



# KDM CONSTRUCTORS

KDM Constructors is majority owned by Kawacatoose First Nation, Daystar First Nation, and Muskowekwan First Nation.

## June, National Indigenous Peoples History Month



### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

**BHP Jansen Project** – NIPD is a day to celebrate the diverse cultures and heritage of Indigenous People in Canada with ceremonies, music and dancing. KDM Constructors played an integral part of the planning and execution of events that took place at Jansen on June 21.

The Summer Solstice Pipe Ceremony started the days celebrations off in a good way with, Knowledge Keeper Peter Nippi, conducted the Pipe Ceremony and sharing traditional knowledge with participants on the importance of keeping Indigenous culture a vibrant part of everyday life. A tipi was constructed and will become a permanent structure at camp. We had volunteers that helped with the assembling and making sure this demonstration was done in a safe environment. Derek Maurice entertained with some of his original songs, cover songs and some old-time fiddle music. The day concluded with honouring of 4 community members from local First Nation Communities and Pow wow Dancing Demonstrations and Round dancing. The day's events were well attended, and the Indigenous themed dinner that was served was delicious.



#### 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER MARKET

Vendors packed the Atrium on June 20. Vendors sold ribbon shirts, skirts, jewelry, small arts and crafts, small business brand apparel and various other items.

#### NEW CONTRACTOR PIPE CEREMONY

A Pipe Ceremony was held on June 8, BHP, ATCO Frontec, and Bird Construction along with representatives from Beardy's and Okemasis, Fishing Lake, Kawacatoose, Day Star, Muskowekwan and George Gordon First Nations were all in attendance.

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## The Moose Hide Campaign

May 2023, at the Jansen Project was the Moose Hide Campaign and Mental Health Awareness Month. The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots



movement of people who are standing up against violence towards women and children. May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. This site wide initiative was to encourage people to exert any negative energy in a positive way, while also providing Indigenous ways of balancing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual stresses in a good way.

### CREATING SAFER WORKSPACES FOR WOMEN

At KDMCo, having clear directives regarding diversity and creating safer workspaces for women, goes hand in hand with our belief that diversity should be celebrated, and in our experience, it inspires creativity and drives innovation.

The month-long campaign included a presentation on definitions of Mental Health, Self-Care Techniques and holistic approach to a Self Care Plan by Michelle Bellegarde, Registered Indigenous Mental Health Therapist. Yoga classes that encompass using Culture and Fitness to exert negative energy in a positive way, with Dawn Deguire, Saskatchewan Indigenous Yoga Association. Moose Hide Campaign Day Live Stream events, which included day breaking ceremony, fasting ceremony, fast breaking ceremony, walk and other Moose Hide Campaign Day Events live streamed from Victoria, BC. Elder lead gender specific support Groups; Medicine Wheels Teachings with George and April Longman, and a support Group with Elder's from Fishing Lake First Nation. Each week there was a Unity Walk, outside on the Jansen Walking Trails.

The campaign was a success, we handed out over 600 Moose Hide pins and promoted awareness of two very worthwhile causes. For more information or to support the Moose Hide Campaign information can be found on their website at [www.mooshidecampaign.ca](http://www.mooshidecampaign.ca).



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KDM Constructors posts job opportunities to the following sites:

On the SECON Group of Companies website, the CAREER tab will have all AVAILABLE POSITIONS.

[www.secongroup.ca](http://www.secongroup.ca)

We encourage Community Members of Kawacatoose First Nation, Day Star First Nation and Muskowekwan First Nation to self declare when applying for Opportunities with KDM Constructors.

Alternately, we always accept and keep on file resumes and job applications received through our recruiting email:

[recruiting@kdmco.ca](mailto:recruiting@kdmco.ca)

Export provides individuals with online tools, to find and prepare for work and career opportunities. Individuals can receive information and support from community personnel, community business partners and community administrators to guide their own journey to employment and career planning. Accessible from a computer or a smartphone.

[www.exportdata.ca](http://www.exportdata.ca)

Opportunities that are site specific to BHP Jansen Mine are posted to the Team Jansen site.

[www.teamjansen.ca](http://www.teamjansen.ca)

All Employment Opportunities are sent to SaskJobs, Touchwood Agency Tribal Council and each of the KDM First Nation's Band Office.

If you have any edits, provisions or suggestions please send them to:

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