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AWN PRESIDENT DAVID MACPHEE RECEIVES 2024 INDIGENOUS RESOURCE LEADER AWARD

AWN President David MacPhee is the recipient of the 2024 Indigenous Resource Leader Award. This award recognizes outstanding leadership, dedication, and contribution to advancing resource development in Alberta.

David's exceptional achievements and commitment to sustainable and inclusive development have set a remarkable example for others in the industry. This recognition is a testament to David's hard work, innovation, and impact, which have significantly shaped Alberta's resource sector.

March 20, 2024 David and team attended the Alberta Chamber of Resources awards banquet in Edmonton, AB to receive his award. David was selected for his role in balancing resource development with environmental stewardship.

David was praised for his tireless advocacy for Indigenous self-determination, economic empowerment and environmental stewardship. AWN Board Members Vivian McDonald, Shirley Haggart, Joyce Plante, ADC/AEC Board Members Candice Moberly and Amanda Kott and AWN Executive Director Michelle Moberly, along with David's wife Yvonne and son John were in attendance to watch him accept his award.



(above) David MacPhee, President of Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada



(Left to right) ADC/AEC Board Member Candice Moberly, AWN Board Member Shirley Haggart, AWN President David MacPhee with son John MacPhee, AWN Board Members Joyce Plante, Vivian McDonald, AWN Executive Director Michelle Moberly, ADC/AEC Board Member Amanda Kott



((Left to right) Vice President of the AFPA Sheila Harrison, David MacPhee, President of Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada, ACR President Naomi Tercier presenting David with his award

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



ASENIWUCHE WINEWAK CITIZENSHIP UPDATE

Since 2018, Awn (with support from Awn community members and Awn's partners) has been working to create a Citizenship Code that reflects who we are as Awn people—our history, values, and legal traditions. This work is a big part of implementing Awn's inherent right of self-governance.

After years of development and many conversations with the community, a draft of the Citizenship Code was shared in June 2024. Based on the feedback gathered, the Aseniwuche Winewak Citizenship Code (the "Code") was updated and approved by the Board of Directors. Then, on October 30, 2024, in Grande Cache, Awn Members voted overwhelmingly in favour of its ratification, with 94% approval. The Code took effect on April 1, 2025.

Over the coming weeks and months, community members will be asked to affirm their intention to be citizen under the new Code by completing an application form.

Applications can be dropped off at the Awn office, or you may email the form to the Membership Clerk at citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com.

The Membership Clerk reviews the application to make sure all information and supporting documents are included.

The Membership Committee and the Enrolment Appeal Board were established according to Part 7 and Part 8 to serve an important role as the sole decision makers regarding citizenship under the Code. Both the Membership Committee and the Enrolment Appeal Board are made up of members from the community. The Code sets out specific rules for how these committees should be formed, with a focus on reflecting a diverse

representation of Awn Traditional Member families (see Sections 22 and 29 of the Code). In February 2025, the Awn Board of Directors issued a call inviting community members to apply for roles on these committees. They are now fully staffed, through appointments by the Awn Board of Directors, in accordance with the Code's requirements.

Applications and information packages are available for pickup at the Awn office for pickup, if you would like to receive these by email please email citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com. The information package will give a a quick overview of how the code was developed and the process of applying. Of note, 2025 is an election year, and that is important because all members must be registered under the Code on the new Enrolment Register to vote or run for election. (The Enrolment Register is the list of Awn Citizens and is kept upto date by the Membership Clerk.) According to Part 4 of Awn's Election Procedures, Awn must provide the Electoral Officer with a list of all eligible voting Members at least 45 days before election day. We encourage all members to submit their application as soon as possible.



Reminder: No one will lose membership. Under the Section 7 of the Code, any individual who was a member of the Society under the Awn bylaws prior to the effective date of the Code (April 1, 2025) is entitled to citizenship. However, everyone will need to submit an application for enrolment.

Governance & Consultation Committee

Awn has been vey busy the past few years working on the Citizenship Code, completion of the code is now leading us to our governance work. Recognizing that we need more input and involvement of our community members we have established the committee as a new way to gain community feedback and advice, share information and build relationships as we navigate new opportunities for our community. Much of our current work is based on strengthening our ability to assert self-determination and exercise our inherent rights, and we believe that community recognition of our members for these positions is the appropriate way to nominate people.

Each person on the committee has been invited by the board because of their knowledge and leadership they contribute the our community. The work we are embarking on is critical for Nation building and the future of our collective community, it needs to be led by our community.

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At the heart of the lodge is the central Home Fire, a gathering space inspired by the traditional teepee structure, serving as a focal point for community connection. The building's circular design ensures that every suite has a view of the region's most significant mountains, reinforcing a deep connection to the land.

The Kikino Elders Lodge in Grande Cache, Alberta, is a 17,211 sq. ft. senior living facility designed to honor and support Indigenous Elders. Built in partnership with The Evergreens Foundation, this 12-suite lodge fosters storytelling, teaching, and land-based learning through thoughtfully integrated indoor and outdoor amenities.

Applications for the Kikino Elders Lodge are available at the Whispering Pines Lodge. The Tawow Center is available to help with applying.

KIDS SPORT AND BEANS PLAYHOUSE DONATE PASSES TO TAWOW COMMUNITY CENTRE



Kids Sport Grande Cache and Beanz Playhouse have donated 25 free play passes, which includes one juice/water and small popcorn to Tawow Community Centre, this donation is to encourage more of our Indigenous community to utilize this fun, family orientated service in our community.




Please drop by the Tawow Community Centre to pick up passes or to get more information!

If anyone is interested in applying or would like more information call the Tawow Community Centre at 780-827-3324

WIN A FREE SEPTIC SERVICE WITH COUNTRY PUMPOUT

Every time you use CPO services, your name will be entered to win. There will be two draws a year. The 1st Wednesday of July and December.

Country Pump Out also provides potable water. We can service your septic system and provide you with potable water. 1 truck provides 2 services SEPTIC and POTABLE WATER saving you money with only 1 truck fee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat McIntyre at 1-780-532-1548



Would you like to be featured in our monthly newsletter by submitting pictures, creations, art, sharing a story.

Please email Nadine at admin@aseniwuche.com

Happy Easter

THE Awn OFFICE AND TAWOW CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 AND EASTER MONDAY APRIL 21, 2025



LAND AND RESOURCES

Contributed by Amanda Kott

VISIT TO DARLINGTON, ONTARIO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

On March 4-6, 2025, AWN President David MacPhee and Amanda Kott were invited to Darlington, Ontario to tour a nuclear power plant. The facility they toured has four nuclear reactors that produce 1000 megawatts of power each. this plant alone produces 20% of Ontario's power supply. Some of the by-products made after the fuel is used for power, also in nuclear medicine like X-ray and MRI machines.

Nuclear power is very reliable and does not produce any carbon emissions. This plant is cooled by water from deep in Lake Ontario and the water does not come into contact with anything radioactive. Other nuclear facilities that are not near water can be cooled using cooling towers and cold air. All the used radioactive fuel is stored in cold water for 10 years before being placed in cement lined storage containers and welded shut.

The facility has very intense security and safety measures. International inspectors have their own camera systems and come on site to conduct regular inspections. We learned a lot, and had a great experience touring the plant.

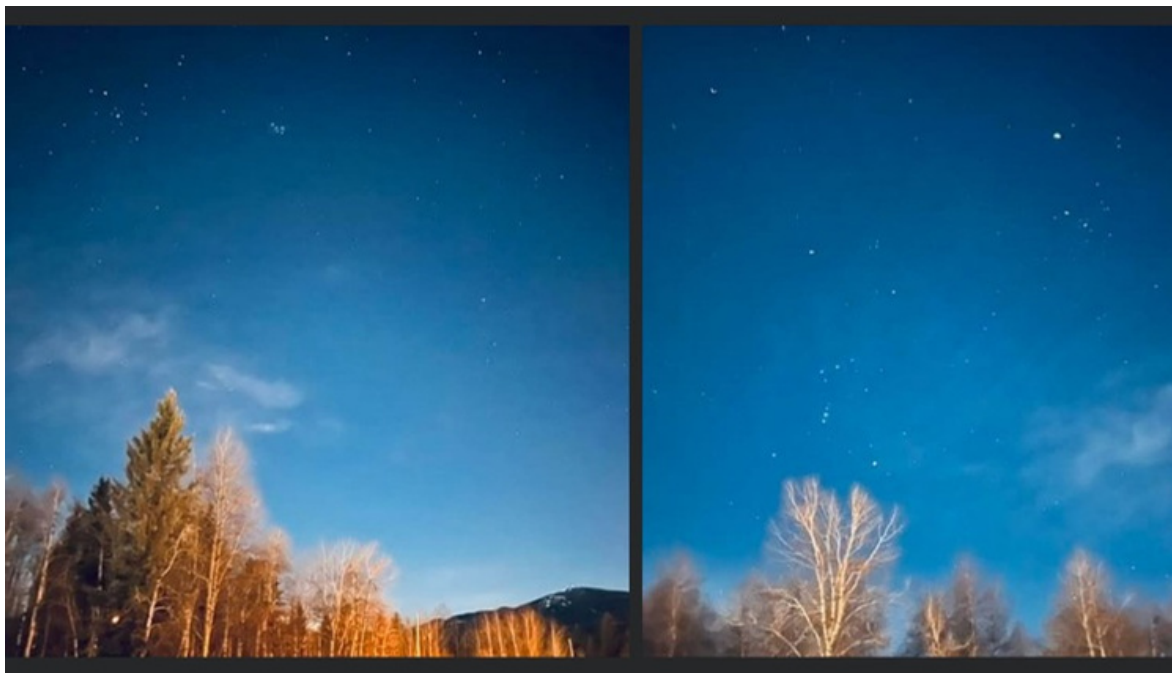


David MacPhee and Amanda Kott pictured above with the nuclear power plant staff

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SNAPSHOTS FROM TARA MOBERLY

Community member Tara Moberly shared some photos of the beautiful sunset, glorious morning sky and the starry skies, she would like to share them with all of our readers!



AWN FISH AND STREAMS UPDATE

Contributed by **Natasha Formsma**

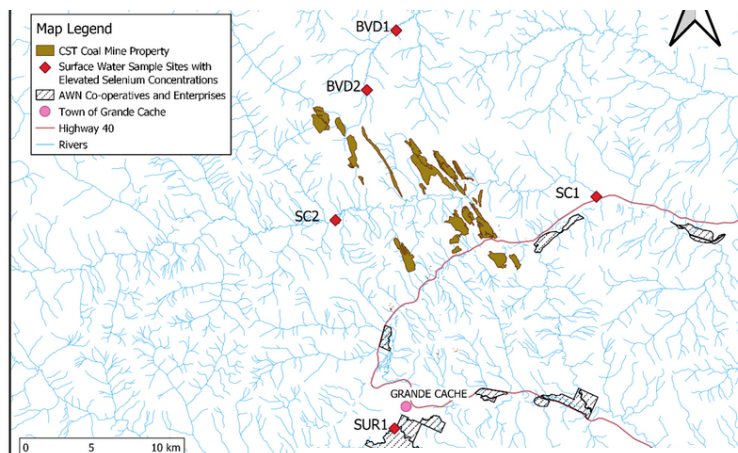
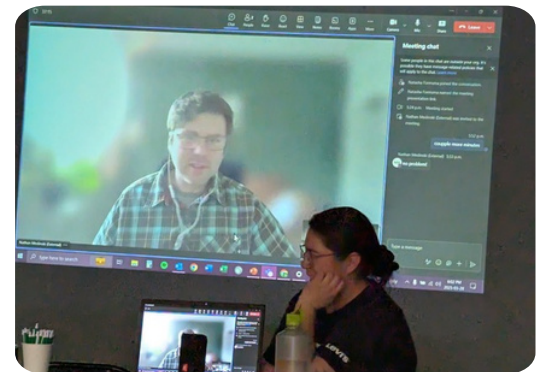


MARCH 28 FINAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

That's a wrap on the 2021-2025 Aquatic Habitat and Restoration Fund and Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative, a partnership with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and AWN! There was a lot of data collected over the years and the results have given AWN valuable insight into how coal mines impact fish habitat.

AWN's Fish and Stream Program hosted its final community engagement update on Friday, March 28. The previous Aquatic Habitat Stewardship Coordinator Nate Medinski, joined in remotely. Nate gave a detailed overview of the project and how it started and progressed while he was at AWN. The presentation ended with a summary of the 2024 data and the recent fish consumption advisory issued to AWN by Alberta Health Services, which will be available to all community members soon.

The final update included the overall health of fish and fish habitat in rivers/streams in AWN's TLU area. The data collected over the years provided valuable information on the state of surface water quality, benthic invertebrates and fish. Together, these components give a picture of overall health in the aquatic habitat.



Overall, there are couple of areas where the aquatic ecosystem shows selenium contamination (Figure 1). Every sample collected from the 2 Beaverdam Creek (BVD1 and BVD2) and the lower Copton Creek (CC1) sites in 2024 were above the "alert" value Protection of Aquatic Life (PAL) guideline (0.001 mg/L). 75% of the samples taken at lower Sheep Creek (SC1) and 67% of the samples taken in 2024 at upper Sheep Creek (SC2) and Sulphur River (SUR1) were above the "alert" PAL guideline

The project was successful for learning more about aquatic ecosystems in AWN's TLU area and we are very grateful for all the input and interest from the community! The final report will be available for community members once it has been completed.

If you'd like more information or explanation of the map or what the numbers mean, please contact Natasha at ahrf@aseniwuche.com

FUTURE FISHERIES WORK AT AWN

AWN has again partnered with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for studies relating to fish and fish habitat. There are 2 studies that will be carried out this summer- one is involving culvert length and how it affects fish passage. The other study is looking at forest harvest blocks and their impact on nearby stream quality. More details will be given as we get closer to the field season (which is coming up quickly!) If you are interested in learning more or would like to be involved, please email Natasha at ahrf@aseniwuche.com. We would love to hear from the community and to get members involved!



CARIBOU PATROL CORNER

Contributed by Stephanie Leonard



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Caribou Patrol has been invited to attend the Indian Relay Races in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie. We are excited to have our information booth set up on both Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 8th from 12pm to 4pm and we invite anyone in the area to come visit us. We are working on a few new interactive props for our booth and are hoping to have them ready to unveil for this event.

If you have any organization that is interested in having a presentation from Caribou Patrol, please reach out.

THE CARIBOU

This is the calm before the storm, with very few caribou sightings being seen by our crews or reported by the public. As we quickly approach May and the spring migration, we expect more and more caribou to be out near the highway. Please be extra cautious travelling in the caribou corridor for the next few months as we never know when exactly the caribou will start to move.

Please report any caribou you see, as it is often your sightings that tell us when the migration has started.

CARIBOU TIDBIT: WHERE DO CARIBOU LIVE?

At one time, caribou were considered one of the most abundant large ungulates on earth. There are less than 1.5 million caribou in Canada, down from a high of nearly 3.5 million. Some dwell in the tundra, some in forests and tundra of the far north, some make much shorter seasonal migrations between the sparse forests and tundra of the far north, some make much shorter seasonal migrations between alpine and lowland habitats, and others don't migrate, remaining in the same general area all year.

Woodland caribou are found throughout much of the boreal, or northern forests from British Columbia and the Yukon territory to Newfoundland and Labrador. They require large areas comprised of continuous tracts of undisturbed habitat rich in mature areas. Snow conditions need to allow caribou to travel on frozen ground on top of the snowpack where they can access lichens and where avalanche danger is low. In the summer, woodland caribou are less dependent on lichen and prefer sub-alpine ranges where the risk of predation is reduced by low ungulate population densities and good visibility.

Both ecotypes of Woodland Caribou use space to avoid predation. Mountain caribou move into high elevation habitat, forgoing nutritious forage at lower elevations to seek out remote locations separated from other caribou, prey and predators. Boreal Caribou generally do not have access to alpine habitats and therefore do not use them, instead they commonly use large patches of peatland with disconnected old forest that contain large amounts of tree and ground lichens and low amounts of browse preferred by other ungulates. Caribou tend to avoid cleared areas where shrubs favored by moose, deer and elk are more abundant.



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APRIL 2025 SCHEDULE



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20	21 EASTER MONDAY TAWOW CLOSED	22 WOMEN'S CRAFTS 1:00PM- 3:00PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 3:00PM-4:00PM	23 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM FOOD BANK DAY IN PERSON WELLBRIETY 2:00PM-3:30PM	24 RATTLE MAKING CLASS 1:00PM-4:00PM POWWOW TEACHINGS 4:30PM-6:00PM	25 RATTLE MAKING CLASS 1:00PM-4:00PM	26 AWN ROUND DANCE
27	28 ADDICTIONS DAY PROGRAM BEGINS	29 WOMEN'S CRAFTS 1:00PM- 3:00PM ADDICTIONS DAY PROGRAM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 3:00PM-4:00PM	30 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM IN PERSON WELLBRIETY 2:00PM-3:30PM ADDICTIONS DAY PROGRAM			

STAFF UPDATE:



Melanie Jones

Mental Health & Addictions

Greetings! I am happy to introduce myself as a new worker in Mental Health and Addictions at the Tawow! If I'm not at work, I'm spending time with one of my three teenagers, going for a run, or attempting to make summit of one of our beautiful mountains. I love the outdoors and I am obsessed with gardening. I am grateful for this opportunity and can't wait to reconnect with some familiar faces.

WHAT IS A VULNERABLE PERSON OR ELDER ABUSE?



Taking advantage of people with serious mental health issues, cognitive or physical disabilities is not only despicable, it is also illegal. Please familiarize yourself with the following information- together we can keep our vulnerable people safe from exploitation.

Elder abuse or Vulnerable Persons Protection:

Financial abuse of a vulnerable person is recognized as a form of elder abuse and can be reported authorities including social services and law enforcement. Depending on the circumstances, intervention orders or guardianship reviews may be pursued through the courts.

Duty to report:

If financial abuse is suspected, there is duty to report under various provincial laws and protection acts. Failing to take action or return misused funds could escalate legal consequences.

Financial exploitation of a vulnerable person may constitute fraud or theft under the Criminal Code of Canada, specifically sections 322 (Theft), 336 (Criminal Breach of Trust), and 380 (Fraud). If there is evidence that funds or assets are being misappropriated, criminal charges could be pursued.

Breach of Fiduciary Duty:

When a person has control over another's finances- whether through a power of attorney or informal means- they have a fiduciary duty to act in the persons best interests. A failure to do so, particularly for personal gain, may result in civil liability and potential criminal charges.



ASENIWUCHE WINEWAK NATION ROUND DANCE APRIL 26, 2025

Curling Rink at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre (10450 Hoppe Ave)

AWN 780-827-5510 admin@aseniwuche.com

MC: Sam Cardinal & Robert Wanyandie

Stickmen: Charlie McDonald, Darcy Goodrunning & Regan Moberly

Pipe Ceremony: 2:00pm

Feast will begin at 4:30pm and Round Dance to follow

50/50 raffles, giveaways & midnight lunch

Concession on site