

Fall Newsletter



Issue 3

September 2020

Special points of interest:

- Back to school
- Adult Education: Night school at site one RLIFC
- New Court proceedings
- Staff changes
- Upcoming Events



Inside this issue:

Back to School	2
Msg from E.D	2
Adult Ed.	2
Back2school continued	3
Court news	3
Staff Changes	3
Upcoming News	4

Board of Directors News

Please take a moment when you have a chance to welcome and congratulate the new members to the board of directors.

As of September 2, 2020 RLIFC had the Annual General meeting, it was held at site 1 as well as with the option to join through the Zoom platform.

We have had many changes since. We would also like to thank previous Board of Directors who have served with us, we wish you well, and we hope to continue

seeing you at our gatherings. Thank you for your time and your continued



support. Gitchi Meegwetch

Now, I'd like to welcome, and congratulate Mr. Travis Marcellais as the new

President of the RLIFC. Mr. Trevor Osmond, the 1st Vice President. Ms. Rayanne Rae 2nd Vice President. Welcome Michelle Tolley, treasurer. Amanda Goodman, secretary. And directors Mr. Henry Hostetler, Mr. Ken Bray, Mr. Ralph Scheibler, Ms. Cheryl Meekis, Welcome Melissa McKenzie-Marcellais, and Shirley King.

Welcome and we look forward to continued success at the RLIFC.

Gitchi Meegwetch! From all of us at the RLIFC.

Message from the Executive Director

The Summer of #49 and COVID-19

Fall, It's finally here isn't it? The bright colors of the changing leaves sure is a telling sign. Summer came and went without too much

fanfare with the exception of RL Fire #49 and the ensuing evacuation. COVID-19 is still here and so are we and business as we know it has changed dramatically for all of us. The

virus may have separated us due to the lockdown and the Red Lake Fire #49 certainly brought out the best in people and communities.

Continued on page 2





Pictured: Children's face mask from Dene Cree Designs from Winnipeg, MB. denecreedesigns.ca

Back to School:

It is that time again! Children and parents alike are excited for school to be back on. My child was the same, he moaned and groaned but once the first day started, he was off and running! It is a weird time to be going back to school, living with the pandemic and more rules that we must follow. The children who are going to

school, sure seem to be fine with wearing masks, have not heard any complaints. That is great! There are many new rules, we all should follow to keep each other safe. The schools now have a check list that must be done everyday before going to school it is called the "Parent/ Caregiver Screening

Tool" and it asks "should my child go to school?" There are many questions to answer, and should be done everyday before leaving home. If your child is developing a cough, or runny nose. It is best to play it safe and keep your child/ren home and have back up child-care. If it is detected at school, that your children

"When we show respect for other living things, they show respect for us."

-Arapaho saying

Message from the Executive Director continued:

Humanity can be so fragile but during times of crises we realize that all it takes is one person to start something good and in the electronic age it catches on fire (pardon the pun).

Mental health issues are also on the rise, and yes maybe they were there already but the lockdown, the social isolation, the fear of the unknown have certainly exacerbated it. Wash your hands,

maintain physical distancing, follow all the protocols and look out for each other! Ahow!

Peter Campbell

Executive Director

Continued Education:



Are you an adult in need of your Gr. 12?

If so.....

Please call Cynthia Imbeault at 727-2847 at ext 230 or Lorrie Rolland at ext: 226

Online learning available



As of September 22, 2020 we have started night school at the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre. If you or anyone you know need to finish school, please give us a call. We can help you

reach one of the important mile stones. We want to see you finish school!

We have a teacher on site, who can help with any work/credits needed. We offer transportation, to and from the centre,

we can provide meals/ snacks. Please contact Cynthia or Lorrie at 727-2847 if you are interested in joining. There is also the option to learn from home and join via Zoom. "You can do it, if you put your mind to it."

Back to school continued:

or children may be sick. The schools do have protocols to follow. Children may have to take the Covid-19 test. As for the Screening tool, it is available online, and can be printed. We at the centre could also give you a copy if you would like, or a copy can be obtained from the schools. It is also wise to invest in some good facemasks. We like the ones found at Dene

Cree Designs in Winnipeg. We are also open to the idea of having work shops at the Friendship Centre where you may come in and make some face masks. We have a lot of fabric, and skilled programmers who can help. If you are interested in making some face masks you could always give us a call. 727-2847

Or talk to your designated

program worker. We are here to help, with anything school related. If your not sure about anything it won't hurt to ask.

Keep your fingers crossed, a smudge and prayer wouldn't hurt either. For our children/youth and young adults to be well on their way to a fine education, and are safe this school year. Meegwetch -J.King

**“Give Thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.”
-Native Proverb**

Indigenous Combined Court Work

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, there have been changes to court proceedings. ICCP worker Angela Sinclair can help you with anything court related. Angela can be reached at 807-727-2847 ext. 228 or by email at: court@rlifc.ca

If you must come to the centre, please know that we all have to wear a face mask, as well as fill out and sign a COVID-10 Respiratory Infection Screener-Self-declaration form. Face masks are mandatory in our area as of August 17, 2020.

Court will now be done through Zoom. All first appearances must be done through Zoom, please come and see Angela with your charge form immediately so that you are well prepared. That goes for all criminal/family or youth court proceedings.

RLIFC staff changes:

Since the last news letter went out, we have had many new happenings and changes. It is hard to keep track with all the going-on's here at RLIFC.

We are thankful for past programmers we appreciate your

time and work that you have done with us, and for our Red Lake First peoples. As for new employees to RLIFC we would like to welcome, Barb Laverdure she is now the FASD Community Support Worker. Lorrie Rolland is Gender Diversity Coordina-

tor. Richard Willis is the new bookkeeper. Normand Roy is our transportation driver, and new to RLIFC-Supportive Housing Program is Vivian Spinelli. Welcome all, Meegwetch, thanks for joining us!





Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre: Connect with us

1 Legion Road
P.O. Box 244
Red Lake, ON P0V2M0

Site 1: 807-727-2847

Site 2: 807-727-3000

Fax: 807-727-3253

Site 2 Fax: 807-727-3790

“Serving Red Lake’s First Peoples since 1971.”

Mission Statement:

To ensure that a community directed organization is working to improve the quality of life for Red Lake’s First Peoples & their descendants by promoting traditional values such as unity, sharing, respect, honesty, caring, and spirituality through social, recreational, and cultural activities.



Orange Shirt Day is on September 30, 2020.

We have Orange t-shirts for sale for \$20.00 each.

As well as orange bracelets for \$5.00 Orange Pins for \$10.

Thank you for your support!



Up coming Events:

Note: all programs/events are subject to change.

Every Tuesday evening is Night school from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. classes are held at site 1, 1 Legion Road.

September 30 is Orange Shirt day. Please join us and wear orange clothing or any orange accessory.

Fall feast-To be Announced.

Thursday evenings Drumming with Samuel Goodison, Cultural Resource Coordinator. Please call 222-3446 for more information.

Halloween Party/Gate Night: **to be announced** as everything is on hold until we know how to move forward with COVID/ Pandemic procedures.

Mistletoe Magic: Cancelled till 2021. Please forward any interest in the next craft show to friends@rlifc.ca

Thank You

And to you, dear readers, members and Red Lake/Ear Falls Communities Meegwetch

Thank you for your patience and understanding in how we have been dealing with COVID-19, we are constantly learning/changing and going with the flow. Meegwetch

