



2023 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Interesting Fact: Log print background image was stamped from one of the very first trees harvested by Cumberland Wood Products in 2022

Timber Harvest Operations

In 2022, Cumberland Wood Products worked with Northern Career Quest, SITAG, and Total Truck Training to provide pre-employment training to 20 CHCN members. Many of those training spots have resulted in full and part-time employment positions with CWP to support our timber harvest and log yard operations in 2023.

This January, CWP employees have started processing tree length timber in the block which will soon be transported across the Tearing River to the CWP log yard. In addition to harvesting and transporting timber, employees are also maintaining our log yard and opening up roads across Cumberland Lake.



Dunkley Lumber Partnership

In late 2022, preparations and construction of two ice roads began across the Tearing River and Cumberland Lake. These ice roads have allowed for CWP to transport equipment into the cut blocks to begin harvesting hard and softwoods to meet the needs of Dunkley Lumber. This project is currently being operated and maintained by eight full-time employees from CHCN.



Foran Mining McIlvenna Bay Project

On January 18th, representatives from FORAN Mining held a community information session to present the membership with updates about the McIlvenna Bay Project. CHCN's consultants have been in ongoing discussions with FORAN Mining to identify multiple economic opportunities for the Nation including employment, training, and scholarship opportunities, economic development partnerships, community engagement and traditional knowledge sharing opportunities, and more. CHCN will continue to engage with FORAN Mining in 2023 to maintain and develop these opportunities.

CHCN Food & Medicine Forest

In June of 2022, 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. Over 20 CHCN community members worked hard to prepare the site and plant the trees across 2 hectares of land. The plants will now be around for generations to come and will provide community members with traditional plants for food and medicine. In the spring/summer of 2023, another 7 hectares of land will be planted with additional food, cultural, and medically significant plants!



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!