



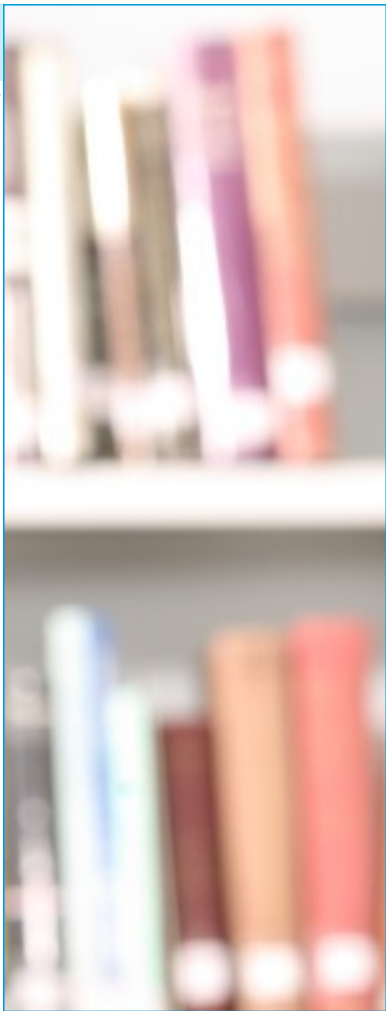
3rd Quarterly Newsletter



On December 18, 2020 Kamsack Comprehensive Institute (KCI) had hosted a Formal Day within the school and present wearing her ribbon skirt was Isabella Kulak of Cote First Nation. During the day an Educational Assistant made the remark that Isabella’s ribbon skirt was not formal attire, and that she should have worn a store bought dress rather.

Following the Christmas holidays Isabella while wearing her ribbon skirt was joined by her family and many supporters who wore their own ribbon skirts and walked her to school that morning. Since then, an apology has been made by Director of Education for Good Spirit School Division Quinton Robertson and a promise to do better in the future. Isabella continued to advocate for the creation of a “ribbon skirt day”, to which Bill S-227 (43-2) was created to Honor January 4th as Ribbon Skirt Day.

And on January 4th, 2022 C.G.C.E.C celebrated their first National Ribbon Skirt Day (photo above), as well as nationally celebrated throughout Canada. A ribbon skirt as cited in the Ribbon Skirt Day Act “Whereas the ribbon skirt is a centuries-old spiritual symbol of womanhood, identity, adaptation and survival and is a way for women to honor themselves and their culture. And now thanks to the help and voice of Isabella Kulak, the bill for the ribbon skirt day is being presented in front of legislation to be a non-legal holiday.



IN THIS ISSUE

- Ribbon Skirt Day1
- Public Works.....2
- Cote Youth Center Info.....3
- Education.....4
- Contact Information.....5





A WORD FROM CHIEF GEORGE COTE

Attention: Cote First Nation

On Behalf of Chief and Council; I would like to extend a Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. We have lost a few band members including Elders who were a blessing to our Nation. As we reflect on the time we spend together at home with one another; give thanks for our loved ones gone to a better place. They will never be forgotten as the memories live on forever till the day we shall see them again. I would like to thank the council and Administration of all departments for the work we have done together to serve our Membership. Remember the words of

our Elders who remind us to love one another, forgive one another, and respect one another. These are powerful reminders to take to heart; for without these words of wisdom, we will never be united. The Creator blessed us with life, and we all have a purpose to serve Him and to serve each other. The return of the buffalo is a blessing which will bring healing and restoration to our homeland. I would like to say Merry Christmas to the Cote First Nation Members and may your homes and families be blessed with joy, peace, and most of all love. God bless our Nation.

- Chief George Cote

UPCOMING EVENTS

Training—Public works will be receiving training for circle checks: machine forms, machine operating hours, etc. (this will assist with invoice processing); incident reporting; Training is set to take place the second week of February.

User fees—user fees will be implemented as of April 1, 2022. The creation of user fee agreements with all band entities, businesses, or any other band community buildings for snow removal, road maintenance, garbage pick up or yard maintenance. In February training will correlate with the implementation of the user fees.

Recycling—The nation is beginning a recycling program to limit garbage. This will be a community based project and as such the citizens will be provided workshops. Recycling program will work in collaboration with the waste transfer station.

Land use plan—Community engagement on making amends to the Land Use Plan.

Fence Post Remediation—The old fence post operation site, the work will be started this spring, having all contaminated soil removed and eventually reclaimed into a recreation area.—Note once the fence post has been completed, the fencing around the site will be repurposed. Fencing will be moved to a new firehall and two bay storage for capital equipment.

Job Posting—Please check cotefirstnation.ca for jobs that will be posted for the following this coming spring. **Class A1 drivers, flagmen, and security personnel.**

GREETINGS FROM CFN PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, please stay safe and healthy during these trying time as we navigate through the COVID-19 and the variants.

As we are into several months of amalgamation of Capital and Housing as one department, it hasn't been without its challenges in dealing with the daily operations of both departments. The recent extreme cold weather has put a damper on our machinery and housing work vehicles with break-downs. We ask membership to be patient with the clearing of the roads as the Grader is in for repairs and the sewer truck can not run during this cold snap we've experienced recently.

We have continued to try and address any furnace outages and plumbing repairs. The public works will continue to try their best despite their busy schedules and limitations due to cold weather breaking down their machines. Housing is actively completing renovations that have started prior to the Christmas Break, the cold weather has affected completion as well as covid-19 and its variants. We ask applicants to continue applying on a yearly basis, as these units will become available, allocations will be done by the housing committee. We also ask that you provide updated contact information regularly. It is also important that you notify the Social Assistance Department if you are on income assistance or housing on any changes to utilities, please hand in your power and gas once you receive your bills.

Covid-19 protocols are being enforced within the band office, we ask that you phone in for your repairs and maintenance or schedule an appointment by calling the office at (306)-542-2694 or sending an email to cotefn1housing@gmail.com.

In the near future, expect a community engagement in regards to recycling of garbage as we prepare for our new waste transfer station.



Eunice Ketchemonia-Cote and 11 of 14 youth girls who participated in ribbon skirt making.

COTE YOUTH CENTER

The Cote Youth Center continues to provide a safe and comforting place for the community youth. Offering many activities both within the center and out in various other public venues such as; swimming, bowling, sliding, and land based teachings.

October a number of events were held which included ribbon skirt making with Eunice Ketchemonia-Cote. 14 youth girls had participated and made skirts of their own. A corn maze for the youth under age 10 which took place just outside of Canora, SK. The 11 and older visited the Shock House in Yorkton, SK. A pumpkin carving contest with 1st place going to Amazon and Dallas, 2nd going to Netaliya and 3rd going to Latoya and Savannah. And the Youth Center sponsored by the Prevention Services Made up 350 treat bags with help from the Cote Market which were given out to all age groups.

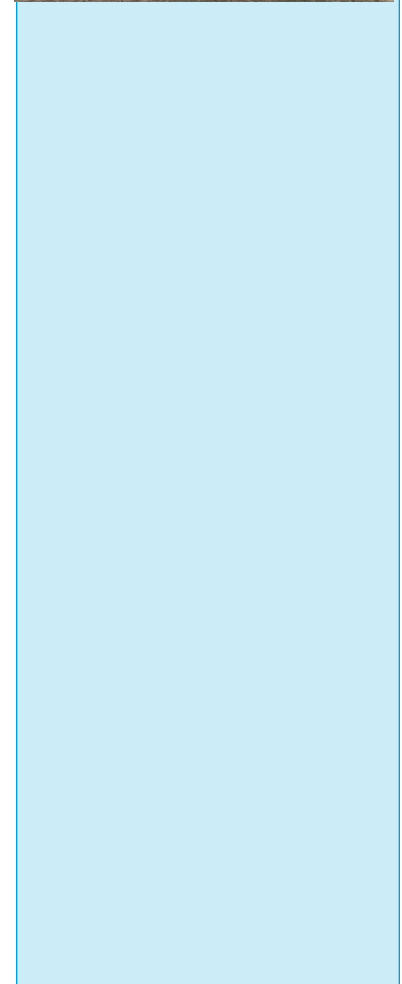
In November YTC Safe Haven staff Twyla Cote, Randa Ironstand, and April Brazeau came out and taught Life Skill Training for ages 11-17. Leadership, active listening, setting boundaries, and handling conflict were among the topics discussed. The group usually meets weekly and holds 2 sessions per evening but due to increased Covid-19 numbers the group will not be meeting until further notice.

In December with sponsorship by Prevention Services and with help from the Cote Health and Cote Band, 550 treat bags and Christmas Gifts were given out. Covid-19 measures were taken to safely disperse the gifts in time for Christmas.

A gingerbread house competition took place and 1st place went to Cherish Shingoose, 2nd going to Darryl Hotomani, and 3rd going to Jeremiah Cote.

During the Christmas break weathers reached a chilling -45 with the Youth Center continuing its services with relief staff in place. Some of the events held during this time included bowling, bingo tournaments, gaming system tournaments, baking, and arts and crafts.

In the New Year the Center is planning a drum group which will include the making of the drum and drumsticks, 2BBOYS, a girl power workshop, beading, and continuation of the life skills training. With many more activities to be announced in the following months.





EDUCATION

In September—GED program went with the Covid-19 rules applying.

October calling SIIT and Parkland College for programs for income assistance clients,

Job Series and life skills in the new year. Post-secondary selections seeking new programs for income assistant clients.

Approved for five youth initiative positions that have been created. Currently two are being filled. Hoping for eleven positions by of April, for youth 18- 30-year-olds.

Post-secondary Spring deadline. March 31st **only continuing students**. Applications found on website cotefirstnation.ca

COTE FIRST NATION #366



PO BOX 1659
KAMSACK, SK S0A 1S0
TELEPHONE (306) 542-2694
FAX (306) 542-3735
www.cotefn.ca

CALL out for Cote Youth Committee Members.

Cote First Nation Chief & Council wants to appoint seven (7) Cote Youth Committee Members. These Youth Committee Members must be 15 - 21 years of age. Furthermore, there will be an equal composition of On and Off - reserve members to represent the Nation.

One Cote Youth Committee Member will be chosen as the head to sit in Chief & Council meetings, and other Youth Committee Members will sit on all boards and other committees in the community.

Eligibility:

The membership of the Cote First Nation Youth Council shall consist of representatives, with a goal of equal gender composition, and staggered terms of two to three years. In order to be eligible to represent Cote First Nation, you must:

- ❖ Be a member of Cote First Nation
- ❖ Pass a Criminal Reference Check (CPIC) prior to appointment and not be convicted of any criminal charges during appointment term;
- ❖ Be enrolled in Secondary and or Post-Secondary education;
- ❖ Be in good academic standing
- ❖ Be prepared to identify the goals and vision for Cote First Nation youth;

Responsibilities in accordance to the Cote First Nation Governance & Administrative Policies:

- ❖ Liaise with Chief and Council on a regular and as-needed basis;
- ❖ Share ideas and issues, recommendations and or solutions with Cote First Nation;
- ❖ Support and work with Cote First Nation youth initiatives;
- ❖ Be committed to being a positive role model and promote a positive lifestyle;
- ❖ Be respectful;
- ❖ Leadership & Safety training will be provided.

Please be advised there are additional responsibilities in accordance to the Cote First Nation Governance & Administrative Policies. Individuals selected will be appointed as Cote First Nation Youth Representative through Band Council Resolution for a two to three-year term.

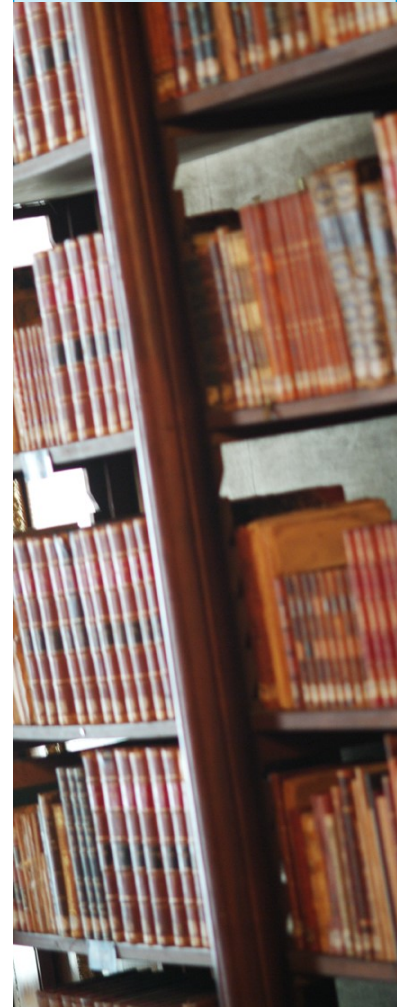
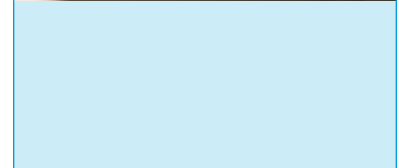
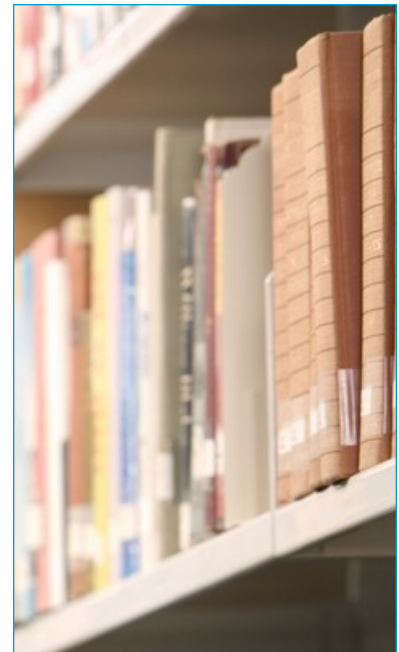
Interested individuals are invited to submit their letter of interest, resume & transcripts to:

brian_shingoose@cotefn.ca

or by mail to Cote Band Administration Office:

P.O. Box 1659,
Kamsack, SK,
S0A 1S0.

For further information or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Shingoose.



Cote First Nation
PO Box 1659
Kamsack, SK
(306)-542-2694



Band Administration Contact Directory

Position:	Email:	Work number:
Reception		(305) 542-2694
Education Coordinator	valerie.cote@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4800
Income Assistance Coordinator	claudine.shingoose@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4801
Income Assistance Asst.	raelene.delorme@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4801
Indian Registry Administrator	debbie.shingoose@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4802
Director of Sports & Recreation	dave.friday@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4804
Executive Assistant	steven.bryant@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4805
Lands Manager	landis.tourangeau@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4808
Anishinabek Nation Treaty Authority	angela.roque@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4809
Community Planner	arlene.pinay@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4810
Community Planner Asst.	judge.cote@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4811
Public Works Office Administration	kayleen.friday@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4812
Director of Public Works	byron.langan@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4813
Tenant Relations	trina.whitehawk@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4814
Finance Assistant	shawn.delorme@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-2694
Finance Clerk	samantha.young@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4815
Finance Clerk	lhea.tourangeau@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4816
Human Resources	sharon.whitehawk@cotefn.ca	(306) 542-4817
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

Wolf P. (Jan. 5, 2021). Aptnews. Supporters of girl criticized at school want to establish national ribbon skirt day. Received Jan. 17, 2022.