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October 2018



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Missanabie Cree First Nation

Happy
Thanksgiving

All of our ceremonies are ceremonies of thanksgiving.

Events/Gatherings:

IRSS Legacy Celebration

October 9-11, 2018 Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, ON

<https://irsslegacy.com/schedule/>

World Food Day - October 16, 2018

<http://www.fao.org/world-food-day>

ImagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival

October 17-21, 2018 Toronto, ON

<http://www.imagenative.org/>

FPIC (Free Prior and Informed Consent) Conference

October 24-26, 2018 Blue Montains, ON

<https://www.saugeenojibwaynation.ca/fpic-conference-2018/>

2018 CBC Massey Lectures – “All Our Relations” by Tanya Talaga

October 2018 Various Locations, ON

www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-2018-cbc-massey-lectures-all-our-relations-1.4763007

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From the Desk of:

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Wachey/Aanin,

The month of September has been a busy month for all in the office with students returning to school and programs keeping with scheduled activities/workshops for community members to participate or attend. I truly appreciate the professionalism and enthusiasm that staff demonstrate and offer with the services that we provide to our membership. We will continue to keep membership apprised of any new business/programs as they develop.

The month of October brings vibrant colour and gives us all an opportunity to give love and thanks to family and friends.

On a personal note, I'm grateful to both Chief and Council and staff for understanding and respecting my need to be with my father (Clifford Bain) during his last days. Our family appreciates the heartfelt condolences that we received from our Missanabie Cree First Nation family and friends – thank you for your love and support. My Dad was a proud member of our band and was able to celebrate in both the Reserve designation and 25th Anniversary Annual Gathering.

“Old Man Bear” is now resting in peace and had a memorable 91 year journey on Mother Earth.

Miigwetch, Doreen



Clifford Gordon Bain

1927-2018



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

Dear Members

Post-secondary funding applications for 2018 – 2019 academic year was May 15th. Late applications are still subject to funds available: if you do not complete an application, then we cannot ask for more funds from Indigenous Services Canada for future years. If your application is classed as “deferred”, if/when we get more funds, you will get some financial support. Sometimes that can be as late as near the end of the academic year in late March.

Fall semester or term is happening. Mid-terms are coming soon.... Thanksgiving is near...by the time you get this, it will be done. Hope your Thanksgiving Day was good for you. Halfway through the semester is almost here.

Some students jumped right in to writing papers and learning the “eek! This is not easy!” while others had a less dramatic (or traumatic?) introduction to their program. Yes: on average, one hour of class really does mean three hours of homework. Lots of reading for most programs. University and college are not necessarily the same type of experience. Graduate school is also different than undergraduate level. Being away from family is not easy: homesickness can hit hard.

Students need to be aware of the terms of their agreements and the policies that are used. The Indigenous Services Canada National Guidelines for 2018-2019 are on the Indigenous Services Canada website: search for “psssp 20182019.” Missanabie Cree post-secondary education policy is on the website: go to members tab

then to education. If you are experiencing any type of challenge or difficulty, and I do not know what it is, it is hard to provide supports when supports may be possible.

All students are requested to apply for student loans, grants, bursaries, awards and scholarships: each post-secondary institution has financial supports available for indigenous students. It is the student's responsibility to apply for these extra supports. Please be aware that a grant will become a loan if you do not complete your program or apply every year for interest free status. The

financial support provided through our post-secondary student support program funded by the federal government is not guaranteed to cover all costs. So, please do not be surprised if you need to work part-time as well.

When you leave a telephone message, please leave a telephone number. Hard to call you back without one. Some folks send their questions by email...some answers need to be via telephone.

Warm Regards, Deb Clement

FAMILY WELL-BEING WORKER



Hello, Watchey, Boozhoo, Aanni, fellow Missanabie Cree Family

Wow, September just came and went so fast I can't believe that it is October. September was

busy with beading on Tuesday evenings. Family Swim time at the John Rhodes Community Centre started late in September due to the closure of the pool for maintenance. There was a family swim on Sept 23, and 30th/2018. The Healthy Snacks program serviced 12 families here in Sault Ste. Marie and the Elders luncheon provided a hot lunch for our elders. In the last week of September I attended the Family Well-Being Program Regional Conference in Timmins. The focus of the conference was on Child Welfare and the Family Well-Being Program and how it can help in a positive way by providing prevention focused programming such as traditional parenting, healthy relationships, and good life skills such as budgeting, paying bills, good housekeeping skills and most importantly about Love.

Love is so important to the very fabric of the family system. Many of our people that went to Residential school did not receive or learn about what Love is. How can we expect those to give us love when they themselves had not received it or know what the feeling is about love.

We must teach our children about love and the importance of it. Children give love automatically and it is our responsibility to nurture that loving caring side of a child and teach the child that love is essential, a requirement for themselves and the family well-being structure.

I thank those men who attended the regional conference for sharing their life stories. It is not easy for men to express their feelings about traumatic events they experienced while attending residential school. It was a heartfelt experience listening to their stories especially about not having or experiencing love and how petrified they were of it when it came to them. So many of our men have gone through this and it is with an open heart we must listen to their stories when they are ready to talk about it.

On another matter I would really like to encourage those who live in Sault Ste. Marie area to come and attend a beading session. It is so therapeutic and gives us a moment to socialize with our other members. Also, please come and bring your families to the family swim on Sundays at John Rhodes Community Centre on Elizabeth Street. Times are posted on the MCFN website calendar.

MCFN will be starting up a new Diabetes Program. This program promotes a healthy living perspective by offer-

ing educational workshops on diabetes, prevention activities and initiatives that assist in health and well being of those living with diabetes. Please see the MCFN Diabetes Program and Services poster on page 7 and 8. We are asking for members who are diabetic to register with

our program. A registration form is attached with the poster, please fill out and email it to bwiebe@missanabiecree.com, or call me at 705-254-2702 Ext. 238 and I can help you if you are unable to scan and email the form.

CULTURAL FACILITATOR

Happy colourful October!

In my department I am doing research as it pertains to my training manual. I always look for validation of my writings and updates, anything new that may have been found, documented and published. This current information is helpful when doing presentations of writings already printed.

I attended the recent Anti-Human Trafficking Conference held here in the Soo. The organizers were a partnership of 7 organizations, MCFN being represented by our Missanabie Cree Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, Eva who was present and available to the presenters every minute. It was so worthwhile to be present to hear the programs of assistance and advocacy. My writings today will focus more on the "survivor stories". INCREDIBLE courage and strength they had.

The conference had multiple presenters that shared their expertise and gave information that made me feel hopeful. On Day 2 the Survivor stories filled the room with compassion, sorrow, healing and the strength of Indigenous women resounded throughout the room. The men who were present expressed their profound feelings and impact as well.

We were honored to hear from Michelle, mother of Cheyenne Fox who was murdered in April 2013. Her perspective and story painted a clear picture of how Indigenous families live in turmoil and the savage results that follow. It was clear how colonization, racism, oppression play a role in Indigenous lives and how minimized the Indigenous women are treated.

Jessica's story was powerful and impacting as she bluntly told her story in a power point presentation exactly how it was and exposed her abusers. Jessica's life was filled with abuse from early days including from her community by bullying and mockery of her and her family. We talked about this over lunch and I explained it as lateral violence in our communities to those present who did not know about it. Jessica's path was laid out to a life of continued abuses in all forms until she found her way out and escaped with her life. She has charged her abuser and he is currently doing a 13-year sentence in prison. Her injuries experienced at his hand limit or prevent Jessica in taking part in physical activities and sports she once enjoyed. Today she is on fire and advocates and works on behalf of other trafficked women.

There is free Legal Support for Survivors of Human Trafficking through the Ministry of the Attorney General and a National Inquiry Crisis Line available. An Alliance on human trafficking for northeastern Ontario research is active. The PACT Grandmothers continue to work on these issues and another presentation on Indigenous Women's Anti-Violence Task Force described the role they would like to play in the community.

I have included a picture and writing on Healing. (See next page.) I gasped when I saw the picture, it reminded me of all abused, hurt, tormented and broken spirits I know and have known and Michelle and Jessica in the very present.

Gloria Harris



"No matter what happened in the past, no matter what you've been going through lately, no matter what diagnosis you've been given, how stuck you feel, how much trauma you've experienced...Remember, you have the innate ability to heal. And you are surrounded by helpers, guides, and ancestors who support your greatest good. Even if you feel alone right now, trust that they are there for you. Look around. See them. Feel them. Invite them in. they are here for you as you rise and step onto your sacred path.

Konolunkwas. I love you. All is well."

-A posting in Facebook by Nanook Gordon Fareal.

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER—SOUTH

Hello family and friends,

Fall is here and Halloween is quickly approaching. In each upcoming newsletter, I've decided to create a section for announcements for easier viewing. I hope all is well and you enjoy the fall season and festivities.

Announcements:

- * A friendly reminder to stay updated on Facebook (Mamoowina Program) for information regarding programming, as it may not make it into the newsletter at times, or for other opportunities.
- * The Mushkegowuk Council Youth Department is working on a Mushkegowuk Youth Gathering, with the month of November for consideration.
- I've been thoroughly researching the Mushkegowuk Cree language. If you would like any information, please contact me (lissouliere@mushkegowuk.ca).

In spirit of community,

Lisa Souliere, Mushkegowuk Community Youth Worker-South

Youth Speak

It's officially fall!

I personally prefer the summer, but the crisp air and changing leaves are a beautiful change from the sticky dog days. On from the change of seasons, Youth! Don't forget to check out the Youth Contest on page 6.

The deadline is November 30th so you still have plenty of time to create in your own vision what you love about the Gathering, or what you want to see in the future! It can be a drawing, a poem, a video, anything that you feel

would best express your feelings. You can drop them off at the band office, or email them to me at apezzo@missanabiecree.com, or even send them through Facebook.

That is all for now. As usual if you want the opportunity to travel to conferences that focus on indigenous youth issues, let me know!

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Youth Rep,
Alexandra

Youth Contest

Calling all youth! This is your chance to win a 100\$ gift card! All you have to do, in your own style, is submit a piece of art, a poem, a photo, a song, any multimedia art form that expresses what you love about the Gathering or what you want to see in upcoming gatherings! Below is a space but feel free to explore outside the box! Submissions must be sent in by November 30 and winners will be announced via Facebook live and the Bear Fax.

This is for all ages! All submissions must be signed by the youth. Can be emailed to me at apezzo@missanabiecree.com or mailed to the band office. GOOD LUCK!!

MCFN Diabetes Program & Services



Healthy Living with Diabetes

Are you Diabetic?

Are you living with: Type 1 Diabetes Gestational Diabetes
Type 2 Diabetes Prediabetes

Please let us know, we care about you and we want to provide the best services, programs and information about diabetes to you. Please complete the registration form provided and email to bwiebe@missanabiecree.com / if you are unable to please call me at 705-254-2702 ext: 238 or 1-800-319-3001 and I can fill out the form for you.

Missanabie Cree First Nation
Diabetes Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Address:

Date of Birth: _____

Age: ____

Male: ____ Female: ____ Non Binary ____

What type of diabetic are you?

Type 1 ____ Gestational Diabetes ____

Type 2 ____ Prediabetes ____

Your Suggestion: What would you like to know about diabetes?

Community News and Notes

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Please be advised that when requesting reimbursements which require approvals or reviews please allow for a two week review and response time frame.

We look forward to providing you with the best level of service.

Thank you,
MCFN Administration

Board Members Needed

Watchay!

Missanabie Cree First Nation requires **volunteer** members to sit on the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation (MCDC) a not for profit board, which deals with Island View Camp (IVC), Castle Homes (Echo Bay), Aggregate, Multi Purpose Facility (MPF), Queen Street Office Building and the Trailer Park located at the end of Hwy 651.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer member on the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation Board (MCDC), please provide your resume and letter of interest to us by either visiting our office, or sending it by fax, mail or email.

Missanabie Cree First Nation

Drop off: 559 Queen Street E. Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Mail: 174B Hwy 17B Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Fax: 705-254-3292

Phone: 705-254-2702

Email: jmarkie@missanabiecree.com

Attention: June Markie Receptionist

Share Your Stories

Have some news you'd like to share, or a greeting to someone special? If you do, you may send your submission to be posted to Community News and Notes. Pictures are also welcome.

Deadline: 28th day of each month.

Email: eangecone@missanabiecree.com or by fax to the Band Office at 705-254-2702.

Happy Birthday

to my Sister Shirley

Love, Sis June



Happy Birthday

to my Grandson Devin

Love,
Nanny June

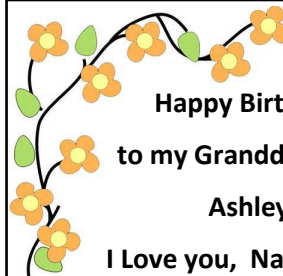


Happy Birthday

to my Granddaughter

Ashley

I Love you, Nanny June



Happy
Thanksgiving!

Bear Fax by Email

If you wish to receive your newsletter in a pdf file by email, please call the office and leave your name and email with our reception, June Markie



We are promoting this method in an effort to reduce costs, and to minimize our impact on the environment by the less use of paper.

Another advantage of receiving the newsletter by email, is that you receive your news that much sooner, and you can enjoy reading it in colour as well.

Annual Gathering 2018

First let's get down to business....

CCP Presentation

The Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) Coordinator, Jutta Horn gave a presentation on the concept of CCP and the work that has been done to date.

More community meetings are being planned.



MCFN Open Band Meeting

The Open Band Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 14.

The Chief and Council members were in attendance to answer questions from community members.

The discussion was lively, and many concerns were expressed by members.

Some of these concerns involved the return to our traditional lands, which have now been given a reserve designation.

Other questions concerned policies and codes pertaining to our governance tools and structures.

Open and frank discussions are the markers of good government and accountability to the people.

Good ideas and suggestions can support planning for the future.



Now let's have some fun....

Mr Missanabie 2018

Vying for the title were five previous winners:

David Easton,
Corey McLeod
Jamie Nevell
David Ouellet
Jesse St. Pierre

The judges are to be commended for what was a difficult decision.

The three judges were:

Justis Jones
Pamela Rew
Tim Travers

First, the contestants were required to demonstrate their skills with some hula hoops. Then each had to present their choreography skills by dancing to a theme song. They also had to dress to fit the theme.



At the end, some audience members spontaneously got up and showed off their moves in the final dance.

It was a time to enjoy some good belly laughs at the antics of the contestants, who certainly put their all into winning.

And the winner was Jesse St. Pierre.

Many thanks to the staff of Kuuwanimano Child and Family Services who provided two bouncy play areas for our kids to enjoy. It was a perfect day for it. Prizes and popcorn, too.



Let's hear it for our Programs and Partners...



Display by Cultural Facilitator, Gloria Harris



Display by the Choose Life Coordinator, JoAnn Pezzo

Thursday afternoon was set aside for MCFN Program Presentations and Information tables set up by MCFN joint venture partners and other organizations as well as MCBC, the Missanabie Business Development Corporation.

There were many free items for the membership who stopped by each booth for information and to chat with the presenters.

Free draws were also held with prizes ranging from an iPad to an MCFN T-shirt...



Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc.



Missanabie Cree Business Corporation



Cementation Canada Inc

Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) Sub – Committee Meeting

OCTOBER 12TH, 13TH, 14TH

2018

Days Inn Hotel
332 Bay Street
Queen St., Sault Ste. Marie

Oct.12: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Oct.13: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Oct. 14 9:00am – 1:00pm

Lunch will be served at 12 noon each day

All MCFN Members who have an interest in serving on the CCP Committee groups are welcome to attend. We ask that you please register with CCP Coordinator in advance of the meeting.

For More Information: Contact CCP Coordinator

Jutta Horn

(705) 254-2702 Ext. 245

jhorn@missanabiecree.com

CALL FOR POW WOW VOLUNTEERS

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT WAS FORMED TO KICK OFF OUR FIRST EVER POW WOW FOR MISSANABIE CREE TO BE HELD AUGUST 2019 GATHERING IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS.

Submit your name and contact information to:

jpezzo@missanabiecree.com

gharris@missanabiecree.com

tkuula@missanabiecree.com

Next meeting will be held in October 2018.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sixties Scoop Survivor?

You may be eligible for compensation. Please read this notice carefully.

A settlement has been approved between the Federal Government of Canada and certain survivors of the Sixties Scoop that provides compensation for loss of cultural identity for certain survivors.

WHO IS INCLUDED?

The settlement includes people who:

- are registered Indians (as defined in the *Indian Act*) and Inuit as well as people eligible to be registered Indians; and
- were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.

Those who meet the criteria above will be included in the settlement as "Class Members". All Class Members, except those who validly opt out, are eligible for compensation.

In addition, all Class Members, except those who validly opt out, will be held to the terms of the settlement and covered by the releases in the settlement.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

- (a) compensation will be available for all Class Members who were adopted or made permanent wards and who were alive on February 20, 2009; and
- (b) a foundation will be created to enable change and reconciliation. The mandate and governance of the foundation will be defined through a consultation process with survivors across the country. The work of the foundation may include providing access to healing/wellness, commemoration and education activities for all communities and individuals impacted by the Sixties Scoop – including those outside of the defined "Class."

HOW DO I GET THIS MONEY?

To make a claim for money, you must fill in a Claim Form and send it to the claims office by **August 30, 2019**. Copies of the Claim Form are available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

You do not need to pay a lawyer to complete the form. The administrator will help you fill out the form and there are lawyers you can speak with free of charge.

Also, if you do not have papers from the relevant provincial or territorial child service agency documenting your placement in care or documenting your status, you should still complete the Claim Form. The administrator will make the necessary record checks for you as needed.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

Your payment will depend on how many Eligible Class Members submit claims in the settlement. The range of compensation will likely be \$25,000 - \$50,000.

The details are explained in the settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

WHAT IF I WANT TO EXCLUDE MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

If you want to exclude yourself from the settlement, you must opt out of the class action by October 31, 2018.

If you opt out, you will not be entitled to any compensation from the settlement and your claim against Canada in respect of the Sixties Scoop will not be released. A copy of the Opt Out Form is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

If you have commenced a legal proceeding against Canada relating to the Sixties Scoop and you do not discontinue it on or before October 31, 2018, you will be deemed to have opted out of the settlement.

Important Note: The settlement does not interfere with any Class Member's ability to pursue legal proceedings against provinces or territories or their agencies for physical, sexual, or psychological abuse suffered as a result of the Sixties Scoop.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit sixtiesscoopsettlement.info, call 1-(844)-287-4270, or email sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER SURVIVORS OF THE SIXTIES SCOOP?

Please share this information with them.

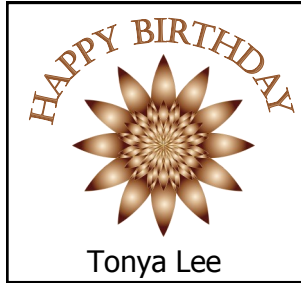


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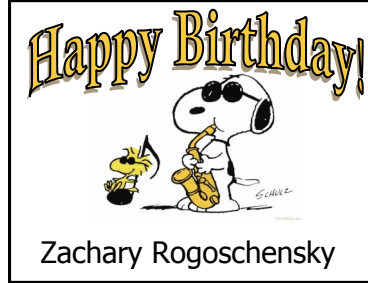
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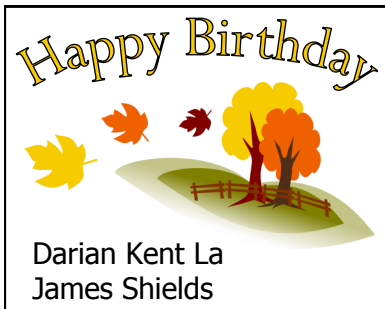
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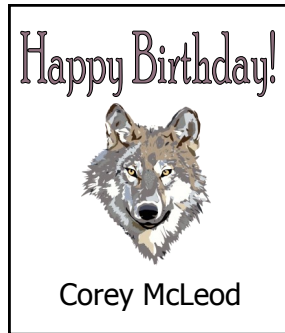
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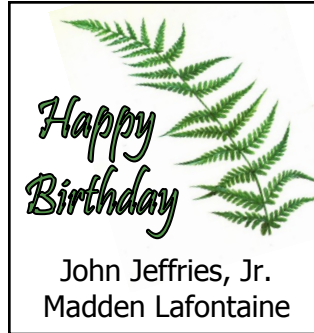
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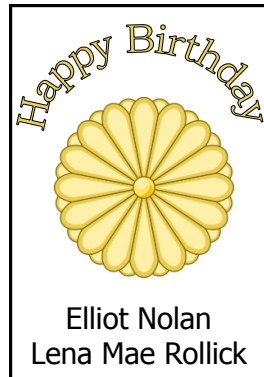
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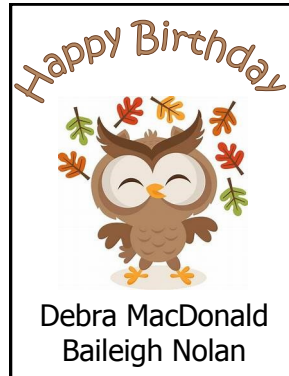
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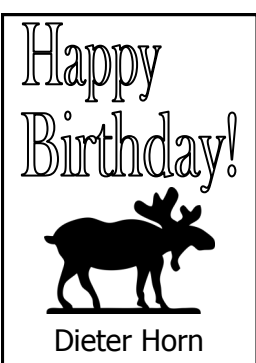
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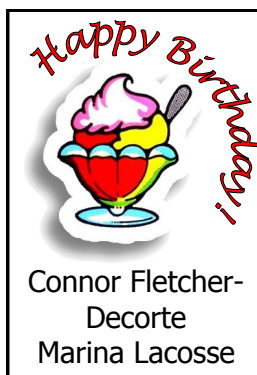
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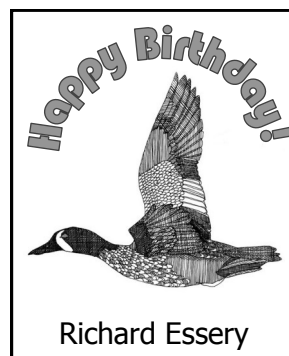
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MCFN Events Calendar

OCTOBER 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
For updates, check our FB page, website or call the Band Office.	1	2 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Family Swim John Rhodes Centre 1-3 pm	8 Thanksgiving Day 	9 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	10 Healthy Snacks	11	12	13
14	15	16 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	17 Elders Tea At Noon Band Office	18	19	20
21 Family Swim John Rhodes Centre 1-3 pm	22	23 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	24	25	26	27
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11 Remembrance Day 	12	13 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	14 Healthy Snacks	15	16	17
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25	26	27 Beading Methodist Church 753 McNabb St. 6-9 pm	28	29	30	For more info or a ride, call Bonnie at 705-254-2702 Ext. 238.

MCFN Membership

Card Renewals. The MCFN office can only handle in-person appointments. If you are unable to come in person to the band Office, you can get your card renewed at a local First Nation or consider obtaining a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS). You can request the Band Office to mail you the required forms. Shereena Campbell and Louise Campbell will be handling card renewals on a temporary basis.

Appointments for Card Renewals. Please call to make an appointment. There are 3 time slots from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Fridays only. Please ensure you have all the required information before you come to your appointment.

Until further notice, Indian Status Card renewals will not be accepted from non-band members.

Updating Addresses. Members, please keep your address up-to-date so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business. Please use the form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation. You may also call the Band Office or email June Markie at jmarkie@missanabiecree.com.

PLEASE NOTE: A CHANGE OF ADDRESS CAN ONLY BE PROCESSED WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED, NOT FROM ANYONE ELSE.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Shereena or Louise at the MCFN Band Office.



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

SURNAME	
First Name and 2 nd Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

CONTACT AND OTHER INFORMATION

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MCFN Chief & Council

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Councillor Michael Nolan
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Laura Lee Rawlyk, Elder Liaison
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Cory McLeod, Deputy Chief, ex.504
cmcLeod@missanabiecree.com

Councillor Chelsie Parayko
cparayko@missanabiecree.com

Alexandra Langford-Pezzo, Youth
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VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy; a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people; a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs; a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people; a leadership that is directed by our people and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

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