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Missanabie Cree First Nation



On July 1, Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary as a nation state. Many indigenous peoples throughout Canada have said they will not celebrate this day. Their reasons are not hard to comprehend. They cite our history of oppression under colonialist rule, the breaking of our peace and friendship treaties, cultural genocide, residential schools, the sixties scoop, and the Indian Act.



Indigenous Truth

People may argue that this is all in the past. But the truth is that government policies continue to oppress our people, and prevent our moving forward in areas of health, education, and economic development. Many communities have to deal with lack of clean water and substandard housing, but this pales in comparison to the epidemic of suicides in some of our communities.

Source: www.facebook.com/rethink150

Our people have to fear for the health and safety of our women and children. The MMIW Inquiry does not seem to be going anywhere, with families calling for a more open and inclusive process. The Government of Canada is going to court over the ruling of the Human Rights Tribunal concerning the inequities in the provision of child welfare services for FN children on reserve. Indigenous people are dying in Thunder Bay at an alarming rate and under suspicious circumstances. It is not surprising that many of our people say that Canada 150 is nothing to celebrate.

Even so, our people continue to resist, to work, and to take care of families and communities as best they can. Although we have been and continue to be oppressed, we have our rights, our culture, the wisdom of our elders, and a future to work toward. Let's keep on keeping on.

MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING - AUGUST 12-19, 2017

Events/Gatherings: Follow MCFN on Twitter.

NWAC Annual General Assembly
July 14-16, 2017 Edmonton, AB
<https://www.nwac.ca/aga2017/>

World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education 2017
July 24-29, 2017 Toronto, ON
www.wipce.com

AFN Annual General Assembly
July 25-27, 2017 Regina, SK
www.afn.ca

Anishinaabeg: Art & Power - a ROM exhibit
June 17 - November 19, 2017 Toronto, ON
www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/anishinaabeg-art-power

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Chief and Council Reports

Watchay,

I would start by saying I am very encouraged by so many new employees in the office as of late. I am looking forward to working with all of them in one capacity or another. I am happy with the positive nature of our administration and have seen that there has been a lot done in the office recently.

Missanabie Cree First Nation has invested a lot of time and resources in Island View, and I look forward to showcasing the efforts put into the camp at the upcoming Gathering.

It looks like we will have another fully funded Gathering and have many events and activities to look forward to.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Richmond visit and encourage people to visit the site while at the upcoming Gathering.

The staff are scrambling to get ready for the Gathering and have been very active. On top of their normal duties, the staff are committed to making this Gathering memorable.

The negotiations for the settlement and the land additional to the already agreed upon reserve lands are well

Greetings all,

I'm finally here. It has been a very busy past couple of weeks. I have been diligent in attending meetings and the historical signing with Richmond in Dubreuilville. I would like to thank all the members who attended this momentous occasion.

Among my meetings we have been in the process of moving to Sault Ste. Marie. We have officially moved in,



Chief Jason Gauthier with Carol Hughes, MPP Algoma Manitoulin

under way. The completion of reserve status is anticipated this year and with some luck and hard work, we can begin some building projects in 2018.

The implementation of our Community Benefits Agreement with Richmond has begun with the hiring of our Implementation Coordinator. We are seeing many new benefits coming from our agreement already with investments in capacity for Economic Development, new funds for our businesses, and youth initiatives.

Our comprehensive community planning is moving along very well with engagement from the geographical "hubs". We have engaged members in Thunder Bay, Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie. We are also hoping to create a hub in Missanabie. The more members engaged the better.

I am very excited for all the great things that are happening and hope that all of our members to share in the positive direction the our community is going.

With much love and humility,
Chief Jason Gauthier

now to start unpacking and getting organised.

I would like to say my portfolio is Child and Family Services and Economical Development. I am here for all our MCFN's members whether you live elsewhere or in the Soo. I encourage you to get in touch with me with any of your concerns.

Councillor Les Nolan

Chief and Council Reports

Hello All,

So summer is slowly arriving and you know what that means! It's almost gathering time!!! Hope to see you all there and feel free to come and say hello and let the hugs fly, ha ha...

Also, by the time you read this we would have already been to Canada's Wonderland so I'll just say I had a great time in advance. Lori and I went on many rides and I'm going to assume I may have felt ill a time or two but totally worth it.

On another note I would like to congratulate David Ouellet, Robert Ewing and Jordan Fletcher the first three MCFN graduates from the Underground Hard Rock Miner Common Core program at Northern College. It's been a long road but they will be added to our growing work force with Richmond. So, Congratulations Guys! All of you face a new chapter in your life now, and I want you to know that our thoughts and best wishes go with you.

It looks like the year of employment for our First Nation. In the office we have a growing workforce. To date we have filled 5 new positions and 5 student positions. Congratulations to you all.

With all these new positions it has been a busy time here in the office, so I would like to thank the all the staff with their help during this time.

Thank you for your time,
Councillor Shawn Pine, Signing off.

From the Desk of:

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Aaniin,

The office is humming with activity and more staff are coming onboard! Summer students start with us July 4th, 2017 and will be kept occupied with planned summer activities/jobs at Island View Camp as well as around Missanabie and the Sault Ste. Marie area.

The 2017 Graduating Class of the Hard Rock Miner Common Core Program at Northern College.



I finally made the trip to Island View Camp to view the landscape and operations which I found to be very impressive and quite a beautiful setting for Missanabie Cree First Nation's Annual Gathering! Thank you Kathy, Dan and Steve for working hard at bringing Island View Camp to good repair and focusing on maintaining business standards.

The Richmond Ceremony took place on June 13th at the Mine site which was opened to and attended by members and staff, it was a great day.

Again thank you to all the office staff for the great work that you do each day.

Miigwetch, Doreen

ELDER/YOUTH COORDINATOR

Hello Band Members:

Many of you know me but for those of you who don't I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jackie Fletcher and I have been hired as the Elder/Youth Coordinator. I have been involved with our First Nation since the beginning, 1992, when I was a councilor for 9 years. I have been employed a few times and volunteered on many committees. I still volunteer for the Governance Coordinating Committee and the Community Comprehensive Planning Committee.

This position allows me to build the gap between the youth and elders, which has always been on my mind. I will be working with the Wellness Team (Terry Lee Montgomery – Family Well-Being Worker, Patricia Lesage – Family Support Worker, Laura Lee Rawlyk – Elder Liaison, and Alexandra Pezzo – Youth Representative and from time to time Lesley Gagnon, Program Development Officer and Deb Clement, Gathering Coordinator). We will be working together to coordinate and oversee cultural events and programs and meetings.

I am requesting your input. If you have any ideas or suggestions that fit the bulleted list below please forward them to me and I will share with the team participants. We will look at the possibilities together and will do our best to come up with a plan to incorporate your ideas. I will be looking for ways to:

- create a forum for Youth and Elders to communicate and share knowledge
- engage the community in cultural mentoring between Youth and Elders
- incorporate activities that members are interested in
- participate in cultural training programs
- participate and assist the family wellness team on

activities

- encourage Youth and Elders to participate where they can
- incorporate cross generational knowledge transfer sessions
- pull together Youth and Elder gatherings working with Judy and Michael Bopp
- plan, develop and implement cross generational knowledge transfer sessions

I will also be meeting with the Comprehensive Community Planning team and working with other staff members who have a role to play in this project.

There is so much to do with our First Nation but I can see we are and have been building capacity on many levels. I see many of our members returning to school, college, or university or have graduated from these places. Others have been honing their skills in business management, entrepreneurship, housing construction, trades, securing employment outside of the First Nation, while others are staying connected with this band in one way or another, either volunteering, visiting, attending Elders teas, participating in programs and classes, band meetings and reading the Bear Fax or following the website. It is exciting to see so many of our people working at the band office. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Jackie Fletcher, Elder/Youth Coordinator

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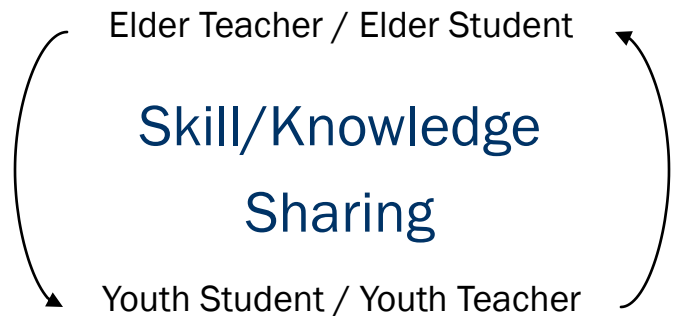
P.S. During the first week of my position I had 4 messages but they got deleted. The office was getting new phone lines. If you were trying to reach me and I didn't call you back – please try again. Thank you.

Bridging the Gap between Elders and Youth

To start the processing of bridging the gap between youth and elders, we can begin with simply sharing our skills and knowledge with each other.

Below is a list of activities, which can be done at the Band Office, at the Gathering, or anywhere that people feel comfortable. Some of these activities might be better done out in the bush. Some of these activities could involve learning about technology and social media.

Some activities can be done throughout the year and at any time. These activities may include cultural teachings, land-based activities, language camps, and ceremonies or any ideas you can bring forward so that our traditions, values, and way of life are not lost. We must start to think in terms of seven generations ahead.



ACTIVITY	TEACHER	WHERE DO YOU LIVE	LEARNER	WHERE DO YOU LIVE
How to make a fire outside	<i>June, e.g.</i>	SSM		
How to look for a rabbit trail/make a snare				
How to get in a canoe/paddle a canoe				
How to track an animal/set a trap/call a moose				
Trapping/Hunting/Fishing				
Shelter building				
How to make bannock				
How to make tea outside	<i>Ivan, e.g.</i>	SSM		
Bear & moose watching				
Butchering a moose				
Gardening				
Chainsaw certification				
Facebook/Twitter/Instagram	<i>Robert, e.g.</i>	SSM		
Power Point /Word/Excel/Outlook/Publisher 2016				
Email				
Cell phone features/ texting	<i>Robert, e.g.</i>	SSM		

This is only a partial list of possible activities. If you are interested in learning or sharing (teaching) any of the skills listed, or if you have a skill or knowledge that you would like to share (teach), please call or email, and let me know. We can work together and come up with a plan of how to make this happen.

Jackie Fletcher, Youth/Elder Coordinator.

Phone: 705-254-2702, ext. 237 or Email: jfletcher@missananbiecree.com.

FAMILY WELL-BEING WORKER

Aniin, Boozhoo All My Relations:

Time is flying by! It's incredible! We did some soil preparation and planting our seedlings in our community garden earlier in June. It's amazing how fast the weeds grow though! ☐

The Canada's Wonderland trip is coming up fast! If you want to go, the trip starts on the evening of July 7th from Sault Ste. Marie. We can meet and pick up people on the drive down to Wonderland or even meet at Wonderland and then go in as a group. Please call June ASAP because we only have about 20 tickets left, and we want everyone to go that wants to. Our age limit has risen to include those up to 25. If you have any questions about whether you or someone else is eligible to go please call June to find out about it.

We will be having our Elder's Tea at noon on July 12th and I'll call with a reminder on the 11th.

Unfortunately we were not able to have the beading this month but that will be rescheduled, as well as traditional skirt making. We have been made very welcome to attend programs and activities at the local Indian Friendship Centre and I would like to suggest that those living out of Sault Ste. Marie make connections with their local

Friendship Centres for activities. There is a sweat lodge every second Sunday, beading every Wednesday, and sewing circles on Tuesdays. If you have interest in any of these activities I can pick you up if you need a ride and I will participate with you as I am able.

July 3rd to July 9th is Family Well-Being Week in Nishnawbe Aski Nation and we will have a colouring contest for the children and youth attached to the back of this issue of the Bear Fax. We will be doing more activities during our annual Gathering though, such as scavenger hunt and nature walks. People have asked about the canoe jousting so that may happen too.

Colouring Contest

There are two age categories for the colouring contest. The first is for those 10 years and under, the second is for those 11 years and older.

Please send your entry by mail to

Terri Montgomery, Family Well-Being Worker,
174B HWY 17B
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

OR by Email: tmontgomery@missanabiecree.com

There will be a prize for each category.

ISLAND VIEW CAMP ASSISTANT INTERN

Whatchey/Boozhoo

Greetings to all Missanabie Cree Members and friends:

Island View Camp is open for business and everything so far is going well. We continue to take bookings from all over Turtle Island and continue to gain more clientele. A lot of action is going on at Island View with upgrades happening and making new ideas come to reality.

At Island View Camp, we offer comfortable conveniences with Ontario's wilderness just outside your cabin door. During summer months it is very important for all of us to remember proper safety on the waters and even on shore. Invasive species is everyone responsibility and it

is important to wash your boat properly from going to one body of water to the next to help in fighting against invasive species.

I ask all of you to take precautions when going out on the water and let people know where you are going always. As usual I am always open for ideas and new things to implement; I am just a phone call away or my door is always open to the membership of Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Miigwech,
Ivan Fox, Island View Camp Assistant Intern

CBA IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR

Wacheay

Hi, I'm Steve Hawkins. Many of you will know me as the husband of MCFN member, Glad Fletcher-Hawkins. I have recently joined the Band office staff of MCFN as the Implementation Coordinator for the Community Benefits Agreement between MCFN and Richmond Mines.

My first day at the office began on the 12th June at Richmond Island Gold, Dubreuilville, where Chief Gauthier introduced me to the Richmond management team who

will be working with us to fully implement the terms of the Richmond-MCFN business partnership as detailed within the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). We reviewed articles of the CBA, and both the Implementation Committee and the Environmental Monitoring Committee were put in place.

Day 2 of my stay allowed me to participate in the MCFN Ceremony and Site Visit. The attached photo-shots were taken by Roxanne Metlin, Mining Advisor of Mushkegowuk.



MCFN members and Richmond staff walking down to the lake for the water ceremony.



A teepee, raised for the day.



Left to right: Councillor Chelsie Parayko; Councillor Shawn Pine; Chief Jason Gauthier, Vincent Ramcharan, Director, Corporate Affairs, Richmond; Deputy Chief Corey McLeod; Councillor Les Nolan.

Richmont / MCFN business logo at the mine site entrance.



A second visit to Dubreuilville on the 22nd-24th June enabled me to begin the process of developing a database of identified suppliers/services contractors who are partnered or being negotiated with to partner within the MCFN-Richmont Community Benefits Agreement. Future visits will continue this process, and coordinating meetings with prospective partners and MCFN and Richmont representatives can be pursued.

In future newsletters, I will include updates on progress being made with Article 6 of the CBS, Employment and Training opportunities, and in that regard, I will be referring to the MCFN member Skills Inventory to look for potential matches.

In late July or early August, the Environmental Monitoring Committee that includes the Deputy Chief, and the Richmont Environmental Supt. will meet to review Island

Gold's Mill Expansion Plan permit application. It is intended to increase the level of rock material being crushed from its current level of 501,500k tons per year. Other discussions will include the Environmental Compliance Agreement (ECA) concerning monitoring of fish health in nearby lakes. The 4 water permits will be reviewed, as will an update on quality adherence as set out in ISO1401 – the standard operating procedures for every new employee.

If you have any enquiries concerning the terms of the Community Benefits Agreement as posted on missanabiecreefn.com, please call me at the office on x241.

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(Thank you in Cree)

Stephen Hawkins

CBA Implementation Coordinator, MCFN

HISTORICAL RESEARCHER/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hello. I am Deb Rogoschensky. I have been hired as Historical Researcher/Administrative Assistant for the next six months. I have been busy trying to get all the equipment that I will need to conduct interviews with the Elders of Missanabie Cree First Nation. I have also been trying to collect some information on the Elders who are continuing their journey into the spirit world. I am asking all members to contact me to get profile information on all your families as I am still trying to get my head around all families and how we are connected. I am trying to put together a power point presentation to share at the Gathering so if you do have anything to add, please let me know.

I am working closely with Jackie Fletcher, our Elder/Youth Coordinator to make sure that I am reaching out to all families as it sometimes gets tricky when last names are different.

I know that we have Elders who are not close by and who have let me know that they will not be attending the Gathering. I will be reaching out to you by phone if we

have your contact information in the office. If we do not have your up to date contact information, please call June and update it so I can reach you. You can also call me at the office anytime or send me an email at drogoschensky@missanabiecree.com. I am very excited to hear some stories of days gone by and sharing it with my children and their children and so on. All the information that I am collecting will be archived digitally and will be able to be located at the band office.

I would like to thank those who have already provided answers to all the random questions that I come up with daily. I don't know what I would do without you.

If there are any ideas that you would like to see, please let me know and I can see how to work it into what I have going on.

Kind regards,

Deb Rogoschensky

Historical Researcher/Administrative Assistant

705-254-2702 Ext. 243

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

All current applicants for academic year 2017 – 2018 have been sent letters. Every applicant is encouraged to apply for student loans, awards, bursaries etcetera from their post-secondary institutions. There are also numerous awards available: see both INAC and Government of Canada websites. Each province of original residence has grant portions for their student loans – they also make changes to their criteria from time to time.

We cannot guarantee full funding for all applicants – that is the same every year. The INAC program has criteria that needs to be met – they have been emphasizing compliance to program. So if you think your Education Officer is being picky, that might be why. Please call me if you have questions.

If you have not submitted a copy of your diplomas from previous years of being supported by Missanabie Cree First Nation, please send them in so I can add them to

your file. If you are not sure, call or email me. This is another one of the compliance items.

The post-secondary education policies are posted on our website under the Education tab. The application forms for 2017-2018 academic year will be there until late fall. Download the application forms to your device, complete them, sign and date and then you may fax, scan and email or send by Canada Post.

If you are still in high school, check with your guidance counsellors for college or university credit share programs in your area. If you are thinking about going to college or university and are not sure because you have been out of school for so long...Go for a tour at a nearby college or university. Explore your options. Call or come see me for a chat.

Regards,
Deb Clement, Education Officer

Concerning the Gathering

GATHERING COORDINATOR

Whachay/oki/tansi/aniin members of Missanabie Cree, This year's theme is "Creating/building peace".

Pick a definition of peace and ask yourself: what can I do or make to show this peace and bring it to the gathering to share?

How do we know when we are successful in building peace within our Nation? How do we know we have built peace among our family? How do I build peace within myself? What are the behaviours that build peace? What is one thing that this one person can do that will bring us closer to peace? What artwork can you create to show peace? Are you willing to donate it? Do you want it displayed?

The final preparations for this year's gathering are still in process. Still needed are more volunteers to do activities. This is our annual gathering: Missanabie Cree First Nation staff cannot do it all nor can the ad hoc committee members: the gathering needs your actions.

A list of activities that we are hoping to have at the gathering was posted in the June Bear Fax report. The ones that had no initials means that we need someone to volunteer to help or facilitate.

If the facilitators make changes, they are all asked to please ensure that announcements are made at meal times and on the communication board. Last year, some of the facilitators changed the schedule at the last minute and the message did not reach all of the signed up

participants. Please be aware that not everyone is staying at Island View Camp or Ernie's.

The deadline for registration for attending the gathering is/was July 7th.

Late registrants are definitely not guaranteed assistance with travel regardless of the method of travelling. The costs for everything have increased yet our budget has not increased. The majority of our costs go to the task of bringing everyone together and providing basic accommodations and providing something about food.

**** We do not have a caterer solidified as we are still in negotiations. We expect that to happen by Bear Fax print time but I am submitting this report on June 29th.

Please do not expect a supper on travel day August 12th. Cold breakfast supplies for Sunday the 13th will be available at the Multi-purpose Centre, and lunch items will be available to BBQ: caterer to start preparing food from Sunday the 13th supper to a cold breakfast on Saturday August 19th.

Accommodation lists will be posted. Please let the youth and children know that they will not be assigned a bed: mattresses can be signed out. There will also be tents available. Those who are under 55 years of age will not be assigned beds either if none are available. Please remember that accommodations are shared. Priority bed assignments are elders and identified medical conditions. If your application does not have this specified, please do not assume that you are getting a bed assigned.

If you have requested to be at IVC and there was insufficient room at IVC, you will be assigned to share with someone at Ernie's. Every year, we get requests for IVC RV sites that exceed the number of spots thus we have reserved a number of RV sites at Ernie's. Campers please be aware that you need to not use up an RV site if you have no RV. This is true for both IVC and Ernie's.

Some families will have identified that they want to

share with others and that total can be 15 adults, children and youth: please know that the accommodations do not have 15 beds in each cabin/trailer and that multiple cabins are not available for all of the people on one registration form. They have to work it out amongst themselves. That is why we have purchased tents and mattresses.

Check in at both IVC and Ernie's is at 3 PM on August 12th. Checkout at both IVC and Ernie's is 9 AM on August 19th. They have to prepare the cabins for the arriving guests at 3 PM.

Our Gathering's miscellaneous budget is very small and that covers items such as the port-a-potties, extra toilet paper for the cabins, water, supplies for activities, some items for our cultural workshops, and other items. And if we have extra funds as we do up the final numbers in the fall, we may provide some small honorariums to our extraordinary volunteers. Honorariums cannot be guaranteed. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Please remember that the Gathering is for the purpose of bringing Missanabie Cree family together: the members of MCFN include registered members, their spouses or partners, their children, and their grandchildren. Nevertheless, we do not have the funds to provide individual return plane tickets for the non-registered family members.

Please do not bring your friends. If everyone brought a friend we would not be able to feed or accommodate them. As it already is, we do not have enough beds and have limited food available.

This year's theme is "Creating/building peace".

How do we know when we are successful in building peace within our Nation? How do we know we have built peace among our family? What are behaviours that build peace? What artwork can you create to show peace? Are you willing to donate it for the elder and youth fund?

Miigwech, Deb Clement

Concerning the Gathering

Calling all Artists!



Calling all artists and would-be artists
of all ages and genders

to create and bring a piece of art,
any style to the Gathering.

Show us your talents!

The theme is 'Peace and Community'.

Some examples: Painting, drawing, sculpture, carving,
crafts, poetry, music and song, stories, dance, skits, etc.

You are only limited by the size of your imagination. Your
art piece must be transportable.

We will arrange the displays during the Gathering at Mis-
sanabie. We are asking that you consider donating your
piece(s) to the Elders Council for auction to raise funds for
the Elders.

Miigwech, MCFN Elders Council

MCFN Bannock Making Contest

This year the Gathering Committee is
holding a "bannock making contest".
Please register your name with June
Markie at the band office.

- Make your own bannock wherever
you are staying or bring it with you.
- Three judges (includes 1 youth) will
be available to judge your cooking.
- Peanut butter, butter and jam will
be available as accents.



Three categories:

Best tasting

Most creative

Best consistency

Give Away at the Gathering

GIVE AWAY - IT'S ON AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR



When you take part in a "give away", the idea is to give something away that
means something to you.

Remember how you felt when you were given something or bought something
– that is the feeling that can be passed on in a "give away". Pass it on to an-
other person and you are passing on a gift of good energy.

Bring something special to put on the "give away" table and then you take a gift
before you leave. It can be wrapped or unwrapped.

Jackie Fletcher will be managing this event.

Community News and Notes



Happy Birthday
to my son, Shawn
Love you Son,
so very much
Love, MOM
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Happy Birthday
to my Nephew
Scott Wilson
Love,
Auntie June



Happy Birthday
to my Granddaughter, Jessica.
Love you so very much, Jess
Love, Nan XXXX0000

Happy Birthday to my Great Grandson Siefer
Love you so very much
Love Great Grandma
XXXXX00000



Happy Birthday to my Grandson Cody
Love you Cody and miss you
Love Nan XXXX0000



The Fletcher Family (Thunder Bay)
would like to congratulate
the family members who will be graduating this year.
They include: **Katelyn Fletcher, Robert Ewing, Neil Ewing,
Jordan Fletcher, Conner Fletcher-Decorte and
Jackson Fletcher-Decorte.**

We are so proud of all your accomplishments and all the best in your future endeavours.



3RD BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday
to my great granddaughter Aria
on July 5th.
She lives in Nova Scotia
and she will be three.
Love you. xxoo.
Nanny Fletcher



Happy birthday
to my granddaughter Morgan,
living in B. C.
Hope to see you at the Gathering.
Love you. xxoo.
Nanny Fletcher

Have some news you'd like to share, or a greeting to someone special? If you do, you may send your submission to be posted to Community News and Notes. Pictures are also welcome.

Deadline for submissions is the 25th day of each month.

Please send to eangeoneb@missanabiecree.com or by fax to the Band Office at 705-254-2702. Miigwech.

Community News and Notes

TWO CEREMONIES

Part I: Richmond Water Ceremony – June 13, 2017

Earlier in the day while I was attending the sacred fire and sharing circle, I asked if someone could take me to the water site where we could launch our little boats. An employee drove me to the area. It was very closed in space and not much room but I could work with it.

Everyone (about 30 people, including MCFN staff, members, Council, guests, mining officials) all came to the water area. I provided instructions on how to make the vessels that would carry our prayers to the water. Each person was to make their own and we used bio degradable materials (birch bark or paper and twigs to hold the ends together) for the little boats.

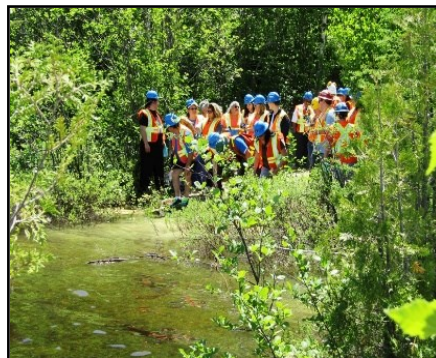
While the vessels were being made each person was offered the smudge by Isabell Souliere and Theresa Binda played the drum and sang a water song. Before the vessels were put in the water we all said a prayer together

and named the lake, which was Maskinonge. We apologized for polluting the waters and asked for forgiveness and then put tobacco in the boats. While we were setting them in the water Theresa sang another song. There was a lot of pollen in the water near the shore and the wind was coming into the shore so all the vessels were crowded.

I made a statement that this ceremony must be continued.

Water from Maskinonge Lake is used for freshwater at the Mill and domestic use at mine site. After tailings is discharged from the mill into the Primary Pond, passive treatment occurs, then water is transferred to a Secondary Pond for final polishing. After all treatment, final treated effluent flows to the Secondary Pond to Goudreau Lake. -source: Vincent Ramcharan - Richmond

While the ceremony was happening, an eagle flew in circles above us. I saw three eagles that day.



Thanks to Kyle and David Ouellet for all their readiness to help whenever I needed them, to Roxanne Metlin for the pictures, to Isabell Souliere for doing the smudging and Theresa Binda for drumming and singing. Thanks to everyone who attended, thanks to MCFN Council for organizing the event, thanks to the mine officials who provided the venue space and food. I also would like to acknowledge Clifford and Don Waboose for the sunrise ceremony and the two young men from Batchewana who were drummers and singers. It was a good day.

PART II: Richmond Graduation Event **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Graduation ceremonies for MCFN trainees sponsored by:
MCFN/RICHMONT – CBA
Northern College- trainer – 15 weeks
Mushkegowuk provided wages

I did the opening prayer for this ceremony. Chief Jason Gauthier, College reps. and Vincent Ramcharan, Richmond opened with welcoming and congratulatory remarks to the participants. The participants were provided a cap and gown and were asked to come up on the stage one at a time to receive their certificates and jack-

ets from the College. David Ouellet did a cartwheel when his name was called. Snacks and a cake were provided for the celebration. I provided congratulations and a closing prayer.

The program was 8 turnarounds of 7 days on, 7 days off with a total duration of 15 weeks (March 1, 2017 to June 13, 2017). The students completed 560 hours of training both with the instructor and on placement. The students were with the Northern College instructor for 5 turnarounds (350 hours) and on placement for 3 turnarounds (210 hours). All the training was done on site at Richmond Mine. -

Source: **Amanda Scammell** - Program Assistant,
Northern College

Very nice event. Participants were given their time to shine and had family members there to witness their accomplishments. A very good self-esteem builder.

[Jackie Fletcher](#)

Elder/Youth Coordinator

Missanabie Cree First Nation

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705-254-2702

Membership Call out:

Part of the Elder/Youth Co-ordinator position is to plan, develop and implement cross generational knowledge transfer. If you are interested in becoming part of this process please contact me and we can have a session on how to get this started, either a face to face or a conference call.

I welcome your input, participation and ideas.

I am also requesting your ideas and/or suggestions for Elder/Youth activities and how to "bridge the gap" between the two groups.

Miigwech, Elder / Youth Coordinator

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Elders Speak

Wachay Elders and Elder's Council

This is to notify our Elders and Elder's Council that our council meetings are changing from Thursday evenings to Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

So you Elders that lie-in waiting, get involved and come and honor the Elders and Elders Council with your presence! Don't wait for things to happen by themselves. Come and attend our meetings and show support for your Elders and Elders Council. It's by teleconference, people, toll free, just pick up the phone.

Here is something to think about! Did you know that most of our sister's First Nation's have no Elders Council? Let's take a moment to think about that!

" I AM AN ELDER!" Don't I have a say!

Hear ye! Hear ye!

I have continually noticed again that, proper protocol

needs to be consistent across the board when it comes to conferences, workshops and lectures, etc. This starts with the Chief, Councillors, and honourable members, the Elders and Elders Council. This also works on the honor system.

The proper protocol for an Elder to qualify for a conferences, workshops and lectures etc. will be to go through the Band Administrator (Doreen Boissoneau) and she will forward the information to the Elder Liaison (Laura-Lee Rawlyk).

It is also an Elder's responsibility to notify the Liaison of your attendance to these conferences other than representing the Elder for Missanabie Cree First Nations. I believe that with everyone following the Elders protocol practices and the honor system that we will have the three C's, consistency, continuity and communication!

Meegwetch

Laura-Lee Rawlyk Aush Kii Ish Kwayo
Elder Liaison

As elders, we have been asked for feedback on what our needs might be. I am of the opinion that we are of a culture where elders are supposed to be the people who help their offspring, finding ways to guide them into healthy and prosperous future generations. We have competent people who can do assessments. I know what we need! It is enough proper equipment to help everyone who will be part of our MCFN.

For MCFN to do well, there should be evaluations of all staff. We should open the door for our status members to voice their opinions, thoughts, and needs.

The Chief and Council and staff need to meet three or four times per year, staff need to know that they are getting some say. An example would be to have topics in

the center of a circle. Each member writes in the satellite circle.

I think the top priorities for human and community development for MCFN are:

Qualified, certified tradesmen and women

Journeymen: Registered, Construction

Contractors

Experienced Licensed Equipment Operators

Engineers, surveyors

Specific Actions to take:

Belong to the Better Business Bureau

Learn about construction, labour and safety codes

Three bids on all MCFN work

Miigwech, BG Fletcher

Otisiabi Matriarchal Society

Invitation to Join the OMS

The Otisiabi Matriarchal Society is looking for women who are interested in joining the society.

Please send an email expressing your interest to all three ad-hoc committee members listed [below](#).

Jackie Fletcher: jackiefletcher45@gmail.com

Glad Fletcher-Hawkins: gladhawkins@gmail.com

Shirley Horn: shirley_horn_1@hotmail.com


Full Moon Ceremony

The Otisiabi Matriarchal Society is hosting a Full Moon Ceremony on July 9, 2017 at Island View Camp in Missanabie. Travel, meal and accommodations will be at your own expense

For additional information or to confirm your attendance, please contact all three ad-hoc committee members listed [to the left](#).

August Birthday Greetings

AUGUST 2



Happy Birthday!

Jason Shelswell
Juliana Wesley


AUGUST 3



Happy Birthday!

Caroline Legacy

AUGUST 6



Happy Birthday!

Norma Lacroix


AUGUST 7



Happy Birthday!

Iris Jeffries

AUGUST 8



Happy Birthday!

Jeffrey Fletcher
Carol Jeffries


AUGUST 9



Happy Birthday!

Rebecca Johnson


AUGUST 10



Happy Birthday!

Deborah Clement
Neil Golden
Kathryn Jeremiah
Kim Rainville


AUGUST 12



Happy Birthday!

Melissa Boileau
William Louttit
Sage McLeod
Alysia Souliere


AUGUST 13



Happy Birthday!

Deborah Ewing


AUGUST 14



Happy Birthday!

Leo Bergeron


AUGUST 15



Happy Birthday!

Raymond Kooses


AUGUST 17



Happy Birthday!

Audrey Bateson

AUGUST 18



Happy Birthday!

Dwight McDonald

AUGUST 19



Happy Birthday!

Margaret Bergeron


AUGUST 23



Happy Birthday!

Jordan Fletcher
Finley Schweneker


AUGUST 24



Happy Birthday!

Gregory Fletcher
Lesley Gagnon

AUGUST 25



Happy Birthday!

Craig Pelletier
Daniel Rocheleau


AUGUST 26



Happy Birthday!

Mary Ann Ross


AUGUST 27



Happy Birthday!

Jordin Fletcher
Bradley MacDonald
Marie Nolan
Dave K. Ouellet


AUGUST 28



Happy Birthday!

Martin Grant


AUGUST 30



Happy Birthday!

Sherri-Lynn Astle
John Nemeth

AUGUST 31



Happy Birthday!

Daniel Nolan

MCFN Events Calendar

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2	3	4	5 Beading Classes Indian Friend- ship Centre 6-9 pm	6	7	8 Canada's Wonderland Day Trip
9 Otisiabi Ceremonies IV Camp	10	11	12 Elders Tea At Noon Beading Classes IFC 6-9 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Beading Classes Indian Friend- ship Centre 6-9 pm	20	21	22
23/30 Science Camp begins	24/31	25	Camp Chikepak at Island View Camp		28	29 Science Camp ends
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
For planning purposes, please register for all classes/ workshops by calling Terri at Ext. 238.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Civic Holiday	8	9 Elders Tea	10	11	12
13	14	15	MCFN Annual Gathering 2017 ← August 12 – 19, 2017 Missanabie, ON →		18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 	Pasko Peesim Growth of Wing Feathers Moon	

Blast from the Past

SUBMISSION FROM JACKIE FLETCHER, YOUTH / ELDER COORDINATOR

I coordinated a "Cultural Weekend Workshop" on May 23 - 25, 2003 with 24 youth (some of them were facilitators) at the Day's Inn in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

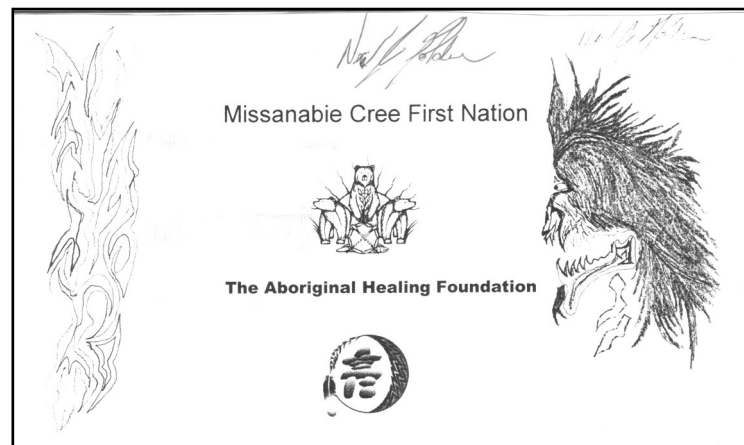
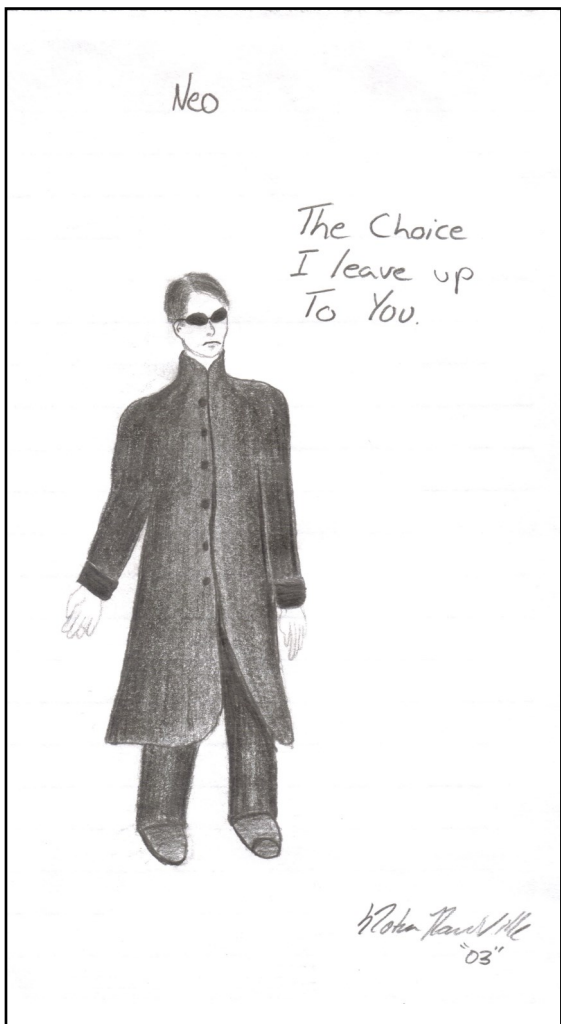
There were teachings and workshops on Smudging, Medicines, Male/Female roles, 4 directions, Spirit name and colors, Medicine wheel, Pipe, Drum, Regalia, Fasting, Sweats, Fire Keeping, Circles.

We also did rock painting, crafts, and held a feast (Shirley Horn made bannocks) and a giveaway. We in-

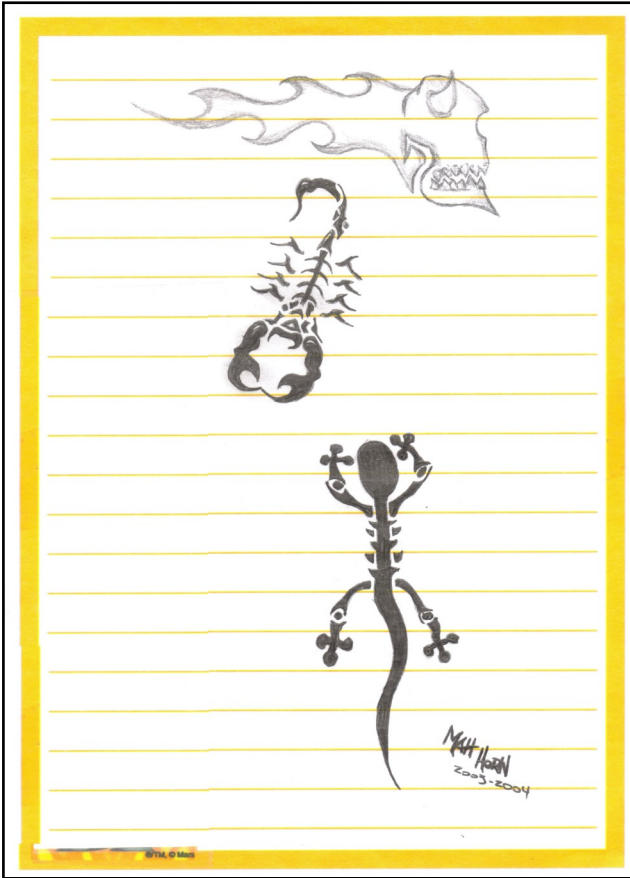
cluded handouts on Personal Bill of Rights, Giveaway process and t-shirts. We had a total of 17 females and 20 males.

Some participants did some artwork while they were doing other things. I have a record of some of those who received their names and colours at that time. Below are some of the art pieces done at that workshop, and published here with the artist's permission.

MCFN Youth Art Pieces 2003



Blast from the Past



MCFN Youth Art Pieces 2003



Opportunities for Students

Job Posting

Youth Camp Assistant (1 Position)

Start Date: June 22, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018, 2018 Revised

Open

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a youth camp assistant for Island View Camp in Missanabie, Ontario. This individual will learn the knowledge of camp operations including opening and closing and day to day operations. The ideal candidate will provide excellent communication and customer service; they must be well organized and be able to take direction.

Island View Camp is located on the shores of Dog Lake within the boundaries of the Chapleau Game Preserve. Island View Camp offers fishing/hunting and vacation facilities. The camp consists of Cabins, RV sites and a tenting area, as well as fish shack, bait, fuel, pump, store, laundry, cook house and an event facility.

Qualifications:

Must be out of school for the past 6 months

16- 25 of age – 29 with disability

Ability to follow direction.

Must have certified work boots and appropriate clothing

Must be willing to train or provide certification in First Aid CPR, WHMIS, boat safety, chainsaw certification.

Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others.

Knowledge of the Missanabie area

Duties/Requirements:

Assist with customer needs, during their stay at IVC

Assist with road repair to the camp

Assist with oil changes on boat motors, lawn equipment, weed whackers

Clean and prepare boats and motors for renters.

Raking of beach and leaves

Cut and chop wood

Operate the store, take reservations, sell fishing licenses to customers, maintain stock

Make trips to other lakes to trap minnows for sale according to our bait license.

Clean cabins, shower house, bathrooms.

Cut grass, pick up garbage and take it to the dump.

Maintaining and being onsite at the camp during the winter season.

Other duties as requested

Knowledge of Native Culture would be an asset.

To apply for this position, please drop off your cover letter, resume in person at:

559 Queen St. East

Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

By email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

Mechanical Engineering Technician Program Confederation College



Resolute Forest Products is offering a career path for Indigenous students interested in growing their career in forestry. Employment as a millwright is assured to 10 Indigenous graduates of the 2 year Mechanical Engineering Technician Program (MET) at Confederation College.

Enrolment starts fall 2017. Apply now to www.ontariocolleges.ca

Why Consider this Program as a Career Path?

There is a workforce shortage in the forestry manufacturing sector

There is a need for highly skilled Mechanical Engineering Technicians

Students are eligible for remuneration at industry rates throughout the two May-August Coop Work placements

Guaranteed employment with Resolute Forest Products or with one of their maintenance and construction companies that support their operations in Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Ignace, Northwestern Ontario

Student Success Indicators:

The MET Program is well suited to students with a mechanical aptitude who:

Enjoy learning activities and assume responsibility for the time and effort required.

Enjoy science and are eager to apply applications of mathematics and physics.

For program description, admission requirements and to download a brochure, go to: <http://www.confederationcollege.ca/program/mechanical-engineering-technician>

Cost: Tuition \$2902 Non Tuition Fees \$1089 Program Specific Fees \$375 Tuition is free for eligible students. Go to <http://ontario.ca/osap> to apply.

For further information contact:

Carol Rusak, Program Manager, Workforce Development

Confederation College 807-624-3354

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Mechanical Engineering Technician

Program Code: 0381



Program Information

Is your goal to find employment in the rapidly expanding technological industry? Are you mechanically inclined? Industry is experiencing a rapidly growing need for the expertise provided by the Mechanical Engineering Technician program. This two-year program of study will develop highly skilled personnel capable of meeting the constantly changing demands brought on by advancing technologies.

The program design is broad based, meeting the basic outcomes particular to the Millwright, Machinist, and Steam Fitter trades, while meeting the additional requirements associated with an academic program presented at the Technician level. An optional co-op placement in industry will be an integral part of the program, giving you hands-on experience above and beyond what traditional classroom instruction and laboratories can provide.



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Change Your Life Through Learning

Mechanical Engineering Technician

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

Required Courses

Grade 11 MCF3M Functions and Applications or MCR3U Functions or Grade 12 MAP4C Foundations for College Math or MCT4C Mathematics for College Technology or University Preparation.

Students who do not meet the entrance requirements are encouraged to apply for the Pre-Technology-Technology/Aviation program to facilitate success in their Technology path.

Employment Opportunities

As a graduate of this program you may find employment with consulting engineering companies, pulp and paper industries, and government agencies. Anticipated entry-level employment includes Apprenticeship in Millwright, Machinist, Steam Fitter Trades, design drafting, mechanical sales, production operations, and hydraulics servicing.

Career Categories include prospective positions such as Mechanical Engineering, Technician, and Certified Trades such as Millwright, Welder, Machinist, Preventative Maintenance, Technician, Technical Sales, Mechanical Engineering, Maintenance Supervision, Mechanical Drafting/Design or Maintenance Planning.

Program graduates will also receive three levels of in-class content from the Industrial Millwright Apprenticeship program.

First Semester

CS 007 Persuasive Writing
 MC165 Microsoft Office
 SC110 Pre-Technology Physics I
 MA115 Applied Math for Technology I
 MX111 Engineering Graphics
 MX121 Mechanical Practices
 MX131 Metrology/Machine Shop I
 MX141 Welding Practices I

Second Semester

SC210 Pre-Technology Science II
 MA215 Applied Math for Technology II
 MX231 Machine Shop II
 MX241 Welding Practices II
 MX261 Power Transmission I
 MX271 Industrial Design I
 MX460 Introduction to Electricity
 GE General Elective

Third Semester

MA231 Mathematics II
 MX301 Statics
 MX361 Power Transmission II
 MX371 Industrial Design II
 MX381 Fluid Power
 MX341 Strength of Materials
 GE General Elective

Fourth Semester

MA331 Mathematics III
 MX410 Introduction to Thermodynamics
 MX475 Power Transmission III
 MX475 Advanced Structural Design
 MX481 Fluid Mechanics
 MX431 Introduction to CNC
 GE General Elective

For information, please contact:

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NOTE: Content subject to change. Visit the program website for the most current information.

MCFN Membership

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

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

SURNAME	
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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.

September 20, 1998