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Missanabie Cree First Nation



UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People was finally and officially endorsed by Canada on November 12, 2010. Canada, along with three other nation states, US, Australia, and New Zealand were the only countries who voted against the adoption of the Declaration at the 61st General Assembly of the United Nations in September 2007.

Although Canada has officially endorsed the Declaration, there remain many outstanding issues involving our people and the federal government. Among them are unfulfilled treaty obligations, land claims, failure to fully fund our communities in the areas of child welfare and education.

As part of his mandate from the United Nations to report on the overall human rights situations of indigenous peoples in selected countries, the UN Special Rapporteur, James Anaya recently completed a 9-day visit to Canada in October. Anaya met with many indigenous communities and organizations during his visit.

At the conclusion of his visit, Anaya commented "Canada faces a crisis when it comes to the situation of indigenous peoples of the country," The economic gap between aboriginals and non-aboriginals hasn't narrowed, treaty and land claims remain unresolved and "there appear to be high levels of distrust among aboriginal peoples towards government at both the federal and provincial levels."

Following the visit, the Special Rapporteur will prepare and make public a report on the visit's findings, which will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council in September 2014.

Members of the Elsipogtog First Nation who have been protesting shale gas exploration on their territory were attacked by the RCMP on Oct. 17. It was an attempt to enforce an injunction against their peaceful blockade which was a protest against the dangers of fracking on their land and waters. See p. 9 for more information.

Events/Gatherings:

NAN - Chiefs' Summit on Education

November 5-7, 2013 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nan.on.ca/article/chiefs-summit-on-education-1889.asp

Remembrance Day - November 11

National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week

November 13-19, 2013
<http://addictionsawareness.com/about-us/>

National Child Day - November 20

Chiefs of Ontario - Special Chiefs' Assembly

November 26, 2013 Fort William FN Community Centre
<http://chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/638>

Aboriginal Artworks Group of Northern Ontario - 12th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Sale

December 3-7, 2013 Victoriaville Centre, Thunder Bay, ON

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Message from the Chief

Watchey!!!

I hope all is well with all of our families and relations in our community, I hope that this report finds you healthy and with strong spirit.

First, I would like to remind our citizenship that the website (www.missanabiecree.com) has been updated and has many new reports and information regarding our First Nation. I have been very busy in many different areas for the betterment and growth of our community. We are looking to the upcoming gathering, how to streamline old programs and encourage new initiatives that are focused on our vision and promote high levels of inclusiveness and productivity.

We met in a strategic Chief and Council session on November 2nd and 3rd. I felt that it was successful and we worked on relationship building, process and programming. I am very happy about how committed all of council has been to attendance and focus and I would like to acknowledge and express my commitment to them and our nation to continue to work tirelessly to stand up for the rights of our community and be present and informed on all the

issues pertaining to our community.

We will be introducing a new Family Support Worker to our community. This is not so much something new, but I am optimistic that we can find new and innovative ways in which we can utilize her skills not just in Sault Ste Marie, but to reach out to all of our community members. I am committed to doing this for all of our programming.

We as a community and family are strong and we will continue to be strong into the future.

I am both available and approachable, so contact me to chat, ask questions or voice concerns. My email is on the back page. We will be using skype (jasongauthiermissanabie) as a tool for communication and hopefully, after designing a social networking policy, we will be opening up a sanctioned Facebook page for citizens to post on.

I hope to hear from you, and remind everyone that if they wish to get involved in the new initiatives, put your name forward.

In spirit of community,

Chief Jason Gauthier

Messages from Council

Wa che yeah me sa weh. Hello everybody!

Translation is courtesy of the Missanabie Cree Language Corner Facebook page. It is great that membership can connect in this forum to revitalize the language.

In terms of council business, I have regularly participated in council meetings and also attended the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum meeting in late September. This forum is comprised of the six First Nations whose members have an interest in the Chapleau Game Preserve area and is dedicated to environmental stewardship. The meeting was my comprehensive introduction to the NSRCF activities, goals and work plan.

On a different note, the first Wednesday of November is

"Take our Kids to Work Day".

(www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP). I hope some of our MCFN youth were able to participate in this public education activity. It is one avenue for grade nine students to explore career options and a great way for parents and relatives to share their work experiences.

"I would also like to take the time to acknowledge our Aboriginal Veterans and the First Nation peoples in the military this month in recognition of Remembrance Day."

In solidarity,

Victoria Pezzo

MCFN Deputy Chief

Messages from Council

Watchay,

Hope everyone is well.

I attended an aboriginal engagement mining workshop on October 22nd to the 24th in Timmins. I attended in order to learn about mining, so I can be making more informed decisions for our community. I learned many new aspects and insights regarding:

- Mining Act
- Mining Act Amendments
- The mining sequence

Tour of a working drill site

Consultation

Fracking

It was a great experience. I also had a chance to engage with community members, sit face to face with the elder chair, and talk to MNDM (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines) regarding the projects in our area. I believe this trip was extremely successful, and am very pleased to have attended.

Les Nolan aka Red Bear

Hello Everyone,

The Chief and Council Orientation Session has been scheduled for November 2nd, 2013 and will be held during the Council Strategic Planning Session. We will be discussing which portfolio each councillor will hold at this time, but in the mean time I did volunteer to hold the Lands & Resources Portfolio which was considered to be temporary by Chief and Council. If anyone has any questions or concerns they would like to bring forward please feel free to contact me at: (705)254-2702 Ext. 505 Email: isouliere@missanabieecree.com.

Chief and Council had the opportunity to meet with the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum in Missanabie after the gathering to familiarize ourselves with the Chiefs Forum. An update was provided for new Councillors and Chiefs of the regional communities and a 5 year

work plan was reviewed.

In regards to our Chief and Council meetings, the first 3 meetings were emergency based Chief and Council meetings and were not open to band members. The first meeting open to band members was September 18, 2013 where 16 people were in attendance.

The new Chief and Council did not take the opportunity of having a transition period with the previous Chief and Council. I believe we should have taken the time to approach the previous Chief & Council and Administration to ensure a smooth transition but in my opinion this has not happened.

The current Chief and Council has agreed to meet once a week on Wednesdays until a routine is established.

Isabell Souliere

From the desk of:

BOOKKEEPER/INTERIM ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR

Whatchay, Family & Friends,

Although there have been a few changes in staff and staff designation/position, it is business as usual in the

MCFN office. Please refer to the Chief and Council/Staff list at the back of the "Bearfax Newsletter" if in doubt as to whom you would contact.

Some designation/positions are temporary while still others will be permanent; therefore, I will bring you up to

From the desk of:

date with regards to which staff member you would be communicating with at present.

Lori Rainville is now in the position of “**Post Secondary Counselor**” which remains the same as before.

Louise Campbell is in the position of “**Bookkeeper**” which remains the same as before, but has temporarily taken on the position of “**Interim Administration Supervisor**” until such time as the position of “**Band Manager**” is filled.

Elizabeth Angeconeb is in the position of “**Governance Coordinator**” which remains the same, but has also the

added responsibility of “**Newsletter Editor**” for the balance of her contract.

Matthew Wesley is in the position of “**Cultural Coordinator**” and is our newest staff member. Matthew will elaborate more on his duties in his newsletter report.

The staff of MCFN will endeavor to continue to give excellent service to our citizens, and we invite you to contact us with any administrative concern you may have.

Yours in Spirit of Community,

Louise Campbell – Bookkeeper/Interim Administration Supervisor

CULTURAL COORDINATOR

Wache Yeah, Everybody,

My name is ᑦᑭᑦ ᑕᑦᑭᑦ, which translates to “Eagle that wants to sit”, but you can call me Matthew. I’m the new Cultural Coordinator and I was born in Kashechewan First Nation, 3rd of 11 Children. I come from a Cree speaking family, and I’m more than happy to share the language with all of you.

I’ll be coming up with cultural activities such as the Cree Language classes. I’ve already done two rattle making workshops which went very well. To get the Community

drum, its heartbeat going, I’m going to have drum practices planned as I myself was in two drum groups. Maybe have a Cree Legend in each Bear Fax right after this one, in both English and the Cree translation. There are other plans in the works.

I hope to meet you throughout the time that you have me working for you.

As you can see I’m not much for words, so with that I want to say Mee-gwetch.

Matthew Wesley

Community News and Notes

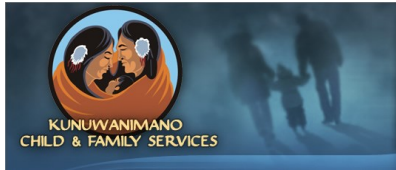
VANCOUVER CARAVAN TO NEW BRUNSWICK

An indigenous group from Vancouver is travelling to Elsipogtog First Nation to support the Mi’kmaq people who are defending their lands against the dangerous process of fracking for gas.

The group stopped by the Missanabie Cree First Nation band office, and were presented with a cheque to help them with their travel expenses.

The organizers state that “this is not just an ‘Aboriginal issue’....Water is the source of life.”

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Announcement from Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services

Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services is offering you an information session on their programs and services. Jody Anderson from the Chapleau Cree office will be introducing herself as a Family Support Worker. Kunuwanimano is asking for Missanabie Cree First Nation input into the programs they are planning to offer us.

Location: Missanabie Cree First Nation Board Room

Date: November 14, 2013

Time: 10.00 am

Lunch will be provided

"Our mission is to work collaboratively with our First Nations members to ensure the safety and well-being of children is secured by strengthening, supporting and encouraging the healthy development of families. We are committed to providing services in a manner that is holistically and bi-culturally appropriate for our First Nations." - from their website at kuniwanimano.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE -

PEOPLE'S INQUIRY ON THE SUICIDE PANDEMIC



Missanabie Cree First Nation had a visit from the People's Inquiry on the Suicide Pandemic Commissioners here in Sault Ste. Marie. It was held at the Indian Friendship Centre on East Street on Oct. 29-30. It was posted on short notice and that was a serious oversight on my part for not posting it in the time it was required to be posted.

The People's Inquiry is a process that was designed by the Mushkegowuk Council to encourage the community to present their views and recommendations about mental wellness and to work towards the development of a regional plan that will assist in reducing or eliminating the suicide pandemic in our region.

We had a small number of people share their stories,

experiences on suicide. They were everyday people, professionals in the field, public servants. The Commissioners listened and recorded their presentations so they can be put together in a report to the Chiefs and be handed to them for their use.

You still have time to submit your presentation. There is a 2 month window for written submissions. You can either send them to me (Matthew Wesley) at the Missanabie Cree Band Office or to Nellie Trapper (People's Inquiry Coordinator) ntrapper@mushkegowuk.ca.

For more information, contact Nellie Trapper at the Mushkegowuk Council, Phone: 705-658-4222, Fax: 705-658-4250.

You may need support of any kind for this is a very sensitive subject.

Meegwetch,
Matthew Wesley, Cultural Coordinator

Community News and Notes



John and Hazel Fletcher



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!

A surprise party was held at St. Peter's basement honouring Hazel and John Fletcher on the occasion of their 60th anniversary, August 10, 2013.

We even had her wedding gown at the party. Guests came and went from 1 pm to 4 pm. A Mass was held in their honour and they renewed their vows with Father Terry. Marie W. played the organ and sang a song that was sung during their wedding, "On This Day O Beautiful Mother".

Scrolls were received from David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada, Mr. John Rafferty, MP-Ottawa; and Bill Mauro, MPP-Thunder Bay of the Ontario Government. Our Mayor Keith Hobbs was also in attendance and spoke about John being a postman and how Hazel worked for the school board for years.

We looked in the wedding book of August 10, 1953 and some of the guests in attendance were: Mary Fletcher, Jackie and June Fletcher from Lochalsh, ON.

Serving lunch and pouring tea and coffee were their children: John, Paul, Ed, Barb, Debbie, Doug, Moonie and Bobbie. Music was by the John Fletcher Band.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

MCFN Community

Potluck Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14, 2013

SSM Indian Friendship Centre

122 East St.

Sault Ste. Marie, ON

For more information,
please contact:

Leslie Gagnon,

Ext. 226

MCFN Program Development



Members are welcome to submit items to the Community News and Notes or the Birthday Greetings section of the Bear Fax newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is the 25th day of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Please forward items to Elizabeth by:
Email: eangecone@missanabiecree.com
Fax: 705-254-3292



Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to my sister, Shirley
October 31, 2013 and

Happy Halloween

Love you, Sis
June



A Birthday wish
to my Grandson, Devin
October 27, 2013

Happy Birthday
Love, Nanny



Happy Birthday
to my Daughter In-law,
Lori.
Love, June



Happy Birthday
to my Daughter In-law,
Jen.
Love, June



Happy Birthday to my Granddaughter, Ashley
October 31, 2013 and Happy Halloween

Love you and miss you.

Nanny June



Happy Belated Birthday
to my Great Nephew, Logan

Happy Belated Birthday
to my Great Niece, Madison

Love, Great Auntie June



MCFN Governance Project

[An MCFN community member posed a question regarding the Governance Coordinating Committee. The following is the response.]

The Governance Coordinating Committee has been in existence since 2011. The Governance Strategic Plan outlined a process and work plan whereby this committee would undertake the development of good governance tools. The Governance Strategic Plan was developed during a series of community meetings that were facilitated by the Mushkegowuk Governance Project in early 2011.

The Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) has worked with the Project Coordinator in the reviewing, updating and development of our governance codes. The first year we worked on the election and citizenship codes. The next year we continued work on the election and citizenship codes and began the development of an administration code. These particular codes are expected to form the foundation of good governance practices in MCFN. The election code and the citizenship code were reviewed by legal counsel, who made many excellent recommendations. Chief and Council are currently in the process of reviewing the election and citizenship codes. Once the approval process is finished, the final drafts will go to the membership for ratification. The draft administration code will be finalized at the next meeting of the GCC. Then it, too, will be sent to Chief and Council for their review and approval.

The members of Governance Coordinating Committee have volunteered many hours of their time on this project. The process of developing and refining these codes through successive drafts has taken longer than was planned, but it is worth the time and mental effort taken to participate in these discussions which are facilitated by teleconference as well as face-to-face meetings here in the Sault. The time and expense required to do the work well benefits the community in the long run.

The Governance Coordinating Committee is appointed by the MCFN Chief and Council who base their decisions on responses to call-outs for participation, generally posted in the Bear Fax newsletter. Because of the nature of this project, Chief and Council look for specific skills in the volunteers that will ensure the process moves along because there are many issues that arise out of discussion on these important governance codes. This is why a letter of application and a resume are part of the recruiting process for volunteer participation in this project.

For this year, the GCC will oversee the development of specific policies that fall under the administration code. These are Chief and Council policy, conflict of interest policy, and redress (grievance) mechanisms.

The GCC continues to endeavour to raise awareness in the MCFN community about good governance practices. At the last Gathering in August, there was a Governance Room where information was made available to people who wished to learn more about governance, and the MCFN Governance Project. Updates have been and will continue to be regularly posted to the newsletter. Drafts of codes requesting feedback are periodically mailed to membership. Invitations to contact the Governance Coordinator for more information are included in both the newsletter updates and the mail-outs.

The Project itself is partially funded by Aboriginal Affairs through their Governance Development Initiative with additional funding through MCFN's Rama Fund.

For further information, please contact:

Elizabeth Angeconeb

MCFN Governance Project Coordinator

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Email: eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com



MCFN Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 2013	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Haskinitisew Peesim Freeze up Moon 					1	2
	3	4	5 Rattle-making 7-9 pm MCFN Boardroom	6 Elders' Tea	7 Beadng 1:30-3:30 pm MCFN Boardroom	8	9
	10	11 Remembrance Day  Office closed.	12 Rattle-making 7-9 pm MCFN Boardroom	13	14 Healthy Snacks	15	16
	17	18	19	20 Elders' Tea	21 Beadng 1:30-3:30 pm MCFN Boardroom	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Beadng 1:30-3:30 pm MCFN Boardroom	4 Elders' Tea	5	6	7
	8	9	10 Beadng 1:30-3:30 pm MCFN Boardroom	11	12 Healthy Snacks	13	14 MCFN Community Christmas Potluck  (See p. 5)
	15	16	17	18 Elders' Tea	19	20	21 Winter Solstice
22	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	
29	30	31	Kakoekakee shi kak Peesim Festival Season Moon				



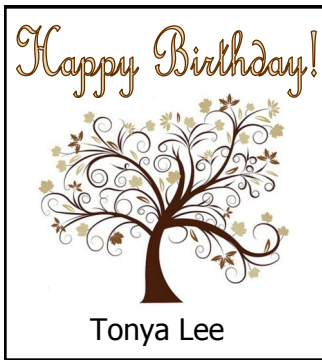
November Birthday Greetings

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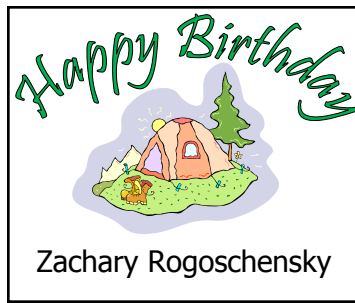
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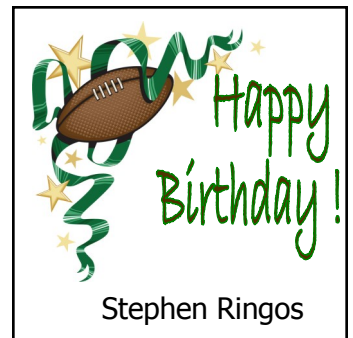
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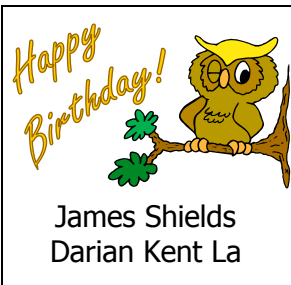
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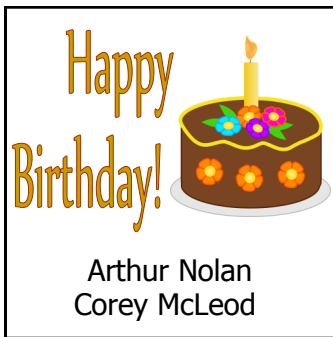
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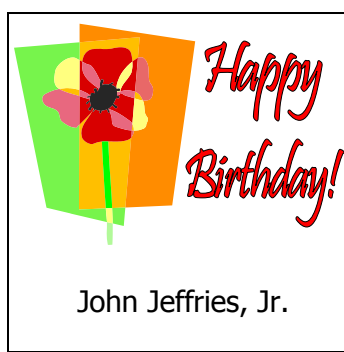
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Arthur Nolan
Corey McLeod

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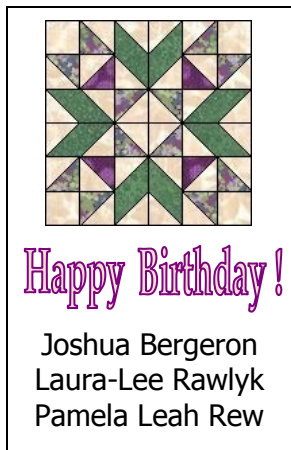
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Brianne MacNemeth
Lisa Souliere

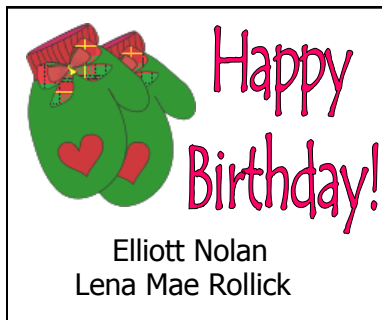
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Happy Birthday!

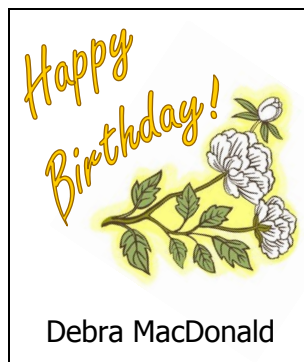
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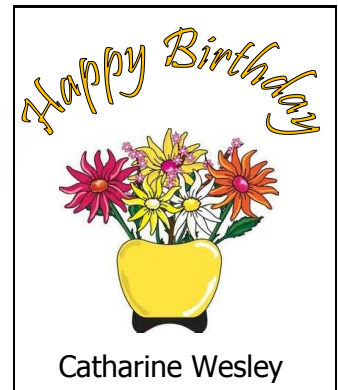
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Lena Mae Rollick

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Debra MacDonald

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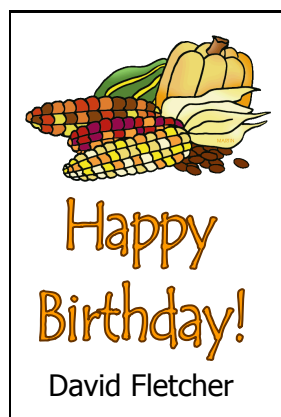
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Dieter Horn

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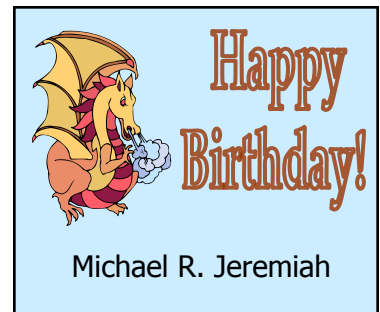
David Fletcher

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Connor Fletcher-Decorte
Marina Lacosse

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Michael R. Jeremiah

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ELSIPOGTOG FIRST NATION'S ANTI-FRACKING PROTESTS AGAINST SHALE GAS EXPLORATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

CTV News, October 23, 2013, FREDERICTON – New Brunswick Premier David Alward is brushing aside criticism that there hasn't been enough consultation with First Nations about shale gas, saying his government has had more discussions with them than any past government in the province.

He said his government remains committed to developing natural resources, including shale gas. But he added that shale gas development is only at the exploration stage and further discussions will be held before the province proceeds.

"There would have to be very significant consultations and environmental impact assessments before anything else would be able to move forward," Alward said.

Critics including the New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance have said last week's violent clash in Rexton, N.B., between shale gas protesters, including members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, and police could have been avoided had the provincial government done a better job of consulting with them.

To further its case, the government released a chronology of meetings it held over the past year with energy company SWN Resources and First Nations.

"Not only has the Crown met its consultation requirements for the current seismic program, but has gone above and beyond to ensure that First Nations have full

details about the current program," Energy Minister Craig Leonard said in a statement Tuesday.

"As we have said all along, if oil and gas reserves are found through the exploration process, the government and proponents would have to enter into further consultations with First Nations to ensure that the environment was protected and that Aboriginal peoples benefited from oil and gas development."

Forty people were arrested and weapons including guns and improvised explosive devices were seized last Thursday when the Mounties enforced a court-ordered injunction to end the blockade of a SWN Resources storage compound for exploration equipment and vehicles. Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned. The RCMP said they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them, and in response they fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation.

The RCMP blocked Route 134 at the end of September after protesters began spilling onto the road. The Mounties said traffic is now able to pass, but protesters, including members of Elsipogtog, remain at the site.

Alward has met Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock in an effort to resolve the situation and he said Wednesday his officials are trying to set up another meeting with the leader.

CHIEF OF ELSIPOGTOG CONSIDERS LEGAL ACTION

October 24, 2013 www.cbcnews.ca

The chief of the First Nation at the centre of an ongoing dispute over shale gas development says his community will go to court to try to take control of Crown lands in New Brunswick. Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock made the announcement Thursday after meeting with the Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo.

"It's gone past the SWN stuff," Sock said, referring to the dispute between protesters and SWN Resources Canada. "It's gone past the fracking. Right now, we're at a point, we're staking claim to the lands. We're reclaiming the ownership and that's where it's at. Let's settle it once and for all. Let's go to court."

Sock said he and his community members came to the decision after prayer and discussion. They say legal action is the only way to resolve the impasse with the prov-

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ince. Sock said the concern shouldn't be with blocking roads or fighting with companies.

"Because at the end of the day, the real question is the title of the land," he said. "Once we can distinguish who actually is the rightful owner, then we can start talking about extracting natural resources." CBC's Jennifer Choi reported that if legal action is taken, all shale gas development in New Brunswick could be put on hold.

Atleo said Thursday the federal government must work with all bands to ensure treaties are implemented in the aftermath of violent clashes last week between the RCMP and members of the Elsipogtog First Nation near Rexton.

He told CBC News from Elsipogtog that the dispute is about "a long-standing non-recognition of treaties that were forged before Canada was even formed, that the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples reflects back to Canada are still in full force and effect. And that the people of Elsipogtog, like indigenous nations across Canada, have the right to free, prior and informed consent over all aspects of their lives, including on issues of resource development."

Some members of Elsipogtog were arrested a week ago when the RCMP enforced a court-ordered injunction at

the site of a protest outside a compound where SWN Resources stored exploration equipment and vehicles.

Atleo said the situation in New Brunswick provides an opportunity to spark discussion and action. First Nations have won over 150 court cases across the country, he said. "This is why we're pressing all levels of government, particularly the federal and provincial governments, to sit down meaningfully with First Nations on a nation-to-nation, treaty-by-treaty basis, to work together to see the implementation of those treaty rights, which belong to First Nations and in fact they belong to all Canadians as well."

Meanwhile, six men arrested during the Rexton clash remain in jail as bail hearings proceed at a snail's pace. The six men face 37 charges, including uttering threats, forcible confinement, and obstructing a police officer.

The slow pace of the bail hearings had supporters crying foul. About 40 people, many from Elsipogtog First Nation, have been in court to show support for the accused. Peter Dauphinee believes the police wanted to send a message with their intervention in the protest on Route 134 on Oct. 17. "I think the whole thing was to scare the protesters," said Dauphinee

AFN CHIEF RESPONDS TO THE RELEASE OF "A PROPOSAL FOR A BILL ON FIRST NATION EDUCATION"

October 23, 2013

(Ottawa, ON) - Today, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo responded to the release of the federal government document "A Proposal for a Bill on First Nation Education". The federal government says it will receive feedback on this proposal up to early January 2014 and this will precede any tabling in Parliament of legislation on a First Nation Education Act.

"First Nations have been clear about serious concerns with both the federal process to date as well as what is

required to support First Nation student success," said National Chief Atleo. "We have been very vocal in what we are seeking: an approach that respects our rights and enables First Nations control of First Nations education. Our children and students deserve safe and good schools and supporting their success with fair and stable funding that will address the gaps while supported by strong First Nations systems and delivering a curriculum that respects our rights and our languages. This work is tremendously important to First Nations and is a top priority. The federal government must meaningfully and immediately engage with First Nations. We must get this right, right now."

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AFN Nova Scotia-Newfoundland Regional Chief Morley Googoo, who holds the Education portfolio for the AFN, said: "Aboriginal Affairs Minister Valcourt met with the Chiefs Committee on Education on Monday October 21st and they delivered a direct message that First Nations must be fully and meaningfully engaged in the design, development, and implementation of First Nation education. We absolutely need an ongoing engagement to get to a positive outcome that will support the success of First Nations students."

The AFN and the Chiefs Committee on Education will be providing a detailed analysis of the proposal and other information to assist First Nations in their review of the federal document.

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613-241-6789, ext 401; 613-314-8157 or
jyoung@afn.ca

[A copy of the Bill on First Nations Education can be found online at: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1382112025073/1382112135444>]

Opportunities



To ALL Missanabie Cree Elders

Opportunity to attend Mushkegowuk Council AGM

You are invited to submit your name and contact information if you are interested in attending meetings with Mushkegowuk Council. This would require a time commitment of 7 days (which includes travel days). The meetings are in **Fort Albany, from November 25 to 29, 2013**. Travel, accommodations, and honorarium will be arranged by Mushkegowuk Council.

To have a fair decision on who is chosen to attend these meetings, all Elders who have expressed an interest in attending will have their names put into a draw. Please send your request to June Markie, at the MCFN Band Office.

The draw will take place on November 18.

The Elder whose name is drawn will be notified by email, letter, or phone call.

Please note: All Elders who attend these meetings on behalf of MCFN are required to submit a report to the Elders' Council no later than one week after the meetings. Anyone who fails to submit a report will not be eligible to represent MCFN Elders' Council at any future meetings. An Elder whose name is drawn is not eligible for the next draw.

Opportunities



"...building on our resources..."

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Community Futures Development Corporation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FORT SEVERN

Tuesday November 19, 2013

PEAWANUCK

Timmins Ontario ~ Cedar Meadows Resort
5:00pm Dinner will be served

ATTAWAPISKAT

AGENDA (Subject to Change)

FORT ALBANY

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks
3. Review of Agenda
4. Review of Previous AGM Minutes
5. Report of the Directors
6. Audit Report
7. By Law Considerations
 - Board Structure
8. Community Forum
9. Adjournment

KASHECHEWAN

MOOSONEE

MOOSE FACTORY

For more information on any of the above-noted items, please contact:

Stan Kapashesit, Executive Director
(705) 658-4428 or toll-free 1-800-989-4850

TAYKWA TAGAMOU

CHAPLEAU CREE

MISSANABIE CREE



Health Notes

More Mental Health Services for University and College Students Ontario Government Investing in Young People, Committed to Student Well-being.

October 4, 2013

Ontario is launching a new mental health help line for college and university students as part of its Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. College and university students with concerns about student life, health or mental well-being can now call [Good2Talk](#), a province-wide service that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is a free, confidential and anonymous service that offers professional counselling, mental health information and connections to local resources.

Ontario is also supporting 10 new projects at colleges and universities that will improve access to high-quality mental health services and help identify mental health issues and connect students to supports faster.

Supporting postsecondary students' education, health and well-being is part of the Ontario government's plan to invest in people. The province is also focused on investing in infrastructure and fostering a dynamic and innovative business environment.

QUOTES

"We want to let college and university students know they aren't alone and that there is help. The new supports will help them have a healthy, productive transition to postsecondary institutions and deal with newfound independence, both on and off campus."

- Brad Duguid, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

"Our Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy is helping create opportunities for young Ontarians to enjoy a high quality of life and contribute to society. In addition to this great investment, we are empowering communities to develop practical, local solutions through our Youth Suicide Prevention Plan."

- Teresa Piruzza, Minister of Children and Youth Services

"On behalf of the Good2Talk/Allo J'écoute partners — ConnexOntario, Kids Help Phone, Ontario211 and the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health — I'd like to recognize and thank the Government of Ontario for joining with us to develop this critical new resource for post-secondary students under the Ministry's Health Innovation Fund."

- Sharon Wood, President and CEO, Kids Help Phone

QUICK FACTS

- Good2Talk service is delivered by Kids Help Phone, ConnexOntario, 211Ontario, the Ontario Centre for Excellence in Child and Youth Mental Health and postsecondary institutions.
- These investments are part of the multi-year \$257 million [Mental Health and Addictions Strategy](#) announced in the 2011 Ontario Budget.
- Ontario is also launching a [Youth Suicide Prevention Plan](#) that will provide training, tools and funding to help communities come together to prevent youth suicides, including a unique Aboriginal approach.

LEARN MORE

- [Good2Talk](#), 1-866-925-5454
- [Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy](#)
- [Ontario's colleges and universities](#)
- ontario.ca/tcu-news

MCFN Membership

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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.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet

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



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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

VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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