

## 2016—2017 Oasis 24th Annual Report

On behalf of the Nipawin Oasis Board of Directors we would like to welcome you to the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre and thank you for attending our 24th Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Nipawin Board of Directors, I would like to thank Joy Hanson , Executive director, and the employees for another successful year. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their support, dedication and their time they gave out of their busy schedules towards the success of the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre.

We would like to thank the participants, funders, volunteers, members, supporters, and donors that provided support this year. Programs that are being offered through the Nipawin Oasis have provided positive results for program participants.

The Oasis this year is operating programs in the areas of Culture, prevention, mental health, family support, housing and homelessness support, family literacy, nutrition, community inclusion, drop in support, emergent needs and youth programming.

We are thankful for the funding , financial and volunteer support we received during this fiscal year. 2016-2017 we received capital funding for major upgrades for replacing flooring from the Homelessness Partnership Strategy. Support dollars are coming from federal, provincial and municipal governments which is very appreciated by the Nipawin Oasis Board of Directors.

Senator Philip Head  
Nipawin Oasis Board President

I have been thinking lately about the Oasis being in the community for 25 years and of the founding members who had the vision to see the need in the community for a centre that can support, include and outreach to members of the community that are in need We are grateful to the founding members and the community that supported the need for the Oasis centre.

We had another successful and grateful year which is due to the funders and donors that continue to support the work we do, the participants that access the supports and services at the Oasis, the numerous Elders, Cultural leaders and volunteers that come weekly to assist with the programs , the board members that oversee and govern the organization and the employees of whom all are dedicated, reliable, caring, supportive and understand the vision and mission of the organization.

This next year we are excited about the new addition which will provide much needed space. As always, you are welcome to come see us anytime, attend board meetings or if you have items you don't need and think they may be of use for someone at the Oasis please let us know.

Joy Hanson  
Nipawin Oasis Executive Director

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Please like us on Facebook :) Always looking for donations and volunteers :):)



## WHAT IS THE OASIS COMMUNITY CENTRE?

The Nipawin Oasis is a community resource centre that provides cultural, prevention, educational, and intervention programming, services, support and employment opportunities to the community of Nipawin and area in Northeast Saskatchewan. Approximately 150 individuals use the centre weekly.

The Centre operates its activities and conducts its affairs under the Co-operative, 1996 Act and is registered with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice with the Corporation Branch. The Community Centre is also registered with the Government of Canada with the Canada Revenue Agency as a registered charity. There are no dividends or interest on share capital to the members or patrons and no part of the surplus is to benefit the members or patrons.

The Board of Directors serve in a solely volunteer capacity of the Co-operative and are elected from the membership. The board meets monthly along with the advisory committee to review the Co-operative's financials, mission and objectives while identifying potential risks and opportunities in consultation with stakeholders. The direction determined guides the operations of programs and services in the development of plans and annual goals.

The Nipawin Oasis Community Centre Co-operative Limited was incorporated in 1992.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016/17

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### EMPLOYEES (2016/17) (CURRENT)

#### **Joy Hanson**

—Executive Director

#### **Charlene Flett**

- Executive Assistant/Accounts Controller/Homelessness

#### **Harriet Burns/Rev. Reta**

**Nawakayas/Ivy Nawakayas** — Cultural Leaders (part time)

#### **Vickie Lake**

- Family Support Program Coordinator

#### **Susan Head**

—Family Support Specialist

#### **Patricia McGillivray**

– Family Support Specialist

#### **Kayla Bear**

—Youth Program Coordinator

#### **Heidi Folster**

—Youth Program Leader

#### **Terry Snider/Phyllis Snider** –

Janitorial (part time)

**Support Staff** – Cultural Advisors, Youth workers, odd jobs, building maintenance

## VISION AND MISSION

### **Our Vision:**

Our Centre will be a place where people care, belong, and get involved. Our Vision is to be one of the leaders in building an inclusive, supportive, safe and healthy community.

### **Our Mission:**

We are a Community Resource Co-operative Centre that provides cultural, prevention, educational, and intervention programming, services, support and employment opportunities to the community of Nipawin and area in Northeast Saskatchewan.

We strive to provide opportunities and **CHOICES** along with the values of:

**Caring**, supportive, non-judgemental, and respectful, using a

**Holistic** approach that promotes wellness and that provides

**Opportunities** and uses as its guides

**Integrity** which is accountable, transparent and responsible valuing a

**Community** that works together and that is

**Effective** in meeting the needs of the community and provides

**Security** within a safe, respectful, supportive environment.

Our programming focus is on **CRAFTS** which also serves as a strong foundation for the cultural, personal and leadership development of the youth, individuals and families

**Caring and Culture**

**Relationships**

**Action**

**Food and Fun**

**Teamwork and Time**

**Safety and Security**



The Oasis was conceived as an umbrella that promotes sharing between user groups. The ownership, financial support, and responsibility for programs is shared by the local community (through the Board, volunteers, and local fundraising), local, regional and provincial agencies.

Where people can come together in an environment where they feel secure enough through care to belong and connect to themselves, peers, and mentors and given ample opportunity to succeed both in and out of the group. The groups provides a lifelong learning opportunity and the freedom to excel and build strong leadership skills for themselves, families, and community as a whole.

## HISTORY

The concept for the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre originated in response to a request for additional recreational and social opportunities for the long-term mentally ill people in the area. A need for more specific counseling services in the areas of nutrition, budgeting and life skills was also identified. The idea for a “drop-in-centre” offering social and recreational opportunities, a self-help group and some counseling services for the individuals was proposed by Lyle Adderly and MaryLou Hamilton.

The possibility of sharing with other groups in the community was raised. An initial proposal was drafted and presented at a series of meetings with representatives of health, social and educational services, user groups, Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the RCMP and other citizens’ groups.

In November 1992, the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre Co-operative came into being. The president was Gabriella Orban, Secretary - Marylou Hamilton, along with Mel McCorriston, Lyle L. Adderley, Barbara A Bryant-Anstie, Robert T. Cecil Walker, Dave Morrison?

Programming was offered at various locations in Nipawin over the following years. Elsie Peters requested space for a trial Collective Kitchen, which was successful and has been continued with various facilitators over the years. Handi works brought a group of developmentally challenged adults to the Centre prior to obtaining their own facility. Youth Kitchens were started and met another community need. The additional programs meant that the Centre moved several times, always into a bigger facility.

Funding provided by HRDC assisted us to purchase and make some renovations to a building of our very own. The HOMES committee was formed and the Oasis Management Committee and guided us throughout this initiative. The official Grand Opening of this building was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2004. The Kids First program for this area moved into the new building, also a Youth Worker hired by the School Division set up office space. In 2005-2006 Kids First and the youth worker were moved to other premises. The two original programs – mental health support and kitchens have been joined by the Trustee program to be our core activities.

### **Programs, supports and services offered through the years**

#### **Building:**

Purchase current building – 2004 – present - expanding in 2017

Built 4 sheds – 2013-15

Replaced appliances – fridge, freezer, stoves – 2, dishwasher – 2013-14

Repaired roof – 20014-15

Replaced some of the windows and doors – 2014-17

Replaced flooring – 2015-17

Adding an addition 50 x 24 - 2017

#### **Vehicles:**

Donation of Elks van – 2009

Purchased 15 passenger van – 2015

Purchased ( 3 ) 7 passenger vans – 2014-16

**Programs:**

Mental Health Support Program - 2006 – present

Youth and Family Kitchen program - 2006 – present

Corrections and Public Safety/ Crime Prevention Program in 2008-09

Youth and Family Support Program – 2012 - present

**Supports:**

Grocery Club – 2006 – 2011

Housing/Tenant Program – 2007-2008

Trustee Program – 2006 – 2011

Drop In Support services & Emergent Needs – 2005 – present

Giveaway Shed – 2014 – present

Homelessness Program and Supports – 2014 – present

Garden at the Oasis – 2013 - present

**Employment:**

Odd Job program – 2005 - present

Employment program & Life Skills – 2006 - 2012

**Education:**

Transitions to Employment Program – 2005 – 2006

Diabetic Strategy 2009-2011

Leadership & Better Life Program – 2010-2011

Family Literacy Program and Hub – 2012 – present

Women and Girls Exploring Trades Program – 2012- present

“Try a Tool” Program – 2013 – 2017

Residential and Renovation Construction Program – 2014-15

**Culture:**

Traditional Beadwork program – 2010 - present

Oskayak Girls group 2011 - 2012

Youth Culture Program – 2012 – present

Bridging Cultures – Indigenous to Non-Indigenous – 2012-14

Healing Circle – 2014 - present

Youth Community Inclusion program – 2014-16

Weekly Traditional Program – 2014 – present

National Aboriginal Day Celebration and Culture Days – 2013 - present

North American Indigenous Games Lance Ceremony – July 2015

**Business Ventures:**

Mail Run – 2005 - 2014

Affordable store – 2005 – 2006

Bike Shop 2005 - 2009

Janitorial business and Catering – 2008 - 2013

Taxi business – 2010 – 2015

## 2016—2017 OASIS PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS

***Family Support Program***—Northeast Region

***Family Literacy Programming & Resources***—Northeast Region

***Youth Nutrition, Literacy, Culture Program***—after school (grades 1-12) (Mon.—Thurs.) and Summer program

***Traditional Time***—weekly—Northeast Region

***Healing Circle***—bi-weekly—Northeast Region

***Women & Girls Exploring Trades Program***—”Try a Tool”  
—Northeast Region

***Mental Health Support Program and summer camp*** - COPE

***Homelessness & Drop in Support Services/Opportunities***—

phone, fax, photocopy, computer, internet, resume, portfolio, life skills, gardening, yard work, volunteer, fundraising, nutrition, emergent needs, housing and

home support, giveaway shed, literacy, tutoring, community hours, alternative measures support, community events and inclusion, transportation, employment and personal support.



STATISTICS 2016\_17

# participating in family literacy events	1376	# of Homeless - couch surfing and street this year	147
# participating in cultural programming	2013	# of Homeless that were re-housed	71
# of Meals and snacks served in CNP/CIF (youth & families)	7213	# Individuals addressed with housing and support services	215
# participating 2015_16 in CNP/CIF (youth and families)	4185	# of new intakes completed (homelessness)	82
# "Try a Tool" Project # of participants	1675	# of Active Files (homelessness)	81
After school program # of sessions and # of participants	192/1436	Men's Breakfast Group # of participants # of sessions	95/10
Family Kitchens # of Sessions and # of participants	96/2197	Family Events # of Sessions and # of participants	15/552
Family Support Program Direct Service Hours provided	3245 hrs	Family Support Program # of Families per month	30-45



*“In growing up, a child should know some joy in each day, and look forward to some joyous event for the morrow.” (Hobbs 1982)*

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/OUTCOMES 2016-2017

### **Youth:**

Golf program - Rolling Pines Golf Course  
Constant Reminder—attended concert at Red Earth  
Culture Camp at Red Earth  
Air Cadet Camp  
Girl Guide Camp  
Babysitting and Parenting Course for Teens  
Girl Guide Potluck

### **Family Literacy & Professional Development**

Regular posting to Facebook groups  
Purchased several literacy books and cultural resources  
Gathering for Reconciliation workshop  
Developed literacy activity bags  
Attended Family Literacy meeting in Saskatoon  
Started the weekly Men's Breakfast Club  
Family Activities & Outings  
“Try A tool” program  
Family Fun Day—May 9th  
Work Experience and Life Skills  
High Five Training and Play Leadership  
Photography Workshop  
Family Literacy Drop In sessions  
Family Literacy Cooking Sessions  
Family Violence Workshop  
Family Literacy Day Celebration—Jan. 27  
International Women's Day Celebration—March 13  
Trip to Prince Albert to Northern Store

### **Prevention/Health/Wellness:**

Healing Circle  
Mental Health Support Group  
Oasis garden  
Mental Health Provincial Camp

### **Culture Activities:**

National Aboriginal Day Celebration—June 21  
Culture Days—Cree Culture and Language Celebration —Sept. 26  
Red Earth Wild Meat Distribution—at the Oasis  
Shoal Lake Christmas Dinner at Oasis  
Red Earth Christmas Dinner at Oasis and hampers  
Weekly Traditional Time—Wed 10-3  
Cree Singing workshops  
Drumming Workshop  
Beadwork Program  
Carving Workshops  
Cree Language Workshops  
Red Earth Culture Camp—Red Earth  
Prince Albert PowWow





## FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Family Support Program has been funded for a third year by the Ministry of Social Services under two contracts, mandated and diversion. Mandate is to provide support and education to families drawing from resources such as the Saskatchewan Family Support Program Manual, the *Nechapanuk Parenting Program*, *Active Parenting Now*; as well as supplemental resources such as the *Financial Literacy Program* and the *Family Literacy Program*. Furthermore, the Family Support Program staff attend various workshops to improve on services and supports provided to families.

The Family Support Program staff members are: Victoria Lake, BSW RSW (SK), as the Family Support Coordinator/Specialist along with Patricia McGillivray and Susan Head as Family Support Specialists that provide assistance in the healthy development of families and children in the Northeast area.

*The Family Support Program goals are:*

*To maintain the family unit and well-being of the child or children*

*To enhance family wellness*

*To empower families*

*To ease reunification between children in care and their families*

Under the mandated contract, the objective of the program is to provide in home support and education to parents whose children are at risk of coming into the care or who are in the care of the Ministry and where there is an established reunification plan to return them to the care of their parents. The mandated service program outcomes include:

*Parents have increased knowledge of healthy parenting*

*Parents have increased community ties*

*Parents exhibit healthier parenting behavior*

*More children are returned to parents*

*Fewer children of the parents are placed in out-of-home care at a later date*

Under the diversion contract, the objective of the program is to provide direct support services to individuals and families by providing assistance in accessing community resources that will divert them from the need for intervention and protection services through the Ministry's Child and Family Services Program. The diversion service program outcomes include:

*Families have knowledge of their strengths, skills, stress, and risk areas*

*Parents have increased knowledge of child development, positive parenting skills and strategies*

*Parents can identify and use formal or informal community resources*

*Parents have established and are using a support system that relies less on intensive services from the Ministry and other human services*

*Children who are at risk of coming into the care of the Ministry are able to reside in the family home*

## FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMMING

The Nipawin Oasis is one of the Family Literacy Hub Service provider serving the northeast of the province with funding from the Ministry of Education— Provincial Library and Literacy Office.

The primary objective is to ensure that Northeast families have access to family literacy programs, services and supports to strengthen literacy development at home and in their community.

### **Current Literacy programs offered this year at the Oasis were:**

Youth Literacy—after school Mon.—Thurs.

Traditional Time—Family Literacy—Every Wed from 10—3

“Try a Tool” program—Spring and Fall

Summer Family Literacy —July & August

Family Literacy program—drop in and scheduled throughout year

Family Literacy Weeks— Dec. Winter Break, Feb. Winter Break and Spring Break

Jan. 27 - Family Literacy Day Celebration

June 21—National Aboriginal Day and Intergenerational learning

Sept. 25—Culture Days—Intergenerational learning

Computer & Internet usage—public use

Library Resources - includes Cultural resources and Red Earth History

Community Literacy Events, Resources, and education



### **Facebook:**

Nipawin Oasis Parenting group— <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1456353187932702/>

Nipawin Oasis Cultural group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1435786793328133/>

Nipawin Oasis Recipe group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/388745721263475/>

Nipawin Oasis Craft group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1487451708143078/>

Nipawin Oasis Literacy Group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349294951927436/>



## CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

*This program is funded by Ministry of Education and the Community Initiatives Fund,*

This program teaches good nutrition practices for children, youth and families, and helps develop independent living skills for children and their families including new ways to prepare food, budgeting, shopping, safe food handling, preserving, Cree culture, literacy and outdoor activities. The youth are picked up at school and driven home after the program.

The after school nutrition program runs from Sept to June, for three to four hours each day from Mondays—Thursdays. During the summer months we ran a family and youth literacy program. Other programming included Family kitchens, special events, weekends, and includes bridging to community programs and activities.

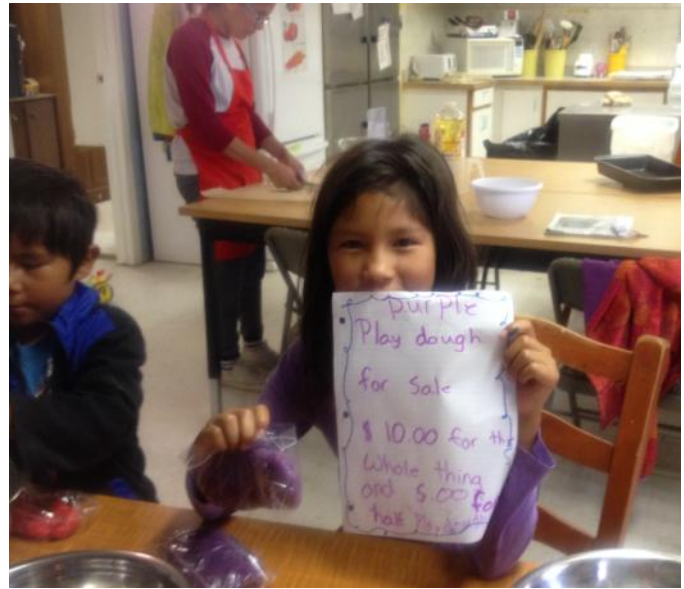
Since the program began youth have been learning kitchen safety and how to cook using simple yet healthy recipes by working together. Other activities : Cree language and culture, nature walks/hikes, learning about various local plants and animals, outdoor scavenger hunt, visiting Regional Park, literacy, sliding, swimming, Christmas party with parents, carpentry, various arts and crafts, try a tool activities, skiing, fundraising, various games to increase social skills, community events, leadership skills, and self esteem building.

Youth Program Leaders are Kayla Bear and Heidi Folster with support from Cultural Leaders, parents and volunteers.



## SUMMER PROGRAM

The Nipawin Oasis youth and family culture, nutrition and literacy summer project followed a holistic approach working with youth and families that are vulnerable and at risk. It included after school youth and evening programming, bridging youth to existing community programs, leadership development, youth exploring trades & technology program, family literacy, Cree culture and language, physical activity, nutrition, community inclusion, health and



wellness, social skills, family support, and professional development of employees and volunteers. It also included physical activity through golf program, swimming, ball, camping, and outdoor cooking and other activities.

Project was successful. Increased level of interest and engagement of families and youth in the Oasis programming throughout the summer months. Summer program staff were Darlinda Mckay, Shannon Cook along with Heidi Folster and Kayla Bear.



## CULTURE AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION PROGRAM



This program includes Cree culture and language, literacy, community events, outdoor and physical activities.



Yearly activities have included beadwork, outdoor cooking, bannock making, sledding, skating, storytelling, scavenger



hunts, camping, skiing, shopping, swimming—Melfort and Nipawin, bowling, golfing at Rolling Pines, the Oasis garden, outings at the Regional Park, nature walks, cultural teachings, jigging, traditional cultural teachings, and time with Elders and Cultural Advisors.



## CULTURE AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION PROGRAM

“**Traditional Time**” is funded by SaskCulture and is lead by Elders and Cultural Leaders from Nipawin and the surrounding Cree Nation communities of



Red Earth, Shoal Lake and Cumberland

House. Elders and Cultural Leaders this year were Rev. Reta Nawakayas, Ivy Nawakayas, Harriet Burns, Kathleen Mclean, Thelma Schellenberg, and Mary Dussion. Traditional time is held every Wednesday from 10—3. The time is spent preparing and cooking traditional foods, sharing, beadwork, making moccasins, having fun and supporting one another. Activities have included singeing ducks, fish, moose, duck soup, goose that tastes like moose stew, bannock, “Indian cake”, partici-

pating in Wake service, Cree singing, Cree language, beadwork, moccasins, sewing, dresses, ribbon



skirts, bonnets, moss bags, quilting, cultural teachings, outdoor cooking, and looming.

Several of the women have gone on to start their own businesses selling moccasins, baby wrap



arounds, moss bags, mukluks, canvas bags, bonnets, baby wrap arounds, dresses and other beadwork items. The women have also passed this onto their children and the girls are doing beadwork.



Funded by SaskCulture, , Community Initiatives Fund, and the TIP community grant.

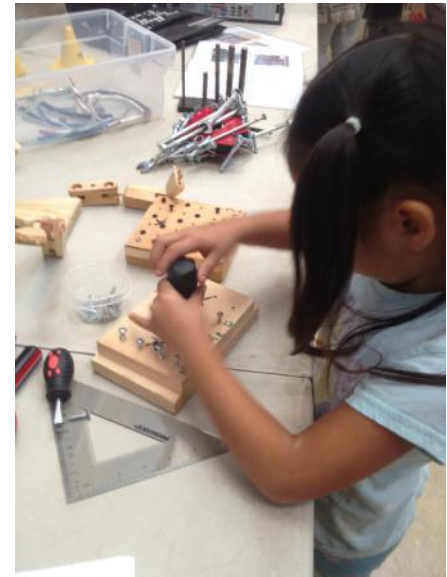
## “TRY A TOOL” PROGRAM

This is a continuation of a project that began in 2013 with over 23 hands on activities that engage youth towards utilizing tools that would encourage them to consider trades as a possible career. Due to the success of the project it has been expanded and enhanced this year to over 40 hands on activities involving Cree language and culture, math, science, mechanical, processes, various trades skills, and electrical activities. This project is funded by SaskPower and the Status of Women Office.



This year we went to the following schools the spring and again in the fall (over 1500 students)—Shoal Lake Cree Nation, James Smith Cree Na-

tion, Red Earth Cree Nation, Cumberland House Cree Nation, and Kinisten Sauteaux Nation. Role models are from



in

the Ni-

pawin Oasis carpentry program.

We worked with some of the high school students from the schools “Train the trainer” so that they



could assist with the delivery of the activities to the students from k–6 in the afternoon. We are continually adding new activities for the youth. Interest in the project has been high from the students and the teachers as well as other schools have heard about the project and would like us to go to their school.



## HEALING CIRCLE



Healing Circle with Elders Evelyn and Riley Burns from the James Smith Cree Nation and Marguerite Riel Centre every two weeks where support for the survivors of residential schools and their families have a place to share their stories and find support for trauma that continue to affect families today.

The healing circle is a First Nations healing model with the intention of specifically addressing or healing an individual or individuals with traumas and addictions from effects such as the Residential Schools.

The Healing Circle involves a group of people that come together to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels free to share stories about personal barriers or trauma's. Different topics are discussed that include Indian Residential School trauma, marriage and relationships, domestic violence, alcohol and drug addictions, parenting and other family issues etc. Participants of this support program choose the topics for each week. At the end of each session an Elder shares their knowledge and provides words of encouragement. We would like to thank Marguerite Riel Centre for their support of providing Elders for the healing circle.

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

The COPE Group continues working towards helping clients build self-esteem and self-confidence. The COPE Group provides Clients with something to look forward to as well as something to do two days each week at a safe place where everyone is treated with respect and are all considered equal – the Oasis Centre!

The COPE Group is slowly breaking down the barriers that people with mental illness face. The Clients experience two noon meals per month provided through the COPE Group.

Because of the COPE Group our Clients are experiencing considerably fewer trips to the Prince Albert or Saskatoon hospitals with some folks celebrating well over 10 years of not being hospitalized. This equates to a great service to our Clients and a huge monetary savings in Hospital costs (i.e. taxpayers)

The COPE Group is also a great help to our Mental Health Nurse, Christina Reimer, as she can meet with the Group and address any concerns they may be experiencing at the time and also gives her the opportunity to observe how the Clients are doing.

*Funded by the Kelsey Trail Health Region – the COPE program supports people diagnosed with schizophrenia, depression, bi-polar disorder and other chronic mental health problems.*

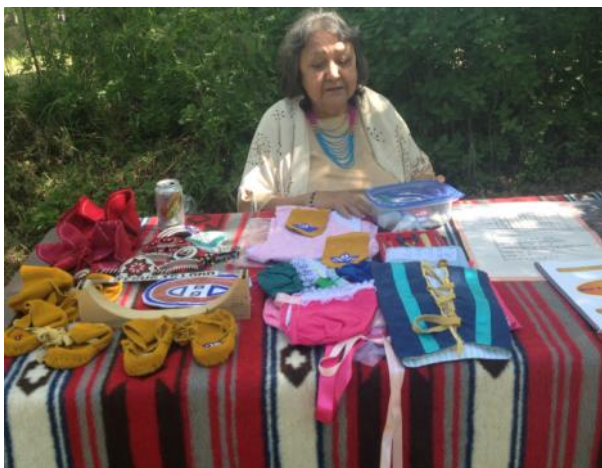


# Oasis celebrates National Aboriginal Day June 21

*Sponsored by Canadian Heritage, SaskCulture and  
Community Initiatives Fund*



On June 21st, 2016 the Nipawin Oasis hosted its 3rd successful National Aboriginal Day Celebration with Elders, and Cultural Leaders. We had a high number of youth



and families attend the weather was beautiful, lots of volunteers and the hands on activities were enjoyed by all. The participation from the community. High interest and engagement. Weather was beautiful. The number and variety of activities that were held were:



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Red Earth & Shoal Lake History, Teepee Teachings , Smoking Moose meat, Bannock making & preparing lunch, Bonnets & Moss bags, Drumming workshop, Cradle Board teachings & carvings , Moccasin teachings, Bracelets, Keychains, Archeology Dig. Cree Bingo & Artwork .



## Oasis celebrates Culture Days—Cree Language & Culture

**Funded by SaskCulture and Community Initiatives Fund**

### What actually took place:

Earlier—

Preparations ahead of time of obtaining moose meat, ducks, geese, picking chokecherries and then preparing the meat, smoking the meat and



ing, bobbing for apples, and bannock making.

We were honoured this year to have Dr. David Meyer—historian and archaeologist of the area do a presentation of the history and cultural artifacts.

food for the day.

Sept. 30

8:00 volunteers and staff preparing for the day

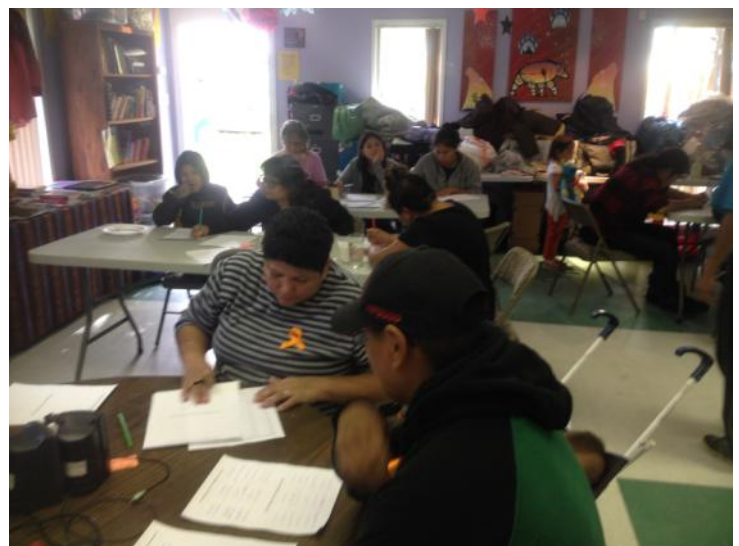
10:00 Welcome, introductions, sharing

11 – 12 Teepee Raising and Teachings

with Cultural Leader Charlene and Floyd Flett

12 – 1 Traditional food – smoked moose soup, wild rice, duck soup, fried fish, goose that tastes like moose stew, bannock, Indian cake, chocolate zucchini and carrot cake, ducks and salad.

1-6 Activities were preparing moss bags, bonnet making, dress sewing, beadwork, cultural resources display and Red Earth History, animal calling, sing-



# What difference has the Oasis made to you?

*The Oasis helped me get a home for me and my children. I couldn't have done it without their help.*



*The Oasis feels like home to me*

*I like that we learn about our Culture and are able to speak Cree here.*

*I like to come here to learn, to be with my friends and to cook.*



*I like coming to the Oasis to play with the toys and read books here.*

*The Oasis has helped me find work, they helped me write my resume and gave me work experience and a reference.*



*I have been getting a lot of support from the Oasis and on how to be a parent. I have learned how to budget and shop and save money.*

*I come to the Oasis because they give me odd jobs when they can.*



*I like coming to the Oasis because my friends come here.*

*I come to the Oasis to talk to the people there about my problems.*

*I like coming to the Oasis because we have the Healing Circle here and it has helped me with grieving and other life problems that I have. I enjoy the Healing Circle I feel so much better when I have through the circle.*

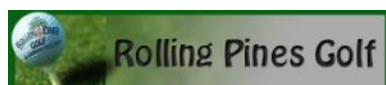
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## **2016–2017 Funders and Donors since April 1, 2016**

### **Youth Donations:**

Glenda Dmyterko  
Ken & Joy Hanson

### **COPE Donations:**

Alex Mullie  
Elaine Johnson

### **Oasis General Donations:**

Craig Day  
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Ruth Hicks— Dorothy Bernsten memorial  
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Clifford & Thelma Kelsey  
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Vida Lalonde  
Guy & Lynn Jean—Christmas gift Krista G  
SGEU—Kim Nordmarken  
Nipawin Senior Citizen Association  
Jeannette Eddolls  
Northeast Country Music Association  
LP Miller FIGHT Foundation Art auction  
Royal Purple Bingo donation  
Donors Choice  
Grant & Diane Berge—Dorothy Bernsten memorial

Total \$ 5300.42 (receiptable and non-receiptable donations)

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## Our Mission

*We are a community resource co-operative centre that provides cultural, prevention, educational, and intervention programming, services, support and employment opportunities to the community of Nipawin and area in Northeast Saskatchewan.*

## Our Vision

*Our Centre will be a place where people care, belong, and get involved. Our Vision is to be one of the leaders in building an inclusive, supportive, safe and healthy community.*

**C**aring, supportive, non-judgemental and respectful, using a

**H**olistic approach that promotes wellness and that provides

**O**pportunities and uses as its guides

**I**ntegrity which is accountability, transparency and responsible while valuing a

**C**ommunity that works together and that is

**E**ffective in meeting the needs of the community and provides

**S**ecurity within a safe, respectful, and supportive environment

*Our programming focus is on **CRAFTS** which also serves as a strong foundation for the cultural, personal and leadership development of the youth, individuals and families*

**C** Caring and Culture

**R** Relationships

**A** Action

**F** Food and Fun

**T** Teamwork and Time

**S** Safety and Security



*Providing Opportunities  
for  
Positive Choices*