



## FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

**Workshop Title:** Saulteaux Anishnabe (Nakawe) Worldview & Language

**Name of Presenters:** Peter Nippi

**Biography:** Maskote-pizikwinini (Buffalo Sky Man) Nibinwiwaneb (Summer Eagle Feather) aka Peter Nippi is from Kinistin Nakawe Nation called “Kip pah pee kang”. He has been involved as a “Oskabehos” since 1977, a ceremonial holder since 1987 to the present. His parents never went to residential school or church. They never spoke English but were both fluent in the Anishnabe (Nakawe) language and were very actively involved in the ceremonies, customs, and traditions of the Anishnabe (Nakawe) people. Peter presently works for the Correctional Services of Canada (CSC) as an Elder Advisor to the Aboriginal Initiatives program at the Prince Albert Penitentiary. Peter is fluent in the Anishnabe (Nakawe) language and is able to speak Cree and is very involved in the Anishnabe (Nakawe) and Nehiyow ceremonies in Saskatchewan. Peter remains actively involved in his community in the areas of wellness, language and as a knowledge keeper. He continues to participate and conduct seasonal ceremonies for the Anishnabe (Nakawe) people. Wellness coupled with holistic healing and a sure grounding of self-identity enables you to be proud of who you are and to give hope to persevere and maintain the use of our language. It's essential that we must do whatever we need to do to encourage our young people to start using our language in our day to day activities, most of all speaking it. Peter believes we need language immersion classes in our educational systems.

**Abstract:** Anishnabe (Nakawe) people were very guarded in what they shared with the non-First Nations as this was due to the respect they had with the natural and spiritual Laws. Language was the utmost important part as being a Anishnabe (Nakawe) person. The old people would encourage the use of our Anishnabe (Nakawe) spiritual names as a way to instill who they were as Anishnabe (Nakawe) people. Language was very important as the old people would teach it and was spiritually given by Creator and has very powerful connection to Mother Earth, the land. The Saulteaux Anishnabe (Nakawe) Worldview and the Importance of Language gives a person a better understanding of how the language is unique and is essential in articulating communication.

### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will begin to:

- Understand the Saulteaux Anishnabe (Nakawe) worldview
- Understand how language is unique and essential in articulating communication