



## UXO Video Event hosted on July 12, 2022 "Footprints on the Land"

OKIB Lands was provided resources by the Department of National Defence (DND) to produce a video which would pull together interviews conducted with Band members and others related to the historic use of the UXO Ranges by DND. The video titled "Footprints on the Land" was premiered at the Towne Theatre in Vernon on July 12, 2022.

The event started with a warm welcome and prayer by Chief Byron Louis.

The video captures OKIB membership recalling, as young individuals, their experiences of war time efforts by the Canadian military as they used Goose Lake and Madeline Lake ranges for training exercises. Memories included watching military personnel march by their homes, seeing the tracers in the darkened skies, hearing sounds of loud mortar fire and the consented firing of rifles.

The event also included presentations by historian and professor, Howard Hisdal, outlining the Canadian military usage of the lands since WW1. Howard provided a factual account of how the lands were utilized, by whom, the type of weapons that were fired on OKIB lands, type of motorized equipment including tanks, 6-wheel drive vehicles, and quad trucks.

Kate Blomfield, Ratcliff LLP, provided an update on the status of the ongoing UXO negotiations with DND Canada.

Approximately 40 OKIB members were in attendance for the event .

In collaboration with OKIB Lands, Rick Sagayadan, Videographer and Owner of SAGAcOm productions, produced the video with the cooperation of many elders, Band members and staff.

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