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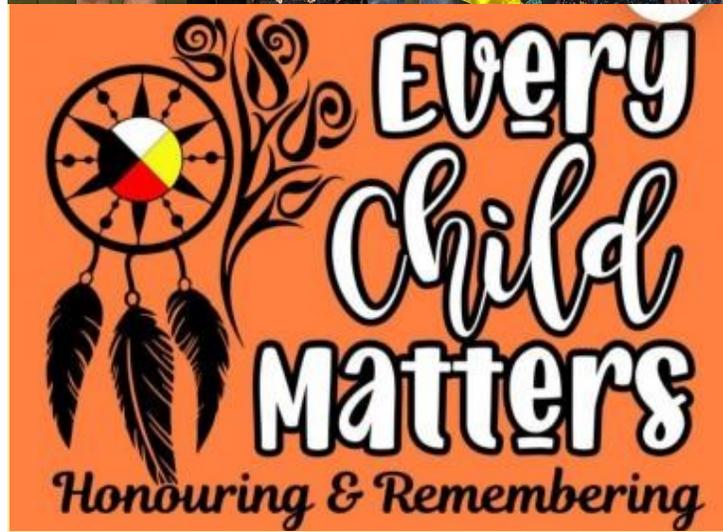


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Congratulations to Missanabie Cree First Nation's Newly Elected Chief & Council 2022





CHIEF OF MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

Jason Gauthier, BA (Hons)

Wace, what a wonderful gathering!

I'd first like to congratulate the newly elected Councilors to a new term and would like to take the time to thank our outgoing Council for their service to the community. When we achieve, we usually do so because others have helped. Mikwec for sharing the vision of an integrated community and for being so incredibly supportive. You all understood what we were trying to achieve and helped every step of the way.

With our new Council, we had our orientation session, and we were able to bring in our managers in to get Council up to speed on all the projects we are involved in.

In the coming month, we have our strategic planning session scheduled and will be talking about how the upcoming three years will be organized. We have invited our staff to help with suggestions and ideas. When we engage in strategic planning, we will be identifying the broad goal of Missanabie Cree First Nation and translate that goal into objectives that we, Council and Staff need to achieve. We will then create a strategy (or strategies) to achieve our objectives.

Once we have created our strategy, we will identify the best way to fulfil that strategy. Next, we will decide who, what, and when those tactics will be executed (action plan). Finally, we will measure and improve.

GOALS. First we will establish the goals of the First Nation and what we wish to achieve for our community.

OBJECTIVES. This is what we need for our Council and Staff to perform in order to achieve our goals.

STRATEGY. The strategy will include the goals and objectives that we will need to make a plan for the next three years.

PLAN. A plan (or action plan) will

identify who and which department is going to execute those strategies and what is required to execute those strategies, and when they will be executed.

IMPROVE. This will be the stage where we measure the past and the future strategies and analyzing how and why it happened, and make improvements.

With regards to Hub visits, we hope to have hub visits soon, so we can engage with our community members. We are looking at strategies to improve our communications and engagement. This in turn will bring our communities closer to together.

We are also looking at increasing our capacity within our cultural department, we as a community, see the need for investment in traditional initiatives and cultural teachings.

I would like to say Mikwec again for supporting me as your Chief and I look forward to another successful term.

In the spirit of community

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

Jutta Horn, CESD (Hons)

Wachaye MCFN Family and Friends

As this is the first Bear fax newsletter since our election, I would like to say Chi Miigwetch to all those who put their trust and support in me to serve as your newly elected Deputy Chief of the Missanabie Cree First Nation. I am deeply grateful and honored to have been elected to Council and I remain strongly committed to serving our nation and our members to the best of my ability. I would like to congratulate the newly elected Council members and commend those who were re-elected into office. I look forward to working with all of you. I would also like to acknowledge all those who had put their names forward in

the election. Choosing to run for political office not only demonstrates your willingness to step up to the plate for your community but having the courage to do so and I commend you all.

For me, the gathering this year was one of the most memorable and special gatherings I have been to in a very long time. It reminded me of the very first time we started to gather in Missanabie. The energy of the people and the land was so very strong and could be felt by many, and evident in the loving connections made during this time. We were long overdue for a gathering and I truly enjoyed every moment of it.

In the past month I have been busy bringing myself up to speed on the various activities and operations of our First Nation. As we have only met as a Council on one occasion since our election, we are only just beginning to dive into the information and the discussions that will help us to fully understand our current circumstances and determine the best courses of action moving our community forward.

At present, I hold the Economic Development portfolio and serve as an alternate on the Lands and Resources portfolio. Both these

portfolios are huge and cover all our lands, resources and economic development departments, entities and activities. I feel that we are only scratching the surface at this point as there are many projects, partnerships and investments that have been made and set in motion by the former Council, which some of us do not fully understand at present but we are working on it. In the coming weeks it is my intention to sit down with these departments and work on the development of a simplified project spreadsheet that can be shared with Council and our community members.

In the meantime, I have been keeping myself busy, attending meetings and getting caught up on current developments occurring within our First Nation and in the Territory.

Summary of Meetings Attended

Chief and Council Orientation

Sept. 6-8, 2022

Delta Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie

Manitou Gold Meeting

Sept. 9, 2022

Marconi, Sault Ste. Marie

Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs Meeting

Sept. 12, 2022

EPR Centre, Moose Factory

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Mushkegowuk Annual General Assembly

Sept. 13-15, 2022

EPR Centre, Moose Factory

Premier Screening

“The Issue with Tissue”

Sept. 18, 2022

Silver City, Sudbury

MFMI Board of Directors

Meeting

Sept. 20, 2022

Team Zoom, Sault Ste. Marie

Chief and Council Orientation

In consideration of the last week of the Annual Gathering, Cree Fest activities and staff holidays, Chief and Council agreed to conduct C and C Orientation on Sept. 6-8, 2022.

While most of the orientation session was focused primarily on the review of policies and codes and the delivery of reports and updates to Chief and Council, we did not have sufficient time to address these topics in a more in-depth manner. I anticipate we will be building on these discussions during our Chief and Council Strategic Planning Sessions in early October.

Manitou Gold Meeting

Met with Manitou Gold representatives to discuss

permitting for expansion of exploration site and memorandum of understanding. MCFN would like to research remediation options related to management of waste wood and the underutilization of forest cuts. MCFN noted that stewardship must be contained within the memorandum of understanding and greater opportunities to utilize partnerships/JVs. An interesting note is that there is a severe shortage of drillers across the nation and perhaps an opportunity for MCFN to look into.

Mushkegowuk Chiefs Meeting/ Annual General Assembly

State of Emergency Declared due to insufficient number of nurses in the communities and increasing health concerns. Community health systems and funding resources are inadequate to meet community needs. Chiefs in Council had a special meeting with Provincial and Federal service agencies to address the issue and requested a letter of commitment to jointly develop Tech Table and short term to long term plans to resolve the issue. A Human Rights Complaint re: Health Services inequality, will be filed. In the meantime, 9 nurses are set to be deployed to the northern communities.

Cumulative Impacts Case

Blueberry River First Nations secured a landmark victory this summer confirming that the Crown unlawfully breached promises made to the Indigenous signatories when Treaty 8 was signed. The case confirms that large scale industrial development on Treaty land 8 had cumulative impacts on Treaty Rights. This is a significant case for several reasons: The BC Supreme Court decision to not appeal and the recent agreement signed by Blueberry and BC has set precedent for understanding cumulative impacts on treaty rights and what it takes to uphold those rights. Treaty 8 leaders urged BC not to appeal the Courts decision in order to respect its commitment to reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

The province recognizes that negotiation, rather than litigation, is the primary forum for achieving reconciliation and the renewal of the Crown-Indigenous relationship. Developing an interim approach to protecting the FN’s way of life – In addition to granting the declarations Blueberry sought, the Court

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ordered that the parties must work “with diligence” to establish mechanisms that assess and manage cumulative impacts withing FN’s territory. The province established a \$35 million fund for Blueberry to undertake land healing activities and a \$30 million fund to support Blueberry in protecting their way of life. An interim approach to balance natural resource activities with economic and environmental considerations is underway to inform long term solutions that protect treaty rights and an “Indigenous way of life”.

This is an important precedent setting case that mirrors the very same infringements imposed by Industry and government in our Traditional Treaty area and more specifically within the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve where many of our people were dispossessed from the land. Missanabie Cree and Chapleau Cree First Nations have elected to spearhead a similar action with the support of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council, member communities and the Nishnawbe Aski Nation. Legal advice has been sought out on this matter and has received resounding

support to proceed. Stay Tuned!

While there was a lot of information shared on programs and projects during this AGA (too much to list in my report) I will ensure the proper departments get this information so we are able to offer these same opportunities to our members.

Overall, the AGA was great. It was wonderful to re-connect with our sister communities and see old faces of the community champions who are still working tirelessly towards the betterment of our communities. The theme of the gathering was “Empowering the People” and that it did. A wonderful time had by all.

As we continue the work of our nation building, I look forward to serving as Deputy Chief and working hard for our members over the next three years. I will strive to keep members informed, involved and inspired and assured that my door is always open.

In the Spirit of Community,

The Issue with Tissue

A film documentary by Michael Zeiniker

The issue with Tissue documents the little known, largely untold

story of the boreal forest and the

Indigenous First Nations who call it

home, that it is, being clearcut for the manufacture of toilet paper and that protecting and conserving the boreal is an existential imperative. We learn that the boreal is critical to our survivability that is the largest remaining intact forest on planet earth, it stores more carbon than any other terrestrial landscape, it is the largest fresh water source with countless lakes, rivers and wetlands. The boreal is a nursery to as many as 5 billion birds. It is home to more than 600

Indigenous First Nations communities who have lived sustainably on the boreal for thousands of years. The logging industry is clearcutting these last remaining old growth, large intact forest landscapes so we can wipe our bums with softer, more plush toilet paper. And that’s it in a nutshell.

This is only one example of the destruction of Industry on our homelands and will undoubtedly provide documented evidence to support the cumulative impacts case.



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MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR

JoAnn Pezzo

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Wachiaye MCFN families,

It is an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to Chief and Council.

Chi-miigwej to the people who supported me for the next 3 years on Chief and Council.

Congratulations to our re-elected Chief, Councillors and newly elected Councillors. I look forward to working together over the next 3 years.

I want to thank the previous Councillors for their dedication and work for the community and its members. It was a pleasure to

work along side of Bobbi Fletcher, Cory Mcleod and Shawn Pine over the past 3 years. Miigwej

I remain the primary holder of the culture folder:

CULTURE PORTFOLIO

LANGUAGE

Work with the community and staff to re-introduce the Cree Language

EDUCATION

Advocate and support students with their needs to be successful

YOUTH

Engage and re-establish the MCFN youth council

Also, I am the alternative to the governance portfolio.

The newly elected Chief and Council orientation happened Sept6-8 in Sault Ste Marie. C&C will be meeting with the office staff October 6-7 in Sudbury Ontario for a strategic planning session.

I attended the 36th Annual Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk, held in Moose Factory Ontario along with Jutta Horn, who proxied on behalf of our Chief and C&C elder liaison

Lori Rainville. At the AGA, 6 First Nations chiefs/proxies and delegates were present. The 3 days consisted of reports from the political office, regional corporations and the various Mushkegowuk Council programs and services.

Wanting nothing but the best for all... Take care and be safe.



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION COUNCILOR

Lois MacDonald

1-64Wachay Member's of MCFN,

First of all I would like to say "Chi-Miigwetch for supporting me to be elected as your Council member to work for you. I'm very humbled and will work hard for Missanabie Cree First Nation and our members.

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My first report will be short as I'm settling into this position. I attended the orientation held in the Sault in September and I am happy to say my portfolio is Governance. I realize there is going a lot to learn about in this portfolio, as I mentioned in my platform. "I'm here to do the best I can do and work hard for MCFN".

This is my first brief report as a Band Councilor and future ones will not be as brief. Once again I want to say

"Chi-Miigwetch to those who voted for me it will be an honour to work for you and look forward to the next 3 years".

Miigwetch

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Shereena Campbell

Hello Everyone,

It was a pleasure to see everyone at the Annual Gathering. We hope everyone had a great time. Staff worked hard and I want to thank each of them for thier hard work during the preparation and implementation of the Annual Gathering.

Creefest was a first for me and it

was a wonderful time. Meeting so many new people and making memories. Again another huge thank you staff that helped make this possible and to the community members that came together to help out during this event.

In the office things are back to regular routine and we have been actively interviewing for the posted financial positions. It will be exciting to have a financial department in place to accommodate the growing capacity and initiatives that Missanabie Cree is moving forward with.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the naming of the road and the former Ernies campground. This was also exciting to have members select the names for these important ventures. For those who are not aware of the result, the former Rrnie's Campground will be Dog Lake Campground. The new road for the first set of lots has been named Nolan Road.

Staff have been working hard on quarterly planning and you will see the events planned in the calendar of events in this month's edition of the Bear Fax!

BAND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Amber Lacross

Happy harvest season everyone!

Firstly, it was great to see everyone together again at the Annual Gathering. There is always a new face to meet and something new to learn. Kudos to my coworkers for the hard work put in and everyone who participated and helped make it a success.

Since my last report I've been training Lisa as Chief & Council's Executive Assistant. We are fortunate to have her onboard the team! Last month we coordinated the Orientation session for the newly elected Chief and Council in Sault Ste Marie to get them up to speed.

Myself I've be working more closely with Shereena on Administrative tasks like staff meeting minutes and Human Resources tasks like recruitment. A few weeks ago, I was given the opportunity to participate in an "HR for Indigenous Communities Conference" to keep myself up to date. I'm grateful to be assisting more in this capacity and hope I can adjust well. Bamapii

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF & COUNCIL

Lisa Souliere

Waciye Misiwe,

Fall breeze and autumn leaves are now underway. Since August 2nd, I've been employed as the Executive Assistant with Chief and Council at the band office. 20 years ago, I was employed in the same position and a lot has changed in the means of technology, our land claim settlement and endeavors. I look forward to working with the Chief and Council, and should you have any questions please feel free to email me at Lsouliere@missanabiecree.com.

Mikwec

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER/ CULTURAL FACILITATOR

Gloria Harris

I have included 2 pictures for your viewing. We all know now of Orange Shirt Day. It has received good media attention and we plan to honor the day here at the office starting with a Sunrise Ceremony, bag breakfast

and later chili and scones at the office front street. Community is invited to share in this recognition day with us.

September 30 has also been recognized as Truth and Reconciliation Day the day that honours the children who never returned home and for the Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.

It is vital for public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing intergenerational impacts these schools that were created by Canadian government leaders, truth being told. Truth before reconciliation. Another vital component of learning the true history, believing what you read and hear from survivors and not just wearing orange t-shirts.

To commit to reconciliation, remember that the t-shirt while it spreads the message and makes a statement happens once a year. What about the rest of the year. When events are held, invite elder to speak about their experiences and those who have heard the stories. Many of us live daily with our ancestor's life stories and their experiences in residential schools and some of us are fortunate to be

shown the pathway to healing, with support from healers.

This week of September 30 and onward we must get the message out for others to consider much more:

- how you react to homeless Indigenous asking for change
- your thoughts when you see our lost souls struggling and failing

Sisters In Spirit is October 4, a day to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Across Canada, groups in communities honour the more than 1200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Red dresses have become symbolic and are often seen displayed in peoples home window, in trees in communities and other places of visibility. There is so much to say and so much to write. I ask people to do the research, look online for local events, join in and talk it up with friends, family and community. We must endeavor to keep their memories alive.

Everyone welcome to attend, "Honouring Our Firekeepers" to be held on Friday, November 18. at the Marconi Cultural Event Centre.. This will be a ticket event and must be ordered before

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November 10 to have a correct head count for dinner plates. For more information, you can email: education@missanabiecree.com or call 705-254-2702 ext 227. Notices will be posted online in our websites.

FAMILY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Bonnie Wiebe HBSW

Watchay, Fall is upon us, and the colors of trees are beginning to show, and winter is just around the corner. We sure have been busy since the Annual Gathering. It was an incredible gathering this year, it was great to meet new members and families. Children were involved with all the programs put on by the Family Services Team. My sincere thank you to all the Team which include the Hub Coordinators. Thank you for your creativeness, your hearts and smiles, and your hard work.

The family services team here at the office have been working towards the next three months of programming for our members, the calendar and posters will be posted in the Missanabie On-line Programming facebook page, the MCFN website. Some events are

for here in Sault Ste. Marie and other events such as Poppy Beading packages will be sent out to those who would like to bead a poppy for Remembrance Day. There will be a registration form put out on the FB Online Page for those who would like the beading kit. We will be sending out a Thanksgiving gift to each household to help with your Thanksgiving dinner. Fall and Winter are coming, and we are preparing for it.

FAMILY WELL BEING



Jana Harris

We have been busy here at the MCFN Family Services office getting our next few months programming ready and I look forward to seeing everyone in person and online. This years gathering was a huge success with the biggest turnout so far and I met new cousins and seen cousins I haven't seen in years! The Tie Dye was so much fun to do with the families and congratulations to the fishing derby winners as well. I had so much fun doing the

Elder's tea and I want to extend a CHI-MIIGWETCH to my helpers, Lori Rainville, Cynthia Tribe, Lisa Souliere and Dakota Souliere and Nolan Raiville for his carrot cutting culinary skills, y'all are amazing! We are resuming elder's teas in Sault Ste. Marie so keep an eye out in the Bear Fax calendar's and the MCFN Family Programming page for future events that are coming up leading up to the Christmas break. Thank you for your continued patience as I learn my role in helping our community and putting on programs for everyone. Take Care Beautiful People. Peace and Love.

CHOOSE LIFE COORDINATOR

April Wesley, BA

The Choose Life program has had its challenges and Covid restrictions were no exception, but we have done our best to reach our youth in some way with the online programs and the in-person events with our family services team.

The Annual gathering was nice family time to see and spend time with others we otherwise would not of been able to. Meeting new

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family members and extra time with members I'm just getting to know more was a major highlight of my gathering.

Naturally Superior was once again a huge hit at the gathering. We look forward to including them again next year with more programming they can offer like and overnight canoe trip.

We are planning to bring more land-based and culturally relevant programming for family services and choose life; bringing in more traditional knowledge keepers and land-based activities with people who can share their knowledge and expertise in these areas.

The Youth Council will be restarting soon with the assistance of Councilor Jo Anne Pezzo and

a couple of older youth who want to help in the process of putting it together. We will reach out to previous and current interested youth and go from there. You will be hearing from us soon. Keep well and find the lessons and blessing in every day.

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Danica Boyer, RSSW, BA PSYCH

Aanii Boozho Missanabie Cree Members!

My name is Danica Boyer, and I am the Mental Health & Addictions Counselor for Missanabie Cree. I do work in Sault Ste. Marie, but I am here to help and reach out to all members of Missanabie Cree, even if you are on the other side of the world.

Currently, my role is one-to-one counselling in person, Skype, Facetime, Teams, Phone Calls, etc. I am currently also helping you plan your future in living a clean and sober life that you want. The Family Services team and I work together to help you get the programming and treatment you want for your mental health and addiction needs.

I do plan on doing a lot more in the upcoming year and creating a new structure on how I can help

within the community's wellness, mental health, retreats, and traditions. I plan on creating some new programming/events in the new year that will either happen weekly, monthly, and yearly. I have some ideas already that are being written and created and I can't wait to bring them to light. I will be focusing this coming year on many different areas of mental health and wellness and to help create a healthy traditional lifestyle for all ages.

I would love to hear from you and what you want to see happen in Missanabie. I would also like to hear your ideas for programming that the Family Wellness Team can help with or what you think the community needs. Please email me at dboyer@missanabiecree.com with comments, ideas, and if there is anything I can do to help assist you and your family. Remember to please be mindful and respectful.

I will be creating a new work plan for myself, and in the next Bear Fax, I will be letting the community know when I am in the office on certain days, and days when I am working with

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community members.

I will also be posting in the Bear Fax monthly with news on what's happening in the mental health and substance use across the globe and talking/teaching about different mental health/wealth. If you have any interests in knowing more about specific mental illnesses/health, substances, psychotherapies, or anything relating to the mental health and addictions world, let me know! I will use your ideas in the next Bear Fax each month and I will mail/email you personally with information. Best Wishes and I hope to hear or see you soon!

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Cynthia Tribe

I will be leaving my position as Family Support Worker. I want to take this opportunity to than all my awesome coworkers and a special miigwetch to the great ladies who run the Choose Life and Family Well Being Programs. You are both great workers who do so much for your community. Also, Brad who does great work up there in Wawa. I truly enjoy watching your video's that you post each week. It's very important that we learn the language and culture. Without

these we do not exist as Indigenous people. You all care for your community and it shoes. Chi-Miigwetch to all the administrative staff for always being there to help me when I needed help. I will take everything that I learned about Missanabie Cree and carry it with me forever. Miigwetch to the community for accepting me at your Family Camp and Annual Gathering. Chi-Miigwetch to the families that trusted me to work with you. I encourage you to be the best you can be and love with all your heart. Baamaa pii (See you later).



LANDS & RESOURCES DIRECTOR

**Tess Sullivan, MPA, BA, BEd,
Provisional Forester**

Wachiaye MCFN Members,

Celebrating Autumn, the
Migrating Moon!

The Lands and Resources

Department has had a busy and rewarding field season. We completed environmental monitoring training in May, community outreach for the Terra Stories project throughout the summer, and drone training in September to equip our emergency management committee with enhanced Search and Rescue capability. Last week we collaborated with our Wahkohtowin sister First Nation's (Chapleau Cree and Brunswick House) and the Ontario Government to establish Moose Pellet plots that we will be surveying annually to study moose habitat and the effects of glyphosate spray. It is all part of developing our monitoring program and the steadfast work and ongoing political pressure to end pesticide spraying our forests.

On the HR side of things- the department welcomes Brienne Nemeth as our Administrative Assistant! Brie has been with us since July and she brings much needed support to the department in program planning and financial administration. Brie is also taking on the duties of housing intern and will be learning about the establishment of the First Nation's Housing Program from

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In this Photo: Lisa VanBuskirk, Lands Manager Brunswick House, Santana Brunswick House Technician, Emilie Kissler NDMNRF Moose Scientist and Tess Sullivan Director of Lands, Missanabie Cree FN

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an expert in the field.

The Lands department has a new truck and enclosed trailer for equipment up at Island View. We are steadily getting equipped to conduct regular field monitoring in mining and forestry. We meet with Dakota Souliere, the Councillor newly appointed to the Lands and Resources file this week and we will be finalizing our five year strategic plan in the coming weeks.

Happy Hunting Everyone!

Mikwec, Tess on behalf of the Lands & Resources Department



LANDS & RESOURCES
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT

Brianne Nemeth, BCYC, SSW, MHA

Wápiwápiqwan ohci otehiminâhtik.

Waicye, Hello.

(White Flower from the Strawberry Plant) is my spirit name. Maskwa dodem, I am bear clan.

I was born and raised in Manitowadge, ON and legend has it that the town's name translates into "Cave of the Great Spirit." Climate Action is a big passion of mine with previous work through Wahkotowin.

My role/responsibility of that bear medicine is to be a helper-protector, whether that's helping human beings, plants, waterways or trees. I am honored to recently

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accept the positions of Administration Assistant / Housing Intern for the Lands and Resources department. I am very happy to be working with my community of Missanabie Cree First Nation!



GENERAL MANAGER

Joe Tom Sayers, BA(Hons), MPA

Wachey, Here is an update on several projects our team has been working on:

140 Merton St. Toronto Project -

We are moving along in securing agreements to construct the 184 unit apartment complex that will provide affordable housing options for Indigenous elders. We are also negotiating with the City of Toronto to give MCFN the title to the land along with significant rental subsidies to

bring the costs to our elders down. Also, we met with Anishinawbe Health Toronto to partner on having a service location at the site to give elders immediate access to their services.

Emergency Shelter for

Evacuations- We now have a firm equipment list for the shelter, which is planned to be established at the former mobile home site in Missanabie. Work continues with CMHC on a financing package that will include a significant forgivable amount, along with negotiating a long term service agreement with the federal government to ensure that MCFN does not incur any financial hardship as a result of hosting the facility in their community.

Investment Strategy -

CESO (Canadian Executive Services Organization) has provided a consultant at no cost to MCBC that is working with us on an investment strategy for MCBC. The strategy will provide the Board and staff, guidelines to ensure that the revenues we generate are put to the best use and return on investment.

RUSH 2022- The MCBC team is working on our industry networking event, with an expanded format that will include a trade show and Gala event. This

is an opportunity for our partners to connect with each other and both Alamos, Argonaut and other industry companies.

Firehood - MCBC is now an official member of this investment fund partnership, which is founded entirely by women. The Firehood holds regular pitch competitions for women entrepreneurs, mostly in the technology sector, and invests funds in the competition winner's company and eventual success.

Unmarked Burials - our company ISN Maskwa has been engaged to support several First Nation communities with investigations of unmarked burials at or near former residential schools. More to come on this and other project developments.

Miigwech

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Brittany MacLean

Greetings Missanabie Cree First Nation Community Members! We are settling in after a very busy summer. I welcome the fall season with open arms!

We had a whirlwind time at the Annual Gathering. I would like to thank all the youth and kiddos

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that came by to get their face painted - Jonathan and I had a great time!

Thank you to those who stopped by to help with our Paint-by-numbers activity. It was encouraging to see so much participation from all ages!

To everyone that attended the 2022 MCBC Business Day, we appreciate you!! A lot of planning goes into organizing a trade show event. This year's event had record high attendance and engagement between booths and membership. We look forward to next year's gathering!

We currently have a Bookkeeping position available with MCBC. Please visit the MCFN website career page to review or apply!

The team at MCBC is busy planning our 3rd annual Rush Networking event this November. We plan to provide more details about the event in the near future.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT COORDINATOR

Hannah Caicco

“Hello Missanabie Members, I

hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the fall season!

The team at MCBC has been busy planning and preparing several new projects and events that we are excited to share in the near future!

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. One thing we are doing with Argonaut Gold at the beginning of every meeting is taking part in a "Safety Share" to keep up-to-date on health and safety. As well, I and our General Manager have been keeping up with our existing partners and working on some exciting new projects with new partners. Our partners at Twin Equipment & Tool Rentals have some exciting training opportunities and courses available through Vision Mining Solutions Inc. The details of this training can be found on the MCFN Facebook page!

As well as our annual RUSH 2022 event is coming up this fall and we have sent out our Save the Date card! These events will be exciting opportunities to connect with our partners, and community members, and encourage community involvement. We are trying to enhance digital tools at

this year's conference as well!

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! We will continue with our team-building month wellness activities into the fall!

Thank you & stay safe

BEAR TRAIN MANAGER INTERN

Johnathan Lalonde

The Bear Train Manager Intern was busy helping to organize the Business Day for the Annual Gathering. We hope that you had a wonderful time meeting the mining booths and joint venture partners. I enjoyed going up to Missanabie for the Annual Gathering and participating with you. It was my first time there. I have also been applying for awards for the Missanabie Cree Business Corporation to gain exposure and recognition amongst the business community. Lastly, MTA Inc. has met in person with Watco and now we are waiting on Watco to provide us with the information we need to move forward.

NEW BEGINNINGS JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Culture Camp July 4-8,2022 Report

Success! Success! Success! Are the only words I can use to describe the Culture Camp in July 2022.

54 MCFN community members registered for the week- long learning of Cree ways; 19 families,18 elders, 21 adults and 15 children/youth. Invitees included:

Mushkegowuk Council Deputy Chief-Rebecca Friday

MC- Chuck Wesley

Facilitator-Norm Wesley

Language Keepers-Clarence Sutherland, Brad Nolan

Firekeeper- John Dubeski, William Deschamps

Presenter-Ted Wawia



[Meals were catered by Tessie's Kitchen; Tess Ray, Donna Ruth, Karen Ruth and Carolyn Sobey](#)

Committee members: JoAnn Pezzo, Gloria Harris, Lois MacDonald, Brie Nemeth, April Wesley, Carol Jeffries, Brad Nolan

Honorable mentions: Miigwej to Colin Harris, Brian Ray for their assistance with driving and delivering supplies, June Markie for her remarkable assistance with transportation and accommodations.

A sacred fire was lit each morning along with a daily opening prayer and drumming. The agenda was complete with daily activities, the Creation Story, Cree language, family tree, traditional foods, story telling



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At the end of the week, the group was asked for feedback, here is a summary::



Q1. What did you like about the week?

-learning about our culture, language and history in order to grow as a community & family. I enjoyed reconnecting with family and meeting new family was truly beautiful gathering, loved learning about our culture, family connectedness, drumming, sacred fire, learning the Cree language every minute

-I liked learning about where I came from and where I came from... I also liked how welcoming and friendly everyone was

-What I liked most about the week was the thoughtfulness put into the sessions. I enjoyed learning about our language. It was wonderful that we were given resources to carry on our learning while at home. Learning about how to do/understand ceremony was very important as I am just in the infancy of my journey and have been searching online. Learning from my Nation/band is very important to me and learning from my Elders.

-ceremonies, sunrise, drumming & singing, sharing/teaching circle, beginning to learn about the Cree language

-being together with our family, learning our history, our language, our song, and not getting bogged down in politics

-I liked that all the day to day needs were provided so I was able to work on my journey. Plenty of food, water and comfortable accommodations.



Q2. What would you like to see included in any future Cree Cultural Camps?

-More youth programming for young ones, an area in the multi purpose building for young ones to play so parents can participate

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- Elders cabins, more teachings of traditional Ceremonies, include more traditional activities for ur children
- more hands on learning etc, crafts, nature walks to familiarize with medicines
- more crafting, drums, skirts, outdoor areas
- I would like to see this continue, to be annually, have fire 24 hours
- I would like to see learning visual cards for children about the Cree language and traditions
- I feel doing a cooking class would be wonderful maybe having a few activities running at the same time which members could sign up for to

give the opportunity to learn many different things

-more language lessons, crafts, traditional foods and dishes, medicines, more kids programs

- more language and drumming, drum making

-sweat lodge, medicine walk, drum and shaker making, full moon if it aligns, ceremony

-I like 'hands on' activities , would like to see drum making, if expensive perhaps a cost saving approach could be done, medicines and their uses, medicine gathering and perhaps making teas and basic

remedies/medicines, setting up a teepee, filleting fish, dressing small game and cooking, tour of the lake, historical revies of where families actually settled and hunted

-more hands on activities such as pipe making, drum making, rattle making, medicines and their uses (past and present0, Bannock making, soap/candle making, tea making, hide tanning demo, teepee making and erecting demo, opportunity to purchase MCFN merchandise.



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Sweat lodge, Cree games, Cree round dance, feast of the dead, pipe teachings, food offering and four medicine teaching, fasting teachings for men, women, girls and boys

Q3. Any more comments on Accommodations, Food, Learning Experience?

-starting the journey is the hardest part now that 'the seed' has been planted it will make it easier to continue the journey to benefit the growth of the community, food was excellent and well planned out, accommodations were excellent

-culture is healing, so grateful for this opportunity to gather, food was awesome, have ladders for the bunkbeds, unable to climb up onto top bunk, chi meegwetch MCFN looking forward to future gatherings, more cultural evening activities for the children, story time, medicine wheel teachings (kids)

-create a baby/toddler gated play area in the multi-purpose so new parents can participate more

-create some sort of 'wall divider' for the meetings so we can hear better

-childcare, child area to do activities

-accommodations were great, I feel the only thing I would recommend is if families are placed together have same genders together as it can be awkward for opposite genders regarding washrooms/showers

-everything was awesome, cooks/kitchen staff were wonderful, teachers and facilitators were knowledgeable and happy to share, excellent experience, will recommend others to take part

-accommodations and food was top notch, it allowed you to focus on the learning opportunities and not to worry about your basic needs, cabin was very comfortable and clean, learning experience was comprehensive, some days were too long sitting and listening, perhaps splitting the activities to get people moving, to get more people exposed to sunrise ceremony host a demo in the morning after breakfast, hearing in the hall was very difficult and the band mat wish to consider wireless microphone for presenters, consider getting partitions to close off or create a backdrop for the presenting area.

Miigwej to all who made this first Cree Culture Camp the huge success it was!



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MCFN Youth Council

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

Goals of the youth council ...

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

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

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

monthly meetings

Youth council

minimum age requirement is 13



WOMEN'S QUILTING & DRUMMING RETREAT 2022

Date October 20,21,22,23,24, 2022,

Location: Missanabie, ON

Activities: include, Learning to Quilt / Making Skirts / Hand drumming

Age: open to 16 and up

Facilitator:

Vanessa Genier, Quilt for Survivors Founder



Facilitator:

Theresa Binda Traditional Hand Drumming



Please bring your own hand drums.

Sleeping bags, towels/face clothes will be provided

Meals will be provided. Any diet requirements please put on the registration form.

Limited travel assistance will be covered.

Activities will vary from Quilting, Sewing skirts, & Drumming.

Accommodations will be shared.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022 REGISTRATION

Registration will be limited, Please register by email to lgagnon@missanabiecree.com
Accommodations will be shared. Travelling together is recommended as we are limited in funds.

If you have sewing machines, please bring them.

Please bring a gift that can be used for a future raffle, to support our future activities.

Name:	Address:
City:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email:
Status	

Dietary requirements: _____

Travel requirements: _____

WOMEN'S QUILTING & DRUMMING RETREAT 2022					
October	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
	Travel				
9 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30 am		Opening, Overview, & Drumming	Drumming	Drumming	Closing/ departure
10:30 - 10:45 pm		Break	Break	Break	
10:45 am		Learning to quilt	Quilting/skirts	Quilting/skirts	
12:00 - 1 pm		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00 pm		Quilting/skirts	Quilting/skirts	Quilting/skirts	
3:15 - 3:30 pm		Break	Break	Break	
3:15 - 4:30 pm		Quilting/skirts	Quilting/skirts	Quilting/skirts	
5:00 pm		Supper	Supper	Supper	
7:00pm		Drumming by fire pit	Drumming / campfire snacks	Drumming/ snacks by fire pit	

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

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- C) Professional Services **(Must provide receipts for reimbursement)**
- a. Occupational therapy and assistive devices
 - b. Physiotherapy
 - c. Speech-language pathology Services
 - d. Dietetic services
 - e. Diagnostic and laboratory services
 - f. Medical Supplies and treatment equipment
 - g. Pharmacy Services
 - h. Respiratory Therapy Services

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

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

Additional Emergency Services provided not under MOHLTC related:

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

ELDER'S CARE FUNDING

Steps for processing and approval

Step 1 - application

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

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

Information needed to complete the form:

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

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

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

Step 2 - Review

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

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

STEP 3 – Approval Process

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

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

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



Book Your Ticket

[EMAIL: education@missanabiecree.com](mailto:education@missanabiecree.com)

You cannot gain admission without a ticket

“HONOURING OUR FIREKEEPERS”

NOV 18, 2022
5:00 TO 9:00 PM

Doors open at 5:00
Dinner served 5:30
Presentations 7:00

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Cultural Event
Centre

THE Cultural Committee of Missanabie Cree is planning an evening dinner with invited special guests of FIREKEEPERS AND their Helpers. We will be honoring their work, time, efforts, and good energies they have given to our annual gatherings and other cultural events. Please Save The Date and make plans to gather with us as we pay tribute to this wonderful group of

TRADITIONAL FIREKEEPERS and their **HELPERS**

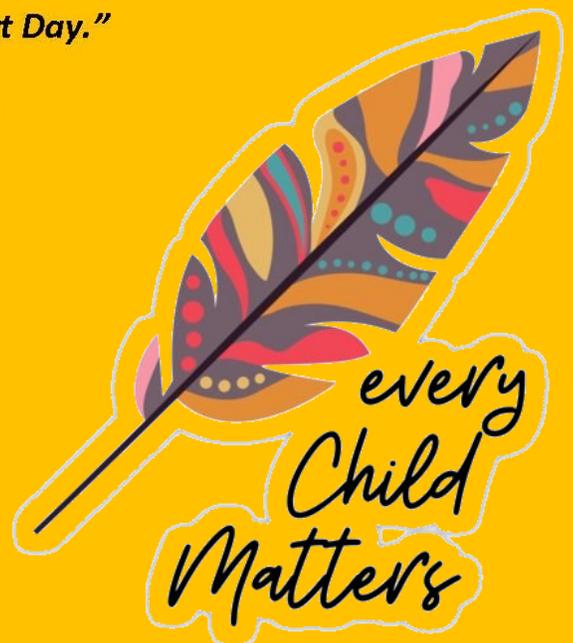


WHY SEPTEMBER 30TH

The date of September 30th was chosen very carefully. The date represented the time of year when the Indigenous children were collected from their homes, forced to leave their families, and attend Residential Schools. September 30th was chosen to allow schools and teachers to settle into their school year, teach the students about Residential Schools and to plan an event for Orange Shirt Day. Additionally, by having Orange Shirt Day at the beginning of the school year, it sets the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies to inspire inclusion.

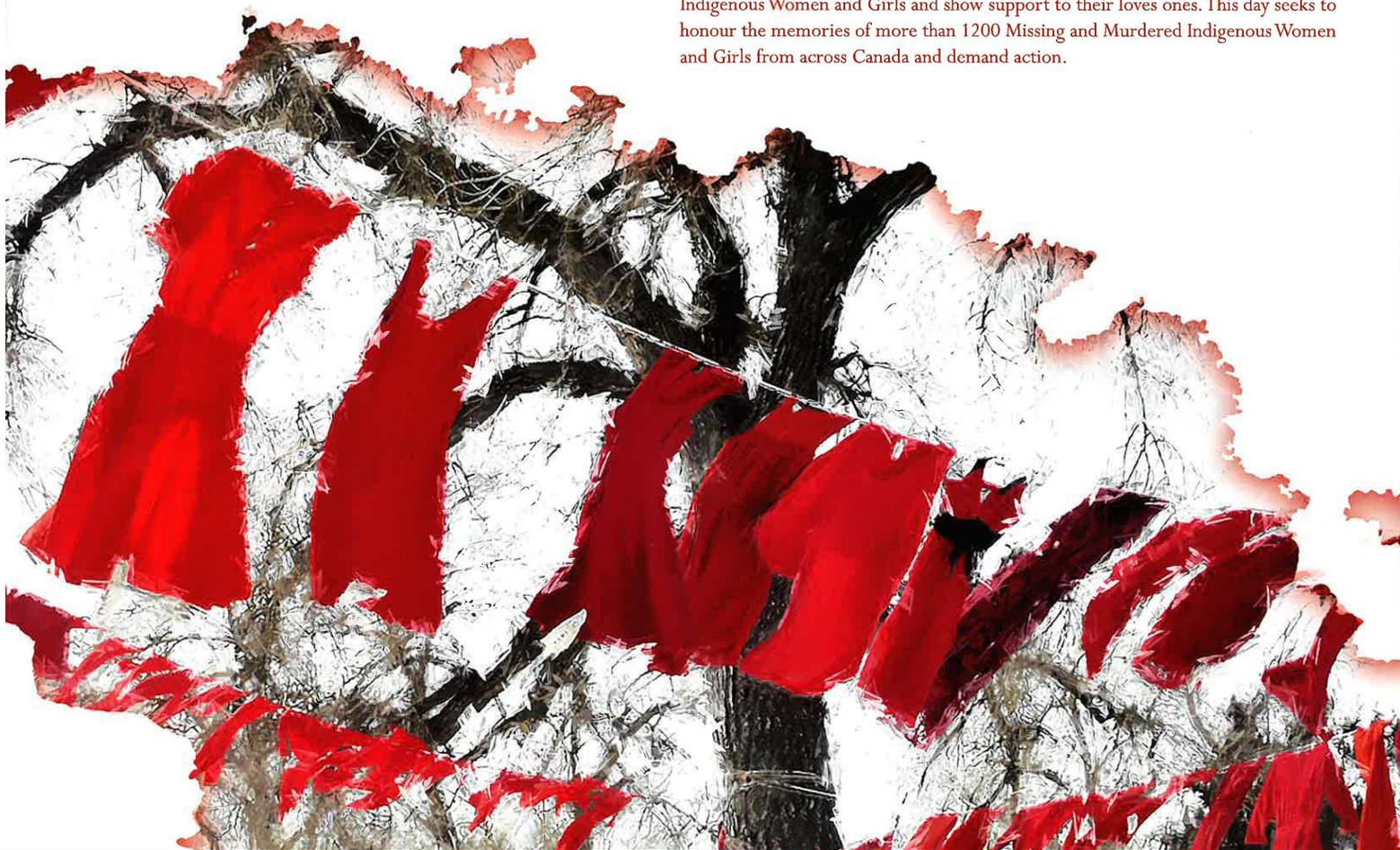
“While listening to the truths at the September 13, TRC event in Vancouver I overheard an Elder say that September was crying month. It was then that I knew that we had chosen the right day for Orange Shirt Day.”

Phyllis Webstad



SISTERS IN SPIRIT

October 4th, Sisters In Spirit Day, is a day to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and show support to their loved ones. This day seeks to honour the memories of more than 1200 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls from across Canada and demand action.



Important Notice:

Members, please update your addresses with either June or Jana for Thanksgiving and Christmas mailouts, Mikwec!

Call 1-705-254-2702 or email jharris@missanabiecree.com or jmarkie@missanabiecree.com



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NEW ENERGY PLANNER BIO

Steve Hawkins, Energy Planner, Missanabie Cree FN (MCFN)



Steve lives in Sault Ste Marie and has been married for 18 years to an MCFN member and community elder. During the pandemic, Steve has been completing a BA in community and economic development.

Between 2017–2020, Steve was employed as the MCFN and Alamos Gold community benefits agreement implementation coordinator. He played a prominent role in pursuing profitable joint venture partnerships, building relationships at the mine, and monitoring environmental standards.

As a community member, Steve has embraced the Missanabie Cree family, and over the years has learned and continues to learn and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the Missanabie Cree people.

Excited to be back serving the community, Steve's role as the Community Energy Planner entails three phases of delivering a feasibility study, community energy plan, and eventually a business plan. All phases of project delivery are to undergo a thorough and comprehensive community engagement and reporting process.

Goals of the MCFN Community Energy Planner:

1. To produce a Community Energy Feasibility Study report to be presented to the Energy Sub-Committee, Chief and Council and the Community.
2. To produce a Community Energy Plan
3. To produce a Business Plan
4. The strategic work plan currently actioned for achieving the phase 1 feasibility study includes the following steps:



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a) Energy Planning: Ascertaining the existing on and off reserve building infrastructure, energy consumption, and costs for current community owned businesses and facilities (ongoing). All potential energy solutions and costs will be based on the specific scale of MCFN's community size: its residential/industrial development needs. Figure 1 shows results from the MCFN Reserve Creation survey. 150 returned surveys show members interest in returning to live at Missanabie. Future energy solutions would account for population growth.

Goals of the MCFN Community Energy Planner (Continued) – IESO funding program requirements:

b) Identifying energy efficiency and support programs for existing on/off reserve members to utilize.

- OESP (The Ontario Electricity Support Program).
- LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program)
- EAP (Energy Affordability Program), and its related Save-On-Energy program.

ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The (OESP) will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill. For more information, please visit: <https://ontarioelectricitysupport.ca/> Criteria. Dependent on household income. For a household of 5 or more people, the household income is \$52,000 or less. ONWAA has recently opened an office to support Low Income Energy Assistance Programs.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP)

If a homeowner is behind on their electricity or natural gas bill and face having their service disconnected, there is emergency financial assistance available through the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). Low-income customers can get up to \$1,000 of the amount owing on your bill (and up to \$1,200 if your home is electrically heated). The assistance is only available if you are behind on your bill – or in arrears – and may face having your service disconnected.

ONWAA currently is an intake agency for the Ontario Energy Support Program, as well as a LEAP Agency for Algoma Power and Hydro One Remotes. ONWAA's energy team is available

Figure 1.

MCFN Housing Survey Data			
Reserve Creation Population Projection			
Assumptions made on 150 Housing Surveys returned			
Members who indicated they are extremely or very interested in moving (including dependents)			
Seniors		25	
Adults 18-65		75	
Children & teens 1-18		50	
	Total	150	
<i>Assumption: 25-50 residents at outset growing to 150 with community development over a period of 10-20 years</i>			
Based on Extremely/Very interested in moving			
	Preferred Option	Total	
Housing for Seniors		21	15%
Build own	36	43	30%
Buy home from Band	13	21	15%
Rent from Band	5	14	10%
Trailer sites		43	30%
		142	100%

to assist First Nations communities with the Ontario Energy Support Program applications or applications for the LEAP program. For assistance contact: 1-844-885-3157 or email: oesp@onwaa.ca.

ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM (EAP).

The Energy Affordability Program provides support to income-eligible electricity consumers connected to the grid by helping them to lower their monthly electricity costs and to increase their home comfort. Ecofitt runs the program through Save-On-Energy, <https://saveonenergy.ca/en/First-Nations-Energy-Programs>

Ecofitt sets up the contractor to come to the home for a free home energy needs inspection. Depending on eligibility, you may receive free energy saving kits:

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- 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)
- Home Winterproofing

c) Community participation: Questionnaire development in conjunction with the Energy Sub Committee and Consultants, Energy Advantage to present to the community at the Gathering and hubs is underway.

[Re: The MCFN Energy Sub-Committee.](#)

In addition to reporting to the L&R Director, and MCFN Governance, the Energy Planner reports to the MCFN Energy Sub-Committee who, in turn, review and provide feedback on all phases of energy planning for MCFN. Additionally, through each phase of development, they interface with the housing resettlement committee.

Current members: Brad Nolan, Ashley Wilson, Bill Yerex [Sign-up sheet for new members!](#)

Community participation: Along with energy questionnaires, an update of potential energy solutions, revenue generation project opportunities, impact assessments and costs. Community feedback and evaluation of "What they want and value" to be factored into the final feasibility study report, and subsequent development of the Community Energy Plan.

Networking with Energy Consultants, and Energy Planning counterparts at other First Nations is providing opportunities to assess successful energy models at other similar sized First Nations. A process driven by community participation and feedback. See an energy questionnaire for community participation in Figure 2.

MCFN Community Energy QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) is considering developing and implementing energy related projects on its new reserve. *From the following list of potential benefits to the community, please indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most important: what benefit in your opinion MCFN should prioritize assuming these benefits are of roughly equal size?*

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| a) Ownership Interest in projects | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Training, education, and jobs for community members | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Royalties or other ongoing revenues from project(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Minimal Negative Environmental Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Any other specific benefit, please state what and prioritize | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. MCFN will have several possible types of energy generation to choose from in addition to energy from the grid. *On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most favoured, please rank the following in terms of which options you would prefer the community to select.*

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| a) Grid | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Biomass (plant, wood based fuel and/or electricity) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Solar | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Hydro (water power) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Wind | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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MCFN Community Energy QUESTIONNAIRE

3. MCFN's new reserve provides a greenfield opportunity for it to become the first net zero First Nation community in Canada and possibly the world. MCFN can do this by adopting cost effective and environmentally friendly net zero practices for all future developments on the reserve. *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?*

- YES
- NO
- NOT SURE (I would need to know more)

Additional Comments:



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BNA FIELD TRIP REPORT

I am delighted to present my first energy planning report to the MCFN community. On 22nd June, I went on a field trip to Bingwi Neyaashi Anishnaabek FN (BNA) on Nipigon Lake to look over their Biomass system at the Sawmill and take a tour of the housing development on reservation.



My hosts at BNA were Chief, Paul Gladu (centre), Director of L&R, Jordan Hatton (left), and Director of Public Works, Art Gladu (right).

In choosing BNA as a comparative energy model for MCFN, we looked at relative factors of community numbers and future projections, the remoteness of the reservation, lake proximity, and the early stage of housing and energy development.

For background information, Chief Gladu informed me that there are 400 community members, the vast majority of whom live off-reserve with approximately 50 to 60 members planning to live on reserve.



Choice of Housing developments at BNA: Rent-to-own left, DIY home centre, Tiny Home right

The Chief referred to there being 20 homes under construction. There are 2 duplexes (4 units) that are rentals. The single-family dwelling homes are rent-to-own. This is all through CMHC Section 95. BNA has identified an area (with lake frontage in part)



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for members wanting to build their own homes. For those building their own homes who want mortgage assistance, BNA plans to backstop the mortgage, but those are likely to involve a bank rather than CMHC. In all cases, BNA supplies member homes with sewerage and hydro infrastructure. In the political context of the FN's economic development, Chief Gladu stressed the importance of BNA's governed land code in the land management process.

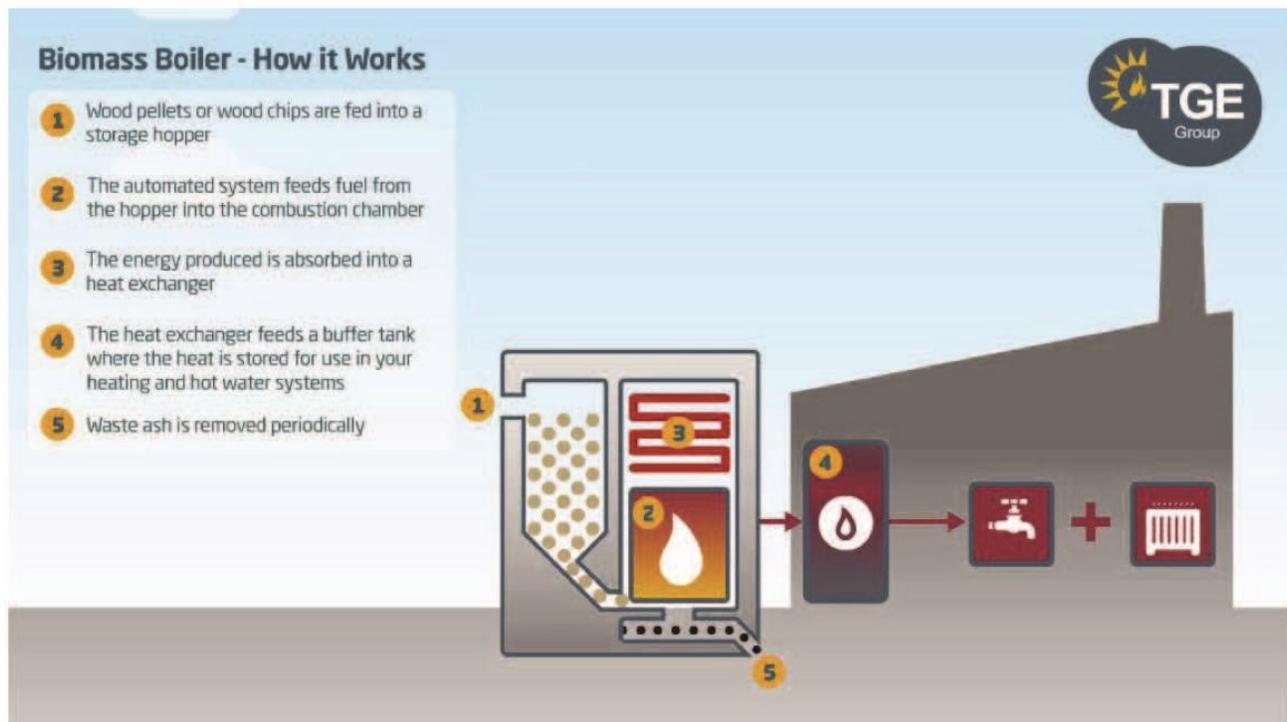
BNA's current Biomass energy project, the Sawmill uses a boiler to heat the Sawmill's interior during the winter months. Residue from the Sawmill operation (slabs) is chipped for feeding into a chute for the boiler inside the Biomass shed. BNA has a kiln shed for drying wood for either the Sawmill Biomass system or for providing the best quality lumber for cutting to size at 3 to 4% humidity.

A proposed Biomass system for the localized reservation housing development (district heating) requires the houses to be retrofit with radiators for the Biomass heating system. At this juncture the proposed system will only provide heat and water, but not power. Director of L&R, Jordan Hatton informed me that BNA



BNA photos above shows the kiln shed and the process for wood chipping, fuelling the Biomass storage boiler, the plumbing (glycol pumped in to prevent freezing in winter) and the Sawmill to be heated. The next diagram shows how it works

would continue to use the provincial grid, as without a FIT (standard offer program) contract to sell renewable energy back to the grid, there was not a cost return incentive to implement off-grid Biomass generated electricity at this point. It should be noted that Biomass systems can begin as small-scale operations that can grow with modular expansion.



Reference: Biomass Boiler. (2015). How it Works? TGE Group. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZSr3kSmu_Q

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REPORT ...continued

BNA opted against following a Biomass pellet plant for heating wood stoves. Principally, the reason related to a business feasibility study that indicated whole poplar logs would need trucking to BNA for processing. My hosts at BNA informed me that for their pellet plant proposal to work, it required a Sawmill to be the primary industry from which waste by-products could be utilized. As a singular venture, the proposed pellet plant was unfeasible.

However, as a comparative model for studying feasibility for MCFN, I have engaged with Wikwemikong (Wiki) FN on (Manitoulin) to schedule a visit and inspect the operational Biomass pellet plant model there, and the reasons why Wiki opted to pursue a pellet system.

Along with energy saving programs, a total of 5 or 6 models of sustainable and renewable energy options for MCFN are to be studied for their potential funding and feasibility. These include but are not exclusive to biomass, wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and micro-grids. Economic opportunities can be extended to potential partnerships with other FNs in the consideration of forestry development (forest ownership/management key) with carbon credits/offsets along with exotic areas of producing green ammonia (fertilizer) through biomass production and even exploring a natural gas conversion system from utilizing species of silver birch and poplar.

Secure employment opportunities exist for the operation and maintenance of, for example, a sawmill, a biomass plant, along with any other energy system such as a micro-grid and hybrid solar/wind/hydro connections. However, any feasibility study will need to include community engagement and consideration of environmental impacts.

For information, the costs of installing Biomass at the BNA Sawmill amounted to \$644,000. The project was funded by NRCan. Further expansion of the Sawmill will be funded by NRCan and BNA.



I would like to mention an interesting energy saving initiative BNA have on reservation: a solar-powered battery shed for charging their electric vehicles along with an attached greenhouse. I thought this an enterprising option that can be funded as a food security initiative and should be considered as an opportunity for the MCFN community at Missanabie.

ENERGY *Exotica*

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Mossvoltaics

The system is able to generate electricity thanks to a type of symbiotic bacteria that lives alongside the moss. When moss photosynthesizes, some of the organic compounds it produces are released through its roots into the soil below. The bacteria feeds on these compounds, breaking them down into a number of byproducts - one of which are free electrons.

Turning Daises into 3-D Wood

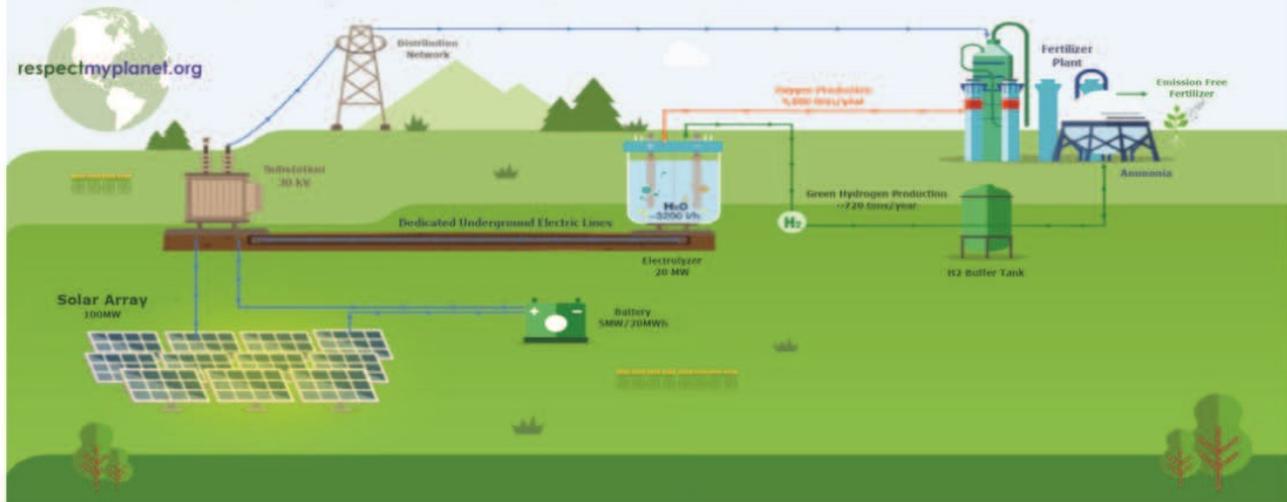
Isolating cells from the leaves of plants known as *Zinnia elegans*, cells were cultured in a liquid medium for two days before being transferred to a thicker, gel-based medium. This stuff contained nutrients and two different plant hormones, the levels of which could be tweaked to tune the physical and mechanical properties of the material.

Next, the team 3D printed this cell-loaded gel into a specific shape, the same way you'd 3D print a plastic object. After three months of incubation in the dark, the material is dehydrated and the final result is a custom object made of wood-like plant matter. In one test, for example, the team shaped the material into a model of a tree.



GREEN HYDROGEN/AMMONIA—REVENUE GENERATION

Zero Emission Ammonia Production from Green Hydrogen



GREEN HYDROGEN

- There is a reason that hydrogen is dubbed “the future of energy”. It is no secret that unlocking the potential of hydrogen as a fuel source is one of the main targets needed to achieve a carbon-reduced economy. Green hydrogen (H₂) is produced via electrolysis, utilizing renewable electricity (wind, solar, etc.) and water.
- The concept of green hydrogen is creating exciting opportunities for the world of energy:
- Hydrogen will assist with tackling critical energy challenges by helping to decarbonize the metal, chemical and long-haul transportation industries.
- Hydrogen can help renewable energy have a greater impact by acting as a storage vehicle, providing long term options for utilizing low cost renewable energy at a later date.
- Hydrogen is a versatile fuel that can easily be transported over long distances, making it applicable and available to multiple industries. A few examples of hydrogen applications are: powering fuel cell vehicles (FCEV's), fueling natural gas turbines, heat generation and many more.

GREEN AMMONIA

- Green ammonia production is another significant opportunity to unlock global opportunities for

renewable energy projects. Green ammonia (NH₃) is created with an additional step after hydrogen is isolated via the electrolysis process mentioned above. Nitrogen particles from the air around us are separated, then combined with the green hydrogen molecules to form the ammonia compound.

- Ammonia is a more efficient transport vector for the hydrogen molecule, thus unlocking more opportunities on the world market for green hydrogen. Ammonia can be ‘cracked’ back into hydrogen and nitrogen molecules upon arrival at its final destination. The nitrogen can be stored and used for other applications or safely returned to the air. If the ammonia compound is desired, it can be used for other practical applications including:
 - Long duration energy storage for renewable electricity
 - Transportation fuel for marine shipping and large-scale trucking industries
 - Green feed stock to fertilizer production for the agricultural industry.
 - Today electric vehicles typically utilize lithium-ion batteries; however, in the coming decades, green hydrogen and ammonia will provide unique and renewable opportunities to continue enhancing transportation and storage.

Wahkohtowin's "Tree to Home" project



Along with the collective communities of Chapleau Cree, Brunswick House FN, and Missanabie's Cree FN can benefit from partner, a big shout out to Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc and David Flood (Project Lead) and Chelsie Parayko, Missanabie Cree (Project Co-Lead) for their innovative development of a "tree to home" supply chain that uses local resources and labour to meet local demand and address housing needs with adaptive, energy efficient, and custom-designed homes. A development achieved in partnership with Boreal Products and Homepayne Lumber (Missanabie Cree's equity partner). Homes will be constructed using Boreal Products' thermo-log technology (efficient, environmentally friendly, high quality deep-stain timber logs, treated with premium standard R-30 insulation standard for winter extremes. <https://ecotrust.ca/priorities/home-lands/video-wahkohtowins-tree-to-home-project/>

The Tree to Home project is part of the Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative (IHII) a five-year \$40M federal program funded by Indigenous Services Canada and delivered in partnership with the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO).

Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc. is a collective of the communities of Chapleau Cree First Nation, Missanabie Cree First Nation, and Brunswick House First Nation. Wahkohtowin was established after 10 years of developmental work by the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSCRF) and its supporting projects. Incorporated in late April 2016, the corporation has focused on maintaining service delivery on projects of the NSRCF and operationalizing key business areas in Forest Management Services, holding an equity position in the Homepayne Sawmill/ Cogeneration, establishing forest harvesting services – initially with trucking and partnering with a Human Resource – Recruitment and Placement Service provider. Wahkohtowin's activities have mainly been centered around fostering the development and management of it's Guardian Program and acting as a

representative for communities at various Ministerial and other tables, lobbying for more active participation in the forestry sector in the Chapleau Forest.

Wahkohtowin, (2021). Strategic Plan. <https://wahkohtowin.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Updated-Wahkohtowin-Strategic-Plan-FINAL.pdf>

In case you haven't seen it yet... MCFN's Solar Hot Water System

(Wahkohtowin's Capacity Building & Empowerment of First Nations' Youth through Solar for Hot Water)



- Promoting the 7 generations concept by using resources sustainably that allow for equal access seven generations from now.
- Creating opportunities for youth through skills development in trades (plumbing, woodworking, electrical, and construction).
- Creating economic development by sourcing tools and materials from indigenous owned entities where possible, using lumber from local sources with opportunities to install solar collectors for community members.
- Encouraging community development by promoting solar collectors built by the community for the community.
- Enhancing hygiene and health by using solar water heaters with electric backup to produce sanitary hot water.
- Sustaining the communities power needs by supplying energy to the community locally with distributed generation (thermal in this case), leading to less dependence on the electrical grid.
- Save on costs to heat hot water in the community leading to utility bill savings that remain in the community.



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Events & Internship Program Manager

Location: Kanata, Ontario

What does Eeyou Mobility do?

Eeyou Mobility Inc. (EMI) is Canada's newest telecommunications company. We provide high quality and affordable cellular service throughout communities in the Eeyou Istchee and James Bay region of Québec and are deploying an extensive network along major highways and key access roads in the region.

EMI was formed in 2019 by James Bay Eeyou Corporation, Eeyou Communications Network and SSI Canada. By leveraging the experience, assets, and advantages of our founding partners, EMI can offer advanced mobile wireless broadband services that are affordable, attractive, and comparable to those offered in Canada's urban markets.

As a majority Cree-owned company, a key component of EMI's mission is to improve economic and social conditions and provide training and employment opportunities for the Cree.

What will you do?

In this role you will be working closely with Cree partners, communities, and regional organizations. The Events & Internship Program Manager will be accountable for managing a team of Cree Interns and for planning and executing of marketing events. You will be responsible for building and executing integrated face-to-face marketing campaigns to drive revenue. You will also be responsible for delivering a 12-month Internship Program, offering Cree candidates the opportunity to acquire professional experience in different departments of our organization.

The general duties include:

- Budget, plan, attend and oversee effective event marketing campaigns.
- Develop relationships with local Cree communities.
- Participate and manage outreach activities, presentations, and meetings with Cree communities to promote the benefits and value of Eeyou Mobility services and products.
- Create content to build brand awareness and attract attention, such as infographics.
- Measure and report on specific KPI's related to events.
- Work closely with interns and be a support for them and their development throughout their internship.
- Promote our internship program across the Eeyou Istchee and James Bay region of Québec.



What do you need?

- Diploma in marketing or related field of study or relevant work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and Cree.
- Knowledge of Cree culture, history, and traditions.
- Experience with advertising and marketing capabilities, such as event planning and direct marketing and content creation.
- Ability to work effectively, closely, and collaboratively with other departments within an organization, such as sales and customer service.
- Flexibility to adapt to shifting priorities and to work in a dynamically driven environment.
- Being passionate about supporting remote and vibrant communities by helping them connect to the world and support their businesses and government services such as remote health care and education.
- Driver's licence.
- Availability to travel as necessary to Cree communities in Northern Québec.

Nice-to-have:

- Experience managing or supervising individuals or teams.
- Experience managing an internship program.



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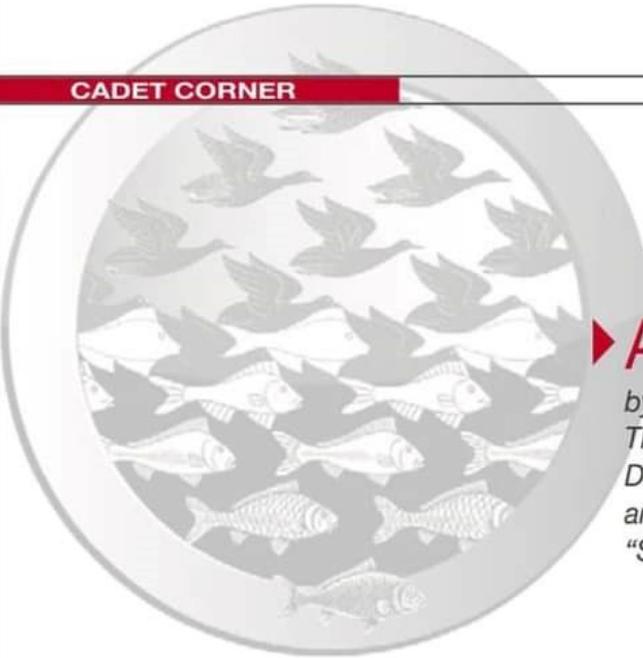
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▶ A CADET JOURNEY

by CPO2 Mackenzie Nolan –
*The Navy League of Canada – Ontario
 Division Sea Cadet of the Year (2022),
 and the Royal Canadian Legion
 “Sea Cadet” of the Year (2022)*

MY YEARS IN the Sea Cadet Program have been some of the best years of my life. They have been filled with fun memories with people who will forever have an impact on my life. I joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps-139 Illustrious, as soon as I could, the first weekend after I turned twelve. A shy, quiet, Grade 6 French Immersion Student, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do with my life and I certainly did not have enough confidence in myself to advocate for the things I did want. I didn't know what the program would entail, but I now know that the Cadet Program would push me past my limits and help me become the person I am today.

My first experiences with volunteering included assisting my



parents with fundraising activities like food sales and setting up the school fair at my elementary school, ensuring everyone who attended the school had access to fun activities and events. My assistance included helping with set-up and tear down, running errands, and general manual labour. I also helped out while my grandparents ran the breakfast program to



ensure the children at my school started the day with good nutrition or helped as they ran teachings to introduce our Indigenous culture to the community.

As a Member of Missanabie Cree First Nation, I recognized early on the importance of community, and being a Cadet has helped me become more involved in my local community and forge a connection with my fellow Cadets. During my time in the Cadet Program, I became committed to raising awareness/fundraising for Veterans, youth leadership, physical fitness and inclusion, diversity, and equity.

Each year, our Cadet Corps assists two local Royal Canadian Legions with their Poppy Campaigns. It is expected that each Cadet volunteers to cover at least two shifts distributing poppies each year. After my first year, I remember I made a goal for myself to attend each Poppy shift leading up to Remembrance Day. I am proud that I have accomplished my goal to volunteer for as

ABOVE: During the November 2020 Poppy Campaign, Mackenzie walked over 100,000 steps for the 100th anniversary representing the first Remembrance Day Ceremony in Brampton, ON. The walk equalled 75km, which was also to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

ABOVE RIGHT: Cadets from RCSCC Illustrious participated in a 24hr ceremony at the local Cenotaph in Brampton as part of Remembrance Day services, CPO2 Mackenzie participated in the event in November 2021.

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"I am now a young woman who has found her voice, who is active in her community, is leading a healthy and happy life, and has more self-confidence than ever before."

many shifts as possible year after year. Through my volunteering as a Cadet, I made connections and started volunteering with my local Legion working on event promotions like the Annual Veterans Run, dinners, and social media work.

With the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, I had to come up with new ways to continue my volunteering. For safety reasons, Cadets had to stand down and we couldn't participate in our annual 24-hour Remembrance Day Vigil or help the Legion with their Poppy Campaigns. I decided to try my own fundraiser where I committed to walking 75 kilometres (over 100,000 Steps) in 24 hours with my father to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2. We trained for months beforehand and I started my Remembrance Day Walk on November 10 and finished on November 11, raising over \$3600 for the Royal Canadian Legion – #15 Brampton Branch.

I started to volunteer with the City of Brampton's Social Support Task Force during the Pandemic as well, assisting with emergency foodbank deliveries and working 2-3 shifts weekly to repackage bulk foods for food insecurity programs in cooperation with Global Medic. I don't believe I would have had the confidence to become as involved in my community as I am without the experience I gained at RCSCC #139 Illustrious. I was honoured to be chosen as the City



ABOVE LEFT: Mackenzie participating in the Area Biathlon Competition (picture was taken prior to COVID-19 pandemic).

ABOVE RIGHT: CPO2 Mackenzie Nolan receives a Commander's Commendation from the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers for the outstanding support to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #15 and the Mayor's Social Task Force.

TOP RIGHT: CPO2 Mackenzie Nolan receiving the 2022 National and Division Sea Cadet of the Year Awards.



of Brampton's Youth Citizen of the Year for 2020. It was important to me that I wear my Cadet uniform when getting pictures taken for my banner that was displayed in downtown Brampton.

The Officers in my Program helped me to grow and look at things from various perspectives. With their guidance, I took opportunities that I might not have tried before like signing up for the Standing Bear Youth Leadership Program where I attended leadership workshops that taught me an Indigenous, holistic approach to community development.

Having so many opportunities to become more involved within the Cadet community, with the local Legions and with the City of Brampton, has helped me to understand the importance of community service. I hope to increase awareness among our younger generations so more youth know of the sacrifices made by Veterans. I enjoy working at Cadet training for spring break and summer camps to pass down the knowledge I have gained to the younger generations of Cadets.

My time in the Cadet Program has proven that I can make a difference when I work with others making true connections with those in my community, many of who are now like my extended family. Joining Cadets was one of the best things I could have done in my life. I had no clue that it would have such a lasting impact on me. I am now a young woman who has found her voice, who is active in her community, is leading a healthy and happy life, and has more self-confidence than ever before. With time left in the Sea Cadet program I only hope I can make the same impression on cadets as those have made on me. 🍁

NAN HOPE

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October Community News and Notes

I would like to wish everyone A Happy Thanksgiving
 Your receptionist
 June Markie



Happy Birthday to Natasha
 Love from
 Dad & Natalie



I would like to wish my Sister Shirley a Happy Birthday.
 Love Sis June



I would like to wish my Granddaughter Ashley Happy Birthday,
 Love you Nanny June



Happy Birthday to Moonie Fletcher, Love the family



Happy Birthday to Shannon, Love the Fletcher Family



Wishing Moonie Fletcher a Very Happy Birthday.
 Love the Family



Happy Birthday Zoey and Sage,
 Love Auntie Nat



Wishing Shannon Scott a Very Happy Birthday
 The Fletcher Family



Happy Birthday to Doug Fletcher
 Love the family



Wishing everyone born in August, September, & October a Very Happy Birthday.
 From the desk of June Markie



Wishing Bobbi Fletcher a Very Happy Birthday.
 Love the Family



MCFN Membership - Card Renewals

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

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

Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application Centre:

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

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

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

Please Note: A Change of address Can Only be processed with information provided by the individual involved, not from anyone else.

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

August Birthday Greetings



Happy Birthday!

Jason
Juliana



Happy Birthday!

Caroline

Happy Birthday!



Norma



Happy Birthday!

Iris

Happy Birthday!



Jeffrey
Carol

Happy Birthday



Rebecca



Happy Birthday!

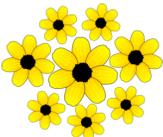
Deborah
Neil
Kathryn
Kim



Happy Birthday!

Melissa
William
Sage
Alysia

Happy Birthday!



Deborah

Happy Birthday



Leo



Happy Birthday!

Raymond



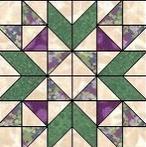
Happy Birthday!

Audrey

Happy Birthday!



Dwight



Happy Birthday!

Margaret



Happy Birthday!

Jordan
Finley



Happy Birthday

Gregory
Lesley

Happy Birthday



Craig
Daniel

Happy Birthday!



Mary Ann



Happy Birthday!

Jordin
Bradley
Marie
Dave

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ruby
Martin

Happy Birthday!



Sherri-Lynn
John

Happy Birthday



William
Daniel



September Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday!



Hunter
Adam
Jennifer
Jesse

Happy Birthday



Lorrie

Happy Birthday!



Glad
Maggie
Darlene

Happy Birthday!



George
Faye

Happy Birthday



Richard
Rayna

Happy Birthday



Natasha

Happy Birthday!



Wallace
Génier

Happy Birthday!



Kyle

Happy Birthday



Tetyron
Verna

Happy Birthday



Chandler
Chyla

Happy Birthday!



Edward
Sam
Cody

Happy Birthday!



Dakota

Happy Birthday



Logan
Jason

Happy Birthday

Adam
Jordon
Jeremy
Cynthia



Happy Birthday!



Neil

Happy Birthday!



Vanessa
Drake

Happy Birthday!



Roy

Happy Birthday!



David

Happy Birthday!



Wendy

Happy Birthday!



Julianne
Brandon
Barbara

Happy Birthday!



Maynard

Happy Birthday!



William

Happy Birthday!



Harley

October Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday



Natalie

Happy Birthday



Noah

Happy Birthday!



Rona
Peter

Happy Birthday!



William (Bill)

Happy Birthday!



Shelly
Amelia

Happy Birthday



Richard

Happy Birthday!



Lori

Happy Birthday!



Marie Ann
Tyler
Margaret

Happy Birthday!



Lois

Happy Birthday!



Mitchell

Happy Birthday



Dana

Happy Birthday!



Brendon

Happy Birthday!



Sandra

Happy Birthday!



Mariam
Donna
Madison

Happy Birthday!



Dominic
Douglas
Natasha
Teala

Happy Birthday!



Kolby

Happy Birthday



Doreen
Lloyd

Happy Birthday!



Jayson
Bobbi

Happy Birthday!



Brendon
Leslie

Happy Birthday!



Kisani
Gordon

Happy Birthday



Carol

Happy Birthday!



William
Victoria

Happy Birthday



Shirley
Sherrel

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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.