



Paddle Prairie  
METIS SETTLEMENT



# Moccasin Messenger

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



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## Premier Makes a Stop in Paddle Prairie



On Wednesday, Alberta's Premier, the Honourable Danielle Smith, met with Council at the Administration building.

Premier Smith was visiting a few areas in northern Alberta, like Fox Lake, and made a point to include Paddle Prairie. She wanted to meet with Council to get a better understanding of the issues facing the community.

It was a very positive and productive meeting. Chairman Armstrong welcomed her and introduced Council. She had our MLA, Dan Williams, recently appointed Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, and Indigenous Relations Minister Rick Wilson with her.

Minister Williams gave an overview of his responsibilities, which will focus on mental health issues, addressing drug abuse and helping people with addictions. He indicated a willingness to work with Paddle Prairie on these issues.

Minister Wilson spoke about his work with Metis Settlements, the recently signed Protocol Agreement, and programs his department has, like the Aboriginal Business Investment Fund. Paddle Prairie has applied to it for funding to explore agricultural opportunities.

Chairman Armstrong and Council provided an overview of the community's priorities, including highlighting elements of the Strategic Framework and Business Plan. A key priority is long-term sustainability. To this end the community is exploring ways to develop revenue streams like maximizing benefits from land, including developing more agricultural land and attracting economic partners.



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Chairman Armstrong acknowledged the positive relationship Paddle Prairie has with Minister Wilson as reflected in the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Minister and Paddle Prairie. The MOU is a process to work with government on Paddle Prairie's priority issues.

Chairman Armstrong also spoke about the newly passed Safety Bylaw and Minister Williams indicated he would be pleased to assist the community. The fact that Paddle Prairie is one of the few communities who have a part-time Council, which contributes to a more efficient governance structure, was conveyed to government representatives.

The Premier was very interested and focused, asking many questions. She asked about our infrastructure needs and whether we received government revenue. We indicated that we have real infrastructure needs and she looked a bit surprised when we told her we do not receive funding from government other than grants.

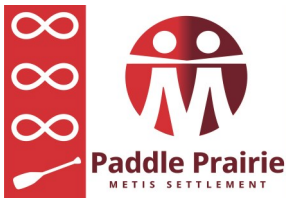
Finally, we provided her with several gifts like a Paddle Prairie coffee cup she can use during meetings of Cabinet with her Ministers and the Paddle commemoration coin. But the biggest gift was a beautiful buffalo robe, for which the Premier was extremely pleased and thankful.

It was a really positive and important opportunity for Paddle Prairie and the Premier vowed she wants to visit again. Hopefully we'll have enough time to have a public meeting.

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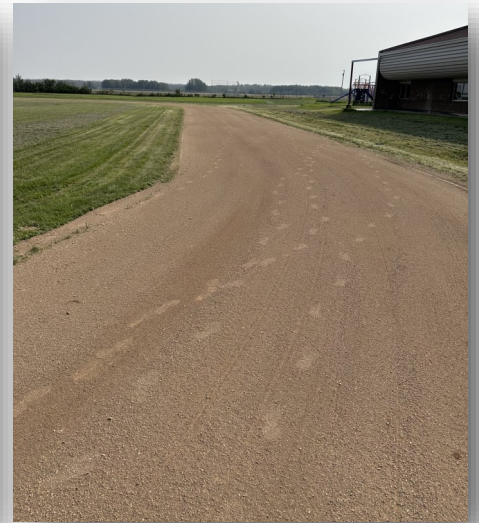




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Over the summer we have had a very busy construction season in the settlement. Paddle Prairie was successful in accessing an Alberta Blue Cross grant title “Built Together.” Using these grant funds along with Canada Community Building Funds we have completed a brand new 390 metre recreation track in our school yard for student and member use. In the process of completing this work we utilized the excess dirt and clay to complete our new settlement Splash Park. The completion of both projects will allow access to more recreational opportunities in our community and increase access for student physical activity.



Other work underway over the summer was the repairs taking place at our local health centre. These are being completed to ensure a safe and secure location for our members to get medical attention within our settlement.

We will be starting bridge work soon on a full replacement for the bridge located on the road known as Lovers Lane. This work is being funded by a grant received through Alberts Transportation and Economic Corridors and the Indigenous Capacity Infrastructure Fund.

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# Welcome!

I would like to introduce you to some new additions to our Administrative Team.

***Hilary Ducharme***

***Youth Cultural Worker***

[hilary@paddleprairie.com](mailto:hilary@paddleprairie.com)

Honouring Life 2.0

Hilary has recently transitioned into this role to lead the work under the Honouring Life 2.0 grant. This grant was accessed by Paddle Prairie in December of 2022 to address youth suicidal prevention by bringing together our elders and youth in a safe environment to learn and connect with each other. Over the next few months Hilary will be adjusting to the role and making connections within our settlement to achieve the goals set out within the grant.

***Jessica Ghostkeeper***

***Head Start Coordinator***

[ppmsheadstart@paddleprairie.com](mailto:ppmsheadstart@paddleprairie.com)

Paddle Prairie Head Start

Jessica was recently contracted by Paddle Prairie to work with our Head Start Program to ensure we are operating within the guidelines set out by both Alberta and Canada.

It is a pleasure to welcome both of these individuals to new positions within our Administrative Team.

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## Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement

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September 3, 2023

### **RE: Report of Councillor Remuneration and Expenses**

Dear Members,

Under the Metis Settlements Act 2022 which was amended under Bill 57 in 2021 by the Alberta Government a requirement is:

#### ***Report of Councillor Remuneration and Expenses***

***159.2(1)*** On or before September 30 of every year, each settlement council must prepare a document titled "Report of Councillor Remuneration and Expenses" that sets out, separately, (a) the remuneration paid, and (b) the expenses reimbursed to each councillor, acting in his or her capacity as such, by the settlement council during the prior financial year, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

***(2)*** Remuneration referred to in subsection (1) includes any salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria and dividends and any other monetary or non-monetary benefit other than reimbursement of expenses. ***(3)*** Expenses referred to in subsection (1) include the cost of transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidental expenses.

The financial year of the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement runs from April 1 to March 31 each year, the calendar year is from January 1 to December 31 each year and the report is to show the prior financial years councillor remuneration, which would be fiscal year April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. The following chart shows council base salary, travel, vacation pay, mobile phone allowance and recoverables. The recoverable amount is what we received from Metis Settlements General Council for travel costs associated with some meetings of committees and some assemblies.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with the Administrator on these matters.





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	<b>22.23</b>		<b>Quarter 1</b>		<b>Apr -June 2022</b>	
	Base Pay	Travel	Stipend	Mobile	Recoverable	Total
<b>Bob Ghostkeeper</b>	6,367.12	4,020.00	3,400.00	318.35	2,236.24	11,869.23
<b>Dean Ducharme</b>	8,817.99	14,055.03	9,200.00	600.00	6,043.66	26,629.36
<b>Phil Ghostkeeper</b>	6,000.00	20,669.97	13,100.00	600.00	6,457.26	33,912.71
<b>Chester Omoth</b>	6,000.00	5,008.57	5,700.00	600.00	4,167.00	13,141.57
<b>George Wanuch</b>	6,000.00	2,328.57	5,000.00	600.00	2,236.24	11,692.33
						<b>97,245.20</b>
	<b>22.23</b>		<b>Quarter 2</b>		<b>July- Sept 2022</b>	
	Base Pay	Travel	Sipend	Mobile	Recoverable	Total
<b>Alden Armstrong</b>	9,736	3,103.81	0	500	2,420.94	10,918.87
<b>Dean Ducharme</b>	7,207	15,021.34	10,350	600	4,959.22	28,219.12
<b>Phil Ghostkeeper</b>	6,000	17,125.85	13,150	600	9,120.48	27,755.37
<b>Chester Omoth</b>	6,000	1,573.33	6,250	600	1,269.14	13,154.19
<b>George Wanuch</b>	6,000	1,530.48	5,250	600	0	13,380.48
						<b>93,428.03</b>
	<b>22.23</b>		<b>Quarter 3</b>		<b>Oct-Dec 2022</b>	
	Base Pay	Travel	Sipend	Mobile	Recoverable	Total
<b>Alden Armstrong</b>	12,000	4,953.33	-	600	2,722.98	14,830.35
<b>Dean Ducharme</b>	6,000	13,459.98	7,700	400	4,659.71	22,900.27
<b>Phil Ghostkeeper</b>	6,000	15,266.65	10,200	600	7,646.54	24,420.11
<b>Chester Omoth</b>	6,000	3,380.00	2,400	600	1,453.84	10,926.16
<b>George Wanuch</b>	6,000	1,573.33	1,450	600	0	9,623.33
						<b>82,700.22</b>
	<b>22.23</b>		<b>Quarter 4</b>		<b>Jan-March 2023</b>	
	Base Pay	Travel	Sipend	Mobile	Recoverable	Total
<b>Alden Armstrong</b>	12,000	8,935.24	-	600	5,263.41	16,271.83
<b>Dean Ducharme</b>	6,000	14,813.75	9,950	600	7,826.08	23,537.67
<b>Phil Ghostkeeper</b>	6,000	16,106.15	10,700	600	13,154.88	20,251.27
<b>Chester Omoth</b>	6,000	4,873.45	4,300	600	4,044.82	11,728.63
<b>George Wanuch</b>	6,000	1,340.00	3,500	600	0	11,440.00
						<b>83,229.40</b>

A healthy and economically self-reliant community with a bright future, where our lands and culture are respected, and our people are united and well governed.

- A place where we are proud to say, "I'm from Paddle Prairie".

## **NOTICE**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
September 6, 2023 – 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Paddle Prairie Hall



Call to Order: 6:30pm

Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2023

Effective Governance

- a) Drugs and Drug Trafficking
- b) Community Safety Bylaw
- c) Member concerns



Meeting Adjourned



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# September 2023

## Settlement Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Office Closed 	5 Regular Council Meeting 9 am	6 General Membership Meeting 6—8:30 pm PP Hall	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Cut off for agenda noon</i>	14	15	16
17	18 Regular Council Meeting 9 am	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Cut off for agenda noon</i>	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day 

# September 2023



# Metis Settlement General Council

September 2023

October 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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					29	30
					31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 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	30

10:00am SIC Meeting (Executive Conference Room) - Reception

10:00am Administrators Grant funding meeting with Fishing Lake - Reception

10:00am Peavine (3rd Floor Boardroom)  
10:00am Administrators Grant Funding  
10:00am Grant Funding

10:00am Annual Assembly (3rd Floor Boardroom) 4:30pm

8:30am Land Registry (3rd Floor Boardroom) - Reception

10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer

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9:00am Child & Family (3rd Floor Boardroom)  
10:00am Administrators Meeting (Microsoft Meeting (Microsoft and

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8:00am AHS Psychological first aid training (34:30pm)  
10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative



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# October 2023

## Settlement Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Regular Council Meeting 9 am	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Office Closed 	10	11 <i>Cut off for agenda</i> noon	12	13	14
15	16 Regular Council Meeting 9 am	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Cut off for agenda</i> noon	26	27	28
29	30 Regular Council Meeting 9 am	31 				



# October 2023



# Metis Settlement General Council

October 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	30	31				

November 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1	2	3 10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer	11 8:30am MSST/NWT/ESDC meeting (3rd Floor Boardroom, Edmonton, Alberta) 4:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 10:00am Executive Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams Meeting) - Chief Administrative Officer	Nov 1	2	3	4



# September 2023

## Recreation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	If you have any questions	Contact Audrey @ (780)247-0907			1	2
3	4 Holiday	5 Kids Paint night 3:30-4:45	6 GMM 6pm	7 Youth 4 on 4 volleyball Tournament 4pm	8 Toddler Breakfast & Play 9-11am	9
10	11 TWMFR Training	12 GTKYN Set up	13 Closed	14 Closed	15 Closed	16
17	18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Closed	21 Closed	22 Closed	23
24	25 Prep for fall festival	26 Fall Festival 5-8pm	27 Cleaning Day	28 Culture Days prep/set up	29 PPMS Culture Days	30 PPMS Culture Days

Doctor's Clinics are Mondays

Medications are ready for pick up on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm.

Public Health comes out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Foot Care Days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 Foot Care Med pick up	6	7 Foot Care	8	9
10	11 Doctor's Clinic	12 Foot Care Med pick up	13	14 Foot Care Public Health	15	16
17	18 Doctor's Clinic	19 Foot Care Med pick up	20	21 Foot Care	22	23
24	25 Doctor's Clinic	26 Foot Care Med pick up	27	28 Foot Care	29	30





Paddle Prairie Administration Building

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday

8 am to 12 pm

Key Access Only after 1 pm

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Thursday Lunches For Seniors Only

12 to 1 pm

Sit down or pick up

At Seniors Centre

### Paddle Prairie Recreation

#### PPMS Gym Opening

*Everyday from 6 am to 9 pm*

*\$25 per month per user*

Family pricing available

To register or if you have any questions,  
please free to contact Hilary



# Jam Sessions

EVERY THURSDAY

7 TO 9 PM



AT THE COMMUNIPLEX

EVERYONE WELCOME

# Crib Tournament

# Every Sunday

## Starts 2:00 pm

# At the Communiplex

# \$10 to play

Contact Joan for more details at 780-285-0934



Find us on:  
**facebook**

To stay up to date on impromptu  
event announcements,

follow the official Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/paddleprairie.ms)

[paddleprairie.ms](http://paddleprairie.ms)



# 2023 PADDLE PRAIRIE MUD BOGS

September 9th & 10th  
Start Time: 1:00 pm

**GATE FEE**  
\$15 DAY PASS OR  
\$20 WEEKEND PASS  
KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE

**Classes:**

**35" Stock**

**35" Mod**

**39" & Under**

**Ag Class**

**Open Class**

**ATV/UTV**

**Registration starts  
at 10am-12pm**

**Registration:  
\$50 for ATV/UTV  
\$100 for Trucks**

**50/50  
Raffle**

**100% payout**

**1st 2nd 3rd**

**Concession**

For more information contact  
Brittany 780-841-6431 or Jason 780-285-2580



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GET TO KNOW YOU  
NIGHT

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

PADDLE PRAIRIE HALL

5-8PM

TO BOOK A TABLE CONTACT AUDREY  
CHRISTIAN (780) 247-0907

OR EMAIL [audrey@paddleprairie.com](mailto:audrey@paddleprairie.com)

TO BOOK A TABLE

EVERYONE  
WELCOME



HOPE TO SEE YOU  
ALL THERE

LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED

# Join us for a Forest Industry Field Tour!

Transportation from Paddle Prairie and lunch will be provided.

**9AM | September 21 | Main Administrative Office**

Visit Rainbow Lake FireSmart program sites post-burn, see different silviculture prescriptions (herbicide alternatives, understory protection), and general forest regeneration.

**Sign up to reserve your spot**

**Lori Christian | 780-981-2227 | [lori@paddleprairie.com](mailto:lori@paddleprairie.com)**



# **PADDLE PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT**

**Box 58  
PADDLE PRAIRIE, AB T0H 2W0**



## THE JUSTICE PROGRAM

**Do you have fines?**

**Would you like to work off those fines?**

**Sign up with the Justice Program for fine options now!**

*Different opportunities available pending on if you have a workable fine.*

**For more information, call Brenda Farnel at 780-981-2227 ext. 103**

For Restorative Justice processes, Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Information  
For support referrals and guidance contact



**Indigenous Justice Coordinator**

**Brenda Farnel**

Phone: (780) 981-2227 ext.103

**TELEPHONE: 780.981.2227**

**FAX: 780.981.3737**

# MSGC SPI Program - Entrepreneurship

Open to all On and Off Settlement members \*

Do you have a small business idea you want to get off the ground? Join the MSGC SPI Program—Entrepreneurship. This program is catered to help small businesses and owners get familiar with everything from marketing to bookkeeping.

To join, email Shelley Ducharme at [SDucharme@msgc.ca](mailto:SDucharme@msgc.ca) with “LinkedIn Entrepreneurship” in the subject line to receive a license on the LinkedIn platform.

Stage One	Member completes Entrepreneurial Pathway (Ruleset below) Member receives \$10 for each course completed on the pathway
Stage Two	Member completes business plan Member receives \$1,200 business startup
Stage Three	Member purchases capital \$5,000 (Must produce receipts to receive) Member receives \$2,500 (50/50)
Stage Four	Member provides proof of previous expenditures Member purchases capital \$15,000 (Must produce receipts to receive) Member receives \$10,000

## LinkedIn Ruleset:

- \$10 completion bonus paid for all courses (completed) on the Entrepreneurial Pathway.
- \$10 completion bonus paid for all other courses that are accredited **and** include at least one quiz. To receive the completion bonus the learner must complete all of the quizzes attached to the course. Accredited courses on the LinkedIn platform are those recognized by: National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), Project Management Institute (PMI), Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA); and the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).
- Courses not on the Entrepreneurial Pathway, not accredited, or without a quiz no longer eligible for the \$10 completion bonus. Members are free to take these courses at their own prerogative.
- Completion bonus of \$10 paid per course to a maximum of four courses per week.
- Quiz and course completion cut-off is 11 PM on the first Tuesday of the month.
- To be eligible for Amazon Gift Cards and Prize lounge you must be in good standing with all receipts. If you have received gift cards and have not handed in the receipts within 30 days, you will no longer be eligible for the Amazon gift cards or prize lounge.

## Prize Draws:

- All draws start at 4:00 PM. Draw occurs the first Thursday of the month.
- Complete one course on the Entrepreneurial Pathway or complete an accredited course (including associated quiz) to enter.
- Draw numbers have levelized odds of winning.
- Each participant receives a unique draw number.
- All gifts and prizes are Amazon e-gift cards, delivered by email by business day’s closing one day following a draw.

Prizes are \$250, and five draws of \$100 for each month.

## \* Who is this for?

- We encourage all Metis Settlement Members.
- No pre-requisites. You need a phone and wi-fi.
- Employees and partners in MSGC-SPI are eligible for training, but not Amazon gift card prizes.

For more information, please contact  
 our Economic Development/SPI  
 Coordinator Shelley Ducharme at  
 1-780-822-4059 or email  
[EcDev@msgc.ca](mailto:EcDev@msgc.ca)



# MSGC SPI Program - Horticulture

Open to all On Settlement members with land\*

Are you interested in a small scale agriculture business to offset food scarcity in your settlement? The MSGC SPI Program - Horticulture will help you gain the resources and equipment to startup your home business.

This program helps build a business plan to distribution.

To join, email Shelley Ducharme at [SDucharme@msgc.ca](mailto:SDucharme@msgc.ca) with "LinkedIn Horticulture" in the subject line to receive a license on the LinkedIn platform.

Stage One	Member completes Entrepreneurial Pathway (Ruleset below) Member receives \$10 for each course completed on the pathway
Stage Two	Member completes horticulture homework Member receives gift cards for seeds and tools and \$1,200 minor capital (ex: rototiller) Member receives textbook Member receives and hands in soil and water samples to Settlement representative
Stage Three	Member completes business plan, financial report, and marketing plan Member provides receipts for seeds and tools gift cards ( <b>Gift card receipts must be handed in within 30 days of being received to move forward with program</b> ) Member receives \$1,200 business startup (ex: laptop, printer, and/or equipment) Member provides proof expenditure
Stage Four	Member receives major capital (\$5,000) (Greenhouse) Member receives tool allowance for structure (\$250) Member receives building incentive upon completion (\$1000) Member purchases \$5000 in capital and receives \$2,500 (50/50) upon proof of purchase
Stage Five	Member completes 75% horticulture extension pathway Member receives \$10 for each course completed on the pathway Member receives gift cards for seeds for the next year

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# Harvesting Rights



The Metis Harvesting in Alberta Policy (2018) is designed to ensure that Métis people who might be beneficiaries of Aboriginal harvesting rights, as guaranteed by s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, have the ability to hunt, fish and trap for food. The Government of Alberta aims to continue to ensure the protection and sustainability of these harvesting rights for eligible Métis individuals, while showing cultural sensitivity to the importance of this practice when enacting the Policy.

Harvesting Rights are important to many Métis peoples' way of life but in order to have access to those rights, registration is required.

**[Metis Harvesting Applications are available at the office](#)**

Completed forms can then be handed in to Serena Savard. Once the application is processed, your MSGC card will need to be updated in Land & Membership. From there, your new MSGC card will show what Harvesting zones you have access to.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Serena Savard at 780-981-2227 Ext 111

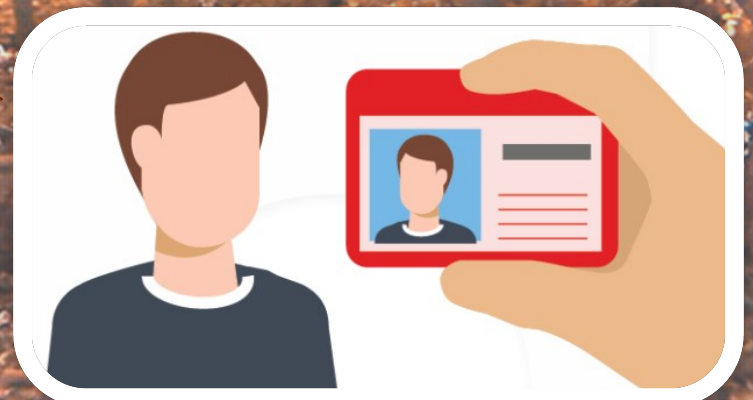
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## MSGC Membership Cards

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## APPRENTICESHIP TRADES

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### **CARPENTER APPRENTICESHIP**

First Period • October 2, 2023, to November 24, 2023, in Slave Lake  
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Third Period • March 11, 2024, to May 3, 2024, in Slave Lake  
Fourth Period • May 6, 2024, to June 28, 2024, in Slave Lake

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### **ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICESHIP**

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Third Period • October 30, 2023, to December 22, 2023, in Slave Lake  
Fourth Period • January 8, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in Slave Lake

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February 26, 2024, to June 21, 2024, in High Level

#### **PRE-EMPLOYMENT ELECTRICIAN**

March 18, 2024, to July 12, 2024, in Slave Lake

#### **PRE-EMPLOYMENT HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC**

September 5, 2023, to December 22, 2023, in High Prairie

#### **PRE-EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIAL MECHANIC**

February 5, 2024, to April 26, 2024, in High Prairie

#### **PRE-EMPLOYMENT WELDER**

September 5, 2023, to December 22, 2023, in Slave Lake  
September 5, 2023, to December 22, 2023, in High Level



*Did you know that students can graduate from high school with the first period education successfully completed, providing entry-level skill sets to pursue career aspirations in trades? Any of the above offerings can be taken as a Dual Credit option. Contact Brian Panasiuk for more details: [dualcredit@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:dualcredit@northernlakescollege.ca)*

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**1-866-652-3456**

# Are you interested in certified training to provide support in your community?

The Metis Settlements Health Board and AHS are partnering to offer certified training programs at no cost to Metis Settlement members of Buffalo Lake, East Prairie, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Gift Lake, Kikino, Paddle Prairie and Peavine.

## What is the certified training?

- Standard First Aid, CPR & AED
- Psychological First Aid
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

## Who can take this training?

- Metis Settlements members (staff, community leaders, volunteers, and Elders)

## Why?

- Provide support and respond to community members in times of emergency
- Get involved with Metis Settlement Fire Rescue
- Career growth

## Register early for training beginning in Spring 2023!

Check website for additional training and more details.

This opportunity is made possible through the Alberta Boehringer-Ingelheim Collaboration Fund, a partnership between Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd. (BICL), the Government of Alberta, and the University Hospital Foundation (UHF).



To learn more and apply:

Please scan the QR code, click here, or email [MetisTraining@ahs.ca](mailto:MetisTraining@ahs.ca)





# Are you interested in an Emergency Medical Career?

The Metis Settlements Health Board and AHS are partnering to offer **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training at no cost to Metis Settlement members** of Buffalo Lake, East Prairie, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Gift Lake, Kikino, Paddle Prairie and Peavine in the **fall of 2023**.

## What is an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)?

- A member of a dedicated patient care team
- Responds to emergency scenes in an Ambulance or other designated vehicle
- Performs patient assessment, basic emergency treatments, and documents the care provided
- Transports patients from scenes or between health care facilities
- Collaborates and works amongst a multidisciplinary team of paramedics, physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals
- Some firefighters are cross trained as EMRs

## Apply today for training that begins in Fall 2023!

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To learn more  
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# Bus Status App Update



Northland School Division families will enjoy a faster and more reliable experience when using the Bus Status App.

A new version called Bus Status 4 is now available! Currently, NSD families are using the Bus Status 3 version.

Download Bus Status 4 from the App Store or Play Store and choose your preferences. The Bus Status 4 App will be faster and more reliable while keeping the same functionality.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why is Bus Status getting a new app?**

Mobile app technology is constantly moving forward, and it was time to create an even faster, more reliable experience for Bus Status users. Bus Status 4 will have the same features and functionality as the current Bus Status App. The changes are almost exclusively under-the-hood updates that will result in increased speed and reliability.

### **How much longer will users be able to use Bus Status 3?**

After September 29, bus statuses will no longer appear in the Bus Status 3 App.

### **When will Bus Status 4 be available to download?**

Parents and students can download Bus Status 4 right now! The current App (Bus Status 3) will be removed from the stores. There will only ever be one version of the Bus Status App available to download.

### **How will someone know what Bus Status App they have?**

Bus Status 4 will feature a different colour for the app icon (see photo below). The Bus Status 4 App icon is a yellow bus on a white background.

Users can also check the version of their app by opening the app, tapping on “District” in the bottom right, and viewing the App Version listed there. Version 3.0.9 will be retired in September 2023 and version 4.0.0 is the new version that will continue to be supported.





## Download the Bus Status App

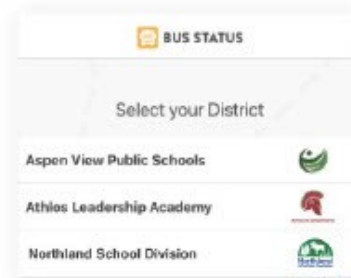
1. Search "Bus Status" on the App Store or Google Play, or use the QR codes below:



2. Download the *Bus Status* app by Box Clever.

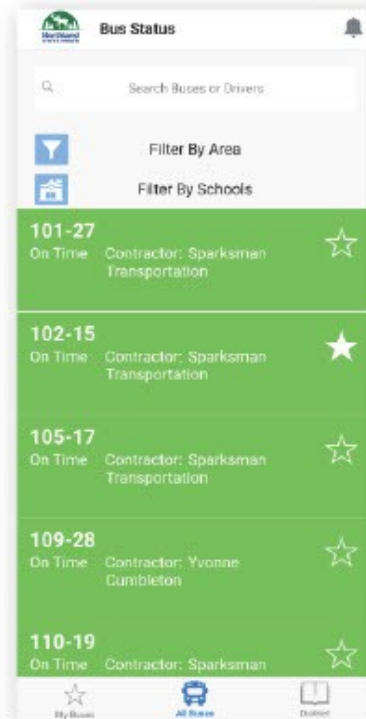


3. Open the app and select *Northland School Division* from the list.

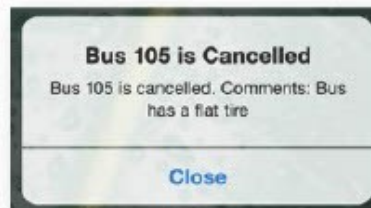




- Go to *All Buses*. Tap the star to add a bus to *My Buses*.



- You'll receive a notification when one of your buses is Delayed, Cancelled, or Early.



- Tap the bell icon to see general Notifications.





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# Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement

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## MSGC Culture Camp



PPMS Hosted the Promoting Resilient Youth Culture Camp the week of Aug 21-25<sup>th</sup>

Six of the Metis Settlements participated; Paddle Prairie, Peavine, Gift Lake, Elizabeth, East Prairie and Buffalo Lake. Participants participated in *harvesting a buffalo, making dry meat, smoking fish, learning to bead, trap, jig, survival skills, traditional medicines, fishing and learning about our Metis history.* They made mini tipi's and did some entertaining the last day with jigging and singing.







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Golf 4 Player Team Scramble (Mens & Women's Divisions) @ Courses & Days TBD (Will be 2 day tournament between Sept 29-Oct 1st)

Athletics (Track & Field) @ Rollie Miles - Sunday Oct 1st 10am to 2pm

MAIG Opening Ceremonies 9/29 @ Location TBD Friday 10am

# Masters (21-100yrs) Alberta Indigenous Games National Truth & Reconciliation Day Weekend Sept 29-Oct 1st, 2023

## EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Archery @ Parkland Bowbenders - Friday (3pm-7pm) optional practice day, Sat and Sunday competition.

Volleyball (Mens & Womens Divisions) @ Saville Centre Friday Saturday & Sunday Starting 1pm Friday and ending Sunday around 2pm)



- Potential Handgames Northern Style
- Potential Ball Hockey If Venues Get Secured
- Will post new poster if/when these get approved to go for Handgames & Ball Hockey

- Masters AIG Powwow Saturday Location & Times TBD
- Potential AIG National Truth & Reconciliation Day Walk/Run Location & Time TBD

Closing/Medal Ceremonies Start Around 330pm 10/1 Location TBD

Basketball (Mens & Women's Divisions) @ Location TBD Friday, Saturday & Sunday (Starting 1pm Friday and Ending Sunday around 2pm)

Slopitch (Mens & Women's & COED Divisions) @ Kirkness & Castledowns Ball Diamonds Friday, Saturday & Sunday (Starting 1pm Friday and Ending Sunday around 2pm)

Soccer @ Location TBD (Exact Dates TBD Between Sept 29-Oct 1st)

Athletes Get AIG T-Shirt & SWAG & Compete for AIG Medals





## Reconciliation



*The Alberta government is partnering with First Nations to build recovery communities in Siksika Nation, Tsuut'ina Nation and the Blood Tribe.*

### **Partnering to create Indigenous-led Recovery Communities**

The Alberta government is partnering with the [Tsuut'ina Nation](#), [Siksika Nation](#) and the [Blood Tribe](#) to support the creation of recovery communities that will help provide addiction treatment at no cost.

This is part of the Alberta government's work to establish 11 new recovery communities that will allow for long-term addiction treatment throughout the province.

Construction in the Tsuut'ina and Siksika Nations are expected to begin in 2024. Construction on the Blood Tribe Recovery Community is beginning this summer.

### **Bridging Classrooms to Communities**

The province will provide more than \$10 million to Indigenous partners through the new [Bridging Classrooms to Communities pilot program](#).

This new pilot program will help Indigenous partners, such as the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association, to build relationships with local school authorities to advance reconciliation and support the hiring of community connection workers to strengthen student relationships with Indigenous communities.

Recipients will receive up to \$100,000 per year to hire community connection workers who will work with school authorities to:

- Develop Indigenous-centered school events, programs and supports.
- Provide guidance to teachers and school leaders to strengthen communication with Indigenous students, families and communities.
- Make timely referrals to external support systems and services.
- Improve access to transportation, technology, tutoring, social activities, sports and other supports and services.

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# PADDLE PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT

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Reception

Employment Posting

**DATE:** August 28, 2023

**TITLE:** RECEPTIONIST

**SUPERVISOR:** Finance Coordinator

**CLASSIFICATIONS:** Permanent Full-Time

## **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Reception will organize and control the processing of mail to provide postal services to the public; collect, safeguard, and account for office revenues; respond to complaints and inquiries; maintain records, prepare reports and correspondence; maintain and promote corporate safety and accident prevention policies. The receptionist will oversee the front focal point of the entire administrative office. This position is the primary point of contact for all members, and outside stakeholders of the Metis Settlement. They ensure the smooth and consist of flow of information and have a direct impact on the daily operations of the settlement.

## **POSITION DUIIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Greet courteously and promptly.  
Provide necessary assistance.  
Provide excellence in telephone and service etiquette.  
Answer telephones within a maximum of 3 signals (rings).  
Handle all inquires promptly, courteously and with respect for the members, companies, and other stakeholders.  
Route telephone calls efficiently or ensure staff receive the follow up on telephone messages.  
Ensure front entrance area is kept clean, well organized, and presentable, and ensure sidewalks are kept clear in winter.  
Seal and/or stamp envelopes at the end of each day.

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## PADDLE PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT

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Mail outgoing envelopes at the end of each day after logging it in the outgoing mail register.

Ensure sufficient postage is always kept in machine.

Greet customers and answer questions.

Rent postal boxes and sell postage stamps, money orders and special envelopes.

Weigh mail, determine the class of mail.

Calculate and collect postage.

Fill out forms for special services such as registered, Priority Post or cash on delivery mail, (COD)

Set postage meters and collect payments.

Store undelivered parcels away, retrieve them when customers come to claim them and complete any required documentation.

Cheques and Cash Received

All monies received over the counter must have a receipt issued.

Maintain cash float (in cash box).

When deposits are made to bank ensure proper change is retained (equal to float)

### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

The reception is a settlement position; however, they are required to work federally regulated post office hours outside of settlement administration hours. A typical day starts at 8:00am to 4:30pm. The reception will need the ability to bend down to reach post office boxes and will also need the ability to occasionally lift parcels up to 30lbs.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

This position requires an incumbent who has acceptable training and/or experience in providing postal services to the public; collect, safeguard, and account for office revenues; respond to complaints and inquires; maintain records, prepare reports and correspondence; maintain and promote corporate safety and accident prevention policies. Knowledge of the geographic area served is also required. Effective interpersonal relationships particularly with the public, initiative, tact, and cooperativeness are essential personal traits. Strong computer skills and communication skills are an asset to this candidate.

Post End Date: September 12, 2023

Please submit resumes to reception or email to [admin@paddleprairie.com](mailto:admin@paddleprairie.com)

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Joey Cardinal—780-605-0602

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Email: Wil.card@telus.net

## Christian Tupperware

Michelle Christian

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Faithe McGuire

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