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AWN SPRING ROUND DANCE 2025

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On April 26, 2025 AWN hosted their Spring Round Dance at the Grande Cache Curling Rink. It was a beautiful breezy evening as everyone arrived to help us celebrate, there was so many wonderful faces from near and far, people who travelled from Saskatchewan, BC, Edmonton, Calgary and surrounding areas as well as locally.

The roast beef dinner with all the fixings was catered by Big Horn Grill, with a side of fried bannock made by Elders Mabel Wanyandie, Philomene Moberly, Vivian Delorme and Community Member Marilyn Smith, topped off with bannock with strawberries and whip cream made by Community Member Danika Gill, it was all delicious and everyone loved it.

The ribbon skirt dance was the highlight of the night, it was so beautiful to see all the women in ribbon skirts dancing and holding hands in symbolization of unity, equality and the cycle of life.

There was a total of 40 lead singers, they all shared their songs with us and the sound of the drums filled the curling rink, while everyone came together in unity and danced, mingled and visited with one another.

It was an evening of smiles, laughter and good vibes, thank you to the community and everyone who joined us to make this event successful. We couldn't have done it without all of you!



Pictured above AWN President David MacPhee welcoming everyone with MC's Robert Wanyandie and Sam Cardinal

Pictured below: AWN Board Member Rueben Moberly speaking to the crowd



Thank you to Kim Hallock and the Tawow crew for making the beautiful AWN ribbon shirts and skirts for the Round Dance Committee and AWN Board of Directors



Pictured above: Lead singers from the Round Dance circle who joined us to celebrate

SHAP SHOTS FROM AWN ROUND DANCE













ROUND DANCE THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our Spring Round Dance held on Saturday April 26, 2025! Thank you to the Round Dance Committee, AWN Staff, AWN Board of Directors, Volunteers, Elders, Floyd Cardinal, MC's Sam Cardinal, Robert Wanyandie, Stickmen Charlie McDonald, Regan Moberly, Darcy Goodrunning and everyone who helped make our event successful!

We would also like to thank Ali & Kenny Moberly, AEC, ADC, Caribou Patrol, Byron & Chantelle Bambrick, GCI Pathways for their donations to the raffle table and also to Big Horn Grill for catering the event, the meal was delicious, everyone loved it!

A BIG Thank you to our sponsors for their generous donations to the Round Dance and the raffle table, they are as follows: ARC Resources, NuVista Energy, CDN Controls, Halliburton, Veren, West Fraser Hinton/Edson, Strathcona Resources, Weyerhauser, Black Diamond, CNRL, MD of Greenview #16, Tourmaline, TC Energy.

It was a great evening of hearing the drums, dancing, mingling & visiting, everything to make this event possible was all because of each and every one of you, we appreciate it very much!







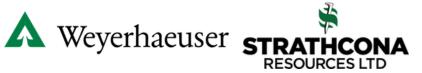


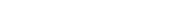




















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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FIRESMART Wildfire season is here, are you ready?

WILDFIRE SEASON IS UPON US! HERE ARE SOME FIRESMART TIPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE COOPERATIVES AND

ENTERPRISES

Consider these guidelines when planning updates to your yard and as part of your ongoing property maintenance:

- a 1.5 meter non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments such as decks, to reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting materials near your home
- Use non-combustible materials such as gravel, brick, or concrete in this critical 1.5 meter area adjacent to your home. Woody shrubs, trees, or tree branches should be avoided in this area, any that are present should be properly mitigated.
- A mowed lawn is a fire resistant lawn. Grasses shorter than 10 centimeters in height are less likely to burn intensely.
- Move firewood piles, stored trailers/recreational vehicles, storage sheds and other combustible materials a minimum of 10 metres from your home.
- Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles from the ground to eliminate potential surface fuels
- Remove all branches to a height of 2 meters from the ground on evergreen trees that are within 30 meters.

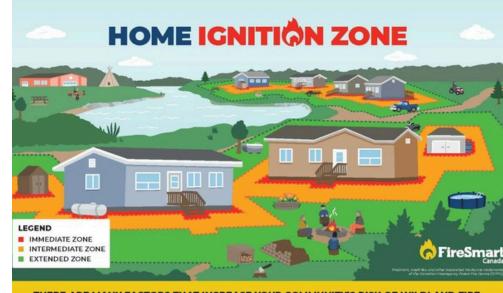
STAY INFORMED!



VOYENTALERT!



Emergency Awareness: Stay informed! Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications from local authorities to receive timely updates about potential hazards or emergencies in your area. Knowledge is key to staying safe and prepared.



THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT INCREASE YOUR COMMUNITY'S RISK OF WILDLAND FIRE

Check out the FireSmart Begins at Home Guide for an in-depth look at how you can build wildland fire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE

0-1.5 metres

The Immediate Zone is an area that is clear of flammable materials, starting with the house and extending out to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks.

Reduce the chance of: wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.
- and cover with fire-resistant materials like gravel, brick, or concrete. Avoid planting woody shrubs or

Clear vegetation and flammable materials down to mineral soil

trees. If any are present, prun-and maintain them regularly.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE

1.5-10 metres

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't carry fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- · Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-flammable landscaping materials.
- Avoid the use of woody debris, including mulch.
- firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- · Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other flammable structure into the Extended Zone. If that's not possible store firewood inside your fire-proofed

garage, shed, or other ember resistant structures

· Use non-flammable ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, propane tanks, and sheds

EXTENDED ZONE

10-30 metres

Northland

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your community extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create space between them (at least 3 metres of
- horizontal space between the
- · Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Regularly clean up fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels
- · Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30 metres. Work with your community in overlapping zone and seek guidance from a forest professional if affected by other conditions like steep slopes

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SMALL CLASSES, BIG OPPORTUNITIES, ALL ARE WELCOME



Thursday, May 29th



1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

WHY CHOOSE SUSA CREEK SCHOOL?

- · Small class sizes About 16 students per class
- · Daily literacy and numeracy support
- · Student wellness and therapy services
- · Breakfast and lunch for all students
- · Busing across the region
- Land-based learning Gardening, shelter-building, elk hide preparation, rabbit snaring
- Hands-on science and technology Robotics, remote control airplanes, electronics.
- Cultural learning with Elders Medicine walks, storytelling, beading, sewing, drum-making
- · Community connections After-school programs, local partnerships, field trips
- . Open to all families Indigenous and non-Indigenous





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CARIBOU PATROL CORNER

Contributed by Stephanie Leonard

RECENT ACTIVITIES

It has been a busy month for Caribou Patrol. Unfortunately, we still cant report on the amazing experience from last month, so you are just going to have to hang on a little longer to hear about it

We can tell you about the amazing time we had at the very first Canadian Ecological Connectivity Conference held in Banff April 22nd- 25^{th.} To be in a room with 200+ wildlife connectivity experts, hearing presentations on all the great ways people are trying to keep wildlife populations connected and moving, was truly inspiring.

We also gave a short presentation on caribou at the Element Grande Prairie Seminar on April 12th along side AWN Board Member Joyce Plante who spoke a bit on AWN history.

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.

We are also talking with Jasper National Park about attending their National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 21st. More details to come.

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

THE CARIBOU

The reports from the public are starting to pour in and our crews have been bumped to full time. It's Spring migration and things are going to get busy for the caribou along Highway 40. Please be extra cautious when travelling on Highway 40 so both you and the caribou can get where you need to go. And please, report any caribou you see so we can make sure our crew is where they need to be.

CARIBOU TIDBIT: MIGRATION

Unlike the caribou that inhabit the tundra, woodland caribou do not migrate long distances between seasons, instead staying in the forest, either alone or in small groups. Woodland caribou make short seasonal movements from summer to winter ranges. In the spring, the pregnant cows travel to their calving areas while the other caribou move to open mountain meadows and open spruce and pine forests. Caribou are always on the move to not overgraze their habitat, and they eat different lichens, grasses, herbs, shrubs, and mushrooms in different areas. During the summer, they travel and eat so they can build up their fat reserves for the long winter. In the fall, the caribou begin moving back to their winter ranges. These areas are often at lower elevations where they can easily dig through the snow for the lichen they rely on to get through the long, cold month.

A La Peche, Redrock-Prairie Creek and Narraway are the only migratory mountain caribou herds under Alberta Protection. The fourth local herd, the Little Smoky herd, are boreal caribou, which are non-migratory. Boreal caribou live in small, dispersed, bands throughout the year that are relatively sedentary. They wander in small territories throughout the year, but their habitat use does not change with the seasons.

In our area, much of the caribou winter range is in the same place as roads, highways, and resource development, and that is very dangerous for caribou. The A la Peche herd migrates across Highway 40 in spring and fall. This is why they are the primary focus of Caribou Patrol as they cross Highway 40 in each migration. Since the A La Peche do not travel in one large herd but rather in small groups or even individually, the period where caribou are potentially on or near Highway 40 can last for two months, mid-October to mid-December, in the fall and for three months, April to June, in the spring. Several A La Peche caribou seem to have developed a reduced migration over the last decade as several animals can be sighted on or near Highway 40 year-round. This reduced migration can also be seen in the Red Rock Prairie Creek caribou herd. In 1998, 100% of Red Rock Prairie Creek caribou migrated from the mountains to the foothills. It has been determined that only 38% of these animals migrate to their winter range as of 2020. This puts caribou at an increased risk of avalanche and reduced access to the lichens necessary to survive the winter.





