January, February, March & April 2026

CHIEF & COUNCIL
Quadrimester Newsletter

Mistawasis Chief & Council and Junior Chief & Council.
Jr. Chief Caelyn Johnstone, Jr. Councillor Bree Watson,
& Jr. Councillor Bree Matheson. Missing are: Jr. Vice Chief
Keisha Pechawsis & Jr. Councillor Owen Johnston.

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TREATY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8TH

Refer to pages 22 & 23

Save the Date

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak

MISTAWASIS NÊHIYAWAK TRADITIONAL POW WOW

AUGUST 18TH - AUGUST 20TH

The newsletters will be done every four months. We are wanting to have sections to honor our loved ones that have passed on and little ones that have joined the community. If interested in participating please email Lorie our EA at lohead@mistawasis.ca. The next newsletter will be earyl Sept.

Communications will be done primarily on the Mistawasis website (under construction) (www.mistawasis.ca) and on the Mistawasis App, both are available on cell phone.

THERE IS NO OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MISTAWASIS NEHIYAWAK GOVERNANCE (CHIEF & COUNCIL) AND/OR FOR MISTAWASIS NEHIYAWAK. ANY FACEBOOK PAGES ARE NOT SANCTIONED BY THE NATION.

Instructions on how to download the App are on the website.

CHEC 93.7 FM radio which is live streamed through the website and Mistawasis App. are other communication tools.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Please submit all Housing applications to
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April 30, 2026

Mistawasis Nêhiyawak Members:

RE: Update on Agricultural Benefits Claims or "Cows and Plows"

We write to provide you with an update about the Agricultural Benefits Claim, also known as the "Cows and Plows Claim".

The Cows and Plows Claim is based on Canada's breaches of its Treaty, fiduciary, trust and honourable obligations to fulfil the promises for the provision of agricultural benefits and instruction contained in Treaty No. 6.

- Mistawasis Nêhiyawak filed the Cows and Plows Claim on March 18, 2024.

- On February 5, 2025, Canada offered to negotiate a settlement of the Cows and Plows Claim. However, Canada had been refusing to meet or negotiate the settlement with Mistawasis Nêhiyawak.

- Chief and Council sent correspondence several times over the last year to both the Prime Minister's office and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, urging them to come to the negotiation table.

- On April 24, 2026, Chief and Council instructed our legal counsel to send correspondence to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations indicating that if Canada continues to refuse to negotiate, the Nation will consider itself to be eligible to commence litigation with the Specific Claims Tribunal immediately.

- We are pleased to advise that on April 29, 2026, Canada's negotiation team finally reached out to commence negotiations starting in May.

Now that negotiations are being commenced, we will ensure that Canada negotiates this claim in good faith. There is an accelerated resolution process for this claim and compensation is based on the same formula for all Nations in Treaty 4, 5 and 6. Our expectation is that this claim will be settled relatively quickly.

Please note that we have not yet received any settlement funds. In order to accept any settlement of this claim, membership has to vote to accept the settlement which will be the subject of the negotiations with Canada.

Report from Chief & Council January, February, March & April

Quarter 4 - January 2026

- The New Year began with discussions on the Trust Agreement with MLTAIKINS. Letters on the Cows and Plows have been posted on the Mistawasis App. We have not had an offer from the Government of Canada as of March 27th. Updates will be posted on the Mistawasis website and on the App.
- Special Council meeting determined our Powwow to be held August 18-20, 2026.
- Met with Prince Albert mayor Bill Powalinsky about possible Economic Develpment partnerships.
- Met with Barret Kropf MLA for Dakota-Arm River in regards to Treaty 6, 150 year commemoration. The 150th anniversary of Treaty 6 (1876-2026) will be commemorated from August 20-23, 2026 at Fort Carlton.
- On-going meetings with the Federal & Provincial governments on additions to reserve (ATR) process and status; this is a very slow process.
- Duly convened Council meeting was held January 16 at the Band office. Our junior Chief & Council did a presentation. Junior Chief is Caelyn Johnstone, and junior Council are: Jr. Vice-Chief Keisha Pechawis, Councillor Kaylee Pechawis, Councillor Bree Matheson, and Councillor Owen Jonston. Some of their request are to have more Language & Culture, Elders to be at the schools, academic rewards for sports, and availability of smudging.
- Council traveled to Ottawa with Director of Health Bev Wise to present a **STEP** (Sensory Development/Traditional Teachings/Early Education/Physical Development) proposal/report to Jennifer Wheatley, Assistant Deputy Minister ISC.
- Council also met with ISC officials on Additions to Reserve (ATR) and on the Cows & Plows. We were told that Mistawasis Nehiyawak is still in the "que."
- On-going meetings with Education dept. on Regional Education Authority (REA) which has been put on hold by the Government. The Education Partnership Program (EPP)/Structured Readiness is on-going.
- Some of Council attended Aboriginal Financial Officers Association (AFOA) C&C toolkit in Saskatoon.
- Council attended the Misty Ventures Shareholders Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Saskatoon.
- Our Project Management Team (PMT) meeting was held Jan. 30th.

February 2026

- We had a Finance meeting to discuss year-end financial review and start budget process for the next fiscal year.
- Follow-up meeting on Addition to Reserves (ATR) with the province.
- Special duly convened Council held Feb. 2, meeting to re-shuffle Councillor portfolio assignments. Referenced in profile pages.
- Some of Council met with Chief Evan Taypotat and his Council at Kahkewistahaw in regards to potential Economic Development Partnerships.
- Some of Council attended "Bringing our Children Home" Conference in Red Deer, Alberta.
- Duly convened Council meeting was held Feb. 20. Revised Mistawasis Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual; Terms of Reference Human Resources Management Committee; Conflict of Interest; and Temporary Pay of Higher Duties were ratified by Council.
- Some Council members attended Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Education Forum in Vancouver "Voices For Tomorrow, Lifting our Nations Through Lifelong Learning."
- Duly convened Council meeting held Feb. 26. There was a Motion to enable the Director of Operations to conduct an internal organizational review and Restructuring of Organization.

March 2026

- Chief Daryl Watson and Councillor Louis LeDoux attended the STC Strategic Planning Symposium in Edmonton. These sessions involve all 7 STC First Nations.
- Some of Council met with Member of Parliament Buckley Belanger in Prince Albert. Buckley will be advocating on the Cows & Plows, main grid road upgrade, and other issues for the Nation.
- Special Council meeting held March 9 by quorum of Council at Urban office.
- Our Project Management Team (PMT) was held March 11th with our project manager Grant McKercher.
- Some of Council attended the Health Strategic planning session in Edmonton.
- Our duly convened Council meeting was held on the 27th day at the Band office.

April 2026

- Finance meeting held April 1st with MNP Todd Robertson on previous fiscal year and projections for 2026-2027.
- Joint meeting held with Council and Directors April 7th in regards to budgets, staffing, and program updates.
- Meeting occured with Kim Weiss ISC April 9th ,
- Meeting with RCMP on April 10th with on-going discussions in regards to crime, drugs, community safety, and policing programs.
- Misty Petroleum gas station celebrated their 10th year anniversary April 11th .
- Duly convened Council meeting held April 17th at the Band office.
- Governance Act reviewed with Council at Urban office April 21st .
- Housing meeting held April 22nd at STC. Also had a virtual meeting with Kim Weiss and ISC officials on nominal roll matters from previous years.
- Virtual meeting with First Nations Financial Authority April 24th on Economic Development working capital.
- In person meeting with Tim Coldwell and Jeremy Hutchinson April 29th at Urban office. Presentation from ENSKA president and CEO Tim Coldwell on a business plan for a possible Housing project at Dalmeny.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

The Human Resources Committee oversees the Nation's recruitment process and manages hiring procedures in accordance with approved policies. This includes posting employment opportunities, coordinating interviews, and approving hiring recommendations made by the selected interview panel. The authority of the HR Committee to oversee the recruitment was established through an official Motion passed by Chief and Council at a duly convened Council meeting. This helps ensure the Nation follows an organized and consistent hiring process. The HR committee is comprised of the Director of Operations (DOO), the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the Director of Human Resources (DOHR), and other Directors. At least three (3) members described must be involved in order for the committee to intact its authority.

FUTURE PLANS FOR GOVERNANCE TABLE

- Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) for Mistawasis Nehiyawak for on-reserve and for Urban Citizens, to start process this fiscal year.
- Housing Board to be established and implemented for Year 2; with Policies and a working Budget. Training to be provided by Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) and First Nations Market Housing (FNMH). Terms of Reference (TOR) to be established by HR Committee.
- Housing Authority to be established and implemented for Year 3; with Policies and a working Budget. Training to be provided by Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) and First Nations Market Housing (FNMH).
- Committee, Board, and Authority members will be duly recruited by Human Resources (HR) department.
- Home ownership information sessions will be conducted by First Nations Market Housing, tentative time frame is early 2026.
- Citizens' information sessions will continue in the new year.
- Directors will be hosting informational meetings for their departments in the new year.
- Membership - gathering stats for 6.1's & 6.2's - also encouraging members to get registered if not registered yet.
- First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) has started the process of assisting the Band with Capacity development in the Finance department. FMB is also assisting with up-dating our Policies and Procedures including our Financial Adminstrative Law (FAL) and our Finance and Audit committee (FAC). This is a cyclical review as Mistawasis received Financial Management Systems cerification in 2019.
- We were the first Nation in Saskatchewan to receive FMS certification. FMS certification is attached in this newsletter.
- Watch for upcoming Treaty Day and Powwow at our Nation.

Update from the Chief Daryl Watson

Quarter 4 Update – Public works & Housing

Tansi Mistawasis:

Now that we have stepped into 2026, Chief and Council along with our new Director of Operations have been moving forward with strong momentum. We're building teamwork across our organization, and we will be hosting an AGM soon. These newsletters are also an important part of staying connected with Citizens both on the reservation and in our urban centres.

Most recently, I travelled to London, England as part of a seven person delegation, including other Treaty 6 Chiefs to meet with King Charles. Each of us had an opportunity to speak with him directly. Our goal was to invite him to Fort Carlton in August for the 150th commemoration celebration. While it doesn't appear he will be able to attend this year, he shared that he would consider a visit in the near future.

I also sat down with our Communications consultant to share more details about the trip. Please see the article in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have many important activities to plan, including the Pow-wow on August 18 -20, and the 150th Treaty 6 commemoration celebration August 20 - 23 at Fort Carlton. Now that spring has officially arrived, it won't be long until these two major events are upon us. I look forward to seeing Citizens at both gatherings, and we'll continue to share updates as plans are finalized.

We will also keep you updated on our soon to be newly launched website and on the Mistawasis App. Please watch for announcements and new resources as they become available.

Thank you for taking the time to read and for staying connected. I look forward to months ahead to seeing you at our upcoming gatherings.

Chief Daryl Watson

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Chief Daryl Watson made a historic visit in early March to Buckingham Palace, where he met with King Charles III to reaffirm Treaty 6 obligations and invite the monarch to the Treaty 6, 150th anniversary commemoration in August at Fort Carleton, Saskatchewan.

Chief Daryl Watson of Mistawasis Nêhiyawak and Chief Larry Ahenakew of Ahtahkakoop First Nation, Chief Edwin Ananas of Beardy's Okemesis, and Chief Christine Longjohn of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation travelled to London in early March following a two-year letter writing campaign aimed at securing an audience with the King. Their primary goal was to invite him to the Treaty 6, 150th commemoration, scheduled for August 23, 2026, at Fort Carlton.

Chief Daryl Watson says, "Initially when we began the letter writing campaign to the King to try get an audience with him, which we started over two years ago. Chief Larry Ahenakew was very instrumental in starting the dialog with Buckingham Palace to try secure a date."

Chief Watson describes how surreal it was, walking into Buckingham Palace and being officially acknowledged as First Nation leaders from Canada. Each chief in attendance had a chance to speak one-on-one with the King, and they had discussions with the King. Beyond symbolism, the chiefs used the meeting to raise ongoing concerns facing First Nations. They engaged in what Chief Watson described as open and frank discussions about the impacts of the Indian Act, outstanding treaty obligations, and the need for resource revenue sharing. The focus, Watson said, was on defining a new relationship based on true partnership for the next 150 years.

The timing was highly symbolic; exactly 150 years ago Chief Mistawasis and Chief Ahtahkakoop met with the Crown's representatives at Fort Carlton to forge this very relationship. "Historically it is 150 years today that Chief Mistawasis and Chief Ahtahkakoop led the chiefs at Fort Carleton. There were fourteen bands at Fort Carleton that basically started identifying a relationship with the Crown based on terms and conditions of treaty." Chief Watson says that was the primary reason for the meeting to invite the King to Fort Carlton, but also to look at the next 150 years. It's been 150 years of oppression, with an archaic and an outdated Indian Act did nothing but suppress our people and harm our people."

Chief Watson adds, "We must start having dialog with the King and his representatives to see exactly what the next 150 years will be like. The next 150 years should be more of a partnership with respect to the relationship that was garnered over the past 150 years. Now with the repatriation of the constitution in 1982 it has changed to a certain degree, the obligation now has shifted from the Monarch of Great Britain to the Prime Minister of Canada. To some degree the responsibility has shifted, but more so that the most important thing to know is there is an obligation of the Crown under treaty; that international law gives the ability of the first nations to have a clearer understanding of what the next 150 years should look like."

Recognizing that meetings between First Nations leaders and the Crown are rare, the Treaty 6 Chiefs proposed establishing a more regular dialogue, suggesting that a small Treaty 6 delegation meet with the King every two to four years. The King was reportedly receptive to the idea.

King Charles has a well-documented, lifelong dedication to environmental conservation, particularly regarding the protection of clean water, along side a personal passion for traditional outdoor pursuits like hunting. These enduring interests provide a natural common ground with First Nations. Chief Watson said that the King asked about hunting and if our reserves have clean drinking water.

During a private exchange, Chief Watson showed the King a historic treaty medallion that he was wearing and that was originally worn by Chief Mistawasis at the time Treaty 6 was signed in 1876. Chief Watson said

the King paused as he held the medallion. I had an opportunity to have a conversation regarding the treaty medallion I was wearing. Queen Victoria was the head of state at that time, and basically it is a recognition of the importance of treaty for as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow and the grasses grow. The medallion represents that eternal commitment based on treaty. Chief Watson said that the King held the medallion in his hand, and he just had a moment. He didn't make a comment, but you could tell by his facial expression that he had a moment, the King lifted up the medallion and looked at me, then he looked at it again. Chief Watson adds, “This medallion represents an obligation that the Crown has, you know, to treaty and First Nations people in Canada.”

While the King explained that his schedule is typically booked at least a year in advance, he could not confirm an in-person visit to Fort Carlton in August. He made a firm commitment to at least try record a video message from Buckingham Palace to be broadcast at the Treaty 6 commemoration. He also indicated a potential visit to Canada later in the year.

Prime Minister Mark Carney arrived in London shortly after the meeting. As of now Chief Watson and the other Treaty 6 chiefs have not met with Prime Minister Mark Carney, but they did send him an invitation to the 150th Treaty 6 Commemoration in August at Fort Carlton. Chief Watson and Chief Ahenakew have also been invited to attend the Liberal National Convention in Montreal on April 9 and 10, where they hope to engage directly with federal leaders on the future of treaty implementation.

The visit marked both a symbolic and practical step forward linking a 150 year-old Treaty promise to ongoing efforts to ensure treaty commitments are fully honoured today.

“Now as we embark on the next 150 years, most of us won’t be around but we better begin the process now of identifying another path forward for the next 150 years.” Chief Daryl Watson stated.

Update from Councillor Louis LeDoux

Quarter 4 Up-date
Education & Communications

Tansi Mistawasis Nehiyawak Citizens

- It is almost a year that I have been on this Governance journey with my Colleagues on Council, what a journey it has been. Reflecting back on some of the highlights that we have accomplished is great for the community, but so much more work needs to be done for our Citizens of Mistawasis Nehiyawak.
- Governance Act is in draft form and near completion.
- There was a recruitment process done by our Human Resoures for a Housing committee. The Committee will start in April upon formal ratification.
- We have a Human Resources (HR) committee made up of our Director of Operations, Director of HR, CFO, and Program Directors. This is to reflect separation of Governance and Administration.
- Educational Technical working group has had some initial meetings.
- I did a presentation with our ITEP students at Iron Buffalo Centre (IBC), enjoyed talking with our potential teachers, it was a great day of reflection.
- I continue my Board work with First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA).
- One of my goals for Mistawasis Nehiyawak is an awareness campaign and to initiate the concept of “Breaking the Cycle of Dependency” for our Citizens and Community of Mistawasis Nehiyawak.
- Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be part of the Governance team and working along side the community of Mistawasis Nehiyawak.

Respectfully - Councillor Louis LeDoux.

Education, Communications & Housing

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Update from Councillor Desiree Dreaver

Tansi,

Wow! This past year has gone by fast, and it has been a year filled with ups, downs, and many lessons. I want to begin by thanking the leadership team for supporting my education. At the end of December, I finished my Bachelor of Social Work and am now officially a Registered Social Worker.

For Quarter 4, covering January through March, our organization began its restructuring process. Alongside this restructuring, there have also been portfolio shifts. Moving forward, my focus will be with the Child and Family Services department, with the goal of strengthening the department and better aligning services with community needs.

As part of this work, we posted for a Director of Child and Family Services. Interviews are scheduled for April 14 and 15, and we are hopeful that a new Director will be secured by the end of the month.

As of March 27th, I made the decision to resign from the CFS Board. In stepping back from that role, I will be looking into training opportunities that will better support me in my role as a leader.

To close out March, leadership was invited to attend the Health Strategic Planning session, which will now fall under Councillor Kelly's portfolio.

This past year has certainly been one of growth, with both my learning and limits being tested. Even so, I look forward to continuing to serve to the best of my abilities. I remain open to a phone call or visit and truly appreciate all of the support I have received so far.

Respectfully,
Desiree Dreaver

CFS & Housing

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Update from Councillor Robin Daniels

Tansi,

This 4th quarter, we continued to support youth, families, and Urban members through sports, training, and wellness initiatives.

This will be the third year of supporting urban sports and recreation registration fees of up to $2,500. For more information, please contact Ryan at (306) 960-0769 or mfnrec@gmail.com.

Youth sports programming remains active, with support for four soccer teams at the U11, U13, U15, and U17 levels. Other opportunities include gymnastics classes on Mondays and Thursdays, boxing classes on Fridays in Prince Albert, and hockey training in Blaine Lake.
Starting in April in Prince Albert, youth will also be able to take part in lacrosse (U13 and U17), fastball (U17), and ball hockey (U15).

Through IBC programming, several important initiatives were completed, including life skills training, Elders Safety classes, Wills and Estates information sessions, an ID Clinic, driver's learner and licensing support, Excel training, and short skills demonstration training. We also hosted a job fair in Saskatoon, completed the post-secondary policy review, finished ITEP Year 1, held a community engagement night, and completed the fitness centre.

Please also see the Misty Ventures update on the next page and the Canine Action Project statistics update later in the newsletter.

Respectfully,
Councillor Robin Daniels

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Misty Ventures Update

Misty Ventures is proud to share a season of growth, progress, and new opportunities across our companies and partnerships. From milestone celebrations to major project developments, 2026 is shaping up to be an exciting year.

Misty Petroleum Celebrates 10 Years

On April 11, 2026, Misty Petroleum will be celebrating 10 years in operation. This milestone reflects a decade of service, growth, and commitment to the community. To support continued expansion and growing services, Misty Petroleum has also completed a new Administration Building for staff. For employment opportunities, please forward resumes to manager@mistypetro.ca.

Misty Self Storage Nearing Completion

Construction on Misty Self Storage is almost complete. Once finished this spring, customers will be able to rent storage space through a new online portal, with monthly or annual credit card payment options available. This service will go live once construction is fully completed.

M2 Renewables Project Moving Forward

M2 Renewables, in partnership with Potentia, has started the process for construction to begin in 2026. This important wind and solar project marks another step forward in renewable energy development. Employment opportunities are posted on the MVI website and the Mistawasis App. Sky Flo is the general contractor, and resumes may be sent to dana@skyflo.ca or hr@skyflo.ca.

Fiber to Home Project Continues

The Fiber to Home project with SaskTel, being completed by Misty Chemco, is expected to be completed in 2026. For skilled trades opportunities with Misty Chemco, please visit the Careers page at chemco.com/contact/careers.

Ongoing Opportunities Across Our Companies

HCC Group continues its work in the potash industry, with specific positions posted periodically on the MVI website. Resumes can be submitted to hr@hcc.ca.

Misty Clifton Engineering continues to provide services across the province, including opportunities in material testing, surveying, and geotechnical services. Resumes may be sent to geoff_haanen@clifton.ca.

RST Maintenance had a very busy winter season. As summer work and projects develop, potential employment opportunities may become available. Resumes can be sent to manager@rstmaintenance.com.

Misty Ventures thanks our staff, partners, and communities for their continued support as we grow and build for the future.

Update from Councillor Lance Badger

Tansi,

It has been a good 1st year!! I have met and visited so many of our Nation members and just want to take the time to say thank you. I appreciate your kind words and sharing of advice and continued support. We look forward to the next year and the plans to come within our community.

Finance,working extremely hard to ensure our audit and day to day financial operations continue to run smoothly. We are really looking forward to ensuring we continue to have proper controls in place to support best practices within the finance department. Many thanks to the hard work done by our team.

Human Resources, the HR Committee have updated and ratified numerous policies with Chief & Council. The next meeting for the committee is May 14, 2026. Keep an eye out for new job postings.

Lands, with 150 year celebration closing in the Buffalo team is working hard behind the scenes to introduce Buffalo to our home territory in the next few months. There is a lot of moving parts to the lands projects so keep your eyes and ears open as plans unfold.

Until we meet again, stay safe and safe travels

Councilor Lance Badger Finance/Human Resources/Lands

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Update from Councillor Kelvin (Kelly) Watson

Tansi Mistawasis,

Q4 has been challenging with regards to our Crime Prevention initiative with many staff turnovers occurring. As we transition into Q1 of FY 2026-27, the emphasis will be to staff up as contemplated in the original proposal for funding and to also advertise and recruit a surveillance team to monitor our surveillance camera systems 24/7. The original proposal also included the establishment of a Crime Prevention Committee and this finalized as well.

With regards to Bill C-92, Mistawasis was approved for the maximum funding allocation of $550k for the 2025-26 fiscal year. As noted in previous newsletter updates, Bill C-92 provides for the ability for Mistawasis to revitalize its Indigenous laws relating to childrearing in accordance with the three primary principles set out in Bill C-92; those being the principle of the best interest of the child, the principle of cultural continuity and the principle of substantive equality. Service delivery will continue to focus on primary, secondary and tertiary services using evidence based, evidence informed and traditional/cultural methodologies to support the emotional , mental, spiritual and physical being of our at risk children, youth and families. The emphasis will be on community engagement, the finalization of a service delivery model specific to Mistawasis and the identification of staffing complement to support that model.

Work on our proposed Governance Act and our Custom Election Act did not progress as planned but this important work will continue in fiscal year 2026-27.

If you want to hear more about any of these initiatives, please feel free to call me at 306-381-5226 or by email at kelwatson@mistawasis.ca.

Respectfully, Kelly Watson

C-92, Crime Prevention, Justice & Housing

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Update from Heather Montana

Quarter 4 Update – Director of Operations

I hope you are well, enjoying love, and finding success in all your endeavors. I'd like to share a short update on my first three months with Mistawasis Nêhiyawak. I began working with your nation on September 8, 2025, and time has truly flown by. I want to sincerely thank Chief Watson, Council members, citizens, and staff for making me feel so welcome in your community.

I have spent my time evaluating the organization's operations, assisting in the completion of the 2024-2025 audit, and helping advance the approval of the 2025-2026 operating budgets. Additionally, I played a role in departmental strategic planning, reviewed all operational policies and procedures to suggest improvements, met with Directors about programs and services, examined current job descriptions and the organizational chart, participated in meetings with stakeholders, and attended community events.

In closing, I wish to formally acknowledge the leadership and staff for their unwavering dedication to advancing the vision while honouring nêhiyawak traditions. Their consistent professionalism in assessing and responding to community needs, while respecting our cultural heritage, language, and traditions, is exemplary. The resilience of our ancestors is reflected in the conduct and commitment of our leaders and employees. It is a privilege to support the ongoing development of the administration team in my capacity as Director of Operations.

Thank You,
Heather Montana

Director of Operations

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Mistawasis Nêhiyawak & Canine Action Project Impact Report

September 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

CANINE ACTION PROJECT

HEALTHY DOGS = HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Spay & Neuters

41 Female dogs spayed

1 Male dogs neutered

Winter Shelters

230+ straw bales distributed

5 dog houses distributed

120

Calls and messages from Nation members about programs and services.

70

cats and dogs surrendered & removed from the Nation.

7

animals accessed urgent veterinary care.

4,000+

pounds of pet food distributed in the Nation.

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First Nations FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD | LE CONSEIL DE GESTION FINANCIÈRE des Premières Nations

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO MISTAWASIS

The First Nations Financial Management Board ("the Board") has completed its review of the Mistawasis' Financial Management System for compliance with the *Financial Management System Standards* established under section 55 of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* ("the Act").

On the basis of its review and after consideration of its findings, the Board is of the opinion and certifies that, as at February 25, 2019, Mistawasis was in compliance, in all material respects, with the *Financial Management System Standards*.

The Board has provided Mistawasis with a Report dated March 29, 2019 as required under subsection 50(2) of the Act and upon which the Board's opinion and certification is based.

This Certificate has been issued to Mistawasis under subsection 50(3) of the Act solely for the purpose of enabling Mistawasis to satisfy the requirements of the Act. It must not be used or relied upon by Mistawasis or by any other person for any other purpose and the Board accepts no responsibility for any loss or damages resulting from any unauthorized use of or reliance on this Certificate.

This Certificate is issued on the 29th day of March, 2019.

FMB

First Nations Financial Management Board

- Financial Administrative Law (FAL) was amended in 2025, originally ratified in 2018.
- Finance and Audit committee (FAC) is in the process of being implemented.
- First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) is working with our Finance department in the recertification process. To develop capacity to meet financial management requirements in good Governance and finance practices.
- For more information on FMB, website: https://fnfmb.com

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026

From: Indigenous Services Canada

To: Chief and Council

Subject: 2026 Treaty Annuity Payment Schedule

The 2026 Treaty Annuity Payment has now been finalized. Enclosed, you will find the following attachments:

- 2026 Treaty Annuity Payment Schedule for Saskatchewan First Nations
- Treaty Payments Identification Requirements

In 2025, ISC was able to successfully deliver payments using a new electronic, internet-based payment system. Payments will be issued utilizing the same system in 2026. This process reduces wait times and eliminates the need for individuals to line up according to their registration number or the need to visit multiple lines to collect annuities for spouses and/or children. Families will be able to visit the first available line and collect annuities regardless of their registration number or Band affiliation.

In order for ISC to facilitate this streamlined payment process, we wish to remind you of a few operational requirements. Specifically, the system will rely on access to a stable source of electricity and internet connectivity. We kindly ask for your assistance in ensuring that the designated payment site in your community has available electrical outlets or can be accessed via extension cords. Additionally, if a local Wi-Fi network is available, we would appreciate the opportunity to connect to it. Should internet access not be available, please notify our office as soon as possible so that alternate arrangements—such as the use of Starlink or equivalent connectivity—can be made.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is pleased to inform you of a new enhancement to the payment system made available in 2026. This enhancement allows us to make Triennial Clothing Allowance (TCA) payments as cash payments at an event. Members of Chief and Council who became entitled to an initial or subsequent TCA payment starting April 1, 2025 will be able to receive their TCA payment in cash at any event. If someone does not pick up pick up their TCA payment, the balance will remain in their Treaty account to be paid at a future date either in person at an event or by the standard Treaty annuity payment request form.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the delivery of Treaty payments to your community. We look forward to working together to make this year's events a success.

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ANNUAL TREATY PAYMENTS IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

You must present one of the following forms of valid Identification to receive your treaty payment at any treaty event throughout Saskatchewan.

Acceptable forms of Identification:

- A valid Certificate of Indian Status Card/ Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card
- A valid Passport
- A valid photo Drivers Licence
- A valid Provincial Health Services Card
- A current Photo Identification from a recognized Employer or Government Agency

Parents must show a valid Saskatchewan Heath Services Card for each child in order to receive payment for that child or children.

If your Certificate of Indian Status Card has expired, contact your Indian Registry Administrator to obtain a new card.

PROPER IDENTIFICATION ENSURES YOU RECEIVE PAYMENT

Chief Daryl Watson, Treat Commissioner Cathy Walker, Governor General Mary Simon, Chief Larry Ahenakew

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