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# Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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## Please Note:

Pathways office will be closed December 24th to January 2nd inclusive, re-opening January 5th.

Because of this, payroll cutoff for the December 16th to 31st pay period is at **noon on Tuesday, December 23rd.**

Contact on-call with any emergencies during this time.

## NEW PAYROLL CUTOFF DATES

Foster parents were previously emailed a new payroll calendar for 2026. If you have not received the calendar, please contact us ASAP and we'll send it to you. Also note that payroll cutoff dates for 2026 have changed. Please make note of this for future reference.

A reminder that receipts may be submitted at any time throughout any given month. Thanks!



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Agency FEAST - January 21st from 5:30 to 8:30**  
**More information to come.**

# Indigenous Languages Corner

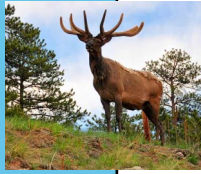
## Cree

elk  
**wâwâskeso**

(wah WAH skay so)

goose  
**iniska**  
(ins KAH)

swan  
**wapisîw**  
(wap SOO)

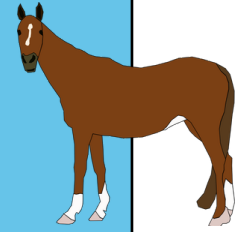


## Saulteaux

horse  
**mistatim**  
(mis ta TIM)

dog  
**animohš**  
(a ni MOOS)

rabbit  
**wapōs**  
(wah pohs)



Pronunciations are approximate. To hear a language spoken and for access to more words, download a language app to a tablet or smart phone. Apps used here are “Maskwacis Cree” and “Saulteaux.”

Ashlee Courts  
joined the Foster  
Care Support Team  
December 1st.

Please give her a  
warm welcome!



## Deep Freeze Festival 2026

January 17th & 18th

118 Avenue between 90 & 95 St.

A magical celebration of winter, art, and culture. Deep Freeze honors the Olde New Year, blending timeless traditions with contemporary creativity, making it a unique event that captures the beauty of winter and the spirit of community.

Deep Freeze showcases the vibrant cultures of the Alberta Avenue District, highlighting Ukrainian, French Canadian, Franco African, Indigenous (Métis, Inuit, and First Nations), Latin American, and Asian traditions.

Go to [deepfreezefest.ca](https://deepfreezefest.ca)  
for more information.



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# January 2026

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Re-Opening January 5



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Submit December Child/Youth Month  
End Reports via Pathways Hub

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