

# BEAR FAX

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Missanabie Cree First Nation

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## Happy Earth Day!



### Plant your seeds today!

Earth Day is celebrated throughout the world on April 22. This day is a reminder of how important the earth is to our survival. The earth provides us with everything we need, most importantly our food and water.

Many people have begun to recognize that as the climate change continues, with its impacts on agriculture worldwide, that it may be wise not to rely on the agricultural corporations as a source of safe, inexpensive food. Community gardens are springing up everywhere, and for the fourth year in a row, the Missanabie Cree community in Sault Ste. Marie will soon be planting another organic garden.

Farmer's markets are another way of obtaining fresh food, and supporting local farmers. Our food is often shipped thousands of miles from around the world. And the amount of fuel being used also has an impact on the environment, when you consider the increased amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Eating locally means fresh, often organic, food with lower impacts on the earth.

Finally, we encourage everyone to take some seeds, and start a garden. It does not have to be big, it could even be in a small container. Check out the "in the bush" gardening story by one of our members on page 13. Gardening, even on a small scale, reminds us of our connection to the earth, and will keep us grounded in the fundamentals of life. Happy Earth Day!

## Events/Gatherings:

### **Mother Earth Water Walk 2011**

April 10, 2011 beginning from the west direction.  
[www.motherearthwaterwalk.com](http://www.motherearthwaterwalk.com)

### **Education Partnerships Program Conference**

April 11-13, 2011 Thunder Bay, ON  
[www.nan.on.ca](http://www.nan.on.ca)

### **Sault College Traditional Pow-wow**

April 16-17, 2011 Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
[www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca)

### **Powering up Aboriginal Energy 5th Annual Conference**

April 18-19, 2011  
[www.canadaforum.com/upcoming\\_conferences.html](http://www.canadaforum.com/upcoming_conferences.html)

### **Canadian Peace Alliance Convention**

April 29 - May 1, 2011  
[www.acp-cpa.ca/en/Convention2011.html](http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/Convention2011.html)

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## Message from the Chief

Boozhoo, All my Relations,

The past month seems to have flown by. The long days of winter are behind us and we can look forward to warmer days and the opportunities, challenges of the coming weeks.

In order to assist in identifying and understanding the expectations of the membership regarding the development of the lands to be transferred, we have included with this month's Bear Fax, a survey with a stamped return addressed envelope. We are asking that you fill out and return to the office. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact any of our councilors or myself and we would be happy to assist in any way we can with the survey.

I recently visited the Island Gold mine, which is currently in operation. The mine is located within our traditional lands, just outside the town of Dubrerville. I met with the mine manager Jean Bastien and the Vice President of Richmond Mines Christian Pichette to discuss a draft Memorandum of Understanding which was produced a number of years ago. Our intent is to sign an agreement with Richmond Gold, providing Missanabie Cree the benefits of the resources already being extracted from our lands. The MOU is being reviewed by legal counsel and will be forwarded to Richmond with our comments. We are anticipating meeting with Richmond before the end of May for our initial discussions. We are interested in hearing from our members who have lived in the Lochalsh, Goudreau regions to provide an insight to the historical uses impacted by the Island Gold mine.

We've had only one letter of interest submitted for the Tripartite Forestry Agreement review team. The review will be scheduled for the end of April. We had hoped to have two members who live outside of the Sault Ste Marie region to participate; however there doesn't seem to be interest. I would anticipate council will appoint an adhoc committee to complete the review.

I was in Timmins last week attending the NAN Winter Chiefs meeting. During the week I met with the Chiefs from the Kuuwanimano and Payukotayno Child and Family Services catchment areas to discuss the needs of the people within the areas of each organization. The Missanabie Cree fall within the catchment area of Kuuwanimano, the James Bay coastal communities fall within the catchment area of Payukotayno. The discussions surrounded the potential for the development of a protocol /partnership which would enable each organization to benefit from the capacity and resources of the other; as an example Kuuwanimano has access to foster homes, Payukotayno has limited access to foster homes. There is a receiving home in Chapleau, Cree Fox Lake reserve, which isn't being used due to funding issues. The home could be used by Payukotayno, ensuring their children from the coastal communities wouldn't have to be sent further south.

We currently do not have a board member for Kuuwanimano. Kuuwanimano is currently under an operational review and we expect the report and recommendations from the consultant doing the review to be completed by mid April. A board member will be appointed once the operational review is completed. The needs of our people are somewhat different than those living on reserve. The issues we are faced with are happening off reserve in urban areas and we are forced to try and work with the Children's Aid Society. We have been relatively successful to date, however, we do not have the expertise within the office to provide the kind of service our people require and deserve.

Work on Phase II of the multi-purpose facility is underway; we are pressing to have the building completed for the Gathering.

In closing, I believe that the citizens of the Missanabie Cree need to be provided with the opportunity to participate with our development as a community and First Nation. However, it would not be responsible for us, the

elected Chief and Council, to sit on our hands and do nothing because of the lack of interest of our people. We will commit to providing the opportunities to participate, but we will do what is required to ensure our future and development.

Kim Rainville, Chief  
Missanabie Cree First Nation



## Messages from Council

Greetings, MCFN:

I hope everyone has been enjoying the spring season and feeling a little more “kick” in your step during this time of renewal. The office has been hustling and bustling with year end reporting and proposal submissions for the 2011/12 fiscal year. I have been working on many different projects this past year and continuing to make headway on initiatives that are ongoing. The land transfer is moving full speed ahead as we are entering the implementation stages of the transfer which includes the survey of the land, the release of third party reservations, easement and patent requisitions and the final legal description. This is the last phase in the land transfer process that will ultimately provide us with the deed to the land.

In preparation for the official signing ceremony at the 2011 Annual Gathering a planning committee has been established to coordinate the ceremonial activities. We have invited both the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Chris Bentley) and the Minister of Natural Resources (Linda Jeffrey) and many others who have aided MCFN in reaching our goal, to join us in the celebration of this monumental day. This year will definitely be a memorable event for all of us.

At the same time, we anticipate the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of our Multi-Purpose Facility which is slated for completion in early August. This project has been an incredible challenge for our First Nation but once again, we have demonstrated that we have the determination and ability to get-er-done, regardless of the

road blocks that we have encountered along the way.

Aside from the MPF activities and the Land Transfer process, I have been working with others on various proposal submissions for the new fiscal year. Potentially, these funding supports can provide the First Nation with much needed dollars to build and or enhance our current capacity to meet the demands that we contend with on a daily basis. There is a lot of work that goes into proposal development and I commend the staff and volunteers that have stepped up to the plate to meet these challenges head on.

I have also been busy over the last couple of months attending meetings and working on activities with regard to; the planning and coordination of the MPF and Manitou Mountain activities; the NSRCF; the governance sessions in the Soo; Child Welfare matters and court appearances while managing a variety of other tasks in other areas. I have also had the opportunity to attend the Boreal Forest Changes Conference in Chapleau and the NAN Economic Development Summit Conference in Thunder Bay.

It has been a busy time for everyone and I expect it will get a whole lot busier in the coming months as we start preparing for the Gathering. Until next time, ***“Be well and be good to one another”.***

In The Spirit of Community,  
Jutta Horn, Councillor  
Missanabie Cree First Nation

## Community News and Notes



Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
to my son, Corey Pine  
Love You, Son  
Love, Mom



My condolences to Lloyd Nolan's Family.  
I believe he's in a better place now,  
with the Creator.  
My prayers are with you.  
June Markie

To Les Nolan & Family  
Sorry to hear about the passing of Lloyd,  
Your brother, uncle, and brother-in-law.  
From June Markie .

Happy Birthday to my sister, Fran.  
You're always in my heart.  
Love, Sis June



Happy Birthday to my sister, Alice.  
I say a prayer for you every night.  
Love You, Sis. June

### SPIRIT MEMBERS PROJECT

I'm still awaiting pictures and bio's of relatives that have passed to the spirit world. I'm sure that when the celebrations are happening at the Annual Gathering you would want your family to be present in photos to remind us who and why we are remembering them on this wonderful occasion.

As putting together the photos together for presentation will require time and effort to do, we are asking that you do not wait until the last minute. Please help make this something we can all be proud of.

Miigwech, Shirley Horn



Alice Ouellet

Happy Birthday, Mom  
From Ted & Marg

To Grandma  
Kyle & Kasia,  
David & Rebecca

To Great-Grandma  
Lillian & Abigail

### NOTICE TO MCFN MEMBERSHIP

#### INFORMATION SESSION RE 2010-2020 GORDEN COSENS FOREST (GCF) MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Gorden Cosens Forest (GCF) Management Planning Team, Ministry of Natural Resources, Kapuskasing Office, will be holding an information session.

**Location:** 648 Queen St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, ON

**Date:** April 13, at 1 pm

The information session to include:

1. Review and comment on *Proposed Operations*:
  - Proposed areas identified for harvest, renewal, and tending operation
  - Proposed road locations and conditions for the first five-year term
  - Preferred areas of operations for the second five-year term
  - Proposed corridors for new primary and branch roads for the 10-year term.
2. Request to inspect *Aboriginal Background Information Report and Community Demographic Profile*
3. Request to review and provide comments on *Preliminary Report on Protection of Identified Aboriginal Values*

General planning information and maps described in this notice will also be available for review and comment until May 24, 2011. Written comments must be received by the MNR Kapuskasing office by May 24, 2011.

For more information: Lina Pozzebon, Resource Liaison Officer, Kapuskasing Area Office, 705-337-9321

## News Items

### FROM THE AFN NATIONAL CHIEF:

The 2011 federal budget, issued March 22, was a huge disappointment for First Nations. Despite significant efforts by First Nations at advocating and working with the federal government on education, water, infrastructure, housing, health care, the environment and so many other areas, the federal government virtually ignored the needs of First Nations in this budget.

First Nations are not satisfied simply because our funding was not cut further. First Nations are among the most vulnerable populations in Canada – the status quo is not acceptable. First Nations are a vital part of Canada's future and, to realize the full potential of our contributions, future investments are required.

Budget 2011 underscores the important need to fundamentally transform the relationship. For decades, we have advocated strongly and effectively. Even with allocations like the \$900 million in the previous 2010 budget, these short-term investments are fleeting and do not create a sustainable future for our people.

What is required is a renewed relationship. True vision is required to achieve true change.

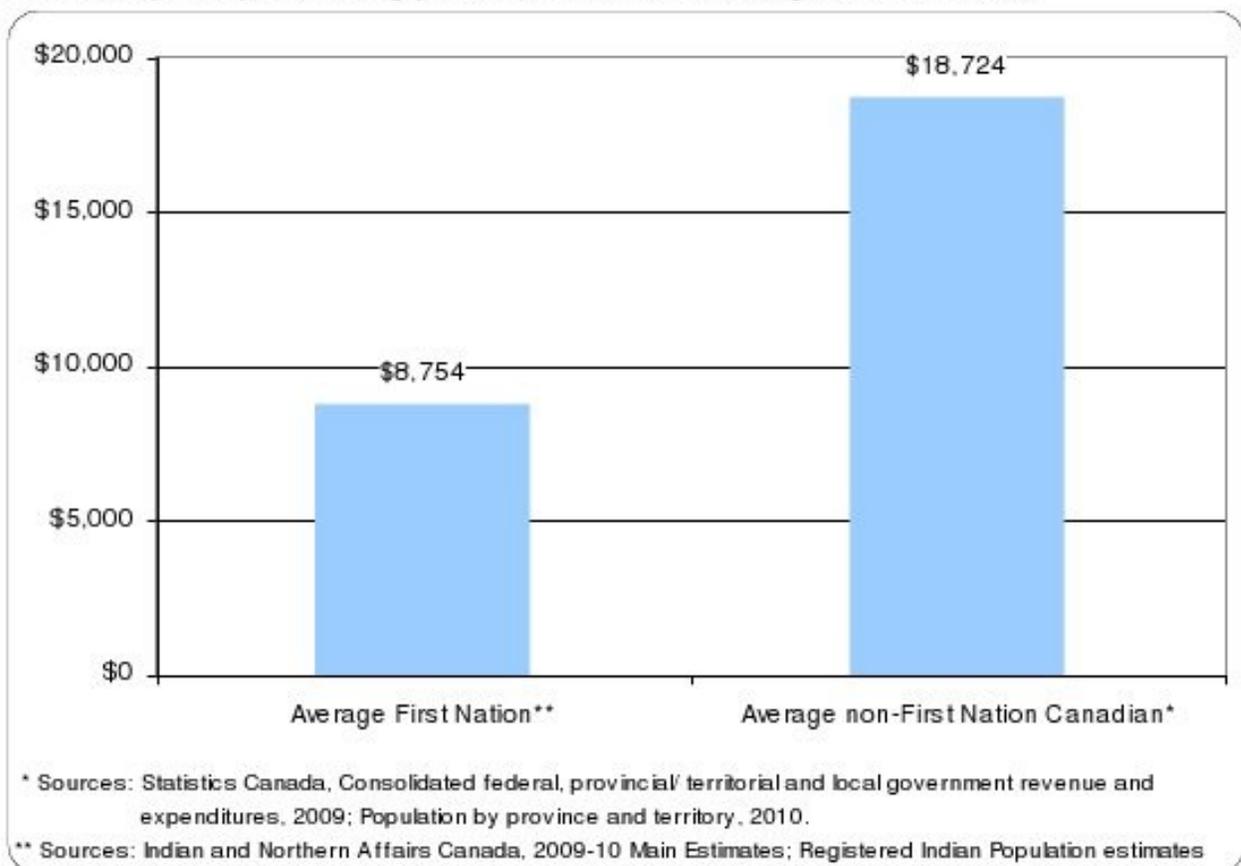
This failure was not ours. The fact that all three opposition parties are voting against the budget is evidence that the federal government needs to recalibrate its priorities so they reflect the priorities of Canadians and First Nations. We face a number of pressing needs. Education, clean water, infrastructure and community safety are just a few of our immedi-

ate priorities. A renewed relationship between the federal government and First Nations is the first critical step to address these challenges.

The renewed relationship must be based on our original relationships and our rights. Treaties we entered into as enduring agreements to make both parties stronger, and they had a clear economic dimension. This is the basis of a new vision needed right now from our counterparts in the federal government and from all of Canada. Just as our "Call to Action" on First Nation education was a call to everyone, this too is a call to all Canadians - to the public and private sectors and to institutions and organizations.

Canadians are consistently told that First Nation communities receive ample resources in this country, but the reality is that in 2010, First Nation

**Figure 1: Total per-capita funding provided from all levels of government, 2010**



communities received less than half the funding given to non-First Nations communities to provide basic services for their citizens (\$8,754 compared to \$18,724 - see chart). This budget will increase, not decrease, this gap as sustainable, fiscal guarantees continue to be available for the rest of Canada, but not to our people. This cuts against the basic principles of fairness and equity, to say nothing of violations to our inherent rights and Treaty rights.

The outcomes from this chronic lack of funding are real; they continue to be harmful and unacceptable. Canadians have an 87% high school completion rate compared to only 49% for First Nations. National rates of tuberculosis among First Nation peoples are 31 times higher than the

Canadian average, a shocking figure for a developed country. We see dramatically increasing rates of incarceration among our people, including an increase of 74% over five years for First Nations women. Approximately 114 First Nation communities are under Boil Water Advisories. The First Nations infant mortality rate is twice as high as the Canadian average and underscores that this is indeed a matter of life and death. This list goes on and on, and we have been pointing to these startling statistics for decades. We will continue to strengthen our voice and demand action for fundamental change.

First Nations are well aware that money alone will not solve all of these challenges but, at the same time, it is certain that the chronic

underfunding of First Nations has led to these conditions.

A federal election provides us all with an opportunity to make our case, explain our agenda, shine a light on the urgent needs of First Nations, and hear the political parties describe how they will partner and support First Nations as we move forward together in this journey. The Assembly of First Nations will work actively to seek specific commitments from all federal parties. We will prepare a survey for every party to complete with clear questions – please forward your ideas and suggestions. First Nations across Canada need to unite to ensure the urgent and pressing needs of our communities and citizens are heard, understood and addressed.

#### CHIEFS OF ONTARIO APPALLED OVER DISMISSAL OF JUSTICE FOR FIRST NATION CHILDREN BY HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

Toronto, ON — As a continuous advocate for First Nations children, the Chiefs of Ontario are appalled by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) decision on March 14, 2011, to dismiss a complaint involving the inadequate funding of child welfare services on reserve by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The case has been dismissed on the basis of legal technicalities.

“Based upon the proceedings to date, we fully anticipated that the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal chairperson would find a way to dismiss this case,” stated Grand Chief Randall Phillips of the Association of Allied and Iroquois Indians, who also holds the Social Services Portfolio for the Chiefs of Ontario. “As a result of this decision, the Chiefs of Ontario will participate in requesting a judicial review.”

In 2007, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations filed a complaint to the CHRT. The Chiefs of Ontario has intervenor status on this complaint. The argument was put forward, substantiated by compelling

evidence, that the Canadian government racially discriminates against First Nations children by not providing adequate funding of child welfare services on reserve, which are at levels less than the provinces and territories.

The CHRT has refused to compare two different service providers (federal and provincial governments) who deliver services to two difference service recipients (on reserve children and off reserve non-Aboriginal children). The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada has stated their intentions to immediately seek a judicial review of the CHRT's decision to the Federal Court.

“First Nations children deserve the same level of services provided to off reserve, non-Aboriginal children. The institutionalization of discrimination witnessed in the provision of unequal child welfare benefits is unacceptable,” said Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse. “The Canadian government must be held accountable for the inequity faced by First Nations children. This shame must be

brought to the attention of the general public and justice must be available to our children.”

“We applaud and support the dedicated efforts of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations. We especially acknowledge every individual and organization at the forefront of this struggle who work tirelessly to deliver services to our First Nations children in need,” said Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse.

In addition, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) contains three Articles (Article 2, 7, 22) that relate directly to the protection of Indigenous children and their right to be free from any kind of discrimination. The UNDRIP, reluctantly adopted by Canada, supports the need to re-examine the impact on First Nations peoples of the current child welfare system.

For more information please contact: Andre Morriveau, Chiefs of Ontario 416-580-9320 andre@coo.org

# MCFN Membership

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

The following is a list of band members for whom we do not have a current mailing address:

Dorothy Bain (Bignucolo)	Cynthia Nemeth
Lyle Copeland	Natalie Pelletier
Jason Fletcher	Daniel Rocheleau
Steven D'arcy Fletcher	Iana Ruth
Kaleb Jeffries	Jayson Ruth
William Jeffries	Theresa Ruth
Jeremy MacDonald	Victoria May St. Amand (Fletcher)
Allan McDonald	Catherine Wesley
Michael McDonald	Juliana Holly Wesley
Richard Donald McLeod	Michael Wesley

Our **MISSING ADDRESS LIST** fluctuates as members move around and do not send in their new address. When a monthly newsletter is returned by the Post Office, the member's name will be deleted from the mailing list, until I/we receive their new address.

**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.

**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.**

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Indian 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.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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## MCFN Events Calendar



# APRIL 2011

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### Goose Moon

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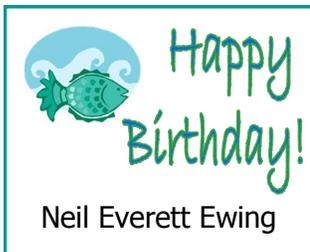
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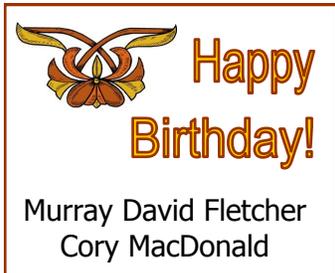
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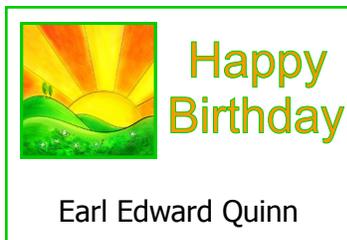
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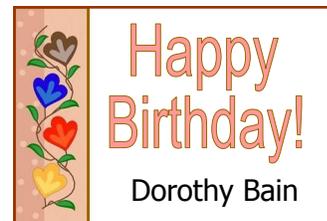
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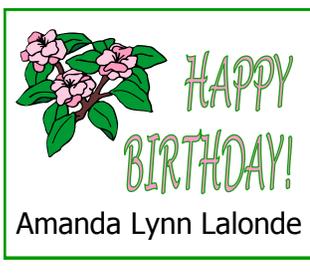
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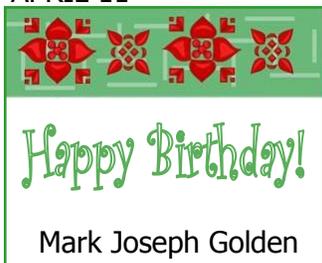
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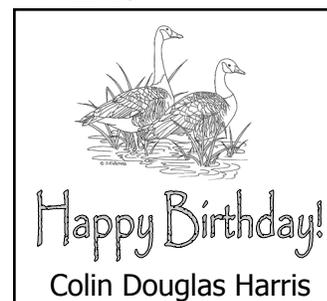
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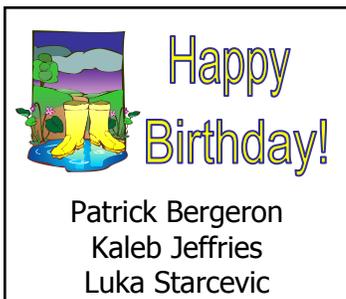
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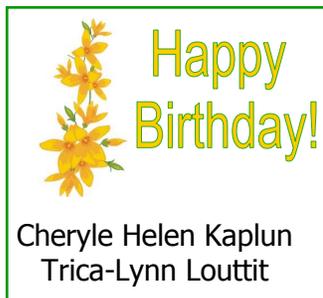
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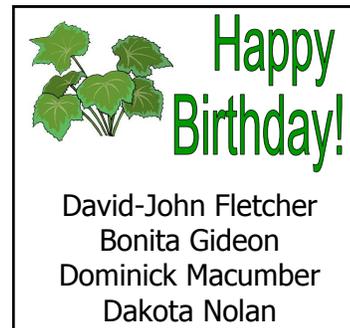
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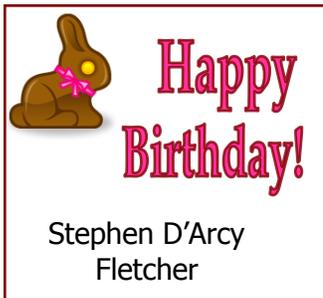
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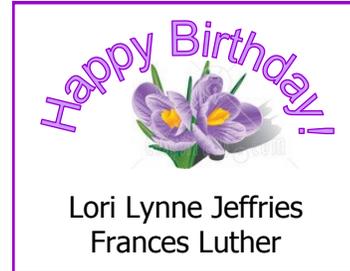
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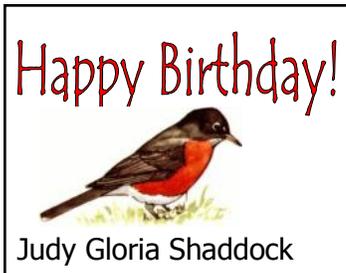
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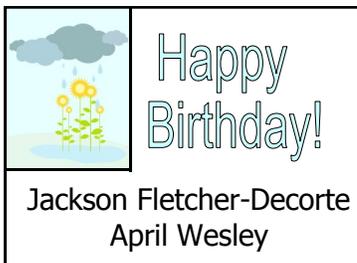
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# Employment Opportunities

**Date:** February 11, 2011

**Position:** Summer Student Positions (2) – pending of funding

**Closing Date:** **June 10, 2011.**

**Contract Details:** Full-time work for July and August

**About the Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre (MERC):** <http://www.merc.ontera.net/index.htm>

MERC is a First Nation owned independent agency that undertakes and coordinates research relating to environmental and natural resources with a focus on the Western James Bay basin in Ontario. MERC supports the seven First Nations that belong to the Mushkegowuk Council including Attawapiskat, Fort Albany, Kashechewan, Moose Cree, Taykwa Tagamou, Chapleau Cree, and Missanabie Cree. MERC's mandate is to address environmental information needs including traditional knowledge, fish, wildlife, water quality and land management and stewardship. MERC has an additional focus of providing training opportunities to Mushkegowuk First Nation members.

MERC is seeking two motivated individuals to work as summer students out of our Timmins office; this position will include time in the field (Chapleau Crown Game Preserve) with 5 days on 3 day off schedule. This position also offers several training opportunities for the selected applicants including: CPR and First Aid, fish habitat and population assessments, handling and maintenance of fish sampling and other field equipment, field safety and the operation of Geographic Positioning Systems.

These summer students must be between the ages of 18-27 (16-17 years old candidates are required to have a written parental consent) and willing/able to work for long days in the field during any type of weather conditions.

**Duties of this position will include:**

Assisting on MERC's research projects both in the MERC office and in the field

Assisting in collection of aquatic insect samples

Assisting in the collection of fish samples

Helping with other field activities (i.e. setting up camp, maintaining field equipment, etc.)

Other tasks as assigned

**The Desired Candidate possesses the following qualifications and skills:**

Familiarity with Microsoft office including MC Excel, MC Word, Powerpoint

Must be comfortable in the field operating from a remote camp

Must be willing to handle fish through gillnetting and trapping

Demonstrated ability to work as a team and individually

Motivation to learn

Interest in environmental and land management issues

Interest in aquatic ecology and fisheries research

Organization and time management skills

**Assets:**

Knowledge of ArcGIS software

Ability to speak Cree

Email : Lori Rainville, Band Administrator, Missanabie Cree First Nation, [lrainville@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lrainville@missanabiecree.com)

## Employment Opportunities



### NAN SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NAN is now accepting applications for the following summer assistants:

Executive,  
Reception/Conference (Timmins, ON),  
General Administration/Maintenance,  
Education,  
Governance, and  
Information Technology.

As a condition of funding, the position is open to full-time, aboriginal students aged 18 to 30 (inclusive) who will attend an accredited post secondary institution full-time in September 2011 and have recently completed secondary or post-secondary school. Students must meet other eligibility criteria set forth by the Government of Canada.

#### IMPORTANT

All applicants are required to complete and submit an application form.

To download the application form, please visit:  
[www.nan.on.ca/article/nan-employment-opportunities.210.asp](http://www.nan.on.ca/article/nan-employment-opportunities.210.asp)



### NISHNAWBE ASKI POLICE SERVICE ANNOUNCES SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

(Thunder Bay, ON) The Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service has received funding to provide summer employment for students within the Nishnawbe-

Aski Nation communities that NAPS serves. The Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI) will provide a safe and positive summer employment opportunity for young people between the ages of 14 and 17 years who are interested in a policing career. The length of the program is eight (8) weeks of employment paid at a rate of \$10.70/hour for 40 hours a week. Five locations in the North East Region and four locations in the North West Region will be able to participate in the program: Attawapiskat First Nation, Cochrane, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan, Moose Factory, Eabametoong First Nation, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, Sandy Lake First Nation, and Sioux Lookout.

The anticipated start date for the YIPI program will be Tuesday, July 5, and will run until August 26, 2011.

Nishnawbe-Aski Police are accepting applications immediately, and the closing date for applications is Friday, April 20, 2011. Applications are available online, at the NAPS North West Regional Office in Sioux Lookout, the NAPS North East Regional Office located in Cochrane, or at the Band Office for the communities that are able to participate in the YIPI program.

For further information, please contact:

Sgt. Jackie George  
Media Relations- Phone 807-346-6593  
Nishnawbe - Aski Police Headquarters  
Thunder Bay, Ontario

## Opportunities

### James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award

#### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

The James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Awards Program recognizes up to six (6) Aboriginal youth for their creative writing talent.

Creative writing pieces may include, but are not limited to, short stories, poems, essays, plays, or songs, and must be **original work** created by the student.

For each category, there will be an 'up to 12 years of age' and '13 to 18 years of age' recipient.

Each recipient will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$2,500.

**Who is eligible?** To be eligible for the award you must:

- Be 18 years of age or under

- Submit an original creative writing piece that has not in any part been copied from any source.
- Self identify as being Aboriginal.
- Be a student enrolled in a school in Ontario.
- Be permanent resident of Ontario

**When is the deadline?** The deadline is **May 31** of each year.

**How do I apply?** You can either nominate someone online or fill in and send us a nomination form. You can download the nomination form from this website in HTML and PDF formats.

**Contact Information:**  
[www.ontario.ca/bartleman](http://www.ontario.ca/bartleman)

Phone: 416-314-7526  
Toll-free: 1-877-832-8622  
TTY: 416-327-2391



## *A Gardening Story*

### **From Lorraine Wilson, Cedar Water Woman:**

"[Last year], I started planting around May 15th, and because of beautiful warm weather, the garden bloomed very quickly. I was eating some of the vegetables in a matter of three weeks. I had plenty for myself and gave lots away to everyone around Lochalsh. I even canned some. I probably saved about 500.00 all summer without buying from the grocery store.

I even planted strawberries, and some tomatoes. I did not have to plant blueberries because there were lots of those around, and raspberries. My potato plants were growing like wildfire, and I had to transplant some of them to my beach.

#### *Beginning of Camp Garden*



so the birds did not get at any of the seeds as well. The hummingbirds had a big feast on some of the plants that I let go to seed."

This year, I am going to build nine more gardens like this one. They were easy to weed as I did not have to bend too far down. This type of garden keeps the rabbits from eating what's in the garden and keeps away little rodents. I put a screen over top of it



We come from the earth,  
we return to the earth,  
and in between we garden.

Cultivate the garden within.



*Lorraine Wilson's camp garden.*

If we had no winter,  
the spring would not be so pleasant.

-Anne Bradstreet

Gardening is about  
enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil,  
getting dirty without feeling guilty,  
and generally taking the time  
to soak up a little peace and serenity.

~Lindley Karstens, [noproblemgarden.com](http://noproblemgarden.com)

So many seeds, - so little time.

Gardening is something you learn by doing -  
and by making mistakes, like cooking, gardening is a constant process of experimentation, repeating the successes and throwing out the failures. -Carol Stocker



*Potato plants down by the shore  
at Lorraine Wilson's camp.*

Your first job is to prepare the soil. The best tool for this is your neighbor's garden tiller.  
If your neighbor does not own a garden tiller, suggest that he buy one. -Dave Barry

## 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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