

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT and TEAM BUILDING

PEMBINA TIMBERLANDS
SEPTEMBER 2022

Celebrating Our Commitment to Community



Sunchild FN Golf Fundraiser

Thanks to Kc Rhoades for organizing a Pembina Timberlands foursome entry in the Sunchild First Nation Industry Golf Tournament. Kc is the Pembina representative with the Sunchild FN and she encouraged our support of this important fundraising event for the community. Our team of KC, Jim Kalan, Ryan Garbutt, and Jeff MacKay finished closer to the back of the pack, but ahead of the other forest products company in attendance.



Thank you to Neil Poulsen for organizing the September 10th golf tournament at the Edson Golf Club. There were 20 golfers in all representing log truck drivers from both the North and South fleets, the Edson OSB Mill, and Pembina Timberlands.



Stoney Nakoda FN - Cooks with Stones Program

Weyerhaeuser donated \$5,000 in 2022 to the Stoney Nakoda - Cooks with Stones Program. This was the second year for the Cooks with Stones program that sees Stoney Nakoda youth spend 4 weeks learning traditional knowledge and skills at a camp held at Kootenay Plains, as well as other literacy and essential skills that can lead to jobs in the culinary and hospitality industry. The youth then spend 4 weeks in an internship placement with Pursuit – Banff/Jasper Collection. The Cooks with Stones program was also just recognized with a national literacy award. Weyerhaeuser also supported this program in 2021 and while it is focused on the culinary and tourism industry, the community wishes to expand this initiative into the forest industry in the coming years. Jeff Struth is the Pembina representative with the Stoney Nakoda and was recognized at the graduation ceremony with an eagle feather for his support of the community. Over the last several years Jeff has supported the community through firewood, tipi poles, and pipe ceremony participation.





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Open House and Tree Give Away - May 9 to May 11

Public engagement events were held over several days to discuss the AOP, GDP, and Silviculture. A Virtual Open House was held May 9th, which invited on-line feedback and in person Open House events were held in Rocky Mountain House, Edson, and Drayton Valley. Information pamphlets and Weyerhaeuser "swag" were distributed in addition to the tree giveaway.

Sunchild Tree Donation- May 13th and O'Chiese Tree Plant- May 24

Weyerhaeuser donated trees to the Sunchild Community and Jim Kalan was in attendance at the O'Chiese School to discuss trees and forestry with the Grade 1-4 students. A few trees were planted in and around the school grounds. It was interesting for the students to see the growth in trees planted from previous years.

Treaty Days at O'Chiese - May 26, 2022

Weyerhaeuser supported this community event with \$500 of donated prizes. We also had Jim Kalan in attendance to show our support for the event.

2022 Pembina Timberlands Symposium

June 29, 2022

CETC Drayton Valley

Bill Taylor, Kerri MacKay, and Ian Kwantes hosted the 2022 Pembina Timberlands Symposium held in Drayton Valley. The purpose of the symposium was to share knowledge and information with stakeholders related to Pembina Timberlands operations. This is a proactive approach to inform on the topic of the business of forest management and also presents an opportunity for dialogue on evolving topics.

Many thanks to our planners for organizing and hosting the symposium.

Thank you also to Ducks Unlimited for attending as guest speakers.

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Pembina Timberlands and Edson OSB each entered a foursome in the inaugural Mayor's Golf Tournament on June 24. Thanks to Ian Kwantes, Joel Knoop, Neil Poulsen, and Jeff MacKay for participating in his event. The event was a fund raiser in support of the Edson Seniors Transportation Society.

Field Tour of Louis Lake - June 2022

On two separate occasions, Jim Kalan was out to discuss forestry operations and he walk planned blocks with adjacent landowners. On one of the tours, a Goshawk nest was discovered, which added to the discussion on the required buffer and amendments that would be required.

RMH Trappers Association Round Up - July 2, 2022

Jim Kalan was in attendance and participated in the fire lighting competition- Significantly more practice is required! Weyerhaeuser donated \$1000 in materials for a trap building course that was part of this three day event.



Pembina Timberlands staff participated in a session on Indigenous Cultural Awareness hosted by nVision Insight Group Inc. The training acknowledges an awareness of the differences that exist within and among cultures, an important first step in Truth and Reconciliation. Thank you to our facilitator, Jonathon Parenteau, for an excellent presentation.



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September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Edson Friendship Center Memorial Wake

Pembina Timberlands staff participated in the Memorial Wake and Reconciliation Event hosted by the Edson Friendship Center. The event kicked off at 11:00 am with the lighting of the memorial fire followed by a Smudging ceremony to clean the air around us so that we can slow down, clear our minds, be mindful and centered. A community Elder lead us in prayer, both in English and then a more personal prayer in Cree. Through traditional drumming and singing we celebrated the sun, the children taken from their families to attend the “Residential Schools” and paid our respects to those children who did not make it home. The last drum and song was a celebration of life and good things to come and we were asked to join hands and participate in a round dance. Events were followed by a community lunch, to “break bread” together and get to know each other by exchanging stories! It was well attended with members of the community, Indigenous and otherwise, with town dignitaries and representatives from the local Provincial Government office.



Round Dance - Drayton Valley Omniplex

Pembina Timberlands staff participated in a Round Dance hosted by the Metis Nation of Alberta at the Drayton Valley Omniplex. Over 500 people attended the event. There was a feast, pipe ceremony, round dance, and drumming. Emcee's from the Stoney Nakoda Nation spoke to the journey of reconciliation and the legacy of children in the Residential Schools. Town of DV Mayor – Nancy Dodds, and Brazeau County Reeve – Bart Guyon both spoke to the importance of reconciliation and relationship building with Indigenous peoples in Alberta.





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Alberta Forest Products Association AGM



The Alberta Forest Products Association AGM included Indigenous speakers focusing on the importance of reconciliation. Elder Mabel Wanyandie spoke to what the orange shirt means to her. Dave MacPhee of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation spoke to the trauma that residential schools had on his family and community. DM of Indigenous Relations – Donovan Young, spoke to the path towards reconciliation that we face and the work left to do. Finally, JP Gladu – Founder of Mokwateh Consultancy, offered insights on how best to engage with Indigenous peoples in meaningful ways. It was an excellent morning attended by Weyerhaeuser Timberlands and Wood Products staff from Edson, Drayton Valley, Grande Prairie, and Edmonton. (Yes that is Fred Dzida in the center of the photo.)