



Liard First Nation to Launch Kaska Cards – Kaska Language Mobile App

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WATSON LAKE - Liard First Nation (LFN) is to launch the first ever Kaska language mobile app – Kaska Cards. The app is a digital tool to be used by aspiring and practicing Kaska language speakers to communicate and advance their fluency in the Kaska language. An event is planned for Thursday May 19th, 2022, from 10 AM until 3 PM at the Watson Lake Secondary School to celebrate this important achievement in Liard First Nation's efforts to reclaim and revitalize the Kaska language and culture.

With financial support from the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Liard First Nation's Language Department worked with software developers on building the Kaska Cards app. The original art used for the app's logo was created by Kaska artist and a Liard First Nation member Elder Mary Caesar.

The app enables Kaska language learning and sharing through audio-visual flashcards, arranged by topics into flashcard decks. Currently, there are nearly 700 flashcards arranged into over 40 decks. More content will continue to be added regularly by the Language Department. Multiple dialects of Kaska are featured. In addition to the flashcards created by the LFN Language Department, the app includes a feature for individual users to create their own flashcards and decks to fit their personal language goals and needs.

The Kaska Cards app is available for free at mobile app stores (Google Play and Apple Store) and is also accessible on the web at kaskacards.ca. It is available anywhere, however, it requires access to the internet.

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