

Community Update

October 2022 Issue

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Regional Leadership/Elder/Youth's Workshop



On November 16 & 17, 2022, the community of Fond Du Lac First Nations will be hosting a North of 60 Regional Workshop. This will be an opportunity to bring together the three Athabasca Denesuline Leadership along with their selected Elders and Youth to share knowledge, information, feedback, and understanding about the North of 60 Final Agreement, negotia-

tions, and final steps leading up to the ratification vote. There will also be discussion on the Trust development and results of the survey taking place right now that will lead to the next steps involved in the preparation of the Trust.



In the summer of 2022, the First Nations Internal Techs hosted their youth engagement workshop for par-

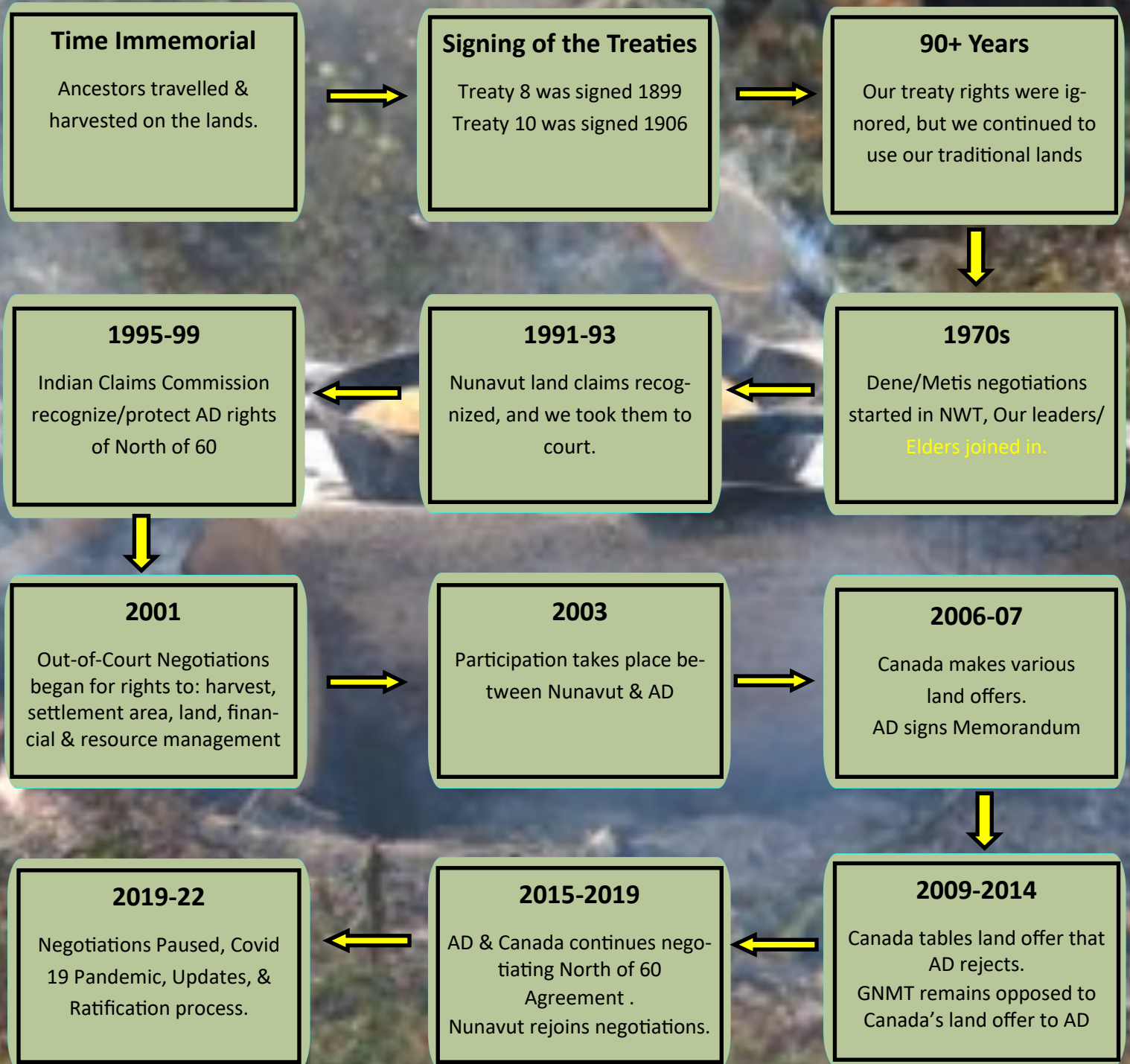
ticipants ages 13 to 17 in Fond Du Lac, Hatchet Lake, and Black Lake. A workshop that focused on the Denesuline culture, traditional, and language heritages through practices, verbal, and direct instruction taught by the community's local land users and Elders. An applied practice that will enable the youth to have knowledge and skills about living off the land, local animal habitats, plant identifications, land marks, oral stories, and survival skills for future awareness

Chief Negotiator of North of 60. legal counsel. staff, and Trust lawyer and advisor will meet with the three Athabasca Leadership & Elders in Fond Du Lac to review the final steps needed to complete the draft North of 60 agreement and Trust.



Athabasca Denesuline Né Né Land Corporation

Athabasca Denesułine North of 60 Agreement timeline



Fond Du Lac Youth Engagement Workshop

On July 13th & 14th, 2022, Fond Du Lac's Internal; Tech for North of 60 hosted their youth engagement workshop. The workshop was intended to have our youth come out and participate in planned activities such as: dry/meat fish making, listen in on traditional stories, identify land marks and animal habitations, set traps, other knowledge about living off the land to have awareness about survival life skills development. However, due to the weather, the attendance amongst the youth was low that there was about 20 who attended and took part in some of the planned activities.

Once the day's activities were completed, the North of 60 team had an evening session for the Elders about the current negotiation, timeline of the process, and trust development update.

The Youth Engagement Workshop was coordinated by Diane MacDonald- Internal Tech/Board Member for Fond Du Lac First Nation.



Black Lake First Nation Youth Engagement Workshop



The first two day youth engagement workshop was on October 1 & 2, 2022 on our community's culture camp. The first day opened with introductions and prayer by one of the Elders, followed by Dene drum songs. After introductions, all participants made their way to their stations and awaited for the youth to come. The activities / stations continued into the second day and later ended with a round dance, followed by draw prizes. Transportation was provided to bring everyone in and back to the community. Also, the North of 60 team were able to conduct 36 trust surveys for community's input about the trust set-up that is yet to come.

Station 1- Dry meat/Dry fish making was prepared by Eileen Toutsaint and her daughter Elaina Toutsaint. Targeted skills for this station to learn how to filet, cut, and make dry meat and dry fish properly and everyone got to take their food with them when they were done.

Station 2- Story Telling with

two of Elders Nelda (Mary Jane) Cook and Dora Broussie who shared their stories/legends about how life was like living off the land, crafts and clothing making.

Station 3- Drumming/Hand games with Gilbert Cheba who was prepared to host games and songs using his traditional hand made drum.

Station 4- Was the main community kitchen where all the meals were made for anyone who came, a place where the visitors ate and visited with each other. This station was catered and looked after by the head cook Linda

Robillard and cook-helper Tan-ya Beavereye.

Camp event coordinated by Robert Cook- Black Lake First Nations Land User.





Hatchet Lake Youth Engagement Workshop



tivities such as: drymeat and dry fish making, story telling, rabbit snaring, and survival skills development. During the event, the North of 60 staff completed about 152 surveys for the trust development. After the days activities with the youth, a presentation on the North of 60's past and current negotiations and trust development for the Elders .

ditions, language, and knowledge together again.

The Youth Engagement Workshop was coordinated by Paul Denechezhe, Internal Tech/ Board Member for Hatchet Lake First Nation.

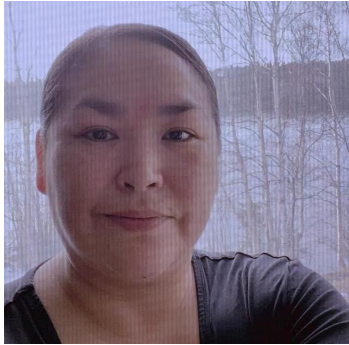


The North of 60s Internal Tech for Hatchet Lake in conjunction with the health department hosted their youth engagement workshop on August 18th & 19, 2022. The two parties together planned out activities for the youth to take part in. Ac-

Although the attendance for the youth was low, but there were more of the adults and little children who came out and listened in on the presentations, visited with one another, and enjoy some traditional cooked meals prepared by a few selected community members. As this was a great event for the youth, I hope we could gather like this again in the near future and share our Dene culture, tra-



Staffing up to strengthen our connection to communities and we have extended our team.



Glenda Mercredi



Gloria Joseyounen



Theresa Mercredi



Jennifer Lidguerre

The **North of 60 team** is pleased to announce that we have added four new staff to our Athabasca Denesuline Ne Ne Land Cooperation Organization. All of these new staff are fluent in Dene and English language that they bring valuable experience, commitment, and positive energy towards meeting our organizational goals, statement, and all Athabasca Denesuline membership's values and traditions

Glenda Mercredi is our new Translator/Communications Technician and she is based out of Prince Albert office. Glenda is a member of the Hatchet Lake First Nation, she is married, has two sons, and five grandchildren.

We welcome our new Community Communications Coordinators:

Gloria Joseyounen of Hatchet Lake First Nation, has an office located at the Economic Office. Gloria's recently obtained her Business Administration Diploma from the University of Regina in 2020. She currently lives on the Hatchet Lake reservation in Wollaston Lake with her common law partner and her 4 children.

Theresa Mercredi is a member of the Black Lake First Nation and her office is located at the local band office. Theresa has a common-law partner, eight children, and enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and likes the outdoor activities.

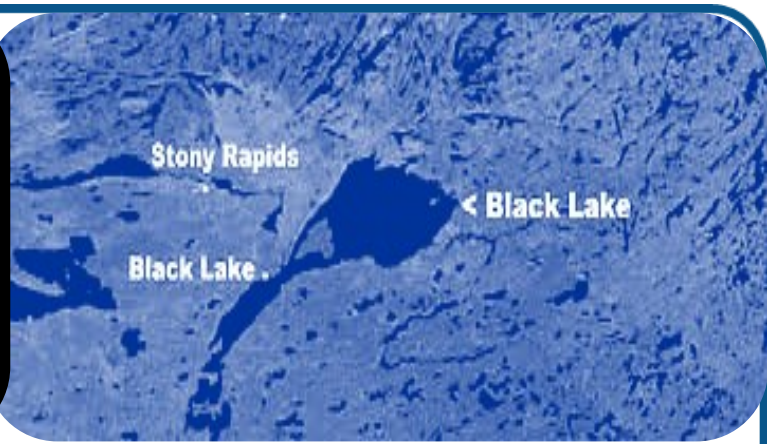
As we do not have a coordinator for Fond Du Lac First Nation, but we are thankful to have **Jennifer Lidguerre** as our main person to conduct our trust surveys until the position is filled.

Jennifer is a member of the community, and is married with

three children.



TAKE OUR SURVEY



Trust Development Survey

Purpose of survey:

The survey is there to get input from the members of the three First Nations on goals of the Trust, name of the Trust, any member benefits they would like to see in the future, election of the Trustees, reporting from the Trust and if they would like to have training on any Trust areas in the future.

Who are the targeted audience:

All members but especially those from ages 17 and up as they will be voting on the Trust and Settlement.

When is the deadline

Deadline is November 15, 2022

How far we are with the completed surveys etc:

- Currently we have close to 1000 member responses with the majority from Hatchet Lake.
- Members input for future programs include: programs to focus on youth and elders, land, culture and traditions both urban and in community.
- All input will be gathered and provided to Council of each First Nation based on their members responses (without names attached).

Thanks to everyone that participated so far!



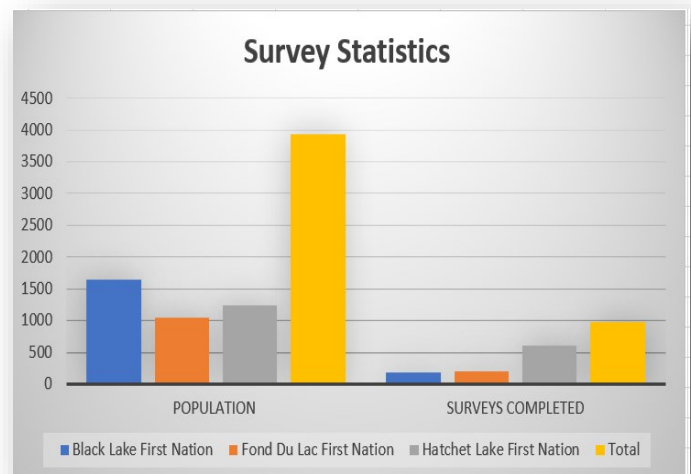
Use your camera and snap this QR Code to take the survey.

Thank you to all members who completed the survey and had their names entered for a \$500 draw before September 30, 2022 !

Congratulations to:

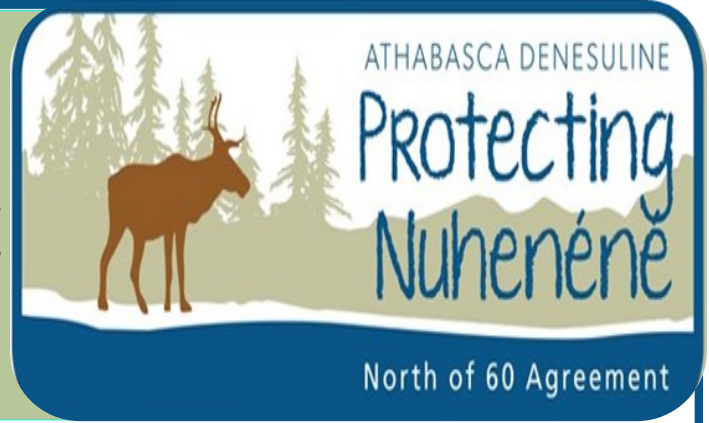
Sheena Sayazie-Black Lake First Nation
Helen Ganson-Fond Du Lac First Nation
Nicole Tsannie- Hatchet Lake First Nation

Next Draw for PS5 Game will be at the end of
November 30, 2022



Upcoming Events!

The North of 60 team will be having Community/Urban updates on various topics from the Agreement on the following dates:



November 16 & 17, 2022-Regional Workshop in Fond Du Lac, Sask (Timeline)

Topic 1: Land

December 17, 2022- PA Inn-For all Urban members

Jan 24, 2023-Black Lake, SK

Jan 25, 2023- Hatchet Lake, SK

Jan 26, 2023- Fond Du Lac, SK

(Women's Group taking place during the day)

Topic 2: Using the Land

AD Update:

Feb 7, 2023-Black Lake, SK

Feb 8, 2023- Hatchet Lake, SK

Feb 9, 2023- Fond Du Lac, SK

Urban Update:

Feb 21, 2023- La Ronge

Feb 22, 2023- Prince Albert , SK

Feb 23, 2023- Saskatoon, SK

Topic 3: Managing the Land

AD Update:

Apr 3, 2023-Black Lake, SK

Apr 4, 2023- Hatchet Lake, SK

Apr 5, 2023- Fond Du Lac, SK

Urban Update:

Apr 12, 2023- La Ronge

Apr 13, 2023- Prince Albert , SK

Apr 14, 2023- Saskatoon, SK

Topic 4: Protecting the Land

Topic 5: After the Vote

Topic 6: Ratification

Topic 7: Trust

AD/Urban Update Dates will be posted as we get closer to dates.

Have questions? Want to know more?

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