jumper Cables

Is Your Home Prepared?

- Sufficient Heat Supply - Wood or Propane
- Small supply of shelf-stable food and water
- Extra pet / baby supplies
- Do NOT leave electric heaters on unattended!

Check in On Your Elders!

- Spend Quality Time
- Shovel Walks & Driveways
- Bring Food & Medicine
- Have a check-in plan!

Check Your Smoke Alarms!

- Install Detectors & Alarms in Kitchen & Outside of Bedrooms
- Test Alarms Monthly
- Have a Home Fire Escape Plan!

**PLEASE DO NOT
DUMP ANY ANIMAL
CARCASS OR ANY
BONES IN THE
GARBAGE BINS.**

This is a friendly reminder that it is unacceptable to put the following in any

garbage bins:

Un-bagged garbage

Un-bagged cat litter

Meat or animal bones.

If ANY of these are found in the bins, the garbage will NOT be collected.



BEARS LAIR
Youth **Camps**

DREAM CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT!

APRIL 26-29, 2024

SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS
OPEN TO ALL SURROUNDING NATIONS

FRIDAY: 5PM-830PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 930AM-4:00 PM
MONDAY: 5PM-830PM



FREE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP SPONSORED BY SHELL

(INDIGENOUS YOUTH AGES 11-18)

Explore the basics of business and learn how to run your own company!
Learn how to turn your ideas into reality!

EACH YOUTH RECEIVES \$100 MASTERCARD FOR PARTICIPATING, AND THE WINNING TEAM RECEIVES \$250 EACH + FREE SWAG! AT THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DINNER ON APRIL 29TH!

Contact Cheri at ckoenig@saulteau.com

DREAM CAMP INCLUDES:

- **Breakfast & Lunch**
- **Shirt & Swag**
- **Team Coaches to help Youth tackle Challenges and develop valuable business, teamwork and life skills such as negotiating, public speaking and budgeting.**
- **Lots of hands-on activities to create a start-up plan and Team Pitch video for YOUR business ideas.**



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

Email: rowan@BearsLairTV.com

Phone: Geena Jackson (604) 306-7736

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First Nations
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DATA ANALYTICS FOUNDATIONS

Understanding and using data to inform decision-making is an essential skill in both our personal and professional lives. In this course, you will learn the foundations of data analytics, acquire practical skills, and discover its many applications.



February 12 - March 8
Monday - Friday
9 am - 4 pm



This course is fully funded.
Learners are eligible to
apply for funding to cover
some living expenses.



Equipment and technology
required for this course is
provided.



Laddering opportunities &
career paths

Who is it for?

This course is for Indigenous Peoples living in BC, 18+, who have an internet connection and basic computer skills including laptop operation and maintenance, video conferencing, and Microsoft Office.

Laddering Opportunities:

This is an intermediate-level course that will provide you with foundational knowledge of Data Analytics. Learners can ladder into our advanced-level Futures Data Analytics course for career-ready skills.



Scan the QR code to apply
before January 29.
Questions? Email
Jon@technologycouncil.ca

Learning Outcomes:

- ✓ Explain how the data analytics process leads to informed decision-making in a variety of domains
- ✓ Discuss data collection methods for real-world scenarios
- ✓ Evaluate and prepare a dataset from real-world scenarios
- ✓ Analyze a dataset using common software tools
- ✓ Construct data visualizations
- ✓ Communicate data findings

2024 WILDFIRE SEASON

Last year, BC experienced our most destructive wildfire season in recorded history. More than 2.84 Million Hectares of forest and land burned - 2.27 Million Hectares in the Price George Fire Region, the largest fires in the province being the Donnie Creek complex and the Omineca River complex.

Looking ahead to 2024, we can expect to see similar wildfire conditions in our region due to the continued drought and overall lack of any precipitation (snow or rain), abnormally warm seasonal temperatures, dry valley bottoms, deep unmanaged fuel layers in our forests, and unusually high wind speeds.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Start At Home -

- Remove all combustable materials within 10 Meters of the Perimeter (outside) of your Home.
- Clean up your yard - removing flammable items, overgrown or dead vegetation, broken down vehicles, wood piles, etc.

Talk to Your Family -

- If you had to evacuate, who is travelling with who? What is the plan for pets, babies, or persons with mobility issues?



SFN TREP DEPARTMENT

TREATY RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

INDIGENOUS-LED AREA-BASED CONSERVATION BEGINS!

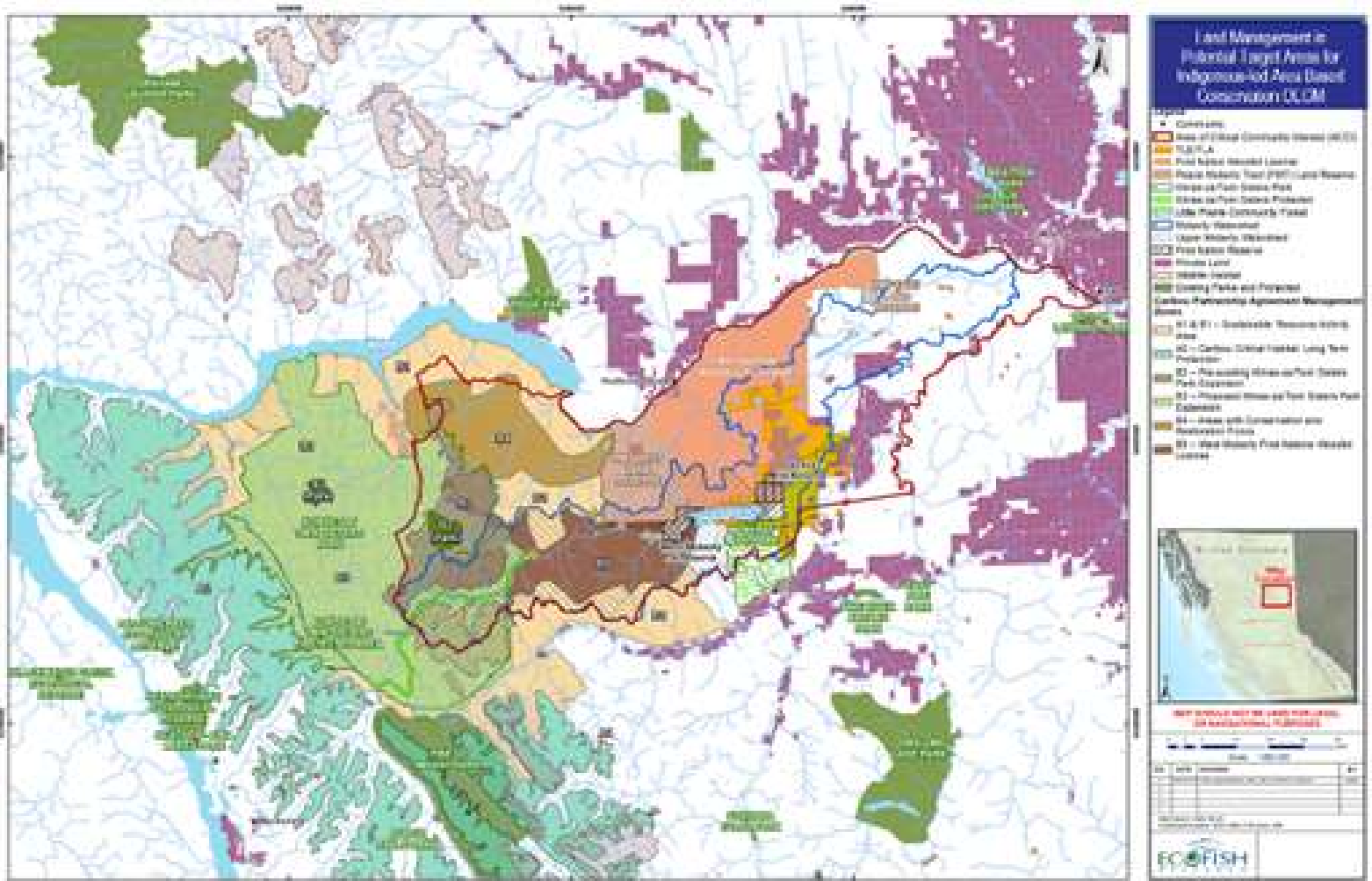
The TREP team is excited to announce a new project. This new project (called Indigenous-led Area-based Conservation or ILABC) is the culmination of decades of work to protect our territory and steward the lands and waters sustainably.

Canada has a big goal to protect or conserve 30% of Canada's lands and waters by 2030, called "30 by 30". This 30 by 30 is a United Nations international commitment. Saulteau has received funding from Canada to establish a sustainably managed area, that focusses on protecting or increasing biodiversity (healthy lands, plants, animals and waters).

Having an area recognized as an Indigenous-led Conserved area does not mean that it is all a park, but that the biodiversity will be conserved or increased, and decisions about land and water would need to focus on protecting biodiversity.

The actual boundaries of the area have not been decided yet and we will be seeking community input on the project, including the boundaries. We know the ILABC will include our Area of Critical Community Interest (ACCI) and the Moberly Watershed, the Klinse-za Park and high elevation Caribou protected areas (see the map for the ACCI in red and other areas).

If you have any questions about the Indigenous-led Area-based Conservation project, please contact Teena Demeulemeester or Naomi Owens-Beek.



Saulteau signed an agreement with the Province in January 2023 on a collaborative approach to land and resource planning. This agreement will address the cumulative impacts of industrial development on the meaningful exercise of our Treaty rights and begin to restore the land.

The attached map shows the extent of the land planning work we have underway in the South Peace. This planning is being undertaken to create a paradigm shift by braiding indigenous values into land & resource management.

At the Landscape-level we have a plan underway that will deliver by June 2024 interim direction on 3 elements – disturbance thresholds, riparian management & forest biodiversity. This outcome provides immediate operational direction to the Natural Gas & Forestry Industries.

Following the completion of the Landscape-level plan we will continue work on a Strategic-level plan for the South Peace that will be delivered by December 2025. The Strategic-level plan expands the Landscape-level plan, incorporating other indigenous values to inform a management direction that balances the meaningful exercise of treaty rights and resource development interests over the long term.

For more information, please contact Ryan McKay (rmckay@saulteau.com) or Gary Reay (Gary.Reay60@gmail.com)



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GATHERING OUR VOICES CONFERENCE 2024 INTEREST CONTEST

Victoria, BC.

MARCH 19-22ND

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REQUIREMENTS:

YOUTH AGES 14-24 ARE TO WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON WHY THEY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE 4 DAY CONFERENCE.

Please send paragraphs to corrinaw@saulteau.com and bwalker@saulteau.com to be considered.

School attendance may be taken into account in final decision making

Deadline is Feb 8th

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