



# 2022 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## Delta Day 2022

On June 10th, CHCN celebrated the one-year anniversary of our Nation's Declaration on the Jurisdiction and Protection of the Saskatchewan River Delta. Local community members served a fish fry, moose meat, and bannock lunch. Chief Chaboyer reaffirmed the Nation's commitment to the sustainable management of the Delta and the future of CHCN!

Our knowledge keepers and youth spoke about the rich history of the Delta. Christopher Deschambeault - Morin, a Grade 12 student from Charlebois School, commented on his essay, "The Ripple of Time", in which he talked about the impacts on the Delta. He spoke of the importance in protecting the Delta so his future children can experience its natural gifts. Christopher was recently awarded for his essay through the High School Heritage Challenge.



## CHCN Food & Medicine Forest

On June 9th, CWP, CHCN community members, and Project Forest teamed up to plant over 4,000 seedlings, kicking off the beginning of the Cumberland House Cree Nation Community Forest. The forest will provide the community with an estimated 26,000 food, cultural, and medicinally significant plants by 2023. Over 20 CHCN community members worked hard to prepare the site and plant the trees. The plants will now be around for generations to come and will provide community members with traditional plants for food and medicine.

## Dunkley Lumber Belanger Tree Plant



From May 26th to June 10th, several members from CHCN and the Village of Cumberland House helped successfully plant over 450,000 trees near Belanger Lake within the Pasquia Porcupine Forest Management Agreement Area. CWP provided project support, while our partners at Dunkley Lumber provided the seedlings to Smokey River Tree Planters for reforestation. This inclusive project is helping build long-term silviculture expertise within our community and surrounding area, while providing economic opportunities through our partners. .



## Foran Mining McIlvenna Bay Project

On June 27th, Representatives from FORAN Mining Corporation held a community information session to introduce the McIlvenna Bay Project. The copper, zinc, gold and silver mined through this project will bring tremendous economic opportunities for our Nation through employment opportunities, economic development partnerships, and more. We are excited to work with FORAN to responsibly develop these resources.

**Thank you to all community volunteers, event and project participants, elders, leadership, staff, and our economic development partners for the hard work put into these projects!**