



# CONKLIN NAKEWIN NEWS

January 2014

## COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014



**The skating rinks in Conklin and Janvier are ready for skaters. I am working with the RMWB on a warm up place for the skaters at the covered dome skating rinks. Comments are that the communities would like to see a warm up facility similar to Sapræ Creek.**

**Currently residents are allowed two deliveries of water per week in Ward 4. If residents are in need of an extra delivery in that same week please call Steve Polem at the RMWB, 780-598-6025. Steve is available 24/7 to respond to inquiries/urgencies. The contractor will do an extra delivery for that week. However if there is a resident that is continually needing more than the two deliveries per week, the RMWB will do an assessment as possibly there is a problem within the home such as a leaky faucet, toilet etc.**

The Conklin Community Association and the Metis Local 193 did a great job of putting on their community dinner. The Board members for the Conklin Community Association, are Edward Adby, President, Ernie Desjarlais, Vice-President, Margaret Quintal, Yvonne McCallum and Peggy Beaudry. The Board members for the Metis Local #193 are, Shirley Tremblay, President, Ernie Desjarlais, Vice President, and Stacey Atkinson,

Val Quintal and Margaret Quintal. A big thank you to these boards for being the driving force in bringing the community together for a great Christmas gathering of a nice meal and gifts for all the children which included Xbox's. Dillen Quintal was the recipient of the Environmental award. Congratulations!

Thank you to the Anzac Family Community Support Services. The board which includes; Rose Pratt, President, Nicole Gardner, Vice President, Elaine Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer, June Catton and Sharon Pindog, Directors; thank you for bringing the community together at Christmas time with a wonderful dinner and presents for all the children attending.

For any good deeds or concerns please e-mail [jane.stroud@woodbuffalo.ab.ca](mailto:jane.stroud@woodbuffalo.ab.ca) or telephone 780-334-0516

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Conklin Nakewin News

Conklin Municipal Office  
 245 Northland Drive  
 Conklin, AB  
 TOP 1H1  
 Ph: 780-559-2235  
 Fax: 780-559-2277  
 E-mail: wendy.tremblay@woodbuffalo.ab.ca

### Conklin Municipal Office Hours:

Monday – Friday:  
 8:30a.m.–12 noon & 1–4:30p.m.

### Closed:

Saturday, Sunday &  
 Stat Holidays

### Municipal Switchboard Emergency Number:

1-800-973-9663

### Community Contacts

RMWB	1-800-973-9663
Conklin Municipal Off.	780-559-2235
Conklin School	780-559-2228
Resource Office	780-559-8900
LOC Office	780-559-2117
Medical Van	780-742-7717
CCA Office	780-559-2150
Health Nurses Off.	780-559-2011
Gas Bar	780-559-2623
Conklin Corner	780-559-2008
Robwel	780-559-5966
Dipper Oilfield	780-559-2244
RCMP – Complaints	780-788-4000
By-law Complaints	780-788-4200
Animal Control - S.P.C.A.	780-743-8997

**All Emergencies** call 911

## RMWB NOTICES

### Water and Garbage Services

If you are a new resident to the community and require these services then you must complete a utility application form at your local Municipal office. If you are moving and no longer require the services then you must complete a utility termination for or you will continue to be billed. If you have any questions please feel to to contact your local Municipal Office at (780) 559-2235 or you may call the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo at 1-800-973-9663 and ask for utility billing.

### Payment options:

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo provides billing on a regular basis for Utility services and on an annual basis for Taxes. Please find below your options to make payments;

1. Pay in person at 9909 Franklin Avenue in Fort McMurray or at your local Municipal Office.
2. Mail a cheque payable to:  
 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo  
 9909 Franklin Avenue  
 Fort McMurray, Alberta  
 T9H-2K4
3. Pay at your bank or on-line

### Mailing Address Changes:

Please visit the local Municipal Office to ensure that you have changed your address with Utility billing and the Tax department to ensure you receive you correspondence in a timely manner.

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year!

# R.A.R.A. 2014



Excellence in Aboriginal Communities:

## NOMINATIONS

Nominate Your Candidate!

**Our Vision:**

"To bestow appreciation for the achievement of Aboriginal people in or from this region by recognizing excellence in specific fields, by doing this in such a way that more and more people and institutions participate in ensuring the Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards make a positive impact on the lives of all people."

The 26th Annual R.A.R.A is scheduled for March 1st, 2014, at the Quality Hotel and Conference Centre.

**Nomination forms available at:**

- **Anzac** ~ Municipal Office: (780) 334-2298 or Anzac Community School: (780) 334-2271
  - **Conklin** ~ Municipal Office: (780) 559-2235; Conklin Resource: (780) 559-8900; Conklin Community School: (780) 559-2228
  - **Janvier** ~ Municipal Office: (780) 559-2230; Father R. Perin School: (780) 559-2240
  - **Fort Chipewyan** ~ Keyano College Campus (780) 697-3767; ADCS School: (780) 697-3933; Family & Community Support Services (780) 697-9017
  - **Fort McKay** ~ Fort McKay First Nations Office: (780) 828-4220; Fort McKay Day Care: (780) 828-0004; Dorothy McDonald Learning Centre: (780) 828-4433; Fort McKay School: (780) 828-4222
  - **Gregoire Lake** ~ Fort McMurray First Nation Office: (780) 791-9102
- forms may be E-mailed to the RARA Nomination Committee:**  
**raravol@shaw.ca or fax: 780.791.9102 or 780.791.9218**

For additional information or assistance, please call the Nominations Chair at 780-791-7434

**Nominations are now being accepted until January 11th, 2014.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
HALF-TIME NATIVE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR  
CONKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL - Conklin, Alberta**

**Conklin Community School** is located approximately 150 miles from Fort McMurray, Alberta and serves a student population of approximately 40 in Grades K-9. The professional staff complement is 4.

The school requires, effective immediately, a mature individual to fill the position of half-time Native Language Instructor.

**Qualifications include:**

- Fluency in the Native Language of the community.
- Candidates with a Grade 12 education will be given preference
- Preference to candidates having classroom and/or classroom management skills;
- The ability to develop lesson plans.
- Interest in working with children.
- Training and/or background in working with children would be an asset.

**The successful applicant should possess a strong work ethic, initiative, and the ability to work with the certificated staff at the school.**

The salary range is \$14,794.00 – \$19,359.00 (with certificate) per annum based on education and experience. A comprehensive benefit package is also provided.

**Please apply to:** Bernard Woodfine, Acting Principal, Conklin Community School, General Delivery, Conklin, Alberta, TOP 1HO. Phone: (780) 559-2228. Fax: (780) 559-2391. Email: [Bernard.Woodfine@nsd61.ca](mailto:Bernard.Woodfine@nsd61.ca)

*Kindly note that offers of employment will be conditional on receipt of a satisfactory criminal record check.*

Applicants successful in securing interviews will be notified of interview date.

**Open until suitable candidate is found.**



## SENIOR'S CORNER

Tansi, Hello Senior's,

Senior's are encouraged to contact the office if you are going to be away so we order lunches accordingly. Please be advised that meals will be a bit late on Tuesdays as this is the day that I take the Home Care nurses on their home visits. My work number is (780) 714-1069.

If you have an emergency and need to contact me, please call (780) 614-5432.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

<i>Senior Enhancement Worker</i>	-	<i>(780) 714-1069</i>
<i>Canada Pension &amp; O.A.S</i>		<i>1-800-277-9914</i>
<i>Alberta Supports</i>		<i>1-877-644-9992</i>
<i>Health Link</i>	-	<i>1-866-408-5465</i>
<i>Conklin Municipal Office</i>		<i>(780) 559-2235</i>
<i>Resource Office</i>	-	<i>(780) 559-8900</i>
<i>F.C.S.S.</i>	-	<i>1-800-973-9663</i>
<i>Blue Cross</i>	-	<i>1-800-661-6995</i>
<i>Police/Fire/Ambulance: Emergencies only - 911</i>		

## SENIOR'S DAY

January 9, 2014 @ 12:00p.m.  
 January 23, 2014 @ 12:00p.m.

Please bring your own bags

## SENIOR'S CORNER

### CHEQUE OVERPAYMENT FRAUD

Fraudulent cheques are used in a variety of scams such as advance fee letter fraud, overpayment and prize pitch to name a few.

Overpayment scams is the type of fraud where the person receiving the cheque is actually owed money for goods sold. The seller receives a counterfeit cashier's cheque personal cheque or corporate cheque from the "purchaser" in an amount in excess of the amount owed; is asked to deposit the cheque and wire the excess funds immediately back to the sender/purchaser or the purchaser's agent or shipper; and, the deposited cashier's cheque is subsequently returned as counterfeit and charged back to the seller's account.

Anyone selling goods should be suspicious of any cheque, especially if it is for more than the agreed selling price. Consider an alternative method of payment, such as an escrow service or online payment service. Talk to your bank about the safest way to receive funds from overseas. To protect yourself against this sort of scam, never agree to a deal in which the payer wishes to issue an amount for more than the agreed price and expects you to reimburse the balance. The scammers use a variety of excuses to explain the overpayment, but any such excuse should be treated with the utmost suspicion.

In order to avoid overpayment scams, remember the following general words of advice:

- Know who you are dealing with; independently confirm your buyer's name, street address, and telephone number;
- Never accept a cheque for more than your selling price;
- Never agree to wire back funds to a buyer. A legitimate buyer will not pressure you to do so, and you have limited recourse if there is a problem with a wire transfer;
- Resist pressure to "act now." If the buyer's offer is good now, it should be good when the cheque clears; if you accept payment by cheque, ask for a cheque drawn on a local bank or a bank with a local branch. You can visit that bank branch to determine if the cheque is legitimate; If the buyer wants to use a service you have not heard of, be sure to check it out to ensure it is reliable. Check its Web site, call its customer service hotline, and read its terms of agreement and privacy policy. If you do not feel comfortable with the service, do not use it.



## CLASSIFIED

If you would like to advertise here, please visit the office or call at your earliest opportunity

### **For Sale:**

### **Wanted:**

### **Deadline for the February edition:**

**January 21, 2014**

## THANK YOU!

Special recognition to the following Santa's Helpers coming from the Conklin Community Association and the Conklin Metis Local #193.

- Full Motion Expediting once again donated the time and truck to deliver the hampers to Conklin.
- Thank you for all our helpers; Dalton & Austin Quintal, Shirley Tremblay, Dorothy Quintal, Daren Bone, Dean Bone, William Tremblay, Marcel Winterburn, T.D. Quintal, Aneta Quintal, Nicole & Jessica Adby, Deloris Pruden, D.J. Quintal, Peggy Beaudry and thank you Edward Adby for finding all the volunteers.
- Ernie Desjarlais & Wendy Tremblay, we appreciate all your time and effort for shopping for the all the children of Conklin. The gifts were magnificent.
- Pamela Tremblay, Barb Kaziuk, Wendy Tremblay, Debra & Betty Peterson, Delores Gladue, Peggy Beaudry, Thank you for wrapping the gifts.
- Thank you Shirley Tierra, Peggy & grant for delivering the Turkeys and Hams.
- Thank you to all the decorators at the Hall, Sherry Quintal, Terra Richards, Wendy Tremblay, Chris Tremblay, Delores Gladue, and Peggy Beaudry, and thank you Stacy Atkinson for picking up the decorations.
- Thank you to all the companies that donated the door prizes for our Christmas celebration.
- A HUGE thank you to PTI for the fabulous Christmas Dinner you prepared and donated to Conklin.
- Thank you BIG Country Energy Services and contractors for your donations to some of the families in Conklin.

Remember....Volunteers are always welcome...We are only a phone call away.



## OUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY

### Lending a helping hand

Good neighbours help each other, like offering hot coffee on a cold day. And – in our case – by helping to support community initiatives with funding, gifts-in-kind and volunteering.

To learn more about our community investment, go to [www.nexeninc.com/Community](http://www.nexeninc.com/Community). If your charitable or non-profit organization is seeking funding, apply online at [www.nexeninc.com/community](http://www.nexeninc.com/community) or email your request to Stella at [stella\\_lavallee-kreutzer@nexeninc.com](mailto:stella_lavallee-kreutzer@nexeninc.com).

**And remember, coffee's always on at our Community Office in Anzac.**

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Nexen operates the Long Lake oil sands facility and is a proud supporter of the local community.





# WE'RE HIRING!

**ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A  
POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM AND LOOKING  
FOR WORK EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER? \***



Visit our website to apply:  
[www.nexencnoocLtd.com/careers](http://www.nexencnoocLtd.com/careers)

Applications will be accepted between  
January 8-22, 2014.

Nexen is a Canadian-based energy company with unique international assets and unconventional resource developments.

*\*Must be eligible to work in Canada*





# STAY SAFE WHILE STAYING WARM!



Fort McMurray winters bring bitter cold temperatures. Stay safe while using portable heaters, furnaces and fireplaces by following safety precautions to ensure that your home is not heated because of a fire!

## PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS

- When purchasing a portable heater ensure that it has been certified by a recognized regulatory body, such as the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).
- Space heaters should be placed on a level, hard and non-combustible surface (avoid carpets or rugs).
- Ensure the space heater is placed 1 metre from any combustible objects, such as curtains, bedding or blankets.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended around a space heater.
- Always turn off space heaters before leaving the room or going to bed.

### Tips:

- Ensure your space heater is equipped with an automatic cut-off device. This will shut off the heater if tipped over.
- Fuel burning space heaters (kerosene or gas) should be inspected annually. Ensure you are using the proper grade of fuel source for your unit and that it is cleaned regularly.

## FURNACES

- Furnaces should be inspected by a qualified and registered contractor at least once a year.
- Keep the area around your furnace clear.
- Each month, inspect your furnace for the following:
  - › Filters —Change and/or clean according to manufacturer's instructions.
  - › Vents—Look for any signs of rust, blockages or soot. If found, consult with a qualified technician.
  - › The flame should be sharp and blue. If the flame is yellow, consult with a qualified technician.

## FIREPLACES

- Inspect and clean your fireplaces, vents and chimneys regularly.
- Check for rust or creosote: a dark substance that forms in the flue. If a buildup of creosote is made, it can catch fire.
- Observe any excessive heat on the walls above your fireplace. This could be a sign of improper chimney installation, and a potential fire hazard.
- Keep combustible objects away from your wood stove or fireplace and always use a properly fitted screen to cover the fireplace opening. Floors and walls should be protected with noncombustible shields.
- Keep a heat-tempered glass or metal fireplace screen in place.
- Dispose of fireplace ashes in a closed metal can and store outside.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood and never use combustible liquid to start the fire.
- Chimneys and vents need to be cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional at least once a year.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>School is back is Session.</i>	7	8	9 <i>Senior's Day at 12:00p.m.</i>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Senior's Day at 12:00p.m.</i>	24	25
26 <i>Métis Local #193 Family Merchandise Bingo 5:30p.m.</i>	27	28	29	30	31	