



Our people have said that health comes from balance in our lives. They understood the importance of physical, mental, emotional as well as spiritual health.

This spring, the children of Attawaspiskat First Nation have voiced their mental anguish, and the wider community, including the indigenous community, has responded with offers of help, prayers, and encouragement. Governments have responded also.

Let us keep the pressure on government to provide the mental health and other services so desperately needed by our families, especially those most impacted by the residential school experience.

Let us also remember that the federal government has been ordered by the courts to provide funding and resources for child welfare services to First Nations families that are equal to the services provided to Canadian families. Too long have our families been denied the same level of services that are available to other Canadian families.



Our hearts go out to the children of Attawapiskat, and their families.

Events/Gatherings:



Follow MCFN on Twitter.

Mental Health Week Canadian Mental Health Association May 2-8, 2016 http://getloud.mentalhealthweek.ca/

Spring Chiefs Assembly 2016

May 17-19, 2016 Timmins, ON www.nan.on.ca/article/spring-chiefs-assembly-2016-2273.asp

OLI 9th Annual Performance

May 18, 2015 Toronto, ON www.olishow.com

Grassy Narrows River Run

May 30 - June 3, 2016 Toronto, ON http://canadians.org/blog/grassy-narrows-river-run-2016

World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference

June 1-3, 2016 Rotorua, New Zealand www.pikiaorunanga.org.nz/world-indigenous-suicideprevention-conference-2016.html

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MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING 2016 August 13-20, 2016

Message from the Chief

Watchay,

I would like to announce our 5th open band meeting in 3 years was a complete success. We hope to have 6 open band meetings in total for the term. The next one will be at the Gathering.

As we see, the election is upcoming for our community. I am very optimistic that we will have qualified, committed candidates.

The Algoma Passenger Train service is waiting for approval from the Ministry of Transportation. I am sure this will be successful for both Missanabie Cree and the entire region.

I am very proud of all the work that we have done over the last 3 years and hope that the work that has been done will continue into the next term.



Chief Gauthier and Ontario Regional Chief, Isadore Day, Chiefs of Ontario.

On a personal note, I am very proud and humbled by being in this position

as the election ramps up. Please if you have any questions, contact me and ask me rather than assume that what you hear is accurate. Most of what has been said on Facebook is inaccurate and is an attempt to deceive before the election.

We have been updating the website frequently and our "members" section has a substantial amount of information. So please keep an eye out for updates.

In the spirit of community, Chief Jason Gauthier

DEADLINE For POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15, 2016.

From the desk of:

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION MAY 2016

May 15, 2016 is this year's deadline for postsecondary applications. <u>This includes ongoing stu-</u> <u>dents.</u> You may call the office, there are hard copies available at the front desk. You may also get one sent to your email account or to your mailing address.

No decisions will be made prior to the application dead

line of May 15, 2016. If your application is late, there is no guarantee that you will be funded.

The entire application package is on the Missanabie Cree FN website.

If your transcripts will not accompany your application, send those in as soon as they are available. If you were in a program for the 2015-2016 academic year, your transcripts are also required.

If you have questions, please call your Post-Secondary Officer.

Please do not expect a final decision prior to June 15th. You are responsible for any deposits required from the post-secondary institution during the approval process. If possible, we try to reimburse that amount after we get the invoice from the institution a couple of months into the semester.

Please remember to apply for scholarships, bursaries, grants and a student loan as well as we cannot guarantee full funding. The post-secondary institutions that you plan to attend have their own lists and processes for bursaries and scholarships. Please check with the postsecondary institution of your choice.



GRADUATES: We also need a copy of your graduation diploma, certificate or degree. This also includes our high school graduates. If we have no documentation, it will not be possible to recognize our graduates.

ANNUAL GATHERING UPDATE

The business agenda is full, the activity schedule still has a few slots available. Registration applications continue to arrive. If you have any health related concerns that you need us to accommodate, please state what they are on your registration form.

If you want to be accommodated with a certain group of relatives, please state so on your application form. Otherwise you may get assigned to a different unit/cabin/ trailer.

Assistance with travel costs is dependent on the funds that are available at the time of **registration deadline: July 8 if you are flying, July 15 if by other means.** If you register after those dates, financial assistance may not be possible.

We still need volunteers for various activities. Various staff members will be doing some of the many things that are intrinsic to smooth functioning. Nevertheless, if you have a particular skill, interest or activity that you can provide at the Gathering, please let us know.

Respectfully, Deb Clement

Community News and Notes

Election Day is August 18, 2016.

Please ensure that your address is up to date with the Band Office.

Mail-in ballots will be sent to all voters, (18 years of age and over as of August 18, 2016).



I would like to wish

my Son, Corey Pine and

my Daughter In-Law, Jennifer Pine

Happy 25th Anniversary!

Love you both very much, MOM



Congratulations to

John, Paul, and Doug Fletcher upon receiving their 30 year pins from Bombardier on April 20, 2016. We are so proud of you. The Family

Community News and Notes

Issuing Status Cards at the Gathering

Hello, Members:

This year there will be someone to issue CIS (status) cards at the Gathering.

You must supply your own coloured picture. (1"x 1"1/2).

Make sure there is nothing on your face. No sunglasses or hats etc.

You should bring two pieces of ID:

Drivers Licence, health card, birth certificate, or your old CIS card if it has not expired for more than 6 months.

Fire arms license, provincial ID card, current student card.

Passport—counts as two pieces.

Nexus card -counts as two pieces.

If you do not have two pieces of ID, you will need to submit a guarantor's declaration.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a SCIS (<u>Secure</u> Certificate of Indian Status) and you have lost it, you are not entitled to a paper laminated card. And you are to apply at the Toronto INAC office.

We are not issuing CIS cards to other First Nations during the Gathering.

In our Band, you need to be 18 years and over to sign your CIS card. Parents can sign for their children under 18.

Guardians can sign with proof of their custody from the courts or child services documents.

If you have any concerns, please call the office at 1-800-319-3001 before you attend the Gathering.

Miigwech, Ted Ouellet Registration Administrator

It is with a very heavy heart that Marie Caron announces the passing of her beloved partner, Steve Paradis on April 29, 2016. His death was due to an accidental drowning that occurred after a mishap involving an airplane on the Broadback River near Matagami, Quebec.

Marie and their two sons, Kevin and Brandon mourn the sudden and unexpected loss of their father.



Happy Birthday, Mark. Have a great day. Love you.

Mom (Jackie Fletcher)

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Elders Speak



7 BIG HUG and THANK YOU

to my children John, Paul, Barb, Deb, Doug, Moon and Bobbi;

my grandchildren Rob, Neil, Brent, Troy, Brock, Conner and Jackson, and

my two sons-in-law Blair and Jason

for putting on a great party for my 80th Birthday.

Words cannot express how surprised I was to see so many of my friends and family wo came to celebrate with me and for all their best wishes. The cards and gifts are a treasure. The food was great as was the service.

Thank you to my husband John and his Band for playing some really good toe-tapping music.

I have to say that the biggest surprise was a visit from Mayor Keith Hobbs and Councillor Paul Pugh with greetings from the City of Thunder Bay.

I am so blessed and grateful.

Hazel Fletcher.

The next Elders Council Meeting is May 19th 2016 @ 6 pm. sharp.

Any Elders that want to join the Elders Council... Please call me or email: <u>Irawlyk@missanabiecree.com</u> PH: 1-705-929-4464 Miigwech, Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Elders Liaison

Reprinted by request from January 2016 Bear Fax:

Hail to Proper Procedures:

I have continually noticed again that, consistency and continuity must be practiced to have proper communications between all parties involved. This however has to be practiced and reinforced and to make everyone in our community understand that changes are inevitable. The Elder's Council has been working very hard to set procedures and protocols in place.

The proper procedure is that anything that concerns the Elders is to be forwarded to the Elders' Liaison (Laura-

Lee Rawlyk).

Any conferences, workshops, lectures, etc., will go through the Band Manager (Cathy Clement) and she will forward it to the Elders' Liaison. Cathy Clement can be reached at the MCFN Band Office. 705-254-2702 or toll free 1-800-319-3001.

Miigwech,

Elders' Liaison Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Aush Kii Ish Kwayo)

Email: Irawlyk@missanabiecree.com

Elders Speak

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PAGE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: is meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of tomorrow.

The Elders' Council is collecting data from our community in developing the "NEEDS" for sustainable life.

Examples:

- 1. An elder may need a walker or a cane to improve their walking ability.
- 2. Someone coming out of hospital and is not capable of doing some light housekeeping or making some meals.

These are just a few.

This is an Assessment to see if there is a great need in our community.

Please fill out the form below and send it back to the Band Office.

Attention : Elders' Liaison (Laura-Lee Rawlyk) or Email: Irawlyk@missanabiecree.com

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MCFN Events Calendar

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2 0 1	22	23 Victoria Day	24	25 Crock Pot Cooking night Supper 5:30 Cooking 6 to 7 pm	26 Community garden planting Echo Bay, 10 am - 12 noon Lunch provided.	27	28
6	29	30 Infant Massage Session 1: 10 -12.30 Lunch provided. Castle Building. Parents with children: 0 -12 months	31	Ali kee shi Peesim		For updates, please check our website and FB page, or call the Band Office.	
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	12	13	14 Stained Glass Workshop 6-8 pm Echo Bay	15 Elders Tea Noon Band Office	16	17	18
	19	20	21 Aboriginal Day	22	23	24	25
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News Items

UPDATE FROM ATTAWAPISKAT

Attawapiskat, ON, April 21, 2016: Recently, Attawapiskat First Nation has received assistance from the governments of Ontario and Canada in response to the "Declaration of Emergency" in our community over a sudden increase in suicide attempts in our community that overwhelmed our community's resources to react. We are thankful for their response to meet the immediate needs of our community.

We are thankful for the assistance provided by the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council and the response teams from Nishnawbe Aski Nation, which provided secondary aide and response in reply to our community front lineworkers, and our local front line response teams who responded first to provide for the care needed for their fellow community members.

When Ontario's Minister of Health and Long Term Community Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, and Ontario's Minister of Children and Youth Services, Tracy MacCharles, visited Attawapiskat and, upon their presentation provided \$2 million of assistance which is comprised of \$1.5 million for the deployment costs of Ontario's Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT) to our community to augment and support existing community medical resources for a period of 30 days, and \$0.5 million to fund a Regional Youth Coordinator through the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council, who will provide resources on a regional basis which will be shared with seven other member communities of the Tribal Council.

While the assistance provided by Ontario was immediate, there is an opportunity to further discuss ongoing and enhanced support for the community.

Canada's Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister, Dr. Carolyn Bennett, and Health Canada Senior Executive Keith Conn recently visited the community and brought a promise of a youth centre, community, and land-based healing programs based at our former Healing Lodge. Although no specific details were provided either depart-

ment their desire appears to be strong, and is a comfort to community members and leadership during this time of crisis.

Members of our newly created Youth Council have been asked to join our federal counterparts in Ottawa to share their concerns, and we look forward to senior governments to head their concerns, and to draw upon their views in the preparation of programs that affect us. Chief Bruce Shisheesh stated: "The problems of our community were not created overnight, they have festered overtime, and are now only becoming exposed. We need a long period of stability to heal and regain the hope that we have misplaced due to our chronic issues. We want to work with all levels of government to provide help for our community so we can cast off this shadow and move forward."

Chief Shisheesh went on to further state: "We need to have our own people to provide for our needs, we need the assistance, we need the stability provided by providing adequate housing. We need these items so that families have a safe environment to grow, and to restore hope for all generations that tomorrow will be a better day."

We are thankful for those across Canada and internationally that are keeping the concerns of the Attawapiskat people in the forefront of people's concerns, although we have received offers of assistance, we are cautiously optimistic for our future, and in the ability of Canada and Ontario to provide resources for our healing journey.

Attawapiskat First Nation is located on the north shore of the Attawapiskat River, 500 kilometers north of Timmins, Ontario. The community of Attawapiskat has an on -reserve population of 2,100 members, and whose traditional territories encompasses areas of the Ekwan, Attawapiskat and Lawashi River Basins.

For additional information please contact Chief Bruce Shisheesh by email at <u>bruce.shisheesh@attawapiskat.org</u> or <u>bruce_mud@yahoo.ca</u>

Opportunities for Youth

Youth/Garden Market/ Gathering Assistant Coordinator

Pending funding

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a Youth/Garden Market/ Gathering Assistant Coordinator. This positions will continue and maintain the Community Gardens as well as plan a bi weekly Market in our Echo Bay office. Assist with summer students in supervisions and coordination of activities for youth, as well as assisting with Gathering duties. This position will also plan activities on a monthly basis.

Qualifications:

- Must have a drivers license.
- Must be willing to train or provide certification in First Aid CPR, WHIMIS, Boat safety,
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others.
- Knowledge of planning and marketing.
- Must have the willingness and initiative to learn.
- Ability to take direction.

Duties/Requirements:

- Develop a plan for the community garden, in order to get members involved.
- Develop a plan for the summer market for our Echo Bay location.
- Plan and advertise for the events.
- Assist with the supervision of summer students.
- Assist with Gathering duties, for 2016 year
- Assist families with providing fresh vegetables from the garden.
- Assist with research and development on indoor community gardens.
- Some travel required.
- Assist with developing a plan for youth activities for the year.

Deadline to apply: May 25, 2016

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

559 Queen St. East

Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

By email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292 Attention: June Markie

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Mushkegowuk Council Economic Development Department

Economic Development Project Assistant Intern

Full Time - 12 months.

The Mushkegowuk Council is the senior representative non-profit organization for 7 First Nations in the Western James Bay and Hudson's Bay. These include Attawapiskat First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Moose Cree First Nation, Chapleau Cree First Nation, and Missanabie Cree First Nation.

INTERN RESPOSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Economic Development Director, the intern will participate in coordinating regional economic development initiatives in collaboration with community economic development officers of member communities.

The purpose of the internship position is to;

- 1. To conduct research on the following with respect the Mushkegowuk Council (MC) Hockey Challenge Cup enterprise value; the number of attendees, households, average household spend on food, fuel, accommodation and other related info to determine the true value of the enterprise.
- 2. To assist coordinate an improved health and wellness project in the communities.
- 3. To assist with the secretariat of the Mushkegowuk Economic Advisory committee (MEDAC) and the Mushkegowuk Workforce Development Committee (MWDC) committees. The Committees support the Council in identifying issues relating to the capacity building, wellness and the readiness of the workforce. This will involve assisting in meeting planning, note taking, and tasks' follow-up as required.
- 4. Any other desk research that may be required by the community EDOs

QUALIFICATIONS:

Post-secondary education in business, economics, commerce, social sciences or related disciplines. University or college graduate who has graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university. The candidate must be a graduate of a post-secondary degree or diploma program. The position will be a first full-time employment in the candidate's field of study.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- > Excellent oral and written communication skills, with ability to communicate with diverse populations
- Professional demeanor
- Experience using Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint programs
- Well organized with attention to detail and ability to carry out tasks independently with minimum supervision.

Ability to meet deadlines

EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL SKILLS DESIRED:

- Knowledgeable about survey administration and analysis.
- Experience with basic statistical analysis and research
- > Ability to prepare written reports based on data analysis, including tables and graphs
- ➢ Familiarity with the Mushkegowuk communities and agencies.

SCHEDULE: Commitment of 12 months, beginning June 2016, and a work schedule of 37.5 hours / week.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications should include a cover letter and a resume and must be received by **4:30pm of May 29, 2016.**

Please mail applications to: Director Economic Development Department, Mushkegowuk Council, 36 Birch Street, South, Timmins, ON P4N 2A5 or by email to johnokonmah@mushkegowuk.ca

We thank all applicants and advise that only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.



I am hoping to put together what will be the 1st Annual Craft Sale at the Gathering this year. So bring your wares and set up a table.

I was thinking about running for 4 days during the Gathering so this is where I am looking for some input and suggestions. Possibly in the afternoon or early evening, after all the festivities have ended for the day. There was also mention of a silent auction where vendors would donate an item and with the money being raised given to the Youth or Elders group. Great idea!

Feel free to contact me and let me know if you would like a spot for your table, or with your ideas. I would like to have an idea of how many will be taking part so that we can be organized when the day comes. I have talked to Administration about space in the pavilion but was told it would be used for other activities, so you would need to bring a table.



Looking forward to seeing all the beautiful work from members!

Respectfully, Theresa Nolan

I can be contacted at terri0759@rogers.com



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



TO HELP OUR ELDERS/YOUTH

We are looking for interested volunteers wishing to give their time and energy to help our Elders of our First Nation who are becoming incapable of doing certain daily tasks. We are also looking for volunteers to help our Youth.

Volunteers are needed to help with workshops so our youth can gain our knowledge and experience in areas such as: finances/budgeting,

> job finding skills, meal planning, resume building,

income tax preparation,

hunting and fishing,

how to identify plants and trees.

These are just a few suggestions. We are sure you have your area of expertise that we can rely on.

Our Chief and Council are concerned that we cannot access available funding to help our Elders who are in need, and our youth who require our knowledge; they have requested the need for volunteers in our First Nation to help.

We need volunteers for a Youth Coordinator and a Health Coordinator.

Please step up to the plate and help our youth and elders. Many of the workshops can be held during our Gathering when we have all our members together.

If you are interested in helping our First Nation, please submit your letter and/or resume as soon as possible to June Markie:

By	email:
By	fax:
Вy	mail:

jmarkie@missanabiecree.com 705-254-3292 174B HWY 17B Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1



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MCFN Annual Gathering - August 13 - 20, 2016 Re:



For more information, contact:

Deb Clement, Gathering Coordinator Email: dclement@missanabiecree.com Or call the Band Office at 705-254-2702



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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR INDIVIDUALS

DEADLINE: JUNE 24, 2016 5:00 p.m. EST

Applications are currently available online at www.nibtrust.ca.

The NIB Trust Fund is accepting applications from First Nation and Métis individuals to support education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation and knowledge building.

Successful First Nation and Métis applicants will be funded for post-secondary education, training and certification, and for cultural, traditional and language knowledge building. Charitable or donee status recognized by Canadian Revenue Agency is <u>not</u> required for individual applications.

All First Nations and Métis citizens over the age of 18 and with a valid social insurance number are eligible for funding through a competitive application process. Preference will be given to former students of residential schools and their family members.

Funds will be dispersed to successful individual applicants by way of:

- Scholarship for post-secondary education: money award for academic performance or other achievements to further education. There is no requirement to pay this money back.
- **Bursary** for training/certification: money award based on financial need. There is no requirement to pay this money back.
- Award for cultural/traditional/language knowledge building: set dollar amount for individuals pursuing education on a full or part-time basis after overcoming significant barriers that have hindered educational opportunities.

The NIB Trust Fund allocates funds in accordance with the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement of 2007 – the largest settlement agreement in Canadian history which provided compensation to survivors for their experiences at residential school. Funds are available to First Nation and Métis individuals, governments and organizations as part of healing and reconciliation efforts. The NIB Trust Fund offers a new opportunity separate from Indian residential schools compensation packages.

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Program Overview



Broadspectrum is a publically listed company that operates in 9 countries around the world, employing 25,000 people across 18 industries. The Sault Ste Marie AMC currently employs 140 staff during the winter season (September to April), 110 of these staff are full time or part time snow plow operators. Broadspectrum has identified that it requires additional snow plow operators for its workforce. This is due to insufficient numbers of suitably qualified workers right now, and the aging profile of its workforce. To address this Broadspectrum has, in conjunction with Sault College, developed a program to train snow plow operators.

The training program is 6 weeks in duration covering the following topics

- General classroom work
- DZ license endorsement course
- Log book requirements
- Dangerous Goods requirements
- Load security
- Professional driver improvement
- Vehicle maintenance
- First Aid, CPR and WHMIS
- On road driving and snow plow operation

The start date is August 15th and completion date is September 26th.

Snow Plow Operator: Typical Contract

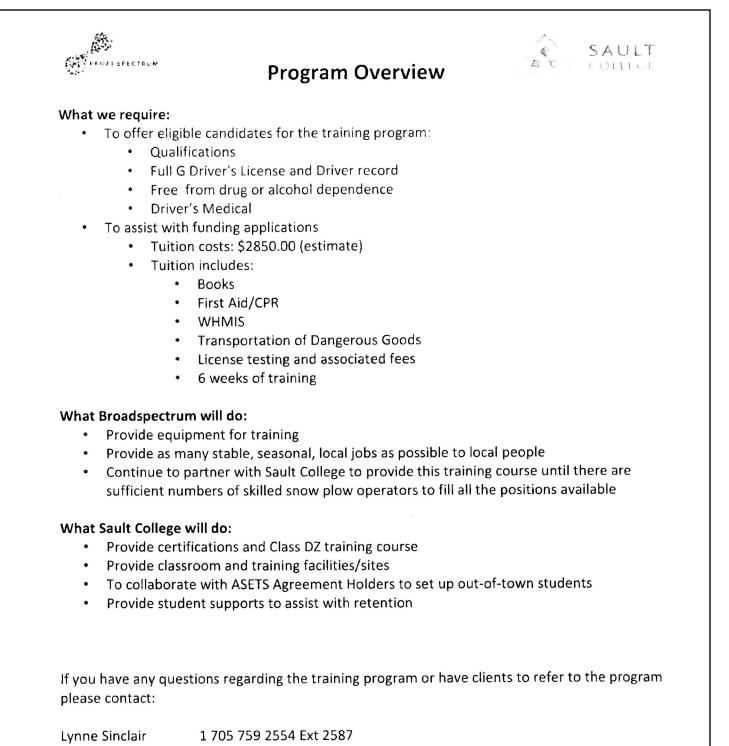
- Operators who work for Broadspectrum are hired under a collective agreement between OPSEU and Broadspectrum.
- The wage is \$19.53 per hour
- Overtime rates are paid
- If an operator is able to work in a remote location (ex. Hinkler, Agawa, White River) accommodation is provided, along with an allowance of \$100 per week, and \$38 per day to compensate for meals. (total allowances: \$366 per week)
- A minimum of 25 hours a week is paid, however an operator typically works for 50 hours per week.
- Operators are required to be on standby for 84 hrs. per week (7 days x 12 hrs.) for which they are compensated at \$1.40 per hour.
- A typical pay week will earn an operator in a remote location \$1,409.
- Medical & dental benefits are available.

Program Requirements:

- Operating a snow plow truck is a safety sensitive position, operators are required to be drug and alcohol free
- Operators are required to hold a current DZ license and have an acceptable driving record
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- The ability to complete documentation, follow instructions, and focus on safety issues associated with the working environment

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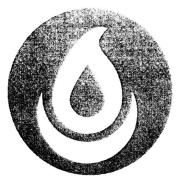
lsinclair@saultcollege.ca

If you have any questions about Broadspectrum, please contact:

Bruce Waugh:	1 705 971 2402
	bruce.waugh@broadspectrum.com

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FUEL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT TRAINING SESSION

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Time: 9 am - 5 pm

Location: Best Western in Cochrane, ON

Trainer: Doug Stuart

FUEL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

QUALITY FUEL TRAINING

OFNTSC is offering training for owners and operators of fuel systems. Training targets will include, Home Heating Tanks, Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks and Retail Outlets.

Doug Stuart is a Licensed Petroleum Mechanic and is recognized by all Fuel related Governing Legislative Authorities. All Fuel Handlers are welcome to attend.



REGISTER NOW!! (Limited Seating)

First Nation Organizations \$50, Fuel Retail Outlets \$150

Please Fax Registrations to Pat Seguin at 807-623-2566 or Phone 807-623-9595.



Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation



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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: <u>ICANNOT RECEIVE ANY</u> <u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE;</u> <u>ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED</u>, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form <u>below</u> 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

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First Name and 2 [™] Name	
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POSTAL CODE	
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TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

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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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