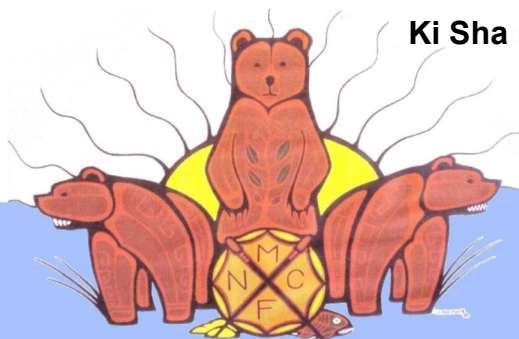


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The Promise of Tomorrow

The promise Creator gives us
Comes with every new day,
The gift of breath, the gift of life,
Opportunities in a vast array.

How do we count our blessings,
Through the choices life can bring?
Is it through joyful lessons?
Or the fears to which we cling?

Are we learning to show gratitude
For the victories over human pain

By honoring the feeling choices,
We grasp the will we've regained.

Can we change our focus,
With no need to defend?
Acknowledging joy and sorrow
Without judging foe or friend?

Tomorrow promises the fullness
Of every human way to know:
How we master each challenge
Determines our balance - reflecting how we grow.

-Jamie Sans

Events/Gatherings:

Mushkegowuk Challenge Cup

February 20-22, 2015 Timmins, ON

9th Annual Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum

February 24-26, 2015 Toronto, ON
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1049>

Education Conference—A Gathering of Education Leaders

March 5-6, 2015, Toronto, ON
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1063>

Algoma University Annual Pow-wow - Gathering at the Rapids

March 7-8, 2015 Sault Ste. Marie, ON
<https://www.facebook.com/events/382477831905035/>

Alternative Energy and Food Sovereignty Conference

March 17-19, 2015 Winnipeg, MB
www.GoToRegister.ca/AkiEnergy

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Message from the Chief

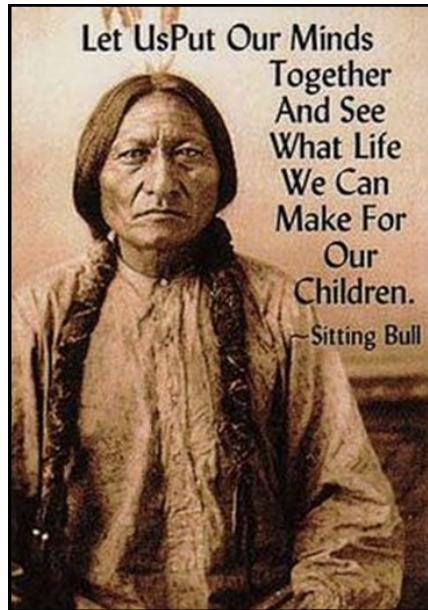
Watchey,

One of my favorite people once proposed,

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

I believe that this council has heard each thought, and creatively talked through each issue. I see the council branching into many different areas of discussion and imagining how each idea will benefit our community.

I don't believe in “we can't” or “impossible”, I believe that each obstacle is a cleverly disguised opportunity. I think that discussing these ideas is the key to coming up with some of the solutions to our unique situation as Citizens of Missanabie Cree First Nation. As we move together as a Nation, we can commit to some basic values that we all can stand united behind.



1. We are all family.
2. We all need to be treated with dignity, respect and love.
3. We need not carry the damage of the past into the future.
4. I choose to forgive and ask for forgiveness.
5. I pledge to be positive.

I wish to thank each of our past Chief and Councils of the past and hope that they will continue to help Missanabie Cree move forward into the future.

There are some initiatives that we will be asking for direction on in the near future so keep an eye out for your mail, as we look forward to your input.

In the Spirit of Community,
Chief Jason Gauthier

Messages from Council

Wacheeyea

I attended the last Herbicide Alternative Project (HAP) meeting in December and made the recommendation to the Chief & Council to have the council member that sits on the Forestry Management Planning Teams in our area to fill the HAP seat. Since I do not attend the Forestry Planning meetings, I think it's important to have this individual attend these meetings as well since the majority of the seats on the HAP committee tend to sit on the FMP teams as well. I believe it would be more effective to have this person at the HAP table and to be the lead contact as well for MCFN.

Also found out at this table that Tembec is in the process of reforestation and will be contracting Outland Reforestation in our area. They will be planting approximately 200,000 trees this year.

I am looking forward to the open band meeting, hope to see you all there or hope that you are able to tune in through U-Stream. Please watch for a posting that should go on our website for the confirmed final date.

Meegwetch
Isabell Souliere, MCFN Councilor

Good day to all my family, relations and friends:

This is a brief report for the month of January. I attended meetings and discussions with

- Barrick Gold,
- Northern Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF) in Chapleau,
- Resources Forum with Craig Gideon, Richmond and

Magino Mines, and, finally

- Mushkegowuk Council's Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Kashechewan.

With that being said, I would like to give Elder Liaison Laura Lee (Lolly Fletcher) Rawlyk my sincere thanks for writing our so eloquently written report.

As always, in spirit of our community,
Councillor Les (Gee) Nolan

From the Desk of:

BAND MANAGER

Looks like February is going to be a very cold month. For those of you who enjoy the winter outdoor activities – ENJOY – for those who do not – stay cosy by the fire-place – that's what I am going to do until spring comes.

Now for a quick update on some administrative news:

For the past three months Rick and Carol have been looking after the Island View Camp; Unfortunately due to personal reasons, they had to move back to Sault Ste. Marie. In the interim, Michael and Rosanne Fletcher, Caretakers are now checking the camp and Multi-Purpose Facility on a daily basis.

There is a job posting for the Island View Camp Manager advertised in the Bear Fax this month. As well, the job posting will be on the MCFN website and Facebook. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Although the Castle Building in Echo Bay is on the market for sale or lease, there aren't any inquiries to date. If MCFN reduces the listing price, the organization is go

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

One of my opinions for the future is "the jobs are going to be in the skilled trades" meaning there is going to be a shift in Ontario for employment opportunities. It will not be behind a desk working for the Government, however, it's going to be on the front lines of this exciting sector. Whether that be plumbing, electrical, HVAC, brick-laying etc.. There will also be opportunity for "Women in Mining" job training opportunities that have been taking off recently in various First Nations.

With that being said, I was recently invited to attend an Apprenticeship Panel at the Algoma Water Tower Inn and

ing to incur a very big loss. In the meantime, we are having our first event at the Castle Building on February 18th. I hope you can join us for Elders Tea and some cultural teachings. Come on out and take a tour of the building which we are going to utilize for COCA and programming activities

Tomorrow, Service Master will start the renovations in the MCFN office that was damaged by a water leak from the second floor.

Student Summer Employment and METS Employment and Training (52 weeks) – watch for upcoming job advertisements in the Bear Fax and website for the following positions:

Events Coordinator, Lands and Resources Trainee, Events Coordinator Assistant, and a Resort & Healthy Living Assistant for Island View Camp.

That concludes my brief update.

Take care, Jean

Suites hosted by Algoma Workforce Investment Corporation (AWIC). This session was very informative as it provided the "big picture". It allowed participants to share their experiences on "solutions for apprenticeship" conversation and to identify strategies to solve the apprenticeship puzzle that are specific, practical and achievable locally.

If you would like any information about Apprenticeships, please drop by our Economic Development Office.

Miigwetch, Janet Esquimaux

From the Desk of:

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING COORDINATOR

Wacheye,

Our Comprehensive Community Planning Steering Committee have hit the ground running with the Community Story! We are in the final stages of Phase One of the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) and with that brings the delivery of our first released draft of the Community Story that has been sent out to our entire community. By now you should have received a copy that was sent to every household for everyone to review and to add their comments and additions.

Due to the nature of our community it has been a challenge to collect everyone's input, so this is where you come in. We would like to hear from everyone – after all it is not OUR Community Story if we do not include all of the voices! Please have your additions and comments submitted to myself by Friday February 27 so that I am able to forward them to Four Worlds for inclusion.

Call out for Sub-Committee Members

We have identified that there are four key areas that our community should focus on and as such will have sub-committees who will be responsible for those areas. The areas are as follows:

- a) **Prosperity** – covering economic development, environmental management, own-source income (OSI) for the Band and improving economic outcomes for Missanabie families.
- b) **Social and Cultural Development** – recovering and strengthening of the cultural foundations of Missanabie life, healing and wellness, youth development, and healing our relationships within the Nation.
- c) **Governance and Public Sector Management** – covering governance and financial codes, legislative development and management of Missanabie Cree

operations. Also the establishment of a Missanabie Cree First Nation Constitution.

- d) **Missanabie Resettlement** – covering the planning and implementation of the work related to the re-establishing of our Missanabie home community on our own land base, and involving land use planning, infrastructure development, housing, roads and services, and community governance and management.

Each sub-committee will be made up of roughly 7 members:

- (1) CCP Steering Committee member,
- (2) staff representatives,
- (1) Chief and Council representative, and
- (3) community members.

If you wish to be a part of this very important process, please submit a letter of interest stating the sub-committee you would like to be appointed to and indicate how your knowledge and experience would be valuable to the committee and community.

Send your letter by mail to the office or by email to cparayko@missanabiecree.com. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 27th.

If you have not received your copy of the Community Story please contact me by email at cparayko@missanabiecree.com or by phone at 705-254-2702 ext 234 and I will ensure that a copy is sent to you.

If you would like more information regarding the CCP process please see our website at www.missanabiecree.com.

All my relations,
Chelsie Parayko

From the Desk of:

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Have you signed up yet?????

Healthy Living Challenge Starts

March 1, 2015 - August _____ 2014

Grand Prize winners will be announced at

the Missanabie Cree First Nation Annual Gathering in August, 2015

Family Fun and prizes to be won each week and each month

Complete an activity on the Healthy Living Challenge Calendar and send the photo or an email of your family to Lesley Gagnon.

Calendars for March, April, and May can be found on pages 11-13

For more information, please call Lesley Gagnon, Ext. 226, or email lgagnon@missanabiecree.com

Healthy Living Challenge Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

List of your family members participating and age if under 18

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Community News and Notes

Announcement - Ratification of the Election Code

- The Ratification of the Election Code will be taking place over the next few months.
- It is important that all voting members ensure that their address is updated with June Markie, Registration Administrator Ted Ouellet, or Lori Rainville.
- Even if your name is on the voting list, if we do not have the correct address, we will not be able to mail you a voting package.
- If you are approaching voting age in early 2015, please ensure that your mailing address and other contact information is updated with the Band Office.

Submissions to Community News and Notes

The deadline for submissions to Community News and Notes is the 25th day of each month, for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Please forward items to Elizabeth:

By email: eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com

By fax: 705-254-3292, or

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

Happy Anniversary to
Bobbi and Blair DeCorte



From Deb

Happy Birthday
Barb (Nyman)



From Deb

Wishing my little sister,
Katharine



"Your Bro" John-John

Happy Birthday on February 22
to my great-grandson
Jayce Ritchie,
living out in British Columbia.



Nanny Jackie



Circle of Creative Arts




An invitation to participate in the reactivation of the Circle of Creative Arts.

Put your name forward as a volunteer for the COCA Committee.

Past members are encouraged to participate.

Please leave your name and contact information with June Markie

MCFN Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 5	 Ki sha Peesim Great Moon (Hope of Spring) Healthy Living Challenge begins March 1, 2015						
	1	2	3 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30 Finishing Projects	11	12 Healthy Snacks After 1:30	13	14 
	15	16 Family Day	17 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	18 Cultural Teachings: Feasting the Dead: 10 am; Elders Tea: Noon Echo Bay Building: Please contact MCFN if you require a ride ahead of time	19	20	21
	22	23	24 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30 Finishing Projects Cancelled	25	26	27	28
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	8	9	10 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	11	12 Healthy Snacks After 1:30	13	14
	15	16	17 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30	18 Elder Video-Taping at 10 am "What do you want our families to learn?" Elders Tea at Noon. Please contact MCFN if you require a ride ahead of time	19	20	21
	22	23	24 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30	Mee Kisi Peesim Eagle Moon 			

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

March 2015

More information from the Program Development Officer on the Healthy Living Challenge can be found on page 8.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Family sliding day	15 minutes family walk	Paint a family picture	Snow Angels	Dance to the beat of a drum	Your choice of activity with your family	Singing Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sit down and help make a family dinner	Dance away the night 15 minutes	Your choice of activity with your family	Family walk 15 minutes	Read a story together with your family.	Make a family evening healthy snack	Try a new healthy recipe.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Your choice of activity	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Make a craft Tuesday	Write a family story, Wednesday	Family board game night	Walk away the day 15 minutes	Let's see your Saturday Snowman
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Healthy snack making day. Yummy lunch choices for the week	15 minute family walk	Skip away, it's Tuesday	Your choice of activity with your family	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Your choice of activity	Sing a song Saturday
29	30	31				
Yoga stretches	Family painting day	Elder teaching day. Listen to a story from your Elders				
				All recreation activities are 15 minutes or more		

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

April 2015

More information from the Program Development Officer on the Healthy Living Challenge can be found on page 8.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			April Fool's! Laugh the day away	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Healthy snack night	Sliding Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Snowman	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Family craft day	Family game night	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Your choice of family activity	Family fishing day, be creative if you can't find a lake
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Make a healthy dessert with your family	Dance the day away	Your choice of family activity	Wicked Wednesday explore new flavors in your food	Family game night	Yoga stretches	Swimming Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Try a new recipe with your family	Read a family story Monday	Paint a picture Tuesday	Family game night	Dance the day away 15 minutes	Your choice of family activity	Make a healthy family breakfast together.
26	27	28	29	30		
Write a family story	Munchie Monday Healthy Snacks	Your choice of family activity	Walk away Wednesday 15 minutes	Elder Teaching day		

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

May 2015

More information from the Program Development Officer on the Healthy Living Challenge can be found on page 8.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Family activity of your own choice	Family planting day (sprouting seeds, veggies, yum yum)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Help your family make a healthy dinner, Family dinner time	Walk away the day Monday	Making healthy snacks	Walk away Wednesday 15 minutes	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Dance away the day	Creative art day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Swimming Sunday	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Family activity of your own choice	Family board game night	Dance the night away	Munchie Munch Friday Healthy snack activity	Stretchy Saturday yoga
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sight seeing Sunday	Walk away Monday	Family activity of your choice	Making healthy snacks	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Family Activity of your own choice	Families, Plant your garden day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Family Activity of your choice	Healthy snack making	Family craft day	Walk away Wednesday	Read a book with your family Thursday	Family Activity of your choice	Saving Saturday Learn to budget for the future
31						
Elder Teaching Day			All exercise activities are 15 minutes in time	Please refer to the next news letter for the following months		



February Birthday Greetings

FEBRUARY 1

Happy Birthday!



Jason Charette

FEBRUARY 2


Happy Birthday!



Todd Rask, Shane Smith

FEBRUARY 3

Happy Birthday



Eric Krobath
Carolyn Salo

FEBRUARY 4


Happy Birthday



Cathy Lynn Clement
Jeanette Petrie

FEBRUARY 5

Happy Birthday!



Barbara Nyman
Beatrice Stevenson

FEBRUARY 6


Happy Birthday!



Katharine Nemeth

FEBRUARY 8


Happy Birthday!



Clifford Bain
Jennifer Fletcher

FEBRUARY 9


Happy Birthday



Emily Hinds-Jeffries
Matthew Horn
Ryan Krobath

FEBRUARY 12


Happy Birthday!



Alain Pelletier
Brittany Wiebe

FEBRUARY 13

Happy Birthday!



David Grant
Paul Guidon

FEBRUARY 14


Happy Birthday!



Makayla Fletcher
Alexandra Langford-Pezzo

FEBRUARY 15

Happy Birthday!



Charles Wesley
Adrian James Shields

FEBRUARY 16

Happy Birthday!



Garnet Fletcher
Nathan Jeffries
Isabell Souliere

FEBRUARY 18


Happy Birthday!



Donald E. Labelle

FEBRUARY 20

John Dubeski
Danielle MacDonald
-Kaplun



FEBRUARY 22

Happy Birthday!



Elizabeth Rask

FEBRUARY 21

Mildred Fletcher
Zachary Jeffries
Joel Stevenson



Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY 27


Happy Birthday!

Kyle Bateson
Ashton Bissailion
Vanessa Jeremiah
Joanne Woods
Carolyn Louttit



FEBRUARY 23


Happy Birthday



Kyle Fletcher

FEBRUARY 24


Happy Birthday!



Nolan Rainville

FEBRUARY 25

Happy Birthday!



James Gideon
Gloria Wesley

Health Notes

Health and Wellness

Eating Well - Canada's Food Guide

Food plays a big part in the enjoyment of Life. The type of food can also affect the way you feel, look and perform. Adequate nutrition is essential for proper growth and development. When you learn more about food and nutrition you will be able to make healthier choices that will promote a long and healthy life.

First Nations people had sustained themselves for thousands of years with food of their native lands. The diet of today's First Nation families is very different from the past. The introduction of different foods and lifestyle choices has changed the health of many First Nations people because it does not reflect the ancestrally evolved genetic requirements for health. This adoption of non-traditional eating patterns has exposed First Nations Peoples to nutrition problems associated with other heritages.

In 2007 the life expectancy for many children is less than that of their parents due to the rampage of increased obesity, and related diabetes, heart disease and cancer. Many factors are involved in the development of disease. Some factors such as family traits and gender cannot be changed, but other factors like eating and exercise patterns involve a personal choice. Healthy eating is one of the Positive actions that may help to delay or deter the development of a potential chronic problem or disease.

The Canada Food Guide was first issued in 1942 during the Second World War. Food rationing was in effect and the goal of the rules of the guide was to prevent nutritional deficiency and improve the health of Canadians. Our Canadian food guide has been revised 6 times since 1942.

Our Canada Food Guide encourages people to consume a variety of food from each of the 4 food groups each

day and make each food guide serving count, whether you're at home, at school, at work or elsewhere.

Recommendations from the Canada Food Guide are listed on page 16.

First Nations Canada Food Guide

Our First Nations Canada Food guide was developed in 2007. The Traditional philosophy values were balanced between the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects of Native people and their environment. Native people learned through experience and the teaching of their Elders what foods to select and in moderate amounts according to the needs of the body, while respecting the needs of the land and its other inhabitants.

Today many traditional lifestyles are less available and traditional lifestyles have been replaced by more modern or urbanized habits. Eating habits have changed to reflect, different work and living habits as well as easier access to non-traditional foods. The increased availability of non-traditional foods has not been beneficial to native people and the incidence of disease related to poor eating habits is high.

The Canada Food Guide has been tailored with a separate version for First Nations. It recognizes both traditional foods and store bought foods as foundations for healthy eating and preserving our heritage. It gives a description of food intake, advice on the types of food and how much depending on the person's age and gender. It also provides some advice for people who don't consume milk or milk products, and also encourages daily physical activity.

Please look over the food guides. I will have more information in regards to healthy living and healthy eating in upcoming newsletters.

-Lesley Gagnon, Program Development Officer

The Canada Food Guide recommends that you:

- Eat the recommended amount and type of food each day
- Eat at least dark green and one orange vegetable a day
- Choose vegetables and fruit prepared with little or no added fat, sugar or salt
- Have vegetables and fruit more often than juice
- Make at least half of your grain products whole grain products each day
- Choose grain products that are low in fat, sugar and salt
- Drink skim, 1% or 2% milk each day
- Select lower fat milk alternatives



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada

Your health and
safety... our priority.

Votre santé et votre
sécurité... notre priorité.

Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide

First Nations, Inuit and Métis



Recommended Number of Food Guide Servings per Day

Age in Years Sex	Children		Teens		Adults				
	2-3	4-8	9-13	14-18	19-50		51+		
	Girls and Boys	Girls and Boys	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	
Vegetables and Fruit	4	5	6	7	8	7-8	8-10	7	7
Grain Products	3	4	6	6	7	6-7	8	6	7
Milk and Alternatives	2	2	3-4	3-4	3-4	2	2	3	3
Meat and Alternatives	1	1	1-2	2	3	2	3	2	3

The chart above shows how many Food Guide Servings you need from each of the four food groups every day.

Having the amount and type of food recommended and following the tips in Canada's Food Guide will help:

- Meet your needs for vitamins, minerals and other nutrients.
- Reduce your risk of obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, certain types of cancer and osteoporosis.
- Contribute to your overall health and vitality.

- Have meat alternatives such as beans, lentils or tofu often
- Eat at least two servings of fish a week
- Select lean meat and alternatives, prepared with little or no fat or salt
- Include small amounts of saturated fat each day
- Satisfy your thirst with water
- Limit foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar and salt
- Be active every day

The complete Canada Food Guide and the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit guide can be found at:

<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php>

News Items

PROVINCE ENGAGING PUBLIC, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

February 12, 2015

Ontario has released a [climate change discussion paper](#) and invites citizens, businesses and communities to share ideas about how to successfully fight climate change while fostering economic growth and keeping our businesses competitive.

The government will engage aboriginal communities and hold province wide consultations with citizens, community organizations, industry stakeholders, municipal representatives and businesses, and will publicly post the discussion paper for comment on the [Environmental Registry for 45 days](#). The discussion paper:

- Identifies the climate change challenge, the risks and threats it poses to Ontario's environment, economy and way of life.
- Suggests actions that encourage individuals, businesses, government and communities to do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Asks important questions to help inform a comprehensive climate change strategy and action plan, to be released later this year.

Engaging the public in a conversation about climate change builds on Ontario's recent achievements including closing coal plants, curbing the use of cosmetic pesticides and protecting 1.8 million acres of land. These initiatives have resulted in fewer smog days and cleaner water.

Fighting climate change and supporting Ontario's clean technology sector are part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

Quick Facts

Information about public sessions, including dates, cities and towns and venues, is available online at

www.ontario.ca/climatechange.

The site also has a [quick guide to the discussion paper](#) and several options to provide ideas and comments.

- Ontario has the fastest growing clean-tech sector in Canada, with 2,700 clean-tech firms employing 65,000 people and generating annual revenues of more than \$8 billion.
- Ontario's actions to close coal fired electricity plants, curb the use of cosmetic pesticides and protect 1.8 million acres of land have resulted in fewer smog days and cleaner water.
- Ending coal-fired power is the single largest greenhouse gas reduction initiative in North America, equivalent to taking seven million cars off the road.
- Ontario will host a [Climate Summit of the Americas](#) from July 7-9, 2015, to advance collaborative action on climate change ahead of the Conference of the Parties in Paris in December.

Background Information

- [Support for Ontario's Leadership on Climate Change](#)

Additional Resources

- [Climate Change Discussion Paper](#)
- [Ontario Climate Change Update 2014](#)
- Follow and join the conversation on Twitter with #ONclimate

"Climate change is already costing Ontarians by threatening our communities, businesses and way of life. While Ontario is showing leadership in fighting climate change, we know we need to do more and we need to act fast. Over the next few months, we will be asking citizens about their thoughts on how to fight climate change, foster economic growth and help secure a better future for this province for generations to come."

[Glen R. Murray](#)

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

News Items

AFN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO END VIOLENCE

Indigenous women and girls are five times more likely to experience violence than any other population in Canada and this violence tends to result in more serious harm. Through resolution and the direction of First Nations, the AFN has been mandated to address the critical situation of violence, disappearance, and murder of First Nations women and girls. This is an area of utmost priority for the National Chief and the AFN continues to take all avenues to pursue an Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and a National Action Plan to End Violence.

February 6, 2015

Planning continues for events to be held the end of February. AFN will host a webcast on **Tuesday, February 17 at 2 – 4pm** to provide an update on planning and to discuss recommendations for leadership and delegates to take to the National Roundtable. Details on how to participate in the webcast will be available on www.afn.ca.

A closed **Gathering of Families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls** will be held in Otta-

wa on February 26th. This Family Gathering puts families first, enables real dialogue between families on solutions to end violence and supports a space for families to develop a presentation to the National Roundtable. Contact: Irene Goodwin, Director Violence Prevention and Response, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples at i.goodwin@abo-peoples.org or 613-747-6022 ext. 233.

A **Peoples' Gathering** will take place in response to the great interest generated around the National Roundtable with Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments and National Aboriginal Organizations (NAOs). The Peoples' Gathering will be at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario on February 27th, to provide a public venue for discussions and recommendations for action to prevent and end violence against Indigenous women and girls. It is open to all those who are working in this area, who are interested in learning more and who want to contribute to the dialogue. This event will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. Contact: Gina Doxator, Assembly of First Nations at gdoxtator@afn.ca or 613-241-6789 ext. 239.

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end violence.



Employment Opportunities

ISLAND VIEW CAMP MANAGER WANTED

Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) owns and operates the Island View Camp in Missanabie, ON and is looking for a Camp Manager who will be responsible for the planning, organizing, directing and controlling of activities related to the management of the Island View Camp.

The camp is located off of Highway 651 approximately 1.5 hours from Wawa located on the beautiful Dog Lake. The individual(s) will be required to reside at the camp site for the duration of the contract. The Camp's operation is currently seasonal (from April 6th to October 6th) with plans to operate on a year-round basis.

For further details and to request a copy of the job description, please contact Jean Sayers at (705)254-2702 or jsayers@missanabiecree.com

Please send resume, three written work references and a current CPIC to:

Missanabie Cree First Nation
174B Hwy 17 East
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Deadline: February 27th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Employment Opportunities

Job Opportunity

Position Title: Events Coordinator

Immediate Supervisor: Band Manager

Location: Echo Bay, ON

Start Date: April 1, 2015 - Mar 31, 2016 (pending funding)

Wage Rate: 12.00 per hour

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Under the Direct supervision of the Band Manager, the Events Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating events such as MCFN Gathering, Circle of Creative Arts activities as well as some of the program events for MCFN.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Researching Funding applications
- Organizing transportation, accommodations, meals, as well as activities/ business agendas
- Seeking volunteers to assist with the Gathering activities
- Diligent tracking of the budget for the Gathering
- Completing all reports for the Gathering
- Reporting to the various committees as well as the Band Manager on the progress of the events that take place
- Keeping track of sales of any art work through the Circle of Creative Arts
- Assisting in monitoring summer students

Qualifications:

- An equivalent combination of education and work experience in this field may be considered
- Must have a driver's license class "G" and access to a vehicle.
- Must have good working knowledge of computers and programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Word, Internet, Outlook, etc.
- Supervisory skills and ability to work under minimal supervision

Closing Date: March 13, 2014

Please provide a cover letter, resume and references to the following address:

Missanabie Cree First Nation
174B Hwy 17B
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

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

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Gagnon, Program Development Officer at 705-254-2702 ext. 226

Employment Opportunities

Job Opportunity

Position Title: Lands & Resources Assistant

Immediate Supervisor: Community Economic Development Officer

Location: Missanabie Cree Office, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Start Date: April 1, 2015 - Mar 31, 2016 (pending funding)

Wage Rate: 12.00 per hour

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Lands Resources Trainee Position will involve the coordinating and beginning discussions for lands and resources planning for the Missanabie Cree First Nation. The trainee will work with the Community Economic Development Officer to research available opportunities within the various government departments, (such as MNR, MAA, MNDM, and MOE) for the development of a lands and resources strategy. The trainee will work with current MCFN committees that are developing a comprehensive community plan that includes governance land and resource policy and a land use strategy. The trainee will also work on the development of a communication plan.

Responsibilities

- Research Support for MCFN's Lands and Resources initiatives
- Review and reporting of current research re Traditional Knowledge (TK)
- GIS training for TK mapping ; *Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre* (MERC)
- SARS- "*Species At Risk*"- researching and identifying MCFN's needs for this initiative and completing potential funding applications for this program
- Research the potential for the development of a permanent "*Lands and Natural Resources*" position as part of MCFN's lands and resources strategy

Qualifications:

- Experience in lands and resources planning and knowledge of the land.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work under minimal supervision
- Understanding of the MCFN Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Ability to utilize Microsoft Office suite

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Job Opportunity

Position Title: Communications Assistant

Immediate Supervisor: Band Manager

Location: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Communications Assistant shall work with the Missanabie Cree First Nation's Governance Coordinator in the editing, formatting and distribution of the community newsletter. This person will also be exploring different means of bringing relevant information to our membership. This research will inform the development of a comprehensive communications policy for the membership.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assisting in researching a communications policy, and consultation with the community on a land use planning code
- Updating of the Missanabie Cree First Nation website
- Gathering up-to- date information for each department of Missanabie Cree First Nation

Qualifications:

- An equivalent combination of education and work experience in this field may be considered
- Good working knowledge of computers and programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Word, Internet, Outlook, etc.
- Ability to work under minimal supervision

Closing Date: March 13, 2015

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Opportunities

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Resources and Forestry**
Biodiversity Branch
300 Water Street 5th Floor N
Peterborough ON K9J 8M5

**Ministère des Richesses
naturelles et des Forêts**
Direction de la biodiversité 300,
rue Water 5e étage Nord
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 8M5



February 6, 2015

Dear Chief and Council,

This past September, Ontario launched the Moose Project to consider new moose population objectives and explore potential management actions to address or mitigate pressures on moose populations such as harvest, predation, parasites, climate and changing habitat. As part of preliminary outreach and engagement there have been productive discussions with stakeholders, and Aboriginal groups and communities. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry appreciates the contributions of those who have participated to this point and looks forward to hearing from many more as the project continues.

As a first step in addressing factors affecting moose populations, the following changes are being proposed to moose hunting seasons for licenced moose hunters. A regulatory proposal notice has been posted to the Environmental Registry to consult on the following:

- starting in 2015 – limiting the moose calf hunting season across northern Ontario to a two week period beginning the Saturday closest to October 22;
- starting in 2016 – delay the start of moose hunting seasons across much of northern Ontario by one week.

MNRF does not believe that these proposed changes will adversely impact Aboriginal harvesting rights. Rather, these changes would support continued Aboriginal harvest, as well as continued harvesting opportunities for all Ontarians. Our ministry is interested in working together, in a manner that is respectful of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights, to ensure a healthy and resilient moose population in Ontario. We recognize that moose are culturally significant to many Aboriginal peoples and continue to be an important traditional food source as well.

The comment period for this proposal is from February 6 to March 9, 2015. For more information please visit ontario.ca/environmentalregistry (#012-3413). The Ministry will also continue with discussions to develop new moose population objectives and consider other actions to address the broader range of pressures on the moose population.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Hubert, Wildlife Policy Section at (705) 755-1932 or patrick.hubert@ontario.ca.

As we move forward, there will be ongoing opportunities for Aboriginal peoples to be informed and engaged in the process. We are interested to hear your perspectives on moose and the Moose Project and are committed to meeting any obligations to consult that may arise.

Sincerely,

Eric Boysen
Director, Biodiversity Branch
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Phone: (705) 755-5999
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Elders Speak

Hi, Everyone.

Just want to say that there is so much snow in Sault Ste. Marie and here is what it looks in my driveway.

Thanks to Laura Lee on the fine job she is doing as the Elder Liaison. Liked the report from Kashechewan trip.

Thanks to Neil Ewing, our youth rep. for taking such interest in MCFN and travelling around with Chief and Council. Congrats to you Neil on the appointment to the NAN Youth Council.

Want to say hi to all my family members. Unlike June, who takes such time to put in greetings to everyone we are related to, I will use a blanket greeting - lol.



I have just recently been elected for one year to the Kunuwanimano Family Child & Services Board. As an Elder board member I will not be specifically representing MCFN but all the communities that Kunu represents. It is very exciting to be on the board at this time because there has been so much turmoil, rotating of positions and lateral violence going on in the past. Now it seems like there is a solid team working together and it is a good time to be with this organization. They are supposed to be officially designated as an Aboriginal child

and family services organization in April, and I expect there to be a big celebration to commemorate that day. Will keep you posted.

Jackie Fletcher

MCFN Membership

Wah-chay, Members

This is just a reminder of how to **apply** for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) (non-paper):

- The application can be found at www.aandc-aadnc.gc.ca/eng
- You can request the forms at any Aboriginal Affairs regional office. The contact information was in the November 2014 newsletter, or
- You can request the forms at your Band office.

At the website: www.aandc-aadnc.gc.ca/eng , you can follow these steps:

- ⇒ Click on Indian Status and scroll down to Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)
- ⇒ Go into the box and click on the Forms page link.
- ⇒ Page comes in on forms. Scroll down to SCIS, then print what form you need.

For the SCIS, you will need the following documentation:

- **Proof of birth:** Original birth certificate or provincial certificate
- **Support of your identity:** a Canadian passport, **OR** 2 valid ID, e.g., driver's license, health card, provincial ID

If you are applying by mail, you need a Guarantor declaration.

You can apply for the SCIS before your CIS (paper) card expires so you have a current CIS while you are waiting.

If you have any questions, please call me at the office 705-254-2702 or toll-free at 1-800-319-3001.

I am in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Meegwetch
Ted Ouellet

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	
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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Registration Administrator Ted Ouellet **ex. 228**

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