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## ASENIWUCHE GROUP OF COMPANIES CLIENT APPRECIATION AND TRADE SHOW

Contributed by Aimee Couture

On November 6, 2025 in Grande Prairie, AB, the Aseniwuche Group of Companies was honored to host a client appreciation and trade show, bringing together our valued partners, sponsors, and clients to showcase the wide range of services we proudly offer.

This event was more than just an opportunity to highlight our capabilities — it was a celebration of relationships, collaboration, and Indigenous excellence. We are deeply grateful to our Board of Directors, our sponsors, and everyone who contributed to making this event a success. Your continued support empowers us to grow opportunities that strengthen both our business and the communities we serve.

A special thank you to the James Gang Drummers for an incredible performance that brought energy and spirit to the day.

Together, we continue to build meaningful partnerships and advance Indigenous-led economic development — creating pathways for shared success and lasting impact.



## AWN INDIGENOUS CHRISTMAS MARKET



On November 29, 2025, AWN held our Indigenous Christmas Craft Market, which has now become a yearly event. To see all the vendors set up with Christmas music playing in the background, brought a festive feeling and holiday cheer was in the air, it was a great turnout, thank you to all who stopped by, and to all the vendors and everyone who helped in any way!

Looking forward to next year's market! Happy Holidays!





## CHAINSAW SAFETY COURSE

Contributed by Joyce Plante

Congratulations to the Muskeg Seepee Coop members Terence Plante, Josh Moberly, Terry Joachim and Patric Jeffery on passing their chainsaw safety course, they are now certified chainsaw operators and Muskeg Coop would like to thank Red Dog Consulting and Contracting Inc for holding the chainsaw safety course in Muskeg and training our members.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### ADC GENERAL MANAGER

We are seeking a strategic and experienced General Manager (GM) to oversee the overall operations of ADC.

Reporting to the President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the General Manager is responsible for driving operational performance, ensuring profitability, and fostering a culture of safety, excellence, and continuous improvement.

The successful candidate will provide strong leadership to management teams across both organizations and will play a key role in aligning operations with the broader goals and values of the Aseniwuche Winewak Group of Companies.

### ADC PROJECT & PROCUREMENT MANAGER

Reporting to the CFO/COO, the Project and Procurement Manager will support the CFO/COO in advancing the company's mission to deliver a range of services to the resource industry and related sectors, while fostering economic opportunities for members of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation.

The primary purpose of this role is to oversee the estimating, bidding, and procurement processes for Aseniwuche Development Corporation (ADC) to ensure efficient execution and profitability of Company projects.



### FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COORDINATOR

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate professional to deliver a broad range of strength-based, family-centered services designed to teach, coach, and support families and caregivers in building resilience and achieving improved outcomes. A core focus of this role will be on family violence prevention and intervention.

The successful candidate will empower families by enhancing parenting skills, building knowledge and confidence, and fostering healthy, supportive relationships.

To take advantage of either of these opportunities, email your cover letter and resume to:  
[hr@adcalberta.com](mailto:hr@adcalberta.com)

For more information on the job opportunity, please visit:

<https://www.aseniwuche.ca/job-opportunities> or scan the QR Code



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



FIRST SITTING AT 5:00 PM

SECOND SITTING AT 6:30 PM

**DEC 15**



GRANDE CACHE LEGION



### THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER IS BACK FOR 2025!

The Louis Delorme Memorial Committee, in collaboration with the Grande Cache Ministerial, warmly invites you to join us for a free Community Christmas Dinner filled with good food, laughter, and holiday cheer!

This special evening is about coming together as a community – sharing a meal, celebrating kindness, and spreading the true spirit of Christmas. Whether you come alone, with friends, or with family, there's a place for you at our table. Everyone is welcome. No cost, no registration – just community, connection, and Christmas joy.

### ATTENTION: OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE



The AWN office & Tawow Community Centre will be closed on the following days to enjoy the Christmas holidays with their loved ones

December 22-26: AWN & Tawow  
AWN will reopen for regular business hours December 27, 2025

December 27- January 2: Tawow  
January 1, 2025: AWN

### ATTENTION: AWN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

AWN will be giving out Turkey Dinner Gift Cards to AWN Community Members, keep an eye on our facebook page for pick up details.



## AWN KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

AWN Youth ages 0-10 are invited to join us for a Christmas pool party



**DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
11:00AM TO 2:30PM

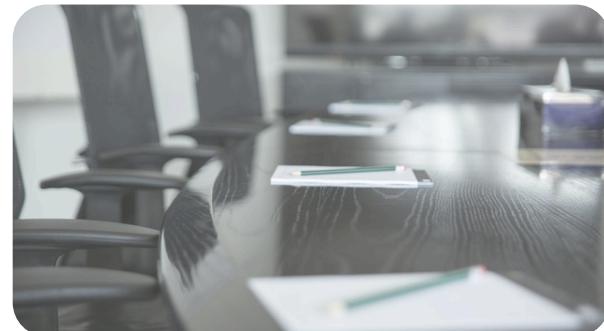
**SWIM & PARTY ROOM  
GRANDE CACHE RECREATION CENTRE**



**Parents MUST Register there Children  
Call the office @ 780-827-5510**

## CALL FOR DIRECTORS

Aseniwuche Winewak Nation is seeking 2 volunteers to join our Aseniwuche Development Corp. and Aseniwuche Environmental Corp Board of Directors



If interested please send your resume to [michelle@aseniwuche.com](mailto:michelle@aseniwuche.com)



# CHRISTMAS CORNER

## MÎCISO (A WINTER GATHERING)

The night settles softly  
On the white spruce boughs,  
kîskâci-pîsim—  
the frost moon—  
hanging bright above the valley.  
Inside the small warm house,  
Laughter gathers like firelight.  
Aunties stir the pot,  
Uncles bring in more wood,  
And the children press their faces  
To the cold-window stars.  
We set the table  
with bannock, stew,  
and the sweet treats saved  
for this winter night.  
Christmas songs drift in the air,  
blending gently with stories  
told long before this holiday came.  
We speak of kindness,  
Of sharing what we have,  
Of how the Creator's gifts  
Arrive in many forms—  
A child long ago,  
A newborn today,  
A quiet moment of peace  
After a year of hard roads.  
Outside, the snow glitters—  
As if the sky laid down  
Its own blanket of blessing.  
Inside, we join hands,  
Whispering mâsi—  
thank you—  
For family, for warmth,  
For light returning  
To the long winter night.



## A WINTER SOLSTICE BLESSING

*May you find peace in the promise of the solstice night, that each day forward is blessed with more light. That the cycle of nature, unbroken and true, brings faith to your soul and well being to you. Rejoice in the darkness, in the silence find rest. and may the days that follow be abundantly blessed.*

*December 21 is Winter Solstice, it is a time to reflect and appreciate all that we have. Nurture your connection with Mother Earth and Father Sun.*

MAY THE  
SPIRIT OF  
*Christmas*  
BE WITH YOU





## CARIBOU PATROL PROGRAM

Contributed by *Stephanie Leonard*

### RECENT ACTTIVITIES

We have been bursting with excitement to share this news, and finally we are able to!

As a long-time partner of the Jasper Caribou Relations Group, Aseniwuche Winewak Nation was invited to participate in the first ever caribou capture for their conservation breeding project. It is such an immense honor for us to be part of this momentous occasion. AWN Environmental Coordinator Stephanie Leonard was able to be up close and personal with the caribou, performing the very important task of holding their heads to keep their airway open while the caribou were transported by sled from the helicopter to the pens where they will live, breed, and give birth, safe from predators.

While we wish we didn't have to see the caribou placed into a long-term captive situation, we know that this is essentially the last chance for the caribou in Jasper National Park and we feel blessed to part of this historic day.

It felt like a bad cliche, the sun rises every day, but that day, driving down highway 93, it felt different. That day the sun rose with new promise for the caribou in Jasper. Blessings we're given, tears (of joy) were shed, and a small group of caribou were settled into their new home. It was a magical experience being a part of this historic endeavor in caribou conservation.

Shortly after the caribou settled in, all the captured females had healthy calves. Now leaving autumn and entering winter, all the calves born inside the facility have been weaned and the young males will be released back into the Tonquin once they are a little older to help rebuild self sustaining populations. The young females will stay in the facility, supporting breeding activities, with the hope that their calves will also return to the Tonquin in the future. The adult male caribou were placed in small groups with the adult females when they went into rut, which hopefully will result in healthy pregnancies and more baby caribou next year.

For more information, check out Jasper National Park's [October Newsletter](#), or visit their new [caribou recovery website](#) (<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/jasper/nature/conservation/retablissement-caribou-recovery>).

### UPCOMING ACTTIVITIES

We are in the planning for 2026 phase of our year so there aren't currently any upcoming activities. Please watch our Facebook page in case something comes up before the next newsletter.

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

### CARIBOU TIDBIT: WHAT ARE CARIBOU?

Caribou are an Ungulate (hoofed animal) and a medium sized of the deer (Cervidae) family. These stately animals were once of Canada's most widespread wildlife species, found in over 80% of the country. Today though, in many herds, their numbers are dropping, some by more than 90%.



### THE CARIBOU

If you have driven through the caribou corridor in recent weeks, you may have noticed that we have a new sign! It's our first time having it out, so we are still working on the ideal message and placement to catch the attention of motorists. When you see it out, know that the Caribou may be near Highway 40 and you should pay close attention.

The Caribou are out and about as they move into their winter low land habitat. We may see caribou moving across Highway 40 for a few more weeks yet, then we expect our usual winter quiet time. However, it's important to remember that while sightings are rarer in the winter months, our caribou are nothing if unpredictable and may randomly show up at any time along Highway 40. So please continue to pay attention when you are driving through the caribou corridor and please make sure you report any caribou you see to the program.



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## CARIBOU TIDBIT: WHAT ARE CARIBOU?

Caribou and reindeer are actually the same species (*Rangifer Tarandus*) despite sometimes looking, acting or living in areas are very different from each other, having different appearances, behaviours and habitats. In Europe and Asia, they are called "Reindeer." In North America, we call them "Caribou" if they are wild and "Reindeer" if they are domesticated in farms.

A subspecies is a group within a species that has become somewhat physically and genetically different from the rest of the group. There are four subspecies of caribou in Canada, woodland, barren-ground, peary and grant's caribou. They are all caribou, but groups in different areas look a little different and behave in different ways. Woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) is the subspecies we have in Alberta.

An ecotype is a group of animals within a species that has adapted to particular environmental conditions and habitat and acts differently from the other ecotypes. In Alberta, woodland caribou have two ecotypes, the boreal forest ecotype, which does not migrate seasonally, and the mountain ecotype which does.

Reindeer are the only deer species to be widely domesticated. They are used as beasts of burden and farmed for their milk, meat, and hides. And, as female reindeer are the only ones to keep their antlers throughout the winter, that does mean all of Santa's reindeer are girls.

## CARIBOU BREEDING CENTRE SNAP SHOTS

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# NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK AT THE TAWOW COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Tawow Community Centre marked National Addictions Awareness Week with a warm engaging, and culturally grounded event that brought together community members of all ages. The gathering aimed to raise awareness, share knowledge and strengthen connections through education, wellness activities, and the celebration of community spirit.

Day 1 and 2 featured informative presentations in person as well as being live streamed on our facebook page. The topics included an overview of the Virtual Opioid Dependancy Program (VDOP), Alberta's Compassionate Intervention Act, and Gambling to list a few. Speakers highlighted available support, the importance of early intervention, and the many pathway's individuals can take toward healing and recovery. Community members appreciated the clear information and the opportunity to ask questions in a welcoming environment.

Another first and huge highlight of the week's event was the Equine Assisted learning session held during our drop in Wednesday, which introduced participants to the powerful role horses can play in emotional regulation, trauma recovery and personal growth. A huge thank you to our own Melanie Jones for giving the community the opportunity to experience the power of healing with horses. Also, we want to thank Curtis Hallock with Indian Trail Adventures for lending us Pippa and Blackberry, and to Matthew Sedore for being our hero and getting the horses to the Tawow.

The week concluded with ceremony and a memorial feast to honour those lost to addiction, as well as offer prayers and support to individuals and families struggling with loved ones facing challenges. It brought everyone to connect, reflect and support one another, reinforcing this week's message of community and compassion. It was also wonderful to see staff and leadership from the Aseniwuche Group of Companies come to offer support and prayers.

To finish the week off strong, we hosted a Super Mario tournament to engage with our youth and provide education. We had 8 participants in this event, and we will continue the tournament for two more days. In between tournament rounds, youth played an "Addictions Trivia" game where players learned fun facts about addiction and mental health. This provided an opportunity for workers to start important conversations and allow the youth to ask questions in a fun setting. The center is grateful to the AWN Youth Council for providing a volunteer to help for the entire evening.

With such a strong turnout and active participation, the event at Tawow Community Centre showcased the community's commitment to awareness, healing and collective strength and share a variety of services that we provide, as well as introduce new programs we will be offering. We also learned that prevention and education can play a huge role in community mental health and addictions, and we look forward to steering in that direction in the future.

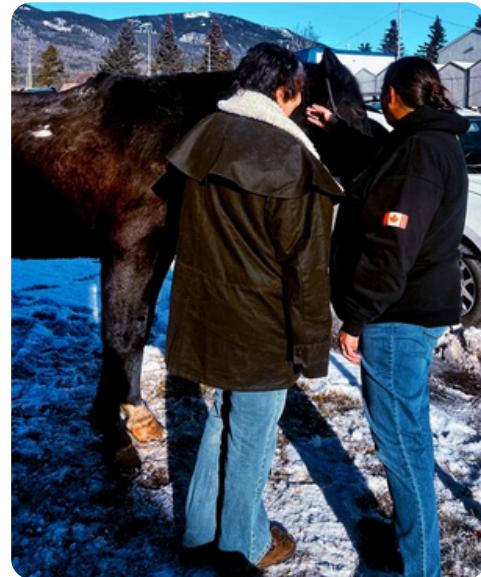




## DECEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

 Like us on Facebook

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 TAWOW STAFF TRAINING TAWOW CLOSED	02 MENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM	03 DROP IN DAY 10AM-2PM	04 WOMENS PEER RECOVERY 4:30PM-6:00PM ELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY AWN 12PM-4PM	05	06 AWN STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY
07	08	09 MENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM	10 DROP IN DAY 10AM-2PM FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR HOME PRESENTATION 1PM	11 WOMENS PEER RECOVERY 4:30PM-6:00PM	12 BLUE HERON CHRISTMAS DINNER 12PM-1:30PM	13
14 AWN KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 11AM-2PM	15	16 MENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM	17 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM FOOD BANK DAY	18 WOMENS PEER RECOVERY 4:30PM-6:00PM	19 TAWOW DROP IN MEDICAL CLINIC 1PM-2:30PM	20
21	22	23 MENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM WOMENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM	24 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30 MENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM WOMENS PEER RECOVERY 6PM-7PM	31	01 Happy New Year	02	03
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK TAWOW CLOSED</b>			<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK TAWOW CLOSED</b>			



Tawow staff are increasing our efforts to get our vulnerable community members to get clean & sober now, on their own volition, rather than wait and have it forced on them - potentially requiring months of institutionalization. If you or someone you care about is struggling with severe drug addiction, alcoholism and/or mental health issues, please come and see our team at Tawow - we will do our best to help you and those you love on the journey to recovery.

