



**CANADA'S
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Chief Shelley Bear signs her oath of office at the ceremony on May 20.

On May 20, Kiskisiwew-Ochapowace First Nation held their swearing-in ceremony for their newly elected chief and council. There was a pipe ceremony in the morning, followed by a community lunch and official swearing ceremony of Chief Shelley Bear and the six councillors.



The Kiskisiwew Boys drumming during the official swearing-in ceremony at Kiskisiwew-Ochapowace First Nation.



Chief Shelley Bear received a gift of an Eagle Feather after she was sworn-in.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2026 | 30th Anniversary

On the summer solstice, we recognize and celebrate the cultures, traditions and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. This day holds deep cultural significance as many Indigenous communities gather to honour traditions, languages and cultural practices.

As we mark 30 years of *National Indigenous Peoples Day*, we honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Saskatchewan and thank them for sharing their rich history, heritage and cultural teachings with all.



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\$50,000 for playground at Kahkewistahaw First Nation

Kahkewistahaw First Nation was presented with a cheque for \$50,000 on May 28 for Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School for playground improvements. The day also included a feast with students and the community. The \$50,000 for the playground is part of the provincial government's new School Playground Equipment Matching Grant.

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Ochapowace hosts National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

This year, Regina was the host city for the 23rd National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) from May 3-9, with Ochapowace First Nation serving as the main organizer for the event.

"The National Aboriginal Hockey Championships always bring a powerful energy with them," said Vanessa McGregor, ASC Executive Director.

Ochapowace Nation proudly served as the Indigenous host, working in close partnership with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) and the Regina Hotel Association to celebrate the talent, spirit, and cultural pride of Indigenous youth athletes. This meaningful collaboration not only showcased athletic excellence but also strengthened community bonds and highlighted the lasting impact of coming together in a spirit of unity and celebration.

Preston Henry of Ochapowace Nation recalls the traditional importance of sport among First Nations in Treaty

4. "The Championships recalls this long tradition of our peoples," he says, "and we've got a large home crowd for hockey. We're honored that Regina was chosen as the host venue."

The NAHC was established by the Aboriginal Sport Circle in 2002. The six-day tournament displays the incredible talent of elite U18 Indigenous men's and women's hockey from First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities across the country.

2026 marked the first time the championships have returned to Saskatchewan since 2012. The event is held in a different city each year, offering hosts an opportunity to foster cultural pride, reconciliation, and unity among Indigenous peoples.



Ochapowace Chief Shelley Bear, dignitaries and hockey players during the opening ceremonies of the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.

On National Indigenous Peoples Day, we salute the local Indigenous and Métis communities for their important contributions to our region!

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Zagimē Anishinabēk

June is Indigenous history month in Canada. And just as many Canadian's ancestors had come from across the sea at some point in the past, our community's own oral traditions tell us that our ancestors migrated from eastern Canada a long time ago. Our oral traditions still carry the memory of that migration. This month reminds us of the need to hold on to the memory of who we are and where we come from; and to not forget the communities and people who've gone before. In this very busy season on the land, we wish everyone a safe and productive Spring. During your reprieve from the busy spring work, please celebrate the memories of your own pasts.





Ochapowace Kakisiwew Adult Education Graduation

Ochapowace First Nation congratulated Adult Education Grade 12 graduates last Wednesday. Ochapowace celebrated six graduates with a ceremony and lunch afterwards.

Nicole Taylor photos



An advertisement for two businesses. On the left is the logo for DJ Animikii, featuring a stylized 'D' in white and red. Below it is the text "DJ Animikii". On the right is the logo for DJ Miller & Sons, featuring a stylized 'DJ' in white and orange with a yellow excavator head. Below it is the text "MILLER & SONS". At the bottom, the text "Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day" and "Embracing Diverse Culture" is displayed in white and orange.