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Newsletter

November 2025

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CENOVUS INVITES MEMBERS TO A SOMBER VISIT
OF OUR ANCESTRAL LANDS

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Members Return to Traditional Sites on the CLAWR

Cenovs recently invited several of our members to a tour of their Foster Creek operations, exploring culturally significant sites, connecting with our ancestral lands, and strengthening the ongoing partnership between the Nation and the company.



~ A sacred ancestral gravesite identified by CLFN members is carefully protected within the Foster Creek landscape.

Across the Foster Creek landscape, several locations hold deep significance for us, whose ancestors lived and travelled throughout the region long before the establishment of the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range in the 1950s. During the visit, participants had the opportunity to see one particularly special area — a small, untouched section of forest that Cenovus has committed to preserving. At first glance, the site may appear to be just a cluster of trees surrounded by industry, but it carries deep meaning. Identified by Elders in the early 2000s during environmental fieldwork, this area is a sacred ancestral gravesite, fenced off by Cenovus to ensure its preservation and respectful treatment. The arrangement of stones at the site aligns with our traditional Denesufiné burial practices, suggesting it may hold the resting places of at least two of our ancestors. Standing there offered a moment of quiet reflection on the enduring connection between us and our traditional lands. One Elder shared her reflections on returning to the area after decades. She spoke about the calmness and quiet of

Members Return to Traditional Sites on the CLAWR (cont)

the bush:

“We were here because it was so calm — you didn’t hear anything out here, just the birds.”

She recalled visiting the area as a teenager to hunt moose and preparing the meat for the long journey home, reflecting on how much time had passed since then. She remembered:

“That time, we had to dry all the meat before going home because it takes a while to go home, and that’s what we did over here — the last time I was here, not knowing that it was ever going to close up.”

After that time, the creation and expansion of the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range restricted our members from returning to many of our traditional use areas — including this one.



~ A historic cabin located within Foster Creek operations, with belongings still in place from generations past.

The visit also included a stop at a historic cabin within the traditional territory. Inside, cast iron pans, traps, and other items remain preserved — tangible reminders of the resourcefulness and way of life of our people who once lived and worked on the land. Seeing these artifacts in their original context brings history to life and reinforces the importance of protecting such sites for future generations.

This visit reflects an ongoing and growing partnership

between Cold Lake First Nations and Cenovus Energy, focused on mutual learning, environmental stewardship, and the protection of cultural heritage. Cenovus has committed to extensive consultation with Indigenous Nations before beginning any activity and to maintaining that dialogue throughout the life of its projects — including education for staff on the history, culture, and perspectives of Indigenous communities.

CLFNS Welcomes New Full-Time Enhanced Police Officer

Constable Joe Hamilton has begun a new role dedicated to improving safety, building relationships, and engaging with youth and community members on the Nation.

The position was created through the collaboration of Chief and Council and the RCMP, enhancing the current policing services already in place. Constable Joe Hamilton, an RCMP officer, began in the role at the end of October and will be working directly with Nation leadership, administration, departments, and residents on a daily basis. After his introduction to the community by Chief Kelsey on social media, Constable Hamilton has already begun meeting with community members and becoming familiar with the Nation.

“Being Indigenous myself, it was something that I wanted to do in a policing role — to police in an Indigenous aspect, either in a front line position or more of a community based position. When this position popped up,



~ Officer Hamilton handing out candy to community members during the Halloween Drive-Thru.

I was very interested in it,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton shared that the role is planned to continue long-term.

“As far as I know, it’s until 2032,” he said, noting that, “Prior to that, I would assume that it would be as long as the position is fulfilling its intended task as per Chief and Council and RCMP.”

The Enhanced Police Officer role focuses on presence

and visibility, relationship building, youth engagement, communication, crime reduction, and investigative follow-up. Unlike general duty policing, which typically responds to immediate incidents, Hamilton’s role emphasizes ongoing support.

“To build relationships and trust, I would say, just being a presence on the Nation. Kind of acting more as a follow-up individual as opposed to a first case, first contact,”

CLFNS Welcomes New Full-Time Enhanced Police Officer (cont.)



~ As Hamilton started his new position with CLFNs, Chief Kelsey Jacko welcomed him in a social media introduction.

he explained. “Whereas I would show up, make contact afterwards for follow up, see if there’s anything additional that needs to be done. And then pass that information along to the other general duty members.”

Hamilton said the position provides the flexibility needed to work more closely with the community.

“This position gives me the ability to be full time on the Nation — allows me to move around in different areas.

Working here gives me an idea of what’s going on in the community, gives me access to the youth centre and the school and other administrative areas. And then just being out and about, building relationships.”

While he is currently the only Enhanced Police Officer assigned to CLFNs, Hamilton hopes that over time, the positive impact of the position will support future expansion.

“One person is a start. I would like to work this position to a point where it would be

sought after to have additional positions developed,” he said. Hamilton is based out of the Integrated Services Building and can be found throughout the community during the week. He works Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with alternating Fridays off. Community members are welcome to connect with him for informal conversations or to schedule a meeting by calling the FCSS office at 780-594-7186.

CLFNs reminds residents that for active police complaints or emergencies, the appropriate contacts remain 911 or the Cold Lake RCMP complaint line at 780-594-3301.

The Nation looks forward to the continued growth of this role and the stronger, safer community it aims to help build.

Spooks, Treats, and Community Spirit Light Up CLFN's Halloween!



~ Costumed visitors brought plenty of Halloween spirit to the Drive-Thru celebration.

The Nation was alive with spooks and monsters last week as community members of all ages came together for a thrilling Halloween celebration — a full day of fun, treats, and festive spirit! The day kicked off with a frightfully fun Halloween Drive-Thru, which drew an incredible turnout of residents eager to enjoy a safe and spirited celebration.

Community members and local businesses — including 7-Lakes, TriRez, Comec, Primco Dene, Hotel Dene, the Youth Centre, Pinnacle, Iconic Mechanical, and all CLFN departments —

teamed up to hand out candy and bring smiles to families across our Nation.

As night fell, the excitement continued at the Youth Centre's annual Halloween Dance, where ghosts, ghouls, superheroes, and witches filled the dance floor for an evening of music, laughter, and community fun. With costume contests, sweet treats, and lively tunes, the party kept the energy high and spirits bright all night long.

This year's Halloween festivities showcased the strong sense of community

that defines CLFN — from the teamwork of local businesses and Nation departments to the joyful participation of families and youth. Organizers shared heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's celebration safe, enjoyable, and truly unforgettable.

As the pumpkins fade and the candy bowls empty, CLFN is already looking forward to more gatherings that bring our members together, strengthen connections, and create lasting memories for families across the Nation.

Honouring the Brave: The Story Behind Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day

Each November, Canadians pause to remember those who served — those who left home, families, and familiar land to fight in wars far away. For most, Remembrance Day on November 11 marks that moment of collective silence, when the nation stops to honour sacrifice and courage. But a few days earlier, on November 8, another day of remembrance takes place — one that began not from government decree, but from Indigenous veterans themselves: Indigenous Veterans Day.

This day was first observed in Winnipeg in 1994, when Indigenous veterans and their families gathered to honour their own — the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit men and women who served in every major conflict since the First World War. For decades, many of those veterans were overlooked during national ceremonies. Despite serving with distinction, they often returned home to a country that denied them the same benefits, recognition, and rights given to others.

Thousands of Indigenous people volunteered to fight in the world wars, often travelling great distances from remote



~ Archival photo of Cold Lake First Nations veterans Leo Janvier (standing, middle) and Pierre Herman (kneeling, middle).

communities to enlist. Many brought skills that came from living close to the land — tracking, patience, and resilience — which made them valued soldiers and scouts. Yet, when the wars ended, their struggles were far from over. Indian Act restrictions and systemic discrimination meant many veterans couldn't access veterans' benefits, couldn't vote, and, in some cases, lost their "Indian status" for leaving their reserves to serve.

Indigenous Veterans Day was born from that reality — as a way to ensure those contributions were finally seen, named, and honoured. It's now recognized across the country.

While Remembrance Day remains the broader national moment of mourning and gratitude, Indigenous Veterans Day adds a vital layer of truth. It reminds Canadians that Indigenous peoples were among the first to defend this land — long before Confederation — and continued to do so in service uniforms abroad.

Both days, taken together, tell a more complete story of remembrance: one that honours not just the act of service, but also the resilience of those who served despite the inequities they faced.

Lest we forget — and lest we ever overlook.

Youth Centre Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	1
							Drop-in Call Dene Godhe Ala to sign up at 780-594-7111
2 Swimming	3 Cooking With Setsune	4 Painting Night	5 Just Dance Night	6 Tutoring • Dene Drumming	7 Scavenger Hunt	8 Floor Hockey	
9 Drop-in	10 Little Chefs	11 Closed for Remembrance Day	12 Sports Night	13 Tutoring • Dene Drumming	14 Closed for Staff Development	15 Roller Blading	
16 Swimming	17	18 Beading Jewelry 5-7	19	20 Tutoring • Dene Drumming	21 Sports Night	22 Cooking With Setsune 2pm	
23 Drop-in	24 Spa Days Lashes, Gel manicure Or Gel Pedicure, Makeup	25	26 Basic Home Maintenance	27 Basic Home Maintenance • Tutoring • Dene Drumming	28 Snow Shoeing	29 Karaoke	12 and under must be accompanied by a parent and/or guardian...
30 Movie Night							

English Bay Center Calendar

Sunday Dak'e	Monday Dak'one	Tuesday Koozd'ape	Wednesday Tahzd'ape	Thursday D'ape	Friday Kuetuk'ak' d'ape	Saturday y' D'ap'at
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Social Development Calendar

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Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake E-Bay 9am-12pm Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	No Intake Warriors of the Nation Program
10	11	12	13	14
Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday Closed	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	No Intake Barriers Warriors of the Nation Program	No Intake Staff PD Warriors of the Nation Program
17	18	19	20	21
Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake E-Bay 9am-12pm In-person meeting isc Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	No Intake Warriors of the Nation Program
24	25	26	27	28
Intake Financial Literacy Ages 18-24 Warriors of the Nation	Intake Financial Literacy Ages 24+ Warriors of the Nation	Intake Cheque Day Warriors of the Nation Program	Intake Warriors of the Nation Program	No Intake Warriors of the Nation Program Grad

Facilitators: Rae-ann Desjardin & Samantha Amable

WELLNESS & SUPPORT GROUP

Both Locations

DENE WELLNESS
November 3, 2025
5:30PM - 8:00PM
Finding Strength

ENGLISH BAY CENTER
NOVEMBER 24, 2025
5:30PM - 8:00PM
FORGIVENESS (SELF AND OTHERS)




What to expect:

- You don't have to be sober to attend, but everyone must be alcohol & drug free during group.
- Healing & sharing.
- No Judgement!, Confidential and Supportive.
- What is said in circle stays in circle.
- Everyone's equal, we are all going through something.
- Open to anyone 18+



Call to Register
CLFN Dene Wellness - (780) 594-1471
Helps us plan enough food for everyone 🌟

GIFT CARDS
MONTHLY DRAW
Online Facebook: CLFN Dene wellness
November 31, 2025

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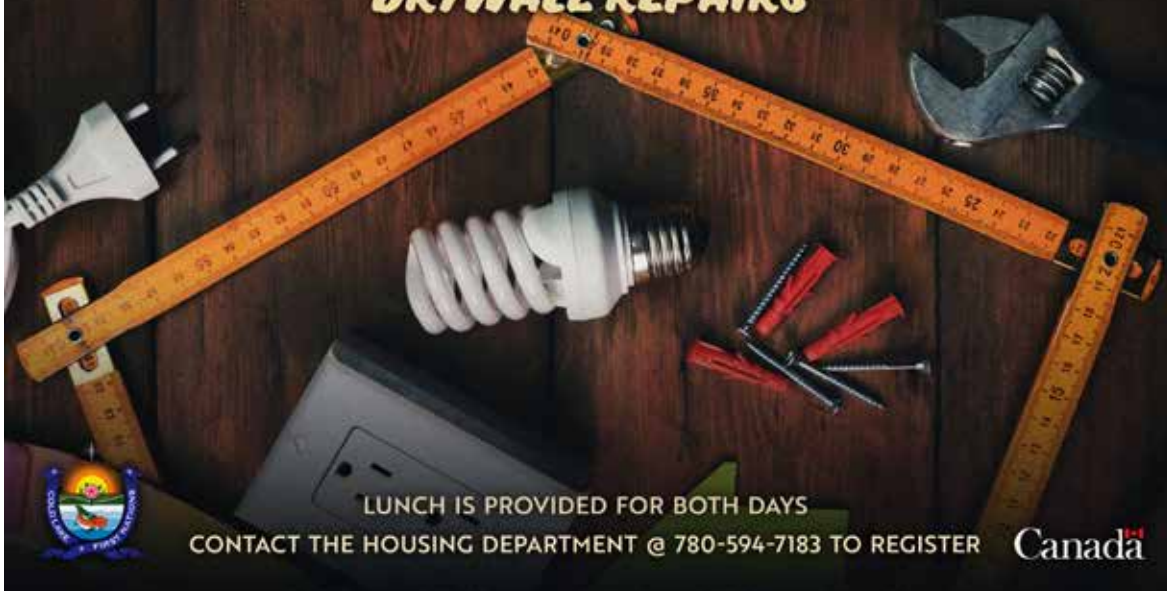
HOME MAINTENANCE *WORKSHOP*

NOV 24 & 25

ENGLISH BAY COMMUNITY CENTER

9AM - 3PM

**DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF
INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND ENHANCE
YOUR HOME MAINTENANCE SKILLS
LEARN HOW TO CHANGE PLUMBING
FIXTURES, ADJUST DOORS, AND MAKE
DRYWALL REPAIRS**



LUNCH IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH DAYS

CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT @ 780-594-7183 TO REGISTER

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YOUTH HOME
MAINTENANCE
WORKSHOP

NOV 26 & 27

CLFNS YOUTH CENTER

9AM - 3PM

**DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF
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DRYWALL REPAIRS**

AGE: 14 +

IF UNDER THE REQUIRED AGE LIMIT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN

LUNCH IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH DAYS

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Education Department Update

We continue to support our members in achieving their post-secondary goals. Please note the following important dates and requirements for the upcoming winter term:

Winter Term Deadline

The deadline to apply for programs starting in January 2026 is November 15, 2025.

Course Registrations

For current sponsored students, winter term course registrations are also due by November 15, 2025, if applicable.

Living Allowance

Check-ins are required by the 18th of each month for those approved for a living allowance. To maintain funding, please submit proof of attendance (screenshots of grades or assignments) by the 18th of each month to postsec@clfns.com.

Community Engagement on English Bay Gas Station

The English Bay Gas Station Designation Community Engagement will take place on Friday, November 21, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. CLFN members are encouraged to attend and share their input.

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS
**COMMUNITY
INFORMATION SESSIONS**
MONDAY, DEC 01
ENGLISH BAY CENTER
5PM-8PM
THURSDAY, DEC 04
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON
16615 109 AVE NW, EDMONTON
5PM-8PM
AGENDA TBA

The poster is a blue square with white and yellow text. It features a faint background image of a gas station sign. The text is centered and reads: 'COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS' at the top, followed by 'COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS' in large bold letters. Below that, it lists two dates: 'MONDAY, DEC 01' at 'ENGLISH BAY CENTER' and 'THURSDAY, DEC 04' at 'DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON' with the address '16615 109 AVE NW, EDMONTON'. Both sessions are from '5PM-8PM'. At the bottom, it says 'AGENDA TBA'.

WORK BREAKTHROUGH SESSIONS! WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!



Come and receive help with your personal resumes and portfolio's, work on word, excel, emailing, computers and more!

TIME: 9:30-11:30AM WEDNESDAY'S

LOCATION: COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING (EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMPUTER LAB)

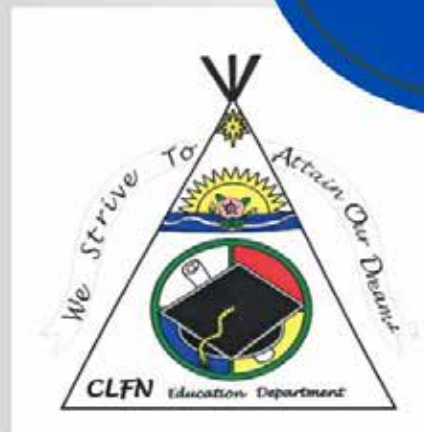
Breakthrough with me at the administration building Wednesday's from 9:30-11:30am. Let's start from where you're at and work to your success! **Call (780) 614-3481 for more information**

CLFN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

PLEASE JOIN US NOVEMBER 13, 2025

- TIME: 5PM - 7PM
- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- MEAL PROVIDED



THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INVITES ALL K-12 PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH OUR DESIGNATED RCMP MEMBER, WHO WILL PRESENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DRUG AWARENESS FOR YOUTH. COME ENJOY SOME PIZZA, CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES, AND BE PART OF AN OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT KEEPING OUR YOUTH SAFE AND INFORMED!

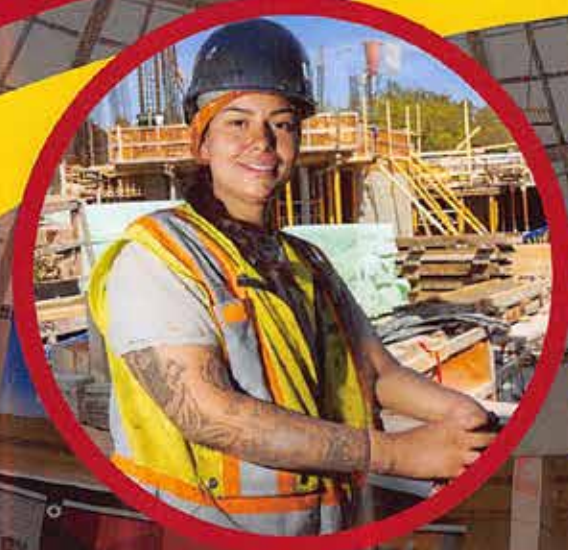


**Tribal Chiefs Employment and
Training Services Association &
IndigiConnect**



JOB FAIR

November 24th & 25th



**STUDENTS & JOB
SEEKERS: YOUR
FUTURE STARTS
HERE!**

**Build connections. Explore careers.
Get hired.**

West Edmonton Mall Ice Palace

November 24th & 25th, 2025

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

WEST EDMONTON MALL

SEE YOU THERE!

JOB FAIR

COLD LAKE ENERGY CENTRE

5513 - 48 Avenue



THURSDAY
November 6, 2025 

TIME
10AM TO 7PM 

CONTACT
780-201-7755 

tracey@employabilities.ab.ca



Cold Lake Transit schedule

bussing is available for CLFN Members from Town site and E-Bay generously provided by Primco Dene



primco dene
group of companies

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.



Emergency Contact List

POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911

HEALTH LINK
DIAL 811

Cold Lake R.C.M.P.
24 Hours 780-594-3301
Office Hours 780-594-3302

Victims Services
Dave Zimmerman 780-594-3302 ext.3

Emergency Medical Services
911

Cold Lake Healthcare Centre
780-639-3322

Bonnyville Health Centre
780-826-3311

CLFN Emergency Management
780-594-7184

CLFN Health Centre
780-594-2473

Dene Wellness
780-594-1471

FCSS
780-594-7186

Youth Center
780-594-7111

Le Goff School
780-594-3733

Social Development
780-594-6723

Public Works
780-594-1073

Dangerous Goods
24 Hours 1-800-272-9600

Poison Centre 24 Hours
1-800-332-1414

CANADA SUICIDE PREVENTION
988

Power Outages Atco Electric
1-800-668-5506

Gas Emergencies Northeast Gas
780-826-4002

Alberta One-Call
1-800-242-3447

Petro Canada Station
780-594-1661