

Cote Quarterly Newsletter

Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future

September 30th, 2021 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which was proposed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of its 94 Calls to Action. This day honours the survivors of the residential school system, their families, and communities.

The history behind the orange shirt. This gesture relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

Cote First Nation held a commemoration for the Nation's survivors. Numerous individuals adorned their orange t-shirts and gathered at the Chief Gabriel Cote Education Complex. From the school, they made their two kilometer journey to the location where the Monument that honours the Nations residential school Survivors Stands.

This public commemoration is a vital part of the reconciliation process in Canada as it deepens our collective awareness of this history and ensures ongoing reflection across the country for years to come.



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Did you know?

- CCA is found in just about everywhere naturally.
- It can be present in rocks and soils, historical pesticides, wood treatment products and tobacco.
- Because one of the contaminants of concern at the subject property is CCA, it was important to clarify what CCA concentrations may have been at the site prior to the wood treatment facility in order to provide a clean up criteria.

Fence Post Remediation Project Delayed

Due to unforeseen circumstance this project has been delayed until the Spring of 2022. In January, the Cote Lands Department will begin the processes again to have the project staffed.

A brief synopsis of the Fence Post Remediation Project:

Cote Lands Department has undertaken a project to remediate the Lands located in the North-West corner of Badgerville.

The history of location, it used to operate as a wood treatment facility through the 1980's for approximately ten (10) years. Originally thought to have been a Pentachlorophenol (PCP) treatment but later to be Copper Chromated Arsenate (CCA). Process fluid was drained onto the ground after the close of each season to prevent freezing of the wood processing equipment in the winter months.

In 1991, Environment Canada indicated that the fluid used may have been CCA rather than PCP based.

In 1992, Golder Associates LTD. prepared a work plan that included additional soil and groundwater analysis at the location and indicated that the fluid leaked in the soil to

0.6 meters, the equivalent to 1.9685 feet.

KGS Group was retained by Cote First nation to conduct a site assessment at the Former Wood Treatment Facility with the following purpose:

- Characterize the current condition of the site.
- Assess the condition of asphalt cap.
- Propose remediation and/ or risk management options.
- Determine the liability estimates associated with the site.

Here are recommendation from the 2017 assessment:

- Assess the background concentrations of CCA.
- Delineate impacts to the North.
- Conduct additional soil sampling in residential yard to the east.
- Remove waste piles noted on site.
- Repair asphalt cap or remove impacted soil for off site disposal.

Fumigation Services

Social Assistance will be providing fumigation services.

For more information contact Social Assistance Administrator Claudine Shingoose.

Work number: (306) 542—4801

Email: claudine.shingoose@cotefn.ca

Information will be private and confidential.



SPSA Issues Fire Ban for Most of East-Central Saskatchewan

Due to dry conditions in the area, grass fires will be strictly prohibited until further notice. Furthermore, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has issued a provincial fire ban for all provincial Crown lands, including provincial parks located with the fire ban area, for most of east-central Saskatchewan. It also includes all land within 4.5 km of the provincial forest boundary. The fire ban is effective immediately.

The fire ban includes any open fires, controlled burns and fireworks within all areas:

- South of Highway #106 from the Manitoba border to Highway #55;
- South of Highway #55 from Highway #106 to Prince Albert;
- East of Highway #2 from Prince Albert to Highway #5; and
- North of Highway #5 to the Manitoba border.

If you happen to see a fire, please contact Fire Chief Shaun Tourangeau at (306) 590—7038



Housing Update

Universal Rental Regime.

Cote First Nation has explored new ideas on how the current maintenance and renovations of existing band housing units can occur over a 5—7 year phase. A series of meetings have occurred with Indigenous Service Canada and Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation regarding how to successfully implement a Rental and User Fee and additionally, include the 5—7 year renovation plan.

Leadership attended these meetings and have directed Cote Housing Department to pursue this opportunity; nonetheless, this opportunity will require community input.

Cote Band Members, we ask that you keep engaged and interested for future announcements on our website and other social media platforms for upcoming dates and meetings.

Keep up to date at www.cotefn.ca or visit us on Facebook: Cote First Nation Information Page.

26—Week Pilot Project

The Nation has partnered with Yorkton Tribal Council to set in place a 26—week Housing Renovation project. This project has given five (5) band members an opportunity to gain new work experience in the carpentry trade. A large majority of the work the Band Members will be doing is, assisting the Housing Department in their completion of the planned renovations.

Public Works Projects

Major Capital Projects::

- Decommissioning of Garbage Dumps.
- Construction of New Transfer Station—New Garbage Dump.
- Removal of containments of Fencepost site.
- Site development on Fencepost site.
- Demolition of old Church.
- Certifying and training Public Works staff.

Major Housing Projects:

- Band Council Resolution—Illegal activity.
- Continuation of Renovations of vacant units.
- 5—7 Year Housing Plan.
- Universal Rental Regime—Housing maintenance and User fees.
- Matrimonial Real Property Law.
- Off—Reserve Home Ownership Assistance Program.





Sports & Recreation

With the recent wave of COVID-19 and it's Variants of Concern, this made numerous hockey parents question whether there would be a minor hockey season. Nevertheless, the Cote Sport & Recreation Department has made to the motion to take on youth to fill divisions.

Cote Sports & Recreation will be hosting a Scheduling Meeting for Cote minor hockey divisions on October 17th, 2021.

Furthermore, Cote Sports & Recreation personnel have been working diligently on the Arena and as such, if no impediments occur, youth and adult should be on ice by October 15th.

Cote Rec-Plex Operations.

The Cote Rec-Plex will be open 7 days a week: Monday to Friday, activities will occur from 4:00pm to 10:00pm. On the weekends, activities will commence at 2:00pm and end at 10:00pm. Please note that participants must wear a mask.

Tony Cote Winter Games

The discussions surrounding the 2022 Tony Cote Winter Games have emerged. Sports & Recreation Director, Dave Friday and along with respective personnel will be meeting with Yorkton Tribal Council to review the logistics of the Games.



Photo: Tony Cote Winter Games, Facebook

A Capital Update

If you have big items such as, furniture, mattresses, bed frames, used appliances, mental, car parts, used car oil, etc. that need to be disposed of, please contact Cote First Nation Public Works to make arrangements.

Abandon Vehicles

We want a clean community, however, there happens to be a lot of abandon and damaged vehicles throughout the community. We are committed an action to plan situation that started this past summer, we are continuing to look into cleaning yards and removing abandon and damaged vehicles. Cote First Nation Public Works will be providing services of removing these vehicles at no cost.

Public Works Contacts: Shaun Tourangeau: (306) 590—7038
Byron Langan: (306) 542—4813



Band Administration Safety Pre-cautions

With the increase in COVID-19 and Variants of Concerns, the Band Administration has implemented safety precautions. Band Members must schedule meetings if they need to speak to respective personnel in various departments.

This is an effort too keep our community safe and the Band Administration activities operational. We must limit the potential contraction and potential spread of the COVID-19 and VoCs in all situations.



Proof of Vaccination Reminder

Remember, Effective October 1, 2021 a provincial requirement for proof of vaccination or negative test has been implemented for public access to a list of establishments, businesses and event venues that bring groups of people together, including:

- Indoor dining at restaurants;
- Nightclubs, bars, taverns and other licensed establishments;
- Event and entertainment venues, including conference centers, casinos, movie theatres, concert venues, live-music venues, museums, and indoor facilities hosting ticketed sporting events;
- Indoor fitness centers, and gyms.

Saskatchewan citizens with a MySaskHealthRecord account at eHealth Saskatchewan are now able to view their COVID-19 vaccination record in a new format that includes a QR (Quick Response) code. Information is available about adding your immunization information to your Saskatchewan health record if you have been vaccinated outside of the province.

You will have several options for showing your proof of vaccination credentials;

- QR Code on your mobile phone (screenshot from MySaskHealthRecord or SK Vax Wallet app)
- QR code printed from MySaskHealthRecord
- COVID-19 vaccine certificate printed from MySaskHealthRecord
- Wallet cards received at time of immunization (Saskatchewan Health Authority or Indigenous Services Canada)
- Proof (electronic or in writing) issued by another province, territory or government.

Please note: The above are acceptable proof in Saskatchewan, but may not be acceptable in other jurisdictions.

*Success is not Final; Failure is not Fatal:
It is the Courage to Continue that Counts.*

- W. S. Churchill

KNOW THE FACTS

ABOUT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a coronavirus. This coronavirus is a new virus that was first recognized December 2019 in Wuhan, China. These are a large family of viruses, some of which infect animals, and others that can infect humans.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms. **Symptoms of COVID-19** are often similar to other illnesses.

Symptoms of human coronaviruses can:

- ▶ take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus
- ▶ be very mild or more serious
- ▶ vary from person to person

Coronaviruses are most commonly spread from an infected person through:

- ▶ respiratory droplets when you cough or sneeze
- ▶ close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- ▶ touching something with the virus on it, then touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing your hands

These viruses are not known to spread through ventilation systems or through water.

The best way to prevent the spread of infections is to:

- ▶ wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- ▶ avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands;
- ▶ avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- ▶ cough and sneeze into your sleeve and not your hands;
- ▶ practice **physical distancing** at all times;
- ▶ stay home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others; and
- ▶ wear a **non-medical mask or face covering**, made with at least two layers of tightly woven fabric, **constructed** to completely cover the nose and mouth without gaping, and secured to the head by ties or ear loops, to protect the people and surfaces around you.

Note: The Government of Canada has implemented an Emergency Order under the Quarantine Act. This order means that everyone who is entering Canada by air, sea or land has to stay home for 14 days in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. The 14-day period begins on the day you enter Canada.

- If you have travelled and have no symptoms, you must **quarantine** (self-isolate).
- If you have travelled and have symptoms, you must **isolate**.

For more information on coronavirus:

1-833-784-4397

canada.ca/coronavirus

phac.info.aspc@canada.ca



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MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN PUBLIC PLACES

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A new Saskatchewan public health order requires everyone to wear a cloth or disposable mask when in a public place.

Masks help protect you and your family from the COVID-19 virus.
Learn more at [Saskatchewan.ca/masks](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/masks).

The virus is everywhere in Saskatchewan. The virus usually spreads by breathing or coughing near each other. We are taking action now to slow infections and protect Elders, health workers and hospitals.

MASKS ARE JUST ONE LAYER OF PROTECTION

We also advise you to follow these protocols:

- ✓ Do not visit other homes unless you must care for another person.
- ✓ Only travel for essential trips like medical visits, groceries, emergencies.
- ✓ Continue to keep six feet from people not in your household. Wash your hands regularly.
- ✓ If you feel sick, stay home and call 811 to book a COVID-19 test. Keep six feet from family members or wear a mask until you get your test results.
- ✓ Follow the nurse's instructions if you test positive or called for contact tracing.

Masks are available for pick up at the Cote First Nation Health Center and as you enter the Cote Market.

Medical Transportation Notice

Cote First Nation Members accessing the medical transportation program will need appointment confirmation letters before receiving mileage for their appointments. Confirmation letters can be faxed to Candace Badger at (306) 542—3573. If clients do not have a confirmation letter then they will have to travel on their own means.

Furthermore, clients must give a twenty-four (24) hour notice for their medical appointments.

Also, if a client did not reimburse from a previous medical trip they are required to do so before they receive additional assistance. The medical transportation clerk and her assistant will not be contacting clients for appointment documents.

Individual Development

Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology is currently facilitating a twelve-week (12) GED program that will be operating from September to December, on the Nation. This program includes GED test preparation, career and college readiness, and digital literacy skills.

Graduates will earn a GED credential, develop a technology portfolio, and explore post-secondary program and career options.



Other Development Activities

On September 16th, Yorkton Tribal Council Education Team held a developmental Resume Writing workshop. This program will transform Social Assistance Clients and non-clients' resume(s) into a powerful tool that will assist in getting the attendees interviews. This course is invaluable to anyone who wants to improve their resume, as it will introduce you to different formats, help you make the most of your work experience, and discover how to use reference to your advantage.

Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

Starting in 2021-22, the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship (SAS) will provide \$750 (up from \$500) per year, to a lifetime of \$3,000, to eligible grade 12 graduates, including Adult Basic Education (ABE) and GED® students.

Since 2019, the scholarship has been a needs tested scholarship. This means, only students with the greatest financial need will receive the scholarship. To do this, students will be required to apply for a student loan. Through the student loan assessment, students with demonstrated need will receive the scholarship provided that they also meet the following eligibility criteria:

Graduated from grade 12 in Saskatchewan (including ABE and GED®) on or after January 1, 2012;

Enrolled at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution in a program that is recognized for Canada-Saskatchewan student loans (certificate, diploma, and degree programs).

With the exception of both Lakeland College campuses and specific specialized health programs, programs at post-secondary institutions outside of Saskatchewan are not eligible.

For more information visit:

Online: saskatchewan.ca/studentloans

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

Chief Gabriel Cote Education Complex

The Chief Gabriel Cote Education Complex is currently seeking **School Board Members** for the school year. If you are interested, please submit your resume to: chiefgabriel@hotmail.com or drop off your resume at reception at band office, courtesy copy for Education Coordinator Valerie Cote & Education Portfolio Delvina Whitehawk

NOTE: Must be a parent of the school – your child must be attending CGCEC.

Deadline to apply is November 1, 2021.

For more Information, contact Jackie Brass (306) 542-3313



Post-Secondary Education

Attention Post-Secondary Students, New Applicants, please be advised that the Winter Semester Deadline is **October 31th, 2021**

Remember when applying, ensure that these articles and documents are included:

- Status Card—both sides.
- Institute Acceptance Letter.
- List dependent(s) & include copies of Health Card(s).
- Recent Transcripts—High School & Continuing students.
- Application Form legible.

If you have any questions please contact Post-Secondary Coordinator, Melissa Langan
Work phone: (306) 542-4818
Email: Melissa.langan@cotefn.ca

If you need a copy of the Cote Post—Secondary Policy Manual visit:
<https://cotefirstnation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COTE-FIRST-NATION-Updated-Policy-July.272020-2.pdf>

Band Administration Contact Directory

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Post-Secondary Coordinator	melissa.langan@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4818
Medical Transportation	candace.badger@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4819
Capital Supervisor/ Fire Chief	shaun.tourangeau@cotefn.ca	(306) 590-7038
Housing Supervisor	roderic.bondy@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-8578
Sewer Truck	spencer.campeau@cotefn.ca	(306) 590-7446

Our Nation

Cote First Nation is located north of the town of Kamsack, Saskatchewan and 16km west of the Manitoba Border totaling approximately 8,090 hectares (19,900 acres).

The Band has a current membership of 4,091 people with approximately 1161 living on reserve.

Cote First Nation is one of the 6 First Nations that are members of the Yorkton Tribal Council and is also part of the Treaty Four territorial agreement. Saulteaux is our native language.

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