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BRRR! This year of 2014 has started off with extreme cold weather in early January. Temperature records across central and

eastern Canada and the US have been broken or come close to being broken. These unusual weather patterns are being attributed to the wild swings of the Jet Stream, a stream of air that circles the northern part of the earth and drives many of our weather systems. A mass of cold polar air, called the Polar Vortex is being pushed south due to the Jet Stream. The Jet Stream is expected to continue with these wild swings, as the Arctic continues to warm due to global warming.

What many people have come to realise is that these extreme weather events, hurricanes, tornadoes, and rising temperatures are the result of an increase in green house gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane gas. The burning of fossil fuels contributes to the

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

warming of the world, and the changing of our climate. (For a more detailed explanation of these changes, please see page 12.)

People do not want to hear that the climate is changing, and that because of this, the world is changing, too. But the evidence is there for all to see. Once realization sets in, people will respond in a number of ways. One is to not even think about it, just go about our daily business as usual. Another response is to begin to live more consciously, to make decisions with regard to the impact our decisions will have on the warming of the planet. Others will begin direct action, to convince government and industry to make changes that will lessen these impacts.

What will your course of action be as this new year begins?

Events/Gatherings:

Indigenous Youth Engagement Forum

January 17-19, 2014 Six Nation, ON
www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/645

National First Nations Infrastructure and Trade Show

February 3-5, 2014 Toronto, ON
www.afn.ca/uploads/files/afn_national_infrastructure_conference_eng.pdf

12th Annual Northern First Nations Housing Conference

February 11-13, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON
www.northernhousingconference.com/index.html

Have a Heart for First Nations Children Day

February 14, 2014 CANADA
www.fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart

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Message from the Chief

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, spending it with friends and family. I have been busy through the holidays with strategic planning with council working on the short and long term goals of our community and how each council member will participate based on their strengths.

Manitou mountain protection plan meeting was successful in planning a direction on the next few years.

Our meeting with Michipicoten was also very successful in the discussion on next steps and relationship building between both of our great nations.

We worked on policies and codes as a team, and I found that council had worked very well in the approval of the election code to be sent to citizenship for ratification.

I hope to see participation from our citizenship in some of our new ventures and opportunities. We will be reaching out to community members over the next while to engage in providing input.

As always, I am always available, accessible and approachable. If you have any questions, please call me.

Chief Jason Gauthier



Joint meeting of Missanabie Cree First Nation and Michipicoten First Nation held in Sault Ste. Marie, on December 12, 2013.

From left to right: Isabell Souliere, MCFN Councilor; Glad Hawkins, Assistant to MCFN Chief and Council; Victoria Pezzo, MCFN Deputy Chief; Linda Peterson, MFN Councilor; Chief Jason Gauthier, MCFN; Patricia Tangie, MFN Councilor, Chief Joe Buckell, MFN ; William Swanson, MFN Councilor; Myrtle Swanson, MFN Councilor; Les Nolan, MCFN Councilor; Irene Armstrong, MFN Councilor; Marion Nolan, MCFN member; Cory McLeod, MCFN Councilor.

Messages from Council

Hello everyone!

Looking back at last month, December 2013 was a busy time for Council. Regular council meetings were held, additional conference calls were scheduled, and a face-to-face meeting with Michipicoten chief and council was attended in Sault Ste Marie.

January 2014 continues with the same energetic pace. Council business started early in the new year with a weekend session January 4 & 5th on strategic planning. Our discussions centred around priorities and future goals. An open band meeting scheduled for February is one of these goals and I look forward to this engagement with the Missanabie Cree membership. Portfolios

Watchay,

I have been very active working with council on so many different areas. I am sharing a lands and resources portfolio and have met with many different groups to work to protect our lands, waters and interests for Missanabie Cree First Nation.

I am learning so much and feel very passionate about the land and keep our children in the front of my mind in discussing the land with government and industry.

Hello Everyone,

The Chief & Council attended our 2nd Strategic Planning Session/Retreat and attended one other meeting with a consultant over the holidays for 2 days in Toronto. We discussed and decided what our priorities are and what we would hope to achieve for the next 3 years. This was our 2nd face to face meeting since August. We are still meeting once a week and did try the special meeting every other week approach so that we can give special focus to the Rama Requests and the Rama Policy and to prepare for the Pre-Consultation with Michipicoten.

We met with Michipicoten Chief & Council on December 12th to begin our relationship building and understanding of the shared territories. The Lovisek Report was shared with Michipicoten at this meeting at the advice of the lawyers. No legal representation was at this meeting

were also discussed, and I will continue to hold the education portfolio.

The new year also brought change for Jean Sayers who started her new role as Band Manager on January 6th. Welcome Jean!

Also if one of your new year resolutions is to be more active in community, please do not hesitate to place your name forward for opportunities such as the recent call-out for Youth Representative or a board member of Missanabie Cree Development Corporation.

Until next time,
Victoria
MCFN Deputy Chief

I feel that we as council have strategically designed a strong plan for moving forward as a team, and look forward to many more successes from this very active and very passionate Chief and Council.

Hope to hear from you, and I love you all. I will continue to get involved and participate in everything I can.

Les Nolan aka Red Bear
MCFN Councilor

since it was a preliminary meeting to establish the family ties. We also scheduled a Land Transfer Finalization update for council but the presentation did not take place and another date has been set for the end of January. We also sat at the table with Tembec to discuss the Tri-partite agreement we have with MNR and Tembec on December 5.

We also met with MNR to discuss the Manitou Mountain Conservation Amendment. We are moving forward with this initiative and had a brainstorming session to set out for the next 3 years what will take place regarding Manitou Mountain. We also were invited to attend the North-east Superior Regional Chiefs Forum for a Governance Workshop to discuss a 2 year pilot project.

Isabell Souliere
MCFN Councilor

From the desk of:

MCFN BAND MANAGER

Wachay and Hello to Missanabie Cree First Nation Members Happy New Year!

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and fruitful Christmas and a happy beginning to the New Year.

As the recently hired Band Manager for the Missanabie Cree First Nation, I would like to introduce myself: my name is Jean Sayers and I am a Moose Cree band member, originally from Moose Factory but now residing in Garden River. I am married to William (Butch) Sayers. As a large blended family, my husband and I have eight adult children, sixteen grandchildren and one great grandson and another one on the way sometime in June.

Within the next month, I will be working with Chief Jason Gauthier and staff to get acquainted with all the priori

ties, programs, personnel, reviewing the financial status of the organization, audits, budgets, policies and special projects and making contact with the federal and provincial organizations and agencies that do business with the Missanabie.

It is an honour and privilege to be working for the Chief and Council, staff and the membership so I will work diligently to do my best to meet the goals and objectives of the First Nation.

I look forward to gradually meeting the MCFN members in person or on the telephone and everyone who has a connection with, and an invested interest, in the future of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Meegwetch,
Jean Sayers
Band Manager

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

Greetings Missanabie Cree Members,

It's been some time since I did a report regarding Post-Secondary Education. I am now working in the capacity of Post-Secondary Education Officer and no longer doing the Band Administrator work. I can now work on items that needed attention, such as reforming the Education Committee, reviewing and making changes to the post-secondary policy, updating contacts with colleges, universities, students, and working towards the education goals that came from the members during our community strategic planning session in August 2011.

I would also like to note that the reporting for the post-secondary funds has changed. The reporting is paperless and they require financial and education details for every semester while generating a summary of costs. The other interesting feature is that I can add supporting documents for each student funded and not to mention it is user friendly.

I will be updating the application for the 2014/2015 post-secondary funding. As soon as those are complete I will email to those that requested an application already.

For current students you can send in book/supply receipts for reimbursement.

If you are graduating from high school or are a mature student and interested in attending college or university, you should start the process of applying to post-secondary institutions of your choice.

Just a reminder that the deadline to apply for funding is June 13, 2014. So you should start the process and you should have all supporting documents in by our deadline for funding.

On a final note, I would like to welcome Jean Sayers, Band Manager to our office. I look forward to working with her.

Our first staff meeting with Jean was very informative and enlightening. We learned that Mathew Wesley has a

From the desk of:

Facebook page dedicated to the Cree language and he will have weekly language classes during work hours which staff are permitted to attend. I am excited to attend and learn.

If you require any information or help regarding post-

secondary education, I can be reached by phone or email, 705-254-2702 ext. 227 or lrainville@missanabiecree.com

Meegwetch,
Lori Rainville

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

MCFN LAND USE PLANNER

January 13, 2014

Greetings, All My Relations:

As many of you know, I have been hired by Muskegowuk Council as a Land Use Planner to collect data from Missanabie Cree Elders and harvesters in our First Nation. I have worked in this position on a contract basis, which will be completed March 31, 2014.

This project has been funded by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mining with the understanding that the Traditional Knowledge of Use and Occupancy gathered by the First Nation will primarily identify the sites of occupancy in their territory and will further protect those sites from mining until there has been consultation with Missanabie Cree First Nation. And with this information it will be determined by Missanabie Cree, if they will allow mining or staking of claims in their territory.

Gathering of information through mapping interviews and questions regarding the harvesting of Birds (Partridge), Fish, Large Animals (Moose), Small Animals (Beaver), identifying Cultural & Sacred Sites, Vegetation Sites (Blueberries, Medicine Sites), possible Mineral locations, and land and water ways used by Missanabie Cree Families. This information was transposed on to maps using a code system during the interview process and then was further processed by a GIS mapping technique.

Thus far, this mapping process has shown that Missanabie Cree Used and Occupied their territory in the past and present.

The gathering of information was presented in workshops in Sault Ste Marie and at the Missanabie Cree annual gatherings. The gathering of information also included a screening process in which it was determined who had harvested on the land and water and who knew information about the occupancy of Members in the Missanabie Cree territory.

Unfortunately, there were Members who were not interviewed, because of distance or a lack of contact information and it may be possible that another form of gathering information may be initialized at a later date.

At this time, over 60 Members have been interviewed and between 3500 and 4000 reference points have been coded on maps. A Missanabie Cree First Nation, Traditional Knowledge Atlas of Use and Occupancy has been developed along with a map of the Traditional Territory of the Missanabie Cree and a larger scale map of the potential Reserve Lands of the Nation.

This information will be available the next annual gathering of the Missanabie Cree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Missanabie Cree office , (705) 254-2702. Or use the toll free number 1 (800) 319-3001.

In the Spirit of Community, Meegwetch,

Arthur (Archie) Nolan
Band Member & Land Use Planner

Community News and Notes

REPORT ON NAN COMMUNITY READINESS TRAINING

Greetings my fellow members and Elders,

My name is Terri Nolan and I recently attended a Community Readiness Training session in Thunder Bay, ON sponsored by Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

We had a couple of awesome keynote speakers during this session and I have to say that I came home with more knowledge that I had previously thought I knew. Ida Copenance and Rene Boucher spoke to the class the first day on HIV and AIDS.

I am not ashamed to say that I always thought that HIV was originally contacted through human contact with monkeys/apes. To my surprise HIV can only be contacted through humans, as well as the sharing of needles, which I already knew. So the myth that human contact with monkey/apes is the where HIV virus originated from is just that, a myth.

I also learned that if left untreated you will eventually become sick with life threatening infections. This being the most serious stage of HIV and is called AIDS. This can happen over a span of years before the individual even realizes they are infected. Most commonly back in the late 70's - 80's when HIV reared its ugly head and back then we commonly knew it as AIDS and we would all die if we were in contact with anyone that had it. Thank God for research and technology today! Because of it more and more people are able to live a normal life. There is no cure for HIV but there is treatment. I am grateful I had the honour to listen to these 2 speakers who have put a lot of what I thought were just myths to rest.

On the 2nd and 3rd day Linda Stanley, PhD Research Scientist from Colorado State University graced us with a day and a half of packed full of information on how to identify and define issues within our communities with an overview of the Community Readiness Training model.

I was quite impressed with her model as it could be adhered to any problem within communities out there. Be it, drug/alcohol addictions, gambling, abuse, HIV/AIDS whatever the problem is within the community. **The purpose of the model is to give participants the tools necessary to complete your own assessment through targeted activities.**

It measures attitude, knowledge, resources efforts and activities of community members and leadership in order to assess a community's readiness to address an issue on 5 key dimensions.

I found that this model could be applied to any community or organizations that are looking to make positive change together as a community.

I have a powerpoint I can send to anyone that would like read more about it. This topic is way too extensive to go into detail.

All in all it was a great learning experience for me and I came home with a few more facts and less myths! I'm glad I took part as there is no other way to educate one's self then by participating in these workshops.

Best regards,
Terri Nolan

MCFN Bear Fax Newsletter Online

The Bear Fax newsletter will be going online at the MCFN website: www.missanabiecree.com beginning with the February 2014 issue.

Events, gatherings, and other items of interest will also be posted to the Events Calendar on our website. Please check often.

If you prefer to read our newsletter online, please call Ted Ouellet, the Registration Administrator, to have your name removed from the newsletter mailing list.

**Miigwech,
for helping us reduce costs and save trees.**

Submissions to Community News and Notes

The deadline for submissions to Community News and Notes is the 25th day of each month, for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Please forward items to Elizabeth:

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News Items

NAN LAUDS COURT ORDER FOR GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

January 15, 2014 , THUNDER BAY:

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and First Nation leaders welcome the Superior Court of Justice decision ordering the Government of Canada to produce documents to Claimants/Survivors and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) relating to a 1990's criminal investigation into abuse at St. Anne's Residential School in Fort Albany First Nation.

Justice Paul Perell found that Canada "too narrowly interpreted its disclosure obligations", and that "there has been non-compliance [with the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement], and Canada can and must do more in producing documents about the events at St. Anne's".

During the two-day hearing (Dec. 17-18, 2013) the federal government was challenged over its decision to withhold the extensive police files relating to sexual and physical abuse by former school employees. Beatings, rape and the use of an electric chair were documented by a five-year investigation by the Ontario Provincial Po-

lice which resulted in the criminal convictions of six school officials. St. Anne's Survivors have fought for the release of these documents after it was revealed that they have been in the government's possession since 2003.

"The Survivors of St Anne's acted in good faith when they agreed to take part in the Independent Assessment Process but the government's failure to provide this evidence to the claimants and independent adjudicators raised significant questions as to whether they would ever receive the justice they deserve," said Fiddler, who holds the justice portfolio. "This ruling ensures that the facts behind this terrible chapter in history are preserved and it is shameful that it has taken two court orders to compel the government to honour its obligations under this process."

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ON Regional Chief Beardy Supports Grassy Narrows FN in Dispute with Ontario

THUNDER BAY, ON (January 9, 2014) — Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy stands behind Grassy Narrows First Nation in their longstanding clash with the province over a forest management plan approved by the Premier in December to further clearcut within the Grassy Narrows territory without community consultation or consent.

"It's absolutely imperative that the Ontario government maintain protocol regarding First Nation consultation as per the Canadian Constitution," said Regional Chief Stan Beardy. "First Nations in Ontario are still hoping that it can build a strong, trusting relationship with Ontario. Making unilateral decisions to harvest on traditional territory without a community's consent only further erodes the relationship."

Chief Simon Fobister of Grassy Narrows First Nation expressed his concerns in a December 23 news release following the approval of Ontario's forest management plan, which would take effect in 2014.

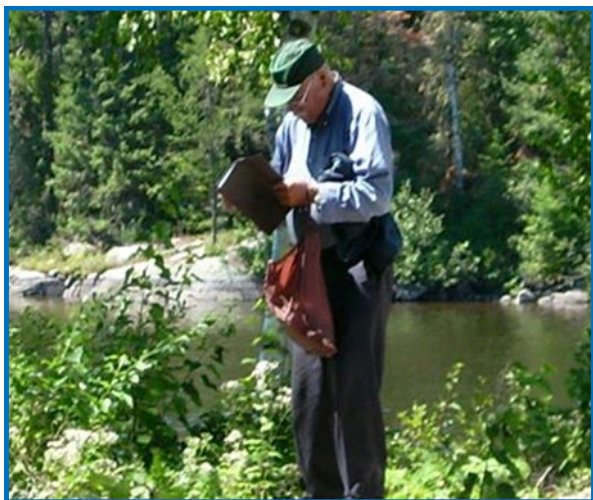
Chief Fobister said that province's logging plan will clearcut much of what mature forest remains on their territory, which raises concerns about facing another issue with mercury poisoning. Chief Fobister also said that fur-

ther logging will erode Treaty rights, and will impact the families who depend on fishing, hunting and trapping. "Grassy Narrows is requesting a meeting with Ontario Minister of Natural Resources David Orazietti. I urge the Minister to meet with the First Nation to reach an understanding on how to move forward," said Regional Chief Beardy.

Called "the longest running Indigenous logging blockade in Canada," Grassy Narrows has spent nearly 15 years in court fighting the Ontario government's decision to issue a licence for clearcut operations in parts of the Keewatin portion of Treaty 3 territory. It led to a significant Ontario Superior Court decision in 2011 which ruled that the province cannot authorize timber and logging if the operations infringe on federal treaty promises protecting aboriginal rights to traditional hunting and trapping. This ruling has been appealed by Ontario and it is expected to be heard at the Supreme Court of Canada on May 15, 2014.

For more information, please contact:
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Members in Passing Memories



*James Frederick Fletcher
Jan 18, 1924 to June 25, 2011.
He was the son of Dinah Sheshequin
and Gilbert Fletcher.*

This was Uncle Fred's last trip with his bike to Thunder Bay, James Fletcher otherwise known as Uncle Fred.

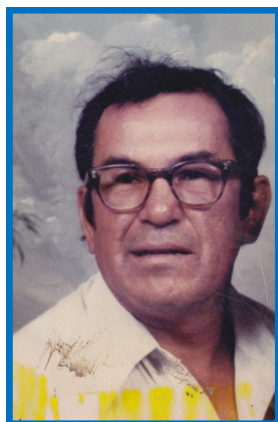
Uncle Fred was a family member who lived every day to the fullest, from walking and riding his bike across the country, from learning everything possible and teaching the children as much as they could learn.

The story was told to me by my Father Allan Gagnon. My father was travelling to Thunder Bay on Thursday to a family wedding. Just as my father was leaving town, he came across Uncle Fred pushing his bike up the highway. He had made it to Fifth Line. My father had stopped to see where he was going. He said, I'm on my way to visit my brother John in Thunder Bay. He put his bike in the bush and told my dad, I have another bike in Thunder Bay, John has for me. My father told me it was very nice having to spend that time with him, since they hadn't seen each other in years. My father spent 7 days in Thunder Bay. On the way home,

there was Uncle Fred starting his travels home to Sault Ste Marie. This time my father had made sure he sent all the luggage with my Uncle Ken, so he would have room for his bike.

This was Uncle Fred's last trip to Thunder Bay with his bike.

Presently making a scrap book of our past members and looking for pictures, If you have comments or memories you would like to add to this page, please email them to me, Lesley Gagnon at lgagnon@missanabiecree.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY
ROBERT ALBERT NOLAN

November 22, 1939
April 9, 1989

Born Albert Nolan(BOYGEE) to Emily and Dave Nolan November 22, 1939 in Lochalsh ON. The seventh child of what would be ten children in all, he had four brothers and five sisters. He

worked as a guide and carpenter. He worked with the Indian Affairs in Michigan trying to teach the young natives their culture. As a young boy he enjoyed playing hockey, trapping and being a guide for people in the bush.

At the age of 17 a hockey scout came to him and wanted him to try out for the Red Wings Hockey Team in Detroit, Michigan in the USA. He was asked again when he was about 24 years old. Not many kids can say that about their dad.

So the USA is where he ended up starting his family once he met and married Lucinda Wellcome and together they had four children. First born was Robert H. Nolan followed by Colleen, then Marleen and last born was Mary, all whom he loved with everything he had. He and Lucinda were divorced, and his kids were temporarily taken away until he could provide a safe, sober, stable environment for them. He never gave up and did whatever he could to get his kids back. He worked on his alcohol problem for over a year before he could get us kids back only to raise us as a single father.

Members in Passing Memories

I was the youngest child of his but the first to give him a grandchild. I remember telling him I didn't know what to name my son so I let my dad name his first grandson. That's where the name Kenneth David Nolan came from.

Being his first grandson, he wanted him to play hockey, so at the ripe old age of 2 he had him out on the ice. I remember him teaching me how to skate, he would hold my hand and get the two of us going really fast or what seemed really fast and then he would let go and when I could come to a stop or fell he would start all over again. He never got mad when I couldn't do it, he just kept helping me. He was a good coach like that.

He had a lot of patience and he coached a hockey team in Alpena, Michigan for many years. He also played for the over forty team for many years too. He was a Right Wing and I believe he really had wings! Everyone that knew him said he was the type of man that would give the shirt off his back for someone who needed help. I think that's because of the help he received when he was in need, he was paying it forward.

A memory from his son Bobby was that of him taking him out hunting and telling him he has to be very quiet and then he would start coughing and coughed so hard his teeth flew out of his mouth and broke on a rock. And the hunting trip was over.

Another memory of his was when he was getting beat up from some neighbor boys and our dad came to his rescue! He sprinted across the field and grabbed them boys by the scruff of their necks, knocked their heads together and then took them to their moms. He was a hero like that, always there when we needed him.

He was like that for many people as he sponsored many people in the A.A. program. He was very active in this program for 16 years. If it was 6:30pm and dad wasn't home we always knew where to find him. And he was always taking us with him on Saturday night open meetings. I think he knew we would need this one day and of course he was right. Our father was a man of many things; a hard working, truly honest and devoted father, who never let us go without even when things were tough.

This reminds me of a story about Christmas. One Christmas morning there was a note under the tree, no presents, just a note that read: Santa's check never came but I love you and we will go shopping soon. I can almost tell you what I got that year because it was so special.

His second child Colleen remembers the day he walked her down the aisle. She would be the only one of his girls lucky enough to have that special day. And she was the second one to give him a grandchild, also a grandson. When he would keep the boys it seem like every time she would come and get little Robert he would be sitting right at his feet. He was never too far away from the grandkids if they were at his house.

His niece, Joan Nolan Tangie remembers him being a kind and gentle man with a big heart who always had room for her when she needed him. His other niece Sherri Copeland Black remembers a night when she was sleeping over and her and Colleen were trying to sneak out of the house. They thought he was asleep so they tied some sheets together and started to climb out the window from the second floor. Uncle must have heard us because he was waiting at the door. He told me to hurry up and get down so he could get back to bed and "I will be calling Mabel in the morning". He made Colleen and I clean the whole house for our punishment.

Carrie, our stepsister who our dad raised for many years remembers a day when we were out with dad and someone asked him who the red head was and he said my daughter and the guy said I can tell the other girls are yours but this one isn't yours, and our dad got a little mad and said yes she is and that is that.

But we all remember how he was at his happiest when he got visits from his siblings from Canada. The laughter of them sitting at the kitchen table was the best or when he would drive to the Sault just for a few hours because his brother Ken was gonna be there. He was all about Family. Family in Canada knew him as BOYGEE and the people in the USA knew him as CHIEF. Today he has 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and one more great grandchild on the way.

-Mary Nolan Hughes

MCFN Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	12	13	14 Mitts Craft Class 1:30—3:30 pm	15 Elders' Tea 12:00-3:00 pm	16 Healthy Snacks after 1:00 pm	17	18
	19	20	21 Cree Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	22	23 Cree Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	24	25
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16	17 Family Day	18 Language Class 9:30- 10:30 am Craft Class 1:30 –3:30 pm Feb. 18-20: Jody Anderson from Kunuwanimano will be available to meet with individuals. Cell: 705-561-2830 Feb.18: Evening Family Activity 7-9 pm with Jody	19	20 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	21	22 MCFN Open Band Meeting Location/ Time; TBD	
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January Birthday Greetings

JANUARY 1

Happy Birthday!

Shelley Kerbrat

JANUARY 7

Happy Birthday

Michael Fletcher
Patrick John Fletcher

JANUARY 8

Happy Birthday!

Patrick George Fletcher
Marjorie Fraser
Jessica Bergeron

JANUARY 9

Happy Birthday!

Janice Marie Fletcher
Kimberly Young

JANUARY 11

Happy Birthday!

Aleah Horn
Elizabeth Sheshequin
Wilma Rose Lalonde

JANUARY 14

Happy Birthday!

Marlon JoAnne
McDonald

JANUARY 16

Happy Birthday!

Emily Melissa Nolan
Michael Henry Nolan

JANUARY 17

Happy Birthday!

Brent Fletcher
Judy Wilson

JANUARY 19

Happy Birthday!

Edward Robinson

JANUARY 20

Happy Birthday!

Nathaniel
Hourtovenko
Peta Nolan
Theo Ouellet
Daniel St. Denis-
Lafontaine

JANUARY 21

Happy Birthday!

Mark David Fletcher
Kevin Paradis

JANUARY 22

Happy Birthday!

Robert Ewing
James Allen Nolan

JANUARY 24

Happy Birthday

Cheryl Macumber
Thomas Ruth

JANUARY 25

Happy Birthday!

Roy Golden
Janine Kaplun

JANUARY 26

Happy Birthday!

Raymond Labelle
Bonny Lynn Mandoshkin
Jared Souliere

JANUARY 27

Happy Birthday!

Lorell Guindon

JANUARY 28

Happy Birthday!

Nicolas Dubeski
Samuel Yerex

JANUARY 29

Happy Birthday!

Jannette Macumber

JANUARY 31

Happy Birthday!

Richard McLeod
Jesse Souliere



Concerning the Earth

ABRUPT CLIMATE CHANGE IN REAL TIME

Humans have benefited greatly from a stable climate for the last 11,000 years - roughly 400 generations. Not anymore. We now face an angry climate. One that we have poked in the eye with our fossil fuel stick and awakened. Now we must deal with the consequences. We must set aside our differences and prepare for what we can no longer avoid. And that is massive disruption to our civilizations.

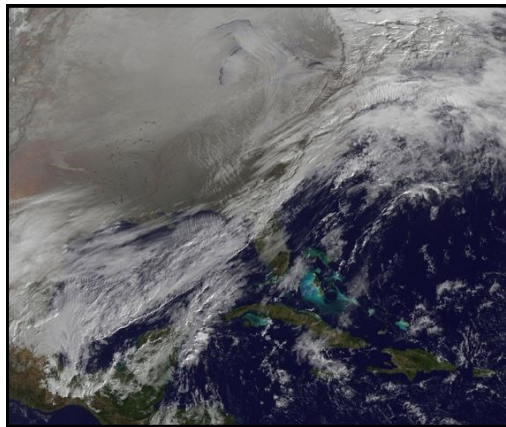
In a nutshell, the logical chain of events occurring is as follows:

A) Greenhouse gases that humans are putting into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels are trapping extra heat in the earth system (distributed between the oceans (93%), the cryosphere (glaciers, ice sheets, sea ice for 3%), the earth surface (rocks, vegetation, etc. for 3%) and the atmosphere (only an amazingly low 1%). The oceans clearly get the lions share of the energy, and if that 1% heating the atmosphere varies there can be decades of higher or lower warming, as we have seen recently..

This water vapor rises and cools condensing into clouds and releasing its stored latent heat which is increasing storm intensity.

(B) (i) Rapidly declining Arctic sea ice (losing about 12% of volume per decade) and
 (ii) snow cover (losing about 22% of coverage June per decade) and
 (iii) darkening of Greenland all cause more solar absorption on the surface and thus amplified Arctic warming (global temperatures have increased (on average) about 0.17 °C per decade, the Arctic has increased > 1 °C per decade, or about 6x faster)

C) Equator-to-Arctic temperature difference is thus decreasing rapidly



NOAA's GOES-East satellite captured this photo of the polar vortex over the Northern United States on Jan. 6, 2014, at 11:01 a.m. EST

D) Less heat transfer occurs from equator to pole (via atmosphere, and thus jet streams become streakier and wavier and slower in west-to-east direction, and via ocean currents (like Gulf Stream, which slows and overruns continental shelf on Eastern seaboard of U.S.)

E) Storms (guided by jet streams) are slower and sticking and with more water content are dumping huge torrential rain quantities on cities and widespread regions at higher latitudes than is "normal".

F) A relatively rare meteorological event called an "atmospheric river" is now much more common, and injects huge quantities of water over several days to specific regions, such as Banff (with water running downhill to Calgary) and Toronto and Colorado events.

It is well past the time that politicians and governments need to act to address these issues. This breakdown of the global atmospheric circulation pattern is well underway now, with a global average temperature only 0.8 °C above

the pre-industrial revolution levels. With extreme weather events this terrible now, it is highly irrational, in fact reckless, to continue to have global meetings and discussions about whether or not 2 °C is safe. Only 0.8 °C is wreaking havoc on global infrastructure today. As climate change proceeds and accelerates and we move further from the stable state that we are familiar with ("old climate") to a much warmer world ("new climate") we will experience worsening weather extremes and a huge "whiplashing" of events (throughout our present "transition period").

[from an article on the Eco Justice website at:
www.sierraclub.ca/en/AbruptClimateChange]

Opportunities

Conservation Programs Specialist – Municipal Extension

Barrie, Ontario (three-year term position)

The Opportunity

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), Canada's leader in wetland conservation, is looking for a confident, dedicated and enthusiastic Conservation Programs Specialist to join our team in Barrie, Ontario.

In this position, you will implement a municipal extension program in central Ontario designed to engage and assist municipalities and partners, and ultimately to strengthen wetland protection via the land use planning system.

You will also enhance the understanding of wetland values and the threats to those values, assess the policy framework around wetlands and identify opportunities to elevate wetland protection.

You will be part of the DUC Industry and Government Relations team in Ontario and support the delivery of broader initiatives the team is advancing.

Your previous experience working in the environmental field and working in or with municipal and provincial governments make you the ideal candidate for this three-year term position.

Requirements

- Minimum of three years experience and educational equivalent of a college diploma in a related field, e.g. biology, environmental science/studies, natural resources management, or public policy.
- Well-developed knowledge of the public sector including provincial and municipal jurisdictions; demonstrated experience with policy development, review and analysis.
- Strong leadership, organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Proven communication skills to prepare written and oral technical reports, presentations, and briefing materials
- Proven successful track record in building and managing stakeholder relationships including but not limited to: volunteers, politicians, bureaucrats, industry and NGO partners
- Highly motivated with a proven ability to combine creativity with research and analytical skills.
- Strong planning and project management skills.

How to Apply

In Canada we lose up to 80 acres of wetlands every 24 hours. We need your help to stop this loss. If you're qualified and interested in this opportunity, please submit your cover letter (including salary expectations) and resumé for confidential consideration to the attention of:

Michelle Stuckless, Administrative Assistant
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www.ducks.ca

Closing deadline: January 29, 2014

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While DUC would like to thank all applicants, only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted.



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Opportunities

GIS Technician Barrie, Ontario (24-month term)

The Opportunity

Ducks Unlimited Canada, Canada's leader in wetland conservation, is seeking a confident, energetic and dedicated GIS Technician to join our team in Barrie, Ontario.

As a member of the Ontario team, you will be responsible for providing GIS technical expertise including data creation and management, spatial analyses, modeling and decision support, cartographic products and consultation/ collaboration with internal clients and external partners to support research activities within the Lake Simcoe and south-eastern Georgian Bay watersheds.

You are self-motivated, enjoy a complex, changing environment, can manage numerous projects on tight deadlines and are able to build positive working relationships with staff and stakeholders.

Our ideal candidate is a detail-oriented individual with strong organizational, time management and interpersonal skills who is capable of seeing the bigger picture.

Additional Details

- Expected term of employment is 24 months
- Daytime business hours, Monday to Friday
- 35 hours per week

Requirements

- Possess a technical diploma in GIS and/or university degree in geography or related discipline
- 1 to 3 years experience
- Solid understanding and strong working knowledge of ESRI ArcGIS 10.x
- Ability to examine and interpret aerial photographs
- Be capable of maintaining and managing digital databases
- Be familiar with data creation, geoprocessing, printing and metadata maintenance
- Knowledge cartographic principles (projections and datums)
- Excellent cartographic skills in developing various communication delivery products
- Perform statistical analyses/modeling to support DUC science/conservation planning objectives
- Ability to communicate both written and oral in a professional manner
- Ability to work well independently and also in a team setting while keeping others informed of your progress.
- A valid driver's license is required

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Opportunities



ATTENTION MISSANABIE YOUTH - AGES 18 – 25

(Second Posting)

Missanabie Cree Chief and Council are seeking a Missanabie youth representative.

- Travel will be involved
- Reports submitted to Chief and Council when representing MCFN youth
- Newsletter article submitted to membership/youth monthly
- Work on communication development of youth involvement in MCFN
- Keep up to date of youth events of Missanabie and notify MCFN youth

There will be an honorarium paid monthly for these duties carried out for MCFN and a CPIC will be required of the youth who is chosen to carry out this important role for Missanabie Cree.

The selected youth will be contacted in the New Year.

Apply with letter of interest, intent or resume:

Deadline: January 31, 2013.

Attention: Chief Jason Gauthier

Please send Mail to: 559 Queen St. E
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6A 2A3

Email: jgauthier@missanabiecree.com

Miigwech, Missanabie Cree Chief and Council



ATTENTION! (Second Posting for MCDL Board Member)

Missanabie Cree First Nation Chief and Council is looking for interested Citizens to serve on the board of the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation.

Please submit an:

Up to date Resume

Letter of Intent

By email: to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or Fax to office marked "CONFIDENTIAL - MCDL"

The ending date for submissions is January 31, 2014.

Meegwetch,

Chief Jason Gauthier

Opportunities

Traditional Teachings on Parental Roles and Responsibilities

Mushkegowuk Council will be providing the workshop: **Traditional Teachings on Parental Roles and Responsibilities** to each of the communities we serve. The workshop will have a component on addressing family violence, as well as a component on 'blended families'.

There will also be a family activity for families to come out and enjoy.

This workshop and family activity will be held in **Sault Ste. Marie for Missanabie Cree Members in March 2014.**

Further Details will be provided as we get closer to event. Please check back with us.

This project is presented by



This project is funded by

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern
Development Canada's
Family Violence Prevention
Project 2013/2014

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Whahchay, MCFN Band members:

We will be **revising our mailing list** for the Bear Fax newsletter, so that only one newsletter is sent to one address. Presently, all band members receive a copy regardless of their address. This will commence with the next newsletter, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy

MCFN Membership

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.

Reminder: Office Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 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 at the address noted above.

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

If your name appears on the Birthday Greetings page incorrectly, please contact Ted Ouellet.



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	

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.

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