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The United Nations' Convention of the Rights of the Child

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989. The Convention was ratified by Canada in 1991. Across Canada, National Child Day is celebrated on the 20th of November each year. A list of the Highlights from the Convention can be found on page 14.

On a milestone anniversary of this very important human rights document for the protection and welfare of children the world over, it seem incomprehensible that the First Nations of Canada are awaiting the decision of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. In 2007, the First Nation Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, with the support of the Assembly of First Nations, launched a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. The Caring Society maintains that the federal government funds child welfare services on First Nations at much less than the levels received by provincial child welfare organizations. The Canadian government maintains that "funding is not a service." Final arguments on both side wrapped up at the end of October. The final ruling can be expected within the next six months (April 2015).

Events/Gatherings:

Mushkegowuk Council Grand Chief By-election

November 14, 2014 Mushkegowuk FNs
<http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?p=3061>

National Child Day November 20

Honouring our Leaders Gala - Chiefs of Ontario

November 26, 2014 Toronto, ON
<http://chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1004>

NAFA National Meeting Forest Stewardship and FPIC

December 2-5, 2014 Saskatoon, SK
www.nafaforestry.org

AFN Election for the Office of National Chief AFN Special Chiefs Assembly

December 9-11, 2014 Winnipeg, Manitoba
www.afn.ca/index.php/en/2014-election-year-office-of-the-national-chief

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Message from the Chief

Watchay,

Again, this month has been very busy for all of our council. I am happy to report that we have had some good discussions regarding many economic development ventures with the companies that we deal with. We are diligent, committed and creative in how we negotiate, how we interact and how we create partnerships and foster relationships.

It seems that every term with Chief and Council has to deal with mis-information in regards to Social Media that seems to infect and undermine the great works of a both progressive and innovative community. I believe that everyone has a right to their opinion, and should express themselves in a healthy way. Lately though, on some social media sites there have been innuendoes, half-truths and out and out lies spread through these groups. I hope that the citizens of our First Nation can know when to address their concerns and questions directly to those they need to speak to, rather than "grand standing" on social media sites. I am always available for comment or to answer any questions directly.

I believe in UNITY, I believe in a time where the interests of our First Nation are in the forefront. I am hoping that

through our strength and our will to create a UNIFIED community, those that choose to champion this cause will step up and be part of this drive to be the best community that we can be for the benefit of the future generations. Let us stay positive!

I always remain optimistic, I believe in our people, I believe in our vision and hope that we can all come together to contribute to the betterment of all. I am also realistic. We are not all going to get along all of the time, but we can all pledge to work together for mutual gain through mutual respect.

As always I am humbled by the spirit of our Nation and wish to say how proud I am of our community. We may have a few hiccups in our road to peace and unity, but some things take time. I wish to say, I love and respect you all and sometimes we may not see eye to eye on everything, but we are all family.

I am always available to discuss any initiatives or ideas that the community has; you can reach me at office or by email.

Chief Jason Gauthier

Messages from Council

Waachiyehkw (Greetings to more than one person)

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There has been a lot of chatter on Facebook this past month. Instead of posting on Facebook, please, please do not hesitate to call or email myself, another councilor and/or the Chief and we will gladly speak with you personally, instead of innuendos and half truths being posted.

- September 12th - 15th Traveled to the Soo for a Strategic Planning meeting with Chief and Council.
- September 16th - 19th In Toronto, meetings with Argonaut Gold, Magino Mine and Quatro Industries
- September 22nd - 24th In Kapuskasing I met with Gordon Cousins regarding Magpie Forestry
- September 24th - 26th In Sudbury a meeting with Waubutex Mining Strategy Initiative
- October 3rd Teleconference with the TLE update.
- October 6th - 8th travelled to Ottawa for an information sharing with Ridgemont Mining.
- October 8th - 10th Orillia for an information sharing session on the changes to aggregates.
- October 11th - 14th Was in the Soo helping one of our elders.
- October 15th - 18th Travelled to Dubreuilville for a meeting with Perodigy Mines on relationship building, plans sharing and a helicopter tour of the open pit mine site.
- October 18th - 20th back in the Soo, then travelled home.

From the desk of:

Multi-Purpose Facility

Here is an update of the work that has been completed on the Multi-Purpose Facility:

Water Upgrades	35% completed
Roof Upgrades	100% completed
Kitchen Upgrade	32% completed
	Converting the kitchen to a commercial use has been particularly slow due to the back-order of the custom made fan that was ordered.
Deck & Patio	100% completed
Fire Protection	100% completed
Sanitary Septic System	100% completed
Geothermal Heating And Cooling	100% completed
Fresh Air Return	100% completed

The completion date is now scheduled for November 14th, 2014.

Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs Meeting

The Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs are conducting their meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on November 25th, 26th and 27th. On November 28th, the Mushkegowuk senior management team will be meeting with Missanabie Cree

First Nation staff along with members of council who are available that day. As part of the agenda, Mushkegowuk managers are providing an overview of the programs offered through Mushkegowuk. This is a great opportunity for us all to dialogue and to discuss our requirements.

Training

As part of our training plan, we will be conducting monthly sharing circles and/or training sessions with the staff and council. Last Monday, Jackie Fletcher facilitated an afternoon session on Aboriginal Lateral Violence for the staff. Then on Wednesday the 29th, staff and a councillor attended a sharing circle at the Grand Gardens. The topic of that session was related to our concerns with the workplace, and how we can work together as an effective team.



Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the MCFN staff for their continued service – working for the membership and the Chief and Council. MEEGWETCH STAFF AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS!

That concludes my report for this month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Sayers, Band Manager

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING COORDINATOR

All my relations:

Thank you to all that took part in the Comprehensive Community Planning meeting that took place during Our Annual Gathering. It was a great day of discussion and sharing. I am truly grateful to the young men of Big Bear Paw who came in from Brunswick house and shared their drumming with our community. It was a beautiful thing to hear their beating drum in the Multipurpose Facility! I'm excited to say that they have agreed to return to next year's gathering to share their gifts with our

youth who are interested in drumming.

I had the privilege of hosting a youth version of the Comprehensive Community Planning meeting which took place Wednesday October 29. Our youth are so amazingly insightful and have contributed a great deal of valuable information to our Community Story. With the completion of this meeting the gathering of information for the Community Story, that is due to be released in the very near future, has wrapped up. Stay tuned for your copy!

From the desk of:

I have begun taking video of elders telling stories about their past. The idea behind this is to create vlogs" (video logs) of our history, and eventually to post them on a website for everyone to see. Elders, if you are in the Sault and would like to tell me a story I would love to hear from you. You can contact me at cparayko@missanabiecree.com or call me at the Band Office at Ext. 234.

I have also been in constant contact with our Youth Representative Neil Ewing. With the assistance of Janet and Scott we are working towards putting together our very first Annual Youth Gathering. We are still in the very beginning stages, but the excitement is there and we cannot wait to see our vision come together. At this time, the youth that we have spoken to thus far, have asked that we concentrate our efforts on bringing our culture to

the forefront, but we would like to hear from all of the youth. If you would like to see us focus on any particular subject please feel free to contact either myself or Neil newing@missanabiecree.com.

Lastly I have been asked to take on the task of career development within the office. Every month, as a team, we will be participating in training programs like Personality Dimensions, Lateral Violence Training and Governance. During one of our training sessions Lori brought forward a beautiful pledge that focuses on positivity. I have signed this pledge and promise to make every effort to be as positive as possible for the betterment of our community. United we stand!

Chelsie Parayko

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Hello, Everyone,

I am working on a variety of activities here at the MCFN office for our monthly calendar.

Our language classes are posted on the MCFN web page so that families far and near can learn the language. We are also posting the words in the newsletter each month. I have had a wonderful time listening to Mathew tell of his family traditions in his community in the Cree Language. Please look for our Story telling programs in the calendar or watch it on video. The words used on the board will be available through email and on the web.

Elders Tea will be on the 12 of November and December 17, Please bring some photos or stories of how you celebrated Christmas in the past when you were a child.

We will begin learning how to make hand drums on **November 6 & 20. This activity requires you to pre-register as space is limited.**

We will also begin to learning how to make Ribbon shirts in the month of December. Come out and have a fun night learning. Refreshments will be provided.

On November 29, 2014, Donna Seary will be coming in to teach how to make Beaded Bracelets. Come out and have some fun. This activity will start at 9.30 am. Bring a lunch. Morning snacks provided.

The Community Christmas party will be in December 2014. Date, time, and place to be announced.

Watch in December's newsletter for information about the Healthy Living Challenge Activity Program. This activity can be done by all families, anywhere across the country.

Lesley Gagnon

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

My last newsletter article was put in the annual report for the Gathering. For those that did not attend the Gathering this past summer, my article can be viewed on the Missanabie Cree Facebook Page and the Missanabie Cree website.

October 20, 2014 – Attended a meeting with other First Nation Post Secondary Counsellors and Education Directors from the North Shore. The purpose of the meeting was to share Post Secondary Policies of each First Nation and to discuss key points such as; priority list, allowance payments, tuition, appeal process, special needs, travel, scholarship/bursary, personal credits, etc.

Overall the meeting was very informative and we all left with each other's policies. Our Education Committee (Councillor Victoria Pezzo, Band Manager Jean Sayers and myself) will use these as resource materials.

I will also bring forward all the information that was gathered from the membership that attended the previous strategic planning meetings regarding education. The policy and guidelines of Missanabie Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) belongs to the First Nation and this is what I follow to administer the funding received from AANDC. We have been informally notified that compliance and labour market will be looked at in the near future. One of the policies that caught my attention was Sagamok's PSSSP. In their application process they have a section that focusses on a "career action plan" which entails, Steps in researching a job, What is the job market?, The job I want, Training/action I need to get the job I want, Financial impact, plus the application for funding.

October 21, 22, 2014 – Attended an O'Mushkego Education meeting held in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It was nice to see all the Mushkegowuk Education Directors and the Deputy Grand Chief, Leo Friday.

Highlights of the two day meetings included the following:

- Director of Education Program Report
- Tribal Council Funding Cuts,
- NAN Education funding cuts,

- Laurentian Pilot Project,
- Great Moon Gathering, [*The 24th Annual Great Moon Gathering will be held in Attawapiskat February 12 – 13, 2015 at their new school.*],
- Health Forum, Health & Wellness has been added to the Education Department.
- Report by Doug Cheechoo, Post Secondary School Counsellor, Timmins, Ontario.
- Update on AFN – First Nations National Education Work plan.
- OESS Program Manager Report by Bernice Kapashesit.
- Health & Wellness & Student Retention Report by Warren Kapashesit, Roundtable sharing.

Introduced Neil Ewing and Chelsie Parayko to Irene Tomatuk via email in hopes that they will eventually work together regarding youth initiatives.

During our meeting we were discussing how to bring about positive change to the communities through education. Someone had mentioned a kind policy and this led me to research the internet to see if anyone had developed one. I came across the "Positive Pledge" by Jon Gordon. I showed the group and then I posted it on facebook and stated that I would work with our community to work on developing a Positive Pledge for Missanabie Cree First Nation. I also brought this pledge to the staff development workshop on lateral violence. The pledge has been distributed to everyone in our office. The "Positive Pledge" is included in this Bear Fax on p.15.

I have been given the task to start the ratification process of Missanabie Cree's Election Code. The ratification will be done by a mail-in process, so please update your mailing address with our office by calling June Markie our Receptionist or mailing in the change of address form that is in the Bear Fax.

I look forward to participating in the professional development training opportunities that Chelsie has set up for staff over the next 3 months.

Lori Rainville

Community News and Notes



For the month of November, our people honour the memories of our ancestors with ceremonies, and the sharing of stories. Many communities hold their memorial feasts at this time while November 11 is the time we honour the memory of our veterans.

This month we are pleased to receive two stories about those who have passed on to the spirit world. We invite all community members to submit stories about our veterans to the newsletter, and any family history stories that you would like to share. These stories form part of the collective history of our First Nation, and we thank those who have shared their stories in this newsletter.



November 11 - Remembrance Day

Today we remember all veterans.

Recently I was rummaging through old family pictures that were salvaged from my grandparent's house in Missanabie, Ontario. To my surprise I found a letter that my Aunt Margaret wrote to her sister Aggie in February 1943. Margaret was writing from the Canadian Women's Army Corp in Kitchener, Ontario.

I was curious now and did some research online about CWAC. I also found a picture of my Aunts in uniform and now these two pieces of my history will be shared with my family. Our history is so important and those sacrifices they made were for us and those yet to come into this world. Today my grandparent's house has collapsed and needs to be leveled. Every time I go to Missanabie, I go visit the house that holds many, many memories.

To my family that served for our country, I honour you.

Lori Souliere Rainville

For information about the CWAC go to:

<http://www.kitchenerpost.ca/news/stepping-out-women-in-wwii/>



*Margaret Souliere, 22 years old
Louise Souliere, 20 years old*

In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow

Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-John McCrae, May 1915

Community News and Notes

November Remembrance

FLETCHER, Arnold

November is the month we honour our deceased. I would like to dedicate this to Arnold Fletcher.

Arnold was born October 22, 1930 to Gilbert and Mary Fletcher; brother of Florence, Fred, John, Stanley, Alice, Frances, Shirley, Billy, Jackie and June. Arnold passed away November 1999.

Arnold was married to Patricia, settling in Yorkton, Sask. He is the father of Janice, Roxanne and Rona. Arnold was in the RCMP. Retiring from that, he worked for Sask Power.

Arnold loved to travel. We would travel to Yorkton to visit with him and Pat. On these visitations we would travel to visit Stanley and Maver in Okatoks. When she was still living in Alberta we would travel to visit with Frances

and her husband Cliff or his daughter Janice.

Some of the places we visited were: Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Cardston, Medicine Hat, Drumheller and many more. We did a lot of sightseeing and really enjoyed our time together. We have such fond memories of these times. Of course there were times that he and Pat travelled here and we went to Breezy Point camp where our daughter Barb and her husband Paul worked.

Finally, when we would visit Arnold and Pat in Yorkton, we became honorary members of the "Coffee Club". We met a lot of his friends and often think of them.

Thank you very much for the all fond memories. May you rest in peace, Arn.

John and Hazel Fletcher

To my daughter in-law, Jen
Happy Birthday!
I love you.
Mother-in-law June



To my daughter in-law Lori
Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom



Beading Bracelets Class

November 29, 2014
9:30 am
MCFN Board Room

Please bring a lunch.
Breakfast snacks available.

Hand drum making Classes



Thursday Nights
November 6 and November 20
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Space is limited
Please call Lesley to register.

Community News and Notes

Mushkegowuk Council By-election

Official List of Candidates for the position of Grand Chief:

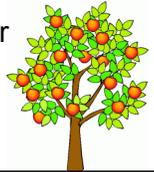


- Theresa Hall
- Lawrence Martin
- Annie Metat
- Edward J. Nakogee
- Peter M. Nakogee
- Roderick William Sutherland
- Peter Wesley

By-Election Day **Friday, November 14, 2014**
from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Polling Station at the Missanabie Cree Band Office

Happy Birthday to Logan Fletcher
September 18
Love, Nanny Fletcher



Our apologies to Logan Fletcher for leaving his name out of the September Birthday Page.

Community members are invited to submit news, stories, and pictures to the Bear Fax newsletter. Please submit your items by the first day of each month.

Send your items by mail or fax to the Band Office, 705-254-03292 or by email to eangecone@missanabiecree.com

News Items

AFN ELECTION 2014 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHIEF



OTTAWA, ON November 5, 2014

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, responsible for the December election of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief, has received nomination papers in proper form from the following persons, listed below in alphabetical order:

1. Perry Bellegarde
2. Leon Jourdain
3. Ghislain Picard

According to the AFN Charter, an eligible candidate must:

- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- Be of First Nations ancestry;
- Be a member of First Nation community, in good standing with the AFN; and,
- Have 15 eligible electors, First Nations Chiefs, endorse his/her candidacy.

The 2014 Election for the Office of AFN National Chief will take place December 10, 2014 during the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly taking place at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg in Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 9-11, 2014.

Due to extraordinary circumstances, Chiefs in Assembly set the upcoming term of office for the National Chief to three and half years through AFN Resolution 02/2014. The AFN Charter article 22 states that the National Chief

shall be elected by a majority of sixty (60) percent of the votes.

There are 639 First Nation communities in Canada that are recognized as members of the Assembly of First Nations. The Assembly of First Nations is the national organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada.

Below is the campaign contact information for each candidate.

Perry Bellegarde

Contact: Valerie Galley

Email: info@perrybellegarde.com

Cell: 613-293-4806

Ghislain Picard

Contact: Mélanie Vincent

Email: Melanievincent21@yahoo.ca

Cell: 418-580-4442

Leon Jourdain

Email: l.jourdain1@gmail.com

Cell: 807-631-4215

Contact: Nick Mainville, Cell: 807-276-0019

For more information please contact:

Loretta Pete Lambert, AFN Chief Electoral Officer, (613) 241-6789 ext. 378 or lpetelambert@afn.ca

Julie Hill, Executive Assistant to the AFN Chief Electoral Officer, (613) 241-6789 ext. 247 or jhill@afn.ca

News Items

MEMOIR OF ST. ANNE'S SURVIVOR SHORTLISTED FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD

The memoir of a St. Anne's Residential School survivor has been shortlisted for a Governor General award. *Up Ghost River: A Chief's Journey Through the Turbulent Waters of Native History*, a memoir by Fort Albany First Nation's Edmund Metatawabin, was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award in the non-fiction category along with three other books.

Released in August, *Up Ghost River* chronicles Metatawabin's childhood attending the notorious residential school, beginning when he was seven years old. He describes the horrific abuses he and other First Nations children suffered at hands of the Catholic school administrators, including being put in an electric chair and being forced to eat his own vomit.

The book details how those experiences tormented him in his adult years – where he served as chief of Fort Albany – and the healing he sought to recover from alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Metatawabin continues to represent residential survivors and has recently advocated on their behalf as they sought the release of files from a 1990's police investigation from the federal government.

Other works have been shortlisted for other categories, including fiction, poetry, drama, children's literature (text and illustration), and translation (French to English). The winners will be announced on Nov. 18 followed by an awards presentation on Nov. 26 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Each winner will receive \$25,000. The publisher of each winning book will receive \$3,000 to support promotional activities. Non-winning finalists each receive \$1,000. The Canada Council for the Arts funds, administers and promotes the Governor General's Literary Awards, Canada's oldest and most prestigious literary awards program with a total value of \$450,000.

"This year's list of finalists contains powerful novels and poems, imaginative children's books, skillful translations, entrancing dramas and enlightening non-fiction," said Canada Council Director and CEO Simon Brault. "They are all meaningful books in which we can, as readers and Canadians, lose ourselves and find ourselves."

From Wawatay News, Friday, October 10, 2014
www.wawataynews.ca/archive/all/2014/10/10/memior-st-annes-survivor-shortlisted-governor-general-award_25891

NAN SUPPORTS LANDMARK HUMAN RIGHTS CASE

October 16, 2014 - THUNDER BAY: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Harvey Yesno joined First Nation leaders, children and First Nation citizens from across Ontario and Canada for closing arguments at a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in a landmark First Nations child welfare case.

"This case marks the first full public hearing to determine if the Government of Canada is discriminating against First Nations children on the basis of race and ethnic origin," said Grand Chief Harvey Yesno. "The implications of this case go beyond child welfare, and may set a precedent for addressing inequitable federal service delivery to First Nations people in education, housing and health services."

On February 27, 2007, the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada took the historic step of holding the federal government accountable for its treatment of First Nations children to the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The

complaint alleges that the federal government has a longstanding pattern of underfunding child welfare services for First Nations children on reserves.

After more than a year of hearings, the Tribunal will hear closing arguments all week.

"The inequalities in First Nations child welfare funding are longstanding and well documented," said Yesno. "The federal government's approach to First Nations child and family services are flawed and inequitable, and there is significant evidence to suggest that record numbers of our children are being removed from their families as a result."

More information and a livestream of the hearings is available at www.fncaringsociety.ca/i-am-witness

For more information please contact:
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MCFN Announcements



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November 7, 2014

Dear Band Members:

RE: Appointment to the MCDC Board

On behalf of Chief and Council, I am pleased to announce that you have been selected as a director for the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation. Congratulations!

The board of directors are:

1. JoAnn Pezzo
2. Dave Easton
3. Marion Nolan
4. Shirley Horn
5. Gloria Harris
6. Cathy Clement
7. Cheryl Macumber
8. Carol Nolan
9. B.G. Fletcher

Further that Chief and Council, recommend to the MCDC board of directors, that they select the Community Economic Development Officer (from staff) as a "Non-voting member" to provide advice and guidance to the board.

As well, council recommends that the MCDC board of directors, select a councilor as a "Non-voting member" to act as a liaison between the MCDC board and Chief and Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely


Jean Sayers
Band Manager
Missanabie Cree First Nation

MCFN Announcements



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November 10, 2014

Steering Committee Member,

On behalf of Chief and Council, I am pleased to announce that you have been selected as a steering committee member for the Comprehensive Community Planning Committee. Congratulations!

The steering committee members are:

1. Glad Hawkins
2. JoAnn Pezzo
3. Shirley Horn
4. Jackie Fletcher
5. Terri Fletcher
6. B.G. Fletcher

Further that Chief and Council have selected Cory McLeod and Neil Ewing to be steering committee members and the representatives from Chief and Council.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 705-254-2702 ext: 234 or by email at cparayko@missanabiecree.com.

Sincerely,

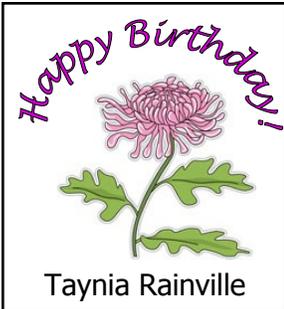
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Chelsie Parayko,
Comprehensive Community Planning Coordinator



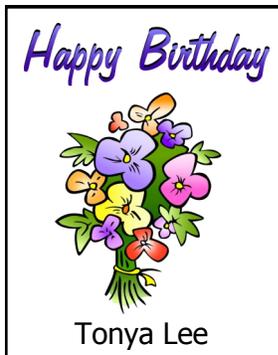
November Birthday Greetings

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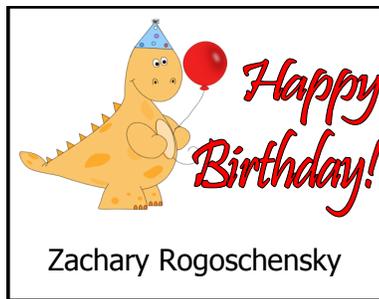
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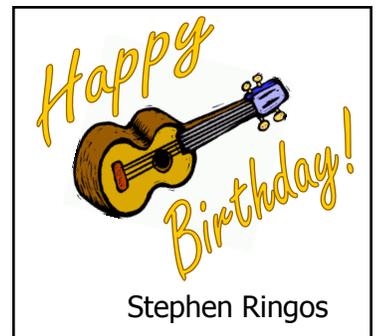
Tonya Lee

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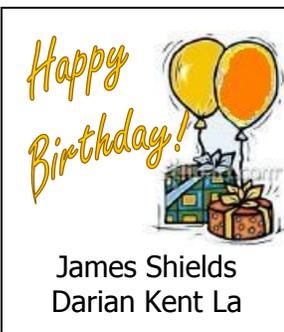
Zachary Rogoschensky

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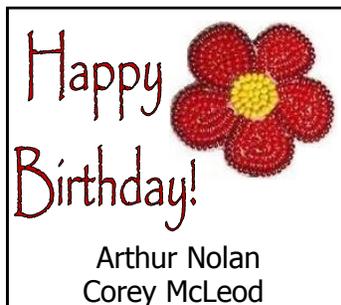
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James Shields
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Arthur Nolan
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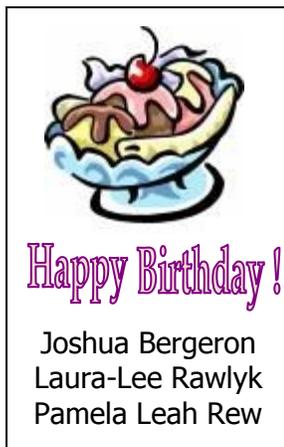
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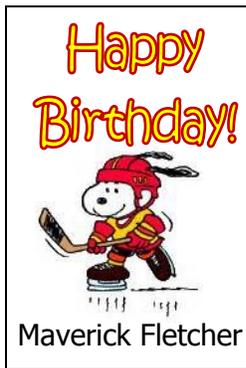
Brianne MacNemeth
Lisa Souliere

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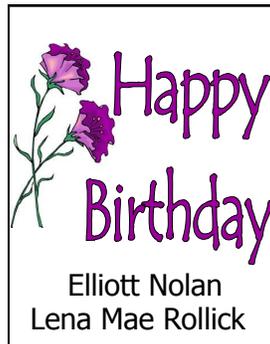
Joshua Bergeron
Laura-Lee Rawlyk
Pamela Leah Rew

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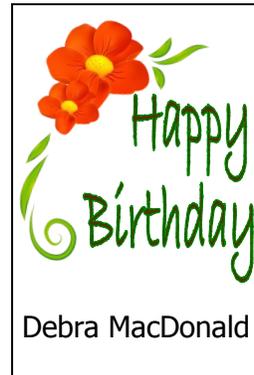
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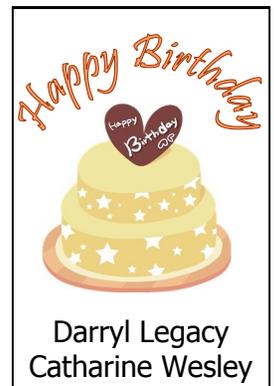
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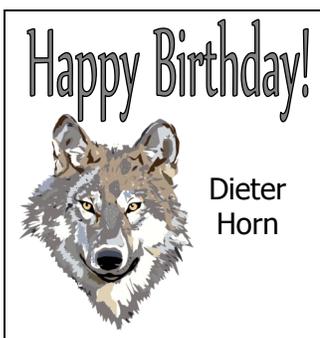
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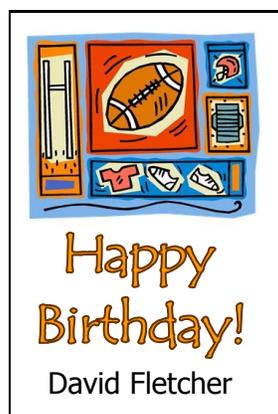
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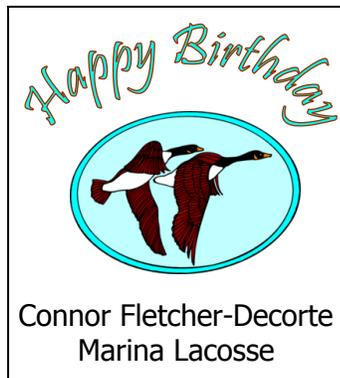
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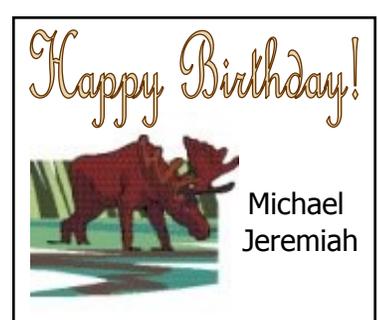
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David Fletcher

NOVEMBER 26



Connor Fletcher-Decorte
Marina Lacosse

NOVEMBER 29



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MCFN Events Calendar

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The Positive Pledge

I pledge to be a positive person and positive influence on my family, friends, co-workers and community.

I promise to be positively contagious and share more smiles, laughter, encouragement and joy with those around me.

I vow to stay positive in the face of negativity.

When I am surrounded by pessimism I will choose optimism.

When I feel fear I will choose faith.

When I want to hate I will choose love.

When I want to be bitter I will choose to get better.

When I experience a challenge I will look for opportunity to learn and grow.

When faced with adversity I will find strength.

When I experience a set-back I will be resilient.

When I meet failure I will fail forward towards future success.

With vision, hope, and faith, I will never give up and will always move forward towards my destiny.

I believe my best days are ahead of me, not behind me.

I believe I'm here for a reason and my purpose is greater than my challenges.

I believe that being positive not only makes me better, it makes everyone around me better.

So today and every day I will be positive and strive to make a positive impact on the world.

www.ThePositivePledge.com

by Jon Gordon

Cree Language

Wa cheyea, wa cheyeah, or Ahnii,

I'm still trying to fine tune the schedule with Lesley on the Language classes. Things will work out in time, like they said, things happen for a reason.

I've just recently learned how to use a sewing machine. So I'm going to have a Ribbon shirt or Regalia making workshop for those of you interested on December 4 and 11, but you have to bring your own patterns for the regalia.

Language classes will now be offered on Wednesday evening at 6pm at the office here in Sault Ste. Marie in the board room. Refreshments will be available.

I also have a men's sharing circle on December 1st at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided as well.

I know this is short but if there is anything else you want me to do for you, ask me, call me, email me, just let me know, please and thank you. Meeg-wetch.

Matthew Wesley

Cultural Coordinator/ Language Teacher

Cree Language: Mathew's Spring Hunting Story November 4 Cree Language session. The story video is available on MCFN Face Book Page.

Words

Spring Camping	She-kewnish-in	Hunting	Ash-awkew
Tent frames	Ma-key-wa-ka-na	Rifles	Pa-kee-seekun
3 hours	Nish-taw-geenegawnisk-kaw	Driving	Pa-le
Packing	Da-ma-kee-yak	Family	Pe-yehkotay-soon
Grand mother	Koo-koom	Father	Papa/Nootai
Brother	Nee-chekeh-soon	Cousins	Nee-wakamakan
Uncles	Newkomis	Sling Shots	She-patech-peeche-kun
Otter	Nee-kik	Blinds	Ash-aykun
Goose Calling	Niskateh-Bawsh	Rice	Oo chay shish
Oats	Ah loomin	Macaroni's	Ootoo-tana
Moose	Moose	Goose	Niska
Sleds	Ootabalask	Bullets	Peechepeekawn
Helicopter	Che-kolamoo-sheesh	Boats	Cheman
Breakup	Machishtum	Tea ba loss	Teebaloss
Firewood	Meta	Squirrel	Ahlekoash
Woodstove	Ishkotaykan	Ducks	She-sheep
Labrador Tea	Kakehpekawpooy	Bannock	Ahleekonaw
Chased it	Pah-me-che-shayw	No	Moo-na
3 or 5 days	Nish toneshtabekoo-neyyalan-keeshekaw	Ice	Maskoome

Governance Project

After the new year, Missanabie Cree First Nation is planning to hold a **Ratification Vote on the draft MCFN Election Code**. The draft Election Code has been approved by the Governance Coordinating Committee, and the MCFN Chief and Council.

If you are or will be of voting age in early 2015, please ensure that your mailing address and other contact in-

formation is updated with Ted Ouellet, the MCFN Registration Administrator. Forms to update your address can be found on page ? Of this newsletter.

Below you will see some information about the election code. More information will be forthcoming as part of your ratification package.

Miigwech.

Q. What is the time frame for the process of electing a Chief and Council ?

Election Day Countdown	Council	Electoral Officer (EO)	Registrar
Day 150	Notice of Election by BCR		
Day 120	Appointment of EO by BCR	Appointed Posting of Notice of Date of election	Compiles Voter's List
Day 90		Appoints Deputy EO Posts Voter's List Publicly Posts notice of Nominations Sends Nomination form to all eligible voters.	Delivers Voters List to EO
Day 60		May revise Voter's list after conferring with Registrar Receipt of Nomination Forms closed. Reviews and accepts nominations	May confer with EO re revisions to Voter's List
Day 45		Deadline for formal withdrawal by candidate. (If Candidate withdraws, EO must confirm withdrawal to Candidate within 10 days.) Posts list of candidates and offices publicly. Notification of date and location of polling station. Mail-in ballots sent to all eligible voters.	
Day 30	Deadline for C&C appointments to Appeal Board.		
ELECTION DAY			
In Event of Tie for Chief		Electoral Officer conducts a recount. If recount does not resolve tie, Electoral Officer conducts an election for chief by mail-in ballot.	
In Event of Tie for Councillor for last position.		Electoral Officer conducts a recount. If recount does not resolve tie, Electoral Officer conducts an election for councillor by mail-in ballot.	



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

- Every child has the inherent right to life, and States shall ensure to the maximum child survival and development.
- Every child has the right to a name and nationality from birth.
- Children shall not be separated from their parents, except by competent authorities for their well-being.
- States shall facilitate reunification of families by permitting travel into, or out of, their territories.
- Parents have the primary responsibility for a child's upbringing, but States shall provide them with appropriate assistance and develop child-care institutions.
- States shall protect children from physical or mental harm and neglect, including sexual abuse or exploitation.
- States shall provide parentless children with suitable alternative care. The adoption process shall be carefully regulated and international agreements should be sought to provide safeguards and assure legal validity if and when adoptive parents intend to move a child from his or her country of birth.
- Disabled children shall have the right to special treatment, education and care.
- Children are entitled to the highest attainable standard of health. States shall ensure that health care is provided to all children, placing emphasis on preventive measures, health education and reduction of infant mortality.
- Primary education shall be free and compulsory. Discipline in schools shall respect the child's dignity.
- Education should prepare the child for life in a spirit of understanding, peace and tolerance.
- Children shall have time to rest and play and equal opportunities for cultural and artistic activities.
- States shall protect children from economic exploitation and from work that may interfere with their education or be harmful to their health or well-being.
- States shall protect children from the illegal use of drugs and involvement in drug production or trafficking.
- All efforts shall be made to eliminate the abduction and trafficking of children.
- Capital punishment or life imprisonment shall not be imposed for crimes committed before the age of 18.
- Children in detention shall be separated from adults; they must not be tortured or suffer cruel or degrading treatment.
- No child under 15 shall take any part in hostilities; children exposed to armed conflict shall receive special protection.
- Children of minority and indigenous populations shall freely enjoy their own culture, religion and language.
- Children who have suffered mistreatment, neglect or exploitation shall receive appropriate treatment or training for recovery and rehabilitation.
- Children involved in infringements of the penal law shall be treated in a way that promotes their sense of dignity and worth and aims at reintegrating them into society.
- States shall make the rights set out in the Convention widely known to both adults and children.

*(Retrieved from the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at:
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet10rev.1en.pdf>)*

Opportunities



The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism recognizes individuals and groups for superlative volunteer contributions to their communities and to the province of Ontario.

Up to 20 individuals and/or groups receive this award each year.

The award is named after the late June Callwood, CC, O.Ont., LL.d. Ms. Callwood was a Canadian journalist, author and social activist. She committed her life to action on social justice issues, particularly those related to woman and children. She founded, or co-founded, more than 50 Canadian social action organizations.

Who is eligible?

- The award is given to individuals as well as groups such as not-for-profit organizations, associations and co-operatives and to institutions and schools.
- Nominees must be residents of Ontario.
- Posthumous and self nominations are not accepted.

How do I nominate an individual or an organization?

NEW: You can now submit your PDF nomination form online at:

<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/junecallwood.shtml>

Follow these three simple steps:

- Step 1: Download and save your PDF nomination form.
- Step 2: Fill out your nomination form according to the instructions.
- Step 3: Submit your completed PDF nomination form online.

If you're unable to download the form, please contact us.

Note: You can still submit your PDF nomination form by mail.

When is the deadline?

- The deadline is December 5 each year. If December 5 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations are accepted until 5:00 p.m. the following business day.
- Nominations may be submitted at any time. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.

How are recipients selected?

- An independent selection committee reviews each nomination and recommends the recipients.
- Refer to the nomination form to get more details about program requirements

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Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

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Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

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9TH ANNUAL AFOA - POTASHCORP ABORIGINAL YOUTH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

AWARDS

Attention: Aboriginal students in grade 11/12 We need you!

AFOA Canada and PotashCorp are looking for 3 Ambassadors to represent the views of Canada's Aboriginal Youth at one of the most important National Leadership Events in Canada

We are pleased to announce the 9th Annual AFOA-PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards. Three outstanding Aboriginal Youth from across Canada will be selected to travel to Winnipeg, MB for four days to attend the ceremony at the AFOA Canada National Conference on February 17-19, 2015.

Would you like to:

- Jump-start your career?
- Meet Canada's most prominent Aboriginal leaders who are making a positive change?
- Meet post-secondary representatives?
- Meet other inspiring Aboriginal youth?
- Experience Winnipeg, Manitoba and what it has to offer?

If you answered yes to these questions, please visit our website at www.afoa.ca and apply for this amazing opportunity!

Award recipients will enjoy:

- 5 year Scholarship package valued at over \$5,000
- Complimentary 4 night stay at the Delta Winnipeg
- Complimentary trip to Winnipeg and tour of city highlights
- Plus other exciting gifts!

Eligibility:

- Aboriginal Ancestry (Proof of First Nation, Inuit or Métis status)
- Pursuing post-secondary education **and** demonstrates an interest **and is** considering a career in the areas of **finance and/or management/commerce** (including financial management/planning, business administration, commerce, accounting and economics)
- Completed Application Form and submit an essay
- 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor or educator, attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- Academically successful
- Students in Grades 11 and/or 12 may apply (maximum age 19)

"THE AFOA CANADA CONFERENCE PROVIDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MANY INTERESTING NEW INDIVIDUALS. MEETING WITH ELDERS AND LEADERS FROM OTHER NATIONS WAS VERY INSPIRATIONAL. IT TAUGHT ME THAT WHEN YOU SET GOALS, AND WORK HARD, YOU MAY ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS. THE GENEROSITY OF THE SPONSORS WAS OVERWHELMING AND I FELT TRULY PRIVILEGED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO GO. HAMIYAA"

- Denzel Sutherland-Wilson, grade 12, Gitksan Nation

APPLY NOW! DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 AT 9PM EST

For more information call 1-866-722-2362 or email youthawards@afoa.ca



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AFOA-PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards and Scholarship Fund 2015 Fact Sheet

Purpose:

There is a great demand both within Aboriginal communities and off-reserve for Aboriginal financial management professionals. However, very few of our young people are pursuing an education in financial management after high school. There are many opportunities for those who want to pursue this career path and there are many sources of assistance.

That is why AFOA Canada and PotashCorp have come together to offer AFOA-PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards and Scholarship Program. Applicants will be subject to a two phased program with this award.

PHASE I is to recognize and award 3 Aboriginal youth with a trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba for four (4) days to attend the awards ceremony and the AFOA National Conference on February 16-20, 2015. Winners will be introduced to career opportunities in finance and sources of support, read their winning essays at a special lunch in their honour, participate in a special youth session designed to develop leadership skills and participate in many other social activities in Winnipeg.

Applicants are requested to submit essays (maximum 1500 words) addressing the following questions by December 1, 2014:

1. *Tell us about yourself and your aspirations to pursue a career in finance and/or management.*
2. *What does financial literacy mean to you & how can being financially literate help you to become a better leader/professional?*
3. *What do you feel are the financial literacy needs for your generation?*
4. *What do you consider your role to be in enhancing your financial literacy skills?*
5. *What do we need to do as a community to support your growth to ensure that financial literacy is a lifelong process?*

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Aboriginal Ancestry (Proof of First Nation, Inuit or Métis status)
- ✓ Pursuing post-secondary education and demonstrates an interest and is considering a career in the areas of finance and/or management/commerce (including financial management/planning, business administration, commerce, accounting and economics)
- ✓ Completed Application Form and submit an essay
- ✓ 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor or educator, attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- ✓ Academically successful
- ✓ Students in Grades 11 and/or 12 may apply (maximum age 19)

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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A CANDIDATE TO APPOINT TO THE NISHNAWBE ASKI POLICE SERVICE BOARD



General:

We are encouraging persons who are interested in Policing and Police Governance to apply for this appointment. The NAPS Board is the Governance Authority that oversees management of the organization through the Chief of Police. While a large portion of what the Board does is focused on policies and finance, another facet relative to the position is to ensure fair community representation and advocacy on behalf of the Mushkegowuk Council.

Requirements:

Term of Appointment: Three (3) year term, which may be extended at the discretion of the Mushkegowuk Council.

Must be able to travel: There are at least four meetings per year that Board Members are required to attend.

Age Requirement: Must be at least 18 years of age.

Reporting: Must provide quarterly reports to the Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs.

Education and Experience: While the Board does provide training, education and experience can be a factor in the Council's decision to appoint the applicant.

Cree Language: The ability to speak and understand the Cree language is an asset.

Must be a member of one of the Mushkegowuk First Nations.

The applicant cannot have an undischarged bankruptcy, and must be free of criminal conviction and record. Records checks are completed on all individuals once their candidacy is confirmed.

Board Governance:

The NAPS Board is the Governance authority for the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service. There are currently 8 Directors, 6 Tribal Council representatives plus 1 independent and 1 ex-officio representing the NAN executive.

Each of the representatives has a responsibility to ensure that the concerns of their respective communities are heard and provide feedback to their respective Councils either directly or through the Board Liaisons office.

The Board operates through its Bylaw which outlines the Governance structures. A brief explanation of Governance is as follows:

1. Maintaining a mission statement and operational plans for the present and future.
2. Stewardship of human resources and finances through creation, maintenance and implementation of sound policies.
3. Managing transitional phases and events such as fiscal budgets, contracts and corporate succession.
4. Community representation and advocacy.
5. Providing directives to the Chief of Police in an effort to provide the best level of service attainable with the fiscal and human resources we have.
6. To make improvements to the service, and the delivery of that service to our communities.

You may wish to contact the NAPS Board office at 807-473-1856 or via email at fbatise@napsboard.ca should you require more detailed information on the Board functions and the roles and responsibilities of its Directors.

Deadline for applications: **Friday, November 21st, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please forward your letter of application to:

Deputy Grand Chief Leo Friday
P.O. Box 370
Moose Factory, Ontario P0L 1W0

Or by Email: leofriday@mushkegwuk.ca

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MCFN Membership

On Oct 16-17, 2014 I went for training at the AANDC Toronto regional office regarding the CIS (Certificate of Indian Status) and for updates on the new SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status).

Starting in 2015, AANDC (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) is phasing out the paper laminated cards. So we are encouraging all members of Missanabie Cree to apply for the in-Canada SCIS. You can call 1-800-567-9604 for instructions on how to apply or go to any regional office of Indian Affairs and they will help you with your application. (List of regional offices and contact information is provided below)

Please note: you can hold on to your paper laminated CIS until you have received your new SCIS and activated it

and then return your old CIS to your band office. Your paper laminated card, so far, will be honored until the expiry date is exhausted but we recommend you apply for your SCIS card for any services you may need and for crossing the border into the USA. Please start ordering your birth certificate, long form for children under 16 and for adults short form or long form whichever you have in good order. Please check your ID is all in the same name.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me. Office hours are Tues & Wed from 9:00am-5:00pm. 1-800-319-3001 or touellet@missanabiecree.com

Thanks a bunch, Ted Ouellet IRA

<p>AANDC BRITISH COLUMBIA</p> <p>contact us at:</p> <p>Phone: (local) (604) 775-5100 Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604 Fax: (604) 775-7149 TTY: (toll-free) 1-866-553-0554</p> <p>E-mail: Infopubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada British Columbia Region 1138 Melville Street, Suite 600 Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3</p>	<p>AANDC ALBERTA REGION HEAD OFFICE</p> <p>630 Canada Place 9700 Jasper Avenue EDMONTON, AB T5J 4G2 Phone: (780) 495-2773 Fax: (780) 495-4088</p> <p>AANDC Southern Alberta Field Services Office Suite 300 9911 Chiila Boulevard TSUU T'INA, AB T2W 6H6 Phone: (403) 292-5901 Fax: (403) 292-6903</p>
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June 19, 2013

Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

Notice to all Indian Registry Administrators

RE: Replacing a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) card.

Dear Indian Registry Administrator,

Individuals who have been issued a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) are no longer eligible to receive a paper laminate CIS. Please do not issue these clients a paper laminate card from your office.

If a SCIS is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, cardholders should call the contact centre to have their SCIS cancelled. Cardholders must then apply for a replacement SCIS by filling out a new application and a Statutory Declaration (83-113E) which must be completed and signed in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or Lawyer.

Further information and access to forms related to the new Secure Certificate of Indian Status is available by calling toll-free 1-800-567-9604, emailing infopubs@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca or viewing the AANDC Web site at www.aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns you may also contact Jackie McLeod, Client Services Clerk at 416-973-7517.

Sincerely,

Julie Nahwegahbo, Registration Officer
Indian Registration Unit
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
25 St. Clair Avenue East, 8th Floor
Toronto, ON M4T1M2

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 upfront 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	
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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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