

SEKWEHA

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Growing together
Celebrating 15 years for the youth

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Message from the Chair

Dustin Nokohoo

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am honoured to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre, serving children and youth in Chard, Chipewyan Prairie First Nation and the surrounding region of northern Alberta.

"Sekweha" means "for the youth" in Dene, and that purpose has guided every decision we made this year. In 2025, our Centre remained a daily safe space where 8–15 youth gather for after-school programming, connection and support. Every day that we were open, we served an after-school snack and a hot meal, ensuring that no young person went hungry while they learned, played and grew with us.

This year was defined by partnership, cultural grounding and the leadership of our young people. We worked closely with Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, Chard Métis Nation and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to align our programs with community priorities in education, wellness and youth development. We are deeply grateful to the oil and gas companies and local businesses whose sustained support makes our daily meals, activities and staffing possible.

Highlights from 2025 include:

- Consistent daily programming for youth ages 8–17, including homework support, life-skills workshops, cultural activities and recreational programming.
- Daily nutrition support, with an after-school snack and hot meal served every operational day, reinforcing health, stability and belonging.
- Strengthened community partnerships, working alongside Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, Chard Métis Nation and RMWB on initiatives that wrap supports around youth and families.
- Youth leadership in action, with young people helping to plan events, lead activities and give feedback that shapes our programs and policies.

Like many northern and Indigenous communities, we continue to navigate challenges, including remote location, staffing and the complex social and economic realities facing families. In 2025, our Board and staff responded by focusing on safety, consistency and culturally grounded programming and by deepening relationships with local partners who share our commitment to youth well-being.

Looking ahead, our priorities for 2026 and beyond are clear:

- Sustain and grow daily youth programming and meals, so more children and teens have a reliable, welcoming place to go after school.
- Expand land-based and cultural learning, in partnership with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and our First Nation and Métis partners.
- Build long-term, flexible funding with corporate, government and community partners, so we can plan beyond one-year cycles and respond quickly to emerging needs.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Elders, families, funders and community partners. Most importantly, we are guided by the voices, dreams and resilience of the youth who walk through our doors every day. On behalf of the Board, thank you for standing with Sekweha and with the next generation of leaders in our community.



Message from the Vice-Chair

Melinda Richter

The year 2025 has been an exceptional milestone for our youth centre: 15 years! The safe, nurturing environment we foster remains essential to and valued by our community.

Each year, we welcome an increasing number of young individuals who are eager to make a positive impact on both Sekweha and the community as a whole. While our facility may be modest in size, the passion and dedication within our walls are unparalleled.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our staff, the youth we serve and all of our supporters. Each of you plays a vital role in our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your continued contributions.



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2025 Sekweha Staff

Our sincere gratitude goes to every member of the Sekweha team. Your dedication, compassion and commitment create a safe, welcoming space where young people can connect, grow and thrive.

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Black Teal
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Candice Janvier
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Summer Students

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Karter Laroque
Marquise Carlson
Mersadies Herman
Nikosis Cardinal
Nina Herman
Owen Christensen
Tanika McDonald
Zyan Buffalo
David Plew

Thank You

Our work would not be possible without the incredible generosity of our donors, partners and supporters.

We are equally grateful to the organizations, businesses and individuals who share their time, resources and expertise. Together, we are creating brighter futures and building a stronger community for the next generation.

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

ConocoPhillips
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Syncrude
SD Janvier Enterprises Ltd.
Careers
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cenovus energy
Enbridge
Axioma Consulting
cahill
Dellack Contracting
Chard Métis Nation
Right To Play
Enbridge
HS Sidhu Trucking Ltd.
Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations LP
NOHA Precision Well Servicing
wood buffalo regional library
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TLE Law
Thompson-Laboucan-Epp LLP
Athabasca Tribal Council
Secure Energy
Anzac Grocery
Cascade Energy Services L.P.
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Revenue Snapshot

Please refer to the Financial Highlights section for more information.

RMWB
$79,568

Donations
$22,107

Corporate
$174,283

Casino
$34,181

Fundraising
$13,158

Other
$11,652

Programming and Activities







January

29 Moose Meat

February

6 Valentine’s Basket Raffle

18 Blackstone Raffle

12 Basket Sale

14 Valentine’s Dance

28 Crafts

March

1 Bake Sale

2 Sliding

6 St. Patrick’s Activity

6 IRC Camp/Fishing

17 Kids Bingo

19 Games







April

- 7, 8 Casino Fundraiser
- 12 Hockey Camp
- 17 Easter Activities
- 24, 25 Baseball
- 28 Bush Day

May

- 3 Hair Braiding
- 3 Slip & Slide
- 10 Tea Towel Painting & Flowers for Mother's Day
- 15 Garden
- 18 Trip to Movies & Swimming
- 22 Pool Raffle
- 25 Water Balloon Fight
- 30 Birdhouse Painting

June

- 13 Fair
- 16 Craft Hunt
- 19 Nerf War







July

- 3 Employed Summer Students in Fort McMurray
- 4 Anzac Donation for Treaty Days
- 7 Lemonade
- 11 Beach with CMN
- 16 Lemonade
- 19 Fish & Wildlife Trailer
- 21 H2S
- 22 Minute-to-Win-It Activities
- 25 Car Wash

August

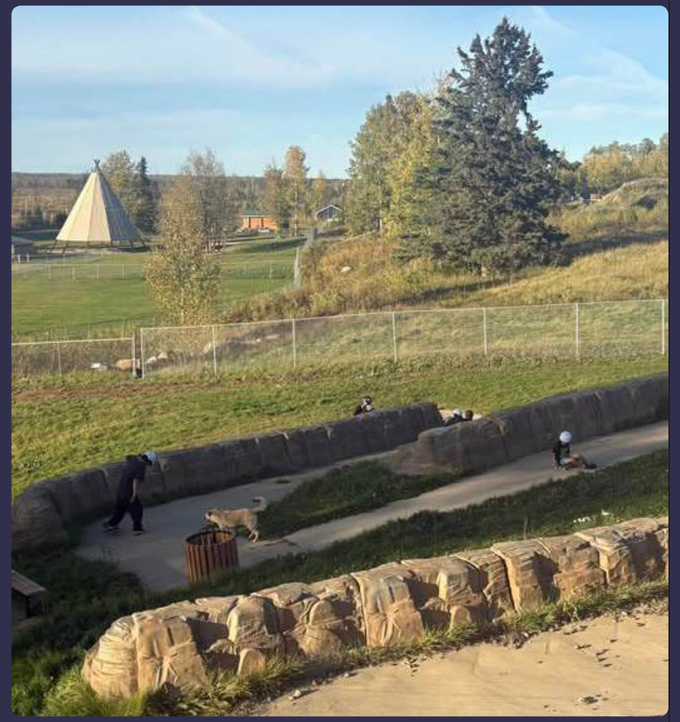
- 5-7 Summer Camp
- 9 Bake Sale
- 11 Henna Tattoos
- 25 Beach



















September

29 McKay School Sports Trip

29 Moose Meat Donation – Justice Cardinal & Wendall

30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

October

3 Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair

25 Mason Jar Activity with RMWB

30 Halloween Movie & Colouring Contest

November

4 Bath Bombs

12 Painting Pots

December

13 Christmas Party

31 New Year's Sliding & Fireworks

Financial Highlights

Comparative Income Statement

Revenue	2025	2024
RMWB Sub-Total	$ 79,568.00	$ 71,611.24
Revenue - Conoco Phillips (SCI)	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Revenue - CPDFN	$ 114,283.58	$ 139,177.31
Suncor - Community Investment	$ 0.00	$ 50,000.00
Revenue - Summer Student Employment	$ -677.24	$ 0.00
CNOOC Int'l - Community Investment	$ 0.00	$ 5,000.00
Revenue - Donations	$ 22,107.00	$ 45,931.95
Revenue - Grants	$ 0.00	$ 73,990.00
Alberta CIP Grant	$ 0.00	$ 75,000.00
Revenue - Youth Fundraising	$ 13,158.06	$ 15,675.70
Revenue - Enbridge	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,000.00
AGLC - Casino Funding	$ 29,185.40	$ 36,458.43
Casino - Raffles	$ 4,996.54	$ 25,202.81
Revenue - Right to Play	$ 11,631.31	$ 33,879.60
Sponsorships	$ 0.00	$ 5,442.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	$ 21.02	$ 193.39
Total Revenue	**$ 334,273.67**	**$ 632,562.43**

Expense - Payroll	2025	2024
Wages & Salaries	$ 254,978.75	$ 284,718.58
EI Expense	$ 5,690.81	$ 6,636.63
CPP Expense	$ 946.77	$ 534.24
WCB Expense	$ 6,039.61	$ 3,919.51
Total Payroll Expense	**$ 267,655.94**	**$ 295,808.96**

Expense - General & Administrative	2025	2024
Accounting & Legal	$ 25,857.40	$ 26,987.55
Licences & Permits	$ 0.00	$ 383.89
Advertising & Promotions	$ 11,446.20	$ 10,679.35
Insurance	$ 38,436.00	$ 23,629.00
Board Development	$ 594.80	$ 470.95
Staff Development	$ 13,913.44	$ 10,611.68
Special Projects	$ 2,874.13	$ 0.00
Equipment Rental/Purchase	$ 5,131.46	$ 2,495.98
Freight & Delivery	$ 121.04	$ 0.00
Fuel & Oil	$ 4,677.59	$ 5,635.55
Interest & Bank Charges	$ 2,264.81	$ 2,136.29
Office Supplies	$ 5,489.22	$ 5,934.24
Concession Expense	$ 21.15	$ 0.00
Vehicle Repair and Maintenance	$ 11,134.11	$ 10,338.10
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	$ 760.28	$ 900.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	$ 515.67	$ 0.00
Sponsorships	$ 0.00	$ 1,000.00
Playground Expenses	$ 0.00	$ 25.56
Building Repair & Maintenance	$ 2,856.00	$ 1,000.55
Honorarium	$ 13,838.32	$ 21,600.00
Youth Recognition	$ 36.66	$ 0.00
Garden Supplies	$ 151.12	$ 0.00
Safety Supplies	$ 132.50	$ 10.50
Fundraising Costs	$ 7,811.47	$ 19,049.41
Program Supplies	$ 10,298.83	$ 6,023.05
Food Supplies	$ 21,034.30	$ 19,753.70
Youth Events and/or Field Trips	$ 16,028.40	$ 46,117.93
Telephone & Internet	$ 6,235.27	$ 6,171.55
Travel	$ 988.96	$ 537.86
Travel - Staff	$ 13,940.81	$ 20,328.07
Utilities	$ 8,300.53	$ 8,200.42
Total General & Administrative Expenses	$ 224,890.47	$ 250,021.18
Total Expense	**$ 492,546.41**	**$ 545,830.14**
Net Income	**$ -158,272.74**	**$ 86,732.29**

Retained Earnings

2025	2024	2023
$159,799	$318,072	$231,340



2026 Goals

01

Provide more opportunities for youth to connect with the land, culture and traditional knowledge through hands-on experiences.

02

Continue fostering a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where youth feel supported, respected and empowered.

03

Expand sports, recreation and wellness programs that promote healthy lifestyles, teamwork and confidence.

04

Equip youth with practical life skills, leadership opportunities and the confidence to succeed at home, in school and in the community.



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