

# Missanabie Cree First Nation

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**CHIEF OF MISSANABIE  
CREE FIRST NATION**

**Jason Gauthier, BA (Hons)**

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First I would like to report the Ontario case for our treaty land entitlement case was heard by the court of appeals in March. We are hoping to hear back on the ruling on the “date of the crystallization” of our treaty. This will hopefully trigger a negotiation. The ruling may take up to six months to complete. We will report to this as soon as it becomes available.

I am happy with how our staff has evaluated our projects. We can dispel rumors and concerns about projects that have shown amazing potential and sustainable returns. The partnerships we have created have been mutually beneficial. Our community has benefited as well as our partners in the development of our

relationships. This is called “mutually beneficial” relationships. We continue to grow these relationships and have created some long lasting partnerships. Our Missanabie Cree Business Corporation does information sessions so our community is well informed of our projects, It is important that our community is aware of everything that we are doing , this was a commitment from our past councils and our present council to engage with our community so they are aware of all the projects that we are involved in. None of our projects are implemented without properly consulting our community. I am overwhelmed with all of the support from our community in the continuation of our upcoming projects. As we have new Councillors, there is a “catch up” period where our departments have to meet more frequently with governance, so that our Councillors fully understand our projects. Our investments have shown significant returns to our community through investments in our gathering, our hubs and our program development. I am very proud of all of the great work that is being done in our community, and look forward to the continued success of our community. The larger projects that we are a part of

have been reviewed, re-reviewed, and triple checked to make sure that they are beneficial for our community. The growth of our community in regards to social, cultural, and economy, has been my priority. I have a lot of confidence in our staff to ensure our projects are best for our community, and that we will not make the mistakes of the past.

When I started as Chief we were millions of dollars in debt, I am proud to report we are not only out of debt, but we have a stable economy and are able to provide services for our community that we have never been able to provide before.

In the spirit of community,

Chief Jason Gauthier

**DEPUTY CHIEF OF  
MISSANABIE CREE FIRST  
NATION**

**Jutta Horn, CESD (Hons)**

Wachaye MCFN Family and Friends

This month marks the beginning of Spring, and a time for renewal after a long winter

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season. For many, it has been a very challenging time dealing with sickness, addictions, increased costs of living and an increasing rate of inflation that has impacted us all in some way or another. Food prices and fuel costs have skyrocketed making it very difficult for people to meet their basic needs. The mental and emotional struggle is real and very evident in the number of requests we had received over the past few months to provide aid to our members who are in need. Our leadership has recognized this and we are doing our best to assist our members through these difficult times.

Since my last report in January, I have been very busy attending meetings and trying to get my head around the numerous economic development projects, programs and initiatives that both MCFN and MCBC have been advancing on our behalf over the last several years. Coming into Council only just this past August, I am simply astounded at the amount of investments that have been made to date and I am genuinely concerned about the some of the projects that are being proposed and the level of investment and

equity attached to these projects.

In these discussions, I have often heard that it will cost us next to nothing because a lot of the funds are accessible to us through Indigenous Services Canada (in the form of a grant or long-term loan) or other programs. However, at the end of the day – we are still bound to indebtedness, liabilities and long term responsibility through these agreements regardless of the potential to generate our own source revenues. We need to be mindful of our values and vision – and ensure that things are done in the right way to protect our interests, our members and our nation as a whole.

As a recent appointee to the MCBC Board of Directors (December) I have been privy to information that has given me cause for concern regarding the practices, partnerships and projects that have been vested in, previous to the newly elected Chief and Council coming into office. Several of the projects that we are now contending with are extensions of multi year projects that were initially sanctioned by the former Chief and Council. For the new council members, we are only just becoming aware of these projects and scratching the surface

to fully understanding them, the process to date and the proposed plans in moving forward. There are a lot of opportunists out there looking to partner with a First Nation because it opens a lot of doors for business and industry to access contracts and massive pots of funding (Indigenous) that would otherwise not be available to them. We need to be selective in who we choose to partner with and above all ensure that due diligence and proper procedure and practice is carried out on all levels. Although a lot of these business deals are executed without community consultation or just presented as surface reporting - And I understand that it would be very difficult to consult with the community on every project in great detail nevertheless; I do advocate for community consultation when it comes to big investments, big projects and especially decisions pertaining to our land and resources. I am very diligent in digging deeper and questioning my concerns although sometimes my line of questioning is not well received or understood but that's ok – everything is a work in progress.

I was happy that we were able to

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bring both the board of directors of MCBC and Chief and Council together to further discuss these projects and our concerns and to gain a better understanding of the initiatives themselves. Not all of council was able to attend this session but it was a good session nevertheless.

As for the Board of Directors, I am impressed with the level of expertise and experience that is represented in the current board of directors. These individuals bring a diversity of skill in all areas of business development, project management and sound investment advice to the table. These are very knowledgeable people who have a genuine willingness to assist our nation in making good decisions with a watchful eye on the potential pitfalls that could impact us as a result of our decisions. I am very confident in this working group and grateful that we have their guidance and expertise to aid us in our economic development endeavors and in building a path to prosperity for our members.

As for my day-to-day activities, I spend a great deal of time, reading studies and project plans; reviewing business

correspondence and documents; researching information – historical and current; communicating on a daily basis with members of Council, MCFN and MCBC and others, in addition to attending regular Chief and Council meetings, workshops and events; committee or board meetings; Treaty 9 meetings; etc. I try to stay current on all activities happening in our nation, and on matters that impact us directly and indirectly.

I recently attended the Court of Appeal Hearing in Toronto held this past month. This case is about our entitlement to land according to the Treaty. Albeit, we did receive a portion of that entitlement with the signing and acceptance of the Land Transfer Agreement for 15 square miles which we received in 2015 but that was only what the province was willing to grant us – based on the population of our members living in Missanabie at the time of treaty signing in 1905/06 which was 98.

But the issue is that we never received our land until 2018. According to the Treaty, THE DATE OF FIRST SURVEY, is when the allocation of land is to be determined, according to our population. Well, that survey didn't happen for us technically

until 2015. The population of our members had increased to 330.

Applying the formula, which is written in the Treaty as 128 acres per person or 1 square mile per family of 5 does not equate to the amount of land that we received which is why we have a case in court today. According to the treaty formula itself, MCFN has an entitlement to additional lands up to approx. 48 square miles. We are not only seeking the land but compensation for not having access to the land for all these years. I know this process can take many years but judging by the hearing at this stage, I am optimistic the outcome and final decision of the justices will be a favorable one for us.

In closing, I would like to mention that in working with Council the past 6 months I have come to the realization that we have a great deal of work to do on a professional level and on a personal level. Merging an old council with the new has been challenging. We are all very different personalities and we have different perspectives on matters that sometimes creates dissention and lateral violence at the Chief and Council table. Ultimately, I believe we are all

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doing the best we can and that we will continue to work through these challenges in a good way.

Until my next report, I wish you all good health, happiness and peace.

In the Spirit of Community

**MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR**

**JoAnn Pezzo**

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Wachiaye Wachiaye Misiwe, It has been a few months since my last written report though I have been providing verbal reports at bi-weekly Chief and Council meetings.

January 2023 I attended the opening of the Belleville Affordable Housing project in Belleville Ontario. This housing will be available to Indigenous at market and below market rental. It is a partnership with Garden River FN, Mohawks Bay of Quinte FN and Summers and Co. Grand opening of the completed units will be in the fall 2023.

The MCFN Youth Council met in Toronto. 6 youth participated. I attended their Toronto meeting to introduce myself and my portfolio. I provided a chart of the MCFN's organization to show the lines of communication within the office.

I attended the Governance committee meeting in Toronto, they continue to develop the Land Code which is nearing completion.

In order to legally change the former Ernie's Campground to Dog Lake Campgrounds, an interim board of directors had to be formed. This is a temporary measure, I sit on it along with Councilor Les Nolan.

February 2023 on Feb 7th, the name change I spoke of became official! Congrats to us all

Nishnawbe Aski Natin held their Education Summit. The purpose of this summit was to continue to make the transition from Indian Act program to a First Nation controlled education system. The curriculum would be more cultural appropriate, i.e. land-based learning, language. Any support services could be shared with other participating First Nations and possibly be accessed by community members not the

students alone. A Territory Wide Education Body will be created, which will set and support standards and distribute funding to those First Nations participating. At this time post secondary education is not being considered.

The Cree Culture Committee has reconvened and is beginning to plan the week of restoring our Cree heritage, language, customs, traditions. July 17-21 is the date, more information will be forthcoming.

March 2023 It was a pleasure to attend the grand opening of the John Everett Fletcher Centre in Thunder Bay. Based on the attendance and comments of community members, it will definitely benefit the hub.

C & C continue to work diligently on preparing for the start of building homes on our traditional territory.

Happy Easter to all, enjoy the holiday, safe travels if you're on the road.

Wanting nothing but the best for all...

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## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER/ CULTURAL FACILITATOR

**Gloria Harris (Wesley)**

The Medicine Circle represents balance and connection. It has been said that these circles date back as far as six (6) thousand years B.C. this circle can help us to view life in a holistic and balanced way of living and healing. Think of it as the circle of life, where there is no beginning and no end. The medicine circle is equally divided into four (4) quadrants, follows a clockwise direction which is the same path as the rising and setting of the sun.



The four seasons in mainstream is spring, summer, fall and winter. For Mushkegowuk people, there are six (6) seasons along with the 4 common ones in mainstream, people of the Moose River Basin also include Breaking Up and Freezing Up, which is in reference to the waters used for the lifestyle of that region. We are now in the Spring and Breaking Up season. The direction is East where the sun rises, the color is Yellow and the element is Earth. In this direction is also where babies enter the world, the Eagle is the animal and Tobacco is the medicine gifted to this direction. In the area of health, Physical is in the east direction.

### Education

Applications are starting to come in along with inquires of how the system works. I strongly encourage seekers to search out the website:

[www.missanabiecreefn.com](http://www.missanabiecreefn.com) for the Education section and read it thoroughly as it contains the information needed to know ahead of time as well the application process. The February Bearfax also had lots of information re: applying. I still welcome phone calls and emails but as a student entering post-secondary world of learning, you should be able to do research, I strongly encourage you to do this.

**IMPORTANT:** For all returning students who are continuing into second, third year or more, it is a requirement to send in the student information 2-page application, signed and updated Release of Information and ensure that I have the most recent information for my files if anything has changed.

**TRANSCRIPTS** are due for Fall and Winter semesters. Please send them in. Marks can help me determine awards, so these are important besides being a requirement for Indigenous Services Canada funding.

**GRADUATES:** please send me your information of graduation.

With much respect and hopes for success to all,

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### ENERGY PLANNER

Stephen Hawkins, BA

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The year is underway with progress to report. Chief and Council have approved the proposal for Northern Community Solutions to analyze local natural energy resources available to MCFN. This will be accomplished through a field assessment of the topology of the Missanabie area, along with existing infrastructure for energy systems placement and an analysis of forestry operations, solar insolation, or energy potential for biomass as well as wind energy, geothermal, and hydro.

This project will provide technical data to support my final feasibility report. The field assessment at Missanabie will

look at both existing grid related energy solutions and Non-Wire Alternatives that will include:

- Technical Performance
  - Cost Effectiveness
  - Implementation
- Considerations – physical feasibility, lead time, stakeholder feedback, community preferences, environmental impacts
- Flexibility for future expansion
  - Pros, Cons, Risks, Impacts
  - The cost of this project is funded via Indigenous Forestry Initiative.

**Re: Community Engagement.** The results from the Community Energy Survey conducted at the Annual Gathering in 2022 showed an interesting set of statistics. Whilst it is fair to argue that only 75 members participated, the trends are notable.

The first question asked what benefit in your opinion MCFN should be of importance assuming these benefits are of roughly equal size?

The options were as follows:

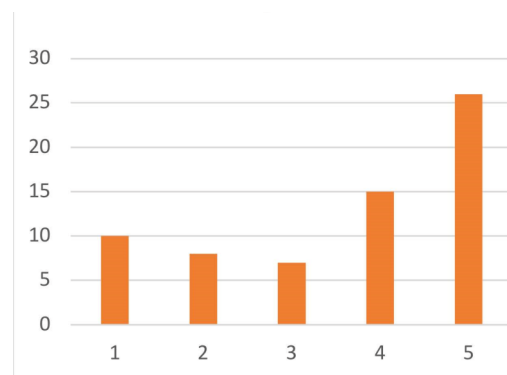
- Ownership interest in projects
- Training education and jobs

for community members

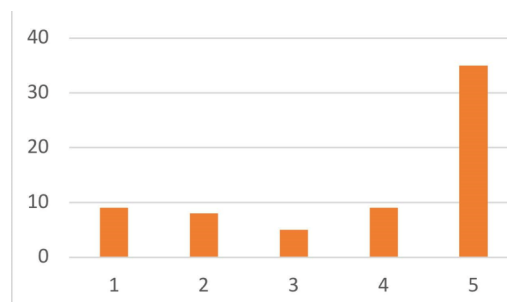
- Royalties or other ongoing revenues from projects
- Minimal Environmental Impact
- Any other

As indicated in the graphs indicated in this article, based on the prioritized ranking of the benefits, where 5 is the highest rank down to the lowest of 1, the votes cast resulted in the following order of preferred benefits:

1. Minimal Environmental Impact



2. Training education and jobs for community members

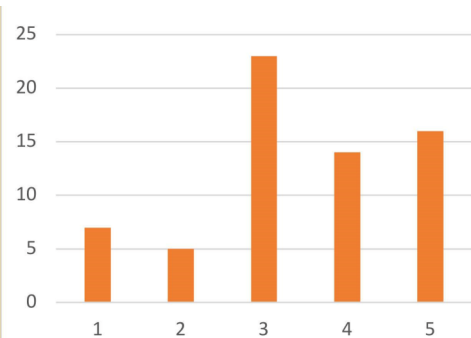


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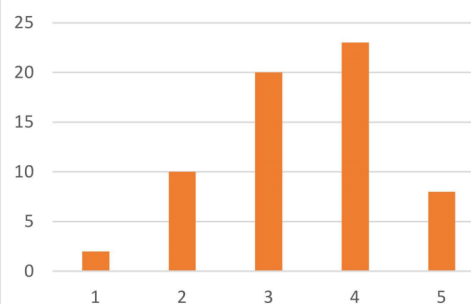


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### 3. Royalties or other ongoing revenues from projects



### 4. Ownership interest in projects

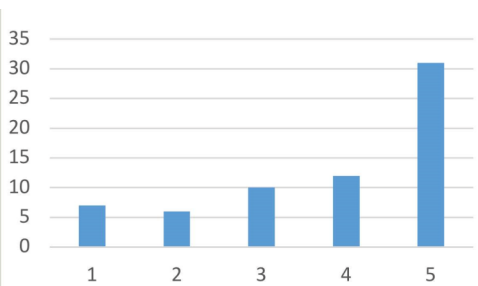


### 5. Any other

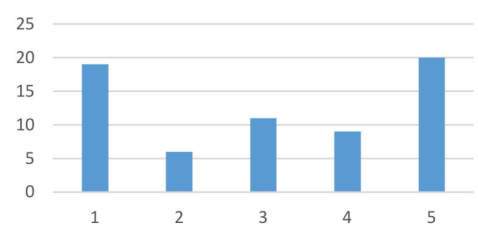
The second question asked respondents to choose their preference of energy type generation in addition to energy from the grid. The results with the number of 5 votes rated highest shows that solar energy was favored as an energy source. However, the “grid’s” strong showing in 2nd place reminds us of what is already available, and that in some capacity grid generated energy will figure in future considerations.

### Top ranked Energy Generation sources:

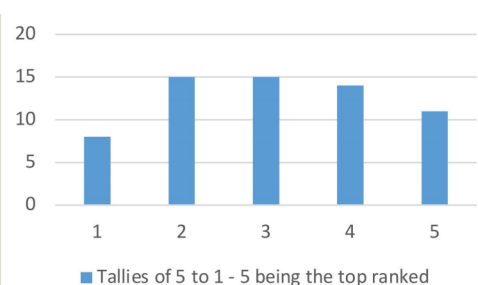
#### 1. Solar



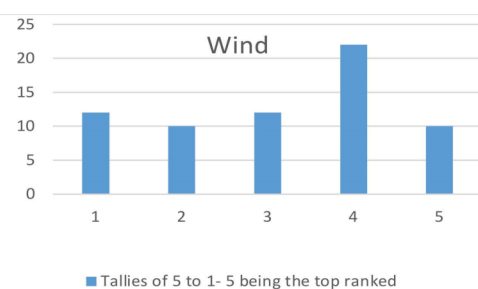
#### 2. Grid



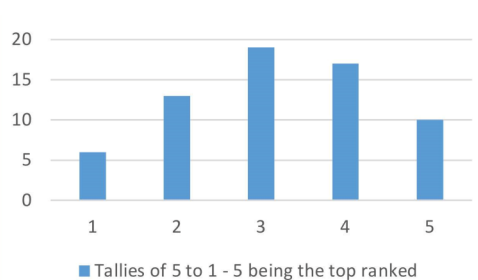
#### 3. Biomass



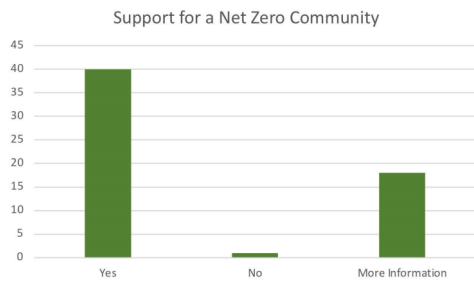
#### 4. Wind



#### 5. Hydro



The third question asked: “Would you support the MCFN adopting a net zero policy for the new reserve and thereby becoming a very visible leader in the global effort to halt global warming?” The answer was very conclusive. Yes, or more information required. As we progress with evaluating all the options regarding residential/commercial development, that information will be forthcoming in future reports.



I would like to thank all respondents for participating in the survey. Community engagement is an important part of realizing a community energy plan that is supported by the community for the community. Finally, I will be liaising with the MCFN Energy Management Sub-Committee, fellow L&R staff, hub coordinators, and members through community engagement to roll-out an effective energy efficiency plan for IESO’s Energy

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Affordability Program that will benefit members both off and on reserve. I will update on progress in future communications. For homeowners, I am also looking into Enbridge's Home Efficiency Rebate Plus program and Natural Resources Canada Greener Homes interest free retrofit loan.

### **FREE HOME ENERGY-EFFICIENCY UPGRADES.**

**Apply through the SAVE ON ENERGY (Energy Affordability Program)**

To sign up, find out if you qualify or learn more about the program:

#### **OPTION ONE**

Contact Save On Energy by phone

**1-844-770-3148**

**Email Contact:**

[michelle.budiman@ecofitt.ca](mailto:michelle.budiman@ecofitt.ca)

#### **OPTION TWO**

Complete the simple website form at

<https://saveonenergy.ca/en/For-Your-Home/Energy-Affordability-Program/Application-Form>

and be contacted by a program service provider within three

business days.

What FREE upgrades are available through the program?

Depending on eligibility and the existing equipment within your home, you may receive:

- ENERGY STAR®-certified LED light bulbs
- High-efficiency showerheads (standard and handheld)\*
- Faucet aerators (kitchen and bathroom)\*
- Drying line for clothes
- Energy-efficient refrigerator
- Window air conditioner
- Smart power strip
- Additional attic or basement insulation\*\*
- Weatherstripping around doors and windows\*\*
- Smart thermostat(s)\*\*

\*for homes with electric hot water heating

\*\*for homes heated by electricity

**Saving energy is simple with the Energy Affordability Program.**

Who is eligible?

People who live in Ontario (including those living in grid connected First Nations

communities) and are responsible for paying their monthly electricity bill as a homeowner or as a renter may qualify for this program. The type of support provided will depend on your household income level from the previous year and how many people live in your home, or on your receipt of a qualifying government or energy-support benefit. All of the expert advice and energy-efficiency upgrades are completely free of charge.

### **WHAT HELP CAN YOU GET?**

The two types of support available through the Energy Affordability Program are **COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT & ENERGY SAVING KITS.**

#### **1) COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT**

Ontario residents who qualify for this level of support will have an energy-efficiency expert visit their home to identify opportunities to help them save energy, receive upgrades and replace eligible appliances.

**TO QUALIFY**, the participant must be:

1. A resident of an eligible Social Housing property, OR

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2. An individual who **owns, rents or leases** a residence, is listed as the primary or secondary utility account holder, AND meets **ONE** of the following criteria in A, B, C or D. Usually A. will suffice.

**Figure1**

Number of people in the home	Before-tax household income
1	\$36,578
2	\$51,729
3	\$63,354
4	\$73,157
5	\$81,791
6	\$89,598
7+	\$96,775

A. Has an annual household income for the previous year that does NOT exceed the following limits as indicated in Figure1:

B. Received one of the

## Energy Saving Kits



following types of assistance in the past 12 months:

- Allowance for the Survivor
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Allowance for Seniors
- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

C. Healthy Smiles Ontario Child Dental Program  
Received a Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) grant or were part of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) within the last 12 months.

D. Is qualified to participate in a natural gas income-eligible demand side management (DSM)

program during the past 12 months.

### 2) ENERGY SAVING KITS

Residents who qualify for this level of support will receive a free Energy Saving Kit with easy-to-install products that will help them to save energy around their home.

**TO QUALIFY**, the participant must:

1. Be an individual who **owns, rents, or leases** a residence in Ontario and is listed as the primary or secondary utility account holder.

2. Does **NOT** meet the eligibility for

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**COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT**, AND have an annual household income for the previous year that does not exceed the eligibility limits listed in Figure2:

**Figure2**

<b>Number of people in the home</b>	<b>Before-tax household income</b>
1	\$46,748
2	\$58,453
3	\$70,158
4	\$81,863
5	\$93,568
6	\$105,273
7+	\$116,978

Note: Depending on your postal code, energy contractors Ecofitt, Envirocentre, and CLEAResult

deliver the program service.

Ecofitt delivers this program to the 'P' and 'M' postal code.

For further assistance regarding EAP questions, please contact your local hub coordinator. For members living in the Sault Ste Marie area, please contact either [bnemeth@missanasbiecree.com](mailto:bnemeth@missanasbiecree.com) or [shawkins@missanabiecree.com](mailto:shawkins@missanabiecree.com)

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### **MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR**

**Ty Hourtovenko**

The Government of Canada is committed to investing in this future, which is why the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy — launched by the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, in December 2022 — is backed by up to \$3.8 billion in federal funding.

On March 7, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario with cooperation from Natural Resources

Canada, Minister Wilkinson announced more details on the implementation of this Strategy.

Over \$344 million in funding is supporting the following five new programs and initiatives:

Critical Minerals Technology and

Innovation Program – \$144.4 million for the research, development, demonstration, commercialization and adoption of new technologies and processes that support sustainable growth in Canadian critical minerals value chains and associated innovation ecosystems.

Critical Minerals Geoscience and Data Initiative – \$79.2 million to enhance the quality and availability of data and digital technologies to support geoscience and mapping that will accelerate the efficient and effective development of Canadian critical minerals value chains, including by identifying critical minerals reserves and developing pathways for sustainable mineral development.

Global Partnerships Program – \$70 million to strengthen Canada's global leadership role in enhancing critical minerals supply chain resiliency through international collaborations related to critical minerals.

Northern Regulatory Initiative – \$40 million to advance Canada's northern and territorial critical

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minerals agenda by supporting regulatory dialogue, regional studies, land-use planning, impact assessments and Indigenous consultation.

Renewal of the Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence (CMCE) – \$10.6 million so the CMCE can continue the ongoing development and implementation of the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy.

Should any member have a request to learn more about

critical minerals or have a specific mineral showcased on the next Bear Fax, please reach me at [thourtovenko@missanabiecree.com](mailto:thourtovenko@missanabiecree.com)

Respectfully



### How Is Nickel Used?



Stainless steel



Metal alloys, coinage, electroplating, rechargeable batteries, non-ferrous alloys and superalloys



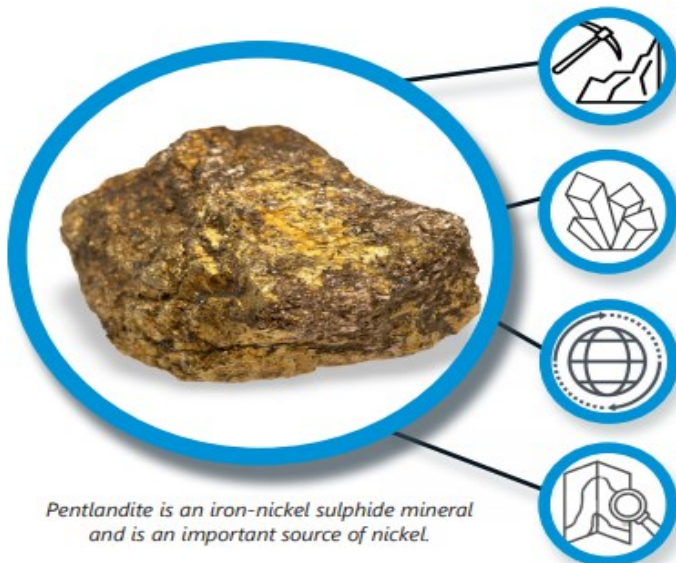
Other uses, including catalysts and chemicals



These photos information highlights the geological characteristics and economic importance of Nickel.



**Nickel** – is a silvery white, lustrous, hard transition metal with a slight golden tinge. Native nickel is always found in combination with iron. Nickel occurs in Ontario as both primary and secondary commodities.



*Pentlandite is an iron-nickel sulphide mineral and is an important source of nickel.*

**Geological Environment and Sources:** In Ontario, nickel occurs in magmatic sulphide ore deposits hosted by mafic to ultramafic rocks.

**Host Minerals:** Nickel is found in Ontario mainly as pentlandite.

**Total World Production 2021:** Worldwide production of nickel in 2021 was 2.7 million tonnes.

**Notable Ontario Deposits:** Sudbury, McFaulds Lake area ("Ring of Fire") (Eagle's Nest).





### MCBC GENERAL MANAGER

Joe Tom Sayers, BA(Hons),  
MPA

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#### **Emergency Management Project:**

We are making good progress on working with the provincial Emergency Management folks at the Treasury Board Secretariat. The goal is to include MCFN in their emergency response structure to handle FN emergencies that may arise. Long

Plain First Nation in Manitoba is working with us on a plan to conduct a recovery operation of their members that are homicide victims buried in a Winnipeg landfill site. They will guide any operations with cultural supports/procedures and have final say on how the search will be conducted.

**Long Term Care:** We are finalizing an agreement with a

licensed long term care operator for our funding submission. We received feedback from the Ministry of Long Term Care on our design and the architect is making the adjustments. We hope to have a final design by the end of this week. Any members interested in becoming involved in this project please contact me at gm\_mcbc@missanabiecree.com.

**Sponsorship Requests:** We are receiving quite a few member requests for sponsorships re: sport tournaments, traveling teams etc. We are working on criteria for processing such requests and will provide the Chief and Council/MCBC Board of Directors a draft policy for review.

#### **140 Merton St. Toronto Project:**

We are meeting with the city staff Monday March 27th to finalize the scope of the Merton project. We will then update our financial forecasts for our funding/financing request to CMHC.

#### **Alamos Agreement Negotiations:**

The next discussion with Alamos is scheduled for April 3, 2023.

**Argonaut:** Our team at MCBC is providing support for members interested in working at either Magino or Island Gold mines. The

Argonaut company has been undergoing staff turnover which has delayed interviews for some members, however we continue to meet with our contacts for employment requests and contracting opportunities.

**UK Trade Mission:** I am attending and presenting at the UK Department of Business and Trade's convention March 28-30 2023 in London England. The topic includes the Indigenous experience in development projects, and how all companies are including the Environment, Social impacts, Governance and Indigenous inclusion (ESGI) in their investments. Expenses are being covered by the UK Embassy out of Vancouver.

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## MCBC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

### **Brittany MacLean**

Hello Greetings MCFN Community members! March marks the Spring Equinox! Spring is my favorite season - I look forward to migratory birds, longer sunny days, and spring's first flowers!

We recently held a meeting between the Chief & Council and the MCBC board to review our current projects. I look forward to more joint meetings and a

stronger connection between the Board and Chief & Council.

At the end of February, we hosted an evening event with Emergency Coordinators from across Ontario. Councilor Les Nolan offered a beautiful opening prayer followed by a meal prepared by several MCFN community members.

I've been collaborating with the MCBC team on items like; JV repository efficiency updates, enhancing internal processes, developing graphics that tell the MCBC story visually, 2023 Rush conference planning and more.

## BEAR TRAIN MANAGER INTERN

### **Johnathan Lalonde**

Hello everyone! The Bear Train Manager Intern has been assisting MTA Inc. in securing funding to update the financial information for the Bear Train Business Case. MTA Inc. is looking to hire a transportation consultant to complete that work. A community group is moving along with applying for heritage designation for the rail corridor. The work is underway to put an application together before the summer. Once the application is

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in it takes a couple years for a decision to be made. More information and updates will be provided as they happen. Enjoy!

### **CBA COORDINATOR**

#### **Hannah Caicco**

“Hello Missanabie Members, I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the spring season! The new season brings several new projects and events that we are excited to share in the near future!

Myself and Joe, our General Manager have been working on the onboarding of new Joint Venture partners to continue to grow and diversify our Joint Venture Repository. As well Brittany and I have been working on improving the Joint Venture Repository by going through all of the agreements, updating information and ensuring the repository is as clear and accurate as possible.

I have been keeping up with each of the mine sites on a monthly basis creating follow-up CBA reports and keeping up-to-date on all future opportunities. This gives us an opportunity to discuss employment opportunities,

upcoming RFPs, community events, and joint venture partnerships.

Finally, I have been working closely with the team on community engagement projects and collaborating with our partners to increase opportunities! Including making graphics and posters for hub events, save the dates, and more!

Thank you & stay safe.

### **MCBC BOOKKEEPER**

#### **Austin Kells**

Hello MCFN Community members, I hope everyone is doing good and looking forward to summer that's coming soon! This fiscal yearend is about to end, and a new one is about to begin! I'm excited to be able to implement new process for the new year. I have been working to make sure that every transaction is posted so that we can perform yearend processes. I have recently created a new vacation/ day off form and tracking sheet so that we have a formal process when a request comes up from an employee. I know this next year will be great!

### **THUNDER BAY HUB**

### **COORDINATOR**

#### **Ded Ewing**

I will be purchasing the Healthy Snack Gift Cards for our Children, Youth and Elder's. These will be available for pick up at the office from April 5 and 6. Cards not picked up will be mailed out before the end of the week. Office address is listed below. I will have small treat bags for our students and small Easter Baskets for those 12 and under. These will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 4 pm.

The office Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony,, was a huge success. I was really proud to have our Chief Jason Gauthier and Councillors Les Nolan and JoAnn Pezzo in attendance. Deputy Mayor, Brian Hamilton came and said a few words. Also in attendance was a Representative from NAN and the City Indigenous Liaison. All the way from Toronto we had Vanessa Mahan who is a Hub Coordinator for Toronto. There was a great showing from Sault Ste. Marie as well including my manager, Bonnie Wiebe. It was standing room only for the most

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part. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila Decorte, Elder from Fort William First Nation for doing the Opening Prayer also singing and drumming. Thank you to Bobbi Fletcher for drumming, singing and smudging the office earlier in the day. Thank you to my siblings: Paul, Doug, Moonie, my husband Jay, and everyone else who helped in any way to make this day a huge success. I couldn't have done this without the help of such a great group. The building was dedicated to my dad, our First Chief and only Honourary Chief, John E. Fletcher. It is now the John E. Fletcher Centre.

I am hoping our students enjoyed their March Break. Now it's time to get back to the books and studying.

For the Month of March we had a Family Sleigh Ride at Gammondale Farm which was well attended by our members. We were able to welcome the Vincent Family who joined us. Fun was had by all who attended. On March 18, we had an Adult Only Bingo Bowling night at Galaxy Lanes. Only a few of us showed up but that was ok. We

had a huge snow storm the day before so I expected numbers would be low. Again, it was a great time.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel our Elder's Tea for March 19 due to another snow storm and the driveway was not yet cleaned. I will reschedule. On March 26 we will have our Youth Drop In from 6:30 to 8 pm.

For April, I have planned Cree Language Classes every Tuesday and Thursday starting April 11 from 6:30 to 8 pm. This will be via Zoom. Matthew Wesley will be the facilitator. On April 12, we will be having a Medicine Wheel Teaching and hopefully have time to make a Medicine Wheel.

Again, this class will be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. On April 19 we will be having our Elder's Tea from 2 to 3:30 pm, and on April 26 will be the Youth Drop-In evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

To date Thunder Bay Health Unit has 115 Active Covid cases in the Thunder Bay District. We need to continue to be more diligent in keeping our numbers down. I realize that the mask restriction has been lifted but I do encourage our members to

continue to wear your mask when in public. It not only protects you but others as well. Wash your hands regularly and use Hand Sanitizer. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

If there are any new members in the Thunder Bay area, please let me know. Please make sure to let me know of any address changes so I can update both the main office and my list.

I can be reached at:

[thunderbay@missanabiecree.com](mailto:thunderbay@missanabiecree.com)

Our telephone number for the office is: (807) 623-8330. Our address is 906 E Victoria Avenue, Thunder Bay. P7C 1B4

Miigwetch MCFN Members,







## 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](mailto: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.





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Job Posting

**Climate Change Solutions Coordinator**

**Deadline: Open Until Filled**

Reports to: Lands & Resources Director

Term: 1 year contract with possibility of extension, 35 hours a week

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a **Climate Change Solutions Coordinator**

### Summary

The Missanabie Cree First Nation Lands and Resources Department is seeking a Climate Change Solutions Coordinator to carry out monitoring and surveying projects on the traditional territory of the Missanabie Cree. This position will require fieldwork and data collection around Missanabie, Northern Ontario, as well as environmental monitoring research and community outreach.

### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma in a field of natural resource management.
- Class G Licence and Clean Driver's Abstract (frequent travel to Missanabie is required).
- CPIC required upon job offer.

### Duties

Lead implementation of multiple climate solutions projects on Reserve and within adjacent Traditional Territories of Missanabie Cree First Nation, including:

1. Invasive species mitigation (Phragmites control and wetland restoration in and adjacent to reserve),
2. Species at risk habitat monitoring and recovery (little Brown Myotis, Canada Warbler, Evening Grosbeak, snapping turtle),
3. Identifying forested areas on reserve for potential carbon sequestration (carbon credits),
4. Collaborating with government to study moose habitat enhancement through field surveys
5. Collecting seed as an active participant of the Indigenous Seed Program led by the national Tree Seed Centre and
6. Developing community-based water quality monitoring program
7. Wetland Inventory and survey for invertebrates, as well as other flora and fauna

Other Responsibilities associated with these projects:

- Conduct community outreach.
- Engage and participate in community shoreline clean-up.
- Other duties as directed.

### Required Skills

- Navigation skills using map, compass and/or GPS in the reserve forest.
- Experience and knowledge operating a boat and motor, All Terrain Vehicles and chainsaw equipment.
- Knowledge and experience in conducting wildlife and forestry surveys.
- Report writing, and financial record-keeping.

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume and 3 references to June Markie at:

[jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com)

*Please note that preference will be given to Missanabie Cree Members and other Indigenous applicants.*



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Job Posting

### Summer Water Guardian

**Deadline: March 30, 2023**

Reports to: Lands & Resources Director

Term: 2-year summer contract, 16 weeks per year, 35 hours/week

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a **Summer Water Guardian**

#### Summary

Missanabie Cree First Nation Lands and Resources Department is seeking a Summer Water Guardian to carry out water monitoring, shoreline cleanup and wetland surveying on the traditional territory of the Missanabie Cree. This position will require fieldwork and data collection on Missanabie Reserve and lands adjacent in Northern Ontario, as well as community outreach.

#### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary study in the field of natural resource management.
- Class G License and Clean Driver's Abstract (frequent travel to Missanabie is required).
- CPIC required upon job offer.

#### Duties

Support department efforts to protect the fresh waters of Missanabie Cree's traditional territories by undertaking to:

1. Conduct water sampling at strategic locations to collect data for the *DataStream* provincial database and work with Algoma University interns to analyze and synthesize reports on the data.
2. Assist department staff in field survey to inventory wetlands on reserve including flora and fauna identification (reptiles, invertebrates, plants etc.).
3. Help with identification and mechanical removal of invasive phragmites from reserve shorelands.
4. Assist with community outreach, delivery of activities at the Children's Summer Camp and Annual Gathering.
5. Other duties as required.

#### Required Skills

- Knowledge and experience in conducting wildlife and forestry surveys.
- Research, report writing, and financial record-keeping.

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume and 3 references to June Markie at:

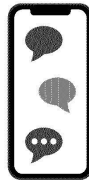
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# NAN HOPE

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



Phone | Text\* | Chat\*

[www.nanhope.ca](http://www.nanhope.ca)

\*Text and Live Chat support are available Monday through Friday: 8:00am - 12:00am ET and Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 11:00pm ET.

## Need a Helpline?

Toll Free Helplines for Northern Ontario

- Children
- Youth
- Adults



### 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

**Toll Free | Confidential | Anonymous**




# April Community News, Notes, & Stories


Happy Birthday to Neil Ewing love the Fletcher Family



I would like to wish My son Corey  
A HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
April 1st.  
Love you son,  
MOM



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



Happy Birthday to my niece Lorraine  
Love you,  
Auntie June



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## Share Your Stories & Accomplishments


Let's be proud of our accomplishments and stories. Send your stories, announcements accomplishments, greetings, or pictures for the Community News, Notes, & Stories to:

[bearfax@missanabiecree.com](mailto:bearfax@missanabiecree.com)


Deadline: 25th day of each month.




Happy Birthday to Neil Ewing love mom and dad




Happy Birthday to my nephew Murray  
Love you,  
Aunt June



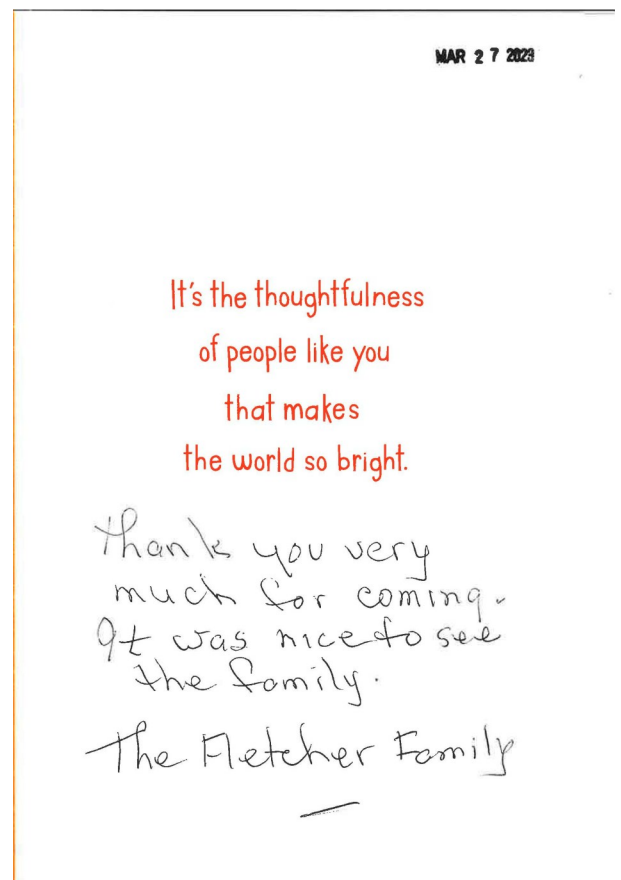
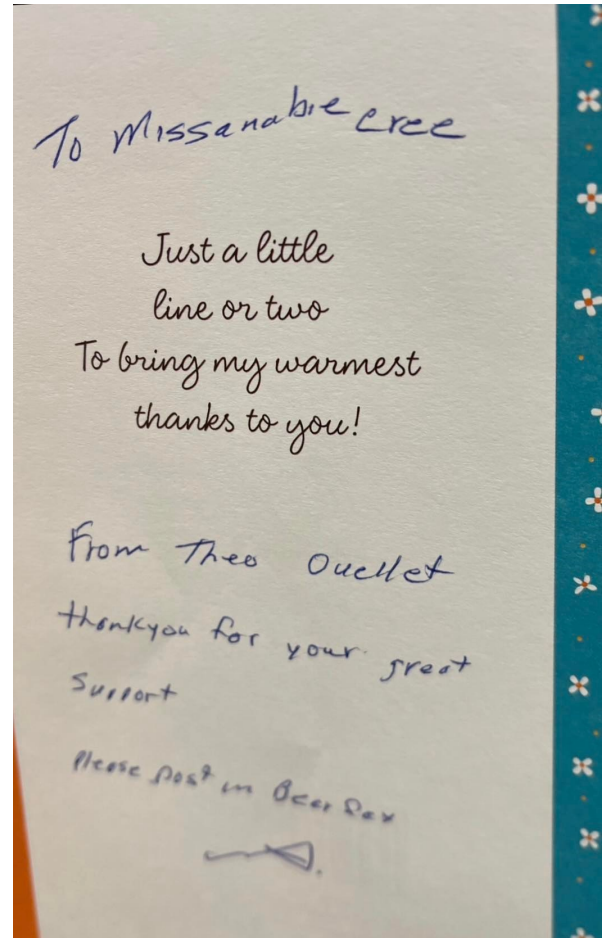
Happy Birthday to Jackson Decorte love Auntie Debbie



Happy Birthday to Jackson Decorte love the Fletcher Family

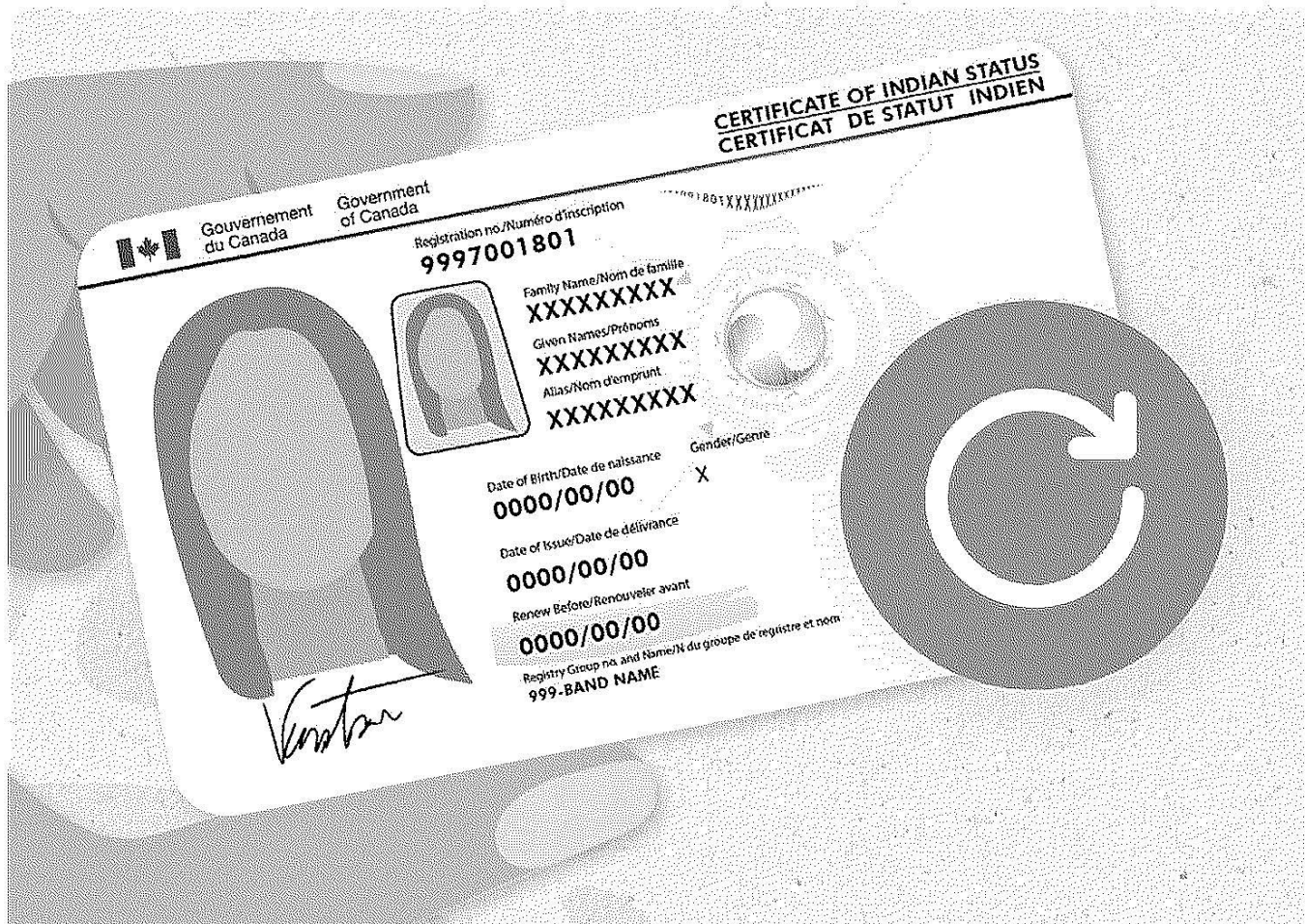



# Member Thank You Cards





# Status Card Renewal



Has your status card expired? Looking to renew?

Renewing your status card makes it easier to access programs and services.

Take your own photo when applying for a status card and submit it straight from your smart phone free of charge using the SCIS Photo App. Submit your application through the mail, or by visiting any regional or First Nation office.

Renewal processing take 8-12 weeks, so don't delay, renew today!

Learn how.

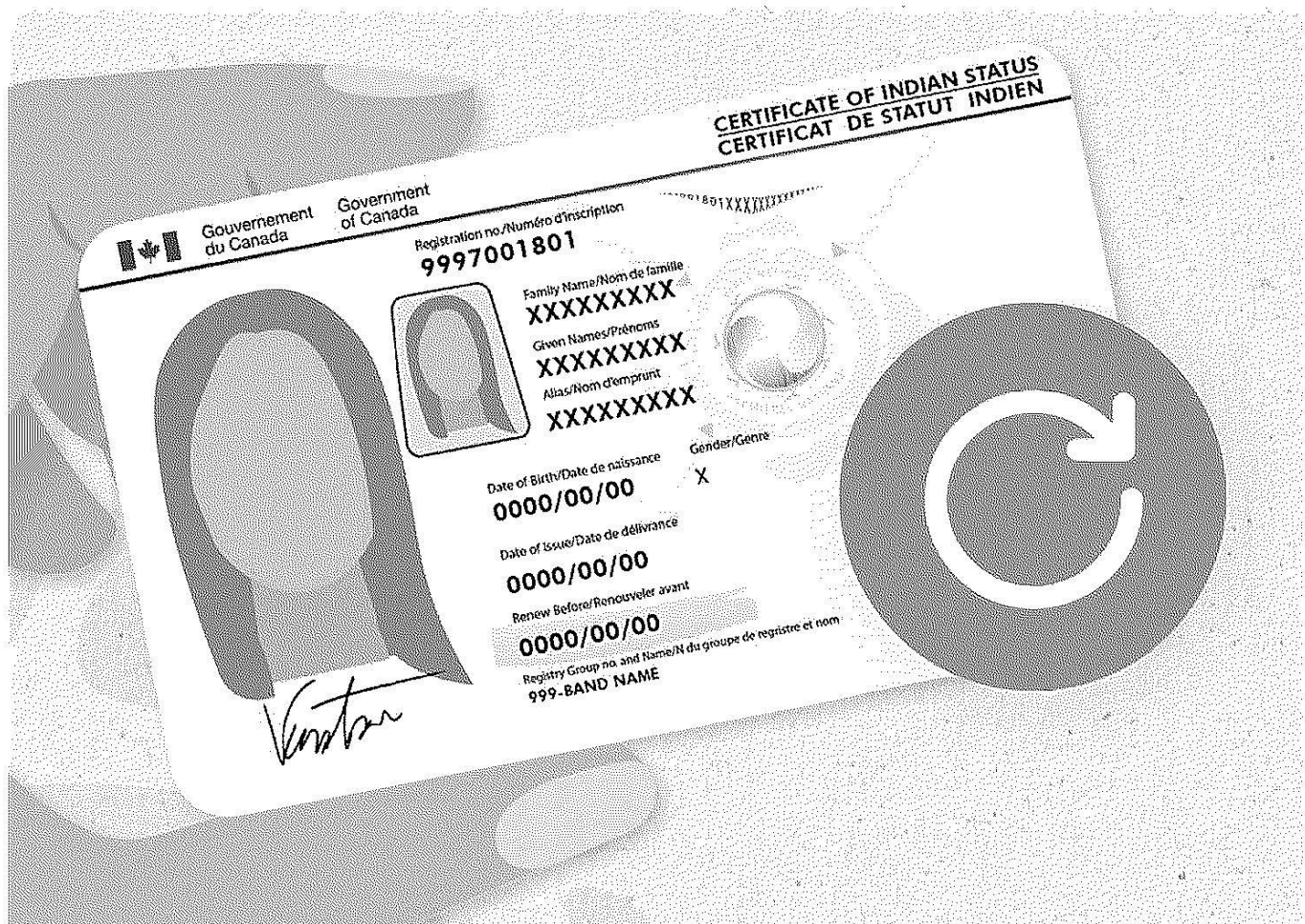
For more information, we invite you to visit:

**[GotoInfo.ca/Status-Card](https://GotoInfo.ca/Status-Card)**





## Renouveler de la carte de statut



Votre carte de statut a expiré ? Vous cherchez à la renouveler ?

Le renouvellement de votre carte de statut vous permet d'accéder plus facilement aux programmes et services.

Prenez votre propre photo lorsque vous demandez une carte de statut et soumettez-la directement à partir de votre téléphone intelligent, gratuitement, en utilisant l'application photo du CSSI. Soumettez votre demande par la poste ou en vous rendant dans n'importe quel bureau régional ou des Premières nations.

Le traitement du renouvellement prend 8 à 12 semaines, alors ne tardez pas, renouvelez dès aujourd'hui !

Apprenez comment.

Pour plus d'informations, nous vous invitons à visiter le site :  
[obtenezinfo-enligne.ca/carte-statut](https://obtenezinfo-enligne.ca/carte-statut)



## 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](mailto:InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca)

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

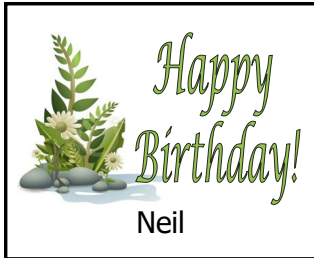
**Updating Addresses.:** Members, please keep your address up-to-date so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business. Please use the form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation. You may also call the Band Office or email June Markie at [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com).

**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.



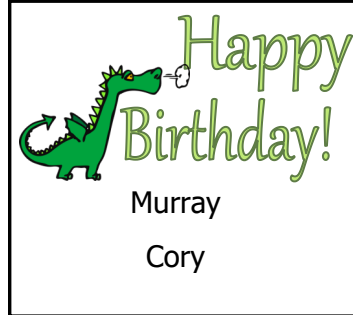
# April Birthday's



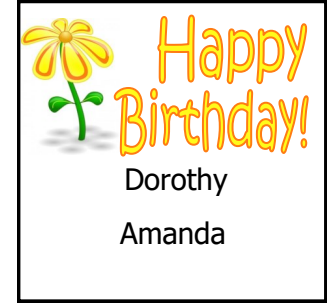
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Neil



Happy Birthday!  
Lauren



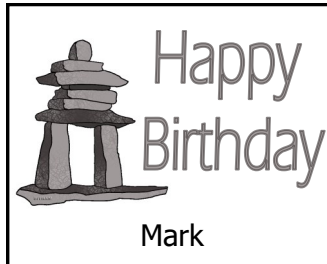
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Happy Birthday!  
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Amanda



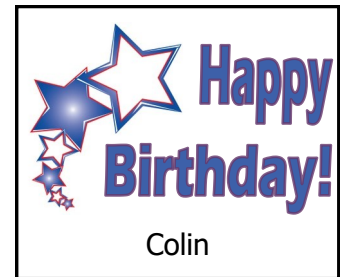
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Happy Birthday  
Mark



Happy Birthday!  
Lorraine  
Kassandra



Happy Birthday!  
Colin

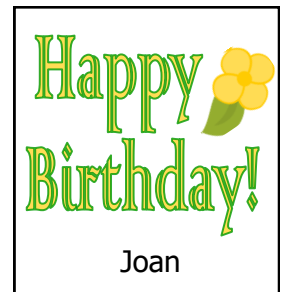


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Brooke Phillips  
Luka Starcevic

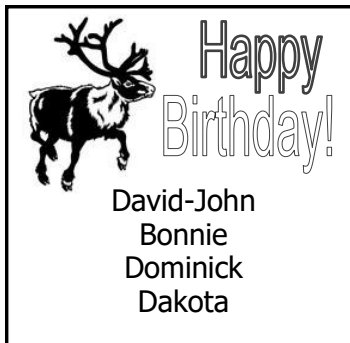
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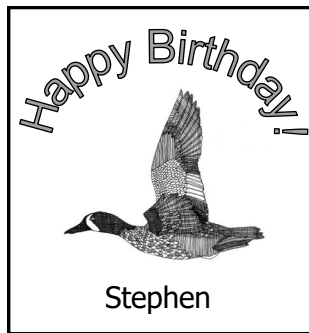
Happy Birthday!  
Cheryle  
Trica-Lynn  
Isla Jane



Happy Birthday!  
Joan



Happy Birthday!  
David-John  
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Dakota



Happy Birthday!  
Stephen



Happy Birthday!  
Jo Ann



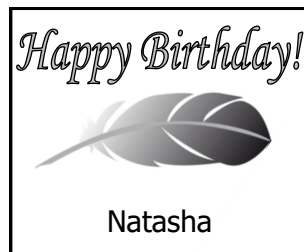
Happy Birthday  
Lori Lynne



Happy Birthday!  
Judy



Happy Birthday!  
Jackson  
April



Happy Birthday!  
Natasha



Happy Birthday  
Kathie Jean



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Councillor	Dakota Souliere	<a href="mailto:dsouliere@missanabiecree.com">dsouliere@missanabiecree.com</a>
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## VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Iliiwak;  
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 Iliiwak;  
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.