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Missanabie Cree First Nation

Moose Hunting



At the Mamohitowin of the O mushkegowuk, the Annual Assembly of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council, hunters were able to provide moose meat for the Assembly.

This year the Assembly was held in September at Island View Camp and hosted by the Missanabie Cree.

The Missanabie Cree appreciate the opportunity to meet with our relatives from other First Nations to share our common concerns and our vision for the future.

Events/Gatherings:

9th Annual Aboriginal Law Conference

October 4-5, 2010 Toronto, ON
www.insightinfo.com

National Organic Week

October 9-16, 2010
www.organicweek.ca



World Food Day October 16, 2010 "UNITED AGAINST HUNGER"

11th Annual ImagineNATIVE Film Media and Arts Festival

October 20-24, 2010 Toronto, ON
www.imagenative.org

20th Annual NAN Business Development Awards

October 20, 2010 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nadf.org

Aboriginal Land and Water Forum

October 26-27, 2010 Halifax, NS
www.insightinfo.com/aboriginallandhalifax

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Message from the Chief

Wachey, All My Relations,

In the coming months I would like each of you to think about our future and what needs are required to be met; physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, cultural, social, political, and economic. I am proposing we use the time we have at next year's annual gathering to develop a Strategic Plan and a community vision based upon your ideas and values to meet these needs.

The strategic plan would be the basis for all work performed by Administration, Chief and Council, a set of short, medium and long term priorities and goals, which could be reviewed at our annual gatherings. This would provide the community with the opportunity to pass motions in support of those goals which are reflective of our values or the reject items/issues which do not.

A community vision would provide an opportunity for input and direction; policy development related to the construction of a village within the transferred lands. How will we determine who gets what lot, how big lots will be, what standards will be set for the construction of new homes, what technologies should be incorporated in the design of homes, and water and sewage systems; architecture of public building reflective of our culture and heritage? What types of By-laws will be required? Development of co-operatives ie; communal meat lockers, smoke houses, gardens/greenhouses, the list goes on. This is certainly an exciting time for our community and people.

On September 14th a site visit of the Multi-purpose Facility at Island View was held. Invitations were extended to three prequalified contractors, S&T Electrical, Maple Leaf Homes and Mike Moore and Son's. Gerry Lesage, the consultant who was hired as the project manager, as well as Brian Porter, the architect who designed the building, were on hand to provide bidding instructions and answer any questions the contractors may have regarding the scope of work to be completed.

The completion of the building will be done in two phases. The first phase will include the closing in of the building, remediation of mould issues, as well as the installation of roofing, siding, windows and doors. The second phase will include installation of heating, cooling systems, water, sewage systems, electrical, plumbing,

finishing work, landscaping, and bringing the building to completion.

Each phase will be tendered separately. We have received two sealed bids for Phase 1 from S&T and Maple Leaf, which were opened Monday September 27th at 1pm. Jutta Horn, Louise Campbell, Lori Rainville and I were witness to the opening of the bids. Our consultant has recommended we hire Maple Leaf Homes for the following reasons: lowest bid, presentation of bid package, the quality of material to be used, experience and reputation.

The bid package will be reviewed by Council and Gerry will be on hand to address any questions. Council will have the final say on which bid will be accepted.

We have also met with Pat Cunningham, RBC Aboriginal Banking Officer, to request a mortgage to assist with phase 1 of the project, better to use the bank's cash. We are expecting FEDNOR and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to provide additional funds to complete Phase 1 once final reports to both organizations are submitted. We are hopeful Phase 2 will be done with additional funding from MAA, FEDNOR as well as in-kind contributions from Tembec, minimising any additional monies we would have to invest into the completion of the building.

In spite of the positive nature of the discussions held with the funding officers from FEDNOR and MAA to date, there is still a risk we may not be approved for funding, and could potentially be on the hook for the costs to complete. As painful as the past several years have been regarding the nature of how this project was developed, I am hopeful and encouraged, with the recent work done to date, that we will see this project through to completion.

In closing, I believe the lessons learned should provide a frame work for how projects should not be approached. Certainly, with the transfer of lands imminent, we want to ensure we have sound policies developed which provide transparency and oversight of all projects we entertain.

Miigwetch, All My Relations
Chief Kim Rainville

Messages from Council

Hello:

My name is Bobbi Fletcher-DeCorte, and I am the youngest daughter of John and Hazel Fletcher. I would like to thank everyone who had voted in our election, for whom ever you may have voted for. We should all be thankful that we live in Canada, where democracy is a way of life. I would also like to thank all of our members who voted for me in August. Your confidence in me will not be unwarranted, as I take this responsibility seriously.

I am so optimistic about our future as a First Nation. I have participated in 2 Chief and Council teleconferences

to date, and continue to learn so much from our Chief and other Councillors. There appears to be such a strong sense of excitement, respect, and unity and I look forward to all the upcoming learning opportunities. As I stated previously, I don't believe that we will all agree all of the time, but with respect and good listening skills, we should be able to understand each others' views. If you have any questions/concerns/comments please email me.

Take care and again, thank you,
Bobbi

Wachay, Everyone,

I would like to start off by saying a big MEEGWETCH to our past Chief and Council members who have decided to move on to other things and for their work and dedication in moving our FIRST NATION forward in our quest to move back to our territory. These people include Glenn Nolan, Audrey Bateson, Gloria Harris and Cory McLeod. Your work and dedication was very much appreciated.

Since being elected I have attended Chief & Council meetings as well as the annual meeting of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council which was held in Missanabie at Island View Camp. It was a historical meeting as during the course of the week a moose was shot and the meat was shared by all those in attendance. This occurred right after a session on unity and unity was very much

present from the time the moose was downed to the time it was cleaned and eaten.

By the time you read this article I will have attended a breakfast put on in Sudbury by Royal Bank with Phil Fontaine as a presenter. I feel proud and honoured to represent our First Nation at this event and will report on it in the next newsletter.

I will also be attending our C&C initiation exercises being held in Toronto so as to accommodate one of our newest councillors.

I wish everyone good health and the best of luck in whatever you are doing.

Roy Gideon, MCFN Councillor

Greetings, MFCN Family and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Chi Migwetch" to those who supported me in my re-election as Band Councillor. My heart is with our First Nation and has been a source of inspiration in my life for the past 15 years. I look forward with great enthusiasm and commitment in serving our community for the next three years and excited to be working with our newly elected Chief and Council.

To date, we have been meeting on a weekly basis to ensure that everyone is fully informed and involved in the decision-making of our First Nation. Aside from the occasional problems associated with the emails, we have been making real strides in building an effective communications protocol with one another. At this time, we are researching newer technologies that will aid us in providing better communications with membership as well.

With the advent of our committees being struck up once again, communications will be a critical component of working together effectively.

One of the highlights for me, this past month was the 25th Anniversary of the Mushkegowuk Annual General Assembly. This event brought together representatives of our neighbouring First Nations from the North. (Attawapiskat; Kashechewan; Fort Albany; Moose Cree; Taykwa Tagamou; Chapleau Cree; Missanabie Cree) The week was filled with discussion around our community issues, the work that has been ongoing in our communities and the proposed plans for the betterment of our people and our future. What an incredible experience it was to converse with those who only speak Cree and to share in the laughter and sorrows of our brothers and sisters. I was truly moved by the stories shared by the leaders, youth and elders of these communities and never felt more connected to each other than I did at the

Messages from Council

AGM. Alongside the seriousness of the work conducted throughout the week, we had a lot of fun. We danced, we sang, we played music, we harvested a moose, we feasted and we laughed and laughed. It was truly an honour to be a part of this wonderful experience.

In regards to the Multi-purpose Facility, things are moving ahead. To date we have managed to secure a majority of the funding required to enclose the building and to protect it from further deterioration. At the same time, a contractor has been selected by Chief and Council and will be commencing work on the building this week. Stay tuned.....

As for the Land Transfer, ballot packages and the official Land Transfer Agreement have been sent out (separately) to all eligible voters. The voting deadline is November 15th, so please ensure that you return your voting ballots by this date. If you have not yet received either of these mail outs, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure you have everything required before

the voting deadline.

As for the MCDL Board of Directors, we will be officially conducting a face to face orientation session in late November. In the meantime, a funding proposal to cover all costs and to bring in a professional facilitator is in the works. The proposed objectives of this session will include an orientation in board structure; appointment of the executive; roles and responsibilities; effective communications protocol and policy development for the economic development initiatives of our First Nation. Of course this is a lot of work to be undertaken in a short amount of time but absolutely necessary to ensure proper practice and procedure in all our business dealings.

In closing, I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a restful holiday, you may need it after all that turkey. Gobble, gobble!

Jutta Horn, MCFN Councillor

Report from Jason Gauthier

“Caring for the Land” Conference – Timmins Report

1. Collecting valuable contacts and networks.
2. Participated as a representative from MCFN in Land Use Planning (LUP) panel regarding objectives and processes
3. Met with MNDMF regarding process
4. Met with other LUP Coordinators
5. Met with Elders in Mushkegowuk territories

Goals of the Conference:

1. Explore steps to building Mushkegowuk Council First Nation community capacity in all areas of Natural Resource development and protection
2. Expose community members to First Nation development in other areas across Ontario
3. Network with other First Nation leaders across Canada
4. Building relationships with our neighbouring communities
5. Building a meaningful future through working together for the people of the Mushkegowuk Territory

Mushkegowuk AGM

I have been working on a moose hide that we received at the Annual General Meeting that was held at Island View recently. This is a project that has the whole community in mind and is still ongoing as it relates to our Traditional Drum. I would like to thank Nolan Rainville, Shirley Horn, Billy Fletcher and Jutta Horn and everyone else for helping me along this process.

The AGM had many opportunities for the Mushkegowuk communities to come together in the spirit of community, and I was honoured and humbled to be part of this process.

Oski-Machiitawin Mining Table Meeting – September 27 - September 30, 2010

Some of the issues that were discussed were :

- Consultation, Accommodation and Consent
- Jurisdiction
- Mandatory IBAs and Revenue Sharing
- Withdrawals, Sites of Aboriginal Cultural Significance vs. Ministerial Discretion
- Far North Act impacts

Please contact me if you have any questions on any of this newsletter submission.

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Meegwetch, Jason Gauthier, MCFN Councillor

From the desk of:

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Members, Family & Friends:

It's been two months since the Gathering and we have finally settled back into our daily routines in the office. First of all, I would like to thank everyone that helped make our Gathering enjoyable. I would like to congratulate and welcome the newly-elected Chief and Council and I look forward to working with them for the next three years. This will be a new venture for some, to step into a new role and for others, an opportunity to hone their skills and provide guidance to others over the next three years. Since the election I have attended all Chief and Council meetings to date. Chief and Council have been meeting weekly and they have all been good meetings.

Chief and Council will be meeting October 23rd and 24th for an orientation and a chance to get to know each other as well as to familiarize themselves with the roles of Chief and Council. Chief and Council have been set up with new email accounts (see back of newsletter) and they have their own voice mail accounts so please use these to leave messages for them, but for sure use their email accounts as they will check their email daily.

The office is also looking at getting their own server for email and backing up documents etc. Hopefully we will be operational soon, as we have been experiencing daily problems with our email. We will also be looking at a new website for Missanabie Cree as we would like to put online all minutes, policies, reports, and newsletters, so that they will be accessible to membership.

Congratulations to the members that were elected to the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation Board. I would also like to take this opportunity to commend Jutta Horn as she was able to bring MCDC to a proper working board. I wish the Board a successful three years.

Congratulations to the Elders' Council as they have brought on four new members: Stan Fletcher, Audrey Bateson, Cathy Clement and Archie Nolan. I look forward to working with the Elders' Council.

I was able to attend the Mushkegowuk Council Annual General Assembly held at Island View Camp from September 13th to the 17th. As MCFN was the host community, I was part of the planning committee along with Mushkegowuk Council's Executive Director, Jean Sayers, her assistant Roseanne Kapashesit, Special Project Officer Doug Cheechoo and Executive Assistant Linda Carrey. All of our meetings were held over the phone and it was finally nice to put the faces to names, or I should

say voices.

Thanks to Bob Gideon as he took care of the sacred fire during the AGA. Thanks to Uncle Billy as he made sure there was a fire to keep us warm every morning in the pavilion. Thanks also to our representatives who sat at the table during the AGA.

This Assembly is always a good opportunity for our members to attend as it gives you a better understanding of what the northern communities are faced with on a daily basis which impact their lives and communities in various areas. It is also amazing to hear the Cree language spoken on our land. I'm sure our grandmothers and grandfathers are still smiling from this.

I also believe that our ancestors had a hand in that moose giving up its life to bring the communities together during the Annual Assembly. The memory of the news is so vivid in my mind. Chief Jonathon Solomon from Kashechewan came in with a grin from ear to ear and I could see the blood all over his hands and knew what had just happened. His words were "Lori, we need a trailer" and then they were off to pick up the moose. Excitement traveled through the cabins and the campground that evening. Business resumed the next day and they made plans to butcher and share the moose at the end of the day. As we watched the women cut up the meat they were laughing and joking all the time. They even had time to cook some up for an evening snack. It will always be a memorable event for me.

Lori Rainville



Cutting up the moosemeat at Island View Camp.

Muskegowuk AGM



Representatives from the seven First Nations of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council met for their 25th Annual General Meeting at the Pavilion at Island View Camp in September.

From left to right: Councillor Jutta Horn; Frances Fletcher-Luther, Elder; Natasha Jeffries, youth representative; and Councillor Roy Gideon.



The Missanabie Cree First Nation was the host for the 25th Annual Mamohitowin of the Omushkegowuk. The delegates were able to conduct their business, as well as enjoy some evening activities. The feasting included some fresh moose meat.

Mamohitowin of the Omushkegowuk September 13 – 17, 2010

Draft Resolution No. 2010-09- 32

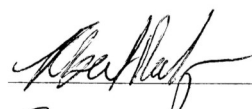
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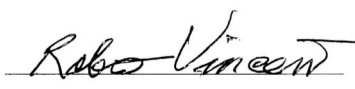
WHEREAS the Chief, Council, Elders and citizens of Missanabie Cree First Nation provided exceptional hospitality for the delegates of 25th Annual Mamohitowin of the Omushkegowuk; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of Mamohitowin of the Omushkegowuk will remember this special time and place for many years to come and we Thank You from the centre of our hearts.

Moved By:

Seconded By:


Robert Nakogee
Fort Albany, ON
Councillor


Robert Vincent
Moose Cree First Nation
Elder Councillor



Attawapiskat



Fort Albany



Kashechewan



Moose Cree



Taykwa Tagamou



Chapleau Cree



Missanabie Cree



NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF RATIFICATION VOTE ON THE LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The ratification vote for the Land Transfer Agreement will take place by mail-in ballot.

The Voting Period for the Ratification of the Land Transfer Agreement ends at midnight on **November 15, 2010.**

The voting package has been mailed out to each elector with a current address listed with the Registration Administrator. The package included:

- Notice of Referendum and Voting Period
- The Referendum Procedure
- A mail-in ballot, with a postage-paid return envelope, pre-addressed to the Electoral Officer
- A Voter Declaration Form

A copy of the initialled Land Transfer Agreement has been sent to each elector in a separate mail-out.

If you are an elector, and especially if you reach the age of 18 on or before November 15, 2010, and did not receive a voting package, please provide your mailing address to the Registration Administrator.

PLEASE VOTE! THIS CONCERNS THE FUTURE OF THE MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION!



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- for Non-members

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

MCFN Membership

Ted Ouellet - Registration Administrator

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 Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1
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 Email; touellet@missanabiecree.com

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

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 except 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. Non-members may use the form on the reverse.

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

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

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. Miigwech.



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act



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INFORMATION UPDATE:

On July 2, 2010, the Court of Appeal for British Columbia granted an additional extension of the suspension of the declaration of invalidity that resulted from the *Mclvor v. Canada* ruling. The Government of Canada now has until January 31, 2011 to amend certain registration provisions of the Indian Act that the BC court deemed to be discriminatory.

The approval of the extension sought by Canada avoids a legislative gap in British Columbia and provides more time for the government to secure the support required for the proposed legislation to be passed by both the House of Commons and the Senate.

What is the current status of Bill C-3?

Debate at report stage of Bill C-3 began in the House of Commons on May 25, 2010. The bill is currently awaiting further debate at report stage. Following further debate, report stage would conclude with a vote on the government amendments and a vote on the motion to concur on the bill if passed at report stage, the bill could proceed to debate at third reading and, if passed, Bill C-3 would be sent to the Senate where it would undergo a similar process to that in the House of Commons.

The Government is committed to continuing to seek passage of Bill C-3, which responds directly to the Court's ruling and will continue to work diligently to see it passed in the fall session of Parliament.

More information about Bill C-3 is available at the INAC website at:
www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/br/is/vor-eng.asp

What is the history of the *Mclvor* decision?

The *Indian Act* defines eligibility for Indian registration (i.e. status). The Indian Register is the official record identifying all status Indians in Canada.

Over the years, there have been many changes to the rules for deciding who is eligible for registration. Important changes were made to Canada's *Indian Act* on June 28, 1985, when Parliament passed Bill C-31, *An Act to Amend the Indian Act*. This brought the *Indian Act* into line with the provisions of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and was guided by three principles: removal of discrimination against women; restoring

status and membership rights; and increasing control of Indian bands over their own membership.

In April 2009 the Court of Appeal for British Columbia ruled in the case of *Mclvor v. Canada* that the *Indian Act* discriminates between men and women with respect to registration as an Indian and violates the equality provision in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. In its ruling, the Court gave Parliament one year to amend the provisions of the *Indian Act* that were found to be unconstitutional. In order to comply with the Court of Appeal's decision, the Government of Canada is moving forward with legislative amendments to certain registration provisions of the *Indian Act*.

What are the proposed legislative amendments?

The proposed amendments, if enacted by Parliament, will ensure that eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status) in accordance with the *Indian Act*. The proposed amendments do not extend to other situations.

As a result of the amendments, who will be eligible for first-time registration under the *Indian Act* to respond to *Mclvor* decision?

You should consult the web site of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the specific eligibility criteria. Generally speaking, the key criteria to be newly entitled to registration are:

1. Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
2. Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the *Indian Act*?
3. Were you born on or after September 4, 1951?

Those who can answer yes to **all** of the above questions are encouraged to submit an application for registration as an Indian.

If you are the registered Indian parent of a minor child that fits the above scenario, you may apply on their behalf. Your entitlement to Indian registration will be automatically amended from 6(2) to 6(1) to allow for the registration of your child. No application for this amendment is required as it will be done at the time of your child's registration.

For more information on the criteria please consult our web site (www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index-eng.asp) or call 1-800-567-9604.

How would these proposed amendments affect band membership?

For those being registered for the first time, there are two scenarios that govern band membership. For bands whose membership is determined by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in accordance with section 11 of the *Indian Act*, applicants will be added to the band list at the time of registration. For bands who determine their own membership in accordance with section 10 of the *Indian Act*, applicants would be directed to the band with which they are affiliated to apply for membership. This does not affect their entitlement to registration under the *Indian Act*.

For persons already registered who are being amended to sub-section 6(1) of the *Indian Act*, if you are affiliated with a section 11 band there will be no change to your

band membership. If you are currently a member of a section 10 band who determines their own membership, you will not lose membership unless the membership rules of your band are amended to that effect.

Will the amendments address the Subsection 6(2)/ Second Generation Cut-Off?

The proposed amendments to the *Indian Act* will only extend registration to eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of their marriage to a non-Indian man before April 17, 1985. Other cases will not become eligible as a result of this amendment.

Could I lose my Indian status as a result of the proposed amendments?

No one will lose their status as a result of the proposed amendments.

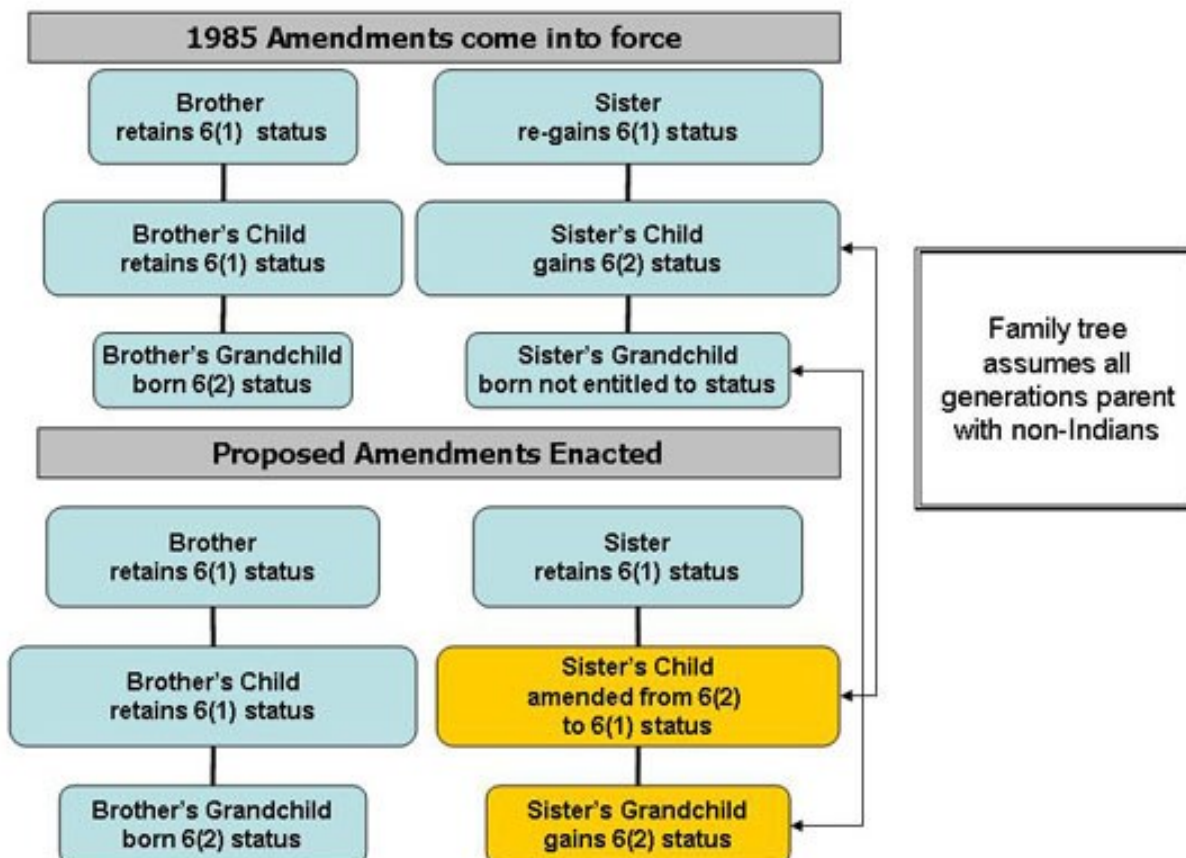
Contact Information:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Web site: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index-eng.asp

Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604

The family tree of a brother and a sister where the sister has lost status as a result of her marriage prior to April 17, 1985



News Items

NAN RELEASES STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THIRD READING OF BILL 191— FAR NORTH ACT

Sep 23, 2010 THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Mike Metatawabin issued the following statement on behalf of the NAN Executive Council, Tribal Councils and NAN First Nations following the passing of Third Reading of Bill 191 – *The Far North Act* in the Ontario Legislature today.

“The passing of Bill 191 today indeed shows how little regard the McGuinty Government gives to the concerns of First Nations and other Northern Ontarians when it comes to decision making,” said NAN Deputy Grand Chief Mike Metatawabin. “It is a disappointing day for all of us who spent tireless hours opposing Bill 191 as our opposition was obviously ignored. As we have stated

time and time again, NAN First Nations and Tribal Councils do not and will not recognize this legislation on our homelands. We will continue to uphold our Aboriginal and Treaty rights and jurisdiction over our land. The real fight is just beginning.”

Bill 191 – *The Far North Act* passed Third Reading in the Ontario Legislature today with a vote of 46-26.

For more information please contact:
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FIRST NATIONS RALLY ON PARLIAMENT HILL TO SUPPORT FAIRNESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sep 23, 2010 - Today, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo gathered with First Nations leaders, Elders, citizens, youth and students to participate in a rally and a cultural celebration on Parliament Hill highlighting the importance of First Nations education and fairness for First Nations students. Together, the leaders are delivering a clear message to all Members of Parliament and to all Canadians on what is needed to close the achievement gap in education.

“We have gathered to unite our voices as one and to call on the Government of Canada to provide First Nations with a guarantee that ensures First Nations students can have a quality, culturally relevant education from early childhood to post-secondary,” National Chief Atleo said.

“Our call is above all about fairness. First Nation education funding is the only education funding that has been capped arbitrarily at 2% annually since 1996. First Nations schools receive no resources for computers, software, libraries, language immersion or support systems. We are calling for resources that address this chronic under-funding and we want to work with the government to create a better system that enables success for our students, a system that is supported, integrated and sustainable. This is in the interests of all Canadians. Closing the achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people will add \$179 billion to Canada’s GDP by 2026.”

Numerous reports and studies have assessed the flaws in the federal approach to education. The Auditor General of Canada has repeatedly urged the federal government to get its house in order and to work collaboratively

with First Nations to address education needs, and the Parliamentary Budget Officer has noted the lack of a sound and consistent policy approach by the federal government on First Nation education and infrastructure. First Nations have repeatedly called on the federal government to work in partnership for a new approach based on our Treaties and Rights that will ensure First Nations youth have educational opportunities in their communities that allow them to realize their full potential and contribute to the nation’s economic, cultural and social livelihood.

The rally on Parliament Hill also is the culmination of a walk by a group of First Nations citizens and supporters from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (near Maniwaki, Quebec), led by Chief Gilbert Whiteduck, who walked more than 135 kilometers from their community to Ottawa in support of First Nations education. The rally included participation by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which represents over 500 000 post secondary students, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), which represents 172,000 workers, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which represents over 600,000 workers.

The Assembly of First Nations is the national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada.

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Community News and Notes

NOTICE FROM REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR

Starting October 05, 2010, my new hours of work are:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 9:00am to 5:00pm.

I will issue CIS cards only on these days.

Meegwetch, Ted Ouellet, IRA

Notice to all MCFN Band Members

MCFN Members are invited to add their email addresses to our mailing list.

Those on our email address list will receive timely notice of any opportunities that may be of interest to our membership, as well as other items of interest to the community.

The information will still be made available in our monthly Bear Fax newsletter, and, if possible, on our website.

Please call or mail your email address to June Markie, Reception Office or Ted Ouellet, Registration Administrator. You may also send an email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or touellet@missanabiecree.com.

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First of all, **Congratulations** to the new Chief and Council; I am pleased that we have a young, dynamic group that I am sure will work well together to represent our First Nation.

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the election. Your support meant so much to me and although I did not win, I am happy with the results.

Debbie Ewing



Mushkegowuk Governance Workshops

The Mushkegowuk Governance Workshops scheduled for October 29, 30, and 31, 2010 will be held in Toronto at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St, Toronto, ON

The Thunder Bay Governance Workshops will be held December 9, 10 and 11, 2010. A notice of the venue will be sent out with the November issue of the Bear Fax.

We are unable to provide any expenses for the workshops. Snacks and lunches will be provided.

If you are interested in participating, call the office at 1-800-319-3001. Please ask June to put your name on the list for the Mushkegowuk Governance workshops.



Congratulations
To Kyle Fletcher



On winning another Gold Medal
In the BJJ Open
(Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu)
In Toronto, September 2010

Keep it up!

-Dominic Fletcher



Our Congratulations go out to Jackie Fletcher who was selected by the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council Chiefs to be the Mushkegowuk Regional Elder Representative for a term of one year.



Community News and Notes

One of Missanabie's youth, Kyle Fletcher, son of Warren Fletcher and grandson of Billy Fletcher, competed in the 6th Annual Brava-do Jiu-Jitsu BJJ (Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu) Open Championships on September 18th, 2010. This exciting competition brings in competitors from throughout Ontario and Quebec.

Winning the whole division and taking home the "Gold Medal" Kyle competed in the Teen Gi (Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioner's uniform) – White Belt for the middle weight division representing the Renzo Gracie Brazilian Jiu-jitsu team out of Sudbury through Pat Cooligan www.sudburybjj.com. Keep up the good work Kyle and train hard!

For those of you who are not familiar with Martial Arts, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a martial art that focuses on grappling and the art of fighting on the ground. This art was derived from the Japanese martial art of Kodokan judo in the early 20th century.

It teaches that a person can be successful when defending against a bigger, stronger opponent by using leverage and proper technique; by applying chokeholds, joint-locks and manipulations to defeat the other person. Kyle has only been training for 14 months, and has already been invited to participate in many tournaments.

To view the results go to www.bravadotournament.com.

(submitted by Eddy Robinson)

KYLE FLETCHER, BJJ GOLD MEDALIST



Digital Art/Project Contest to Promote Health Careers



The NAN AHHRI (Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative) & IIHCP (Indian & Inuit Health Careers Program) is seeking creative artwork and/or design projects that promote health careers. The purpose of the contest is to highlight and promote the health care providers, programs and/or facilities that exist in NAN. By doing so, the aim is to encourage others to follow the path that leads to a rewarding career in health!

The contest is open to NAN members 30 years of age and younger. Winners will have their artwork/project featured on the NAN AHHRI/IIHCP website (<http://ahhri.nan.on.ca>) as well as in "The Pulse," the quarterly newsletter and other promotional and/or print publications.

All styles of artwork, photography, and visual projects where digital processes of any kind are used in the creation of the final work are acceptable.

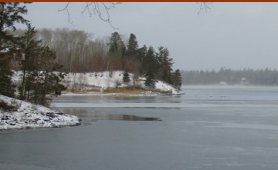
The top 3 artworks will be awarded prizes, including a Grand Prize of **\$500.00!**

CONTEST DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Complete contest guidelines and entry forms are available at <http://ahhri.nan.on.ca> or can be obtained by contacting Loretta Sheshequin, AHHRI Coordinator, at (807) 625-4955, toll free at 1-800-465-9952 or by email at lsheshequin@nan.on.ca

MCFN Events Calendar

OCTOBER 2010 NOVEMBER 2010

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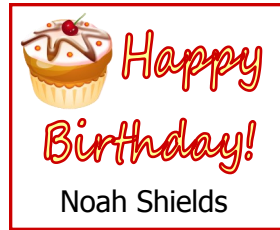


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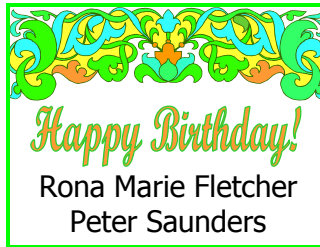
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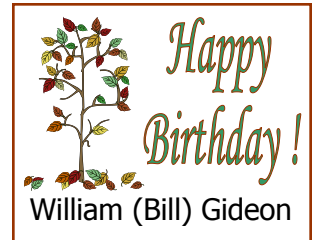
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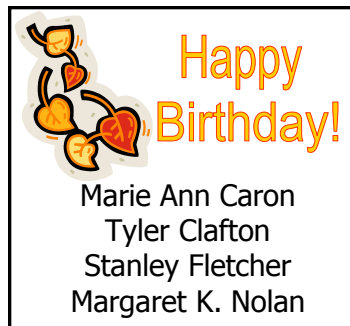
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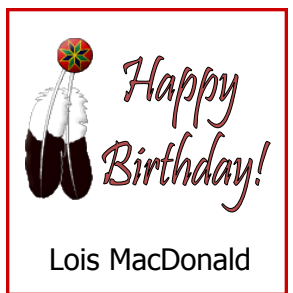
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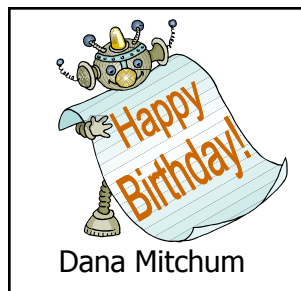
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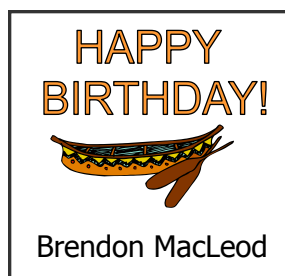
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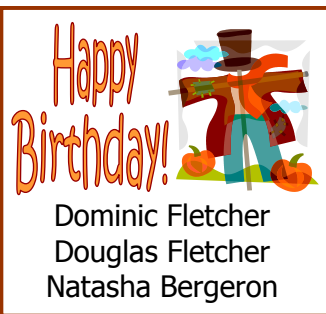
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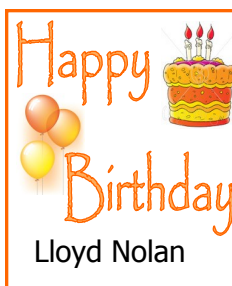
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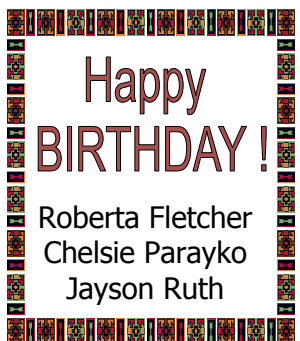
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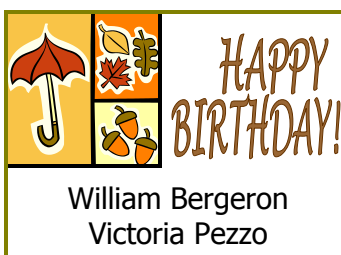
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Training Opportunity

Green Construction & Solar Systems Installer Course

Sault College, together with the Chapleau Cree First Nation, Michipicoten First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Superior Energy Solutions, and with the support of the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, is pleased to offer the Green Construction & Solar Systems Installer Course. The course will be delivered on each First Nation in the next few months.

What is the Green Construction & Solar Systems Installer Course?

This mobile **2 week course (80 hours in total)**, will be delivered in your community. Equipment provided will encompass all hands-on learning applications, including solar panels and mounting systems, an on-site partially shed roof structure, energy efficient construction materials and other tools required for lab purposes allowing for direct practical training. Completion of the *Green Construction & Solar Systems Installer Course* will also give the successful candidate a total of 8 credits or 2 classes toward the 45 credit one-year *Renewable Energy and Green Construction Techniques Program* offered at Sault College should he/she want to pursue this training further.

Program Costs

There is no cost to participate in the program. Out of town students are expected to make their own personal arrangements to attend the program. Textbooks, tools and safety equipment are provided.

Applying

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and will need to provide proof of completion of **Grade 12** high school or equivalent (i.e. ACE, GED etc.).

Please Note: Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through the Project Coordinator early, as space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Individuals must provide a letter indicating interest in the program and how it will assist them in their career.

Location

Using a mobile facility, the course will be delivered on-site in various First Nations, including Chapleau Cree First Nation, Michipicoten First Nation, and M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Program of Study

Module One: Nov. 8 – Nov. 19 (Tentative)

Location: Chapleau Cree First Nation (Tentative)

Green Construction Techniques – RET 107

This course will consist of fundamental math and measuring techniques; instructional and hands-on orientation of construction industry safety, tools, equipment and practices used in construction sites; students will be introduced to the basics of energy efficient and environmentally friendly construction including: site analysis, passive solar design strategies, insulated frame/foundation construction techniques and sustainable building materials (5 days/40 hours on First Nation).

Solar PV and Thermal Energy Systems Installation – RET 105

Students in this course will take an in-depth look at designing, installing and maintaining solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy generation systems and equipment. Students will become familiar with many aspects of system design and components, including a variety of mounting systems (5 days/40 hours on First Nation).

Modules Two and Three: Dates: TBA – during winter months

Locations TBA: Michipicoten First Nation and M'Chigeeng First Nation tentative

**Contact: Marshall Schuchert, Emerging Sectors Project Coordinator
@ (705)759-2554 # 2598, marshall.schuchert@saultcollege.ca**

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Level One Construction & Maintenance Electrician Training Program

Like what you see? Interested in finding out more or want to apply to these programs?

Please contact the **Aboriginal Apprenticeship Center:**

Lynne Sinclair (Sault College Office) at 705-759-2554 ext 2587

or Jeff Watts (Employment Solutions Office) at 705-849-3187

Visit our website www.saultcollege.ca

Tours provided at: Sault College

443 Northern Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5L3

This Level One Training Program is funded by the Government of Ontario.

A Skilled Trade Program for a sustainable future.

Ontario is moving fast on improving the mix of renewable energy sources in the power supply.

Learn with us and prepare for this growing industry.

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Clean and Green.

What is the Level One Training Program?

This program helps potential entrants to the apprenticeship system develop their job skills and trade readiness so that they will be prepared to find work as apprentices.

What is the Construction and Maintenance Electrician Program all about?

The Level One Construction and Maintenance Electrician Training Program has been created to meet the important and growing needs of Aboriginal Communities in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding area. This 23 week long program provides the equivalent to Level One Construction and Maintenance Electrician Training, the same as required by the Apprenticeship Branch for that trade.

Successful graduates who secure apprenticeship positions in the trade will need only to write an exemption exam and do not have to repeat the training. In addition, the program provides academic upgrading and training in renewable energy, green construction and construction safety.

Program Costs

There is no cost to participate in the program. Out of town students will have to make their own personal arrangements to attend the program. Please contact the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Centre for additional information. Textbooks, tools and safety equipment are also provided for the students registered in the program and a 4 week paid work placement rounds out the program.

Where you'll work

Electrical sales, electrical estimating, electrical utilities, or residential, commercial and industrial installation, and maintenance including renewable energy projects.

What you'll need

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and will need to have completed Grade 12 high school or equivalent (i.e. ACE).

Please note: Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Centre early, as

space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Individuals must provide a letter indicating their interest in the program and how this program will assist them in their career aspirations.

Location

This program will be delivered in Sault Ste. Marie on the Batchewana and Garden River First Nations and at Sault College.

Program of Study

Oct. 18 - Nov. 26

Block 1: Academic Review, Trade Readiness and Introduction to Renewable Energy (6 weeks)

Location: Batchewana / Garden River (TBA)

HDG122 (Personal and Academic Success Strategies)

CMM149 Practical Communications

MTH160 (Pre Technical Math)

ELR130 Electrical Fundamentals

CCT100 Construction Safety / Construction Tools

ENEXXX Introduction to Renewable Energy

CCT100 (part b) – Construction Trade Practice

Nov. 29 – March 4 (12 weeks - college closed weeks of Dec. 20 and 27 for a 2 week break)

Block 2: Level One Training

Location: Sault College

ELR620 Electrical Theory

ELR621 Electronics I

ELR622 Instrumentation I

ELR623 Canadian Electrical Code

ELR 624 Installation Methods

ELR625 Prints Level 1

March 7 – April 8

Block 3: Job Search / Resume

Workshop March 7 – 11

Location: Batchewana /

Garden River - TBA

Job Shadow / Work Placement

March 14 – April 8

Location: Specific locations to be determined

Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program – Orientation to Mining

Like what you see? Interested in finding out more or want to apply to the program?

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This Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program is funded by the Government of Ontario.

A Skilled Trade Program to fill a growing need. Ontario is anticipating a growing need

for Heavy Duty Equipment Apprentice Mechanics

by power companies, construction, transportation and especially the mining sector.

Learn with us and prepare for growth in this trade.

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A Powerful Future Awaits

What is the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program? The Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program helps potential entrants to the apprenticeship system develop their job skills and trade readiness so that they will be prepared to find work as apprentices.

What is the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program all about? The Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program has been created to meet the important and growing needs of Aboriginal Communities in the Algoma / Superior East area. This 23 week long program provides the **equivalent** of the Level One apprenticeship training in the Heavy Equipment and Truck Coach Technician Apprenticeship Trades (Common Level One Training). Successful participants will be qualified and job-ready for entry level employment, apprenticeship positions and/or further skills training in either of these disciplines.

Successful graduates who secure apprenticeship positions in the trade will need only to pass the Level One exemption exam and do not have to repeat the training. In addition, the program provides academic upgrading, life/study skills, construction safety, equipment and practices.

Program Costs.

There is no cost to participate in the program. Out of town students will have to make their own personal arrangements to attend the program. Please contact the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Centre for additional information. Text-books, tools and safety equipment are also provided for the students registered in the program and a **4 week paid work placement** rounds out the program.

Where you'll work

A heavy duty equipment technician is a person who inspects, diagnoses, repairs, and modifies components and systems, such as engines; transmissions; and engine management, air-conditioning, steering, and braking systems. Graduates of the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training Program may find employment in the transportation, natural resources (mining), construction, and materials-handling industries.

What you'll need

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and will need to have completed **Grade 12** high school or equivalent (i.e. ACE). **Please note: Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Centre early, as space is limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Individuals must provide a letter indicating their interest in the program and how this program will assist them in their career aspirations.**

Location

This program will be delivered in Michipicoten, at the Wawa Training Centre and at lab / shop sites (TBA) in Wawa.

Program of Study

Oct. 18 - Nov. 26

Block 1: Academic Upgrading, Assessment, Trade Orientation, Introduction to Computers (6 weeks)

Location: Michipicoten First Nation / Wawa

Training Centre Classroom

Personal Success Skills / Life Skills

Mathematics

Introduction to Computers

Communications

Trade Orientation and Safety

Nov. 29 – Feb. 25 (11 weeks - college closed Dec. 20-31)

Block 2: Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Training

Location: Wawa lab / shop TBA

CVC601 Trade Practices and Procedures

CVC602 Fluid Power Systems

CVC603 Engine Systems

CVC604 Electrical Systems

CVC605 Fuel Systems

CVC606 Drive Train Systems

CVC607 Brake Systems

Feb. 28 – April 8

Block 3: Orientation to Mining (Feb. 28 – March 4)

Job Search / Resume Workshop (March 7 – 11)

Location: Wawa Training Centre

Job Shadow / Work Placement (March 14 – April 8)

Location: Specific locations to be determined

Concerning the Earth

DOWNSTREAM FROM THE ALBERTA TAR SANDS



A letter has been sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper by the residents and fishers of the communities of Fort Chipewyan and Fort MacKay, as well as the leadership and health professionals within the communities of Fort Chipewyan and Fort MacKay, and scientists who have conducted studies within those waters.

The letter requests “that the Canadian government make funds available to plan and implement a comprehensive, long-term fish health monitoring program for the lower Athabasca River, Athabasca Delta and Lake Athabasca.”

The fishers have noted that the incidence and frequency of unhealthy fish within their catch has increased substantially over time. There is “clear evidence of the pres-

ence of deformities, lesions, and tumours or cysts. Indicators of possible infection or disease are evident.”

The letter also states: “Scientists, including those with the Federal government, have previously identified associations between exposure of early life stages of fish to contaminants in oil sands and wastewater from oil sands development”

The letter also goes on to say: “We feel strongly that the monitoring program should be independent of existing programs, be carried out by the Federal Government (which is ultimately responsible for the Fisheries Act), and be overseen by an independent steering committee comprised of community members, fishermen, community leadership, federal government scientists and academic researchers. The fish health monitoring program that we request would be complementary to, and go beyond, existing monitoring programs in this region.”

Both communities are located downstream from the tar sands development. Pictures of the fish, and copies of the letter as well as other letters of support can be seen at www.athabascafish.wordpress.com.

(from Turtle Island News)



“United against Hunger”

The theme of this year’s observance is United Against Hunger, chosen to recognize the efforts made in the fight against world hunger at national, regional and international levels. Uniting against hunger becomes real when state and civil society organizations and the private sector work in partnership at all levels to defeat hunger, extreme poverty and malnutrition.

In 2009, the critical threshold of one billion hungry people in the world was reached in part due to soaring food prices and the financial crisis, a “tragic achievement in these modern days”, according to FAO Director-General

Jacques Diouf. On the eve of the hunger summit, Dr. Diouf launched an online petition to reflect the moral outrage of the situation. The “1 billion hungry project” reaches out to people through online social media to invite them to sign the anti-hunger petition at www.1billionhungry.org.

On this World Food Day 2010, (October 16), when there have never been so many hungry people in the world, let us reflect on the future. With willpower, courage and persistence – and many players working together and helping each other – more food can be produced, more sustainably, and get into the mouths of those who need it most. For more information, please visit:

www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en/

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LINKS:



The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) is a non-profit, public interest organization established in 1970 to use existing laws to protect the environment and to advocate environmental law reforms.

www.cela.ca

ecojustice Ecojustice, formerly Sierra Legal Defence Fund, is the nation’s leading non-profit organization using the law to protect and restore the Canadian environment.

www.ecojustice.ca



The Council of Canadians - Acting for Social Justice. The Council is involved in the right to water campaign. <http://canadians.org>



The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) facilitates cooperation and networking among non-profit, non-governmental environmental organizations across Canada and internationally.

www.cen-rce.org

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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