

BEAR FAX

Kacha papi watakinum
Peesim 2012



Missanabie Cree First Nation

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*"Snowflakes are
one of nature's
most fragile things,
but just look
what they do
when they
stick together."*

-Verna M. Kelly



Happy New Year Greetings
from the Chief, Council and Staff
of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

-Robert Frost

Events/Gatherings:

Crown - First Nations Gathering

January 23 - 24, 2012 Ottawa, ON
www.afn.ca

Guelph Organic Conference

January 26-29, 2012 Guelph, ON
<http://www.guelphorganicconf.ca/>

NAN Energy Conference and Trade Show

January 31 - February 2, 2012 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nan.on.ca

AFOA (Aboriginal Financial Officers Association) National Conference

February 12-14, 2012 Saskatoon, SK
www.afoa.ca/conference/2012

Great Moon Gathering - Education conference

February 16 - 17, 2012 Fort Albany, ON
www.mushkegowuk.com

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Message from the Chief

Boozhoo, All my Relations,

I hope everyone had a restful and glorious holiday season, I wish all the very best of the New Year.

On December 5, 2011 Madam Justice Stewart endorsed our legal action against Canada seeking an advanced cost order for our litigation, heard in Ontario Superior Court April 27/28 of last year, in Toronto. The Advanced Cost order is applied to the threshold issue of land quantum owed to Missanabie under the terms of Treaty #9. The first phase of the trial will deal with the land issue, time of first survey, population, treaty reserve entitlement formula. Canada is appealing the Advanced Cost order, however, the order stands until an appeal is heard and won. The appeal will not likely be heard until early summer, a small victory for our legal team, ensuring our action is moving forward.

On another front we recently held a conference call with representatives of the Ontario Ministries of Aboriginal Affairs and Natural Resources to discuss the lands which were to be set aside pending a legal or negotiated settlement to our outstanding treaty land entitlement. The lands on Wabatongushi Lake are the focus of discussion; as you may be aware the Union of Ontario Indians is claiming the transfer of identified lands to Missanabie Cree is illegal, due to the fact they are outside the Treaty #9 boundaries. Ontario is requesting we consider identifying lands which are wholly within the treaty #9 boundaries,



Manitou Mountain

respecting the arbitrarily imposed 1850 boundary. Thus the set-aside lands on Wabatongushi would no longer be available should a settlement calling for more land be reached. Direction received from Elders we met with in July was "there should be no compromise on the identified set-aside lands". The location of set-aside lands we believe were negotiated in good faith; any proposed

changes to the location of the set-aside lands is not respectful of the good faith discussions we had with the province or the way our people lived.

In the coming year I hope we are able to address the need to develop a structure for the transfer of lands and creation of a reserve, pinch me because it is very near. We could optimistically have a reserve created by the time we meet in Missanabie for our next Gathering. I have only received one letter of interest to date for the community development working group, which causes

some concern, however we will begin to create the necessary processes and regulations to ensure the viable development of a sustainable community. If you are interested in participating in this process please forward your name to myself or anyone on council.

In closing, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the coming new year.

Kim Rainville

Messages from Council

Watchaye, MCFN Family and Friends:

Happy New Year, Everyone! Hoping this year is one filled with happiness, health and prosperity for all. I also hope that everyone had an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate after a very busy year.

As we embark on 2012, I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead and the opportunities that we can create for our First Nation.

In the last year we have been able to enhance our capacity with the hiring of a Cultural Coordinator, Land Use Planner, Governance Coordinator, and a Project Manager. These positions are all essential to the work that the First Nation is currently involved with and will provide the necessary supports required in our future plans.

The land transfer is moving along as well as can be expected from the government process. To date, the survey plans have been approved by the Surveyor General's office and deposited with the land registry office. MCFN has taken additional measures this past year to conduct supplementary testing outside the transfer lands to ensure there are no contaminants running into the transfer lands from the former Renabie mine site or landfill. The test results have been positive, with no trace of contaminants, although there remains some concern over the

quality of testing in some areas. We are currently exploring the prospect of installing monitoring wells in the spring and have requested the support of the Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre in the development of a funding proposal that will provide the necessary funding to conduct this work. If all goes as planned, we should have all work completed and test results available at our next Annual Gathering.

As for our Economic Development activities, I have been involved with a variety of tasks related to the completion of the multi-purpose facility, the Tripartite Forestry Agreement and our newest business venture, an energy efficient housing manufacturing facility. We have invested a great deal of time, energy and due diligence throughout this process and are very excited about the prospect of the many opportunities and benefits (training and employment, revenue generation) that these ventures will bring to the First Nation.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone well and I am looking forward to another great year ahead.

Miigwetch,

Jutta Horn, Councilor, MCFN

From the desk of:

CULTURAL COORDINATOR/PLANNER

Happy New Year! Hope everyone is well rested from the holidays and already made their New Year's resolution for 2012. I am happy to be back at work and following through with the work plan I have set out for the rest of the year. I am looking forward to being able to bring members to become involved in some of the working groups that we are in the process of forming for 2012.

The working groups will be responsible for helping to develop **Hunting/Fishing, Best Practices** and to help us develop a declaration. It is important that we begin to develop our relationship to the land and we begin caring for it the way our ancestor always have. We want to ensure that we have food and habitat for the future existence of all our relations.

Although we already have a Technical Steering Committee in place for the **Manitou Mountain Protection Plan** (MMPP), we will still be collecting additional information from members regarding this area and would appreciate input from members that are familiar with the area. This allows us to advance further with the MMPP.

We are also beginning a process of **adding and identifying values to our maps** once again and need the assistance of our members who can provide traditional and historical knowledge who may have a connection to areas such as Dubreilville, Localsh, Wabatongushi, Oba, Esnagi, and Goudra area. We will be discussing where our ancestors historically hunted/fished, gathered medicines and other resources for their survival. Gathering of this information is important so that we can have a record of this so that it is not lost and the knowledge is passed down to the next generations. It's also important

for the return to our homeland permanently so that we can begin our land use planning as the Cree people of our area.

I would like to send out an invitation to any members interested in participating from time to time to please submit your letter of interest and let us know which of the initiatives you would like to participate in. Having a list of interested participants allows us to bring in the members that wish to contribute. We will be looking at forming the groups this month and hope to have members brought in for the week of February 20 -24, 2012, but some may not have to attend the full week sessions, since there are 3 different groups. I am looking forward to hearing from the members that are interested.

Meegwetch,

Isabell Souliere

Governance Project Update



MCFN Governance Capacity Development Project

The Governance Coordinating Committee would like to extend New Year's Greetings to the membership of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

The Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC), with the support of the Project Coordinator, has begun the work of the project which is the updating and ratification of the MCFN membership code and the review and ratification of the MCFN election code. The Project is funded through AANDC's Professional and Institutional Development Program.

Information Package

On December 16, an information package was sent out to all eligible voters. The package included the draft membership and election codes, a history of the MCFN governance process that includes a timeline and a feed-

back form with a stamped envelope. Our objective was to inform the membership, engage them in the discussion and provide opportunities for feedback, comments and suggestions.

As membership and election codes are recognized to be the foundations for the development of good governance in a community, members are strongly encouraged to take the time to read the information and to provide us with some direction as we proceed with this very important project. Elizabeth will also be providing monthly updates to the newsletter regarding the progress of this project.

GCC Teleconference - December 12

The GCC met in teleconference on December 12. At this meeting, the work of reviewing the membership code was begun. Committee members decided to review the code, line by line, and come to an agreement on the best

wording. Definitions were examined, and additional definitions were suggested for clarity.

Elizabeth revised the membership code in accordance with the suggestions and comments made at this meeting. This first draft was circulated to the committee members. The GCC agreed that the committee members should also be given the option to put their comments in writing and present these for further discussion at our meetings. Any written comments and suggestions coming from the membership, as a result of the information package, will also be discussed.

GCC Teleconference - January 9

On January 9, the GCC met to continue the work of reviewing the membership code. The GCC will also be reviewing the work that has been done by other First Nations in order to gain some insight in terms of any challenges and obstacles that they were faced with in the development of their codes. Eagle Lake First Nation has very kindly shared some of their information on the development of their membership code.

GCC Meeting - January 14-15

The Governance Coordinating Committee met in Sault Ste. Marie, on January 14-15, to continue with the review of the membership code. The discussions were productive and a second draft will be ready on January 20 for further discussion.

Lawrence Martin was invited to attend the meeting and provided some excellent advice to the committee members. Lawrence is the NAN Regional Governance Coordinator, and he is also working with Mushkegowuk Council in the development of the Omushkegowuk Constitution.

Although the focus of this committee is the review and updating of the membership code and the review of the election code, Lawrence encouraged a broader discussion on the issue of governance and reminded the committee of the need to keep in mind the vision of MCFN as it relates to their goal of becoming a self-governing First Nation. The MCFN Governance Capacity Development project is an initial stage in the overall MCFN Strategic

Plan on Governance.

Input from Membership

Feedback from the membership is an important part of the governance capacity development process. Any comments provided also form part of the discussions. MCFN members are encouraged to return their feedback forms with their comments. They may also write, email, or call Elizabeth Angeconeb, the Governance Coordinator, regarding any comments on the membership or election codes. Elizabeth's email is eangeconeb@missanabiecreee.com, and her extension number at the band office is 230.

GCC Meeting Schedule

January 24: GCC teleconference
 February 8: GCC teleconference
 February 11-12: Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie
 February 27: GCC teleconference
 March 5: GCC teleconference
 March 12: GCC teleconference

List of Acronyms:

GCC – Governance Coordinating Committee
 PID – Professional and Institutional Development
 AANDC – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (formerly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada)



Governance Coordinating Committee:

Victoria Pezzo, Louise Campbell, Jason Gauthier, Debbie Ewing, Elizabeth Angeconeb, Craig Gideon, and our guest, Lawrence Martin.

Community News and Notes



We are congratulating
Edward Fletcher
Who received a pin and a gift of money
For the 35 years of service
At the Bombardier Plant in Thunder Bay
On December 12, 2011.
We are so very proud of you, Eddy.
The Family



Circle of Creative Arts

An Invitation to Artists in our Community



If you would like an opportunity
to display your art
in the Circle of Creative Arts Centre,
please contact James Nolan
at 705-575-3455
Or by email at coca.mcfn@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Happy Birthday
to my better half, Margaret
Jan. 10
Love, Ted O.



Happy Birthday
To our brother-in-law,
Donald Wilson
Jan. 31.
Ted and Margaret



Happy Birthday
To my sister, Judy
Jan 17
Ted. O



Happy Birthday
to our Daughter-in law, Rebecca
on Jan 30.
Ted and Margaret O.

CORRECTION

The editor of Bear Fax wishes to apologize for an error in the December 2011 edition.

Kacha papi watakinum Peesim was incorrectly used as the word for December. The correct word is Kakoekakee shi kak Peesim, Festival season Moon.

Kacha papi watakinum Peesim is the word used for January, Trees exploding (by frost) Moon.

SUBMISSIONS TO COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES

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

Please forward items to Elizabeth:

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By phone: 705-254-2702, Ext. 230

News Items

ONTARIO LABOUR MOVEMENT WARNS OF IPPERWASH IN THE MAKING IF PROVINCE DOES NOT STOP VIOLATION OF KI LAND RIGHTS

(TORONTO) – Canada's largest labour federation is demanding that Ontario respect Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation's moratorium to protect their sacred burial sites and lands from desecration by mining companies. Ontario has allowed exploration company God's Lake Resources to stake claims directly on top of sacred KI burials. The company has dismissed KI's concerns as rhetoric, indicating that they intend to continue exploration at the site in JANUARY.

"Ontario must immediately cease its flagrant disregard for KI land rights and sacred burial sites," said OFL President Sid Ryan. "Has the government learned nothing from the Ipperwash tragedy? These very same circumstances were found to be at the root of that disgraceful conflict under former Conservative Premier Mike Harris when Dudley George was shot dead in a dispute over protection of sacred burial sites."

Negotiations between KI and Ontario broke off on Nov. 14, after Ontario refused to stop the company from disturbing the graves while a resolution is negotiated. KI leaders are urgently calling for a halt to mining exploration that could permanently damage KI's sacred territory.

UN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MISSING AND MURDERED ABORIGINAL WOMEN

December 21, 2011 - The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) announced a decision Dec. 16 to conduct an inquiry into murdered and missing Aboriginal women in Canada.

The decision came after a call by the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action that the Canadian government has failed to take effective action in connection with the murders and disappearances of Aboriginal women in Canada.

"It's time we take the government to task on how they treat Aboriginal people and women in particular, especially when Canada has been called to task by the CEDAW," Jackie Fletcher, spokesperson for the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council said.

"Canada is a signatory to the CEDAW convention, therefore they need to put into action what the convention

"In 2008, just before we were jailed, Ontario promised us a joint panel to resolve our outstanding issues with mining companies. We are still waiting for them to honour that promise, yet Ontario continues to permit mining companies to desecrate our ancestors' graves. If First Nations don't have the right to say 'no' to the desecration of a sacred area, then we have no rights at all," said KI Chief Donny Morris.

In 2008, the KI became a national cause célèbre when six of their leaders, including Morris, were jailed for defending their lands against unwanted mining exploration in a dispute with Canadian mining company Platinex Inc. Ultimately, the Ontario government paid Platinex \$5 million to settle a lawsuit with the company stemming from the government's failure to properly consult KI.

For more information please contact:

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states and not do what the government of the day proposes," Fletcher added.

According to a NAN press release, in the past 20 years more than 600 Aboriginal women have gone missing or were murdered in Canada. The CEDAW is now calling for an examination into the reasons for the failure to investigate the cases and to take the necessary step to remedy the deficiencies in the current system to determine if there is a pattern to the murders and disappearances.

"It is too often that our mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers face death in such a tragic way," Mike Metatawabin, NAN deputy grand chief said. "First Nation women are the centre of our families and they must not be treated as second class citizens."

"The way which all levels of government have treated our sisters is horrendous," Metatawabin added.

(from Wawatay News at www.wawataynews.ca)


MCFN Events Calendar

		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY	1	New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8		9	10	11 Elders' Tea 1:30 - 3:30pm COCA Centre	12 Healthy Snacks After 1:30 pm	13	14
	15		16	17 Craft Class 6:45-8:30 pm COCA Centre Beaded Dream-catcher	18	19	20	21
	22		23	24	25 Elders' Tea 1:30 - 3:30pm COCA Centre	26 Craft Class 6:45-8:30 pm COCA Centre Beaded Dream-catcher	27	28
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FEBRUARY	Circle of Creative Arts (COCA) Centre is located at 648 Queen St. E				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8 Elders' Tea 1:30 - 3:30 p COCA Centre	9	10	11	
	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18	
	19	20 Family Day	21	22 Elders' Tea 1:30 - 3:30 pm COCA Centre	23 Craft Class 6:45-8:30 pm COCA Centre Beaded Dream-catcher/Knitting	24	25	
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						Great Moon (Hope of Spring)		




January Birthday Greetings

JANUARY 7

Happy Birthday! 


Michael Fletcher
Patrick John Fletcher

JANUARY 8

Happy Birthday! 

Patrick George Fletcher
Marjorie Fraser
Jessica Bergeron

JANUARY 9

Happy Birthday 

Janice Fletcher

JANUARY 11

Happy Birthday! 


Aleah Horn
Elizabeth Sheshequin

JANUARY 14

Happy Birthday! 

Marlon JoAnne McDonald

JANUARY 16

Happy Birthday! 


Emily Melissa Nolan
Michael Henry Nolan

JANUARY 17

Happy Birthday 

Brent Fletcher
Judy Wilson

JANUARY 19

Happy Birthday! 


Edward Robinson

JANUARY 20

Happy Birthday 


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

JANUARY 21

Happy Birthday! 


Mark Fletcher
Kevin Paradis

JANUARY 22

Happy Birthday! 

Robert Ewing
James Allen Nolan

JANUARY 24

Happy Birthday! 

Cheryl Macumber
Thomas Ruth

JANUARY 26

Happy Birthday! 

Raymond Labelle
Bonny Lynn Mandoshkin
Jared Souliere

JANUARY 27

Happy Birthday 


Lorell Guindon

JANUARY 29

Happy Birthday 

Jannette Macumber

JANUARY 25

Happy Birthday 

Roy Golden
Janine Kaplun

JANUARY 31

Happy Birthday! 

Richard McLeod, Jesse Souliere



Health Notes



The Creator and Mother Earth have given us many gifts. Each of these gifts has special powers and as a result, they must be respected and used in the proper way. Among these gifts is a sacred medicine called Tobacco. Traditionally, tobacco has been used by many First Nation for healing, guidance, spiritual strength, discipline and protection. The Elders have taught us that all medicine is powerful and each has a good side and a bad side. If misused, tobacco, like medicines has power to hurt you.

Today, many First Nations youth feel pressure to use tobacco in a different way. Sometimes they are pressured by their friends to smoke but mostly they are pressured by the media.

Each year tobacco companies spend millions of dollars on advertising which tell youth that they need to smoke cigarettes in order to be cool, glamorous and exciting. What they don't tell you is just how dangerous smoking really is.

YOU NEED TO KNOW THE FACTS

SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

Every breath that a pregnant women takes can affect the health and development of her unborn baby. If a pregnant women smokes or breathes in side stream smoke, the toxic chemicals she inhales can pass from her blood, through the placenta (the organ that nourishes the baby) and enters directly into the baby's blood.

It was reported during the 2002/2003 RHS that just over half of First Nations women who were pregnant smoked, as compared to only 26 per cent of pregnant non-Aboriginal mothers...

The results can be devastating.

Recent studies show that smoking by pregnant women can harm babies in the womb, at the time of birth and in the weeks and years after birth.

Smoking during pregnancy increases the chances of

Premature labour	Birth defects
Miscarriage	Behavioural Problems, like ADHD
Fetal and neonatal death	Early onset of adult diabetes
Premature delivery	Respiratory conditions among infants and children
Low birth weight	

Smoking during pregnancy is estimated to account for 20 to 30 percent of low birth weights, 14 percent of early births 10 percent of infant death or SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

Studies also show that children of smokers are prone to respiratory disease and are shorter than children of non smokers.

When a pregnant women smokes, her baby is confined to a smoke filled womb. His heart speeds up, he coughs and sputters and worst of all, because he can't get enough oxygen, he can't grow and thrive as he should. One of the best gifts that you can give a baby is the opportunity to grow in a smoke free environment.

Breast feeding

Many women who manage to stop smoking while they are pregnant, start again as soon as the baby is born. In doing so, they expose their babies to a mixture of toxic chemicals created from second hand smoke. They also pass harmful chemicals to their babies through their breast milk. They also tend to stop breastfeeding sooner.

If quitting seems hard...

Remember the worse effects of withdrawal may last a few days to a few weeks. The benefits however will last a lifetime for both you and your baby!

Information provided by studies of

Chennn Y, LI WX, Yu AZ and Quian WH.(1988) Chang-Ning Epidemiological study of children`s health

Passive smoke and children`s respiratory disease Int J Epidemiology, 17, 348-355

Kleinman JC, Pierre MB, Madans JH, Garlanh HL and Schramm WE 1988 The effects of maternal smoking on fetal and infant mortality, Am J Epidemiology, 172, 274-282

SMOKING AND CHILDREN

As you get older, many of the decisions that you make will have an important impact on your future.

Many people feel that they are entitled to make their own decisions about whether or not they choose to smoke. Few realize that the choices they make can have important consequences for others, particularly children.

Did you know that the most common, harmful source of indoor pollution is tobacco smoke?

Less than one third of the smoke from a cigarette is inhaled by the smoker. The rest of the smoke enters the surrounding air, carrying with it 4000 chemicals, including poison which can cause cancer and other illnesses. When you smoke, the people around you are forced to breathe in these chemicals.

Since children breathe faster than adults do, they do inhale more air and more pollution.

Thus, children whose parents or other family members who smoke have:

- More illnesses,
- More coughing and wheezing,
- More hospitalization due to bronchitis and pneumonia,
- More asthma and respiratory infections

Children who have family members who smoke are also twice as likely to start smoking.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE OF THE BEAR FAX WILL HELP TO INFORM YOU OF
HEALTH EFFECTS OF SMOKING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
(Information provided by Assembly of First Nations.)**

Concerning the Earth

NAN OPPOSES NUCLEAR WASTE SITES

January 13, 2012 - Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) says there will be no storage or disposal of nuclear waste or other hazardous materials on all NAN First Nations traditional territories, especially without free, prior and informed consent. The Canadian government through the NWMO (Nuclear Waste Management Organization) has developed a waste site selection process. The process is a nine step initiative, which determines the best places to dispose of nuclear waste.

Several non-First Nation communities have already begun the process. While no site has been selected, some of the communities have already conducted feasibility studies over the economic prospects of the initiative.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMENTS DAMAGING TO THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE JOINT REVIEW PROCESS

January 10, 2012, Coast Salish Territory, Vancouver, BC – The First Nations Leadership Council is greatly troubled by recent comments by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver advocating for the proposed Enbridge Gateway pipeline to proceed even before the Joint Review Panel's environmental review has begun.

Grand Chief Edward John states, "Federal politicians advocating for and promoting the proposed Enbridge project before the environmental review commences puts the entire review process in jeopardy. We question how the three National Energy Board panellists, who were appointed by the federal government, can fairly review this proposal when the Prime Minister and Minister of Environment openly promote what they perceive as the necessary outcome? In the end, it will be the federal government which decides on the panel's report, a decision that has apparently already been made".

"The federal government has a clear legal responsibility to consult with First Nations. Given the long list of Supreme Court decisions on the range of consultation options and given the magnitude of the potential impacts of Enbridge's proposal, the necessary consultation standard must be to seek the informed consent of First Nations' whose Aboriginal title and rights will be impacted by this proposed project", added Chief John.

BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould states, "The proposed Enbridge pipeline is highly controversial and is one of the biggest issues facing First Nations and Canada. How this process unfolds will be far-reaching with respect to the environment, Aboriginal title and rights, and the economy. It is imperative that the environmental review process which is established under law remain impartial and free from political

NAN however disagrees with allowing lands to be used as dumping grounds for nuclear waste, and Grand Chief Stan Beardy is firm on his position of a Nuclear Waste Free Zone on NAN territory.

In November 2009, after becoming aware that Canada had been considering deep geological disposal of nuclear waste in the Canadian Shield, NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly unanimously passed a resolution declaring NAN a Nuclear Waste Free Zone and rejecting NWMO's site selection process.

"We do not support the NWMO nine-step selection process and continue to oppose nuclear waste sites in Northern Ontario," Beardy said. "We have a mandate from the Creator to protect our lands and waters and have been doing so for thousands of years. Nuclear waste is a poison that will damage our homelands."

interference."

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, stated, "Clearly water is the issue. Indigenous Peoples have the sacred duty and inherent obligation to defend the health and well-being of their communities as well as the environmental integrity of their territories. The fleeting, short-term economic gain promised by government and industry proponents of mega-projects like the Enbridge Pipeline, expansion of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Pipeline, Taseko Mines' New Prosperity Mine and BC Hydro's Site C are being vehemently opposed by Indigenous Peoples who are thinking of the detrimental long-term impacts on their territories and on their communities."

The First Nations in British Columbia are reminding governments that substantive changes to the environmental review process without engaging First Nations governments contradicts the doctrines set out by the Supreme Court of Canada in Haida Nation v. British Columbia and to the principles set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Any changes must be made on a tripartite basis with First Nations being fully engaged in meaningful consultation. It is the intention of the BC First Nations' leadership to raise the environmental assessment processes in the upcoming meeting with the Prime Minister and Cabinet at the Crown-First Nation Gathering on January 24, 2012 in Ottawa.

For more information please contact:

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President,
Union of BC Indian Chiefs, 604-684-0231

Read more: http://ubcic.bc.ca/News_Releases/UBCICNews01101202.html#ixzz1jk7o7xJa

MCFN Membership

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

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

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| Dorothy Bain (Bignucolo) | Daniel Rocheleau |
| Kaleb Jeffries | Iana Ruth |
| William Jeffries | Jayson Ruth |
| Jeremy MacDonald | Theresa Ruth |
| Allan McDonald | Victoria May St. Amand
(Fletcher) |
| Richard Donald McLeod | Catherine Wesley |
| Cynthia Nemeth | Juliana Holly Wesley |
| Craig W. Pelletier | Michael Wesley |
| Natalie Pelletier | |

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.



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	
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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.

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