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International Women's Day 2014

International Women's Day, celebrated world-wide on March 8, is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

www.internationalwomensday.com/. In traditional indigenous cultures, women have always been valued and respected as givers and caretakers of life.

This month on March 7, a report was released by the House of Commons Special Parliamentary Committee on Violence Against Indigenous Women. The report, entitled *Invisible Women: A Call to Action*, makes a number of recommendations on the issue of indigenous missing and murdered women in Canada. www.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/Committee/412/IWFA/Reports/RP6469851/412_IWFA_Rpt01_PDF/412_IWFA_Rpt01-e.pdf

However, the Committee did not make a recommendation for a public inquiry and this has disappointed many who have been calling on the Government of Canada to take this important step. An online petition by the Native Women's Association of Canada (www.nwac.ca) calling for a public inquiry states that an inquiry would be "a crucial step in implementing a comprehensive and coordinated national action plan to address the scale and severity of violence faced by Aboriginal women and girls".

Calls for a national inquiry have been supported by indigenous nations and organizations, human rights groups, opposition parties, and many Canadians. This is a human rights tragedy that has been going on for far too long.



Sisters in Spirit
Native Women's
Association
of Canada

Events/Gatherings:

Treaty Conference and Special Chiefs Assembly

March 18-19, 20, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nan.on.ca/article/event-1914.asp

NAN Women's Forum 2014

"Building Wellness and Increasing Resiliency Conference"

March, 17-20, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON
<http://www.nan.on.ca/article/building-wellness-and-increasing-resiliency-conference-1922.asp>

National First Nations Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Strategy Forum

March 19-20, 2014 Toronto, ON
www.afn.ca/index.php/en/national-first-nations-non-insured-health-benefits-nihb-strategy-forum

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 21, 2014 worldwide UN event
www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday

First Nation Contaminants Workshop

March 26/27, 2014 Timmins, ON
www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/732

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Message from the Chief



Waachiye, ᑎᓴᑎᓄᑦ

I would like to thank all those that participated in the open band meeting on the 22nd of February. I felt that it was a positive meeting and believe many issues and concerns were addressed. I observed that there were a lot of good suggestions and felt there were a wide range of citizens represented. I look forward to more dialogue from our citizenship, I believe that participation and conversation is the key to our community moving forward.

Our council have been extremely busy taking on several issues and been working together to make informed decisions. We continue to meet weekly and we have a very

high level of participation. Each Councillor have different way of looking at things and each bring a perspective to the council that helps us to have an open discussion, we all have a voice, we all have a part to play.

If there are any questions please contact me.

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I would like to congratulate our new youth representative Neil Ewing, and would like to thank all those who applied for the position.

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Messages from Council

Hello everyone,

I was very excited that Council had an open band meeting on February 22nd! Although the logistics for the Toronto and Thunder Bay settings did not materialize this time, I travelled to Sault Ste Marie to be available in person. Overall, the meeting was a positive step in community engagement and communications. There are lessons learned with respect to the technical issues, and will be remedied for future meetings. In terms of process, the Band Manager monitored the webstream for online questions and comments, and meeting minutes were taken by a third party. There was discussion on economic development activities and projects within the North-East Superior Regional Chiefs Forum, and membership driven discussion on spouses and youth representation. Also, a questionnaire was distributed as part of the Community Comprehensive Planning project facili-

tated by the Four Worlds Centre for Development. Copies can be available to all members. Please also be aware that the minutes from the open band meeting will be available.

I would like to welcome Neil Ewing as Missanabie Cree First Nation's Youth Representative. To all of the MCFN youth, please keep your voices loud and strong as your ideas and opinions are important to us. All of the membership's voice are needed, but I wanted to recognize the importance of the voices of our future leaders in this newsletter commentary. :)

Once again, if you have an issue to raise, a question to ask, an idea to put forward, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on Council.

Take care everyone,
Victoria

Messages from Council

Wachay All,

I hope this note finds everyone well and looking forward to the warmer weather of spring. I apologize for not having an entry in last month's Bear Fax. These past few months have been quite busy with weekly chief and Council meetings, forestry seminar, working with Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on the preservation of Manitou Mountain and the planning of the open band meeting.

As for the open band meeting, I was very pleased to see approximately 15 band members who attended the meeting. For those out of town members, an upstream internet service was provided. We had some technical problems, but I am confident the telecast will be improved for our next meeting. Since this is our first band membership meeting, I hope we can encourage more members to attend the next meeting.

There were many questions from members in attendance and those watching through the webcast. I truly believe Chief and Council answered all the questions with the utmost honesty and transparency.

Congratulations to Neil Ewing on his appointment as the new youth rep and success on your future endeavors.

We as Chief and Council all need to be informed of any concerns the membership may have. I am, to the best of my ability, available to address any questions and or concerns members many have through email, home or cell phones.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members for their continuous patience and support with our ongoing transitions.

As always in spirit of our community, Chi-Miigwetch.
Les Nolan

From the desk of:

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Kuniwanimano Child and Family Services

Keep an eye out for the upcoming dates and time for the Walking the Path Program. Walking the Path promotes living the Good Life. This program teaches basic cultural teachings used by many First Nation communities in ceremonies and personal healing. Some topics addressed in this ten class program include history of First Nation peoples, residential schools, and self-esteem. There will be a special craft and a graduation potluck feast.

For Elders: There will be an Elders Tea and Nutrition Bingo in April.

I am also available for individual support and counselling for anyone who needs a listening ear. Office visits and home visits are available. I also provide support and advocacy for those families involved with child welfare agencies.

I can be reached by phone at 705-864-0887 or by email

at Jody.Anderson@kuniwanimano.com. Or you can contact Lesley Gagnon at the MCFN office to reach me, to sign up for programs, or to set up a date and time for individual support.

-Jody Anderson, Family Support Worker



From Lesley Gagnon, Program Development:

Most of the activities take place in the MCFN Boardroom.

Please check the Missanabie Cree Language and Activities Facebook page or the MCFN website for changes and updates to the Events Calendar.

For questions regarding Events Calendar activities, please call Lesley, 705-254-2702, Ext. 226.

MCFN Comprehensive Community Planning

CALL OUT TO MISSANABIE CREE COMMUNITY MEMBERS – COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE



Missanabie Cree First Nation has been approved to receive funds from AANDC for a community strategic planning initiative in conjunction with the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF) communities. As the lead community we would develop the first Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) of the NSRCF communities as well as provide a service back to the other NSRCF member communities while they develop their CCP's.

Michael and Judie Bopp of Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning have been hired to carry out the work towards the development of a Comprehensive Community Plan. The Chief, Council, staff, elders and community members will play a key role in developing this plan.

An initial orientation meeting about the philosophy and approach of the Four worlds Centre to Comprehensive Community Planning was held with the Missanabie Cree First Nation Chief and Council in Chapleau Cree First Nation on January 8, 2014. An additional orientation meeting was held with MCFN staff and Chief Jason Gauthier in Sault Ste. Marie on January 20, 2014. A MOU was drafted and signed and now Phase One is to begin.

Phase One involves pre-planning, preparation, and plan-making. The pre-planning stage involves the forming of a CCP Steering Committee comprised of the following: Chief and Council, staff, Elders, Youth and community representatives from the primary Missanabie Cree population centres and should consist of 9 individuals.

Please check out page 5 of the newsletter for an explanation of what the Four Worlds model of Comprehensive Community Planning involves and page 6 for an explanation of the planning process that MCFN members will be engaging in over the next few months. For more information, please contact Chief Jason Gauthier.

If you are interested in participating on this CCP Steering Committee we are inviting you to send in a letter of inter-

est. For those members that submitted a letter of interest to the previous Community Planning Committee call out, please resend your letter.

Michael and Judie Bopp will be coming to Sault Ste. Marie, April 2, 3, 4, 2014, to begin engaging local community members, Chief and Council, Staff and Elders in the development of a Steering Committee as part of the Pre-planning Process. They will also be interviewing members of Chief and Council, staff, and community members to begin the development of a base-line assessment of community capacity, to understand the strengths and weaknesses in terms of effectively promoting community development.

The small group format gives everyone more air-time, and the non-talkers get a chance to speak. Questions for small group discussions intended for the upcoming community meeting can be found on page ? of the newsletter. These questions are intended to guide the group discussions. Good notes from small groups and from the report-back session will ensure that what the community says will be part of the CCP process.

Other meetings will be initiated in the other primary MCFN population centres such as Thunder Bay, Toronto, Sudbury etc.

During the Sault Ste. Marie visit, individual and group meetings will be set up with Michael Bopp. Please contact Lori Rainville at the MCFN office over the next two weeks to set up a time to meet with Michael Bopp.

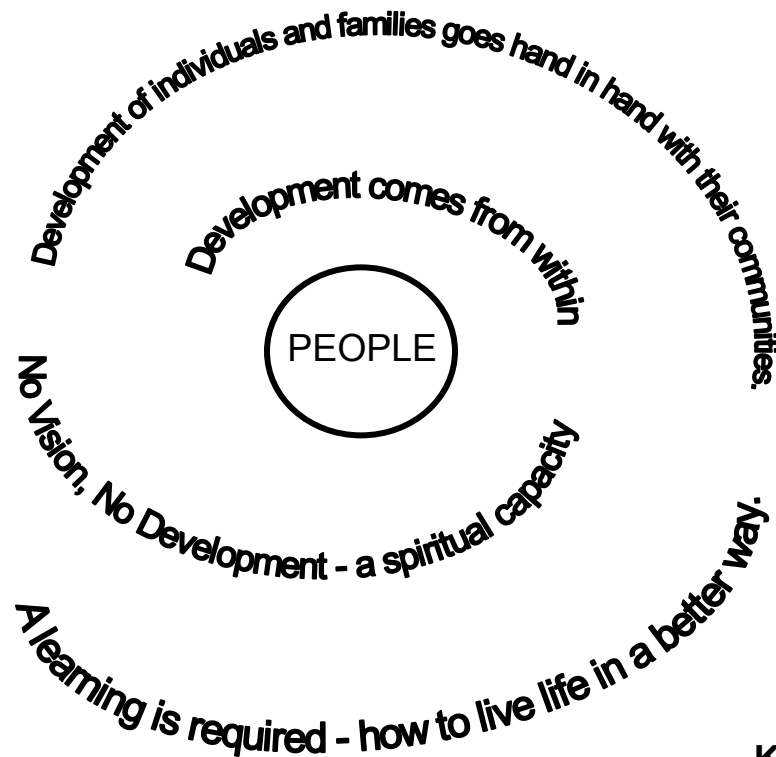


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Comprehensive Community Planning - A model

-is a process that is continuous and ever evolving

Key Principles:



Goals:

- ⊕ To identify the communities needs and realities
- ⊕ To identify community strengths including cultural and spiritual
- ⊕ To describe a vision of where the community wants to go
- ⊕ To describe a path to get there (Action Plan)
- ⊕ To strengthen relationships between well-ness,

Key Components:

- Planning
- Implementation
- Healing
- Learning
- Evaluation

Developed from:

Recreating the World - 3rd Ed. 2011

MCFN Comprehensive Community Planning Process

-process facilitated by Michael and Judie Bopp, Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning

PHASE ONE:

Pre-planning: (Orientation)

- Orientation with Chief and Council on Jan. 8, 2014
- Orientation meeting with MCFN Staff on Jan. 20, 2014

Call out for Steering Committee members posted to March '14 Bear Fax, MCFN Website

Interviews with Chief and Council, staff, community members in SSM to determine community capacity to promote positive community development - April 2-4, 2014

CORE GROUP - (Steering Committee)

Composition (9) - community members, Elders, members of Chief and Council, staff

Importance::

To transform group into effective agents of change

Functions:

- • Develop and strengthen capacity of members
- • A support system for each other
- • A means to launch actions
- • As group grows/develops, influences

Preparation:

Steering Committee:

To finalize the method—how we are going to develop the plan

Consultants:

To review relevant documents
To assess MCFN programs / agencies



Community Consultation Process

Using the Four Worlds Community Story Framework:

- In-depth exploration of what life is like for members
- In social, cultural, spiritual, political economic spheres
- Attention to key sectors identified by MCFN
- Process occurs in 3 timeframes: present, how the past shaped the present, and the future (what would a good life be life for members)

Community Story is circulated for review.

Plan-making:

Develop a 10-year Action Plan

PHASE TWO:

Implementation

MISSINABIE CREE COMMUNITY REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is Missinabie Cree First Nation doing well?

2. What are we not doing well? What needs to change?

3. What do you see as the **top 10 human and community development priorities** for Missinabie Cree? What specific actions are needed?

Governance Project Update

Wahchay,

The work of the Governance Project is proceeding, but lately, due to circumstances, has been moving forward at a much slower pace. The primary objective of this year's project is the development and review of three policies that would move the First Nation toward good governance practices. These are conflict of interest policy, Chief and Council policy, and redress mechanisms policy. The Governance Project is funded through the Professional and Institutional Development Program from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

These policies were to be the focus of the work of the Governance Policy Committee, an arm's length committee composed of the Project Coordinator, a student from the local university, and a friend of the Missanabie Cree First Nation. The work of this committee was off to a good start with the help of Nadine Roach, who was a student placement from Algoma University's Community, Economic and Social Development Program. Unfortunately, Nadine was with us for only a short time, and the Project Coordinator had to be away for a number of weeks due to an illness in her family. However, a first draft of the conflict of interest policy was developed, and this will be reviewed by the Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) at their next meeting.

Meetings in Sault Ste. Marie

The initial face-to-face meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, held on January 18-19 included an orientation session. A power point presentation, developed by the Project Coordinator, outlined the importance and functions of policy, and the process for development of policies. The Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) appreciated the use of the medicine wheel as a means of explaining how the process works. The GCC recommended that a similar presentation be made to MCFN Chief and Council. The GCC also reviewed the latest draft of the Administration Code, and made some suggestions that will be incorporated into the next draft, which will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting in March. The Governance Coordinator is also working on a second presentation that outlines an understanding of governance practices in leadership as well as in administration. Because of the absence of the Project Coordinator, the face-to-face meeting scheduled for February 22-23 was

cancelled. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 29-30.

Governance Workshop

In the interim, and because of the importance of the conflict of interest policy and the Chief and Council policy, the MCFN Chief and Council have decided to set aside some time to review and update these policies, with facilitation provided by Lafontaine Consultants. A meeting has been scheduled for March 25 in Thunder Bay. This work will also be used to aid in the development of those policies that are the objectives of this year's work plan for the Governance Project. All related materials developed so far by the Governance Project, and those policies currently being used, will be the basis for discussion at this meeting.

Governance Strategic Plan

Past and current governance projects have always included an objective that involves building capacity and raising awareness of the importance of good governance practices. To this end, the Project Coordinator has provided updates to the Bear Fax newsletter, Governance Room presentations at the last Annual Gathering, and an open invitation to all MCFN membership to contact the GCC or Project Coordinator for comments or information.

The work plan, as outlined in the Governance Strategic Plan, involves the development of good governance tools over a time frame of seven years. We are now nearing the end of our third year. The Election Code has been approved by Chief and Council and will now proceed through the ratification process. The Chief and Council will undertake a more thorough discussion of the Citizenship Code, as there are many new members on Council who are not as familiar with the Code and the process that was undertaken to develop it. The draft Administration Code is currently being reviewed by the new GCC, and a final draft will be sent to Chief and Council for their approval when completed.

PID Program

The MCFN Governance Capacity Development Project has been funded for the past three years through the Professional and Institutional Development Program. The GCC recognizes that the process for the develop-

Governance Project Update

ment of these tools always takes longer than expected. The GCC also recognizes that these tools are central to the development of good governance in the First Nation, and have put a lot of their thought, time and energy into the process. So far as is possible, the timeframe, as outlined in the Governance Strategic Plan, has been followed.

The major requirement for funding for this year's project, and for next year's proposal is that the First Nation has a Strategic Plan in place. We are pleased to note that the development of a Strategic Plan was one of the first undertakings by MCFN in their governance initiatives.

However, in the words of Mathew Wildcat, "Governance is and always has been a complex undertaking that requires perseverance in thought and action." The Governance Coordinating Committee will continue to persevere in this development, and the long term goal is the development of a Community Constitution.

Contact Information

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Community News and Notes

Feb. 10-12, 2014

Manitou Mountain Sacred Fire Workshop

Once again the Creator has honoured myself as a conductor for the spiritual fire at the Turtle Lodge, the territory of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Firstly, I would like to mention that the Creator and Mother Earth have already forgiven us native people many moons ago for the weather we had while up north that week of the workshop.

During our prayers, laughter, and sharing, I on a personal note felt the healing and the collaboration within our people and the purpose of the workshop itself.

"Appreciations"

Lastly, I wish to thank, MNR, Chapleau Cree First Nation, and the Missanabie Cree Chief and Councilors for requesting my assistance at these fires.

Chi-Miigwetch,
John Nemoth, Spirit Fire Keeper

MCFN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

Hello,

My name is Neil Fletcher Ewing, I am the grandson of our first chief (John Fletcher) and have currently been elected the youth representative of Missanabie Cree. I have been on youth councils and to youth retreats throughout high school and feel I can offer a lot to this position.

I have already attended my first chief and council meeting and will be attending my first conference. I will write a report about the conference in our next newsletter. I will be getting a Missanabie Cree e-mail address soon in which I look forward to getting in touch with the youth of our First Nation to introduce ourselves and to share any thoughts or ideas.

I also look forward to meeting everyone at our next gatherings and really appreciate this opportunity.

Sincerely, your youth rep
Neil Ewing



Happy 17th Birthday to my Grandson Robert Pine
I find this Special because Robert was born
on my Mom's Birth Date, March 10

Love You, Nan
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ABIGAIL OUELLET

MARCH 11

From Grandpa Ouellet.



Health Notes

MEMORANDUM

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To: Health Centre Clerks - Thunder Bay Zone
From: Crystal Pento, Manager - Medical Transportation
Date: February 20, 2014
Subject: Prior Approvals

Due to the large volume of Medical Transportation Applications arriving at times within a day or two of the Clients scheduled appointments, it has become necessary to implement a time line for the NIHB unit to accept applications for Approval. This was originally implemented on June 18, 2012, but we are still seeing a high number of non-urgent appointments being sent in within days of the appointment.

All applications need to be submitted at least one week prior to the scheduled appointment, but preferable within two weeks of appointments. It is important that the clients are made aware of this, as they will need to produce the referral information to the Health Centre clerks in a timely manner to meet this request. The exception of course is in cases of emergency situations. NIHB Medical Transportation applications should not be received for non urgent appointments the day before appointments, as NIHB benefit analysts may not be able to process the application. In these cases, the applications will become a post approval, where the client will have to pay for their own expenses and submit for reimbursement.

We are currently dealing with an overwhelming amount of post approvals. All efforts are being made to process these outstanding medical transportation applications as quickly as possible.

If you require any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me at 807-343-5328, or via email at Crystal.Pento@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Respectfully,

Crystal Pento
First Nations and Inuit Health
Manager, Medical Transportation
Thunder Bay Zone

News Items

ENBRIDGE LINE 9 PIPELINE REVERSAL APPROVED BY ENERGY BOARD

The National Energy Board has approved energy giant Enbridge's plan to reverse the flow and increase the capacity of a pipeline that has been running between southern Ontario and Montreal for years. The green light for the Calgary-based company is subject to certain conditions and requirements.

A statement from the National Energy Board says "the board's conditions require Enbridge to undertake activities regarding pipeline integrity, emergency response, and continued consultation."

Enbridge will also have to submit a plan to manage cracking features in the pipeline, and manage water crossings. The board says that with these conditions in place, the project will be "safe and environmentally sensitive."

Enbridge will be allowed to flow oil back eastwards to service refineries in Ontario and Quebec.

The decision on the controversial Line 9 comes some four months after the federal regulator held public hearings on Enbridge's proposal. During those sessions, a three-member panel heard from a wide range of parties including First Nations, environmental groups, private citizens and representatives from municipal and provincial governments.

Enbridge's own final submissions were delivered in writing after the board cancelled its final day of Toronto hearings over security concerns stemming from a planned protest.

Line 9 originally shuttled oil from Sarnia, Ont., to Montreal, but was reversed in the late 1990s in response to market conditions to pump imported crude westward. Enbridge now wants to flow oil back eastwards to service refineries in Ontario and Quebec. It plans to move 300,000 barrels of crude oil per day through the line, up from the current 240,000 barrels, with no increase in pressure. It has also received permission to move different types of oil, including a heavier form of crude.

Opponents — some of whom have staged protests and held sit-ins at pumping stations — argue the Line 9 plan puts communities at risk, threatens water supplies and could endanger vulnerable species in ecologically sensitive areas. Critics also worry that Enbridge will run what they claim is a more corrosive product through the 831-kilometre-long line — a move which they claim will stress the aging infrastructure and increase the chance of a leak.

Enbridge has insisted that safety is its top priority and has characterized the scope of the reversal as "actually very, very small." It has said a reversed Line 9 will not be transporting a raw oilsands product, although there will be a mix of light crude and processed bitumen. It has stressed, though, that the products that will flow through the line will not erode it.

(More information at www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/enbridge-line-9-pipeline-reversal-approved-by-energy-board-1.2562169)

NIPISSING FIRST NATION BECOMES THE FIRST BAND IN ONTARIO TO RATIFY THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION

NIPISSING – On Jan. 10, the Nipissing First Nation (NFN) became the first aboriginal government in Ontario to adopt its own constitution. Among other things, the constitution defines who the Nipissing First Nation are as a people, how they will govern themselves, how they will manage their land and finances and how they will protect and preserve their culture.

Chief Marianna Couchie of the NFN does not see the constitution as a challenge to existing Federal legislation. "Nipissing First Nations is moving forward," she

says, "The constitution just helps further our movement toward our goal of self-government."

The constitution, called the Nipissing Gichi-Naaknigewin, was tabled to NFN council by Chief Couchie November of 2013, but she says the planning process goes much farther back. "When I joined council in 2003 as Deputy Chief, people had already been discussing a constitution for at least a year-and-a-half before," she says.

The constitution went through many drafts and commu-

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nity consultations before being presented in its final form. Then the voting took more than a month because the council wanted every member of the off-reserve NFN community to have a fair chance to vote. Advance polls were opened on Dec. 5 and 6. Nipissing voters were also allowed to mail in ballots or vote electronically. By the time the polls closed and votes were counted on January 10, 319 had voted in favour of the constitution and 56 had voted against it.

“This constitution looks very promising to me,” says John Borrows, a University of Victoria law professor and one of the leading Indigenous Law experts in North America. “It is fairly conservative as most Indigenous constitutions go in hundreds of First Nations south of the border, in the United States. It also seems to be focused on good governance, checks and balances and providing greater accountability within the community.”

When asked whether the NFN constitution can take precedence over existing Canadian law, Borrows says “There is no doubt the federal government could chal-

lenge an exercise of First Nations authority under the Nipissing Constitution. Whether that challenge is successful depends on whether the Nipissing are acting within their constitutional rights in assuming these responsibilities for their own affairs. So far, the law from the Supreme Court is not clear on this point.”

There has been no response from either the federal or provincial governments to date. In the meantime, at least 31 other Ontario First Nations including the Atikameksheng and Wanapitae nations near Sudbury are in the process of drafting their own constitutions. According to Chief Couchie, many indigenous councils are using parts the Nipissing Gichi-Naaknigewin as a template for their own constitutions.

Chief Couchie does not think the constitution will affect relations with adjoining non-First nations communities in any way. “We’ve always been on good terms with our neighbours in North Bay and West Nipissing,” she says “Having our own constitution will not change that.

North Bay Nipissing News, By Steve Pitt

MCFN Elders Council

Nextbridge Meetings

I thank MCFN for the chance to attend the two days of meetings with the people sent to us from Nextbridge Infrastructure.

The people from Nextbridge were sent to introduce us to what the future may hold for MCFN, Nextbridge, and the province of Ontario, and the needs of everyone regarding the future of power in our part of the world. I will try to keep the report as short and informal as possible.

In looking at the future needs of the province of Ontario, we need to just look at the ice storms and other disasters that happened over the last years. The future needs of the power supplier call for backup systems to look at alternate routes in case of disasters in the future that allows for them to reroute the supply of power around any problems that may occur so that the people and industries will not be put in precarious situations that may endanger people in need.

So the beginning of these meetings is much like getting to know each other and each other’s needs and plans. There is much to be learned and planning to be done and money to be spent. (Millions, if not billions to be spent.) They are planning to make alternate routes for the power lines of the near future.



Nextbridge is getting to know all of the stakeholders to see what our needs are and where our traditional and reserve lands are.

Finally, there is much more information forthcoming and this info will be held at the MCFN office. For sure, there will be more meetings in the future regarding these issues.

Please call the office and speak to the councilor holding the Natural Resources portfolio. I say Miigwech for having the chance to attend these meetings as a representative of MCFN.

Richard Nolan.


MCFN Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	2	3	4 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	5	6 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	7	8
	9	10	11 Walking the Path Program 12 years and up 7 - 9 pm	12 Individual counselling and sharing 9am - 4 pm 45 minute blocks	13 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Walking the Path Program 12 years and up 7 - 9 pm	14 Individual counselling and sharing 9am - 4 pm 45 minute blocks	15
	16	17	18 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Craft Class 1:30 -3:30 pm	19	20 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Spring begins	21	22 Traditional Teaching Roles work- shop 9:30-4.30 pm
	23 Traditional Teaching Roles work- shop 9:30-4.30 pm	24	25 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	26	27 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	28	29
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	2	3 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	4	5
	6	7	8 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Craft Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm	9	10 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Healthy Snack Day	11	12
	13	14	15 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Craft Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm Walking the Path 7-9 pm	16 Elders Tea and Nutrition Bingo 12 noon	17 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Walking the Path Program 7-9 pm	18 Good Friday Band Office closed.	19
	20 Easter	21 Easter Monday Band Office closed	22 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Craft Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm	23	24 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	25	26 Swimming John Rhodes Arena 5-6 pm
	27	28	29 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	30	 Niska Peesim Goose Moon		

March Birthday Greetings

MARCH 1


Happy Birthday!



Carol Nolan

MARCH 2


Happy Birthday!



Michael Tremblay

MARCH 4


Happy Birthday!



Dawn Nolan
Nathan Stevenson

MARCH 6

Happy Birthday!



Jon Claude Bergeron
John Everett Fletcher
Kenneth Nolan
Robert Gideon

MARCH 7


Happy Birthday!



Cindy Hourtovenko

MARCH 8

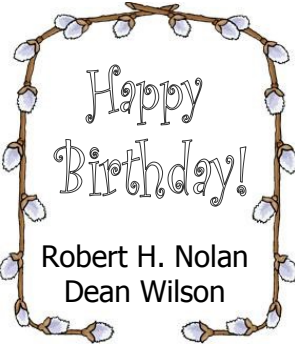
Happy Birthday!



Lloyd Rainville

MARCH 9

Happy Birthday!



Robert H. Nolan
Dean Wilson

MARCH 10

Happy Birthday!



Katelyn Fletcher
Lisa Sky Jeffries
Robert Cory Pine

MARCH 11

Happy Birthday!




Tazz Kyle McLeod



MARCH 12


Happy Birthday!



Christine Lee
Marie Nolan
Ted Nolan

MARCH 13


Happy Birthday!



James Deakins

MARCH 18


Happy Birthday!



Neil Vernon Nolan

MARCH 19

Happy Birthday!



Warren Mandoshkin

MARCH 20


Happy Birthday!



Shawna Lynn
MacDonald

MARCH 23

Happy Birthday!



Jennifer Dehoney
Neal Gideon

MARCH 24

Happy Birthday!



Karynne Jeremiah
Ernie Louttit

MARCH 25

Happy Birthday!



Hazel Fletcher

MARCH 28


Happy Birthday!



Ashleigh Lalonde
Sharon Snodgrass

MARCH 29

Happy Birthday!



James Robert Fletcher

MARCH 30


Happy Birthday!



John Kaplan

MARCH 31

Happy Birthday!



Gloria Harris
Glen Nolan
Janice Souliere
Lois West

Opportunities



**DOES FIGHTING FOREST FIRES
INTEREST YOU AS A CAREER OR
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT?**

**If so you must have the SP100 Training to apply to the
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Take your SP-100 training with FIRE 1**

This 40-hour course will prepare you to assume the role of an Ontario entry level forest fire crew member. You will be taught basic fire behavior and fire terminology; trained to MNR standards in the maintenance and operation of equipment such as the power pump, and in the proper use of suppression hand tools, communications and camping equipment. **SP-100 COURSE PROGRAM:**

40% Theory based in the classroom 60% Practical field work

The cost of the SP-100 Forest Fire Fighter Training per person is:

\$872+HST = \$985.36 We are the LOWEST Price!

Check with your local Employment Organizations as funding may be available.

Mandatory Disclosure: "Successful completion of the SP-100 Fire Fighter Training Course does not guarantee employment. Of the approximately 400 annual entry-level positions (crewmember) within MNR, the vast majority are filled by returning staff. However, a turn-over rate of roughly 30% is expected annually meaning approximately 120 new fire fighters are hired each spring. The turn-over percentage varies depending on location so each Fire Management Headquarters should be contacted directly as to actual job opportunities. During periods of escalated fire activity, the MNR may hire Supplementary Fire Fighters to assist in a variety of roles. However, these are short-term, temporary contracts that end when forest fire activity returns to normal. There is also privately run firefighting crews (Type 2) that the MNR hires during escalated fire periods. These Type 2 fire fighter providers should be contacted directly as to actual job opportunities. You are encouraged to visit our website at <http://ontario.ca/fireranger> for more information"



Register @ www.fire-1.ca

2014 SP-100 SCHEDULE

PETERBOROUGH - March 19-23

Tentative based on continued enrollment

KINGSTON - March 26-30

NORTH BAY - April 2-6
RECERT: April 6

THUNDERBAY - April 9-13
RECERT: April 13

KENORA - April 16-20
RECERT: April 20

COCHRANE - April 23-27
RECERT: April 27

SAULT STE MARIE
In Class - April 12-13
Outdoor: April 29-MAY 1

FIRE 1

Mailing address:
Box 1998
New Liskeard, Ontario
P0J 1P0
Website: www.fire-1.ca
Email: fire1@eastlink.ca
Telephone: (705) 622 2810

Opportunities

March 3, 2014



SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Greetings,

My name is Charles Ingleton and I am contacting you to introduce Fire 1. Fire 1 is based in North Eastern Ontario, and we are newly accredited by the MNR to provide the SP 100 series training. Our Instructors are highly experienced Forest Fire Fighters, Technicians and Managers. We are currently scheduling for spring and summer training sessions. As Co-owner and head instructor, I will ensure your First Nation receives only the highest quality training and suppression products. Please find below a brief summary of our products and services.

Training

SP-100

This 40-hour course will prepare you to assume the role of an Ontario entry level forest fire crew member. Participants will be taught basic fire behaviour and fire terminology; trained to MNR standards in the maintenance and operation of equipment such as the power pump, and in the proper use of suppression hand tools, communications and helicopter hand signals/loading and safety.

SP100 course program:

40% Theory based in the classroom

60% Practical field work

SP-103 Fire Department Wildland Fire Fighting

The SP103 is designed to provide Fire Department staff with basic firefighting skills as determined by the Ontario Fire Marshall, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The SP103 is a pre-requisite for the MNR delivered "Strategies and Tactics" workshop designed specifically for Fire Departments. It is a two day course that consists of a one day in class and a one day practical outdoor portion. As we are a mobile company, Fire 1 would come to you and provide all necessary equipment and hose. Although it is mandatory training for those communities who have Municipal Forest Fire Management agreements with the M.N.R, it is beneficial for any community fire station.

Restricted Radio Operator - Aeronautical

Participants will receive by email the most recent ROC- A study guide prior to the ½ day in class review. Following review, participants are ready to challenge the exam. Fire 1's instructor is an accredited examiner as listed with Industry Canada. Successful participants receive the certificate directly from Industry Canada.

Red Cross Standard Emergency First Aid CPR AED; First Responder

ATV/UTV Training: 7 Hour training provided by Canada Safety Council certified instructor.

Opportunities

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY VIOLENCE

Mushkegowuk Council will be providing a 2 day workshop: Understanding Family Violence to each of the communities we serve. Here, you will learn about the impacts of family violence, the myths of family violence, and the cycle of complex trauma and recovery. The workshops will also have a component on 'blended families'. Our facilitator will ensure that you are learning in a safe environment.

FACILITATED BY: JULES TAPAS

DATE: March 22 & 23, 2014
TIME: 9:00am to 12:00pm, 1:00pm to 4:30pm
LOCATION: Missanabie Cree First Nation Office
559 Queen Street East
2nd floor - Boardroom

**This workshop is free to participants. This is a two day session; participants who are interested must start on the first day.*

For more information, please contact:

Warren Kapashesit, Health & Wellness Coordinator Mushkegowuk Council
P: (705) 658-4222 ext.152 - E: warrenkapashesit@mushkegowuk.ca

Lesley Gagnon
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This project presented by:



Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Council of the Anishinabe of Canada



**MUSHKEGOWUK
COUNCIL** 705.658.4222

This project is funded by:
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND
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PREVENTION PROGRAM
2013/2014

Employment Opportunities



Missanabie Cree First Nation

174 B Hwy 17B
Garden River
Ontario P6A 6Z1

Phone: (705)-254-2702
Fax: (705)-254-3292
www.missanabiecree.com

NORTHERN ONTARIO HERITAGE FUND YOUTH INTERNSHIP

POSITION: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Who is Eligible? Northern Ontario Secondary School graduates 29 years of age or under recently graduated from an accredited college or university.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) wishes to hire a Business Development Officer who will assist in all stages of business and economic development and implementation including market research, project evaluation/assessment, cash flow management, project management, organizational and financial planning and implementation of projects.

Location: MCFN Band Office, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Hours: 35 hours a week

Duration: 52 weeks

Supervisor: Band Manager

JOB DUTIES

Key responsibilities and activities will include but not be limited to:

- Review, research and provide recommendations for economic and business development initiatives for MCFN consideration
- Performing due diligence of projects/opportunities
- Conduct research for initiatives, i.e. SWOT analysis, demographics
- Determine project resources necessary for execution and completion
- Develop, review and research various Business Plans/Feasibility Studies
- Implement and monitor budgets, cash flow forecasts, financial projections
- Review past projects and funding proposals/programs
- Research existing funding opportunities/criteria
- Gather information, research and prepare funding proposals
- Provide assistance in project management (project updates, reports, presentations)
- Attend all required meetings
- Other duties as required by Management

Employment Opportunities

QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a recent graduate from an accredited post-secondary institution with qualifications in the study of business administration, accounting, community economic and social development, finance or economics (within the last 2 years)

29 years of age or under

Must be computer literate (Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and Powerpoint)

Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills

Knowledge of First Nations culture and traditions

Excellent organizational and time management skills

Ability to work independently and as a team member

Ability to communicate effectively with a diversity of people

PLEASE SEND COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO:

June Markie – Receptionist

559 Queen St. E

Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3

Fax: 705-254-3292

Email: jmarkie@missanabiecree.com

Opportunities for Youth



**Aboriginal Arts and Stories
Writing Challenge
www.our-story.ca**

This year's deadline is March 31, 2014.

**The contest is open to Canadians of Aboriginal ancestry
(Status, Non-Status, Inuit and Métis) between the ages of 14-29.**

**Also open to emerging writers between the ages of 11-13.
Create a writing or art piece that explores a moment of theme
in Aboriginal history or culture.**

Enter online, by email, mail, or fax.

Aboriginal Arts & Stories (formerly The Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge) began in 2005 as a national writing competition for Aboriginal youth. In 2010, Historica Canada introduced an expanded challenge that would now include a visual arts component. Aboriginal youth, between the ages of 11-29, are invited to submit a piece of creative writing (past entries have included short stories, plays, screenplays and collections of poetry), or a piece of two-dimensional artwork that captures a defining moment in Aboriginal history or culture. Participants have a chance to win up to \$2,000 and have their work published or exhibited, and groups with 6 or more individual submissions are eligible for additional prizes!

MCFN Membership

Our mailing list for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

Office Hours: Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members. A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE: ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

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 Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet

Contact Information on the CIS cards (CIS laminate card) can be found on page 17



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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

MCFN Membership

Issuing a Certificate of Indian Status (CIS laminate card)

Identification Requirements:

2 pieces of valid government issued ID or one passport

OR:

1 piece of government issued ID AND completed Guarantor form. The Guarantor must also **sign** and **date** the back of one photograph.

* All log sheets must clearly demonstrate that these basic identification requirements have been met.

* CIS cards **must not** be mailed to clients.

* **Void** CIS cards must be photocopied and submitted with log sheets.

AANDC Toronto Regional Office

General Enquiries: 416-954-6201

Registration Enquiries: 416-973-7517

**** Office Hours: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm daily ****

Registration Officers:

Melanie Fengler

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Address:

25 St. Clair Avenue East
8th Floor

Toronto, Ontario

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AANDC Business Centres - Registration Enquiries

* Please note that all Thunder Bay First Nations should direct questions to the Thunder Bay Business Centre*

Thunder Bay Business Centre:

Lenaya Grassia: (807) 624-1516

April Genno: (807) 624-1512

Gloria Lalman, Manager: (807) 624-1510

Address:

100 Anemki Drive, Suite 101

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION ON P7J 1A5

Brantford Business Centre:

Registration: (519) 751-6462

* please leave a message

Sudbury Business Centre:

Sylvie Lapierre: (705) 522-1356

Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Information

SCIS Enquiries: **416-973-7517**

Status of SCIS Application: **1-800-567-9604**

SCIS Lost/Stolen: **1-800-567-9604**

All SCIS Applications and other forms are found at:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032776/1100100032782>

VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Missanabie Cree First Nation

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MCFN Staff

Band Manager Jean Sayers **ex. 222**

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Registration Administrator Ted Ouellet **ex. 228**

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