350TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Help us celebrate Waskaganish in all its beauty and wonder!

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Chief Darlene Cheechoo, Deputy Chief Samson Wischee, William T. Hester, Elder Chairman, Youth Chief Conrad Blueboy

On behalf of the Council of the Cree Nation of Waskaganish, the Elder's Council and the Youth Council,

I would like to welcome you to Waskaganish as we commemorate our 350th year. The fourth and final event of this year's festivities takes place on November 22-24, 2018.

We would like to share with you, through traditional activities, games and demonstrations, some of the skills and knowledge that have enabled us to survive and thrive through the ages and up to modern day. During the commemoration events, you shall meet some of our highly regarded traditional artisans from Waskaganish and the Cree territory.

We proudly maintain our strong connection to the land and waters within our territory and to the activities which are so integral to our culture and identity. We are grateful for all of our elders who are eager to share the wealth of their knowledge and life experience.

Come and enjoy the family activities, games, workshops and demonstrations that are usually done during the fall. In addition to the activities, join us at the entertainment venue where the following musicians will be performing: Honeymoon Suite, Fort George Rockers, Crystal Shawanda, Chiishtin and many other performers.

Looking forward to seeing you in Waskaganish for the fall event and festivities! God Bless!

MESSAGE:

From 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Waachiyehkw misiwe! Greetings to all! The Waskaganish 350th Anniversary celebrations organizing committee welcomes you to our community! Since time immemorial the site on which Waskaganish is built was known as "Kaneyaauhkaatshiid". It served as a summer gathering place for our people. In 1668, the establishment of the first trading post in James Bay not only changed Kaneyaauhkaatshiid into a permanent settlement but is also gave birth to its name. Waskaganish which means "little house" in the Cree language and is in reference the little house built to serve as the first trading post.

Included in this publication is all the information you will need to enjoy the Fall Edition of the 350th Anniversary Celebrations which run from November 22-24. We encourage you to visit the display booths of our many talented Eeyou/Eenou artists/craftsmen. One of our objectives is to showcase the many Cree crafts, traditional tools, techniques and skills used by our people since time immemorial. These artists/craftsmen will also conduct workshops for those interested in learning how to make Cree traditional tools and garments.

We thank those that have traveled near or far to join us. Like our ancestors in the days of old, we welcome again you to Kaneyaauhkaatshiid! Together we will feast, play games, sing and dance as we celebrate the 350th anniversary of Waskaganish!

Thanks again! Enjoy Waskaganish in all its beauty and wonder!

WASKAGANISH: A SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG HISTORY

Many towns and cities are proud of their history, and rightly so. However, our small Cree community on the shore of James Bay is a town that has made history for not only its people, but for all First Nations as well as for Canada itself. It is with pride that we celebrate our 350th anniversary. In 1668 it was the birthplace and then in 1670, the first trading settlement of the famous Hudson's Bay Company. It was the first 'capital' and governor's residence for the huge colony of Rupert's Land; a colony that included most of Canada and parts of the United States. The townsite, or a nearby location, was the 1610-11 wintering site of the ill-fated Henry Hudson expedition looking for the fabled Northwest Passage and an island in our archipelago was the 1632-33 wintering site of the Thomas James Northwest Passage expedition and thus the site of. Charles Town, one of the earliest towns in the Canadian North after the Viking settlement and the ancient fishing communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

A replica of the Nonsuch, it was built by Messrs. J. Hinks & Sons of Appledore, Devon. Today, the replica Nonsuch has a permanent home in Winnipeg at the Manitoba Museum.

Our community is part of a traditional territory and we think of town and the land together. Their histories are intertwined even though the land has been occupied for at least 4,400 years and our 'town' was begun only 350 years ago. Interestingly, the idea of a town has been shown to be consistent with traditional patterns of Cree land use; namely concepts surrounding "resource areas".

In more detail, our traditional territory is the location of camps of about 4,400 years old belonging to hunters with cultural tradition that appears to be similar to ancient Maritime Archaic sites of Newfoundland and Labrador. Research may yet demonstrate the relationship between these ancient populations and our people. Later, about 1,600 years ago, waves of Peoples with clearer possible ties to ourselves swept over our territory.

Our ancestors were a part of a continent-wide trading network that existed for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans, and for this reason Cree hunters, in the year 1610, traded with the explorer Henry Hudson before his crew put him overboard and sailed back to England. Again, we welcomed the English in 1668 when they arrived here to see if they could tie themselves into our trading network as a source of exotic European goods we could trade with our neighbors. It was this 1668 arrival of these English, on the ship, Nonsuch, with their desire to find a way to tie into our ancient commercial trading network without having to deal with France's control of the Saint Lawrence River that we mark as the beginning of our permanent "town". Because these English were judged to be creating a re-

source area for exotic goods to feed into our network, our ancestors were quite welcoming and ready to help keep them fed and safe until several hundred hunters could come the next spring to fill their ship with quality furs. Our welcoming of those traders in 1668, and our readiness to provide for and partner with them in the fur business gave birth to the famous Hudson's Bay Company and the proclaiming of Rupert's Land in 1670. THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY WAS BORN HERE AND THEIR SETTLEMENT HERE BECAME NOT ONLY THE FIRST HBC POST IN THE WORLD, BUT IT ALSO BECAME THE 'CAPITAL' OF THE 'COLONY' OF RUPERTSLAND'. The colonial governor made his residence here and initiated the first mineral prospecting in James Bay. Perhaps, because he was an egalitarian Quaker, he also established friendly relations with the famous French trader and explorer, Louis Jouillet by 1670, even though his competition farther inland was not legitimate in the eyes of England.

Rupert House, 1968

Also, in England's eyes, our territory was a 'kingdom' and the first "king" was a principle hunter/trade negotiator named Cuscudah.
After our original fort, called "Charles Fort" was moved to a better military position, it was attacked by France and its New France colonists. The New France hero, Iberville, put a quick end to the attack by dropping a grenade down the chimney, thanks to a ladder left in place for quick access to the roof in case of chimney fire.

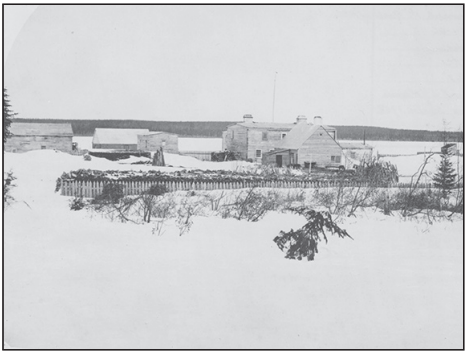
Though we continued to use the location as needed, the HBC abandoned our townsite for 90 years after this attack during a period when England and France were not at war. In 1775 they returned and built two small wall tents of log and canvas, possibly giving rise to our present name of "Little House" or Waskaganish. This humble European rebirth grew into a major settlement with large warehouses which provisioned several trading communities in the interior throughout the 19th century. During the early 1820s we also established what is possibly the earliest wildlife preserve in Canada on Thomas James' Charlestown (Charlton) Island; the Sir George Simpson Beaver Preserve. During the 19th century we also welcomed a small band of starving Inuit into our hunting territory so they could survive and become a small, friendly part of our people's history.

Today we are a rapidly-growing town with our interests in both traditional time on the land and in new economies. We are strong and proud of being called both Cree and Canadian.

Revillon Frères buildings at Rupert's House

Winter Scene, Rupert's House.

Rupert's House, from the Anglican parsonage



Rupert's House 1867

Stone Monument, Rupert's House

Warehouse, Rupert's House, [post 1930]

Map of Waskaganish

Waskaganish First Nation

Community Master Development Plan

Existing street
Paved existing road
Proposed street
Category 3 land

Existing and Proposed Land Uses

Residential
Existing · Requested (2018-2019) · Requested/Planned (2019-2020)
Low Density Residential
Medium Density Residential
Cree Nation Government (CNG)
Cree School Board (CSB)
Cree Health Board (CHB)
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
Police
Air Creebec (AC)
Private ownership (PO)
Natamuh rent (NR)
Rent to own (RO)

Commercial
Commercial Development
Community center (mixed: commercial, public and residential)

Public
Public and Institutional
Airport

Industrial
Industrial

Green Spaces and Traditional Territory
Parks and Recreation
Conservation

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURES
PROPOSED PROJECTS

TOURISM, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
1 GEE-MAN SHIPISH LINEAR PARK
2 WINTER SLIDE
3 WATREFRONT AREA
4 MARINA AND BOAT LAUNCH AREA
5 TOURISM AND CULTURAL BUILDING
6 GATHERING GROUNDS AND CULTURAL AREA
7 LOOKOUT
8 REGGIE HESTER MEMORIAL PARK
9 COMMUNITY TEEPEE
10 CULTURAL BUILDING
11 RIVERFRONT PARK
12 FELLOWSHIP PARK
13 BAND OFFICE PARK
14 ANGEL TODDLER'S PARK
15 PLAYGROUND AREA
16 BASEBALL FIELD
17 OUTDOOR RINK
18 UP-RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
19 SMOKEY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
20 PROPOSED SYNTHETIC SPORTS FIELD
21 RUPERT RIVER SPORTS COMPLEX
22 RIVERSIDE LAND ART

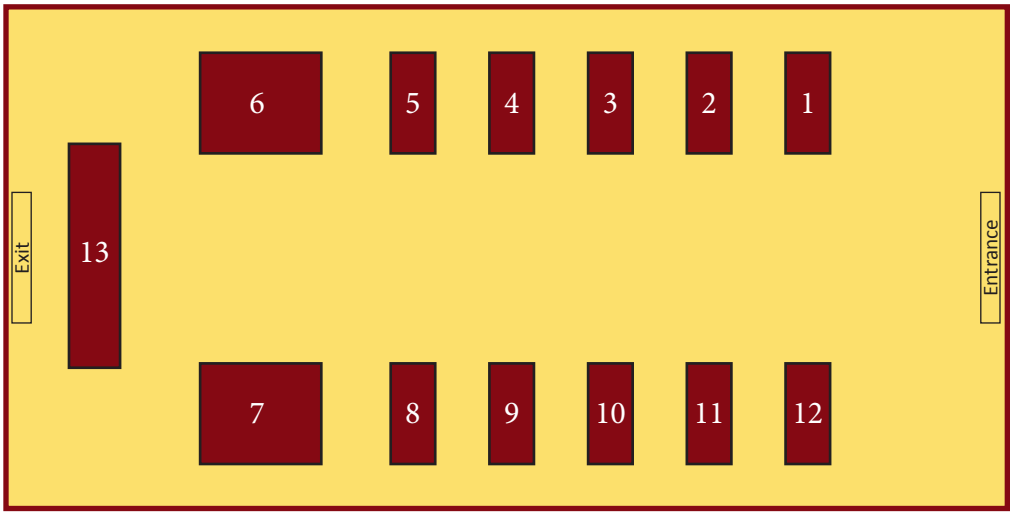
RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS
30 RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION AREA
31 RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION AREA(Area of residental consolidation)
32 SPLASH PAD AND PLAYGROUND

COMMERCIAL
40 COMMUNITY STORE
41 COMMERCIAL AREA PROJECT

PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL
50 FIRE HALL
51 WOMEN'S SHELTER
52 SWIMMING POOL
53 CREE NATION WASKAGANISH TRAINING CENTER
54 CREE NATION GOVERNMENT (CNG) OFFICE
55 HEALTH CLINIC
56 LIGHT INSTITUTIONAL AREA
57 POLICE STATION
58 CHURCH

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
70 INDUSTRIAL PARK
71 CWFN MUNICIPAL GARAGE
72 CWFN WAREHOUSE
73 ANIMAL SHELTER

RUPERT HOUSE FLOOR PLAN & ARTISAN BOOTH SEATING
Location: Cultural Site



BOOTH #1
Elizabeth Jolly
Artisan, Waskaganish, QC

BOOTH #2
Edwin Jolly
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #3
Clymie Weistche
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #4
Irene Stephen
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #5
Cecilia Bosum
Artisan, Ouje, Qc

BOOTH #6
Cree Native Arts & Crafts Association

BOOTH #7
Philip Deering
Kanahwake, Qc

BOOTH #8
Cynthia Blackned
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #9
Bessie Blackned
Artisan, Nemaska, Qc

BOOTH #10
Marlene Moses
Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #11
Agnes Stephen
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #12
Mary Diamond
Artisan, Waskaganish, Qc

BOOTH #13
Demonstration Stage

ART SYMPOSIUM/TRADESHOW - WORKSHOPS
Location: BOOTH #13 at the RUPERT HOUSE HALL

DAY 1 November 22, 2018

TIME	ARTISAN NAME	ART
10AM	Elizabeth Jolly	Sewing
11AM	Edwin Jolly	Carving
2 PM	Clymie Weistche	Sewing
3 PM	Irene Stephen	Sewing
4 PM	Elder Storytelling	

DAY 2 November 23, 2018

TIME	ARTISAN NAME	ART
10AM	Cecilia Bosum	Sewing
11AM	CNACA	Presentation
2 PM	Cynthia Blackned	Sewing
3 PM	Bessie Blackned	Sewing
4 PM	Elder Storytelling	

DAY 3 November 24, 2018

TIME	ARTISAN NAME	ART
10AM	Agnes Stephen	Sewing
11AM	Open	
2 PM	Open	
3 PM	Open	
4 PM	Elder Storytelling	

Note: These workshops/demonstrations will take place at the **Rupert House Hall Booth #13**. See page 10 for Floor Plan

RADIO SHOW & TRADITIONAL GAMES/ACTIVITIES
Location: 99.3/92.5FM & Cultural Site

Note: All information and Start Times will be announced on the radio. Be sure to tune in!
Hosted by: Pierette Salt, Harvey Blackned and Mary Jane Salt

Prizes: Prizes include furnace fuel, Gasoline, Concert Tickets, Firewood and so much more!

DAY 1 November 22, 2018

Time	Radio Show
Afternoon	- Merchandise Bingo (Free Bingo Cards) - Other Spontaneous Games

DAY 2 November 23, 2018

Time	Radio Show
Morning	- Spontaneuos Games - Family Games - Trivia Questions

DAY 3 November 24, 2018

Time	Games/Activities
To be announced	- Car Rally - Team of 4 - Wood chopping - Log throwing - Buck Saw

LUNCH & TRADITIONAL FEAST
Time: Lunch (Daily) & Traditonal Feast on Thursday, November 22, 2018
Location: Cultural Site - Teepee

Note: Each morning, the cooks will prepare and cook Traditional Food for lunch. Lunch and Traditional Feast will be served at the Cultural Site Teepee. We will have 4 Serving Times of Traditional Food during the Traditional Feast.

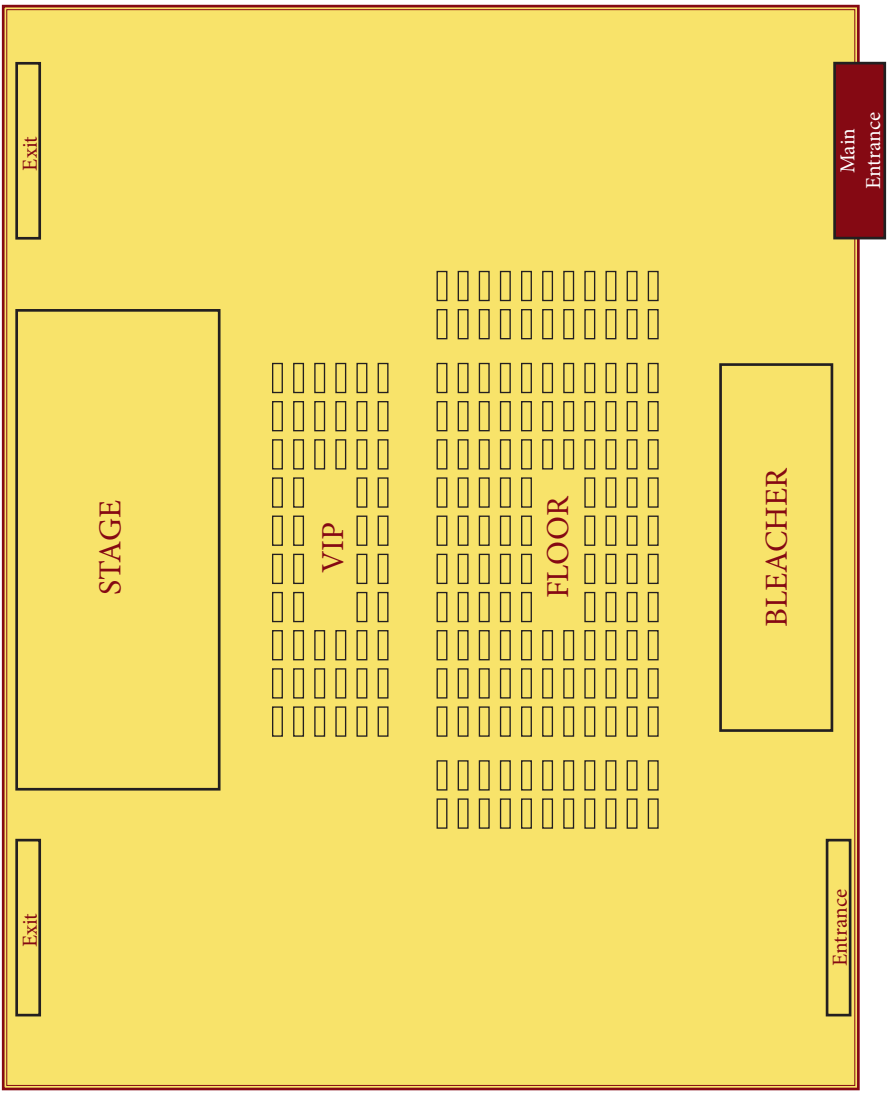
Traditonal Food: Includes Moose Meat, Goose, Rabbit, Beaver and other traditional food.

Lunch Serving Time: 12 PM Daily

Traditional Feast Serving Times: 4:30PM, 5PM, 5:30PM, 6PM

Prepared by: Cultural Department

GATHERING PLACE - FLOOR PLAN
Location: 29 Smokey Hill St.



MUSIC & DANCE
Location: GATHERING PLACE
Located at 29 Smokey Hill St.

Doors open:
6:15 PM

Concert Starts at:
7:00 PM

For Tickets:
See Harvey Blackned, Pierette Salt or
Darryl S. Hester at the
Cree Nation of Waskaganish Head Office.
Tel.: (819)895-8650

Tickets will also be sold at the Rupert House Hall during the Tradeshow.

Thank you for being a part of the 350th Anniversary Fall Celebrations!

Wachiya!

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