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## KFN Collegiate Celebrates Successful Black and Gold Game

High Prairie - April 13, 2025 - The Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate held its first annual Black and Gold Game, spotlighting the talents of the Hockey Development at KFN Collegiate. The event, was met with enthusiasm from all participants and attendees.

The game was a notable success, bringing joy to student athletes, many of whom played key roles in its preparation and execution. The positive response was widespread among stakeholders, including Hereditary Chief, parents, coaches, and school officials. "Everything went smoothly," said Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director. "We're thrilled and looking forward to 2025/26!"

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### Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025:

## Kapawe'no Muskwak Represent Well in Edmonton

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – Greetings, and hope this finds you well. The excitement still lingers as Kapawe'no Muskwak's U11, U13 Female, U15 Elite, U18 B, and U18 Elite teams return home after a thrilling weekend at the Alberta Native Hockey Championships.

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## Building Excitement and Support with our Kapawe'no Muskwa Teams

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – Support for our Kapawe'no Muskwa teams has grown during both the early morning and late evening games of the tournament. Comedian Don Burnstick, former Oilers coach and multiple Stanley Cup winner Craig MacTavish, along with many enthusiastic parents, contributed to a successful first day. Our goal is to expose younger students to well-organized hockey and rally behind our elite programs as they compete for the provincial title.

As our teams take the ice, there's a palpable excitement in Kapawe'no, Edmonton and territory thanks to their exceptional performance. Their skills in passing, shooting,



and sportsmanship set excellent examples for our aspiring hockey players, fostering growth

and support within our system at Buffalo Bay Hockey Academy.

## KFN Collegiate Celebrates Successful Black and Gold Game *from page 1*

The Hereditary Chief addressed the crowd, commending the students and staff for their hard work and the collective effort to elevate KFN Collegiate's profile. Hard work is the heartbeat of progress, driving us to new heights at Kapawe'no First Nation and KFN Collegiate. Together, we elevate not just the schools, but the hopes and dreams of an entire Nation.

Superintendent Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw highlighted the event's significance and the long-term vision of creating this annual tradition. "It's been great from the beginning steps to now this wow". They also presented the 7 Grandmother and Grandfather Teaching Awards to student athletes, emphasizing dedication and nation spirit. The new Buffalo Bay Academy will really be an amazing step for 2025/26 school year.

Jorden Thiessen expressed the excitement of the day, highlighting her role in running the scoreboard and announcing the thrilling game moments. "Seeing the nation support was truly inspiring," Thiessen shared. He thanked everyone involved for their dedication and looked forward to expanding student involvement in future events, offering roles like photographers, door greeters, and more.



The Black and Gold Game marks a milestone in KFN Collegiate's journey, setting the stage for

future growth and community involvement in athletics.

This year's annual awards we presented after the Muskwa Sr sang an honour song and Grade 5/6's Iskwew sang their song to the following;

- Jaze Courtorielle – Sakihitowin – Love
- Benny McLeod – Manacihitowin – Respect
- Faith Soosay Bellerose – Sohkitewin – Courage
- Sam Lay – Kwayaskitawin – Honesty
- Calvin Bellerose – Iynisiwin – Wisdom
- Rilynn Cardinal – Tapahteyimsowin – Humility
- Sam Halcrow – Tapwewin – Truth

A certificate of excellence along with the beaded spirit animal of each award.

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U15E Claim Bronze

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory - The excitement of Sunday Funday continued on April 6, 2025, at Millwoods Arena, where our Kapawe'no Muskwak U15E team faced off against Sunchild. In a nail-biting showdown, our team emerged victorious with a thrilling shootout victory.

The game commenced with a surge of energy from the Muskwak team. In the first period, we saw a strong start with Calin Dion opening the scoring at 11:42, quickly followed by Holter Lefthand at 7:35, putting us up 2-0. It was a great display of the teamwork and precision our players are known for. In the second period, Markus Willier extended our lead with a stunning goal at 9:27, assisted by Zane Letendre. However, Sunchild responded with two quick goals, narrowing the score to 3-2. Tensions heightened in the third period as Matthias Willier showcased his skill with another goal,



assisted by both Zane Letendre and Markus Willier. Yet, Sunchild wasn't ready to back down, tying the game late by pulling their goaltender for an extra attacker. Setting the stage for overtime and eventually a shootout, where Matthias Willier sealed the game with a decisive win, 5-4.

For more details on the game summary, visit: <http://nhac.ca/division/1938/28118/gamesheet/1480611>

### Kapawe'no Muskwak Female U13 Come up Short in First Game



Edmonton, Treaty 6 - Good morning Kapaweno Nation welcome to day two of hockey, wall to wall in the great city of Edmonton. The U13 girls fought hard against Saddle Lake but came up short.

We have seven games on the schedule. Our student athletes with the support of family and friends will fight to the bitter end. Go muskwak!

## Muskwak Jrs ready for Edmonton for the Native Alberta Hockey Provincials *from page 1*

Thank you to Hereditary Chief Sydney L. Halcrow, Lifetime Councillor Deb Chalifoux, Lifetime Councillor Pam Halcrow, and the Nation's staff for their great leadership and support during another successful trip to the Championships.

While it's an achievement that 3 out of the 5 teams brought home medals, the true essence of the tournament was found in the friendships made, family moments, and the passion for hockey that brought everyone together. For 35 years, this event has been a cornerstone for First Nation sports, celebrating unity and excellence in Native hockey across Alberta.

**U11 Team: Foundation of Fun and Growth** – The U11 squad embraced the balance of life long learning and fun. Facing well established teams, they experienced losses against Paddle Prairie (10-0) and Alexandra Braves (9-1) but celebrated a thrilling win with a score of 4-3. They wrapped up their journey against Siksika Braves with spirit, despite the 11-1 outcome. The growth was incredible, especially for

players who started the season using chairs for support.

**U13 Female: Determination to grow** – Displaying resilience, the U13 Girls battled through initial setbacks against Saddle Lake (8-1), Siksika (10-0), and Edmonton Hurricanes (10-0). They bounced back with a 6-3 victory against a team from Edmonton but concluded with a challenging game against Swan River Selects (10-0). Their determination and team spirit were front and center throughout the weekend.

**U15 Elite: Bronze Medal Triumph** – In a dramatic showdown for the Bronze match up, having a solid 5-1 record, the U15 Elite faced Sunchild. After a nail-biting game, extended into a shootout, Matthias Willier stepped up to secure a decisive 5-4 victory and help to bring home a Bronze medal.

**U18 B Team: Silver Medal Journey** – After an impressive 5-0 run before the final game,

the U18 B team encountered a closely fought match against Alexander Braves. The match ended in a 3-2 loss, earning them the Silver in the Eagle Bracket of the top U18 B Division.

**U18 Elite: Bronze Battle** – The U18 Elite's weekend culminated in a 7-2 record and finished in a hard fought battle in the Bronze Medal game. Their performance underscored the tenacity and teamwork synonymous with Kapawe'no Muskwak with a solid 7-3 win over neighbouring Métis community of Peavine.

The Alberta Native Hockey Championships were a very impressive showing of skill, culture, and nation pride. It goes beyond medals, creating lifelong memories and strengthening the bonds within the nations and communities.

Great work to all our players, parents, kokoms, moosoms and dedicated staff along with the staff/leaders at NAHC – Clyde Goodswimmer, Joseph Busch, Doug Chalifoux, Crystal Chalifoux and all the volunteers!

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U18E Claim Bronze

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – On Sunday, April 6, at 5:40 PM, the U18 Elite division's Bronze Medal game was fiercely contested. The Kapawe'no Muskwak faced a determined Peavine squad in a highly competitive match. The Muskwak came out strong, skating and hitting hard. Despite Peavine scoring early, causing the Muskwak to grip their sticks tightly, they quickly regrouped.

Once the Muskwak settled down, they tied the game and began to relax, showing intense skating, passing, and shooting. By the end of the second period, they led 4-2, though the game's outcome remained uncertain. In the third period, the boys took firm control, extending their lead to a commanding 7-3 before the final whistle, finishing the



championship weekend with a 5-2 record. The Muskwak played with heart and truly deserved the bronze medal. Well done, Muskwak!

*Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director  
Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate*

## 2025 Native Provincial Hockey Championship Opening Ceremonies at Terwilliger Sports Complex

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The official opening of the Native Alberta Hockey Provincials 2025 has commenced at the Terwilliger Sports Complex. Attendees included Councillor Debbie, Superintendent Boh, Principal Thiessen, the Kapawe'no Muskwak junior drummers, teachers, parents, stakeholders, coaches, the athletic director, and student athletes.

Following a remarkable performance by the drummers, the stage is set for hockey. As of Friday, April 4th, all but one of our teams are in action.



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## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B Earn Silver

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – On Sunday, April 6, at 4 PM, after going 5-0 in the tournament, the Muskwak faced off against the Alexander Braves in the Eagle Bracket which ended in a close contested battle. The tension was high from the first whistle as both teams exchanged heavy hits and their fans cheered passionately.

Period one ended with the Braves leading 1-0. The Muskwak fought back and managed to score, pulling ahead to 2-1. The game was intense, with every inch of ice contested. As the clock ticked down in the final minutes, our boys were in relentless pursuit of their opponent. Despite their determined efforts, they came up just one goal short, finishing with a 3-2 loss. The team proudly earned a well-deserved silver medal.



*Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director  
Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate*

For more details, visit the game summary: <http://www.nhac.ca/team/11850/1941/28120/297034>

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Muskwak U18 Elite start off tournament with a hard fought win

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 Elite started the 2025 Alberta Native Hockey Championships with Game 1 on Thursday April 3 with an impressive victory over the Siksika team, winning 12-3. One of our key contributors to our offence is #29 Rowan McDonald scoring four goals. Curtez Giroux, assisted by Landon Bourque, netted the opening goal for the tournament.

The Kapawe'no Muskwak showcased strong offensive play and solid defense, with goalie Ryker Halcrow securing the win through a commendable performance.



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## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025:

# Kapawe'no Muskwak U18E Stumble Against a Hot Goalie

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – They call it Sunday Funday, and making it to Sunday usually means you're in the playoffs. The Kapawe'no Muskwak started Game 6 strong against the Chiefs. Cassius McDonald put them on the scoreboard first in the first period, with assists from Maxwell Crier and Jacob Fleming.

However, the Chiefs quickly responded. Grady Wedman tied the game, and Carter Ellsworth followed with another goal. By the end of the first period, the Chiefs led 2-1, with the Muskwak outshooting them 25-12.



In the second period, the Chiefs extended their lead to 3-1, Muskwak doubling their shot count against the Chiefs. The third period saw the Chiefs solidify their dominance on the scoreboard with two more goals, further hindering the Muskwak's chances. Despite their strong efforts and a massive total shot count of 65-29, the Muskwak couldn't find the back of the net in the second or third periods.

For a breakdown of the game, check out the game summary here:

<http://nhac.ca/division/1941/28121/gamesheet/1480500>

## Kapawe'no Muskwak Secures Thrilling Overtime Victory Against Sunchild

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The start of the Alberta Native Hockey Provincinals kicked off for us with a close contest in Game 1, the U15 Elite Kapawe'no Muskwak faced off against Sunchild. Unlike their previous encounter with a mercy win in Lloydminster last weekend, this match was intense. Leading 4-2 in the third period, Kapawe'no Muskwak saw their advantage slip as Sunchild capitalized on a few fortunate bounces, tying the game.

In the sudden-death 3-on-3 overtime, Zhaine Arcand initiated a crucial play by setting up Zane Letendre, who executed a decisive move, scoring under the crossbar just 8 seconds into overtime, securing a vital first victory.



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## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Weekend Highlights for Female Muskwak

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The U13 girls played with determination this weekend. Despite initial losses to Saddle Lake (8-1), Siksika (10-0), and the Edmonton Hurricanes (10-0), they made a comeback, defeating Edmonton 6-3 on Saturday.

Muskwak player Faith Soosay-Bellerose stood out, showing great strength alongside her teammates. The coaches deserve praise for their dedication, guiding the team until the very end.

Thank you for representing our Kapawe'no Muskwak fully.



## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: The Kapawe'no Muskwak take Game 2 against Maskwacis Hawks

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The Kapaweno Muskwak showcased an solid performance in the second game of the 2025 Alberta Native Hockey Championships, securing a win over the Maskwacis Hawks 10-1.

Key performers for the Muskwak U128 Elite included Tristan Savill with a hat trick and Rowan McDonald, who contributed significantly with two goals and two assists. The offensive play opened up as Kegan Power netted a decisive winning goal with assists from Kayden Sagmeister and Rowan McDonald. The Hawks managed a solitary goal in the game's final seconds.



For more details on the game summary, visit:  
<http://www.nhac.ca/division/1941/28121/gamesheet/1480484>



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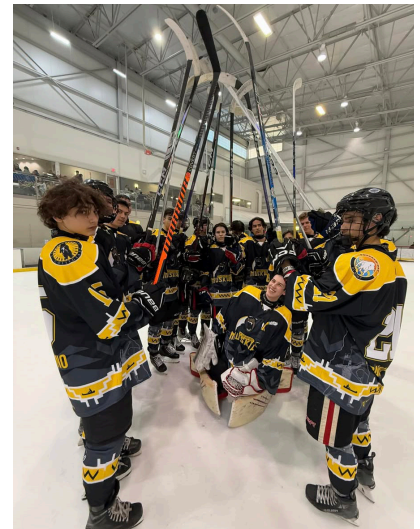






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# Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Update from the Athletic Director

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – With the final game approaching on Saturday evening, Kapaweno First Nation and KFN Collegiate have proudly represented themselves throughout the event. There's a positive atmosphere around the provincials, with widespread recognition of Kapaweno First Nation's accomplishments. "I've engaged with coaches, players, competitors, parents, as well as our Hereditary Chief Halcrow this weekend; the feedback about our student-athletes' performance has been overwhelmingly positive", said Brian Thomas, KFN Collegiate's Athletic Director.

Participating in an event of this magnitude is vital for the growth of the KFN Collegiate, Hockey Academy and specifically Buffalo Bay Academy.

As we progress to the playoffs, we urge coaches to involve younger athletes in attending the games, learning from their more experienced peers. Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for helping elevate Kapaweno's standing



in the provincials. "Remember, athletes, success begins with participation, and you've all demonstrated that commitment."

*Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director  
Kapaweno First Nation Collegiate*



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## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B Shine in Game 4 vs Frog Lake T-Birds

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B team is making an impact at the 2025 Alberta Native Hockey Championships, showcasing their talent in Edmonton. They've maintained humility across the board, from players to coaches. In their latest match Game 4 in regulation play on Saturday, April 5, against Frog Lake T Birds, they secured a 6-0 victory. Travis Gullion's goal, assisted by Carson Stewart as game winner exemplifies their teamwork, with multiple contributors finding the back of the net.

Goalie Kale Cuthbert's exceptional performance resulted in another shutout, marking three consecutive games without conceding a goal. Their success is built on collective effort, with strong goaltending, robust defense, and dynamic forwards contributing to their remarkable performance.



For more details, visit the game summary:  
<http://www.nhac.ca/division/1941/28120/gamesheet/1480427>

## Kapawe'no Muskwak U18B Dominates in Their First Native Alberta Hockey Provincials Opener

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – In a huge effort, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U18B secured a 7-2 victory over Peace River Snipers in their opening game of the Alberta Native Hockey Provincials. The team took a strong lead early, ending the first period up 4-1, and expanded their lead to 6-2 by the end of the second period. Number 8 Daniel Ferguson delivered a pivotal first goal, setting the foundation with the winning goal in the team's win.

Their impressive performance marked a significant win in their provincial campaign, setting a positive tone for the next game tonight at 6:45pm vs Kikino Red Army at the Booster Juice Arena.



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(Love) - Eagle carries and gives us the gift of love, teaches us how to make a good life, to help us think good and to show others respect and love.

## ◀ MANACIHITOWIN ▶

Sakawmostos tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw manachitowin tamanaohiyakwaw ki totimnawahk kispin kintawitin ekosi ti sih kanawapimkawiwin maka kispin ki miyininan ka miyotahson ekwa ka mayotin kitaskiy

Respect - Buffalo carries and gives us the gift of respect, to respect others so that they see you respect them. If you do harm and only do good for yourself, you harm yourself and our land.



## ◀ SOHKITEHEWIN

Muskwa tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw sohkitechewin kimikonow tanisi ti sih nipowistamahk oma kikwiw ka kostamahk

Courage - Bear carries and gives us the gift of courage, shows us how to stand up in the face of fear and be brave.

## ◀ KWAYASKITATSOWIN ▶

Mistapew tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw kwayaskitatsowin - ki kisnaw mako sinaw tanisi ti sih nisoka mahsoyah kwasyask ti sah yah yahk ekwa kayas okih kitotimnawahk kapisih pimachitowaw

Honesty - Sasquatch carries and gives us the gift of honesty, teaches us how to stand up respectfully and be considerate. It also teaches us how well our ancestors lived and survived.



## ◀ IYINISIWIN

Amisk tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw Iyinihiwin - kisnawmakosinaw oma katotamahk kikwiw kiksikinaw manachitowin ekwa niso kamahotowin ihm i ya sihkikha ta miywiciwat kichi ayisiniw

Wisdom - Beaver carries and gives us the gift of wisdom, teaches us the way we understand how to love and helps us learn how we relate to others.

## ◀ TAPAHTHEYIMISOWIN ▶

Mahikan tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw tapahtheyimisowin ispayo ka miyo totawat ayisiniw kwayask ki pimatisinaw kakiyaw

Humility - Wolf carries and gives us the gift of humility, it goes to show us to treat others well and to live good with everyone.



## ◀ TAPWEWIN

Miskinahk tahkonam ekwa kimikonaw tapwewin ispayo maka tah kam atoskatamihk pohko tapwewin piyahitk ipihpihk maka ki miyo wahpah thikosinaw kikwiw kawi ispahyihk pahpiyahitk

Truth - Turtle carries and gives us the gift of truth, it takes work and patience to gain truth but the truth lives only if we let things happen slowly.



## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025:

# Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B Advance to Eagle Division Gold Game



Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory — The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B dominated from start to finish. They skated, they hit, they passed and they scored often. By the end of the second period they were up by seven and still the lines were rolling over and over and there still appeared to be lots left in the tank.

The coaches were doing a great job keeping our Muskwak calm and focused on the game. It did start to get chippy and the referee began to blow their whistle more. They advanced to tomorrow's Eagle Division Gold Medal game after a solid 11-1 win. Go Muskwak!!

*Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director  
Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate*

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025:

# Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite Triumphs Over Edmonton Voyagers Canada

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory - At the 2025 Alberta Native Hockey Championships in Edmonton, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite faced off in Game 2 against Edmonton Voyagers Canada on Friday, April 4 at the Bill Hunter Arena. Following three days of tryouts across Edmonton, Calgary, and North Battleford, over 250 kids competed, with the team heading to Germany to represent Canada's First Nations.

The game started with Edmonton Voyagers Canada scoring first, taking an early lead with a nice shot off the rush. However, the Muskwak quickly equalized with a great passing play



within 30 seconds, never trailing again. The speed and strategic play had them chasing the Muskwak relentlessly, culminating in a

2-1 lead. In the second period, the Muskwak quick footwork drew a penalty, and the powerplay capitalized, increasing the lead to 3-1. Despite Canada's pressure in the third period, the stellar defense and goaltending of the Muskwak kept them at bay.

The persistent efforts forced another penalty, and the powerplay struck again, making it 4-1. Edmonton Voyagers Canada managed a late goal, bringing it to 4-2.

"Demonstrating true grit and skill, we closed out the game, even against their pulled goalie in a last-ditch effort," said Coach Ross Willier.

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## LOCATION

Nestled within the ancestral lands of the Kapawe'no First Nation, the First Nation Collegiate stands alongside Buffalo Bay connecting the waters of the Lesser Slave Lake 29 km away from High Prairie and along side the Hamlet of Grouard.

## KNOWLEDGE EVER INCREASING

Mission: To enrich learning rooted in Knowledge Ever Increasing blending ancestral Iyiniisiwin with academics.

Vision: Fostering a learning environment with ancestral Iyiniisiwin and contemporary knowledge to face and shape tomorrow's challenges.

## LIFE LONG LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

"Knowledge Ever Increasing" philosophy embodies the harmonious blend of Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak Pimachihowin and modern pedagogy.

We extend by incorporating our 7 Sacred Grandmother / Grandfather teachings, Elders Knowledge Council involvement and use Lateral Kindness with enriching the academic environment with collaborative and wisdom-based learning.

Our 7 Sacred Grandmother / Grandfather teachings are; Sakihitowin (Love), Manacihitowin (respect), Sohkitewin (Courage), Kwayaskitawin (Honesty), Iyiniisiwin (Wisdom) Tapahteyimisowin (Humility) and Tapwewin (Truth)

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Interdisciplinary Programs: Melding traditional knowledge and modern subjects for a well-rounded education.

Research Opportunities: Working in sync with our schools, we offer research initiatives that allow students to delve into their ancestral knowledge.

Partnerships: Leveraging relations with local businesses and organizations for internships and job placements.

## GOVERNANCE

Functioning under the Kapawe'no First Nation's Hereditary Chief Sydney L Halcrow and Lifetime Councillor Debbie Chalifoux and Councillor Pam Halcrow, we share governance principles under Lifelong Learning in the Nation, ensuring alignment and maintaining our own distinctive role in higher learning.

## FLEXIBLE LEARNING

Building upon the four-day school week implemented at our schools, the curriculum includes interactive virtual sessions, enabling students to pursue independent research projects or participate in local support services.

## CURRICULUM

Fully accredited, our courses meet the academic standards for higher education, while our unique Nêhiyawak / Indigenous studies program complements the curricula offered.



## SCHOOLS

We have four pillar schools under our First Nation Collegiate which are:

### THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS ARE:

- Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak School - K-6 (KNS)
- Buffalo Bay Academy K-7-12 (Sakamoostos Wasaw)
- First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC) (Kaskapatew Pekiskwewin)
- Innovative Learning for Diverse Student Needs (Kapawe'no Kaskitayanih)

## ADMISSIONS

Admission processes are holistic, considering applicants' academic and cultural contributions. They are also in line with the open and inclusive admissions policy at Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate.



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## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B Keeps Rolling

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – Just like in Game 1, the Kapawe'no Muskwak dominated from the start. Despite some choppy play against them in Game 2, their performance was solid. In the first period, the Muskwak took the lead with a solo goal and effort by #9 Denny Halcrow-Lauck. By the end of the second period, they were up 3-0 and secured a 4-0 victory by the end of the game, with Kale Cuthbert earning a shutout with a very solid effort.

Coach Knibb defended the team during the rough play. "It's tough to see our players get roughed up. I will defend them to the end," he stated.



## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18E take Game 5 against Sunchild after tough Loss against Horse Lake



Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – Following a challenging 6-0 defeat to the Horse Lake Thunder, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 Elite bounced back impressively in Game 5 against Sunchild, securing a dominant 10-3 victory on Saturday, April 5. After facing adversity, the Muskwak returned to form with teamwork and pride.

Leading 2-1 after the first period and 6-1 after the second, the standout moment came when Curtez Giroux, assisted by Jacob Fleming and Logan Lavers, netted the game-winning goal. Our goalie Ryker Halcrow delivered a great rebound performance along with our offensive and defensive play helped clinch the win. For a comprehensive breakdown of the game, check out the game summary here:

<http://www.nhac.ca/division/1941/28121/gamesheet/1480497>

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025:

# Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite Triumphs Over Edmonton Voyagers Canada

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – At the 2025 Alberta Native Hockey Championships in Edmonton, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite faced off in Game 2 against Edmonton Voyagers Canada on Friday, April 4 at the Bill Hunter Arena. Following three days of tryouts across Edmonton, Calgary, and North Battleford, over 250 kids competed, with the team heading to Germany to represent Canada's First Nations.

The game started with Edmonton Voyagers Canada scoring first, taking an early lead with a nice shot off the rush. However, the Muskwak quickly equalized with a great passing play within 30 seconds, never trailing again. The speed and strategic play had them chasing the Muskwak relentlessly, culminating in a 2-1 lead. In the second period, the Muskwak quick footwork drew a penalty, and the powerplay capitalized, increasing the lead to 3-1. Despite Canada's pressure in the third



period, the stellar defense and goaltending of the Muskwak kept them at bay. The persistent efforts forced another penalty, and the powerplay struck again, making it 4-1. Edmonton Voyagers Canada managed a

late goal, bringing it to 4-2. "Demonstrating true grit and skill, we closed out the game, even against their pulled goalie in a last-ditch effort," said Coach Ross Willier.

## Lunchtime Thriller:

# Kapawe'no vs Gift Lake, Muskwak U15 Elite Triumphs

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – After a dominant first period leading by three goals, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite entered the break confidently. However, upon resuming play, individual performances and lack of puck-sharing led to a dramatic shift in the score during that period.

Once the coaches calmed the ship, the defense was ready to lead; the very explosive offense took charge, breaking the 4-4 tie with less than two minutes remaining. With a final score of 5-4, the Kapawe'no Muskwak U15 Elite boys might just earn the nickname "Cardiac Kids" for their thrilling finish.



Brian D. Thomas, Athletics Director  
Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: Kapawe'no Muskwak U18 B's Dominant Win

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18B team demonstrated impressive dominance in Game 3 on Friday, April 4 against the Tsuut'ina 7 Chiefs Yellow. Initially, the first period ended in a draw, with both teams showcasing their agility and skills. The second period saw the Muskwak team explode offensively, netting five goals.

Muskwak player Ethan Kipling (#20) scored the game winner and contributing significantly to the team's success with a hat trick. In the third period, the Muskwak team maintained their momentum, adding another five goals to secure a decisive victory.

Goalie Kale Cuthbert was solid as were all the players in the Muskwak's success, achieving a shutout with crucial saves during breakaways



and oddman player rushes. Despite missing coach Jarett Knibb, the Muskwak U18B

team played hard, continuing to enjoy while defending the Muskwak logo.

## Alberta Native Hockey Championships 2025: The Kapawe'no Muskwak U18E take Game 3 against Edmonton Trappers

Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory – Kapaweno Muskwak faced off against the Edmonton Trappers in Game 3 on Friday April 3 of the U18E division at the Booster Juice Arena (Terwillegar Community Rec Centre). The Muskwak secured a decisive 6-2 victory. In the first period, Kapaweno scored twice with goals from Cassius McDonald and Maxwell Crier, while Edmonton's Korbin Olheiser managed one goal.

In the second period, Kapaweno extended their lead with goals from Jack Day(game winner from Gavin Alexander and Jacob Fleming) and Rowan McDonald. Charles Mackay added a goal for Edmonton. The Muskwak



continued their dominance in the final period with Jacob Fleming and McDonald netting additional goals. Kapaweno maintained

control throughout the game. Kapaweno kept Edmonton on the back foot and effectively shut down their offensive efforts.

For more details on the game summary, visit: <http://www.nhac.ca/division/1941/28121/gamesheet/1480486>

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