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Happy Mother's Day

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Messages from Chief and Council

Watchay,

With all of the new staff and capacity in the Band office, I welcome new opportunities for our community to access new resources and new engagement. The hubs have been successful and we are reaching out as far as we can, to include all of our members.



I am happy to report that the per Capita distribution, from the majority of those who I have spoke to, have successfully invested the money that was sent to our community members. Some have paid debt, purchased houses, cars, and some have even been able to go on vacations. I am happy to see that the “payout” has affected so many lives positively.

A resettlement committee has been formed to deal with reserve creation. This has been a process that has been painstakingly hindered by the global pandemic. We are striving to plan as much work as possible this year, preparing the lots for lot distribution. We have also done significant work on our assets, including our band office, our Camp, and our newly acquired property, the school in Missanabie.

Things have been very busy during the pandemic with new projects and continued virtual business meetings that I believe will lead us to greater prosperity. We have investments now, that are generating some income, and in the future will lead to dividends to our community members and enhanced services for our youth, elders, and families. Our community partnerships are growing, our community is growing, and our vision continues to be realized.

In the spirit of community and unity,

Chief Jason Gauthier

Missanabie Cree First Nation



Tanisi Missanabie Cree

With this on going pandemic and lock downs, I have not been participating in lot of my designated duties. I have also attended all C&C biweekly meeting to discuss ongoing band matters and business.

I continue to participate in Zoom meetings with NAN (Nishnawke Aski Nation), Kunuwanimano child and Family Services and wherever else I may be needed.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What is the 7th Generation principle?

The “7th generation” principle taught by Native Americans says that in every decision, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendent 's seven generations into the future. So that the pristine sky, fields, waters and mountains will still be here for them to enjoy.

The 7th generation principal was so important to Native American cultures. All Native American and indigenous tribes throughout the world embrace this teaching.

It’s even defined in their language:

Mitakuye oyasin [Lakota]

Nogomaq [Algonquian]

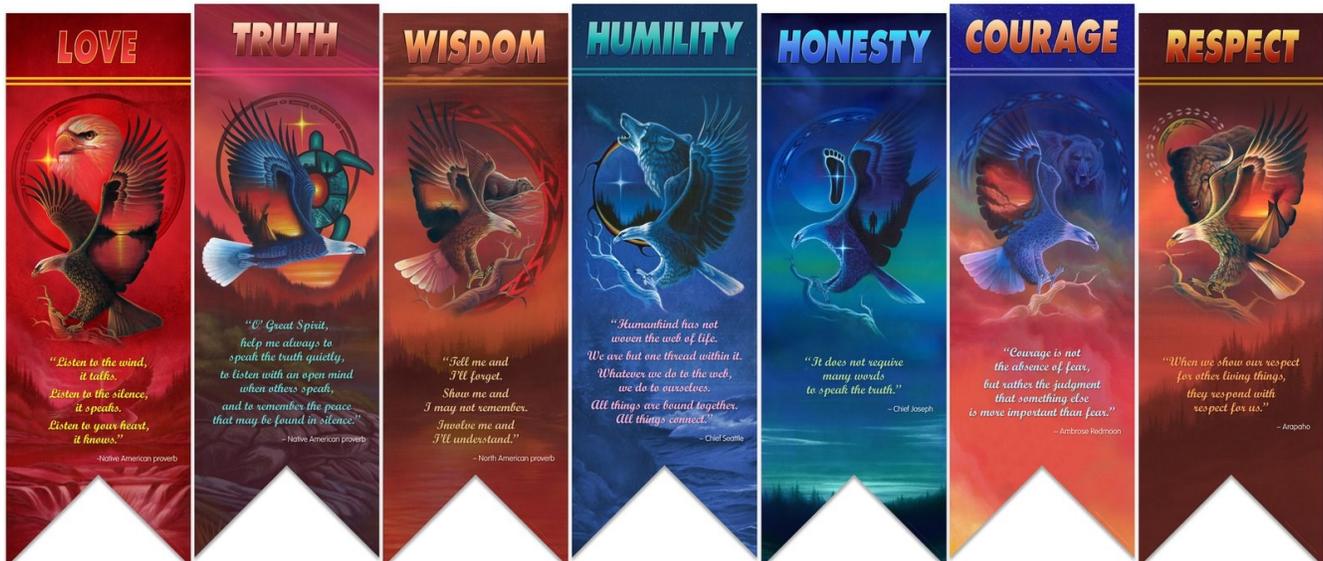
Gakina-awiiya [Anishinaabe]

Ea Nigada Qusdi Idadadvhn [Cherokee]

All these terms mean, “we are all related to, and respect, everything in life.”

With that being said, I am excited to announce we are moving forward to develop some of the infrastructure of our designated village.

THE SEVEN TEACHINGS



As a proud member of Missanabie Cree and Grandparent, I would like to introduce and congratulate my granddaughter and the youngest recipient of the, Brampton's 2020 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, MACKENZIE NOLAN



Mackenzie Nolan receiving the ANAVETs medal for respective courses.

I have earned the Citizen of the Year award for the year of 2020 because of all my volunteer and community service that I had done throughout that year. It was the start of the pandemic and amidst the lock downs.

I was seeking out opportunities within my community to help out as much as I could. I was part of the Social Support Task Force, which my father and I picked up and delivered food to those who could not otherwise get it during the lock down due to many factors such as disability, or lack of transportation. I was also on the Emergency Support Task Force, where myself and others, packaged bulk food items into family size portions to be given to those in need.

I also have been very involved with my local Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 15 in downtown Brampton. I have volunteered to

help with The Annual Brampton Veterans Run for the past 3 years, which included social media managing, post and content curation, and many other things. I also was a social media content creator for over two weeks during the end of October to mid November to make posts for the Remembrance Day Campaign this past year.

Being active in my community like I am has allowed me to have many amazing learning opportunities and has helped me meet many new people within my community. It really has been a fun and amazing experience to be as involved as I was and continue to be. - *Mackenzie Nolan, Daughter of Neil Nolan & Granddaughter of Les & Marion Nolan*

As always, in spirit of community and to serve MCFN into a positive future.

Chi Miigwech, Deputy Chief Les Nolan

Band Administrator Update

Hello

We are in the midst of the third lockdown in Ontario with the global pandemic. With that being said, the office remains closed to visitors and most staff are working remotely. There are times when staff are entering the office as their daily tasks require them to be onsite. Staff are scheduling pick ups and drop offs for program activities. If you are calling the office to reach a staff member, please ensure you leave a voicemail. Staff are checking their voicemail and will return your call within a reasonable amount of time. Alternatively, you can also send an e-mail to the staff member. Please note, e-mail addresses are available on the website and at the back of the Bear fax.

We've been closing off our year end for the 2020-2021 fiscal, as we know this is a huge task for the financial staff and associates. Recently the computer which holds the Sage accounting software had been attacked by 'ransomware'. "Ransomware encrypts a victim's data until the attacker is paid a predetermined ransom." This situation has been reported to the police. We have worked with our IT company to determine the severity of the issue. According to those we have spoken with regarding the situation, we have been informed that a majority of the time, the data is not obtained by the attackers, only access to the digital files are blocked by the software. In order to be transparent, we felt it best to inform our members and ensure that they are aware that this has occurred. At this time, we have no reason to believe that there is any confidential information acquired, as banking and personal identification information aside from names, are not generally stored in the sage accounting software. This data is contained on a separate computer used by the Bookkeeper. no other computer within the office was attacked. With that being said, we are continuing to work with the IT company to increase the security within our office. Antivirus software is helpful, but in todays digital world, it is not fool proof. We will be looking to ensure that we are further protected from this situation occurring again. What does this mean for the office, this means that the bookkeeper will be working closely with the IT company and our Sage technician to get the 2020 and 2021 information back up on a new hard drive. This should not affect timelines to complete the 2020-2021 audit.

April 16th was the last day for the Family Services supervisor Eva Dabutch. She has accepted a position with another agency that performs work that is near to her aspirations. Although we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Eva was a great asset to the Family Services team. The hiring process for this position has been started.

Staff will be attending Island View camp to perform with the annual cleanup this month and we will be following COVID restrictions while on site.

While we continue to persevere through the global pandemic, we understand that members are wanting to know how the Annual Gathering look this year. We are exploring all viable options to ensure that the business information and social activities/programs are provided to the members. Whether this means by smaller groups in person or digitally, we will be hosting an Annual Gathering this year. Chief, Council, and staff are not taking these decisions lightly and are carefully monitoring the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and how each region is affected. I wish you all the best in health and happiness for the month of May.

Shereena Campbell - Band Administrator



Missanabie Cree Business Corporation
Monday, April 29, 2021

BEAR FAX REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER

JOE TOM SAYERS

Wachey, Boozho!

Our team at MCBC have been active this month with the Algoma Central Railway announcement of the rail line sale/purchase, a major uptick in new companies wanting to partner with MCFN at both mines and getting the former school site in Missanabie ready for rental and relocating our bunkies there for deployment.

We welcome two new tenants to the building at 553 Queen Street: The Possibilities Group and ISN Maskwa will be moving into the newly renovated space May 1st. Also, the former Fashion Shop on our main floor is being renovated for MCFN programs.

We are also working with MCFN and the mine on confirming funds for the hubs for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

Miigwech

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BRITTANY MACLEAN

Hello Missanabie Cree First Nation Community Members! I hope everyone is enjoying spring as much as I am!

As the Executive Assistant here at MCBC, I have been busy preparing for the annual financial audit. I have been dedicating a lot of work hours towards inputting previous financial documentation into our QuickBooks program. I am working with the auditors to submit required documents through their online portal.

We have been working as a team to put the finishing touches on the MCBC Strategic plan. The strategic plan was created by the MCFN Chief and council and the MCBC Board of advisors. We are using one of the MCBC Joint Venture Partners to create a digital copy of the strategic plan. We will be meeting with the MCBC Board of Advisors in May and hope to present the digital copy of the strategic plan for approval.

Our Queen street building renovations are still in progress. MCBC is working with MCFN and the construction contractor on; the HVAC System, updating the lower empty unit, and updating the building exterior. We are excited to share more information about building updates in the future.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT COORDINATOR

HANNAH CAICCO

“As Community Benefit Agreement Coordinator, I have been working on keeping up communications with our current joint venture partners. I have been coordinating several Joint Venture meetings to enhance our relationships as well I have been working on bringing on new companies to diversify our current joint venture repository. We have



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Monday, April 26, 2021

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT COORDINATOR Continued.

also been continually updating the repository to provide up to date information to both mining companies.

In addition, I have also been meeting with Alamos Gold Mine and Argonaut Gold Mine on a monthly basis and creating exciting initiatives for band members and giving community updates. With the current lockdown in place, we have been working as a team to create mental health initiatives including a special activity focused on personal growth and professional development.

Finally, I have been working closely with a local digital marketing firm and our MCBC team members to create a graphically designed strategic plan!”

BEAR TRAIN PROJECT INTERN

JOHNATHAN LALONDE

As the Bear Train Manager Intern, I have been developing partnerships for the Bear Train. My time has been spent meeting with various stakeholders to determine our next steps in the process. The recent press releases and announcements have really sparked conversation on bringing back the passenger train. The Bear Train Marketing Survey is live, and we ask for everyone to give their input. Please visit www.beartrain.ca to check out the new website and to complete the survey.

BUSINESS INTERN

MORGAN BOISSONEAU

Aanii,

As business intern, I provide support to the team where needed as well as assisting in coordinating MCBC Employee Well-being health initiatives to help create balance during this time in the pandemic.

The membership has brought to my attention; that the form for Skills Inventory Data Base located in google docs and on the “Missanabie Cree First Nation Facebook Page” was a bit difficult for community members to update their information. As a team we have constructively recreated the virtual sign sheet in google docs for members to update their skills for potential Job Opportunities through our Joint Venture Community Agreement with the mines.

For those who do not have access, calls will be going out, and I will be personally collecting this information to update the file.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email mcbc_reception@missanabiecree.com. This collection of inventories will potentially help community members get established in the work force environment connected through our Joint Ventures Agreements with the mines. Thank you, for your time and I hope to see your updated versions of your education, work experience, and training. Enjoy your week.

Bammapii

Michelle Carroll's Personal Bio**Lands & Resource Technician - MCFN****mcarroll@missanabiecree.com**

I am a Natural Environment Resources – Conservation and Management, and a Geographic Information Systems and remote sensing graduate from Sault College. I am one of the new land and resource Technicians for Missanabie Cree First Nations. I am looking forward to working with the team.

My First Nations is Little Salmon/ Carmacks from the Yukon. I am Northern Tutchone. My Mother moved to Ontario when she was a young woman where she met and married my father, and they settled here in Sault Ste. Marie. I have not visited the Yukon yet, but plan to in the future.

I have a large family of 6 children, who are no longer children. My youngest is 13. While my two oldest have already set out on their own adventures. I have one granddaughter who loves to explore the natural woods and outdoors.

Hello everyone,

The biweekly Chief and Council meetings continue to be hosted via zoom. Reminder that the recurring meeting ID is found on the ‘members only’ section of the website. For me, there was a learning curve with a new program, so thank-you, Miigwetch, to members listening in for bearing with any technical difficulties.

Besides Chief and Council meetings, I’ve accompanied Chief and Council on special meetings like Strategic Planning Sessions, Policy Review, and the Audit presentation, always keeping covid safety in mind.

Happy blooming earth season!

Amber LaCrosse - Band Administrative Assistant



LONDON

MAY 2021



Hello From London,

April showers brings Mays flowers. Welcome Spring! Welcome MAY!

With the warmer weather on the horizon, I would like to continue our Water Challenge. I have ordered and received the water bottles that some of the London hub members missed out on. I will be contacting the few of you that requested them for pick up or delivery.

For the Month of May, all hubs have agreed on doing a Book Club. With the Covid Restrictions still in place, this is something we can all participate in safely.

The book chosen is called “Seven Fallen Feathers”. This groundbreaking, multiple award-winning, national best seller tells the stories of seven First Nation students who were attending high school in the city far away from their homes and families over a span of eleven years, seven Indigenous high school students died in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The stories detail about systemic racism, education, the failure of the policing and justice system, and Indigenous rights by Tanya Talaga. There will be a poster posted on the London Hub Facebook page for those interested in reading this book. We will also have a discussion via zoom to talk about the book which is optional.

I will also be looking into getting Magic Bullets so we can make healthy smoothies and share recipes. This will be great for our little ones to get involved with.

As always, please reach out to me Via Facebook or London@missanabiecree.com if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

“ Mothers are like buttons-they hold everything together”!

We also want to recognize our loving Mothers, we will have our little ones make a craft and present a small token gift for all our Moms.

More info to come!

Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

Karen—London Hub Coordinator

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



MISSANABIE/WAWA

MAY 2021

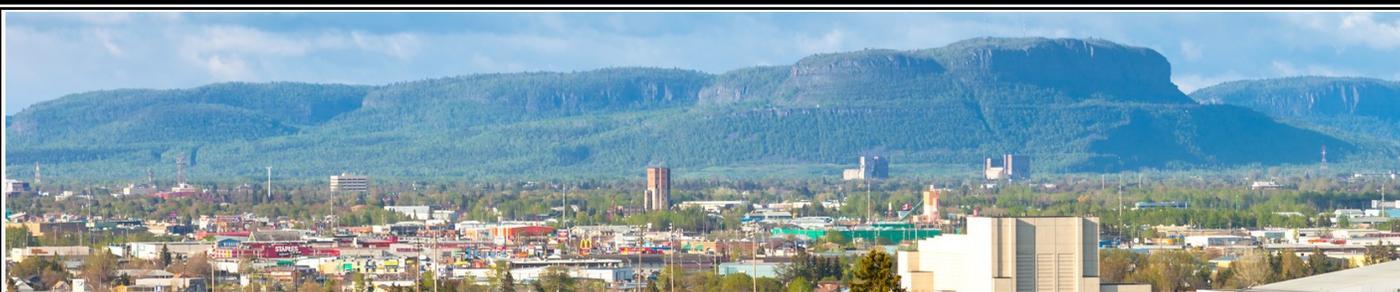


Wachiy MCFN members,

Well spring is among us, and the province is in another 28 day lockdown due to rising numbers of COVID. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands and continue with social distancing as this third wave is generating a record number of new cases. Our spring break camp was a huge success. I want to thank the Family Well Being Team for everything, as well our elders for opening each day of the camp with a community prayer. I also want to thank MCFN for the opportunity in creating and designing our Spring Break T-shirts, it was truly an amazing project and I hope everyone loves the designs. Moving forward in our Wawa hub, we will be going out to do a volunteer community cleanup, as well focus on sustainable foods and prepping for the opening of our community garden. I have been on our language journey for sometime now and have extended resources and links to online Cree beginner classes. I will continue to include the language in the programming as revitalization is necessary ,our language speakers/holders are in very low numbers which is why it is super important to come together in learning our mother tongue, to continuing to teach and pass on to our children and generations to come. The hubs have been very successful in engaging community and implementing support and programming , although proving a little tough at times with COVID measures in place, we continue to engage community via online platform. Thank-you to MCBC for providing funding and ongoing continuing community support. I would like to now make an announcement, I have been brought on by our First Nation as our newly appointed Community Outreach Worker. I couldn't be more happy and honored! That being said, support and programming will start in May. I am currently in process of engaging and creating intake forms, developing and brainstorming programming, and creating an address list of members not residing in hub localities. Please stay tuned, I look forward to Community!

Thank-you Brad Nolan

Community Outreach Worker/Hub Coordinator



Thunder Bay Hub Newsletter

Hello Everyone:

Conner & I will be delivering the envelopes for our students. In these envelopes are: a gift card for healthy snacks for the month, our hub newsletter, our calendar for the month and colouring pages. Remember to get these colouring pages in by month's end; you can win a \$25.00 gift card or a \$10.00 gift card. We will also be delivering a healthy veggie basket to everyone.

Ontario has been designated a grey lockdown zone. We actually have a STAY AT HOME order. To date we have 61 active cases of Covid 19, in the District. Thank you to everyone for doing their part in bringing down the curve. Maybe we can start to get back to normal activities. Although southern Ontario is still a hot zone.

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) in partnership with Dilico Family Care and the Thunder Bay District Health unit is initiating The Thunder Bay Urban Indigenous Covid 19 Vaccine Clinic. This clinic is now located at the Valhalla Inn back door. This clinic is open to the Thunder Bay Urban Indigenous population and their families. You need to be at least 16 years of age at the time of the vaccination.

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If you would like to register, please call: 807-697-1753, Mon to Fri between 10 am and 2 pm.

In May we will be doing a few activities. Registration to programs is important, so please remember to do so. For instance, we will be doing a Book Club. The book picked for May is Seven Fallen Feathers. If you would like to participate, please let me know. I will have to purchase the books for those registered. We will also be doing an Elder's tea, talent show, scavenger hunt, veggie program, rock painting, and finally a medicine walk. Please check the webpage for details.

I haven't seen any pictures of your healthy shakes or mitts. Hopefully, you will share on the web page.

If you have something you would like to share with our Thunder Bay Hub, please email to the address below.

All social events are contingent with restrictions due to Covid.

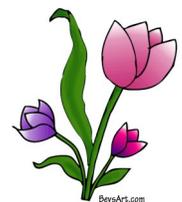
I can be reached at: thunderbay@missanabiecree.com

Meegwetch,

Debbie Ewing, Thunder Bay Hub Coordinator and Conner Decorte,
Youth Representative

Remember: Wear your mask when not at home, wash your hands regularly, use hand sanitizer when away from your home.

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY, STAY HOME.



RESERVE CREATION SURVEY

Dear Missanabie Cree Band Members

The Resettlement Committee is seeking to understand your interest and intentions on returning to the homelands and residing on the Reserve. Please complete a five minute survey to provide us this insight by taking a picture of the code to the right, or going to the following link on your computer:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SM98QNM>

If neither works for you, please do not hesitate to call Tess Sullivan, Director of Lands and Resources at 705-975-1709 for a telephone interview. Meegwetch!

Missanabie Cree First Nation presents...

~ *The Sacred Tree* ~

Speaker Series Event #1

Our Black Ash is Threatened

May 11, 2021

@ 7:00 pm

Please email to register for the Zoom Meeting:

tsullivan@missanabiecree.com

or

mcarroll@missanabiecree.com

1. *Elder prayer TBD* 6:30—6:40
2. *Introduction to The Sacred Tree Speaker Series, Tess Sullivan* 6:40—6:55
“The ancient ones taught us that the life of the Tree is the life of the People”
3. *Invasive Species Centre, Sarah Rang, Exec Director : What is the ISC?* 6:55—7:15

David Dutkiewicz ~ Emerald ash borer facts 7:15—7:35
4. *Environment and Climate Change Canada, Victoria Leck: Species at Risk Black Ash* 7:35—8:00 including 5 min Q & As
5. *Natural Resources Canada, Donnie McPhee: The National Tree Seed Centre (NTSC)*
“The National Seed Centre is Canada’s only national seed bank preserving the genetic diversity of Canada’s forests.” 8:00—8:25 including 5 min Q & As
6. *Closing* 8:25—8:30



MCFN Membership - Card Renewals

In Office Card Renewals: Until the Algoma Region is in the Green zone, the MCFN office will NOT be renewing or replacing Status Cards as our offices are closed to visitors. When the office reopens, card renewals for Members will be by appointment only. Please call ahead when and only when our area is in the green.

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.

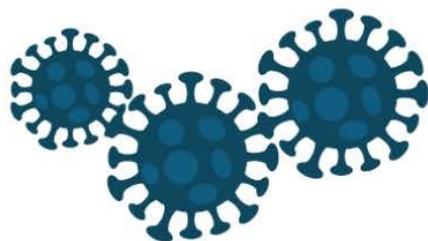
Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

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.



For more information:
Canada.ca/coronavirus

Information for Indigenous communities:
Canada.ca/coronavirus-info-indigenous

COVID-19 UPDATE

Best Practices Surrounding Status Cards During COVID-19

In response to questions received from First Nations members, citizens, and stakeholders, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is proactively sharing information to ensure that registered persons with a status card can access programs, services, rights and benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All ISC offices for Indian status and secure status card applications are closed until further notice. Processing times, including return of original documents, are delayed.

In light of these circumstances, ISC is recommending to service providers that they should accept status cards or [Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents \(TCRDs\)](#) past the renewal date with a second piece of identification. ISC will be reaffirming to businesses and service providers that Indian status does not expire, and that the registration number provided on these documents remains the same and is what is required to confirm eligibility for programs and services.

It is recommended to share this notice with your members, so that they have a copy accessible to them to show services providers in the event there are difficulties.

For more information, please visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Indigenous communities](#) or email the [Public Enquiries Contact Centre](#).



NAN HOPE

Nishnawbe Aski Mental Health and Addictions Support Access Program

We're here for you 24/7
1-844-NAN-HOPE
(1-844-626-4673)

The Nishnawbe Aski Mental Health Wellness Support Access Program (NAN Hope) provides community-driven, culturally appropriate and timely mental health and addictions support to members of the 49 First Nations communities in Nishnawbe Aski region.

This First Nation-led program is in response to the specific mental health needs of community members in northern Ontario, offering a central access point to mental health and addictions support.

Program Services:



Navigation to mental health and addictions support services



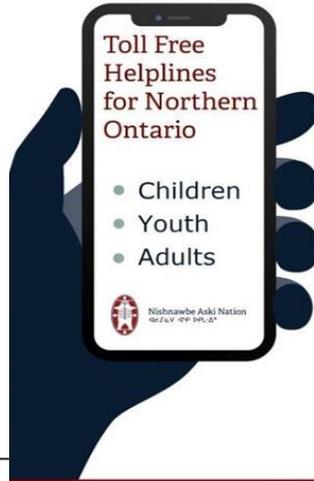
Rapid access to clinical and mental health counselling



24/7 toll-free rapid access to confidential crisis services



Need a Helpline?



Support & Information Lines

- Kids Help Phone
1.800.668.6868
24 Hours
- Operation Come Home
1.800.668.4663
8am - 4pm EST (Mon-Fri)
- MissingKids.ca
1.800.KID.TIPS
1.800.543.8477
- Assaulted Women's Helpline
1.866.863.7868
TTY 1.866.863.7868
- Victim Support Line
1.888.579.2888
24 Hours
- Senior Safety Line
1.866.299.1011
- Good2Talk (Post Secondary Helpline)
1.866.925.5454
- LGBT Youth Line
1.800.268.9688

211 When you don't know where to turn

Connects you to health, community, government & social services.
24 Hours

Mental Health & Addictions

- First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Line
1.855.242.3310
24 Hours
- Mental Health Service Information Ontario
1.866.531.2600
24 Hours
- Drug & Alcohol Information Line
1.800.565.8603
24 Hours
- Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline
1.888.230.3505
24 Hours
- Al-Anon - Alateen
1.888.425.2666
8am - 6pm EST (Mon-Fri)
- Talk4Healing
1.855.554.HEAL (4325)

Health

- AIDS & Sexual Health Information Line
1.800.668.2437
10am - 10:30am EST (Mon-Fri)
11am - 3pm EST (Sat & Sun)
- Telehealth Ontario (Health Information Line)
1.866.797.0000
24 Hours

Phone | Text* | Chat*

www.nanhope.ca

Toll Free | Confidential | Anonymous

*Text and Live Chat support are available Monday through Friday: 9:00am - 12:00am ET and Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 11:00pm ET.

May Community News and Notes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their Birthday's in May. Spring is such a lovely year. From the desk of June Markie.



Happy Birthday to my nephew Mark W. Fletcher



Happy Birthday to Jason Ewing
Love the Family



Happy Birthday to my niece Paula
Love Auntie Deb



Happy Birthday to my Husband Jay
Love Deb



A very special Happy Birthday goes out to Hazel W for the month of March



Happy Birthday to my niece Jutta Horn



Happy Birthday to Paula Fletcher
Love the Family



Happy birthday to my awesome son Mark
Love Your mom Jackie





May Birthday's



Happy Birthday!

Crystal

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday!

Marta



Happy Birthday!

Angie

Happy Birthday!



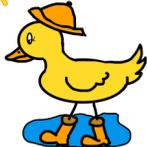
Basilio



Happy Birthday!

Scott Bradley

Happy Birthday!!



Jana Michael

Happy Birthday



Mark
Judy Lynn
Jutta
Threasa



Happy Birthday!

Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Michael

Happy Birthday!



Sadie



Happy Birthday!

Victoria

Happy Birthday!



Jason
Paula Lynn
Scott
Drew




Happy Birthday!



Leonidas
Frederick

Happy Birthday!



Constance
Shirley

Happy Birthday!



Crystal
Karen

Happy Birthday!



Louis

Happy Birthday



Heather-Ann

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VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Iiliwak;
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 Iiliwak;
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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