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Festival Season Moon

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CHIEF OF MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

Jason Gauthier, BA (Hons)

Waciye,

This past month has been a fairly busy month.

MCBC has been very active working with our Joint Ventures and all of the other businesses we are a part of.

Wahkohtowin is continuing our cumulative effects case and is been submitted to the courts. It is based on the effects that have forestry and harvesting has caused across our landscape.

Merton Street is still in the financial due diligence stages.

Although we understand it so far as possibly a great investment for our community, with social implications, we are still evaluating the financial model.

Chief and Council Meetings have been very positive. Our council seems to be working together for the benefit of our nation.

As I was appointed as the Economic Development, representative for Mushkegowuk Council I attended the COO Meeting to discuss how our Nations within the province can work toward financial independence.

During our MCBC Board Meeting, we discussed and reported to the existing projects that we are involved in. Although the majority of these projects are in their infancy, our MCBC team is working hard to make sure they are properly assessed and analyzed.

Looking forward to another successful year and hoping everyone has a great holiday.

In the spirit of community



DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

Jutta Horn, CESD (Hons)

Watchaye MCFN Family and Friends,

I hope everyone is well and wishing you all the best during this holiday season.

I know it has been a difficult time for many of our members with the rising costs of living, increased inflation and just trying to make ends meet during the last year. For many, this has been an ongoing struggle and one that I hope changes for all of us in the new year.

Over the last month, many members have been asking

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about the per capita distribution which Council had discussed at our last Chief and Council meeting. With the stock market plummeting and inflation rates increasing by the day, our investments have seen significant declines in the interest earned on our Trust investments to date. Unfortunately, our returns were very minimal this year leaving no extra room for membership distributions in the budget although we, were still able to identify some additional dollars from other funding pots that could be gifted to members to help during the holiday season. These gifts will be express posted to members in the coming week so please ensure that the Band office has your correct address.

As Deputy Chief, I have been very busy the past couple of months. I have attended many meetings and functions representing our community and

advocating for the very important issues and challenges we face as a First Nation community.

We have met with our Financial Advisors in reviewing our Trust investments and making the necessary changes to ensure our Trust investments are protected and secured moving ahead into the future. We understand the expectations of our members but we are also cognizant of the current financial situation and obligations we have in paying down remaining debt and in managing the funds for the future generations. We have been advised that the markets are going to get worse before they get better and we are preparing for those impacts.

MCBC RUSH EVENT – MCFN recently hosted the MCBC Rush Event. This was an event that brought together industry and business partners in Sault Ste. Marie for a two-day conference to network and explore potential

business ventures and opportunities that MCFN and others could collaborate on. I enjoyed this event as it gave me an opportunity to get to know our business partners on a deeper level and to understand the working relationships we have forged with these individuals and companies in our business development activities. We have some really great partners working alongside MCFN and incredible opportunities to grow our nation in partnership with these companies.

I also attended the Mushkegowuk Health Summit recently to advocate and lobby the Ministries of Health and ISC to bring greater awareness and greater financial supports to the ongoing health struggles we are all facing in our communities. Our community representatives did a fantastic job and worked hard over three days to identify our community health needs and to deliver those messages to the

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agencies, representatives and those in assembly. In our efforts, we were successful in garnering the attention of the Ministry of Health to work with us over the coming weeks to develop the plans and priorities that will help us strengthen and expand the services, programs, and supports for our people.

I have also been working with the Mattawa Chiefs and Mushkegowuk Chiefs in building a relationship agreement to collaborate on developing a consultation framework that addresses resource development activities occurring on our Traditional Lands. Each community has different needs and circumstances and in developing these agreements it is imperative that every community has the opportunity to incorporate a process that is community led and community driven. This is a fundamental component of building a system that serves to meet the needs of every community in this process. Although there has not been an agreement signed yet, this is something that we are striving to complete as soon as possible.

We have much work to do and I

am hopeful that the new year brings greater opportunity and relief to those who are currently struggling. We are a strong nation and we have managed to get through the worst of times and we will get through this.

I wish you all the best this Christmas with much love.



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR

JoAnn Pezzo

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Wachiaye MCFN community members,

I attended the strategic planning session with MCFN staff, October 6 and 7. The newly elected councilors were informed of the various programs and services available to the membership. Afterwards the councilors met

with the office staff to determine how council can be supportive, as a political advocate. It was also determined the primary portfolio holders will keep the alternative portfolio holder apprised of what is occurring.

Oct 8, Chief and Council met with AIC Aboriginal Investment Consulting GP Ltd. Mark presented on the trust/ investments of MCFN.

The Governance committee met to continue working on the development of the draft Land Code November 4-5. As I was recovering from covid, I attended virtually.

Other meetings I attended virtually, the MCBC Rush event beginning with the showing of the Indigenous Youth Initiative 4 miniseries premiering the 3rd episode. November 17-18 was the business/networking event. Congratulations to MCBC for organizing this informative event.

Congratulations is also extended to Gloria Harris, Cultural Coordinator, with bringing together the firekeepers and their helpers for an evening of acknowledging their important work for our community. Judging from the positive

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comments I've heard from participants, the smiles in the pictures, it was a huge success!

MCBC and Smoke Architecture held a virtual meeting Nov 24, with approximately 25+ community attending including myself. The purpose of the meeting was to get feedback on the design of the 140 Merton St. building.

As we near the Christmas festivities, we, John and myself, extend our warmest heartfelt wishes for the Christmas season. May 2023 bring each you and yours good health, great wealth, exciting opportunities.

Take care, be safe.



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR

Lois MacDonald

Wachay MCFN Community Members,

It's been a busy month, where do I start. This new journey I am on as Councilor has been a gift and eye-opening at the same time. I never realized how much learning and work it is to have the opportunity to be your Councilor and work for my community.

During the last couple of months since my last brief report submission to the Bear Fax, I have been attending and participating in all Chief and Council meetings that were scheduled in October and November. I believe it is important to be kept up to date on the operations and programs of the Band Office as well as hear the verbal reports from the other

councilors on their portfolios. It shows how much work and progress that is being done by our MCFN staff.

In October I attended the Chief & Council Orientation Meeting, followed by the Strategic Planning meeting for Chief, Council & Staff held in Sudbury. After our previous meetings we met with our financial advisor who updated us on our Trust Fund. There was a lot of information in such a short time.

November was a busy month as well. I attended the Governance Meeting in Toronto and realized how important it is to have the I's dotted and T's crossed for the Land Code. The Governance Committee has been working hard in developing and editing of our Land Code. I realized that it takes time to make sure everything is legal and how important the work is for the future of our community.

Was in Toronto for a meeting with our financial advisor and CIBC, from there I travelled up the Sault to attend the RUSH Conference put on by the Missanabie Cree Business (MCBC). I did not realize the partnerships that were developed and how other business have an

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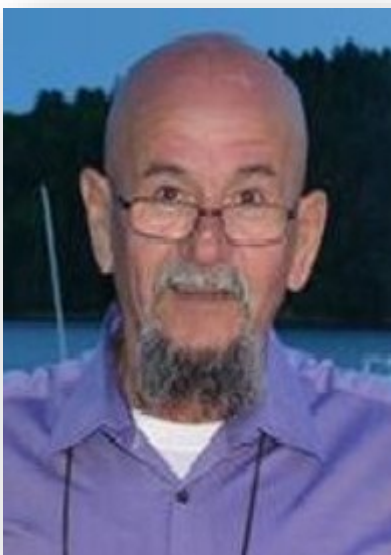
interest in wanting to become involved with MCBC. For this event I was asked to do the opening and closing.

After the RUSH Conference I attended the “Honouring Our Fire Keepers” banquet held at the Marconi Centre that evening. The event was very well attended by the Fire Keepers, Fire Keeper Helpers, Community Members, and MCFN Staff. It was a night that I will remember and to see how important it is to acknowledge the Fire Keepers and the Helpers to make sure the sacred fires are there for our ceremonies and prayers.

Next week I will be attending the National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Addressing Trauma in the Search and Recovery of Missing Children for MCFN, MCBC and ISN Maskwa. I will be reporting more on this important gathering in my next report.

I would like to say everyone stay safe and if travelling safe journeys always for you and your family as well.

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MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR

Les Nolan AKA Red Bear

WACIYE

I would like to thank all my family, friends, and members for your continuing support in giving me this honour and privilege to serve on Council for another term.

After many weeks passed by, due to conflicting dates with some of the councils, we finally had our C & C orientation. Which I feel went well.

My portfolio is Child and Family welfare and I am also second on Economic Development. I work with Bonnie Weibe, Family Services, and Kunuwanimano Family and Child.

I attended a couple of conferences on child welfare. Whereas, I am

gathering information on how this can help us in the present and future of our children and families. Due to Missanabie's not currently living on the designated reserve there is a lack of funding for our First Nation. Therefore, when the reserve is ready for occupancy, MCFN will be receiving more funding for the Health and Welfare of our families.

I have sat in on a number of Joint Venture partnership meetings. I feel excited on what's happening with MCFN and MCBC Joint Ventures moving forward with Missanabie Cree's initiatives. With that being said I truly believe RUSH (Mining Expo) event hosted by MCBC was a success.

Attended meeting with MFCN's investment manager Mark Williams and CIBC for an update on how the trusts is progressing. With the persistent fallouts of covid, post covid and the economy many investments have not shown a profit. As inflation grows, we as Chief and Council are continually watching our investments closely.

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I am also continuing to work for ISN in numerous capacities which in most instances is for the furtherance of our community.

With all the variances of Covid and the flu season upon us, please take care of yourself and your families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Hub coordinators for all that they do for their designated communities, the member who support Hub events, and the Family Wellness Team who carry us all to a brighter future. Many thanks.

Be truthful and respectful in our speech, which in itself is a miracle and a gift from the Creator, that we might use it only to speak good of each other and pass on the good things of

Be truthful and respectful in our speech, which in itself is a miracle and a gift from the Creator, that we might use it only to speak good of each other and pass on the good things of life.

Have a good Christmas and may good fortune happen on this coming New Year.

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As a proud counselor and future betterment of our vast membership.

MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION ELDER LIAISON

Lori Rainville, BA

Wachay fellow Elders

As I write this I am sitting at the Mushkegowuk Moving Forward Health Summit in Toronto. It's been a busy 3 days of discussion regarding health issues in the Mushkegowuk communities. During our break out sessions we realized that MCFN does need a health department. What does this look like? This is something we can discuss at one of our meetings. We would like your input.

Our first Elders meeting had some technical difficulties getting on zoom. I apologize for this. The next meeting I will do a trial zoom session with my sisters to make sure it works for our next meeting.

During our first meeting we went through the Elders Terms of Reference and made changes. If you have any changes you would like to see, please send them in by email at elderliaison@missanabiecree.com

or rainvillelori@gmail.com

It is now the month of December and I welcome the winter season upon us. Usually December is a very busy month so I'm not sure we will have a meeting. If anything changes I will notify you by email.

If there are any concerns or if you just want to say hello, please email me or call me at 705-297-0652

Let's all take care of each other and reach out to each other too.

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BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Shereena Campbell

Hello First, I would like to wish everyone a safe and warm holiday season filled with family and laughter.

Now on to business. This month we have kicked it up a notch with our financial department. We have been working hard to get our 20/21 information sent to the auditors and are working on our 21/22 information as well. Finally having a financial department in our capacity has been immensely helpful.

Our Financial Department now consists of:

Nelson Grant - Financial Officer

Louise Campbell Sr. Bookkeeper

Ashleigh Bodin Jr. Bookkeeper

Our Family Services Team has been busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season with Community Dinners, activities and Winter Solstice. The Hubs are working on their Community Holiday dinners as well. Please keep an eye out for posters in this edition and on Facebook for any changes to the events.

Governance has been busy with

the Land Code and upcoming policies for approval and codes for upcoming ratification. In office we are working on Housing Policies and strategies for building homes on the reserve lands with Lands and Resources and the Governance committee. Please read the Governance and Lands and Resource department report for further information.

As we know the community has an interest in reviving the language. Matthew Wesley will be joining our team as the Cultural Language Coordinator and will be working alongside our Hub Coordinator Brad Nolan to enhance our language based programs and services.

BAND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Amber Lacross

Since my last report, I've attended the Strategic Planning Session in October with Chief, Council and staff to listen to Chief & Council's vision for the next 3 years and set departmental goals. I was unable to travel in November due to COVID, though I have since recovered with much appreciated support from my coworkers!

In recruitment, I've been helping

to develop and deliver interviews and bring onboard new financial staff. We recently welcomed Nelson Grant as Financial Officer & Ashleigh Bodin as Junior Bookkeeper! Going forward, we're working on a hiring process to have outside interviewers on our interview panels to ensure fairness.

For staff, we've been holding professional development workshops including Personality Dimensions to learn more about each other's workstyles, practicing Lateral Kindness with one another, and managing Work Life balance to ensure both professional and personal needs are being met to be the most productive.

Other than that, I assist the Band Administrator with tasks such as scheduling meetings/events, drafting documents, and hosting Zoom meetings for Chief and Council and other events as needed. After an eventful year, I am looking forward to a restful vacation and wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR

Natalie Gauthier, BA (Hons)

Happy holidays everyone,

I hope that this holiday season is a wonderful one for you and your families.

Governance has been quite busy. We are in the midst of finishing a draft of our land code. We have one more meeting with the Governance Committee and a few of our staff before bringing it to our Land Code Sub-committee. After we meet with the Land Code Sub-committee, we will be bringing the Land Code to Council for review. Next the land Code goes to the Community. This process will consist of myself, a Governance Committee Member, visiting the hubs along with the Hub Coordinator of each community where we will be presenting the draft that has been created. We will be looking for your feed back and presenting the current draft of the Land Code. We will also be making available every hub, this presentation an an online event

as well. This is how we intend to inform our membership of the work we have done with our Land Code.

With regards to the Administration Code, this is to be ratified in the near future. I will getting this document ready to be sent out in a similar way that our last version of our Election was so keep an eye out for this and make sure your addresses are up-to-date with June.

As some of you know, I have taken on the health lead within our community with regards to Covid. As I write, I am just finishing up attending the Moving Forward Health Summit 2022 with Mushkegowuk Council. There have been many topics with regards to the Opioid Crisis, First Nation and Inuit Health Benefits, (NIHB) and how we can better service our community Members.

Our Chief's have declared a state of emergency with the lack of health care our communities have been receiving. It's time we move forward. During this summit we have identified the need to develop strong health systems within our communities. Our current health system is hostile toward our people and we all need better support all around.



With concern to the Opioid Crisis, it effects us all, we all have someone in our family who is battling this disease. It touches us all. There are so many overdoses in every one of our communities and identifying our next steps was something our group has examined as well. Mushkegowuk assured us that they are here to help. During our breakout sessions we covered many areas and brain stormed with the questions that were given to us. Together, myself, Deputy Chief Jutta Horn, our Program Developer Lesley Gagnon, our Youth Rep Alethea Pezzo, our Elder Liaison Lori Rainville, and Kim Rainville, one of our former Chiefs, all came together and discussed the needs of our community with regards to services that our members can benefit from.

There were many discussions and solutions that came from with this meeting. This included cultural, traditional health, and infrastructure. There were many questions asked and many great ideas that were brought to our

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table. We asked, how can Mushkegowuk be present without a financial strain to Missanabie? How do you balance Missanabie with services with Mushkegowuk? We would like services available to Missanabie at no cost to our First Nation. We would like OMA to be more present in our community. We would like an overview of services that OMA provides. We determined that there is a need to establish a health department in the near future and at this moment we need to incorporate OMA's services. We discussed the need to recruit and retain staff in our community. We also need to advocate and lobby for Missanabie to obtain more funding to expand to our new/joined department. We want at least a 5-year contribution agreement from Indigenous Services Canada to secure services for health for our member's. We need to establish local agreements with Health services in the area to service our

members as well. We should have Mushkegowuk provide the health services that they provide in Timmins here for our member's. We talked about the possible restructuring of our Family Services by either amalgamating Family Services with Health or creating a new Health Department all together. We identified that health services should include wholistic care, traditional care, land-based care, western medicine, all integrated all into Health. This should include food security/sovereignty that includes community engagement. We discussed the need for more visits from Mushkegowuk Council to be more informed. From this, we identified that we need funding geared towards needs rather than population and put more immediate pressure on the government. Easier access is also needed to create easier access to NiHB covered services and to have a better understanding of what is covered and available through our pharmacies for member's. We asked the question, why can't the government partner

with service Canada and have access to the secure status cards through those venues. This would in turn give better access for those who may have lost their status cards and cannot access services. We determined that we need to go to FNIHB to get finding a based on needs rather than population. With NIHB, the website is not user friendly, and people find it difficult to find the information they need for reimbursement. It's determined that we are in need of a better self serve system like the CRA website. We found that pharmacies are not wanting to process through NIHB when it comes to over the counter medications and supplies because the system has a lengthy process in place and the reimbursement from NIHB takes months.

It was also discussed that the process to appeal denials is also difficult to navigate leaving members unable to obtain the medications of medical devices needed for their health.

We also determined that there

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needs to be a more user-friendly list of what's available to the members so we can stop paying for things that are covered. We also discovered that there are services that Mushkegowuk provides help our members navigate through NIHB and it's called Patient Navigation Services.

With addictions and the opioid crisis, we determined that our children need more education. Even our adults need more education on the effects of drugs and why one would use. We also agreed that our community is in need of a Healing Lodge and a treatment center on our land. Somewhere where our member's can go and be the lead on bringing healing to our sister First Nations. This place can bring land-based programs for addictions and education. This will bring a connection to our land, Mother Earth. One thing that this pandemic has taught us is that virtual is something that we can embrace to bring these services to our land and our community. We identified that this is only the beginning, that we need aftercare and have our families involved, judgements put

aside. We need those family support systems. We need to remember we are all family and support one another rather than judge.

So this Health Summit was informative and we had our voices heard. Next steps are creating more health resources within Missanabie Cree First Nation both in Sault Ste. Marie, in Missanabie, and have some services available for those who are not in those areas. Outreach is a big part of how our First Nation operates.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER/ CULTURAL FACILITATOR

Gloria Harris

Another year is ending and so many events have occurred this year with reason to celebrate our victories and accomplishments.

I would like to start with all the planning and committee work to hold 4 major events back to back.

Cree Culture Camp – this was a new event

Family Camp

Annual summer gathering

Host of Cree Fest – this comes around to our community every 7 years

There are so many words that can be said about the Cree Culture Camp, suffice to say it was a very spiritual and loving gathering. Spiritual due to the topics covered and loving due to the participants enjoying all the events and each others company while working through learning the L dialect of our Cree language, making an ancient toy (tabahon) using the bones of an animal, music, singing, dancing, family trees. In the February Bear Fax I will post pictures of the Cree Fest.

Family Camp was quieter than usual but nevertheless enjoyable on so many levels.

The gathering taught us so many lessons on organizing and planning that can be very useful in the future planning of this large event. At our debrief session we came up with a do-able list for next year to make our gathering a

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welcoming event with more culture and family time.

Cree Fest was AMAZING! Pictures will be posted in January Bearfax to show the variety of people and events that took place.

During the gathering we had an afternoon to honour all our graduates starting from SK up to University. Here is the list of our successful students.

Makenzie M Howard

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
RPN Bridging

Justin Yerex

Electrical Engineering
Technology

Paula Fletcher

Veterinarian Hospital Assistant

Shania Dehn Copeland

Dental Hygiene Program

Adrian Shields

Forestry Technician

Jennifer Dehoney

Master of Counselling
Psychology

Terri Lou Fletcher

Master of History

Brianne Nemeth

Social Service Worker

Maddison Simpson Gr 12

Connor Decorte Fletcher Gr 12

Alysha Wiebe Gr 8

Matthew Cyr Gr 8

Maverick Fletcher Gr 8

Isabella Hunt Gr 9

Teala Syrette SK

I will continue my report to share the event Honoring our Firekeepers and Helpers. On Friday, November 18, we gathered at the Marconi Centre and shared a wonder meal followed by presentation of “flame shaped etched glass” with individual names to present to each Firekeeper and Helper. The following were recognized:

Bruce Groulx

Wayne Pelletier

Clifford Waboose

John Dubeski

Terri Fletcher

Cory Mcleod

Neil Bergeron

Ken Nolan

Les Nolan

Neil Nolan

William Deschamps

Louis Bissaillon

Post humous – B.G.

Fletcher and Archie Nolan

Those who weren't present to accept their Flame:

Erich Otten

Bob Gideon

Leo Binda

John Nemeth

Also to be recognized in the future for their dedication to the Sacred Fire:

Charlie Montgomery

Michael Nolan

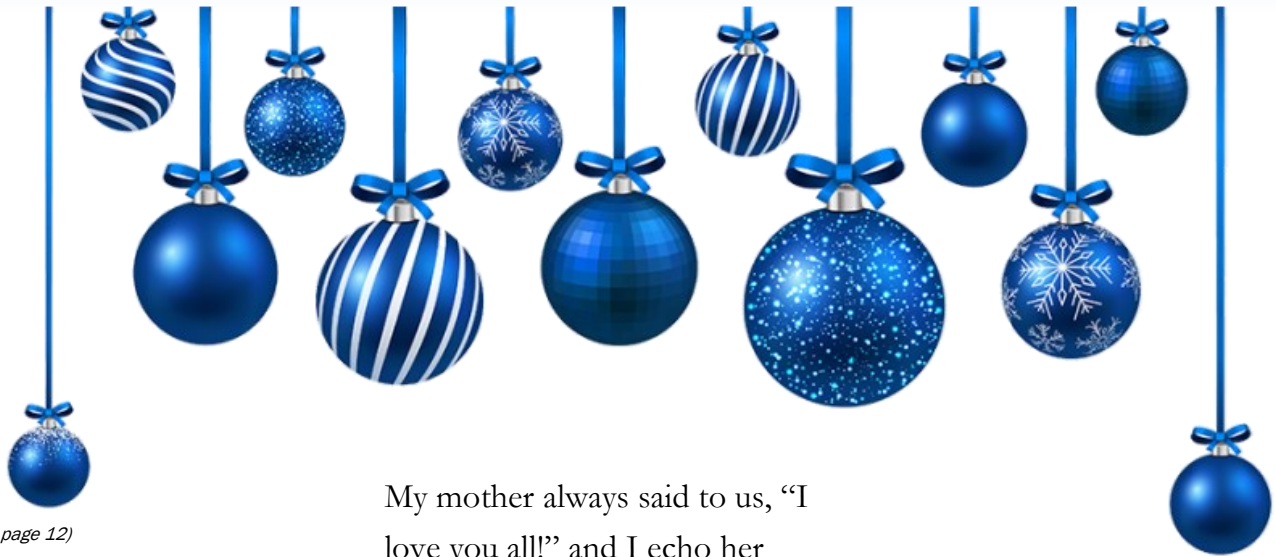
Pictures to follow in the February Bear Fax.

The following information is a writing by Terri Lou Fletcher that I found to be profound and timely:

“I understand that as a fire keeper/ participant in traditional ways I will be required and am proud to observe the four days of clean and sober living before and after ceremony. I walk the red road today and have been for some time and will always be



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learning about our traditional native ways of helping and healing Mother Earth, myself and others by following the seven grandfather teachings. I am aware that sometimes it is traditionally a man's role but with the lack of required volunteers and because I am 2 spirited feel able. Furthermore, believe that we Missanabie Cree as stated in our vision statement are a progressive people who practice equality in all we do, and we can start new traditions where we are all equal and gender has no bias."

For the rest of the month of December we have the Solstice to look forward to, welcoming the winter season. Holiday time for some and others in different fields may still be required to continue to work through.

My winter wish is for everyone to stay safe!

My mother always said to us, "I love you all!" and I echo her words to my community, I love you all.

CULTURAL LANGUAGE FACILITATOR

Matthew Wesley

Waciye waciye,

My name is Matthew Wesley and I am the new Cultural Language Facilitator. I am fluent in the L and N dialects of Moose Cree. I am originally from the West Coast of James Bay Kashechewan First Nation. I've been hired on to help integrate the language into the office and community, and am looking forward to working and speaking to each and everyone of you in the L dialect. I am very approachable so please feel free to reach out and ask questions. You can email me at mwesley@missanabiecree.com. I hope you enjoy your holidays!

FAMILY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Bonnie Wiebe HBSW

Watchey Missanabie Families and Members of All:

Professional Development:

November I would say was more professional development for all staff and for the Family Services staff. Shereena, our Band Administrator brought in Personality Dimensions; this brought insight to the many different personalities we work with and how these personalities are reflected in the fields that they work in. Shereena also brought in Patrick Kent to emphasize Lateral Kindness and how we understand and walk in lateral kindness everyday through helping and supporting each other, coming together as a team, and how we need to recognize we

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naturally practice this teaching. All too often we recognize lateral violence and how disruptive it can be within the working environment. Working with lateral kindness can only enhance our team in so many ways. I was in Thunder Bay for Early Year Childcare conference and will be in Timmins Nov 29th and 30th for Band Rep / Kunuwanimano meeting. Jana and April will be attending their program conferences on the 29th and 30th of November. We will be back December 2nd.

Programs in November:

We had a wonderful women's retreat at Island View Camp with Vanessa Genier inviting us to be a part of her Survivor Quilted

Blankets project plus we had Teresa Binda with Drumming and Isabell Souliere with medicine picking.

Jana and April provided a weekly beading program to make poppys and had sent out kits. Our staff

Christmas Greeting

*"Children are the seeds of our future.
Plant love in their hearts.
Water them with wisdom and life's lessons.
When they are grown
give them space to grow. "*



was also involved with the MCBC Rush Event assisting their staff. Gloria Harris presented a wonderful Honoring Our Fire Keepers dedication event and we finished off programming with our Christmas Craft Day event on

Nov 26th. Reimbursements for the winter wear program will be sent next week. Please send in your receipts as soon as possible; as of December 16th the office will be closed till Jan 3rd 2023.

December Events:

Christmas is coming and we know how busy it can be. Missanabie Cree Family Services are quite busy as well. We are setting up and preparing for our Sault Ste. Marie Community Christmas Pot Luck dinner which will be held on December 13th at the Marconi Club from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Winter Solstice Event will be a one-night event December 21st, beginning at 9:00 am ending at 8:00 pm., we will be announcing where it will be held once the details are completed. The Healthy Snacks program will be \$100.00 for the Sault area and will be given out December 12th.

Hubs:

All Hub leaders will be putting on their own Christmas events for each area. Please check your hub face book page to see what is happening.

New Year Projections:

Come the new year we will be developing our policies for our



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family services with the new organizational structure also I will be working with the Hub Leaders to develop policies for their services as well. As the supervisor I feel this is paramount to the success of our Family Services and Hub areas.

All the best to you and your Family at Christmas Time

Please stay safe and may peace, love and joy be your mantra today and throughout the new year.



LANDS & RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Tess Sullivan, MPA, BA, BEd,
Provisional Forester

Wachiaye MCFN Members,

The Lands and Resources Department would like to bring to your attention that an area of forest along Highway 651 near

the Dalton turnoff, is scheduled for harvest in Missinabie Forest Management Inc.'s Annual Work Plan for 2022. Please refer to the figure below for greater clarity of where this block is located.

The block totals 229 Hectares and is comprised of mature Jack Pine. Due to its age and that it is a relatively pure stand of Jackpine, it poses a significant fire hazard. Harvest of this block would help reduce the risk of fire in this area and therefore also to neighboring communities of Missanabie and the Missanabie Cree First Nation reserve lands.

The silvicultural treatment that is common for pure stand conifers, is a Clear Cut harvest system. 25 trees per hectare are to be left for wildlife habitat and patches of stands are also to be left to

emulate natural disturbance (to try to mimic that which fire would do).

Several members have indicated on a previous traditional ecological knowledge study that they have harvested blueberries and medicines in this forested area. With careful harvest of the trees, blueberries will become more plentiful in this area as they will get greater sun exposure.

The Lands Department for Missanabie Cree has reached out to the members who have identified values in this area hoping to discuss their concerns and how the lands department can support them. We invited the group to a face to face meeting and field tour at the Annual Gathering. Invited values holders

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Figure 1 Harvest Block 599

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to a virtual meeting on October 25th at 6:30 p.m. and offered a raffle prize for their attendance. One member attended and we discussed their concerns and the various conditions that we could impose on the forest company in order to get the blessing of Missanabie Cree values holders for harvest of the trees in this area.

Therefore, on behalf of the values holders, Missanabie Cree First Nation Lands Department will be stipulating to the forest company that harvest of this area should only occur in Winter, using high flotation tires, and that subsequent regeneration of this area should exclude the use of mechanical site preparation (scarification of the soil) and under no circumstances should there be chemical tending (herbicide spraying).

Hopefully this work to provide oversight of the activities of the forest companies is recognized as being beneficial to the membership. In the coming weeks we will be posting several expressions of interest for the opportunity for further member participation. Specifically there will be a call out to fill 3 positions on the Resettlement Subcommittee, to gain interest in forming a Forestry Committee, and finally to find a suitable candidate to champion into a training program for the position of Housing Manager.

I wish all of you a good Freeze up and Light Scattering moon, and a happy holiday with your loved ones. We look forward to working with you, and for you, in 2023!

Miigwetch, mikwec.

Tess, On behalf of the Lands and Resources Department



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Brittany MacLean

Greetings, the MCBC team put on the annual RUSH event, this was our third successful year in running the 3-day long event. RUSH is an opportunity for joint venture partners, mining partners and dignitaries to come together to network and foster future projects and collaborations. This year we were excited to include several new additions to the RUSH event.

Firstly, we invited Argonaut Gold to join us for an in-person CBA meeting and discussion which allowed us to keep up to date on all procurement and community opportunities.

Secondly, we booked the Sault Ste. Marie Galaxy Cinema to host the Indigenous Youth Initiative

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Webisode
Premiere.

Akawe technologies an Indigenous-led tech company partnered with MCBC to create four web series which promoted Indigenous youth to follow their dreams. These videos were originally created as a response to the outbreaks in remote Indigenous communities during the pandemic. However, the videos have evolved into a new and exciting project that we hope to continue as a means of inspiring Indigenous youth. The videos included appearances from Ashely Callingbull, Indigenous athletes, and other Indigenous known leaders. We invited sponsors and all members to attend the viewing and get the chance to participate in a panel discussion with the producers and leaders at Akawe technologies. We look forward to inviting members to another viewing session soon!

This year we decided to host a tradeshow alongside RUSH. Organizing the tradeshow was a lot of fun. We had 16 tables composed of an assortment of

joint venture partners, local businesses, MCFN, and Indigenous Crafts. This helped to encourage more interaction between the businesses, for people to collect swag, and win some prizes. There was a lot of interaction and connection between the companies. Thank you to everyone who participated in the tradeshow and vendor fair. The prizes and gifts were well received. Lastly thank you to the Indigenous Craft Vendors for displaying and selling your work. The companies were amazed by your talents and hope to see you next year.

The RUSH 2022 conference was a great success this year, we were able to feature speakers from both gold mines, former Chief Glen nNolan, the MCFN Lands, and Resources Department, as well as other partners. We would like to extend a special thanks to Councilor Lois MacDonald for providing a beautiful opening and closing ceremony, as well as Deputy Chief Jutta Horn for her opening comments and participation, our event MC Steve Mccoy, 705 Live Sound for making sure all audio and visuals were perfect, and the valued MCFN volunteers.

Finally, we had the opportunity this year to collaborate with Missanabie Maskwa coach Dominic Fletcher to put on a special Gala Dinner and Hockey Pub. This event featured a cultural dinner followed by live music from the Jade Monkey's based out of Toronto. The event encouraged participants to support the team!

On behalf of the MCBC staff, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

BEAR TRAIN MANAGER INTERN

Johnathan Lalonde

The Bear Train Manager Intern has been working on updating the Bear Train website, coordinating Bear Train meetings and conducting more research. Along with helping to plan the RUSH event, this year we had a tradeshow and vendor fair to coincide with the event. I hope everyone who attended the Indigenous Youth Initiative Premiere and the Hockey Pub had a good time. The Canadian Geographic Magazine reached out to write an article about the rail line and the effects of not having the passenger train service. More news on that to come.



MISSANABIE CREE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES



INTAKE FORM

DATE:		FILE #	
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:			
PROVINCE		POSTAL CODE	
EMAIL		PHONE #	

Services provide a direct or secondary benefit to: Member ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐

Member Status Card # 2 2 3 _____ Member Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
M M D D Y Y Y Y

Request: _____

Estimated cost for requested services: \$ _____

of previous requests _____ Is this a request that can be provided through other services? Y ☐ N ☐

Has the recipient been declined by other services for this request? Y ☐ N ☐

Quotes Attached _____ Quotes Requested _____

DOCTOR'S NOTE MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF SERVICES IF REQUEST IS DUE TO MEDICAL ISSUE

Release of Information

I _____ hereby authorize _____
 to speak to _____ on my behalf in regards to
 _____ on the application submitted to Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

M M D D Y Y Y Y

Signature _____)

ELDER'S CARE FUNDING

Purpose:

Missanabie Cree First Nation's Family Services Team has set out the following guidelines based on funding available from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Requests that fall outside of this scope of funding are to be submitted as a RAMA request which is subject to Chief and Council approval.

Due to the amount of funding provided, Missanabie Cree has set limits on amounts that can be applied to this funding specifically to ensure we are able to make services available for all elders.

Elders of Missanabie Cree First Nation are able to apply for services and reimbursements of eligible costs by completing the Family Services Intake form.

If the request does not meet the funding criteria, or are over and above the limits set below, the remainder of the request is then submitted to Chief and Council to be considered under the RAMA Health category.

The Ministry of Long Term Care (MOHLTC) provides funding to First Nation communities to cover expenses in the following categories (A, B, and C). Under these categories we are providing the services listed below by way of direct pay to providers or reimbursement to the individual making the request:

A) Community Support Services

- a. Meal Services
- b. Transportation
- c. Caregiver Support Services
- d. Adult Day Programs **(1-2 days per week)**
- e. Home maintenance and repair
 - i. Maintenance includes: snow removal, mowing
 - ii. Repairs include: leaking roof/water damage, and any damage or repair required that significantly affects the state of being able to remain living in the home safely
 - iii. Accessibility modifications (renting vs home ownership may have different eligibility)
- f. Emergency Response Services
- g. Foot Care

B) Homemaking/Personal Support Services **(4 hours per week)**

- a. Housecleaning
- b. Laundry
- c. Shopping
- d. Preparing Meals
- e. Assisting a person with personal hygiene or routine activities of living

ELDER'S CARE FUNDING

C) Professional Services (Must provide receipts for reimbursement)

- a. Occupational therapy and assistive devices
- b. Physiotherapy
- c. Speech-language pathology Services
- d. Dietetic services
- e. Diagnostic and laboratory services
- f. Medical Supplies and treatment equipment
- g. Pharmacy Services
- h. Respiratory Therapy Services

Missanabie Cree First Nation under the funder's requirements are expected to:

- Assess the person's requirement for community services
- Determine the eligibility for community services
- Develop a plan of service for each eligible person
- Set out the amount of each service provided to the person
- Review the person's requirement regularly and revise plan of services as necessary when changes are required

Additional Emergency Services provided not under MOHLTC related:

1. Rental Assistance for arrears (1 month paid, once per elder)
2. Last month's Rental assistance (Once per elder)
3. Dental care and denture (costs over and above NIHB coverage/other insurances may be eligible)
4. Prescription glasses (costs over and above NIHB coverage/other insurances may be eligible)
5. Diabetic needs (special circumstance) (costs over and above NIHB coverage/other insurances may be eligible)

ELDER'S CARE FUNDING

Steps for processing and approval

Step 1 - application

Contact the Family Well-Being Worker via phone 705-254-2702 ext. 206 or email at jharris@missanabiecree.com.

Request to complete the Family Services Intake form. You will be asked to provide information and documentation for back up.

Information needed to complete the form:

- Personal Information (Contact, mailing address, status number, date of birth)
- Details for the request (situational details)
- Quotes/Service Fees/detailed bill
- Doctors note (nature of the need, duration, frequency)
- Letter of support from organizations (if applicable)
- Letter of denial (if applicable from NIHB, insurance, other entities)

All applicants must sign the release of Information section which enables staff from Missanabie Cree First Nation to contact medical professionals (i.e. Doctor's, PSW's, Organizations involved in the request) when it pertains to health.

Collection of this information allows staff to ensure information is available if needed to confirm the request. All information collected remains confidential.

Step 2 - Review

The Family Well-Being worker may ask that any missing information is obtained by the individual prior to file review and approval process.

Once documentation is received by the Family Well Being Worker, the file will be reviewed and possibly reviewed by other Family Services Staff, if required to access all available resources.

STEP 3 – Approval Process

The Family Well-Being Worker will within 7 days inform the applicant that the information has been reviewed and will be able to identify if it has been approved under MOHLTC funding or if the file required Council review under the RAMA process.

If the file requires Council review, the Family Well-Being Worker will advise the applicant of the next Chief and Council meeting date.

Within 3 days of the next Council meeting an update will be provided to the applicant on the status or review/approval.

MCFN

CHRISTMAS Potluck

Dinner in SSM

Bring Your Favorite Dish to share

13 DECEMBER 2022 TUESDAY
MARCONI HALL
5-8PM

Please RSVP for Dinner for your family; Register
all family attending please give names & ages of
all children attending
Email: familyservices@missanabiecree.com

MISSANABIE CREE

MCFN Youth Council



Missanabie cree family services & choose life are doing a call out looking for Interested youth to grow and develop our youth council ...

Goals of the youth council ...

- 1. attend monthly meetings & contribute to the conversations;*
- 2. youth council members rotate & attend bi-weekly chief & council meetings;*
- 3. complete the terms of reference*
- 4. youth council logo contest*

If you are serious about contributing to the youth council & attending regular zoom meetings please Email awesley@missanabiecree.com

we will be contacting past members via email to see if you would like to continue

**monthly
meetings**

**Youth
council**

minimum age requirement is 13



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LOCATION
SAULT STE MARIE
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS TBD

DECEMBER 21 2022

WINTER SOLSTICE

One Day Event

TO REGISTER EMAIL
FAMILYSERVICES@MISSANABIECREE.COM

• DEADLINE TO REGISTER :
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2022

MEALS & TRAVEL PROVIDED



Missanabie Cree Winter Solstice Registration form

Email: familyservices@missanabiecree.com



Winter Solstice **December 20th - 22rd 2022**

Deadline to Register: Friday December 02, 2022

Location: Sault Ste Marie,

Accommodations TBD

Arrival day: Tuesday Dec. 20 – Departure day: Thursday Dec. 22

PARENTS NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	HEALTH CARD NO:	PHONE NO:
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:		PHONE NUMBER:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> BUS TICKETS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Air Fare <input type="checkbox"/> MILEAGE REQUIRED Smoking will not be permitted in the cabins. When smoking please be aware and discreet as children constantly observe what we do as parents. Please inform Leslie or Bonnie if respite care is required in advance. ***** All arrangements will be made by Missanabie Cree First Nation *****				
*Winter Solstice eligibility requires Parents to participate and supervise their children during their stay; this includes activities and events through the Weekend.			FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT: April Wesley (705)254-2702 / Fax: (705)254-3292	

Missanabie Cree First Nation Economic Development Advisory Committee

Aawan Maskwa, a Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) majority-owned business advisory firm, has been contracted to complete a Strategic Economic Development Plan for the First Nation. MCFN is seeking community members for an Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the Chief and Council regarding the development of the Strategic Plan. The committee will remain active until the final Strategic Plan is released to Council and the community members; at which time the committee will dissolve.

The final Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee is before Chief and Council for approval. If you are interested in applying for the Advisory Committee, please email chris@possibilitiesgroup.org and beartrain@missanabiecree.com.

Once approved, the Terms of Reference will be released to all members and sent directly to those who have expressed an interest by email.

Deadline for submission will be January 3, 2022.

*Thanks,
Aawan Maskwa*

Missanabie Cree First Nation

Community Survey



Introduction and Purpose

The Chief and Council of the Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) are completing an economic development strategy that will guide efforts and investments in our community for the next 5 years. The purpose of this survey is to seek input from our First Nation membership. There will be a random draw for two (2) \$100 Canadian Tire gift cards for everyone who completes a survey by the deadline date and provide their contact information. The deadline for submitting surveys is January 2, 2023. Please note that all information will be kept confidential, and surveys will be deleted or destroyed once the information has been compiled. The survey results are one way that we will be consulting with the community members for this study. We will also be assembling an Advisory Committee to participate throughout the planning process, and we will conduct various interviews with community groups, leadership, First Nation departments and other stakeholders.

Miigwetch for your contribution!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YMCBDGH>

DECEMBER 2022








SUNDAY ᐱᓃᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o ayamihêwi- kîšikâw	MONDAY ᑭᓴᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o oški-kîšikâw	TUESDAY ᓂᓴᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o nîšo-kîšikâw	WEDNESDAY ᐱᓃᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o âpihtawan	THURSDAY ᓂᓴᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o nêw-kîšikâw	FRIDAY ᐱᓃᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇᓂᓈᓂᓄᓇ ^o ahkwêšikani- kîšikâw	SATURDAY ᓂᓴᓂᓈᓕᓄᓇ ^o mâtinawê- kîšikâw
OR - Language Share Daily with Brad TOR - Annual Christmas Party TBD TOR - Healthy Snacks TBD Please Note: All Dates and Times are Subject to Change				1 SSM - Beading with Jana /April 1:30 – 3:30 pm OR - Coloring Pages with Brad LON - Pick up advent Calendar	2	3
4	5 SSM - Healthy Snacks - Pick up throughout day	6 LON - Healthy Snacks - Pick up SSM - Elders Snacks Pick up/ mail out	7	8 SSM - Beading with Jana /April 1:30 – 3:30 pm	9 TB - Bingo in the office TBD	10 TOR - Christmas Dinner TBD
11	12	13 Community X-Mas Potluck Dinner - SSM Marconi @ 5-8pm	14	15 SSM - Beading with Jana /April 1:30 – 3:30 pm	16 Office Closed for Holidays	17 LON - Christmas Party/ Dinner Office Closed for Holidays
18 Office Closed for Holidays	19 SSM - Elders Mad Hatter Tea 12:00 – 2:00 pm Office Closed for Holidays	20 IVC - Winter Solstice TBD Office Closed for Holidays	21 IVC - Winter Solstice TBD Office Closed for Holidays	22 IVC - Winter Solstice TBD SSM - Beading with Jana /April 1:30 – 3:30 pm Office Closed for Holidays	23 Office Closed for Holidays	24 Office Closed for Holidays
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1 Office Closed for Holidays 	2 Office Closed Office reopens	Legend: LON - London MISS - Missanabie SSM - Sault Ste. Marie SUD - Sudbury IVC - Island View Camp, Missanabie ONL - Online OR - Outreach/Wawa TB - Thunder Bay TOR - Toronto				

MCFN SSM ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022



SUNDAY ᐱᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ ayamihēwi-kīšikāw	MONDAY ᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ oški-kīšikāw	TUESDAY ᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ nīšo-kīšikāw	WEDNESDAY ᐱᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ âpihtawan	THURSDAY ᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ nēw-kīšikāw	FRIDAY ᐱᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ ahkwēšikani-kīšikāw	SATURDAY ᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃᐃ mātinawē-kīšikāw
JANUARY 	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9 SSM - Healthy Snacks - Pick up	10 Cree Language with Matthew	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 AD/MH Sharing Circle Tentative	18 Elder's Tea Elder's Snack Cards	19 Community Goal Setting 6-8 pm	20	21
22	23 SSM - Healthy Snacks - Pick up	24 Cree Language with Matthew 	25	26 Crock Pot Kitchen 5-7 pm	27	28
29	30	31	FEBRUARY 1	 2	3	4
5	6 SSM - Healthy Snacks - Pick up	7 Cree Language with Matthew	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Elder's Tea Elder's Snack Cards	16	17	18
19	20 SSM - Healthy Snacks - Pick up 	21 Cree Language with Matthew	22	23 Grand Elder/ Grand Children - Story Telling Tentative 6-7:30pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Daily Language by Matt (15-20) Mins

Community Notes

To my brother Bill

Happy Birthday

Love you, Sis June



Happy Birthday to my brother Jesse & my niece Lorell,

Love your Sis/Aunt



Happy Birthday to my handsome son Stacey who was born on Christmas Day

Love you my son, Mom



Happy Birthday to my nephew

Shawn Wilson

also born on Christmas Day

Love, Auntie June



I would like to send
a Special Happy Birthday
to my Grandson Aaron Pine.
Love you very much, Nanny.



Happy Birthday

to my grandson Aaron

Love you so much grandson,

Love Nan



Happy Birthday to Les Nolan
from the Fletcher Family



Happy 50th Birthday

to my husband Jason

Gauthier,

Love, Natalie Gauthier



Happy Birthday, Margaret
You're always in my thoughts.
I know you will be celebrating
your day with all the Angels.

Love, Auntie June



Happy Birthday
to my Sweet Sister Jackie

Love you, Sis June



Happy Birthday to my nephew,

Ted Ouellet

Love, Auntie June



Happy Birthday

to my niece Dale Krobath

Love Auntie June



Happy Birthday to my niece and nephew,

Judy and Donald Wilson

Love, Auntie June



Community Notes

Happy Birthday to my
Daughter-in-law Phyllicia
love Mom



Happy Birthday to my
nephew Wes Fletcher
love Auntie Deb



Congratulations to Jackson Decorte and his Senior High School Football Team for winning the SSSAA City Championship. The St. Patrick Fighting Saints will be playing in the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Championship in Guelph on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Let's go St. Pat's.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to
Everett Ewing
love the Fletcher Family



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MCFN
MEMBERS FROM
THE THUNDER BAY HUB.



Happy Birthday to
Phyllicia Ewing
love the Fletcher Family



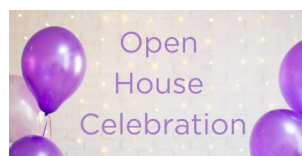
Happy Birthday
to my son Robert
love mom Love you lots



Thank to everyone who purchased tickets
at the Gathering for Juvenile Diabetes.
We raised \$180.00 We hope you liked
the gifts you won. Hazel and Jackson



Happy Birthday to Robert
Ewing love the Fletcher Family



There will be an Open House
and Dedication Ceremony for
the Thunder Bay Hub
on January 10, 2023.



Congratulations to Jackson Decorte for getting an
Honour Roll Certificate for Demonstrating Academic
Excellence during the 2021-22 school Year. Jackson
had an 85+ Average in all 8 of his classes. We are so
proud of you love the family.



Happy Birthday to my Godson
Patrick, love Auntie Debbie



Happy Birthday to my grandson
Everett love Namz



Happy Birthday to
Wes Fletcher
love the Fletcher Family



Happy Birthday to
Patrick Fletcher
love the Family

MCFN Membership - Card Renewals

In Office Card Renewals: For Members only and will be by appointment only. Please call ahead and book through June - In house photos are available for laminated cards only.

If your card is expired and you need a temporary confirmation of status, you can call (1) 844-280-5011 to make this request. INAC offices have posted the following :

Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application Centre:

COVID-19-related office closure: All Indigenous Services Canada offices for Indian status and secure status card applications will be closed until further notice due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

To support national efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Enquiries Contact Centre is temporarily providing services via e-mail only. An agent will respond to your request as soon as possible. We are prioritizing requests based on their urgency. Updates on the status of an application for Indian Status cannot be provided at this time.

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

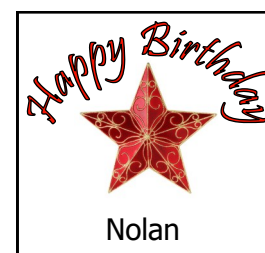
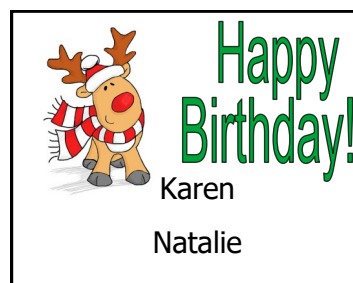
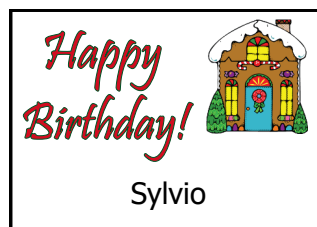
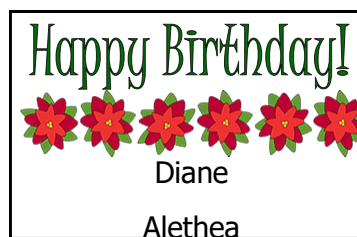
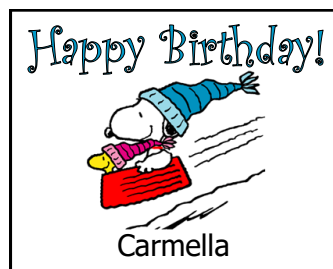
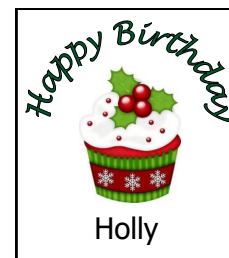
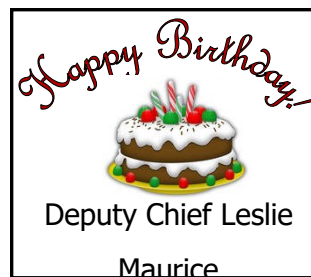
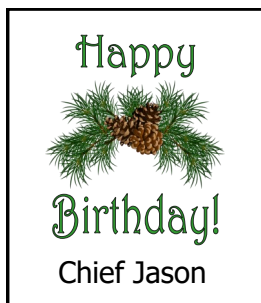
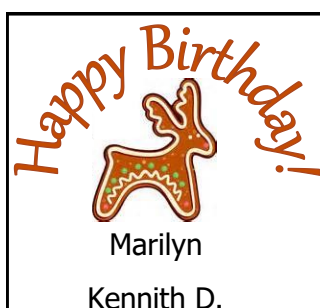
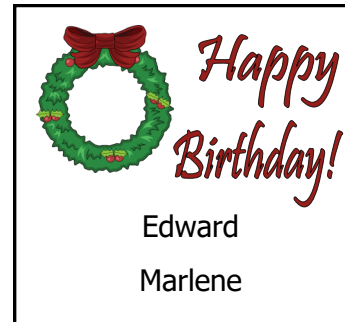
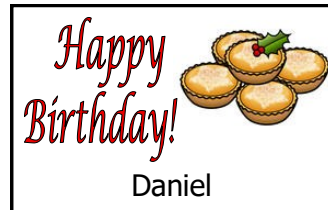
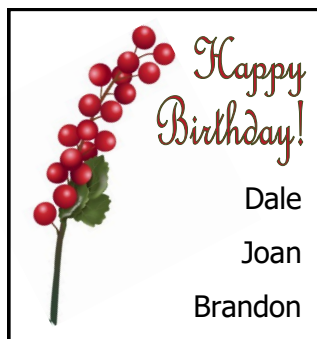
Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

Deceased Members: 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.

December Birthday Greetings





January Birthday Greetings



*Happy
Birthday!*

Shelley K
Sharia C

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Michael F



*Happy
Birthday!*

Patrick George F
Marjorie F



Happy Birthday

Janice Marie F

Happy Birthday!



Aleah H
Elizabeth S

Happy Birthday



Marlon JoAnne M

Happy Birthday!



Mackenzie N

Happy Birthday!



Emily N

Happy Birthday!



Brent F



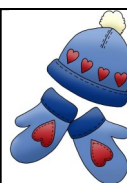
Happy Birthday!

Edward R

Happy Birthday!



Nathaniel H
Peta N
Theo O
Daniel St. D-L



*Happy
Birthday!*

Mark David F



*Happy
Birthday!*

Christopher D
Robert E

Happy Birthday



Cheryl M

Happy Birthday!



Roy G

*Happy
Birthday!*



Raymond L
Bonny Lynn M
Jared S



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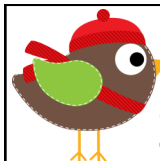
Lorell G



*Happy
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Nicolas D
Samuel Y

*Happy New
Year!*



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VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Ililiwak;
whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body
that will determine our destiny guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

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 other Indigenous Peoples; 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.

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 Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Ililiwak;
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.